

# High Intensity Operation for Heavy Ion Cyclotron of Highly Charged ECR Ion Sources

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# Outline

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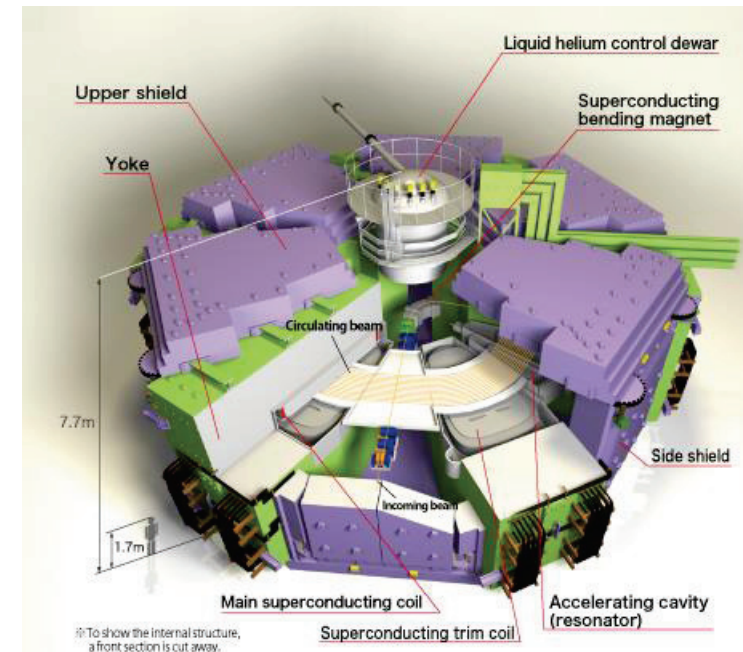
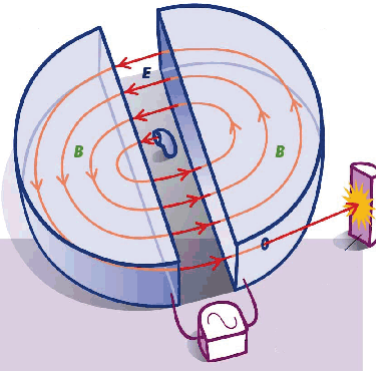
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# From Cyclotron to ECRIS



Ernest O. Lawrence

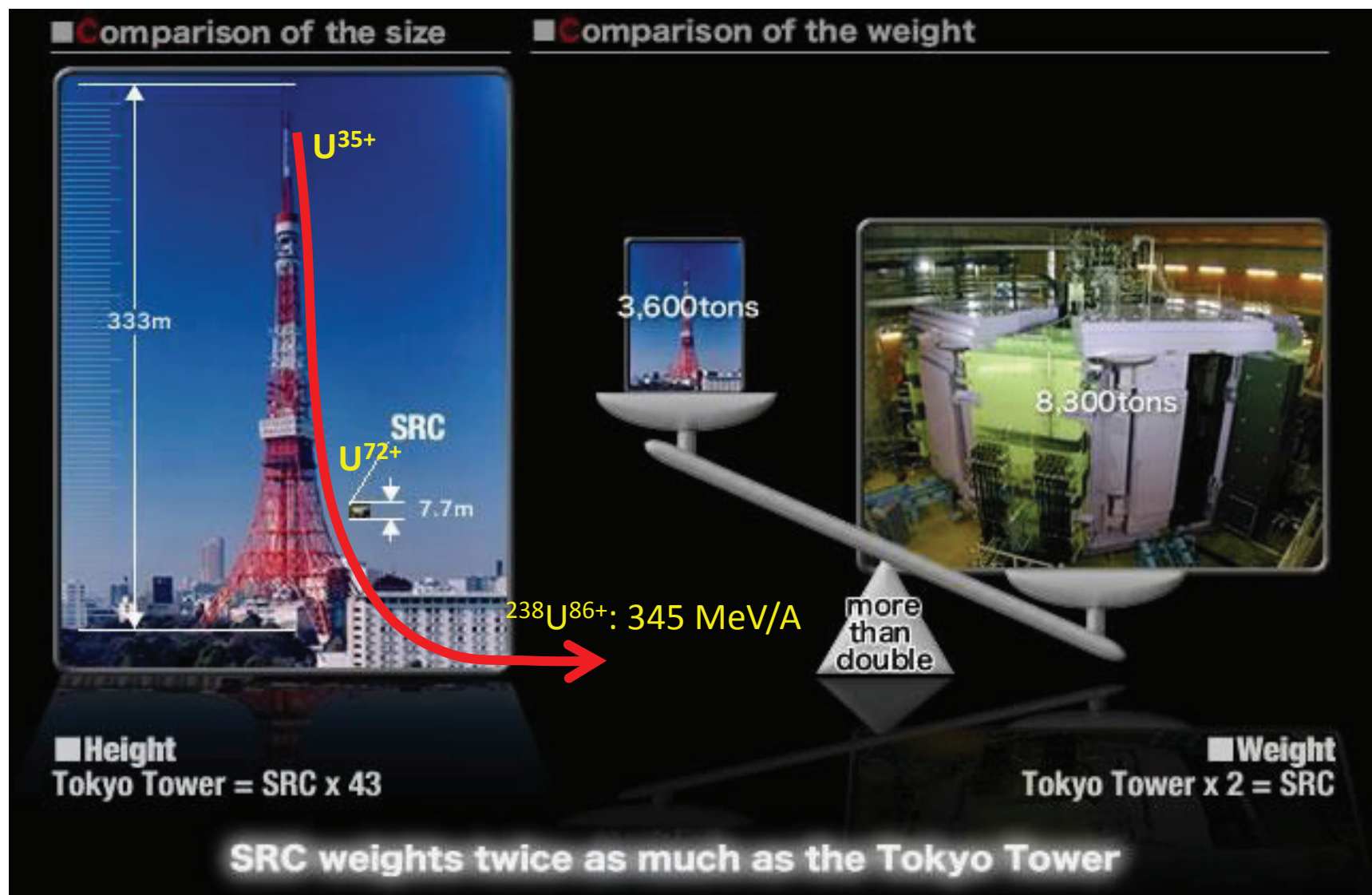


12" Cyclotron

Factor of >60

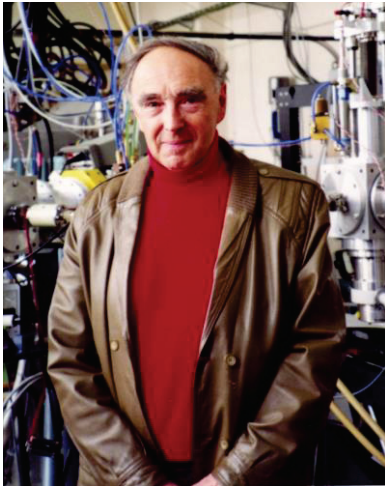
RIKEN/SRC

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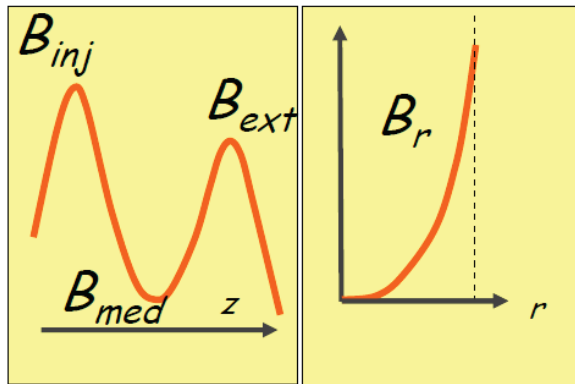
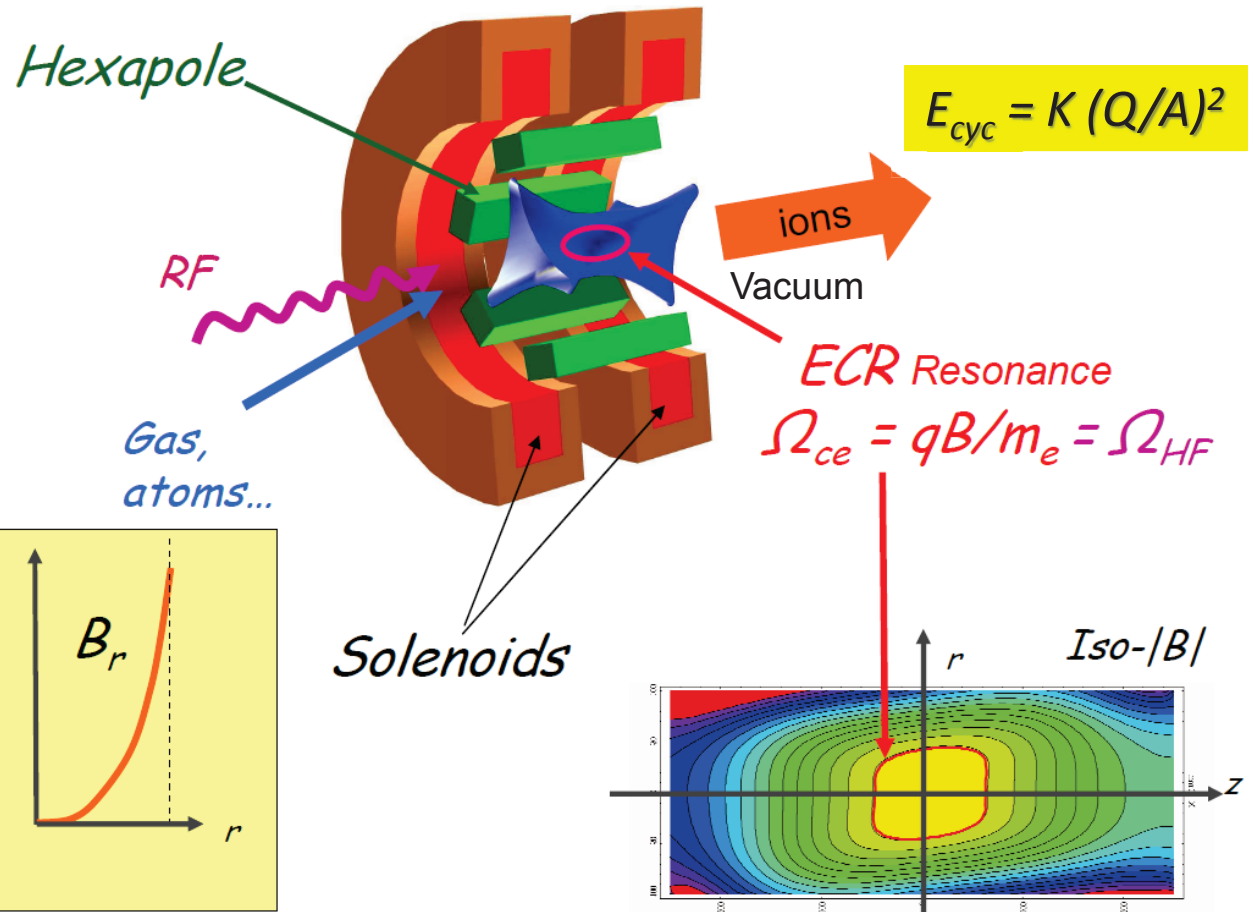


# From ECRIS to Cyclotron



Richard Geller

Multicharged Ion production in a minimum- $|B|$

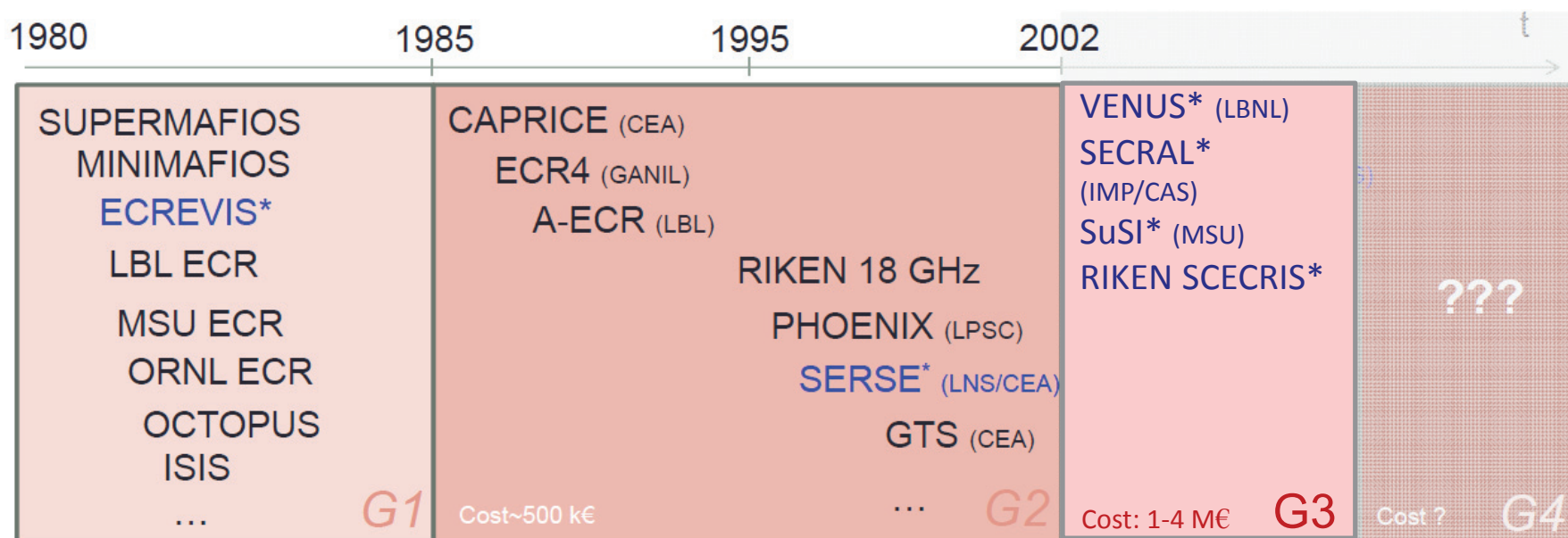


# From ECRIS to Cyclotron (1980s)



# Family Tree of ECRISs

|                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| All permanent magnet ECRIS<br>Nanogan series ion sources<br>BIE series ion sources<br>LAPECR1, LAPECR2<br>Kei1, Kei2<br>SOPHIE<br>Operated 2.45 ~ 14 GHz | Classical RM ECRIS<br>GTS source<br>AECR-U<br>LECR2, LECR3<br>RIKEN 18 GHz<br>ECR4, Caprice<br>Operated 10 ~ 18 GHz | Hybrid SC-ECRIS<br>RAMSE, SHIVA<br>A-PHOENIX<br>PKDELIS<br>Dubna 18 GHz<br>Operated 14 ~ 28 GHz | Fully SC-ECRIS<br>SERSE 18 GHz<br>VENUS 28GHz<br>SECRA 18~28 GHz<br>SUSI 18~24 GHz<br>RIKEN SCECRIS 28 GHz<br>Operated 18 ~ 28 GHz |
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\*Superconducting ECRIS

# ECRIS Direction?

- $$I_i^q = \frac{1}{2} \frac{n_i^q q e V_{ex}}{\tau_i^q}$$

$n_i^q$  ion density for species i charge q  
 $\tau_i^q$  Confinement time for species i charge q

$\sum_{i,q} n_i^q q_i = n_e$  (Plasma neutrality)

- From RF dispersion equation at resonance :  $(n_e T_e) \approx \left( \frac{m_e \epsilon_0 \omega_{rf}^2}{e^2} \right) m_e c^2$ 

$I^q \propto f_{ECR}^2$

- Plasma Stability condition :  $\beta = \frac{n_e k_b T_e}{\left( \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0} \right)} < 1$ 

As  $n_e \nearrow$        $B \nearrow$

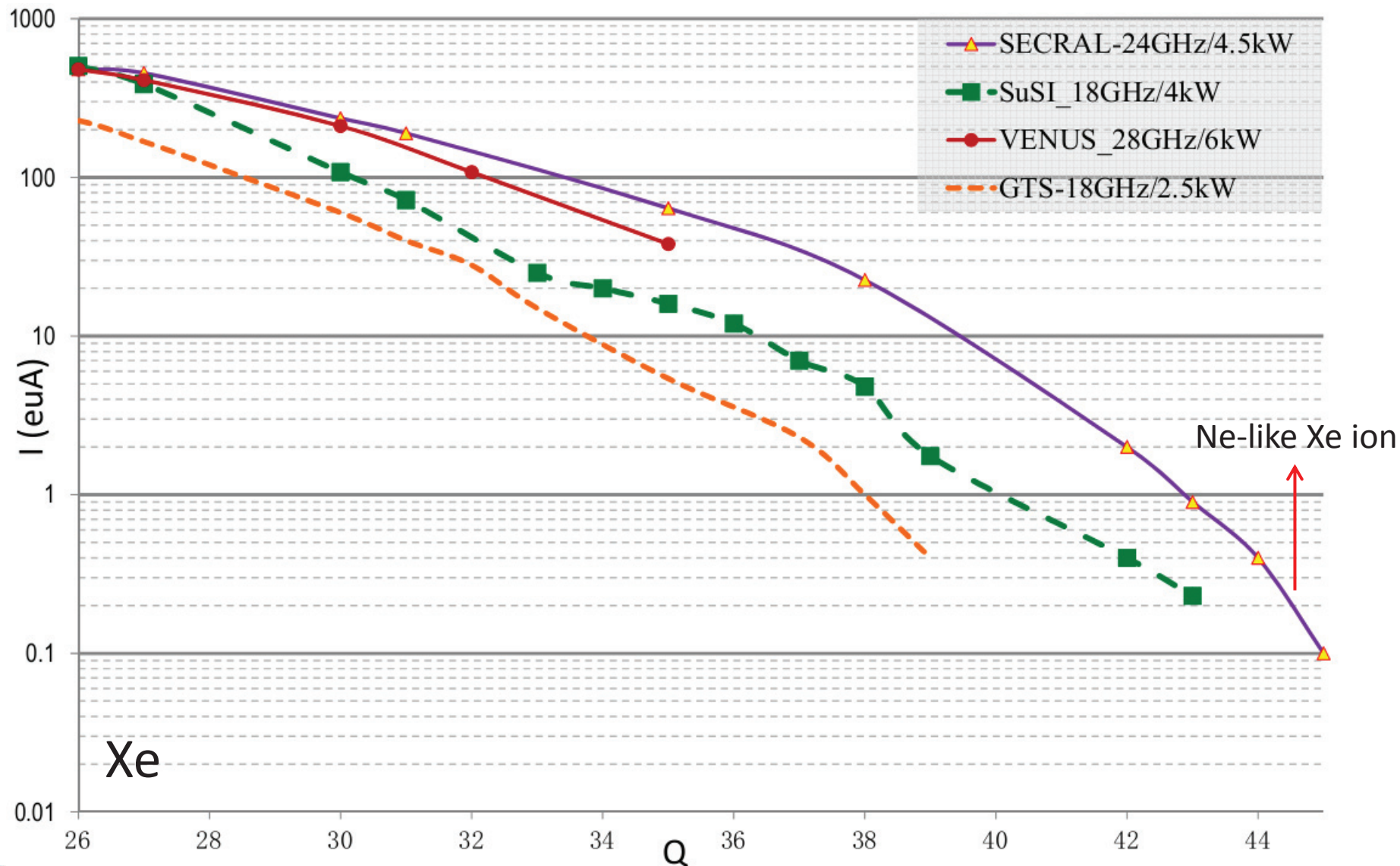
- $B_{inj} \sim 3 - 4 B_{ecr}$  on axis
- $B_{ext} \sim 2.2 B_{ecr}$  on axis (T)
- $B_{rad} \sim 2 B_{ecr}$  on plasma chamber wall
- Last closed Bmod inside chamber is  $\sim 2 B_{ecr}$

Semi-empirical rules

| $f_{ECR}$ | $B_{ECR}$ | $B_{inj}$ | $B_{rad}$ |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 14 GHz    | 0.5 T     | 2 T       | 1 T       |
| 28 GHz    | 1 T       | 4 T       | 2 T       |

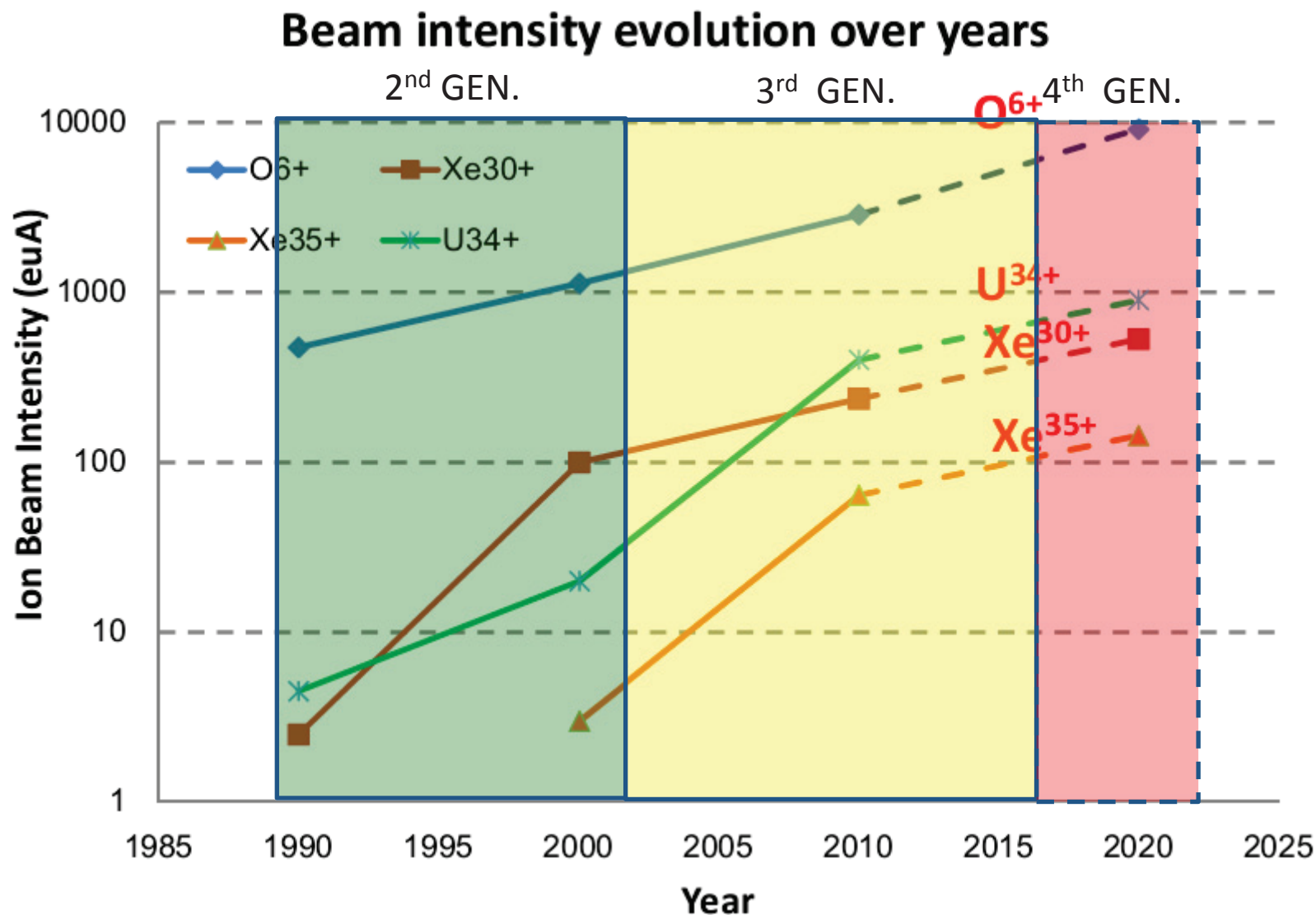


# Performance of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation ECRISs





# Performance Improvement



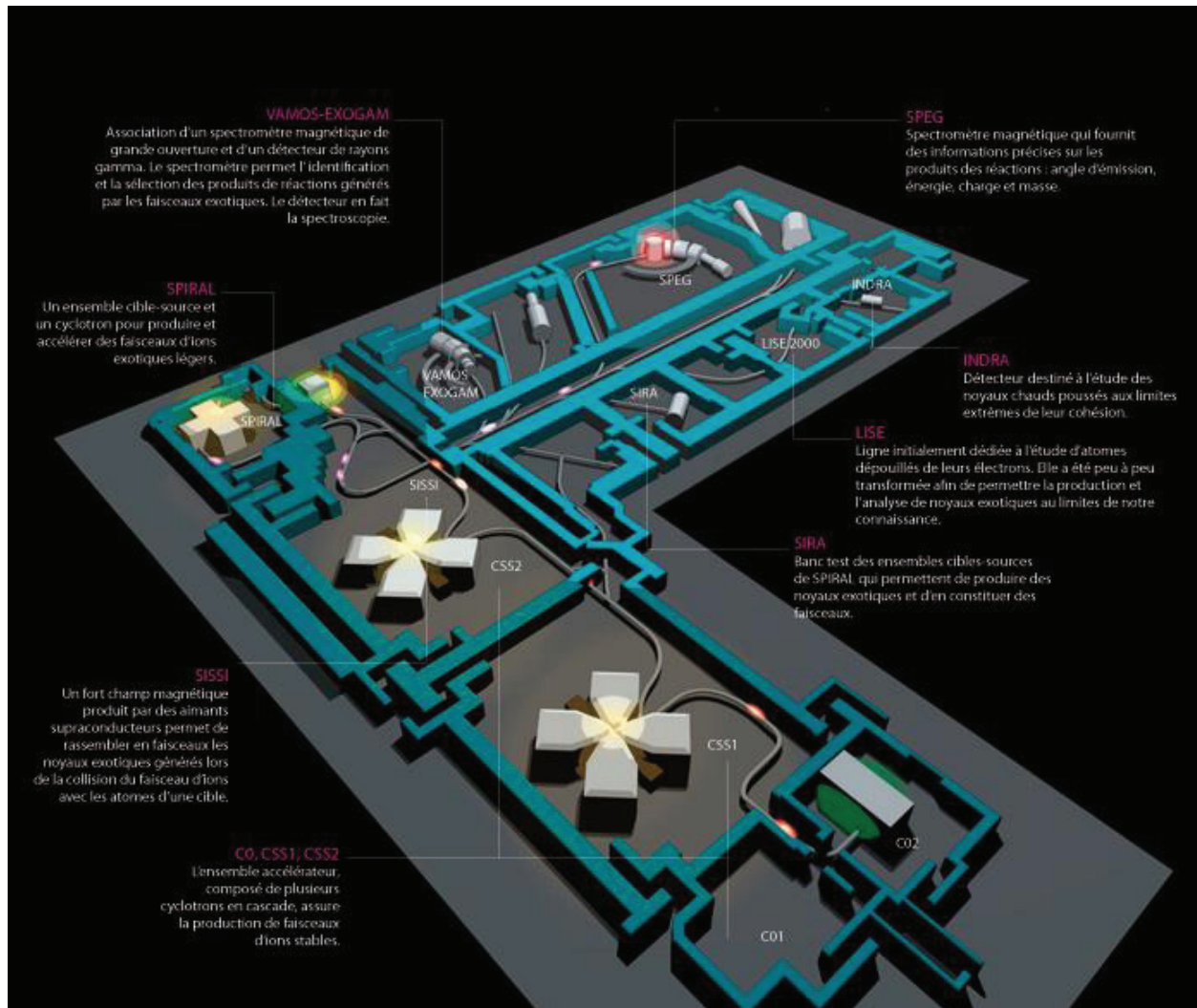
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# ECRISs in GANIL

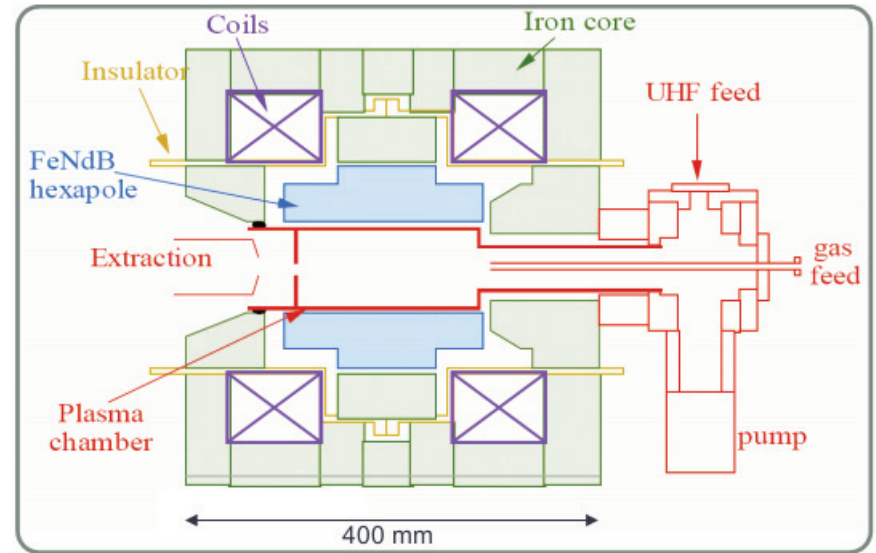


- One of first cyclotron labs used ECRIS for routines
- ECR4 & ECR4M operation for stable ion beams
- ECRISs used for radioactive ion beams

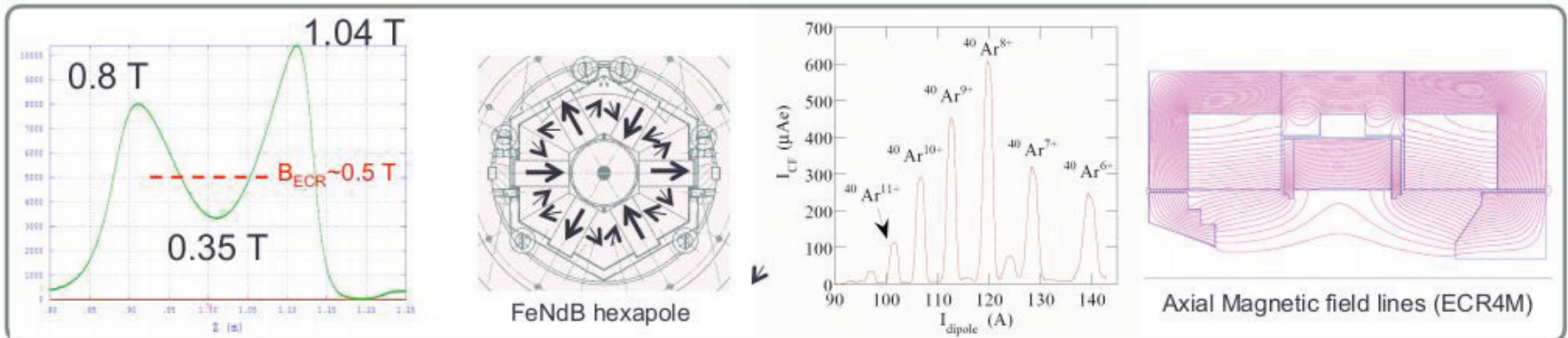


# ECR4 & ECR4M

- $f=14.5$  GHz/1.5 kW ( $B_{\text{ECR}} = 0.64$  T)
- Coaxial RF coupling to adapt RF impedance to the ECR cavity, inherited from CAPRICE source design.
- **Big iron yoke**
- **Double-wall structure** plasma chamber
- **High B mode:**
  - Axial Mirror: 1.04 T/0.35 T/0.8 T
  - Hexapole: 1 T **FeNdB Halbach** type
- Typical Ion Beam:  $\sim 650$   $\mu\text{A}$   $\text{Ar}^{8+}$
- Chamber volume ( $\text{\O}64$  mm  $\times$  L200 mm)  
V $\sim$ 0.5 liter

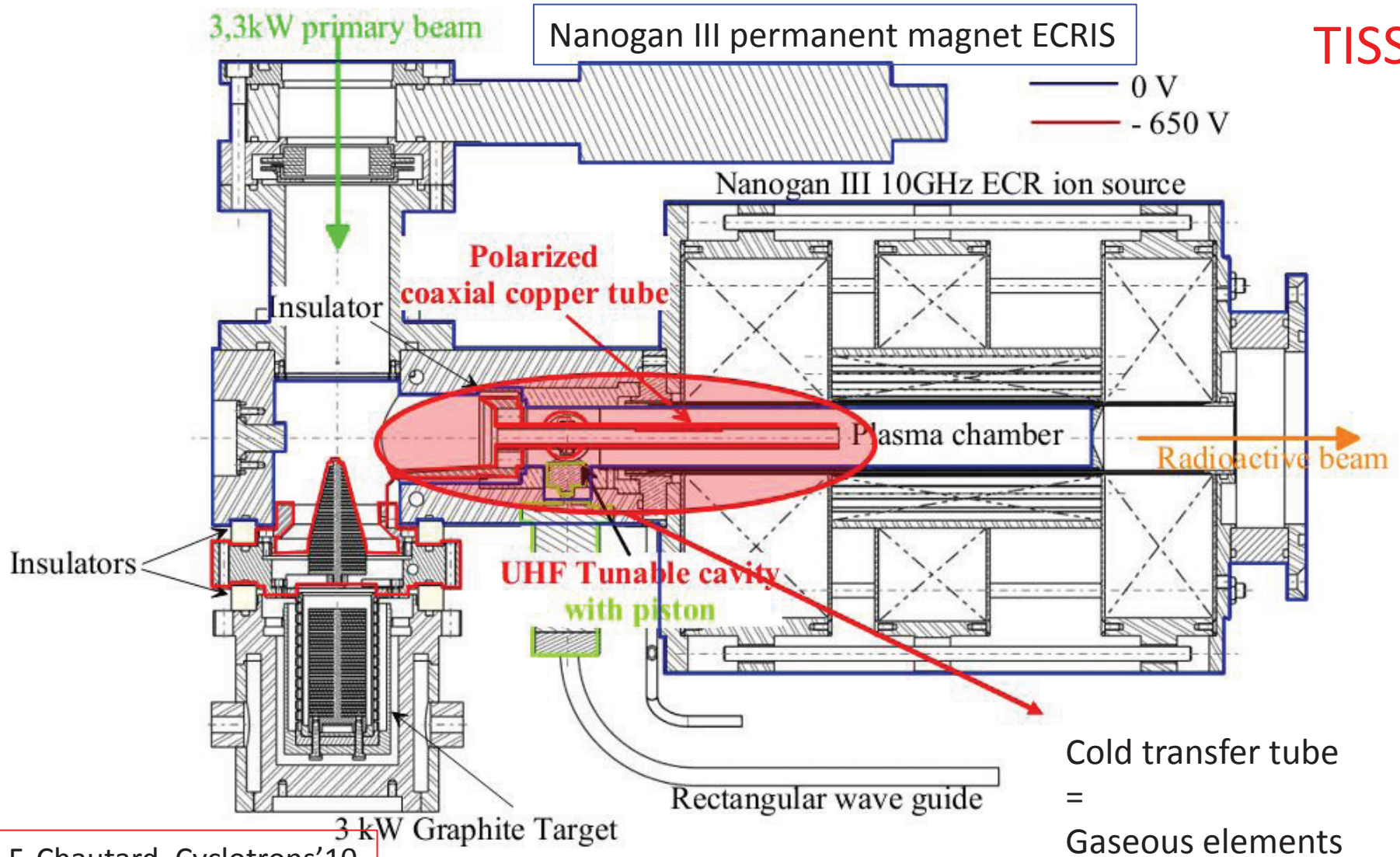


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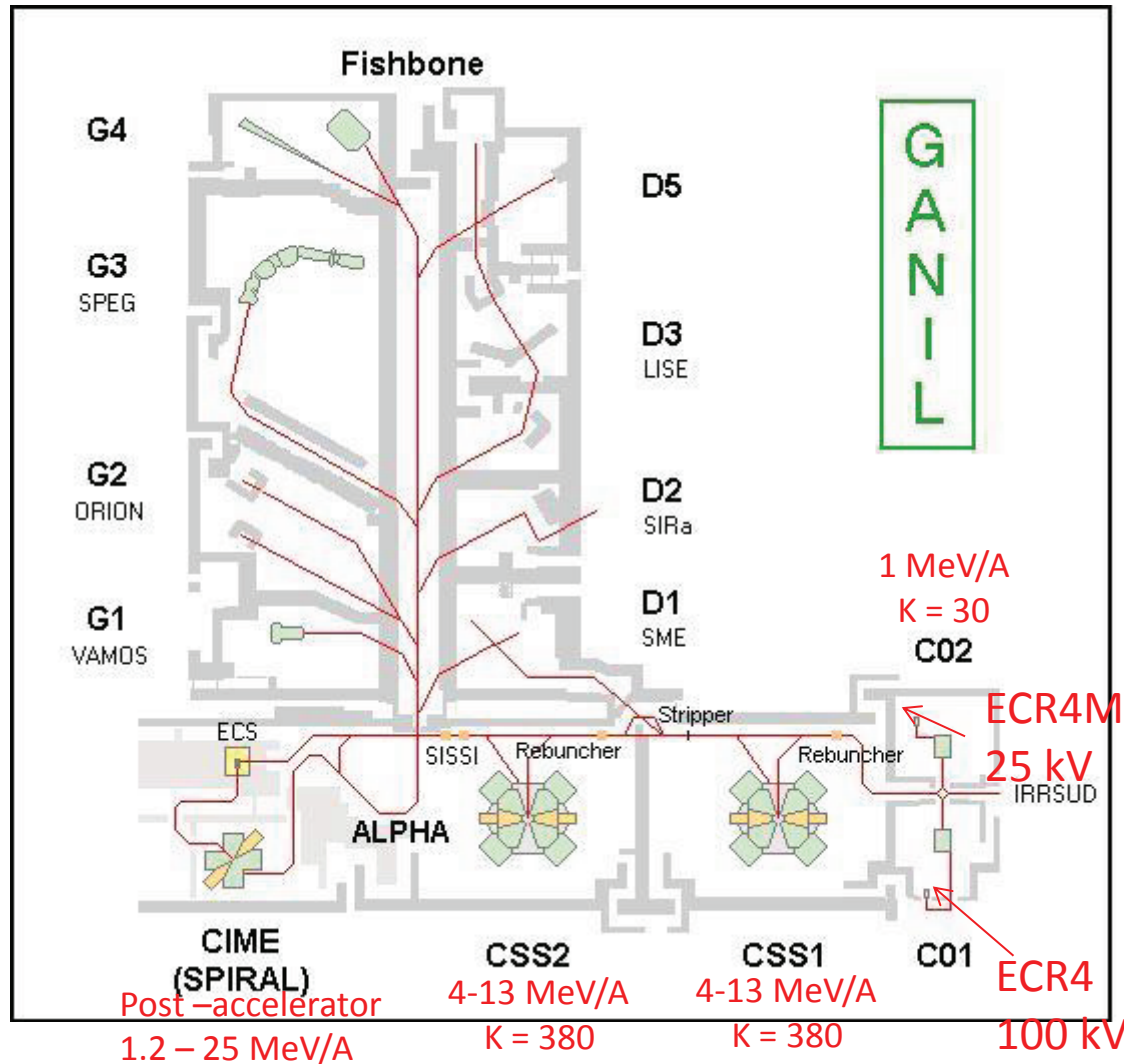
# ECRIS for Radioactive Beams

TISS



F. Chautard, Cyclotrons'10

# GANIL



- Stable ion beams: **C – U**
- Beams of more than **50** isotopes
- Maximum energy  $\sim 100$  MeV/u
- Typical final beam power: 100 W – 1000 W



# ECRISs in LNS/INFN

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- 1<sup>st</sup> high performance superconducting ECRIS utilized for cyclotron routine operation
- Utilization of ECRIS makes the stand-alone operation of cyclotron CS possible

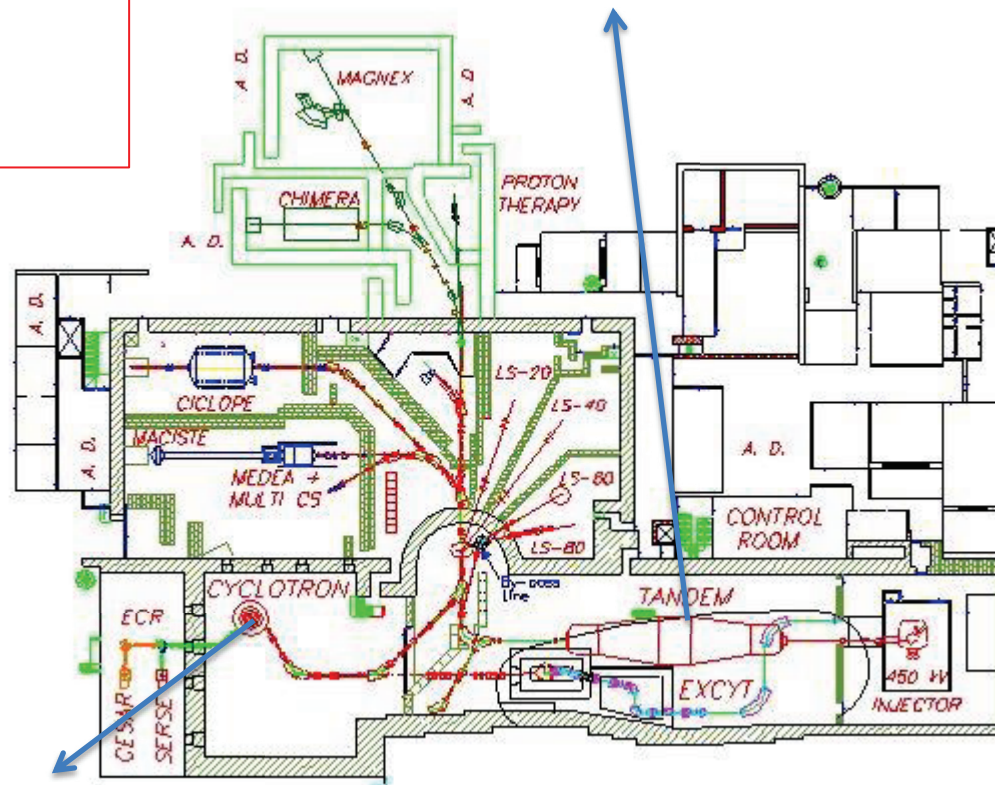


# Operation Scheme in LNS

Coupling mode:

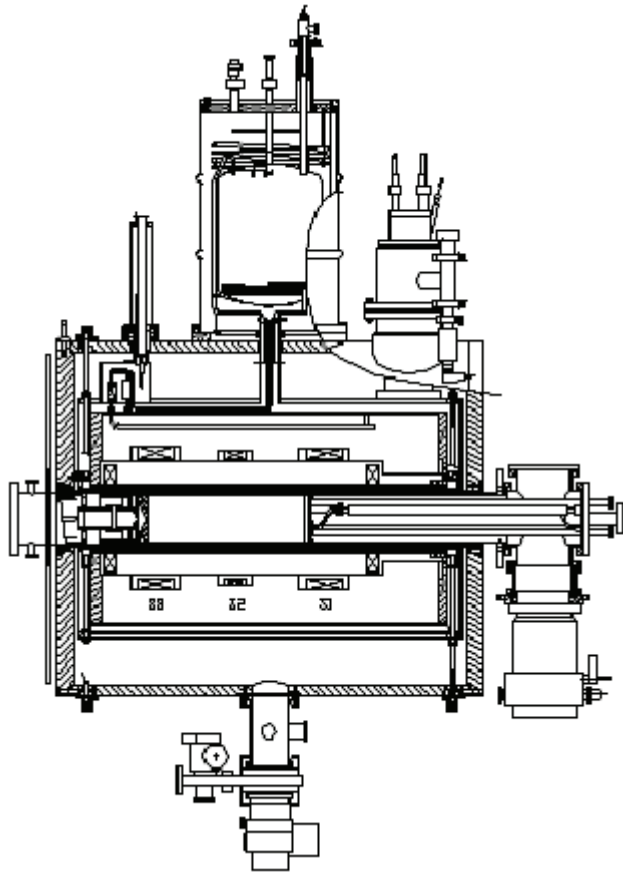
- Low efficiency
- No stable

Tandem Van De Graaff, 13 MV  
Built in early 80s



K800 CS fully operational since 1996

# SERSE Ion Source



Available in 1997

|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Frequency                      | 18 + 14.5 GHz  |
| Type of launching              | WR62, off-axis |
| Mirror length                  | 490 mm         |
| $B_{inj}$                      | 2.7 T          |
| $B_{min}$                      | 0.3-0.6 T      |
| $B_{ext}$                      | 1.6 T          |
| $L_{ecr}$                      | < 100 mm       |
| $L_{hexapole}$                 | 700 mm         |
| $B_{rad}$                      | 1.55 T max.    |
| $\varnothing$ plasma electrode | 8 mm           |
| $\varnothing$ puller           | 12 mm          |
| Extraction voltage             | 30 kV Max.     |

# SERSE Achievements

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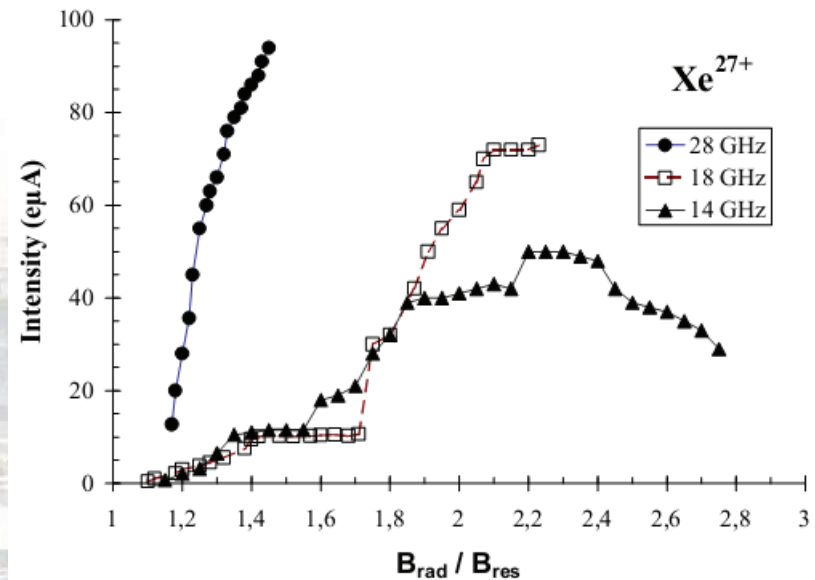


- Demonstration of the state of art SC-techniques for ECRISs
- Refinement of scaling laws for ECRIS development
- Guidance of gyrotron generator microwave coupling method to ECRIS

# SERSE Performance

## SERSE typical currents at 18GHz

|       |     |       |      |       |      |
|-------|-----|-------|------|-------|------|
| O6+   | 540 | Kr22+ | 66   | Au30+ | 20   |
| O7+   | 208 | Kr25+ | 35   | Au31+ | 17   |
| O8+   | 62  | Kr27+ | 7.8  | Au32+ | 14   |
| Ar12+ | 200 | Kr29+ | 1.4  | Au33+ | 12   |
| Ar14+ | 84  | Kr31+ | 0.2  | Au34+ | 8    |
| Ar16+ | 21  | Xe27+ | 78   | Au35+ | 5.5  |
| Ar17+ | 2.6 | Xe30+ | 38.5 | Au36+ | 2.5  |
| Ar18+ | 0.4 | Xe31+ | 23.5 | Au38+ | 1.1  |
| Kr17+ | 160 | Xe33+ | 9.1  | Au39+ | 0.7  |
| Kr18+ | 137 | Xe34+ | 5.2  | Au40+ | 0.5  |
| Kr19+ | 107 | Xe36+ | 2    | Au41+ | 0.35 |
| Kr20+ | 74  | Xe38+ | 0.9  | Au42+ | 0.03 |



Scaling laws tested with SERSE

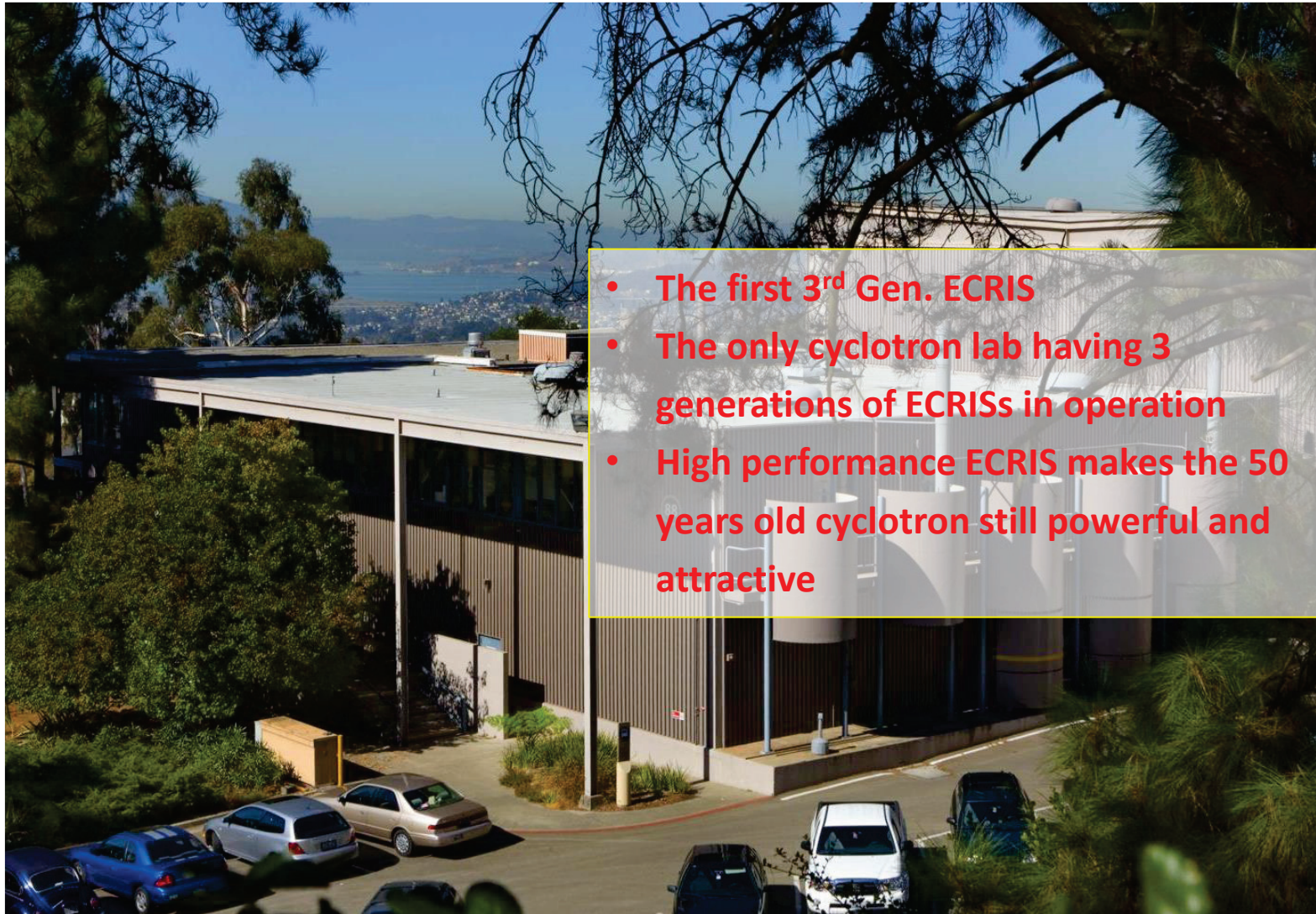
28 GHz operations:

1  $\mu\text{A}$   $\text{Xe}^{42+}$ , 8  $\mu\text{A}$   $\text{Xe}^{38+}$ , 100  $\mu\text{A}$   $\text{Xe}^{30+}$

Courtesy of C. Luigi



# 88-Inch Lab/LBNL

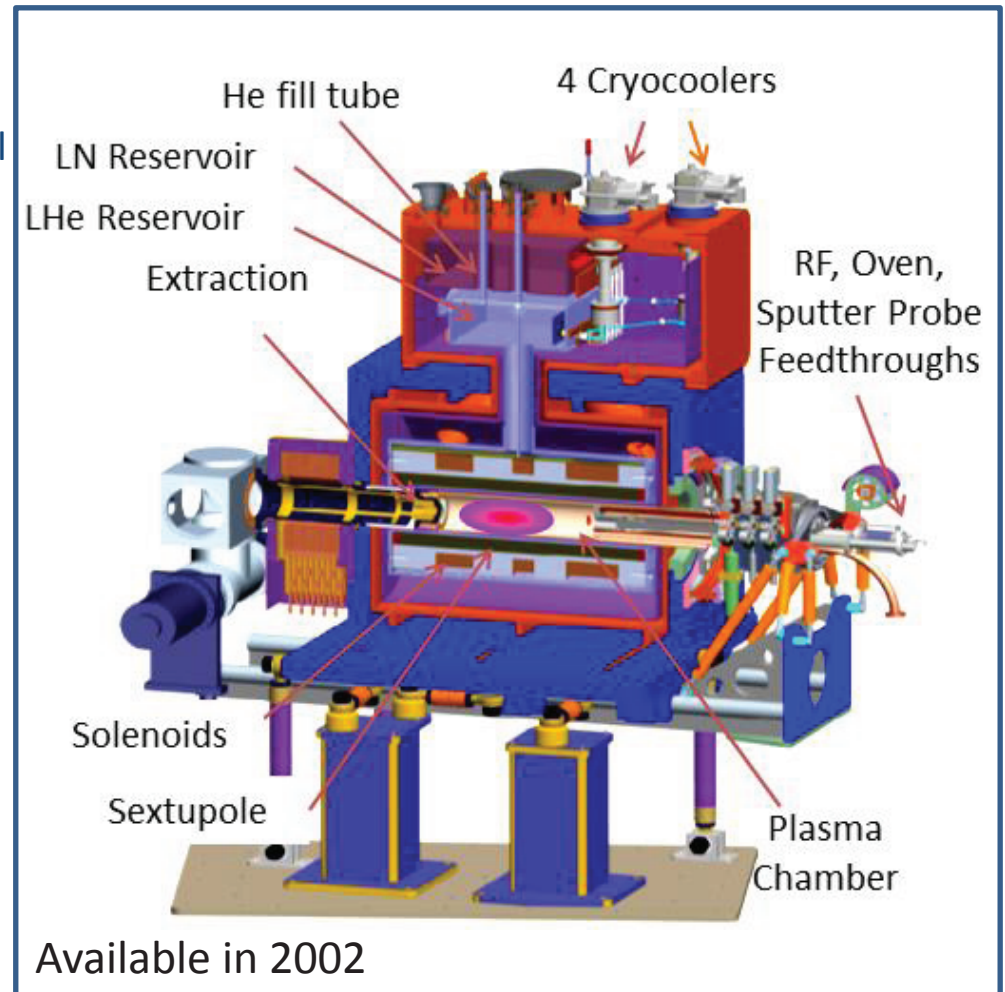


# VENUS in LBNL

- **Fully superconducting**, Niobium-Titanium sextupole & 3 solenoids enclosed in LHe
- **LN Reservoir** : 70K, dissipates heat from normal conducting leads
- **LHe Reservoir**: 4.2K
- **Four two stage cryocoolers** which provide **6W total cooling power at 4.2K**, recondense evaporated He, 1<sup>st</sup> stage (45K) cools part of the Cu leads
- **Recently ran 22 months straight**

|                                   |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| 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                    | 50cm |
| 18 GHz Maximum Power              | 2kW  |
| 28 GHz Maximum Power              | 10kW |

|                                  |       |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| 28 GHz Maximum Power Injected    | 6.5kW |
| 18+28 GHz Maximum Power Injected | 8.5kW |

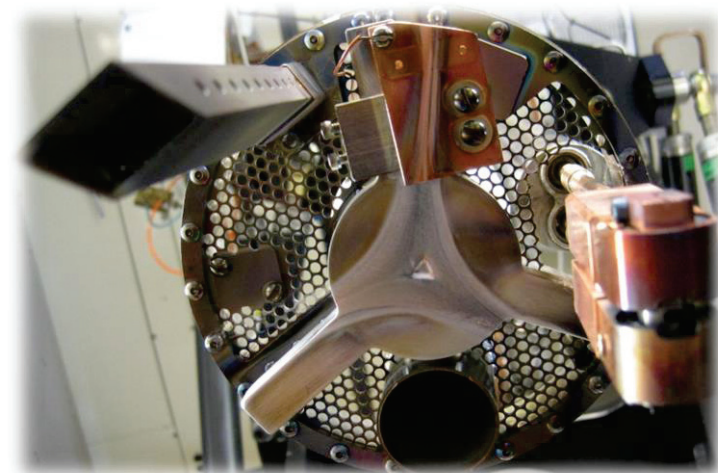


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# U Beam with VENUS

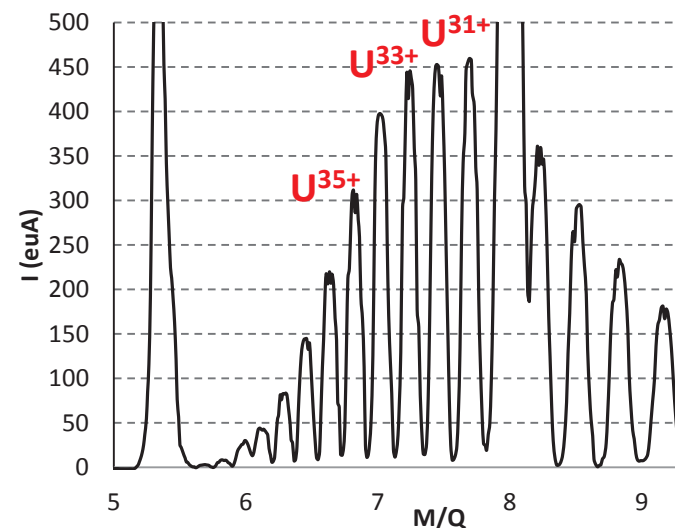
- Operates 650°C-2300°C to vaporize metals
- Improved cooling
- Expands VENUS' metal production capability



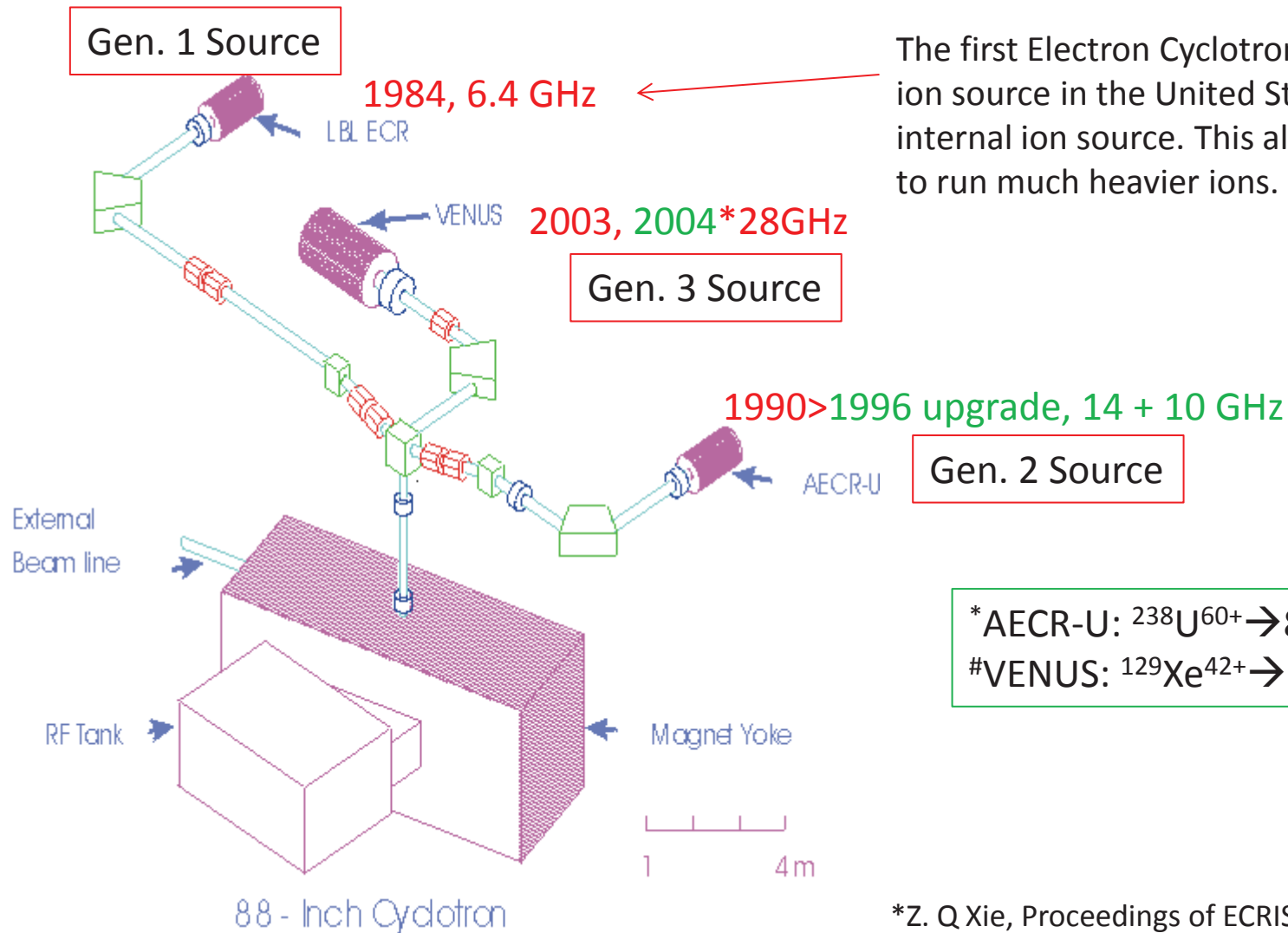
## Uranium Development: High Intensity

- ▣ Uranium beams will be one of the most important and challenging beams for projects like FRIB, RIBF, HIAF...
- ▣ U sublimes @ 2000°C, 1000W!
- ▣ FRIB needs 440eμA of  $^{238}\text{U}^{33+,34+}$  combined

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| $^{238}\text{U}^{33+}$ | 450eμA |
| $^{238}\text{U}^{34+}$ | 400eμA |
| $^{238}\text{U}^{50+}$ | 13eμA  |



# Operation Mode in 88-Inch



The first Electron Cyclotron Resonance (ECR) ion source in the United States replaced the internal ion source. This allowed the 88-Inch to run much heavier ions.

\*AECR-U:  $^{238}\text{U}^{60+} \rightarrow 8.13 \text{ MeV/u}$   
#VENUS:  $^{129}\text{Xe}^{42+} \rightarrow 14 \text{ MeV/u}$

\*Z. Q Xie, Proceedings of ECRIS'97

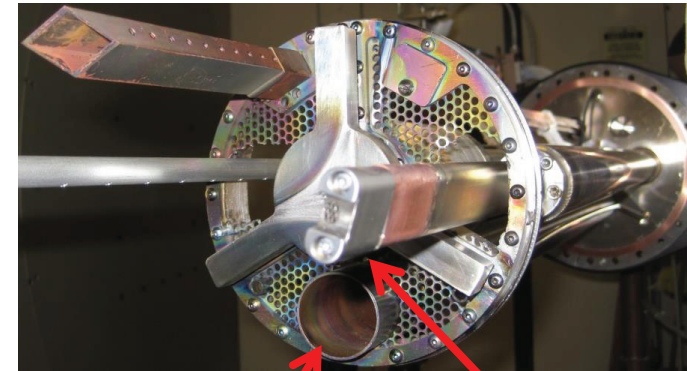
#D. Leitner et al., Rev. Sci. Instrum. 79 (2008) 02C710



# Operation Status: $^{48}\text{Ca}^{11+}$

- VENUS Low Temperature Oven completed July, 2011
- Successfully delivered  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  to 88-Inch experimenters for 60 days straight from April-June 2013
- Summary of the operation:
  - ✓ average current of  $78\text{e}\mu\text{A}$  of  $^{48}\text{Ca}^{11+}$
  - ✓ consumption rate of  $0.25\text{mg/hr}$
  - ✓ Good news for high intensity  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  runs where 1mg of  $^{48}\text{Ca} \sim \$250$  ( $63\text{mg} \sim \$15,750$ )
  - ✓ Good efficiency = No liner required = No interruption to cocktail runs

VENUS Injection



28 GHz waveguide  
Low Temperature Oven

See D. Todd's talk [MO2PB02](#) for details

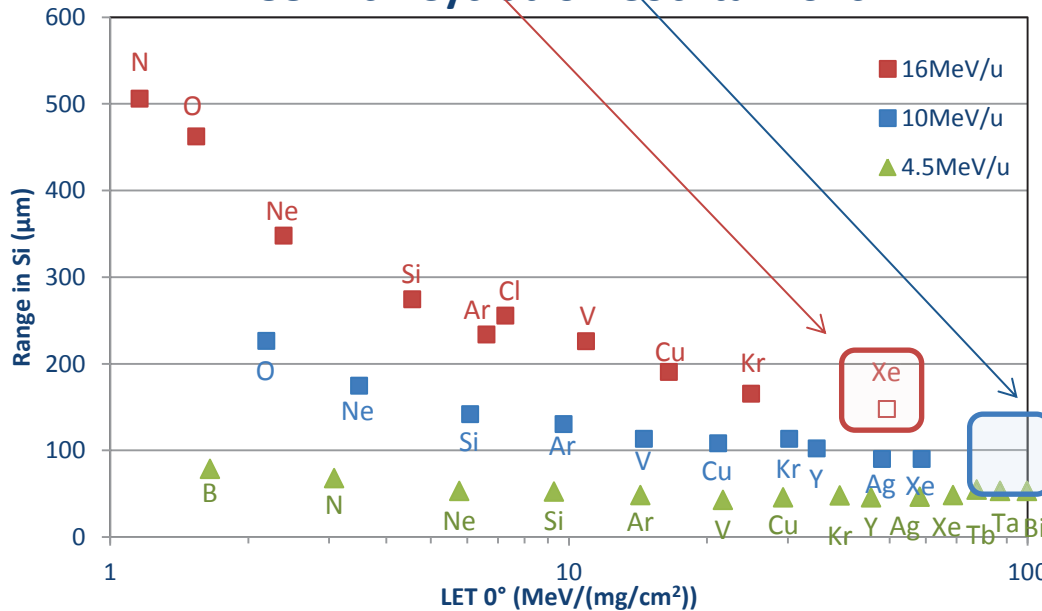
# Operation Status: Cocktail Beams

Development of new cocktail ions using VENUS to increase LET and range underway

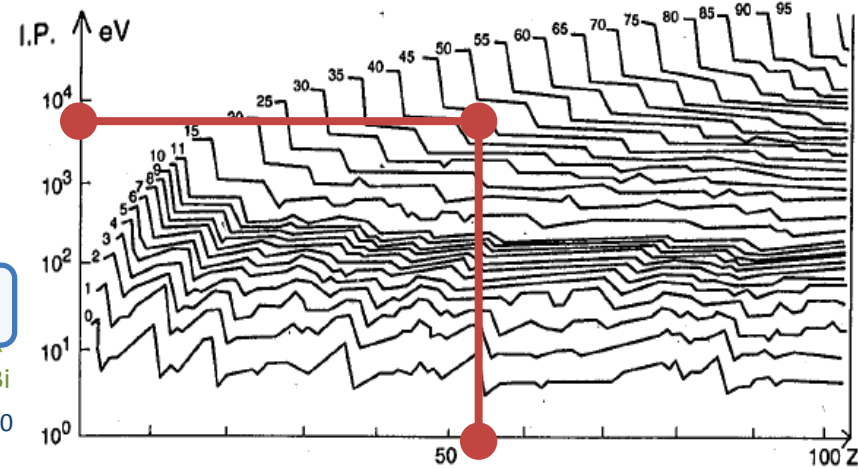
$^{124}\text{Xe}^{43+}$  in 16MeV cocktail: extends LET from 25 to 50 MeV/(mg/cm<sup>2</sup>) → now regularly used

$^{209}\text{Bi}^{56+}$  in 10MeV cocktail: extends LET from 60 to 91 MeV/(mg/cm<sup>2</sup>) → under development

## 88-Inch Cyclotron Cocktail Ions



- VENUS produces  $^{124}\text{Xe}^{43+}$  for 16MeV users!
- For Z=54, to reach a  $\text{Xe}^{+43}$  charge state requires  $\sim 5 \times 10^3$  eV electrons!



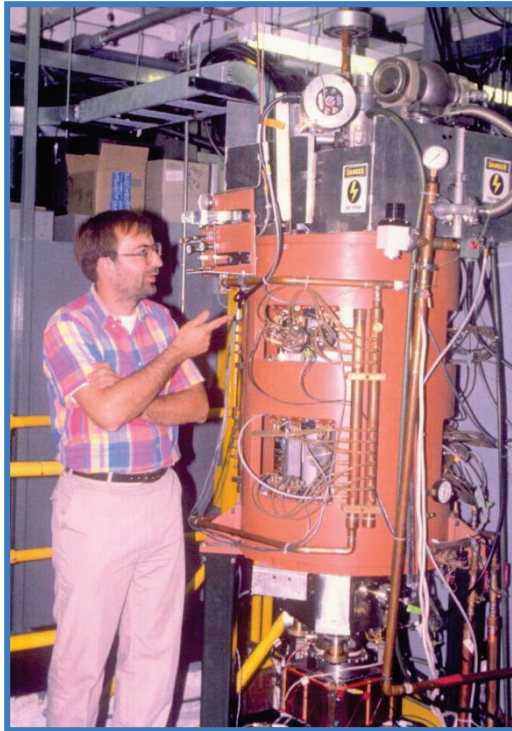
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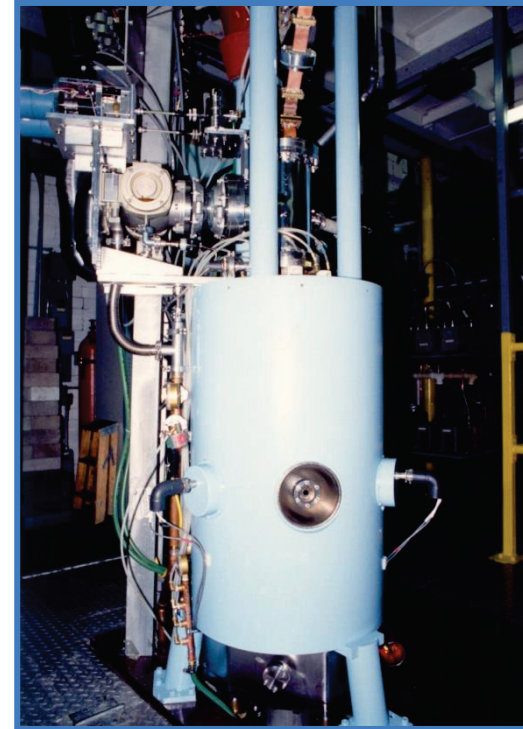
- 1<sup>st</sup> fully superconducting ECRIS built for operation
- SuSI sets high intensity beam records at 18 GHz
- Collimation beamline: the first ECRIS source beamline installed with collimation system for cyclotron operation

# Early ECRISs in NSCL



## RT-ECR (1985-)

First ECRIS using iron return yoke



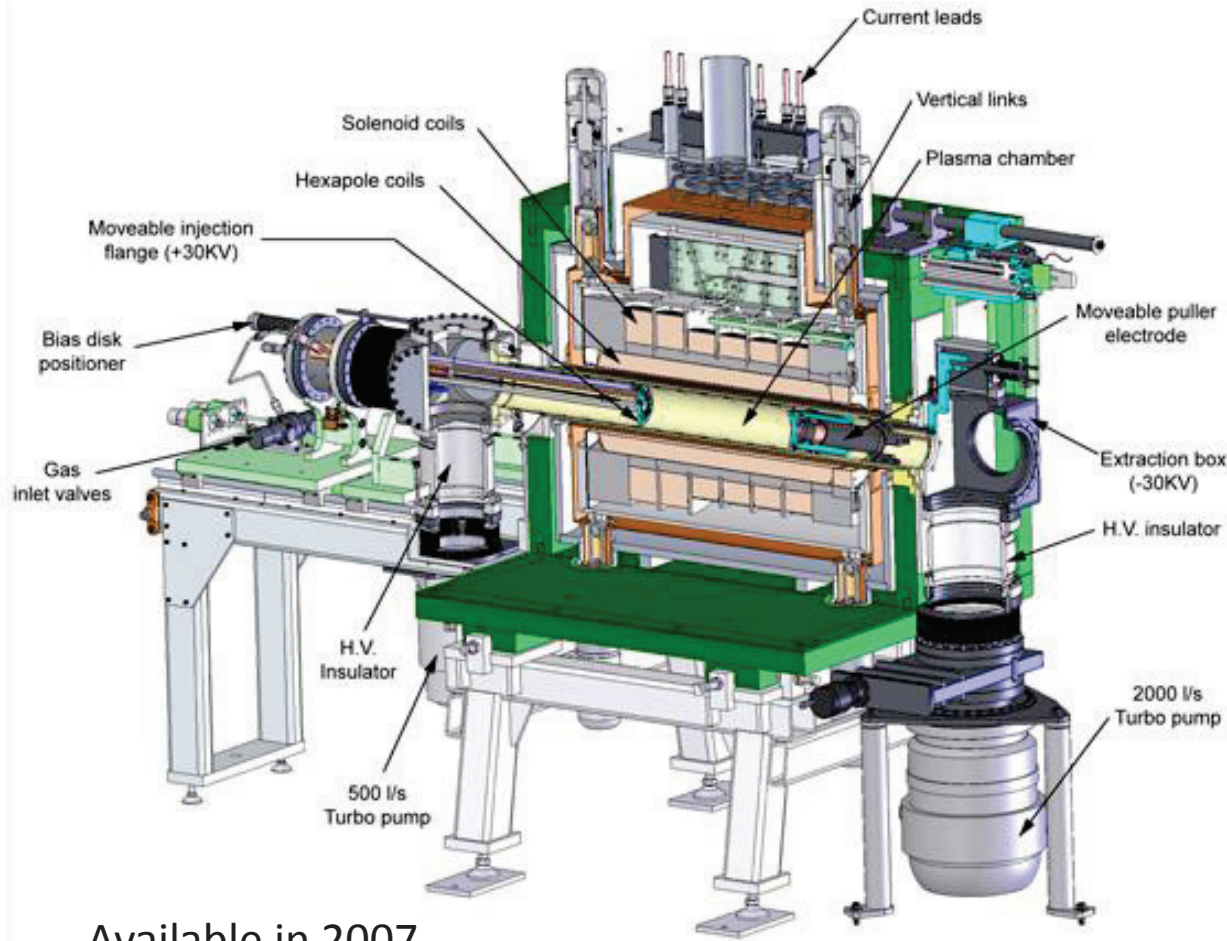
## SC-ECR (1993)

- The **first** dynamically tunable SC ECRIS using the **High-B mode at 6.4 GHz**
- important for Geller's Scaling Laws



# SuSI Source

**SuSI** – Superconducting Source for Ions



Available in 2007

- maximum magnetic fields:

Original Design:

- 2.6 T, 1.5 T axial field
- 1.5 T radial field

Tested (February 2006):

- 3.6 T, 2.2 T axial field
- 2 T radial field

- plasma chamber diameter:

101.6 mm (aluminum)  
3.5 L plasma volume

- superconducting wire:

- 2x1 mm NbTi
- Cu/SC ratio 1.7

- operating frequency:

Phase I: 18 + 14.5 GHz

Phase II: 24-28 GHz

- tunable plasma chamber length and bias disc position

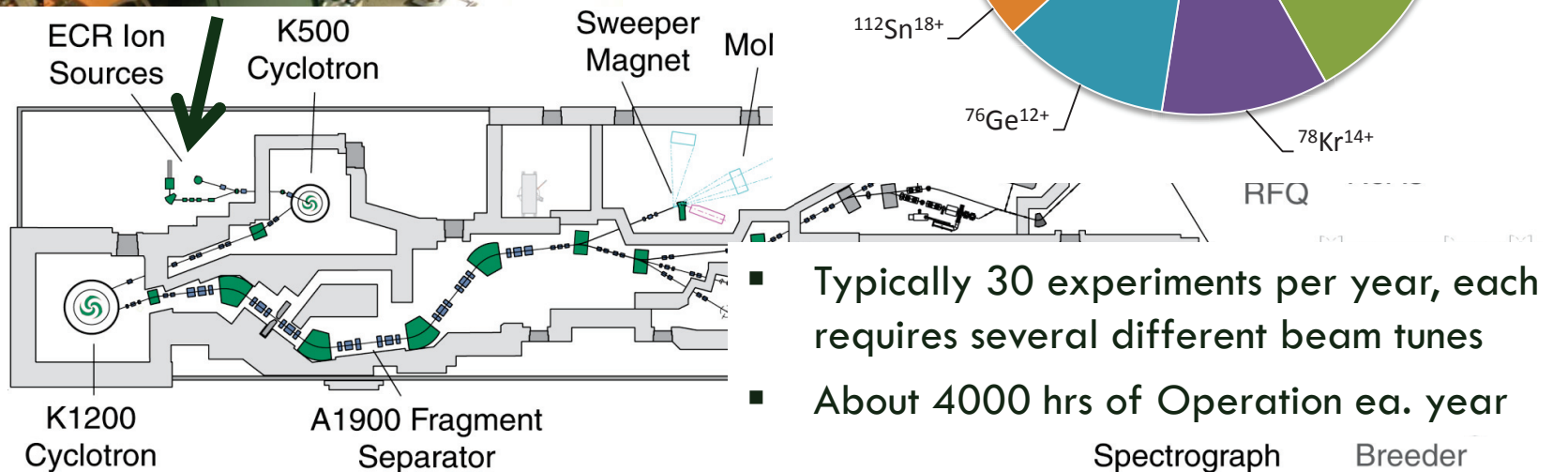
# Performance at 18 GHz

|                         | SuSI<br>(18 GHz/2kW) | SuSI<br>( 18 GHz/ 4kW) | SECRAL<br>(18GHz 3kW) | SECRAL<br>(24GHz) | VENUS<br>(28 GHz) |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| $^{40}\text{Ar}^{11+}$  | 550                  | 800                    | 810                   |                   |                   |
| $^{40}\text{Ar}^{12+}$  | 300                  | 735                    |                       |                   | 860               |
| $^{40}\text{Ar}^{14+}$  | 145                  | 308                    | 270                   | 440               | 514               |
| $^{40}\text{Ar}^{16+}$  | 25                   | 80                     | 73                    | 149               | 270               |
| $^{129}\text{Xe}^{26+}$ | 350                  | 500                    | 410                   |                   |                   |
| $^{129}\text{Xe}^{27+}$ | 276                  | 385                    | 306                   | 455               | 411               |
| $^{129}\text{Xe}^{30+}$ | 80                   | 110                    | 101                   | 236               | 211               |
| $^{209}\text{Bi}^{30+}$ | 190                  | 320                    | 205                   | 422               | 310               |
| $^{209}\text{Bi}^{31+}$ | 175                  | 280                    | 191                   | 395               | 300               |
| $^{238}\text{U}^{33+}$  |                      | 196                    |                       |                   | 430               |
| $^{238}\text{U}^{34+}$  |                      | 180                    |                       |                   | 400               |
| $^{238}\text{U}^{35+}$  |                      | 140                    |                       |                   | 300               |



# Operation for CCF

- ICIS 2009: ■ Commissioning of SuSI  
 ■ Connection of SuSI to CCF

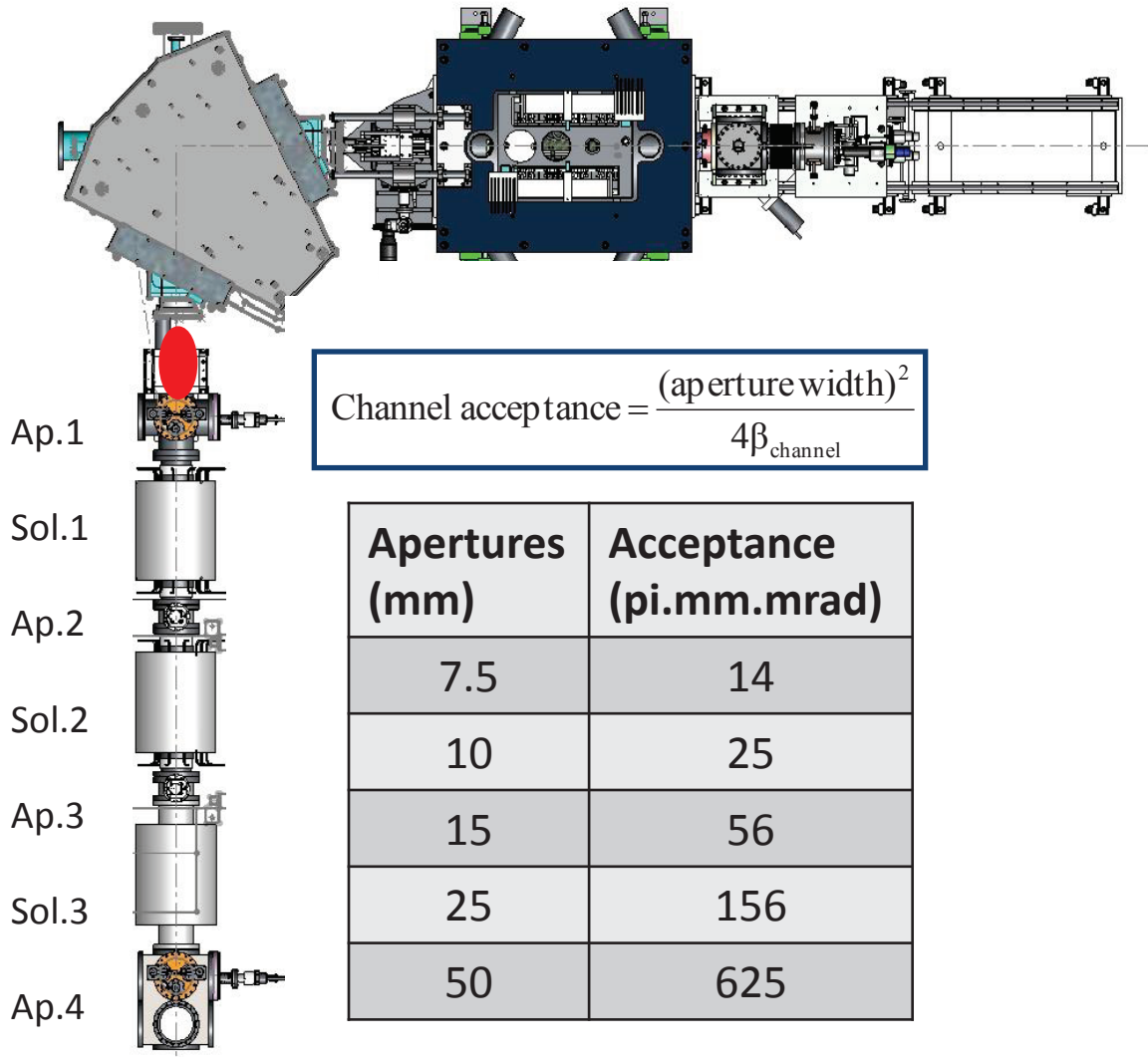


- Typically 30 experiments per year, each requires several different beam tunes
- About 4000 hrs of Operation ea. year

Courtesy of G. Machicoane



# Collimation Channel





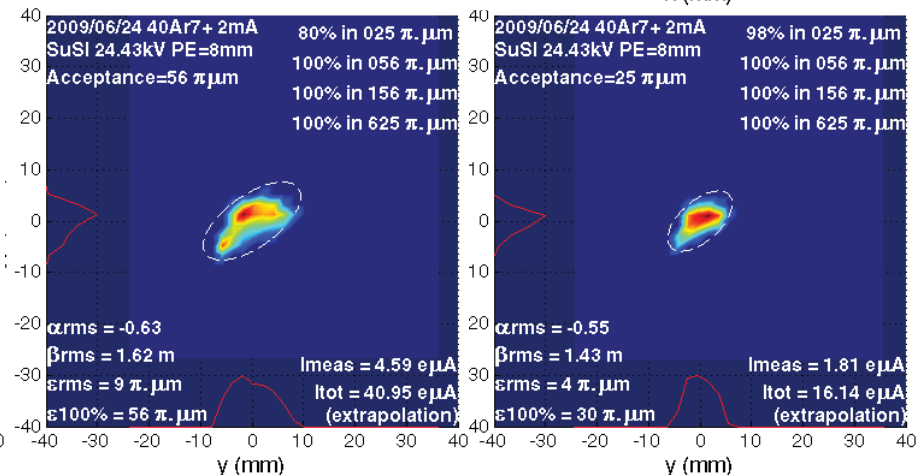
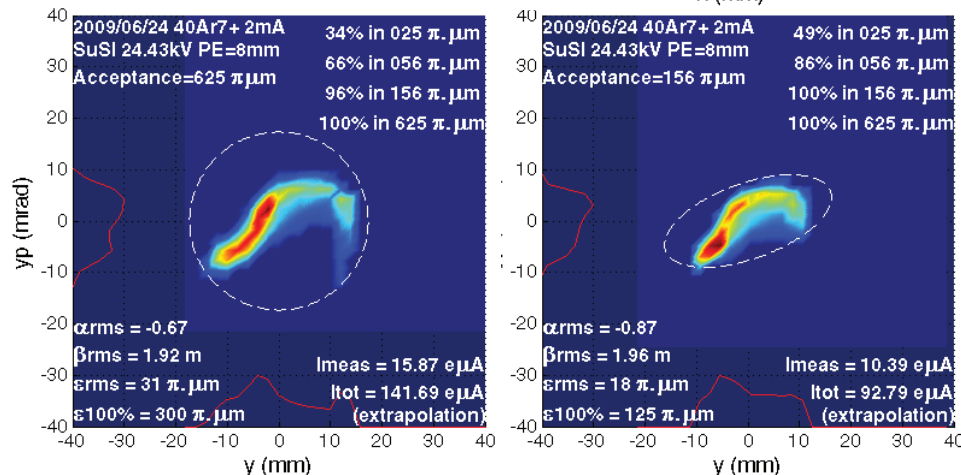
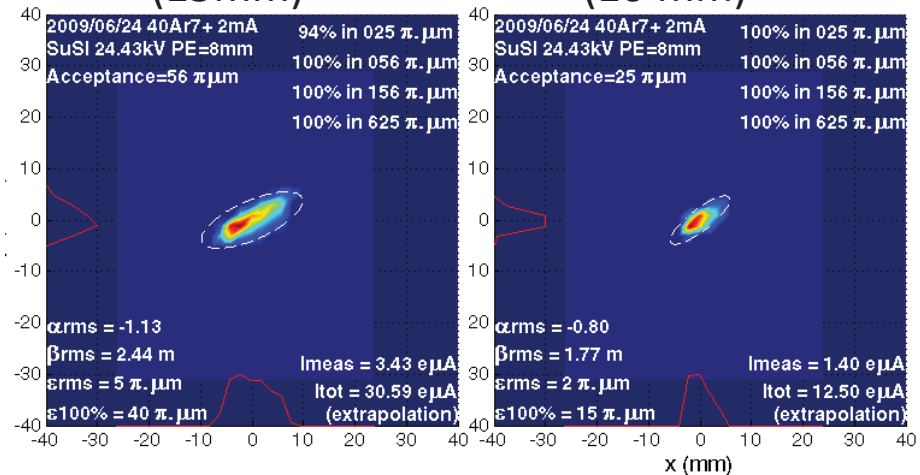
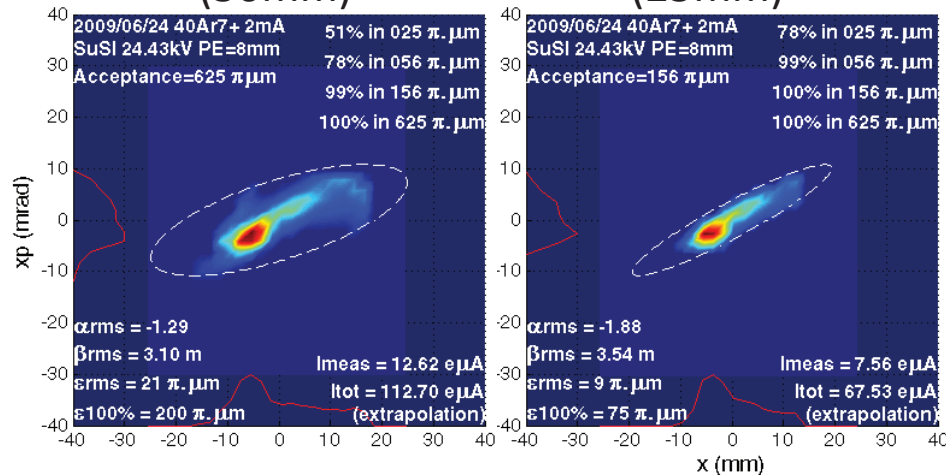
# Collimation Effect

625  $\pi.\mu\text{m}$   
(50mm)

156  $\pi.\mu\text{m}$   
(25mm)

56  $\pi.\mu\text{m}$   
(15mm)

25  $\pi.\mu\text{m}$   
(10 mm)



FC: 150  $\text{e}\mu\text{A}$

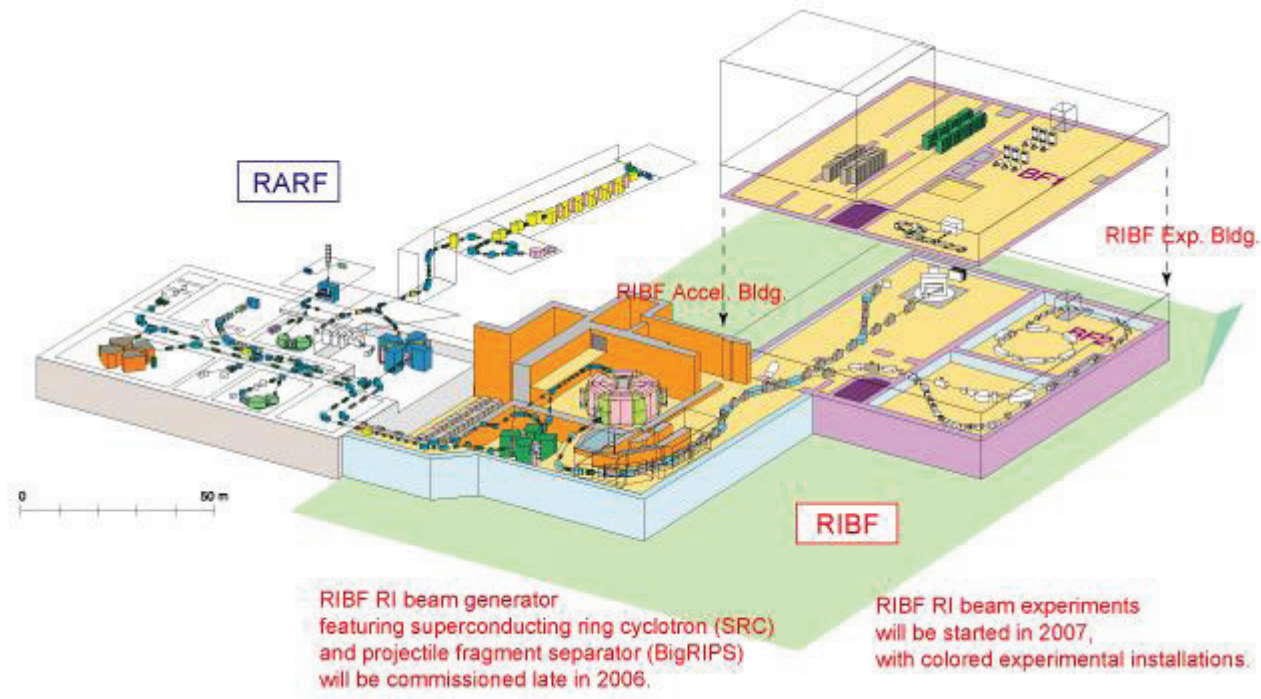
96  $\text{e}\mu\text{A}$

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17  $\text{e}\mu\text{A}$

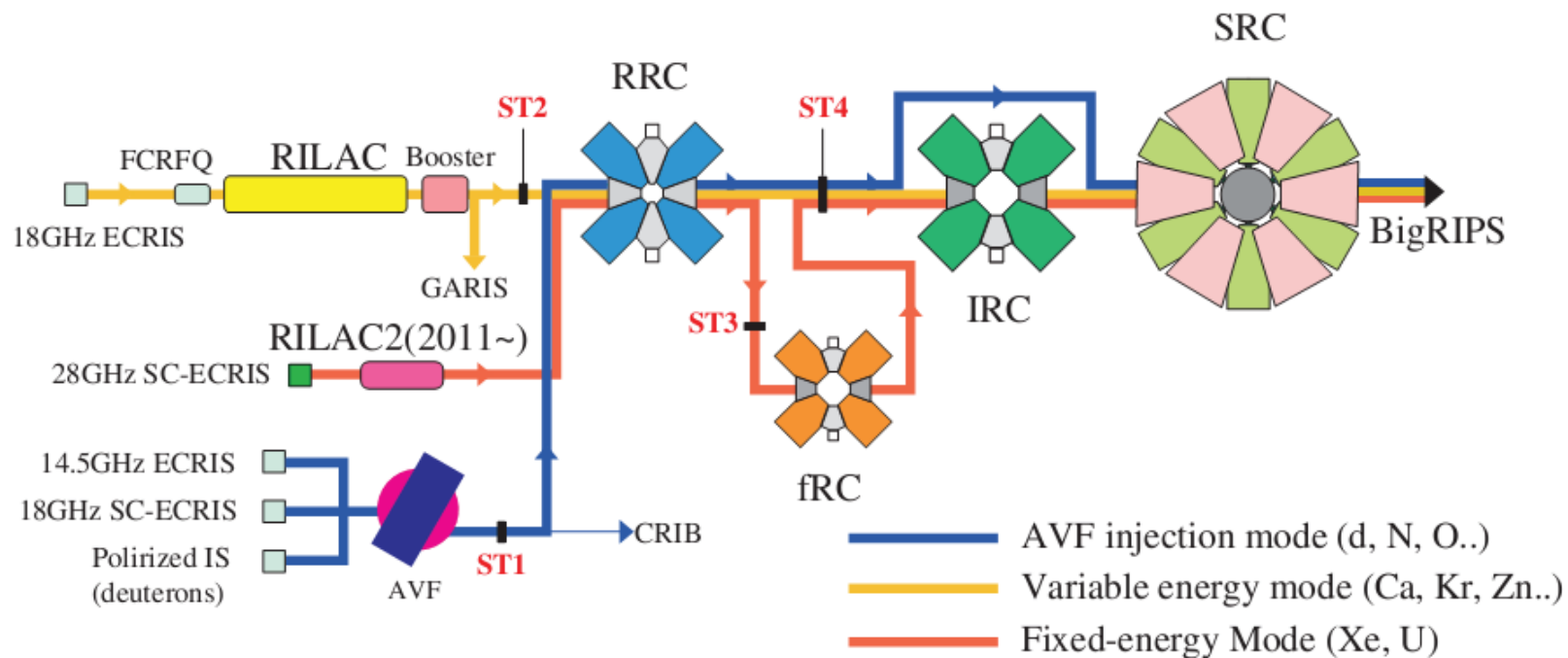


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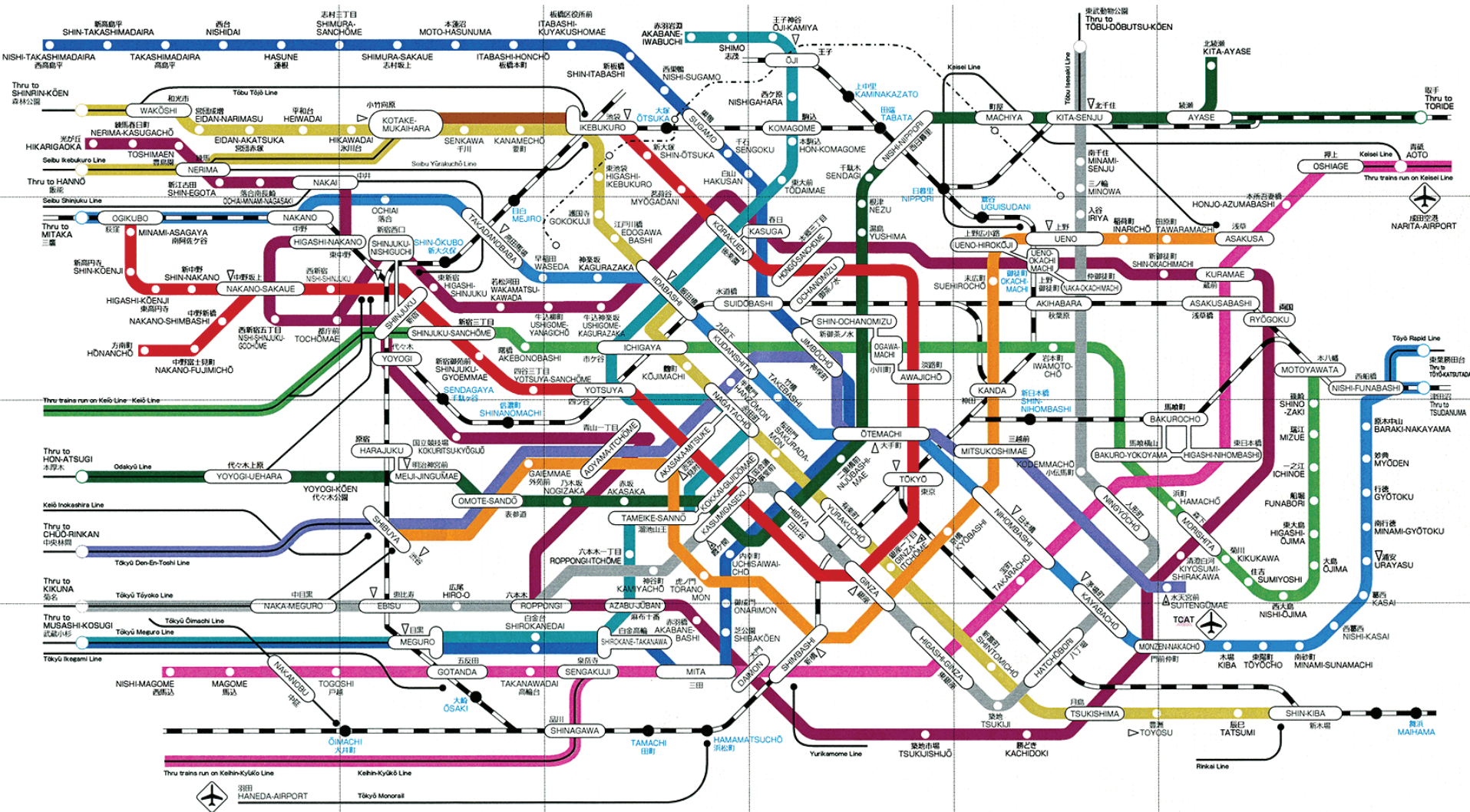


- Very flexible operation mode
- Powerful 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen. source RIKEN SC-ECRIS
- Very powerful ECRIS: the only solution to the RIBF project goal

# Flexible Operation Modes



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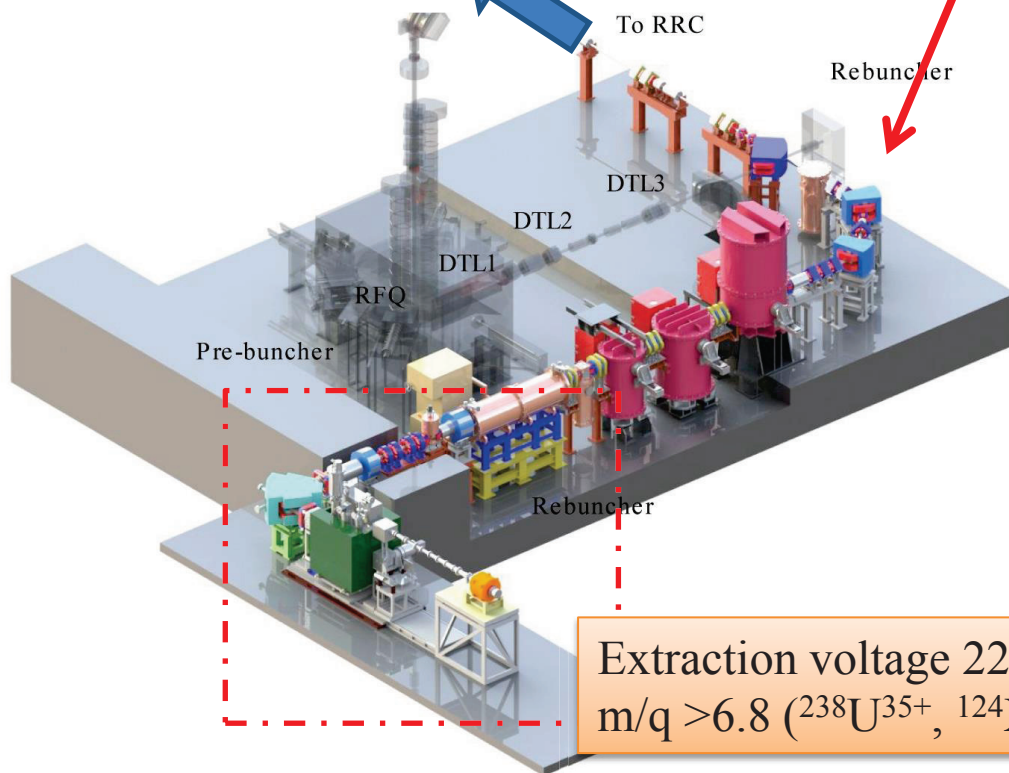




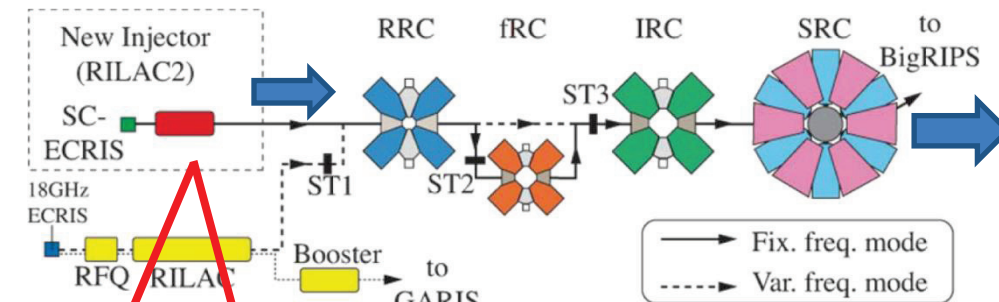
# RILAC II

## New injector system

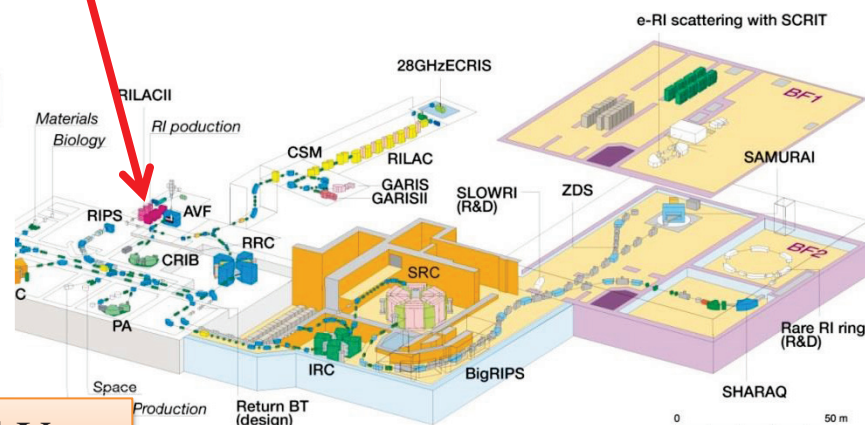
$\sim 0.6 \text{ MeV/u } ^{238}\text{U}^{35+}, ^{124}\text{Xe}^{19+}$



Extraction voltage 22kV  
 $m/q > 6.8 (^{238}\text{U}^{35+}, ^{124}\text{Xe}^{19+})$

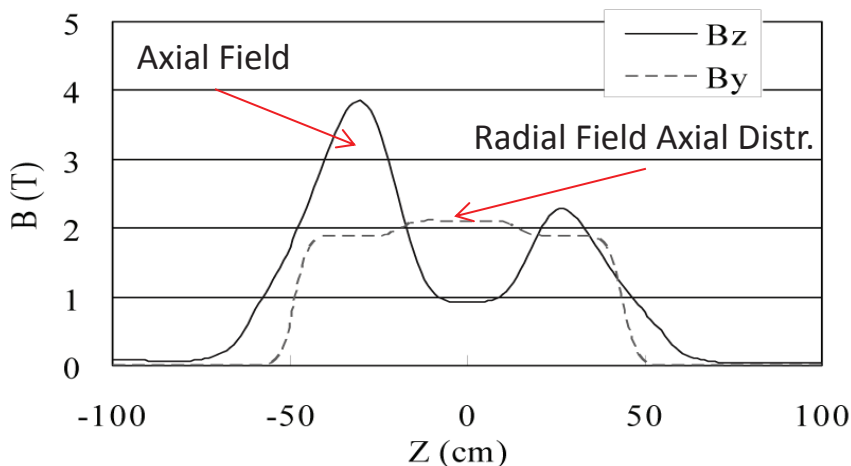
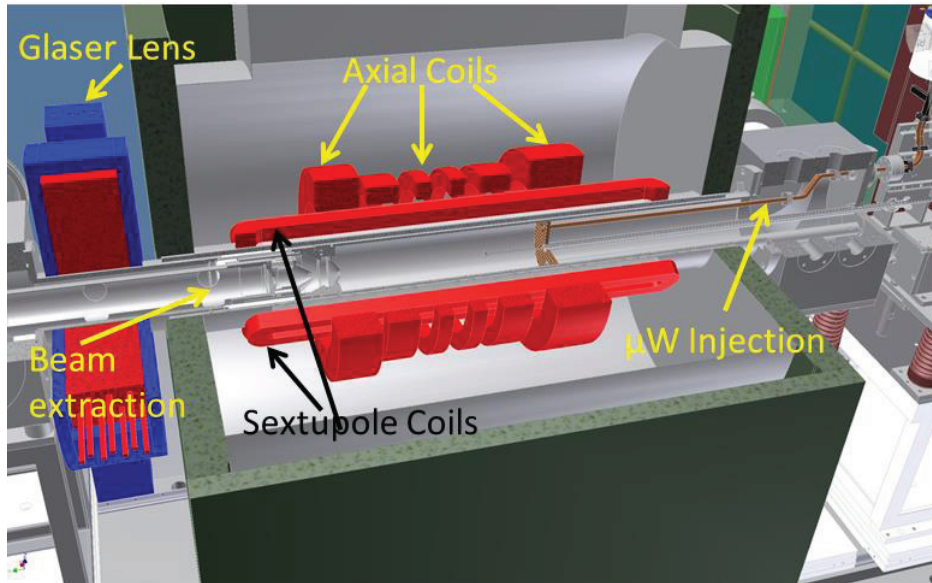


$345 \text{ MeV/u } ^{238}\text{U}, ^{124}\text{Xe}$



Courtesy of T. Nakagawa

# SC-ECRIS



- Frequency: 28 GHz/10 kW
- Six axial solenoid coils:
  - Maximum flexibility of axial field configuration
  - $B_{inj} = 3.8$  T,  $B_{min} < 1.0$  T,  $B_{ext} = 2.3$  T
- Sextupole Coils:  $B_{rad} = 2.1$  T
- Mirror length: 500 mm
- Al Plasma Chamber:  $\varnothing 150$  mm ID
- Plasma volume:  $>10$  L
- Max. Extraction HV: 40 kV
- Cryogenics solution:
  - 3-stage design: 300 K-70 K-20 K-4.2 K
  - 2 GM-JT + 4.2 K GM + 2 GM-45 K/10 K
  - A dynamic cooling power of 8W

Available in 2009

Goal: 15 puA  $U^{35+}$

# Uranium Beam Production

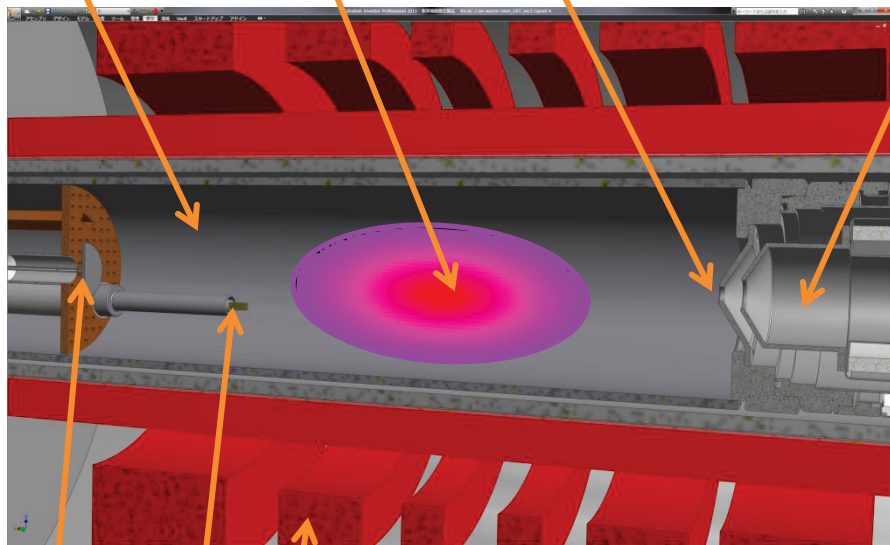
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Plasma chamber

ECR zone

Plasma electrode

Extraction electrode

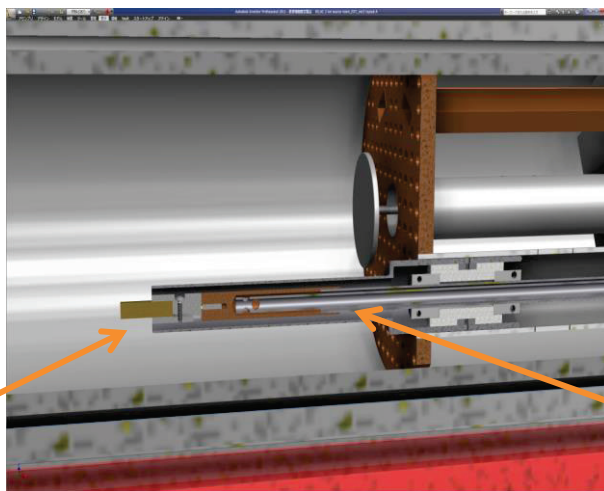


Biased disc

U rod

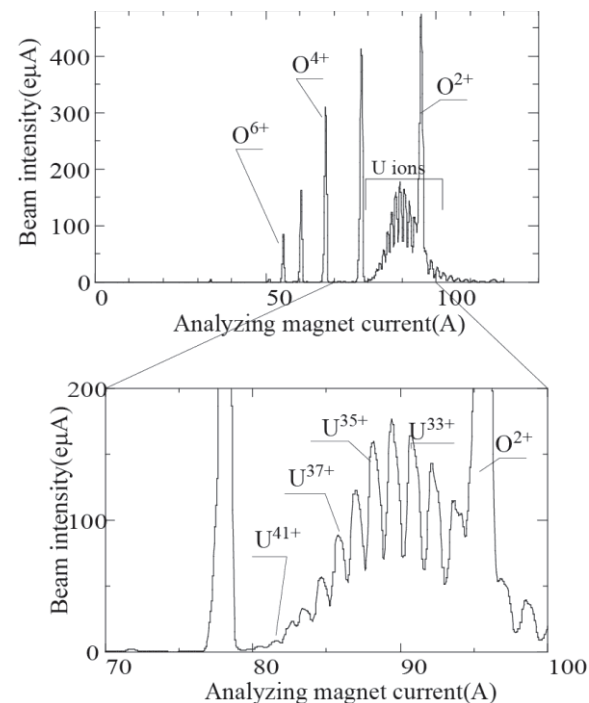
SC-solenoid coils

U-rod

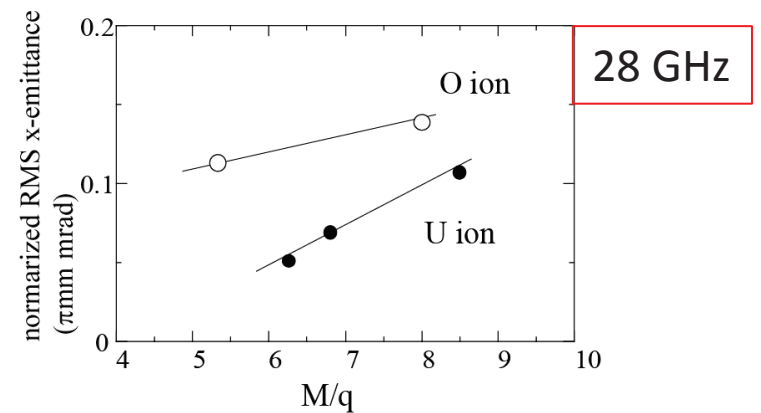
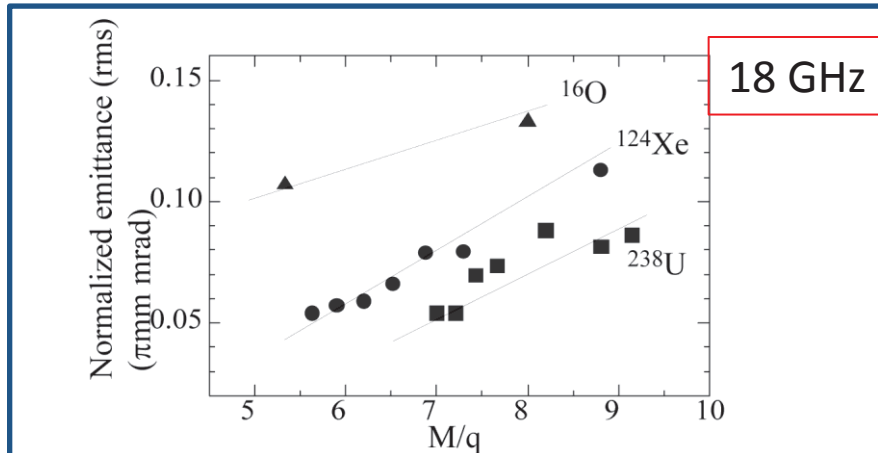
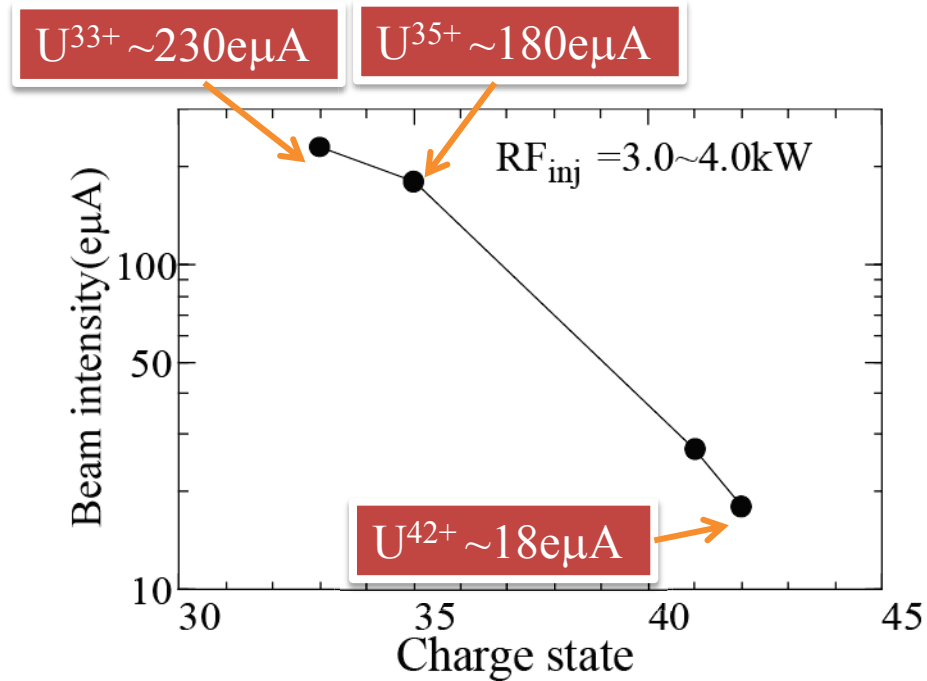
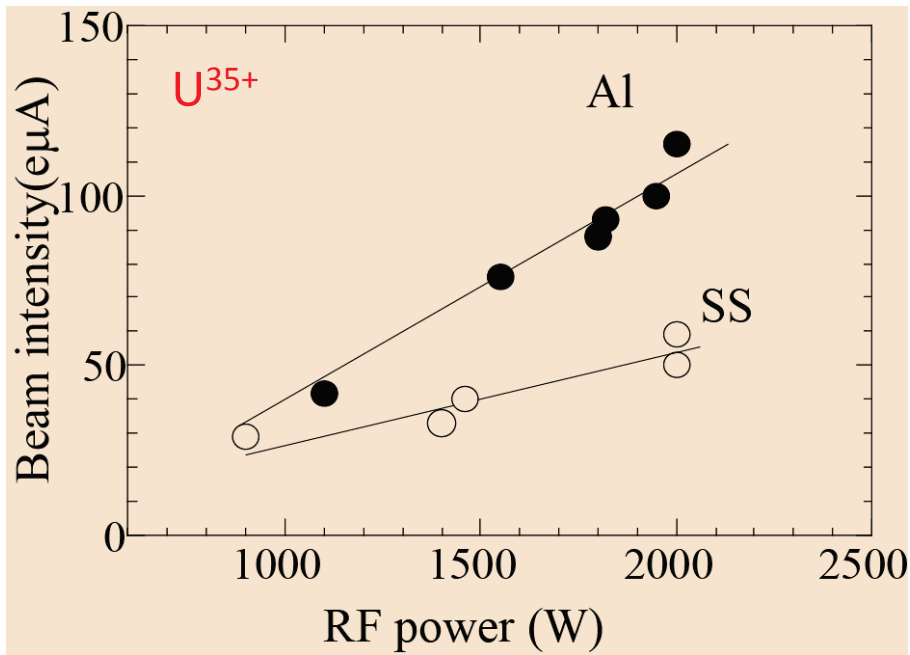


Support rod(water cooled)

$$B_{\text{inj}} \sim 3.2\text{T}, B_{\text{min}} \sim 0.6\text{T}, B_{\text{ext}} \sim 1.9\text{T} \\ B_r \sim 1.9\text{T}$$



# Intense U Beam





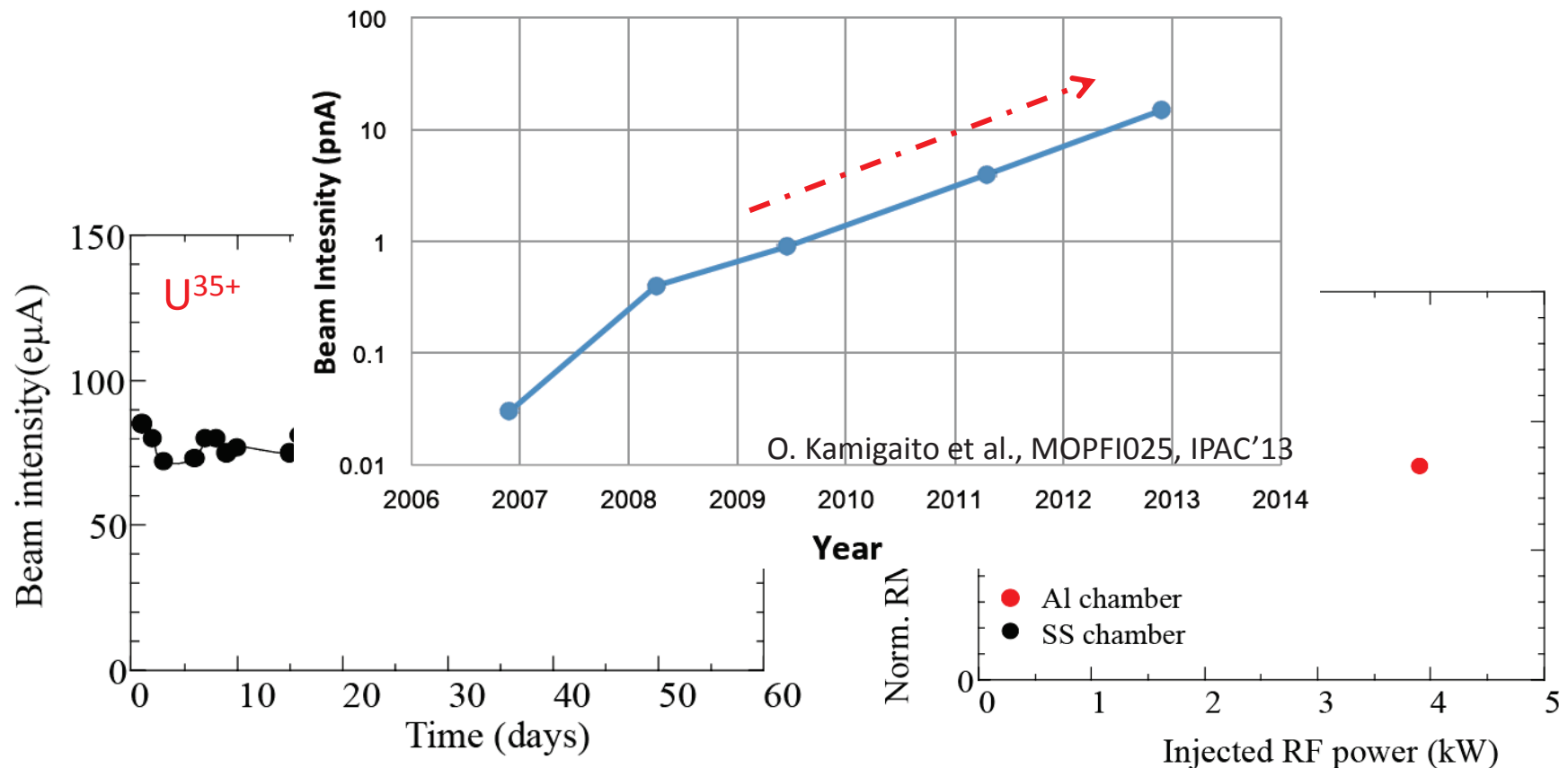
# U<sup>35+</sup> for Routines

U<sup>35+</sup> beam production with sputtering method

RF power  $\sim 1.3\text{kW}$

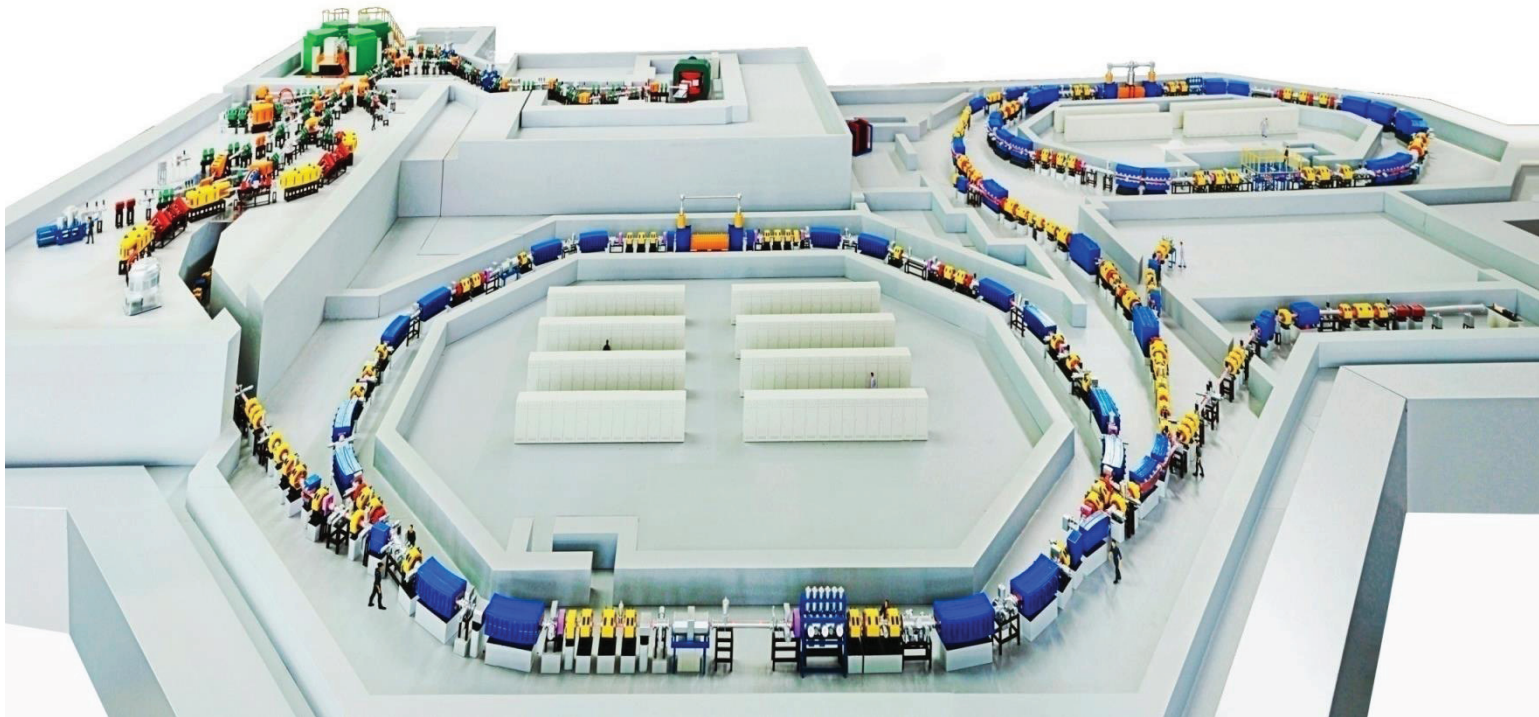
average beam intensity  $\sim 86\text{ e}\mu\text{A}$

## Evolution of Max. beam intensity at RIBF



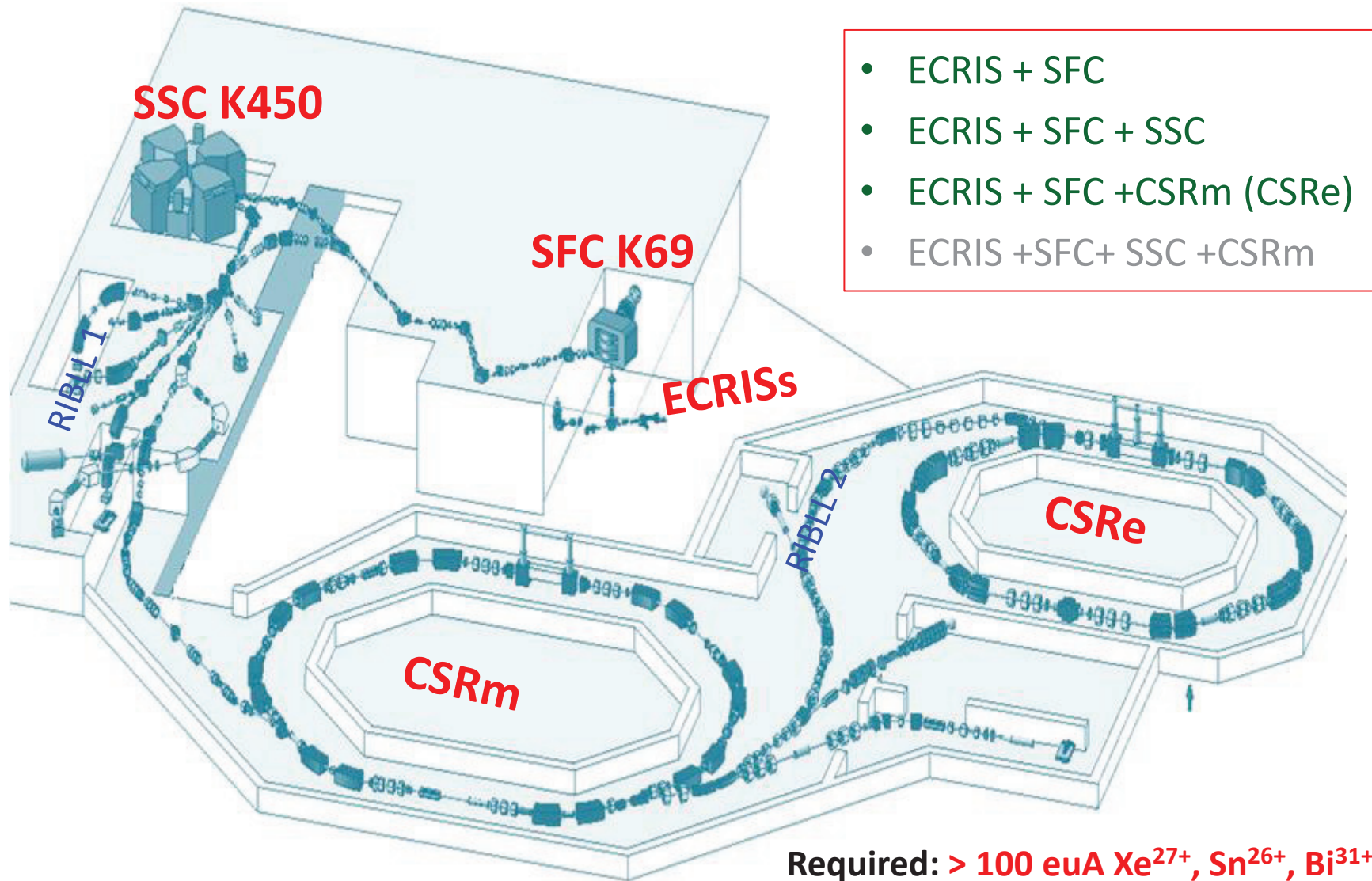
# HIRFL/IMP

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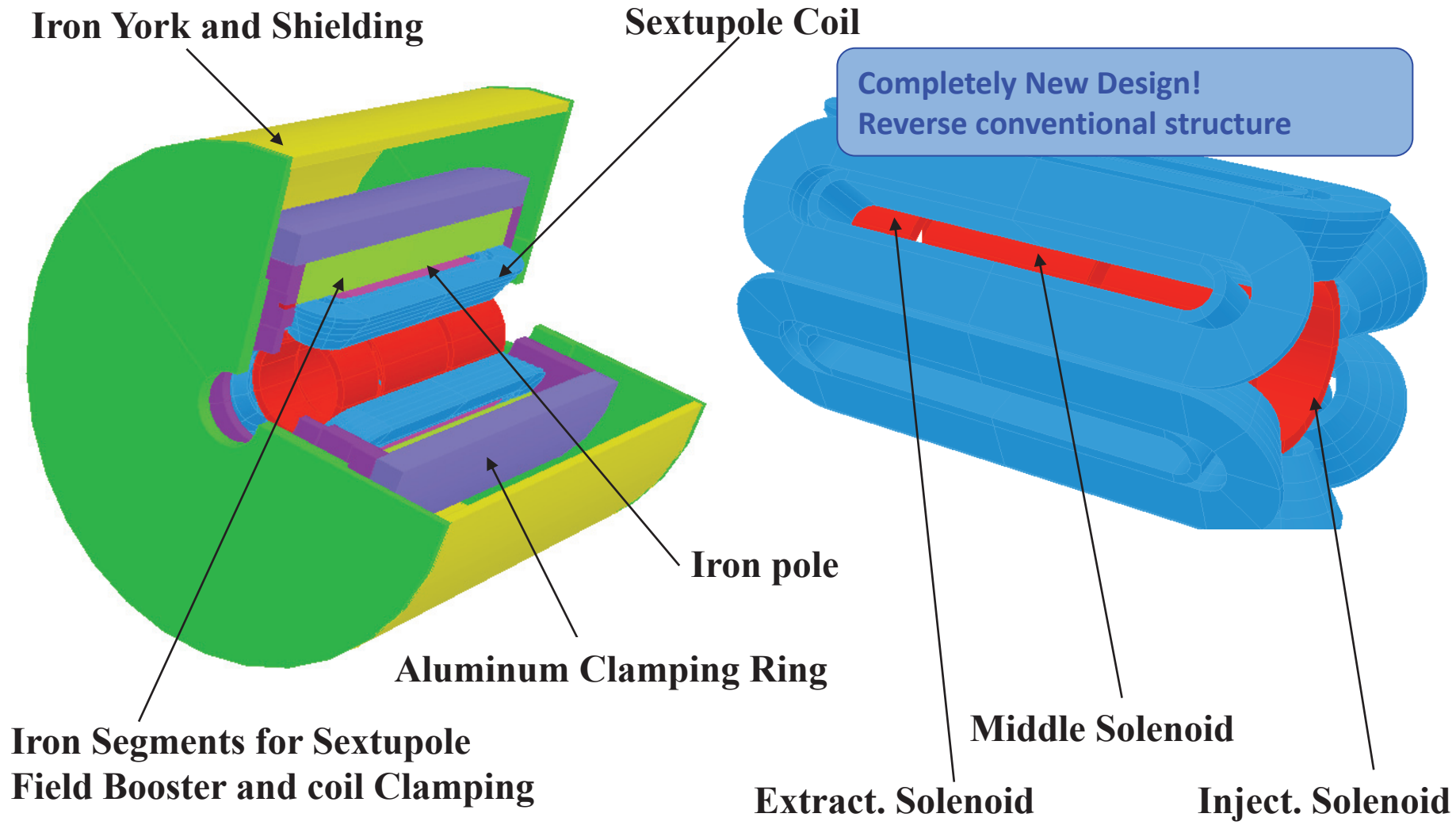
- More than **13,000** hours operation of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen. SECRA for HIRFL
- High performance ECRIS: the only solution to make the facility efficient and more attractive to researchers

# Operation Scheme



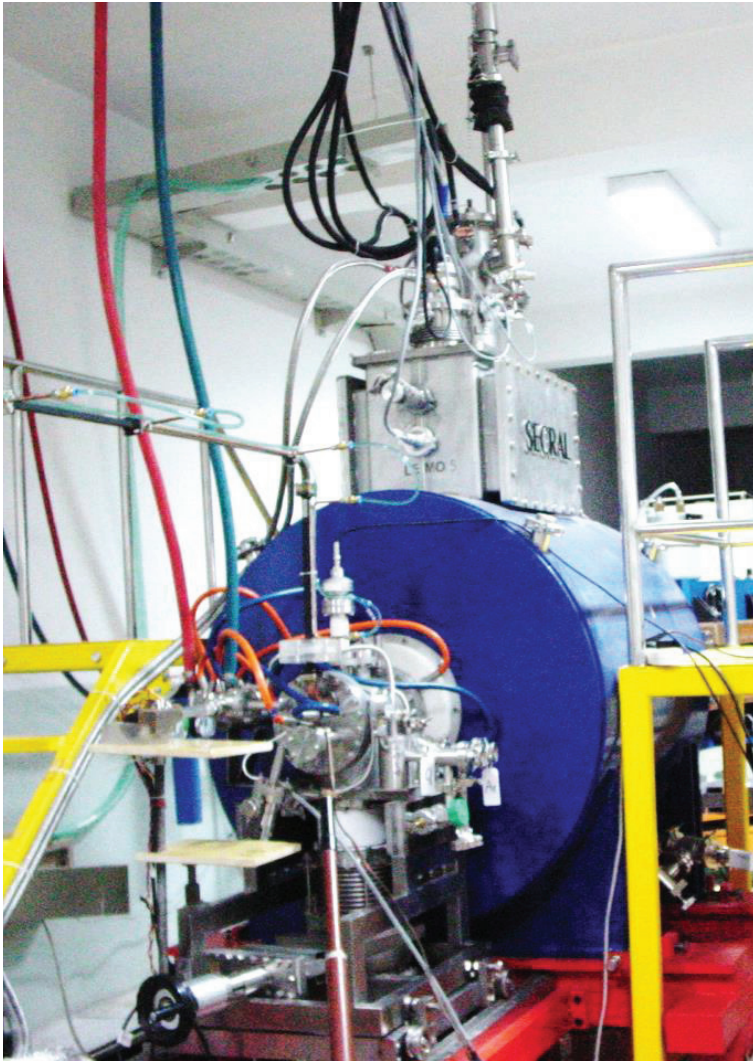
Required: > 100 euA  $\text{Xe}^{27+}$ ,  $\text{Sn}^{26+}$ ,  $\text{Bi}^{31+}$  ...

# SECRAL Concept





# SECRAL Source



Available in 2005

## Main Features

Frequency: 18- 28 GHz

3 axial solenoids providing mirror fields:

3.7 T, 0.8 T, 2.2 T

Mirror length: 420 mm

Sextupole field at chamber inner wall: 2.0 T

Warm bore size: Ø140 mm

Plasma chamber: Max. Ø126 mm ID

Plasma volume: 5.2 L

Max. extraction HV: 25 kV

Ta shielding: 1.5 mm

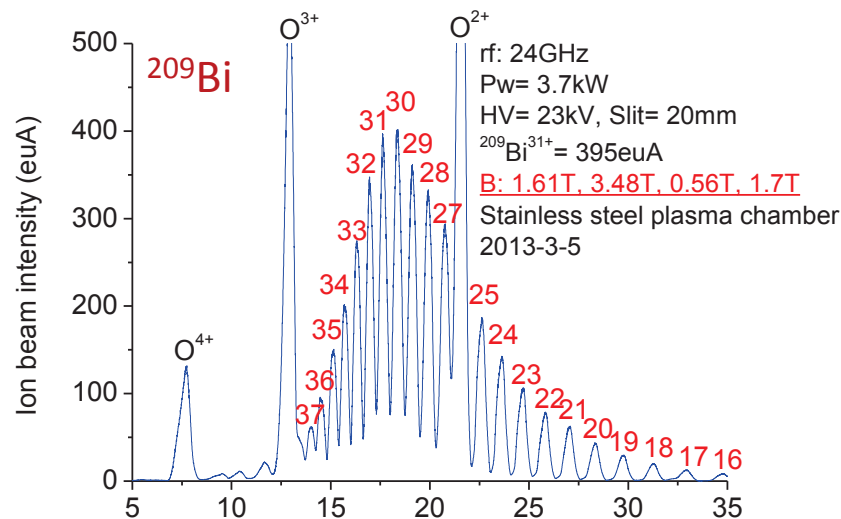
Insulator: PEEK

Microwave:

18 GHz: 3.0 kW Max. available

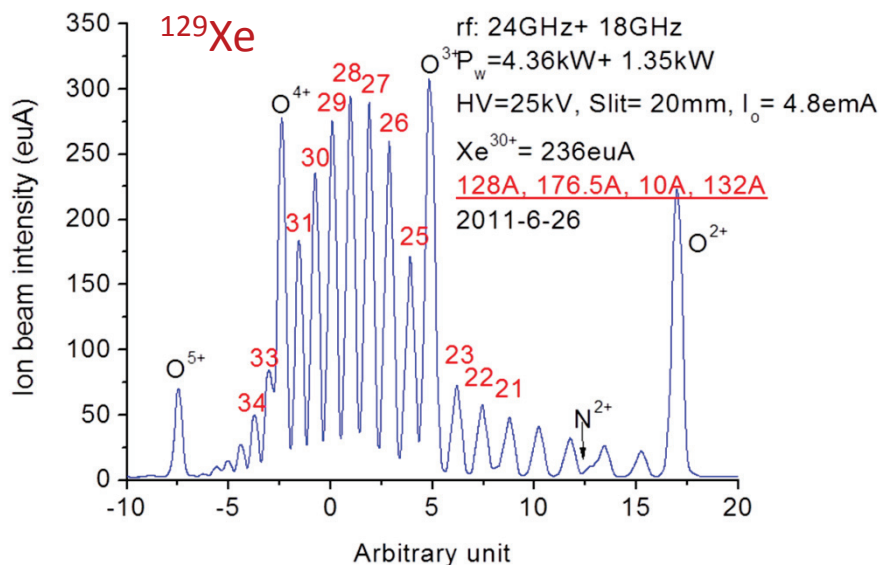
24 GHz: 7.0 kW Max. available

# Intense HCI beams with SECRAI



Intense HCI beams with SECRAI (euA)

| Xe  | 18GHz       | 24GHz       | 24GHz       |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|     | <u>2007</u> | <u>2009</u> | <u>2011</u> |
| 27+ | 306         | 455         |             |
| 30+ | 101         | 152         | 236         |
| 31+ | 68          | 85          | 190         |
| 35+ | 16          | 45          | 64          |
| 38+ | 6.6         | 17          | 22.6        |
| 42+ | 1.5         | 3           |             |



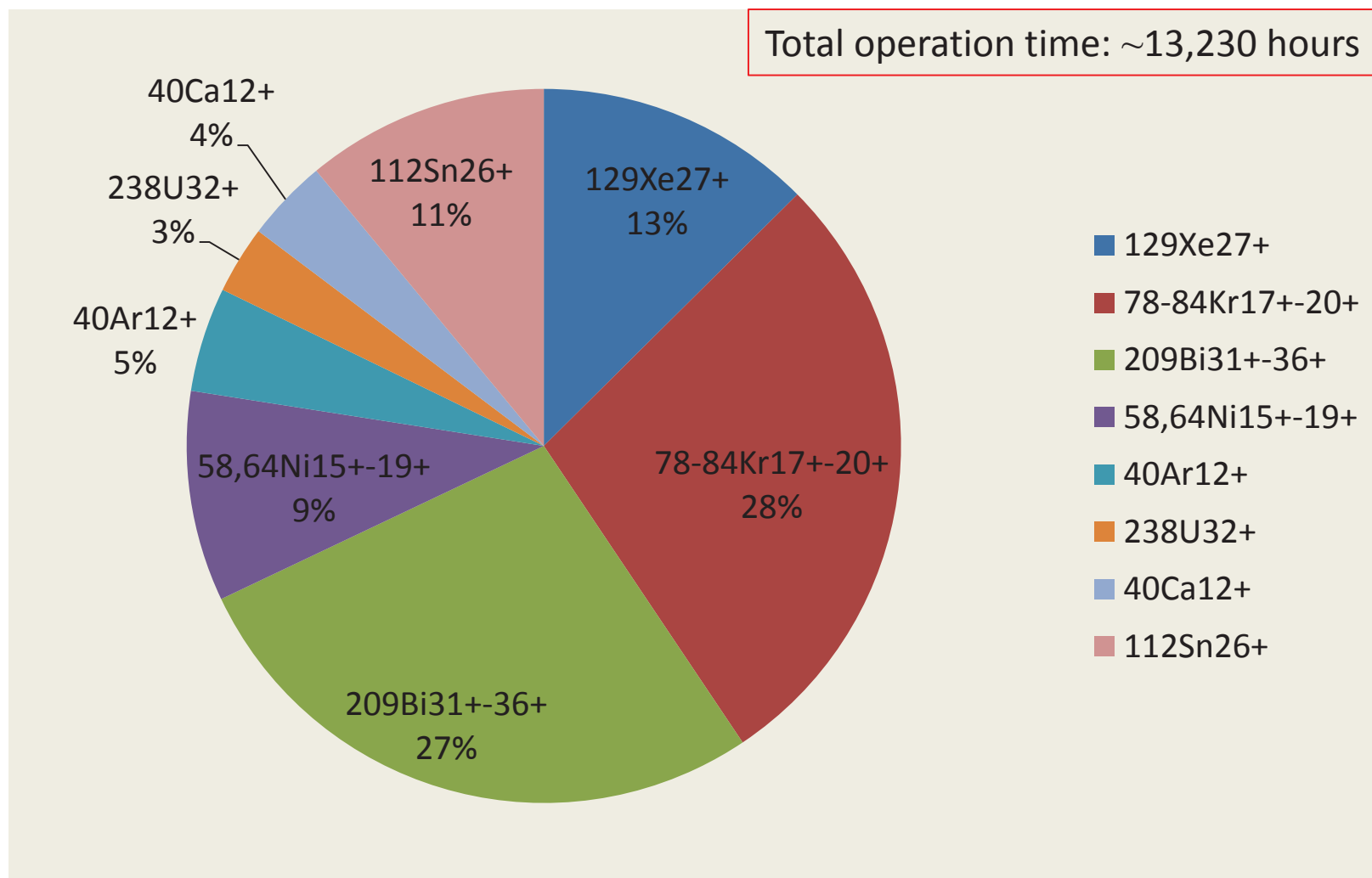
| Bi  | SECRAI<br>18 GHz | SECRAI<br>24+18GHz |
|-----|------------------|--------------------|
| 30+ | -                | 422                |
| 31+ | 150              | 396                |
| 36+ | 62               | 160                |
| 43+ | 17.3             | 38                 |
| 48+ | 4.2              | 11.5               |
| 50+ | 1.5              | 4.3                |
| 51+ | -                | 2.3                |
| 54+ | -                | 0.2                |



# SECRAL on-line operation (2007)



# SECRAL Operation Status





# Nuclear Physics Results

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## Mass Measurements of the Neutron-Deficient $^{41}\text{Ti}$ , $^{45}\text{Cr}$ , $^{49}\text{Fe}$ , and $^{53}\text{Ni}$ Nuclides: First Test of the Isobaric Multiplet Mass Equation in $fp$ -Shell Nuclei

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### NUCLEAR ASTROPHYSICS

## Star bursts pinned down

One of the main uncertainties in the burn-up of X-ray bursts from neutron stars has been removed with the weighing of a key nucleus,  $^{65}\text{As}$ , at a new ion storage ring.

Philip Walker

Understanding how the chemical elements formed in stars, and how their formation is related to observable astrophysical phenomena, requires close cooperation between those astrophysicists who study the ways that stars burn and the nuclear physicists who study interactions between atomic nuclei. A fertile area of common interest is the nature of X-ray bursts — flashes of intense radiation that can last from tens to hundreds of seconds. These come from binary star systems, where material falls from the less dense companion star onto the surface of a collapsed neutron star.

Energy is generated by a rapid succession of proton captures by nuclei, but eventually any given nucleus can hold no more protons, and it must wait to beta-decay — a relatively slow process, because it depends on the weak nuclear interaction. Consequently, these ‘waiting point’ nuclei assume a key

role in determining the time evolution of the radiation burst. Yet, in some cases, it is simply not known whether or not a nucleus can keep hold of another proton. By measuring the mass of the arsenic nucleus  $^{65}\text{As}$  — a so-called proton-unbound nucleus, in which a captured proton remains

unbound or only loosely bound to the nucleus — Xiaolin Tu and colleagues<sup>1</sup> have now shown that the germanium isotope  $^{64}\text{Ge}$  is most likely not, after all, a waiting point in the evolution of X-ray bursts.

There is a long history of laboratory experiments being used to help understand



**Figure 1** | A new facility for nuclear physics: the cooler storage ring, now in operation at the Institute of Modern Physics, Lanzhou, in western China.

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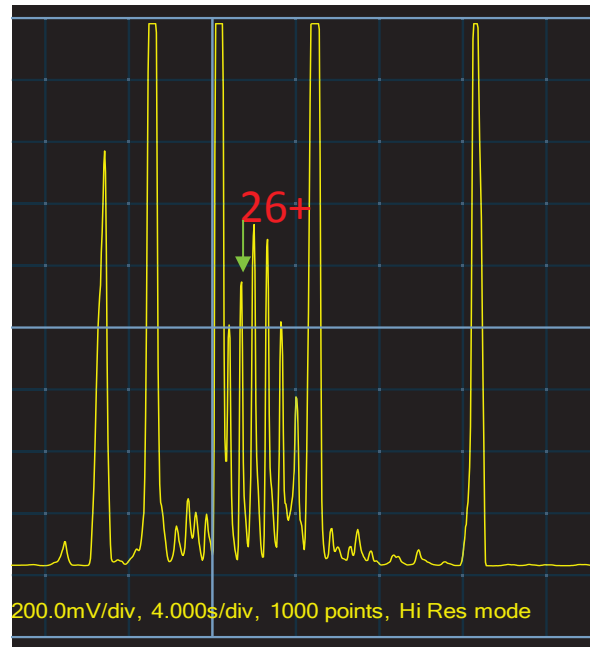
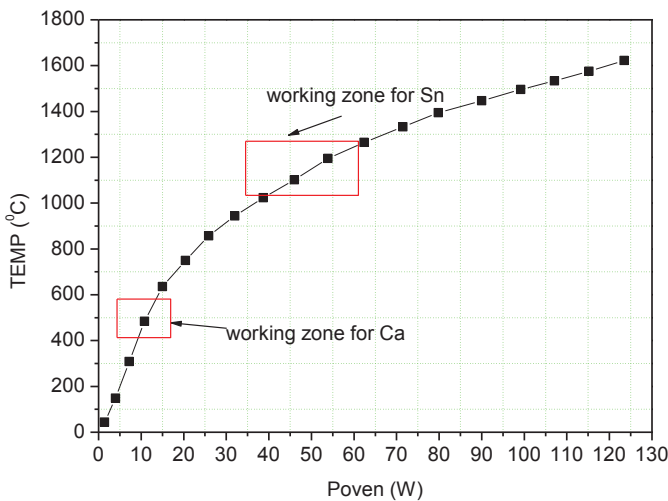
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# $^{112}\text{Sn}^{26+}$ Beam

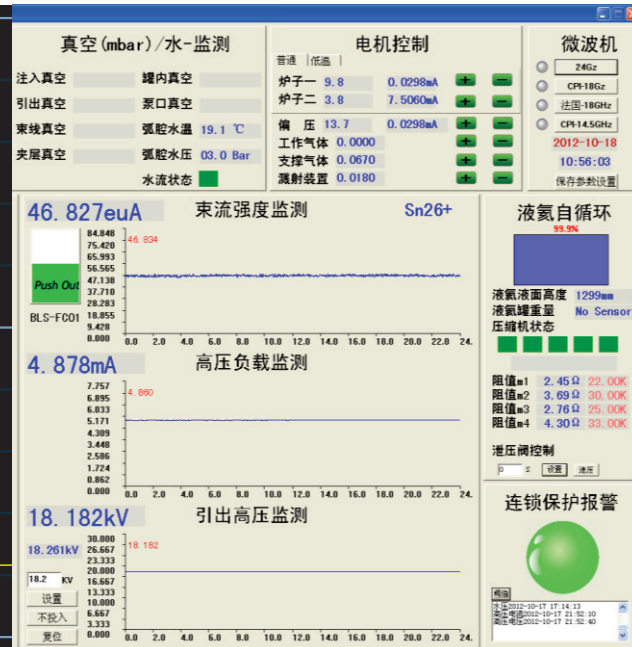
$^{112}\text{Sn}$  MP: 232 °C (505K)

Production Temp.:

$9.8\text{ V} \times 4.5\text{ A} \approx 1100\text{ °C}$



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- $^{112}\text{Sn}^{26+}$ : 40~70 euA, 61 days straight
- Average material consumption rate of 1.4 mg/h

# Summary

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- Heavy ion cyclotrons need high performance ECRISs
  - all 5 SC-ECRISs are in service to cyclotrons
- High performance ECRISs are essential to heavy ion cyclotron:
  - performance enhancement
  - flexible operation modes
  - Produce attractive beams
- Combination of ECRIS + Cyclotron:
  - Still the most powerful CW heavy ion machine
  - 345 MeV/u CW uranium beam
- To improve operation efficiency:
  - Collimation system
  - Improve metallic beam production technique
  - May 4<sup>th</sup> Gen. ECRIS not necessary?



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