

LNS Accelerator Division: status and perspectives

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Seconda Giornata Acceleratori

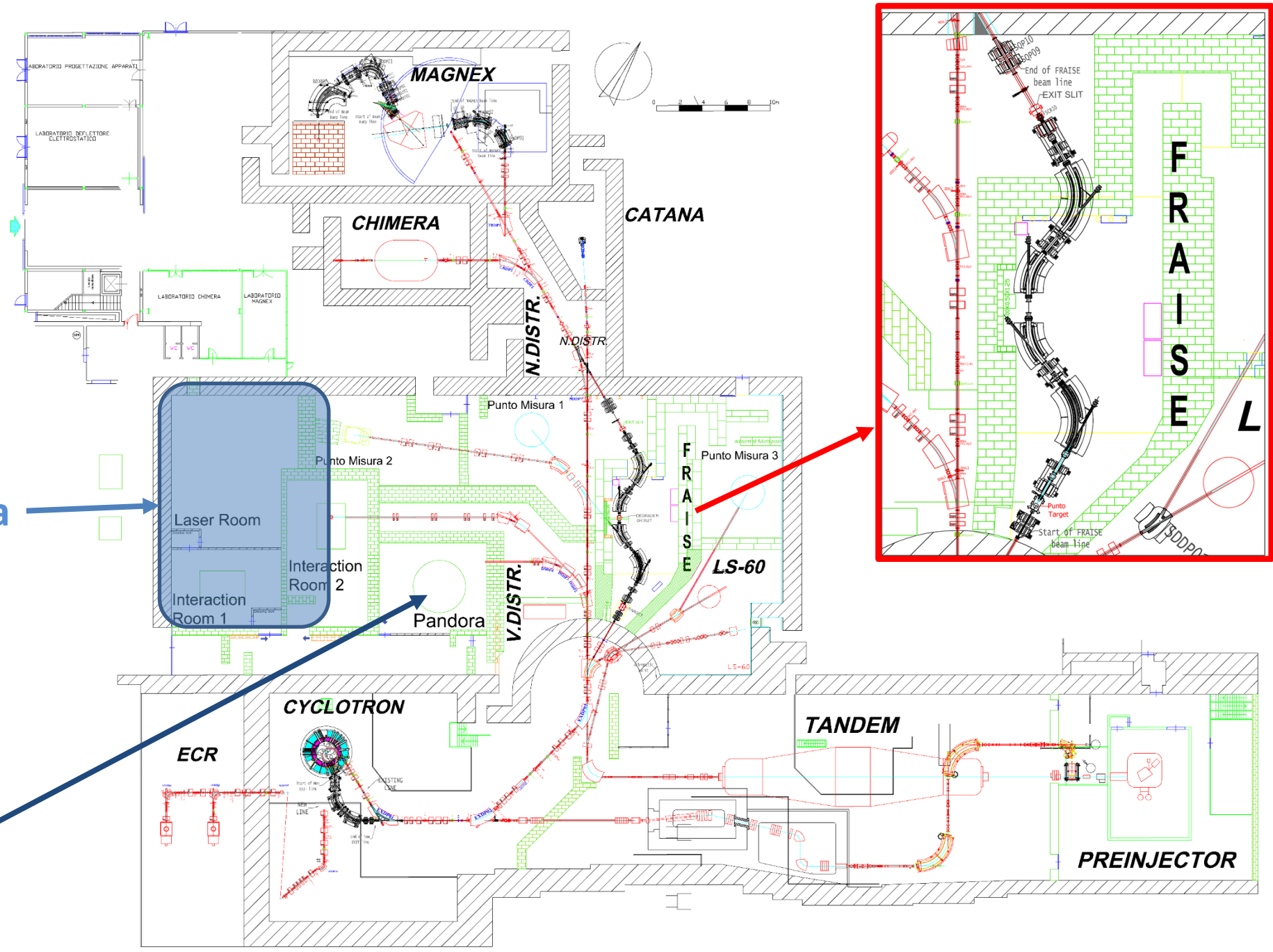
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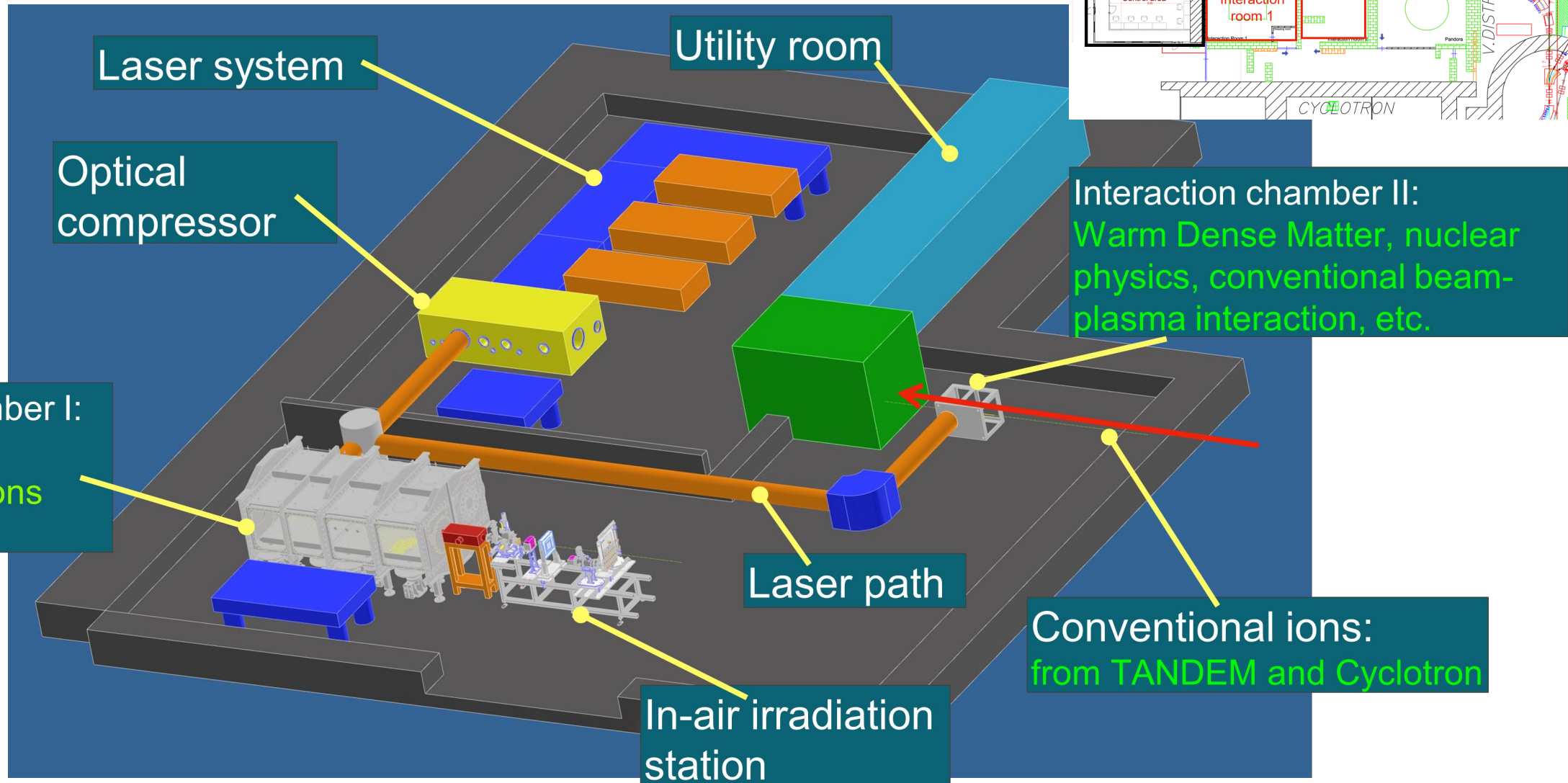
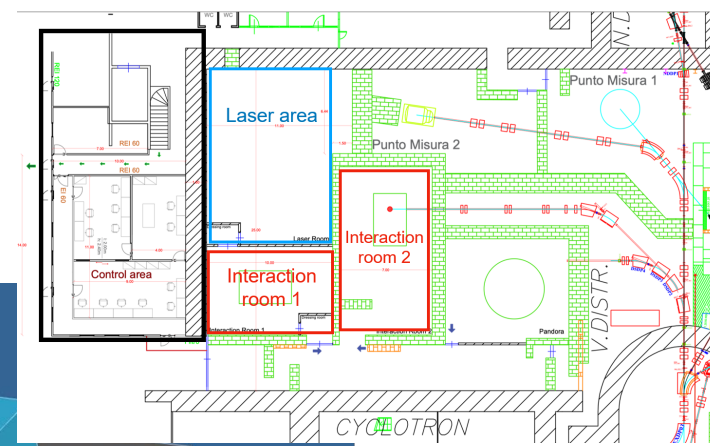
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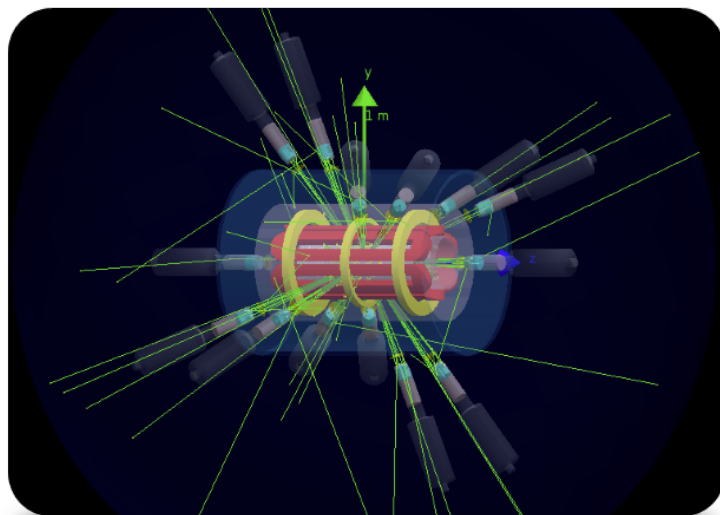
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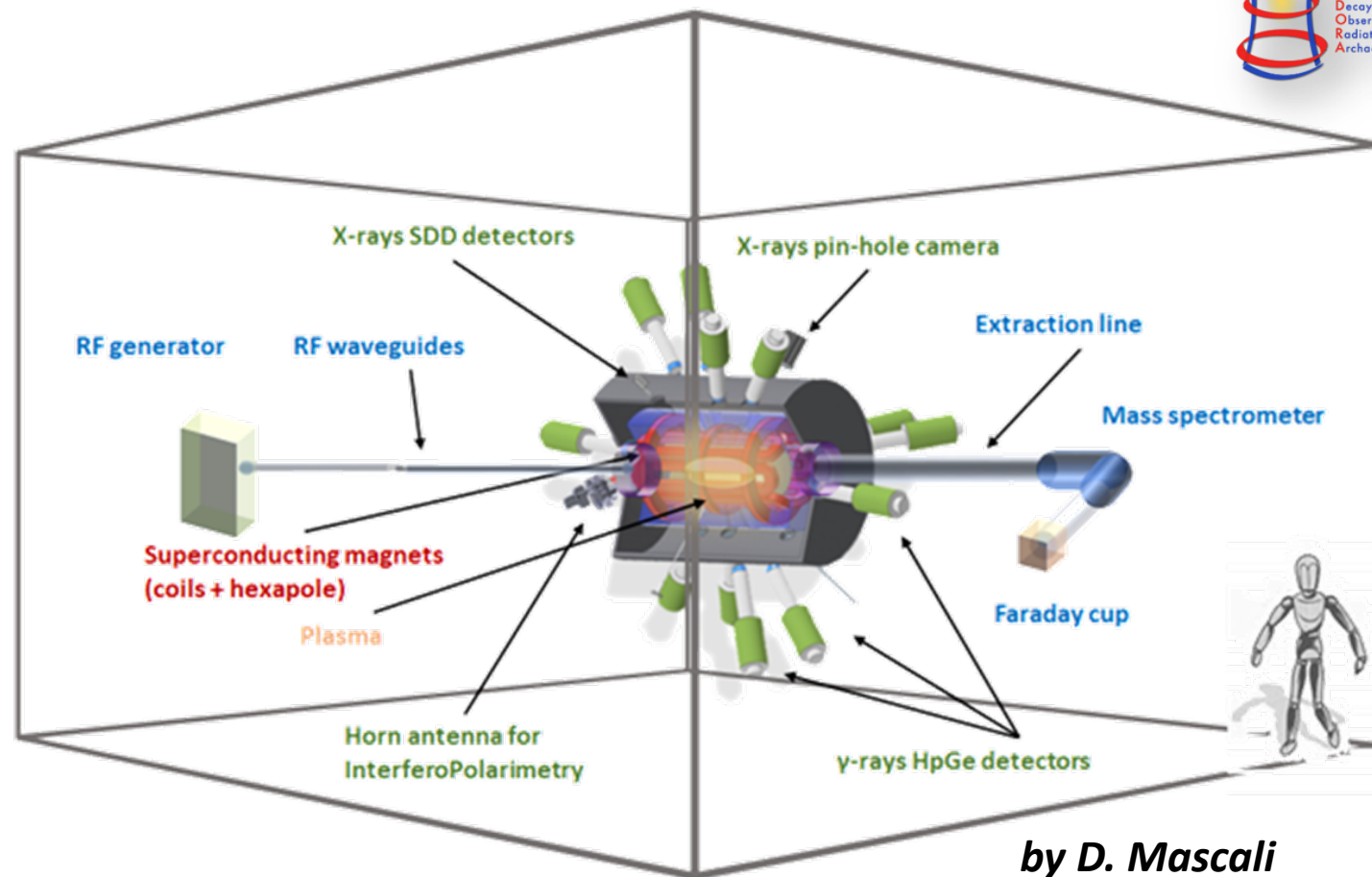
PANDORA: Plasmas for Astrophysics, Nuclear Decays Observation and Radiation for Archeometry

ECRIT – ECR Ion Trap for β -decay measurements in plasmas

MAIN GOAL: Make β -decay measurements in plasmas of astrophysical interest: many isotopes can change their lifetime of several order of magnitude when ionized!!



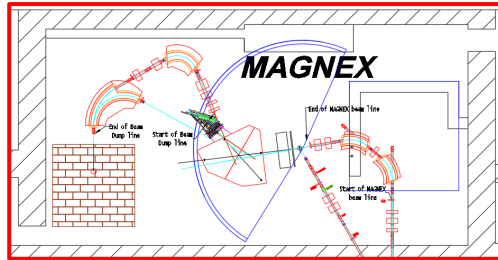
Isotope	$T_{1/2}$ (yr)	E_{γ} (keV)
^{176}Lu	3.78×10^{10}	88-400
^{134}Cs	2.06	>600
^{94}Nb	2.03×10^4	>700



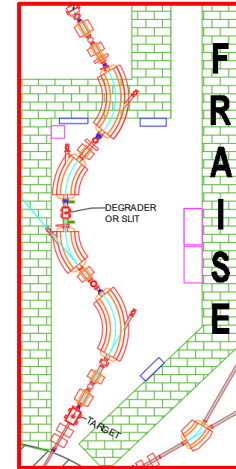
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Status of accelerator rooms & beam lines

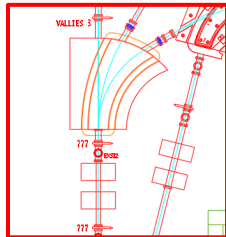
Magnex beam lines



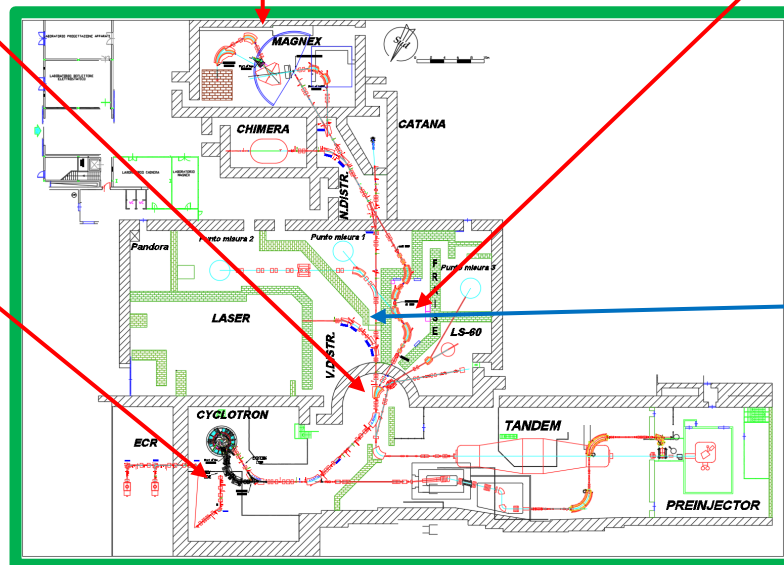
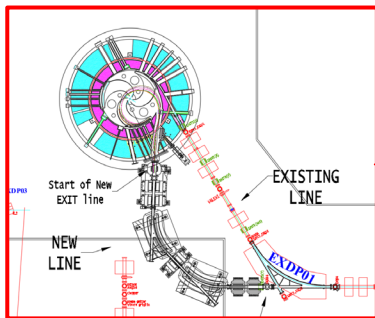
FRAISE Line



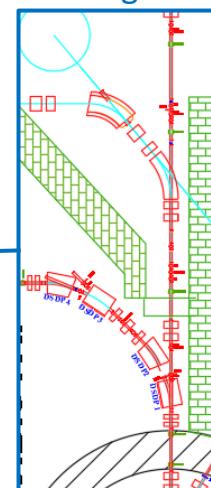
Switching magnet



New Exit Line



Zero gradi



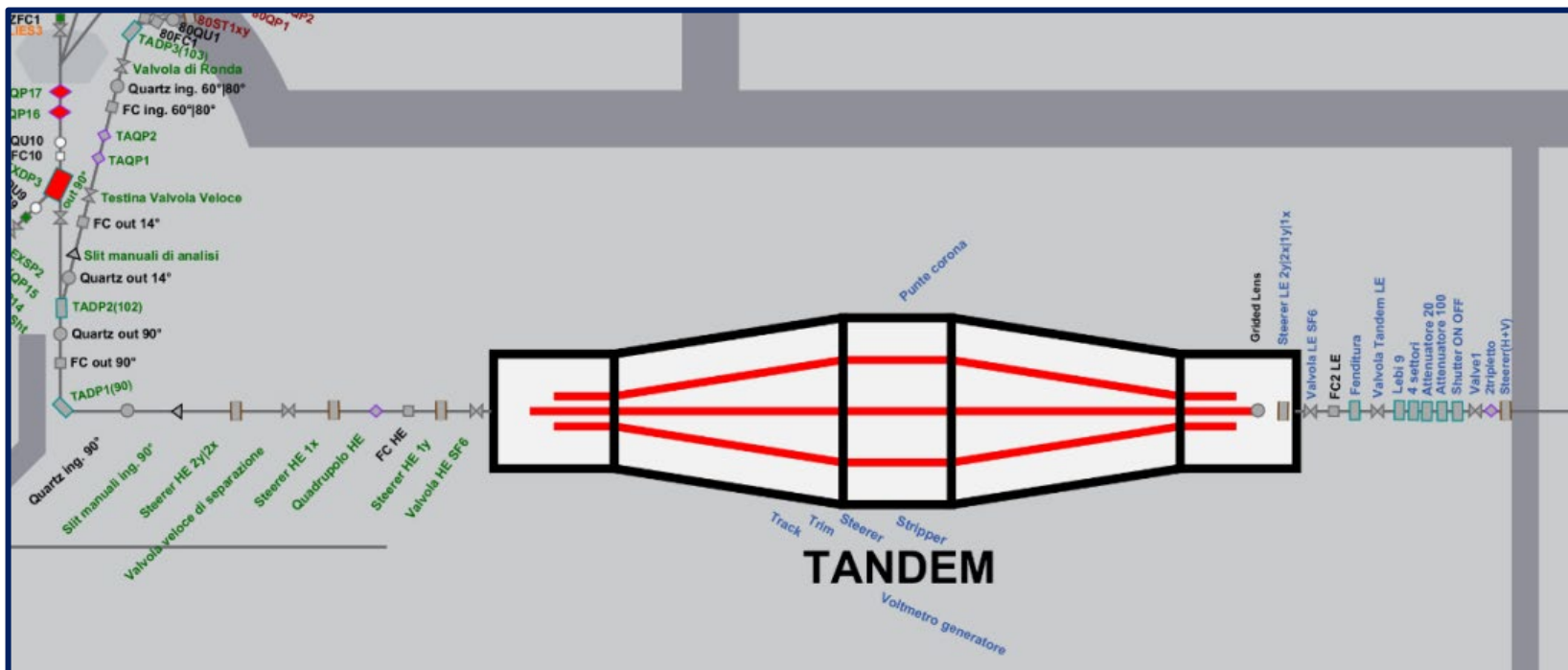
Attività esterne:

- Installazione ed allineamento delle linee di trasporto previste dal POTLNS;
- Installazione e collegamento dei nuovi power converter;
- Installazione del sistema da vuoto

Attività interne:

- Installazione ed allineamento linee di fascio smontate per upgrade schermature;
- Installazione linea di iniezione CS;
- Installazione canaline porta cavi e servizi;
- Ripristino dei collegamenti elettrici e servizi;
- Installazione nuova diagnostica e controlli;
- Restyling del sistema da vuoto attuale;
- Allineamento della linea di trasporto

TANDEM automation and instrumentation upgrading



- Pelletron extra maintenance and relative tests (NEC discussion ongoing)
- Tandem vacuum system
- Alignment check
- Power converter change
- Safety issues (RSPP prescriptions)

- Tandem tests **April-May'23**
- Switching magnet installation **May'23**
- Electrical plant extra maintenance (compliance) **June'23**
- SF6 plant extra maintenance (controls with redundancy of temperature and pressure gauges, alarm leak) **July'23**
- Improved Diagnostics
- Spectrometry of accelerated species
- Console migration

Implementation of a new software platform

Replacement of obsolete instrumentation

First Tandem beam delivered to 60° beamline expected for end of 2023



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Tandem Beam Menu

- ^1H , ^2H
- ^6Li , ^7Li
- ^9Be , ^{10}Be
- ^{10}B , ^{11}B
- ^{12}C , ^{13}C
- ^{14}N
- ^{16}O , ^{17}O , ^{18}O
- ^{19}F
- ^{23}Na
- ^{24}Mg , ^{25}Mg
- ^{27}Al
- ^{28}Si , ^{29}Si
- ^{32}S , ^{34}S
- ^{35}Cl , ^{37}Cl
- ^{40}Ca
- ^{58}Ni , ^{60}Ni
- ^{63}Cu , ^{65}Cu
- ^{70}Ge
- ^{79}Br
- ^{93}Nb
- ^{116}Sn , ^{120}Sn
- ^{127}I
- ^{197}Au

Maximum High Voltage $\approx 13.5\text{MV}$

Pelletron charging system

HV stability $\approx 10^{-4}$

Noble gases development in progress



Long half-life isotopes in batch-mode

^{10}Be ($T_{1/2} = 1.39 \times 10^6 \text{ y}$) Tandem beam has been produced in batch-mode, in collaboration with PSI (Zurich)

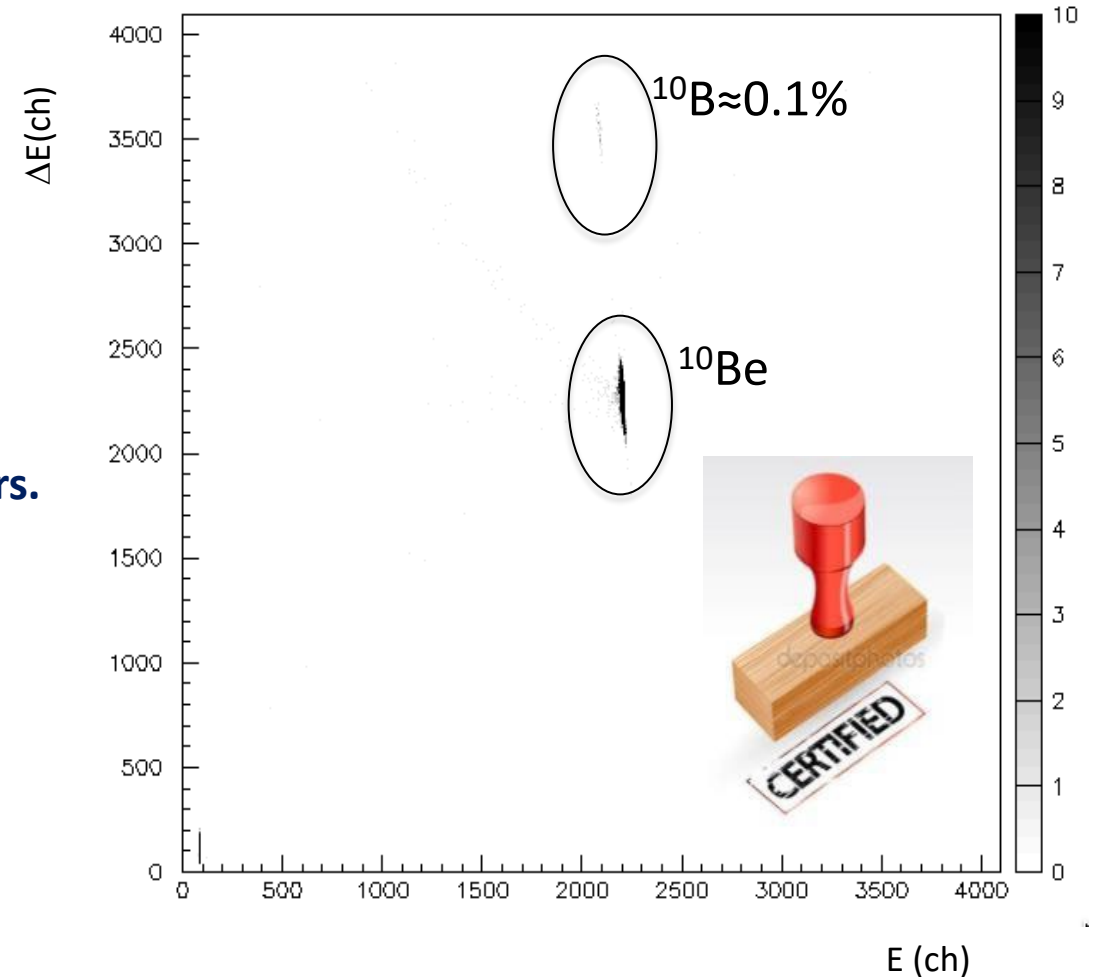
@ 47 MeV

$I \approx 10 \text{ nA}$ for a few days

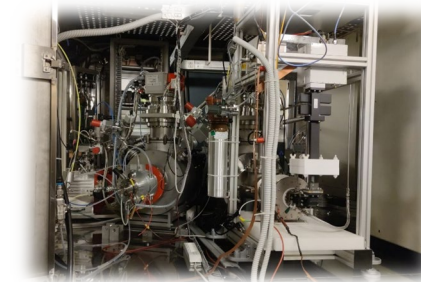
Contamination of $^{10}\text{B} \approx 0.1\%$

Batch-mode beam development is foreseen for the next years.

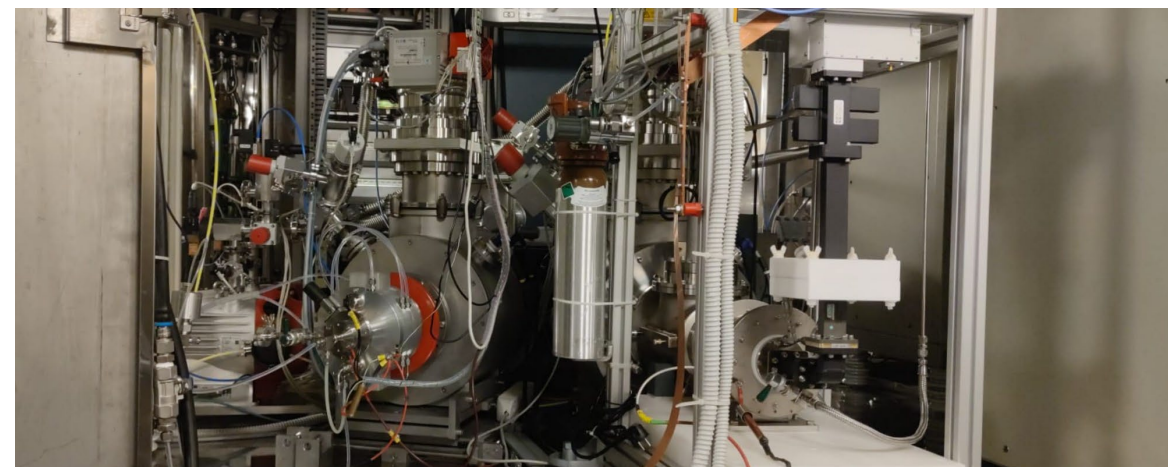
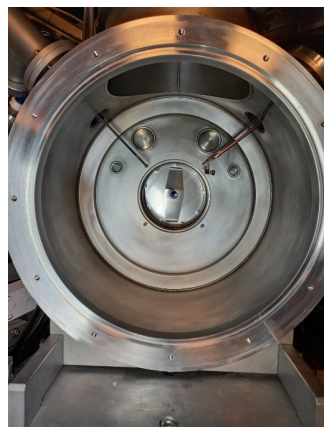
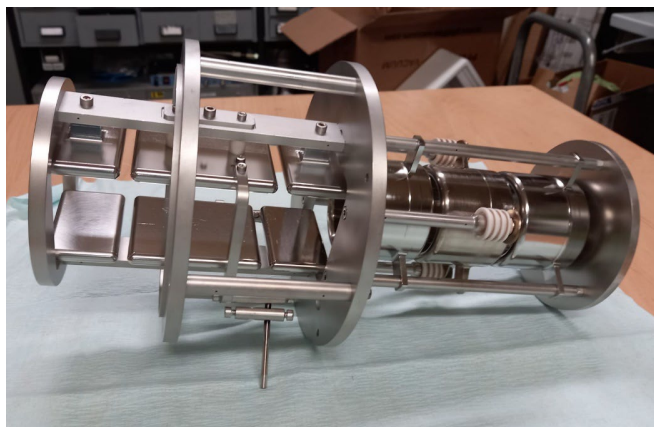
Next possible beam: ^{26}Al ($T_{1/2} = 7.17 \times 10^5 \text{ y}$)



450kV PLATFORM-Sputter IS



Extraordinary maintenance was carried out for all the subsystems



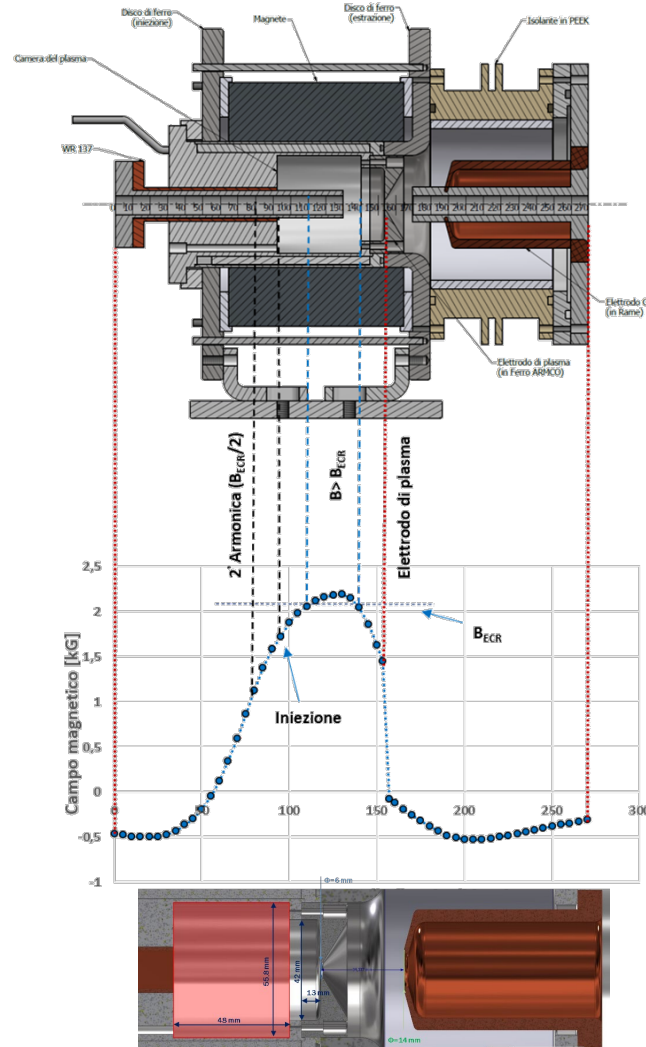
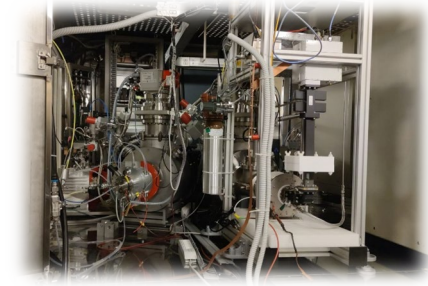
Sputtering beam planned:

1. Gold -> reference beam
2. Aluminium
3. Lithium } from $\text{Li}_2\text{O}+\text{Ag}$
4. Oxygen }
5. Magnesium from $\text{Mg} + \text{H}_2$ or $\text{Mg} + \text{NH}_3$
6. Carbon from $\text{BN} + \text{graphite}$ or B_4C

Training and
Skills transfer



450kV PLATFORM-NESTOR



New characterization in progress:

- degradation of performance observed after almost one week of operation
- modification in progress

Planned operations:

- Positive He production and relative transport along the beam line in different conditions and operations
- Charge-exchange cell installation and test of production of negative ion beams in different conditions and operations.

Superconducting Cyclotron

Operating 1994 - 2020

$E_{\text{MAX}} \sim 80 \text{ AMeV}$ for lighter ions

$E_{\text{MAX}} \sim 25 \text{ AMeV}$ for heavier ions (i.e. Au^{36+})

$K_{\text{bend}} = 800 - K_{\text{foc}} = 200$

Pole radius: 90 cm – Mag. field: 2.2 - 4.8 T

RF range: 15-48 MHz

Since 1999

Two ECR ion sources: CAESAR and SERSE

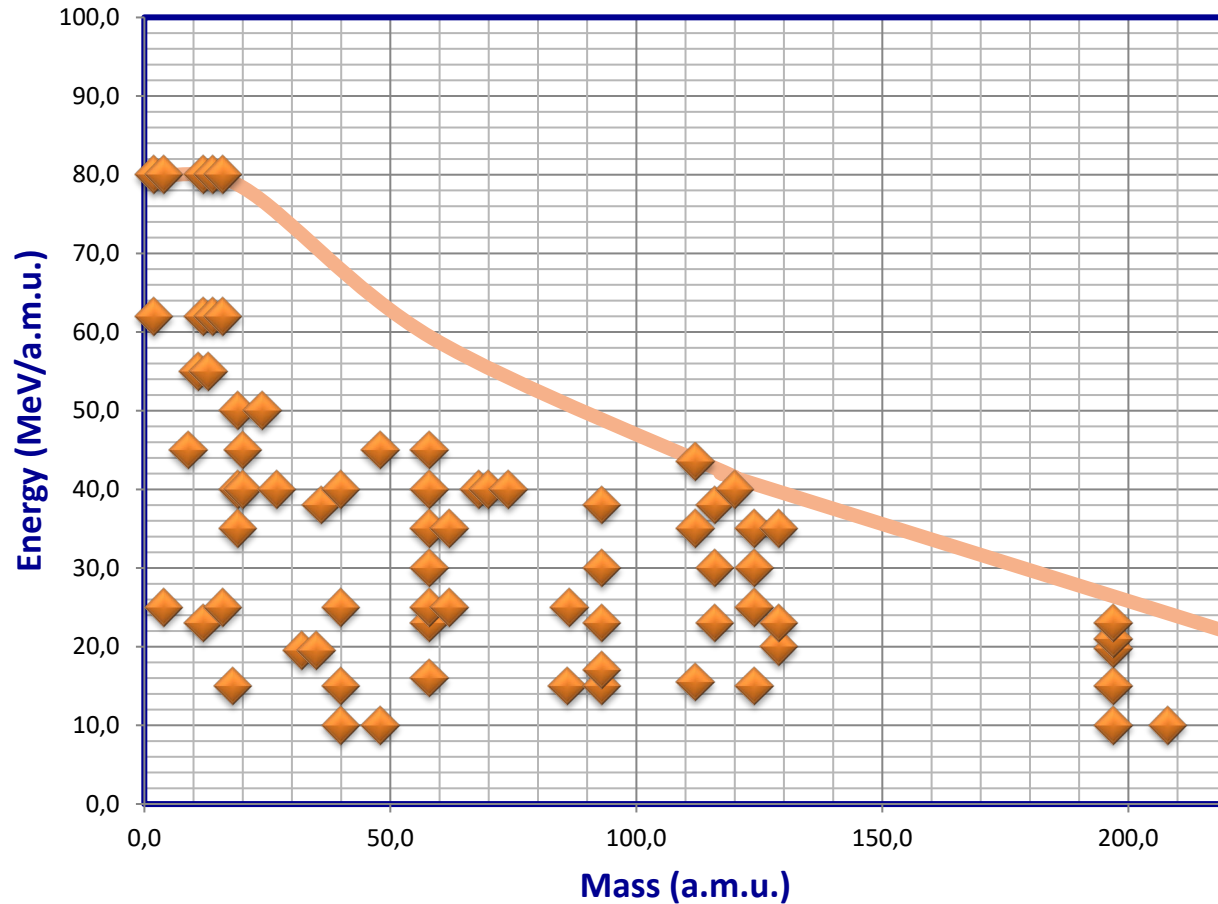
June 2020 last experiment, disassembly for the upgrading started in November.





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Cyclotron Beams Menu



A X	E (AMeV)
H_2^+	62,80
H_3^+	30,35,45
$^2D^+$	35,62,80
4He	25,62,80
He-H	10, 21
9Be	45
^{11}B	55
^{12}C	23,62,80
^{13}C	45,55
^{14}N	62,80
^{16}O	21,25,55,62,80
^{18}O	15,55
^{19}F	35,40,50
^{20}Ne	20,40,45,62
^{24}Mg	50
^{27}Al	40
^{36}Ar	16,38
^{40}Ar	15,20,40

A X	E (AMeV)
^{40}Ca	10,25,40,45
$^{42,48}Ca$	10,45
^{58}Ni	16,23,25,30,35,40
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$^{62,64}Ni$	25,35
$^{68,70}Zn$	40
^{74}Ge	40
$^{78,86}Kr$	10
^{84}Kr	10,15,20,25
^{93}Nb	15,17,23,30,38
^{107}Ag	40
^{112}Sn	15.5,35,43.5
^{116}Sn	23,30,38
^{124}Sn	15,25,30,35
^{129}Xe	20,21,23,35
^{197}Au	10,15,20,21,23
^{208}Pb	10



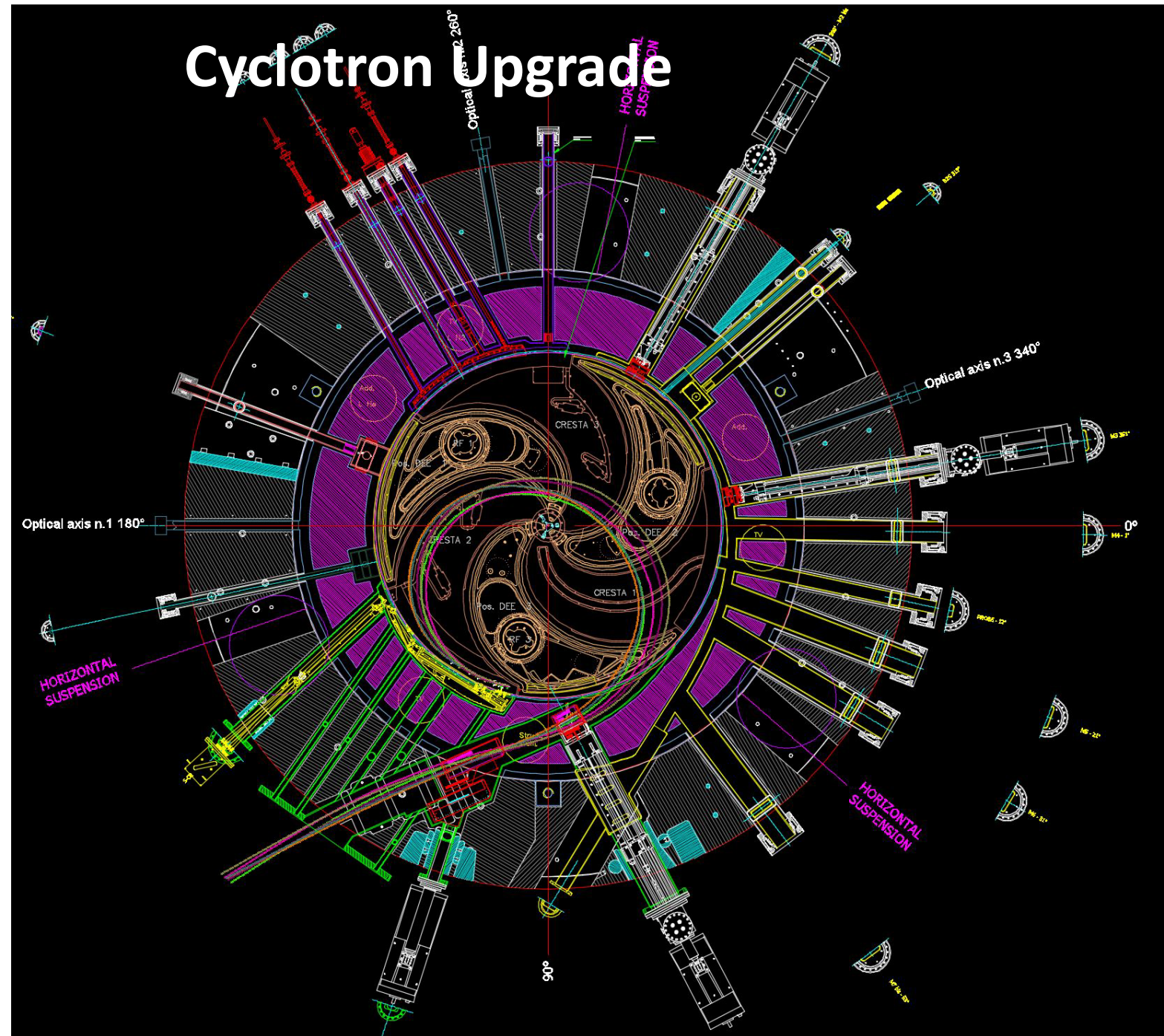
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New Extraction line by stripping

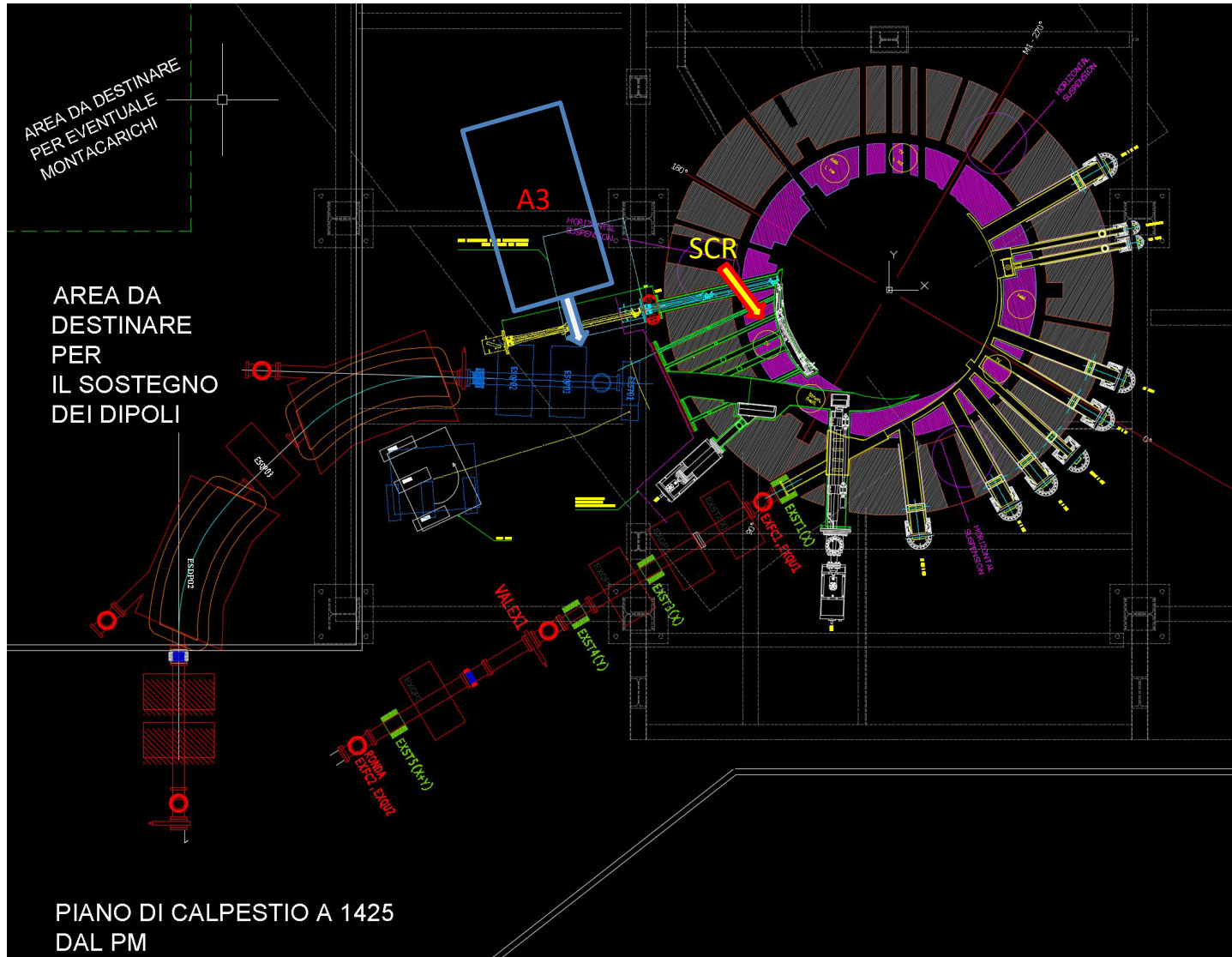
Instantaneous change of the **magnetic rigidity**, when the **charge state of the ion** is suddenly increased crossing a thin carbon foil

Beam extraction by stripping
Efficiency >99%

Extraction by electrostatic deflection



Extraction by stripping



From ED → Stripping:

- Rimuovere il Def E1 dall'interno del CS
- Rimuovere la piastra unica con motori e slitte
- Rimuovere le aste di collegamento al Def E1

- Montare lo Stripper all'interno del CS
- Inserire il complessivo della trasmissione
- Assemblare il complessivo quadrupoli e Steerer (in azzurro) dislocato preventivamente nell'area **A3**

Durante il funzionamento del CS con estrazione per Stripping, non è prevista la rimozione del deflettore E2

Cyclotron Upgrade: expected currents by stripping

18O @ 20 MeV will be the beam used to commissioning of the machine:

- The power is not too high and it could mitigate eventually activation issues during the commissioning phase.
- During the commissioning of the machine the beam intensity will be increased step by step adjusting the duty cycle of the CHOPPER.
- Diagnostics improved to monitor the beam losses permitting a better optimization of the tuning.



Beam dynamics simulations.
Warm coil qualification will permit to refine the studies.

in progress

- Magnetic measurement on «Alfa 2» (superior coil)
Decrease of Bz component at the current feedthroughs, probably due to a non-uniform density of windings at that area for construction reasons.
- Magnetic measurement on «Alfa 1» (bottom coil) just started

preliminary

Ion	q	Energy	Isource	Iacc	I extract	rate
		MeV/u	eμA	eμA	eμA	pps
12C	4	18	400	60	90.0 (6+)	9.5E+13
12C	4	30	200	30	45.0 (6+)	4.7E+13
12C	4	45	400	60	90.0 (6+)	9.5E+13
12C	4	60	400	60	90.0 (6+)	9.5E+13
18O	6	20	400	60	80.0 (8+)	6.3E+13
18O	6	29	400	60	80.0 (8+)	6.3E+13
18O	6	45	400	60	80.0 (8+)	6.3E+13
18O	6	60	400	60	80.0 (8+)	6.3E+13
18O	7	70	200	30	34.3 (8+)	2.7E+13
20Ne	4	15	600	90	225.0 (10+)	1.4E+14
20Ne	7	28	400	60	85.7 (10+)	5.4E+13
20Ne	7	60	400	60	85.7 (10+)	5.4E+13
40Ar	14	60	400	60	77.1 (14+)	1.0E+13

Upgrade of CS & Tandem ancillaries

- Vacuum** Improvement of the entire vacuum system is in progress (acceleraton chamber, liner), splitted-cryo not anymore supported, Trim coils. New Vacuum system for TANDEM and the related beam lines.
- Cryogenics** Revamping HELIAL 4011, P&I and control system maintenance and ugrading in progress
- RF** Refurbishment of the entire LLRF and development of Labview control software , HLRF (MV transformers and MV cables replacement, Three Phase Power Controller replacement, BBC refurbishment, new configuration with 3x80 kW dummy load BIRD 7092), Pulsing systems, Extraordinary maintenance of CS cavities.
- Diagnostics** New non-interceptive diagnostics along old and new beam lines; visual diagnostics.
- Power converters** Power converters for new beam lines: Extraction, Fraise, Magnex. New power converters for TANDEM and related beam lines.

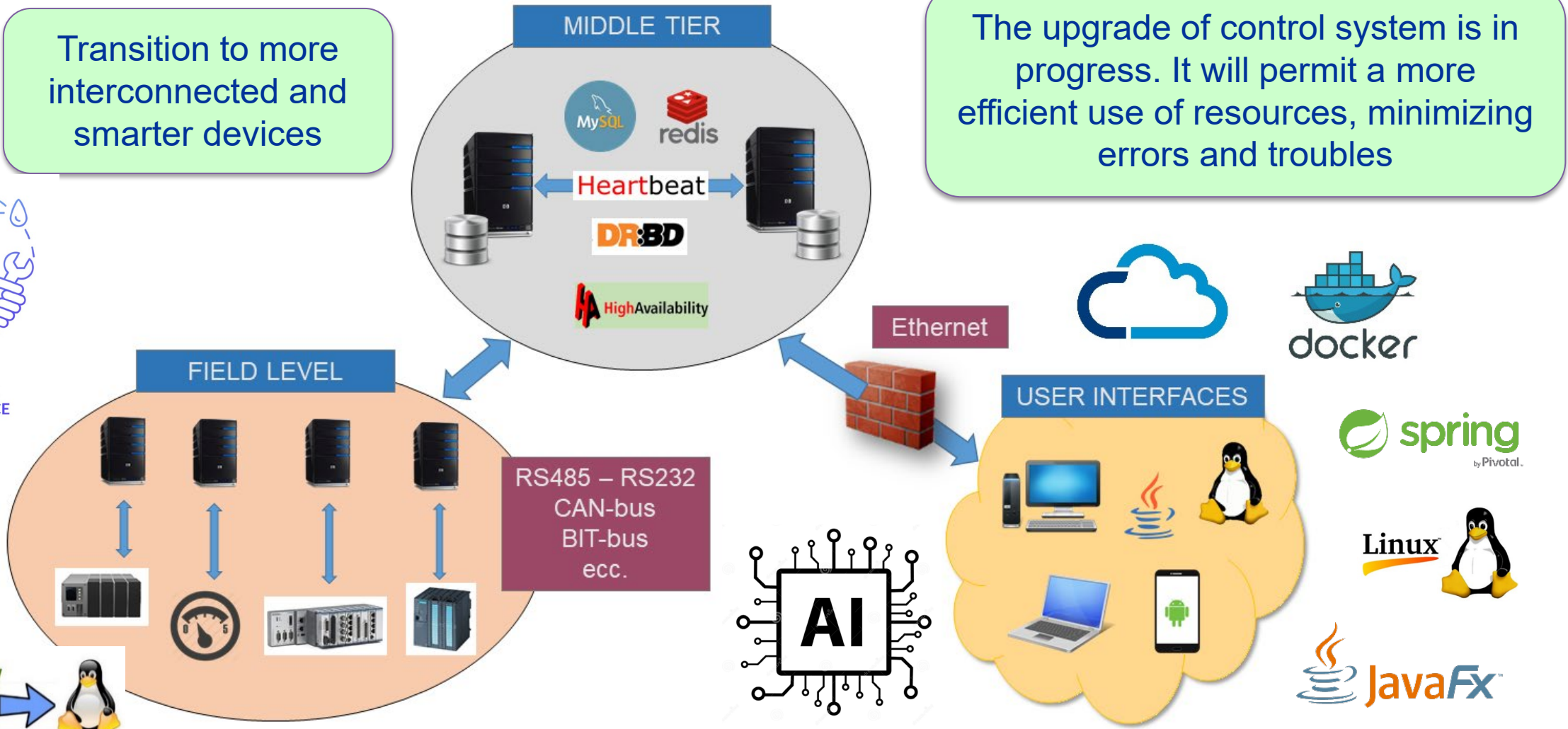
The new Control System Architecture

Transition to more interconnected and smarter devices

The upgrade of control system is in progress. It will permit a more efficient use of resources, minimizing errors and troubles



PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE

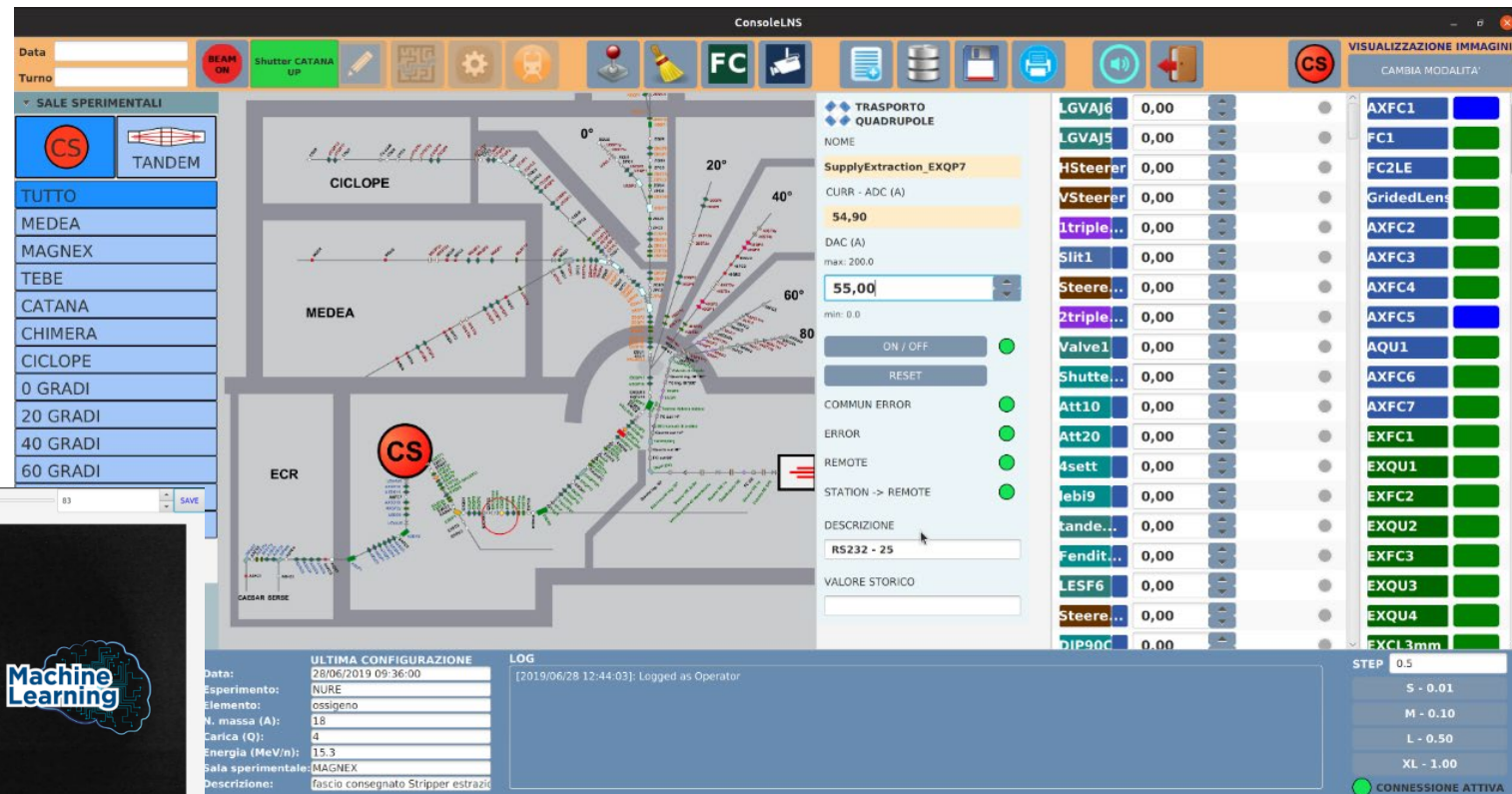
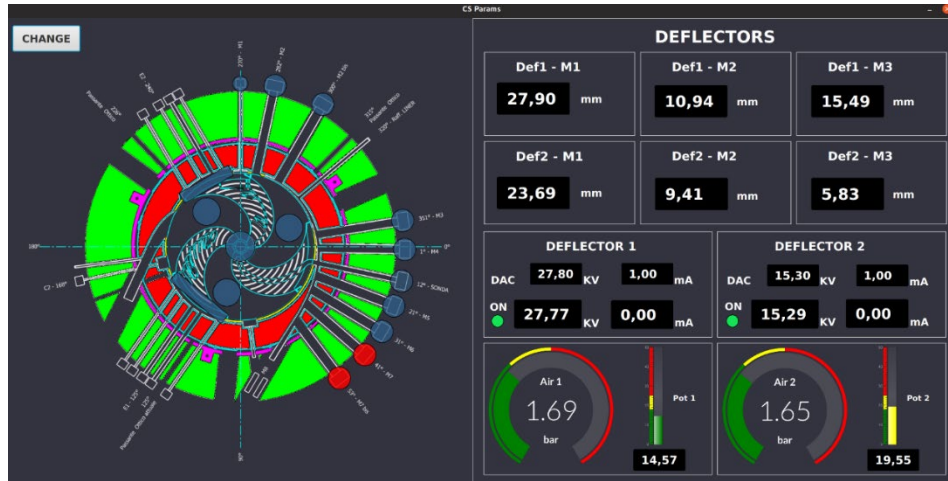




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Beam Auto Tuning with AI tools

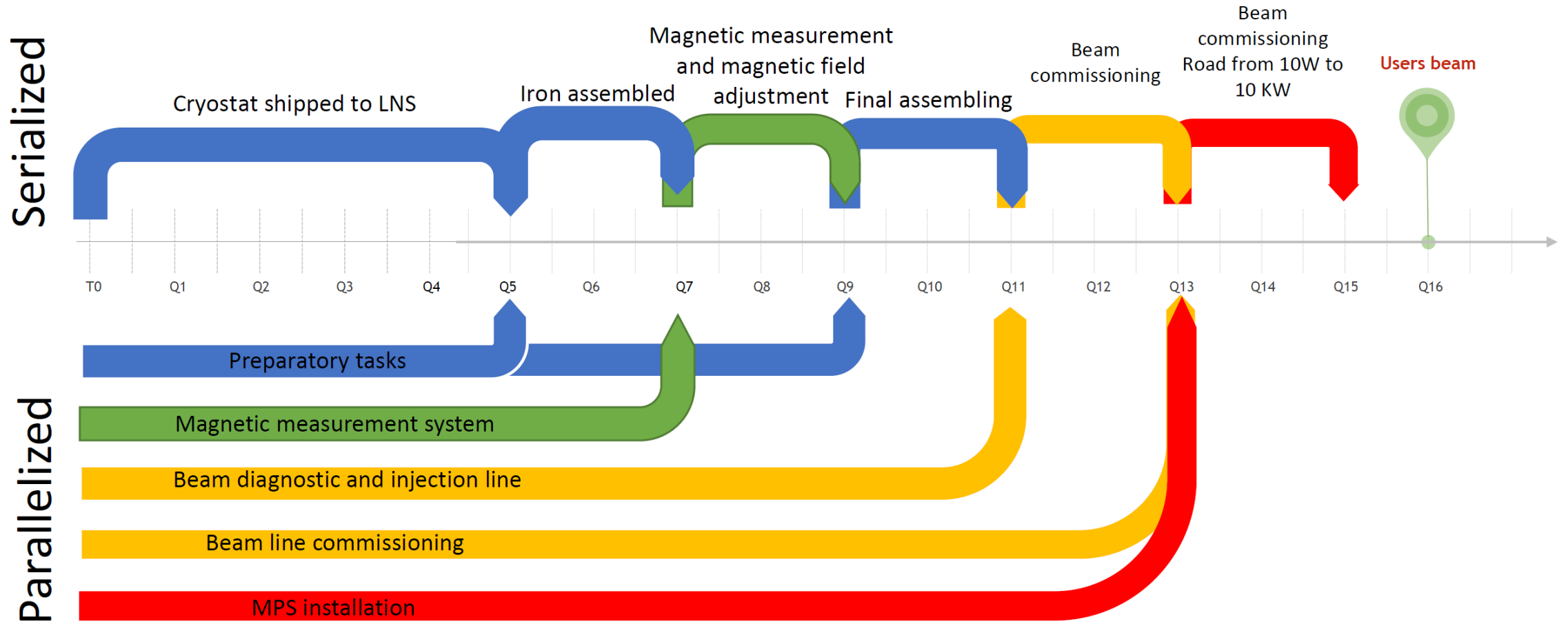
Speed up of the beam tuning with Artificial intelligence



Real-time messages and alarms received automatically by field devices to improve safety



CS masterplan



by M. Musumeci

Masterplan

PREPARATORY PHASE

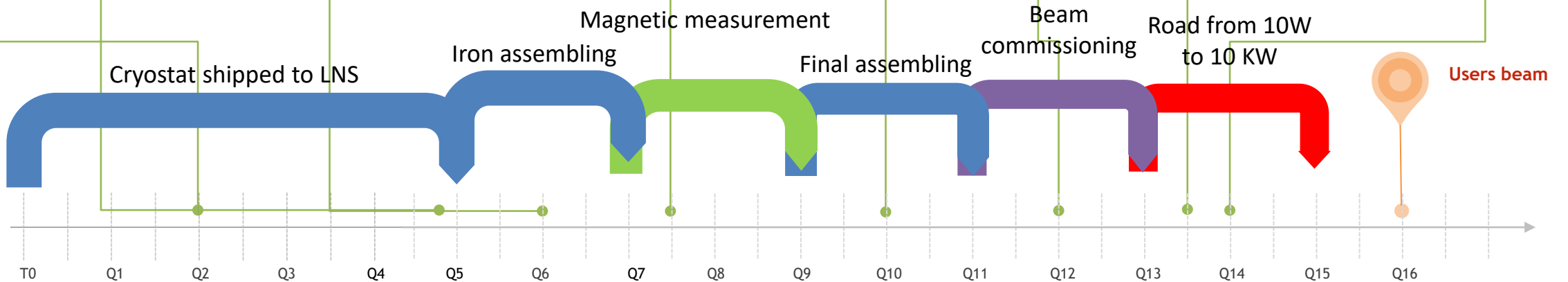
- Iron Cleaning
- Cavity Maintenance
- Liner installation
- Trim coils Maintenance
- Liner + Dees
- Stripper
- Magnetic channels
- Power converters
- Beam lines
- Services restyling

- Mapping at different coils current
- Harmonic study
- Coils position adjustment

- RF System
- Stripping system
- Beam probe dismantled

- Deflecting method
- Stripping method
- Beam characterization

- Low power
- Medium power
- High power



ECR ion sources



SERSE (1997)

High B mode operation– HCl production (e.g.: 80 μ A of Xe²⁷⁺)

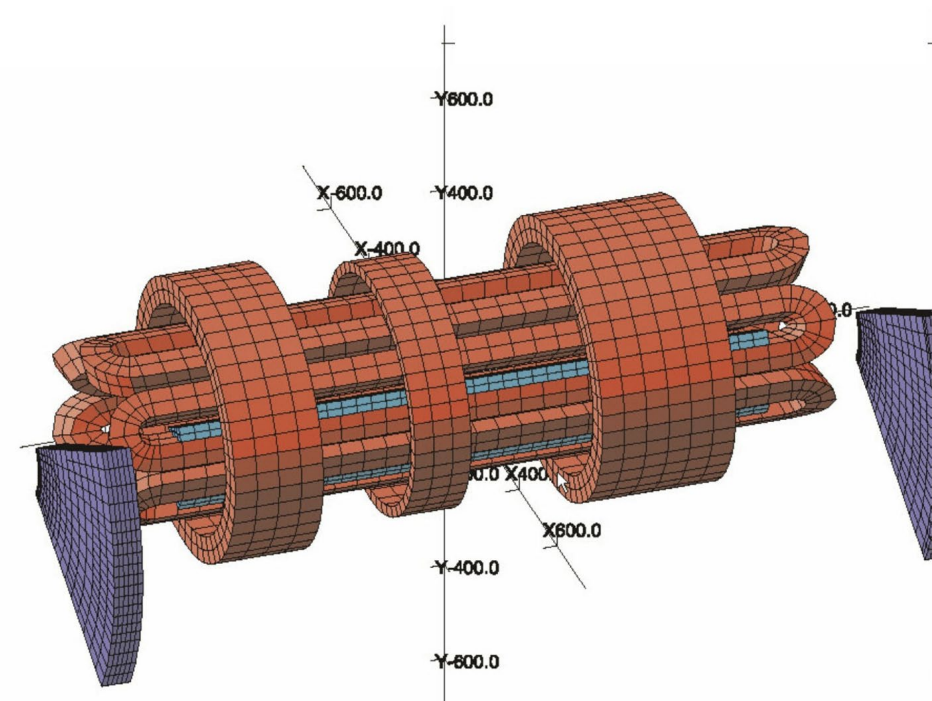


CAESAR (1999)

SC-AISHa: a new ion source for INFN-LNS

- The AISHa ion source has been expressly conceived and realized for actual and future hadrontherapy facility (e.g.:HITRI+). It has a strong limitation on a radial field (1.28T instead of 1.55T of SERSE) affecting HCl production.
- A fully superconducting version has been conceived to overcome such limitation.

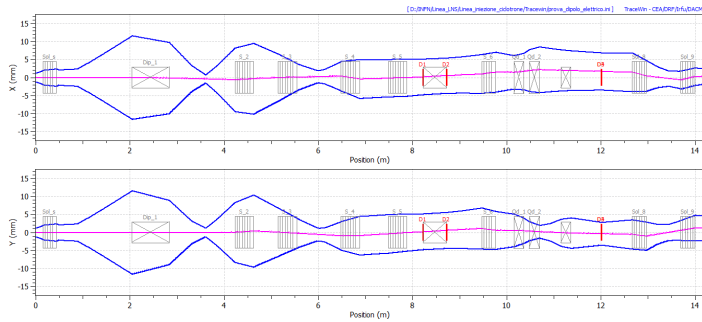
Radial field	1.9 T
Axial field	3.5 T - 0.5 T - 2.2 T
Operating frequencies	24 GHz - 18 GHz
Operating power	5 + 5 kW (max)
Extraction voltage	50 kV (max)
Chamber diameter / length	Ø 130 mm / 500 mm
LHe	Free
Warm bore diameter	140 mm
Source weight	2100 kg



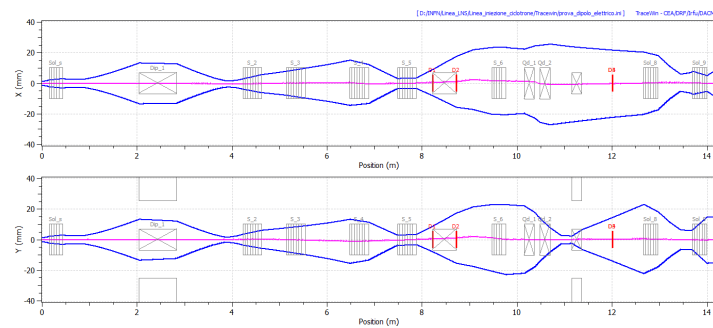
Axial injection beam line

12C⁴⁺ @ 10 AkeV

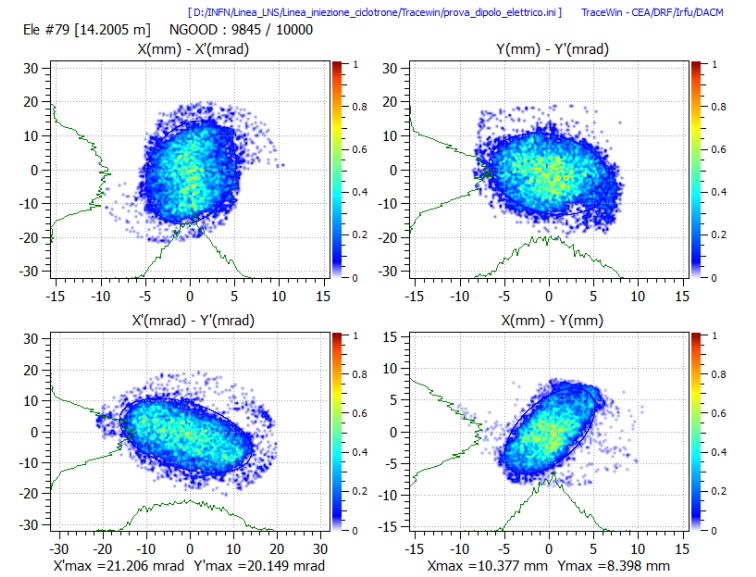
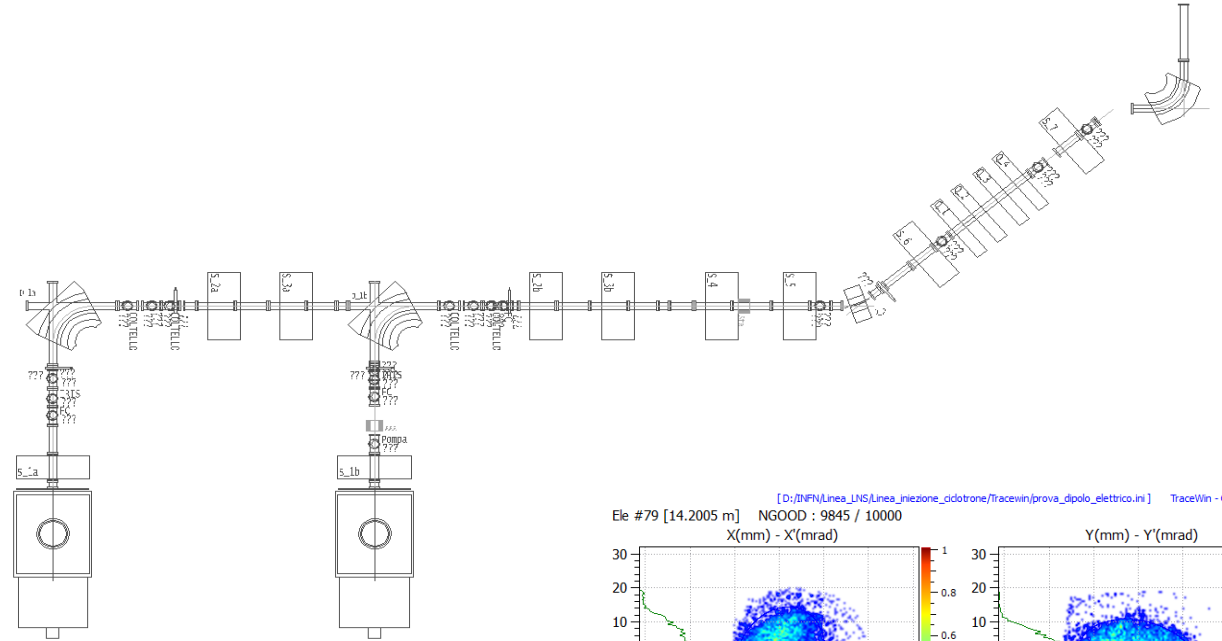
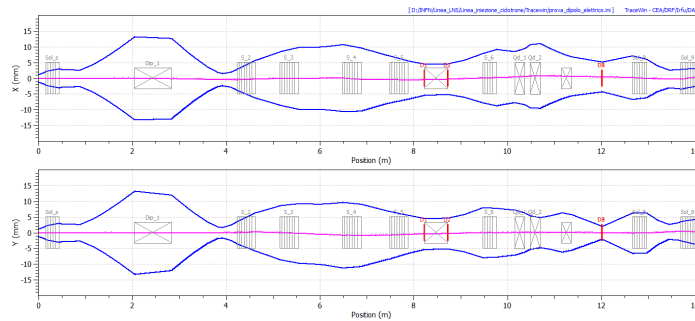
I=0 mA



I=0.5emA-Not optimized



optimized





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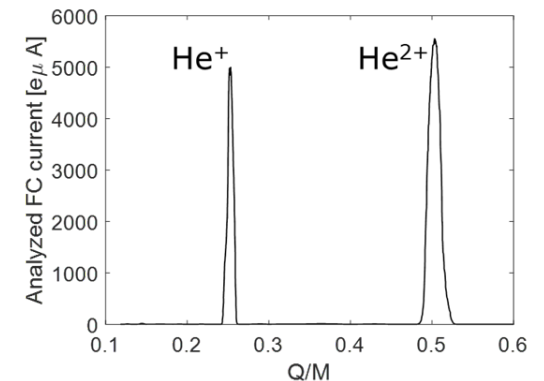
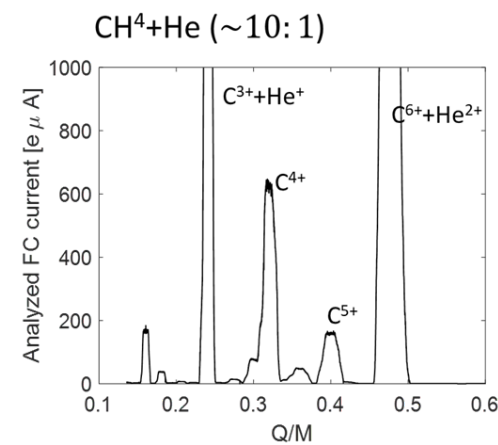
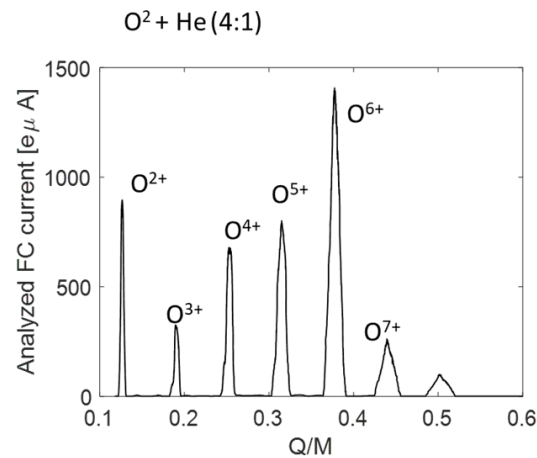
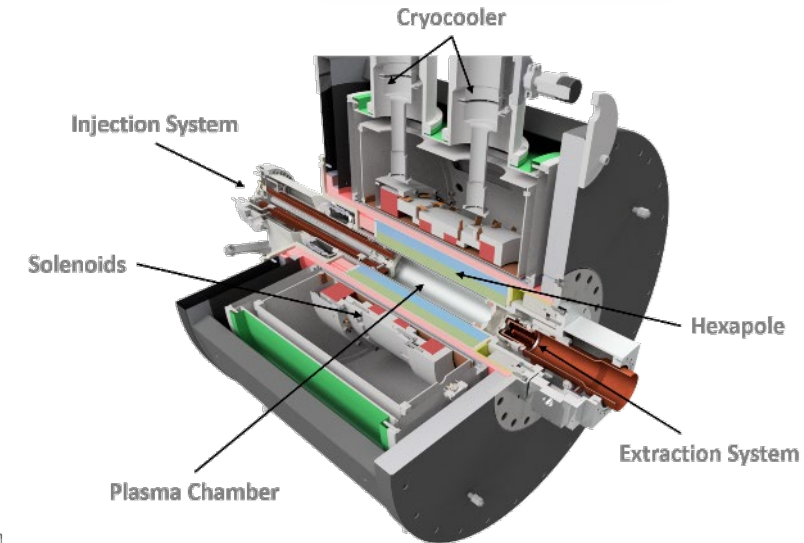
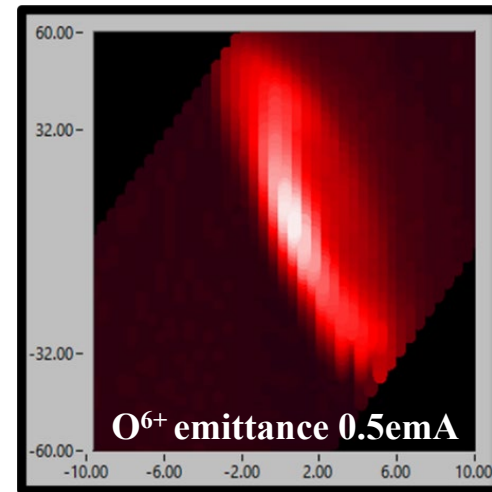
AISHa: a testbench for INFN-LNS

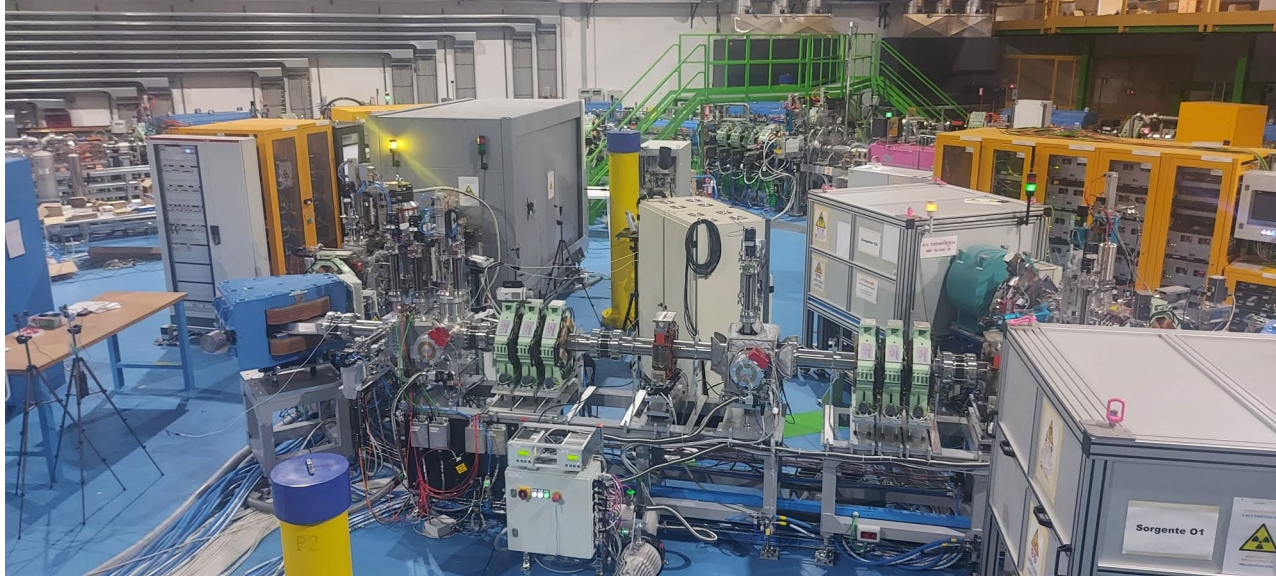
AISHa source has been moved to a new room being in conflict with the civil works of CS upgrading.

Installation of crane and services needed to operate is expected for June'23 and restart of operation is planned for October'23

R&D activities → IONS

Charge state	Beam intensity [eμA]	$\epsilon_{rms, norm}$ [$\pi \cdot mm \cdot mrad$]
$^{16}O^{6+}$	1400	0.2198
$^{16}O^{6+}$	225	0.115
$^{16}O^{7+}$	350	0.247
$^{12}C^{4+}$	650	0.272
$^{12}C^{4+}$	150	0.222
$^{12}C^{5+}$	165	---
$^{40}Ar^{11+}$	155	0.201
$^{40}Ar^{12+}$	140	0.201
He^{2+}	5400	0.418
He^{2+}	700	0.245





Ion	AISHa Performances [uA]	Requirement CNAO [uA]
C ⁴⁺	520	110
O ⁶⁺	1200	64
He ²⁺	5400	344
Li ³⁺	To be developed	230
Fe ¹⁹⁺	To be developed	175

**First beam produced on
19/11/22 (He@16kV).**



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