

SPES: technological challenges and prospective for new applications at LNL

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OUTLINE

- Research with SPES
- Cyclotron
- Target Ion Source complex
- High Resolution Mass Separator
- ADIGE: Charge breeder and Medium Resolution Mass Separator
- RFQ
- ALPI
- Radionuclides of medical interest

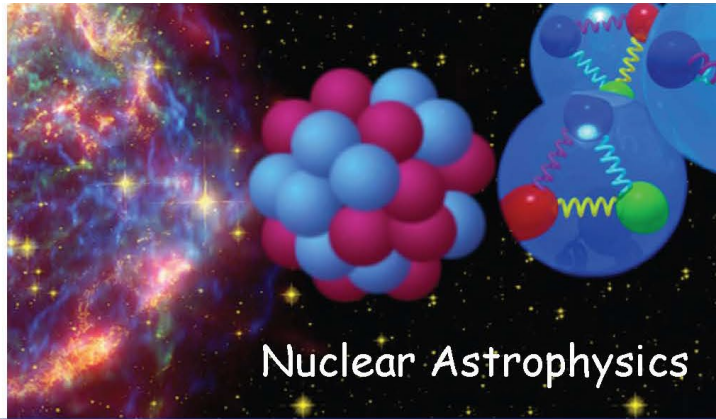
- Status of SPES

The SPES project

The SPES project – **S**elective **P**roduction of **E**xotic **S**pecies aims at the realization of an accelerator facility for research activity in different fields:

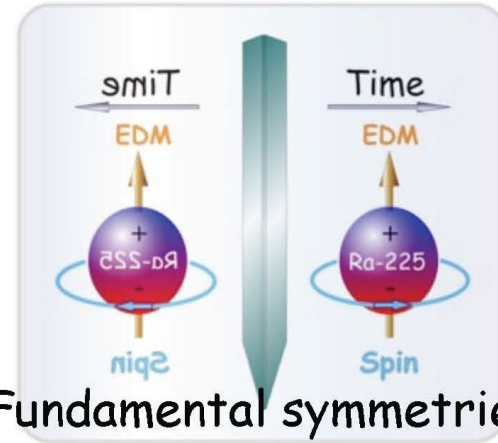
- Fundamental physics: nuclear physics (nuclear matter in extreme conditions) and nuclear astrophysics (stellar evolution) with **radioactive ion beams**
- Interdisciplinary physics: **production of radionuclides of medical interest**, generation of neutrons for material study, nuclear technologies,

Research prospective with SPES



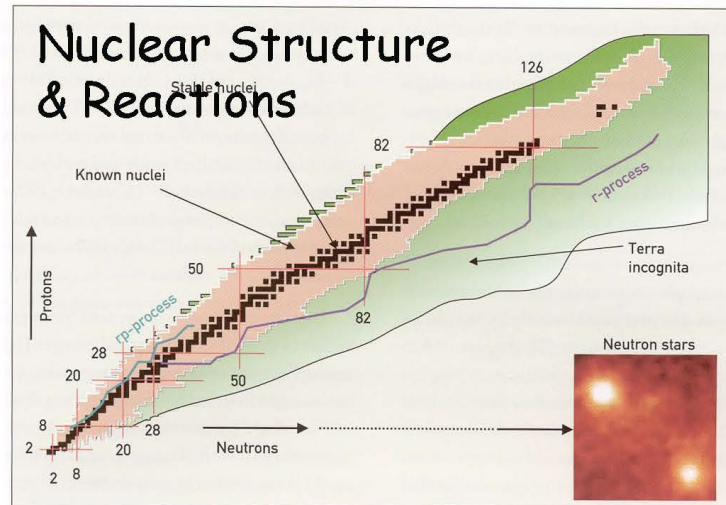
Nuclear Astrophysics

Origin of new elements, rare isotopes powering stellar explosions, neutron star crust



Fundamental symmetries

Use of rare isotopes as laboratories where symmetry violations are amplified.



Nuclear Structure & Reactions

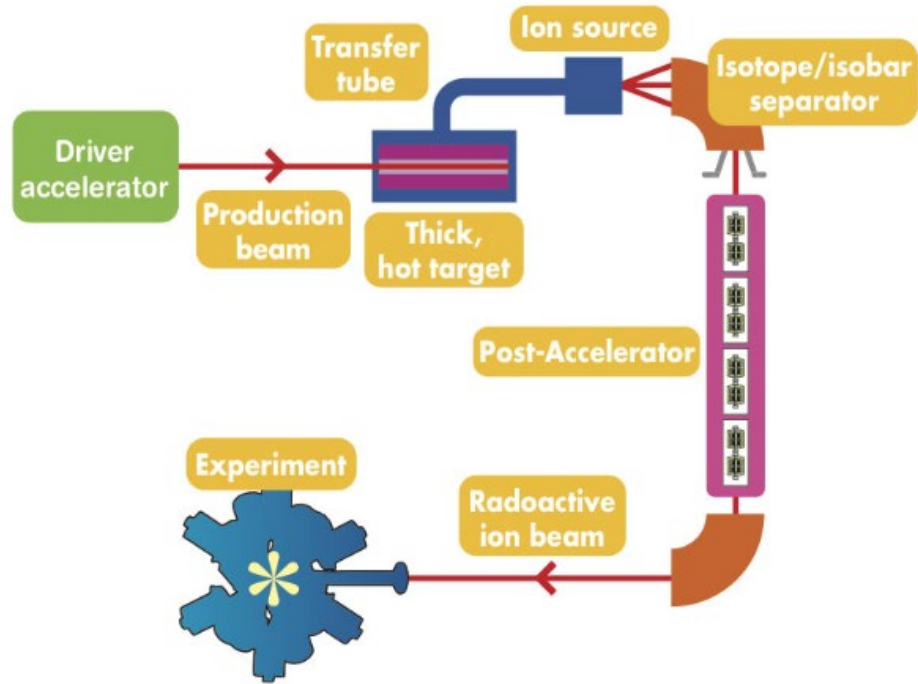
Limits of existence: what makes nuclei stable?
New shapes, new collective behavior.



Nuclear applications

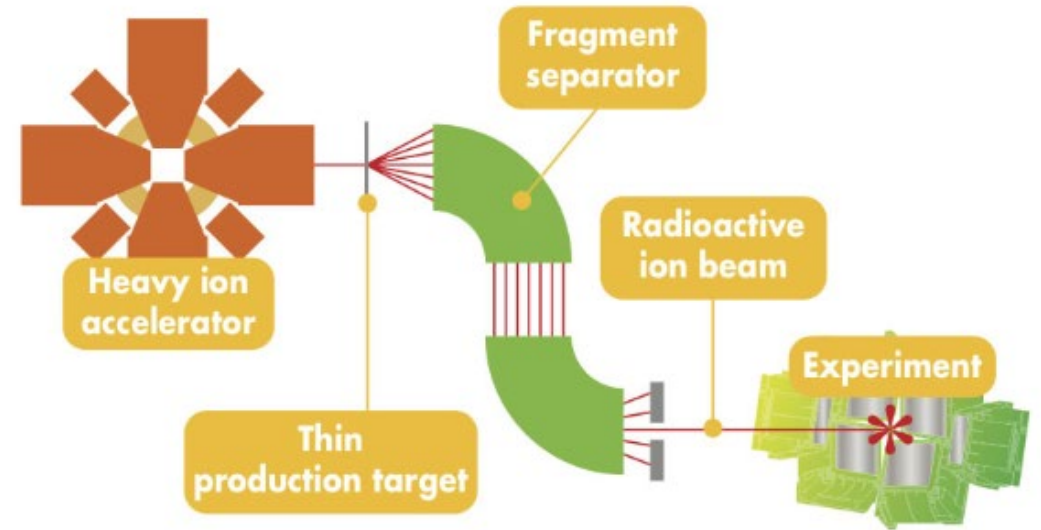
Materials, medical physics,

RIB production techniques



ISOL

- Small beam emittance
- Small energy spread
- Pure beams (HRMS+lasers)
- Slow
- Technologically complex
- Needs post-acceleration



In-flight

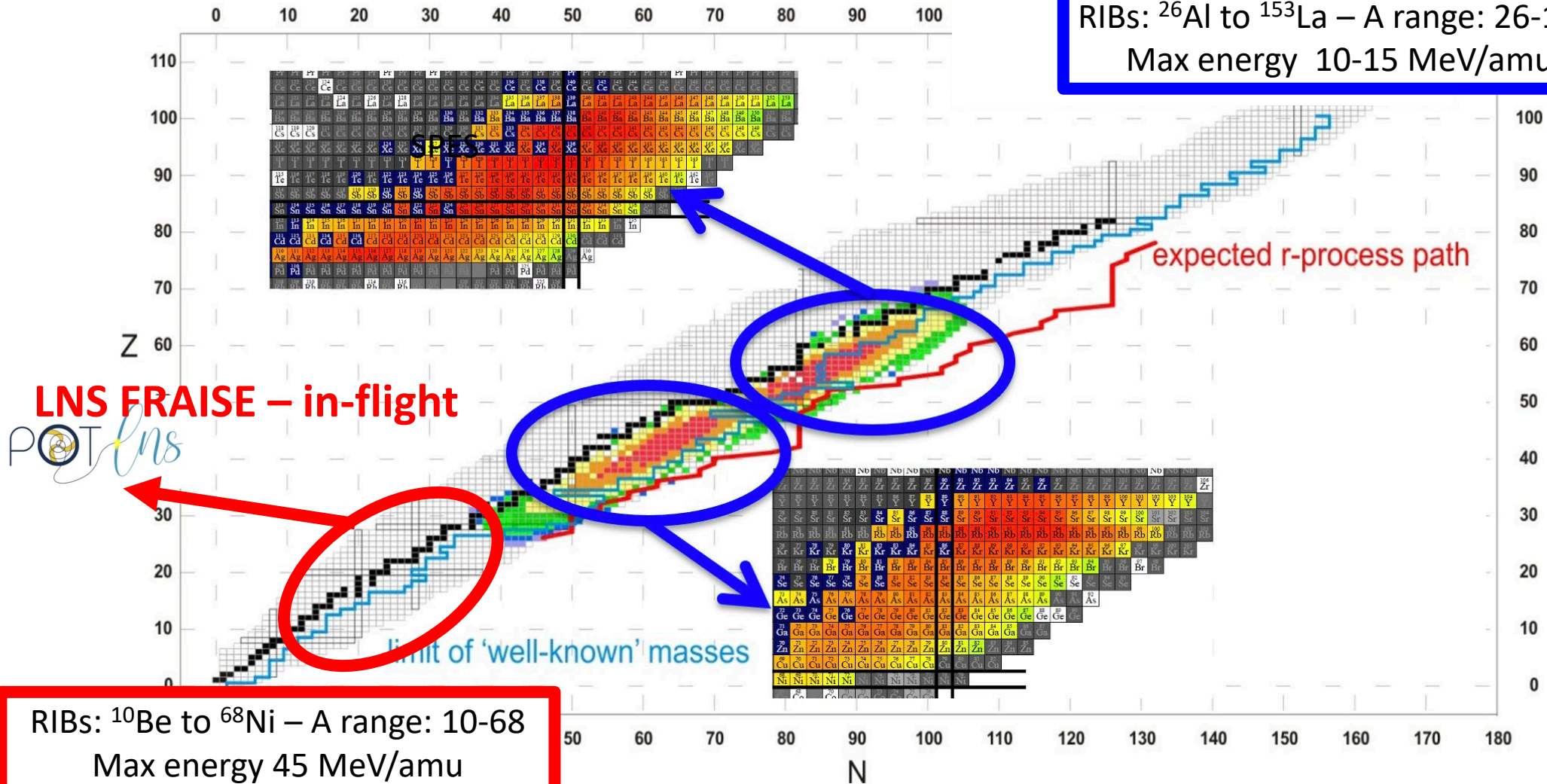
- Fast
- Technologically simple
- Limited to high energy
- Cocktail beam tagging



LNL – LNS complementarity

LNL SPES - ISOL

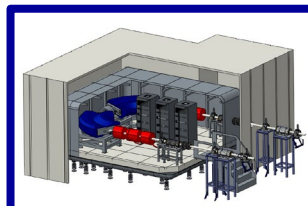
RIBs: ^{26}Al to ^{153}La – A range: 26-153
Max energy 10-15 MeV/amu



The SPES complex



ALPI
ALPI BUILDING

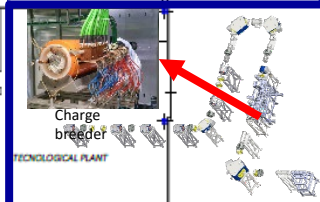
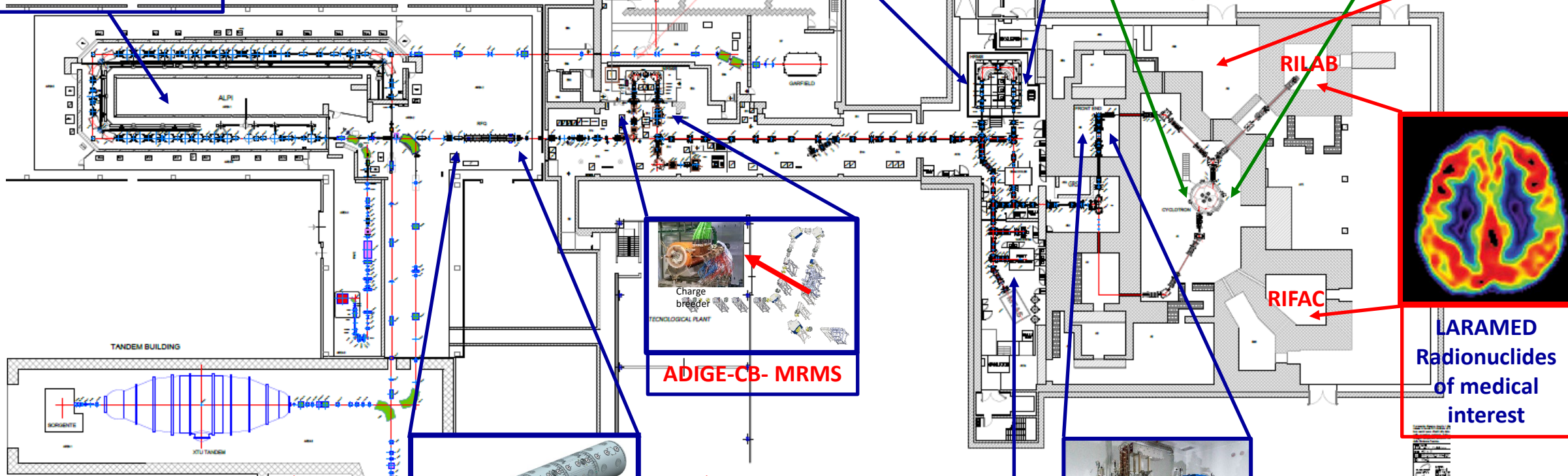


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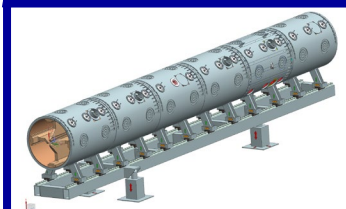


Cyclotron
SPES BUILDING

Hall for
neutron
generation



ADIGE-CB- MRMS

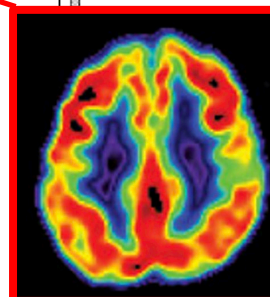


**Radio Frequency
Quadrupole**

**Experimental hall
Low Energy R.I.B.**



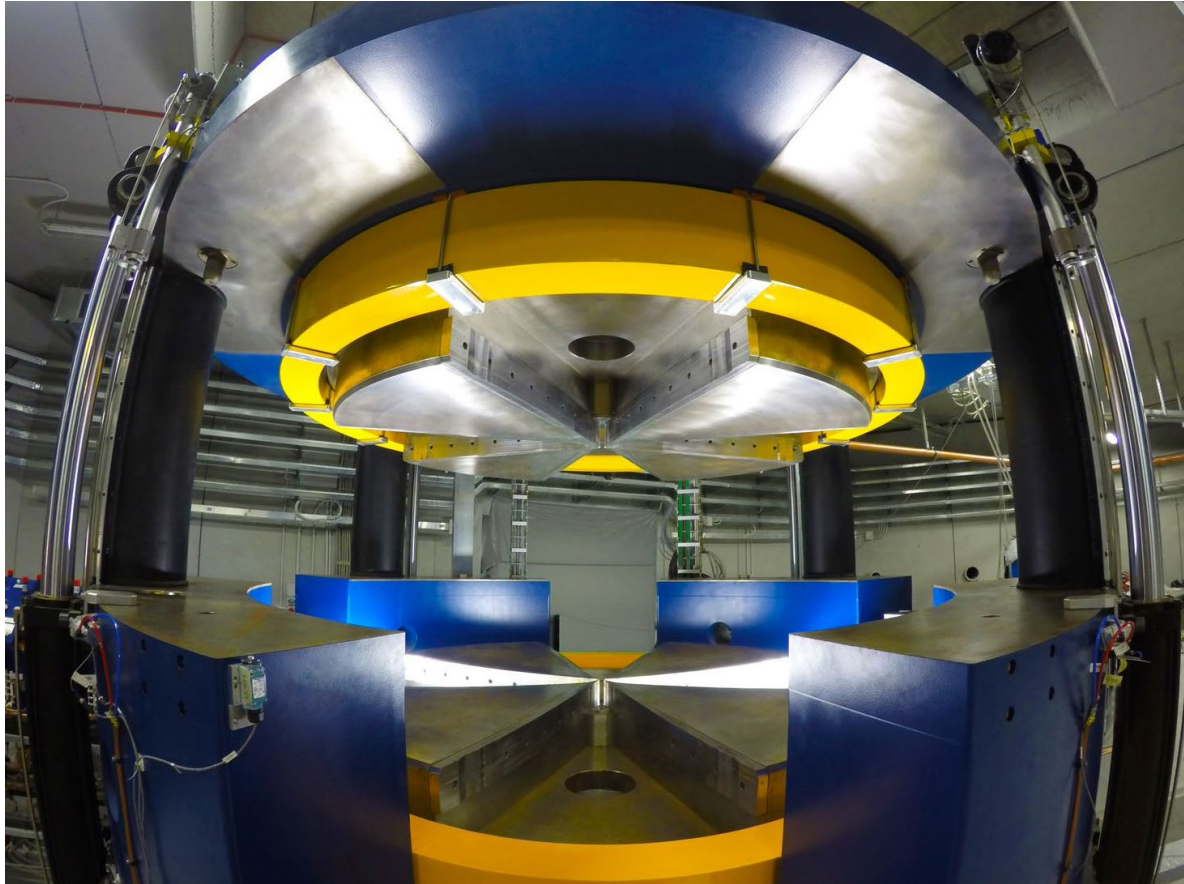
**Target Ion
Source Complex**



**LARAMED
Radionuclides
of medical
interest**

The SPES Cyclotron

Designed and constructed by BEST Theratronics, Canada



Main Parameters	
Accelerator Type	Cyclotron AVF 4 sectors
Particle	Protons (H^+ accelerated)
Energy	Variable within 35-70 MeV
Max Current Accelerated	750 μA (52 kW max beam power)
Available Beams	2 at the same energy
Max Magnetic Field	1.6 Tesla, resistive magnet, 25kW DC power supply
RF frequency	2 cavities, $f_{RF} = 56$ MHz, 4 th harmonic mode, 50 kW power
Vacuum	4 cryo-pumps $\rightarrow P=2 \times 10^{-8}$ Torr
Ion Source	External Multicusp H^+ $I=15$ mA, Axial Injection
Dimensions	$\Phi=4.5$ m, $h=2$ m
Weight	150 tons

SPES Cyclotron timeline



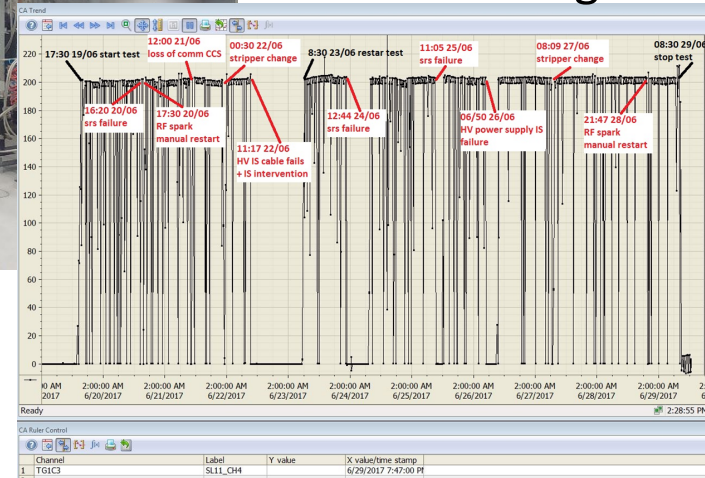
2011-2014 Study,
Design ,Construction
and factory tests



2015
Installation at LNL



2016
First beam and
commissioning

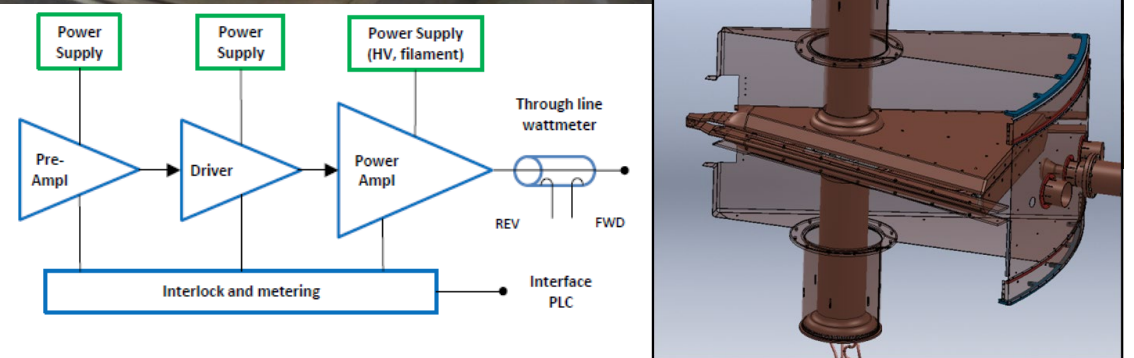
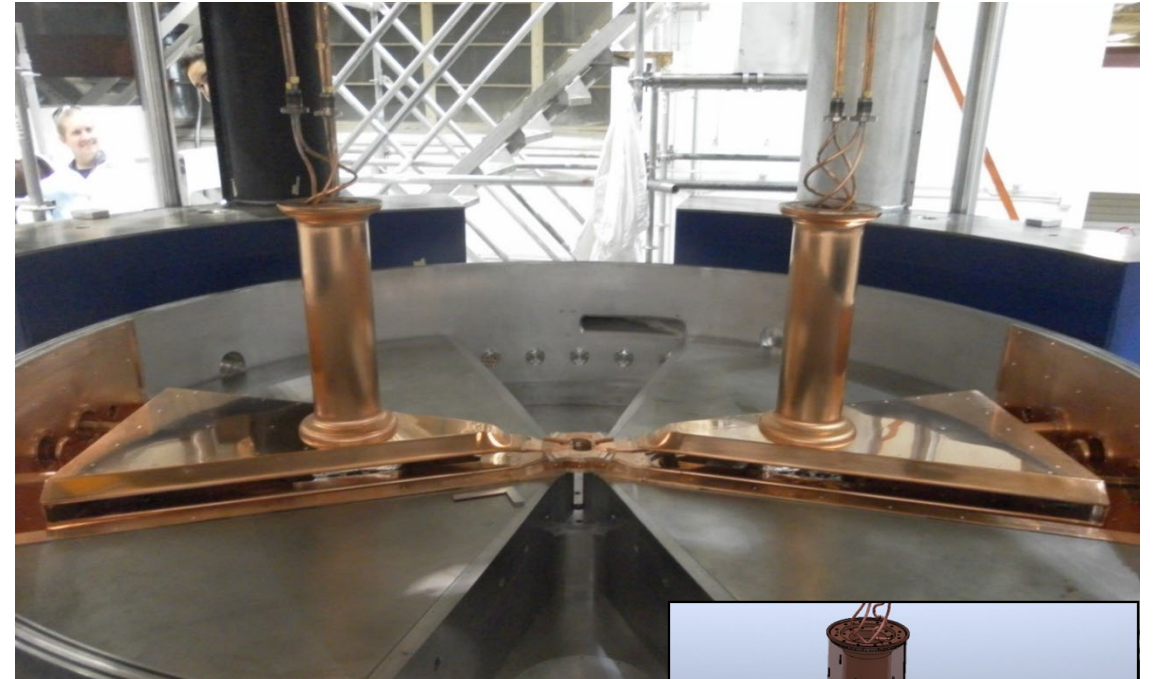


2017
Site Acceptance
Test

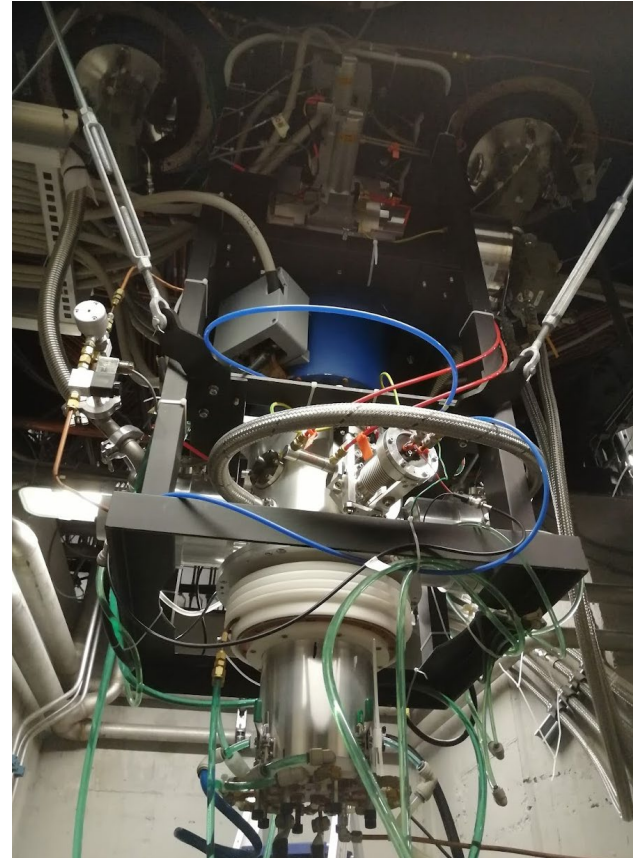
2018
INFN operation

RF system

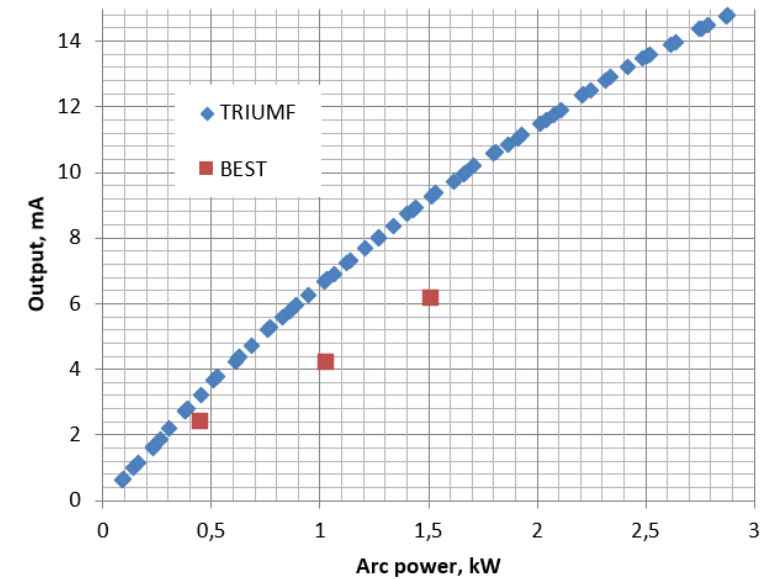
- Two RF cavities Cu made (dees structure Al made), single stem ($\lambda/2$ configuration)
- Two radial capacitor couplers and related trimmers for fine tuning
- Two power amplifiers (double stage, tube based) of 55 kW each feeding power thru rigid coaxial lines (35 m)
- Fixed operational frequency: 56.1 MHz (4th harmonic mode)
- 70 kV maximum voltage (10^{-4} of stability)
- Quality factor ~ 7000
- Cavities operate independently at the same RF frequency and phase



Injection system

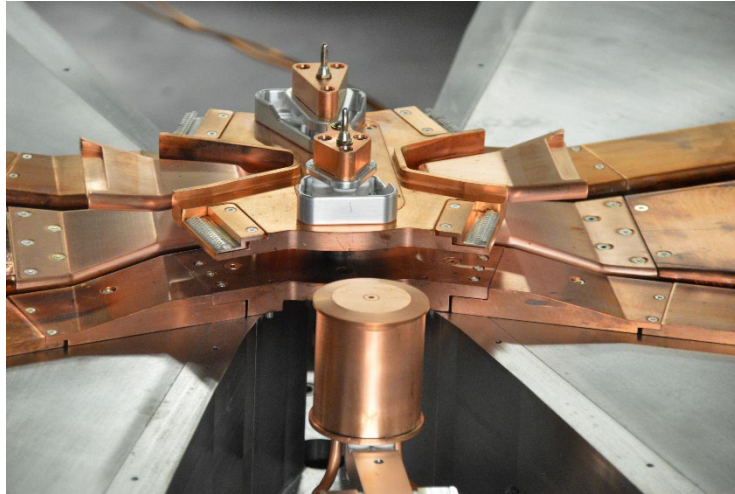
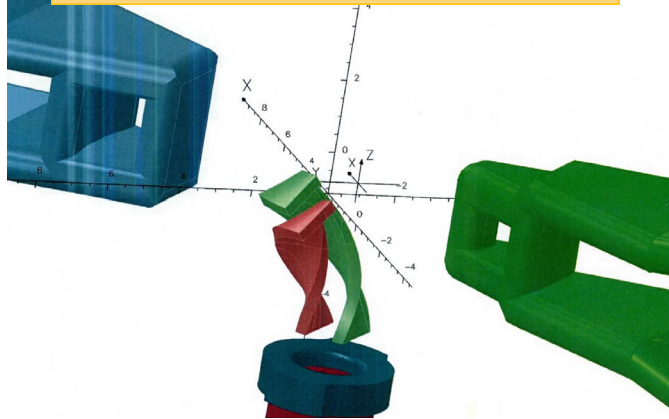


- Axial injection from external ion source to inflector
- H^- ion source: volume multicusp type (TRIUMF design based)
- 8 mA extracted current at 2 kW arc power

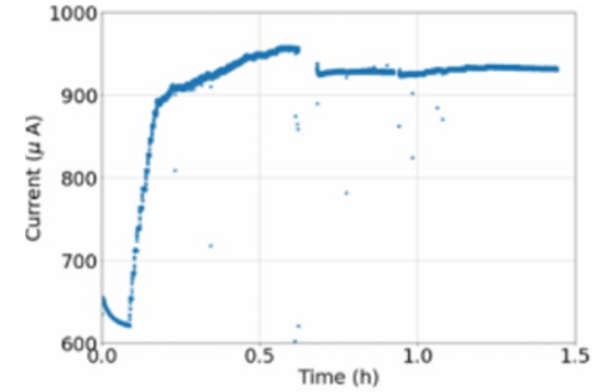


Central region

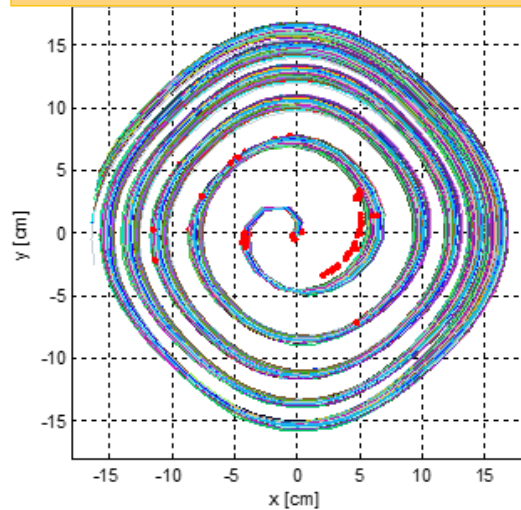
Inflector view



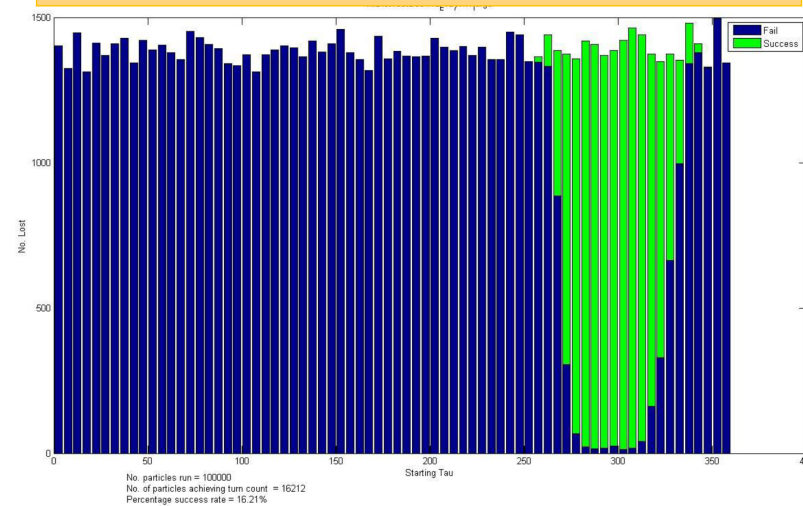
1 MeV maximum current



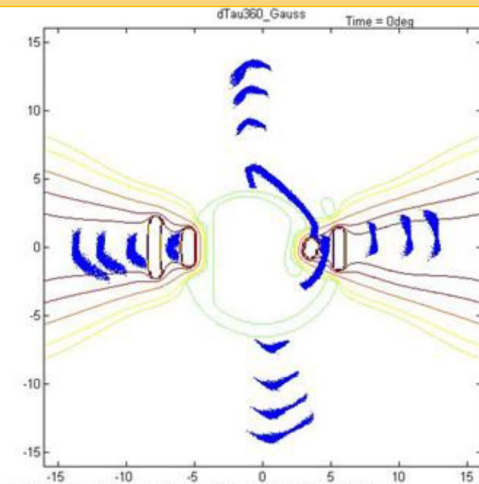
1 MeV particles trajectory



Phase Acceptance of Central Region



1 MeV bunch formation



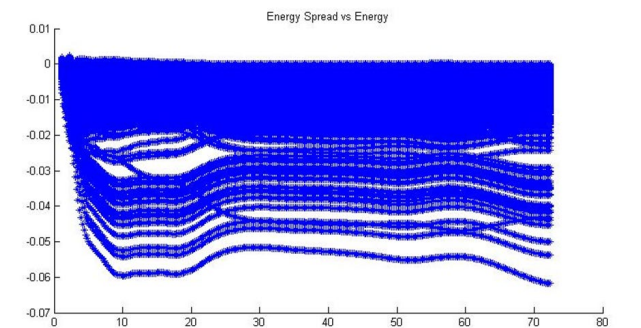
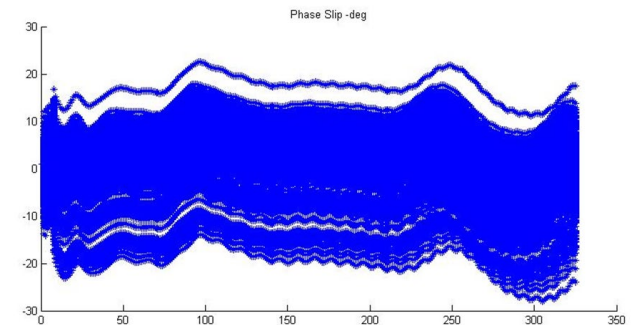
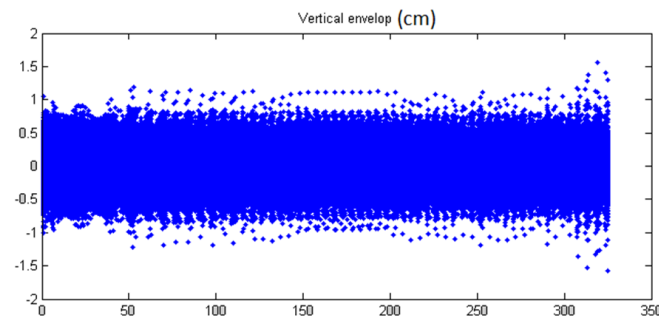
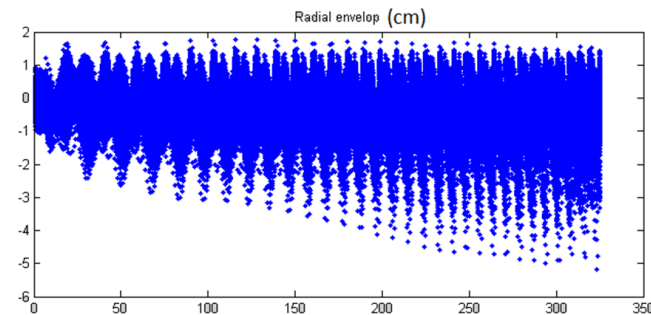
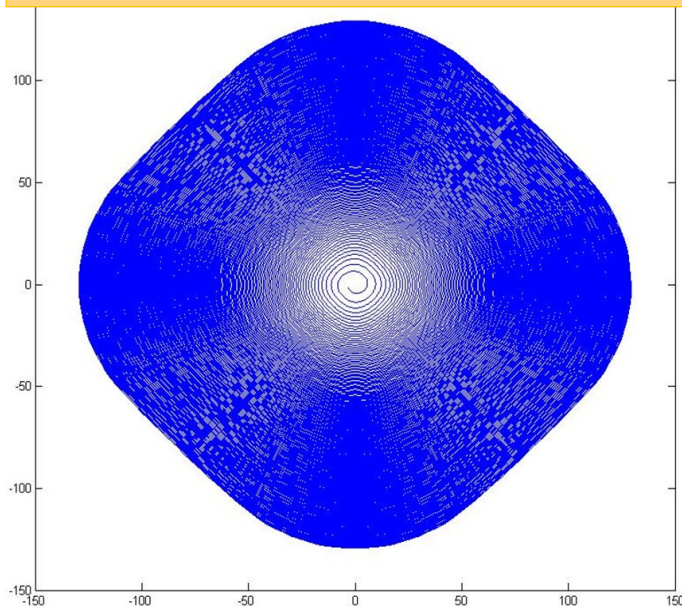
Acceleration, beam dynamics

- Once the bunch is shaped after the first turns, particles accelerate to high energy
- Isochronous cyclotron means no phase stability \rightarrow Phase spread depends on the accuracy of isochronism \rightarrow

$$\Delta\phi \approx 2 \cdot \pi \cdot h \cdot \frac{\Delta B}{B_{isocrono}} \cdot n$$

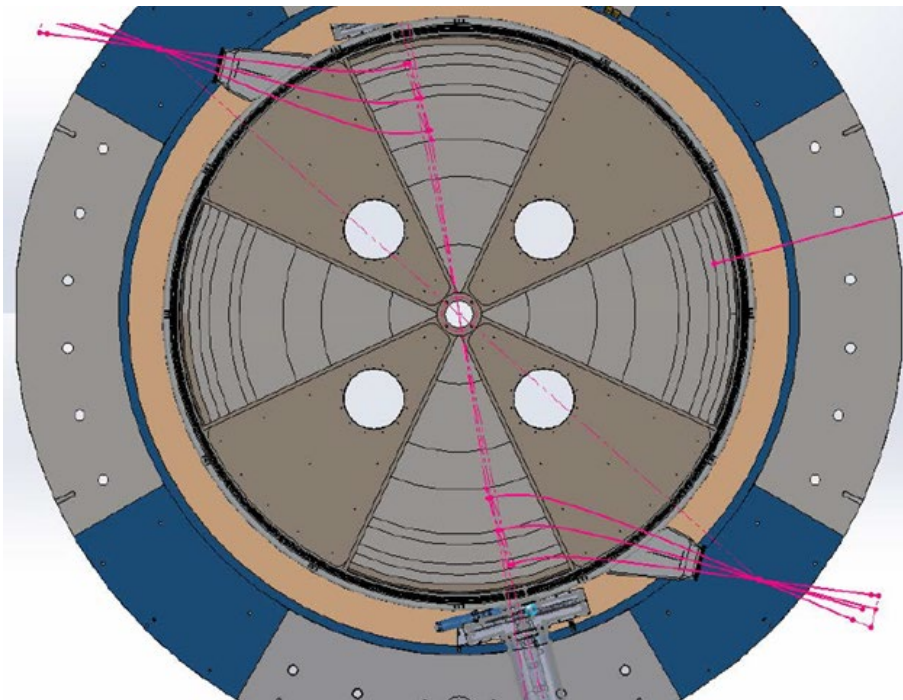
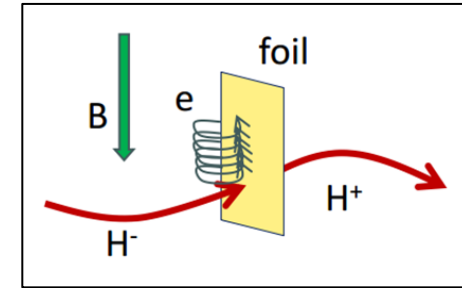
h acceleration harmonic,
 n number of turns 300

Single particle accelerated trajectory

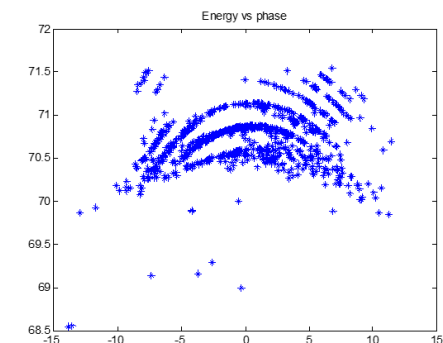
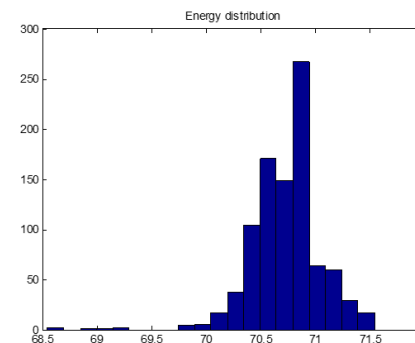
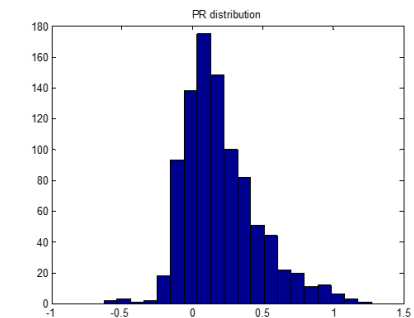
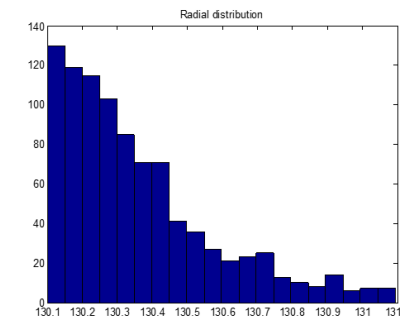


Beam extraction

- Stripping process $\rightarrow H^- \rightarrow H^+ + 2e^-$
- 99% transmission efficiency despite multi-turns extraction
- Dual (multi) extraction
- Extraction at different energy (35-70 MeV)



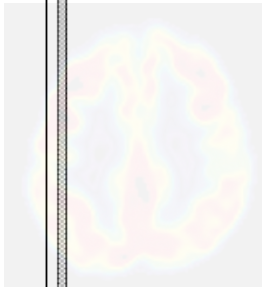
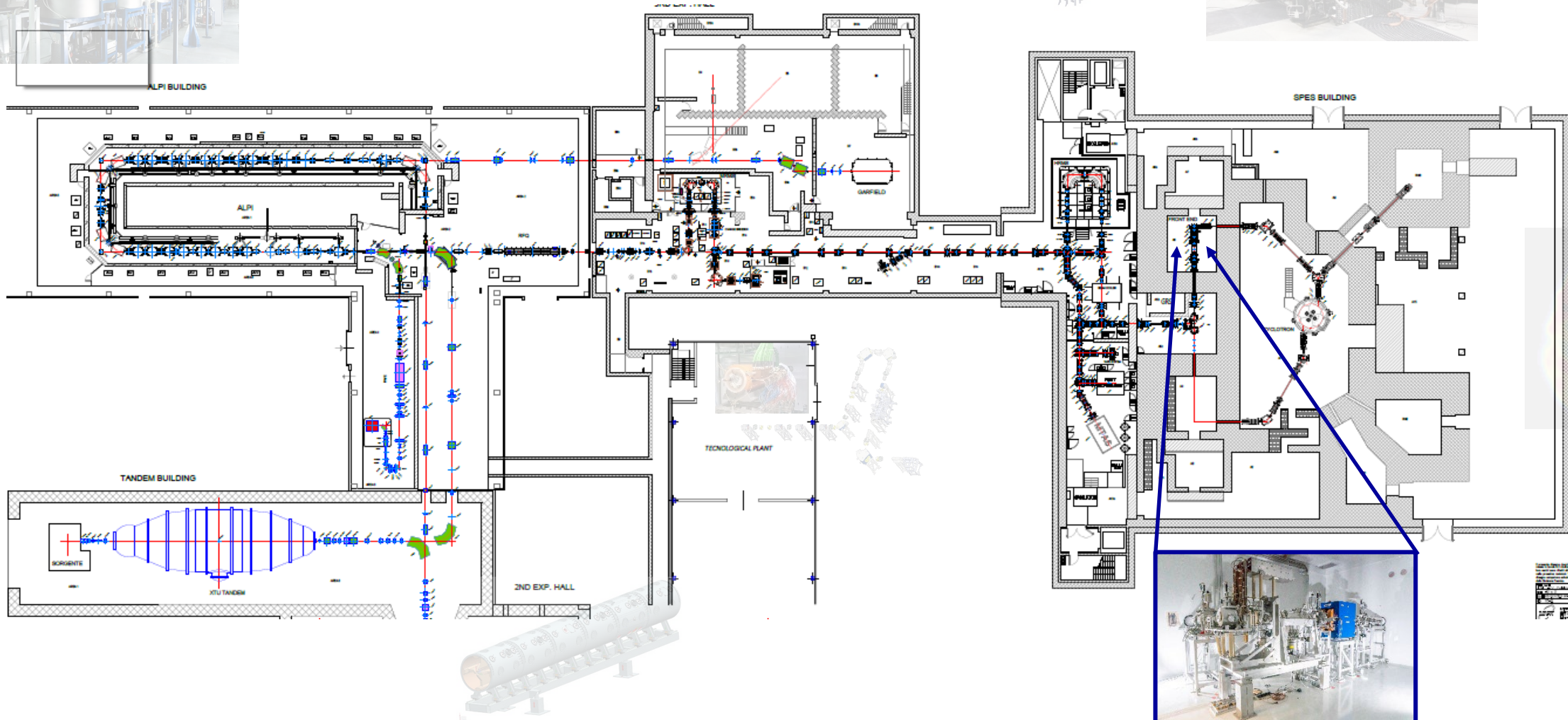
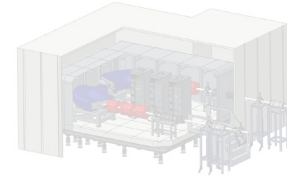
$R_{min}=130.1$ cm, $E=70.7$ MeV, $DE/E=1\%$



Target Ion Source complex

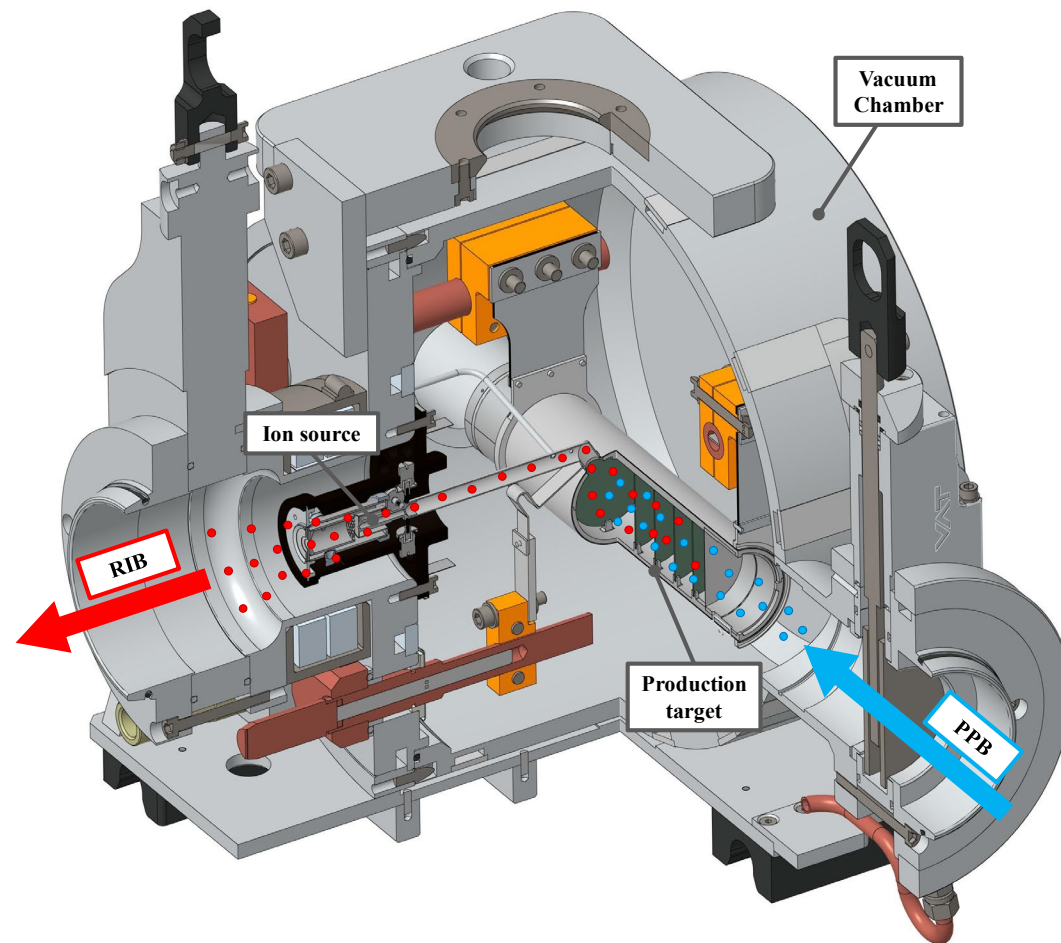
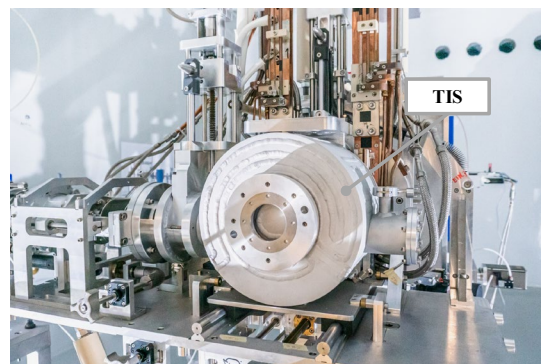
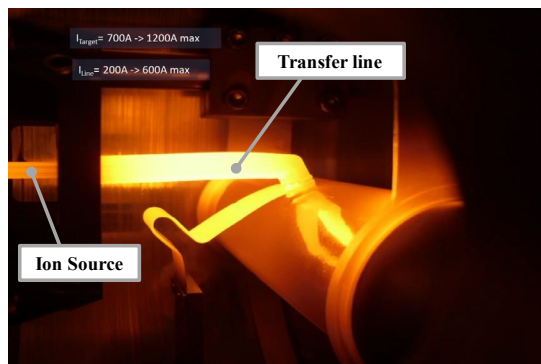
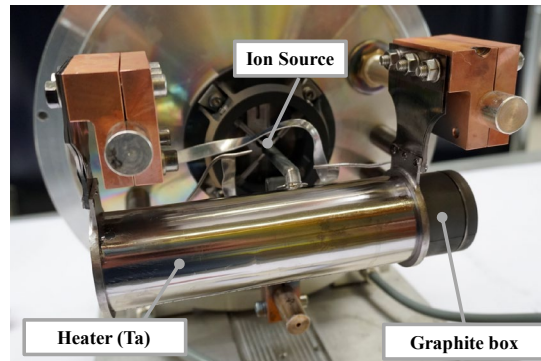
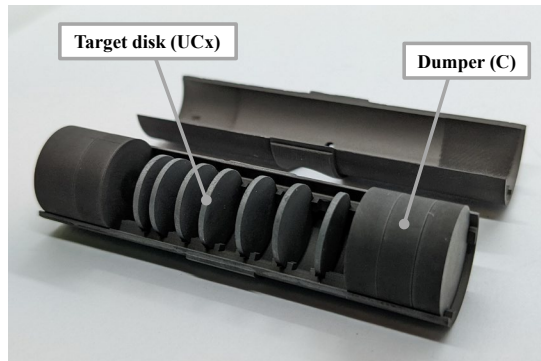


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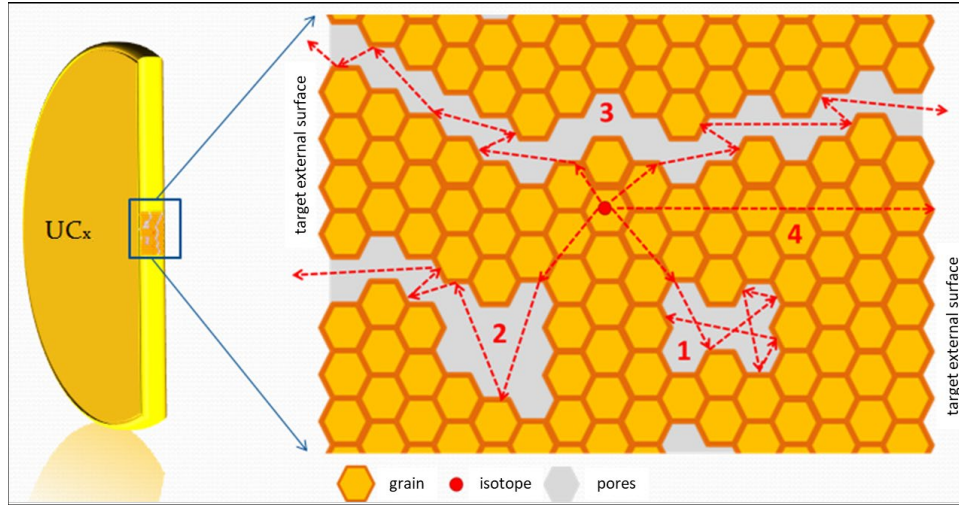
Target Ion Source Complex

The Target Ion Source unit



ISOL Targets

Uranium carbide



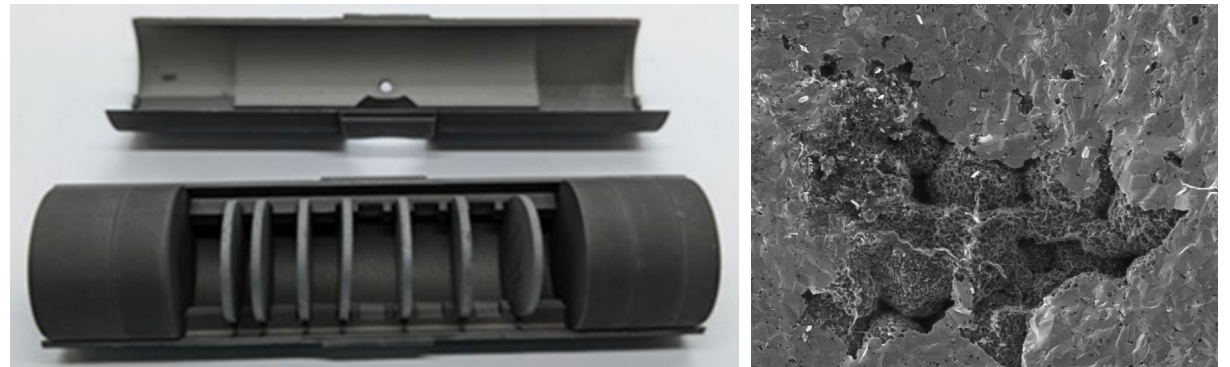
Porosity optimization to achieve fast release of isotopes



Silicon carbide

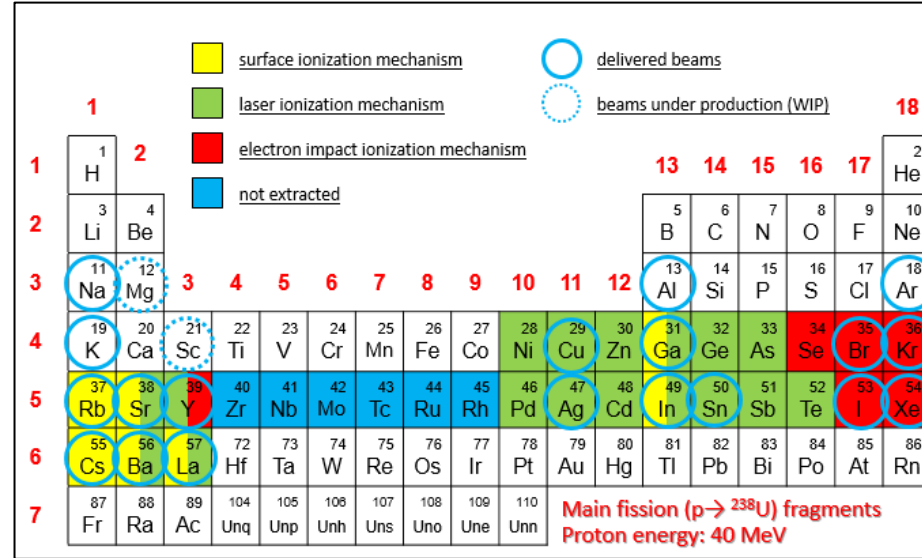
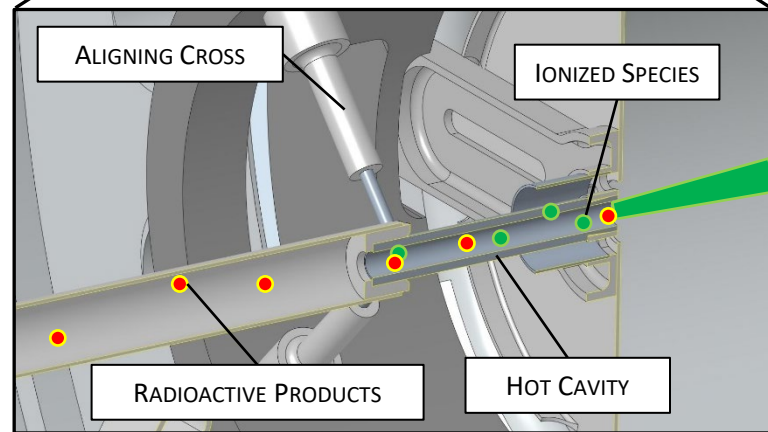
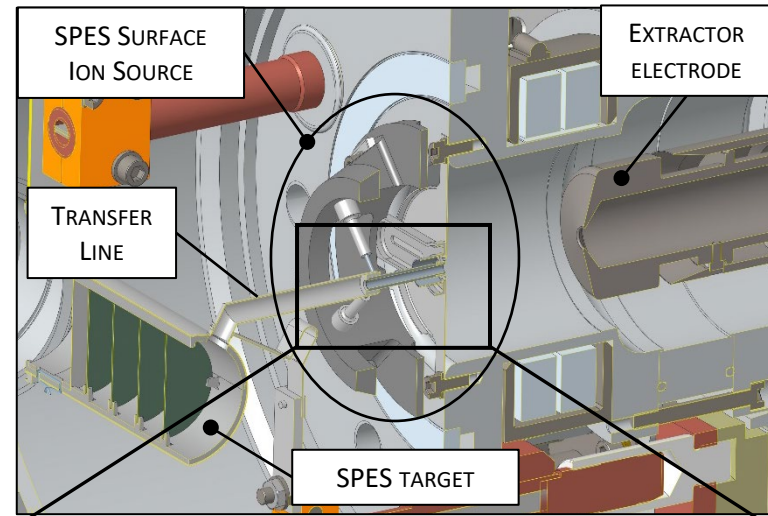


Thermal properties optimization to work at high temperature (~ 2000 °C)

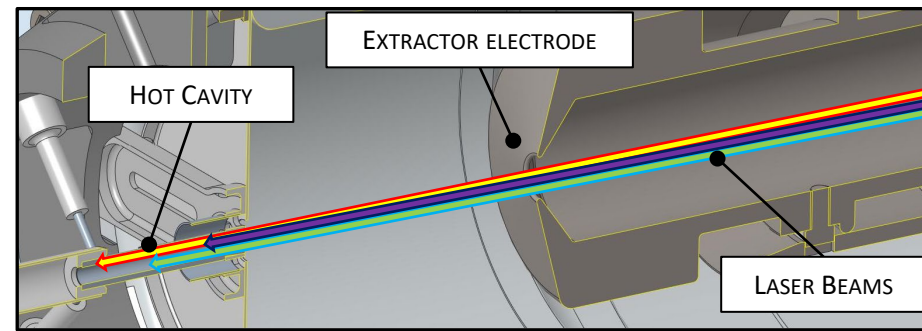


ISOL Ion sources

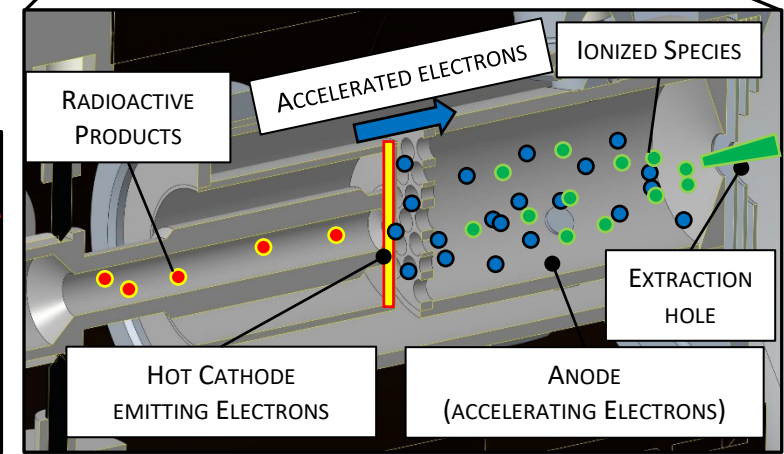
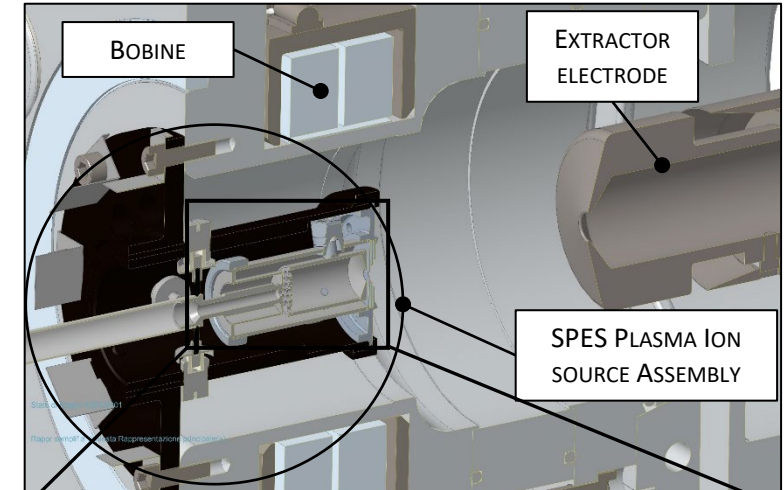
The SPES Surface Ion Source (SIS)



The SPES Laser Ion Source (SIS + laser beams)



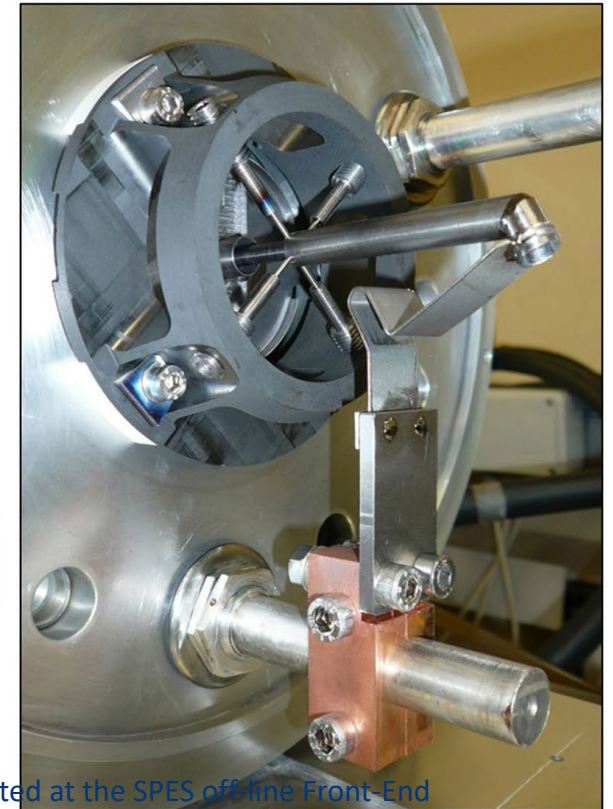
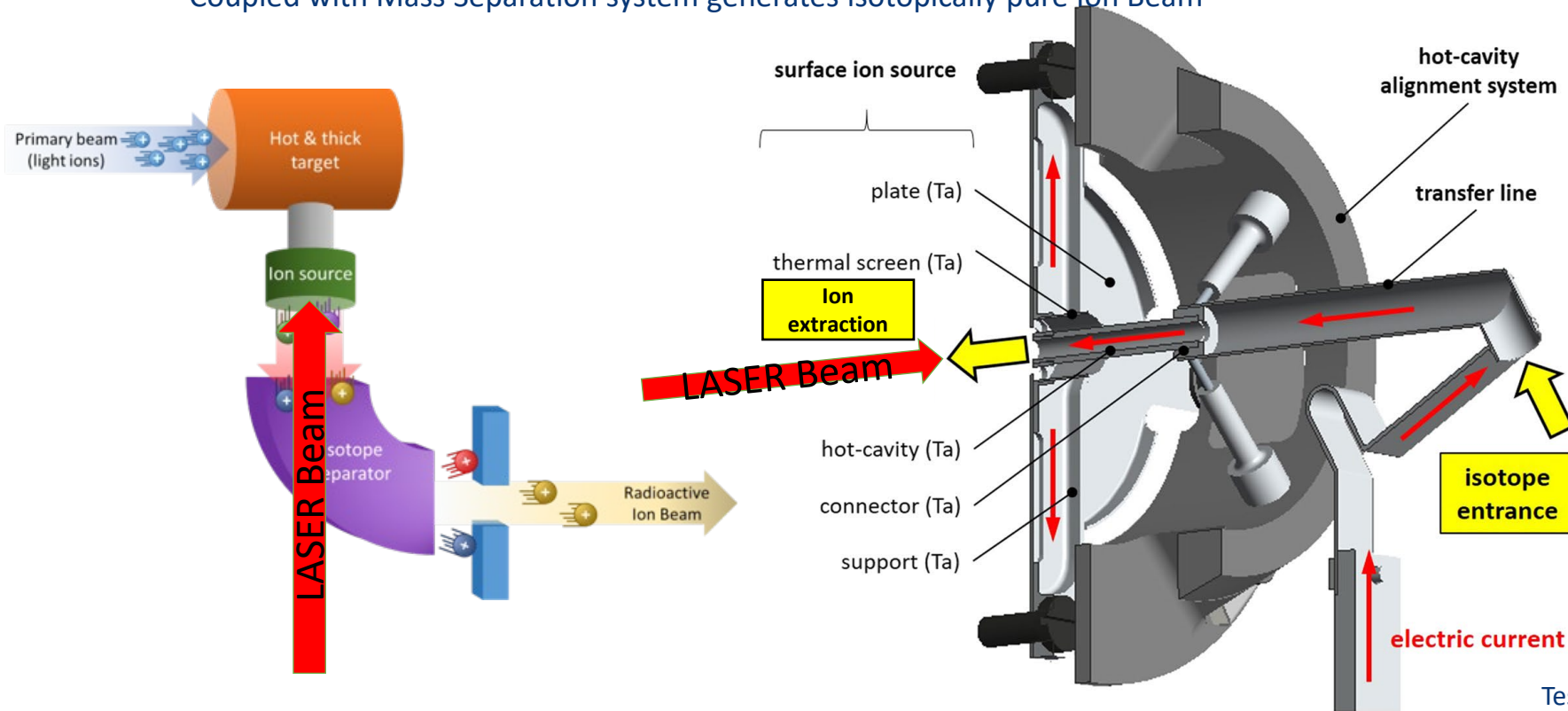
The SPES Plasma Ion Source



The Laser Ion Source

Use of SPES SIS coupled with laser beams:

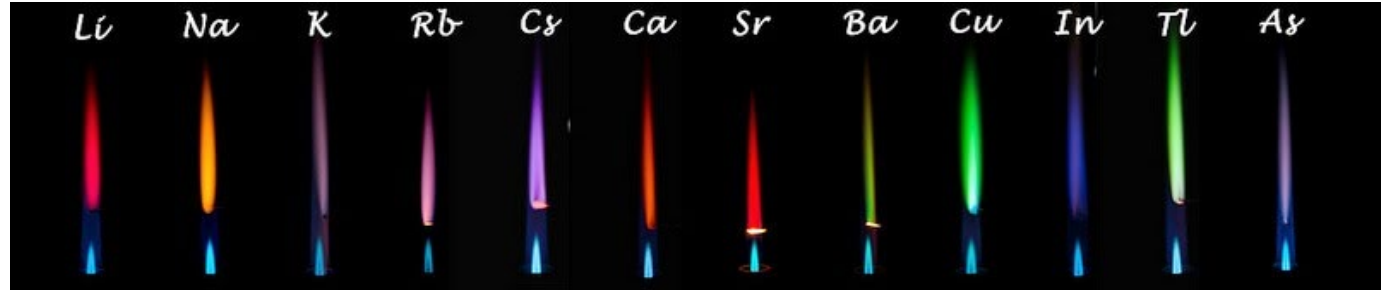
- Especially for transition elements
- Efficiency $\approx 10\%$
- Coupled with Mass Separation system generates isotopically pure Ion Beam



The Laser Resonant Ionization

Flame test:

- ✓ Different elements “respond” with different colors
- ✓ The color depends on internal electrons energy level structure

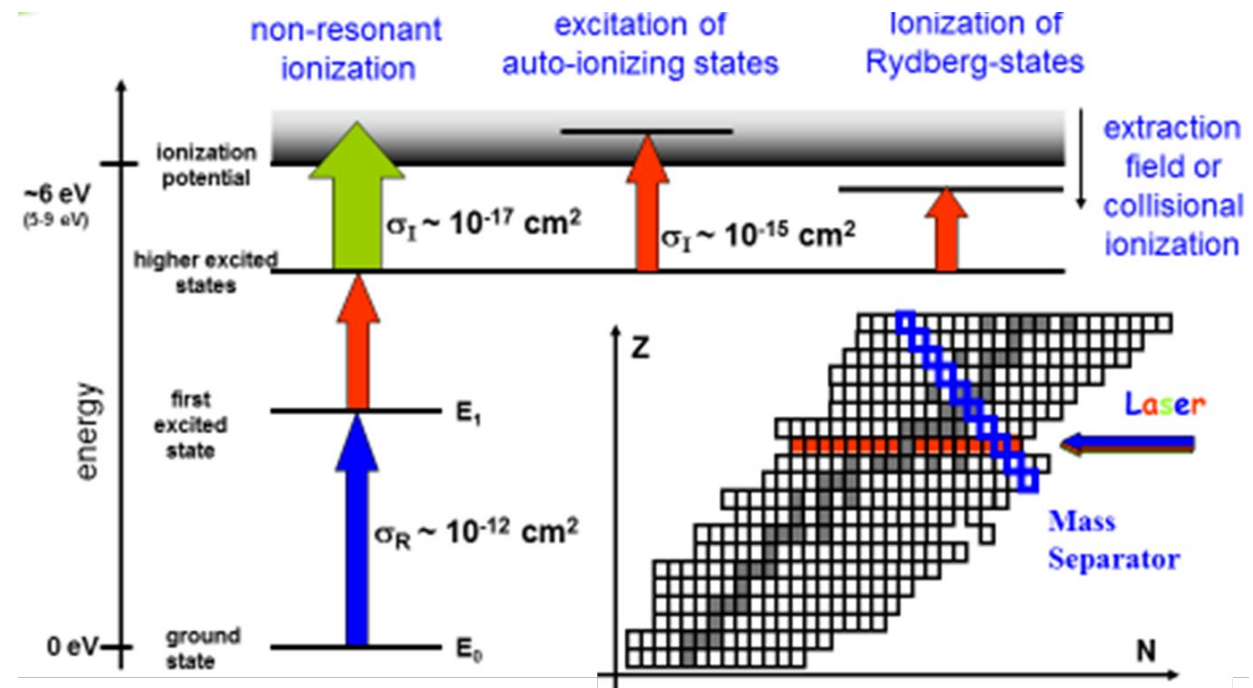


Laser Resonant Ionization:

- ✓ Use of wavelength (i.e. photon energy) tunable lasers to match energy level
- ✓ Use of multiple tunable lasers according to element of interest’s energy level structure

Advantages for ISOL facilities:

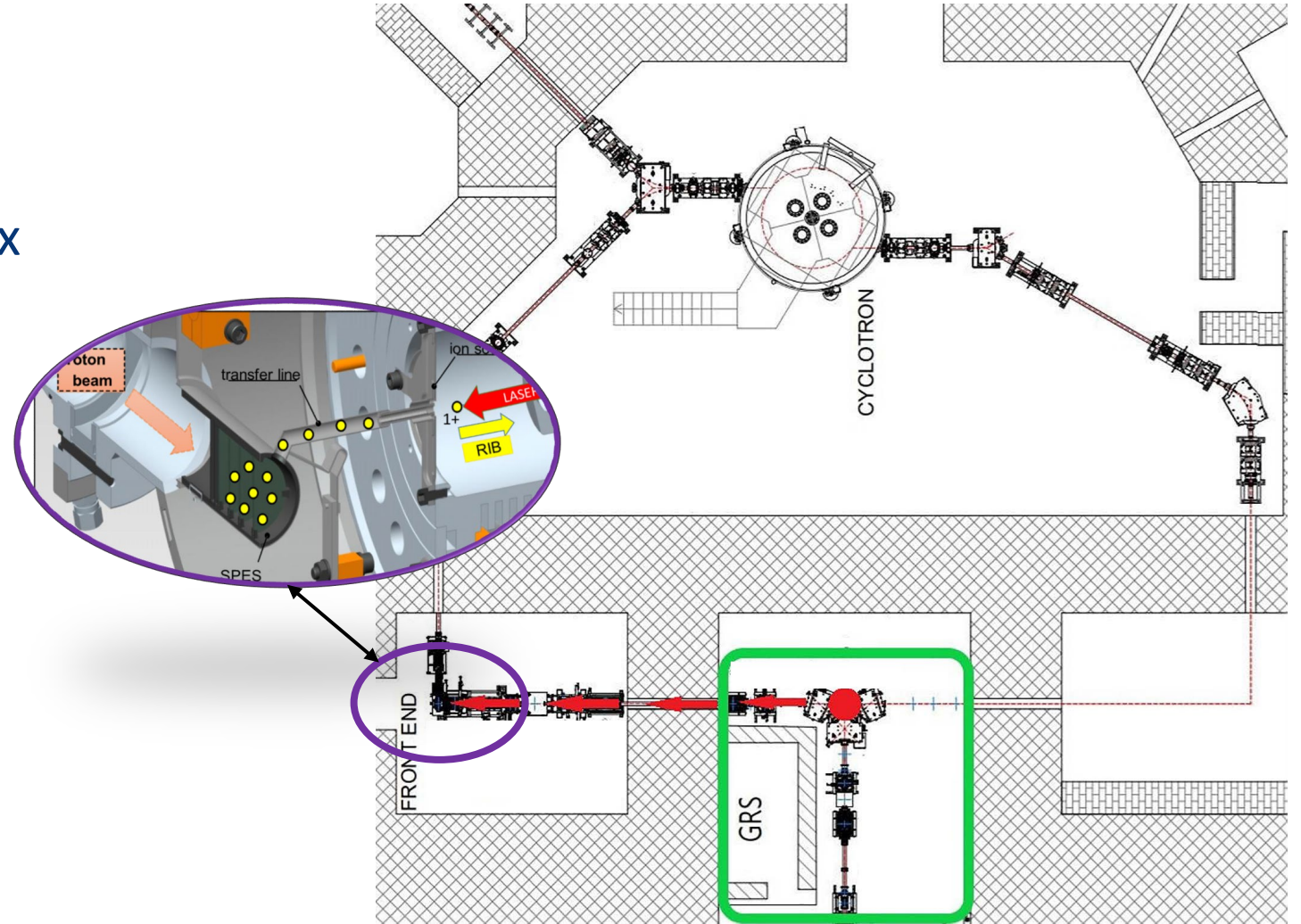
- This technique combined to mass separation can achieve high isotopic purity for the delivered ion beam



The Laser Resonant Ionization

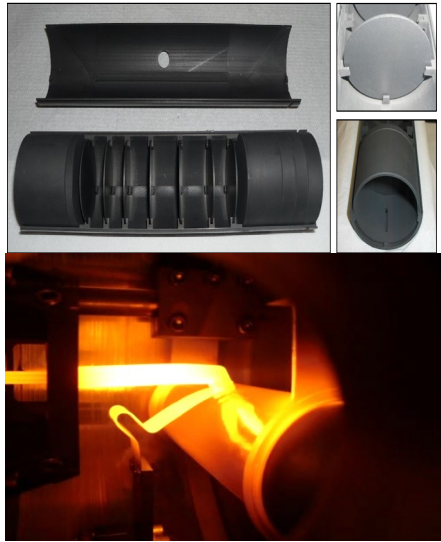
Laser Online @ SPES:

- ✓ Laser Online Lab is on the top of LRMS Hall (green box on figure)
- ✓ LRMS magnet is used as entry point for the laser beams (red circle in figure)
- ✓ Laser beam reaches the ion-source traveling superposed, but opposite to ion beam direction (red arrows in figure)

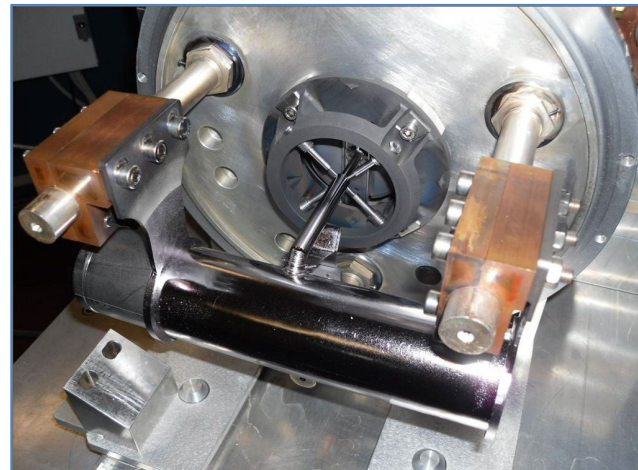
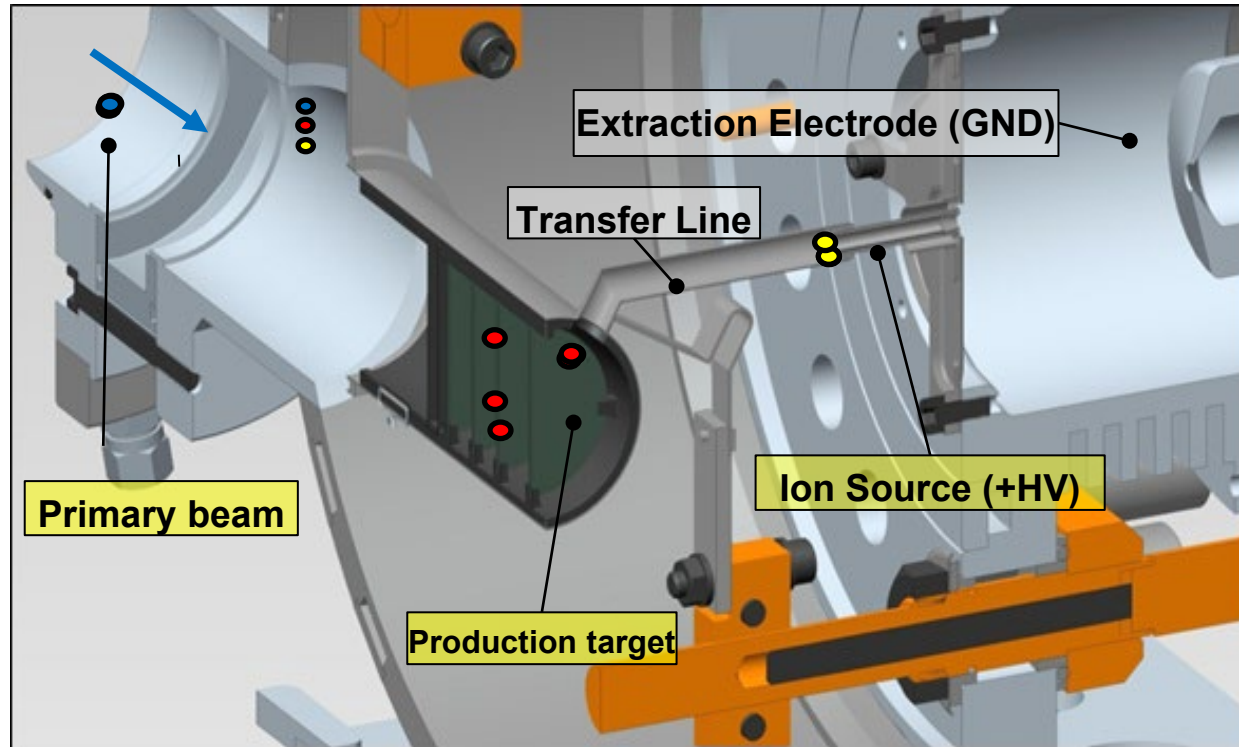


SPES beams

Target

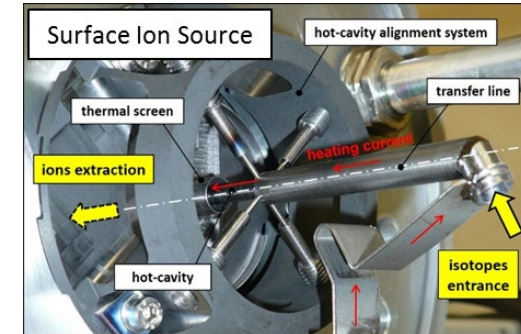


- UCx
- SiC
- ZrGe
- TiC

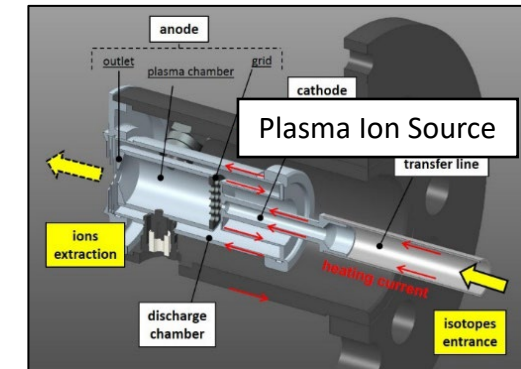


TIS UNIT

Sources



SIS: Rb, Cs, Sr, Ba

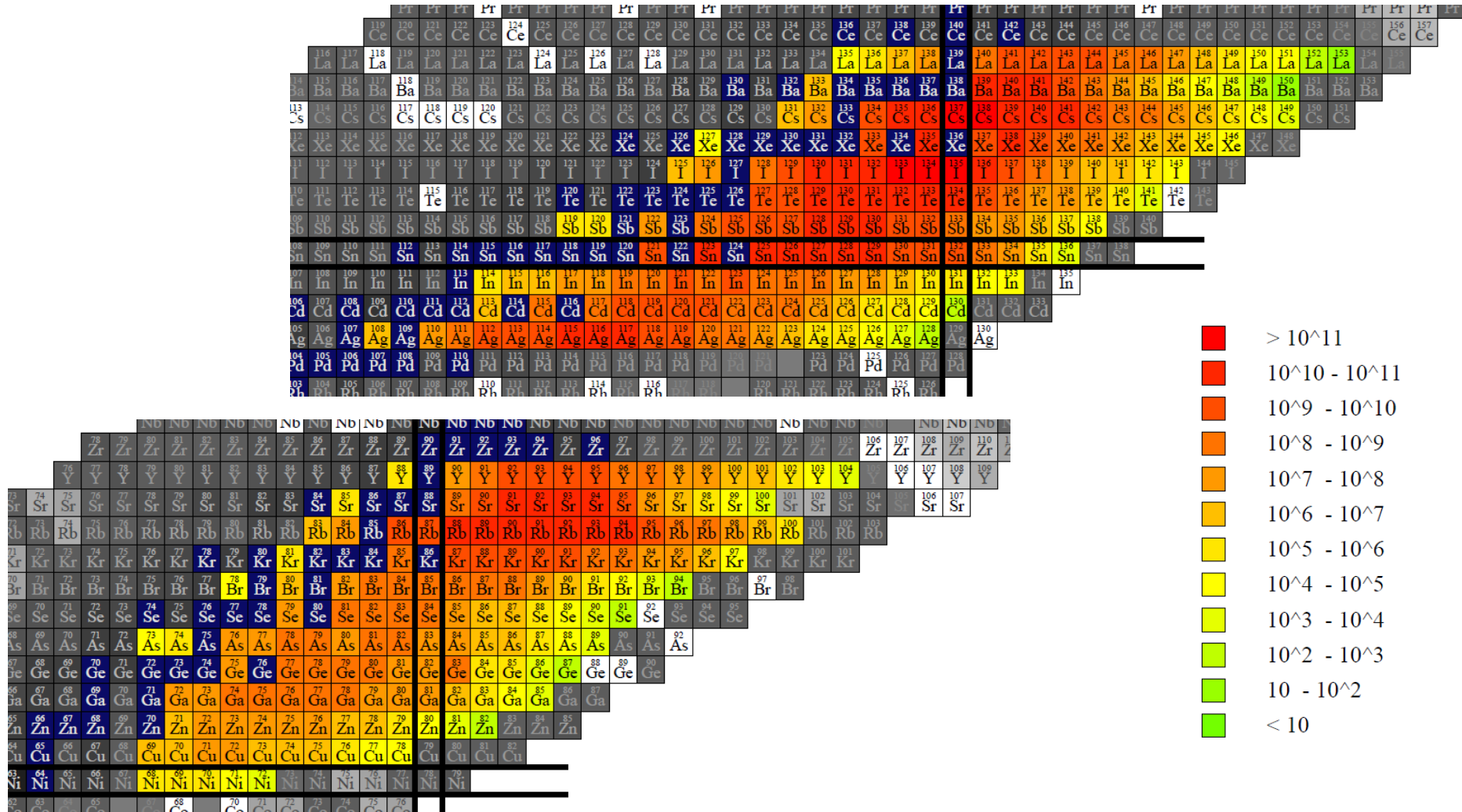


PIS: Kr, Xe, Br, I, Se



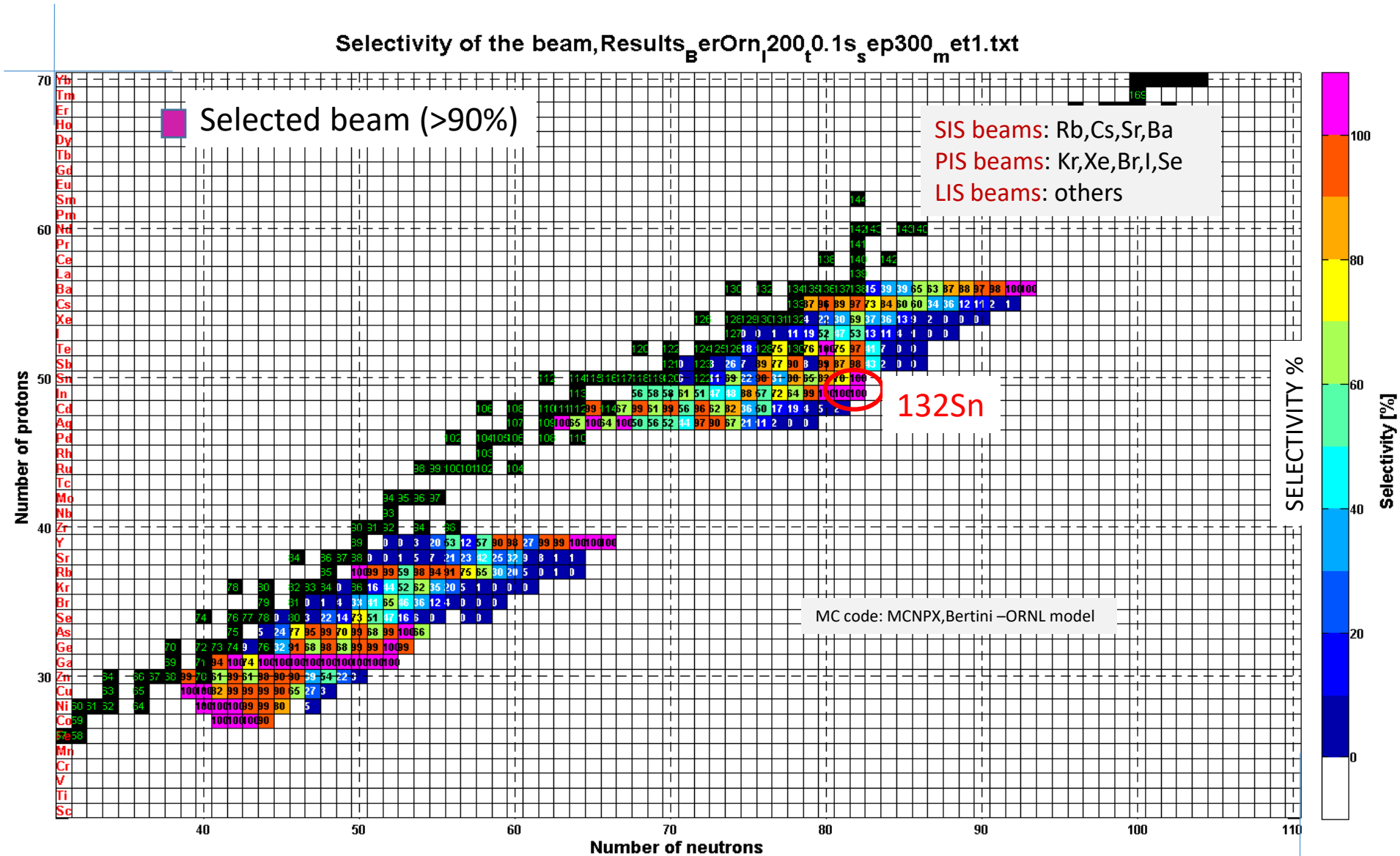
LIS (Laser -> SIS)

SPES beams



<https://web.infn.it/spes/index.php/characteristics/spes-beams-7037/spesbeamstable>

Beam selectivity with LRMS ($\Delta M/M=1/200$)



The SPES Front End

ISOL Hall:

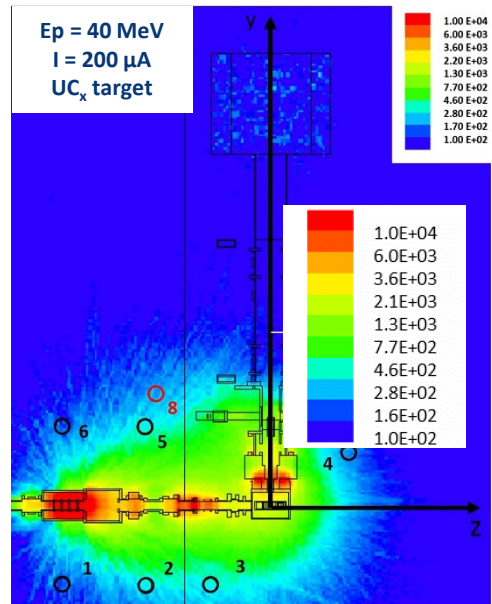
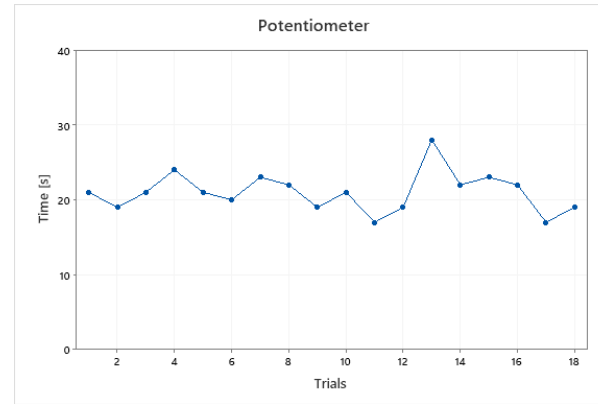
- ✓ Pre-commissioning done
- ✓ Front End and RIB line installed and aligned
- ✓ Vacuum leak measure
- High-Voltage cabling ongoing
- Next step: Ground cabling installation



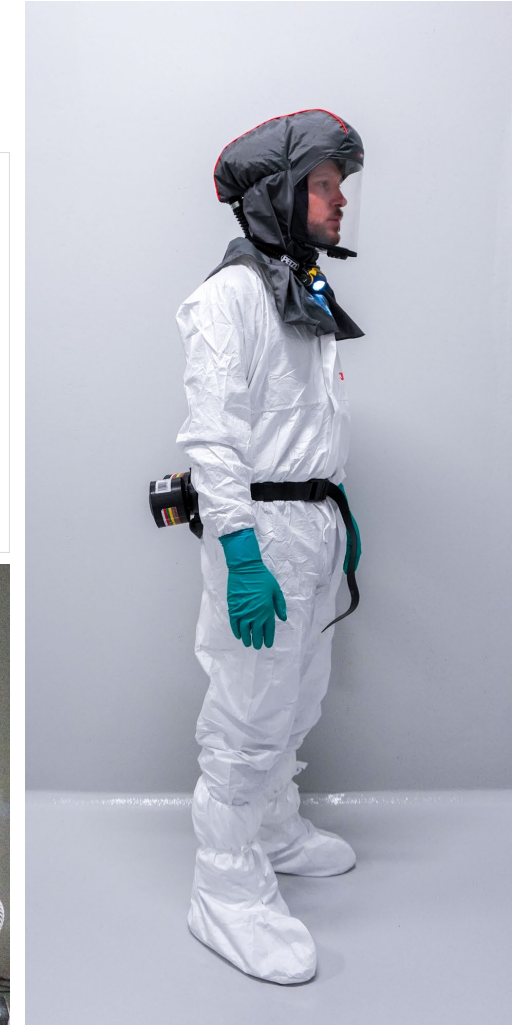
The SPES Front End: Safety and Maintenance

Safety and Maintenance Optimization:

- Training of specialized operators, Procedures, PPEs (ALARA principle: As Low As Reasonably Achievable)
- Experimental test campaign:
 - Time and working position Estimation
 - Work and Dose Planning (WDP)
- Optimization process:
 - Identification of proper tools
 - Design for assembly review



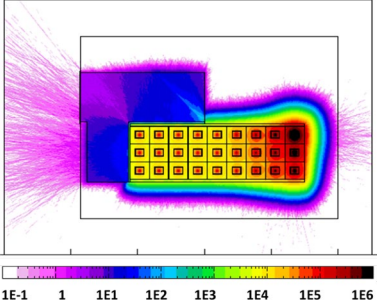
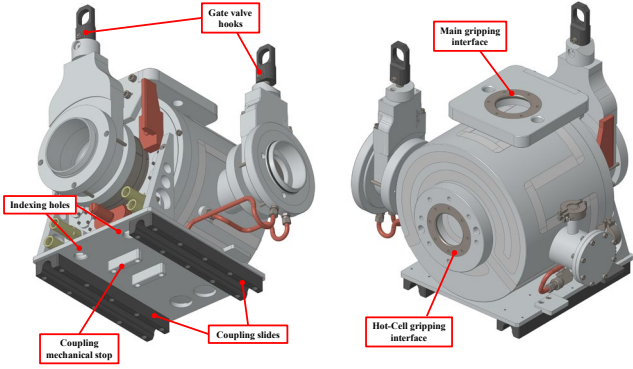
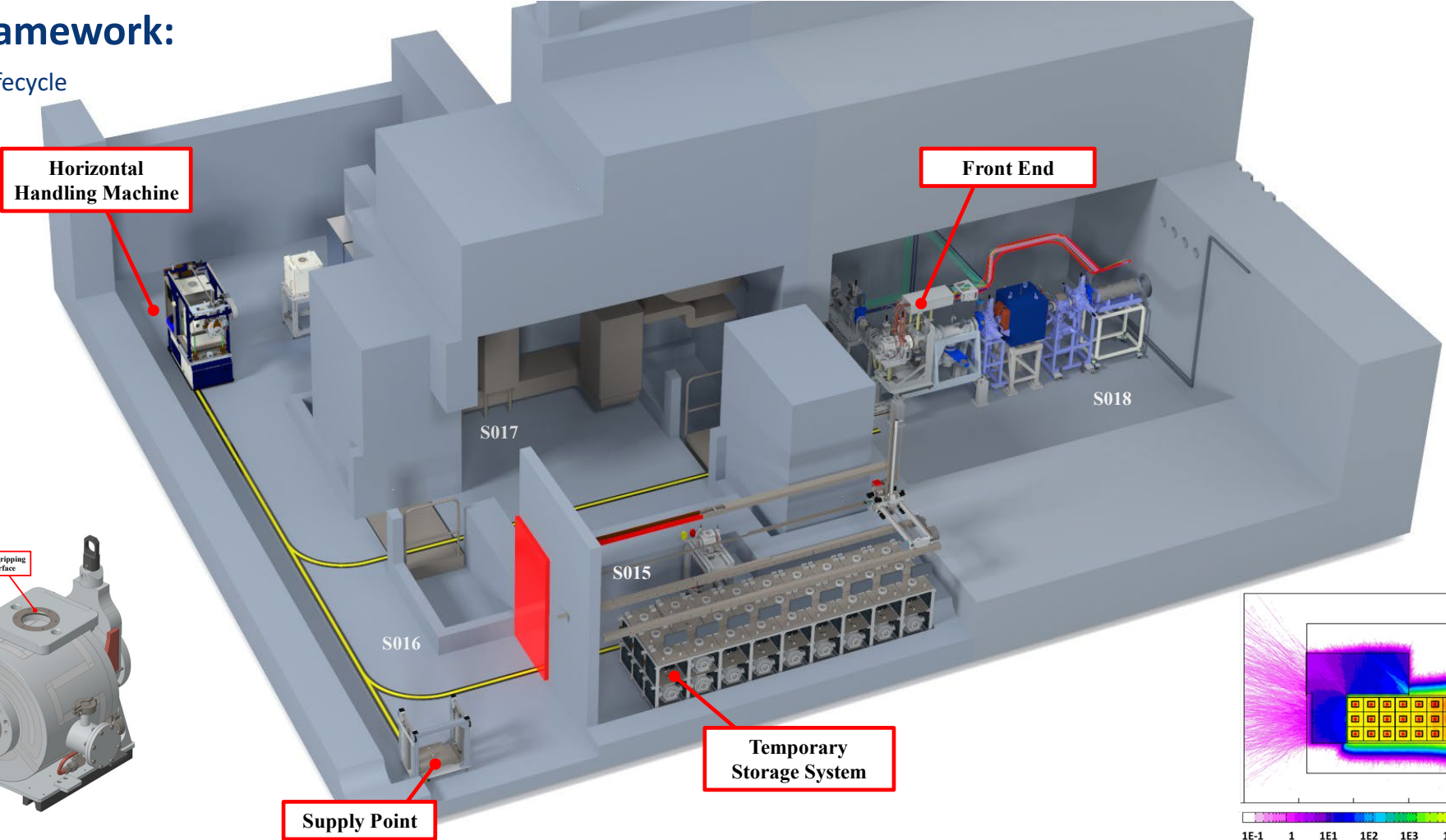
Ambient equivalent dose rate on the Front-End after 10 irradiation cycles (no target, no contamination)



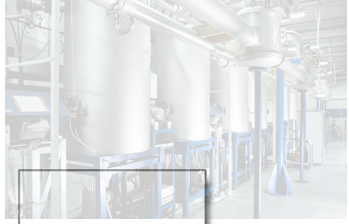
Remote handling

Remote Handling Framework:

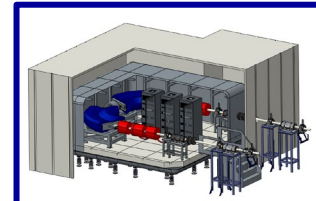
- Design driven by the TIS unit lifecycle



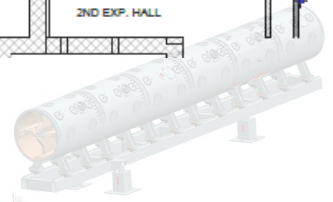
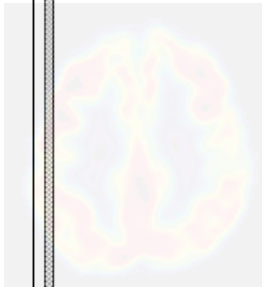
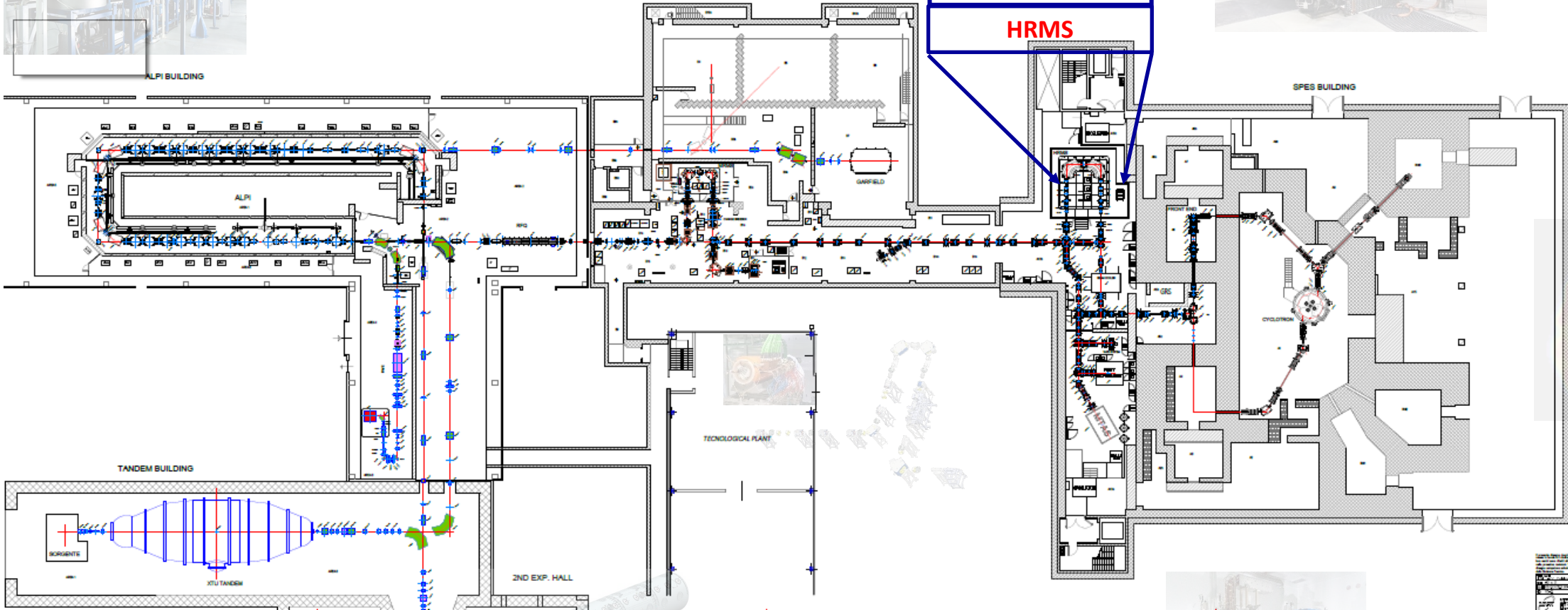
High Resolution Mass Separator



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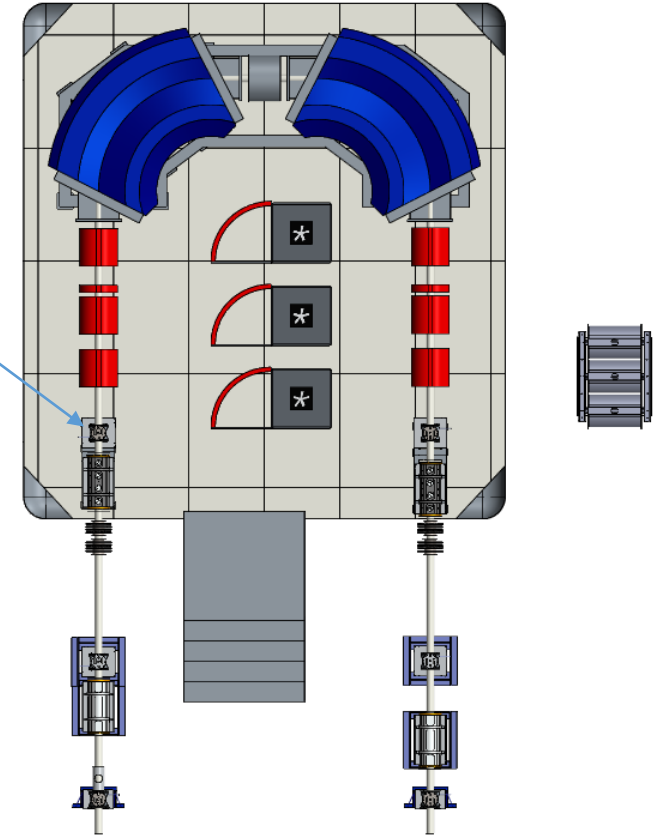
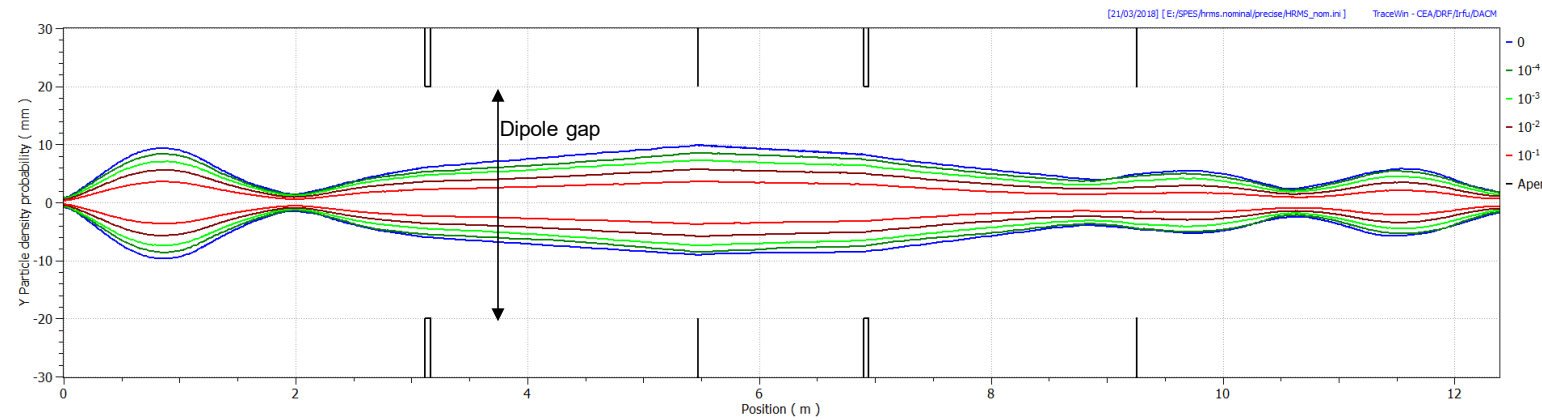
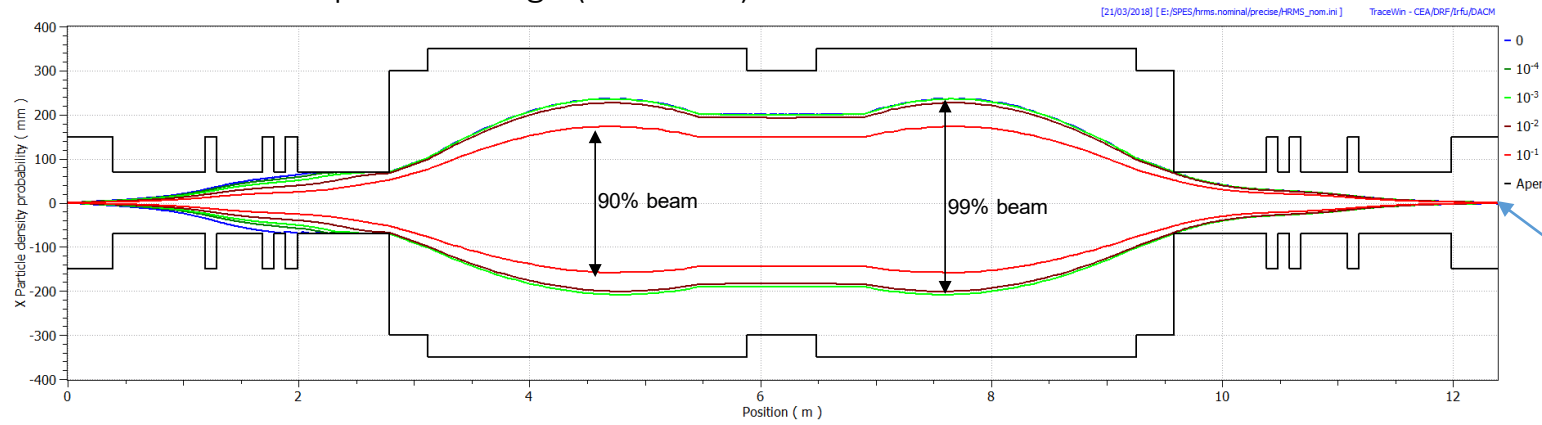
HRMS



High Resolution Mass Separator

$$\Delta M/M = 1/20000$$

Frozen Multiparticle design (nonlinear) from 2019

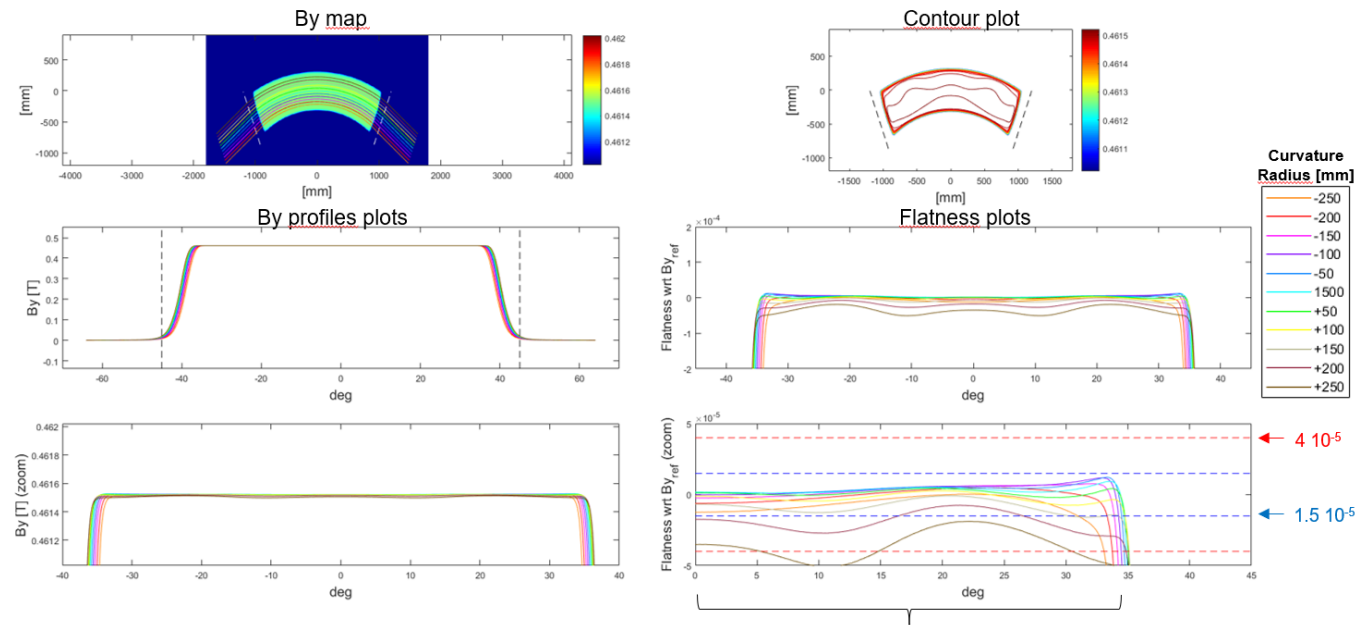


New HRMS specification after the CDR (2018)

High resolution mass separator (SPES)

general parameters			
Beam energy (from RFQ cooler)	40	kV	Range 20-40 keV
Platform voltage	-120	kV	Negative
Energy at separation	160	keV	Fix energy
nominal mass	132		Mass range
Magnetic rigidity	0.661	Tm	0.66165509
beta	0.001613234		v/c
Nominal emittance	5.2	mmrad	95% Gaussian dist.
Nominal energy spread	1.5	eV	sigma
Nominal dm/m resolution	5*10^-5		=1/20000
at n sigma	4		<1% ?
Acceptance	6.2	mmrad	With slits (+/- 0.9 mm)
RFQ cooler beam requirements			
Normalized emittance	0.0083	mmrad	95% beam
energy spread	1	eV	sigma Including extraction voltage jitter
transmission	?		
common ground with platform		V	maximum fluctuation
dipole specifications			
radius	1.5	m	
magnetic field	0.441	T	0.441103
bending angle	90	deg	
focussing angle	27.16	deg	
EB curvature radius	2.918	m	
good field region HxV	250x15	mm mm	half

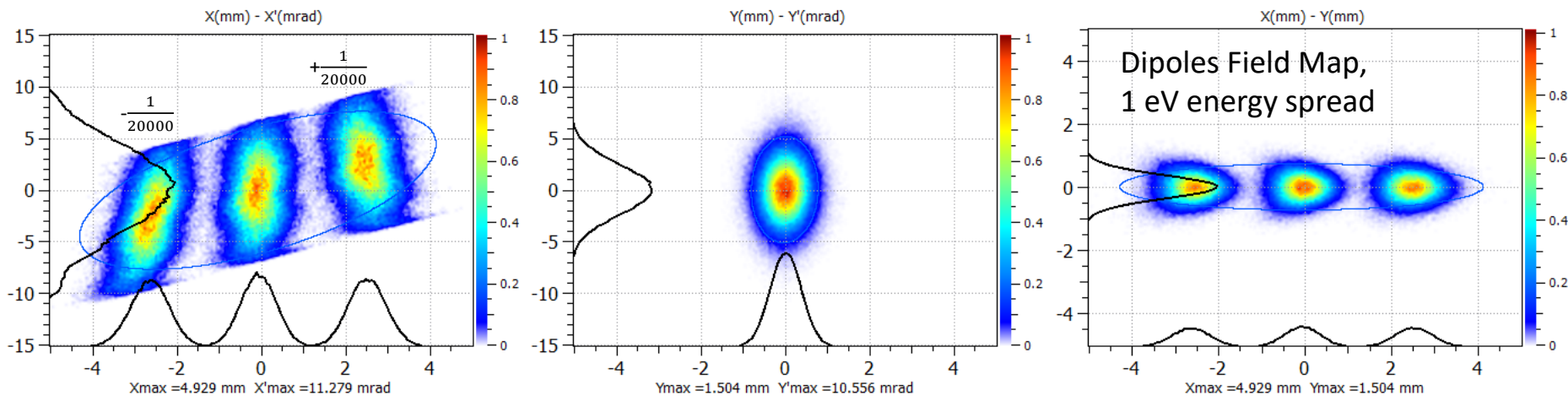
Dipole field homogeneity



75% dipole length

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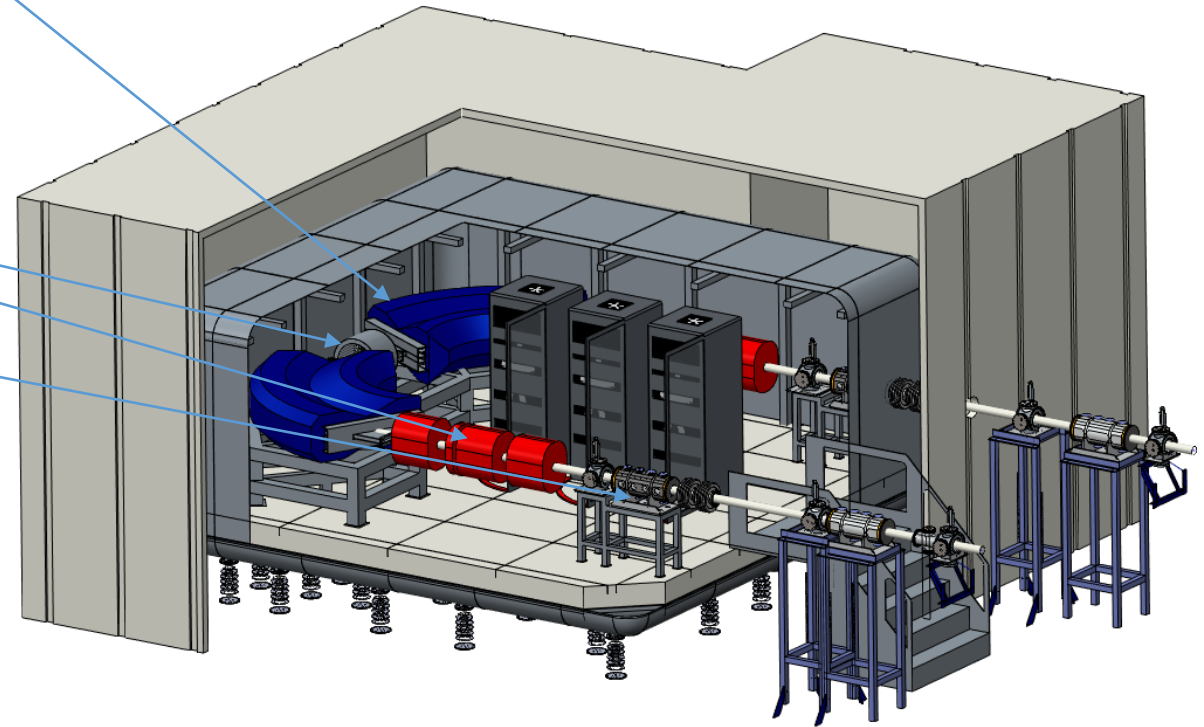


HRMS procurement

The running tender is for:

- Dipoles, power supplies, vacuum chambers and supports
- Multipole
- Electrical quadrupoles
- Electrical triplets

- Tender started: Dec 2021
- Tender completed: Jan 2023
- Delivery: mid of 2024
- **Installation: mid 2025**

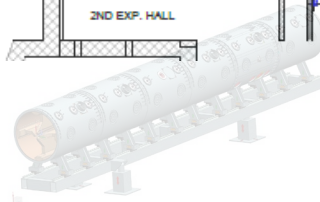
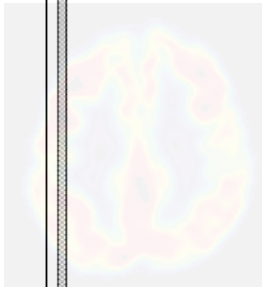
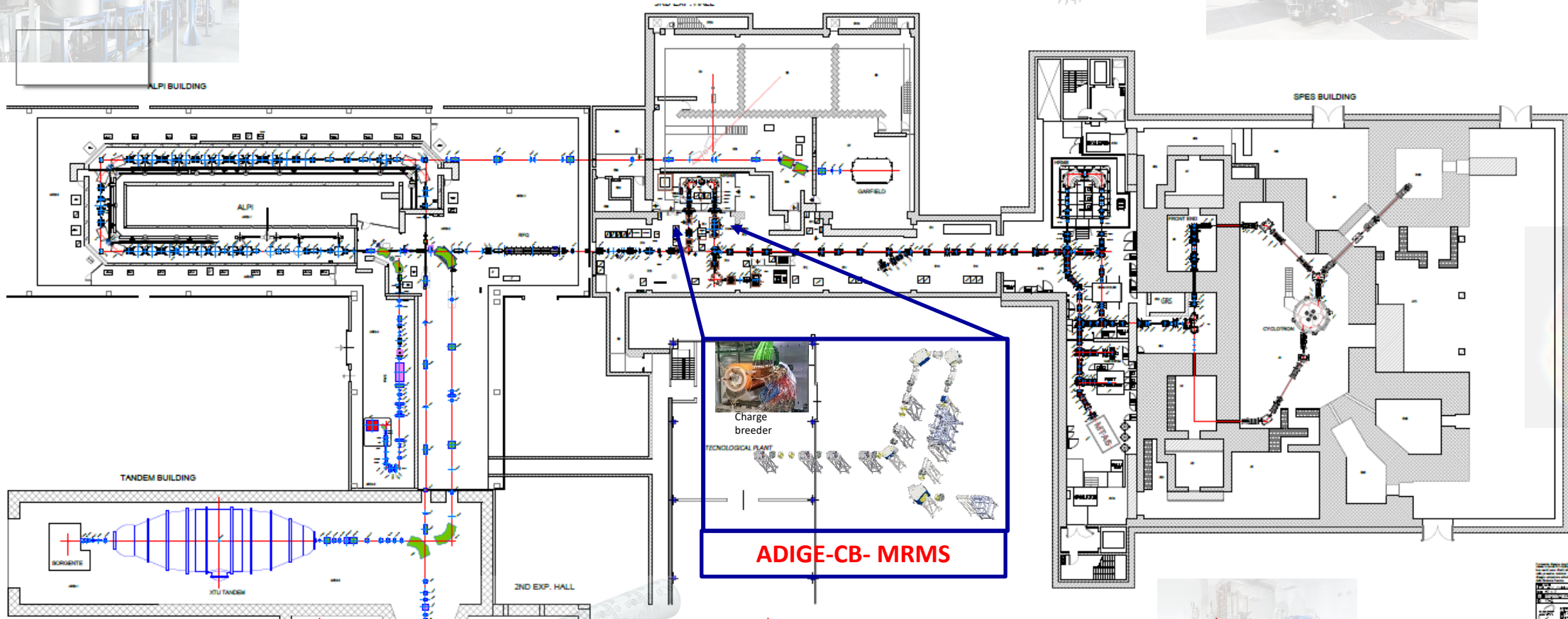
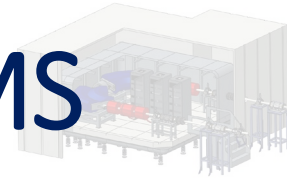


The design and integration in the building of the HV platform is going on and the spec will be ready for the end of 2022

ADIGE injector: Charge Breeder - MRMS

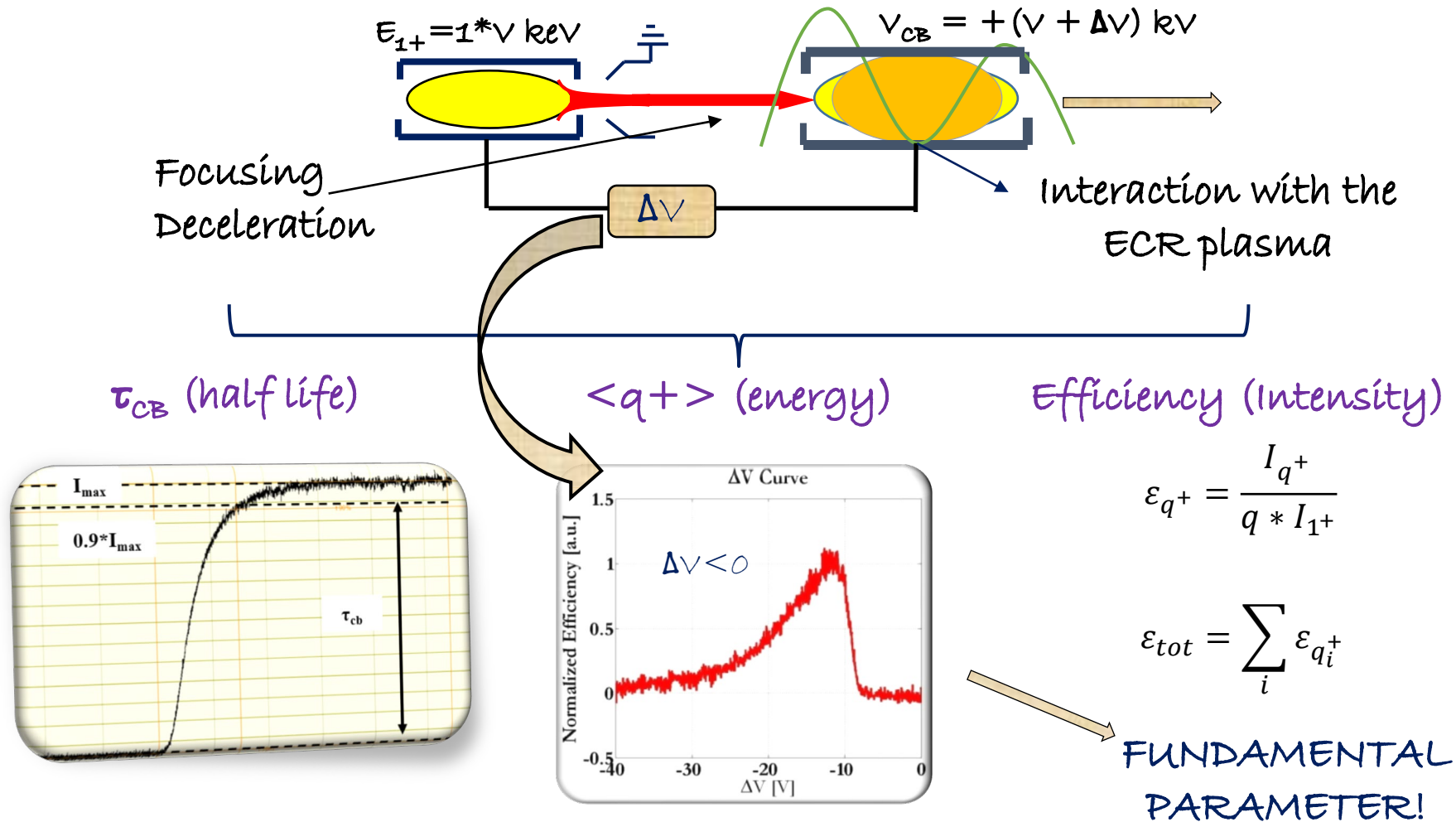


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The SPES ECR based charge breeder



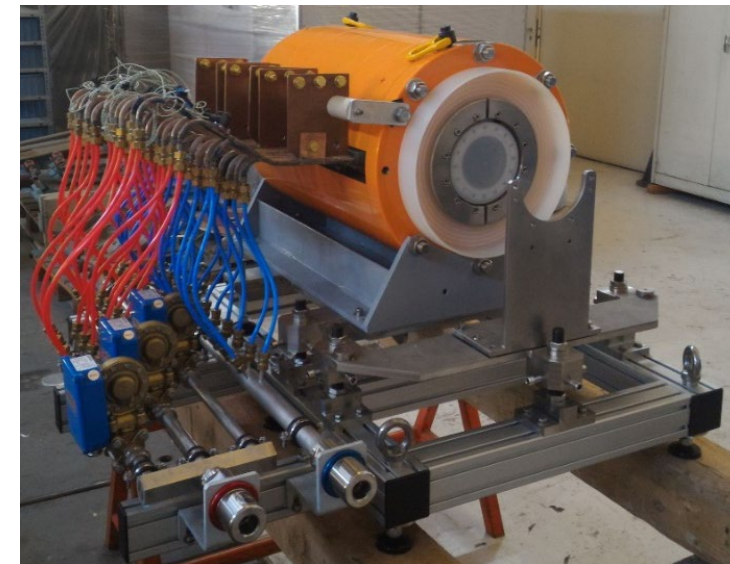
The SPES ECR based charge breeder

- June 2014: Research Collaboration Agreement INFN (LNL)-CNRS (LPSC)
- 2015: Acceptance tests and delivery @ LNL
- Results of the acceptance tests

Ion	M/q	η [%]	$\epsilon_{rms,norm}$ [μ *mm*mrad]	
			full	ion
Cs^{26+}	5.1	11.3	0.044	0.020
Xe^{20+}	6.6	11.2	0.030	0.010
Rb^{19+}	4.5	7.8	0.040	0.010
Ar^{8+}	5	15.2	0.04	0.030



Excellent beam quality!



Latest results obtained at LPSC with a new magnetic configuration will be applied to the SPES-SB

	Na 2017	Na 2020	K 2017	K 2020	Rb 2017	Rb 2020	Cs 2017	Cs 2020
Charge state	8+	8+	10+	9+	19+	18+	26+	26+
Eff. (%)	12.9	18.7	11.7	22.7	10.4	11.3	13.0	14.1
Total Eff. (%)	54.1	59.9	63.4	78.7	63.9	85.08	71.9	91.8
Rise time (ms/q)	12.9	26.8	8.2	13.5	29	16.7	44.2	12.8
Support gas	He	He	He	H ₂	He	He	O ₂	He
Binj (T)	1.57	1.56	1.57	1.58	1.57	1.58	1.57	1.56
Bmin (T)	0.47	0.46	0.44	0.45	0.45	0.46	0.46	0.47
Bext (T)	0.83	0.84	0.83	0.83	0.88	0.85	0.86	0.84
MW power (W)	486	770	290	520	480	700	500	670
Pinj ($\times 10^{-8}$ mbar)	46	5	44	14	40	5	52	4

CHARACTERISTICS	
f [GHz]	14.5
Max Power [kW]	2
Binj [T]	1.2
Bmin [T]	0.4
Bext [T]	0.8
Brad [T]	0.8
Chamber length [m]	0.288
Chamber radius [m]	0.036

The beam purity issue

ECRIS CONTAMINANTS

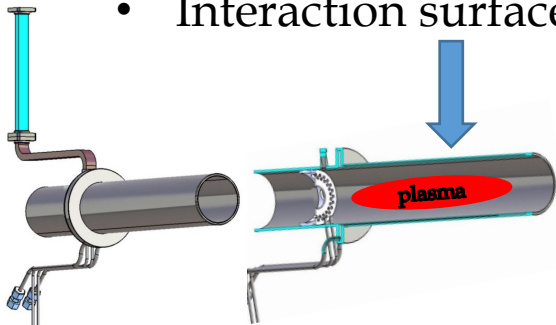
Hypothesis: 1+ RIBs are pure

Sources of contamination

- **Gaseous Contaminants** (C, N, O, Ar, Kr)
 - Gas bottles used
 - Outgassing of the surfaces

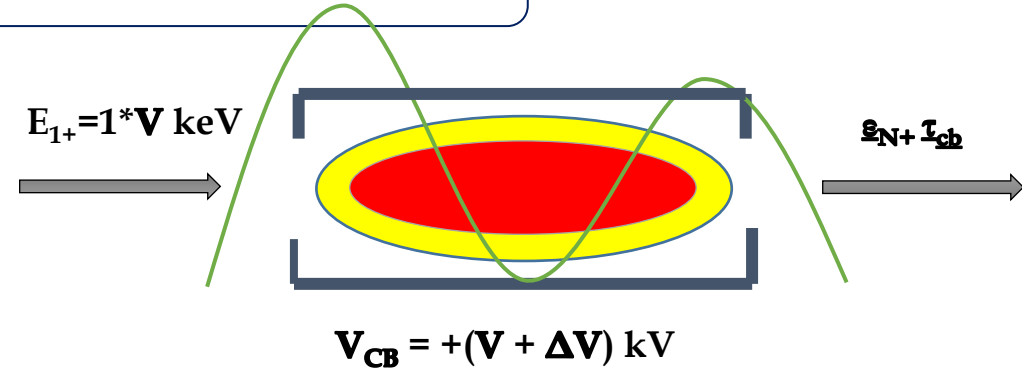
- **Solid contaminants**

- Heavy elements
- Interaction surface-plasma



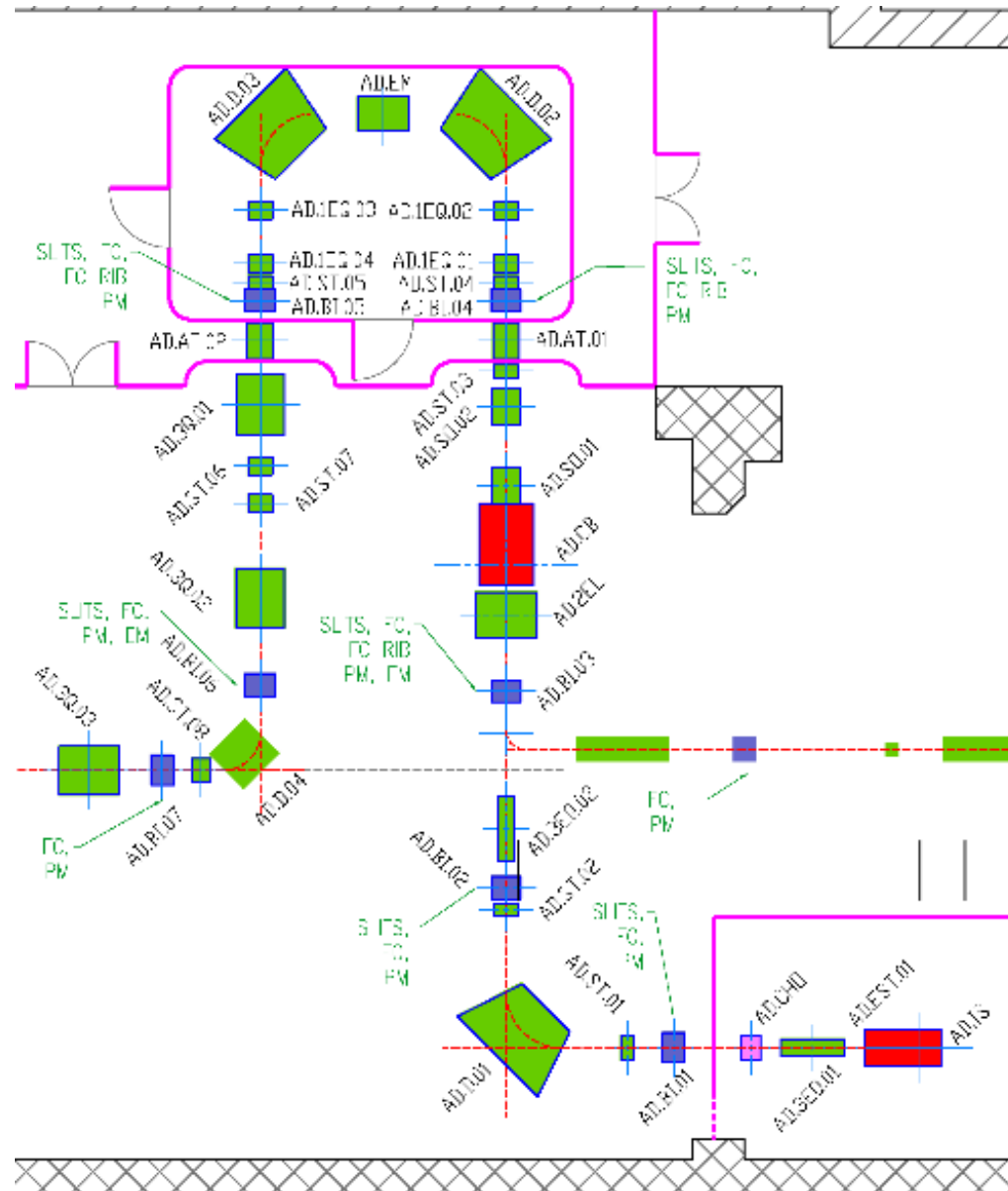
Plasma chamber
Plasma electrode

SURFACE TREATMENTS



AISI 316 L			AU4G		
Species	Mass [amu]	Abundance [%]	Species	Mass [amu]	Abundance [%]
Fe	54,56-58		Fe	54,56-58	0.7
Cr	50,52-54	17-20	Cr	50,52-54	0.1
Ni	58,60-62,64	10-12.5	Al	27	
Mo	92,94-98,100	2-2.5	Zn	64,66-68,70	0.25
Si	28-30	1	Si	28-30	0.2-0.8
Mn	55	2	Mn	55	0.4-1
P	31	≤0.045	Mg	24-26	0.4-1
S	32-34,36	≤0.03	Cu	63,65	3.5-4.5
Co	59	≤0.2			

The Medium Resolution Mass Separator



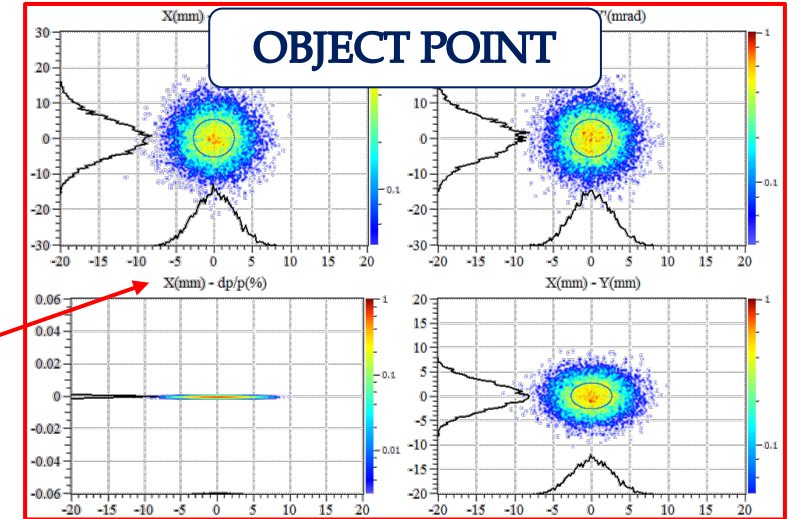
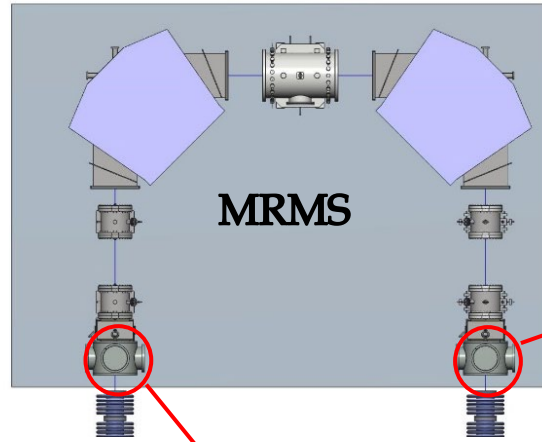
$$\Delta M/M = 1/1000$$

The beam purity issue

EXPECTED PERFORMANCE OF THE MRMS

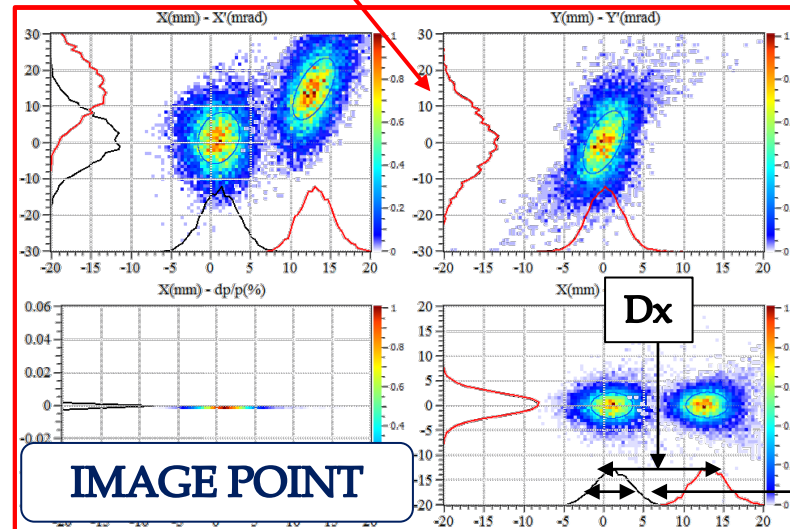
Nominal beam parameters

- $\epsilon_{\text{rms}} = 0.1 \pi \text{ mm mrad}$ (conservative)
- $\Delta m/m = 1/1000$
- $E = 23 \text{ keV/amu}$
- $\Delta E = 15 \text{ eV}$
- $M/q \sim 7$



Separation

- $\sigma_x(\text{rms}) = 2.611 \text{ mm}$
- $Dx = 12 \text{ mm} = 4.6 * \sigma_x(\text{rms})$ for $\Delta(m/q)/(m/q) = 0.1\%$



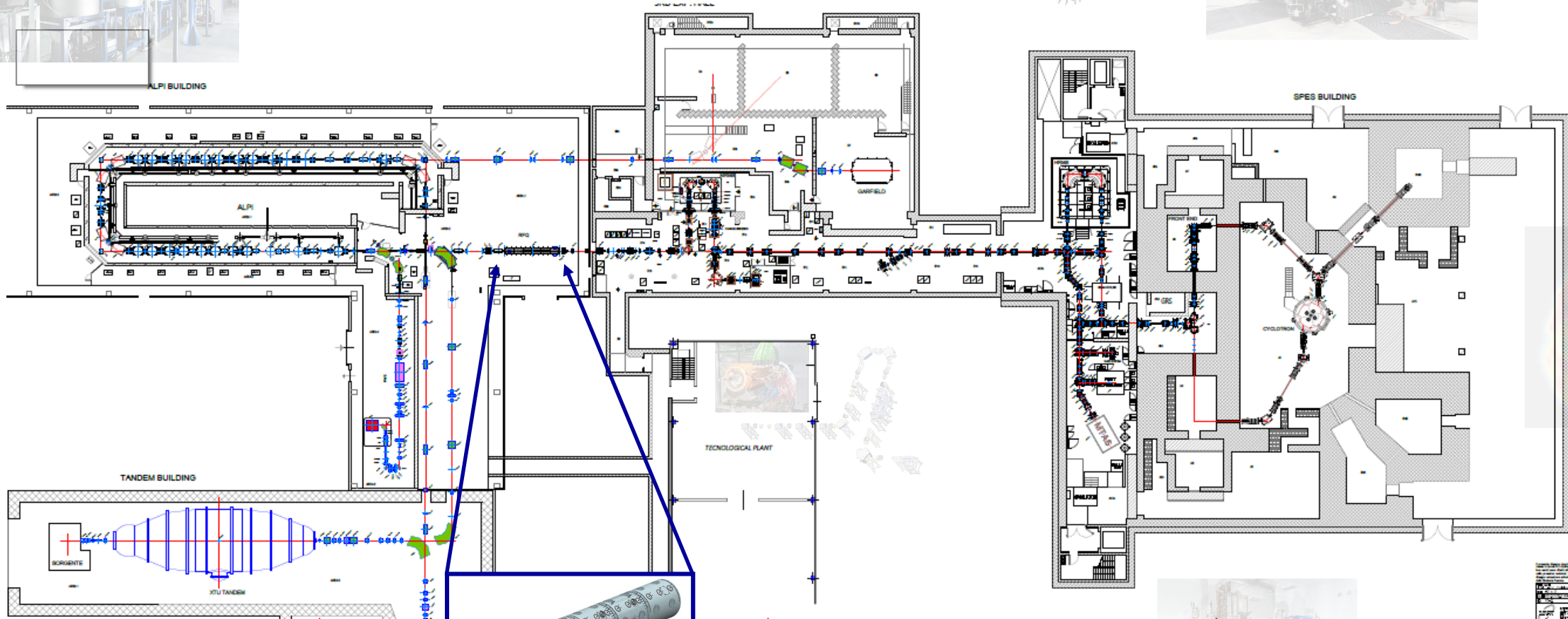
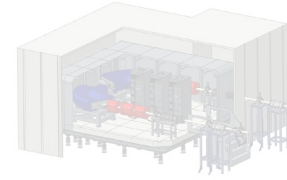
RIBs and contaminant: two identical beams slightly separated in mass.

$2\sigma_x(\text{rms})$

Radio Frequency Quadrupole



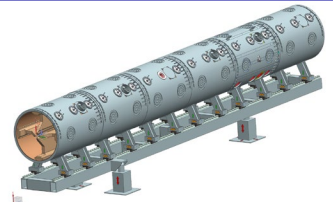
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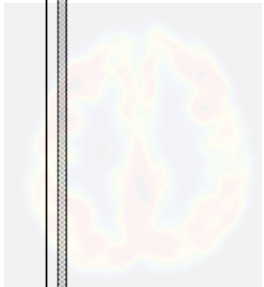
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Radio Frequency
Quadrupole

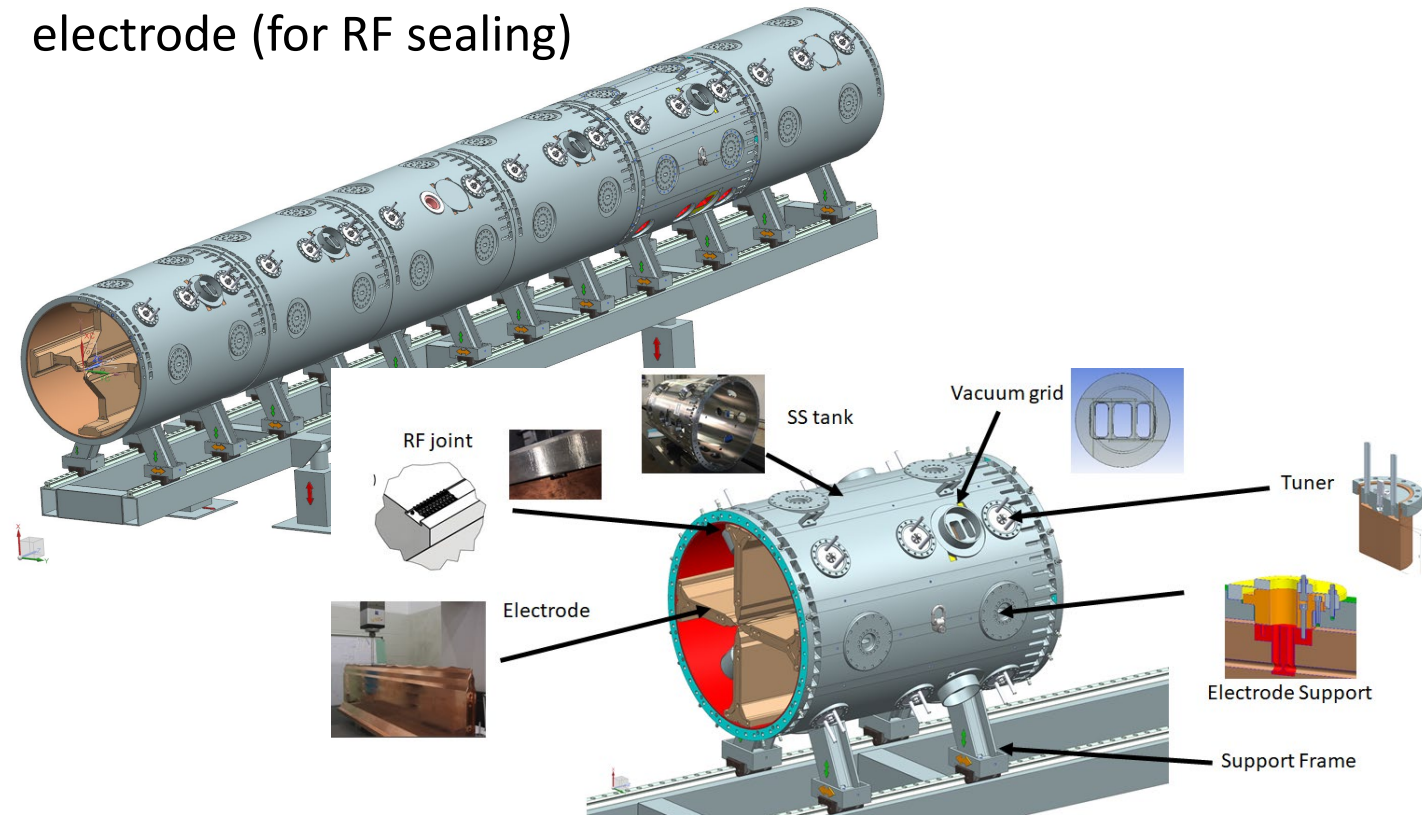


Legend
Scale
North

RFQ main parameters and features

Parameter [units]	Design value
Frequency [MHz]	80
In/out. Energy [keV/u]	5.7-727 ($\beta=0.0035-0.0359$)
V_{iv} [kV]	63.76-85.85
Beam current [μ A]	100
Vane Length [m]	6.95
R_0 [mm]	5.29-7.58
ρ/R_0	0.76
Synchronous phase (deg.)	$-90 \div -20$
Focusing Strength B	$4.7 \div 4$
Shunt impedance [$k\Omega \cdot m$]	419-438 (30% margin)
Stored Energy [J]	2.87
RF Power [kW]	115 (with 30 %margin for 3D details and RF joint, and 20% margin for LLRF regulation)
Q_0 value (SF)	16100 (30% margin)
Max power density [W/cm^2]	0.31 (2D), 13 (3D)
max $\delta V_{iv}/V_{iv}$ [%]	± 3
Transmission [%]	94
Output Long RMS Emit [$keV \text{ deg} / u$]	4.35

SPES RFQ accelerates beams in CW ($A/q=3\div 7$). It is composed of 6 modules, each ~ 1.2 m long, with a AISI LN 304 Cu-plated Tank and OFE-Cu Electrodes. Spring joint between tank and electrode (for RF sealing)



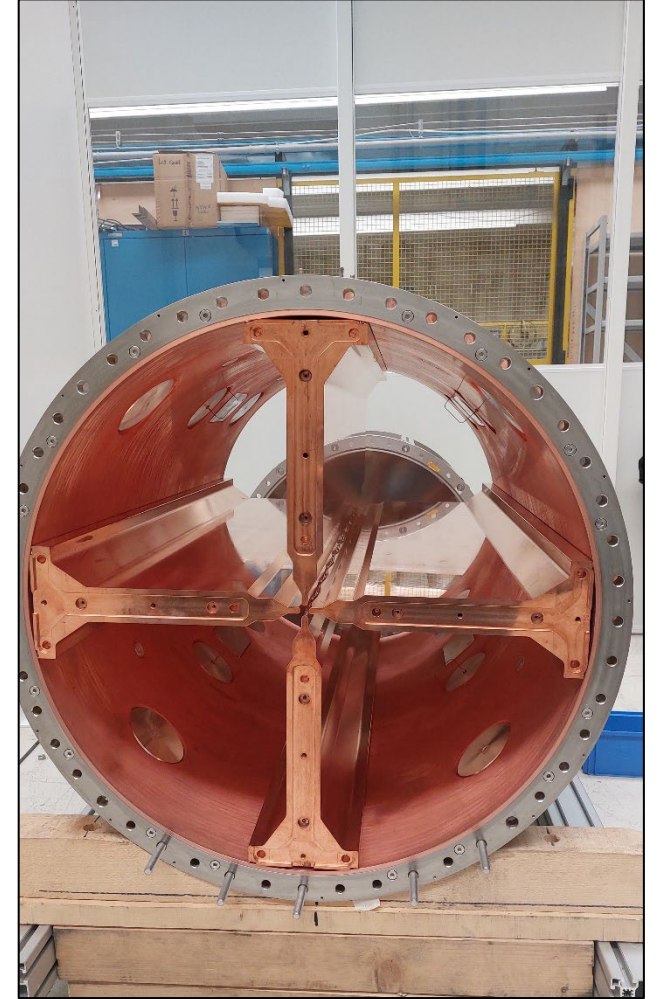
RFQ assembly



Initial positioning of the tank vs electrodes in vertical position

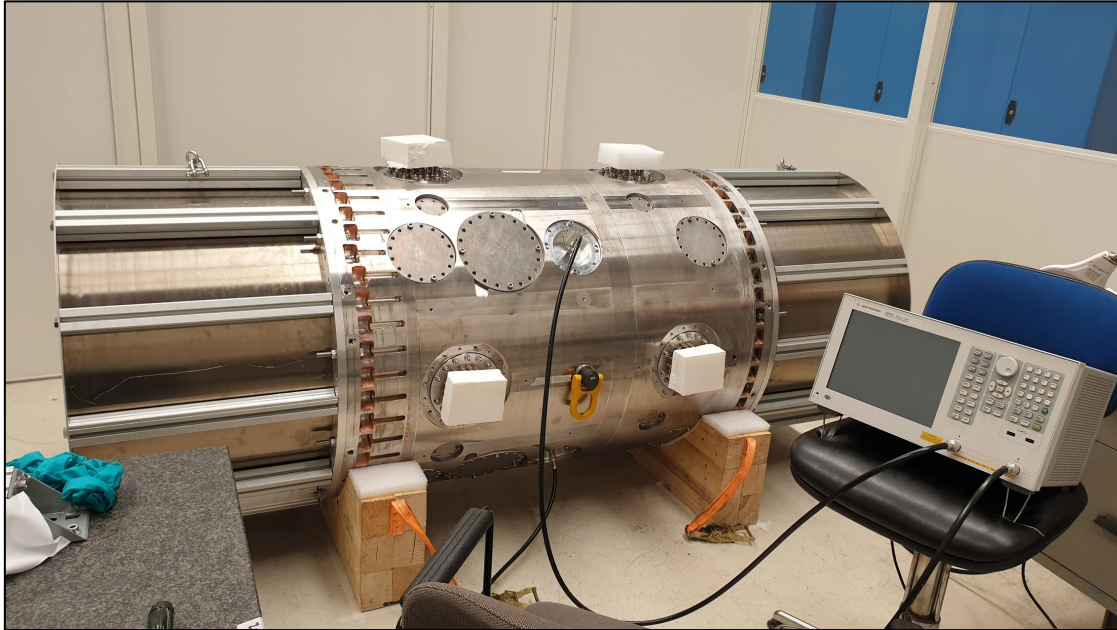


Completion of the positioning of the tank vs electrodes



Final assembly of the RFQ module

RFQ: RF measurements and installation on support



- RFQ setup for RF measurements: the final ΔR_0 measured with RF is 3 μm . Both mechanical and RF measurements are compliant with specs (10 kHz frequency difference wrt simulations).
- Prior to installation, the module underwent successful leak testing with He in order to assess the electrode sealing

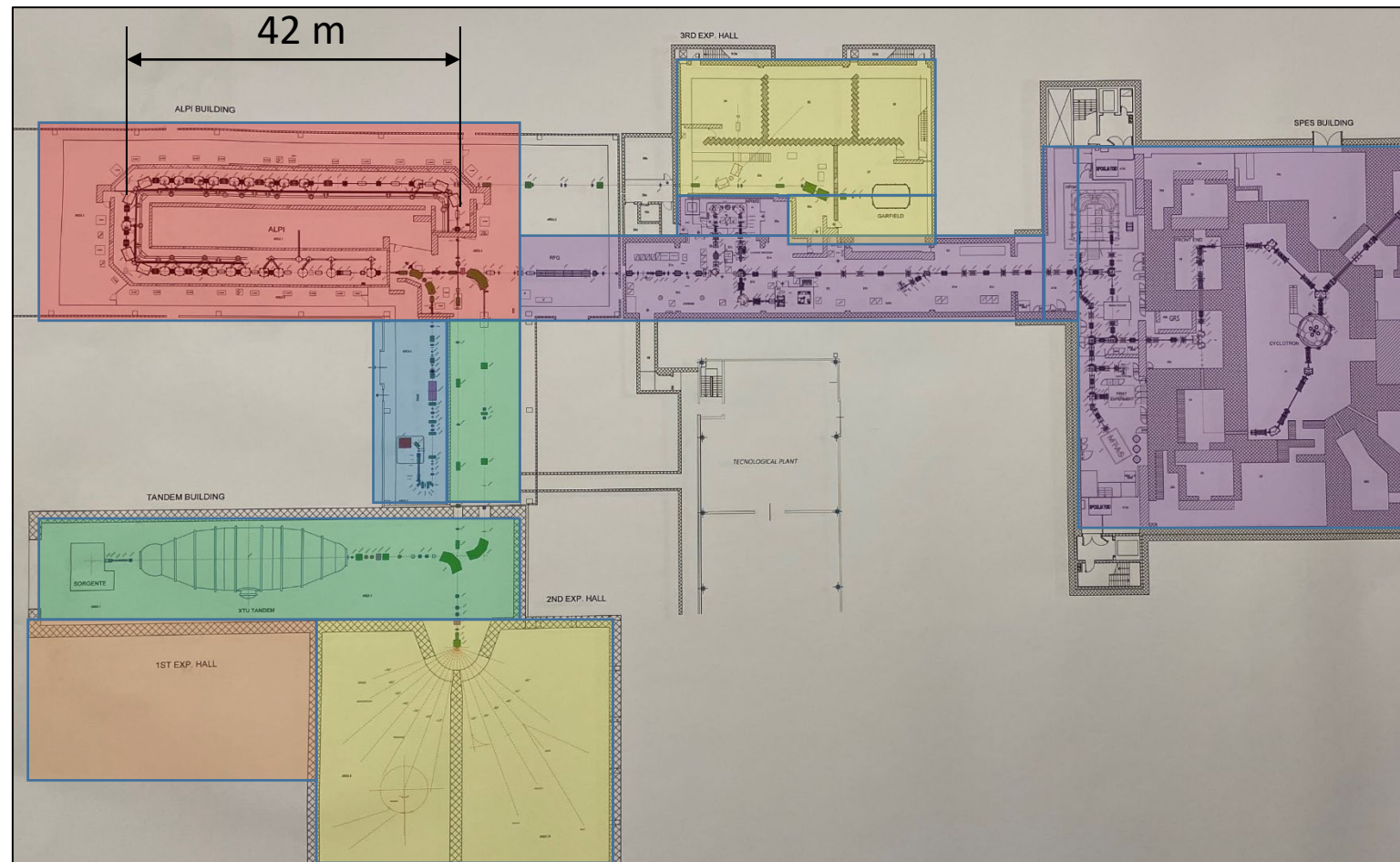


RFQ module installed on support in Area 2 (final location)

The other 5 modules are planned to be completed by the end of 2022

The RF tests are planned to be completed by the end of 2023

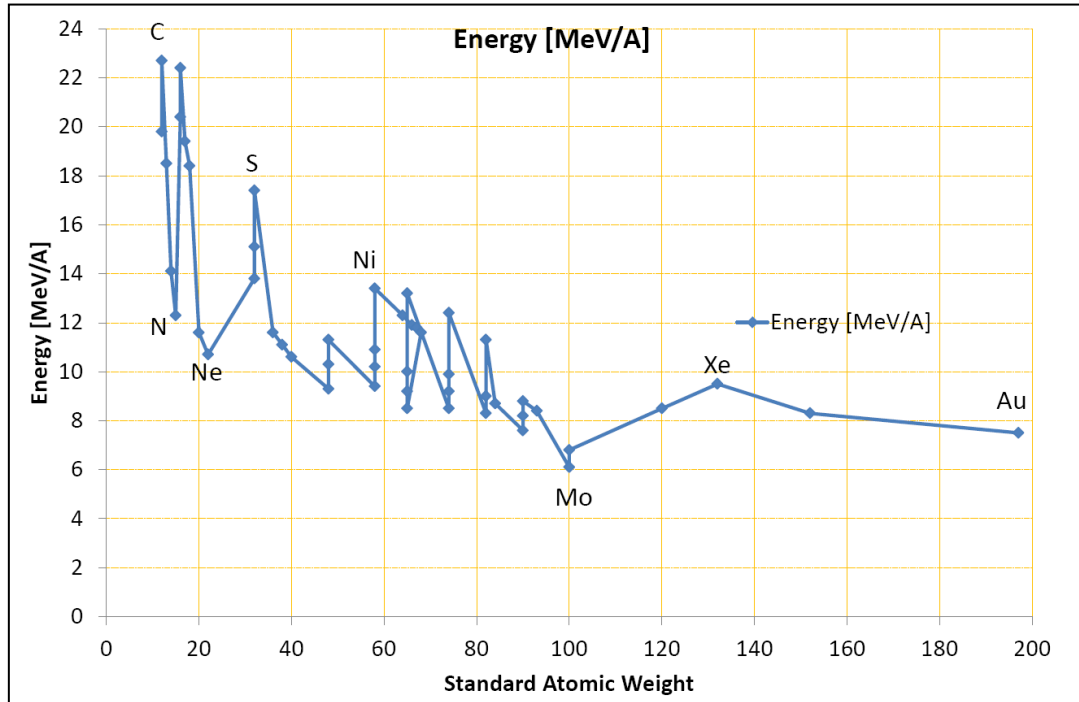
ALPI LINAC : periodic structure



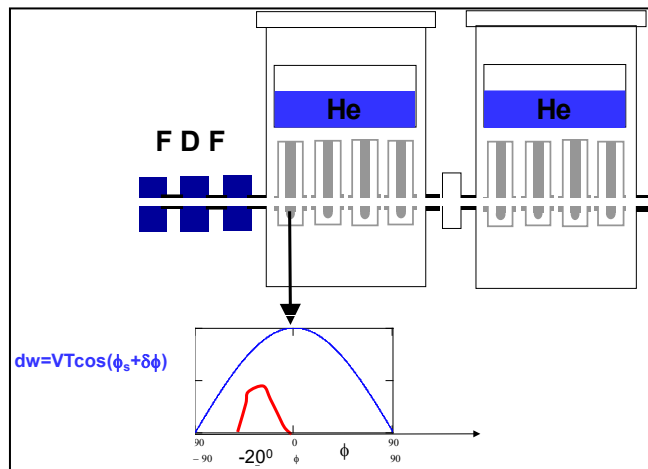
- **ALPI linac period** consists of **1 triplet + 2 cryostats**.
- This long period (composed by **8 cavities/16 gaps** with very high accelerating field) requires to set some cavities at $fs = +20^\circ$, to mitigate radial defocusing effects.
- The **SPES-ALPI complex** will be able to accelerate beams up to $A/q = 7$.



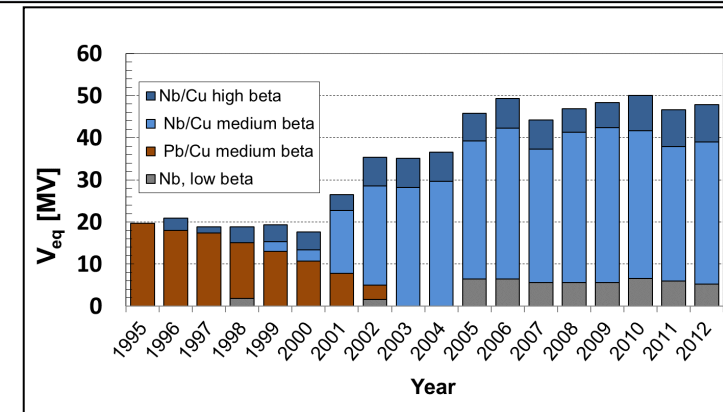
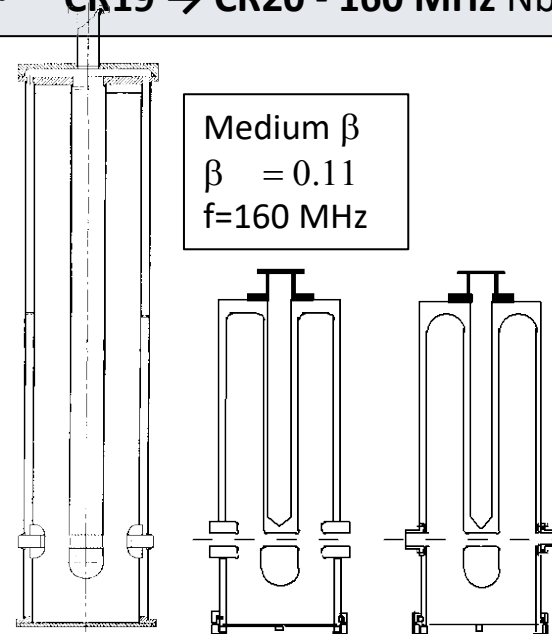
ALPI : current energy performance



- SPES RFQ injection energy: **727.3 KeV/A**
- SC Linac with **76 QWRs** (Nb, Nb/Cu) at 4.5K in **19 cryostats** $V_{eq} \sim 48$ MeV/q, beams from ^{12}C to $^{238}\text{U}^*$
- **CR01 → CR06** - 80 MHz Nb bulk QWRs **5 MV/m** accelerating gradient
- **CR07 → CR10** - 160 MHz Nb/Cu QWRs **4.3 MV/m** accelerating gradient
- **CR12 → CR18** - 160 MHz Nb/Cu QWRs **4.3 MV/m** accelerating gradient
- **CR19 → CR20** - 160 MHz Nb/Cu QWRs **6.5 MV/m** accelerating gradient



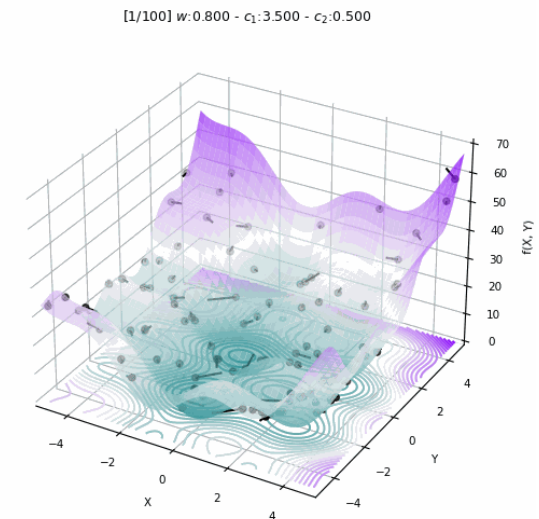
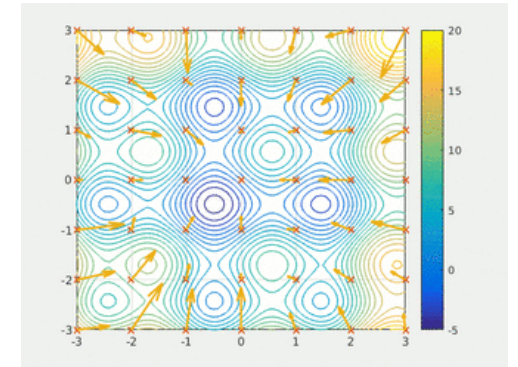
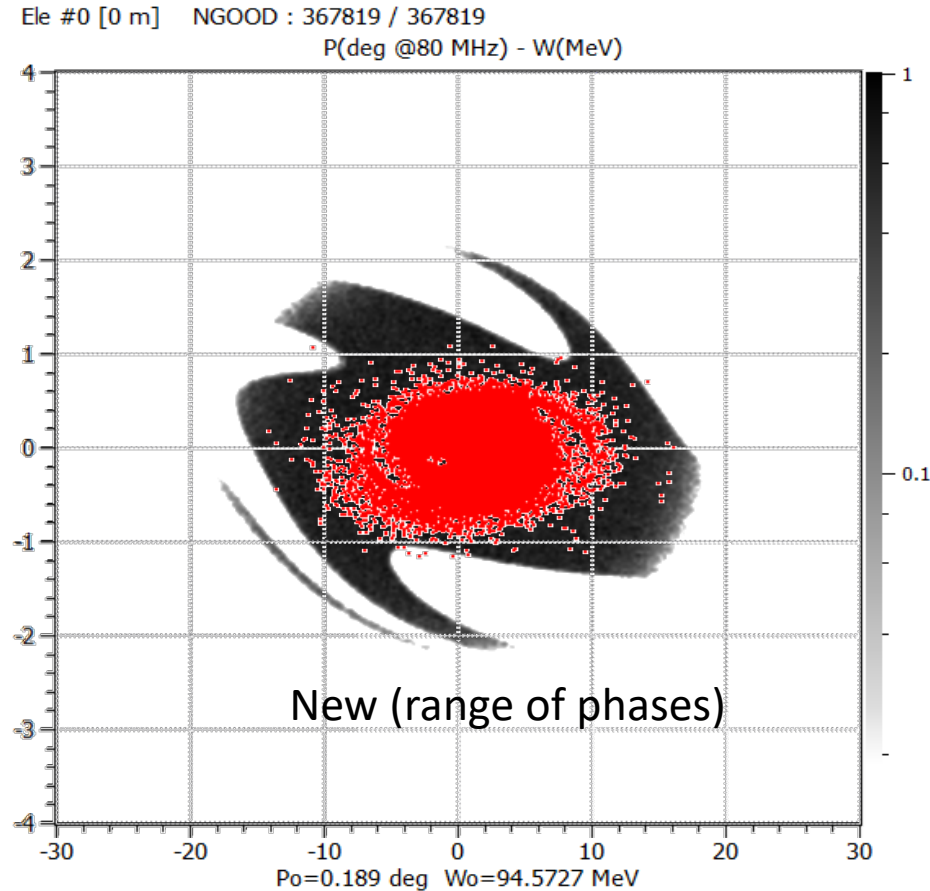
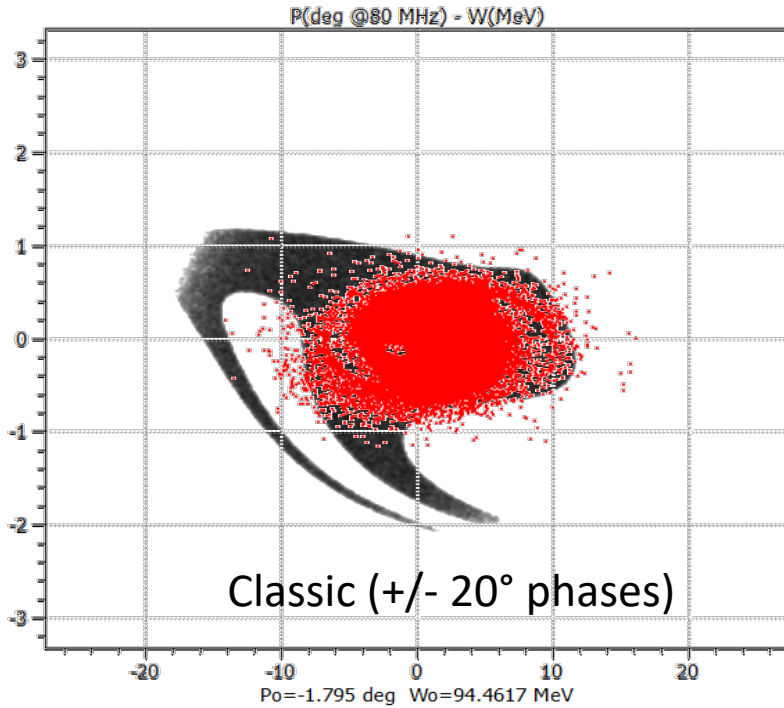
Low β
 $\beta = 0.047$
 $\beta = 0.056$
 $f = 80$ MHz



*acquiring authorization

ALPI : accomodation of SPES beam inside longitudinal acceptance

PlotWin - CEA/DRF/trfu/DACM



The new solution increases the longitudinal capture in the whole linac and the longitudinal acceptance **is increased by a factor 2**

ALPI : status on beam dynamics improvements

- At the state of the art the new set improved:
 - **Large increase of longitudinal acceptance (200%)** with a small improvement of transverse acceptance (about 11%) w.r. classic solution
 - **Half the losses**
- Drawbacks:
 - 4.4% energy loss **at the end** of the acceleration chain
 - Higher longitudinal emittance -> **13% increase** in longitudinal emittance
- Next steps:
 - Error study -> Test of the overall robustness of the new configuration
 - Commissioning test with PIAVE
 - Introduce the new configuration as routine operation

ALPI cavities and cryostats improvement: CR07

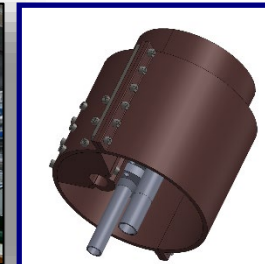
- During 2021 CR07 used as prototype for future developments to be implemented on other cryostats. Main improvements on:

- **Alignment**
- **Piping and safety**
- **Thermal shielding**
- **Closure plates and tuners connections**
- **Thermal joints**
- **New thermal sensors**

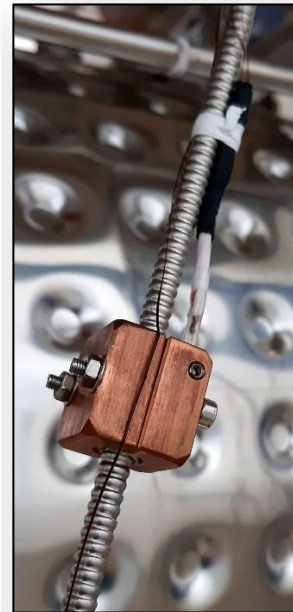
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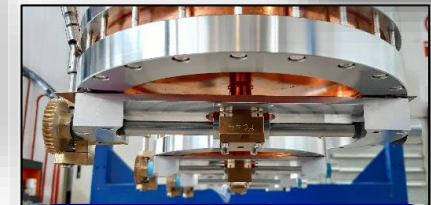
New thermal sensors



New cooling system



New thermal joints



Closure plates and tuner connections

ALPI cavities and cryostats improvement: CR01

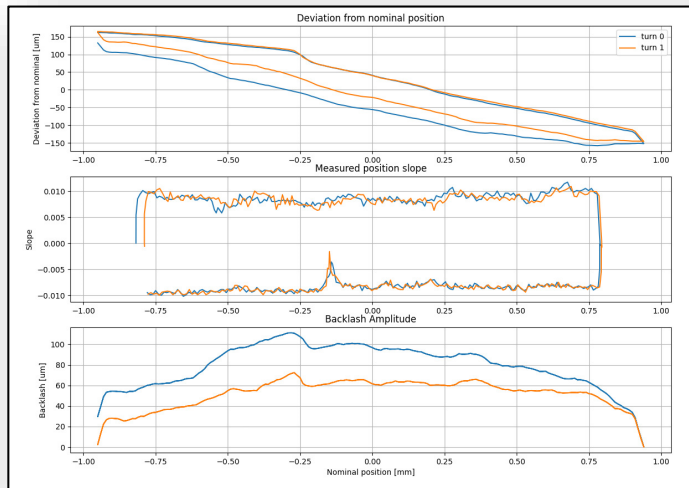
- During 2021 CR01 used as prototype for future developments to be implemented on other low beta cryostats. Main improvements on:

- Tuner revision
- Plate characterization
- New reference for alignment
- New shielding
- LN2 circuit replacement
- Safety

Mechanical test in LN₂



Tuner RF characterization



Tuner mechanical revision



New reference for alignment



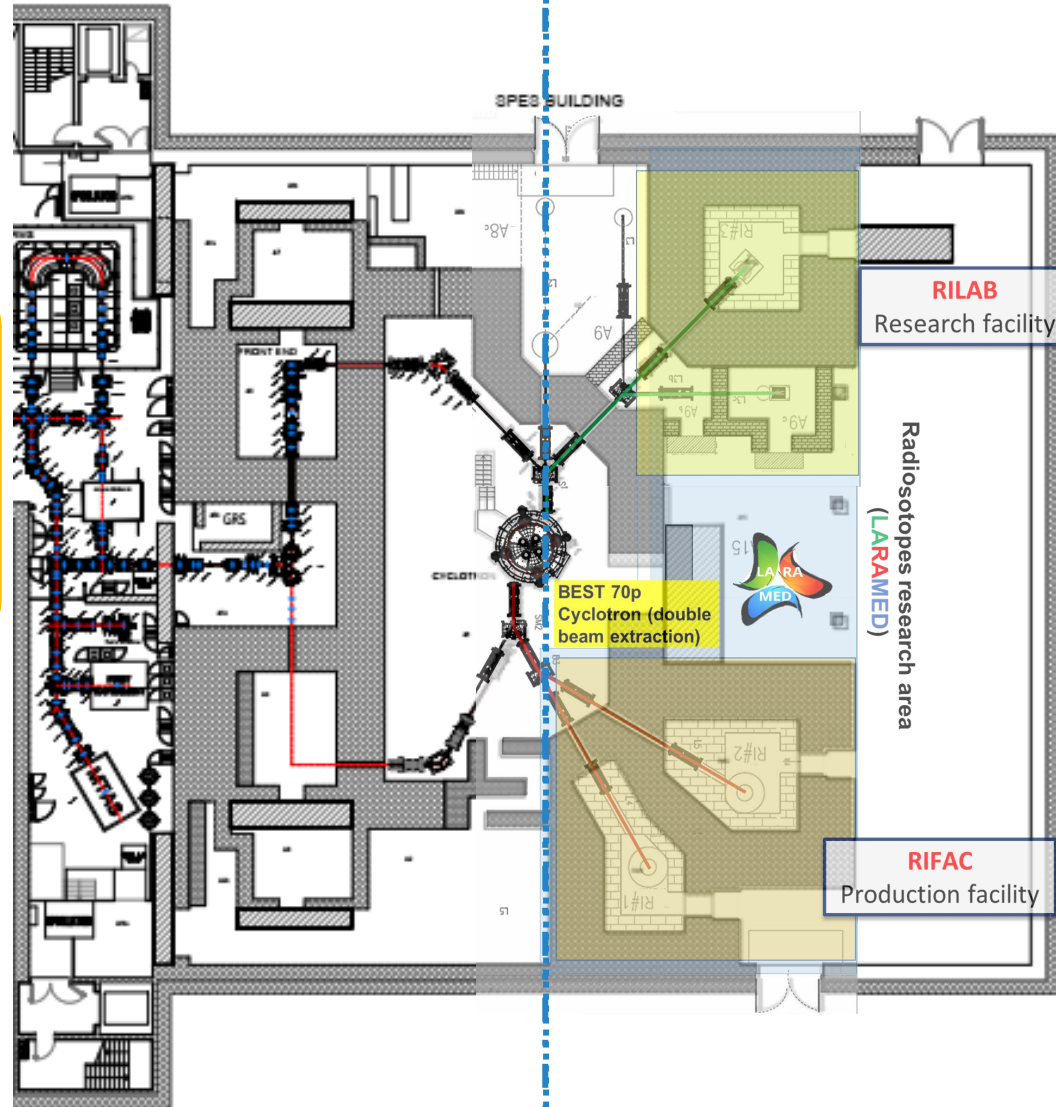
Cavity move check during vacuum pumping and cooldown



Study and production of novel medical radionuclides

ISOL technology

ISOLPHARM
SPES exotic beams for medicine

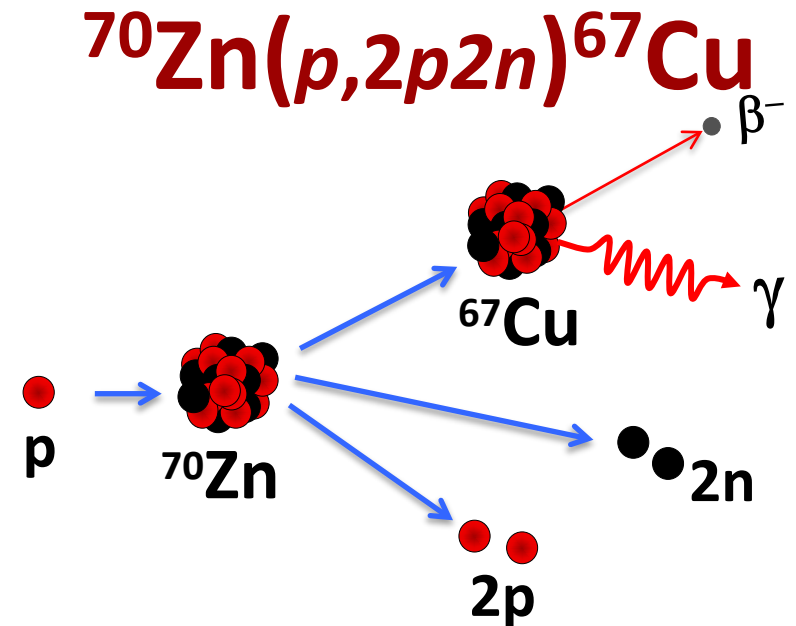
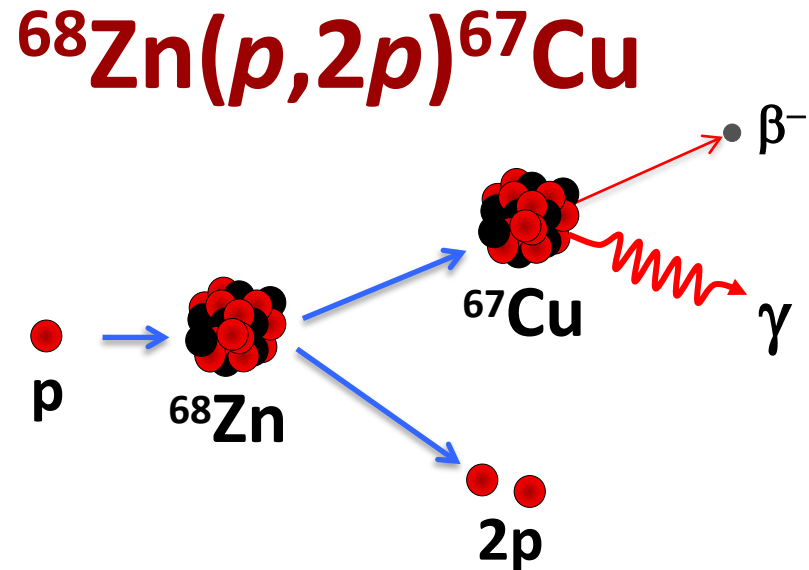
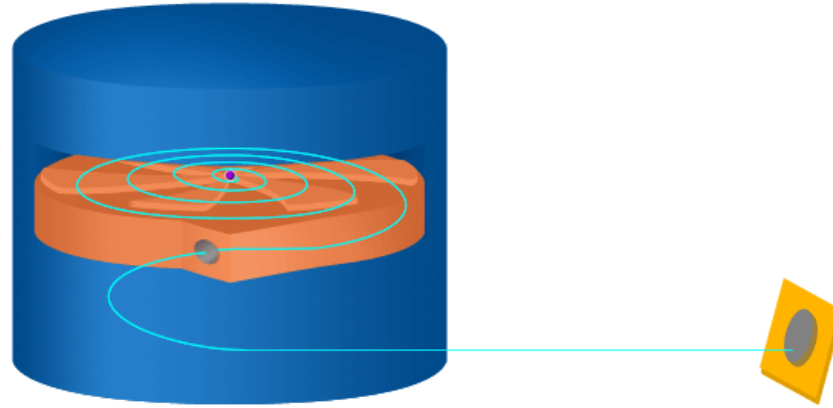


DIRECT technology



LAboratory of
Ra-dionuclides for
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Production of medical radionuclides with proton beams

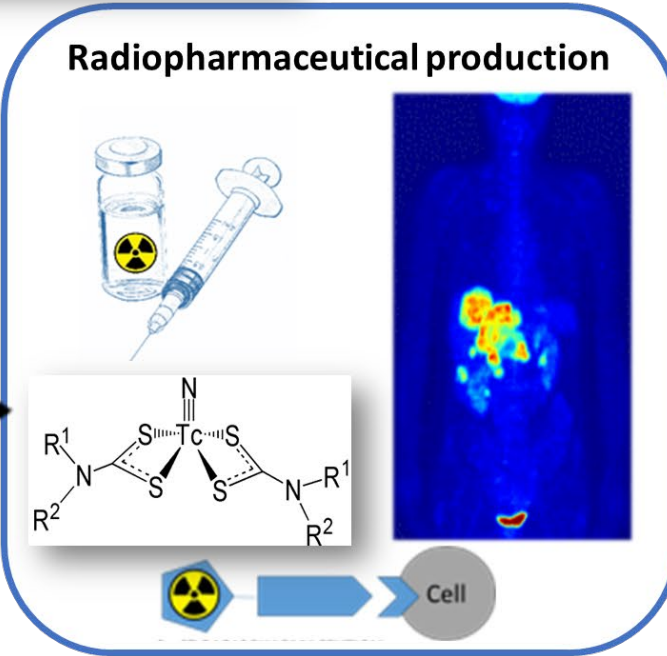
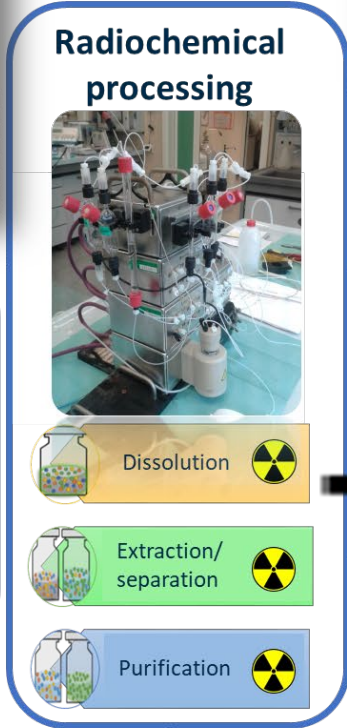
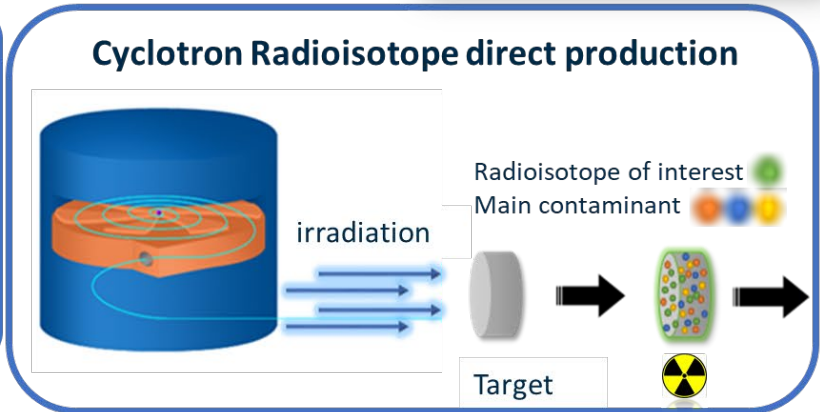
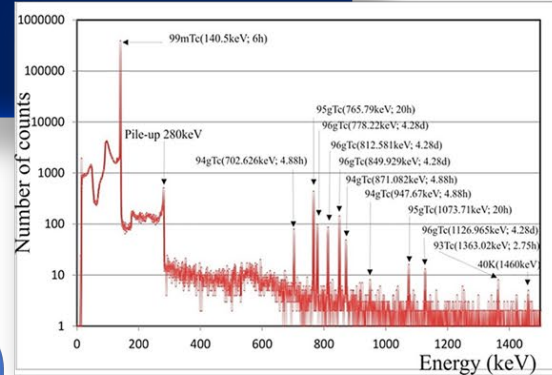
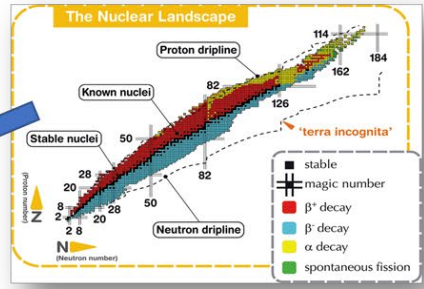
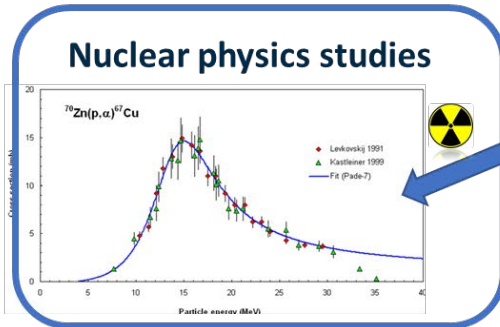


LARAMED: the radionuclides direct production

Capable of producing several radionuclides (different isotopes and chemical species) in

- large radioactive amounts
- good quality (i.e. high Radionuclidic purity & Specific activities)

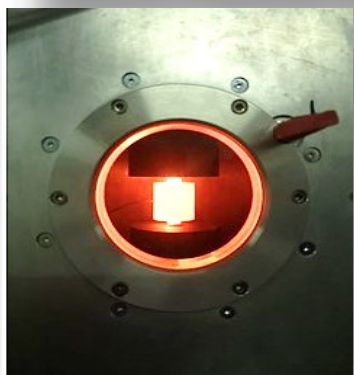
LARAMED



Target material recovery

LARAMED: solid target manufacturing techniques under development at LNL

Spark Plasma Sintering (SPS)

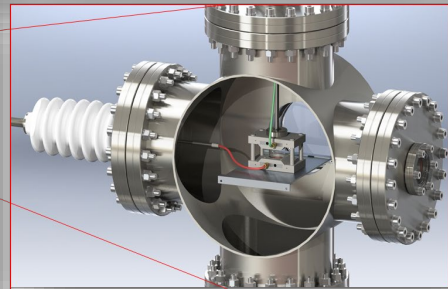
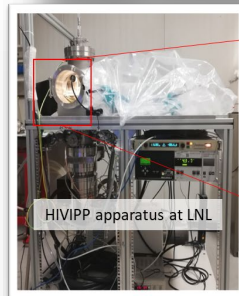


$^{100}\text{Mo} \rightarrow ^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$		$\text{Cr-nat} \rightarrow ^{52}\text{Mn}$		$\text{Y} \rightarrow ^{89}\text{Zr}$	$\text{ZnO} \rightarrow ^{64,67}\text{Cu}$
^{100}Mo pellet	natMo pellet	natCr pellet	natCr pellet	natY foil	ZnO pellet
Cu backing Au protective layer	Graphite backing	Cu backing Au protective layer	Nb backing	Nb backing	

SPS advantages:

- ✓ Sintering of high melting point materials
- ✓ Starting materials: powder or foil
- ✓ More clean approach: no brazing technique
- ✓ 99% efficiency: no loss of isotope-enriched material during manufacturing
- ✓ 200 μm - mm thickness pellet

High Energy Vibrational Powder Plating (HIVIPP)

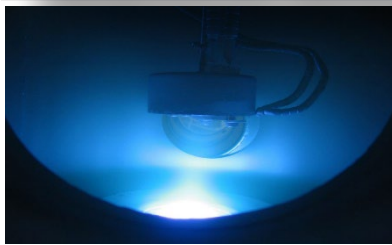


^{48}Ti (left) and ^{49}Ti (right) deposited (0.2–2 mg/cm^2) on Al foil (25 μm)
 natMo on Cu foil (250 μm)

HIVIPP advantages:

- ✓ Thickness suitable for xs measurement.: 0.1-20 μm
- ✓ Starting material powder
- ✓ Efficiency 95-98%: no losses of material
- ✓ Two targets are deposited simultaneously
- ✓ Low amount of starting material is needed

Magnetron Sputtering (MS)

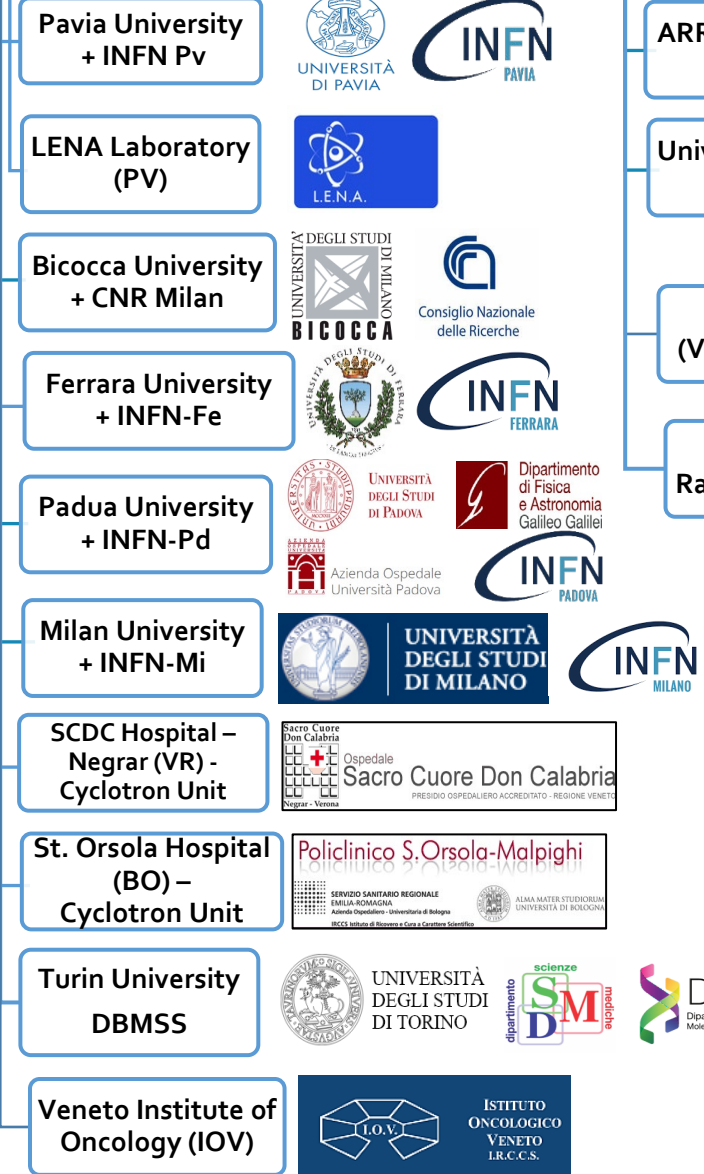


MS advantages:

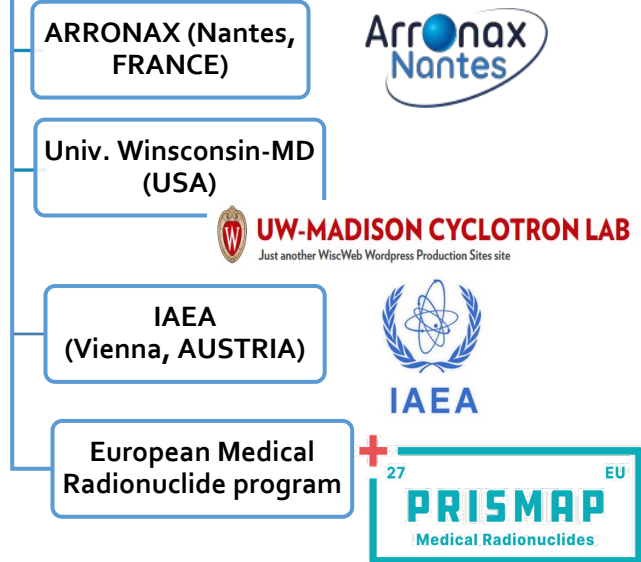
- ✓ Deposition on any support material
- ✓ Excellent adhesion on substrate
- ✓ High thickness range (0.1 μm -1 mm)
- ✓ High deposition uniformity
- ✓ High bulk density (>98%)

The LARAMED research network

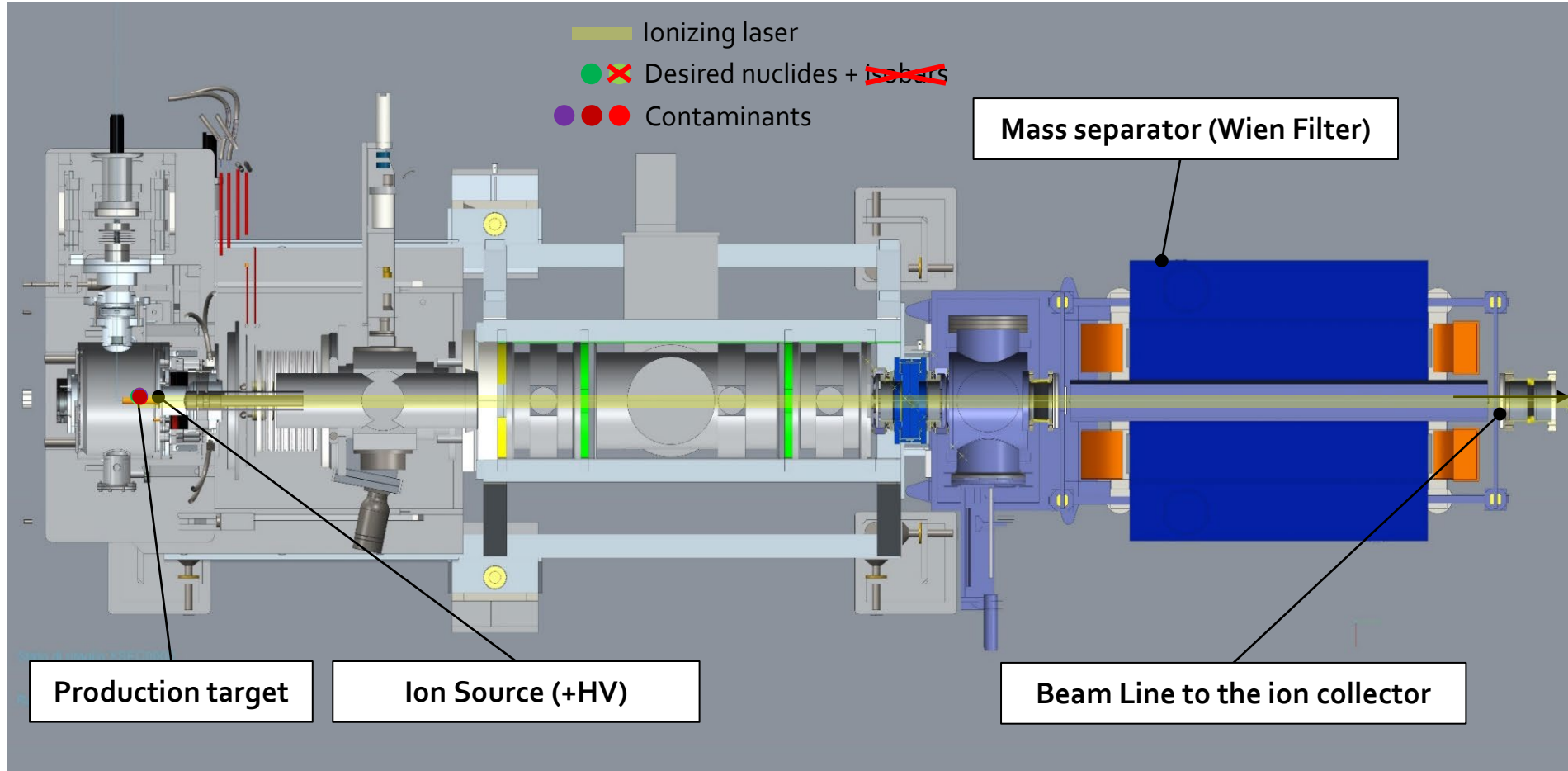
National collaboration



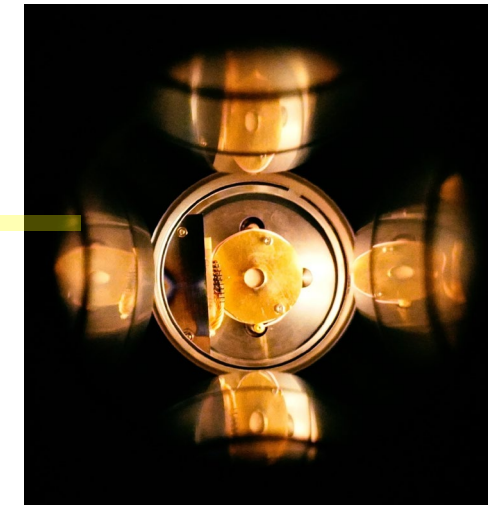
International collaboration



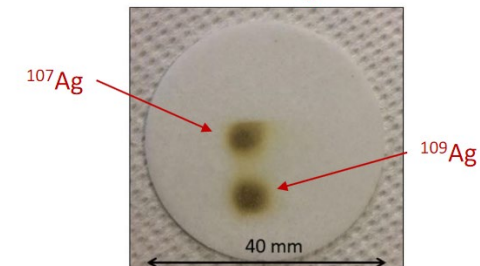
ISOLPHARM: production, mass separation and ion collection



The ion collection target



Collection on NaNO_3 substrate



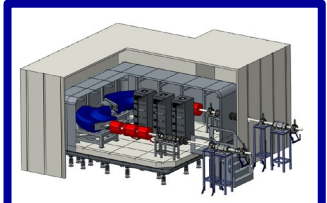
+ Laser = Only desired nuclides!!

No Chemical purification is needed! -> Carrier free radionuclides

Status of SPES



ALPI ALPI BUILDING

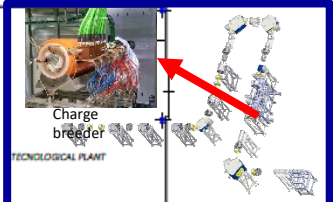
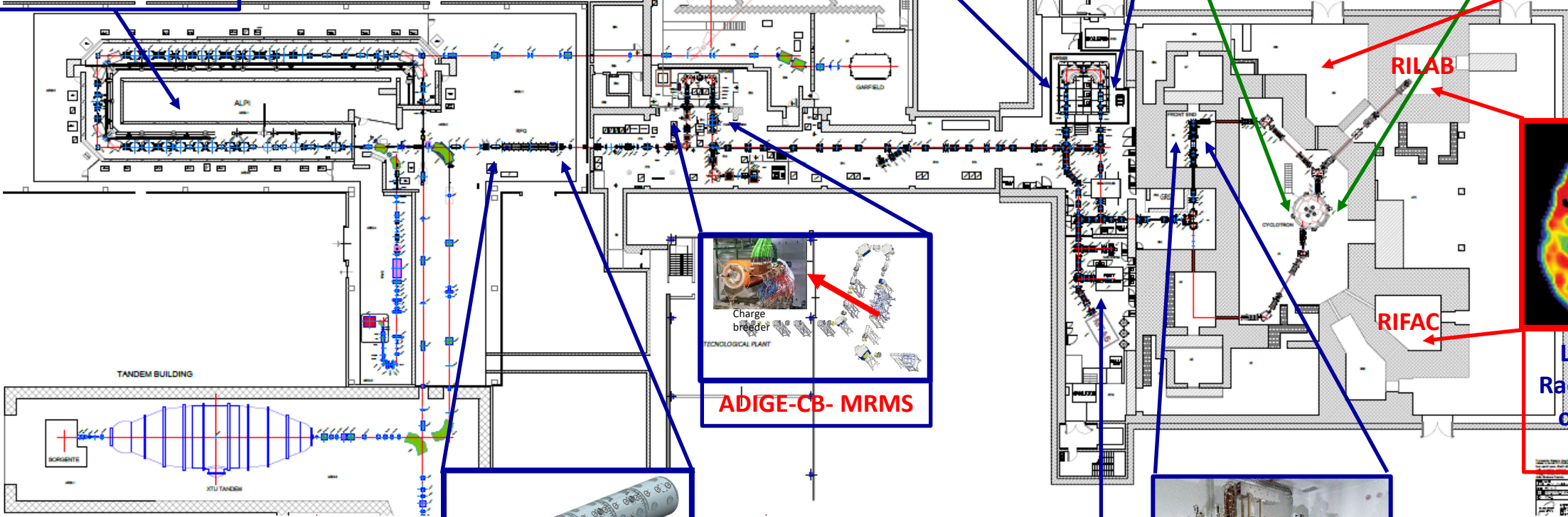


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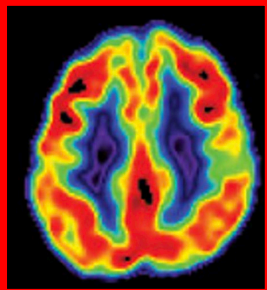


Cyclotron

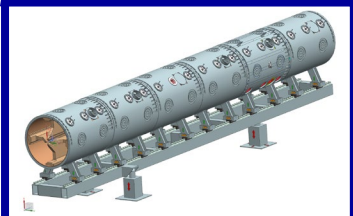
Hall for neutron generation



ADIGE-CB- MRMS



LARAMED Radionuclides of medical interest



Radio Frequency Quadrupole

Experimental hall Low Energy R.I.B.



Target Ion Source Complex

Selective Production of Exotic Species

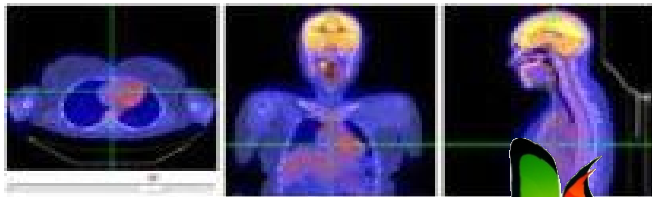
SPES- α

Cyclotron installation and commissioning (and related infrastructure)



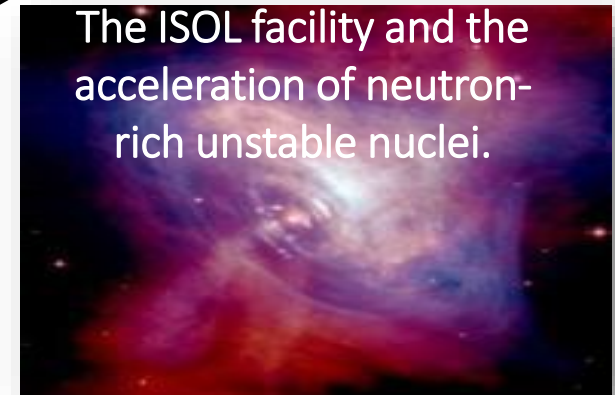
SPES- γ

Study and production of novel radionuclides of medical interest



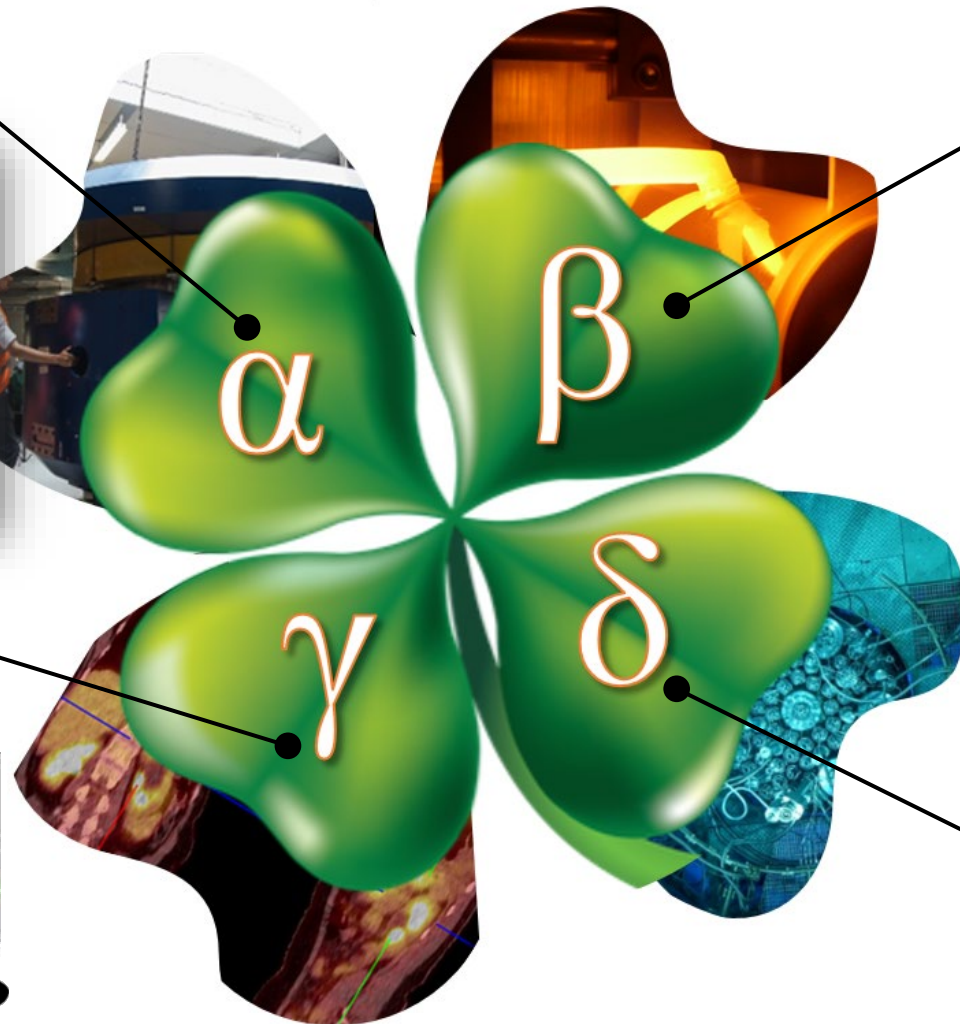
SPES- β

The ISOL facility and the acceleration of neutron-rich unstable nuclei.



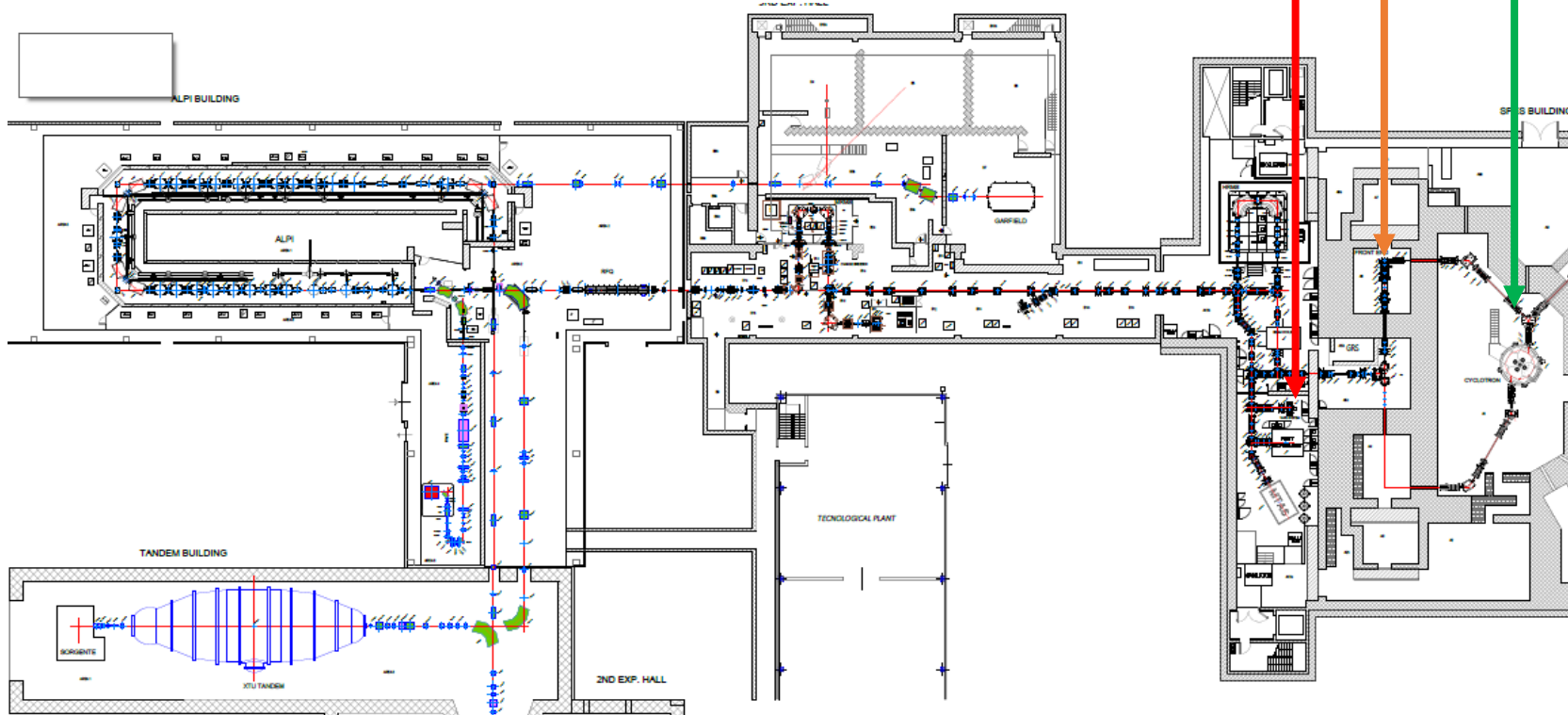
SPES- δ

Neutron sources for material study, nuclear technologies and medicine



Short term objectives

- Cyclotron high intensity operation
- Cyclotron beam delivery on Target Ion Source complex and production of radioactive beams
- Experimental activity with L.E. radioactive beams



Authorization to operate

D.I. (Permission Decrees) issued by ISIN, National Inspectorate for Nuclear Safety and Radioprotection

Phase alfa – Permission Decree D.I. 11/09/2012

- ❖ Production of 70 MeV, 750 μ A proton beams with the Cyclotron
- ❖ Production of radioactive beams with conventional targets (SiC, C, LaC₂, ...) and re-acceleration with ALPI, production of radioactive beams with UCx targets and 40 MeV, 5 μ A proton beam for commissioning

Phase beta – Permission Decree D.I. 05/06/2019

Production of radioactive beams with UCx targets and 40 MeV, 200 μ A proton beam and re-acceleration with ALPI

Phase gamma – Permission Decree D.I. 05/06/2019

Production of innovative radioisotopes, both for medical purposes and for applied research

Fire Prevention Certificate is needed too, to be released by the Fire Brigade

January 2021: fire prevention design for phase alfa presented to the Fire Brigade



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**Comando dei Vigili del Fuoco di
PADOVA**

Padova 22/01/2021

OGGETTO: VALUTAZIONE DI CONFORMITA' **POSITIVA CONDIZIONATA** DEL PROGETTO AI SENSI DELL'ART. 3 D.P.R. N. 151/2011.
Pratica VV.F. n. 4124 relativa all'attività n. 58.2.C - del D.P.R. n 151/2011.
Ditta I.N.F.N. LEGNARO – VIA DELL' UNIVERSITÀ 2 LEGNARO.-

January 22, 2021: a document of positive evaluation of compliance issued, conditioned to the realization of what has been declared

Before starting the facility operation, a communication **(S.C.I.A.)** has to be presented to the Fire Brigade in order to get the **C.P.I. (Fire Prevention Certificate)**

Fire prevention infrastructures: **ongoing** activities

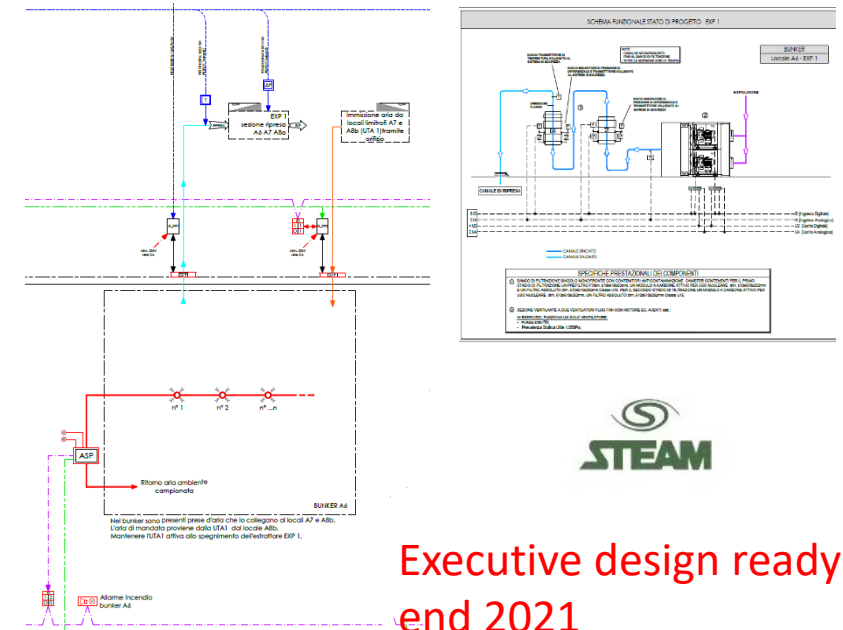
Fire prevention design phase alfa: Risk assessment and protection actions

1. General safety objectives (normal operation and emergency)
2. Nuclear safety objectives
3. Confinement objectives (static and dynamic): Reaction to fire of materials, Fire resistance of structures, Fire compartmentalization, Evacuation, Fire control, Fire detection & Alarms

Fire compartmentalization and fire sealing implementation

**Infrastructural
Actions for fire
prevention**

Upgrade of the ventilation system according to ISO 17873 - Criteria for the design and operation of ventilation systems for nuclear installations different from nuclear reactors



**Tender: May-Jul 2022
Works: Sep-Nov 2022**

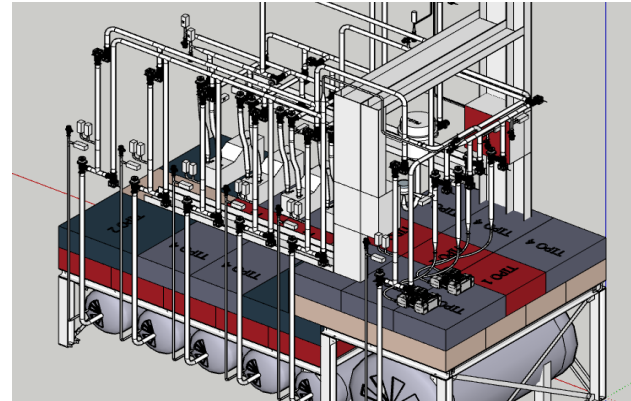
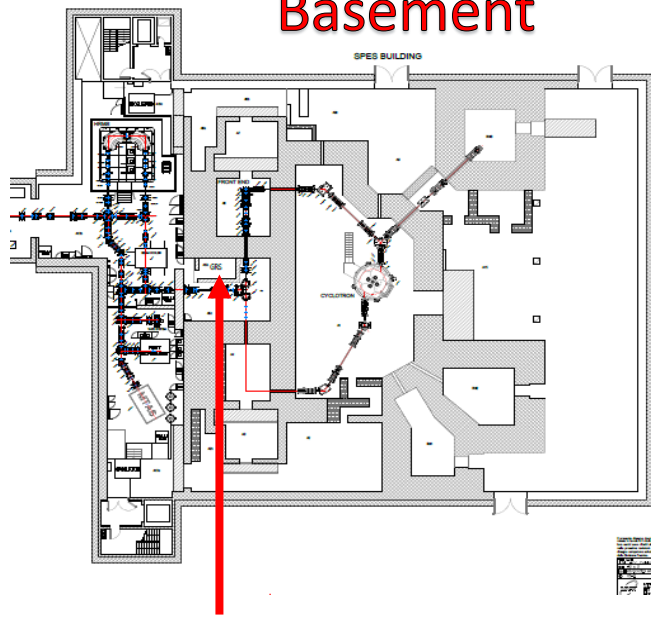
Executive design ready April 2022

**Executive design ready
end 2021**



Safety activities: Gas Recovery System completed

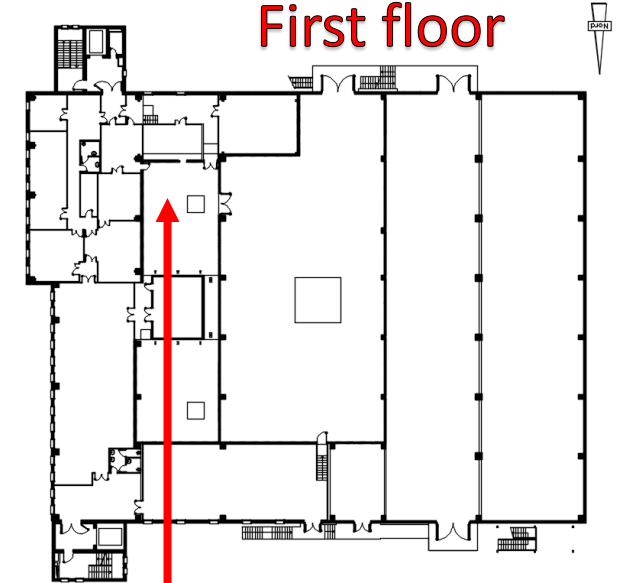
Basement



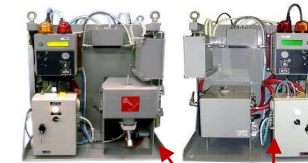
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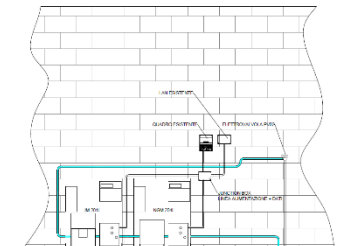
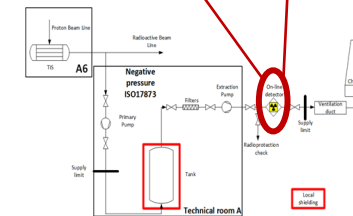
First floor



Jan 2022



TNE TECHNOLOGY NUCLEAR ELECTRONICS SPA
Detector for **iodine** (NaI Scintillator) and detector for **noble gases** (Dual PIPS type)



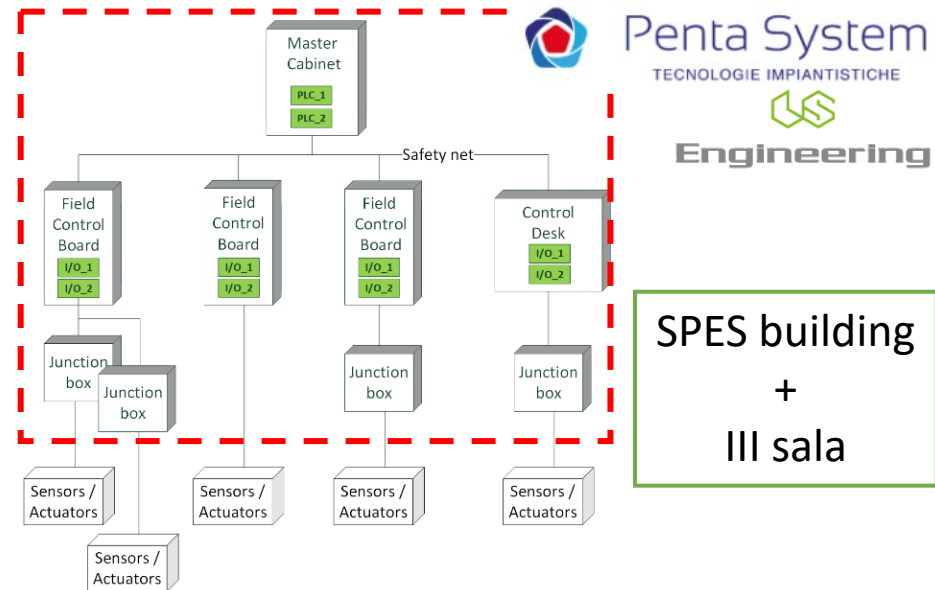
Safety activities: Final tests of the safety system

The SPES safety system was designed by the LNL safety group in collaboration with PILZ according to the safety guidelines and rules for nuclear installations

Safety network installed

PLCs, safety I/O modules, local nodes, racks and junction boxes

Mar 2021 – Jan 2022



Final tests will be accomplished after the installation of all the safety instrumentation including access control hardware

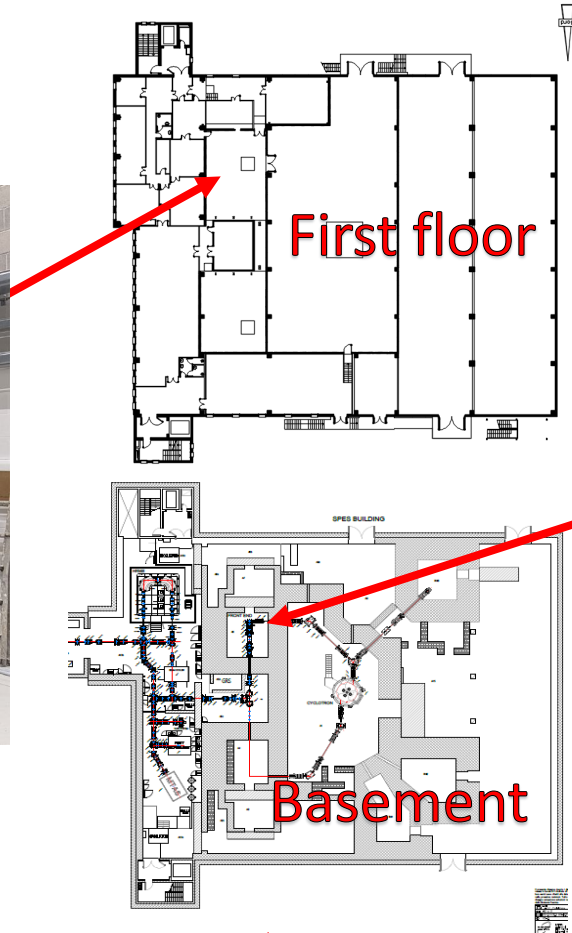
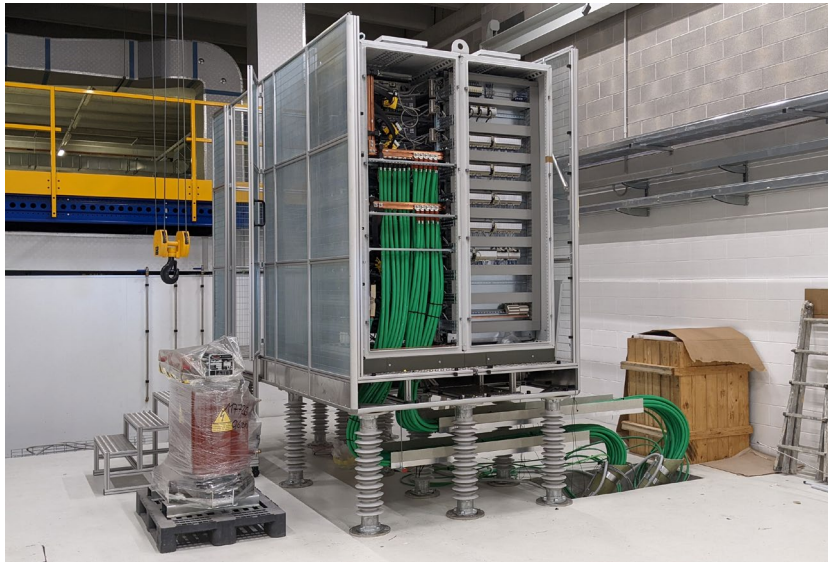
Expected date: Nov 2022

ISOL installation: TIS complex installed in the ISOL bunker



ISOL installation **ongoing** activities: TIS HV platform

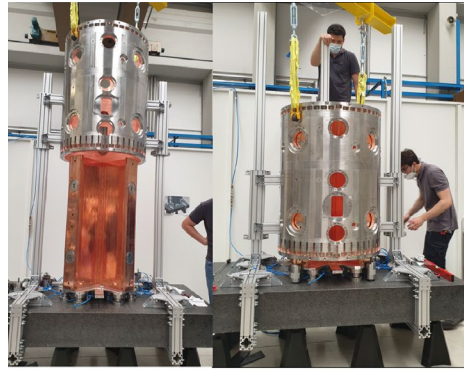
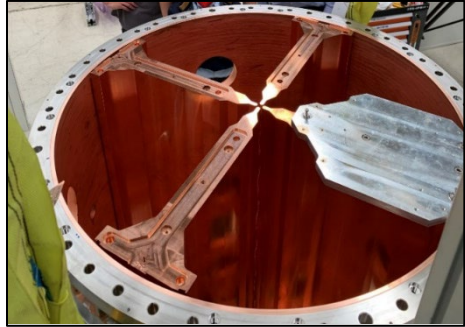
Feb-Jun 2022



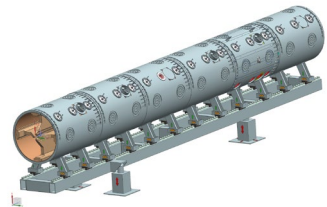
Installation of electrical, hydraulic, pneumatic plants: **Jun-Nov 2022**

Tests of the Target Ion Source complex with stable beams: **Dec 2022**

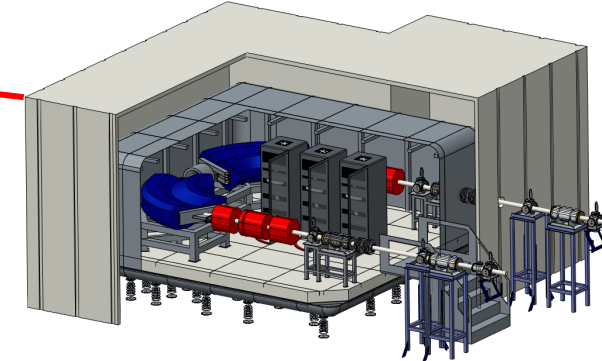
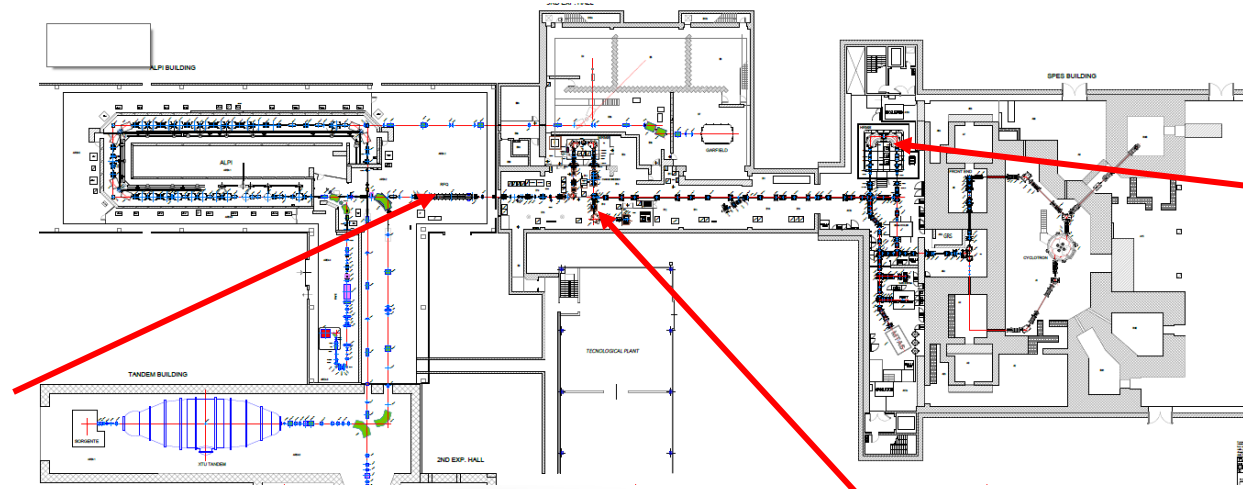
Re-acceleration activities: RFQ, ADIGE, HRMS



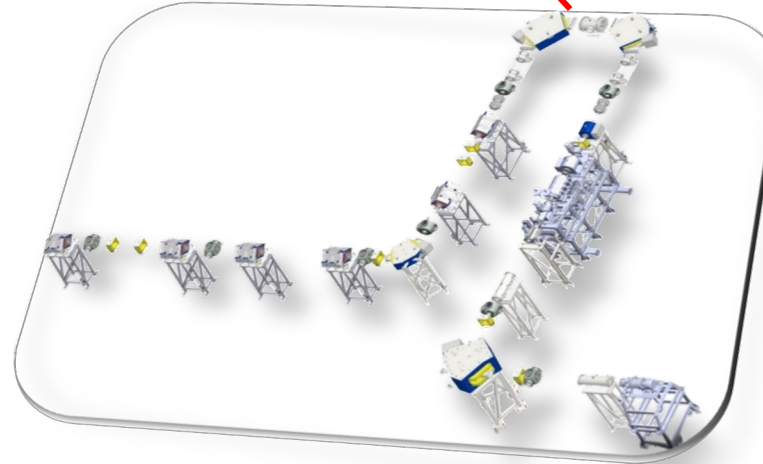
Electrodes and tank assembly



- First module assembled in 2021
- 5 modules to be assembled in 2022
- RF tests and tuning mid 2023
- **Expected to be operative end 2023**

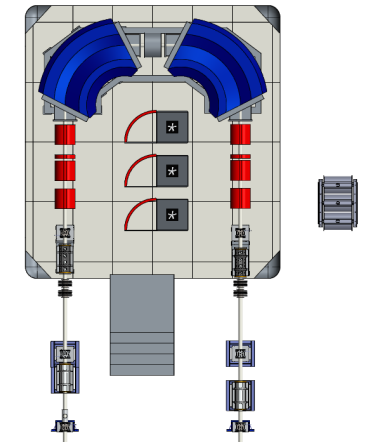


- Tender started: Dec 2021
- Tender completed: Jan 2023
- Delivery: mid of 2024
- **Installation: mid 2025**



- Source characterization operations
- Beam pipe installations
- Beam line operations
- Charge breeder tests

Expected to be operative 2024



Time expectation short term objectives

Authorization to operate SPES phase alfa: **end 2022**

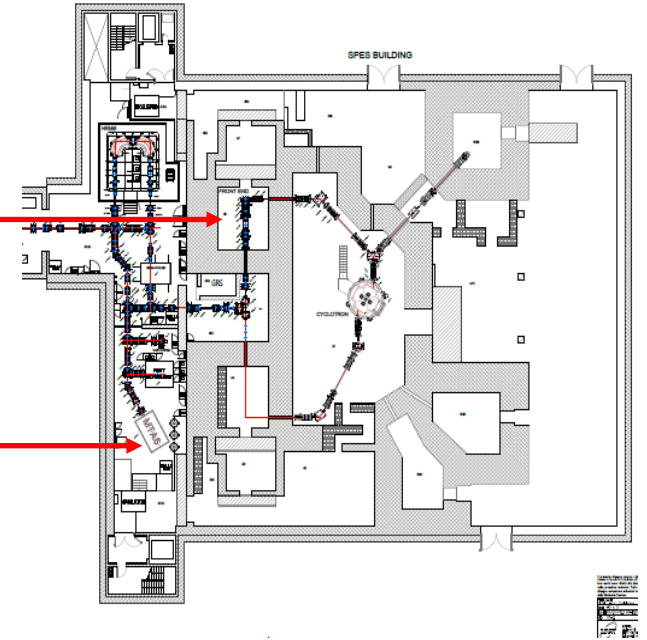


Cyclotron beam on TIS@ISOL bunker: 2023

Production of L.E. (40 keV) radioactive ion beams: 2023

Equipment of A13 exp. hall: **end 2023**

Experiments with L.E. radioactive ion beams: end 2023



Time expectation post-acceleration

Authorization to operate SPES phase beta: **end 2023**

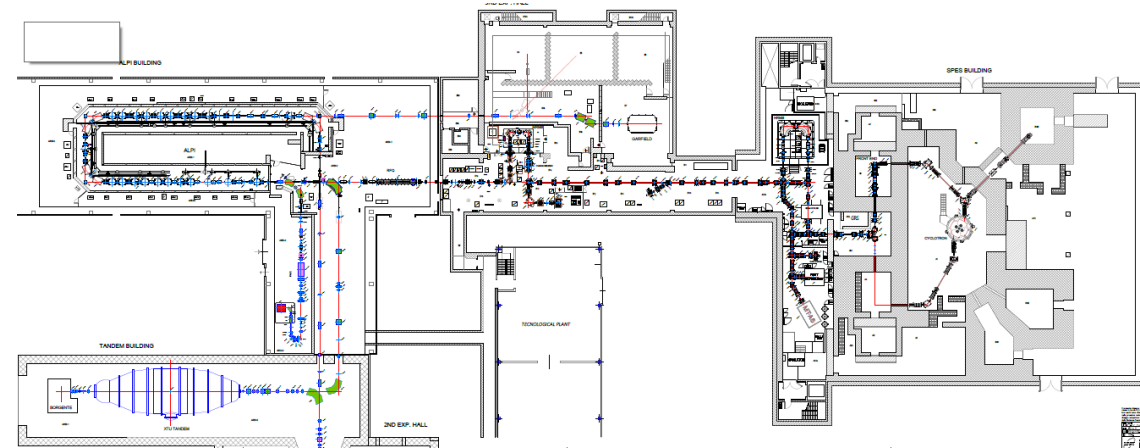
ADIGE and RFQ operative: **2024**



Post acceleration operation no HRMS: 2024

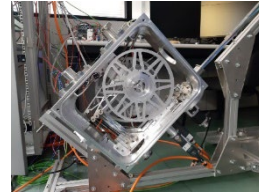
Installation of HRMS: **2025**

Post acceleration operation with HRMS: end 2025

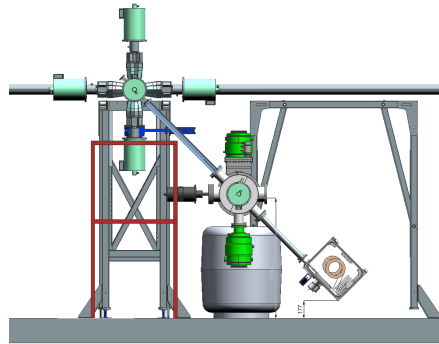


SPES beams to the Low Energy experimental area - 2023

Beam diagnostics -
Tape station

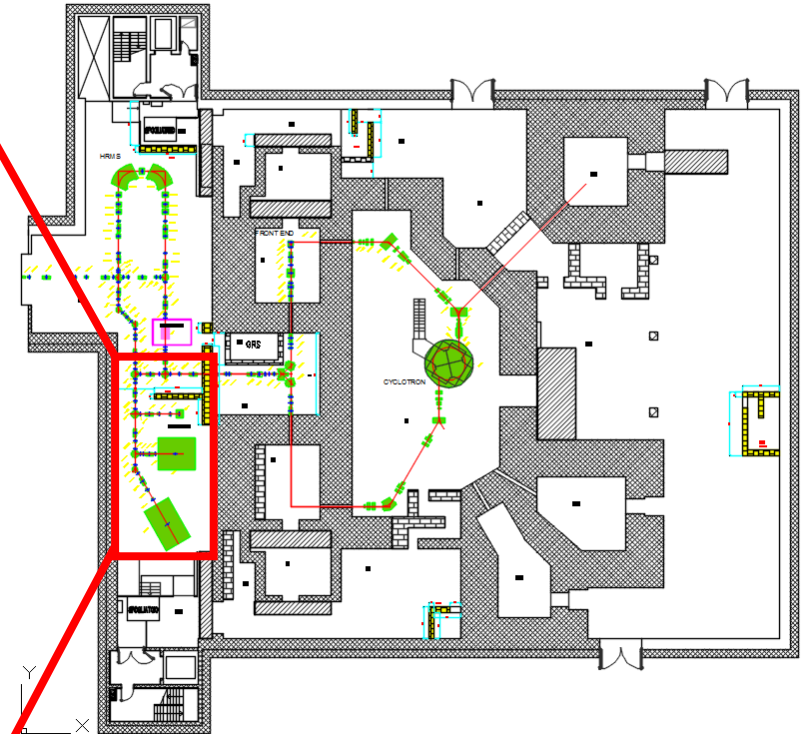
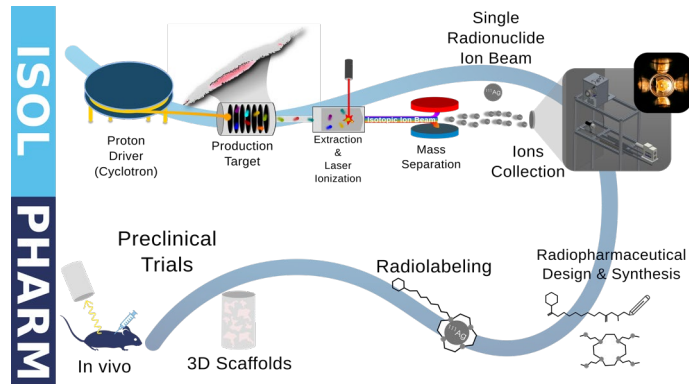


Beta decay station - SLICES



β -DS: decay spectroscopy following β decay (mylar tape + beta detectors + HPGe)
SLICES: conversion electrons and E0 transitions following β decay (mylar tape + Si(Li) + HPGe)

ISOLPHARM



Beam	Purity (%)	Target	Source	Yield (pps)
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^{83}Ge	100	UCx	LIS	$2.5 \cdot 10^8$
^{84}Ge	100	"	LIS	$6.6 \cdot 10^5$
^{80}Ga	100	"	LIS	$3 \cdot 10^7$
^{82}Ga	100	"	LIS	$3.3 \cdot 10^6$
^{110}Ag	100	"	LIS	$9.6 \cdot 10^7$

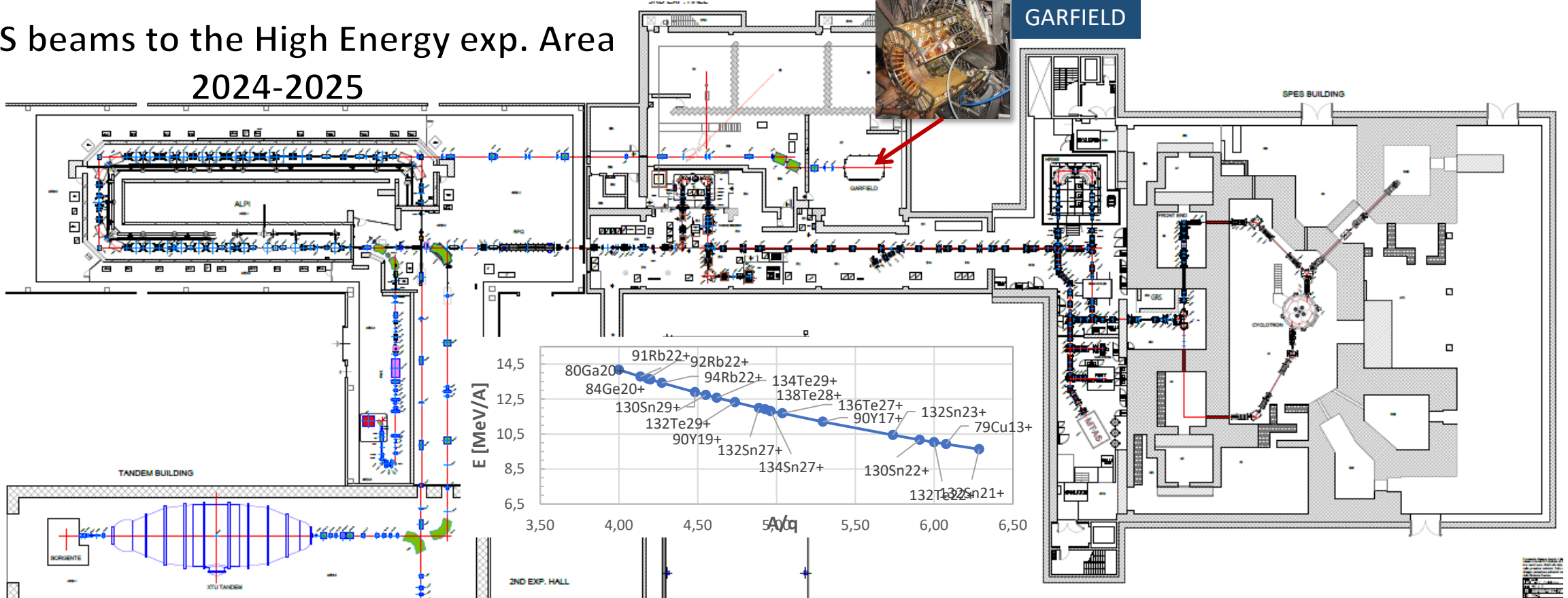
- ^{111}Ag can be produced with **high purity**, but also with **high production rate**: up to 2 Ci in target after 5 days (8kW UC_x target)
- All **Ag isotopic contaminants will be removed** using the **on-line mass separation**.
- In the market **No radiopharmaceutical Silver-based yet!**

From the LOIs

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SPES beams to the High Energy exp. Area

2024-2025



GARFIELD

AGATA

GALILEO

PISOLO

EXOTIC

PRISMA

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Workshop

Beam	Purity (%)	Target	Source	Yield (pps)
⁸⁴ Ge	100	UCx	LIS	1.3·10 ⁴
⁸⁰ Ga	100	"	LIS	6.1·10 ⁵
¹³² Sb	100	"	LIS	3.8·10 ⁷
¹³² Sn	100	"	LIS	3.1·10 ⁷
¹³² Te	100	"	LIS	8.4·10 ⁸
¹³⁰ Sn	83	"	LIS	1.6·10 ⁸
¹³⁴ Te	97	"	LIS	2.3·10 ⁸
⁹⁴ Rb	75	"	SIS	2.7·10 ⁸
⁹¹ Rb	100	"	SIS	1.9·10 ⁹
⁹² Rb	100	"	SIS	10 ⁹
¹³⁸ Cs	76	"	SIS	2.4·10 ⁹



Cappella degli Scrovegni
Giotto

Thank you
very much