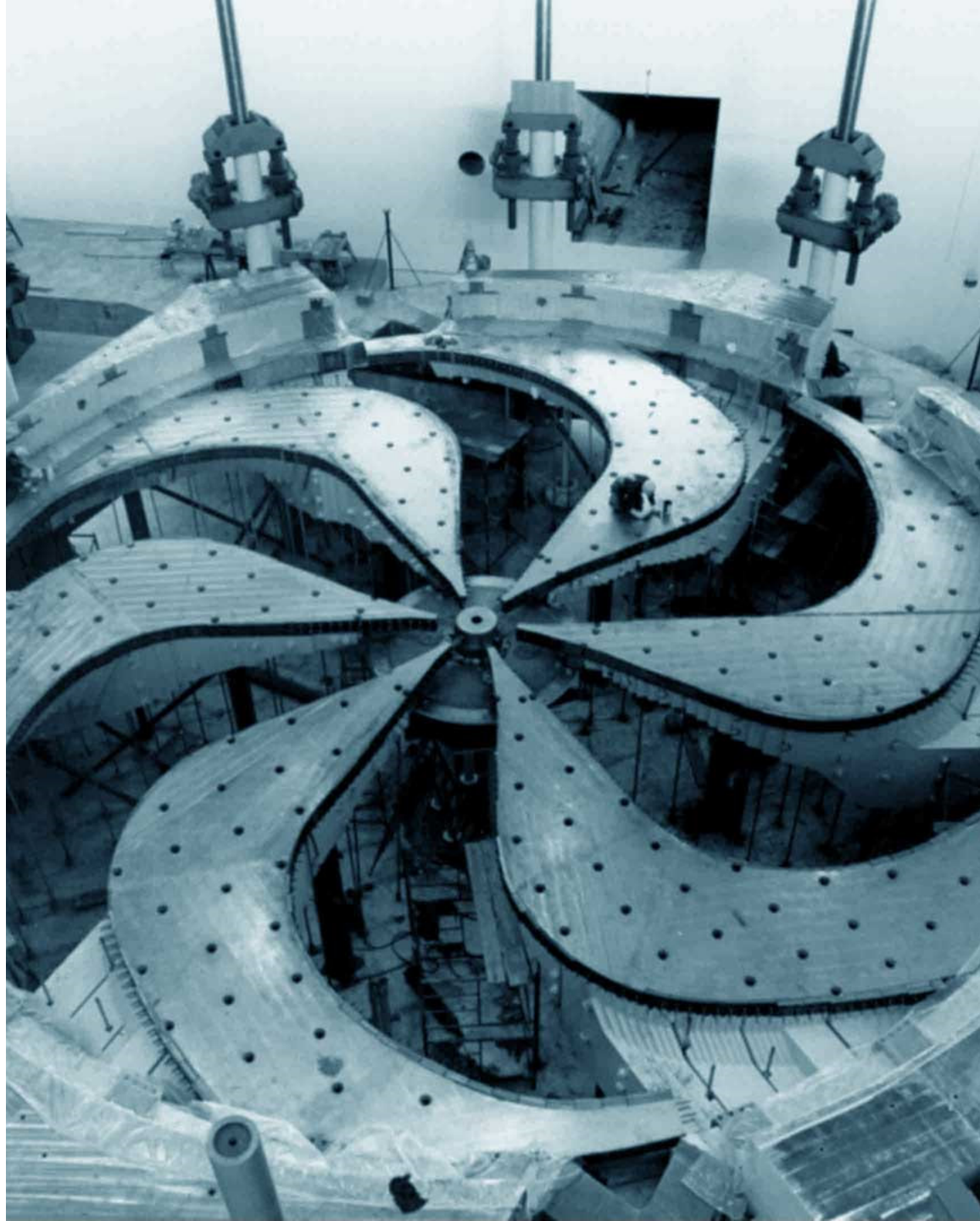




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# Overview of Accelerators in Canada

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# Outline

- Early History of Accelerators in Canada
  - 1945-1955
  - 1955-1965
- Emergence of three centres
  - AECL, SAL, TRIUMF
- Present landscape
  - CLS
  - TRIUMF
  - Industrial accelerators
  - Accelerator applications
- Summary



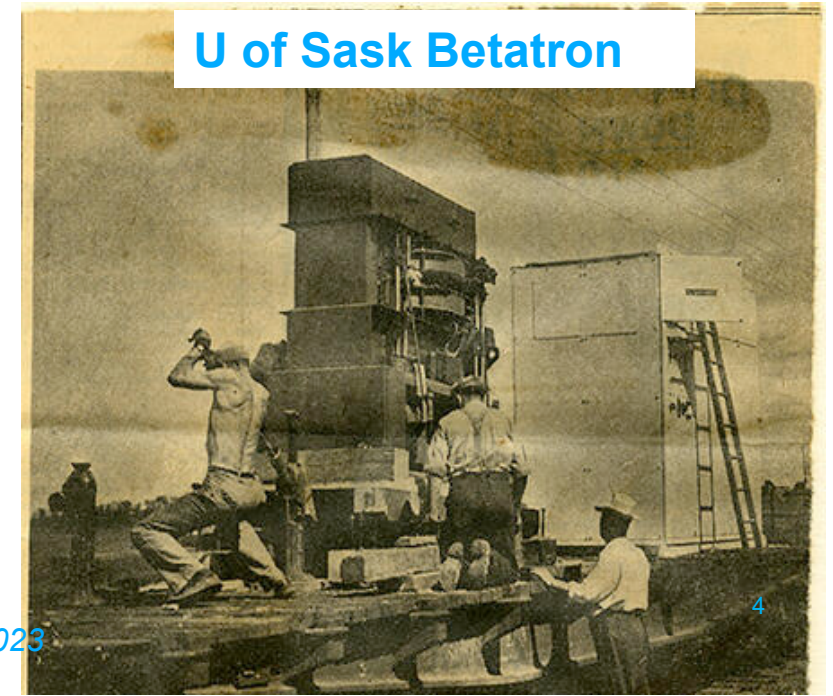
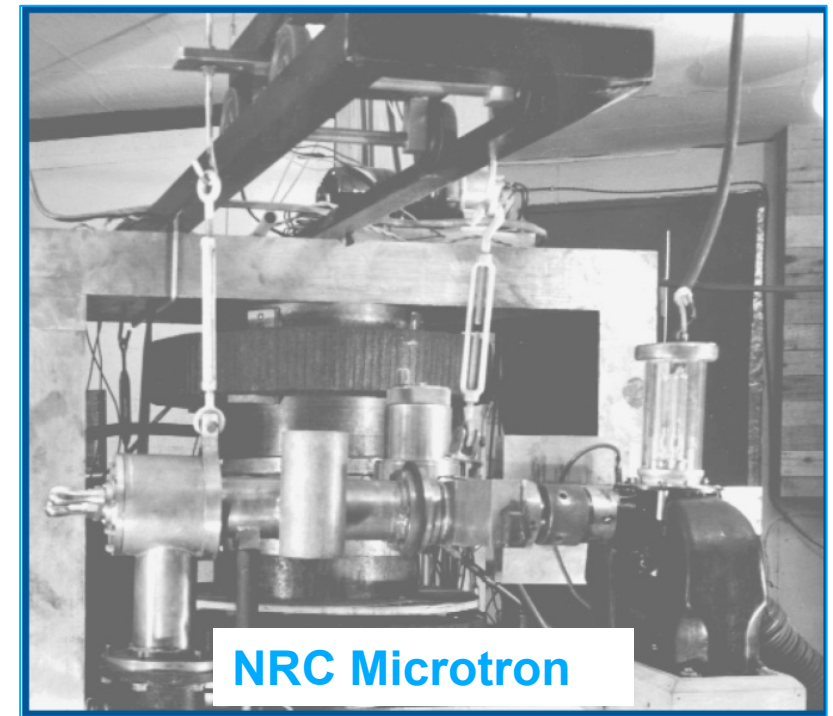
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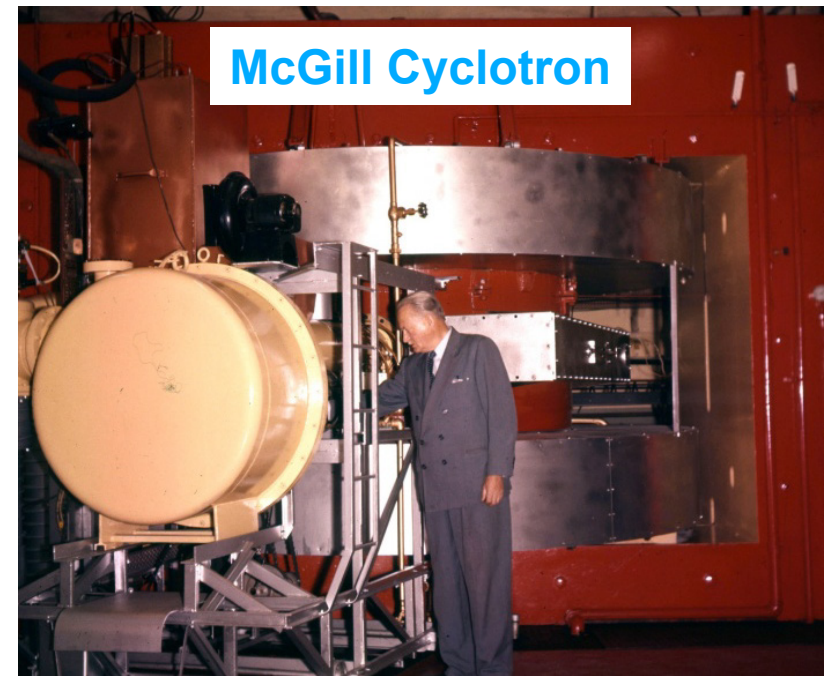


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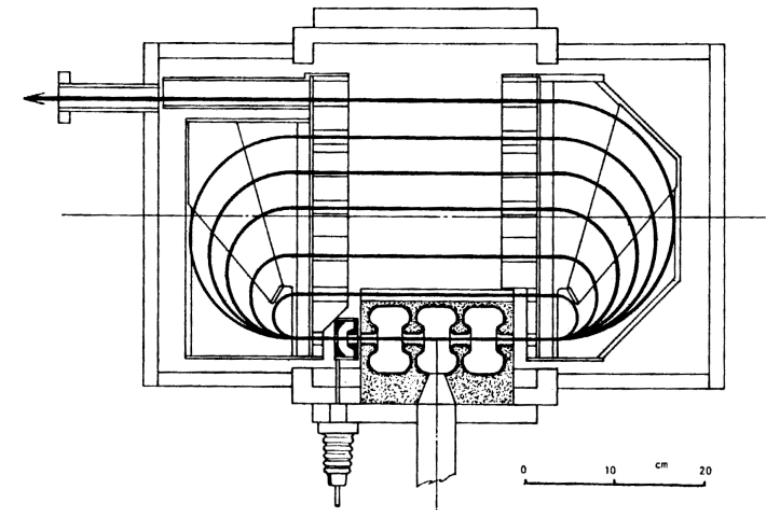
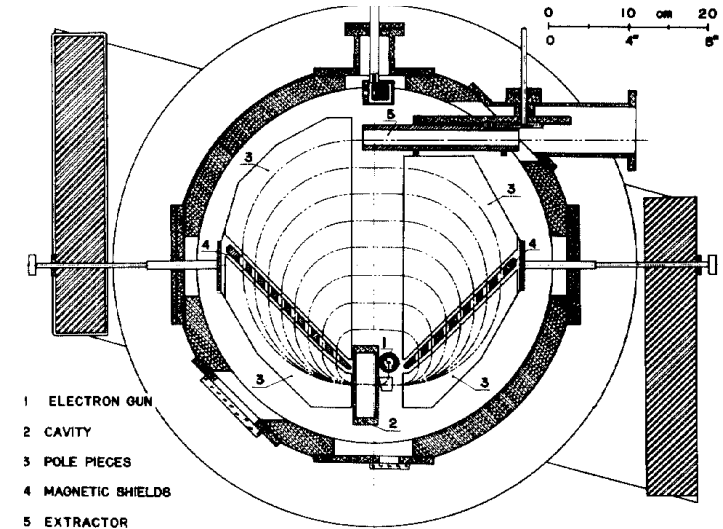
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- 1949 – 100 MeV proton cyclotron was built at McGill University, Montreal
- 1950 – 70MeV GE electron synchrotron – Queen’s University
- 1951 – 3MV van de Graaff installed at UBC (Vancouver)
- 1952 – 3MV van de Graaff installed at Chalk River (NRC)



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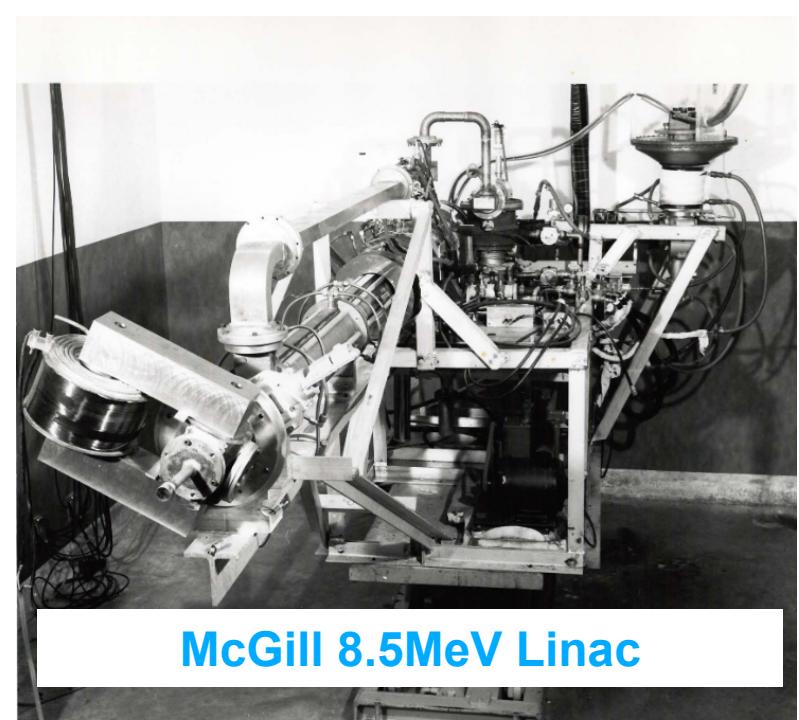
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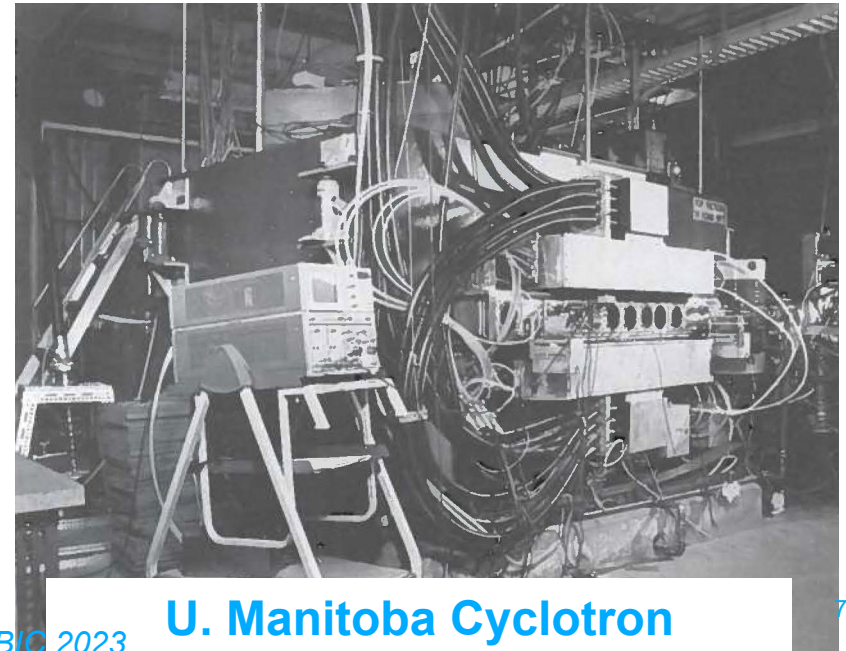
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- 1962 – McGill University designed and built a 8.5 MeV electron linac (200mA pulses) – first linac installed at a Canadian hospital – Royal Victorian hospital – Montreal
- 1965 – U. of Manitoba – 50MeV spiral sector H-cyclotron for nuclear physics – important advances in polarized sources and accelerator physics education – closed in 1989



**McGill 8.5MeV Linac**

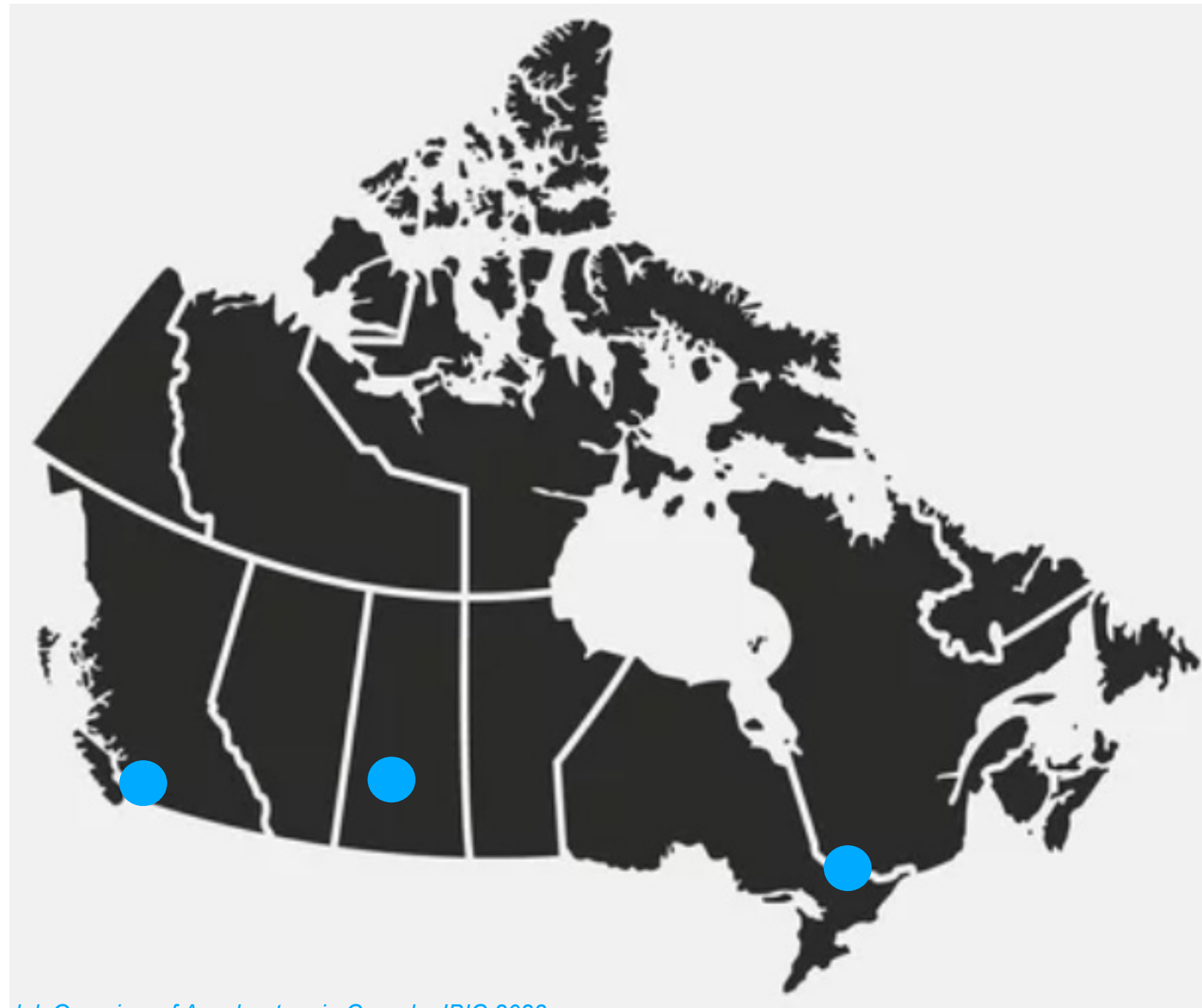


**U. Manitoba Cyclotron**

# Rise of Major Facilities



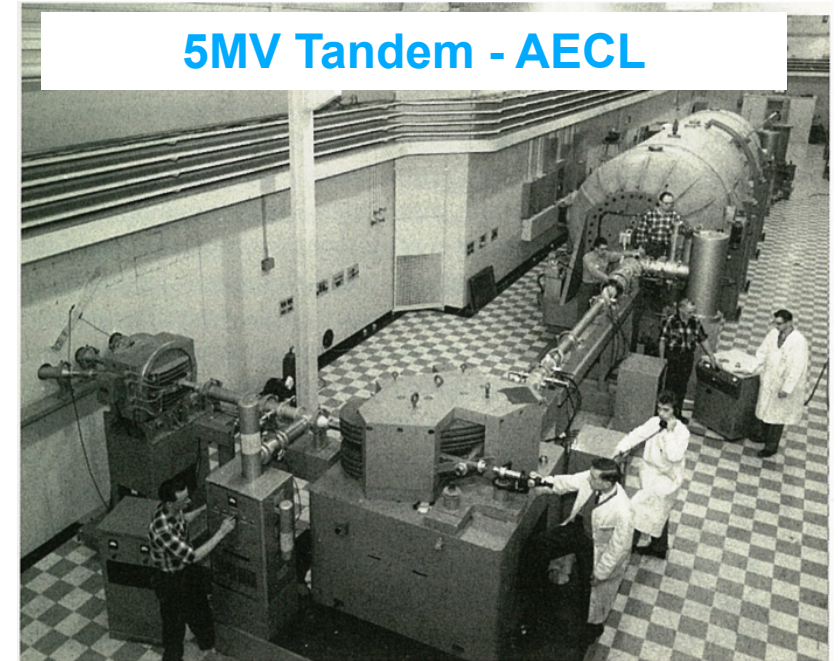
- Three accelerator centres emerge
  - AECL - Chalk River
  - SAL / CLS – Saskatoon
  - TRIUMF - Vancouver



# AECL Chalk River

# Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL)

- In 1952, Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) was created to promote the peaceful use of nuclear energy.
  - Funding was available to expand the development of nuclear and accelerator technology
- 1952 – 3MV van de Graaff installed at Chalk River (NRC)
- 1959 - 5MV Tandem (HVEC) installed – world's first tandem



Ted Litherland, Al Bromley and Harry Gove. (Alan Bromley became US Presidential Science advisor)

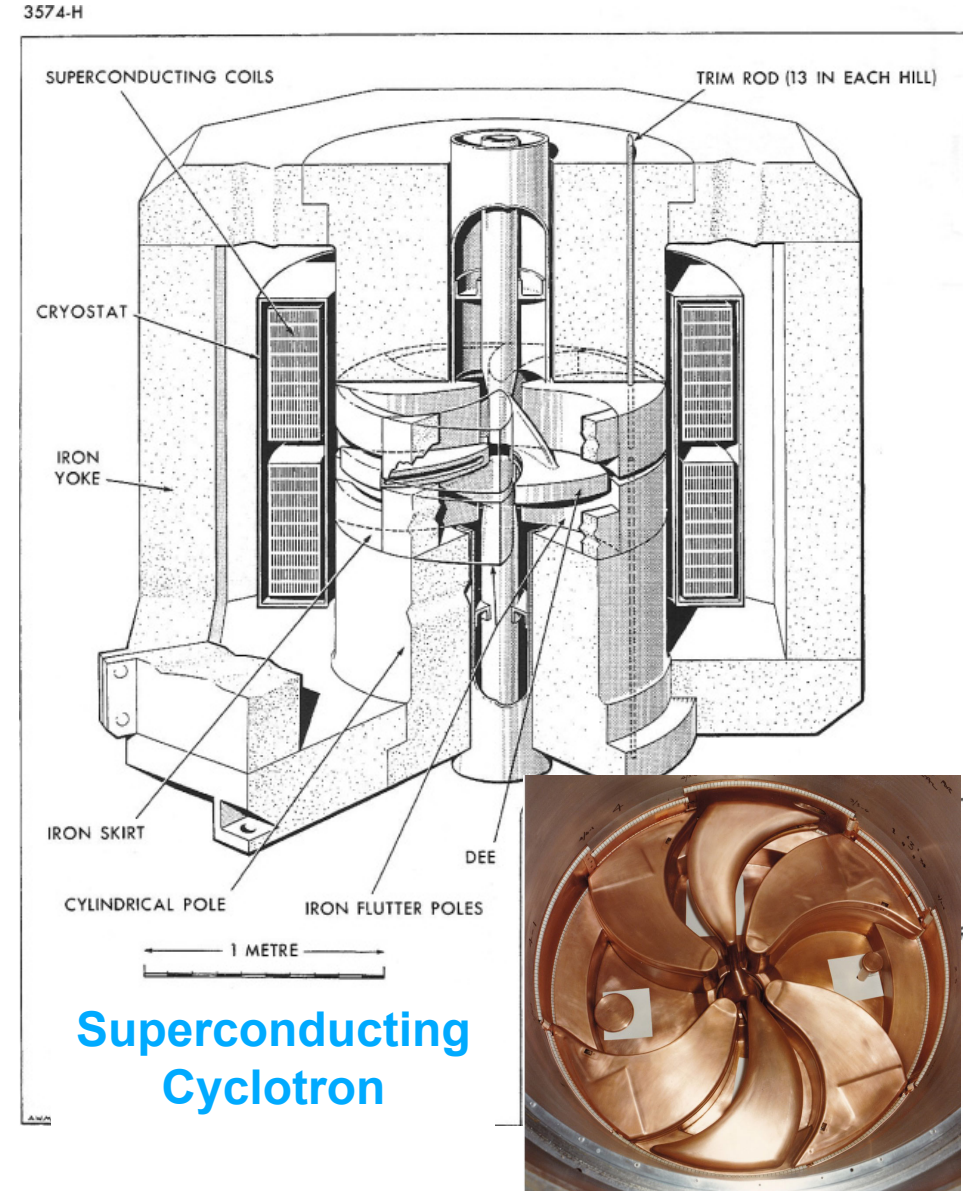
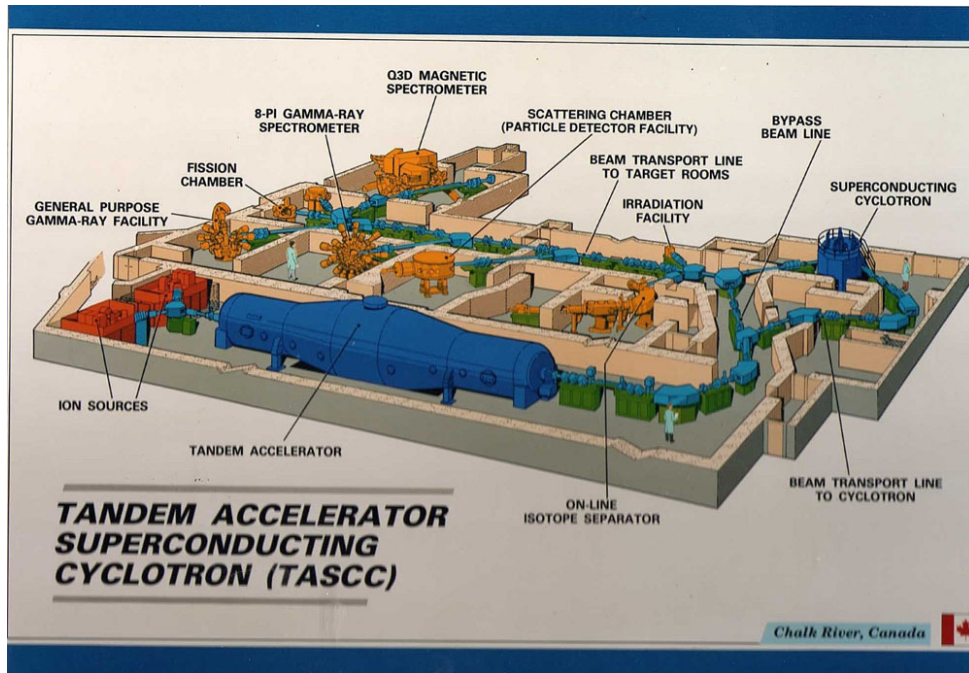
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- 1966 – 13MV MP Tandem installed
- 1973 – AECL started to develop a superconducting cyclotron to boost the energy of the tandem - 4 sector – K500
- 1985 – TASCC Superconducting cyclotron operational – the first superconducting cyclotron to operate with a pre-accelerator
  - 50MeV/u Li and 10MeV/u U
  - operated until 1996

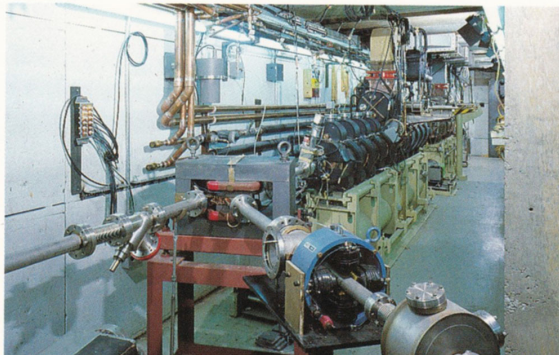
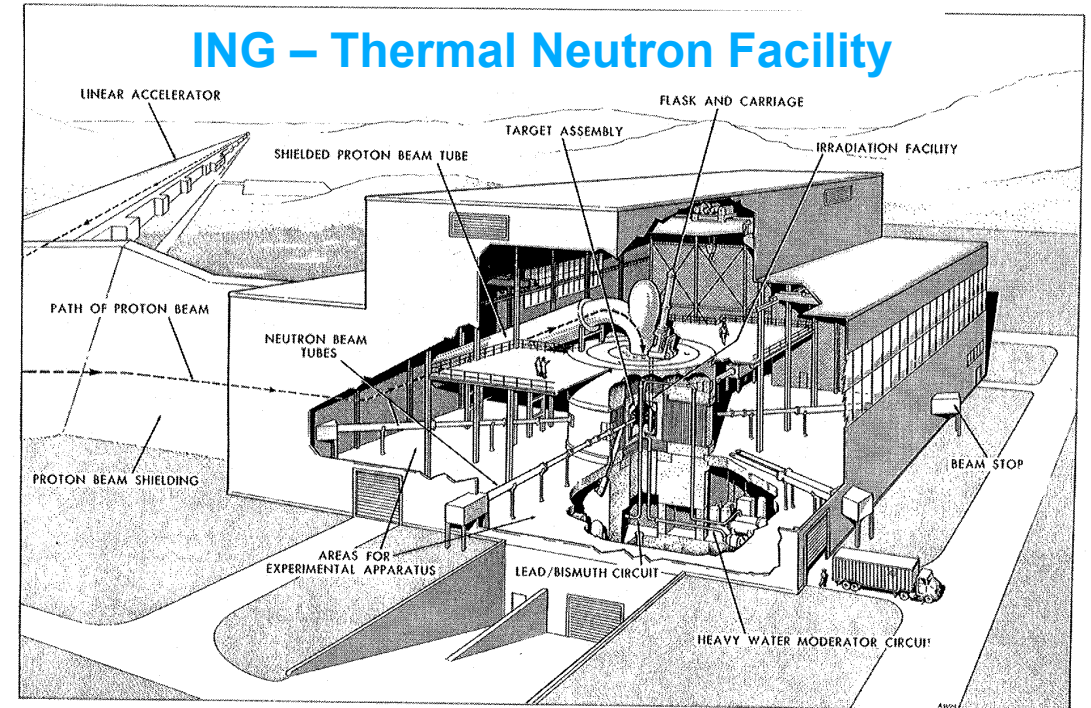


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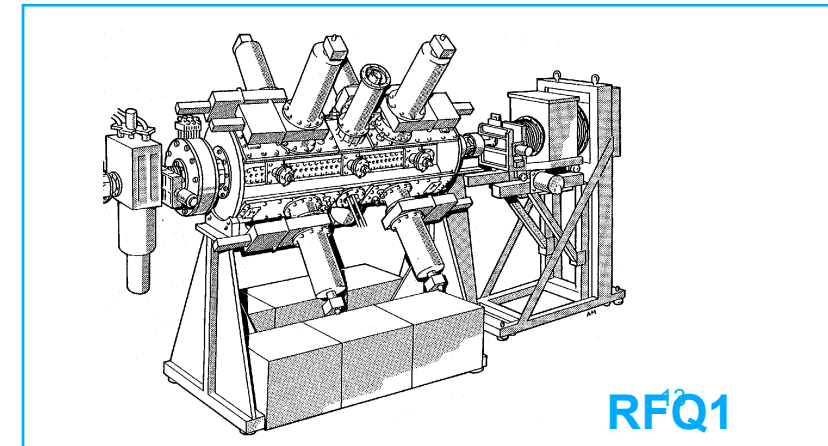
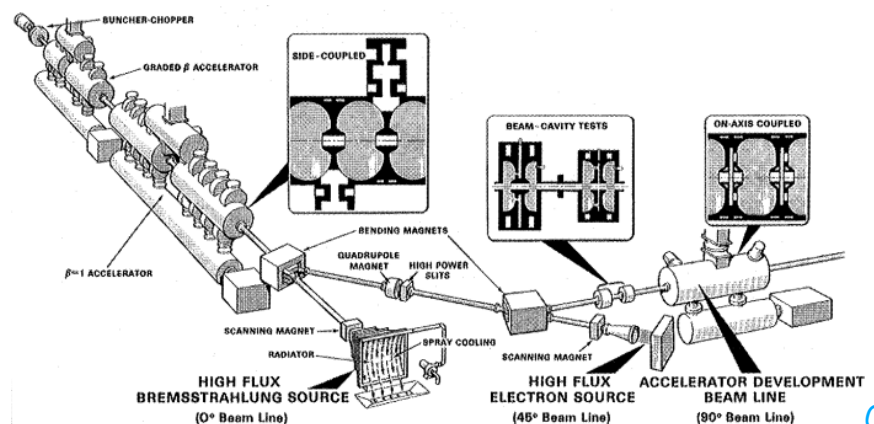


# AECL – High intensity accelerators

- AECL had a strong interest in electronuclear breeding
- 1966 – Intense Neutron Generator - ING proposal
  - 1GeV proton linac beam with 65 mA average current
  - Liquid bismuth target surrounded by heavy water
  - Proposal rejected but the project spawned much development
- Prototype work
  - Duo-plasmatron source – 120mA
  - ETA (Electron test accelerator) - 20 mA, 4 MeV
  - HCTF (High Current test facility) – 3.3-MeV proton linac – achieved 5 mA in 1985
  - 1981-1990 – RFQ1 (with LANL) - 79-mA, 600keV cw proton beam achieved in 1990 – the highest of any RFQ at the time



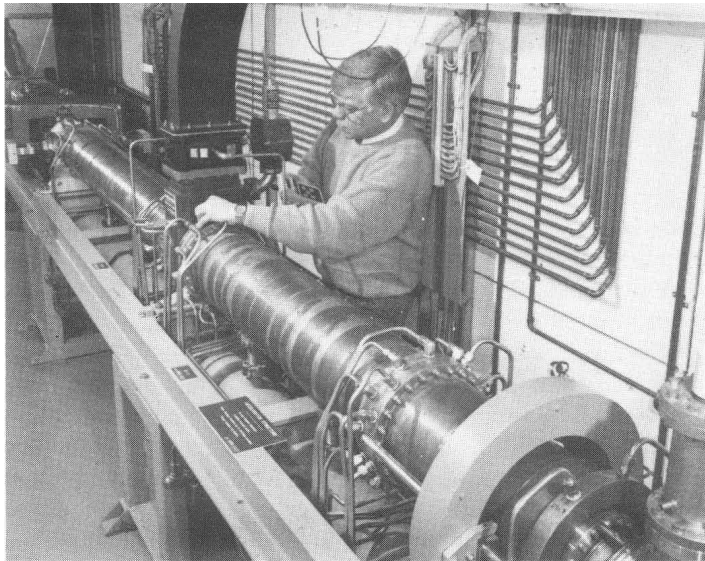
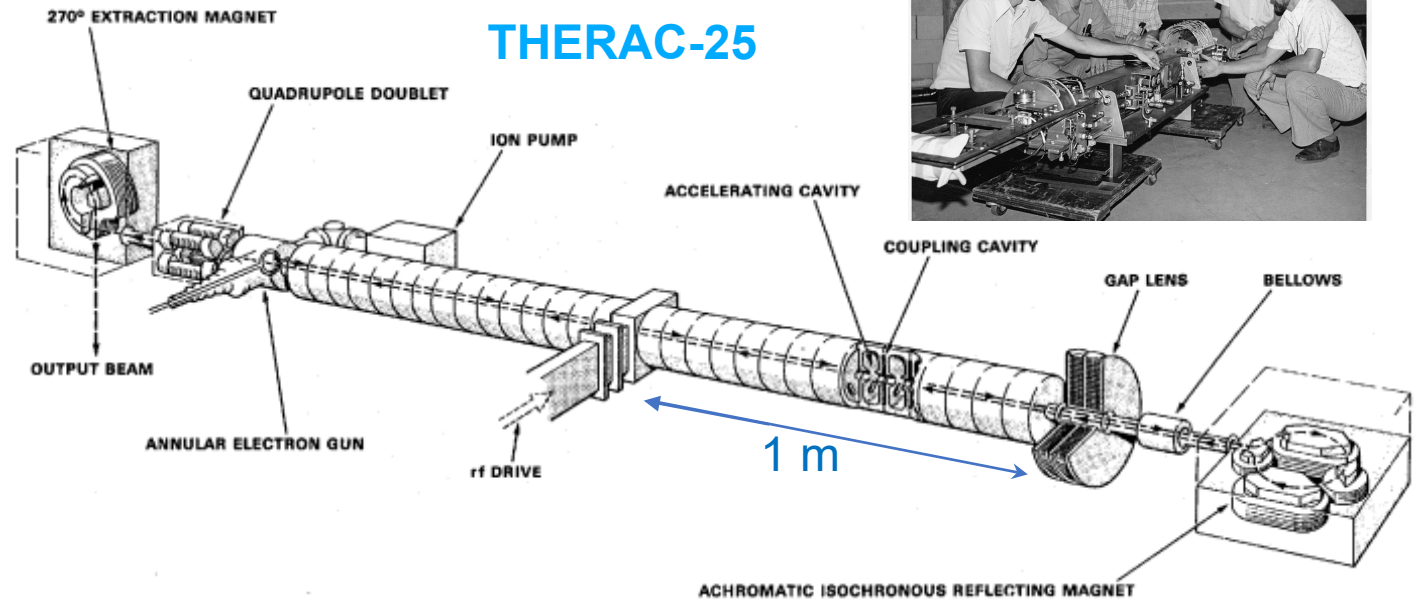
Electron Test Accelerator



RFQ1

# AECL Industrial and Medical Electron Linacs

- Development of electron machines for industrial/medical application
- 1982 - Compact electron linacs – double pass therapy linac – 5-25MeV – Therac 25 (Reflexotron)
- 1984 – IMPELA – 10MeV 50kW for industrial materials processing

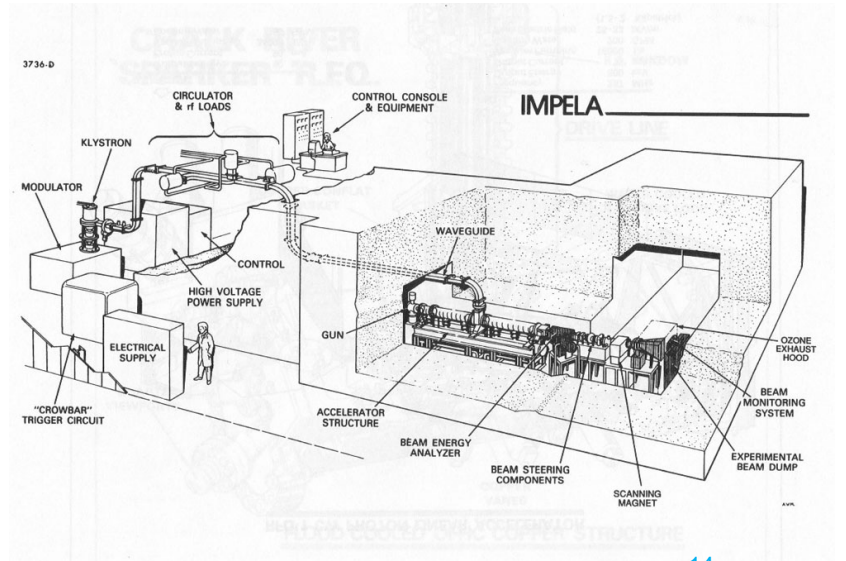


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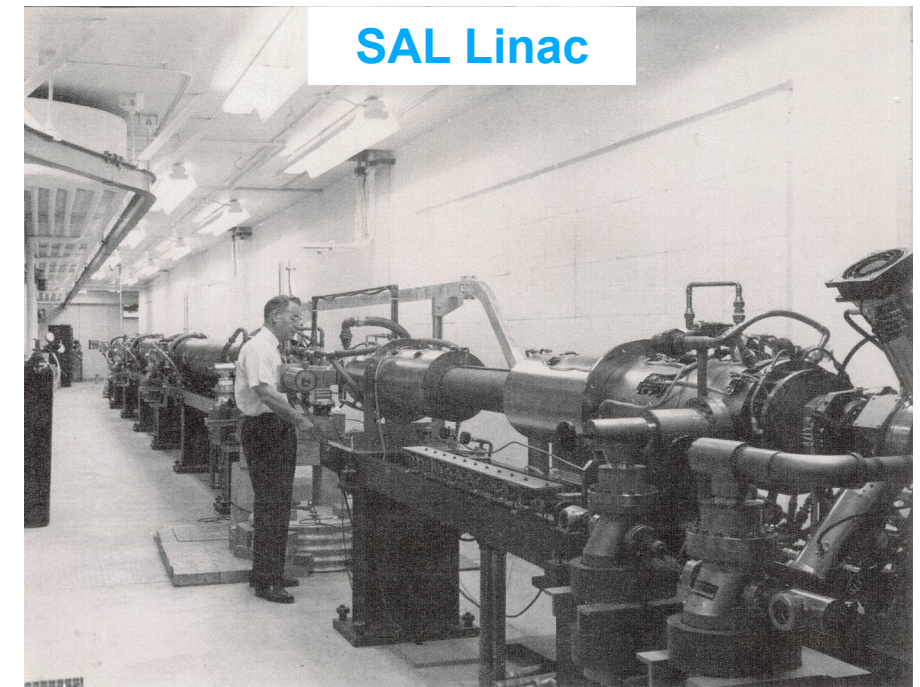
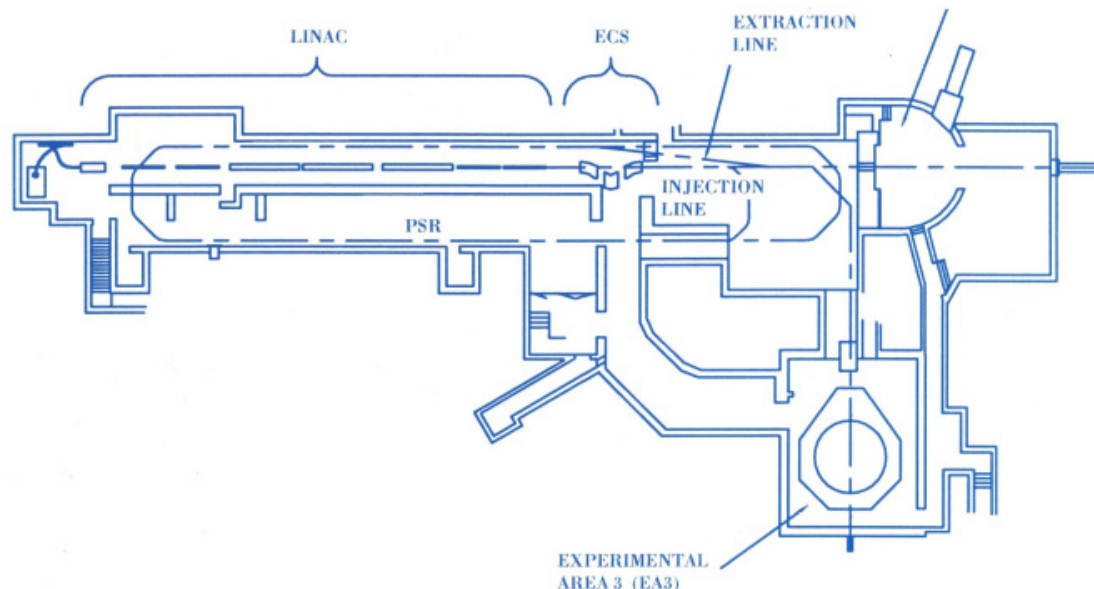


# SAL / CLS Saskatoon



# Saskatchewan Accelerator Laboratory (SAL)

- 1964 - Saskatchewan Accelerator Laboratory (SAL) opens
  - 140-MeV S-band Varian linac - upgraded to 220-MeV in 1975 and to 300 MeV in 1980.
- The EROS pulse stretcher ring was installed in 1986 – 100-300MeV with near 100% duty factor
  - The ring was a genius of prairie practicality. To reduce costs the new ring was squeezed into the existing building by hanging it from the ceiling above the linac
- The SAL/EROS physics program was terminated in 1999 to make way for CLS



SAL Linac

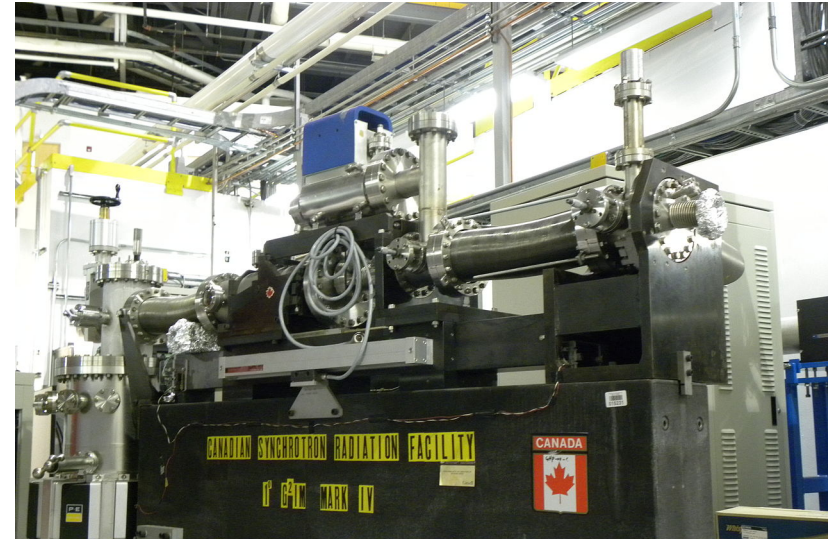


EROS pulse stretcher ring

# SAL -> CLS

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- 1978 – funding secured to add a Canadian beamline (CSRF) to the Synchrotron Radiation Center at the U. of Wisconsin- Madison
- 1990 – Canadian Institute for Synchrotron Radiation launched
- 1996 – proposal for a light source in Saskatoon – Canadian Light Source was accepted and funding was put in place (federal, provincial, municipal and university) to realize the project
- 2001 – building completed
- 2002 – SAL linac prepared as CLS injector at 250 MeV
- 2002 - Booster commissioned
- 2005 – First external user

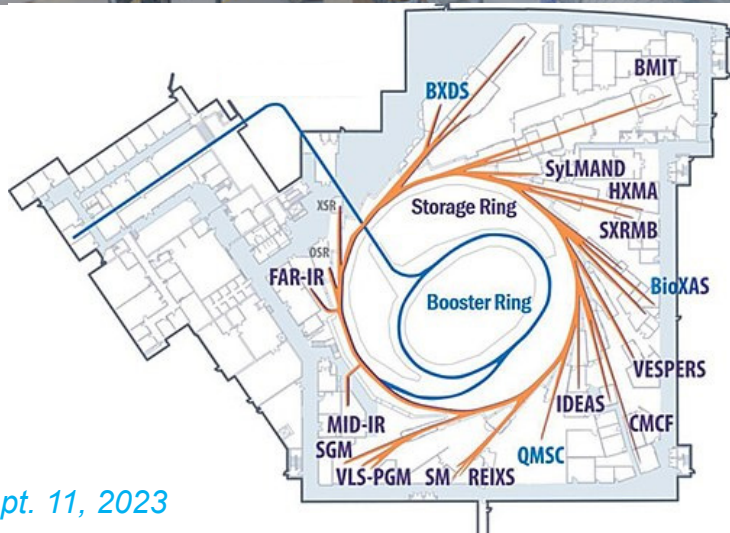


**Monochromator from CSRF beamline**



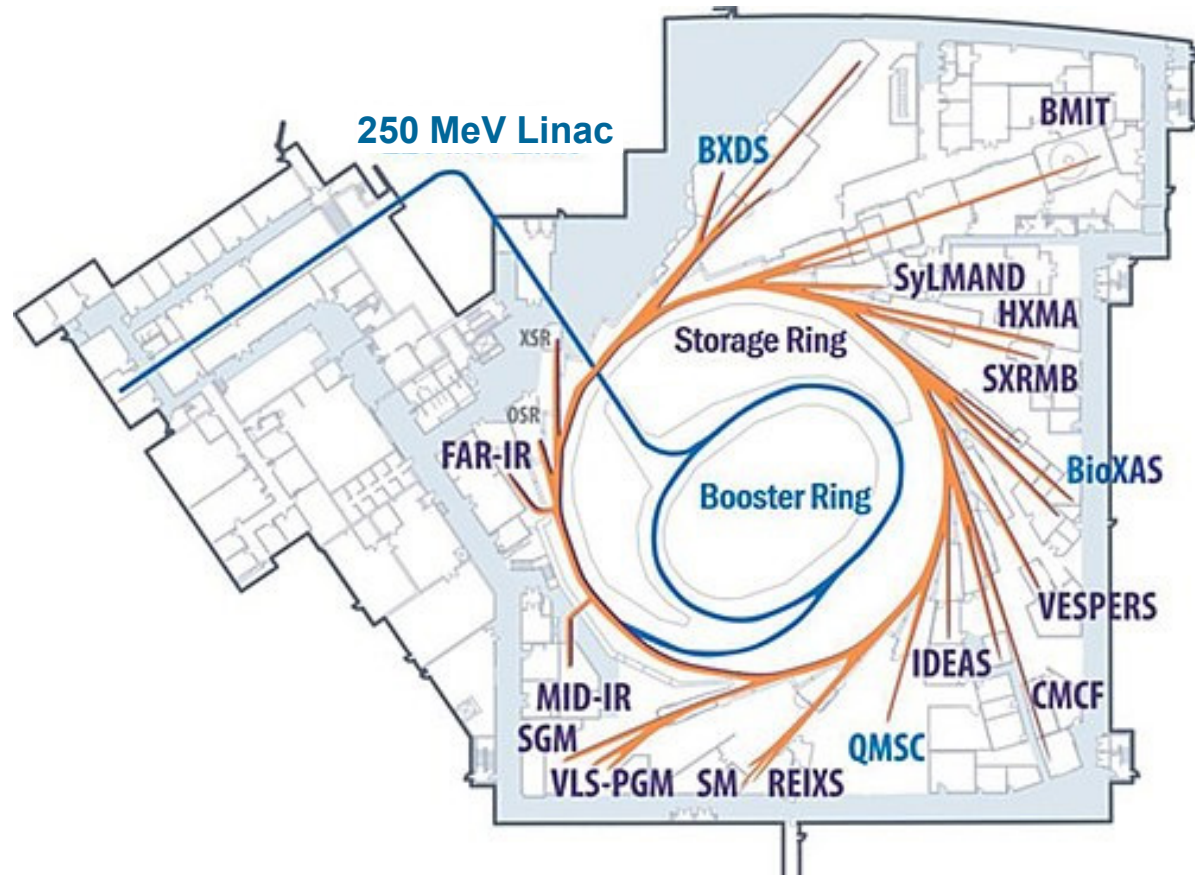
**Building in 2001**

# The Canadian Light Source Today



- Located on University of Saskatchewan campus
- 2.9 GeV ring, 220 mA
- 12 cell double bend achromat lattice
- 170.88 m circumference
- 22 beamlines

# Canadian Light Source – Storage ring parameters



Storage Ring Parameters	
Lattice Type:	Double Bend Achromat
Beam Energy:	2.9 GeV
Periodicity:	12 cell
Circumference:	170.88 m
Beam current:	220 mA
Straight Length:	5.2 m
Cavity Frequency:	500 MHz
Cavity Voltage:	2.4 MV
Harmonic number:	285
Horizontal emittance	18.1 nm-radian
Energy spread ( $\Delta E/E$ ):	0.00111
Bunch Length:	10 mm

<https://www.lightsource.ca/facilities/machine.php>

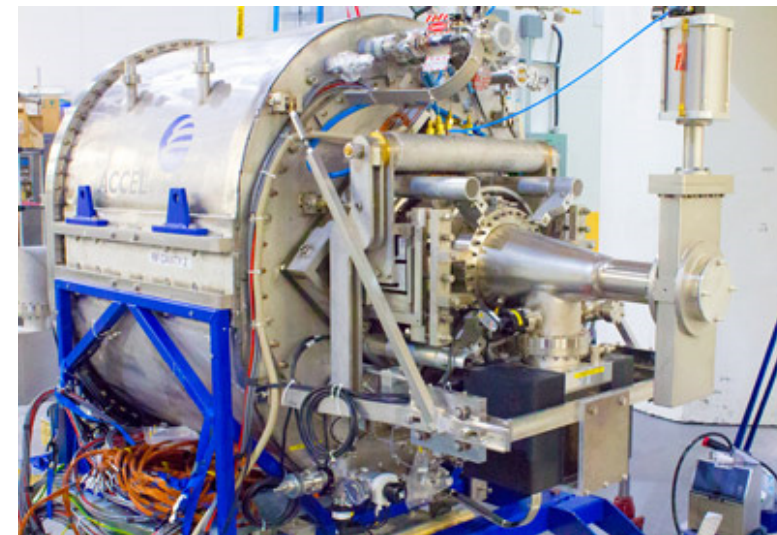
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# CLS Storage Ring RF Cavity



- First light source to use SRF technology from the beginning of operation
- Utilize a 500MHz CESR-B cavity developed at Cornell University and built at Research Instrument, Germany
- Effective voltage 2.4MV
- CLS has an on-going project to add a second cavity to the ring for redundancy and improved performance



# CLS Booster Synchrotron

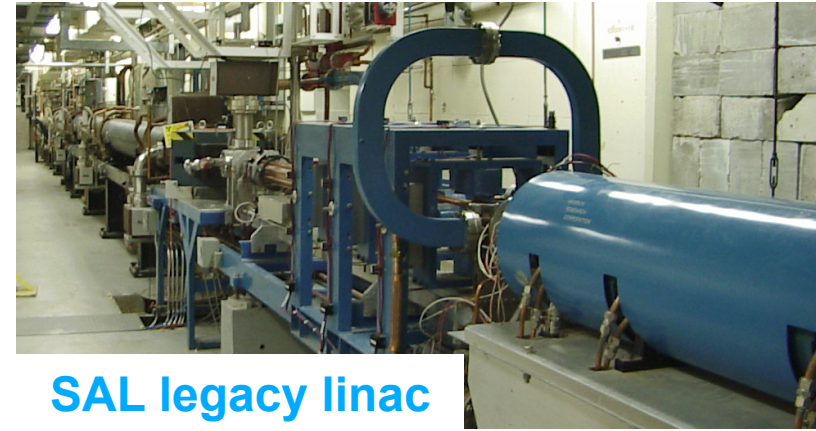
- Accelerates from 250MeV -> 2.9GeV
- $I > 10\text{mA}$
- Two 500-MHz DORIS-type five-cell cavities driven by a single 75 kW klystron.
- Repetition rate of 1 Hz.

Booster Parameters	
Injection energy	250 MeV
Final Energy:	2.9 GeV
Extracted current	>10 mA
Circumference:	102.528 m
# of Dipoles	20
Rep rate	1 Hz
Cavity Frequency:	500 MHz
Cavity Voltage:	1.75 MV
Horizontal emittance @ 2.9GeV	523nm
Momentum spread ( $\Delta p/p@2.9\text{GeV}$ ):	9.2e-4
Pulse Length @ 2.9GeV:	137 ns

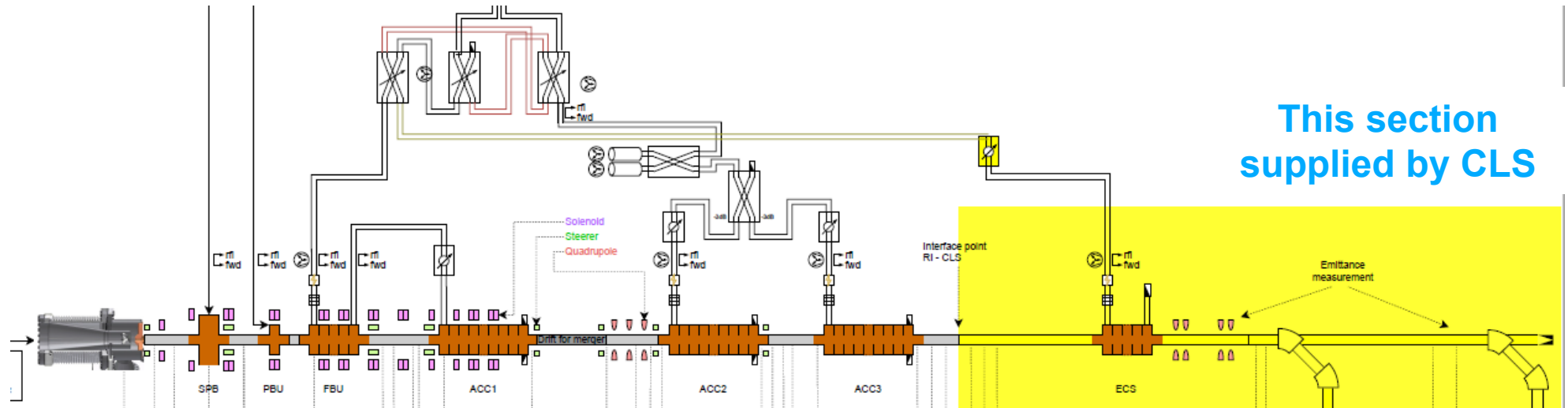


# CLS - Linac and Upgrade (2024)

- CLS will install a new injector from Research Instruments in spring 2024
  - 250 MeV, 3 GHz
  - Replacing 6 existing rf structures with 3 longer structures
  - Same final electron energy but with higher efficiency at the power plug and shorter RF pulses

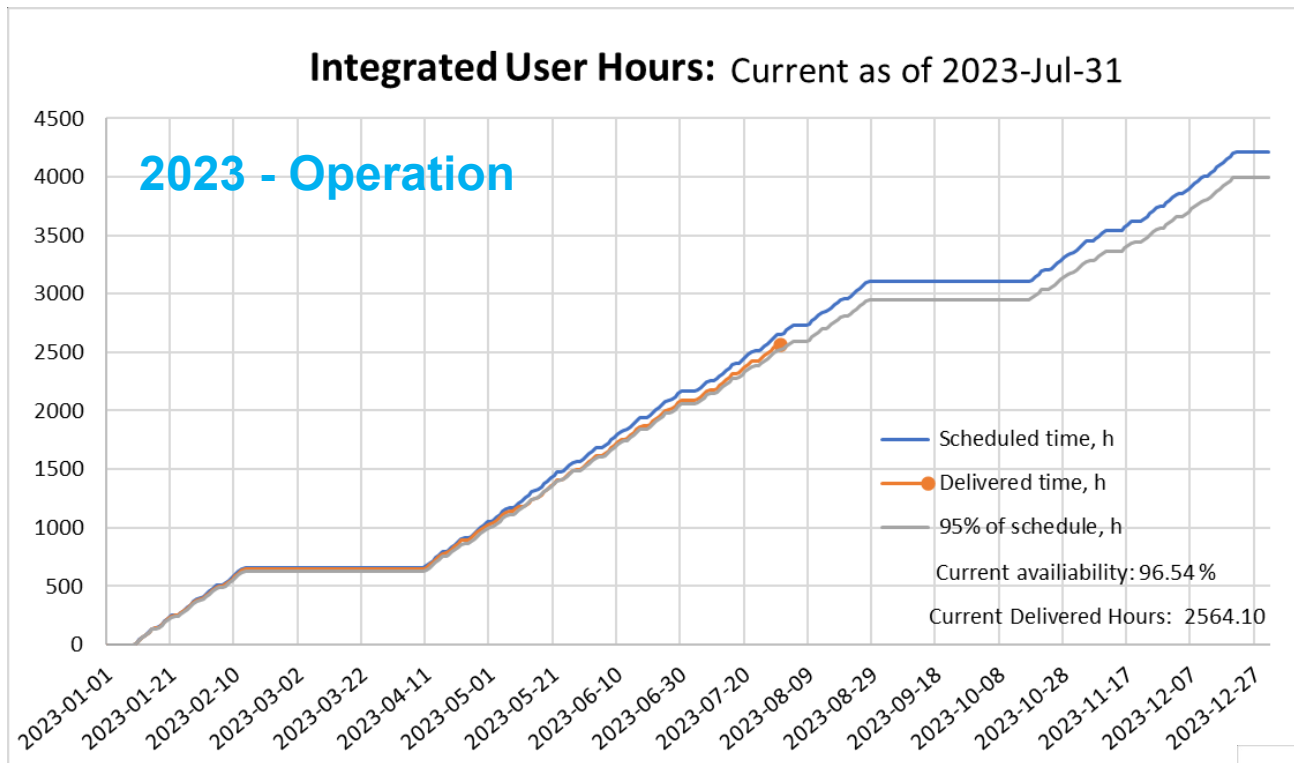


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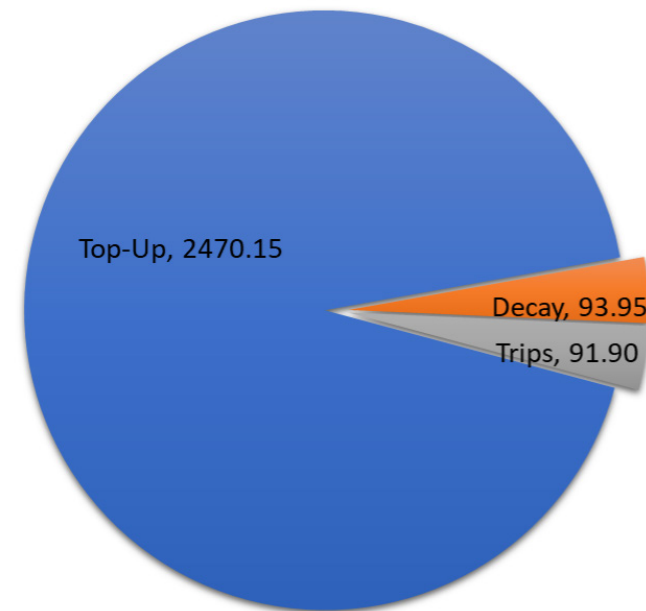


# 2023 - Operation of CLS



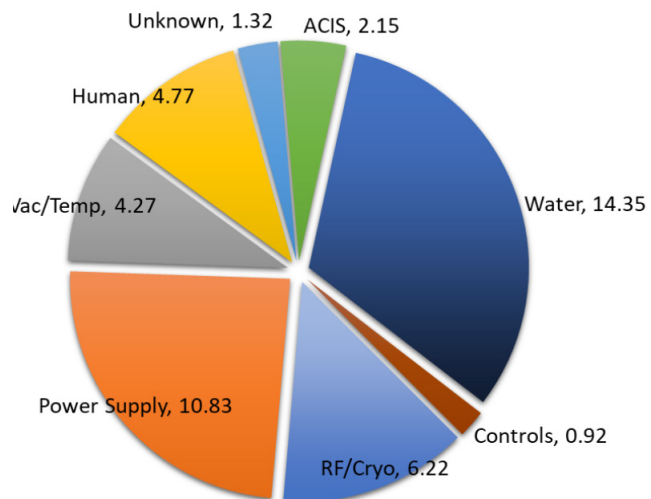
### Top-Up vs. Decay vs. Trips (hrs)

Current as of 2023-Jul-31



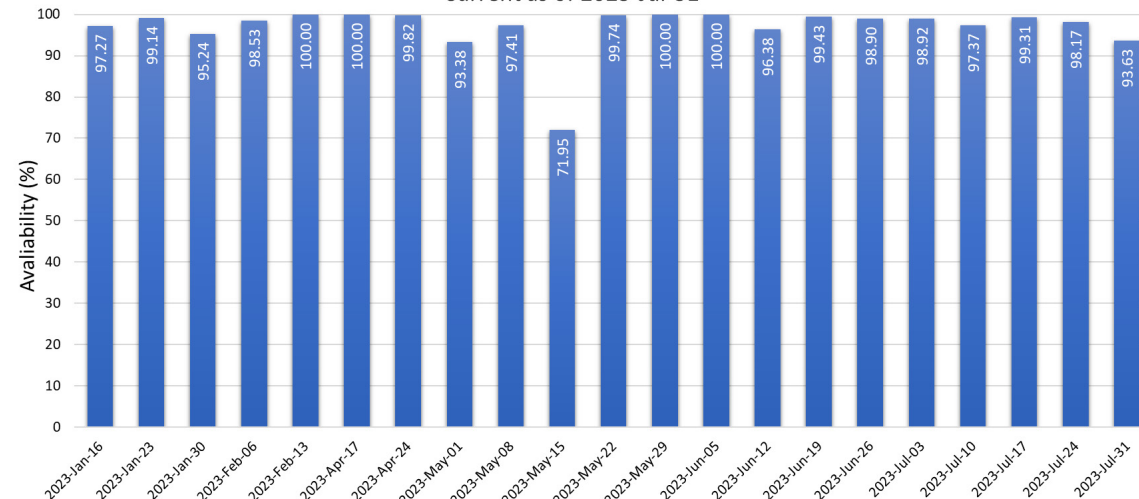
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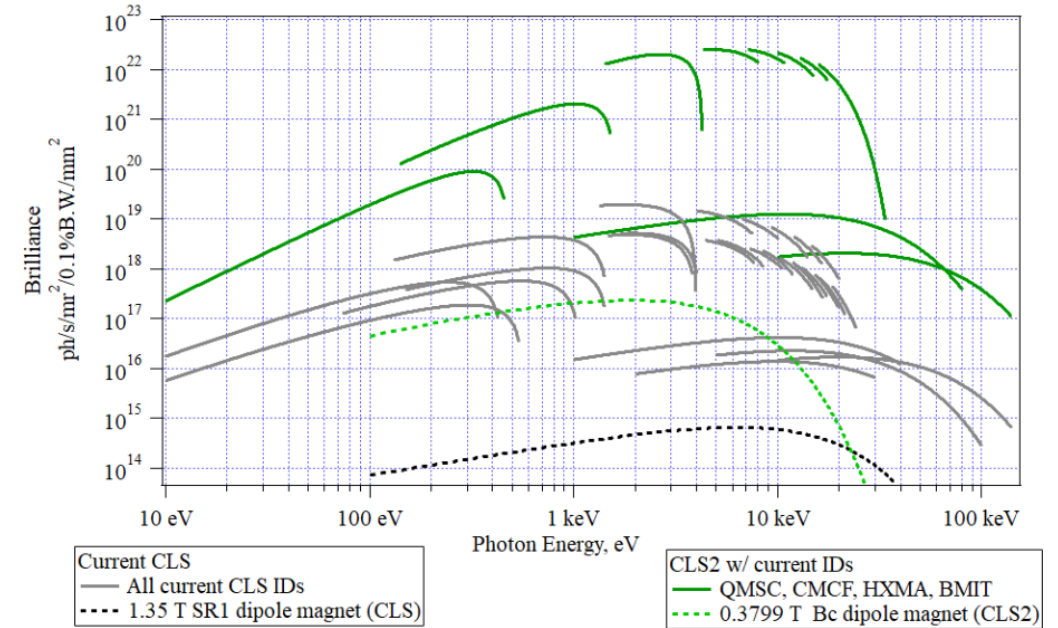
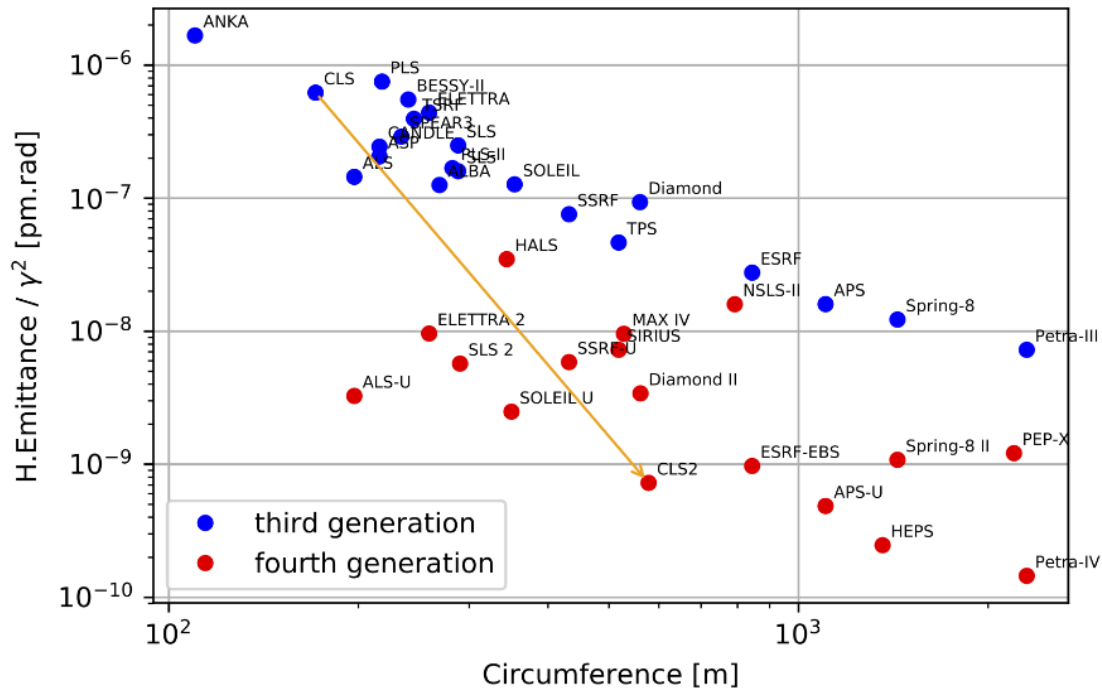
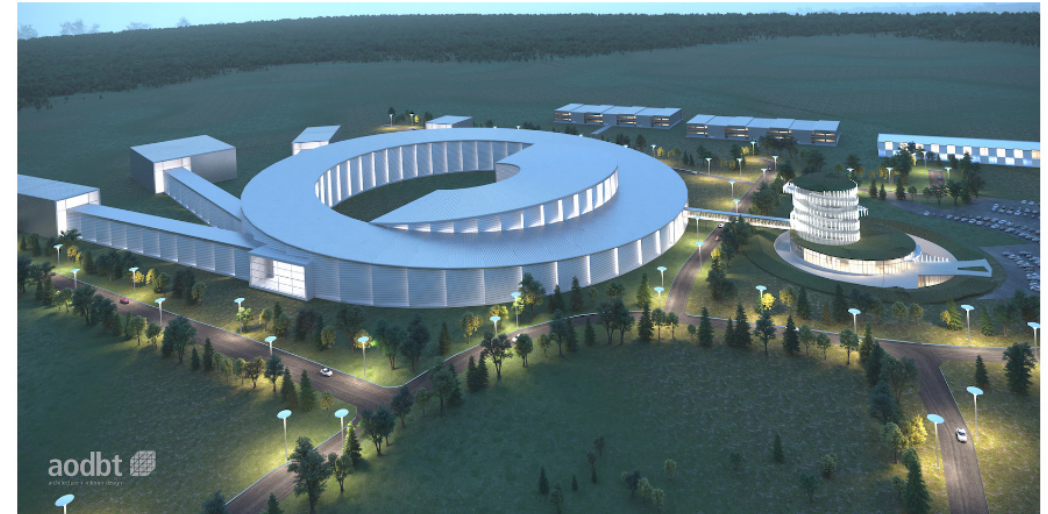
### Percentage of Scheduled Hours Delivered

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# CLS2 Proposal \*

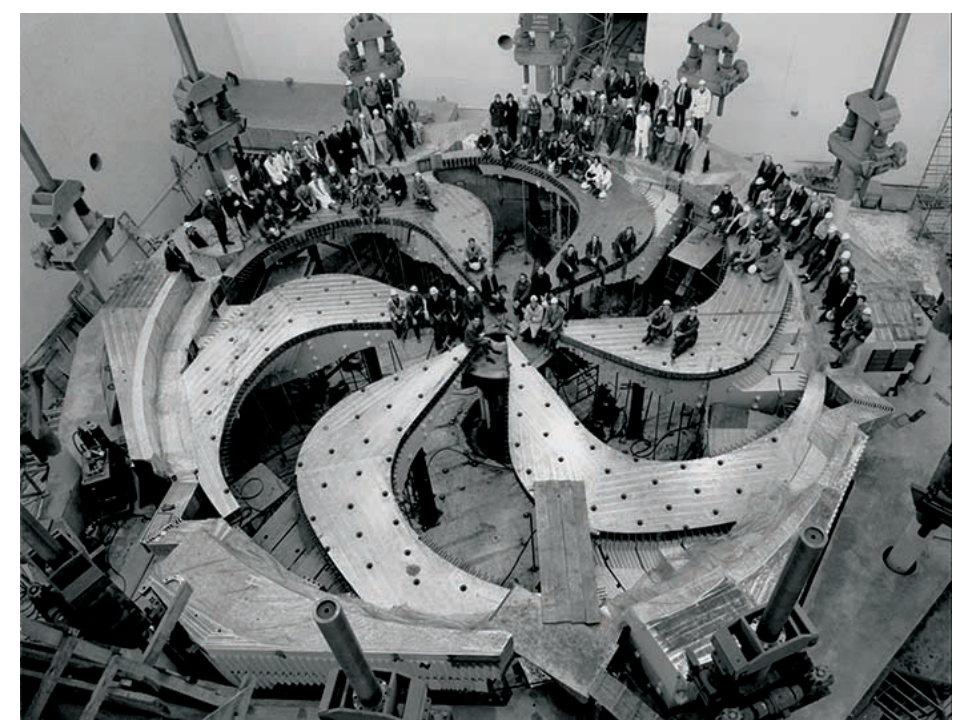
- CLS staff have proposed a 4<sup>th</sup> generation light source CLS2 with conceptual parameters of a 3 GeV storage ring with circumference of 578 m
- Goal parameters are a storage ring current of 300mA and challenging horizontal emittance of 0.025nm-rad
- Design parameters would yield a gain of 1000 in brilliance over CLS



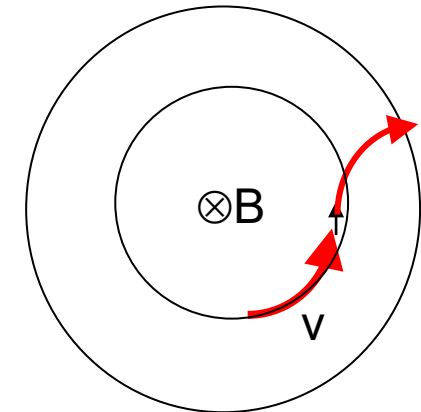
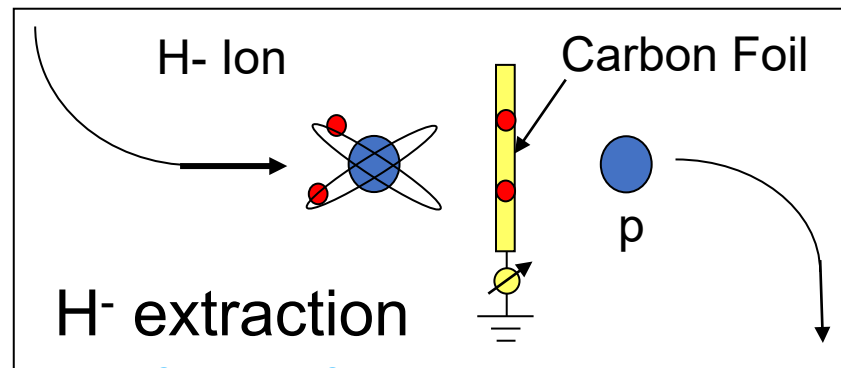
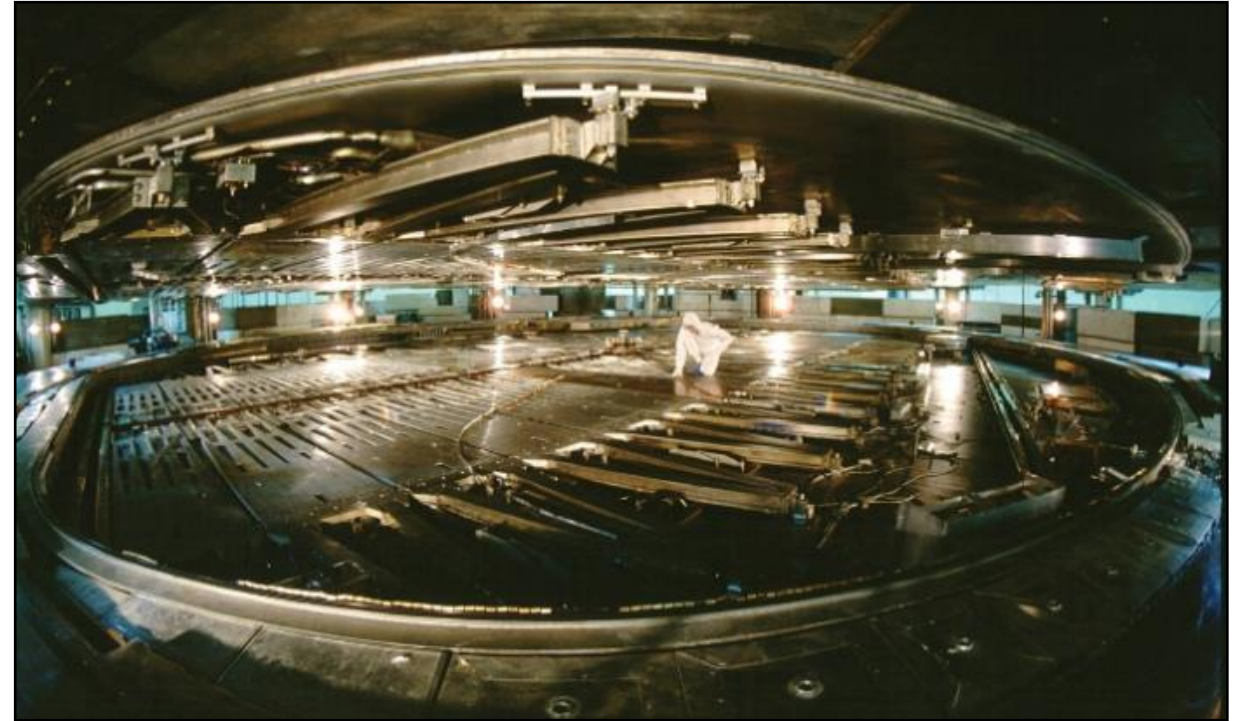
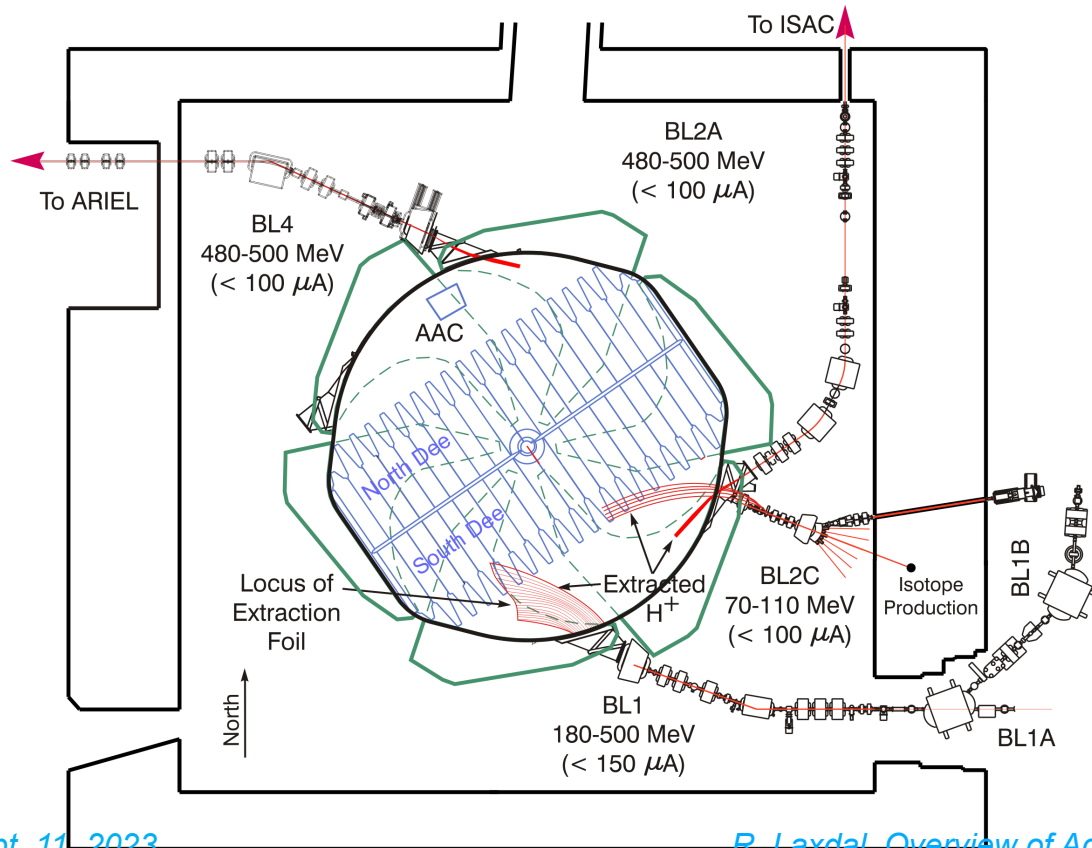
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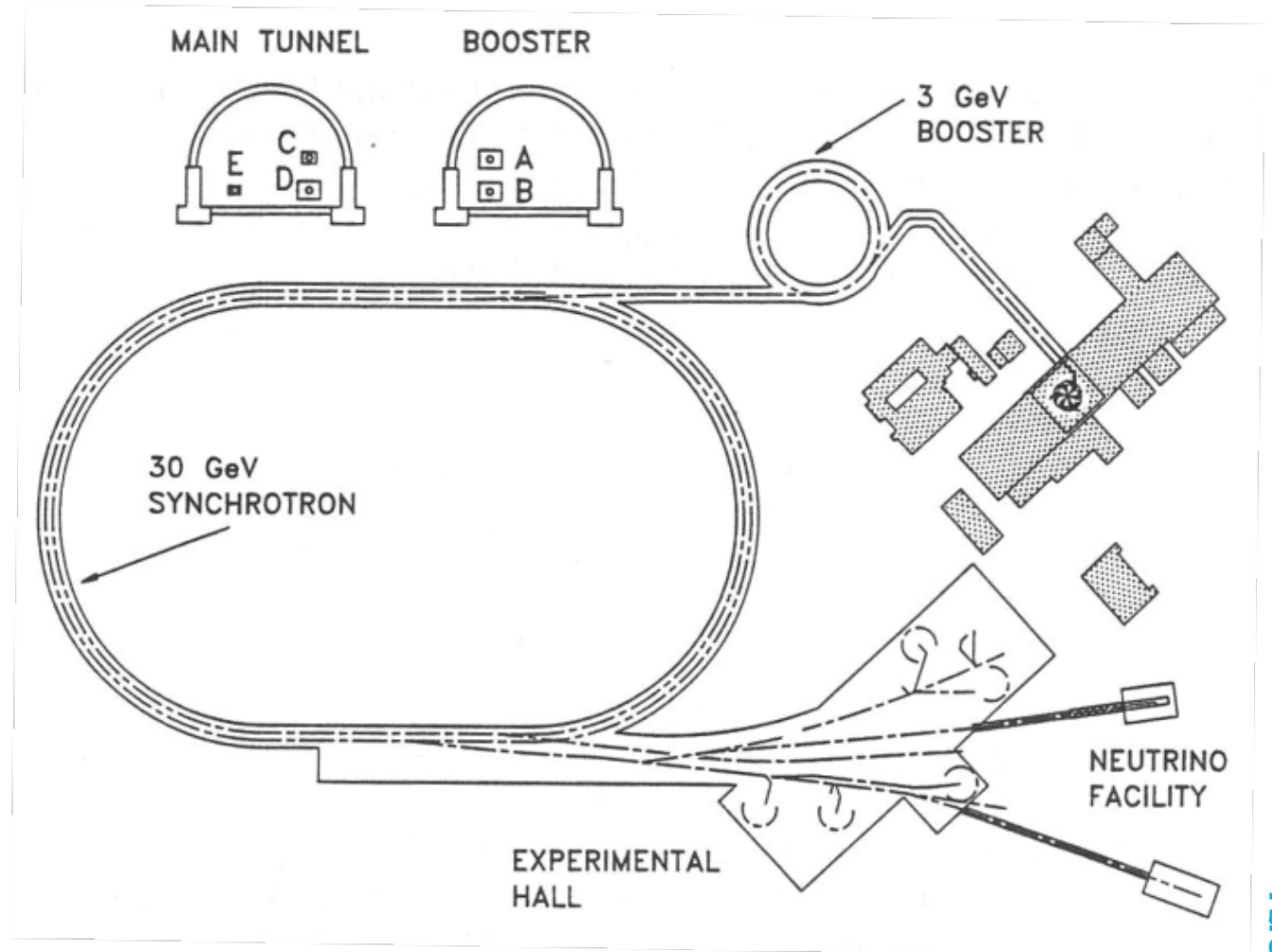
- Funded in 1968 with initially three universities backing the proposal
- TRIUMF was the third Meson Factory to be built in the world behind SIN (Villigen, Switzerland – now PSI) and LAMPF (Los Alamos, USA)
- The accelerator was much larger than any existing Canadian accelerator of the time it still boasts the largest extraction radius of any cyclotron at 7.8 meters.
  - 500 MeV H<sup>-</sup> cyclotron
  - 6 magnet sectors
- First beam was in 1974
  - ... and the accelerator is still going strong nearly 50 years later now delivering 300  $\mu$ A protons down multiple beamlines for radioactive ion beam production, isotope production, irradiation and neutron production



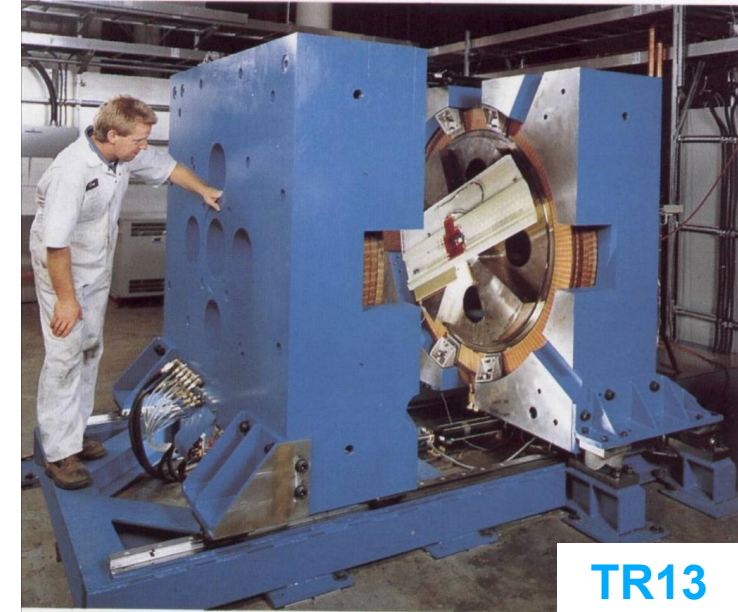
- **H<sup>-</sup> extraction by foil stripping**
  - Highly efficient, allows variable energy and simultaneous beam delivery – presently 3 beams extracted



- TRIUMF developed a proposal for the KAON Factory –the TRIUMF cyclotron would inject into a set of rings to produce 100 $\mu$ A, 30 GeV protons
- Important for accelerator and beam physics development but ultimately the proposal was rejected in 1994
- Realized finally as J-Parc in Japan

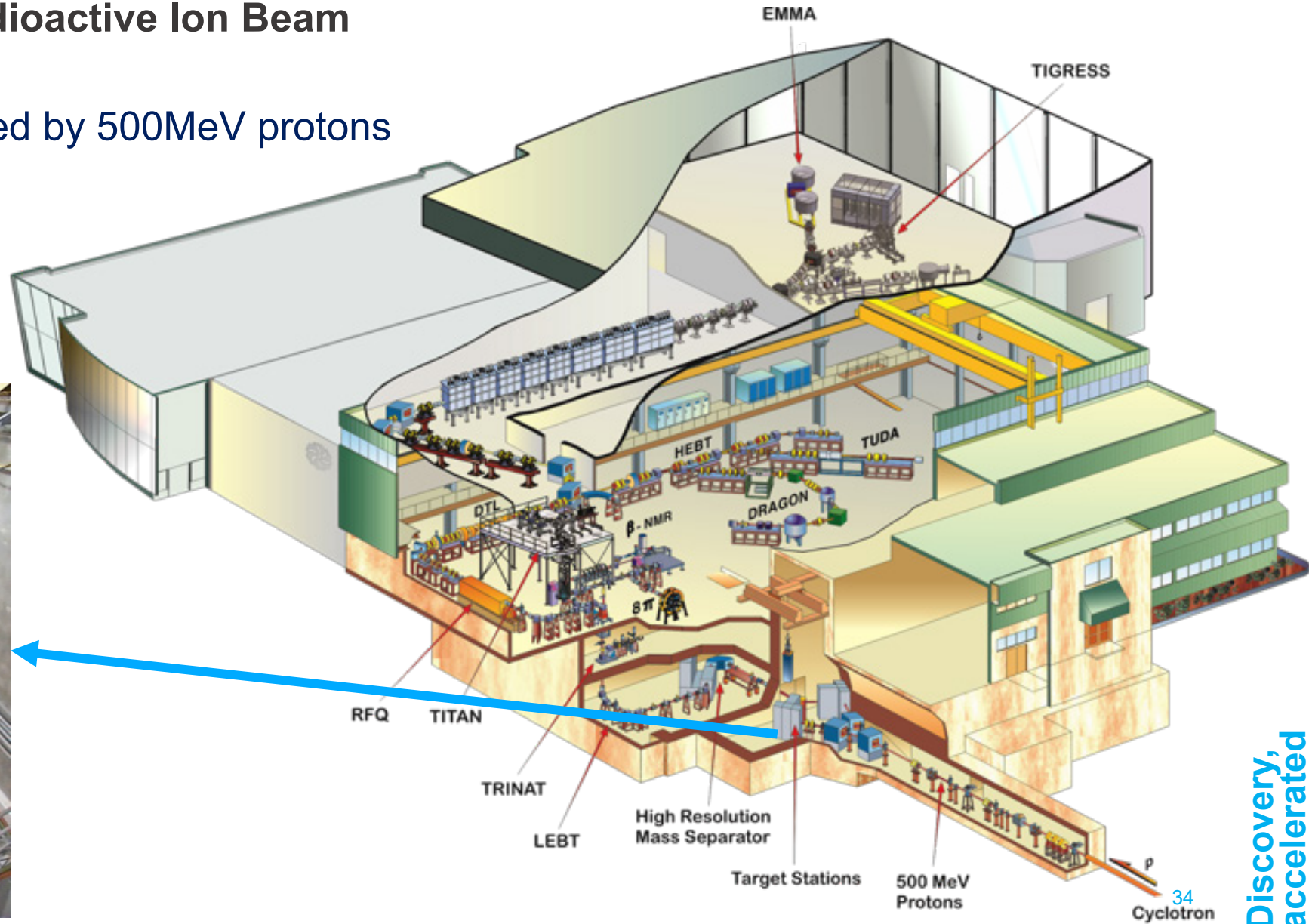


- TRIUMF collaborated with EBCO (now ACSI) on the design of industrial cyclotrons for medical isotope production
- This led to the TR30 (30MeV H- cyclotron at 1mA) and the TR13/18 PET isotope machine – two TR30s and one TR13 are presently operated at TRIUMF for isotope production
- ACSI has gone on to develop other variants based on the original designs for the world market

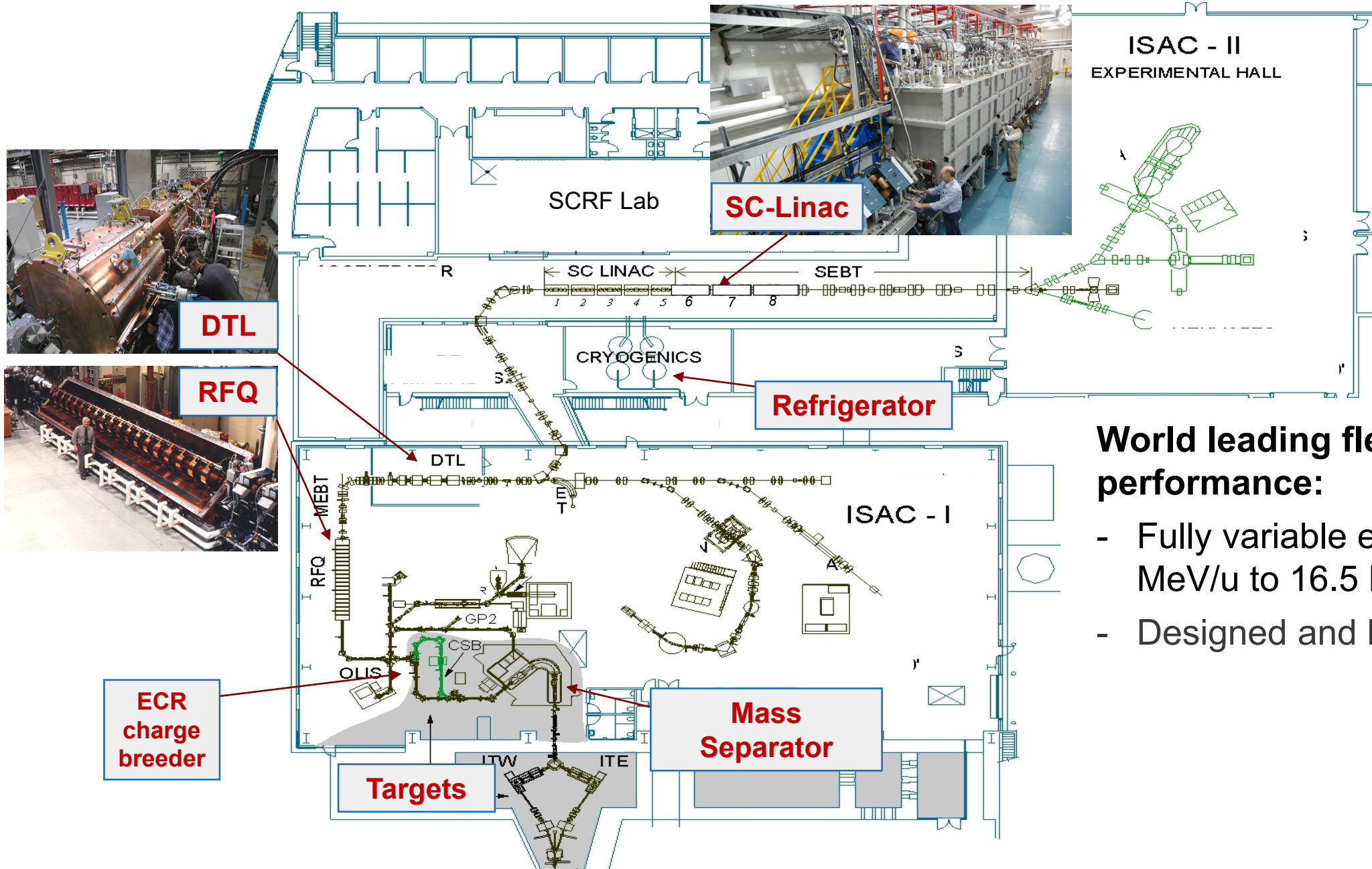


ISAC is at the forefront of Radioactive Ion Beam (RIB) science since 1996

- Two target stations bombarded by 500MeV protons (up to 50kW)
- > 3000 h of RIB beam/year





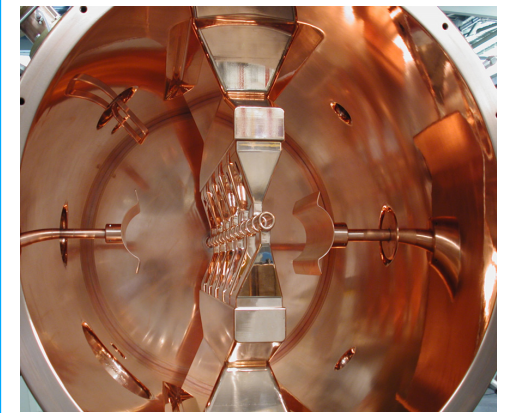
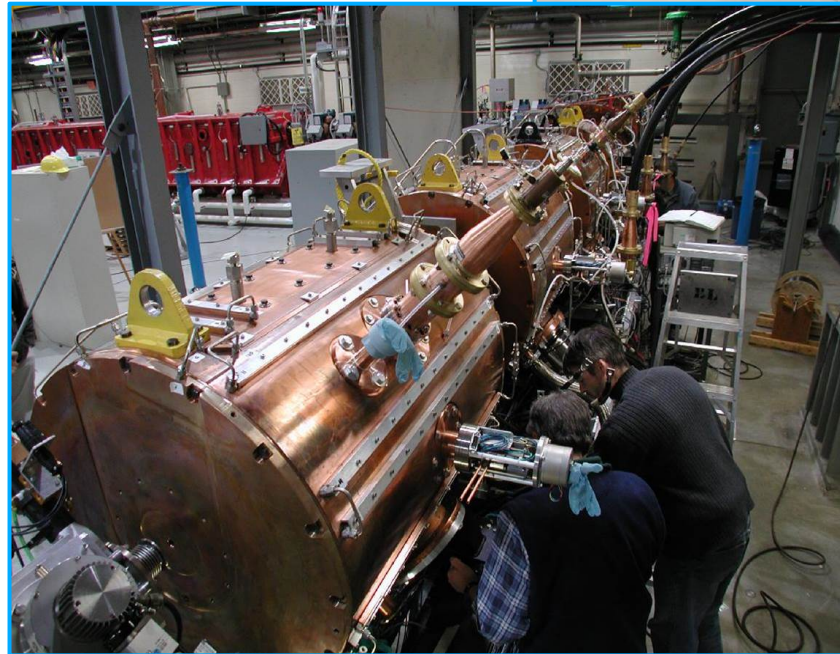
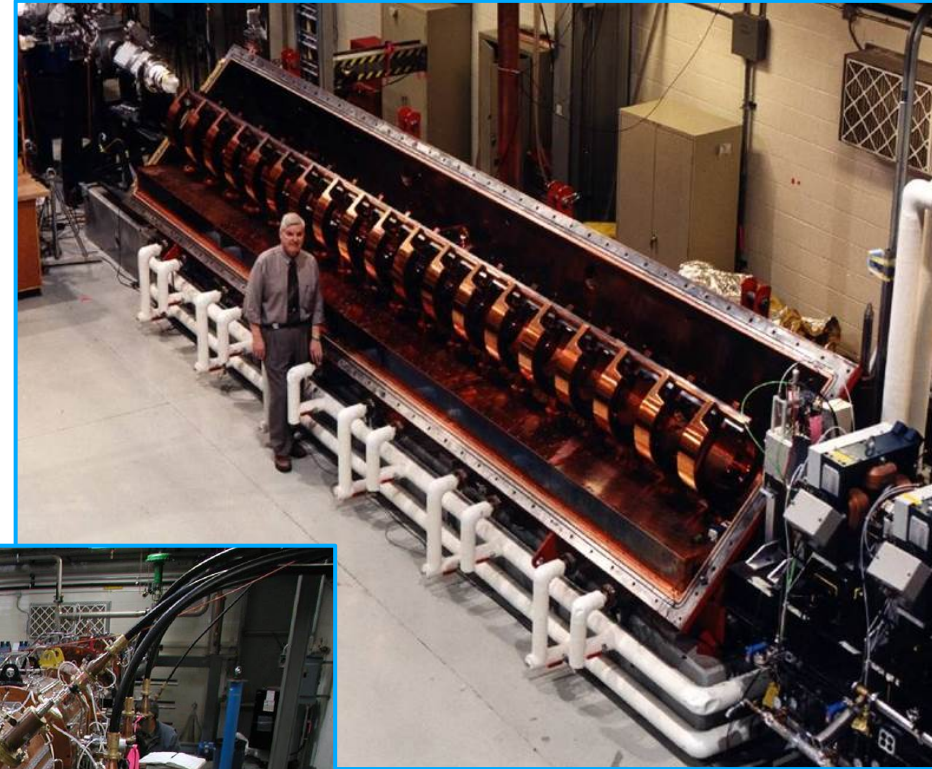


**World leading flexibility and performance:**

- Fully variable energy from 0.15 MeV/u to 16.5 MeV/u
- Designed and built in house

**ISAC accelerators** – room temperature cw RFQ and DTL

- Fully variable in energy from 0.15 to 1.8 MeV/u with high beam quality
- **RFQ** 35 MHz (split-ring structure)  $\rightarrow A/q \leq 30 \rightarrow E=150$  keV/u
- **DTL** 106 MHz (IH structure)  $\rightarrow A/q \leq 6 \rightarrow 0.15 \leq E \leq 1.8$  MeV/u
- **ECR** and **EBIS (CANREB)** charge breeders for accelerating  $A > 30$
- Diagnostics specialized for low intensity heavy ions (100 pps  $\rightarrow 10^8$  pps)

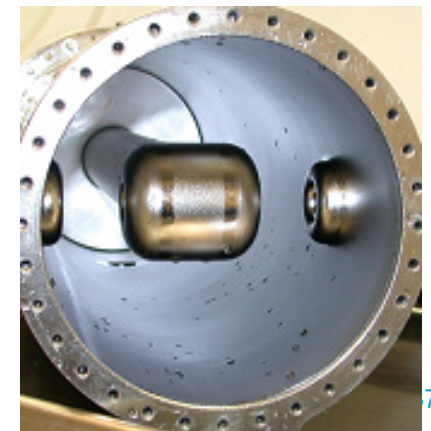
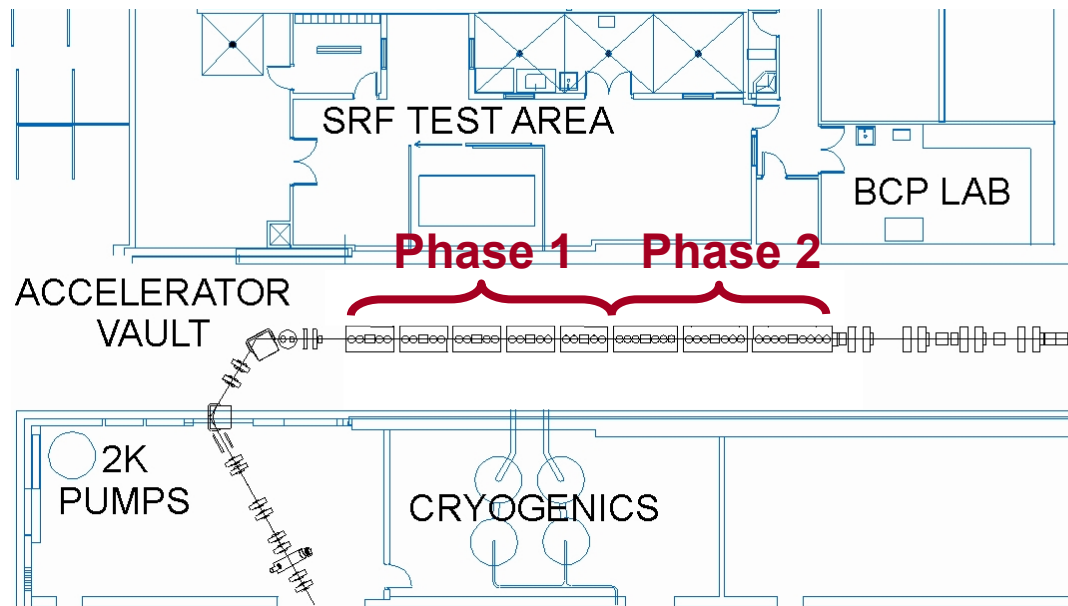


**ISAC-II accelerator** – superconducting cw quarter wave resonators linac

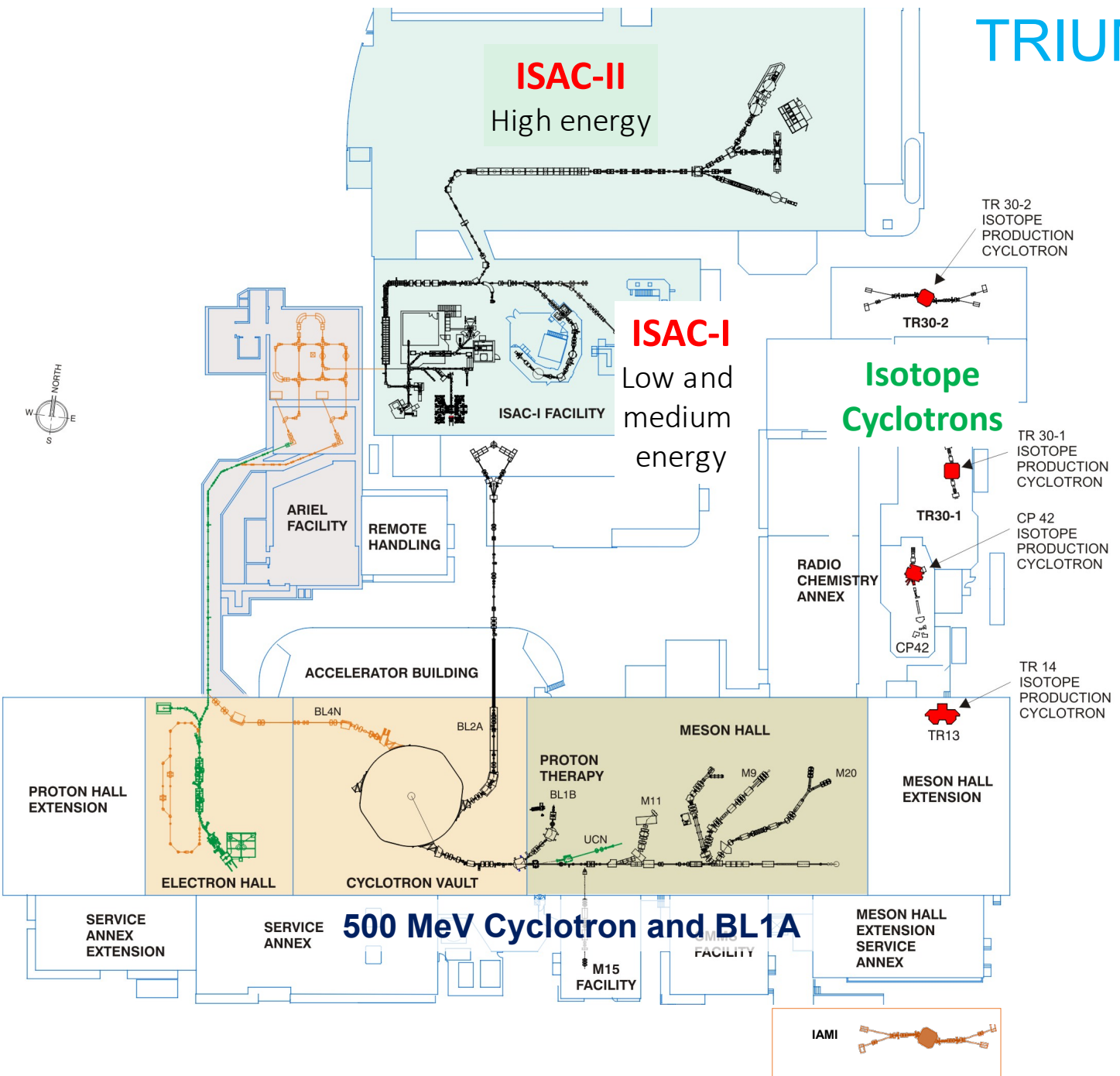
- Phase I – 20 MV added in 2006
- Phase 2 – 20 MV added in 2010
- Provides 0-40MV with high beam quality

$$A/q=6 \rightarrow E \leq 6 \text{ MeV/u}$$

$$A/q=3 \rightarrow E \leq 15 \text{ MeV/u}$$

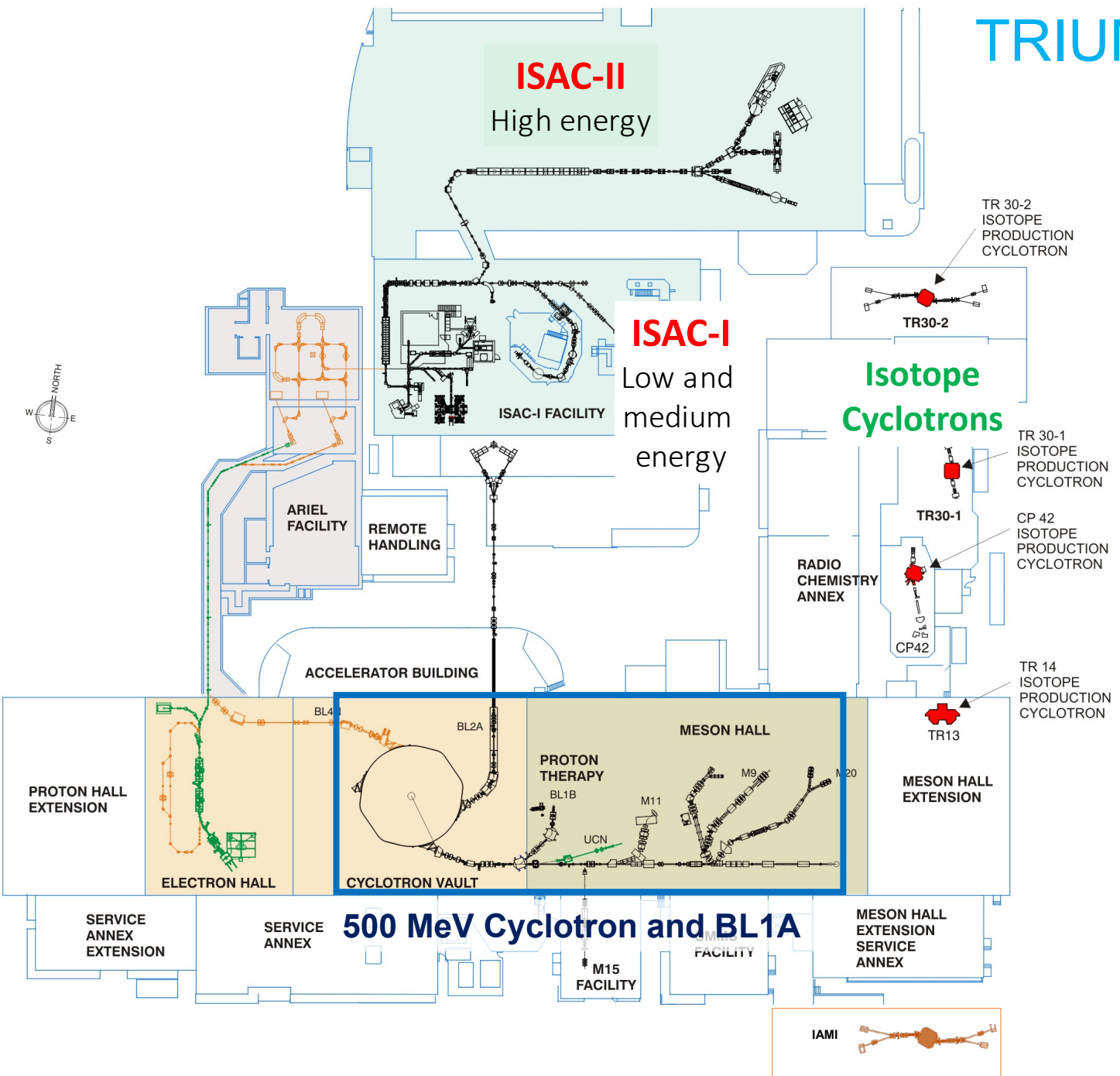


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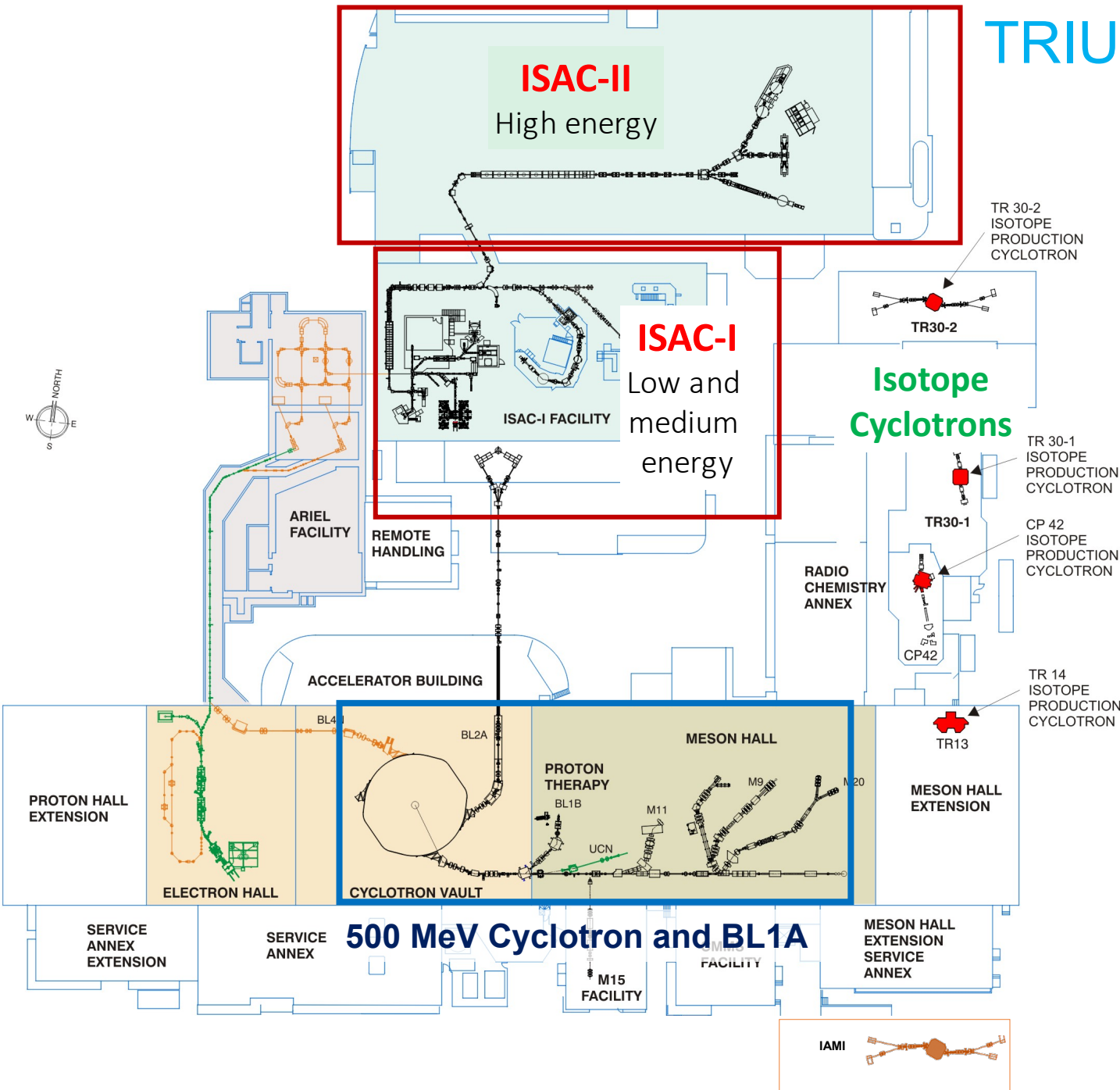
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Isotope Separator and Accelerator facility – ISAC (1996)

- ISAC-I: Normal conducting-linac
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- ISAC-II: Superconducting-linac
  - 1.5-16.5 MeV/u (2006)



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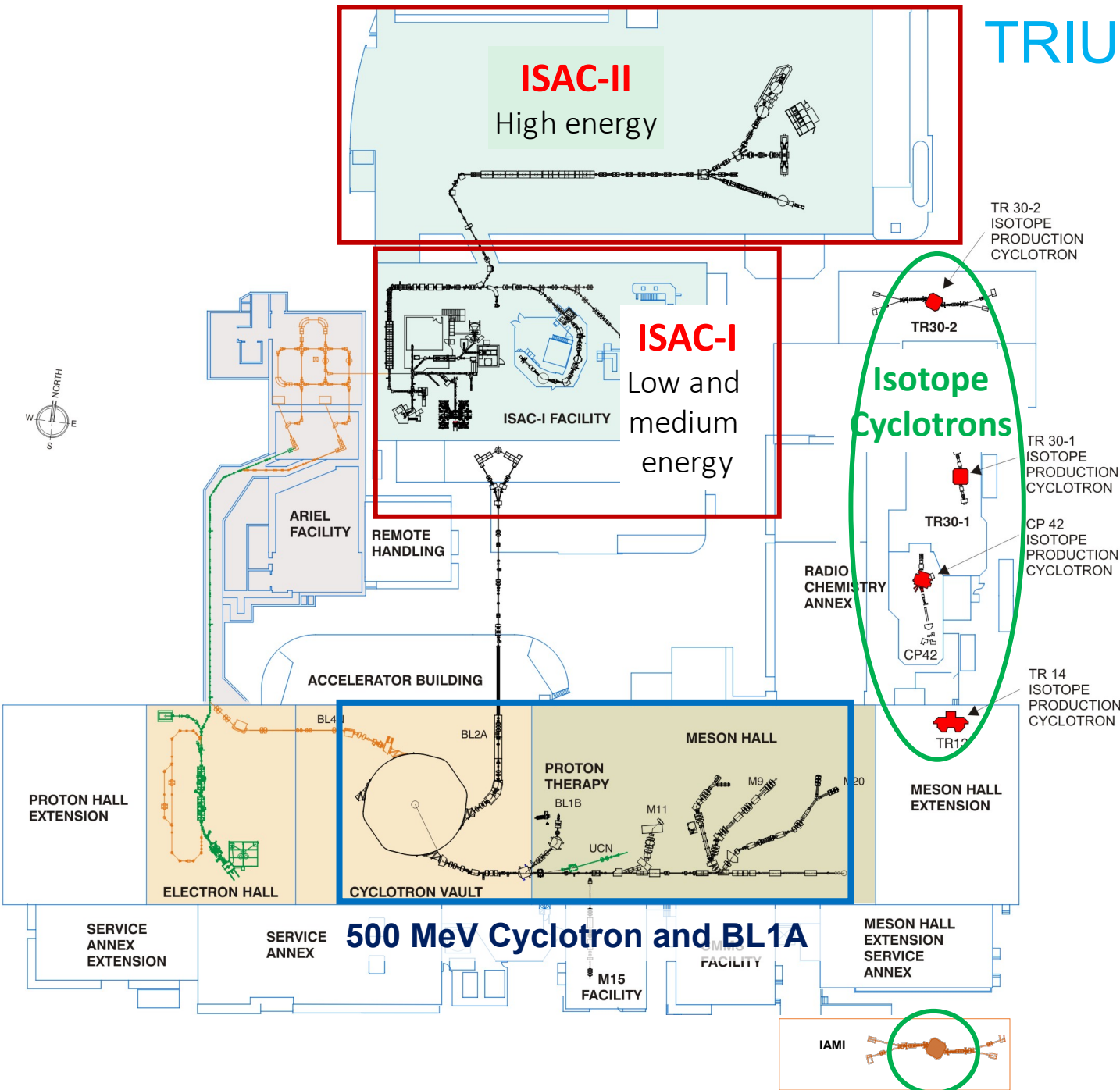
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# TRIUMF accelerator complex today

Primary beam driver (1974):

500 MeV Cyclotron, 300  $\mu$ A, H<sup>-</sup>

Produces rare isotopes, neutrons and muons

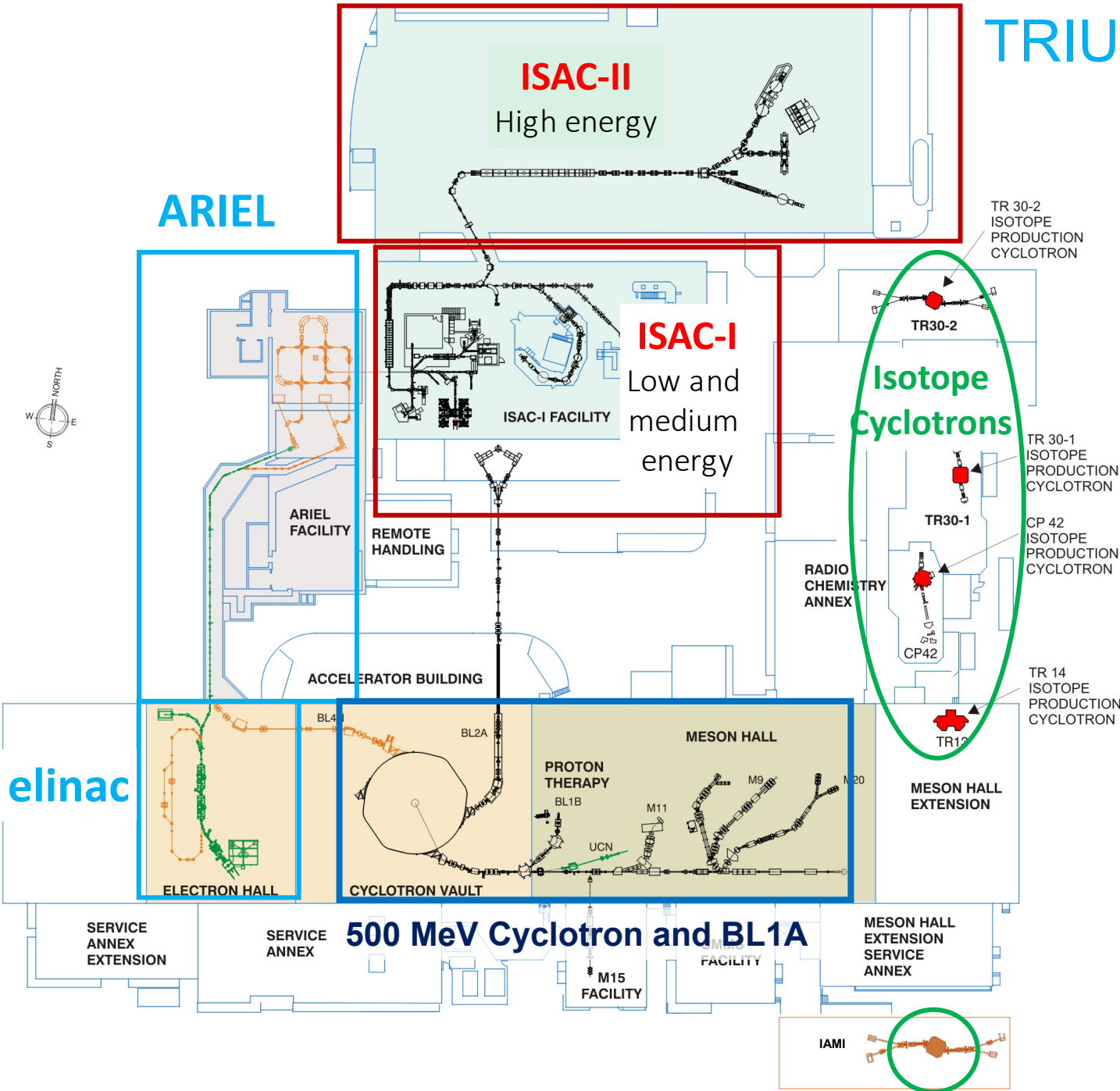
Isotope Separator and Accelerator facility – ISAC (1996)

- ISAC-I: Normal conducting-linac
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Advanced Rare Isotope Laboratory – ARIEL (in progress)

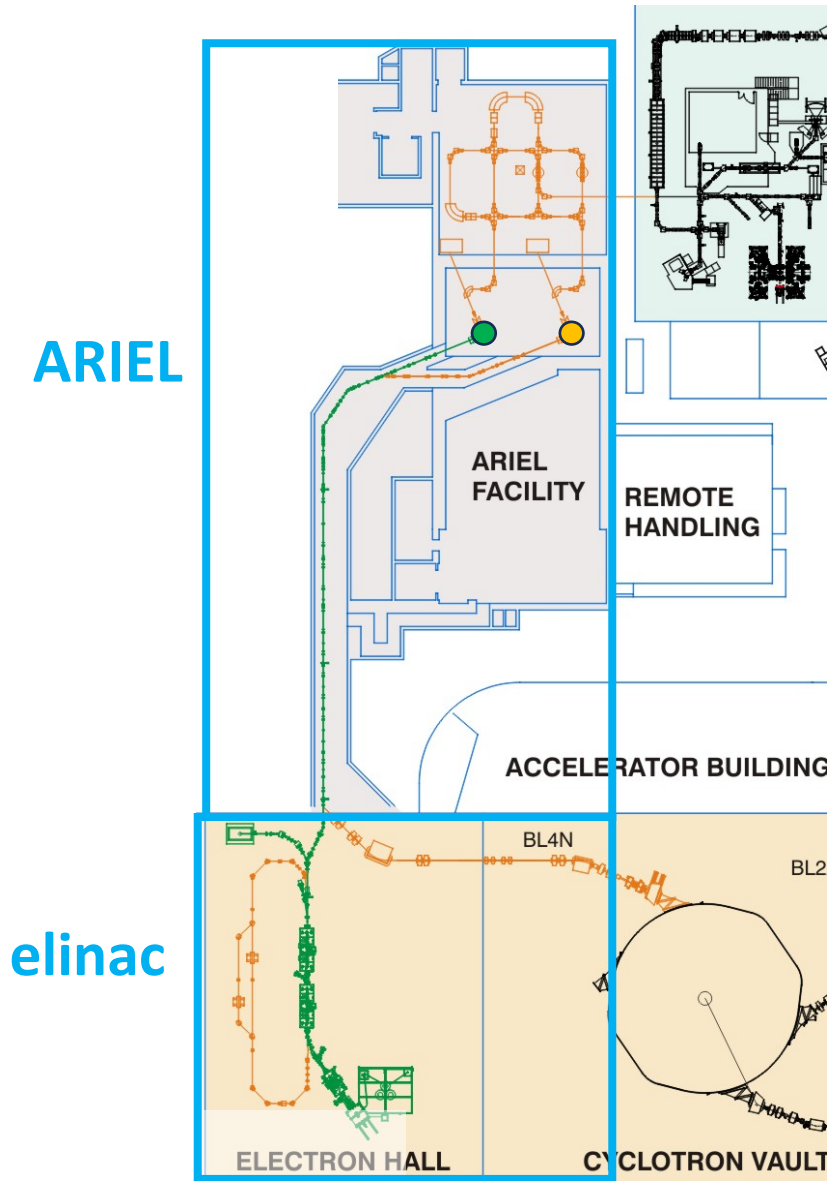
- Superconducting electron linac
  - 30 MeV, 10 mA, cw (2021)





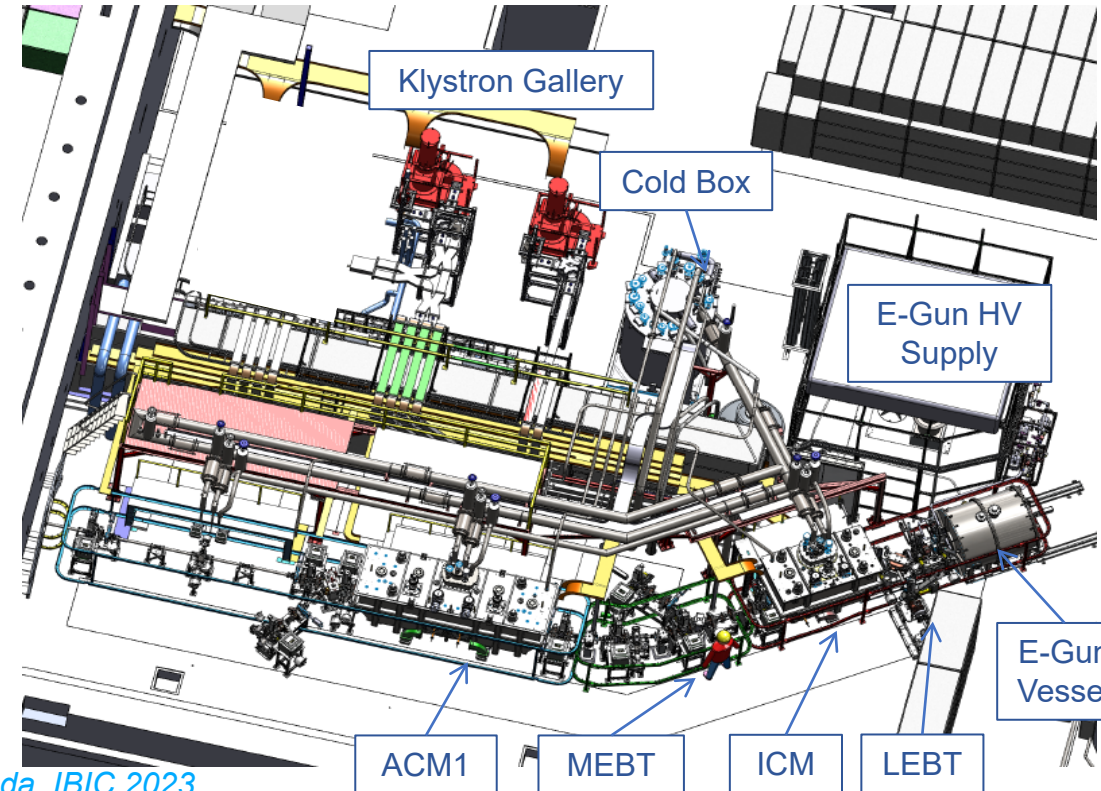
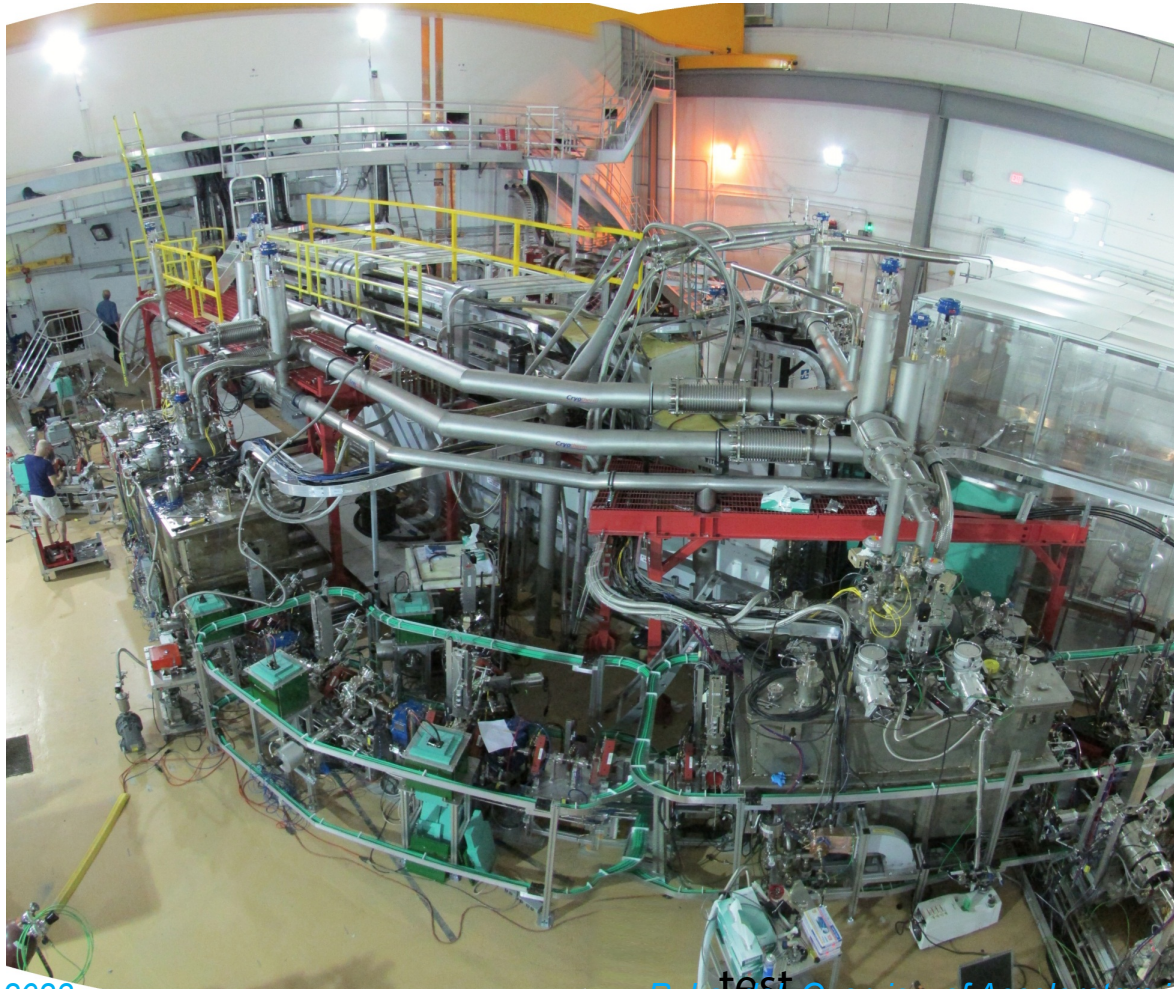
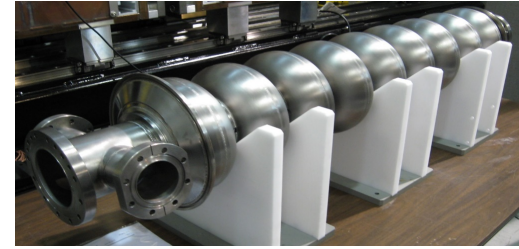
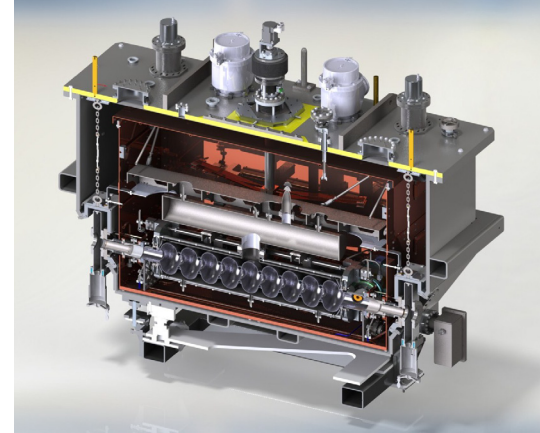
## ARIEL objectives

- **Two** new RIB production target stations,
  - **50 kW protons**
  - **100 kW electrons**
- Multi-user operation with up to **three** simultaneous isotope beams (**9000** RIB hours)
- Efficient/pure RIB acceleration: **EBIS** Charge State Breeder and **1/20,000 resolution HRS** (high-resolution mass separator).
- Production of **medical isotopes** in proton target station beam dump



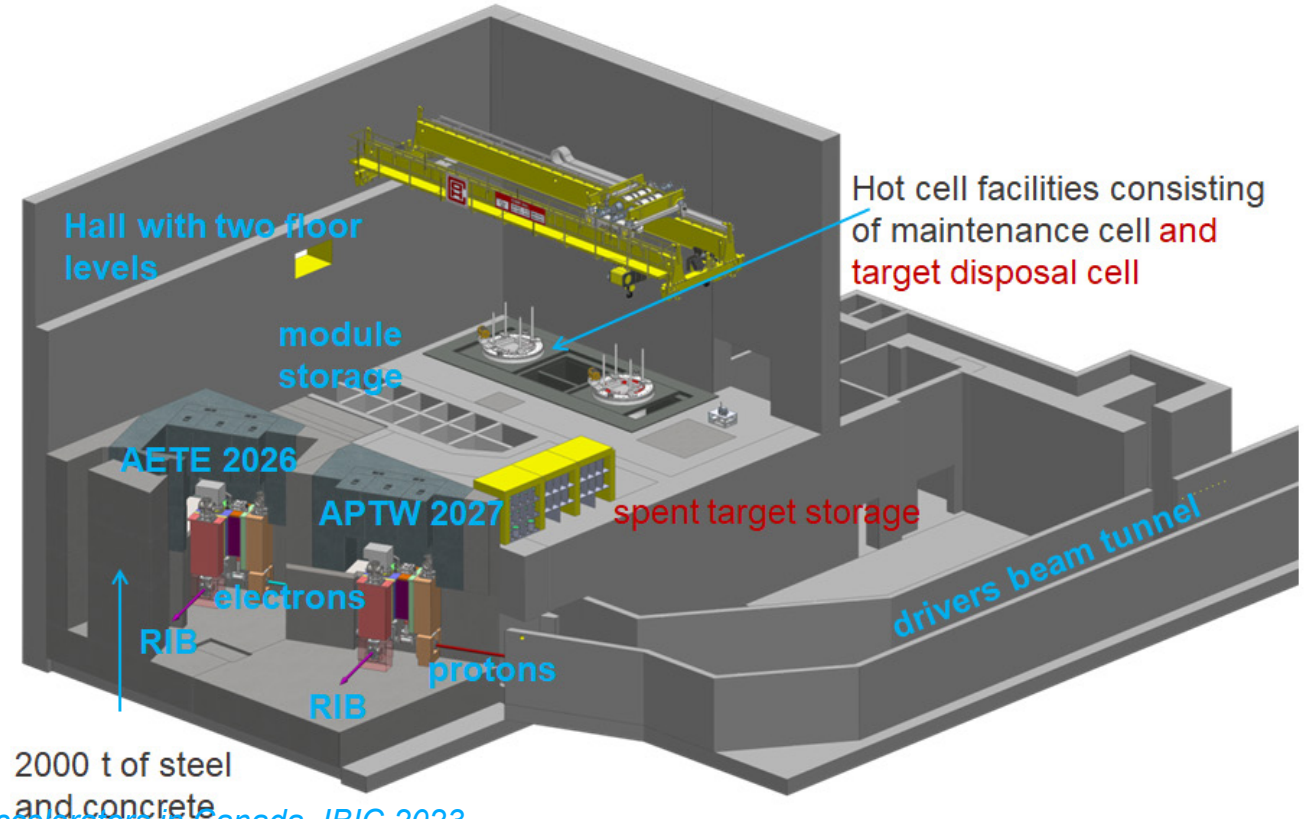
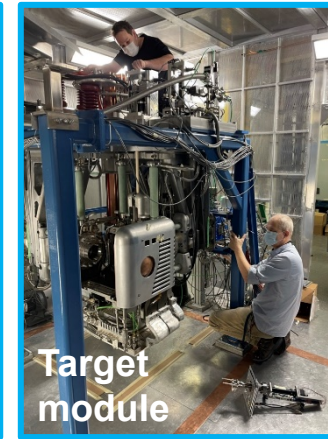
# ARIEL superconducting electron linac

- Designed and built at TRIUMF
- 1.3GHz superconducting linac with three nine-cell SRF cavities
- 30 MeV and 300  $\mu\text{A}$  (10kW) beam established in 2021



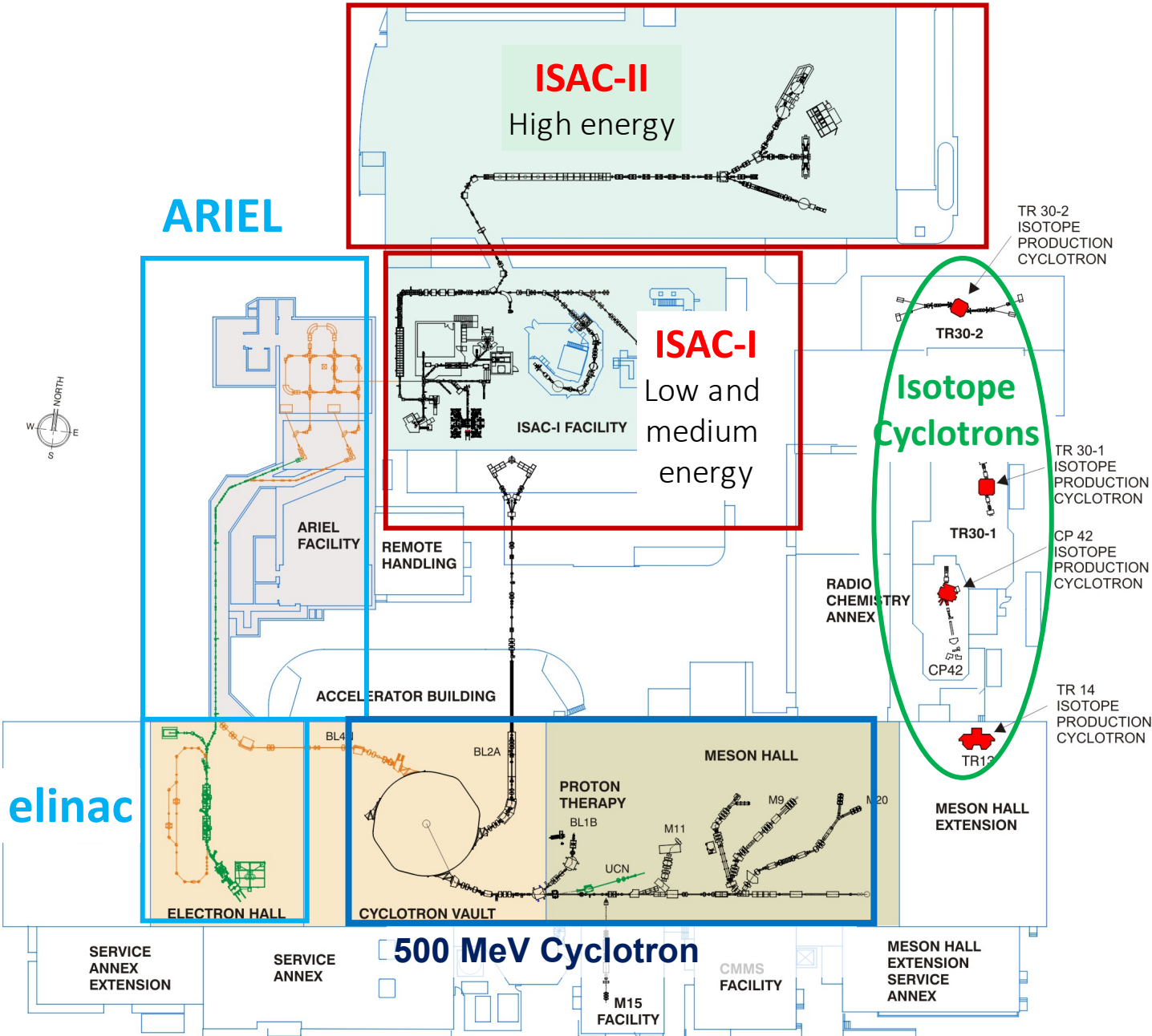
## ARIEL Objectives:

- ✓ ARIEL building complete
- ✓ ARIEL hot cell completed
- ✓ CANREB beamline and equipment installed – EBIS and HRS
- ✓ AETE prototype target module completed and tested
- ✓ BL4N beam extracted into vault
- ✓ E-Linac at 10kW (required day 1 power)
  - RIB from AETE to ISAC in 2026
  - RIB from APTW to ISAC in 2027
  - Medical isotopes in 2028



# Wide variety of accelerator technologies.

- High intensity H- cyclotrons
- Room temperature cw heavy ion linacs
- Superconducting linacs for electrons and hadrons
- High power production targets
- Radioactive ion beam production and acceleration
- Remote handling
- Diagnostics for high intensity protons and electrons and low intensity heavy ions



# Accelerator Companies and Users

## Canadian accelerator suppliers

- There are also several Canadian companies devoted to either producing turn-key accelerators or parts for the accelerator community
  - ACSI (Vancouver, BC) – Offering high intensity proton cyclotrons from 12-33 MeV
  - Best Cyclotron (Vancouver BC) - six general energy domains for BCS cyclotron systems delivering protons at: 7.5, 9.5, 15, 25, 35 and 70 MeV.
  - Mevex (Stittsville, Ontario) – 5, 7, 10 MeV e-linacs - has built more than 100 accelerators for sterilization, medical applications and research institutes
  - D-Pace (Nelson BC) – supplies accelerator hardware including ion sources, diagnostics, beamlines, magnets, isotope target station

# Accelerator applications in Canada

28 cyclotrons installed across Canada primarily for isotope production

- Fedoruk Centre, U. of Sask. Saskatoon
- BC Cancer Agency - Vancouver
- BWXT – Vancouver
- Cross Cancer Institute, Edmonton
- Health Sciences Centre, Winnipeg
- Regional Health Sciences Centre, Thunder Bay
- Hamilton Health Sciences, Hamilton
- Ottawa Heart Institute, Ottawa.
- Lawson Health Research Institute, London
- Toronto General Hospital - Toronto
- Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto.
- Montreal Neurological Institute, Montreal
- University of Sherbrooke Hospital, Sherbrooke
- Pharmalogic, Montreal

Linac based isotope production

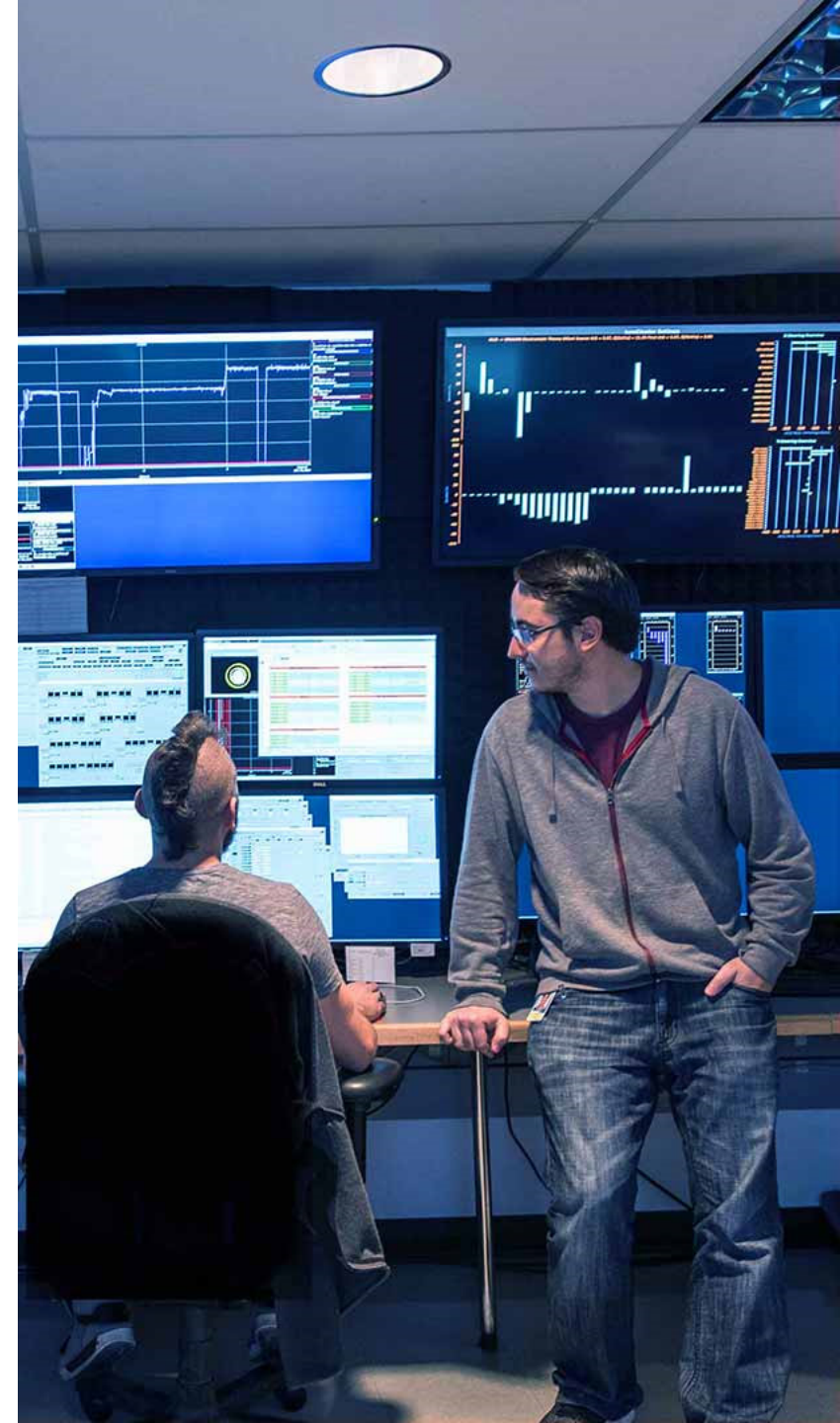
- Canadian Isotope Innovations – Saskatoon – Cu-67, Mo-99/Tc-99m



Image from Fedoruk Centre, Saskatoon

# Summary

- The 20<sup>th</sup> century post war years saw a rapid growth in accelerator installations across Canada primarily driven by the interest in nuclear physics and radiation therapy
- Significant ground-breaking work was done at AECL Chalk River
- Two centres presently exist for accelerator-based science – TRIUMF and CLS
- A host of smaller facilities dot the landscape primarily for medical and industrial applications supported by Canadian industry





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