

Accelerators for Society

Over 35'000 particle accelerators are in operation world-wide.

Only ~1% are used for fundamental research.

Medicine is the largest application with more than 1/3 of all accelerators.

Research		6%
	Particle Physics	0,5%
	Nuclear Physics, solid state, materials	0,2 - 0,9%
	Biology	5%
Medical Applications		35%
	Diagnostics/treatment with X-ray or electrons	33%
	Radio-isotope production	2%
	Proton or ion treatment	0,1%
Industrial Applications		<60%
	Ion implantation (semiconductors)	34%
	Cutting and welding with electron beams	16%
	Polymerization	7%
	Neutron testing	3.5%
	Non destructive testing	2,3%



Radiotherapy electron linac



Proton cyclotron for radioisotope production



Commercial system for ion implantation

Particle Accelerators can concentrate energy

A particle accelerator is an instrument capable of concentrating large amounts of energy at subatomic dimensions

Particle accelerators are our door to access the subatomic dimension... to study and exploit the atom and its components



When we extract particles from an atom and we accelerate them, we concentrate **enormous amounts of energy in tiny volumes**



Where will this energy go? An accelerated subatomic particle sent towards an atom will:

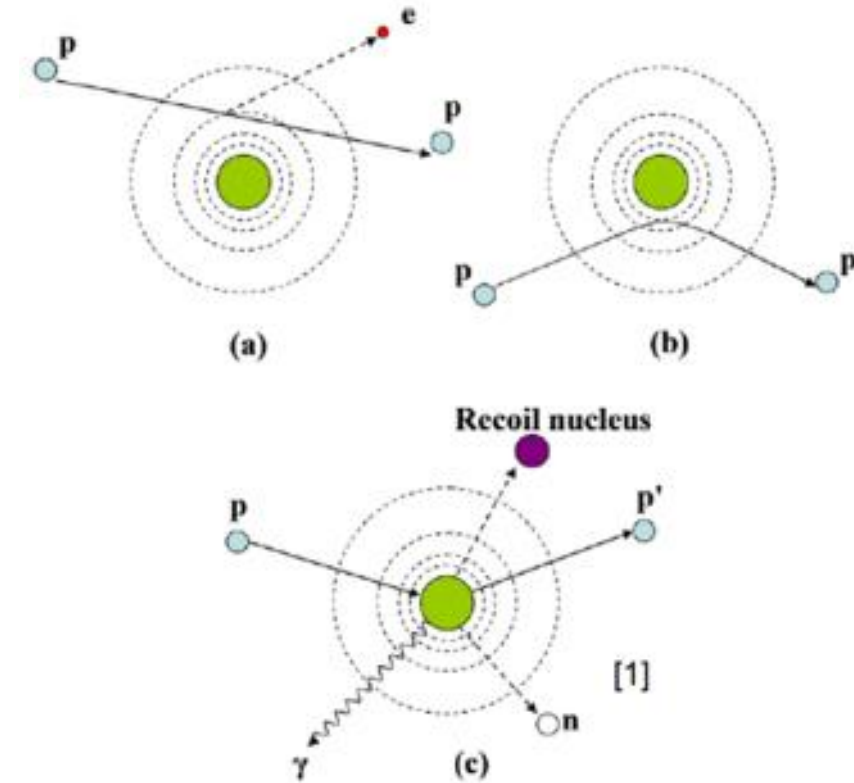
1. Deliver some **energy to the electrons**.
2. Deliver some **energy to the nucleus** (if the particle has sufficient energy to penetrate the atom).

Where does the energy go?

The accelerated particle can:

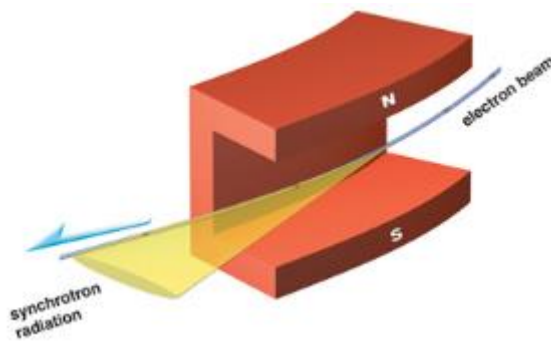
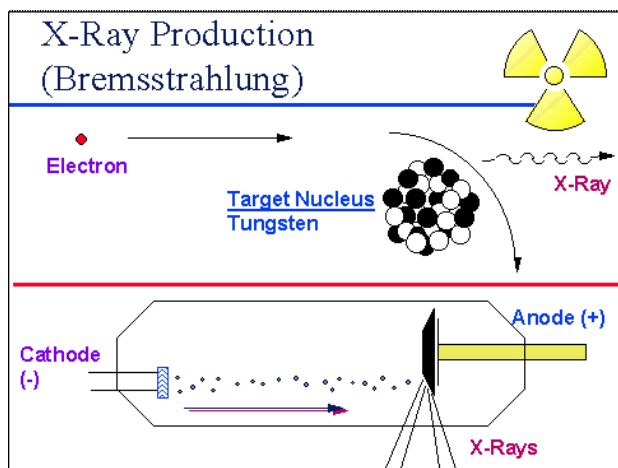
- a) kick an electron out of the atom (ionization) or to a higher orbital (excitation) – in the latter case, the electron can come back generating an **X-ray** (photon).
- b) be deflected by the nucleus and give energy to the atom - increase of temperature, **breaking of molecular bonds**.
- c) be absorbed by the nucleus bringing it to an excited state that can **generate radiation** or secondary particles.

Scattering of an accelerated beam

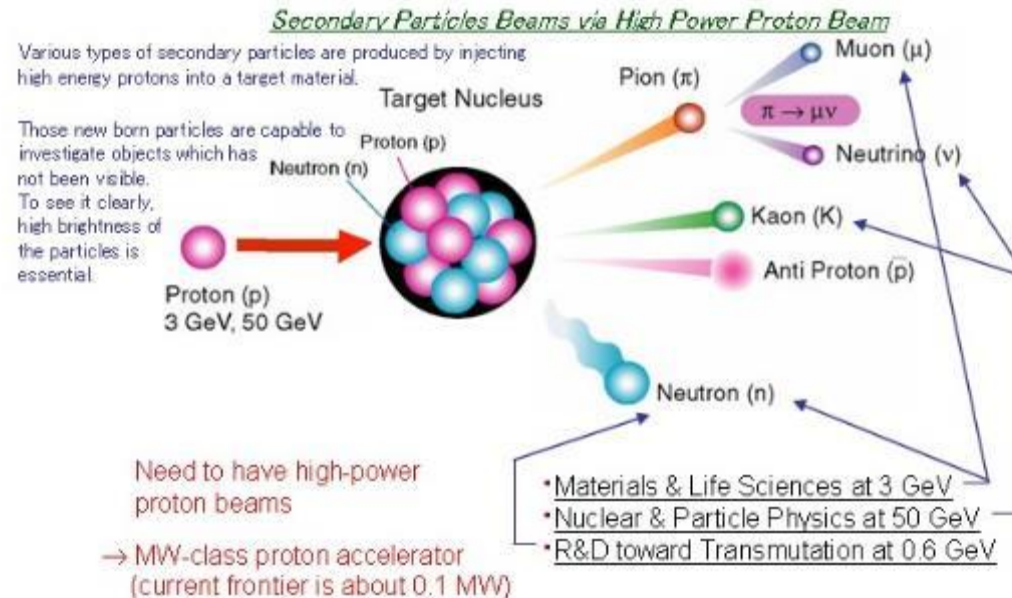


Accelerators can produce intense secondary beams

Accelerated **electrons** produce **X-ray** beams by interaction with a metal target (bremsstrahlung) or by synchrotron radiation in accelerator magnets



Accelerated **protons** produce **neutron** beams by spallation reactions in a heavy metal target



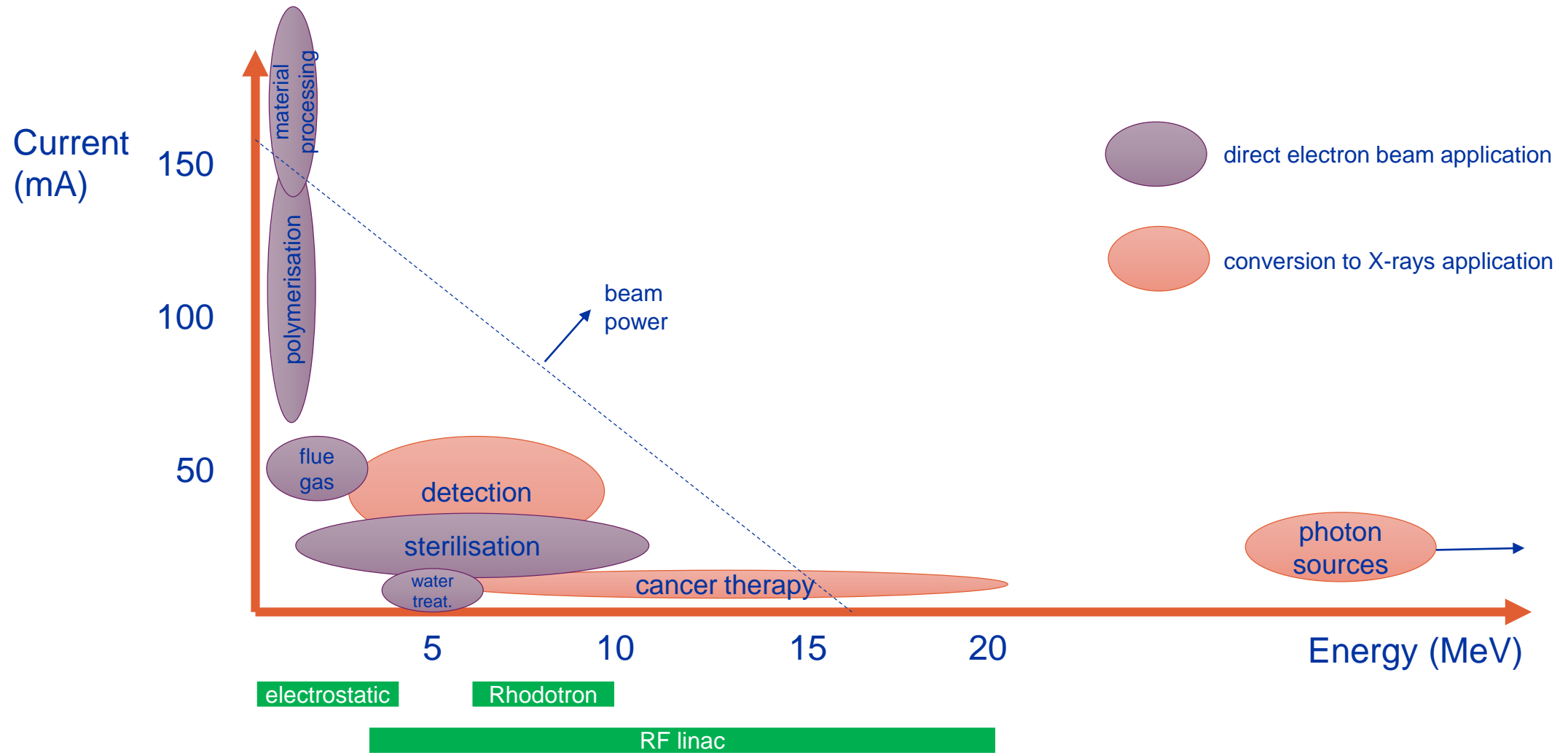
- X-rays generated by accelerators are commonly used in **medicine**
- Both X-rays and neutrons generated from accelerators are used for **advanced imaging** in many fields: life sciences, condensed matter, energy, material science, cultural heritage, life sciences, pharmaceuticals,...
- Additional applications are appearing for other types of secondary beams.

An inventory of most popular accelerator applications

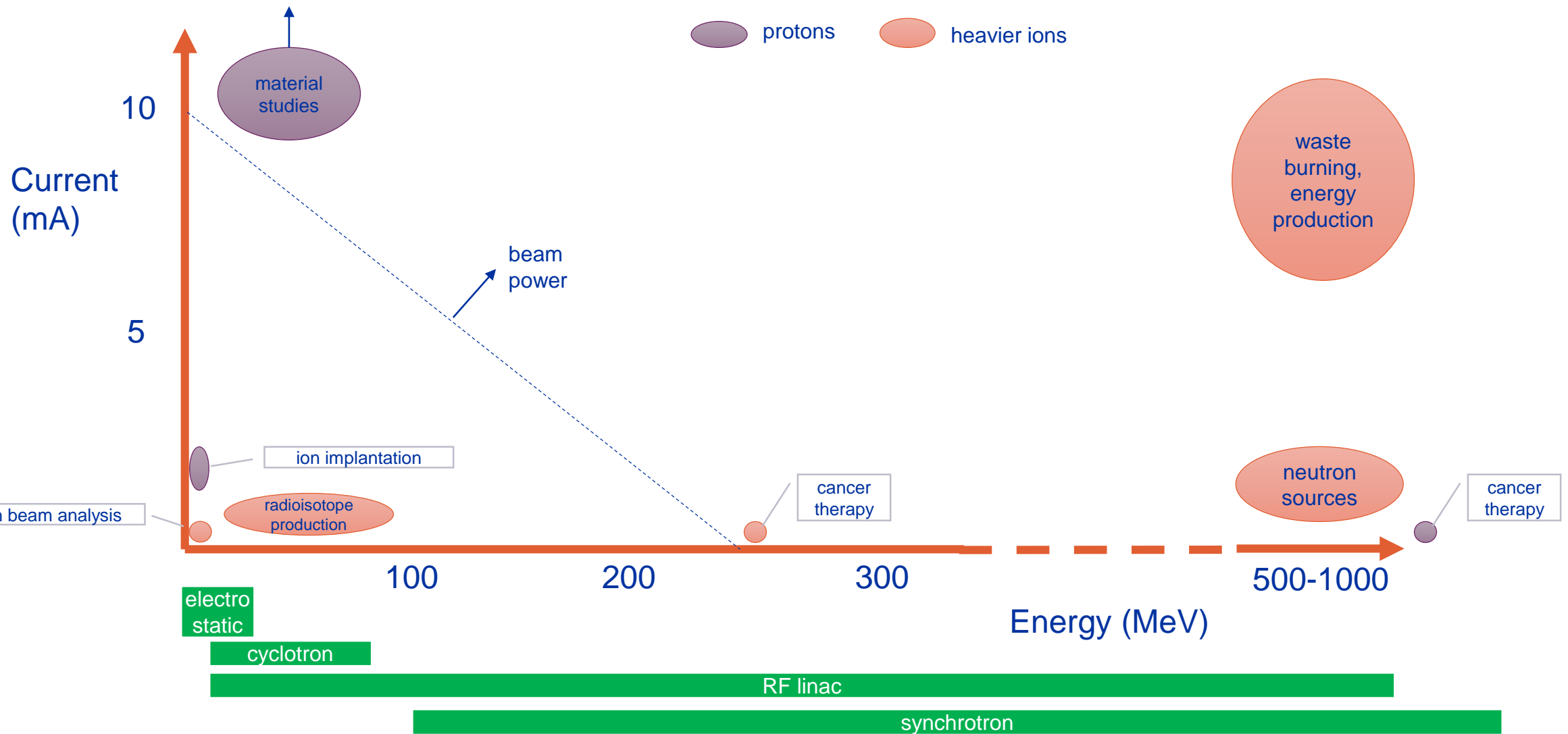
1. Photon and Neutron Sources
2. Security (X-rays, neutrons)
3. Industry
4. Energy
5. Medicine

Area	Application	Beam	Accelerator	Beam energy/MeV	Beam current/ mA	Number
Medical	Cancer therapy	e	linac	4-20	10^{-2}	>14000
		p	cyclotron, synchrotron	250	10^{-6}	60
		C	synchrotron	4800	10^{-7}	10
	Radioisotope production	p	cyclotron	8-100	1	1600
Industrial	Ion implantation	B, As, P	electrostatic	< 1	2	>11000
	Ion beam analysis	p, He	electrostatic	<5	10^{-4}	300
	Material processing	e	electrostatic, linac, Rhodatron	≤ 10	150	7500
	Sterilisation	e	electrostatic, linac, Rhodatron	≤ 10	10	3000
Security	X-ray screening of cargo	e	linac	4-10	?	100?
	Hydrodynamic testing	e	linear induction	10-20	1000	5
Synchrotron light sources	Biology, medicine, materials science	e	synchrotron, linac	500-10000		70
Neutron scattering	Materials science	p	cyclotron, synchrotron, linac	600-1000	2	4
Energy - fusion	Neutral ion beam heating	d	electrostatic	1	50	10
	Heavy ion inertial fusion	Pb, Cs	Induction linac	8	1000	Under development
	Materials studies	d	linac	40	125	Under development
Energy - fission	Waste burner	p	linac	600-1000	10	Under development
	Thorium fuel amplifier	p	linac	600-1000	10	Under development
Energy - bio-fuel	Bio-fuel production	e	electrostatic	5	10	Under development
Environmental	Water treatment	e	electrostatic	5	10	5
	Flue gas treatment	e	electrostatic	0.7	50	Under development

The applications map - electrons



The applications map – protons and ions



Industrial applications



Very low energy electrons

	Energy	Applications
Very low energy electrons	<350 keV	detection, welding, 3D-sintering, sterilisation, seed and grain treatment
Low-energy electrons	<10 MeV	polymer modification, sterilisation, treatment of flue-gas, wastewater, sewage

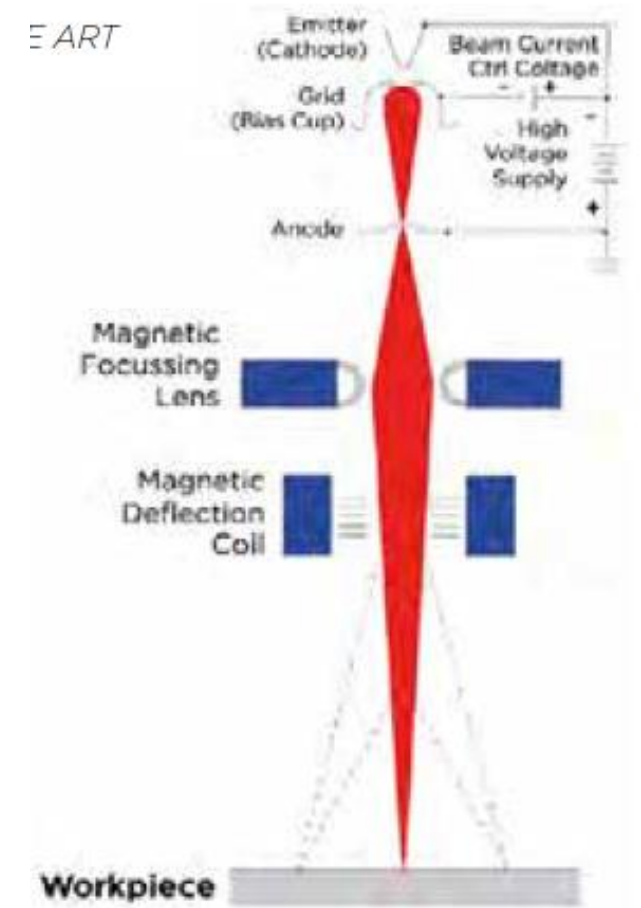
- Non-thermal: breaking molecular bonds, chemical modifications of organic materials, creation of radicals.
- Thermal: melting, evaporation, welding, joining, drilling, hardening, sintering,...



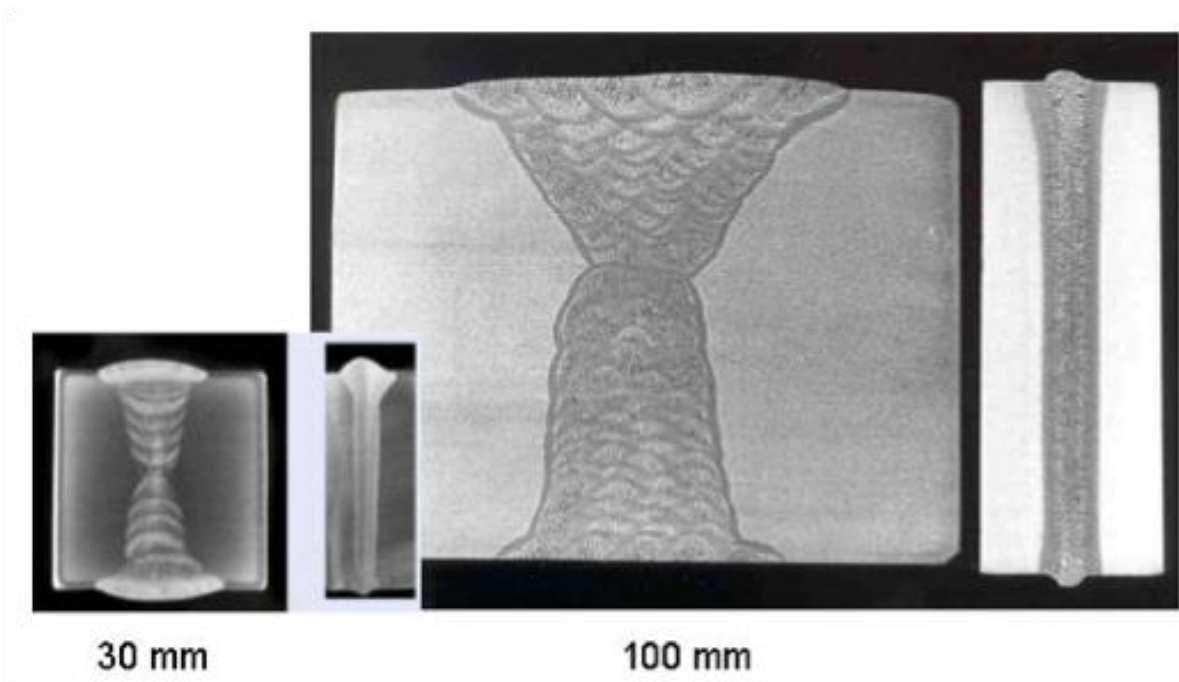
Fig. 4.7: An impressive example of an EB-welding application. In a huge vacuum chamber two 70-mm-thick aluminium plates, with a diameter of 6 metres, are joined with a 'single-shot'. It is the basic material used in forging and machining the main stage of Ariane-rocket tanks.



Fig. 4.8: A desk-top e-beam laboratory machine for welding and structuring with a magnified backscattered electron-image.



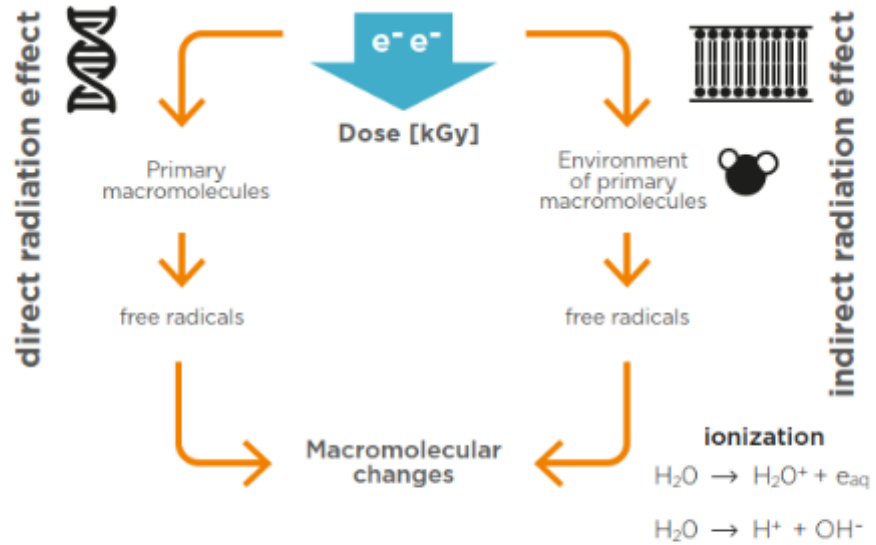
Electron beam welding



Cross-sections - Comparison of extensive TIG-welding with a lot of weld seams with the single-weld seam of EB-welding at the same material thickness



Sterilisation



- › DNA Line-break (single, double)
- › Change or damage of bases
- › Denaturation
- › Cross linking
- › Absorption of proteins

Fig. 4.2: Biocidal effects of accelerated electrons

- Sterilisation processes caused by the breaking of molecular bonds associated with the water and DNA in microbial cells.
- Medical products (implants and instruments), food, and pharmaceutical packaging can be sterilised.
- Energy between 1 and 10 MeV, all surfaces must be accessible (small penetration depth).
- The world market-leader in the aseptic carton packaging of liquid foods is currently undergoing the installation of e-beam sterilisation machines in the majority of its production facilities.



Fig. 4.12: E-beam technology for sterilising medical products



Fig. 4.13: Tetra Pak has a new generation of automated filling machines that uses e-beams to sterilise packaging.

Food sterilisation and radiophobia

Seed and crop treatment – *20 to 30% of food harvested is lost to rotting and insect infestation*

Crop seeds must be free from pathogens (fungi, bacteria and viruses) that can endanger health and food security. Standard treatment: chemical seed dressing that can result in the contamination of soil and ground water with waste products, drifting of dressing agents across fields, killing of probiotic microorganisms.

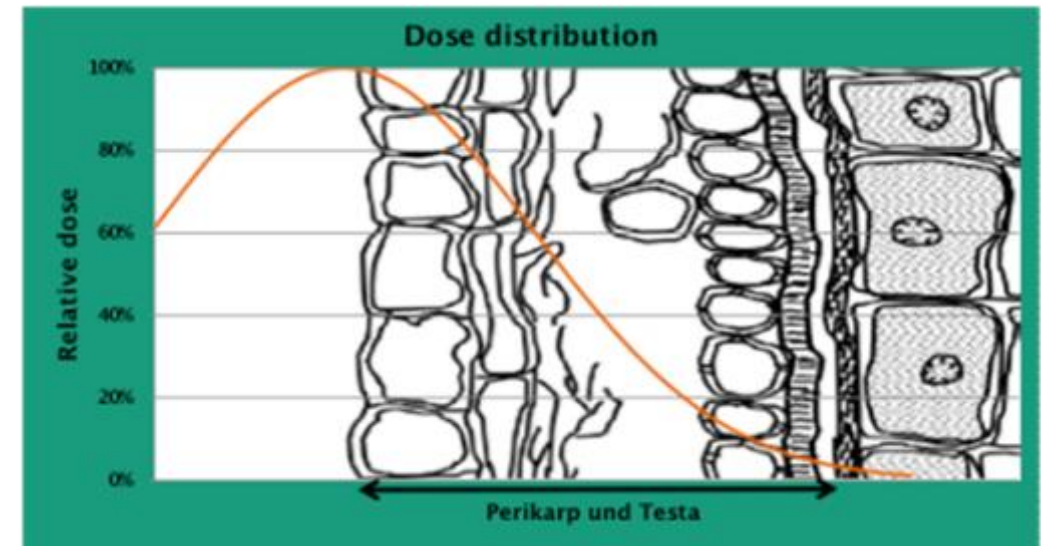
Alternative: physical disinfection of seed using the **biocidal effect of accelerated electrons**. By precisely adjusting the energy of the e-beam, contamination on the seed surface can be treated without damaging the DNA of the seed grain.

Advantages:

- no change in taste, texture or colour;
- no toxic residue;
- less energy consumption than e.g. steaming;

E-beam treatment diffusion is limited by **low social acceptance** of any association between “radiation” and “food”, which results as well in stringent regulatory constraints.

Crop treatment companies never use the word “radiation”...



Environmental applications of low-energy electrons

Low-energy electrons can break molecular bonds and be used for:

- Flue gas treatment (cleaning of SO_x from smokes of fossil fuel power plants)
- Wastewater and sewage treatment
- Treatment of marine diesel exhaust gases (removal of SO_x and NO_x).

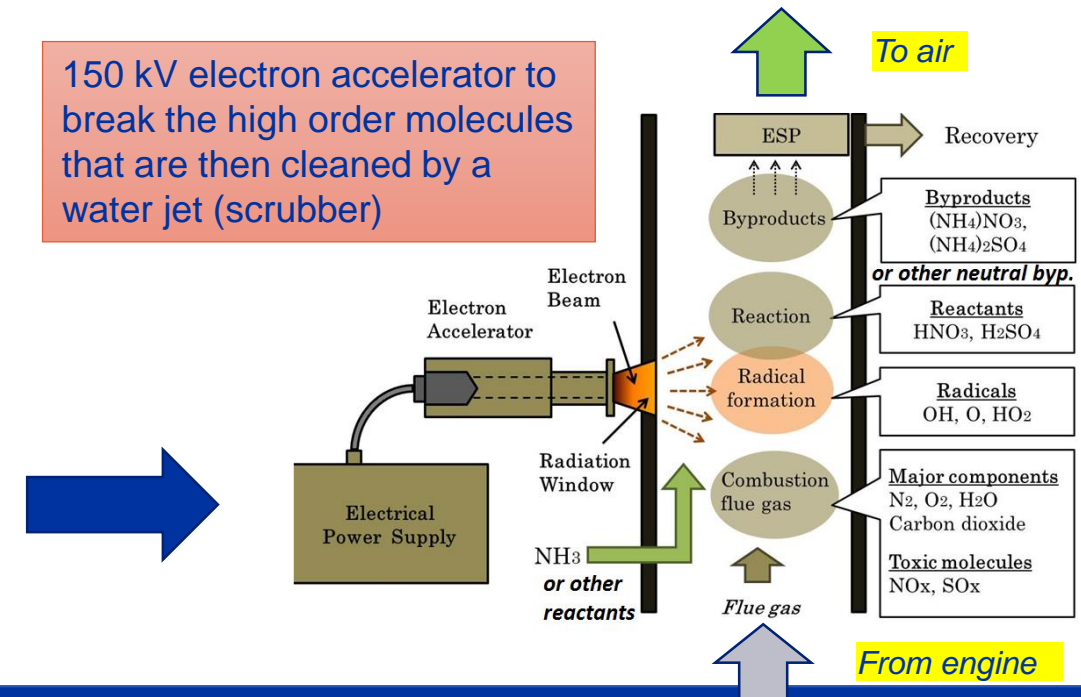


- **Maritime transport** is the largest contributor to air pollution: a cruise ship emits as much sulphur oxides as 1 million cars!
- Ships burn Heavy Fuel Oil, cheap but rich in **Sulphur**. Diesels (high efficiency) emit **Nitrogen** oxides and **particulate** matter.
- New legislation is going to drastically limit SO_x and NO_x emissions from shipping, with priority to critical coastal areas.
- So far, technical solutions exist to reduce SO_x or NO_x, but there is no economically viable solution for both.

Hybrid Exhaust Gas Cleaning Retrofit Technology for International Shipping (HERTIS)

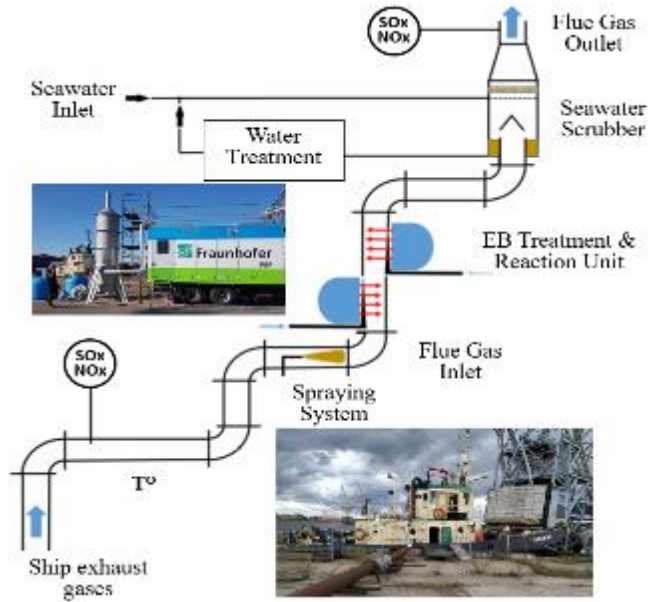
A project based on a patent from INCT Warsaw promoted by a collaboration of research institutions (including CERN), accelerator industry, shipyards, maritime companies, maritime associations (Germany, UK, Switzerland, Poland, Latvia, Italy).

150 kV electron accelerator to break the high order molecules that are then cleaned by a water jet (scrubber)



Test of HERTIS at Riga Shipyard, July 2019

Mobile electron accelerator system from FAP Dresden commonly used to treat crops connected to the exhaust funnel of the Orkāns, an old Soviet-built tugboat. The fumes then passed through a small water scrubber before being released in the air.

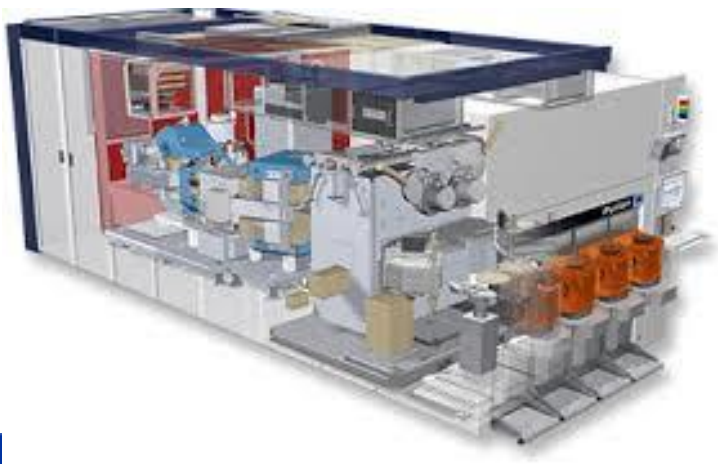
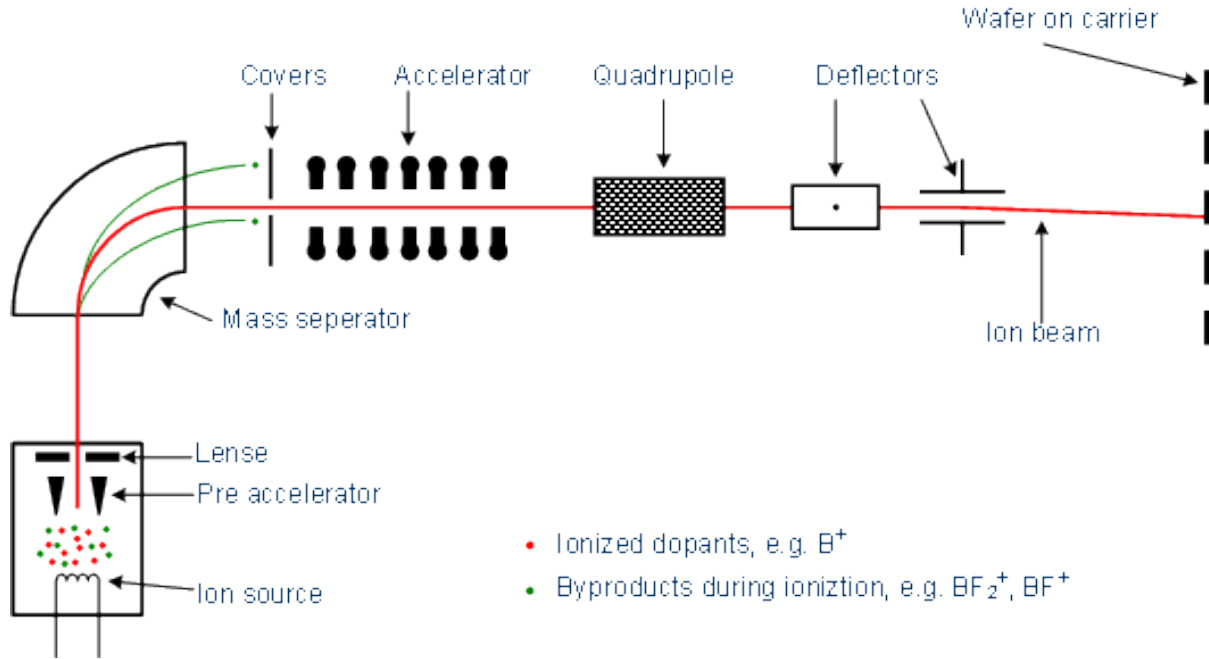


The tests confirmed the laboratory measurements and the overall effectiveness of the system.

Measured **NOx removal rate 45%** at full engine power with the available scrubber and accelerator. Estimated removal with optimised scrubber and homogeneous e-beam 98%.

SOx removal only measured in laboratory (no Sulphur allowed in port) with similar removal rates.

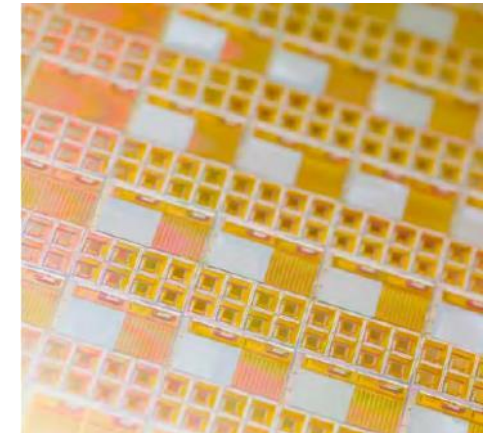
Ion implantation



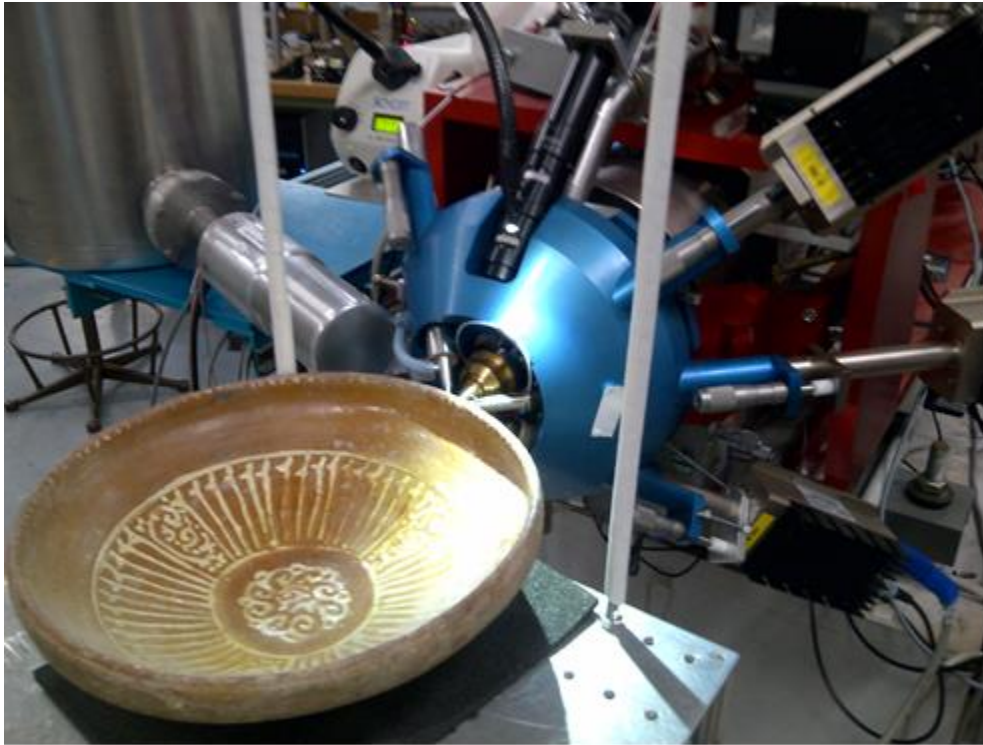
Commercial system for ion implantation

The **semiconductor industry** requires ion implantation to introduce atoms into semiconducting materials to alter their electronic properties (doping). Huge industry and one of the most important uses of particle accelerators.

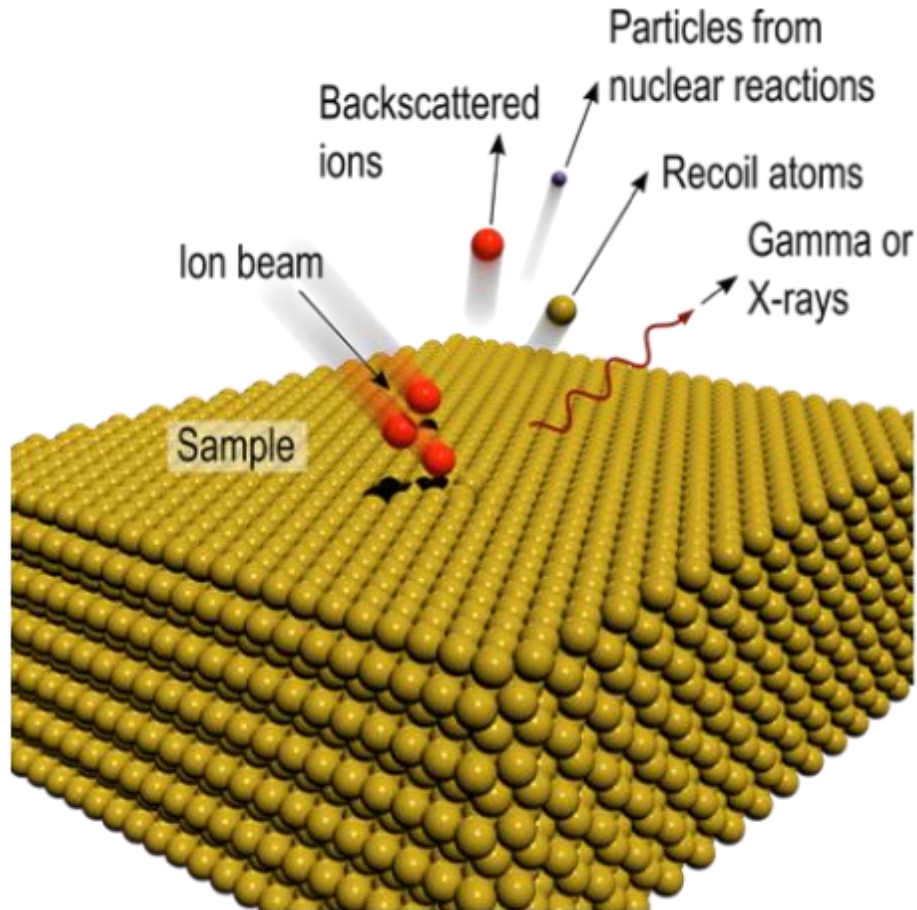
Developing into research for quantum computing (single ions with nanometre-scale spatial accuracy) and novel opto-electronic devices (nano-precipitates in silicon-dioxide layers for light-emitting devices).



Surface analysis applications



Ion Beam Analysis



Analytical techniques that exploits the interactions of MeV protons or heavier ions with matter in order to determine the elemental composition and structure of the surface regions of solids (to depths of about 100 μm), from measured quantities such as the characteristic spectra of the resulting X-rays, gamma-rays or charged particles emitted.

- Elastic or Rutherford backscattering (EBS or RBS), with a particle detector at a backscattering angle;
- Particle-induced X-ray emission (PIXE), with an X-ray detector;
- Particle-induced gamma-ray emission (PIGE), with a gamma detector;
- Elastic recoil detection analysis (ERDA) with a particle detector at a forward recoil/scattering angle.

Accelerators for art

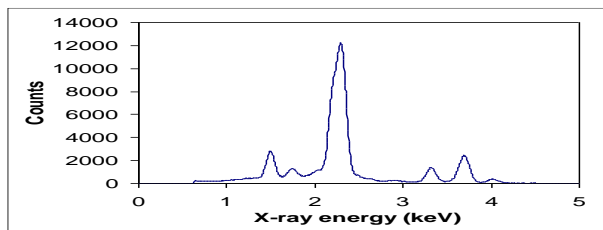
PIXE, Proton Induced X-ray Emission

A beam of particles (protons) from an accelerator is sent on a sample (e.g. a painting)

The atoms are excited and emit different types of radiation (X-rays, gammas, etc.)

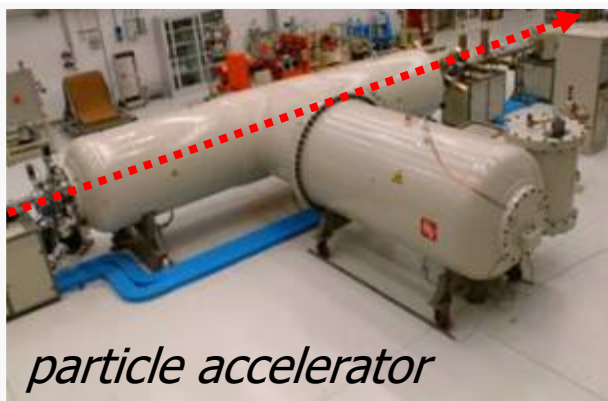
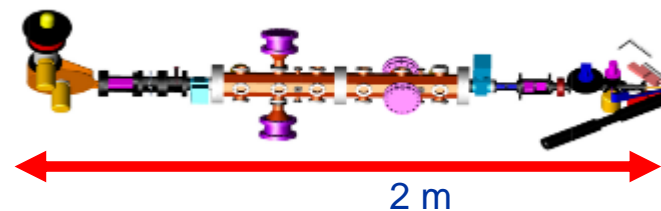
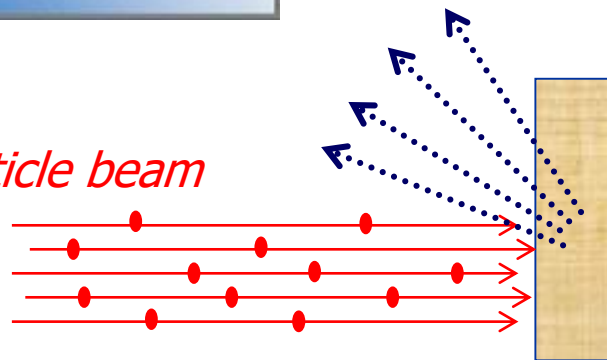
Different atomic elements emit X-rays at different energies – Spectral analysis from one or more detectors allows determination of the chemical composition (e.g. of the pigments).

Radiation detection and spectral analysis



Emission of radiation of characteristic energies (X-rays, γ , particles...)

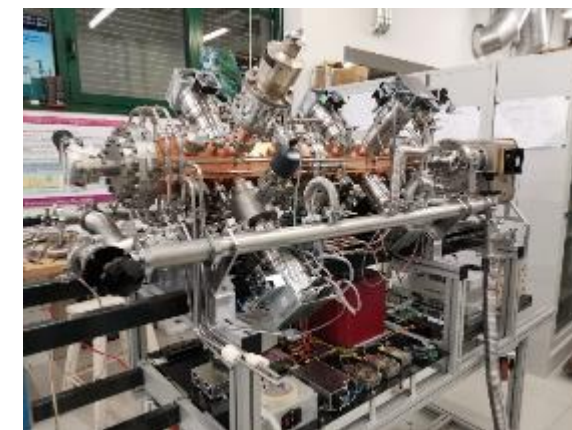
particle beam



particle accelerator

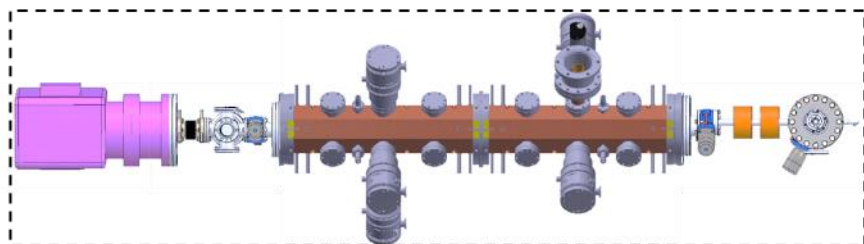
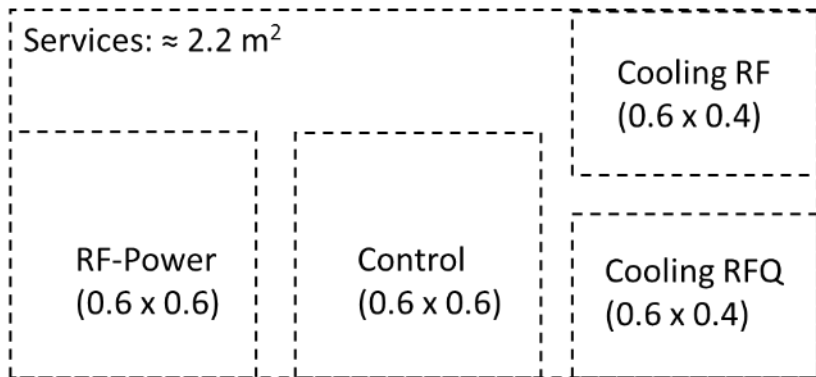


Ritratto Trivulzio by Antonello da Messina, 1476 – analysis at INFN-LABEC (Florence)



Portable PIXE system based on an RFQ linac being built by CERN and LABEC

The MACHINA project

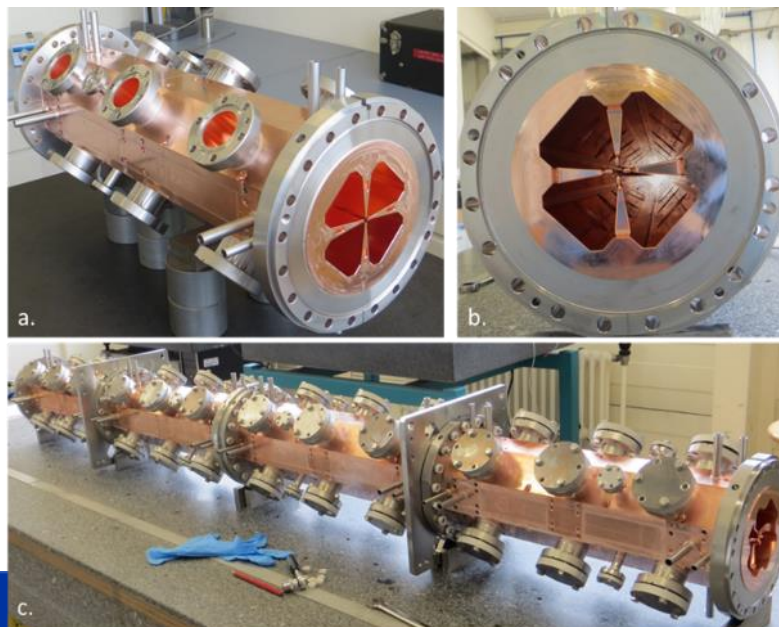


Accelerator: $\approx 2.35 \times 0.6 = 1.4 \text{ m}^2$

MACHINA (Movable Accelerator for Cultural Heritage In situ Analysis) project of CERN and INFN.

Construction of a transportable RFQ (PIXE-RFQ) optimized for the analysis of material with a 2 MeV proton beam.

Will be installed in the Opificio delle Pietre Dure in Florence (Italian central institution for artwork analysis)



RF Frequency (MHz)	749.48
Length (mm)	1072.938
Input Energy (MeV)	0.02
Output Energy (MeV)	2

Average Current (nA)	5
Peak Current (nA)	200
Repetition Rate (Hz)	200
Pulse Duration (ms)	0.125
Duty Cycle (%)	2.5
Vane Voltage (kV)	35

Min Aperture (mm)	0.7
Max Modulation	2
Ro (mm)	1.439
Rho (mm)	1.439
Rhol min (mm)	1.709
Transmission (%) (for matched beam)	30
Output Beam diameter (mm)	0.5
Acceptance (π mrad mm) (Total norm.)	0.2
Output Energy Spread (keV)	10

RF Peak Power (kW)	80
RF Average Power (kW)	2
RF Efficiency (%)	35
Coupler (#)	1
Plug Power (Total) (KVA)	5.7

Towards the miniature accelerator?



Important trend towards miniaturization of accelerators, for use in medicine and industry

Here are presented only three examples of recent developments at CERN:

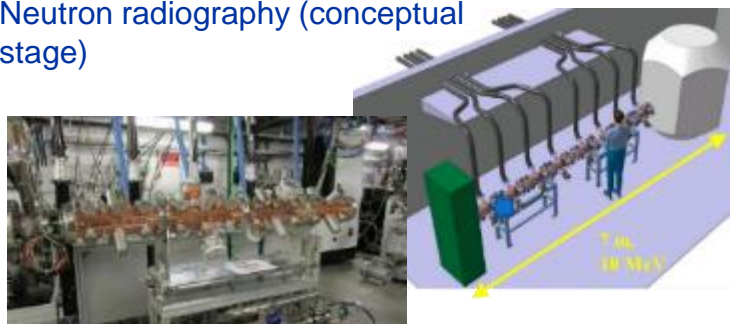
The mini-RFQ



750 MHz
92 mm diameter
2.5 MeV/m



Proton therapy injector (in operation)
Artwork PIXE analysis (in construction, transportable)
Isotope production (design)
Neutron radiography (conceptual stage)



X-band structures

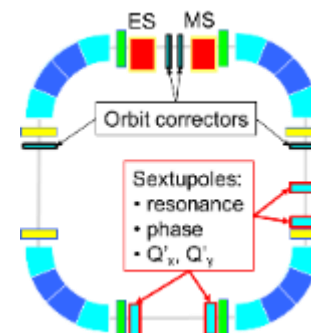


12 GHz
100 MeV/m

Developed for CLIC, in operation at CLIC test stand
- Compact XFEL (CompactLight Design Study)
- VHEE and FLASH therapy linac (design)
- SmartLight (table top inverse Compton scattering light source, design)

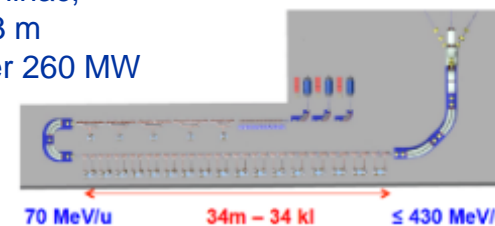


Compact accelerators for ion therapy



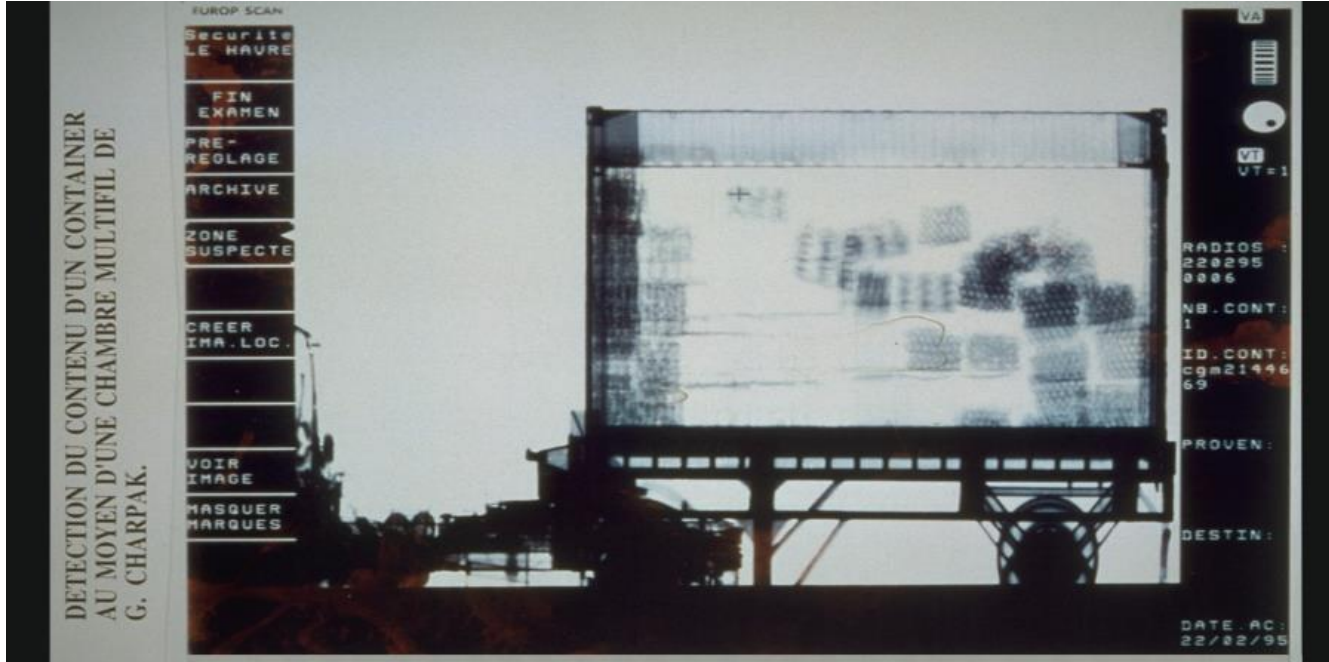
Superconducting C-ion synchrotron
Bmax 3.5 T
27m circumference

Folded C-ion linac,
Tot. length 53 m
Tot. RF power 260 MW



Screening and security

Cargo screening – X-ray



X-RAY IMAGING

Established screening technique in border control.

Source of electrons accelerated to several MeV, usually in a linac. Production of X-rays by bremsstrahlung (electrons decelerated by scattering inside a solid target).

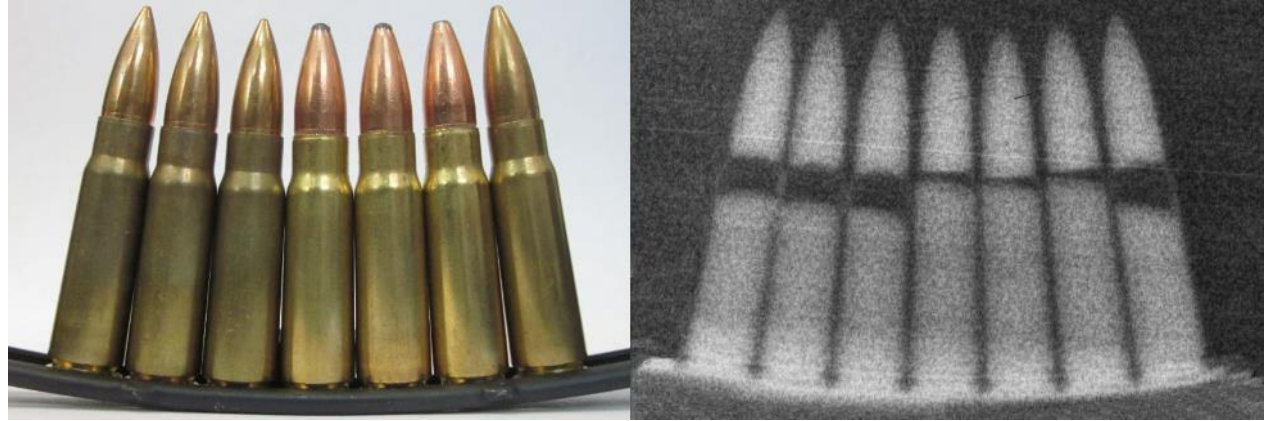
Significant dose rates according to the penetration and regulation requirements for a particular transport method and objects to be scanned.

Cargo screening – neutrons

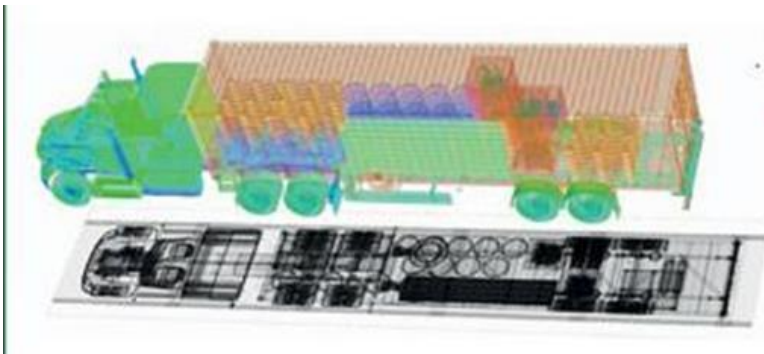
- Neutron radiography: detecting the neutrons transmitted through an object;
- Neutron-induced gamma spectroscopy: gamma-rays produced by neutron interactions with the cargo are detected.

Application to nuclear detection, e.g. of highly shielded nuclear materials. Neutron sources stimulate detectable fission in nuclear material.

Accelerators: acceleration of protons or deuterium to targets made of deuterium or tritium.



Pictures courtesy of Starfire Industries, USA



Accelerators for energy



Accelerators addressing the issues of nuclear power

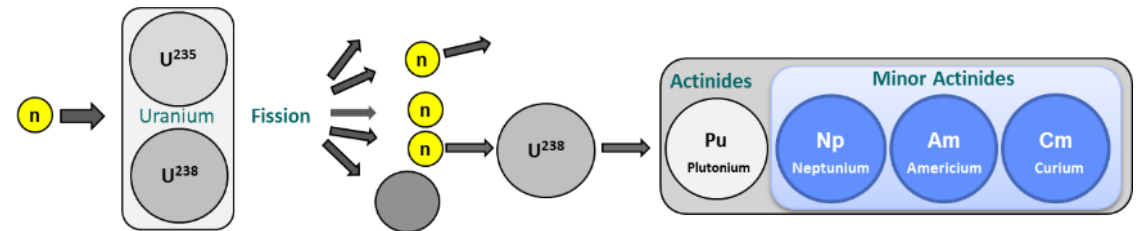
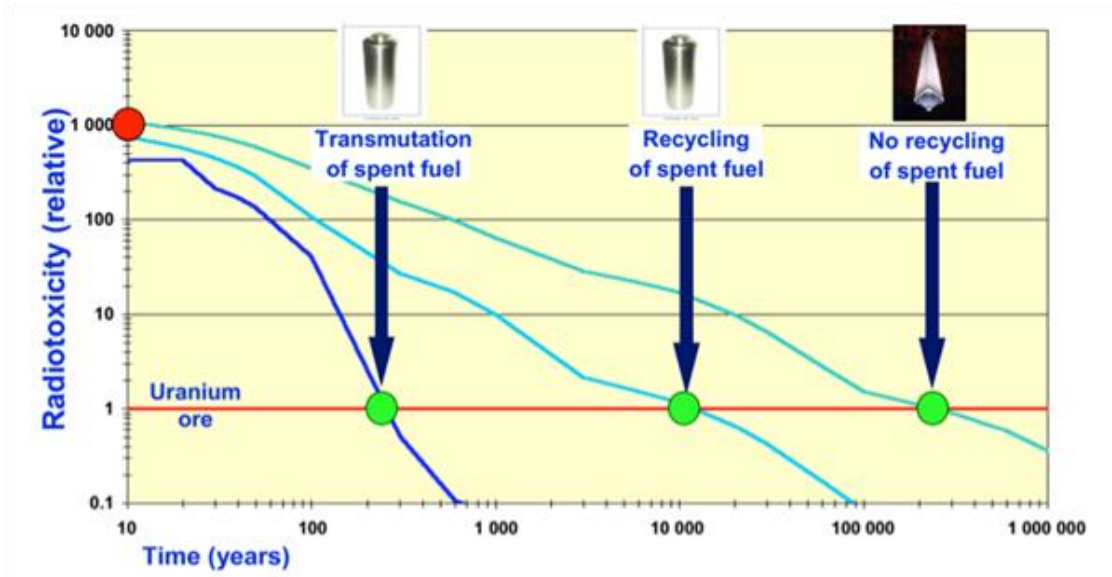
Main public concerns with nuclear power:

1. Risk of critical accidents
2. Long-term waste disposal
3. Risk of nuclear proliferation



The accelerator answer:

- Accelerator-driven sub-critical operation
- Waste treatment (transmutation) with accelerators
- Thorium-based reactors



Transmutation of Minor Actinides (heavier radioactive isotopes of neptunium, americium and curium) requires a fast-neutron system, possibly not reactor-based.

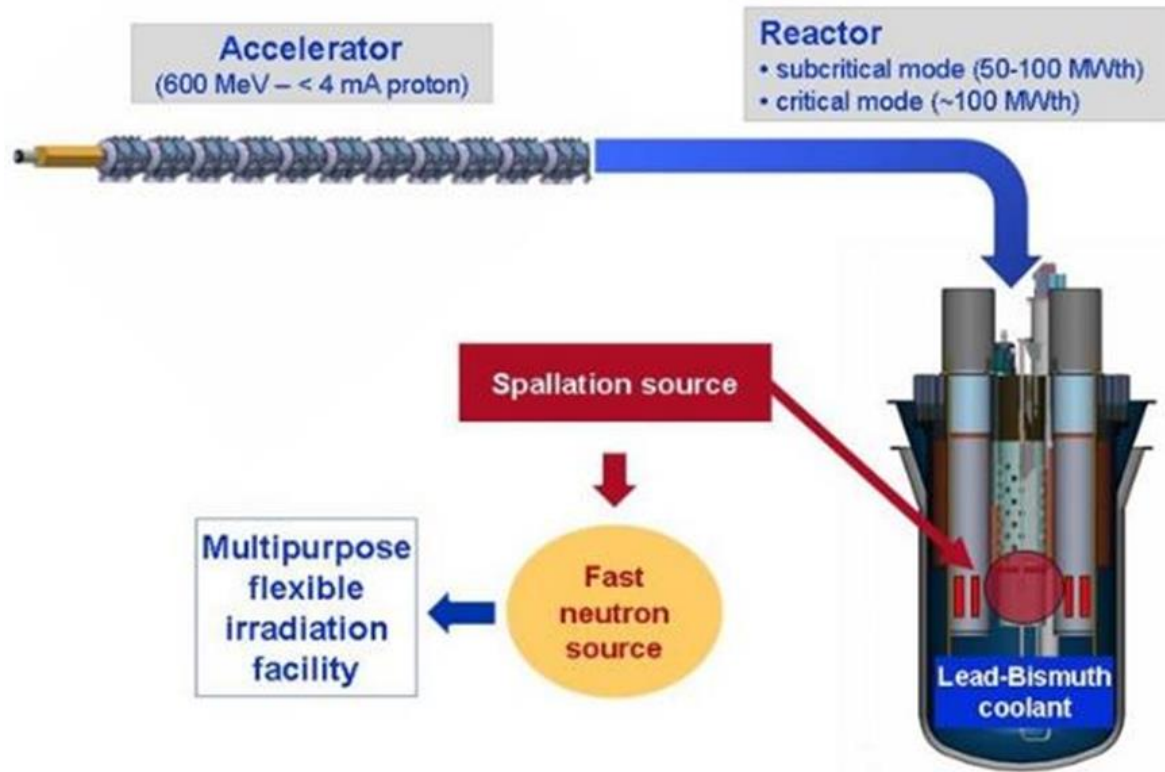
Accelerator-driven transmutation

MYRRHA Project

Multi-purpose hYbrid Research Reactor for High-tech Applications)

Development, construction & commissioning of a new large fast neutron research

- ① ADS demonstrator
- ② Fast neutron irradiation facility
- ③ Pilot plant for LFR technology



Three elements:

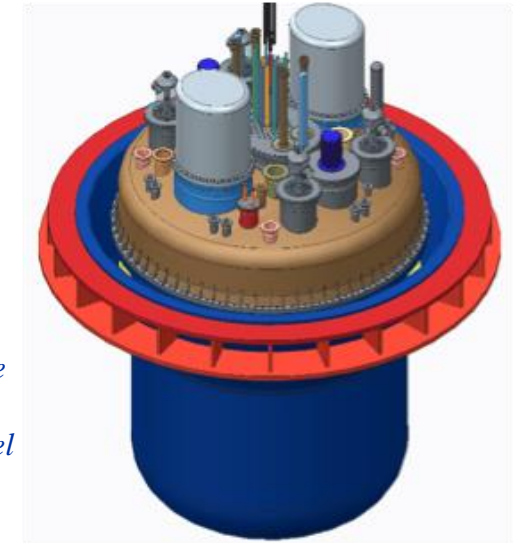
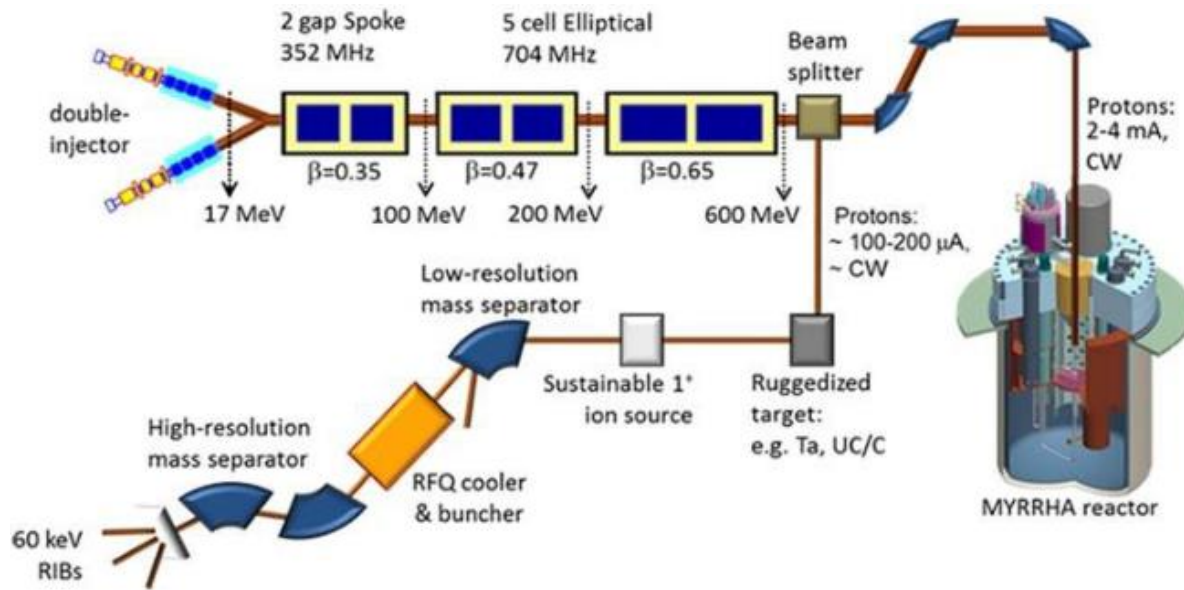
- subcritical reactor core,
- spallation target
- particle accelerator

Advantage: large quantities (<40% of core) of MAs loaded for transmutation.

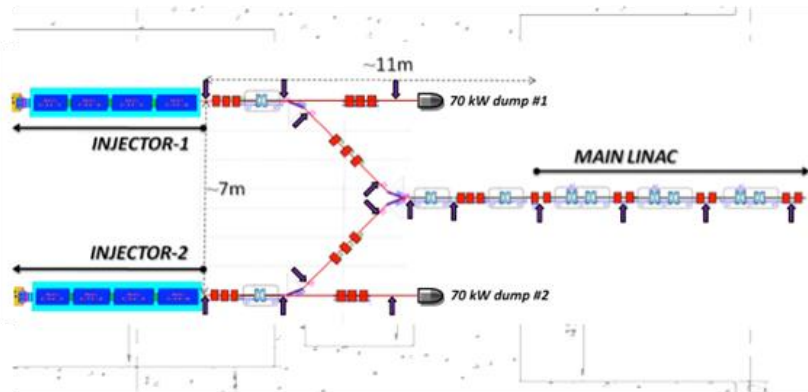
Small number of dedicated ADS transmutation systems in Europe burn the waste from a large number of fast reactors for electricity generation.

The MYRRHA project

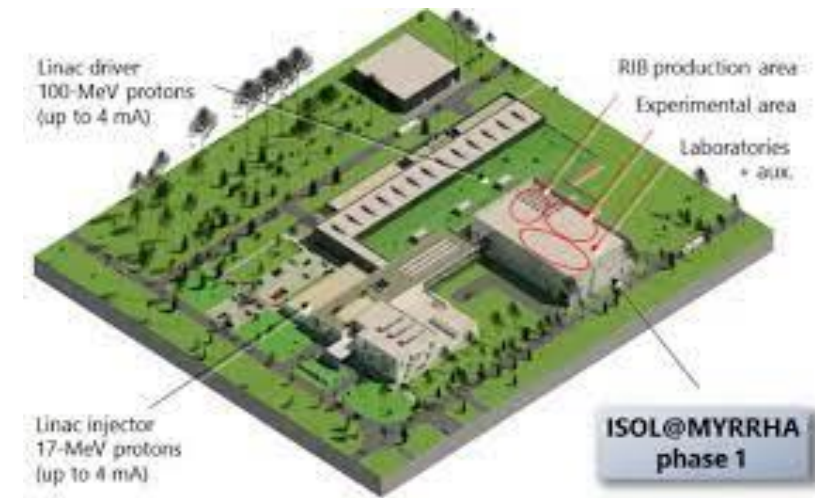
SCK-CEN project at Mol, Belgium



Layout of the MYRRHA reactor vessel

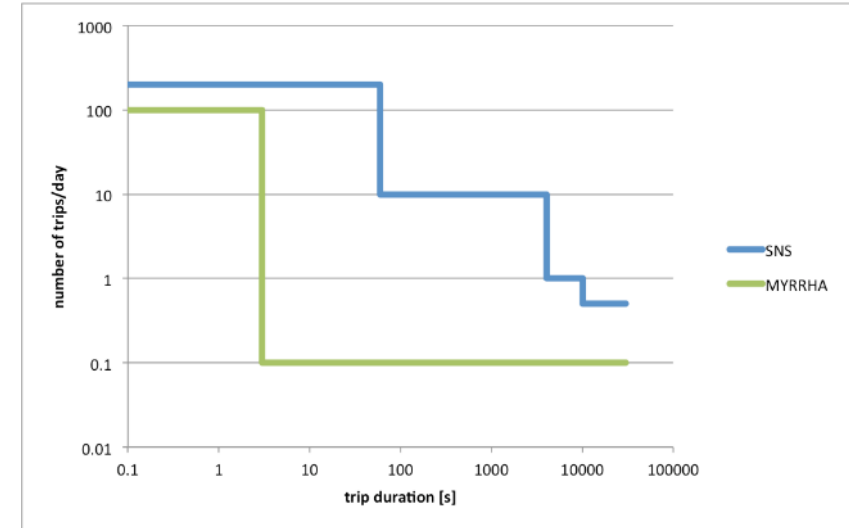


General layout of the 17 MeV MYRRHA Medium Energy Beam Transport section, that links the two injectors with the higher energy "fault-tolerant" main superconducting linac



The reliability challenge

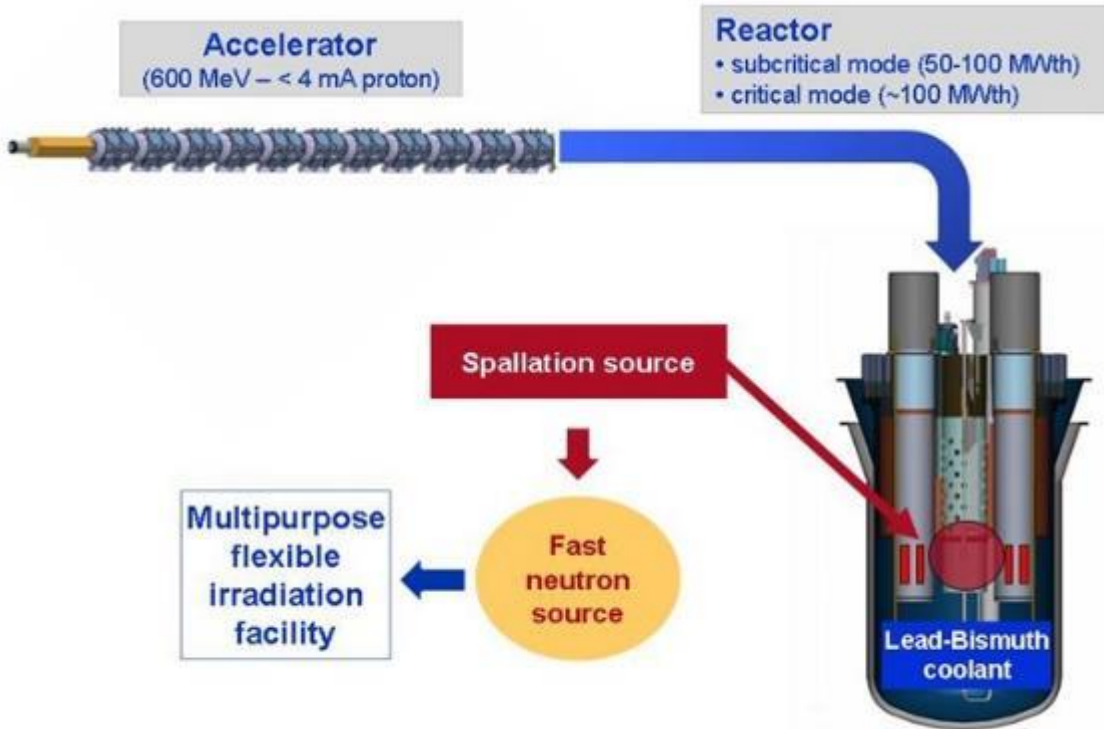
- Beam trips longer than 1 sec are forbidden to avoid thermal stresses & fatigue on the ADS target, fuel & assembly & to provide good plant availability.
- Present SPECIFICATIONS
Less than 5-10 beam trips (>1-3sec) per 3-month operation cycle



Reliability guidelines have been followed during the ADS accelerator design

1. Strong component design (“**overdesign**”)
 - All components are derated with respect to technological limitations
2. Inclusion of **redundancies** in critical areas
 - Doubled front-end (hot stand-by injector), solid-state RF power amplifiers where possible...
3. Enhance the capability of **fault-tolerant** operation
 - “Fault-tolerance” = ability to pursue operation despite some major faults in the system
 - Expected in the independently-phased superconducting linac, especially for RF faults (RF systems = critical reliability area)

Accelerator Driven Systems

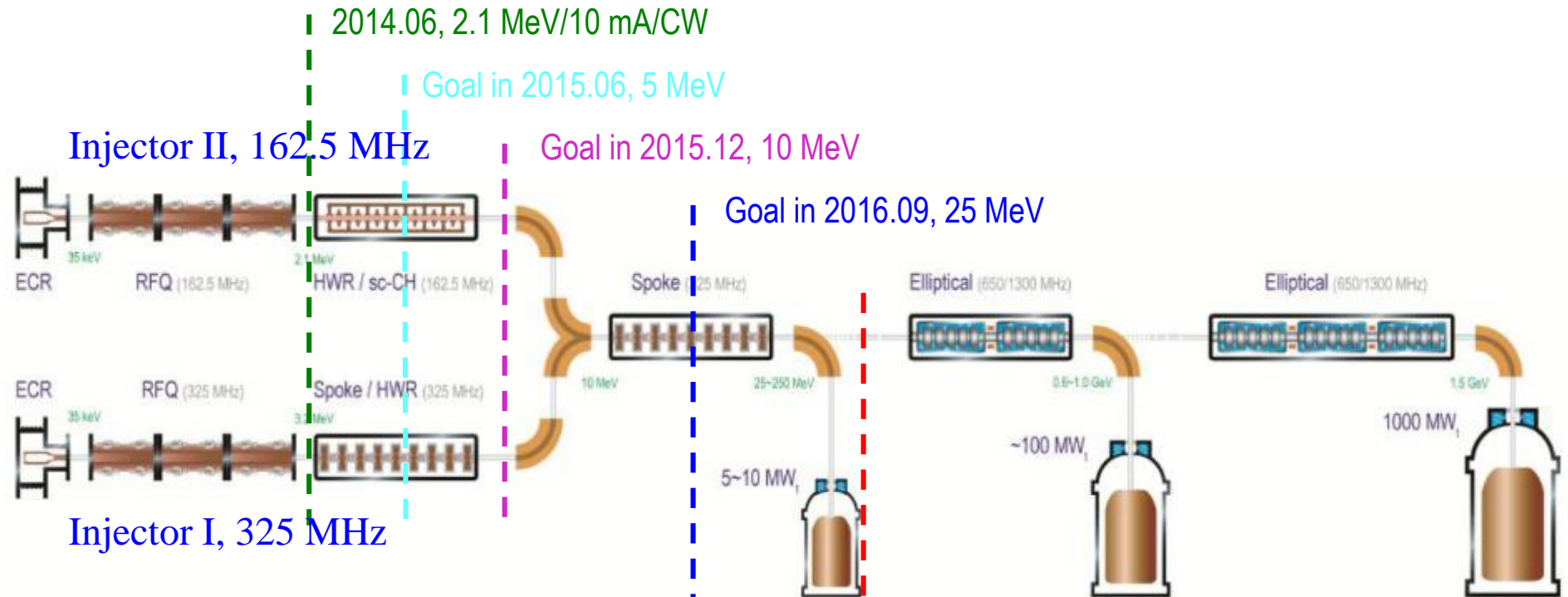


A linac coupled to a spallation source provides the missing neutrons to maintain the reaction in a **subcritical reactor**.

Could be used for energy production allowing **alternative fuel cycles** (thorium) and with no safety concerns (subcritical).

Pros	Cons
Safety: subcritical reaction, allows for immediate switch-off	High reliability (→cost) required for the accelerator, to protect structures from thermal shocks
Possibility to operate below criticality opens the way to new reactor concepts	Reduction in net plant power efficiency due to power consumption of accelerator
Simple reactor control by modulating accelerator current	Increased complexity (and cost)

Roadmap of ADS project in China

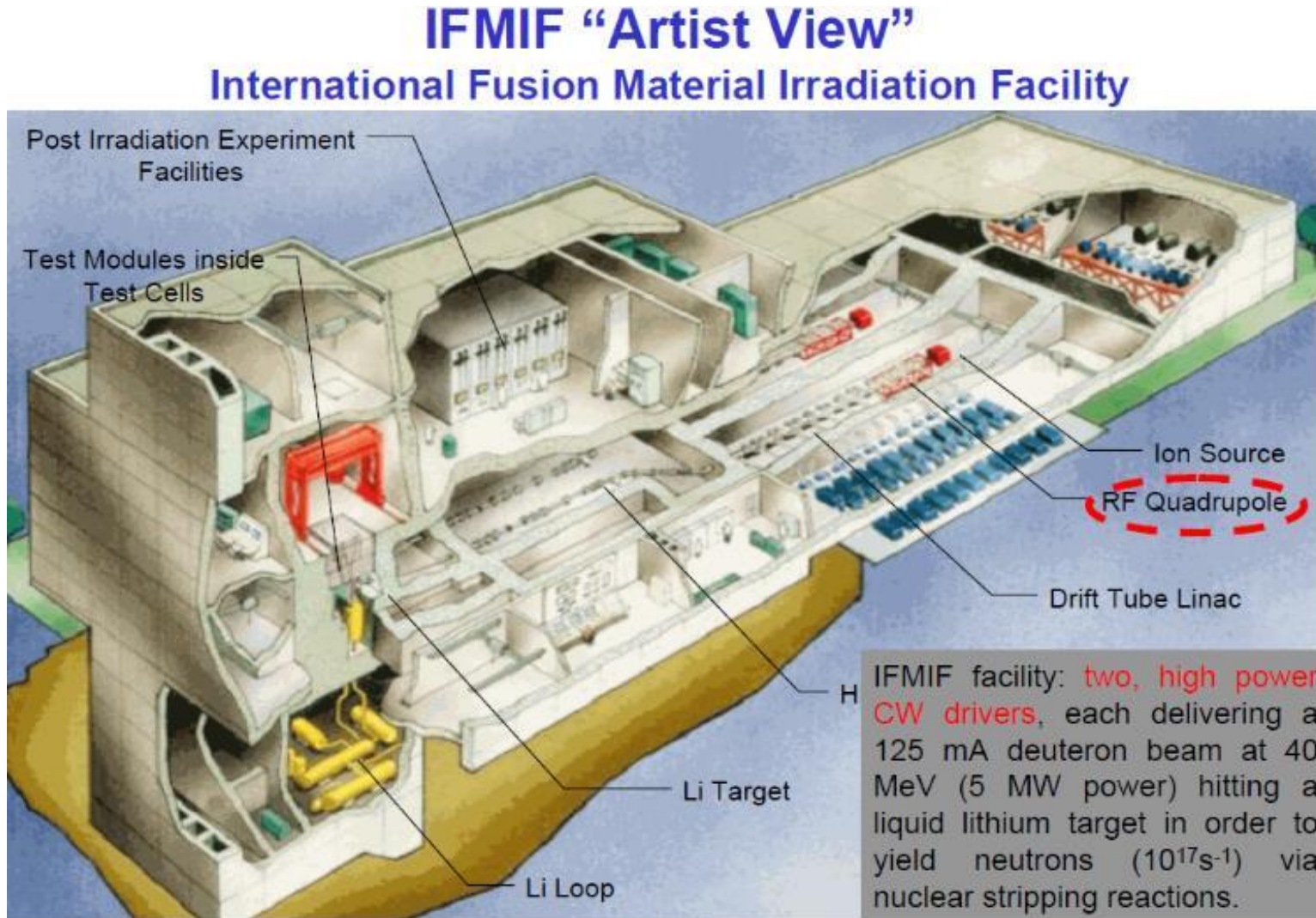


Stage 1: Research facility (CIADS)
(250 MeV, 10 mA, 10 MWt)
Y2017-2022, 2.25 B CNY

Stage 2: Demo facility (CDADS)
(1.2~1.5 GeV, 10~25 mA, 100 MWt)
Y2030

“Strategic Technology Pilot Project”
of the Chinese Academy of Sciences
Key technology R&D
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Accelerators for fusion material testing: IFMIF



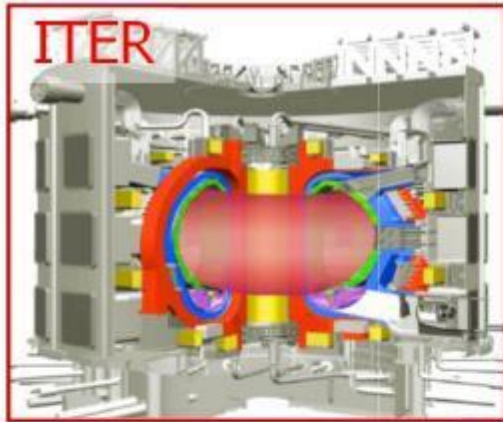
Test under strong neutron fluxes of materials to be used in ITER

Advanced materials on the critical path to fusion

DEMO = Fusion Power Plant Demonstrator (after ITER)

Fusion Power: 2.5 GW (x 5 ITER)

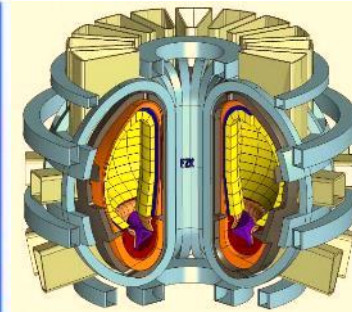
Reactor Efficiency: 37-45%



1-3 dpa/lifetime



< 150 dpa



Plasma Facing Materials
Structural Materials
Functional Materials

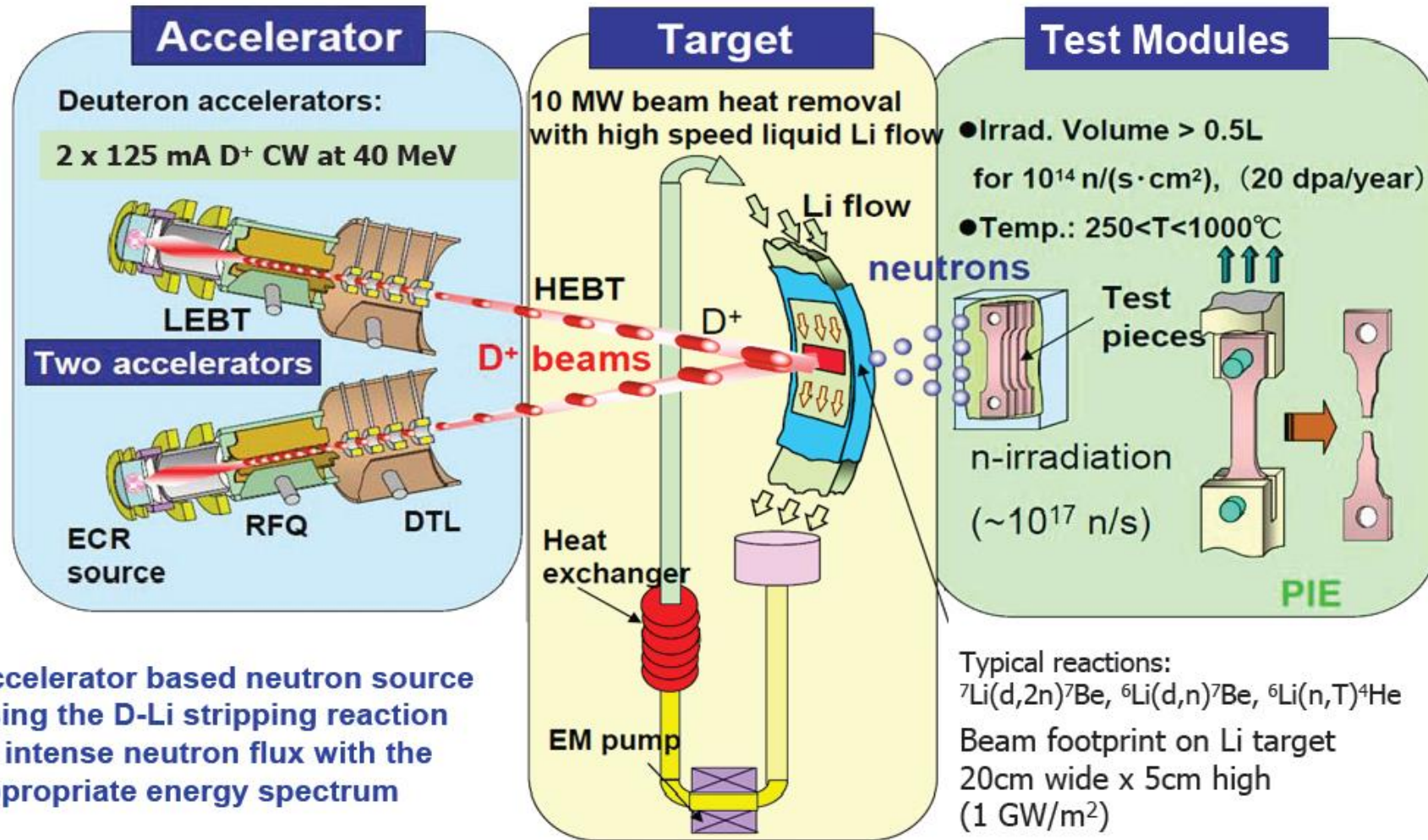


IFMIF

20-40 dpa/year

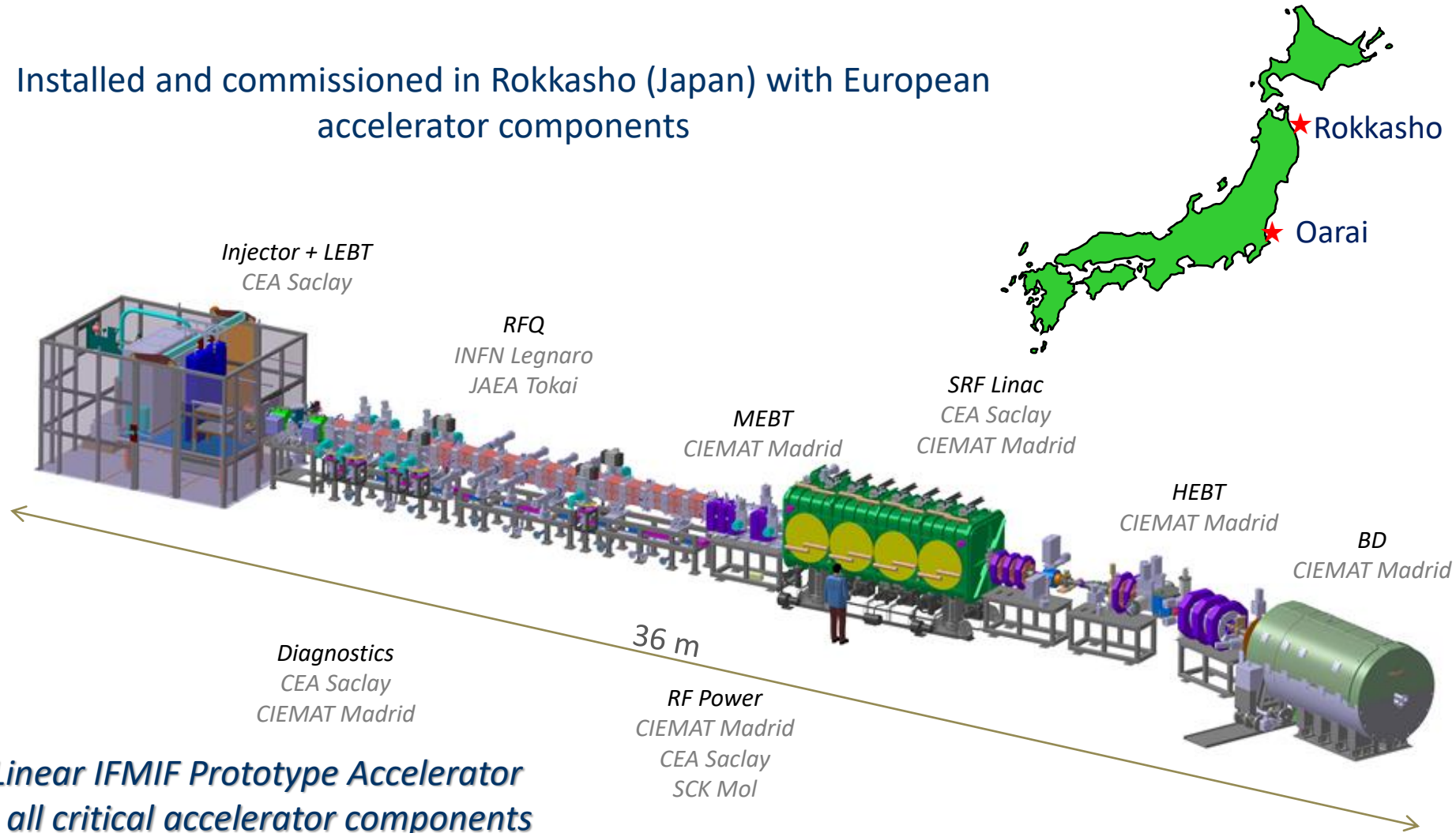
International Fusion Materials Irradiation Facility

IFMIF principles



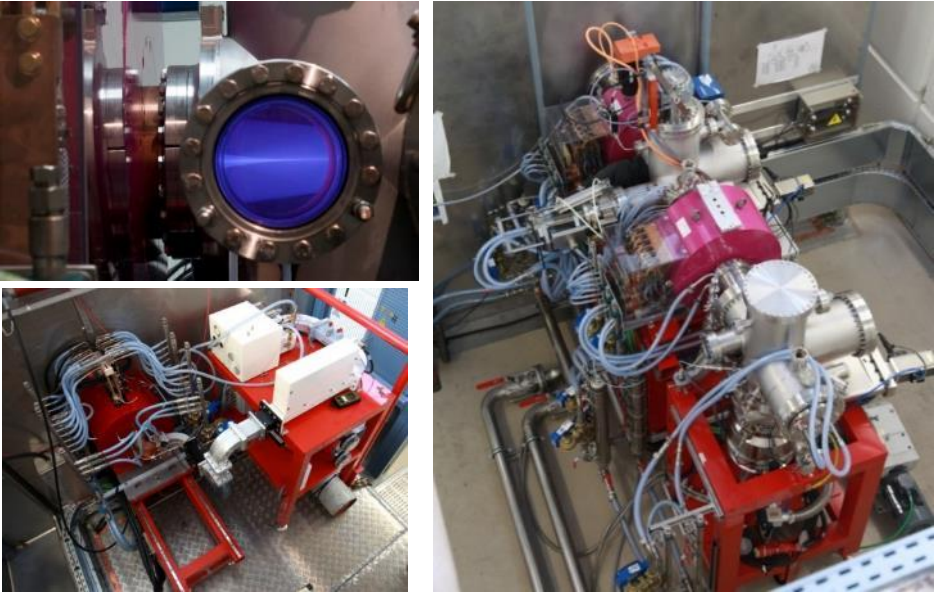
LIPAc test accelerator

Installed and commissioned in Rokkasho (Japan) with European accelerator components



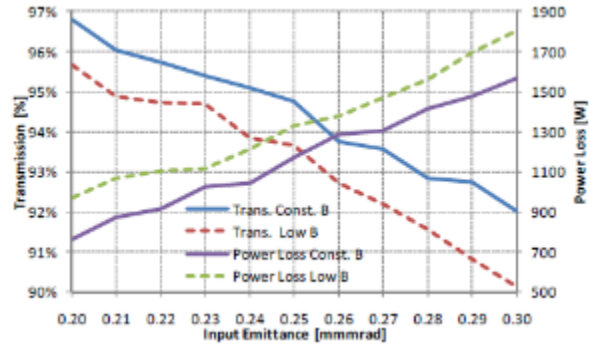
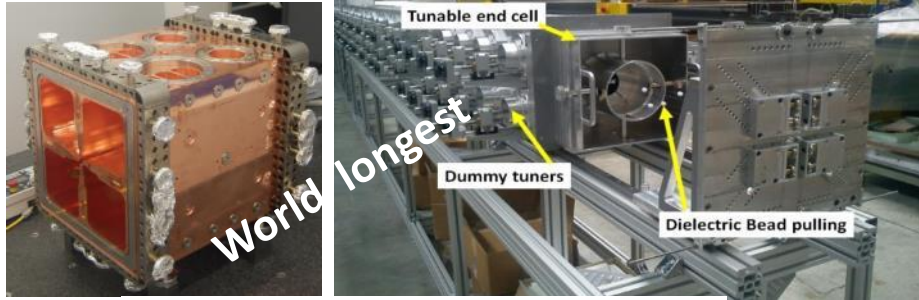
LIPAc = Linear IFMIF Prototype Accelerator
includes all critical accelerator components
to be tested at nominal beam current at BA site

Injector (CEA, Saclay)



D⁺ (95% species fraction)
Ion Source ECR (2.45 GHz) - CW
E = 100 keV
I = 140 mA
emittance of 0.25 π mm·mrad
Availability > 95%

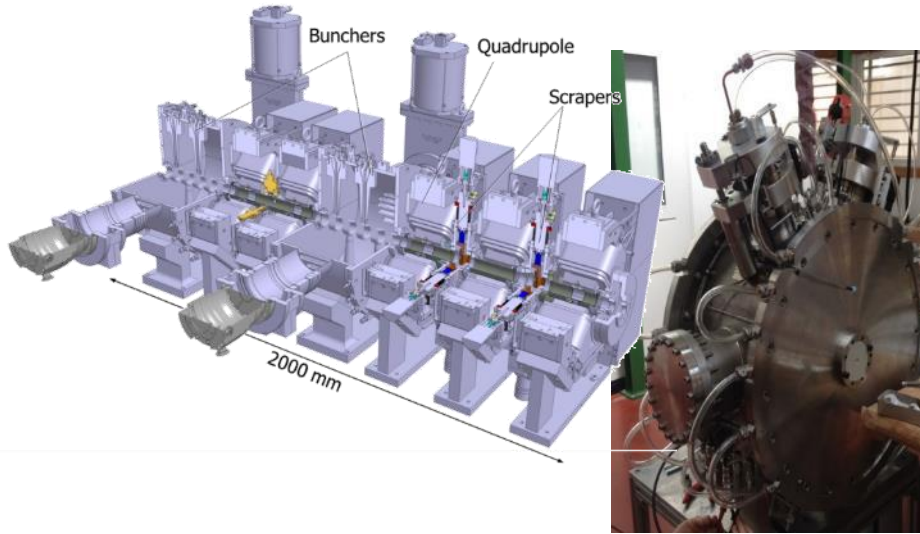
RFQ (INFN, Legnaro)



175 MHz; $I_{input} = 130$ mA ; $E_{out} = 5$ MeV
Up to 10mA beam losses allowed
Max surface field 25.2 MV/m (1.8 Kp)
18 module (9.8 m long)

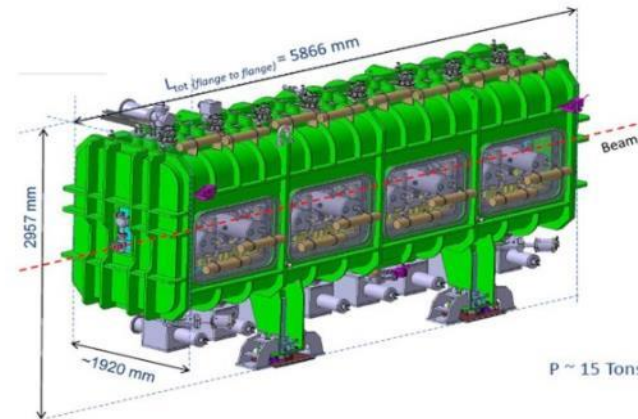
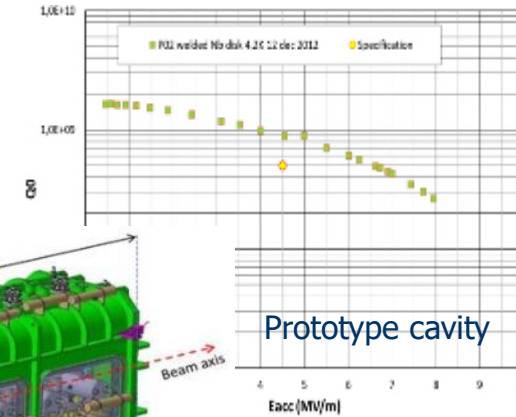
Tuning demonstrated in an Al full scale prototype

MEBT (CIEMAT, Madrid)



very compact ~ 2 m, many components
 5 quadrupoles & steering coils
 2 bunchers (5 gaps IH), 2 movable scrapers
 BPMs (in the center of quads)
 turbomolecular pumps on bunchers
 (1300 l/s /buncher)

SRF Cryomodule (CEA, Saclay)



8 resonators ($\beta=0.094$) $E_{acc}=4.5$ MeV/m
 8 solenoid packages + steerers & BPM
 Max transm. RF power = 70 kW
 Cavity licensing process unexpectedly difficult and
 time consuming

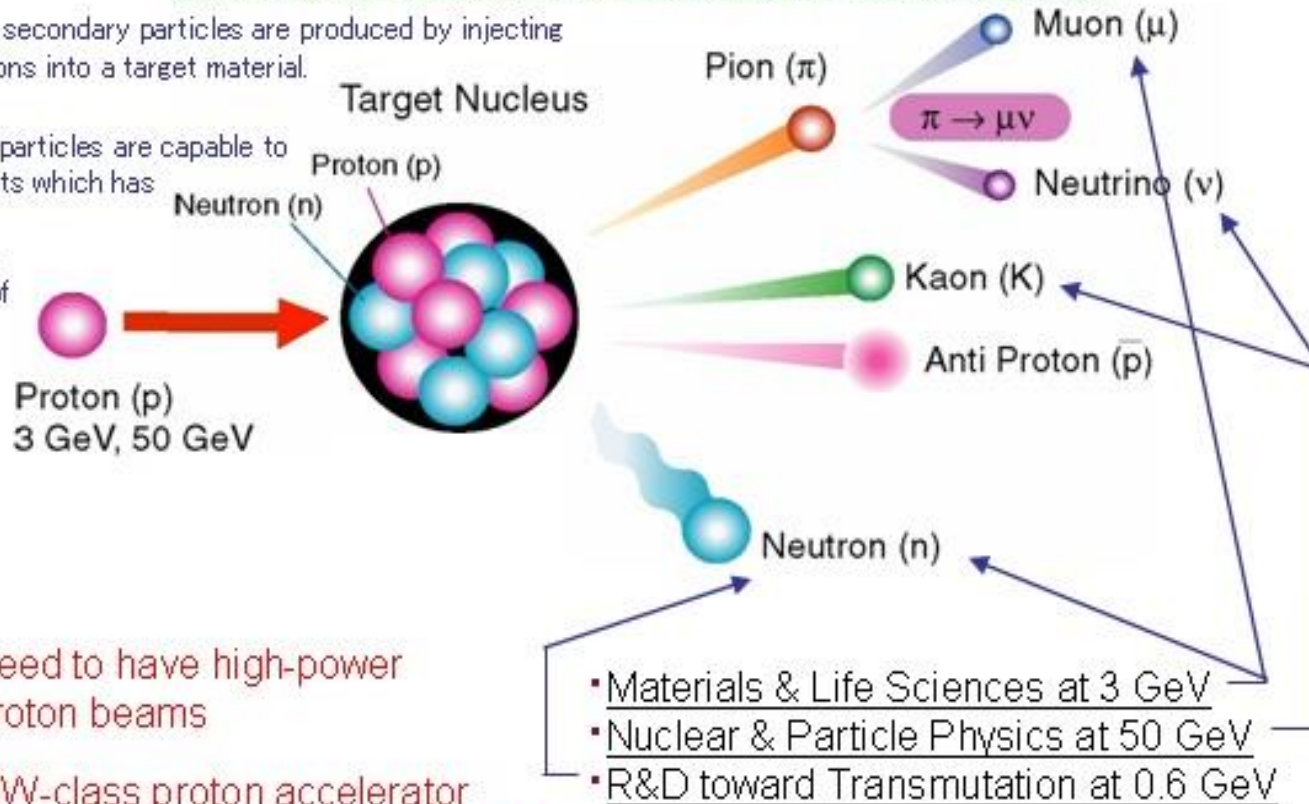
Accelerators for neutron production

Secondary particle beams

Secondary Particles Beams via High Power Proton Beam

Various types of secondary particles are produced by injecting high energy protons into a target material.

Those new born particles are capable to investigate objects which has not been visible. To see it clearly, high brightness of the particles is essential.



Need to have high-power proton beams

→ MW-class proton accelerator
(current frontier is about 0.1 MW)

(courtesy of JPARC)

- Energy production (Accelerator Driven Systems), > 2 GeV
- Radiative Ion Beams (ISOL), > 1 GeV

Beam power

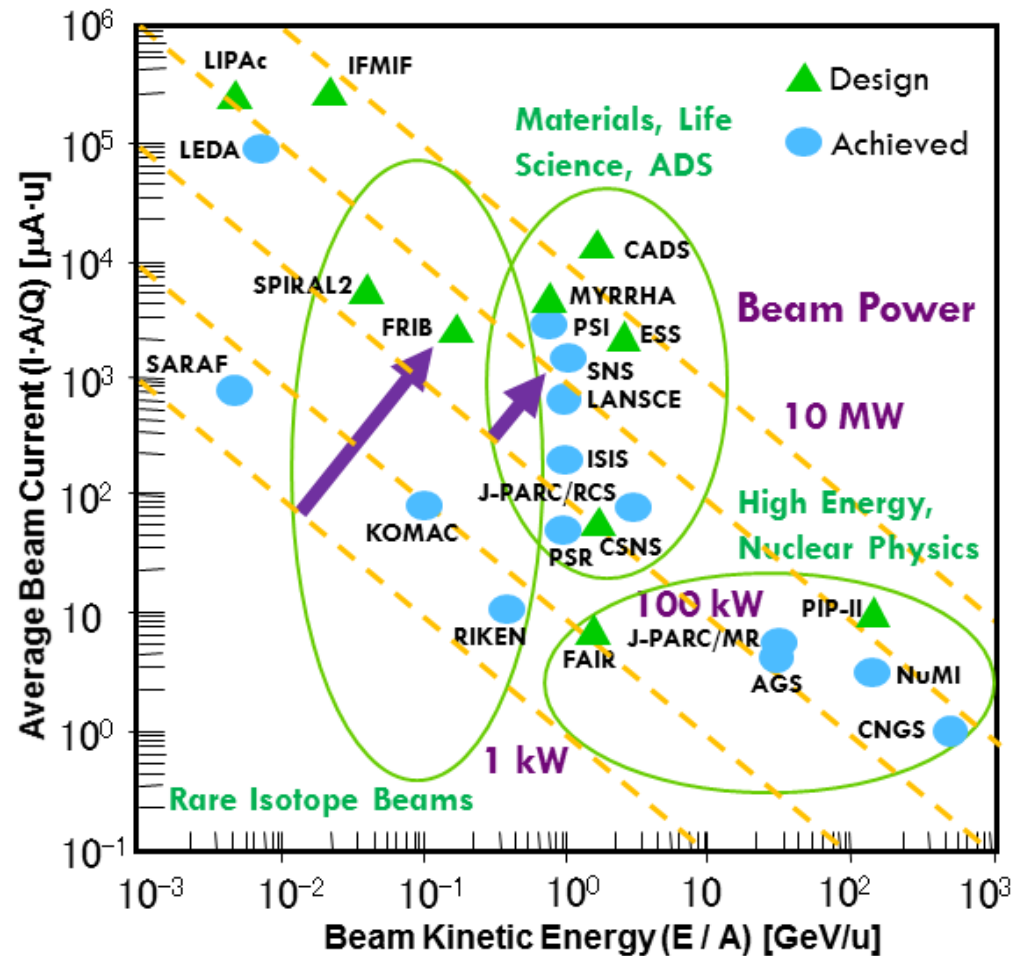


Figure of merit for accelerators at the intensity frontier is **beam power** $P=W \times I \times \text{duty cycle}$

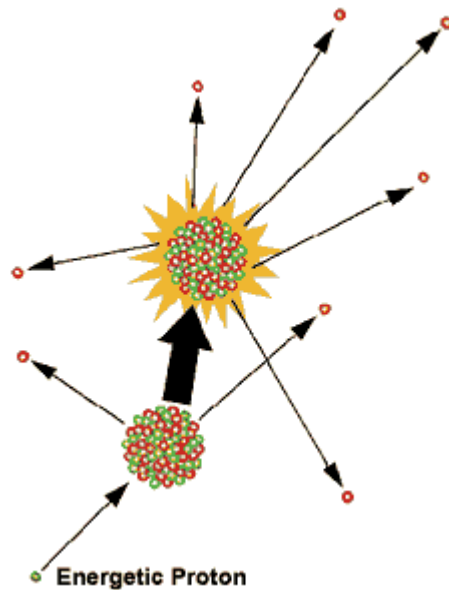
Production rate (cross-section) for most of the particles in high-intensity applications is independent on the energy (above a certain threshold) but proportional to beam power.

The new generation of accelerators under project or construction aims at moving the power from the 100 kW's range to the MW's range.

A MW-class machine presents a large number of challenges and requires the development of specific technologies.

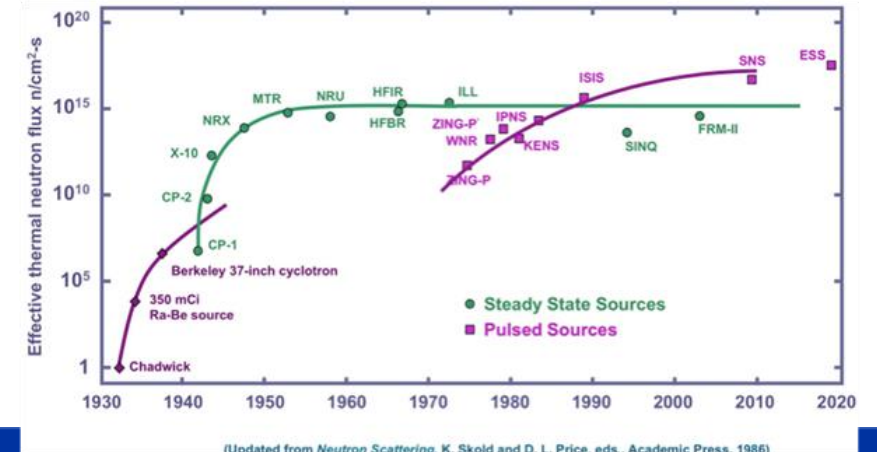
Neutron scattering: Spallation Neutron Sources

Neutrons are ideal probes to map the molecular and magnetic structure and behavior of materials (high-temperature superconductors, polymers, metals), and biological samples → Application to fundamental physics, structural biology and biotechnology, magnetism and superconductivity, chemical and engineering materials, nanotechnology, complex fluids, ...

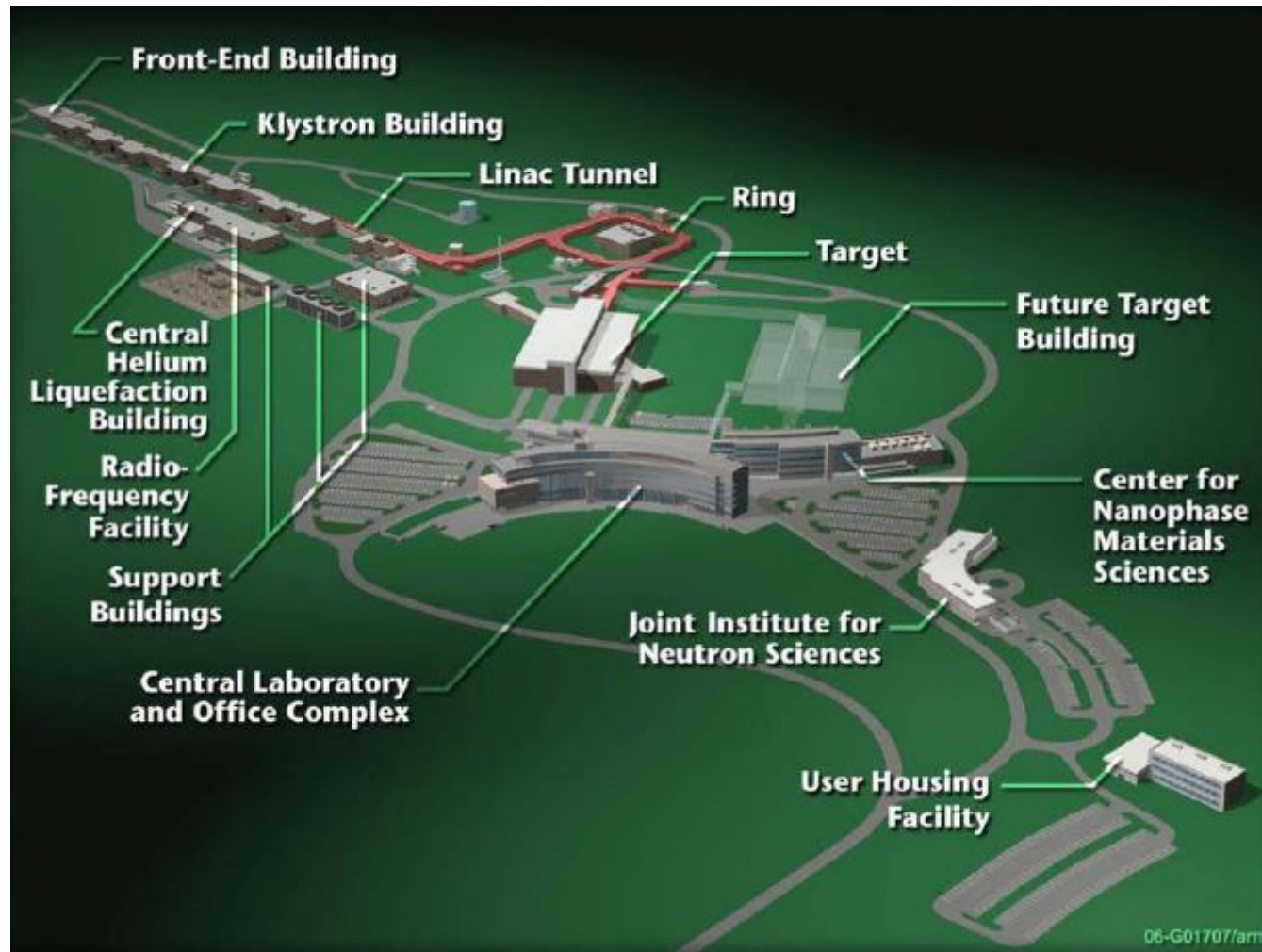


Traditionally, neutrons were produced by **nuclear reactors**; nowadays, are used **linear accelerators** at energy ≥ 1 GeV

2 linac-based facilities operational (SNS at Oak Ridge – USA and J-PARC at Tokai – Japan) and a third is in construction (**European Spallation Source at Lund – Sweden**).



US Spallation Neutron Source

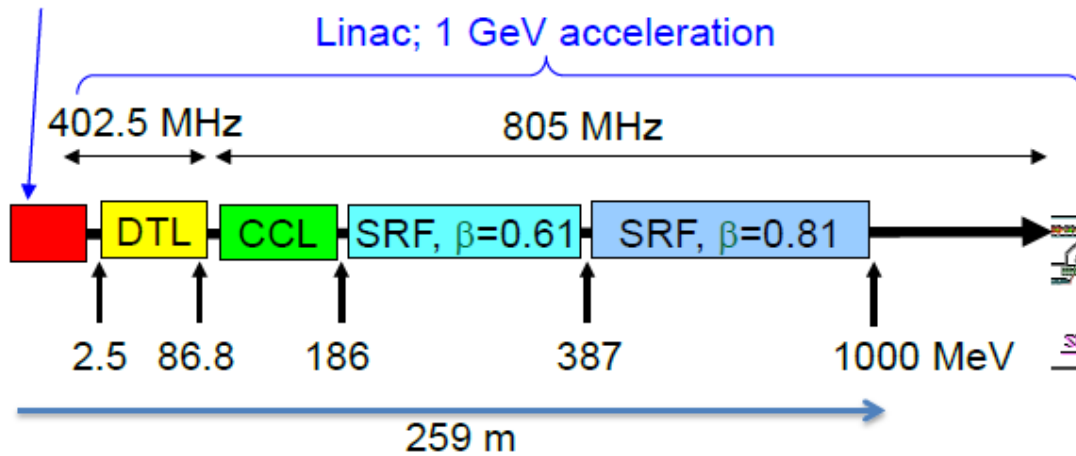


US Spallation
Neutron Source
(Oak Ridge)
World's highest
power proton
source (1 MW)
1 GeV, 5% duty

SNS - layout

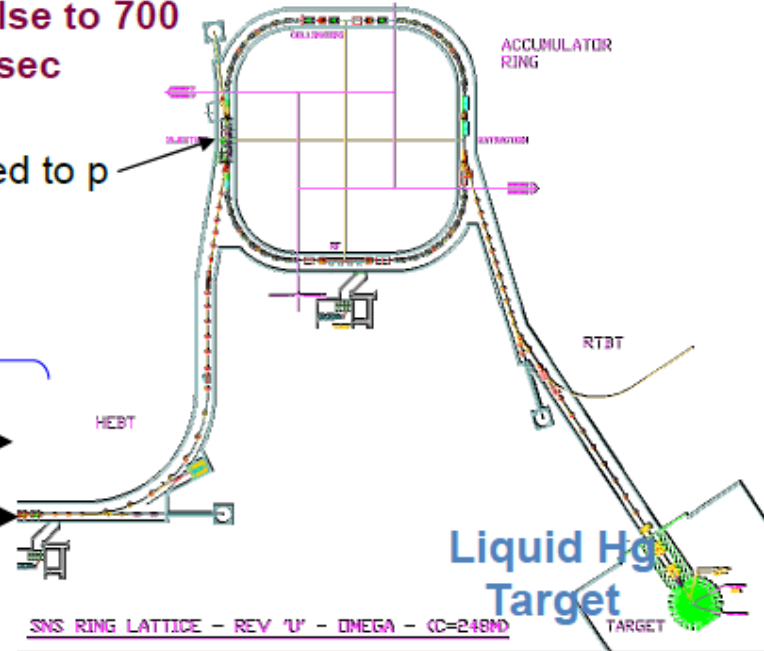
Machine layout

Front-End: Produce a 1-msec long, chopped, H- beam

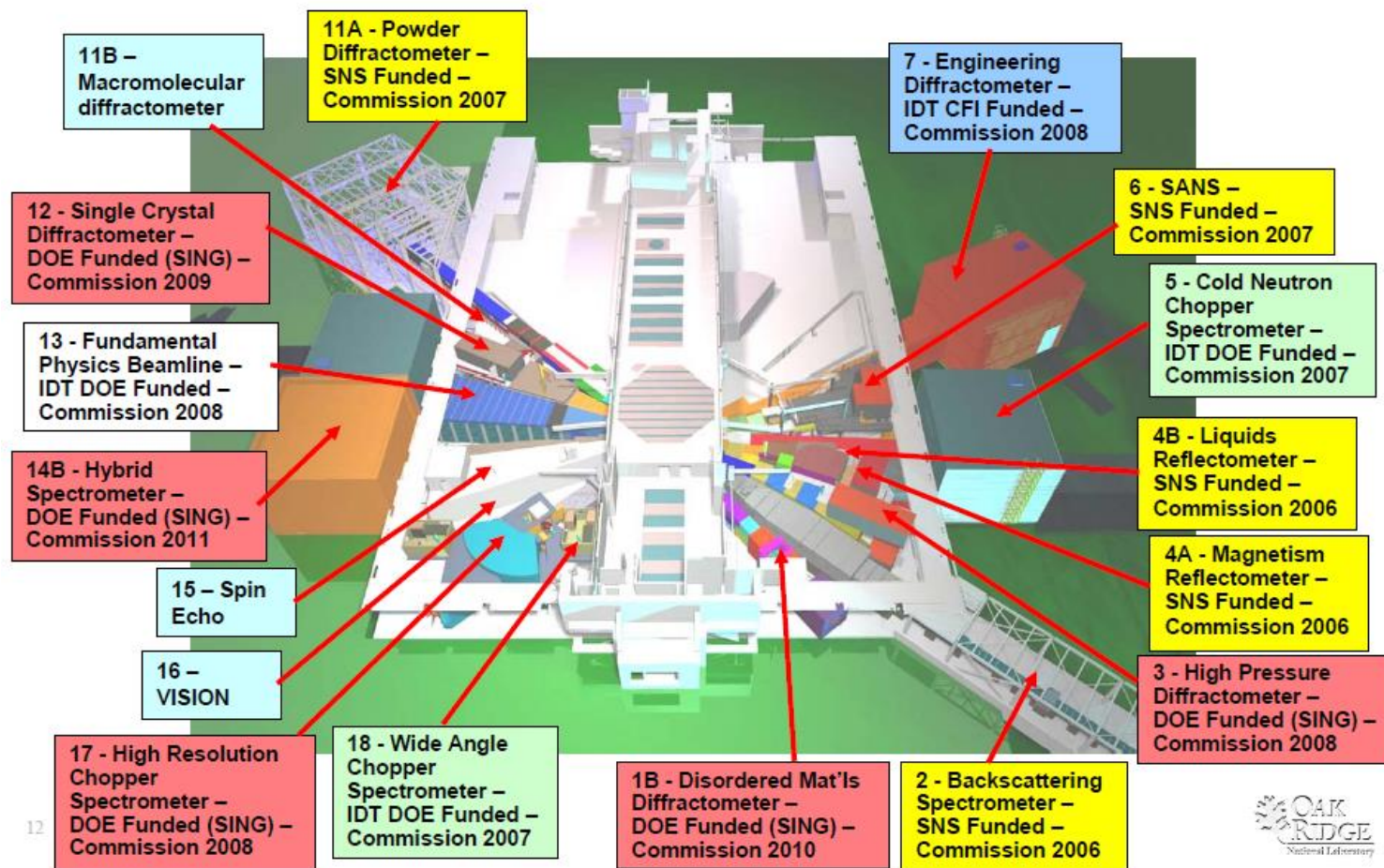


Accumulator Ring:
Compress 1 msec long pulse to 700 nsec

H- stripped to p



SNS – Scientific Program



European Spallation Source

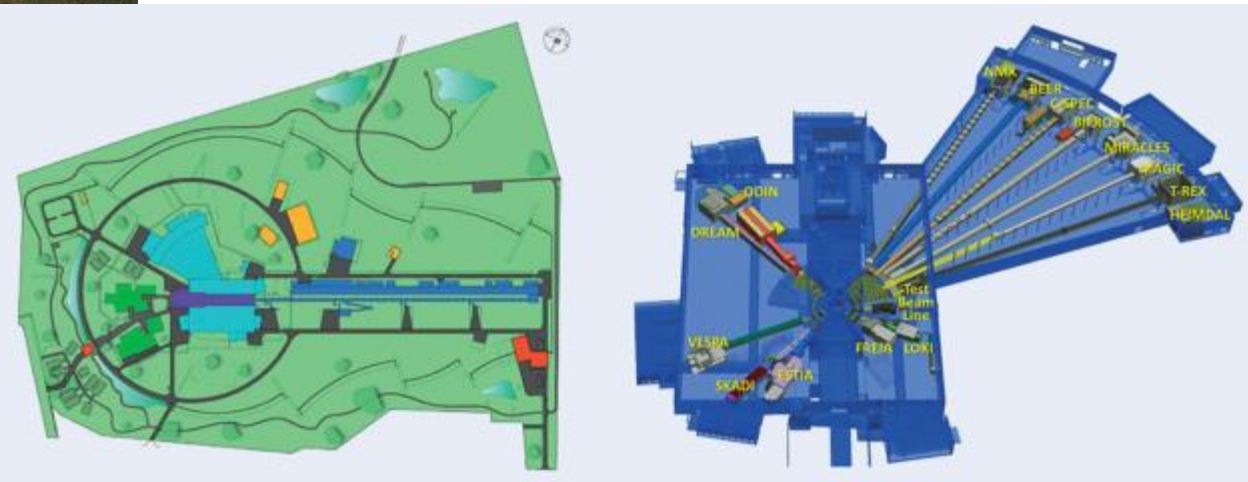


The ESS is being built in Lund (Sweden).

Will provide the EU neutron science community with a modern facility

5 MW long-pulse: no need of an accumulator/compressor like SNS.

He-cooled rotating tungsten wheel target (to avoid management of activated Hg as in SNS).

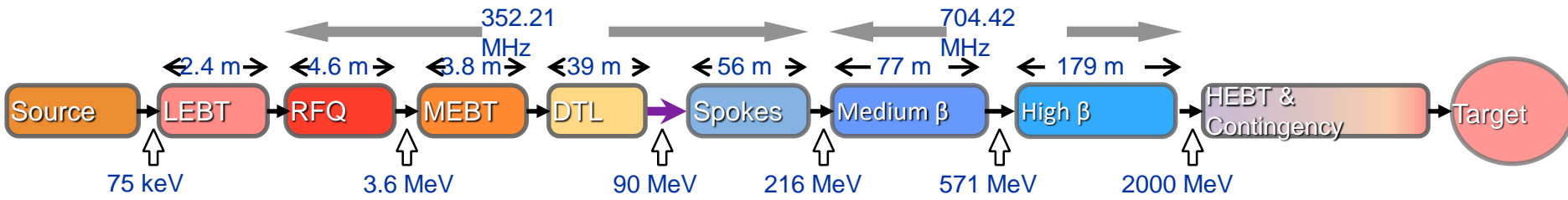


ESS accelerator technical performance

Design Drivers:
High Average Beam Power
5 MW
High Peak Beam Power
125 MW
High Availability
> 95%

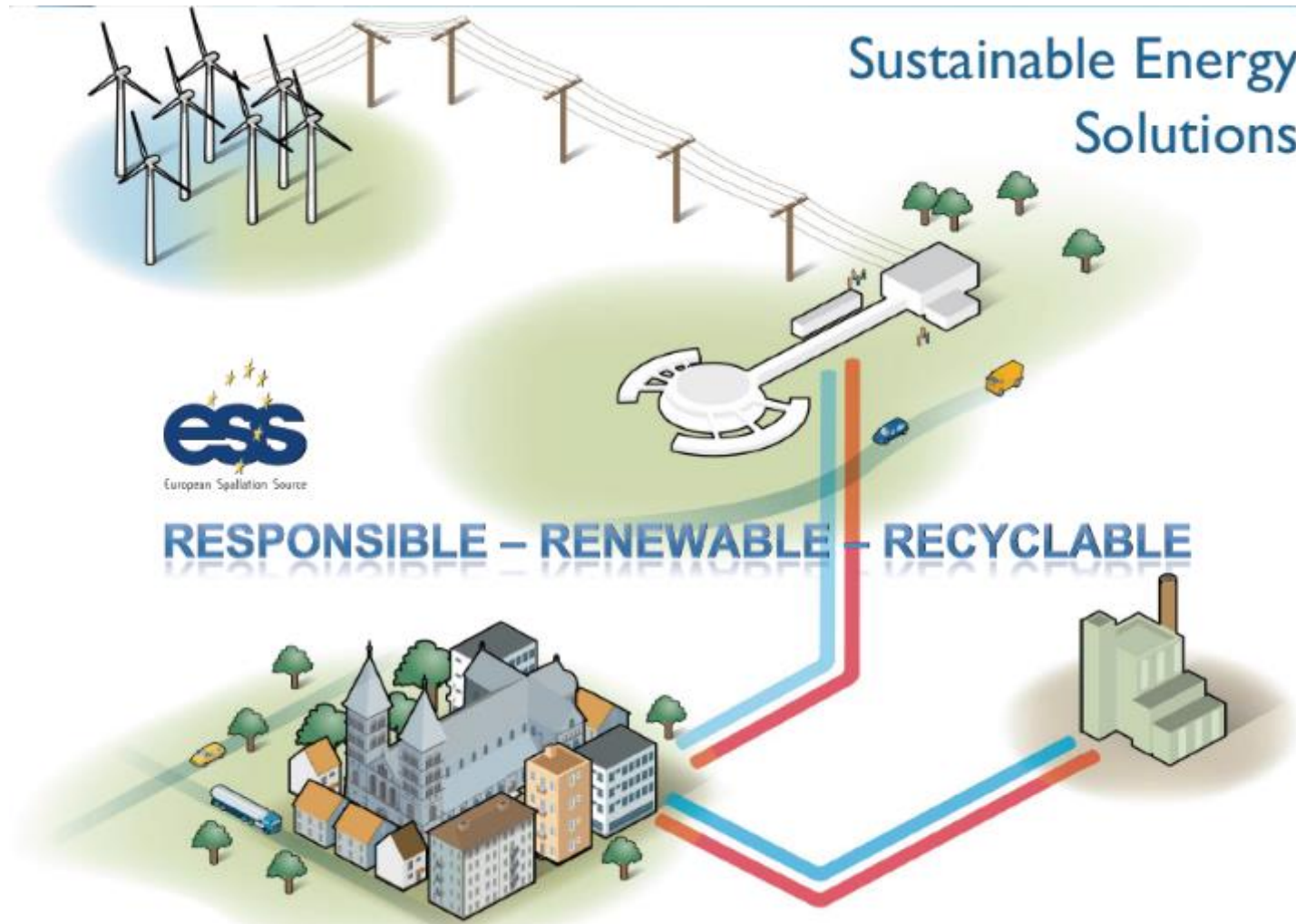


Key parameters:
-2.86 ms pulses
-2 GeV
-62.5 mA peak
-14 Hz
-Protons (H+)
-Low losses
-Minimize energy use
-Flexible design for mitigation and future upgrades



ESS Energy Management

Sustainable Energy Solutions



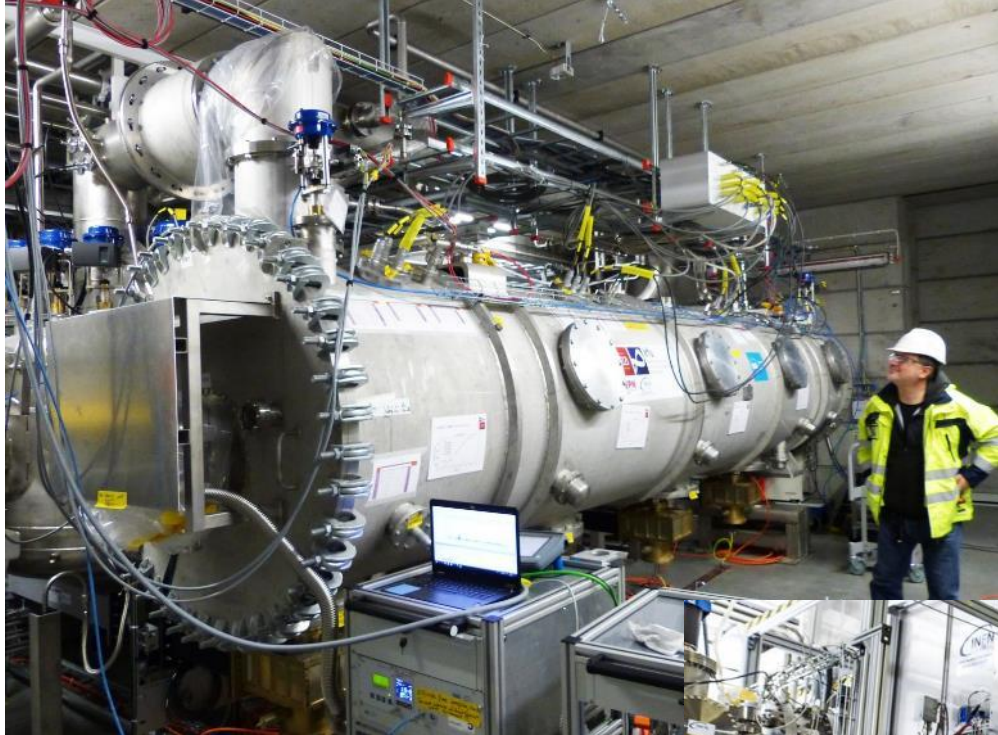
Modern facilities like the ESS need to be “green”, to be accepted socially and politically and to prepare for a sustainable future.



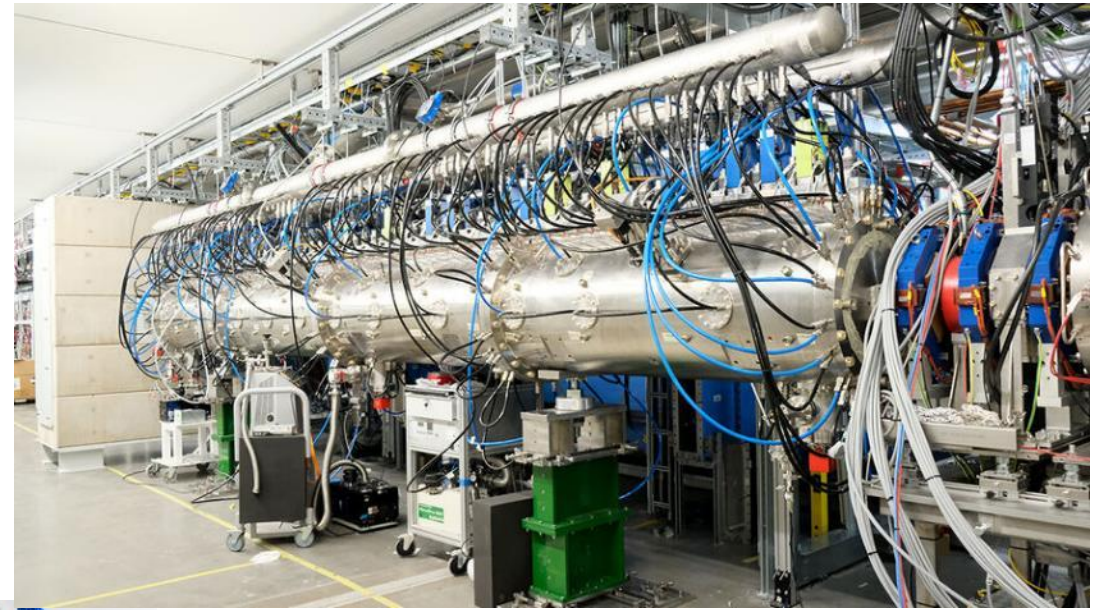
This is an **important technical challenge** involving:

- Higher efficiency RF;
- Recuperation of cooling water (operation at higher temperature and pressure);
- More PMQ-based beam transport

ESS commissioning progress - 2022



Cryomodule Prototype inside the Test Stand

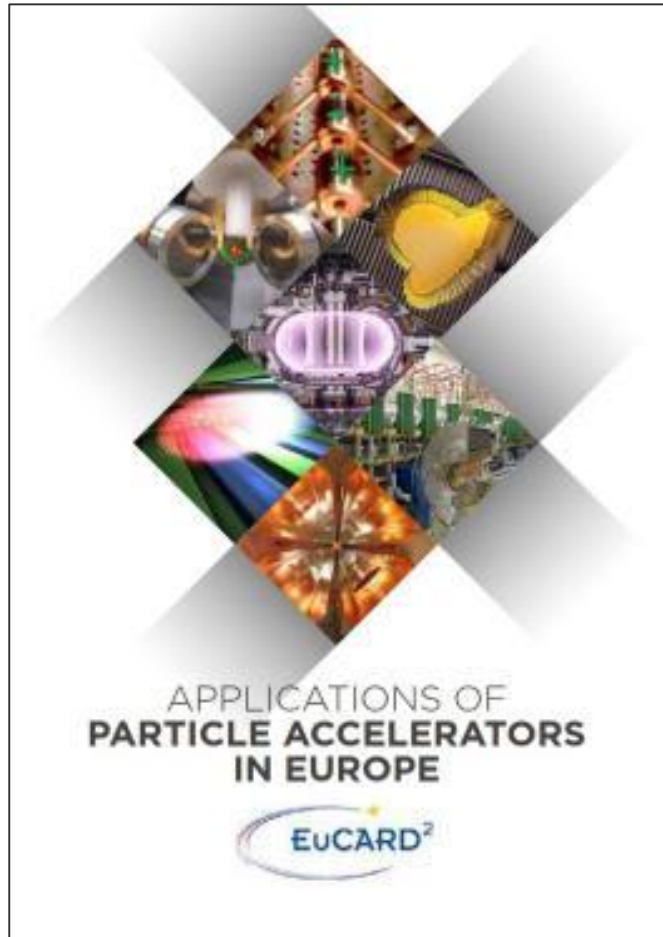


1st DTL tank installed



Ion Source inaugurated by the Italian president

Acknowledgement and further reading



Many of the pictures and some text of this lecture have been taken from the 2017 EuCARD2 Report on Accelerator Applications in Europe (112 pages):

http://apae.ific.uv.es/apae/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/EuCARD_Applications-of-Accelerators-2017.pdf

Other useful resources are:

The TIARA site on accelerators for society:
<http://www.accelerators-for-society.org/>

The US action on Accelerators for America's future:
<http://www.acceleratorsamerica.org/report/index.html>

End of Lecture 7



DISCLAIMERS:

Accelerators for medicine will be the subject of Lecture 8

Synchrotron light sources, another important application, have been covered by another lecturer

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