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Status of the HIAF Accelerator Facility in China

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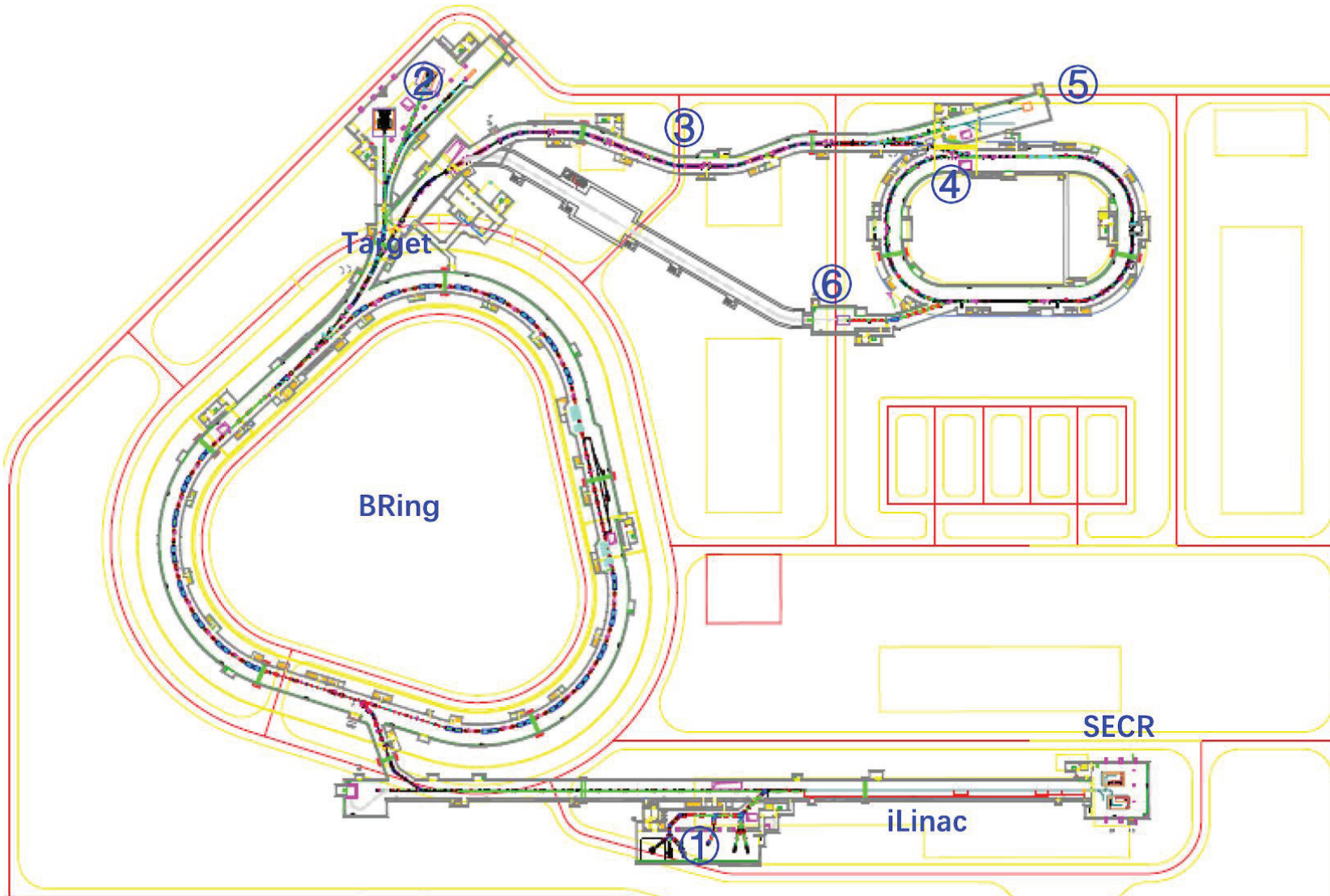
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I. Introduction of the HIAF project

■ High Intensity heavy-ion Accelerator Facility (HIAF)



● Experimental terminals

- ① Low energy nuclear structure terminal
- ② Multi-function terminal
- ③ High energy fragment separator HFRS
- ④ High precision spectrometer ring SRing
- ⑤ Radioactive isotope beam terminal
- ⑥ High energy density physics terminal

I. Introduction of the HIAF project

■ HIAF main parameters

	SECR	iLinac	BRing	HFRS	SRing
Length / circumference (m)	---	114	569	192	277
Final energy of U (MeV/u)	0.014 (U^{35+})	17 (U^{35+})	835 (U^{35+})	800 (U^{92+})	800 (U^{92+})
Max. magnetic rigidity (Tm)	---	---	34	25	15
Max. beam intensity of U	50 pμA (U^{35+})	28 pμA (U^{35+})	2×10^{11} ppp (U^{35+})	-----	10^{10} ppp (U^{92+})
Operation mode	DC	CW or pulse	fast ramping (12T/s, 3Hz)	Momentum-resolution 1100	DC, deceleration
Emittance or Acceptance (H/V, $\pi \cdot \text{mm} \cdot \text{mrad}$, dp/p)		5 / 5	200/100, 0.5%	$\pm 30 \text{mrad(H)}/\pm 15 \text{mrad(V)}$, $\pm 2\%$	40/40, 1.5% (normal mode)

I. Introduction of the HIAF project

■ HIAF construction bird-view



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■ HIAF goal

To provide highest intensity heavy ion beam

AGS booster	BNL	5×10^9	Au^{31+}	
LEIR	CERN	1×10^9	Pb^{54+}	
SIS18	GSI	1.5×10^{11}	U^{28+}	2.7 Hz
SIS100	GSI	6×10^{11}	U^{28+}	<1 Hz
NICA	JINR	4×10^9	Au^{32+}	
HIAF	IMP	2×10^{11}	U^{35+}	3-10 Hz

How to reach the goal:

- 4th generation ECR ion source and superconducting Linac;
- Two phase painting injection to increase the injection efficiency and overcome space charge limit;
- Fast ramping rate (12T/s) for minimum ionization beam loss and dynamic vacuum effect

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■ HIAF construction time schedule

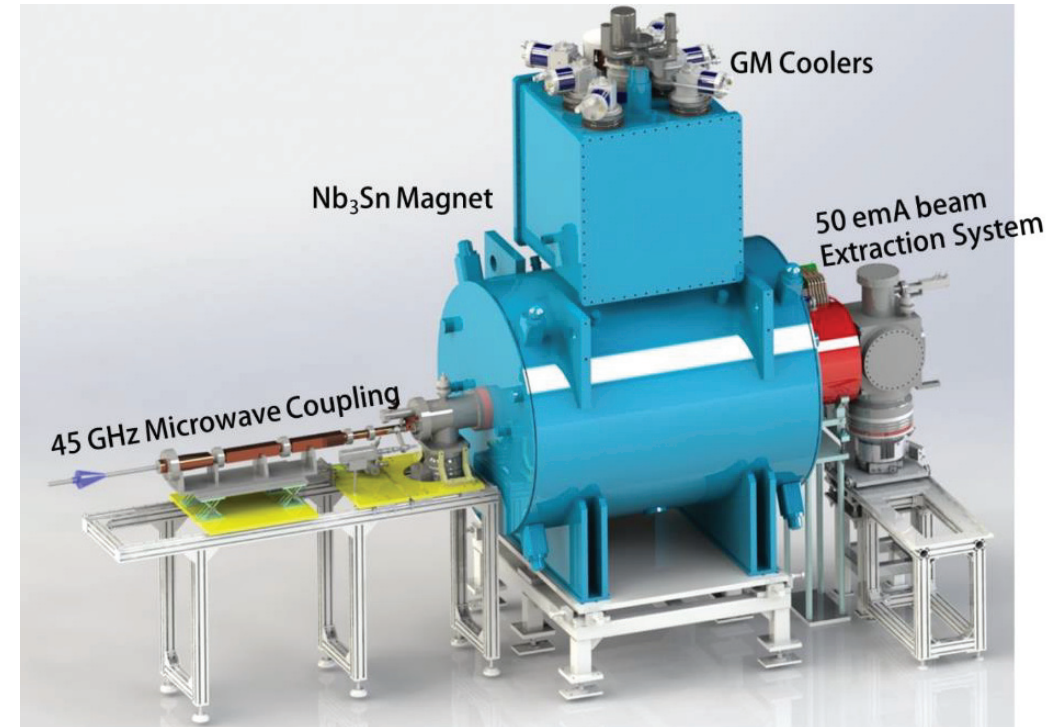
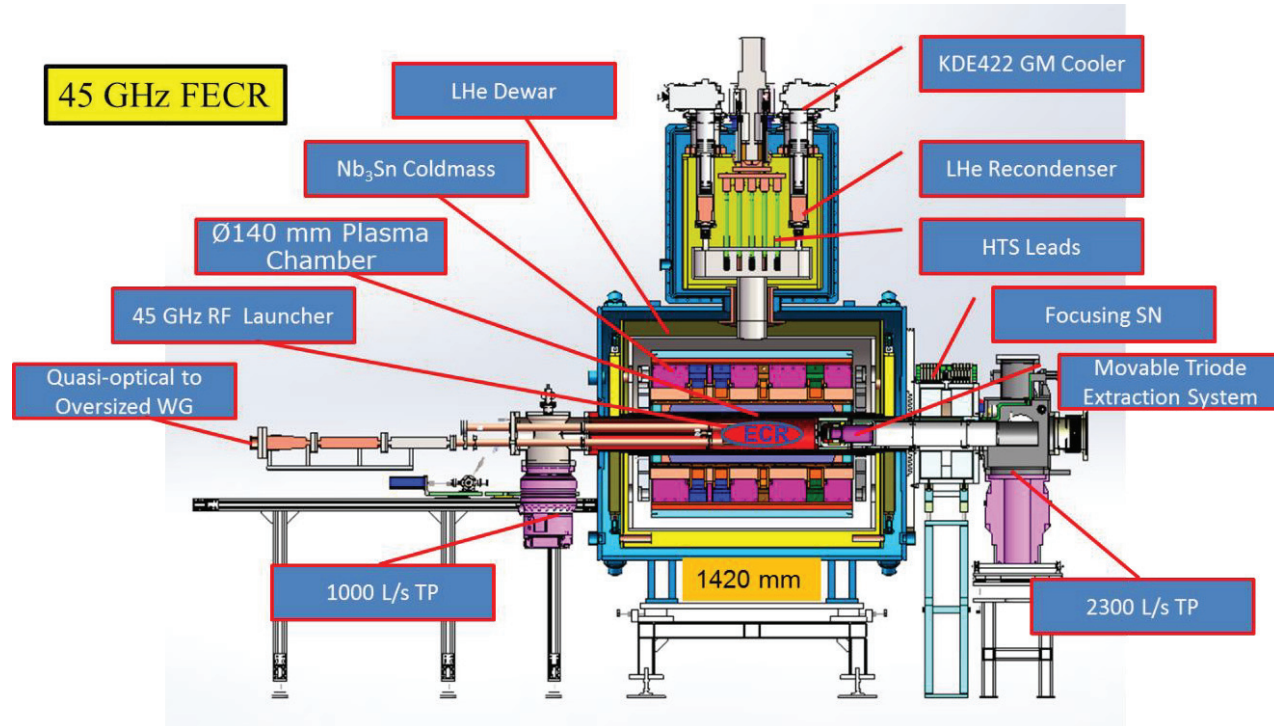
Day-one experiments will be started in mid 2025

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025		
Civil construction				Day One exp.				
		Electric power, cooling water, compressed air, network, cryogenic, supporting system, etc.						
ECR design & fabrication		SECR installation and commissioning						
	Linac design & fabrication		iLinac installation and commissioning					
Prototypes of PS, RF cavity, chamber, magnets, etc.			fabrication				BRing installation & commissioning	
							HFRS & SRing installation & commissioning	
							Terminals installation	

- The first ion beam provided by **SECR** in the end of 2022;
- The first ion beam extracted from **iLinac** in the end of 2024;
- The first ion beam injected, accelerated and extracted from **BRing** in April 2024

II. 4th generation ECR ion source structure

■ 45 GHz superconducting ECR ion source structure



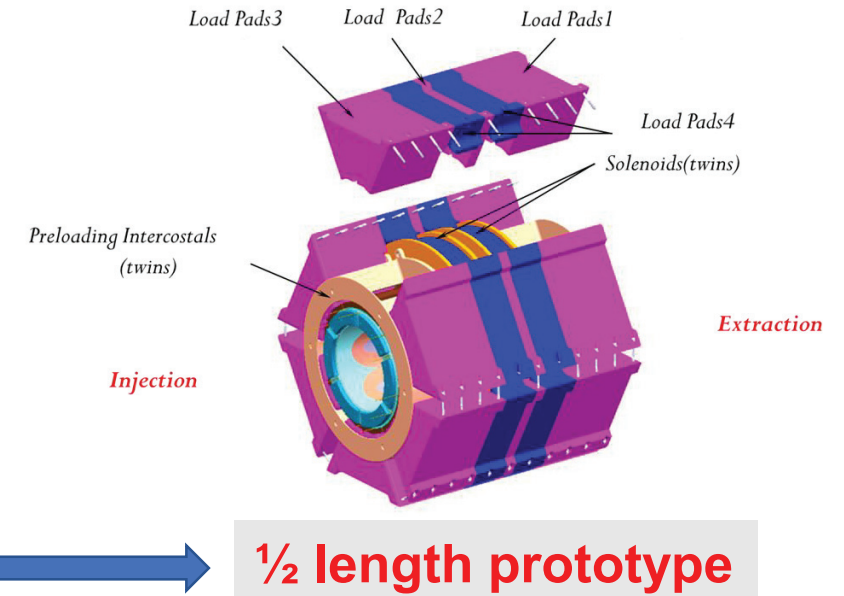
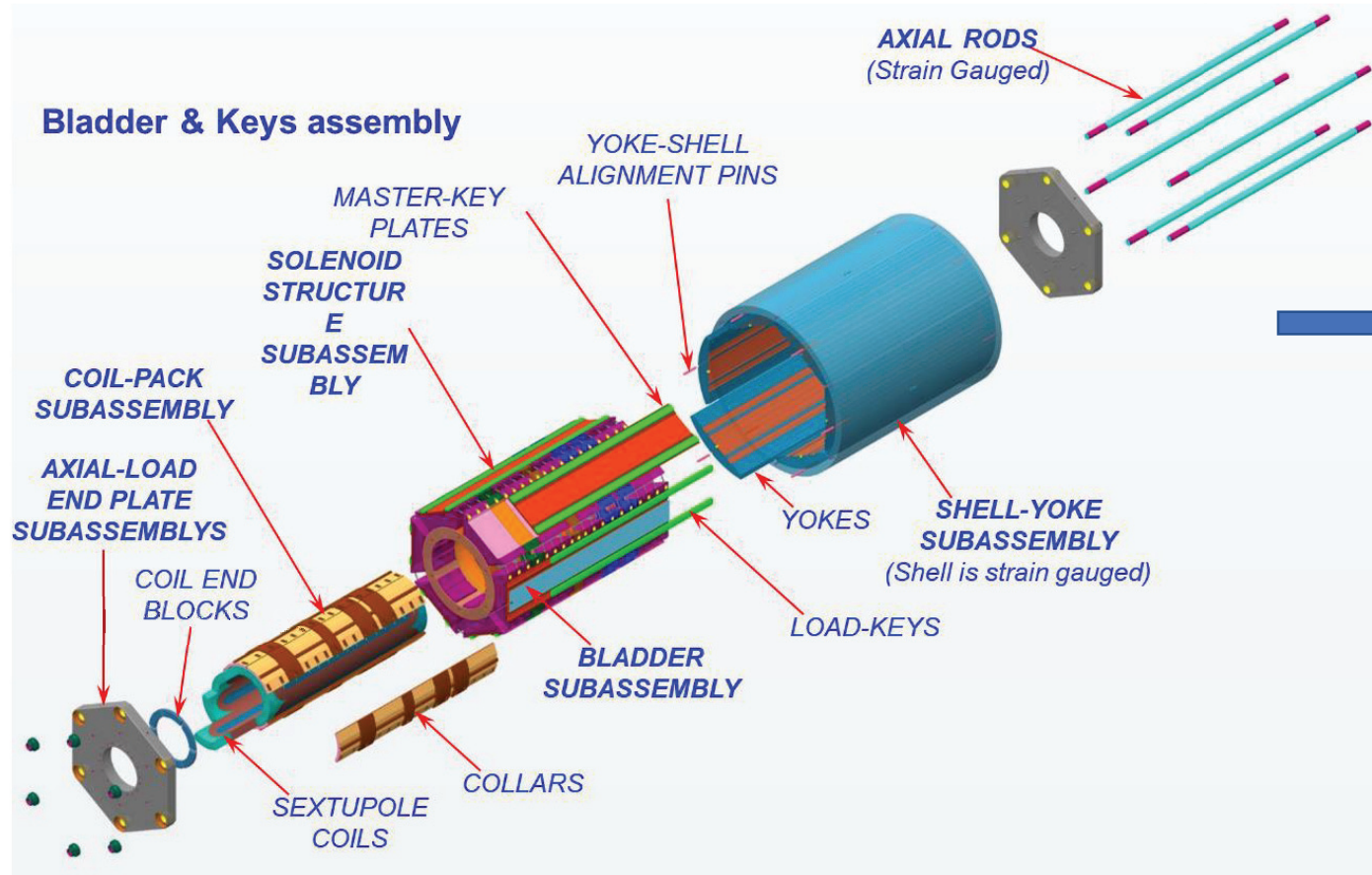
Challenges:

- Reliable SC-magnet for 45 GHz plasma confinement
- Effective coupling to the plasma of 20 kW/45 GHz microwave power
- 20 kW microwave heated plasma operation reliability and stability
- Extraction, transportation and beam quality control

II. 4th generation ECR ion source

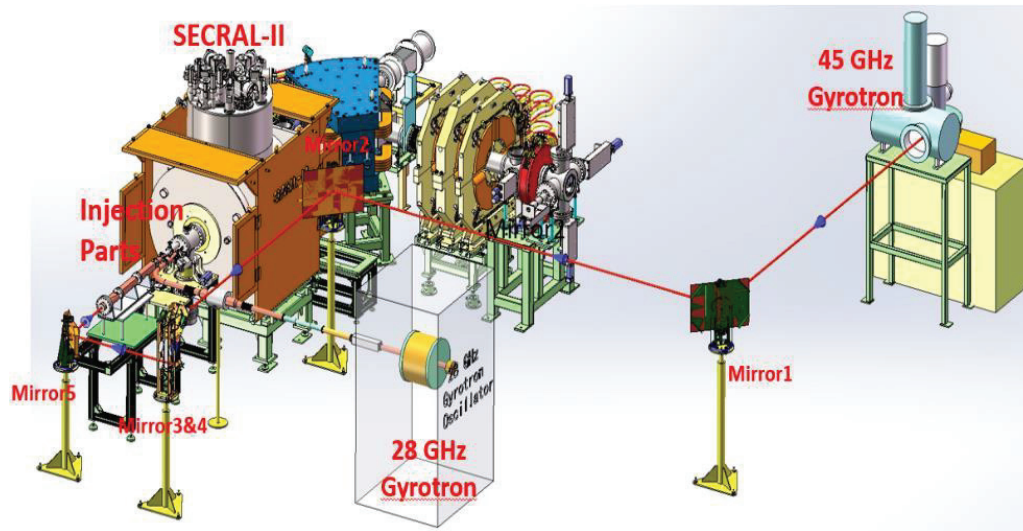
■ Nb₃Sn magnet development

The coldmass mechanical structure was designed by collaboration with ATAP magnet group at LBNL (2015~2016)

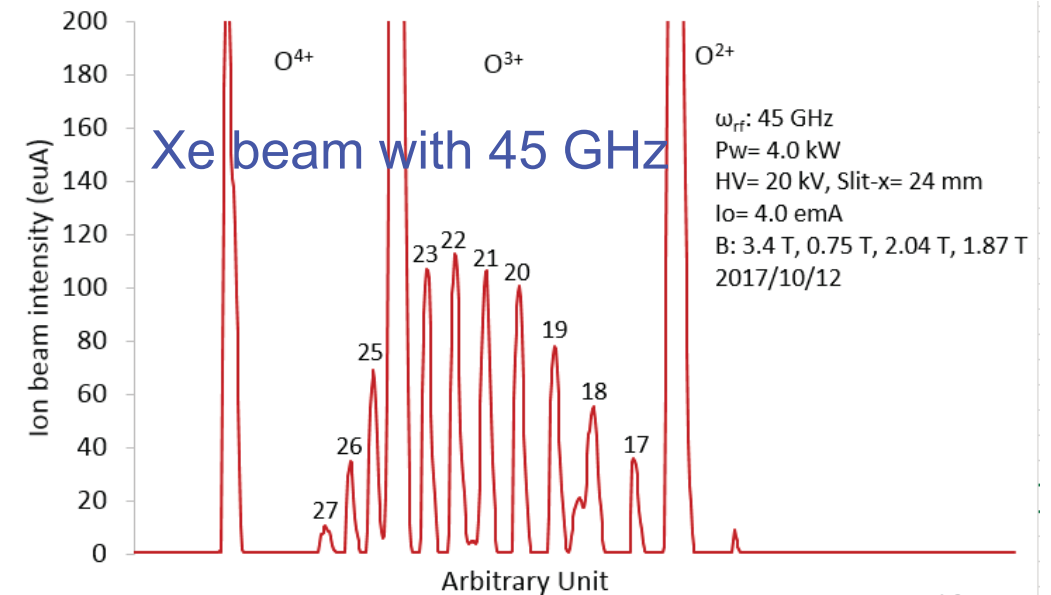
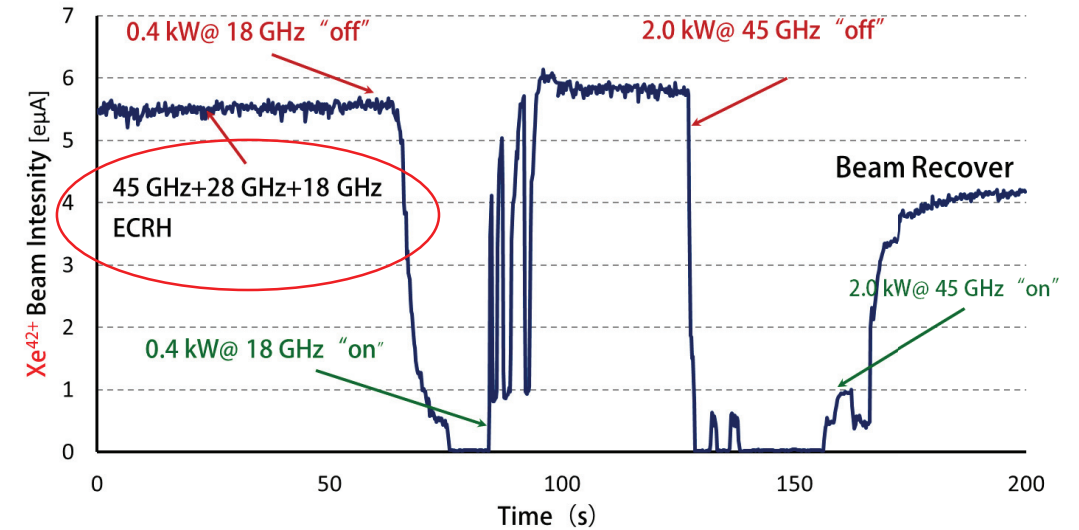


II. 4th generation ECR ion source

■ 45 GHz microwave coupling

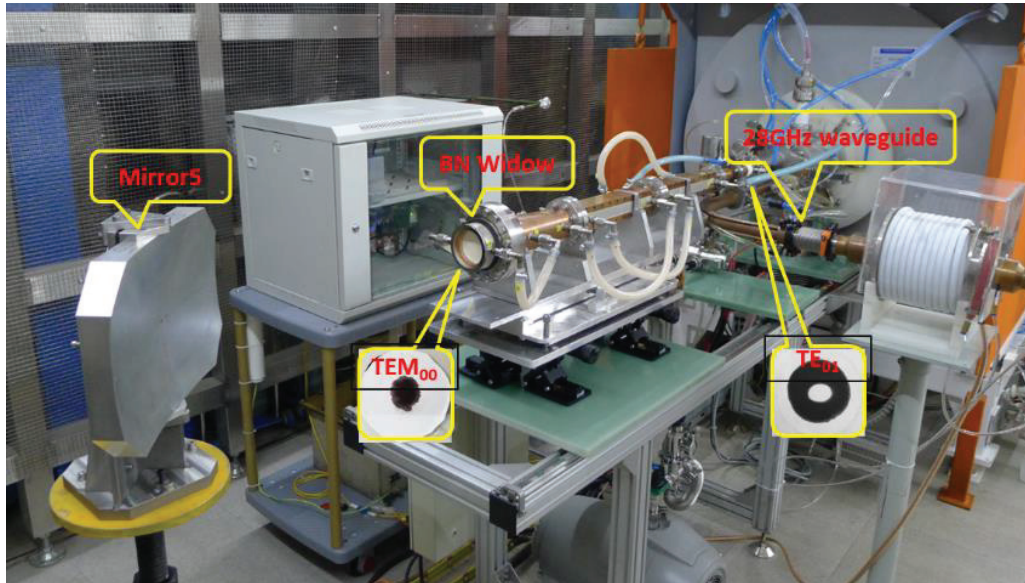


- 45 GHz/20 kW microwave transmission system based on Quasi-optical design
- First 45 GHz ECR plasma with SECRAI-II ion source
- Efficient transmission and coupling demonstrated

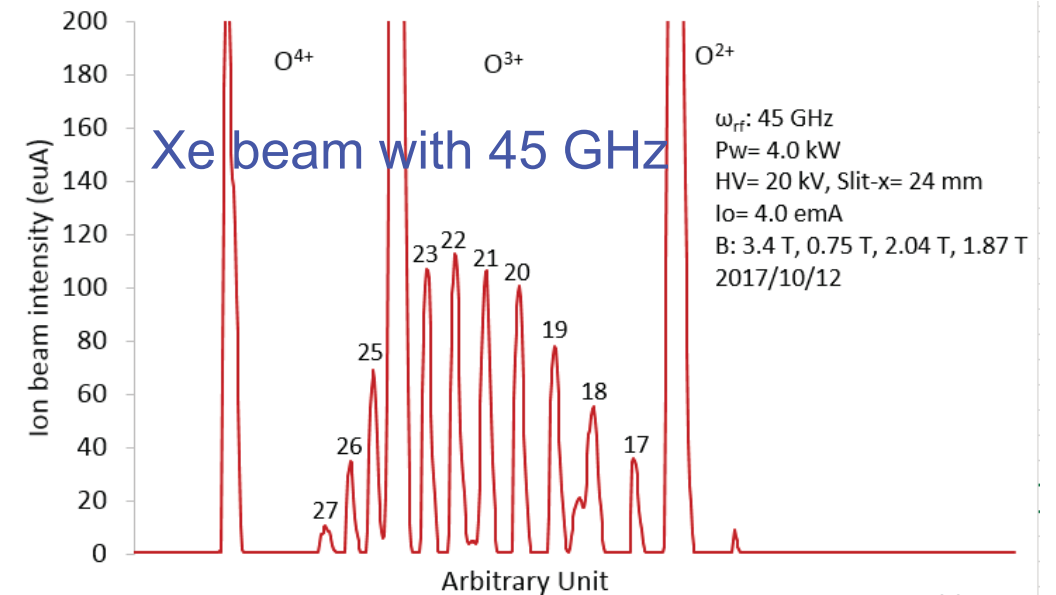
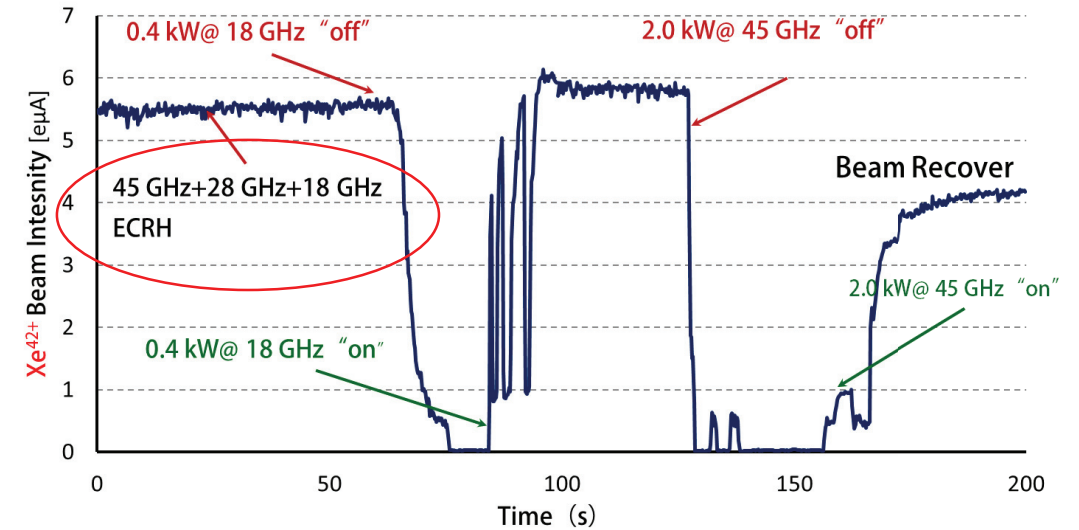


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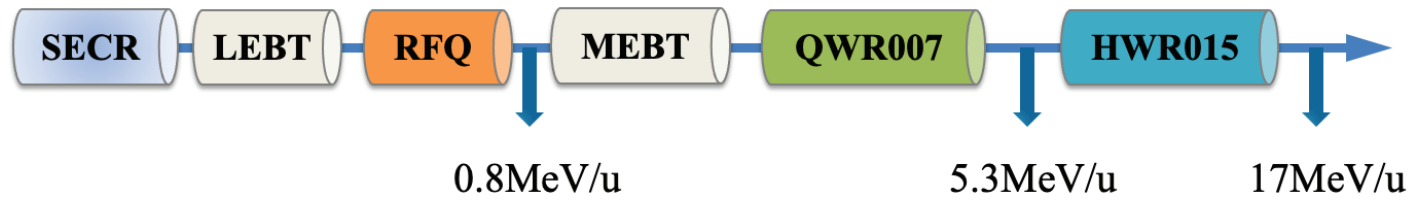


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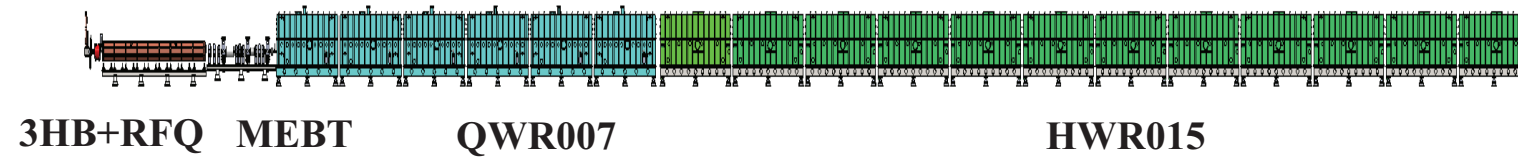
III. Superconducting heavy ion linac

■ Structure and main parameters

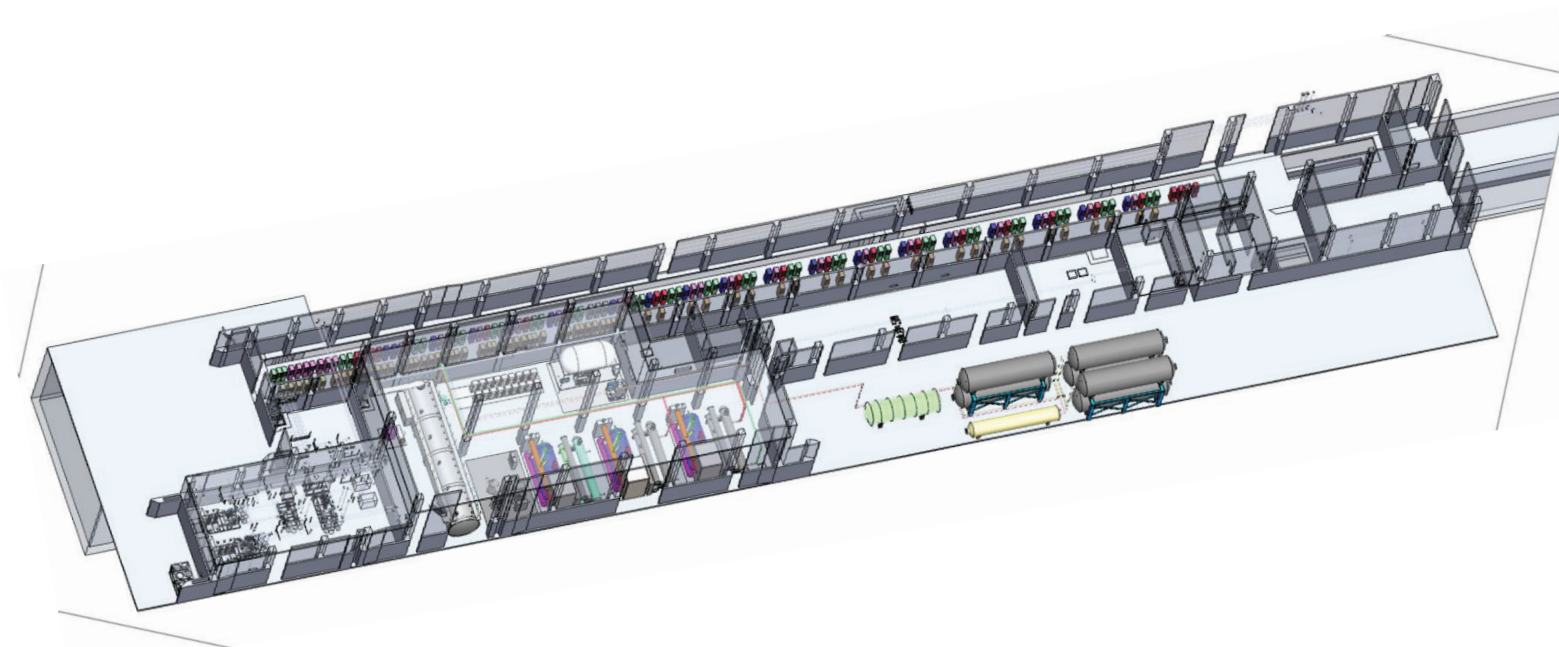


To B Ring or Terminal 1

A superconducting linac is used, in order to provide CW beam for terminal 1

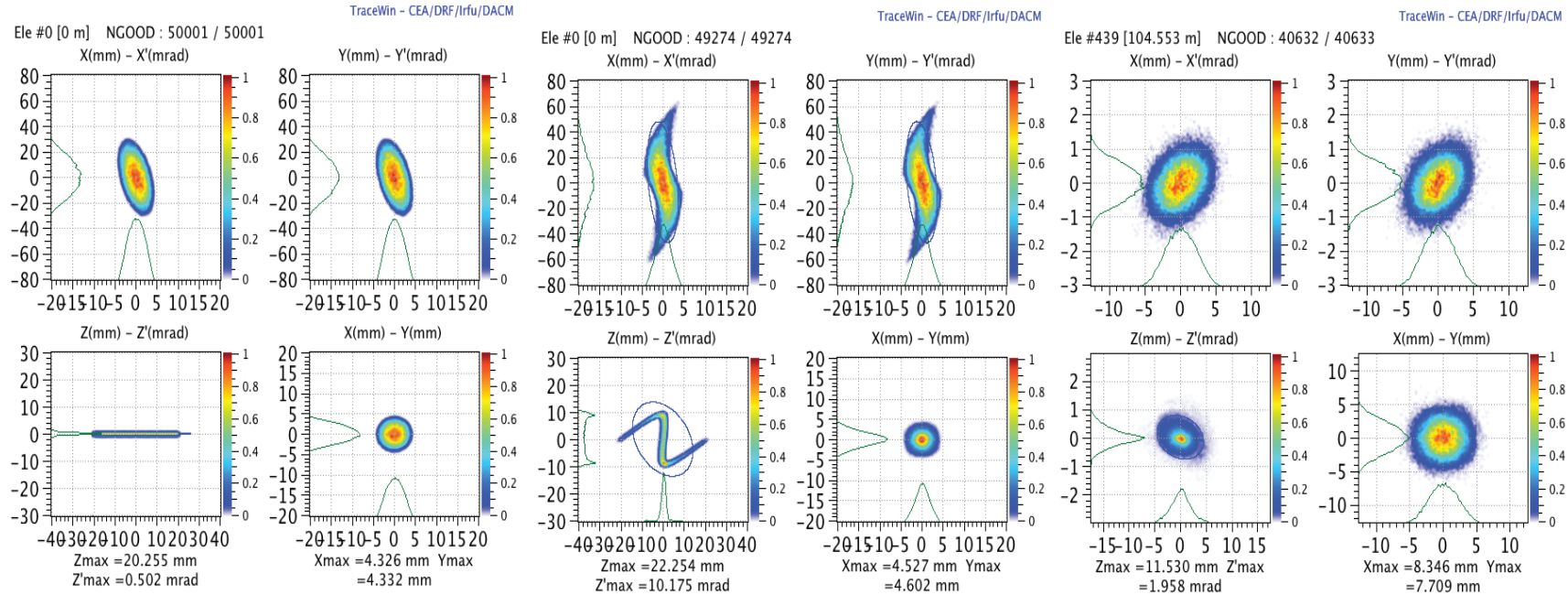


Parameters	Target	unit
Ion	$^{238}\text{U}^{35+}$	-
Energy	17	MeV/u
Current	2	emA
Emittance	5.0	$\pi.\text{mm.mrad}$
dp/p	0.2%	
Mode	CW & Pulse	



III. Superconducting heavy ion linac

■ iLinac design



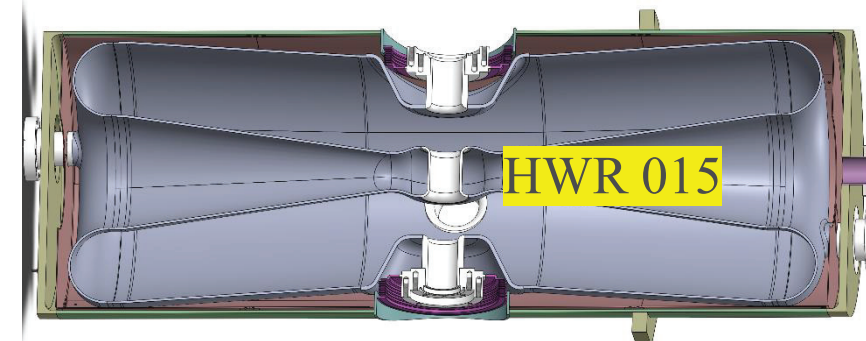
3HB

RFQ entrance

SC exit

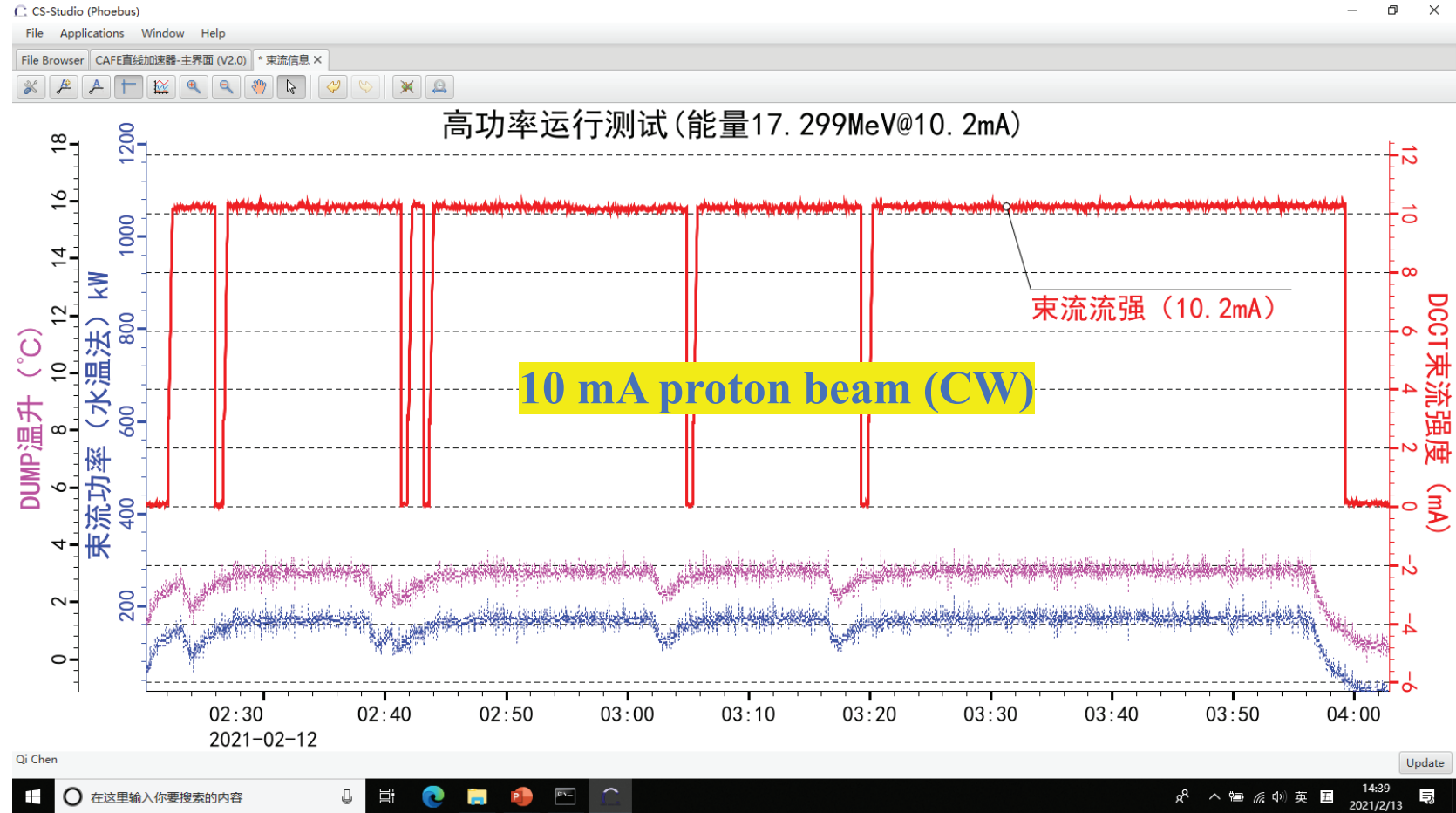
Q: pressure sensitivity_5mm_R50+bring115_naked cavity+rings
Equivalent Stress
Type: Equivalent (von-Mises) Stress
Unit: Pa
Time: 1
2021/1/5 14:55

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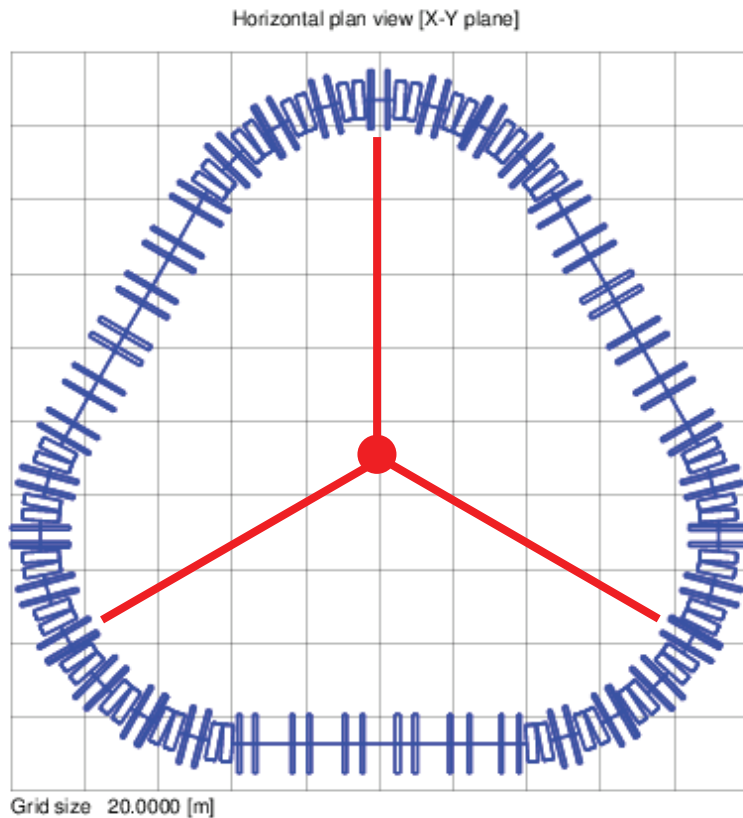
- iLinac is designed based on the experience of ADS prototype



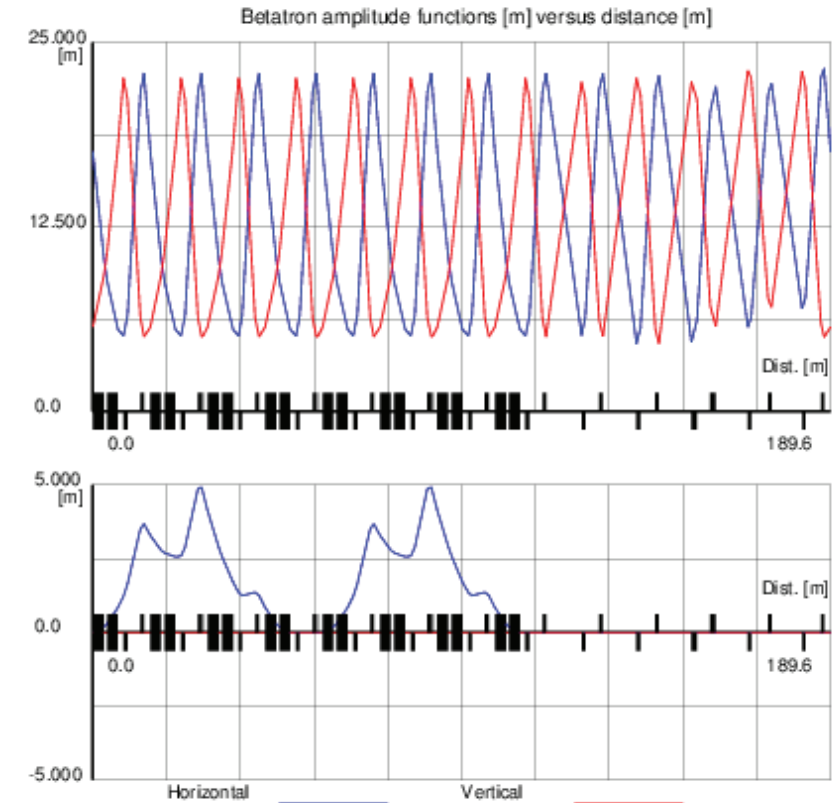
ADS RFQ and cavities

IV. Booster synchrotron

■ BRing Lattice structure



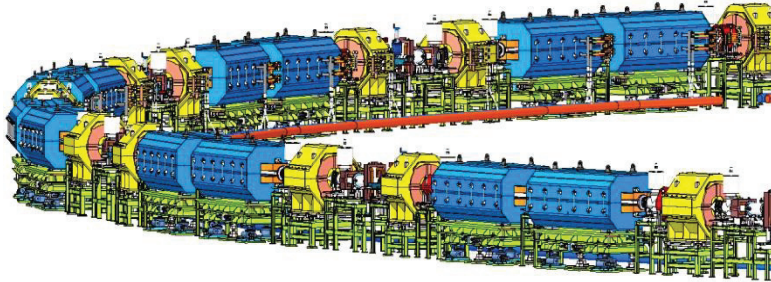
Parameters	value
Circumference	569.09 m
Q_x / Q_y	9.47 / 9.43
γ_{tr}	7.635
Magnetic rigidity	34 Tm
Ramping rate	12 T/s
Acceptance	200 / 100 π .mm.mrad
Dipoles	48
Quadrupoles	78



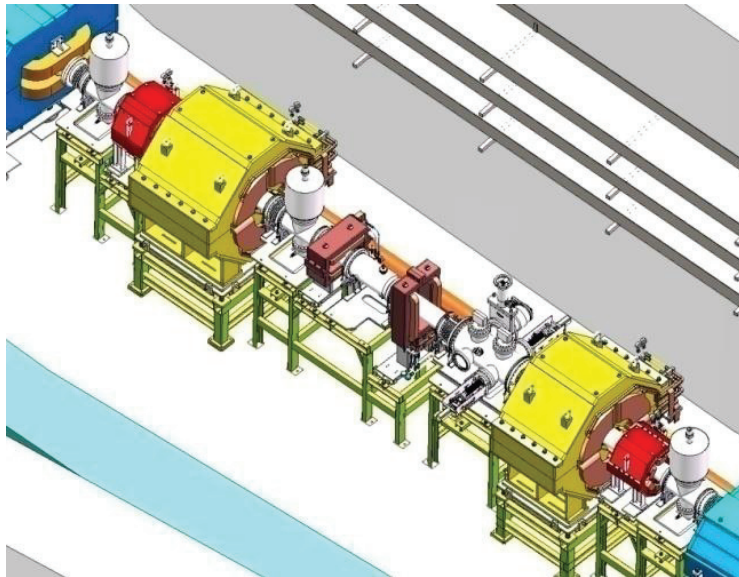
- Three-folding symmetry lattice with DBA structure
- Operation below energy transition
- 4-D painting injection, fast ramping and ceramic-lined thin-wall vacuum chamber

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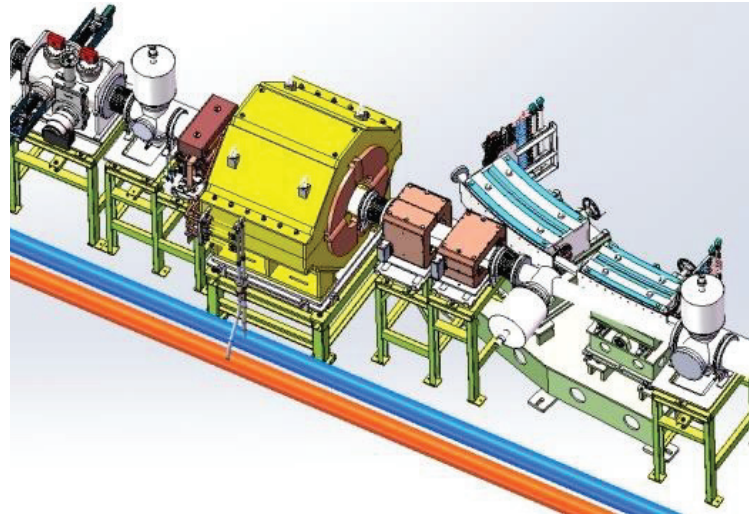
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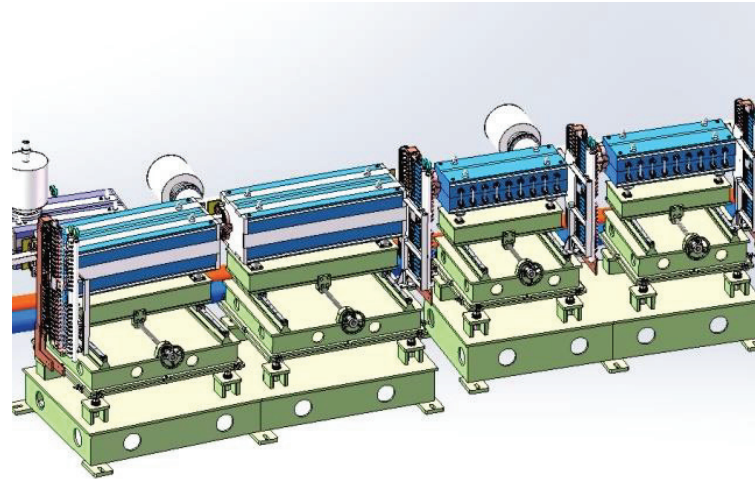
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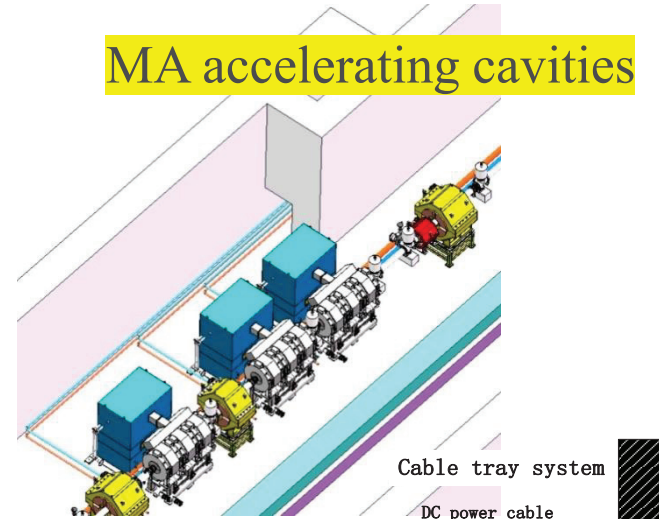
Straight section



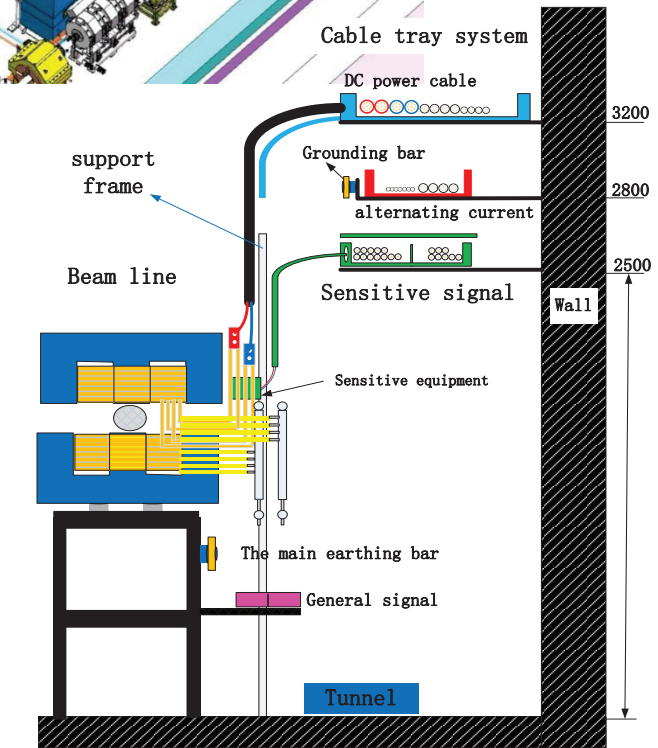
Septum for multi-turn injection



Septum for extraction



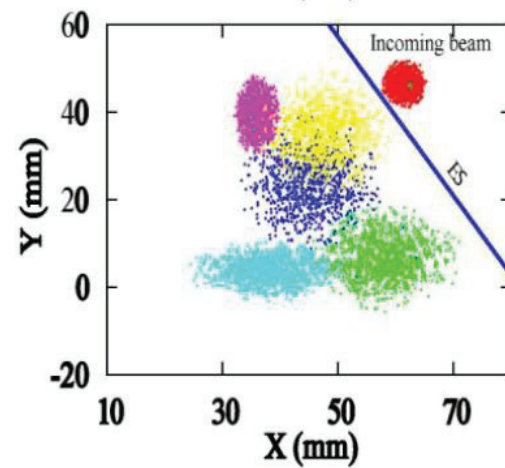
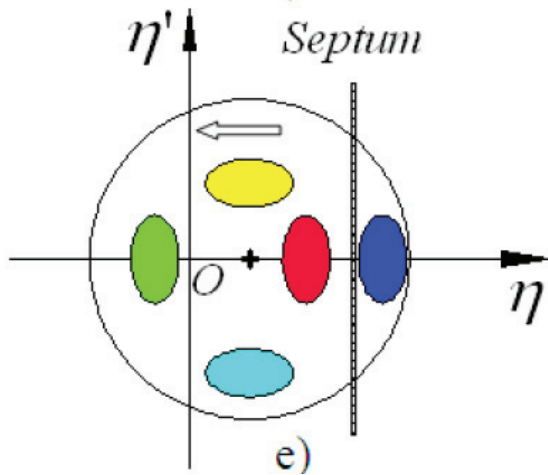
MA accelerating cavities



Cable and water pipe

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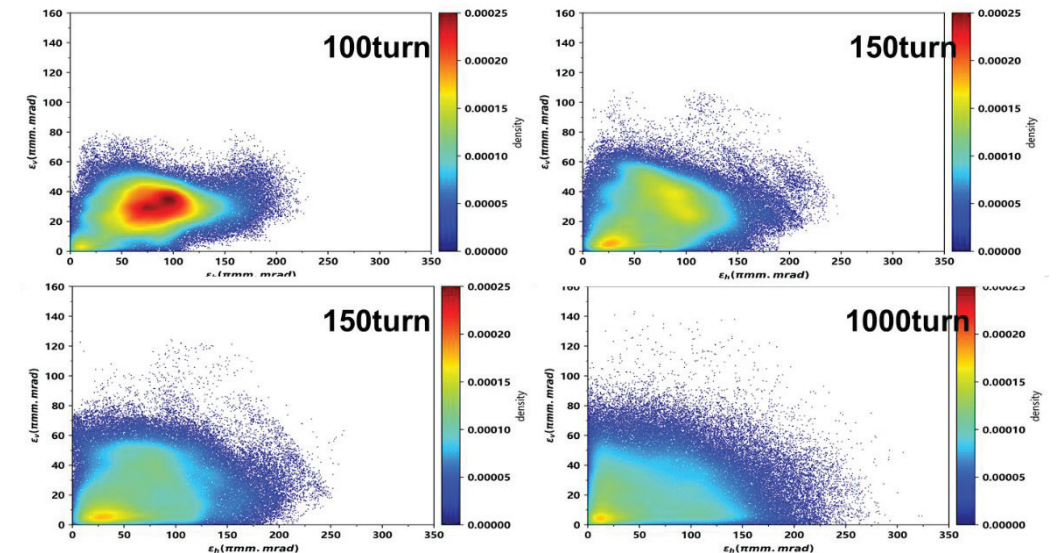
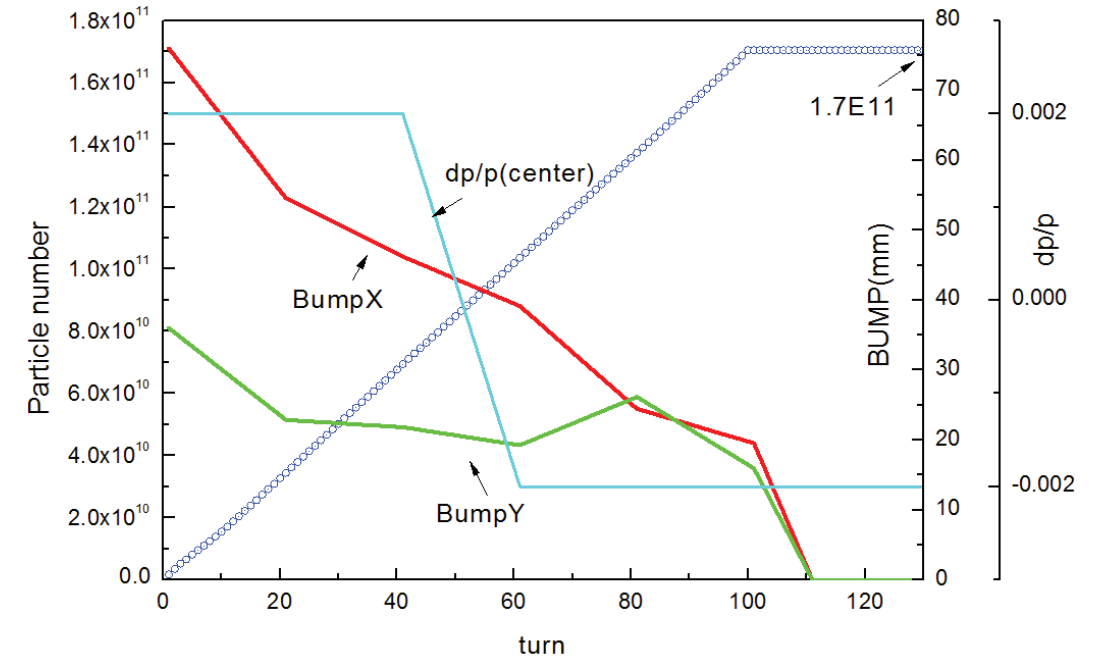
■ 4-D painting injection



Horizontal multi-turn injection

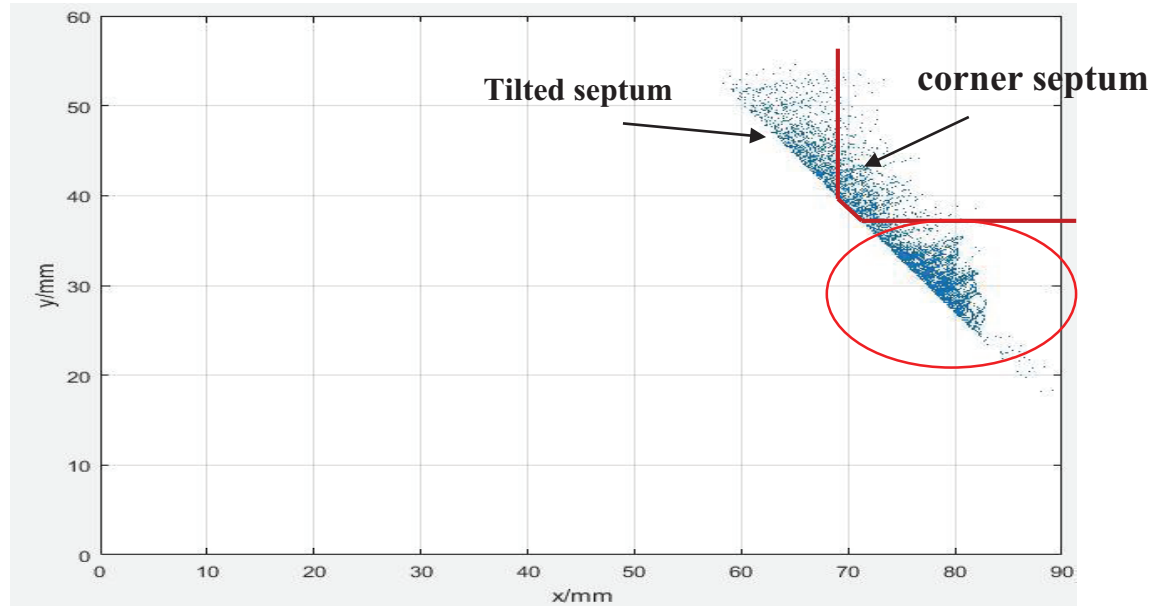
Horizontal & vertical multi-turn injection

- Use the vertical space, increase the accumulation gain factor
- Increase the magnet gap, expensive
- Different bump curve, flat distribution

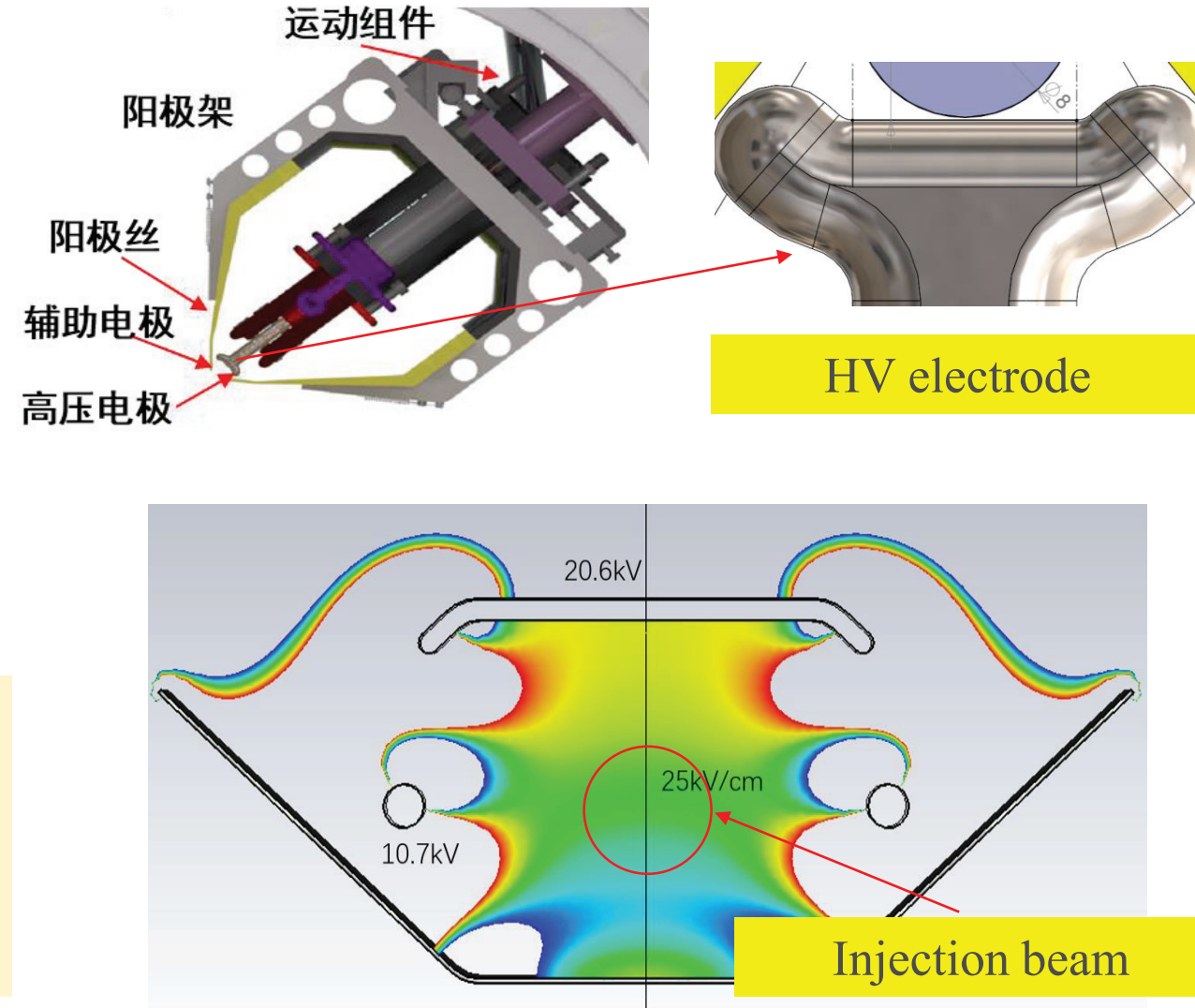


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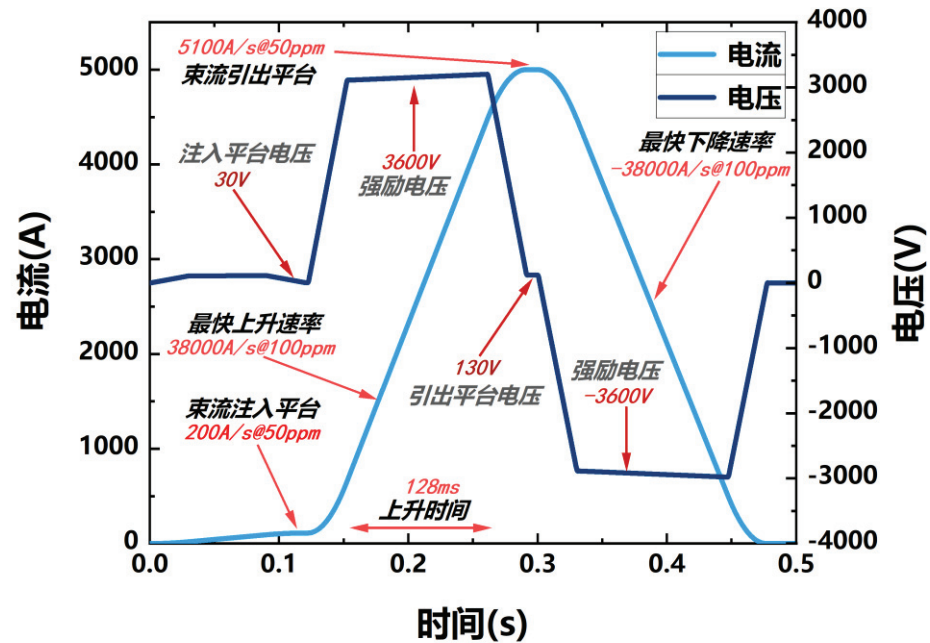


- Use the vertical space, increase the accumulation gain factor
- Increase the magnet gap, expensive
- Special electrostatic septum, decrease the beam loss --- corner septum

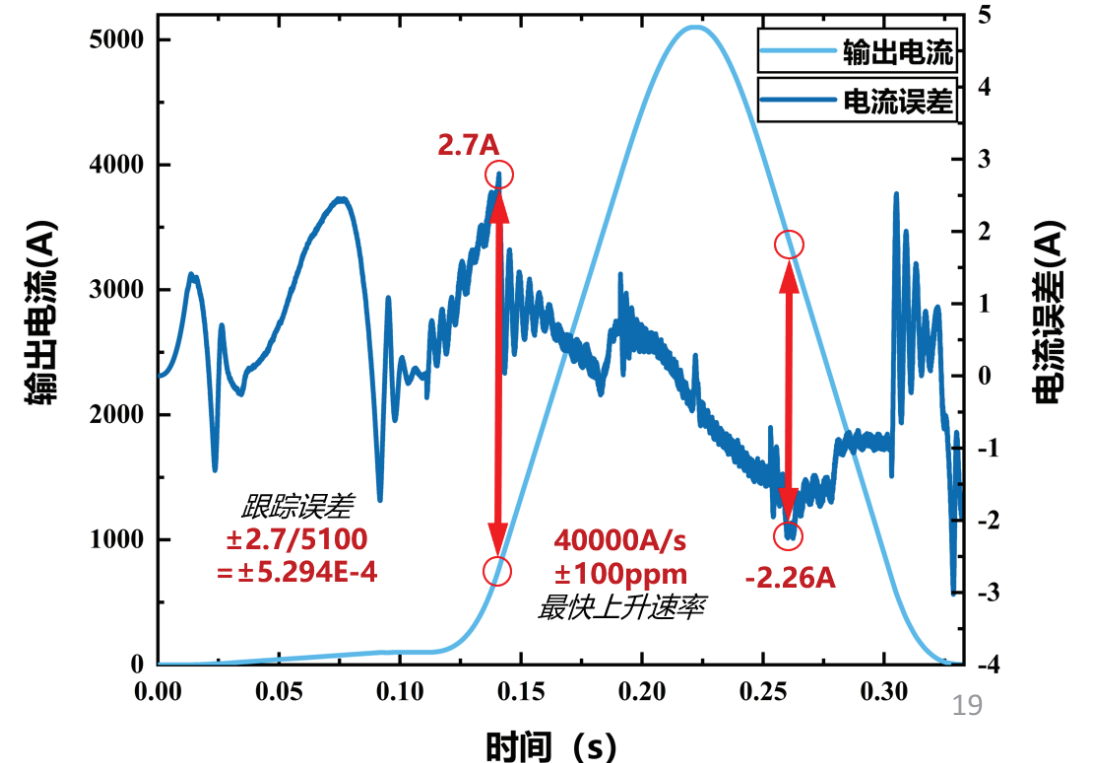
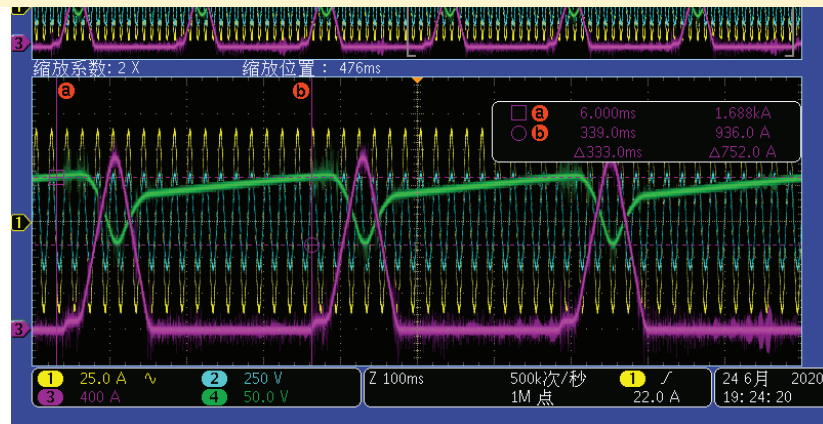


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■ Prototypes of BRing --- dipole power supply

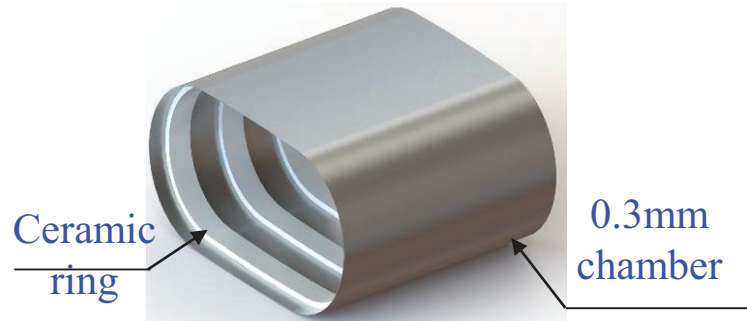


➤ Fast ramping up to 40 kA/s



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■ Prototypes of BRing --- ceramic-lined thin-wall vacuum chamber



- Reduce the eddy currents because of 0.3 mm wall
- Coated with a 1 μm Au film to reduce the beam impedance



IV. Booster synchrotron

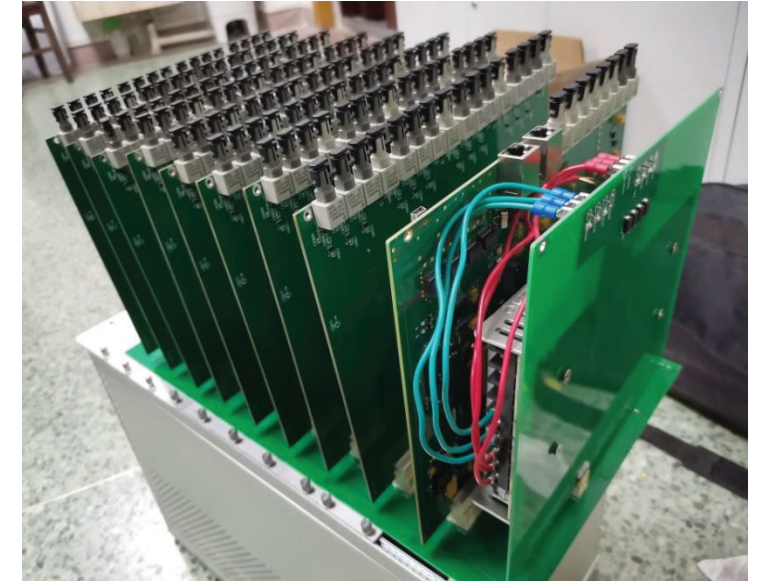
■ Prototypes of BRing



Dipole magnet



MA ring for RF station

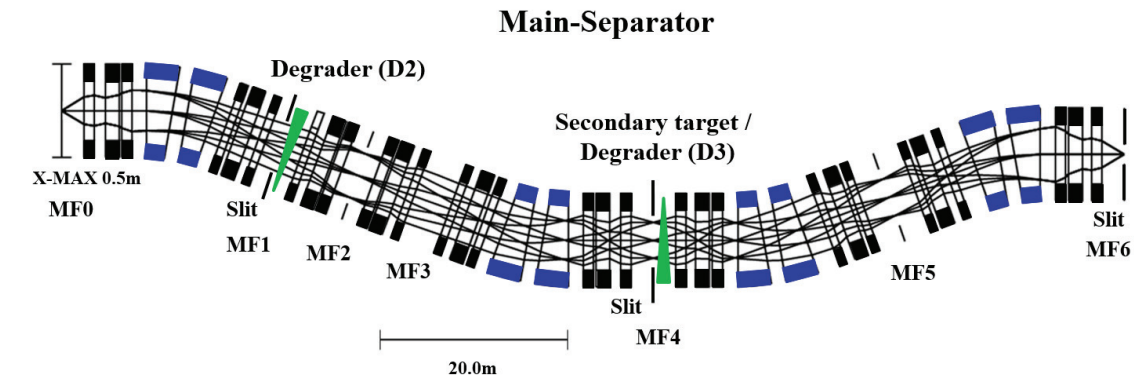
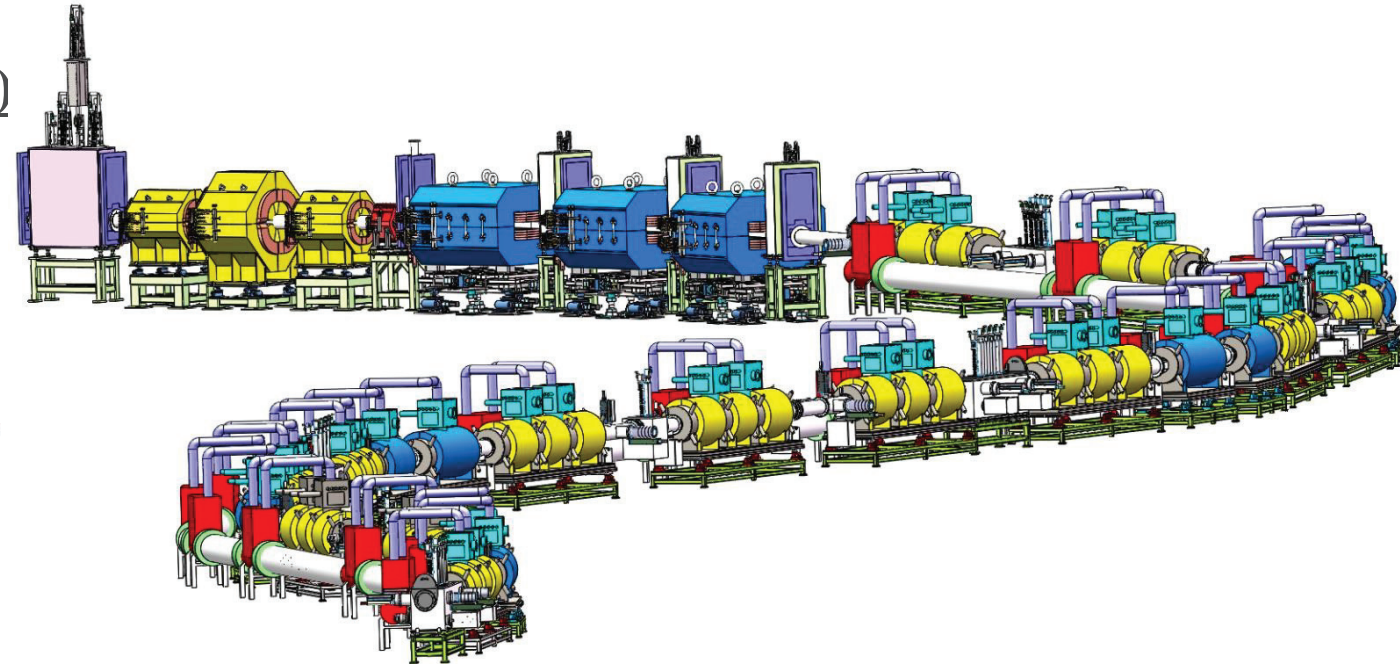
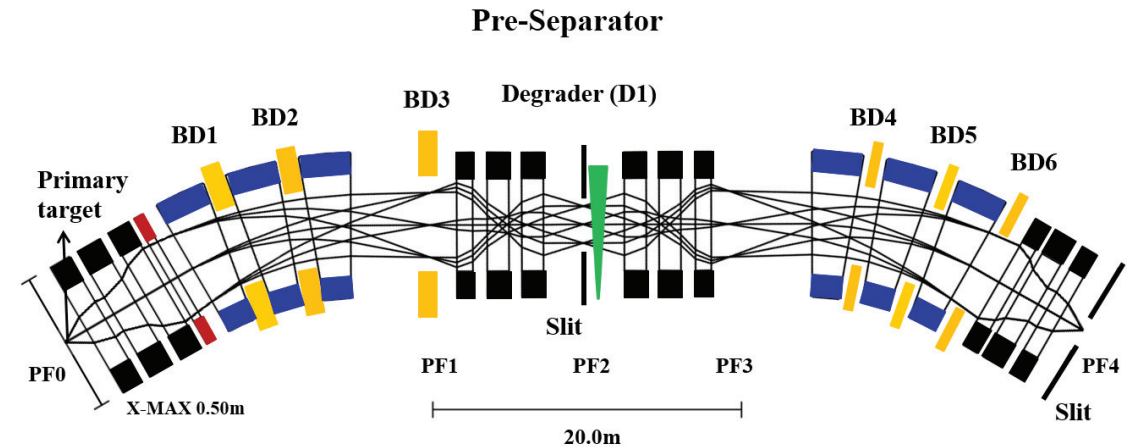


Cards for protection

- 17 dipole magnets have been made at IMP workshop
- MA ring with a diameter of 780 mm was tested in laboratory
- Circuit cards for the machine protection were tested in CSR at IMP

V. Experimental terminals

■ High energy fragment separator (HFRS)

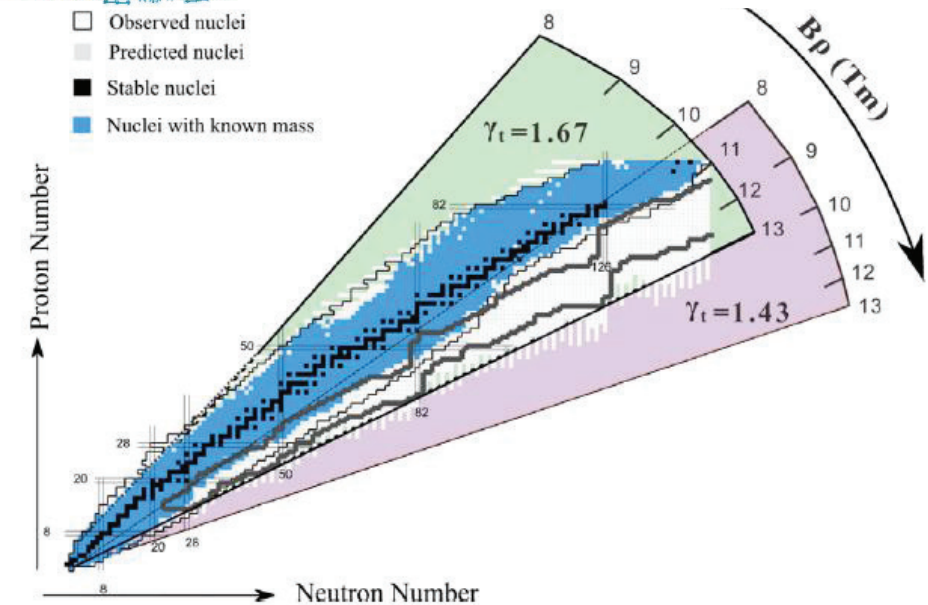
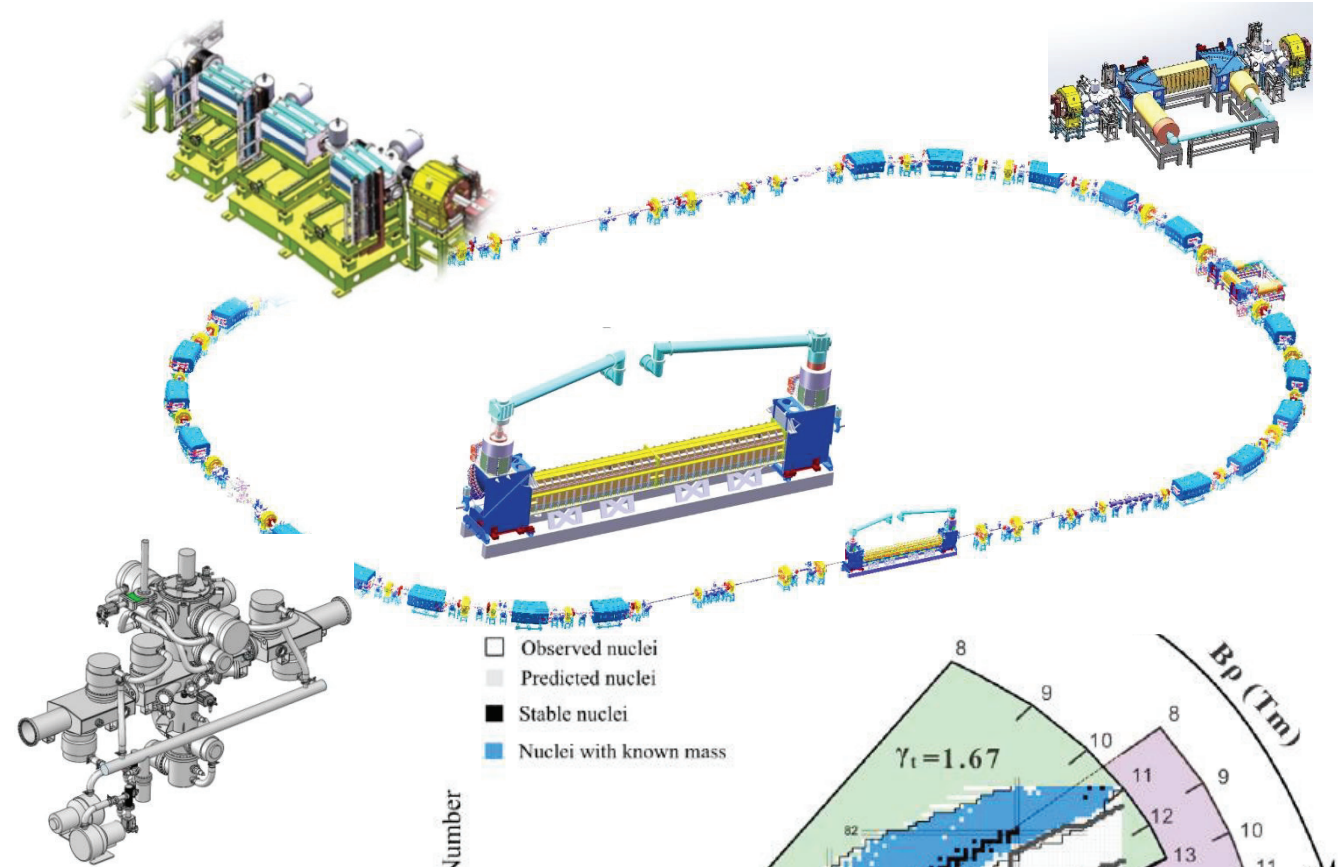
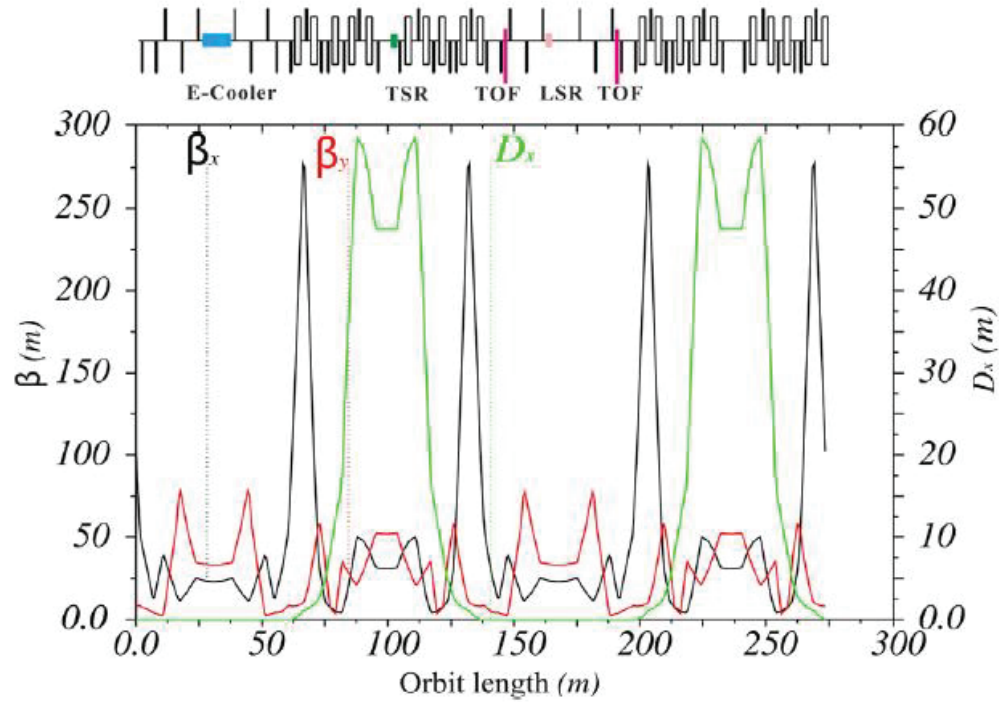


Main parameters of the HFRS.

Max. magnetic rigidity/Tm	Beam spot size at target/mm	Angular acceptance/mrad	Momentum acceptance	First order Momentum resolution
25	$x = \pm 1$; $y = \pm 2$	$x' = \pm 30$; $y' = \pm 15$	$\pm 2.0\%$	1100 (emittance = 30π mm·mrad and $x = \pm 1$ mm)

V. Experimental terminals

■ Spectrometer Ring

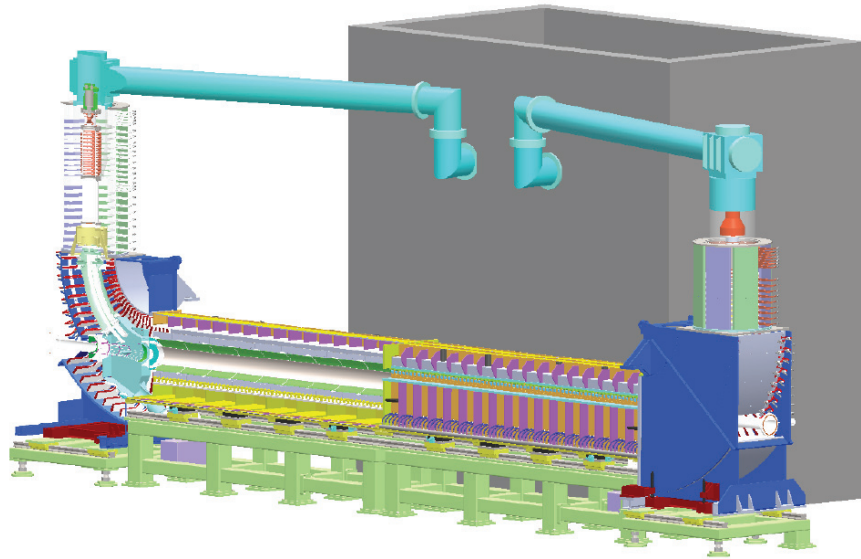


Operation modes	Isochronous mode	Normal mode	Internal Target mode
Energy range	400 ~ 800 MeV/u	400 ~ 800 MeV/u	< 3.6 GeV (proton) < 1.5 GeV/u (12C6+) < 0.8 GeV/u (238U92+)
Magnetic rigidity range	8 ~ 13 Tm	8 ~ 13 Tm	< 15 Tm
Beam quality (2σ)	$\Delta p/p \leq \pm 3.6 \times 10^{-3}$ $\epsilon_x/\epsilon_y \leq 40\pi$ mm·mrad	$\Delta p/p \leq \pm 1.5 \times 10^{-2}$ $\epsilon_x/\epsilon_y \leq 40\pi$ mm·mrad	$\Delta p/p \leq \pm 1.5 \times 10^{-2}$ $\epsilon_x/\epsilon_y \leq 40\pi$ mm·mrad
Bunch length (μ s, 2σ)	0.71	0.26	0.71

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■ Electron cooler in SRing

Based on the 300 keV cooler made by BINP



450 keV DC magnetized electron cooler

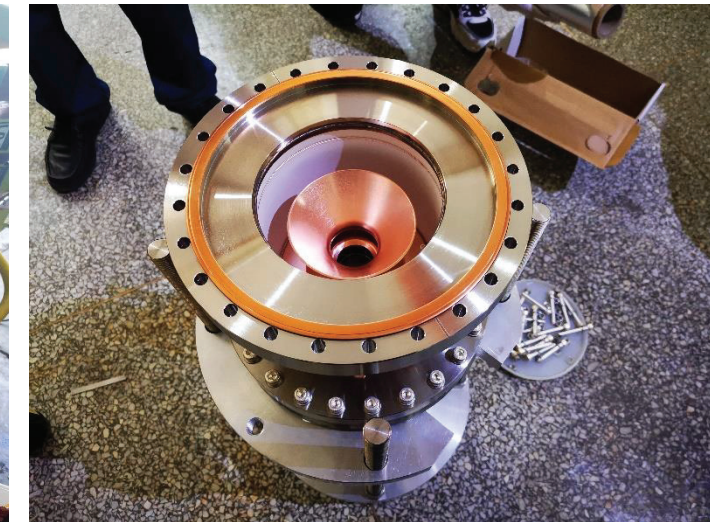
Energy	450 keV
Maximum current	2.0 A
Magnetic field	1500 Gs
Cooling length	7.4 m



Collector



coils



gun

VI. Summary

- The HIAF is only one project of heavy ion accelerator supported in China
- The day-one experiment is planned to be done in 2025. The nuclear physics is the main goal of the HIAF project. The day-one experiment may be done in HFIRS or SRing.
- SECR and iLinac will be developed based on the experience of the present devices at IMP
- The dipole power supply, the ceramic-lined thin-wall vacuum chamber, the corner septum and the MA RF cavities are the key technologies of BRing. Now we already have some good results.
- Today, the civil construction is done as the time schedule.

Thanks for your attention!