

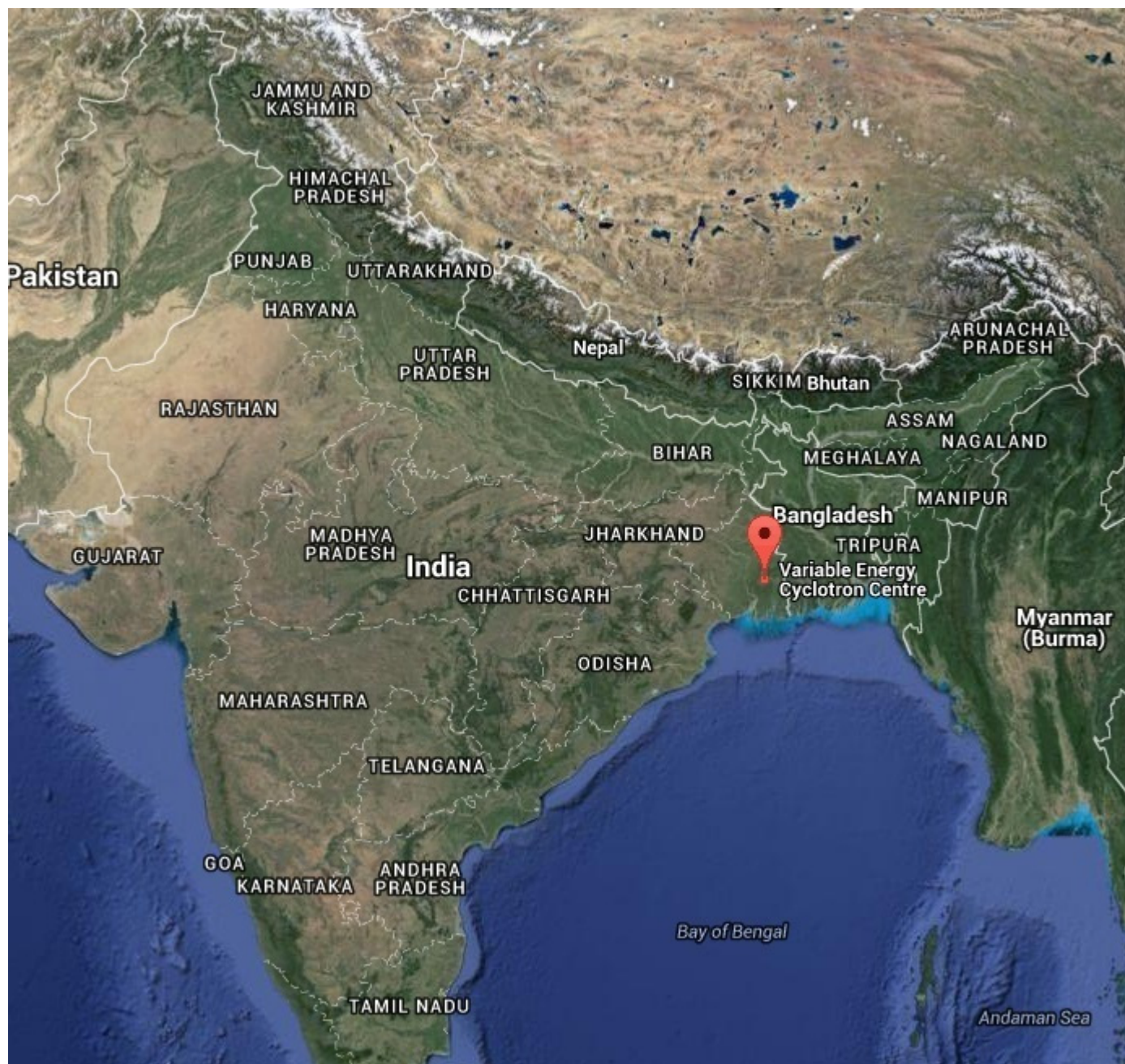
Radioactive Ion Beam Program at VECC-Kolkata

On behalf of the RIB team at VECC and the collaborators

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HIAT 2015







Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre

(R&D institute under DAE; a part of HBNI)

(200 scientists and engineers, total staff: 600)

Activities/ Charter:

- a) Accelerator design and development**
- b) Accelerator based nuclear physics, material science, isotope production, etc.**
- c) High Energy Physics: collaboration with CERN, RHIC, FAIR...**
- d) Theoretical physics (Nuclear and High Energy Physics)**
- e) PhD program for HBNI students**
- f) Societal: Radiation Medicine Centre, Medical Cyclotron, Educational aid for different groups, Summer training of basic science engineering students, Outreach program**

Accelerators at VECC

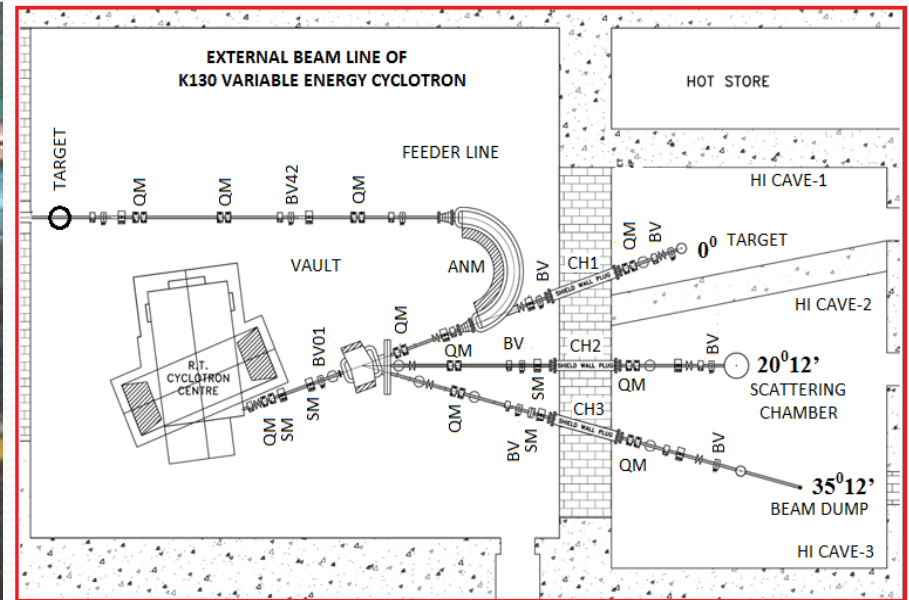
- *K = 130 Cyclotron: delivering beam to the users from 1980;
Light ions (p and α) and Heavy Ions up to Argon*

New century brought some money to R&D

- *SCC (K=500): Internal beam in 2009, beam extraction efforts in progress*
- *RIB activities: started in 1998 in a R&D/ Capacity building mode:
2002 to 2012: 17 M USD: On-line ECR, 2 RFQs, 5 IH Linacs, Material
Science beam line, Collinear Laser spectroscopy set up, development of RI
beams, construction of small annexe building & infrastructure*
- *ANURIB (Advanced National facility for Unstable and Rare Ion
Beams): Estimated cost: 200 M USD; 2013 and beyond
Sanction obtained in 2013: 30 M USD for e-linac, target, SCQWR (acc. from
1 to 2 MeV/u), liquid He, Phase-1 building*

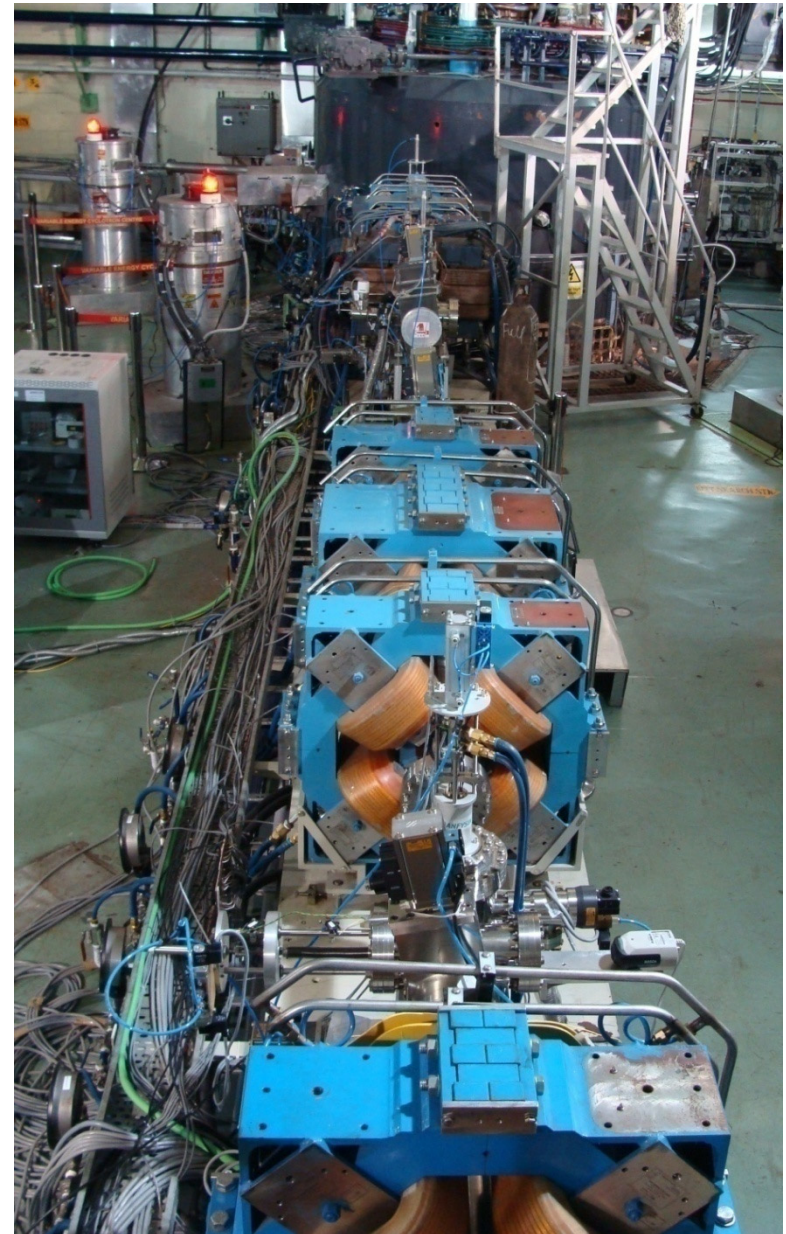
Room temperature Cyclotron

Internal beam : 16th June, 1977; still operating as a user facility



- Accelerated particles : alpha, proton & deuteron with internal PIG Ion Source
- Light heavy-ions

Superconducting Cyclotron and Beam Line

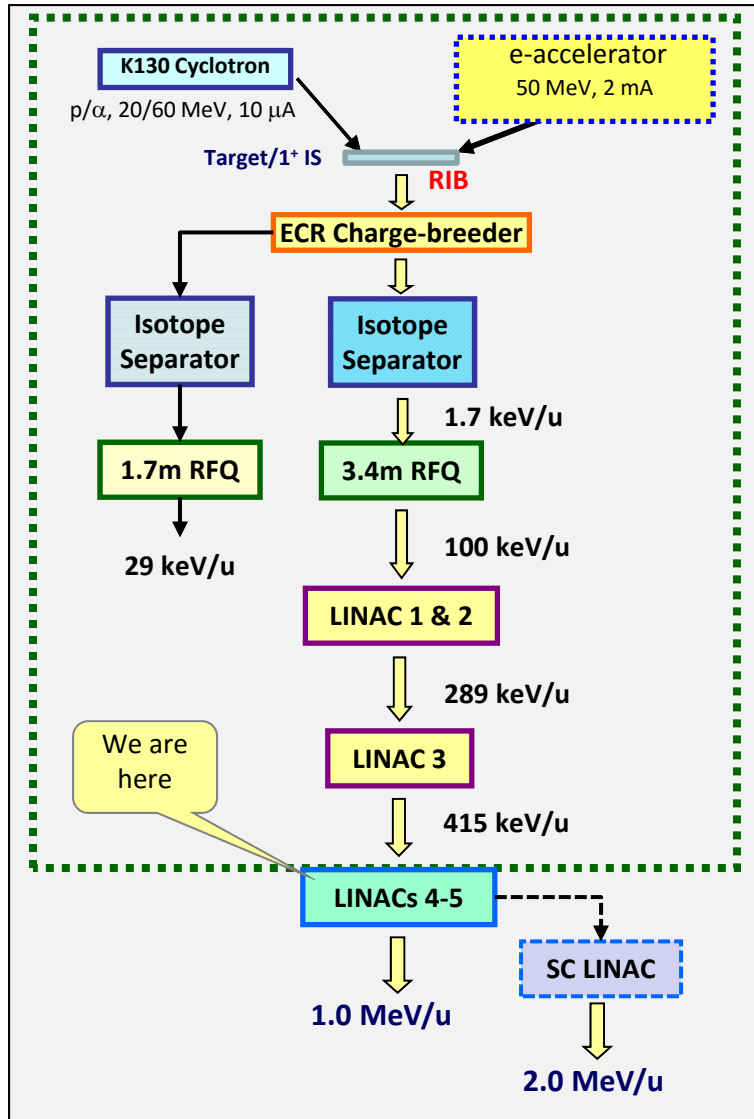


MOU between VECC & RIKEN (beginning of Acc. design for RIB)



- Physics design of accelerator components such as ECR ion-source, RFQ & heavy-ion Linac
- Exotic nuclei physics experiments at RIPS projectile fragment separator

RIB scheme at VECC- the plan & the status



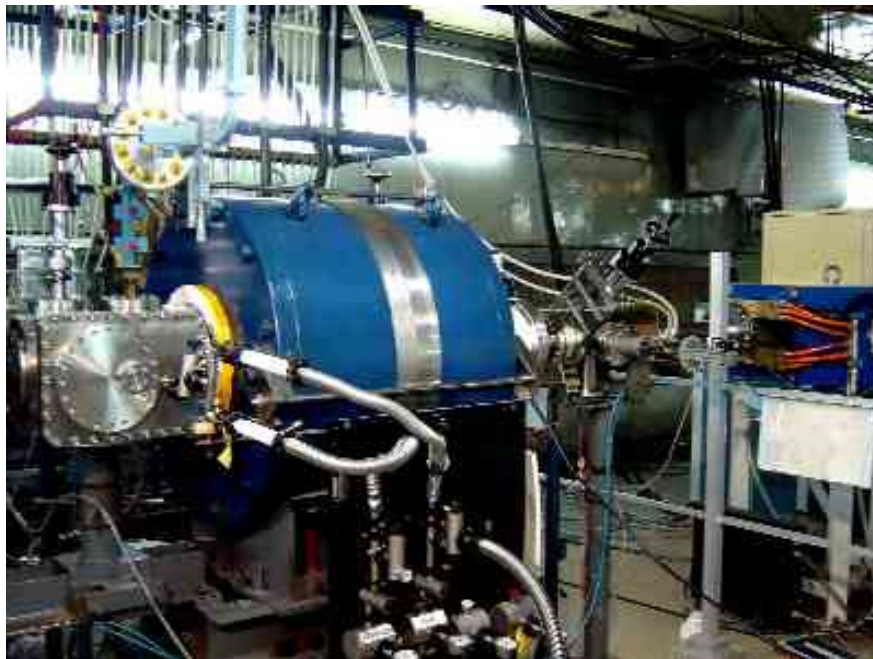
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- Developed 1st RFQ in the country (29 keV/u; 2005). Second RFQ commissioned in 2008 (100 keV/u). Fabricated in India.
- Developed 1st IH-Linac in the country. Linac-1 & 2 & 3 are already commissioned; Linac 4 & Linac 5 tested waiting to be installed in new annex building by 2015
- May 12, 2012 – First RIB : ¹⁴O (71 sec) accelerated to 1.4 MeV through RFQ. Intensity after RFQ ~ 3300 pps; before RFQ ~ 4400 pps.
- Also produced RI beams of ^{42,43}K , ⁴¹Ar, ¹¹¹In .
- Accelerated beams of ¹⁶O⁴⁺ and ¹⁴N⁴⁺ to 415 keV/u through Linac-3.
- Target R&D , on-line experiments ongoing.
- Superconducting Electron Linac, HI QWR, & Actinide target development started, in collaboration with TRIUMF Canada.
- Fragment Separator based experiment & PFS design (collaboration with RIKEN)
- Ion-beams from the facility being used for material science experiments.

Milestones ...

ECR ion source year 2002

*Vaishali Naik et.al., Nucl. Instrum. & Meth. A 447 (2000) 345 ;
Damayanti Naik et.al., Nucl. Instrum. & Meth. A547 (2005)270.*



6.4 GHz on-line ECR

Separator (ECR-RFQ beam-line) year 2002

Arup Bandyopadhyay et.al., Nucl. Instrum. & Meth. A562 (2006)41



ECR to RFQ beam-line

RFQ1: Sept 2005; 33.7 MHz, CW
Output energy = 29 keV/u

A.Chakrabarti et.al., RSI 78 (2007) 043303

A.Chakrabarti et.al., NIM A535 (2004)599



First RFQ in the country

RFQ2: July 2008, 37.8 MHz, CW
Output energy = 100 keV/u

S. Dechoudhury et.al., RSI. 81 (2010) 023301

A. Chatterjee et.al., RSI. 80, (2009) 103303



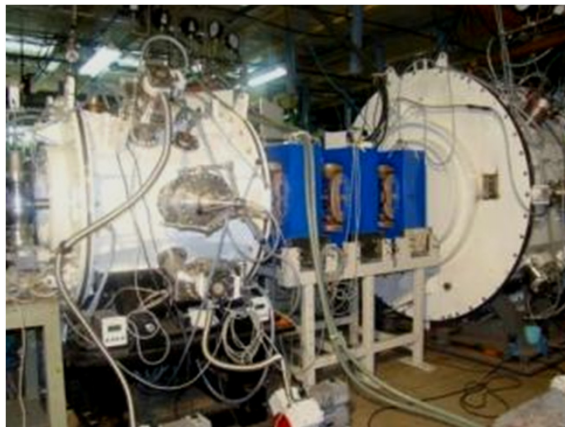
Linac1: 2008, energy = 187 keV/u



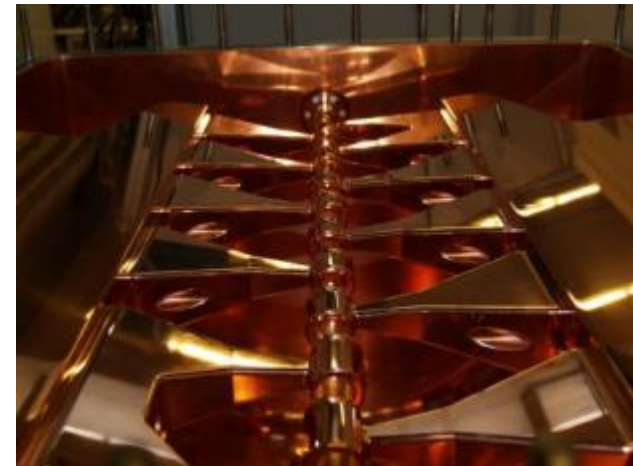
Linac2: 2010, energy = 289 keV/u



Linac3: 2011, energy = 414 keV/u



Linac4: 2012, energy = 718 keV/u

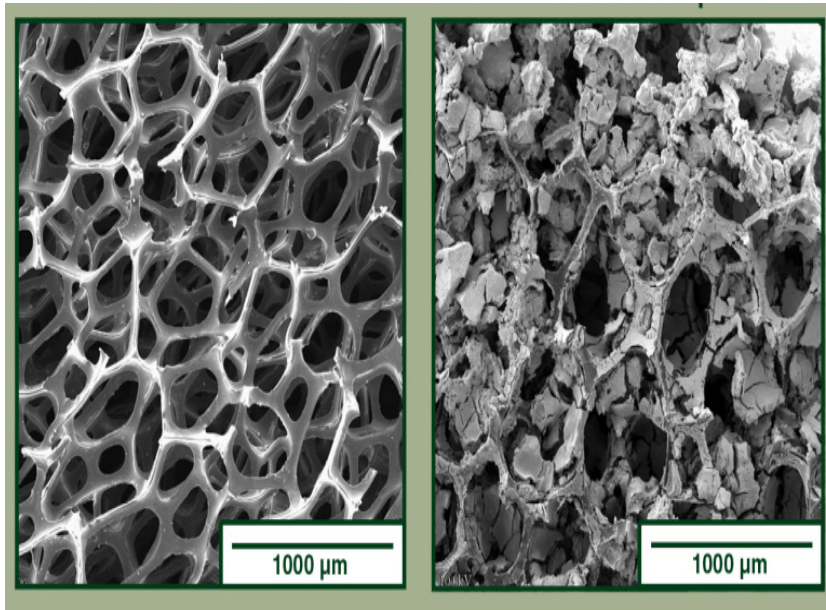


Nucl. Instrum. & Meth. A560 (2006)182

Nucl. Instrum. & Meth. A 631 (2011)

Development of Targets deposited on RVCF

The matrix chosen is Reticulated Vitreous Carbon Fiber (RVCF)



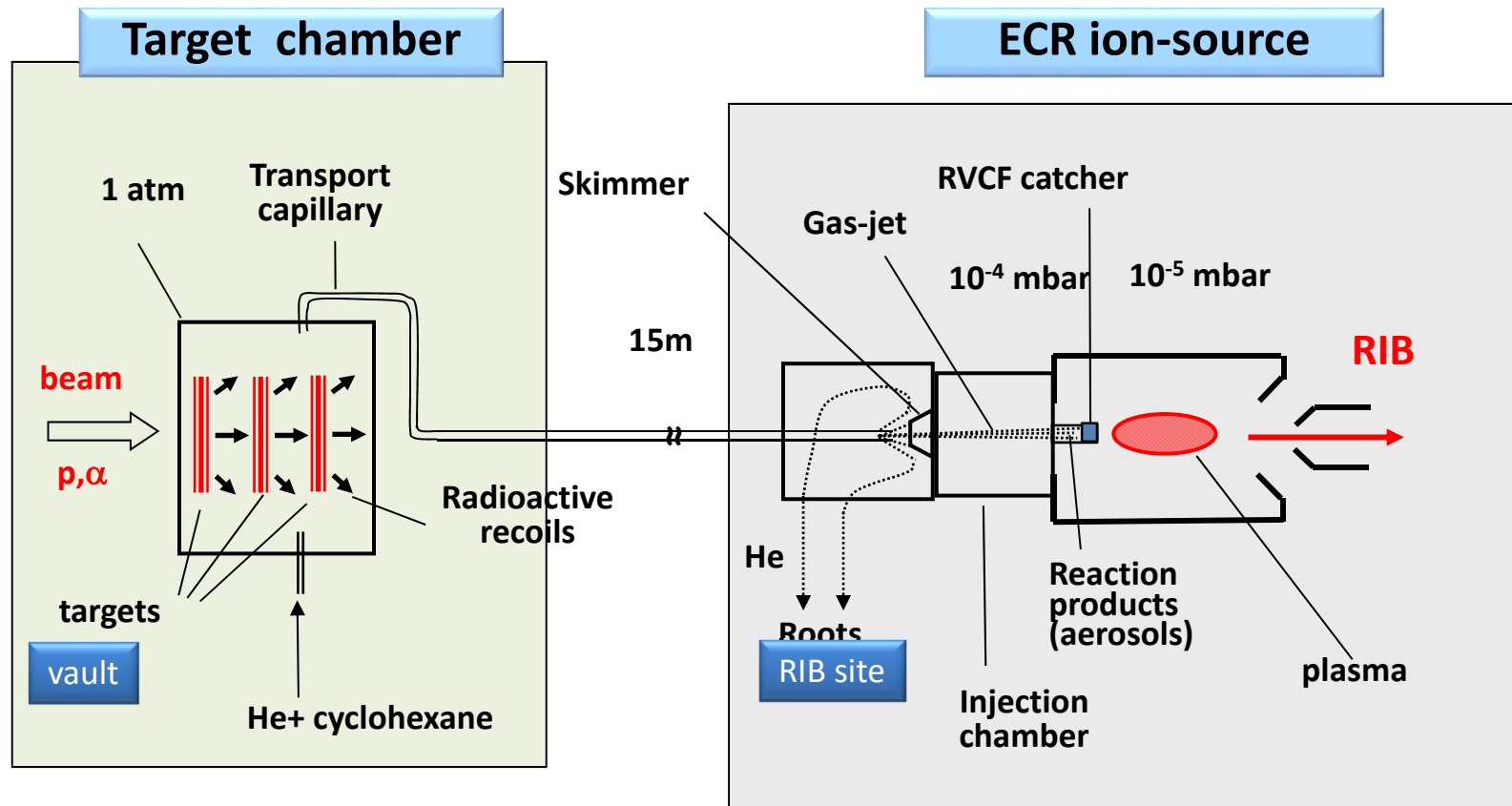
Properties of RVCF

Chemically inert over up to high temp.
Unusually large surface to volume ratio.
Porosity $\sim 97\%$ of the total volume
Density $\sim 3\%$ of the normal C-density.
Thermal conductivity is fairly good

1. *Ceramics International*, (2011) 2679
2. *Ceramics International*, 34 (2008) 81
3. *Nucl. Instrum. & Meth. A*539 (2005)54

Gas-jet based RIB production using RVCF as Catcher

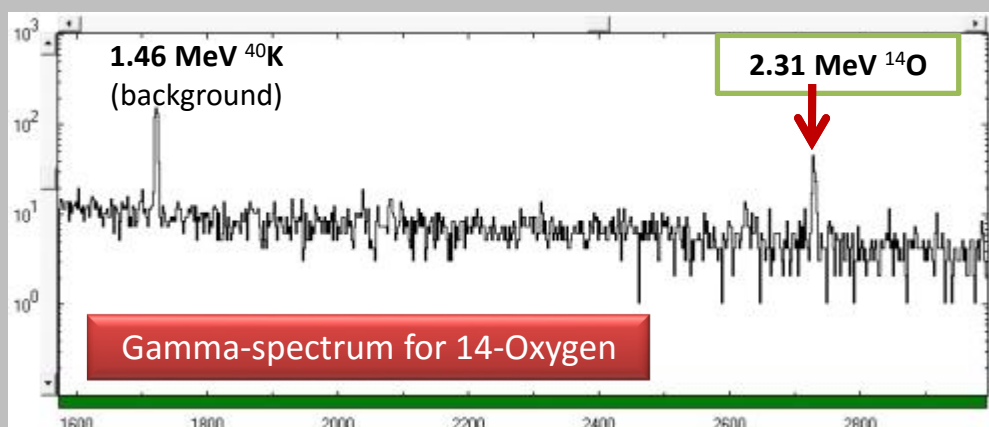
(No chemical selection, Helium helps in target cooling)



1. V. Naik, et. al., *Rev. Sci. Instrum.* Vol.84, (2013) 033301. *RIB acceleration*
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RIBs produced

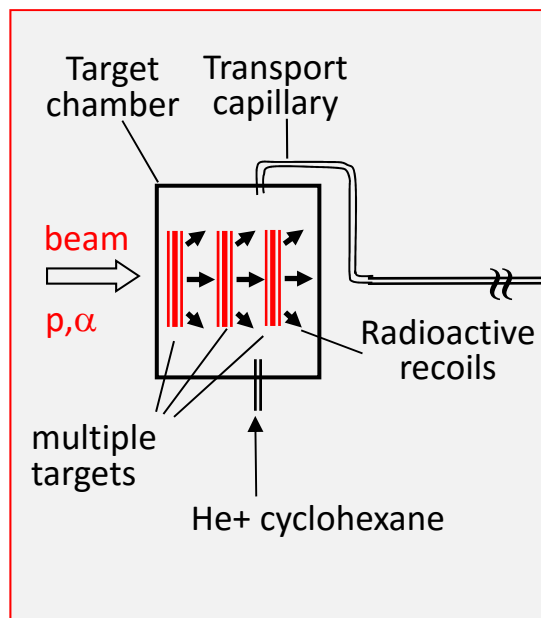
RIB	Prod. route	T1/2	I(pps) @ before RFQ	I(pps) @ after RFQ	Applications
^{14}O	$^{14}\text{N}(p, n)$	71 s	5.0×10^3	3.2×10^3	super-allowed beta decay, test of standard model; break-out reaction from hot CNO cycle to rp-process
^{42}K	$^{40}\text{Ar}(\alpha, pn)$	12.36 hr	2.7×10^3	-	bio-medical tracer
^{43}K	$^{40}\text{Ar}(\alpha, p)$	22.3 hr	1.2×10^3	-	bio-medical tracer
^{41}Ar	$^{40}\text{Ar}(\alpha, 2pn)$	109 min	1.3×10^3	-	tracer used in engineering ; wear studies
^{111}In	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Ag}(\alpha, xn)$	2.8 days	1.6×10^3	-	Perturbed angular correlation spectroscopy, medical radio-tracer



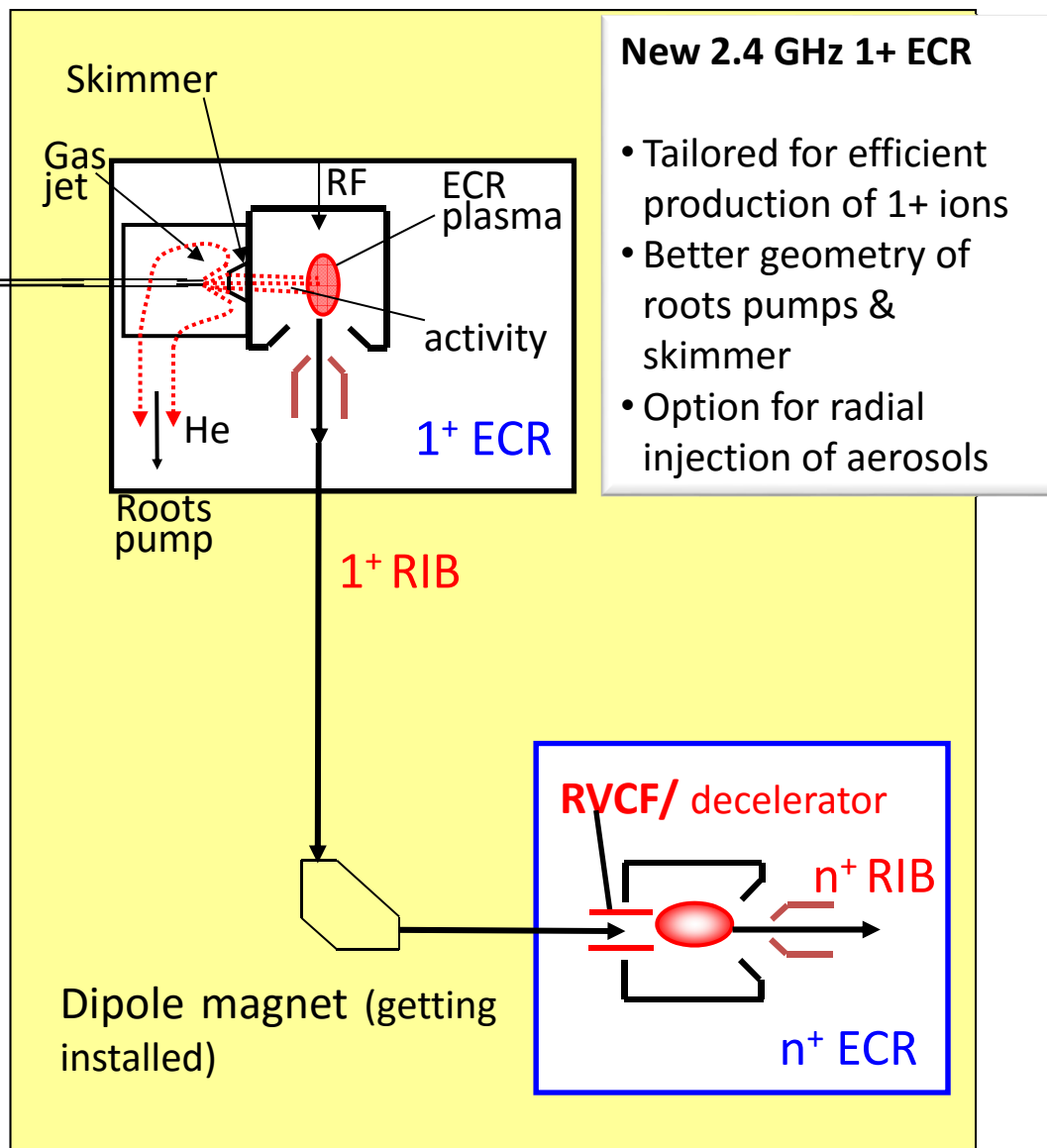
Optimized parameter	value
beam	$^{14}\text{O}^{2+}$
ECR ext. vol.	12.3 kV
RFQ power	10 kW cw
RFQ vane vol.	27 kV

RFQ parameters for 14-Oxygen

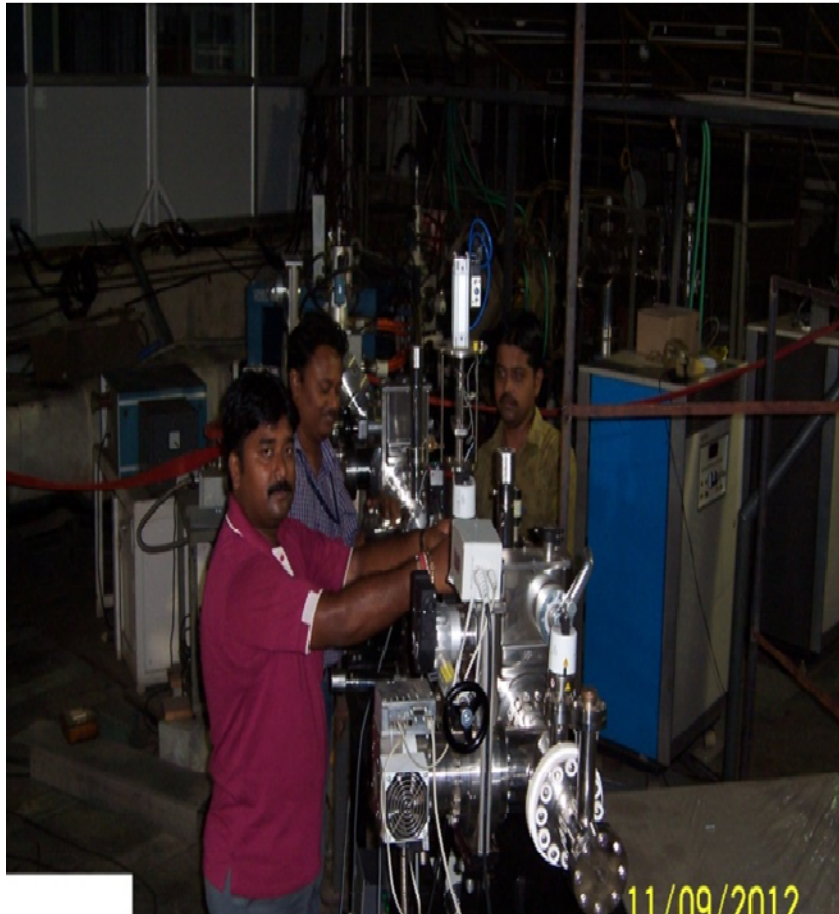
Gas-jet based charge- breeder using RVCF as a catcher*



* 1+ ion Source is absolutely necessary for fission/any reaction producing large number of isotopes



B. Collinear spectroscopy setup

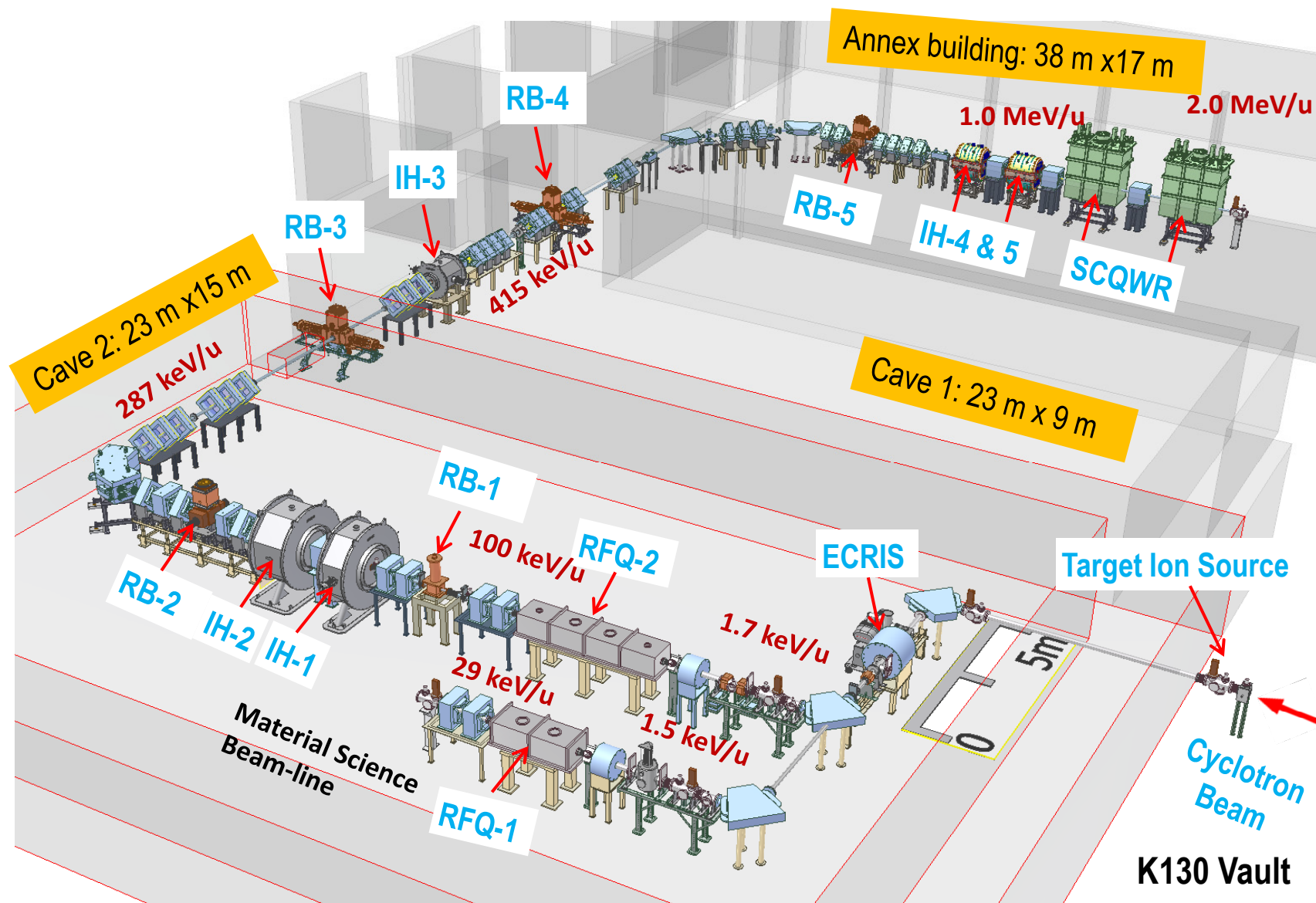


The ISOL Beam Line



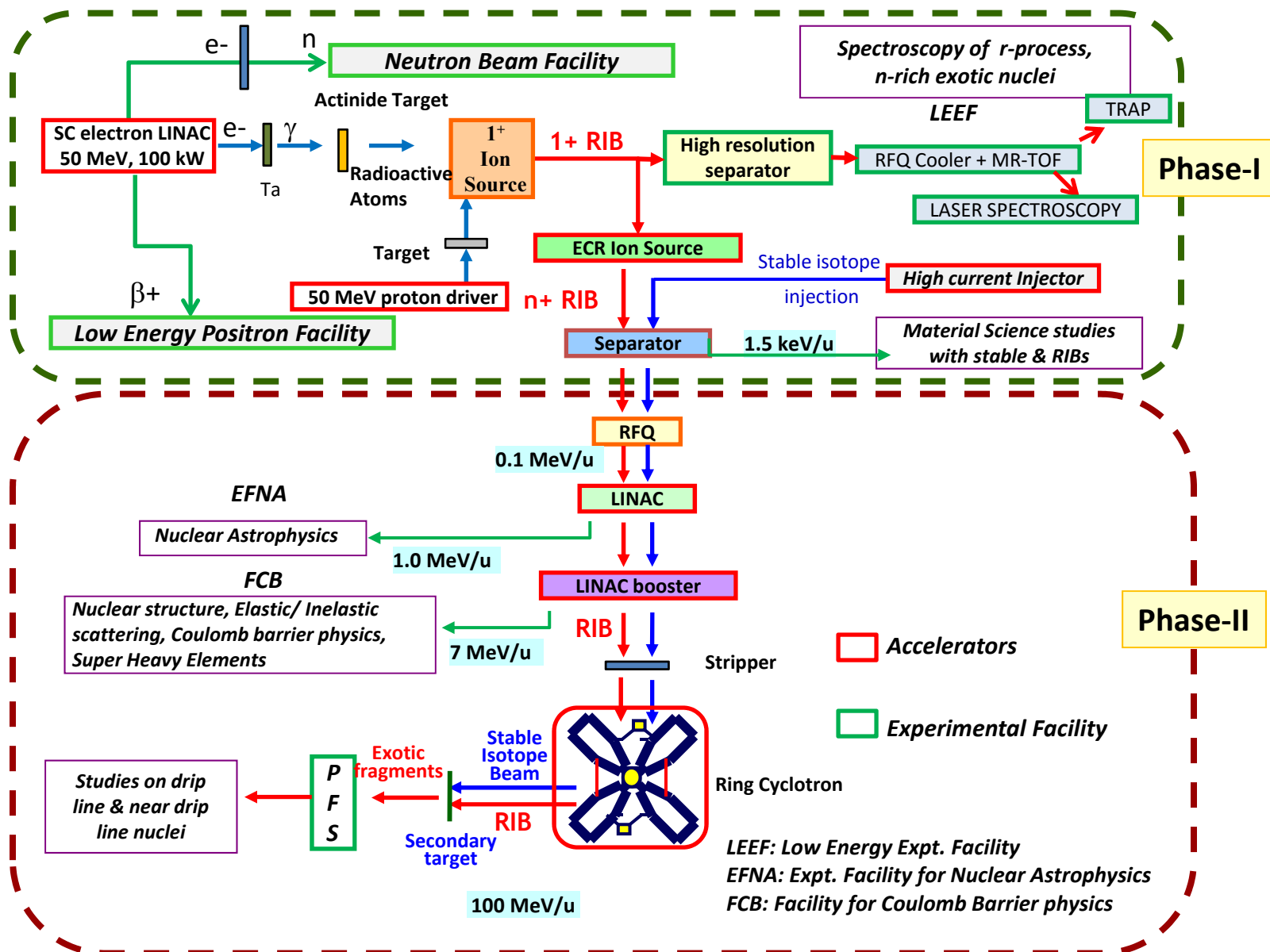
The Laser Hut

RIB facility at VEC Campus





ANURIB Schematic



Main features of ANURIB facility

1. Both ISOL and Projectile Fragment Separator type facility
2. Will accelerate both radioactive and high intensity stable isotope beams
3. **Two drivers:** 50 MeV, 2 mA electron linac photo-fission driver for production of neutron-rich RIBs & 50 MeV proton machine for production of p-rich nuclei
4. Neutron & Positron Facility in addition to facilities for nuclear physics and astrophysics
5. Fragmentation /fusion of radioactive ion beams to produce near drip-line n-rich /p-rich nuclei.

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Advanced National Facility for Unstable & Rare Isotope Beams - ANURIB

April 2012

1. Executive Summary

The International Advisory Committee (IAC) recognizes that ANURIB will be unique in the world and will attract a national and international user community. The IAC is confident that ANURIB will secure a science community with intimate knowledge of nuclear physics and will provide India with world class facilities. The committee is fully confident that the electron linac baseline design will achieve the performance required by the ANURIB science program. The IAC is confident that, with the planned enhanced project management support commensurate with this large facility, the VECC management team is well qualified to bring ANURIB successfully online.

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Status of activities

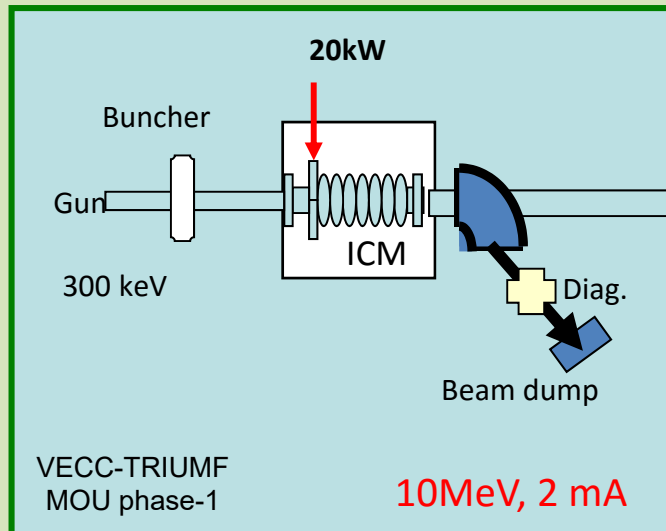
DRIVER ACCELERATORS

- 50 MeV Electron Linac (for n-rich exotic nuclei)
- 50 MeV Proton machine (for p-rich nuclei)

50 MeV Superconducting Electron Linac – VECC-TRIUMF collaboration

Injector

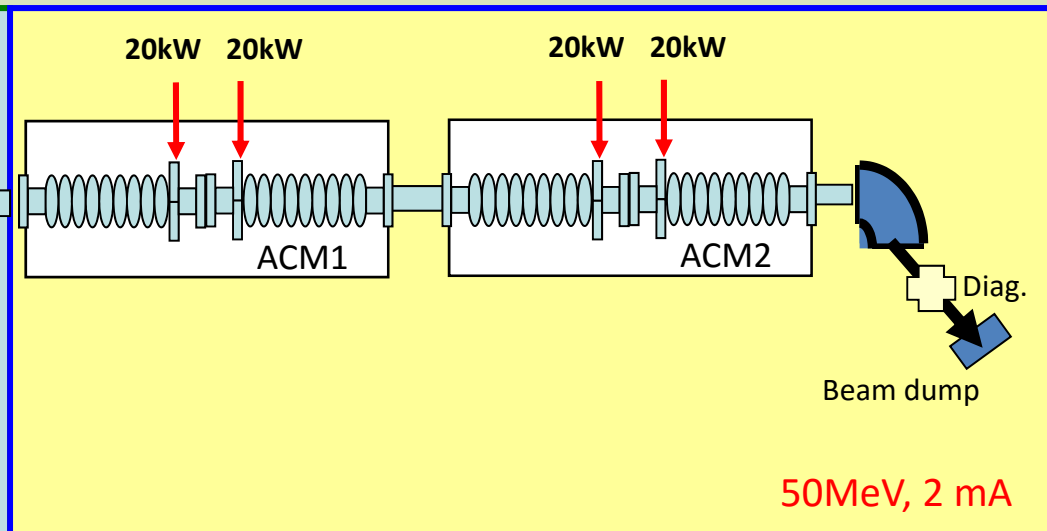
300 keV to 10 MeV



Phase-1 : 2009 – 2014

Accelerator

10 MeV to 50 MeV



Phase-2 : 2014 – 2017

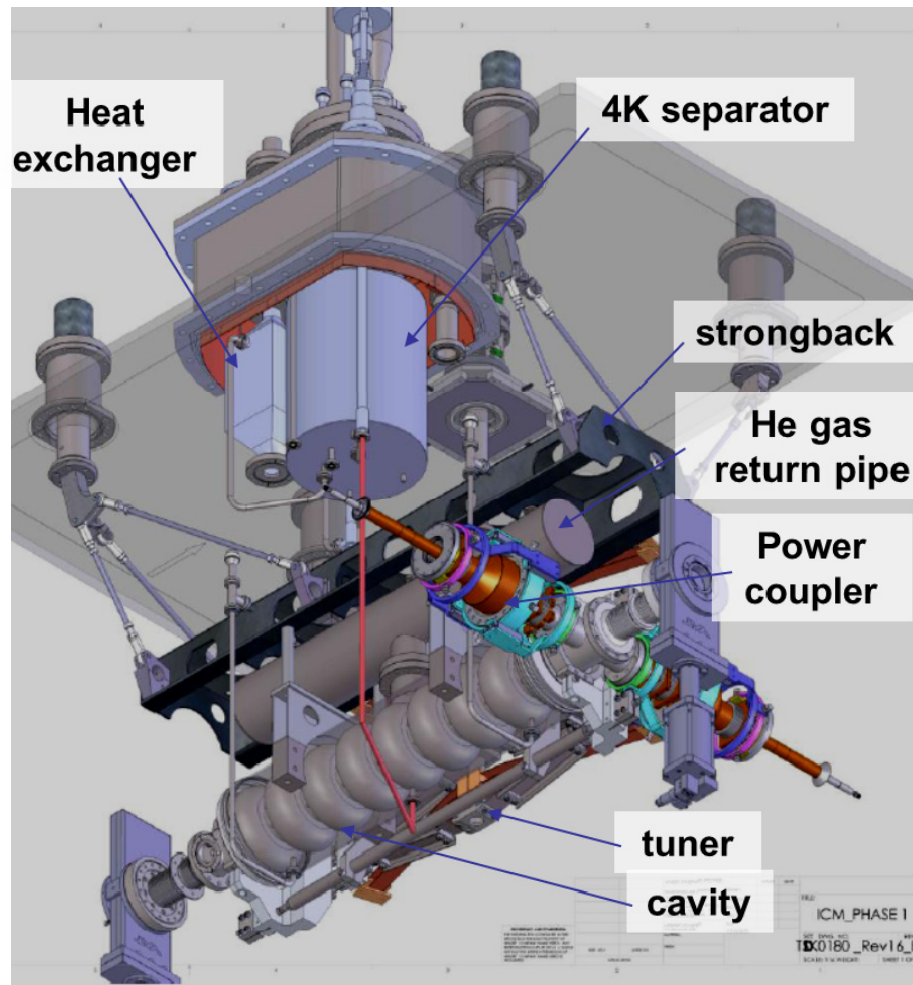
- 50 MeV, 2 mA; 100 kW CW, 1.3 GHz, 2 deg K; Being developed in collaboration with TRIUMF
 - Production of neutron rich nuclei through photo-fission of Uranium
- based on 1.3 GHz, 2K Tesla SRF technology. High current CW acceleration – heavy beam loading, high cryogenic loads

MOU between VECC & TRIUMF



- For Design & Development of a Superconducting Electron Linac
- Starts with the Development of an Injector Cryo Module (ICM)

Injector Cryo Module (ICM)

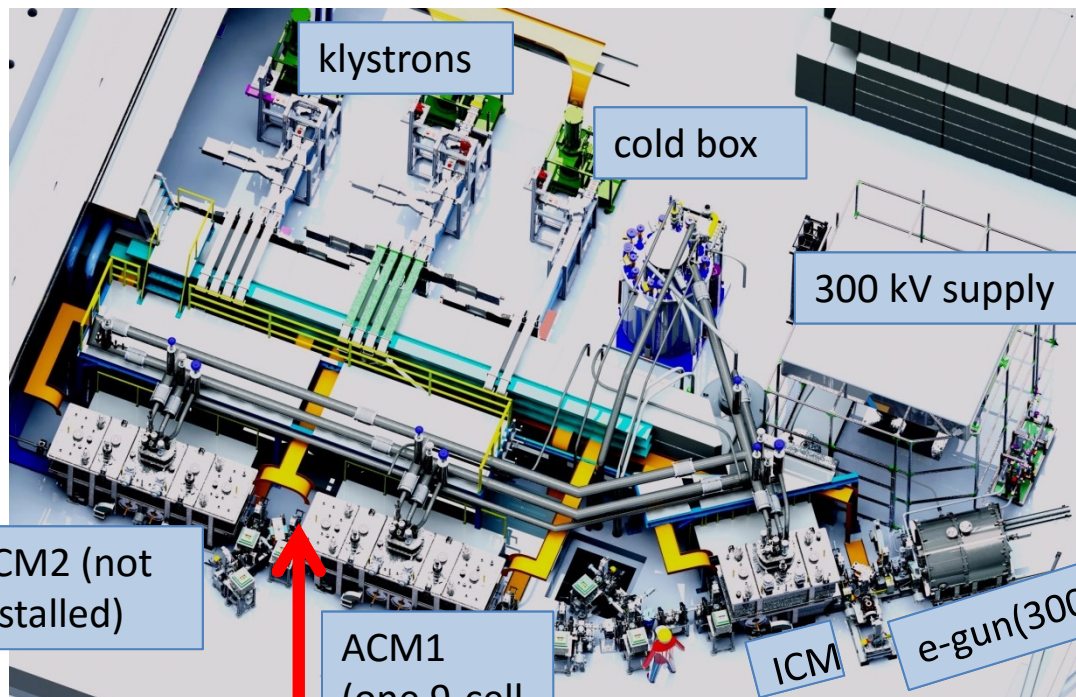


ICM1 – successful beam tests Sept'14

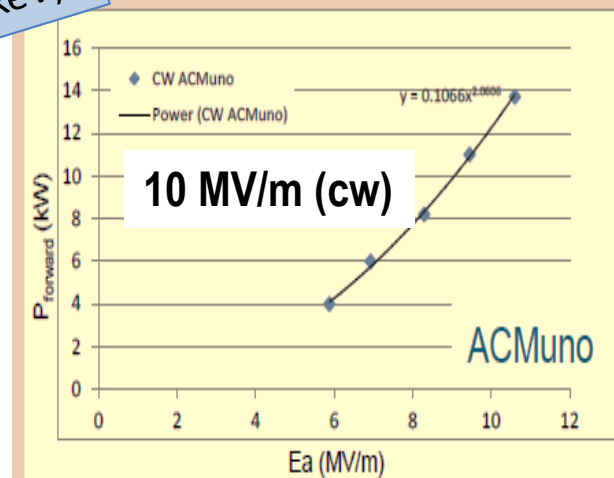
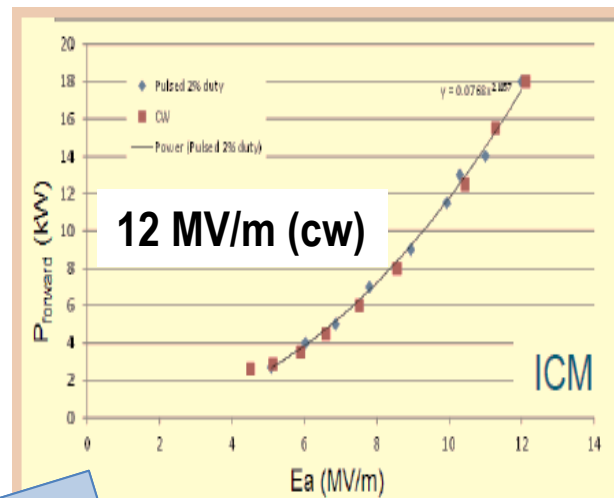
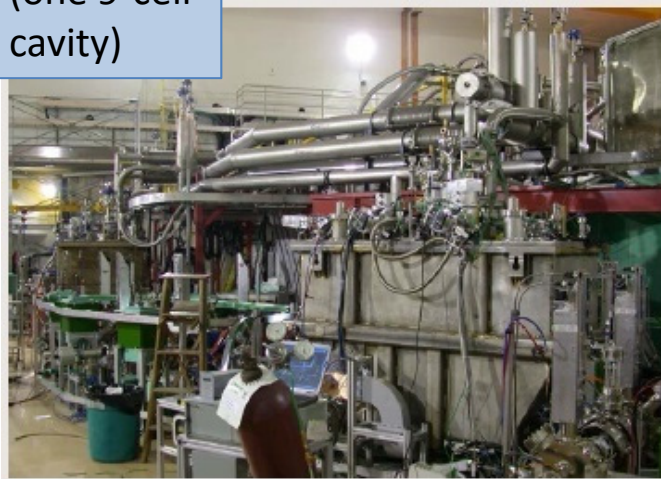


ICM2 assembly on-going at TRIUMF

First beam accelerated to 23 MeV on 29th Sept 2014 at TRIUMF



23 MeV, 10 microAmp



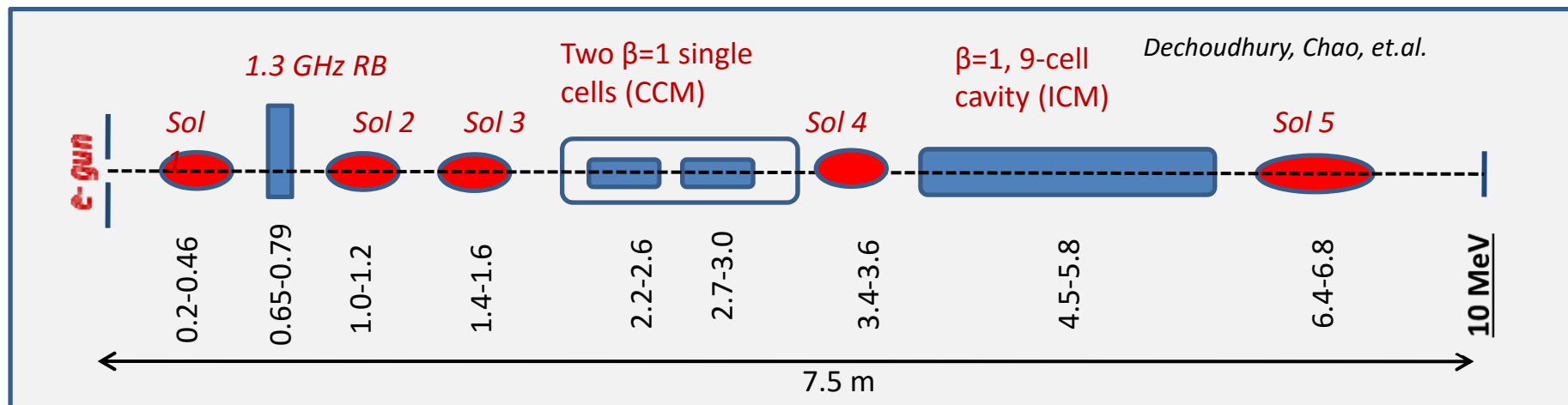
VECC ICM at TRIUMF – Aug 2015



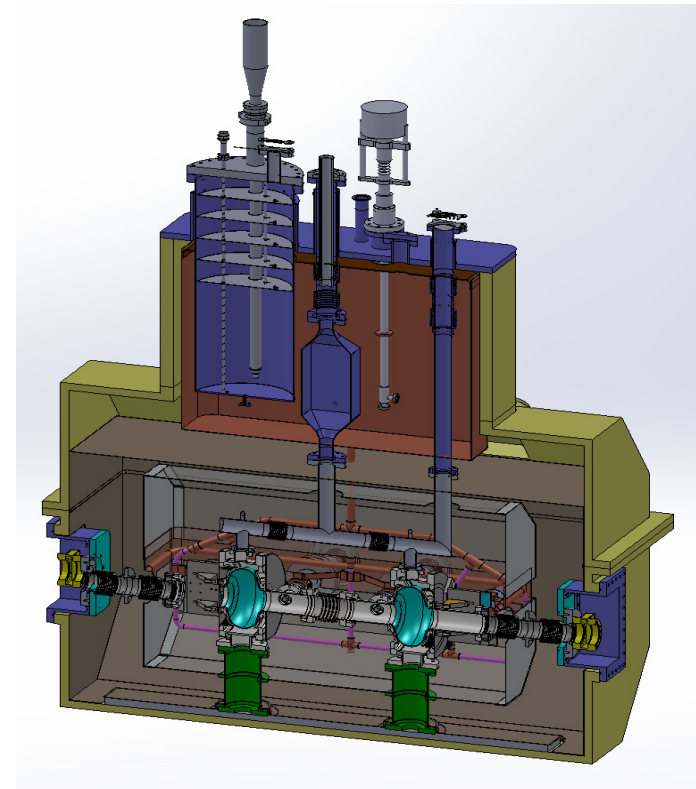
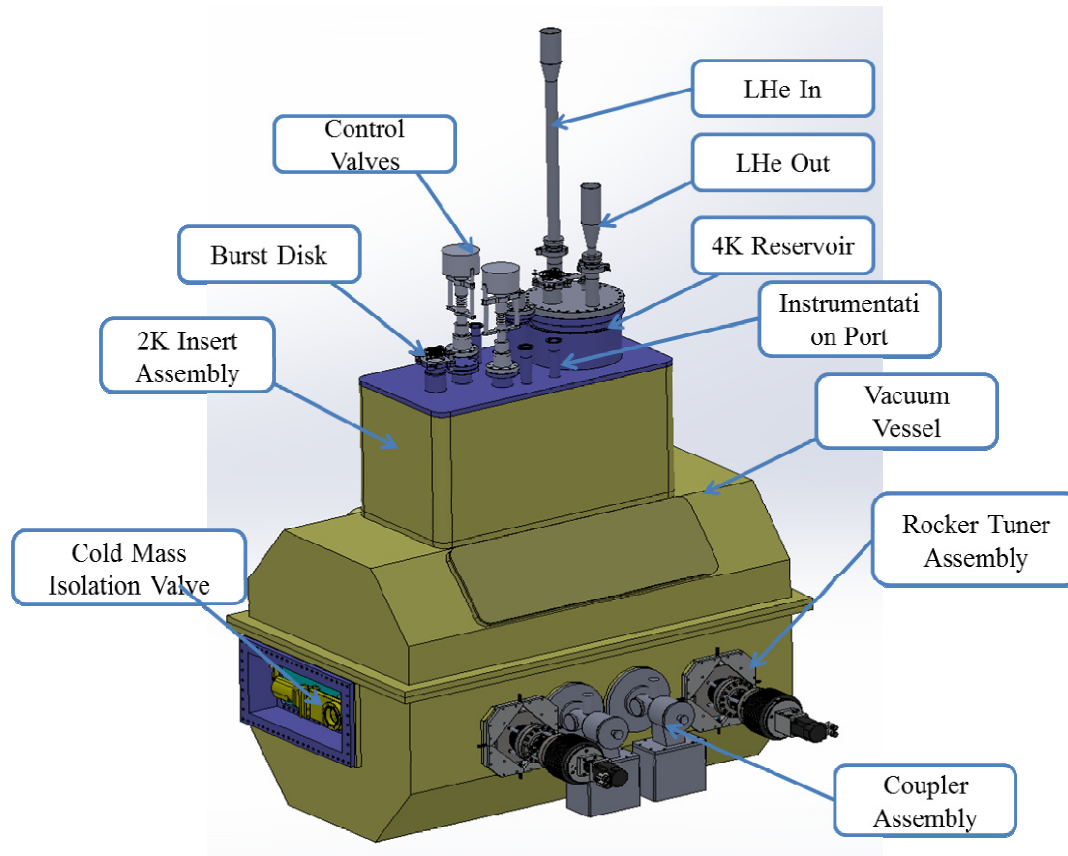
VECC: 10 MeV injector beam dynamics design



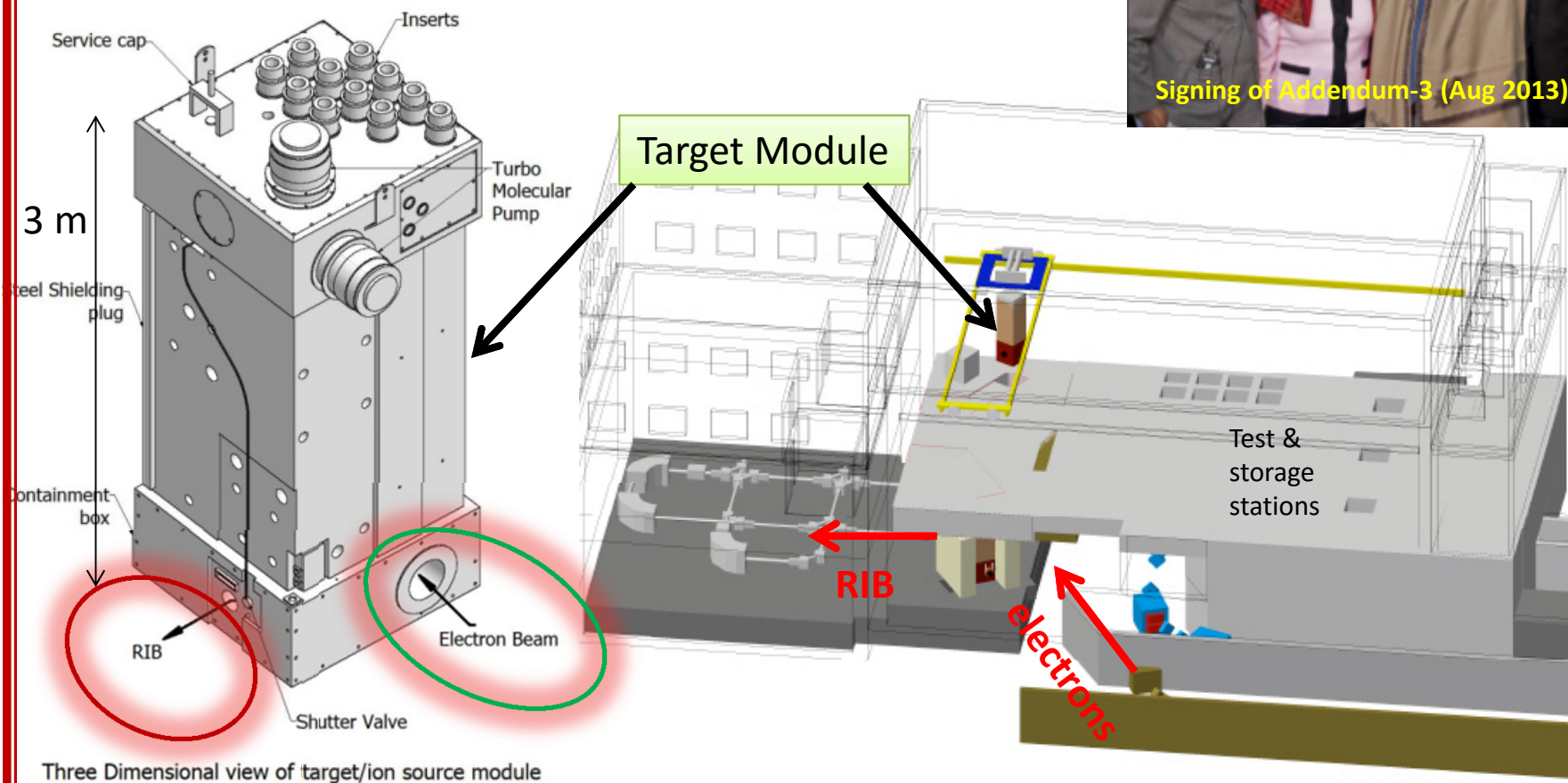
Parameter	Injection	Output @10 MeV
Bunch charge (pC)	~ 3	~ 3
Bunch rep' rate (MHz)	650	650
Transverse (norm) emittance (μm , 1σ)	5π	15π
Longitudinal 1σ emittance (keV.ps)	$\leq 20\pi$	$\approx 750\pi$
Bunch length (ps)	< 170 (FW)	≈ 8 (FW)
Energy spread	1 keV (FW)	≈ 100 keV (FW)

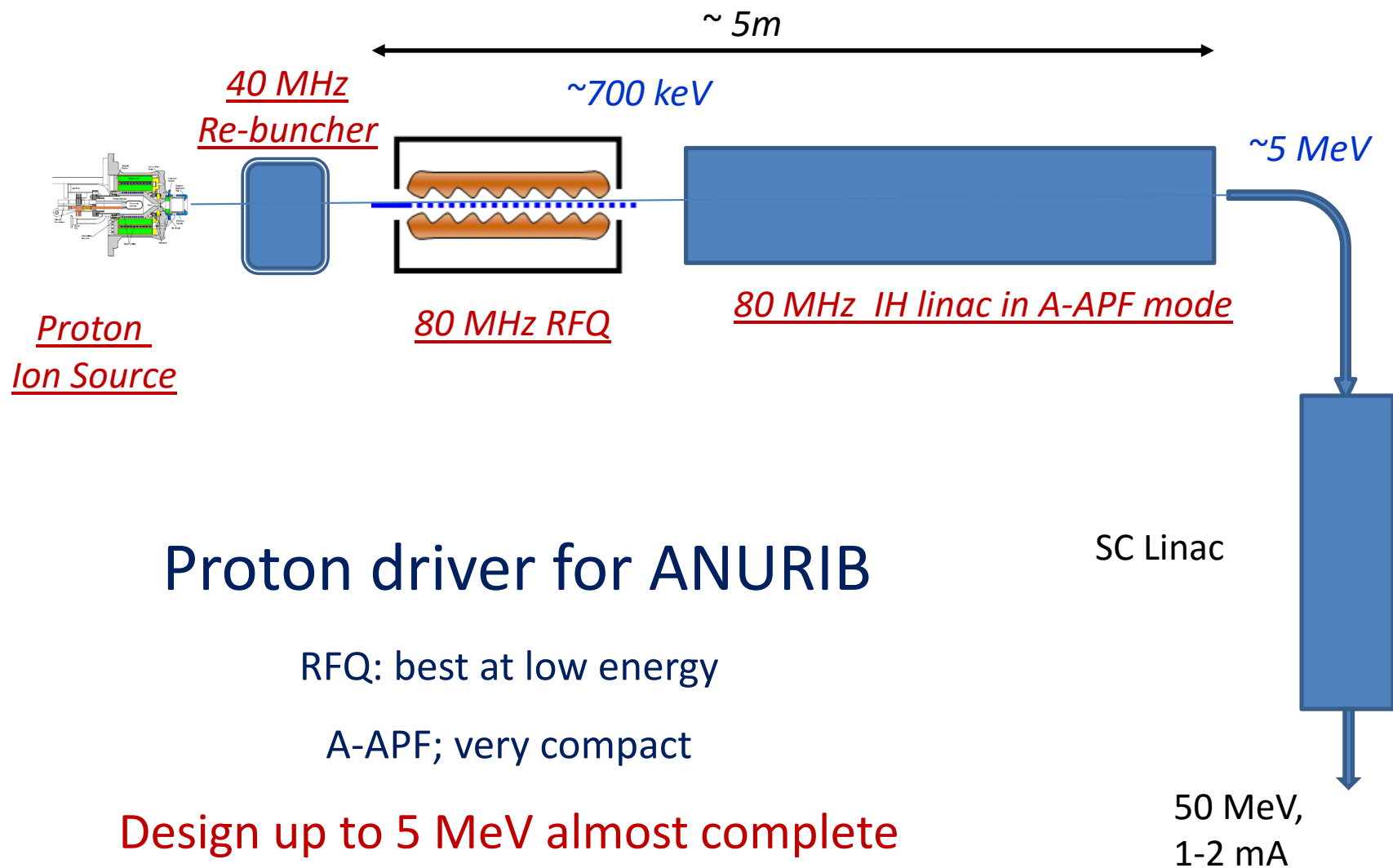


CCM mechanical design completed to be built in Indian industry



Target/Ion-source (TIS) Module (VECC-TRIUMF MoU Addendum-3)





HI acceleration from 1 to 7 MeV/u in
SC LINAC BOOSTER

Beam dynamics design of SC QWRs for ANURIB facility (1.3 to 7 MeV/u)

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Alternate phase focusing in sequence of independent phased resonators as superconducting linac boosters

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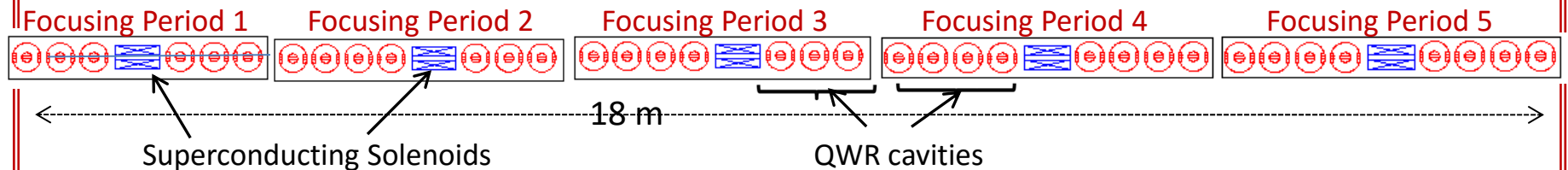
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Theoretical study of an alternate phase focusing (APF) structure, realized in a long chain of double gap quarter wave resonators, capable of accelerating heavy ions from 1.3 to 7 MeV/u has been carried out. Mathieu-Hill stability analysis for the focusing periods consisting of independent resonators with phase variation satisfying square-wave law has been used to evaluate parameters such as the electric field and phase for the resonators. Furthermore, a smooth approximation method taking into account the acceleration in the linac has been employed to find out the rf bucket parameters (energy and phase width acceptance) of the focusing periods. Corroborative particle tracking (longitudinal and transverse) has been carried out using simulated 3D fields for double gap quarter wave resonators (QWR). Steering effects in QWRs over the period have also been studied. In one APF period, the individual phase of resonators changes sign resulting in a vertical steering kick in a particular direction, which is less as compared to the case where all the individual resonators operate in the same phase.

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Energy (input-output) MeV/u	1.3–2.06	2.06–2.78	2.78–3.84	3.84–5.08	5.08–7.16
Length (m)	2.1	2.4	3.24	3.66	4.86
Number of QWR/ β designed	6/0.06	7/0.06	7/0.1	8/0.1	8/0.15
Phase acceptance (deg)	131	158	117	124	128
Energy width (keV/u)	227	338	353	444	631

The A-APF design with QWRs for single charge state (1-7 MeV/u) depends on choice of phases so that operating point is at intersection of $\text{Cos}(\mu L) = 0$ and $\text{Cos}(\mu T) = 0$.

Mathieu Hill Equations in terms of phase deviation $\psi = \phi - \phi_s$ and dimensionless radial parameter $\rho = r / L_f$

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{d\tau^2} + P_\psi(\tau).\psi = 0 ; P_\psi(\tau) = 2B.\sin[\bar{\phi} + \tilde{\phi}(\tau)] \quad P_\rho(\tau) \Rightarrow P_\rho(\tau+1)$$

$$\frac{d^2\rho}{d\tau^2} + P_\rho(\tau).\rho = 0 ; P_\rho(\tau) = -B.\sin[\bar{\phi} + \tilde{\phi}(\tau) + \psi] \quad P_\psi(\tau) \Rightarrow P_\psi(\tau+1)$$

with B as focusing parameter given by

$$B = (\pi q E_m / A m_0 c^2) (L_f / \beta_s \lambda)^2 (1 - \beta_s^2)^{3/2}$$

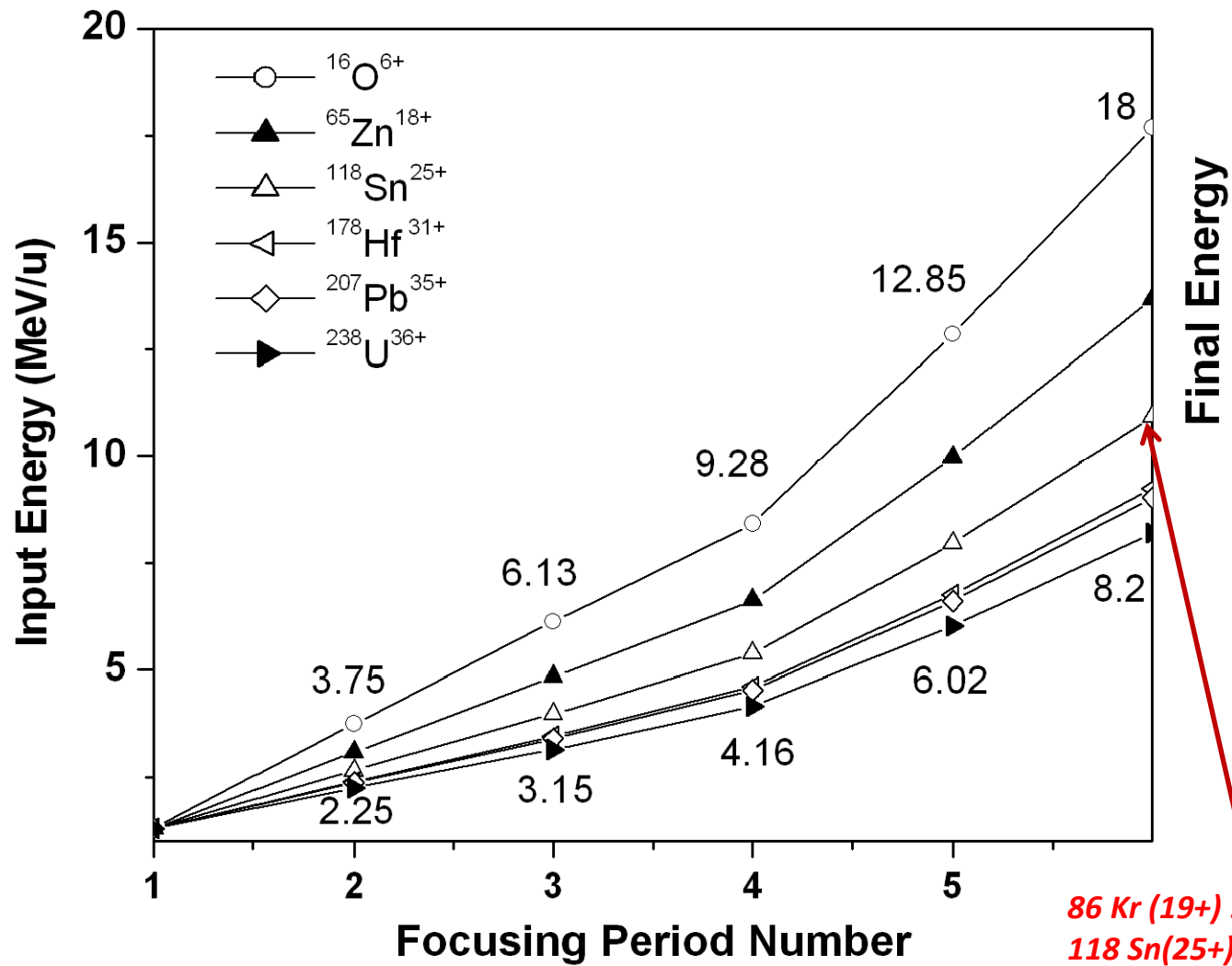
For a different q/A , one can have similar efficiency in terms of simultaneous transverse & longitudinal focusing if one can keep $\{B(\text{depends on } q/A) \times \sin(\text{phis})\}$ over the period same as that for the designed q/A . Accordingly phase sequence for different q/A can be calculated.

Using the most probable charge state fraction (mpcst) after stripper $\sim 1 \text{ MeV/u}$, and with above objective vis-à-vis AAPF efficacy, final energy for different q/A has been calculated

Kr (Z=36): Stable A = 78, mpcst: 19

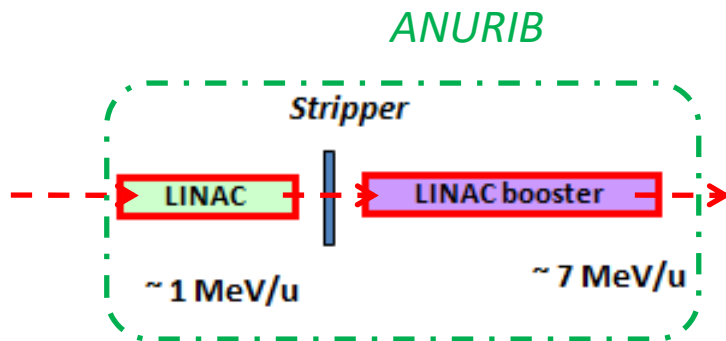
Charge states correspond to most probable charge state fraction after stripping @ ~ 1 MeV/u

Energy of different q/A ratio



Multiple charge acceleration in A-APF Structure

Motivation



► Higher charge produced after stripper allows the optimal use of accelerating fields of SC cavities

► Stripper induces a distribution of charge state about an equilibrium charge state

^{238}U stripped at $\sim 1 \text{ MeV/u}$: Distributed over 12 charge states about equilibrium charge of $37+$ (19 % of input beam).

**Simultaneous acceleration of multiple charge states
results in much higher beam intensity**

Multiple charge acceleration up to 6.2 MeV/u for Uranium

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Multiple charge beam dynamics in alternate phase focusing structure

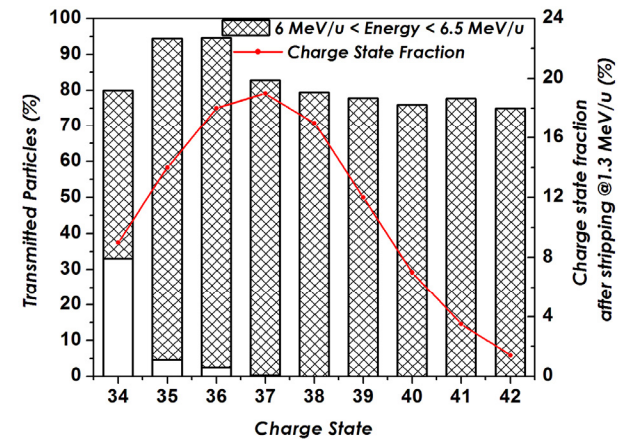
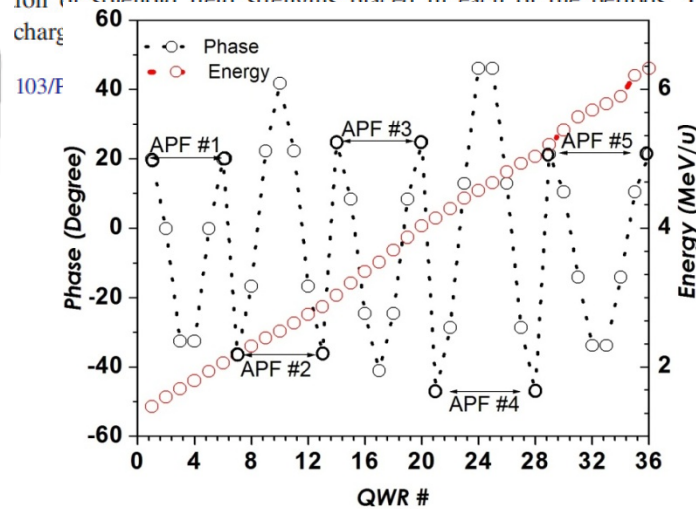
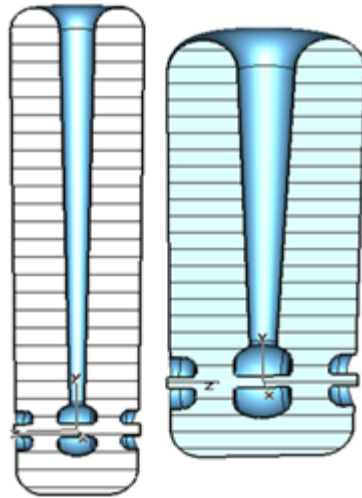
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Asymmetrical alternate phase (A-APF) focusing realized in a sequence of 36 superconducting quarter wave resonators (QWRs) has been shown to accelerate almost 81% of input uranium beam before foil stripper to an energy of 6.2 MeV/u from 1.3 MeV/u. Ten charge states from 34+ to 43+ could be simultaneously accelerated with the phase of resonators tuned for 34+. The A-APF structure showed the unique nature of a large potential bucket for charge states higher than that of the tuned one. Steering to QWRs can be mitigated by selecting appropriate phase variation of the APF periods and ion of solenoid field strengths placed in each of the periods. The

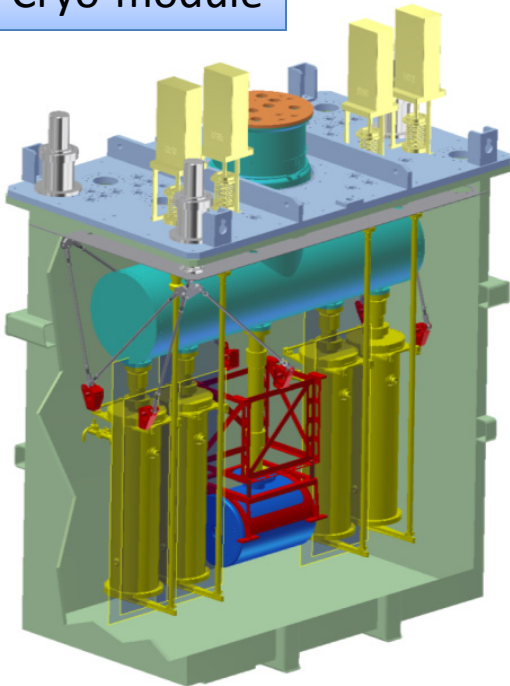


Higher intensity for SIB/RIB

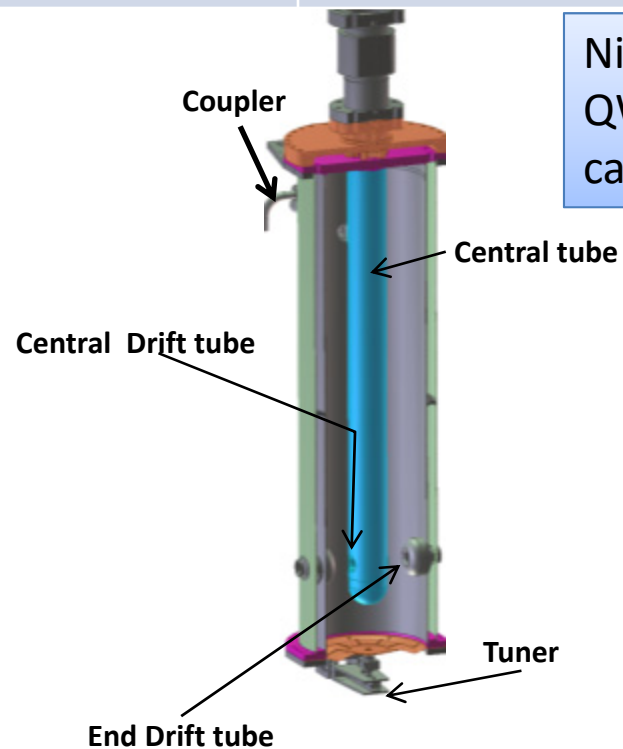
SC QWR Linac for heavy-ion beam acceleration (VECC-TRIUMF collaboration)

Frequency [MHz]	113.4
β_0 [%]	5.3
No. of resonators	8
$E_{\text{peak}}/E_{\text{acc}}$	~ 7.6
$B_{\text{peak}}/E_{\text{acc}}$ [G-m/MV]	~ 130
Initial/final energy (MeV/u)	1.04/2.0

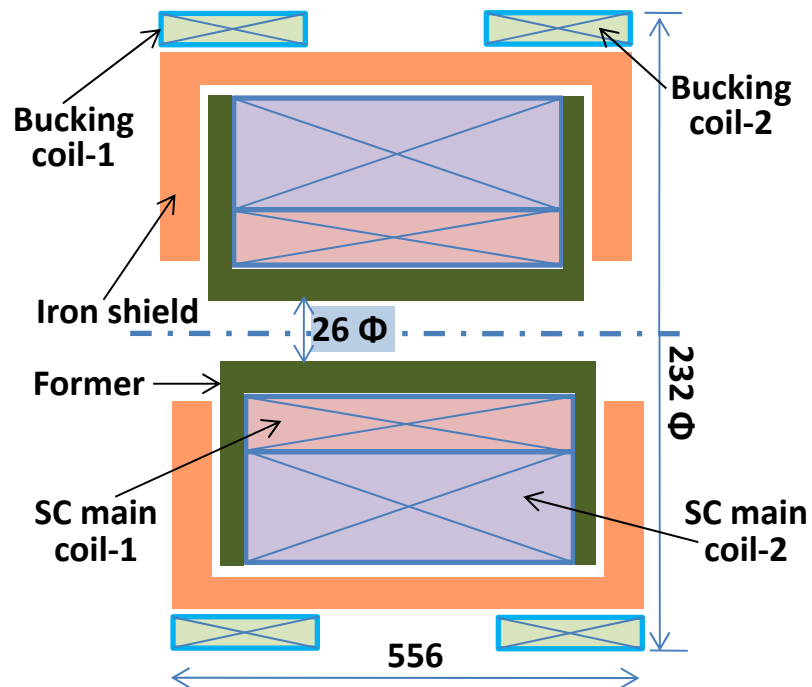
Cryo-module



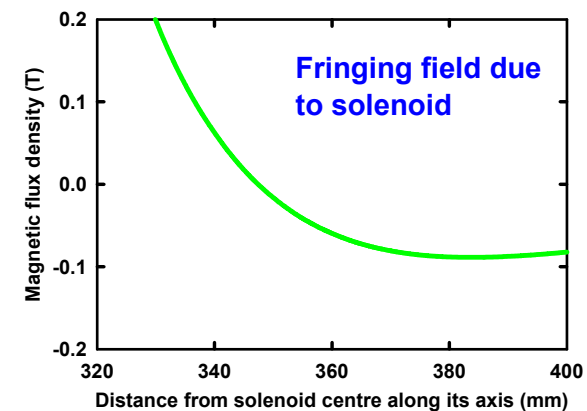
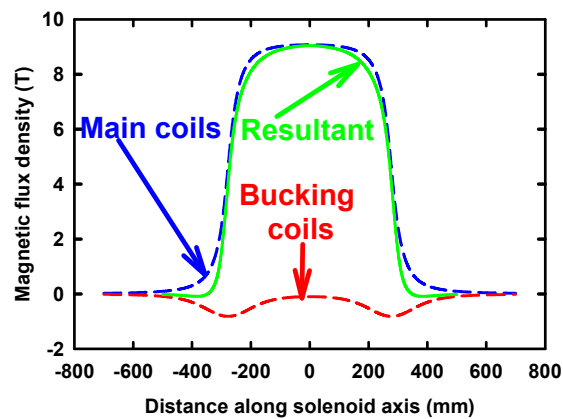
Niobium QWR cavity



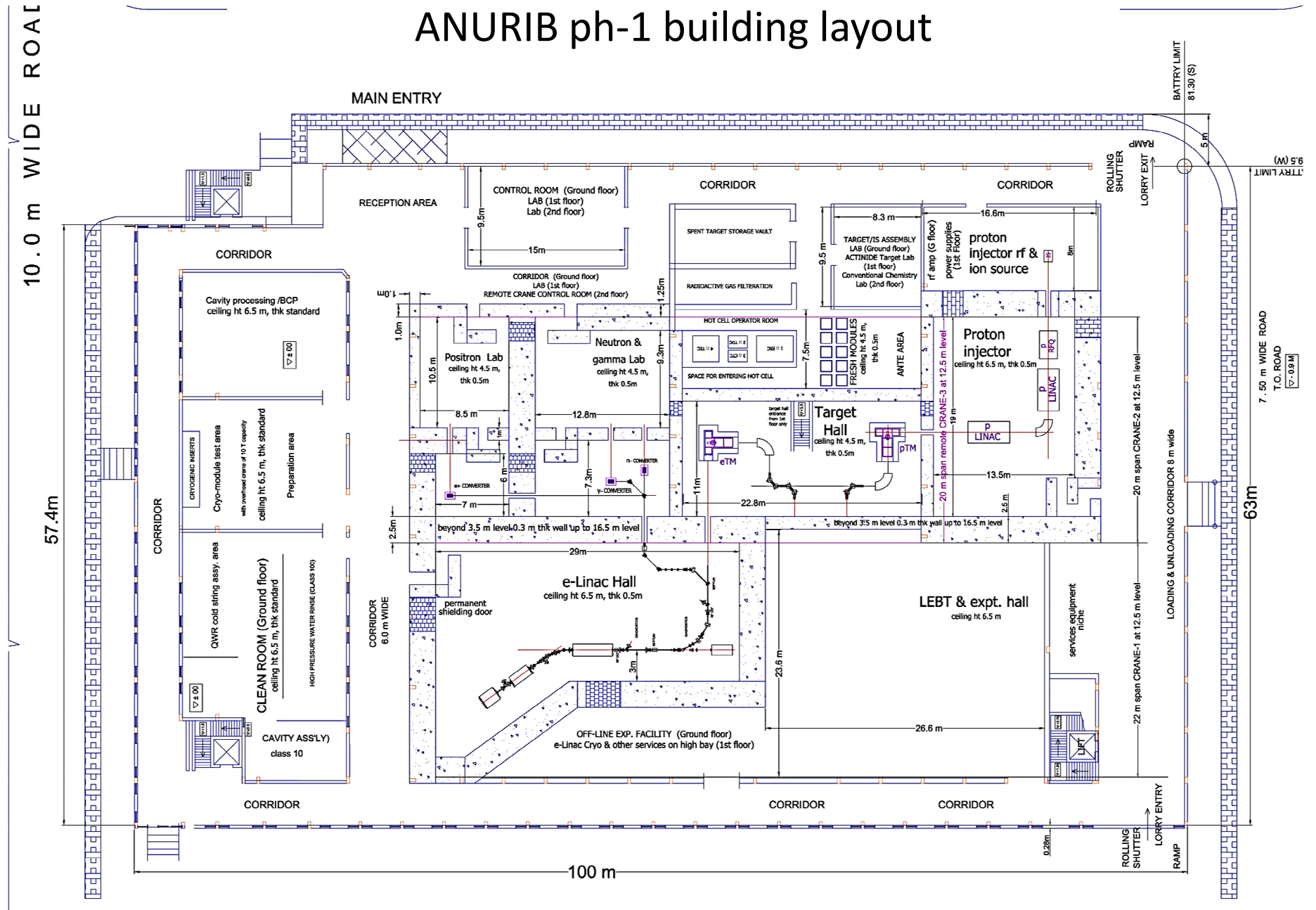
Design of internal superconducting solenoid for SC HI resonators

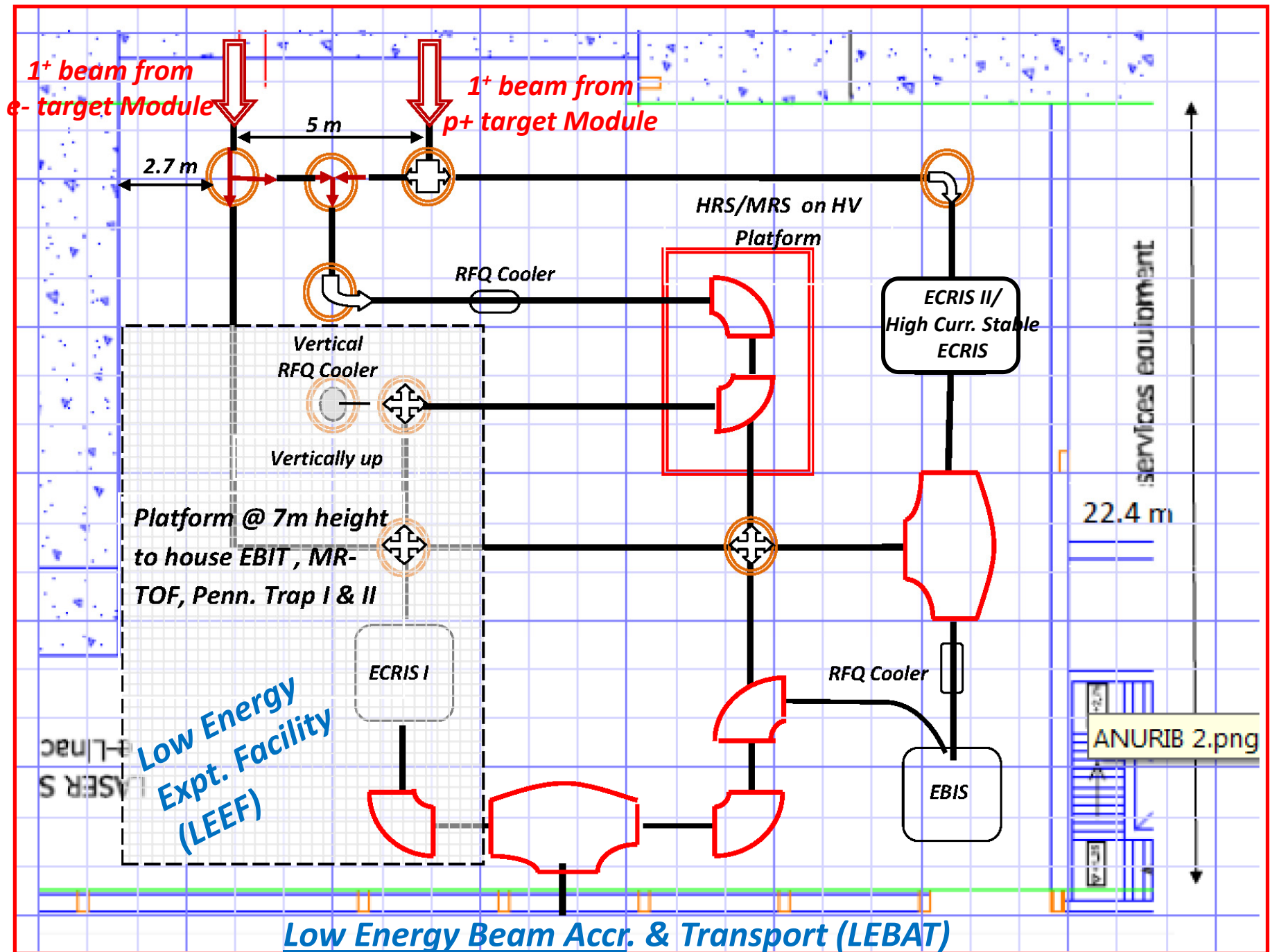


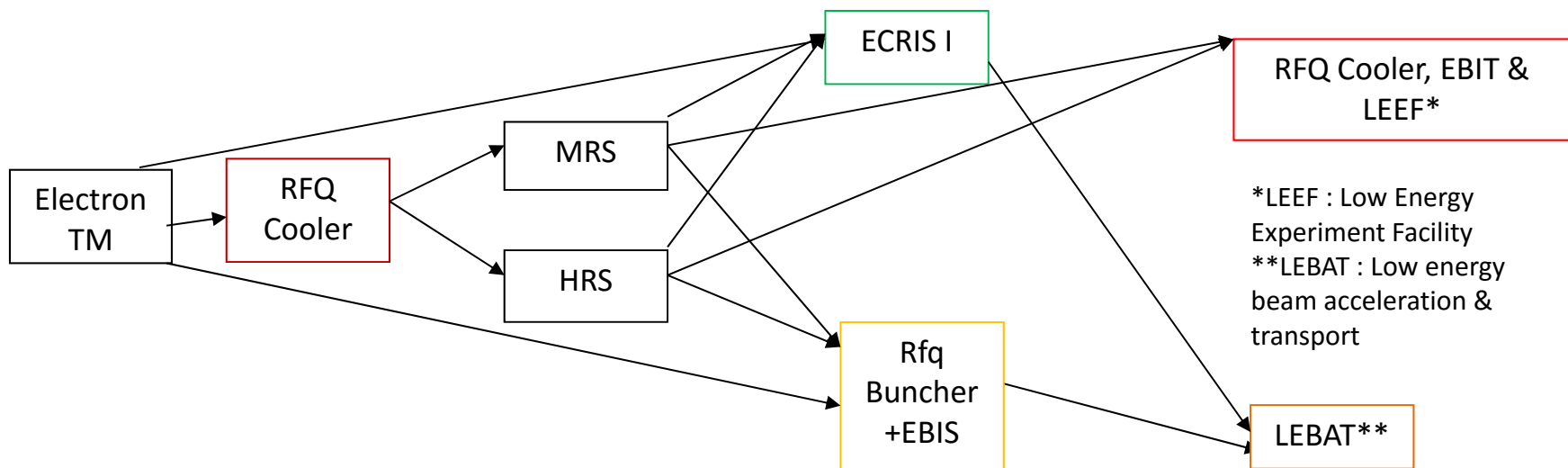
Effective Field Length [mm]	340
Physical Length [mm]	556
Max. Axial Field [T]	9
Fringing Field near QWR [T]	<0.13
Conductor	NbTi
Conductor size [mm x mm]	1.88 x 1.18
Critical current of conductor [A]	822 @ 8T



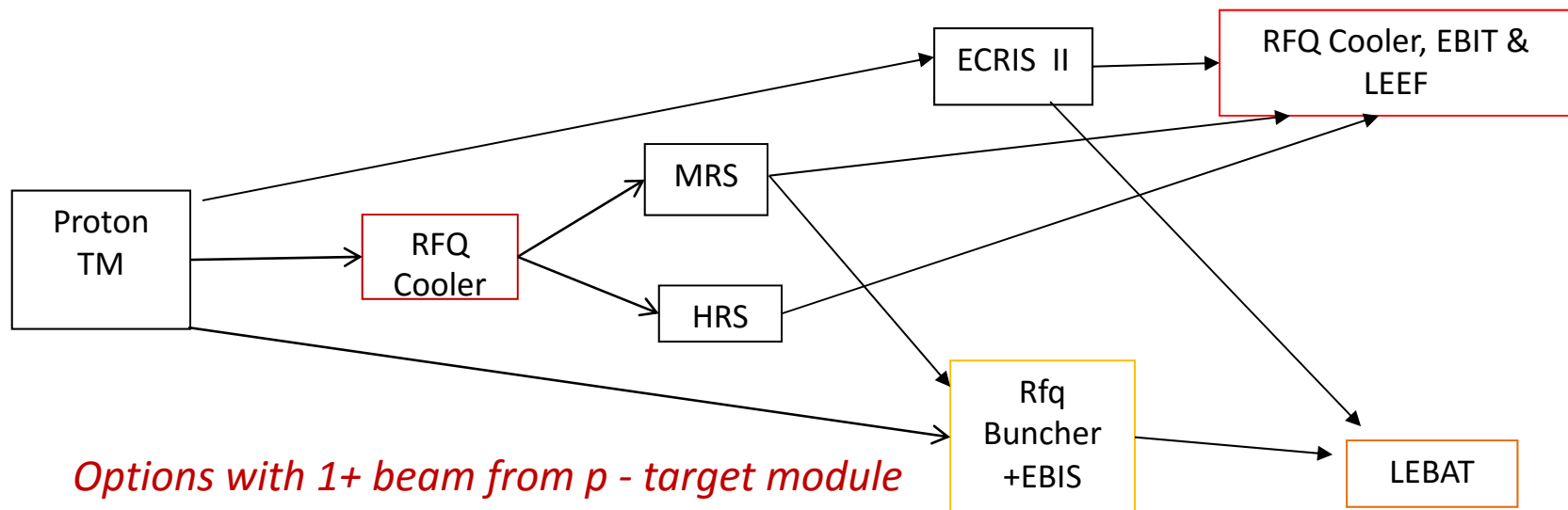
ANURIB ph-1 building layout







Options with 1+ beam from e- target module



Options with 1+ beam from p - target module

HRD: Publications from RIB project (up to 2014)

Accelerator development

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