

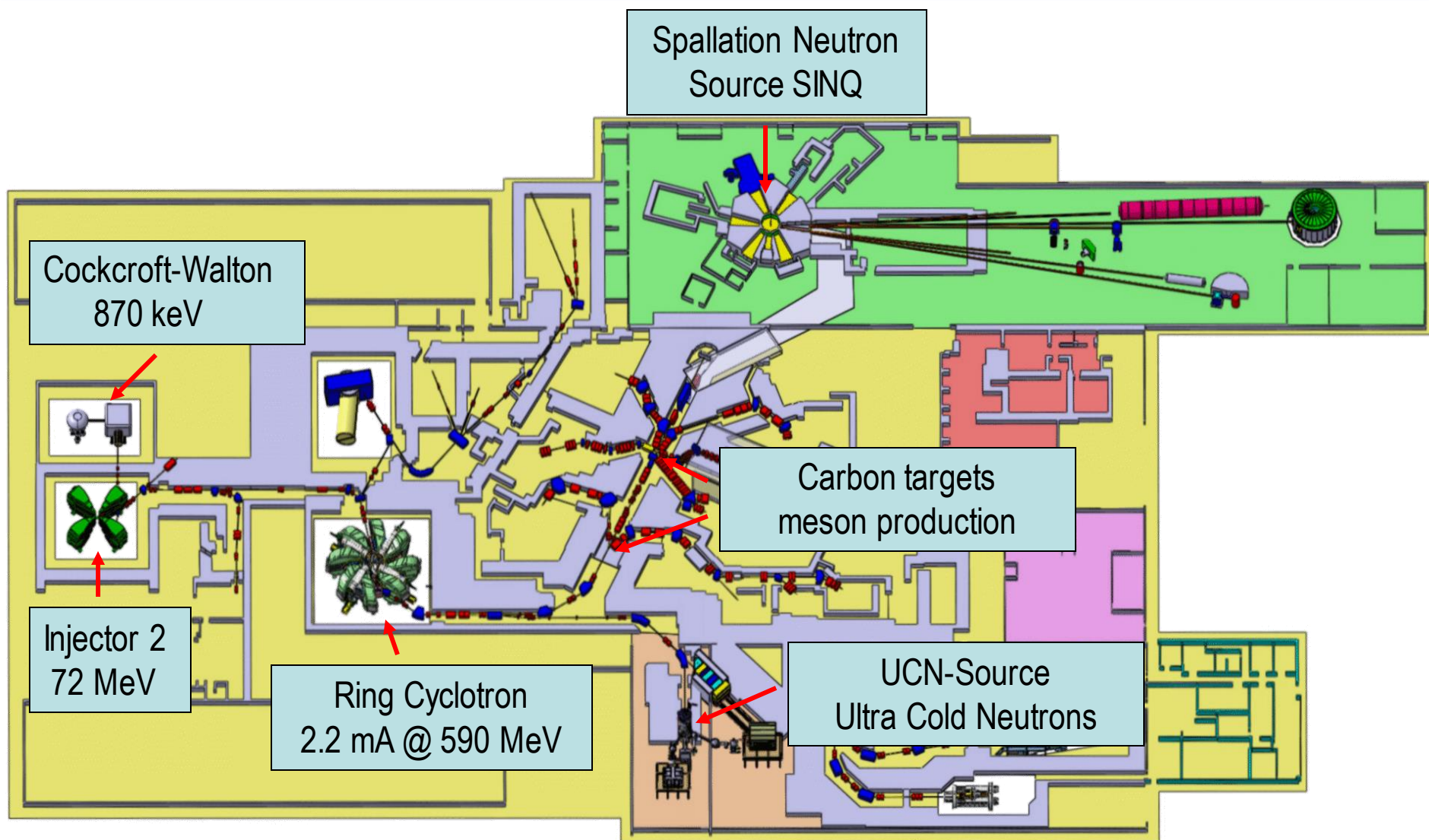


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Beam Availability at PSI

- Overview of the facility
- Definition of the beam availability at PSI
- Challenges of a High Power Beam
- Outage Characteristics
- Problems with RF
- Steps towards a higher availability
- Summary and outlook

Layout of the 590 MeV Proton Facility



Beam Availability at PSI

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Shutdown

Shutdown from Dec. 24th to the 5th of May (128 days)

198 days of user operation → 54%

$$\text{Availability} = \frac{\text{Beam on target}^*}{\text{Scheduled user operation}}$$

Beam current > 1 mA

*On meson production targets without spallation source

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← Service and beam development shifts (27 days)

← Two shifts of beam development (7 days)

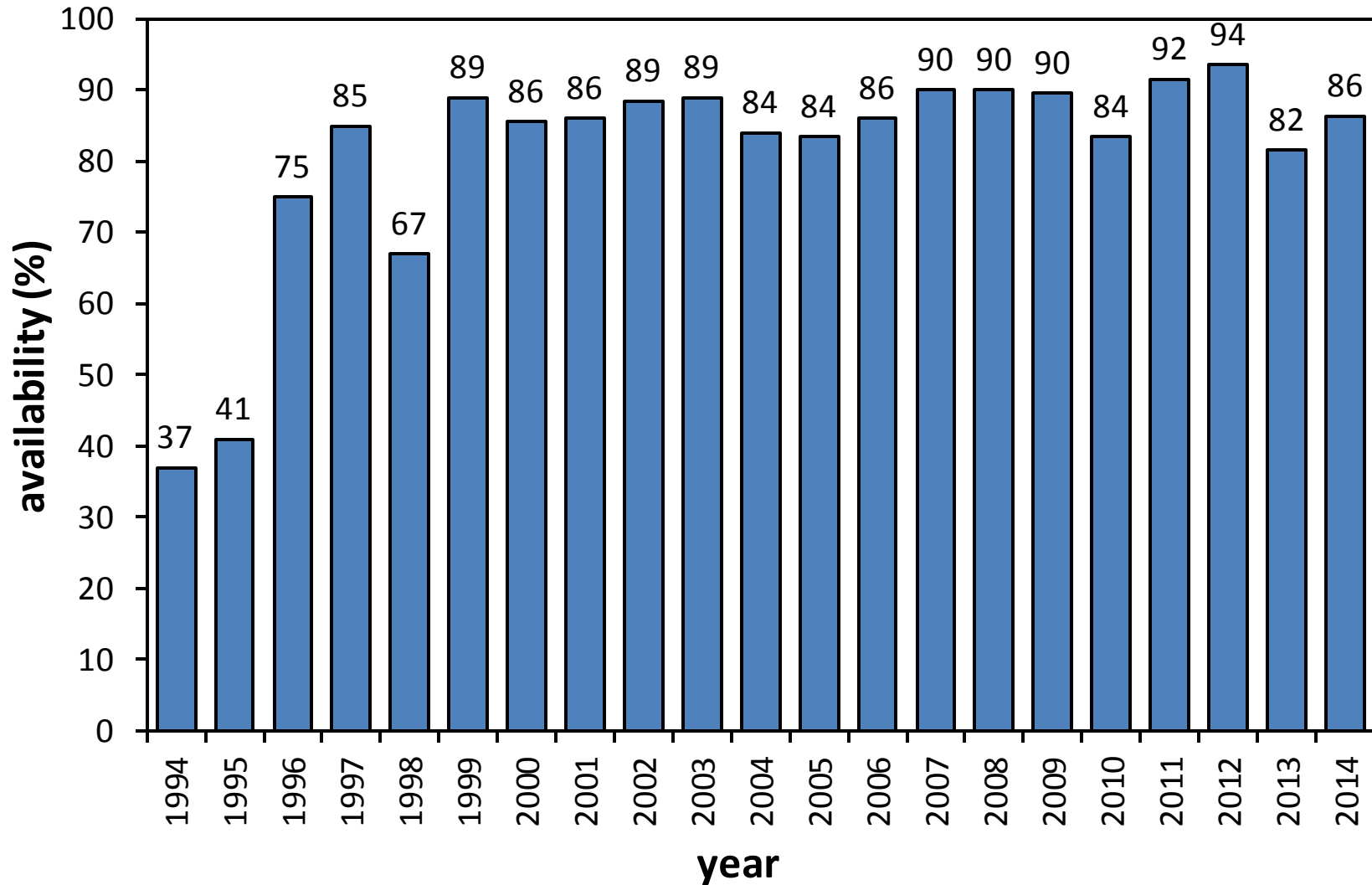
← PSI open day

← Begin of shutdown 2016 (5 days)

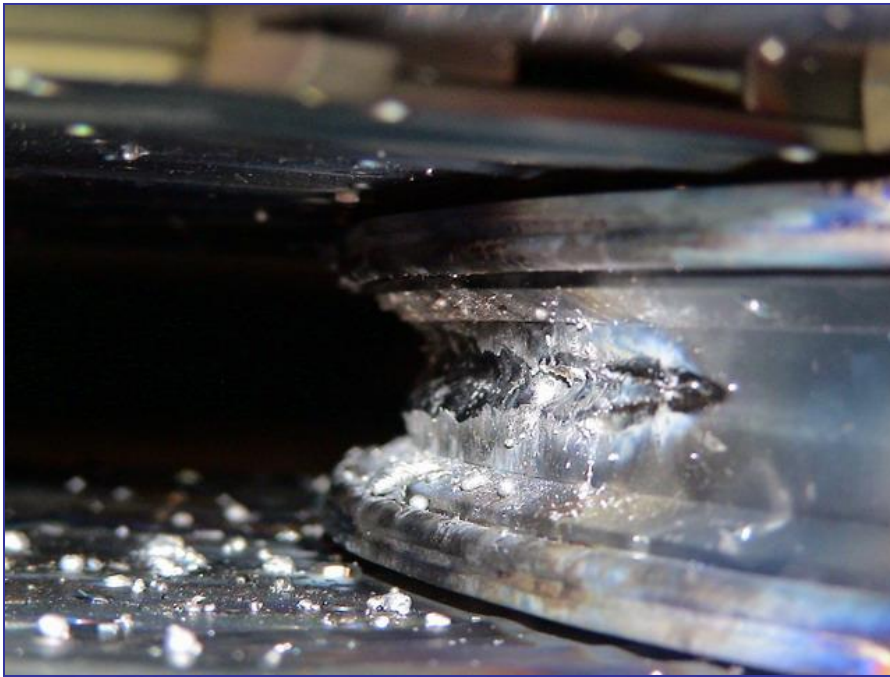
Availability of the PSI proton accelerator

Average: 81% (1994-2014)

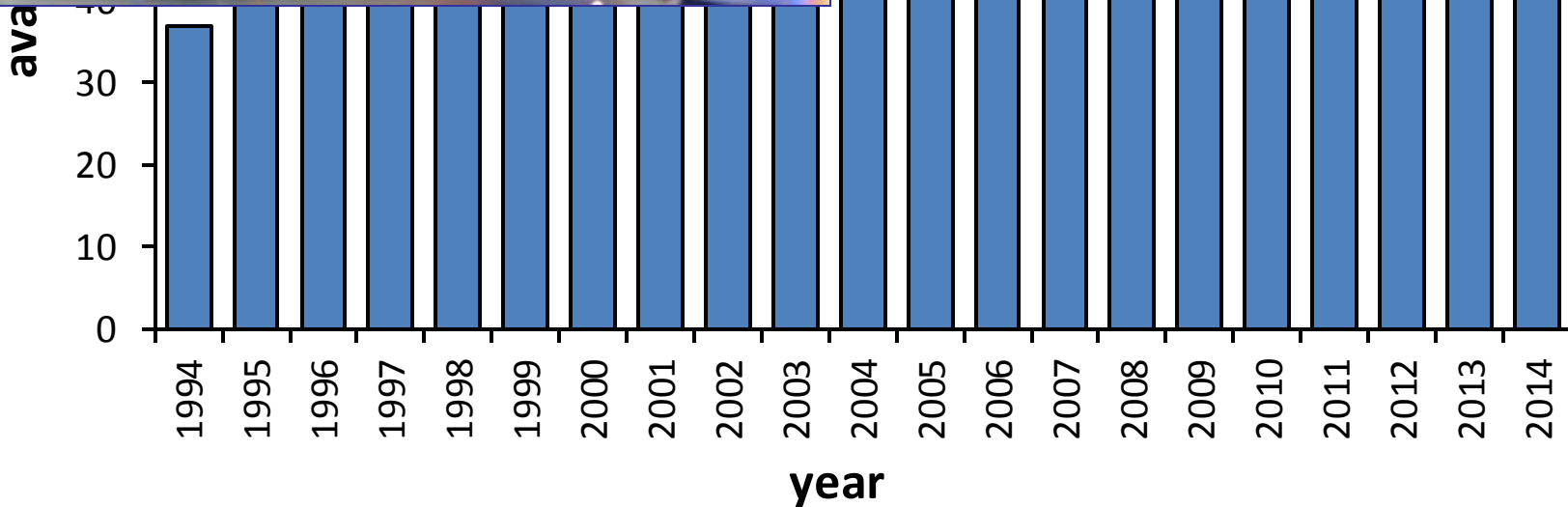
87% (2004-2014)

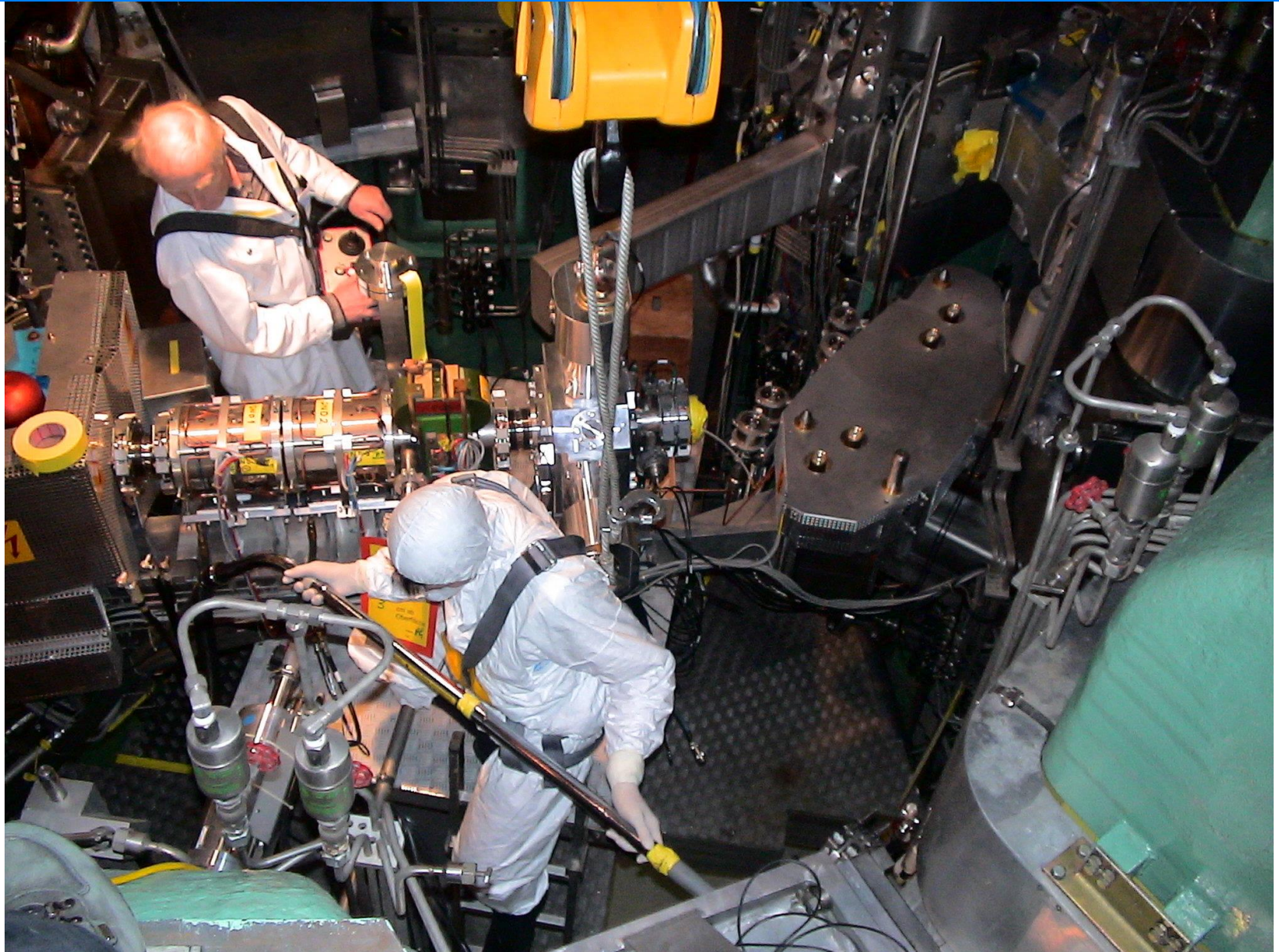


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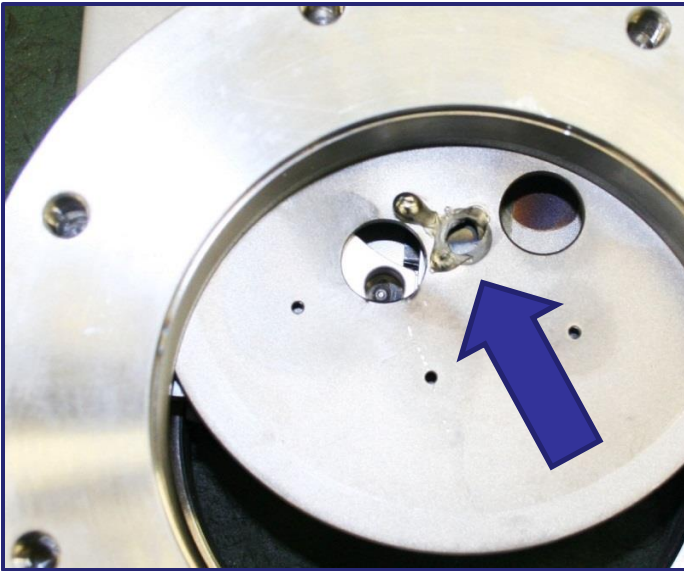
Damage at ring injection caused by the beam



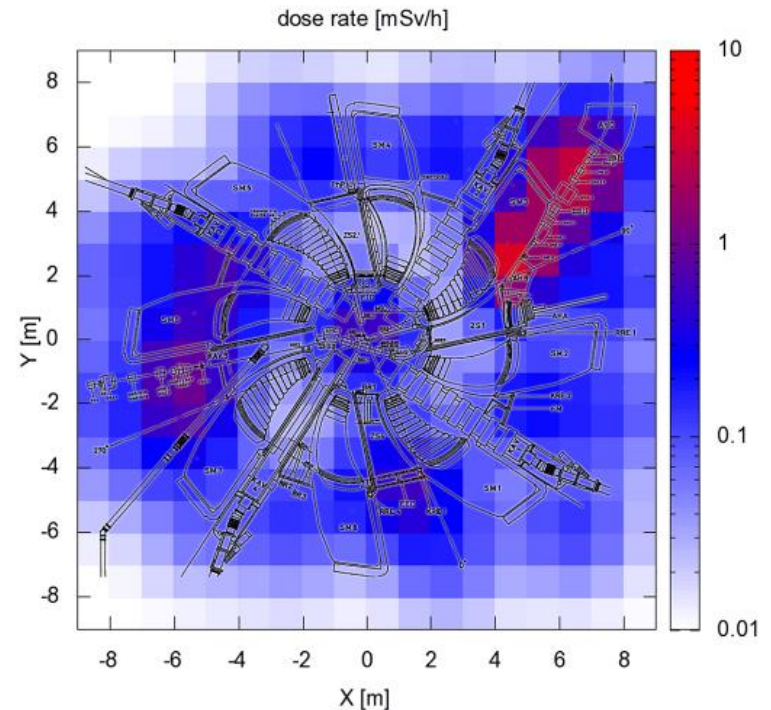


incomprehensive list:

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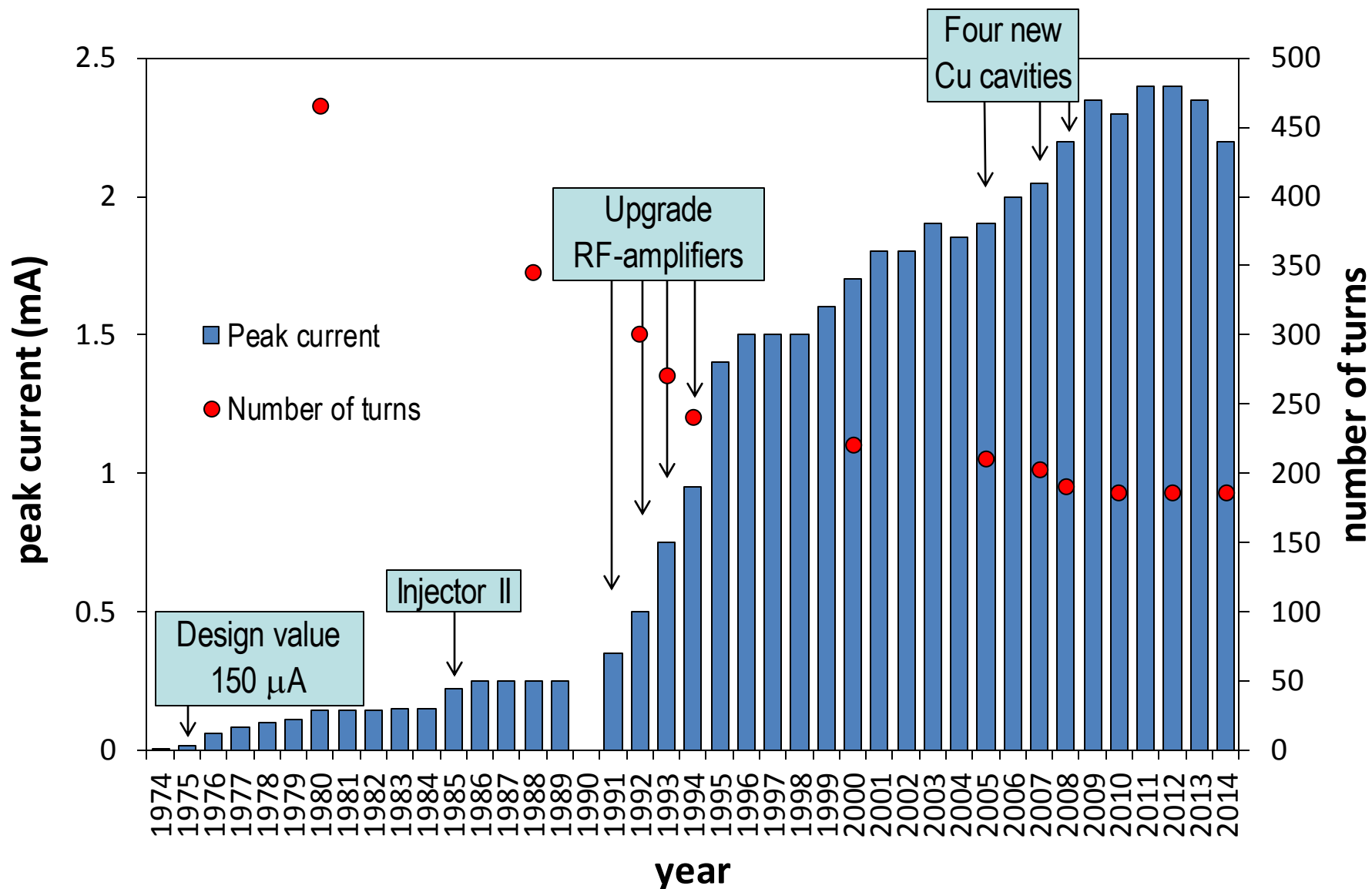


just 10 kW @870keV



main activation at extraction

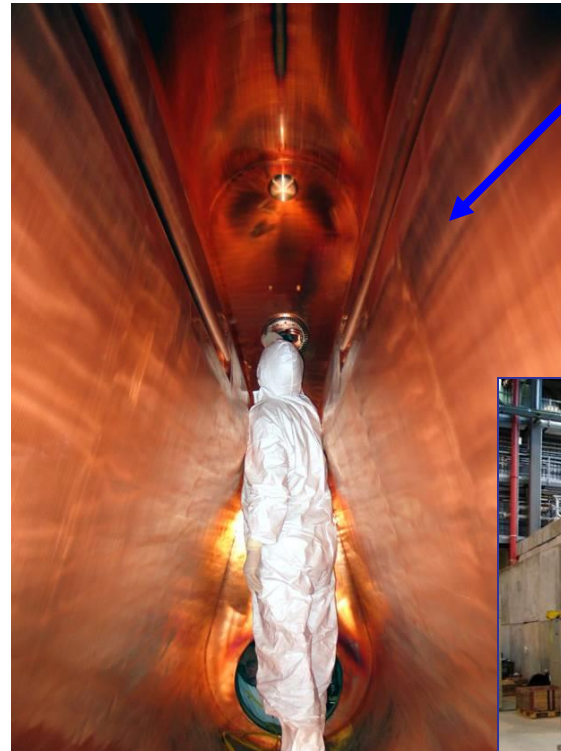
History of the maximum current at PSI



$f = 50.63 \text{ MHz}$

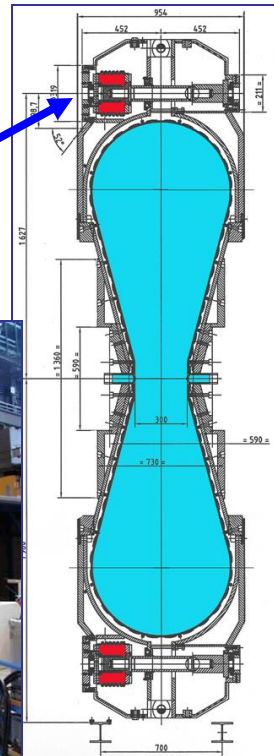
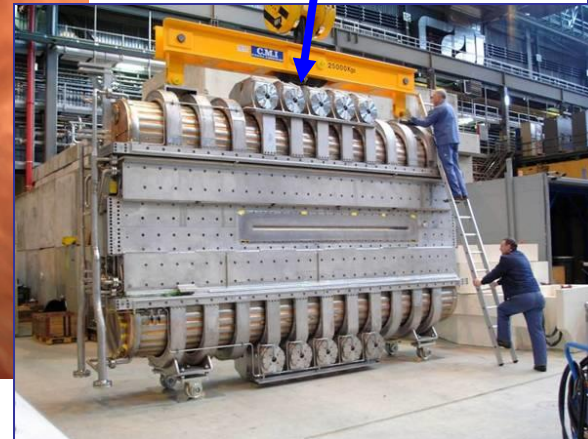
$U_{\text{max}} = 1.2 \text{ MV}$ (presently $0.85 \text{ MV} \rightarrow 186$ turns in cyclotron, goal for 3 mA : 165 turns)

400 kW power transfer to the beam per cavity



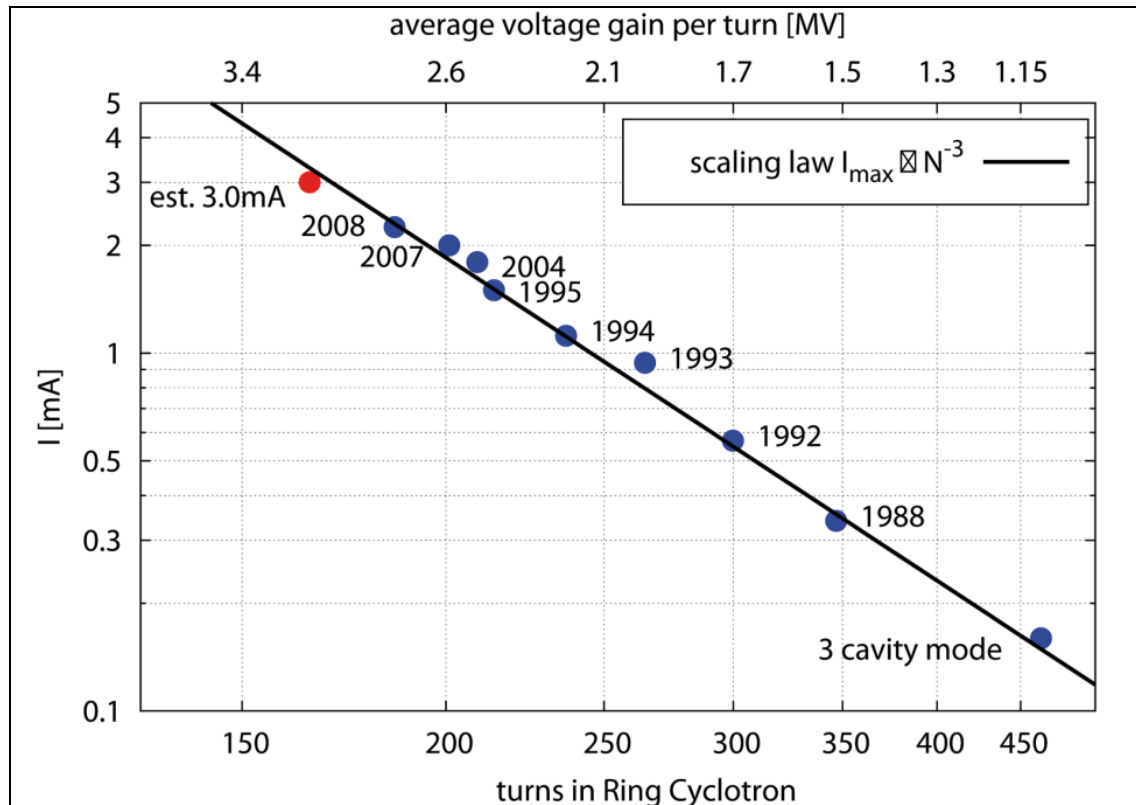
resonator
inside

hydraulic tuning
devices (5x)



Historical development of the beam current at PSI

The maximum attainable current at PSI scales with the third power of the number of turns
 Maximum energy gain per turn is of utmost importance in this type of high intensity cyclotron



→ with constant losses at the extraction electrode the maximum attainable current indeed scales as:

$$I_{max} \propto n_t^{-3}$$

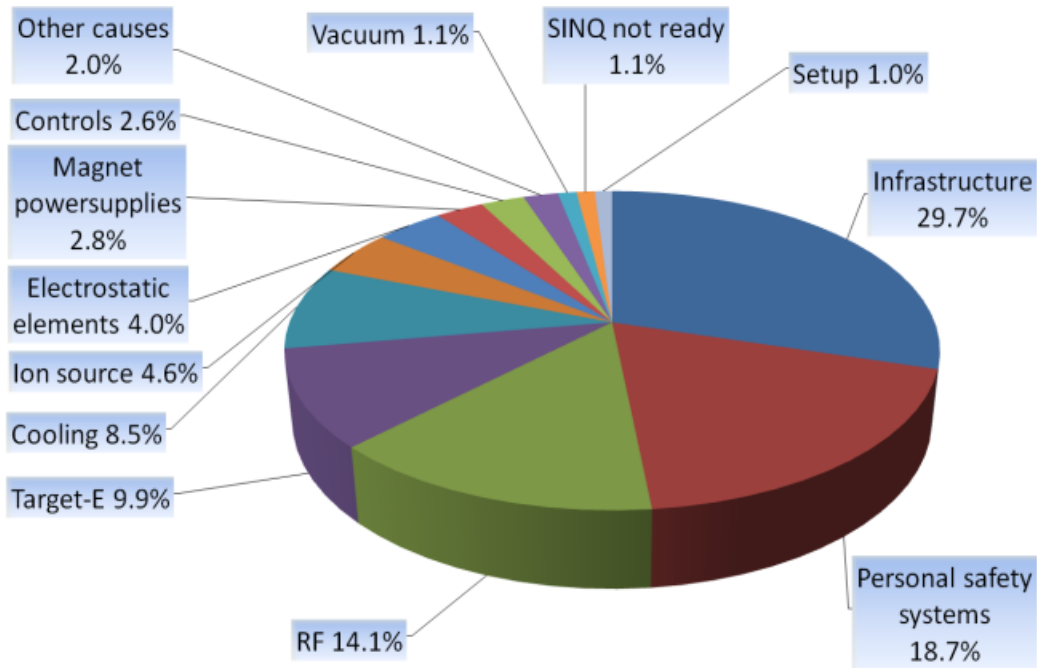
Losses scale with
 (the number of turns)³

- Higher gap voltage, less turns
 → larger turn separation at extraction
 → lower charge density
 → less time in cyclotron
 → higher current at same loss rate

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Outage Characteristics (2014)

Overall availability: 86%



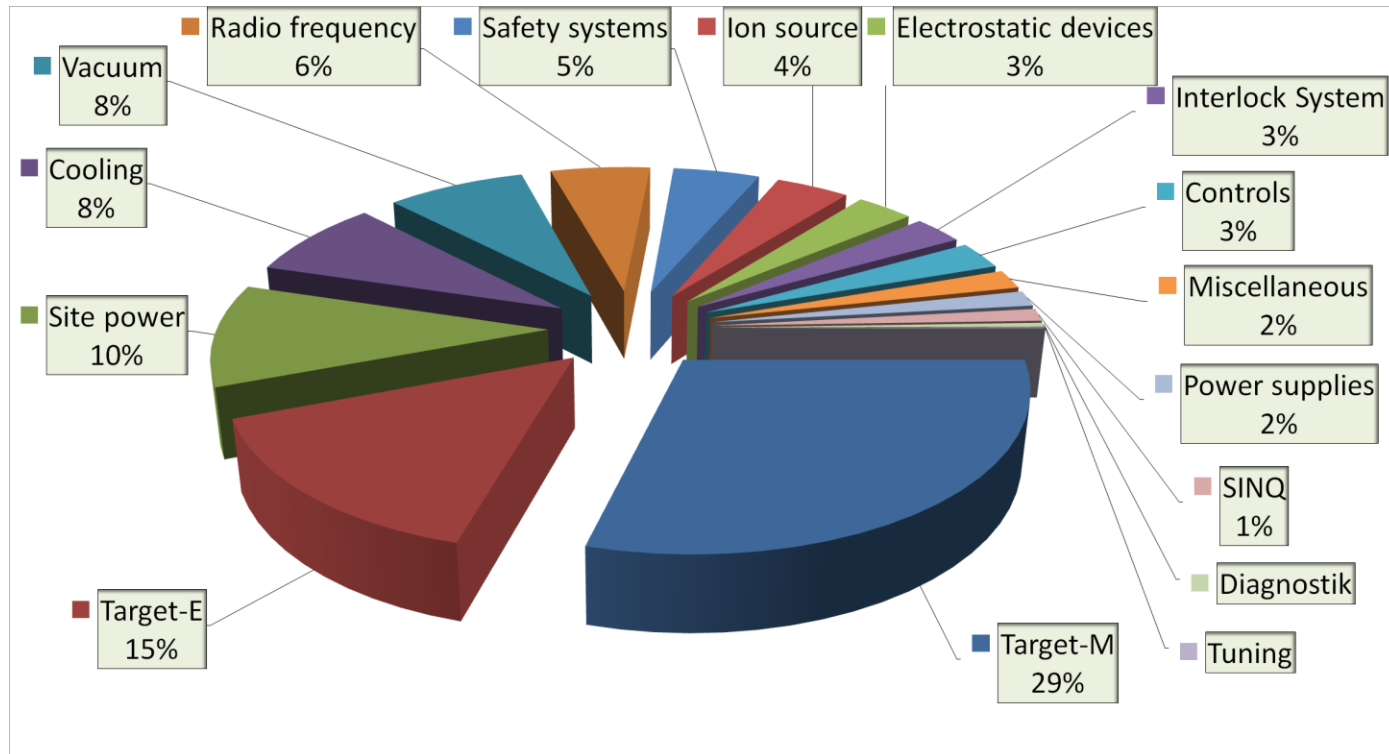
Beam-time statistics for HIPA	2014
Total scheduled user beam time	4608 h
Compensated outage time	+84 h
Beam current integral	
To meson production targets	9.1 Ah
To SING	6.0 Ah
To UCN	0.02 Ah
To isotope production targets	0.08 Ah
Outages	
Total outages (current < 1 mA, time > 5s) minutes	520 h
Availability (with compensated outage time)	86.4%

Not representative:

- Infrastructure (crane repair)
- Personal safety system
- problem with flattop cavity

Outage distribution (2012)

Overall availability: 94%



In most cases failure of the ball bearings

Harsh environment:

- High radiation level
- Vacuum → no grease applicable

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- losses must be low ($\approx 200 \text{ W} \cong 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$)
to avoid excessive activation
- **Complex and expensive infrastructure for repairs and exchange of elements for**
 - **Radiation protection**
 - **Fast exchange**
 - **Storage of activated components**

Infrastructure – Exchange flasks



Exchange flask for meson production
Target E (4 cm graphite wheel)

mobile and specifically adapted shielding devices for

- targets
- electrostatic elements
- collimators
- septum magnets

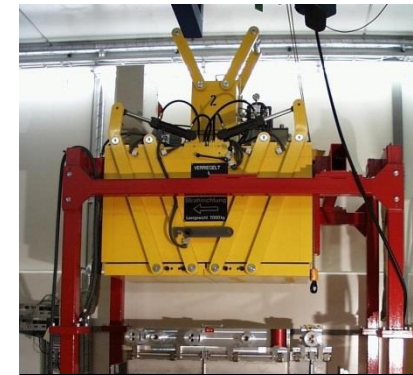
exchange flasks are complicated and expensive devices (heavy, motors, instrumentation, SPS controls)



Electrostatic Extraction
Element

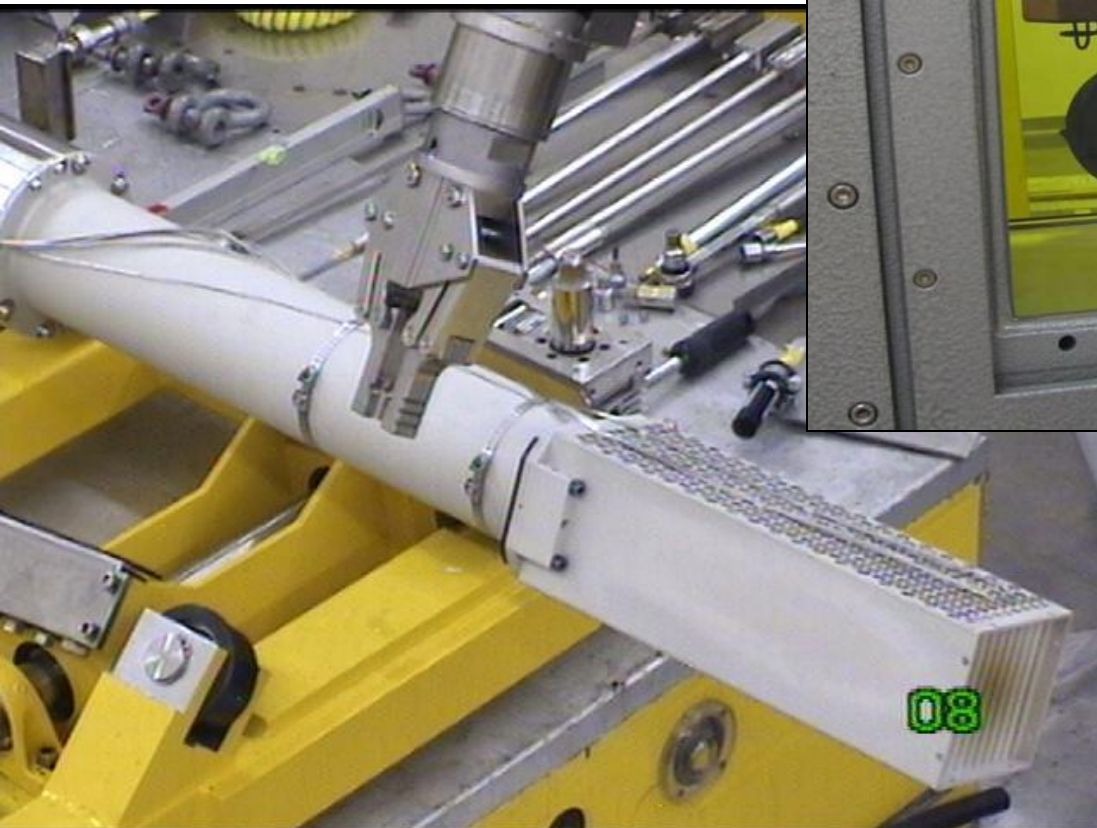
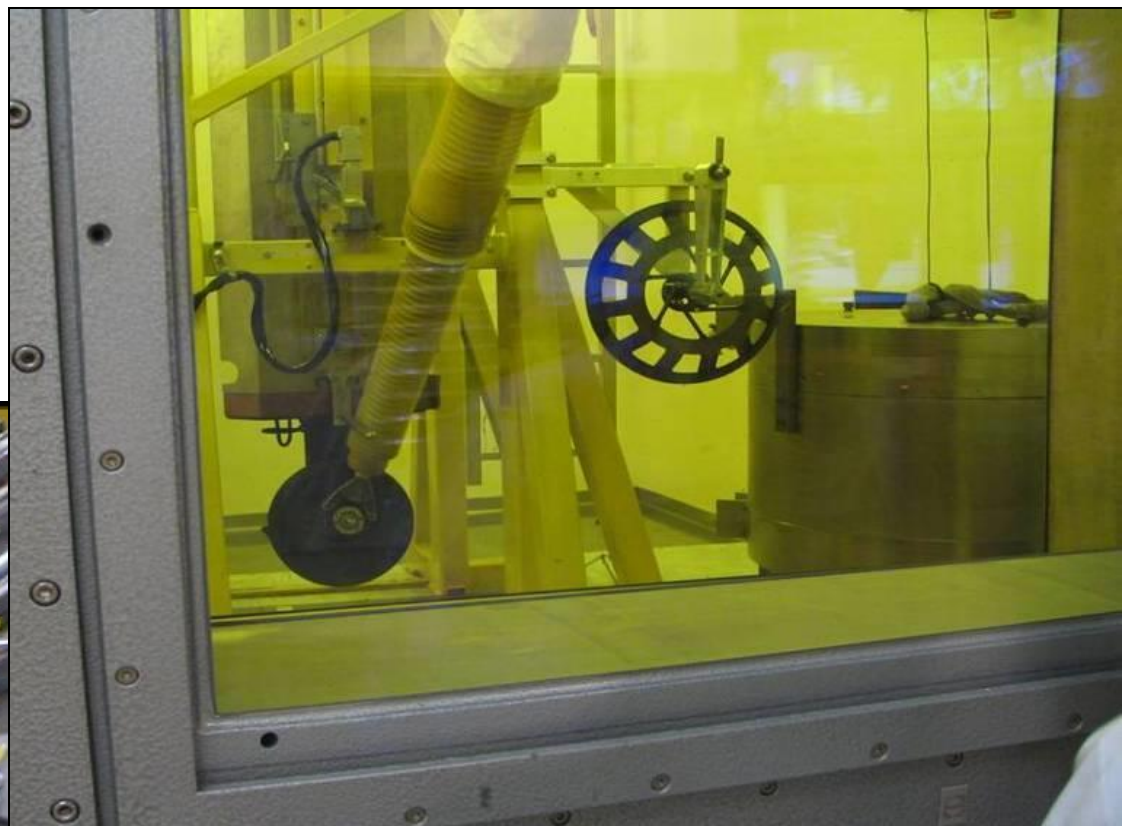


Beam
Collimators



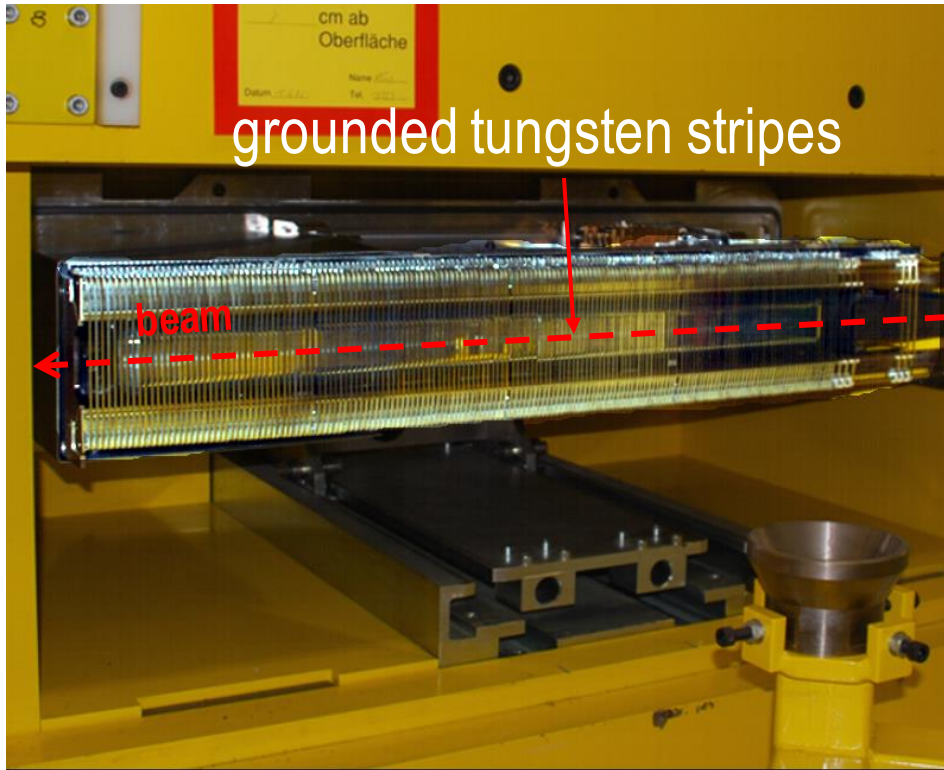
Beam
Splitter

view through lead-glass window:
Meson production target wheel

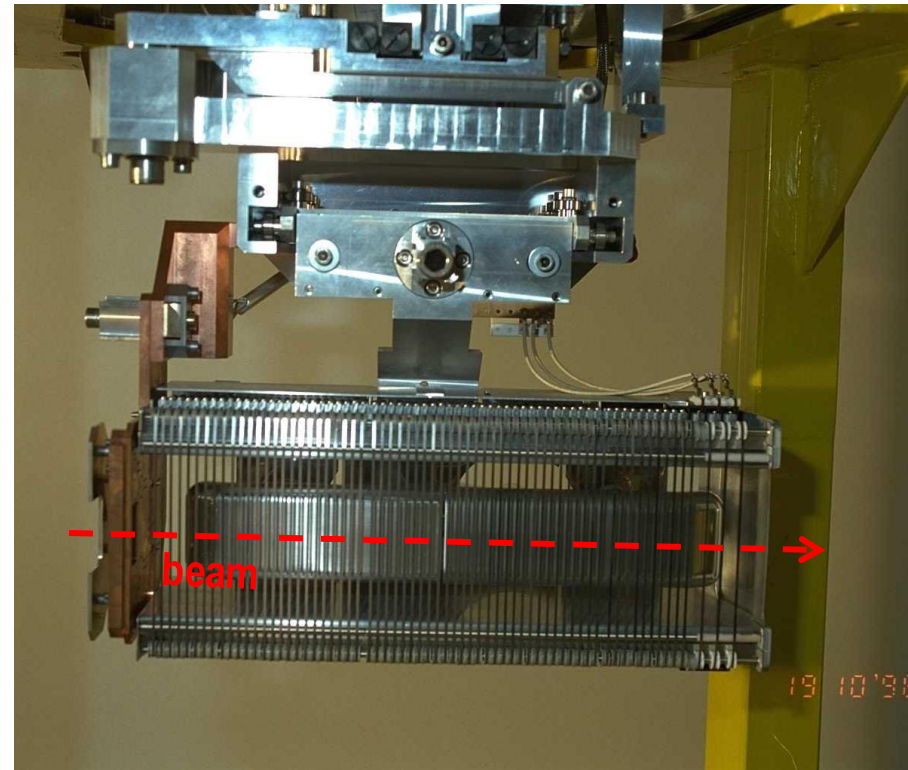


irradiated SINQ spallation target,
taken out of the cover

Extraction Channel EEC 145 kV

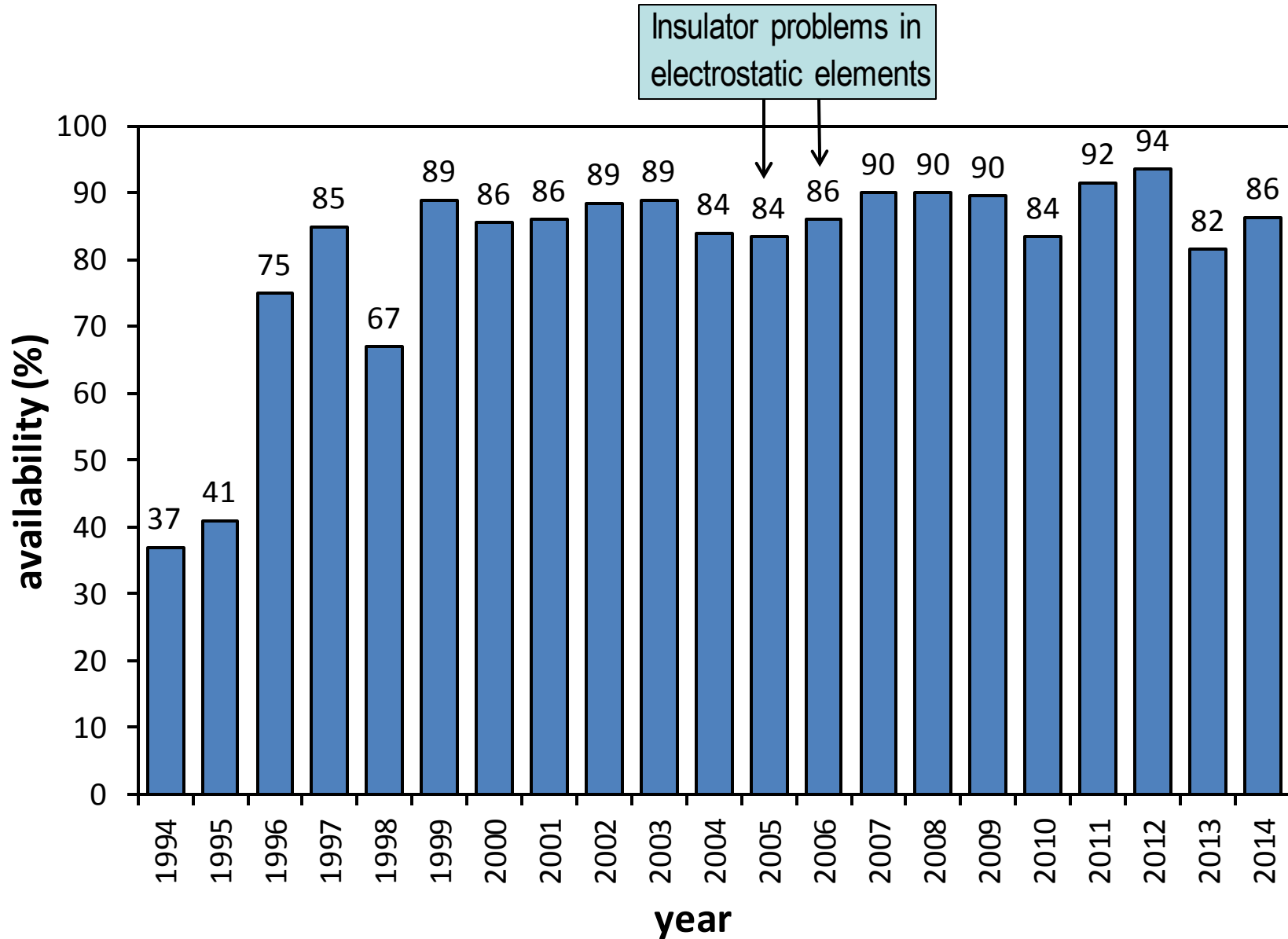


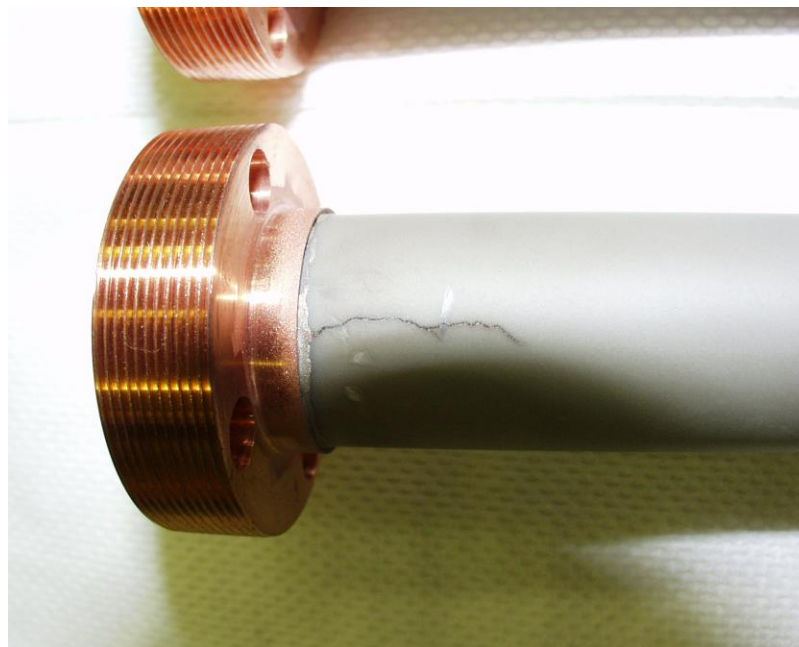
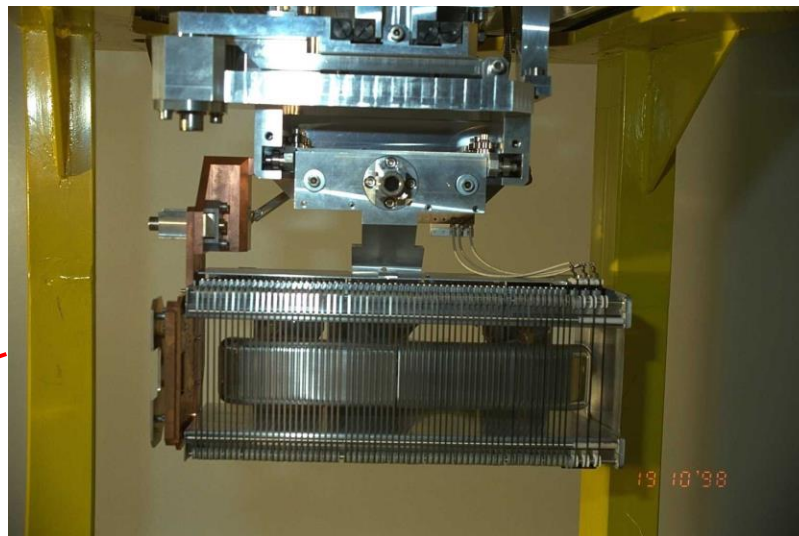
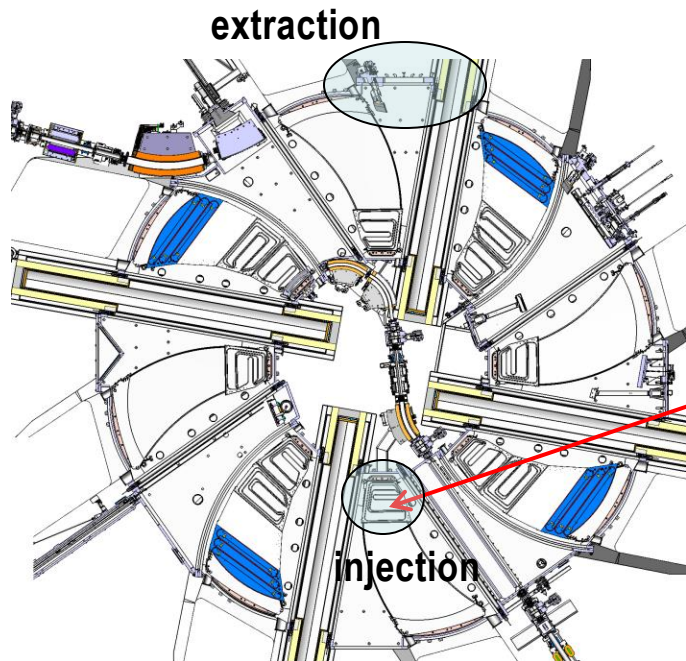
Injection Channel EIC 130 kV



Most beam trips originate from discharges in these elements (2% of total availability)

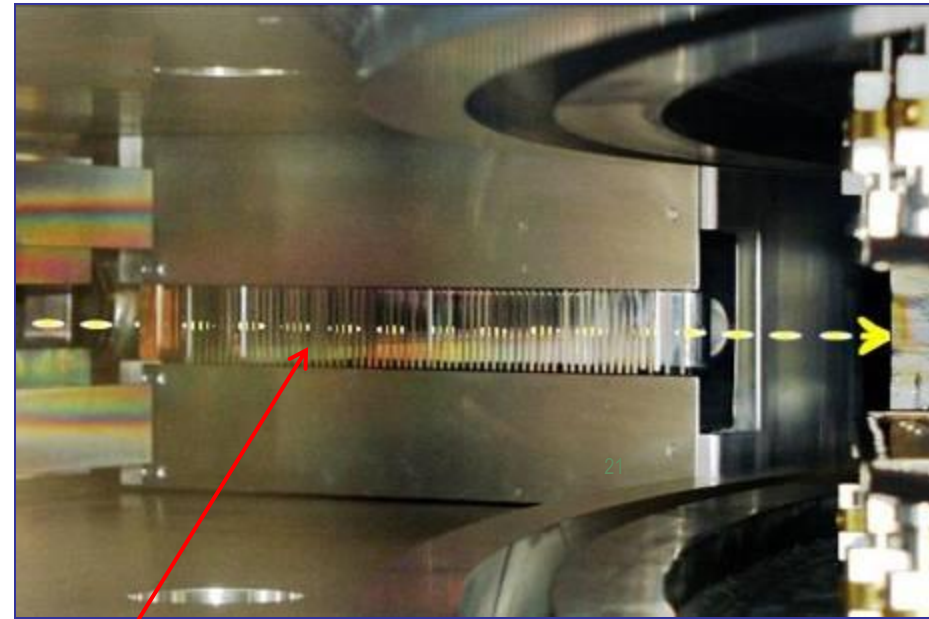
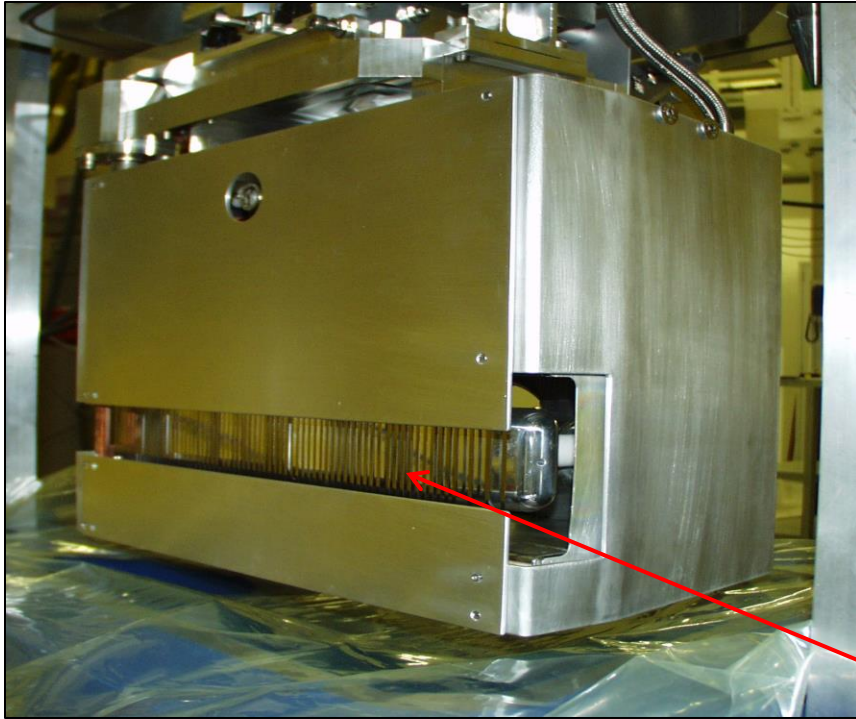
Availability of the PSI proton accelerator





- high dark currents at electrostatic deflector
- exchange required due to damaged insulators
- insulator coated with thin metallic layer
- discharges only with RF switched on
- RF ignites plasma in the vicinity of the elements

Electrostatic Inflection Channel

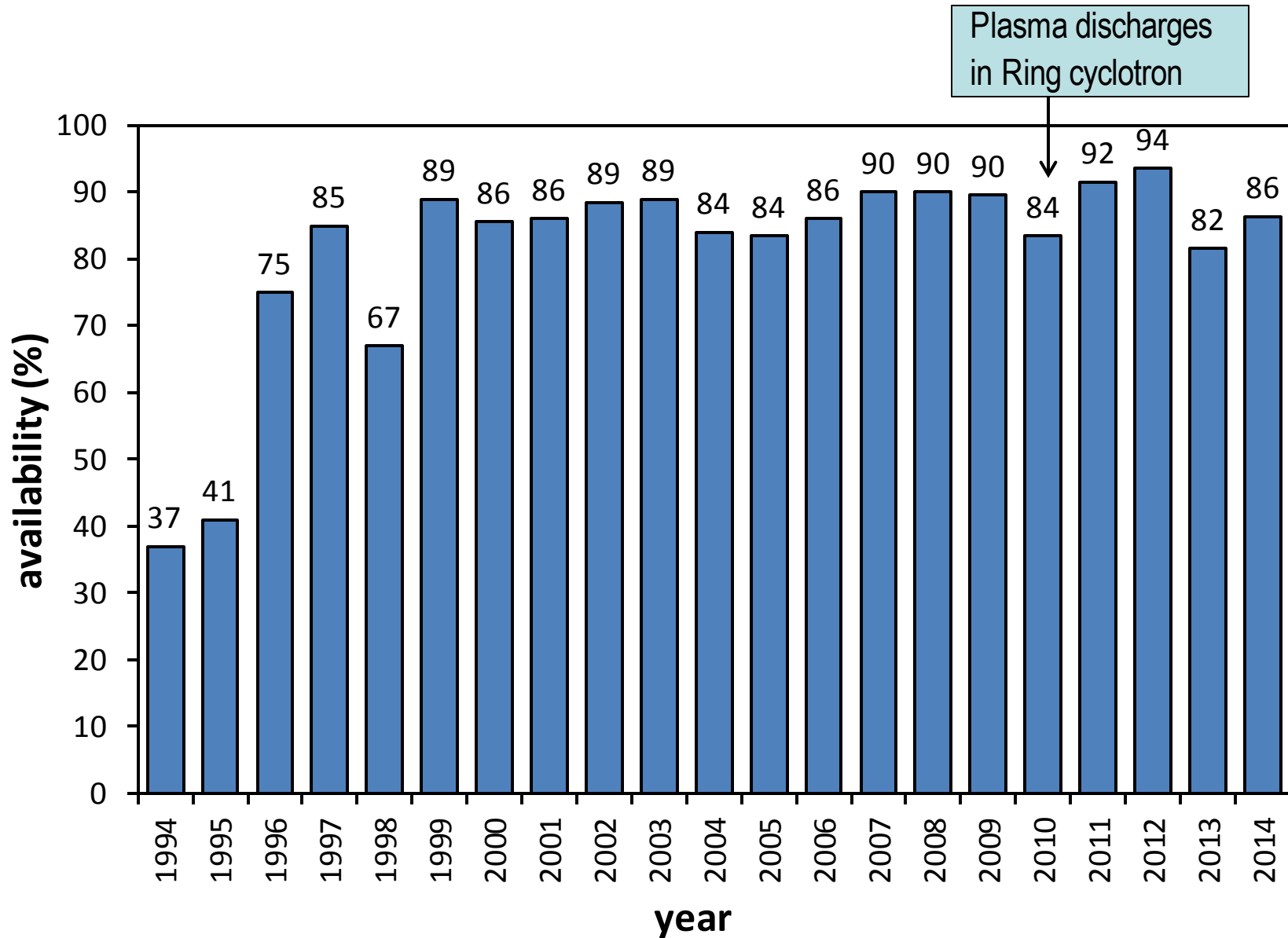


Tungsten stripes

incomprehensive list:

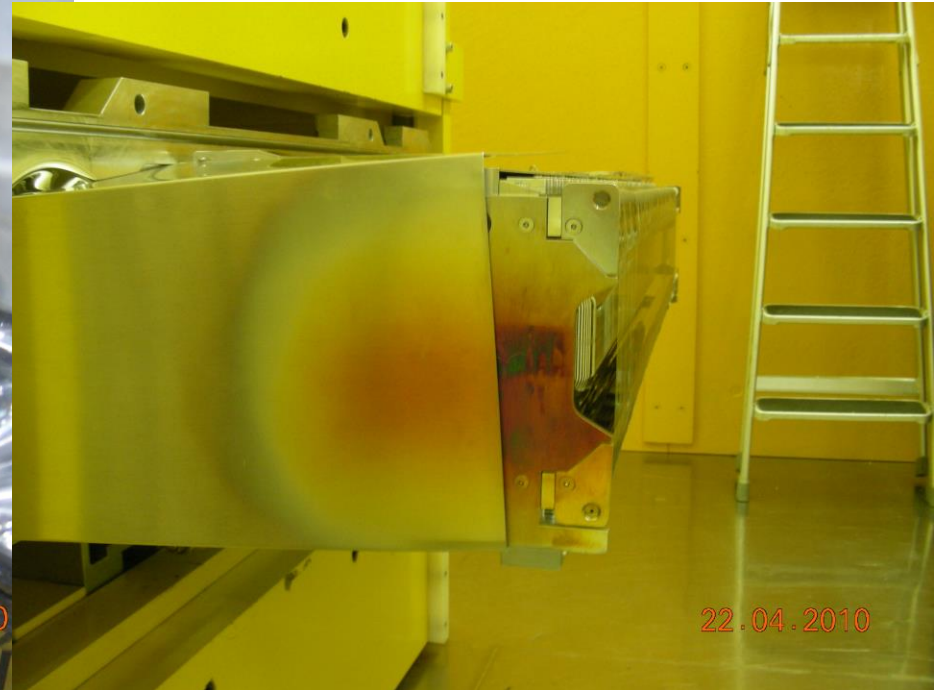
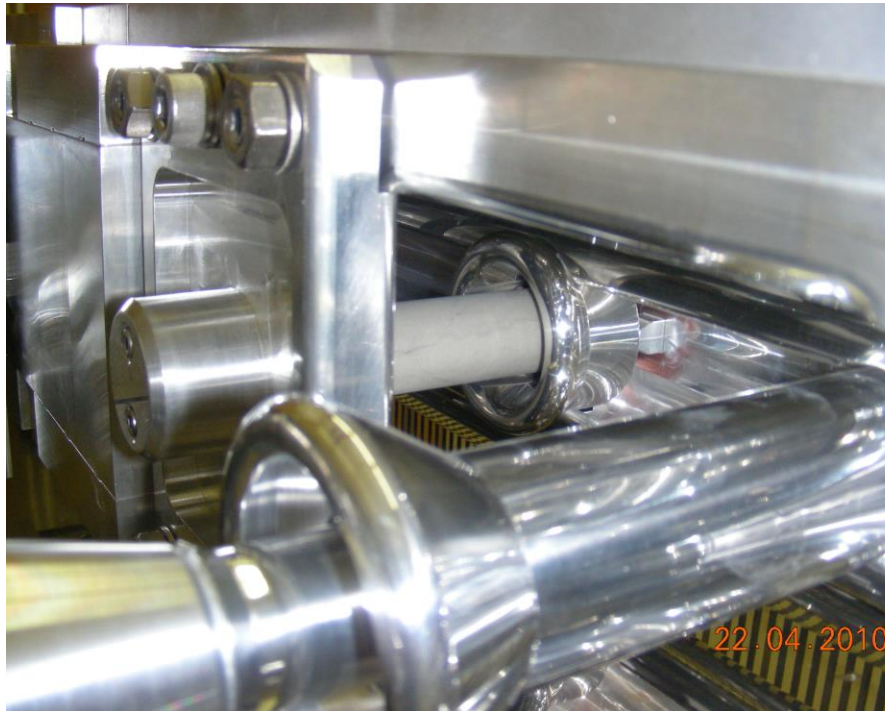
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- **high power RF has side effects: discharges caused by decoupled RF, plasma generation, multipactoring, heating ...**

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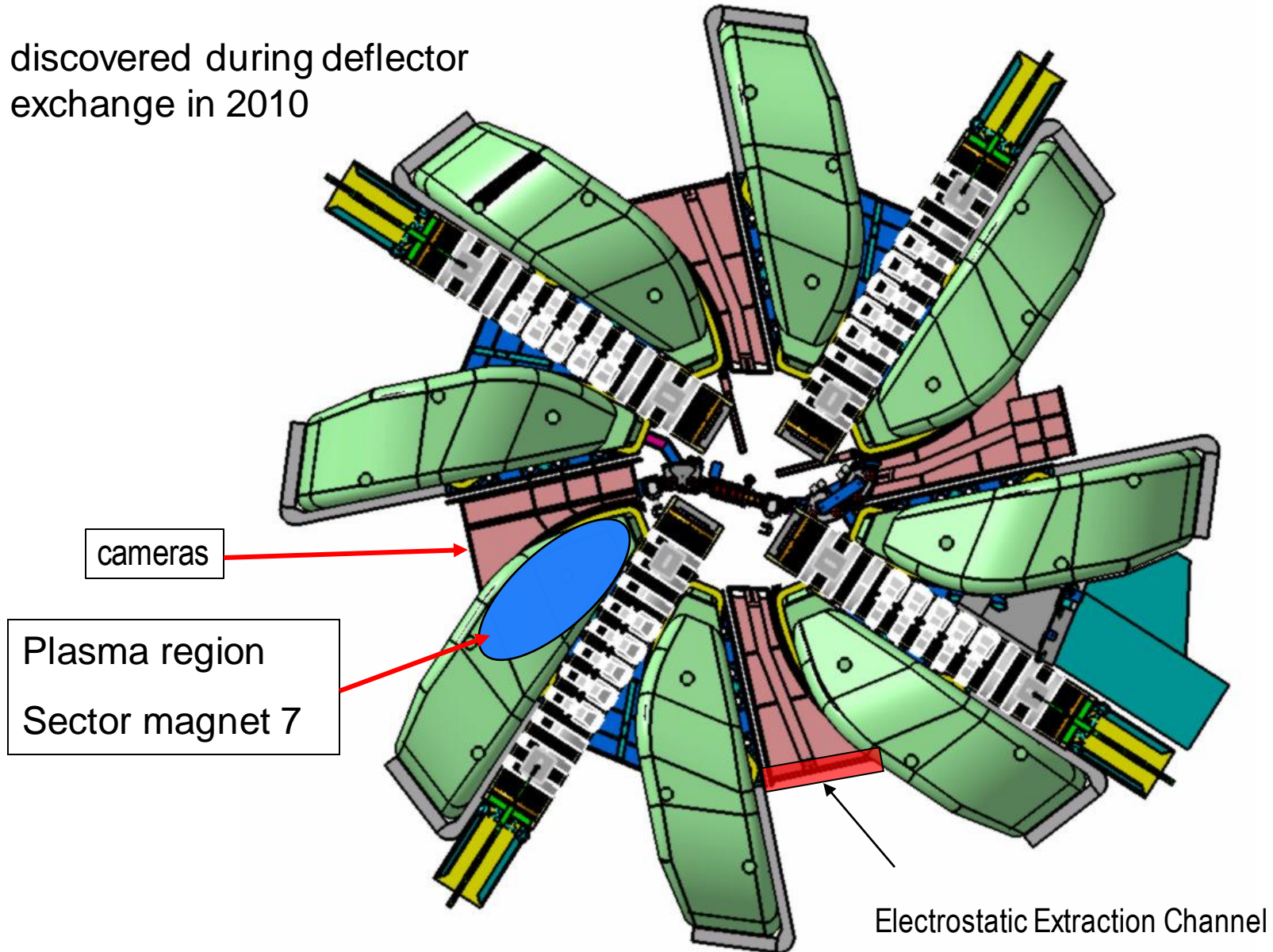


Damaged Electrostatic Deflector (2010)

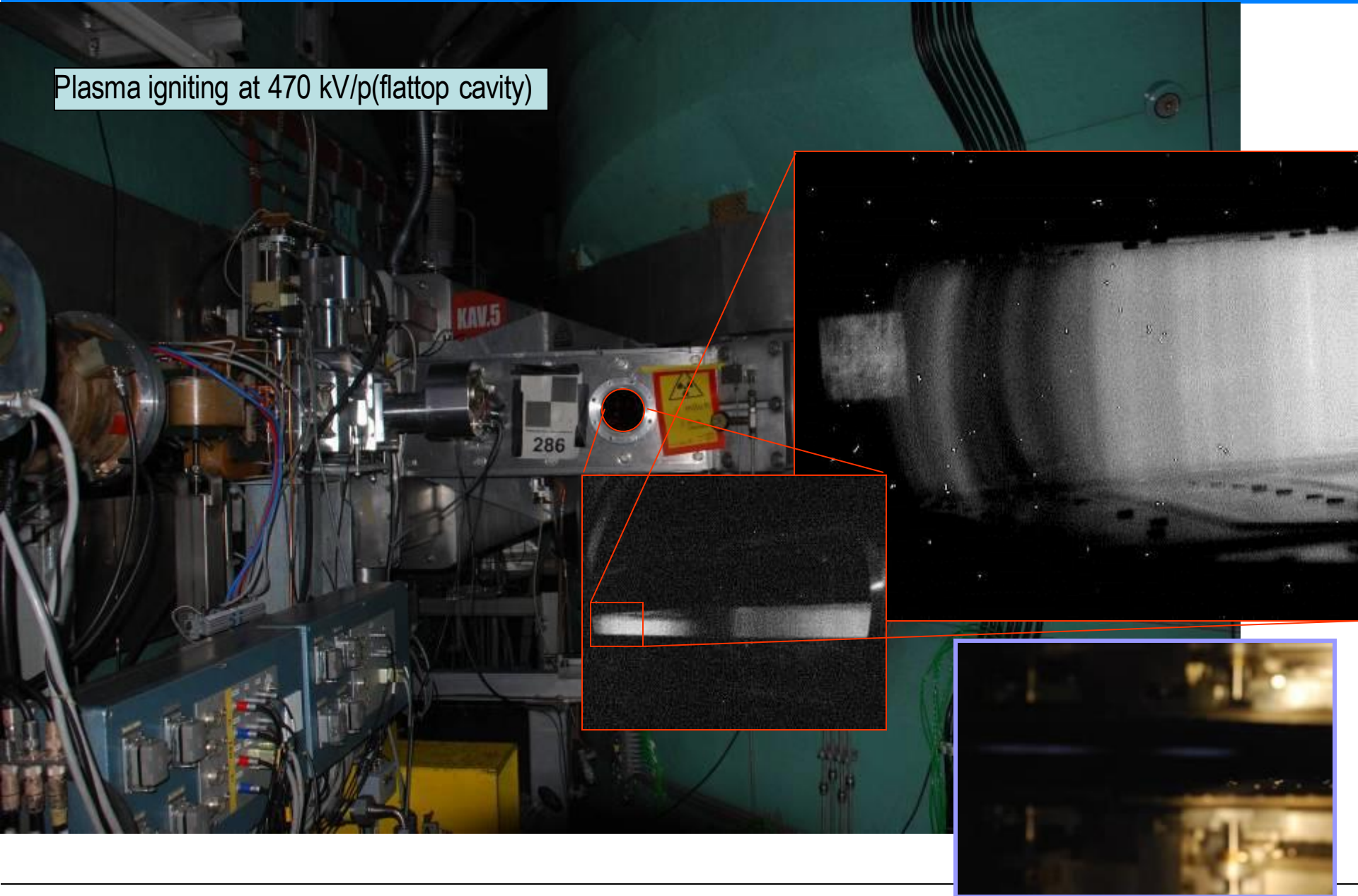
- high dark currents at electrostatic extractor
- Exchange required due to damaged insulators
- RF-shielding coated with thin metallic layer
- Reason: „Plasma“ in sector magnet vis-à-vis



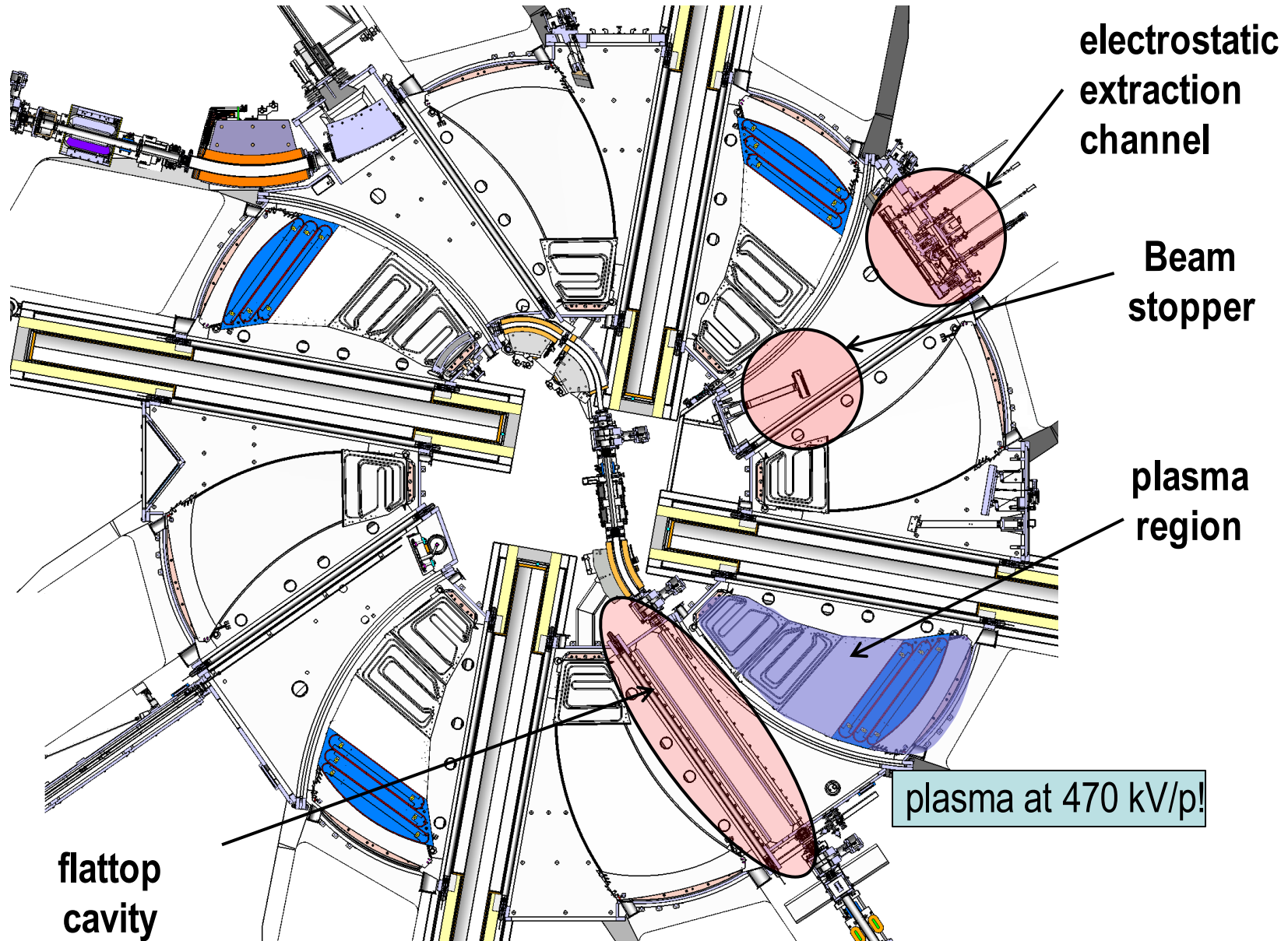
discovered during deflector
exchange in 2010



Plasma igniting at 470 kV/p(flattop cavity)



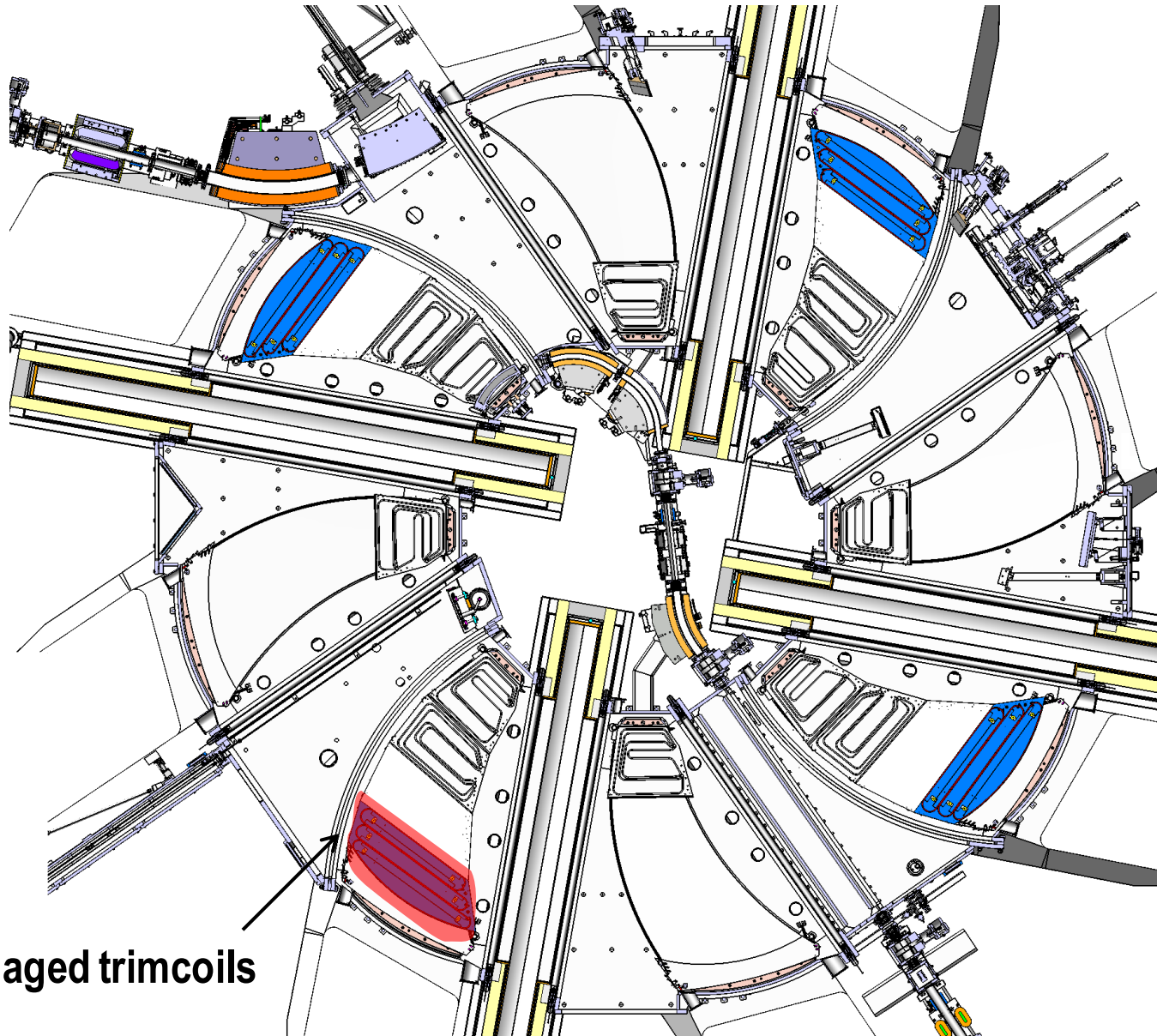
Plasma in ring cyclotron



Poorly grounded beamstopper in the cyclotron center acts as an RF-antenna



Plastic instead of metal



Damaged trimcoils

Deformed trim coils in sector magnet (2010)

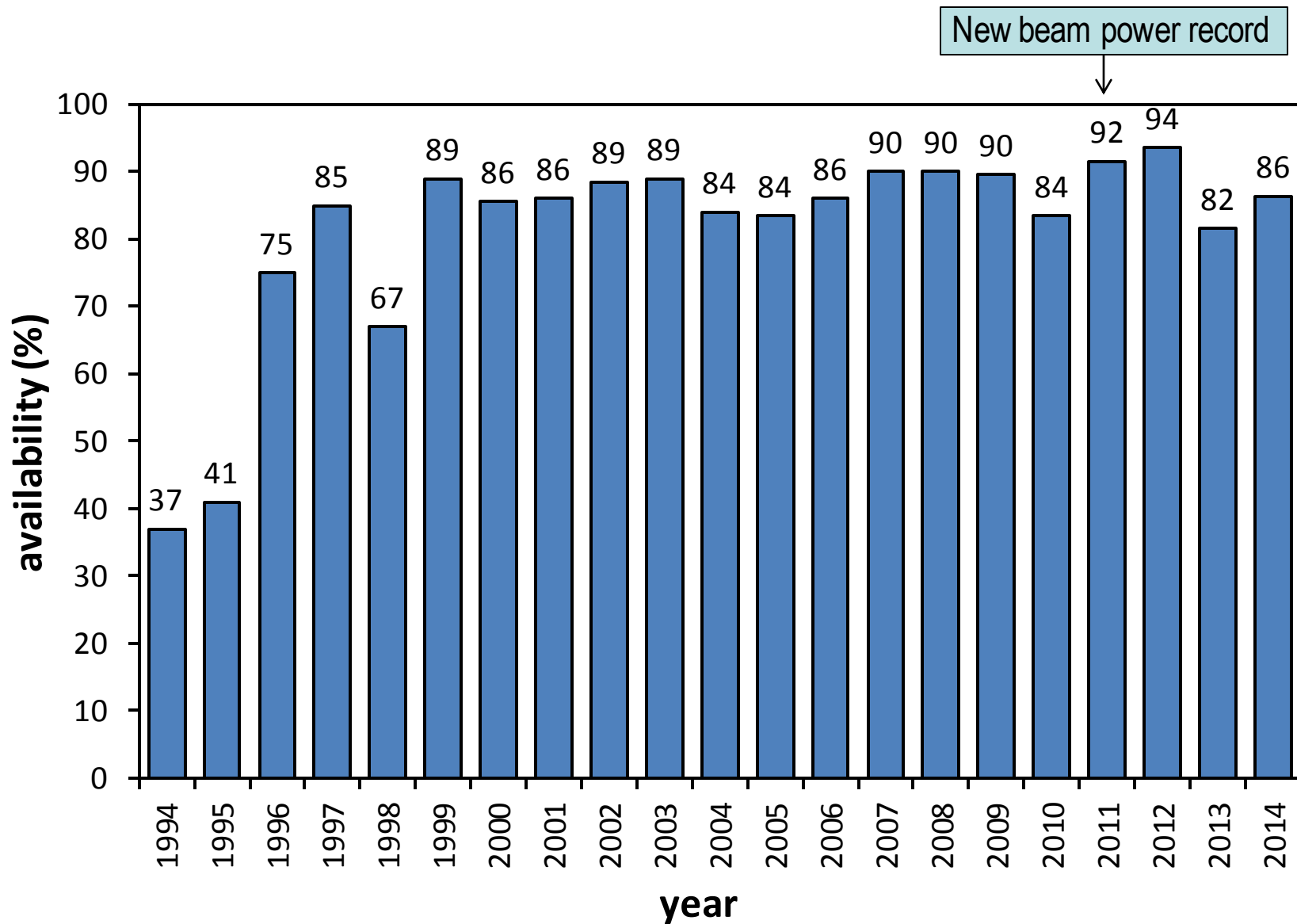
reduced gap (approx. 1.8 cm)

A photograph showing a close-up of a sector magnet assembly. The assembly consists of several layers of metal plates and trim coils. A red arrow points from a text box to the gap between the coils, indicating a reduced gap. The coils are labeled with numbers like 2850 and 3050. The overall structure is complex and metallic.

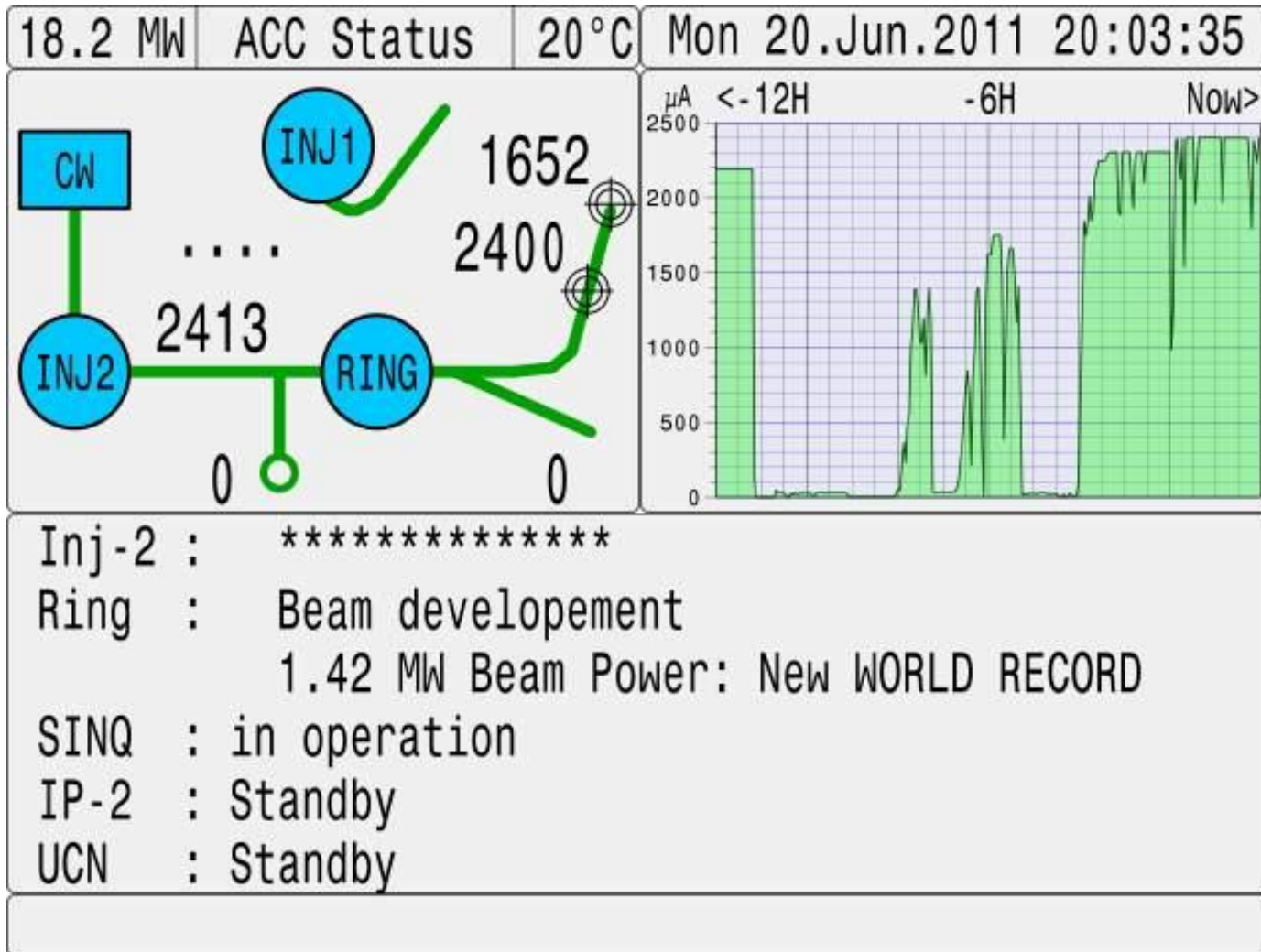
Cooling circuit failure
No interlock on RF-system

Several weeks for repair
→ continue operation **(with up to 2.2 mA!)**

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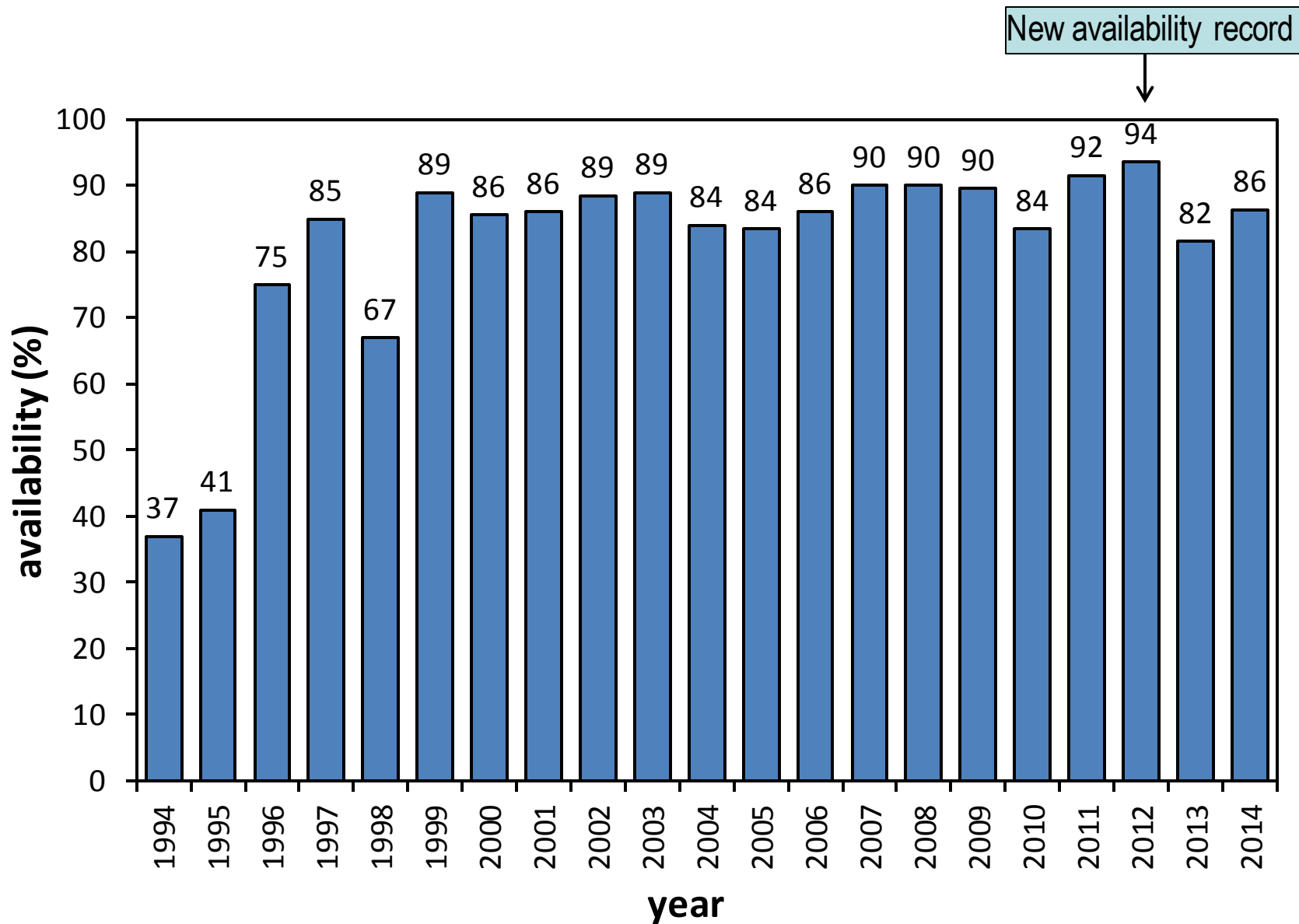


New beam intensity record 2011



Limited by law and beam losses

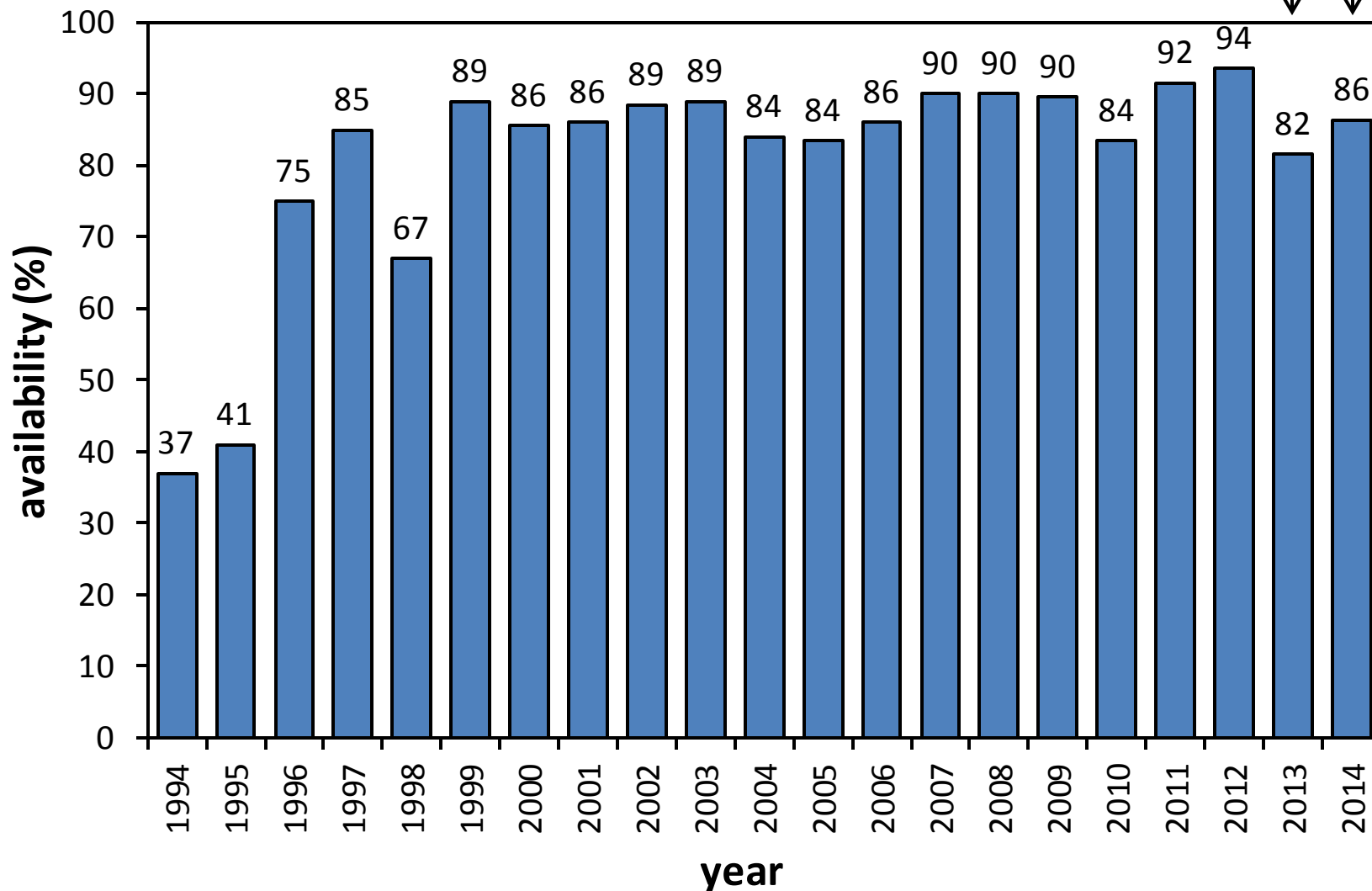
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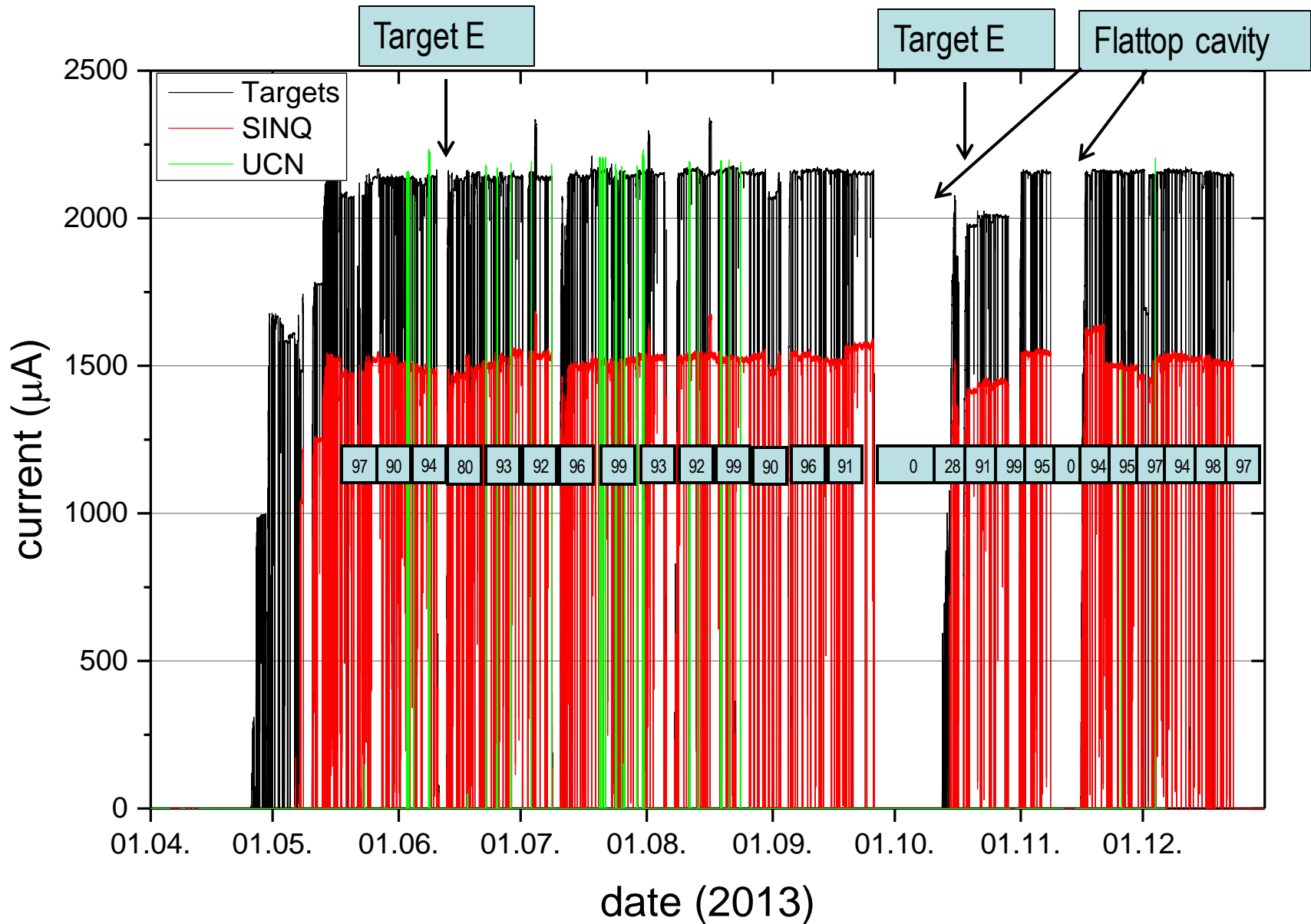


Don't halloo till you're out of the wood

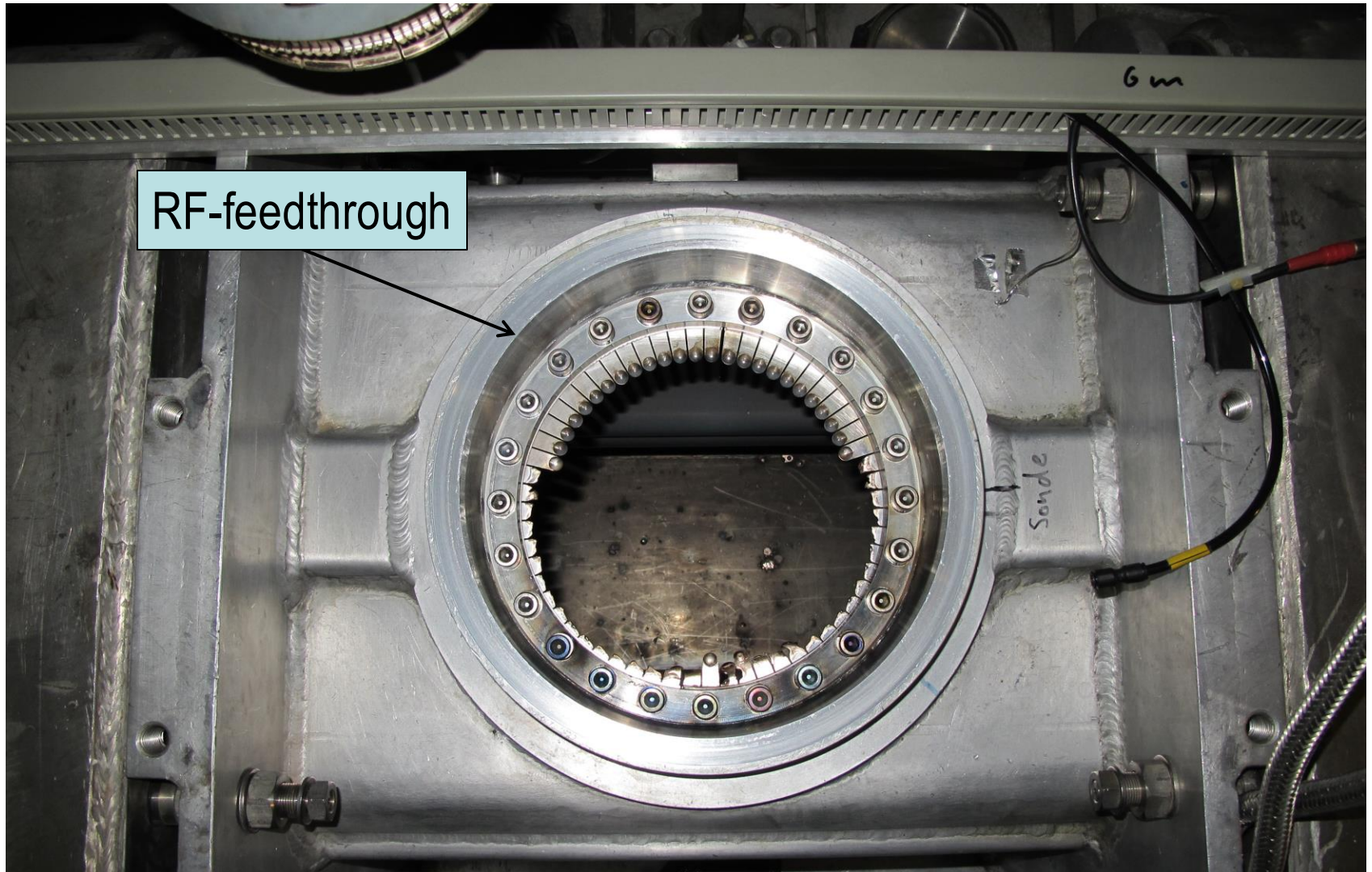
The Sorcerer's / Cyclotron's Apprentice: Spirits that I've cited
My commands ignore.

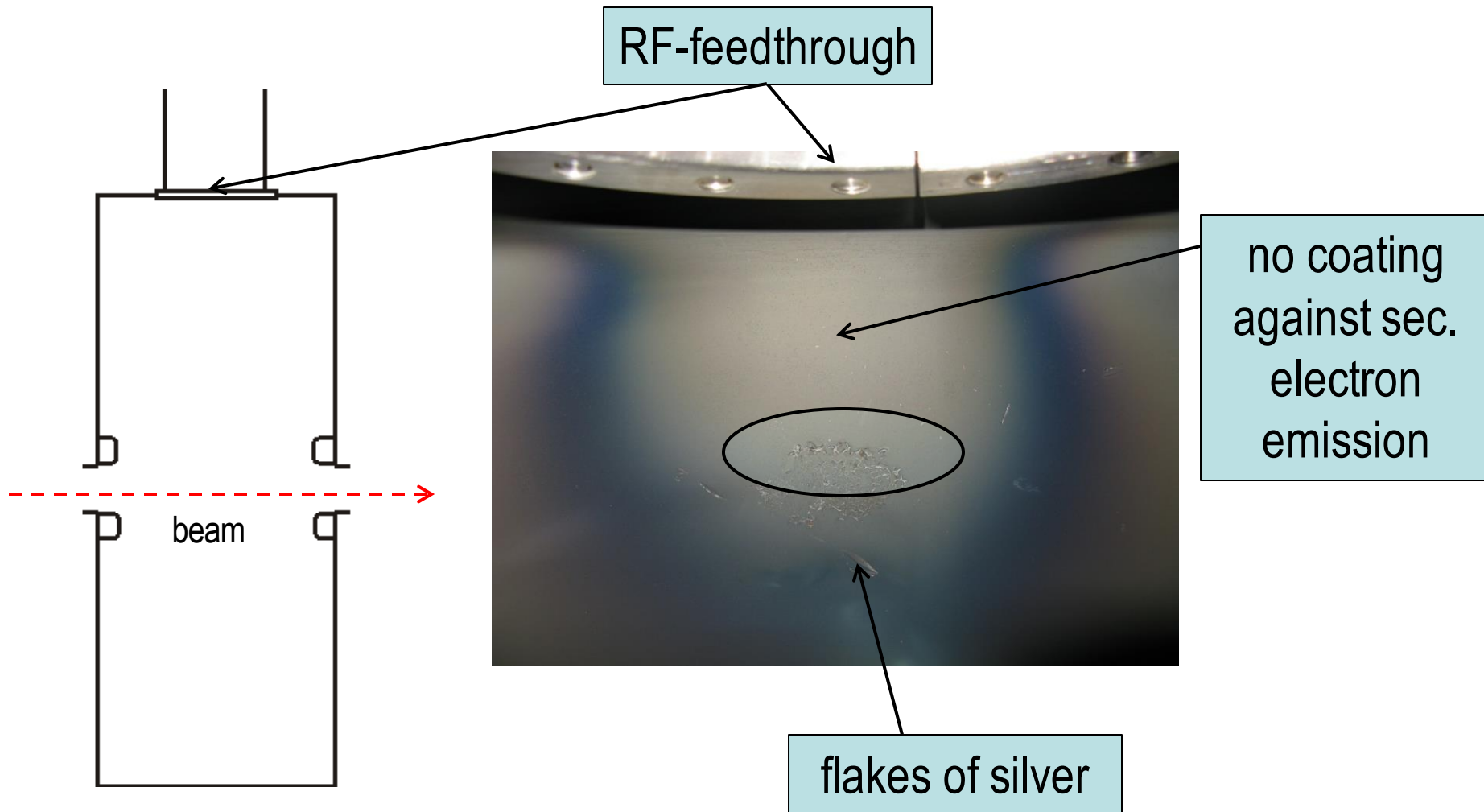
Flattop problems





Molten contact springs (3 times!)





Emission of secondary electrons in resonance with RF

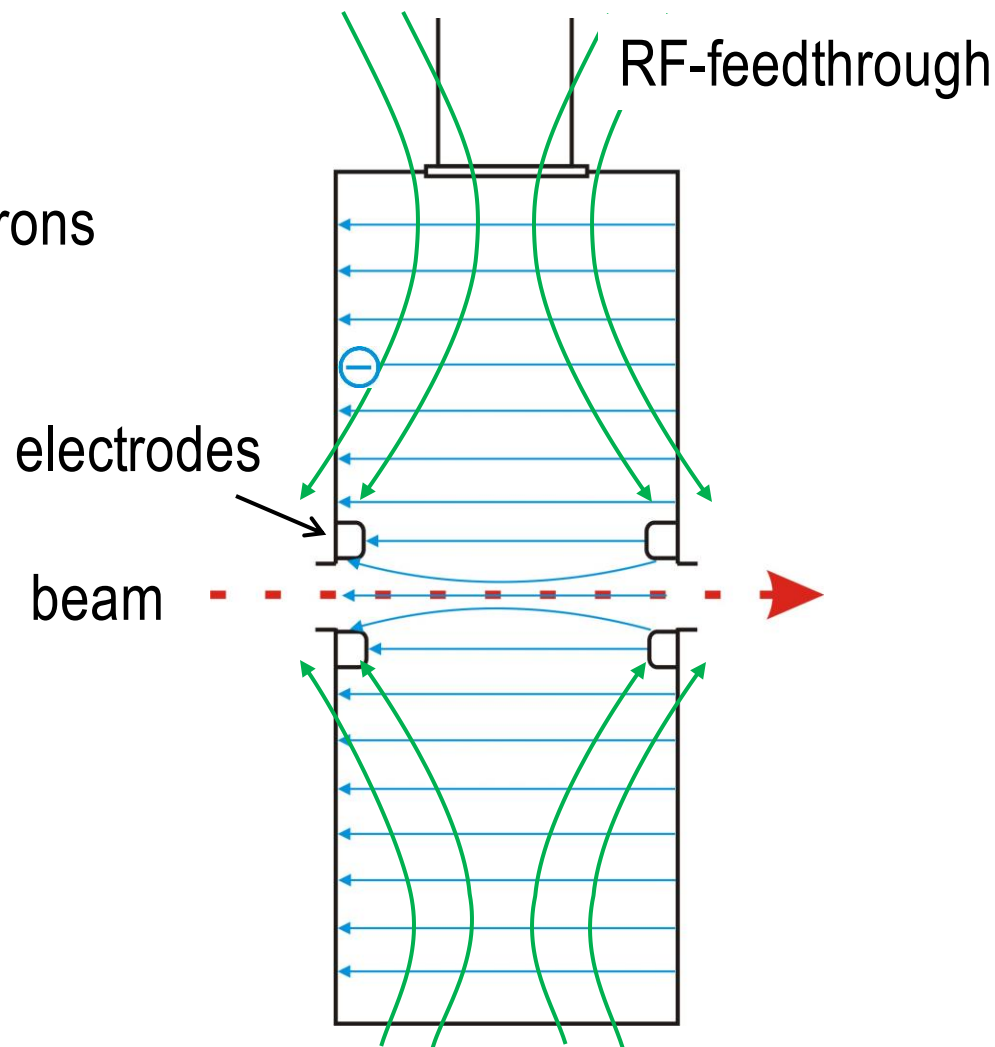
- High electric fields
- Small work funktion for elektrons
- Fringe field

Work functions:

Al: 4.0 eV

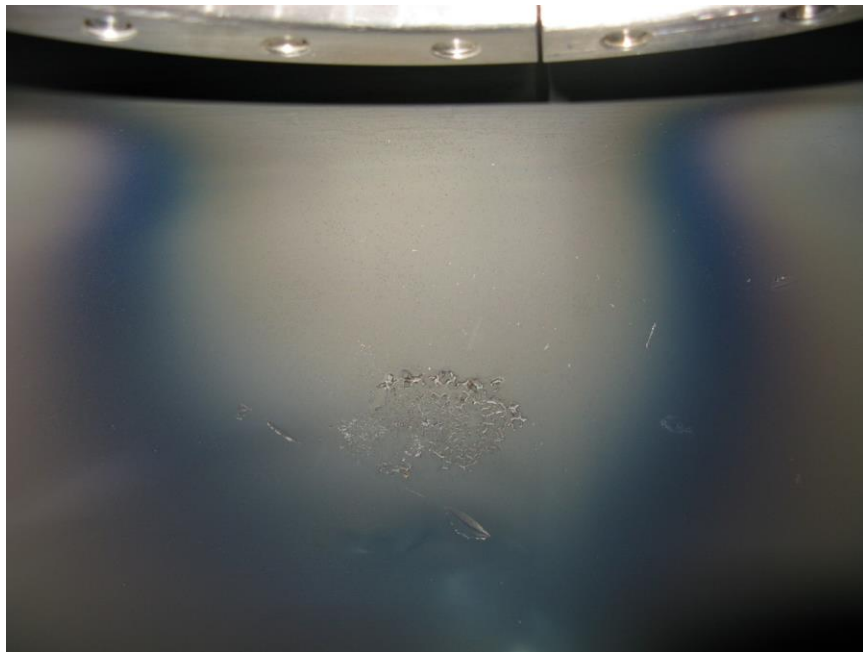
Cu: 4.3 eV

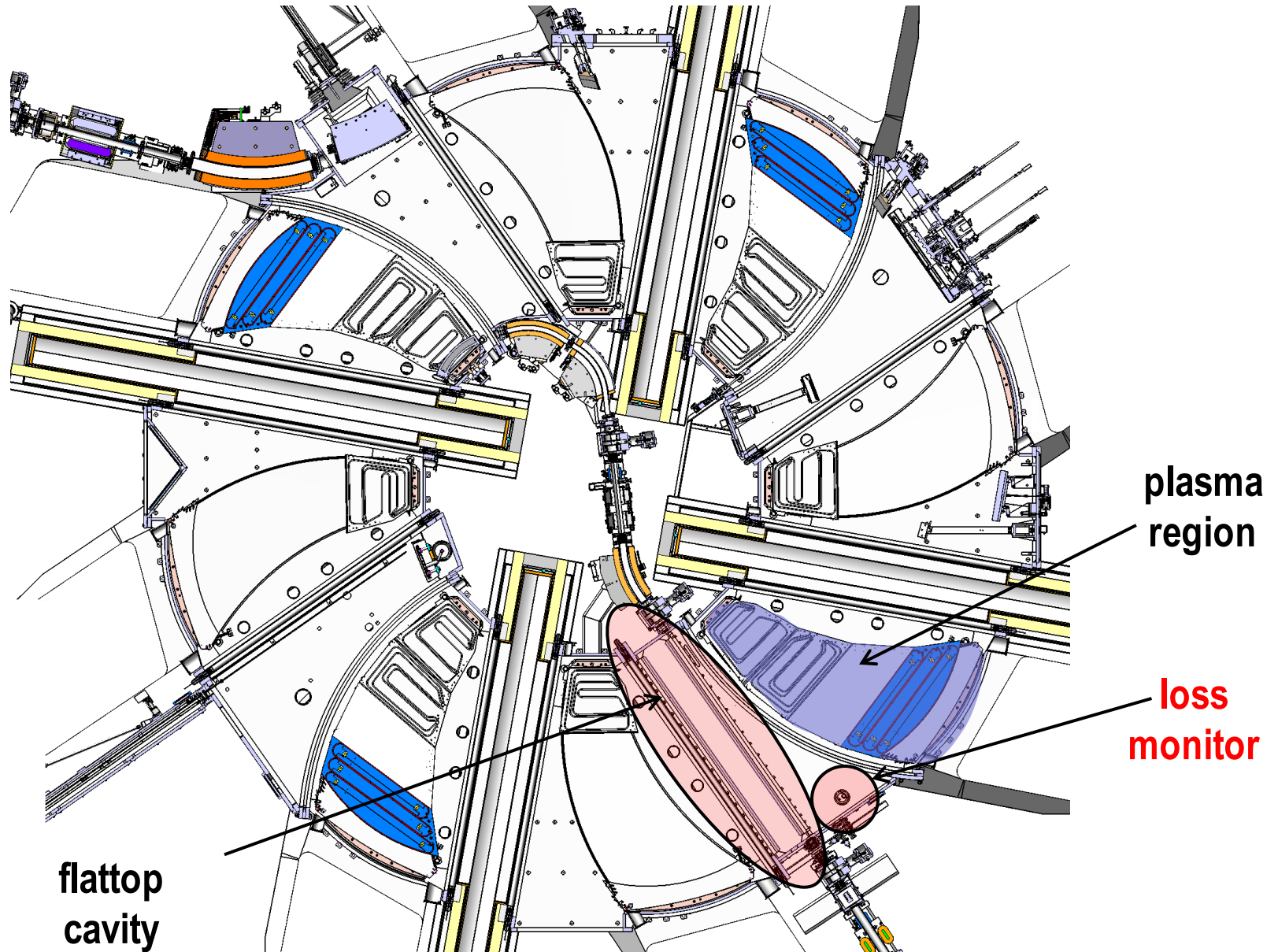
C: 4.8 eV



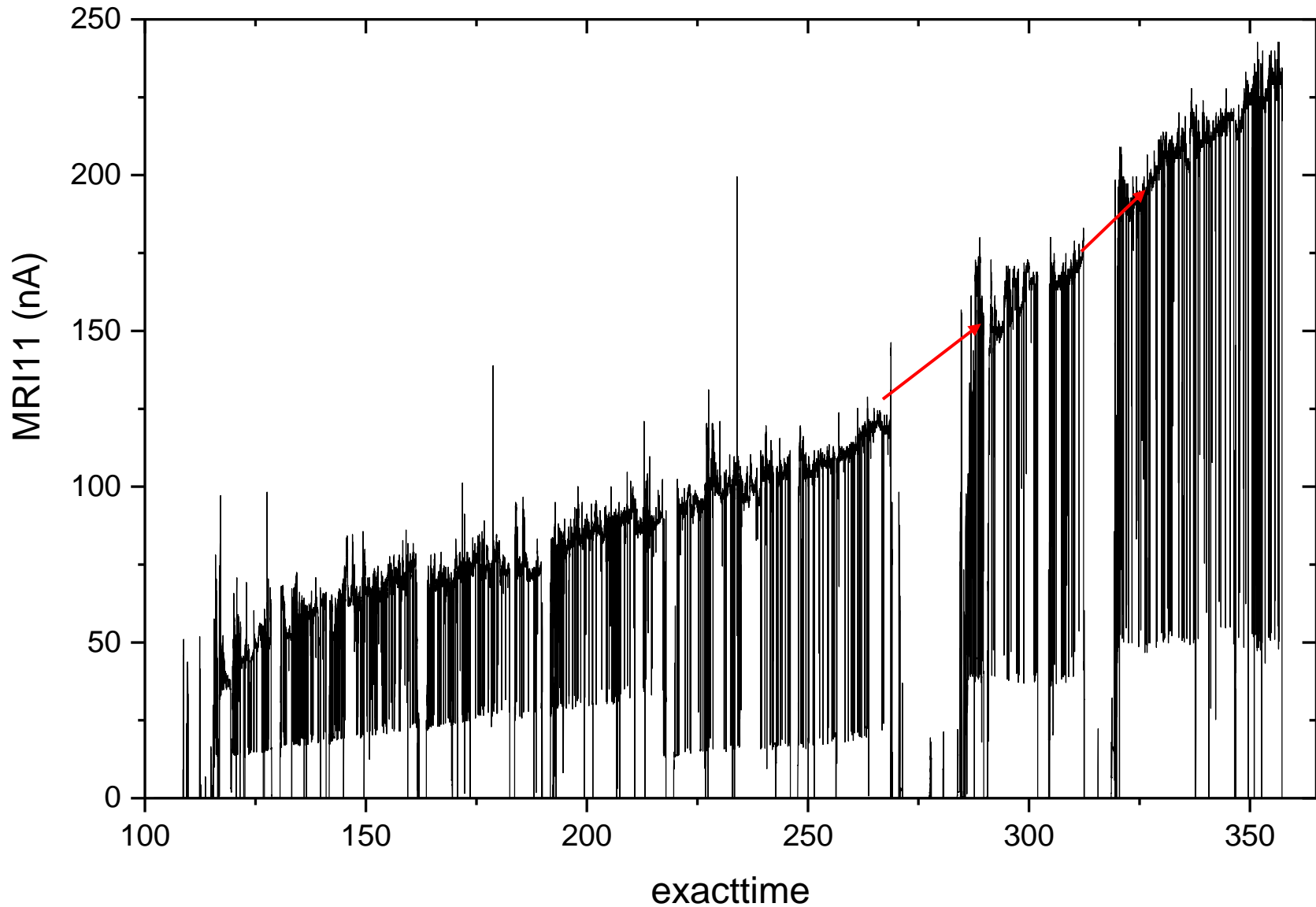
"Solution" against Multipactoring

Paint surface with **Aquadag**
(**Aqua** Deflocculated **Acheson** **G**raphite
Agar, water, graphite, ammonia)





γ -spectroscopy: not losses but X-rays with up to 550 keV

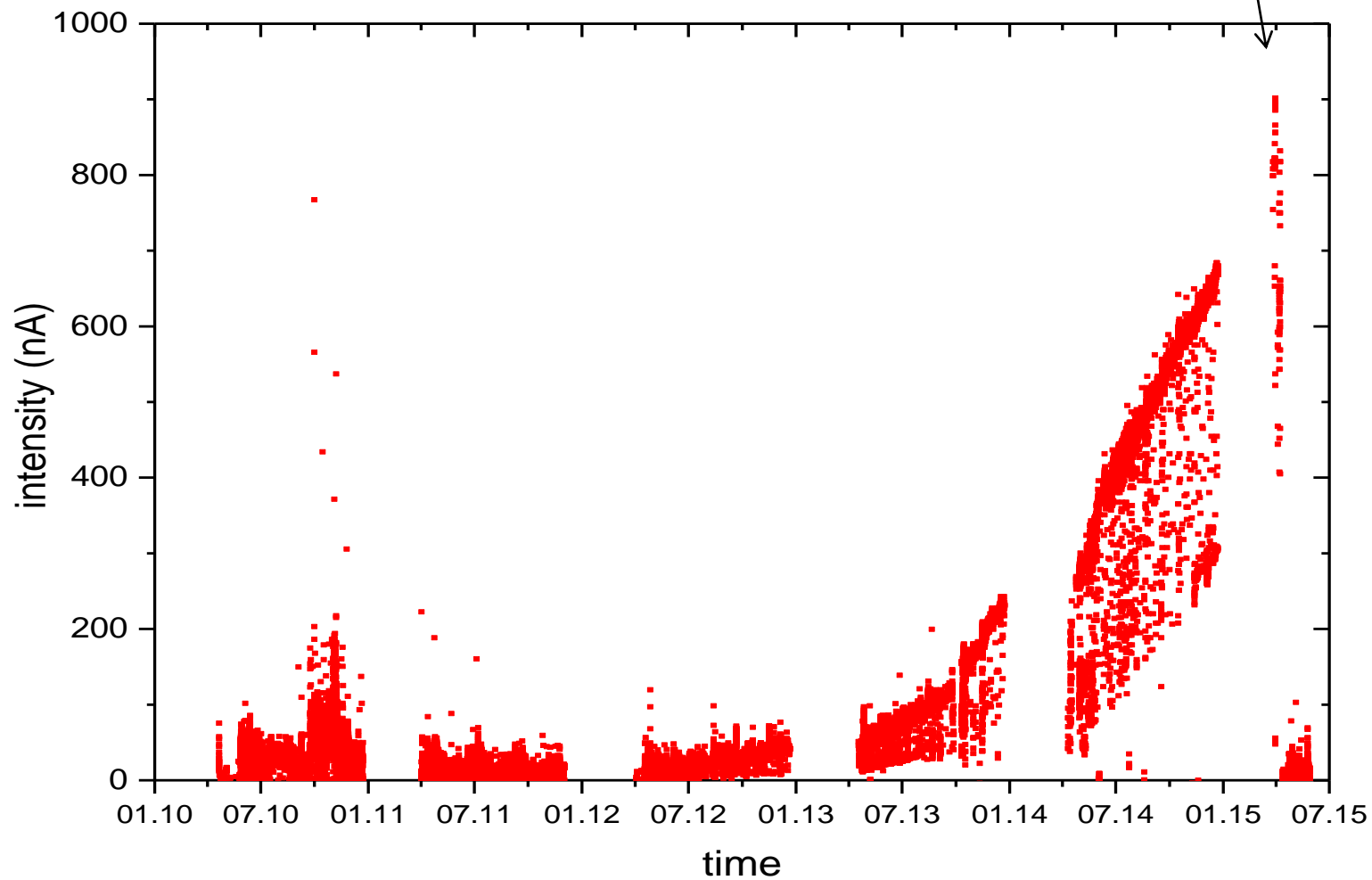


Shutdown 2015

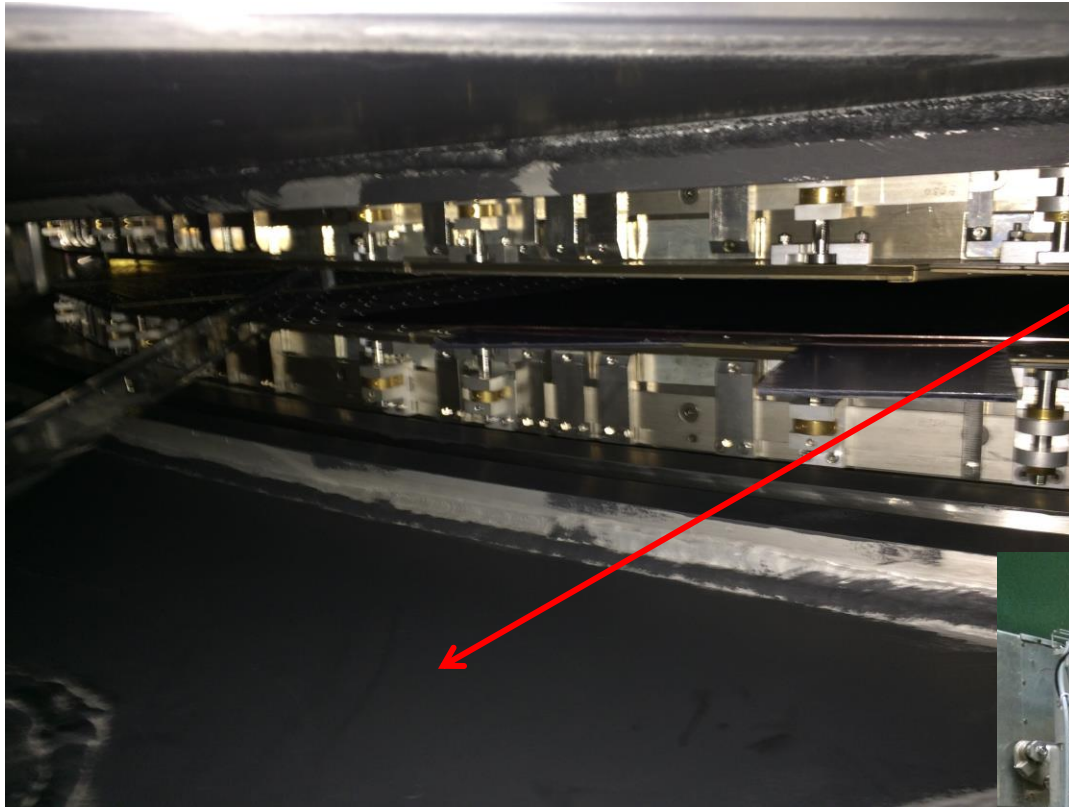
- remove cavity
- refurbish hydraulic tuning system
- Improve vacuum (new square sealings)
- tighten screws for electrodes



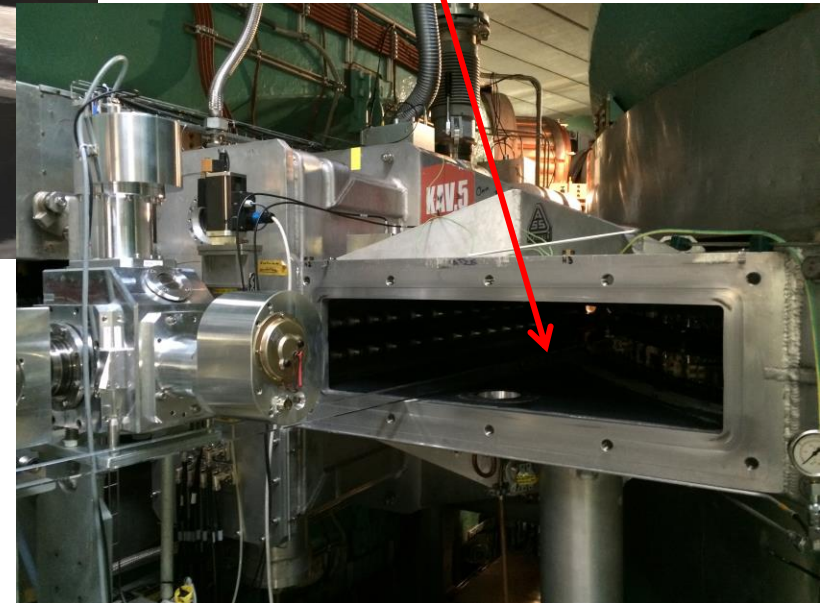
Up to 1000 nA of apparent losses



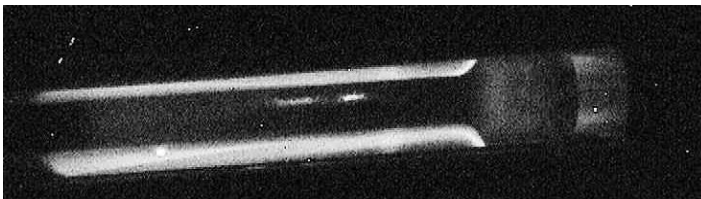
Measures to avoid multipactoring



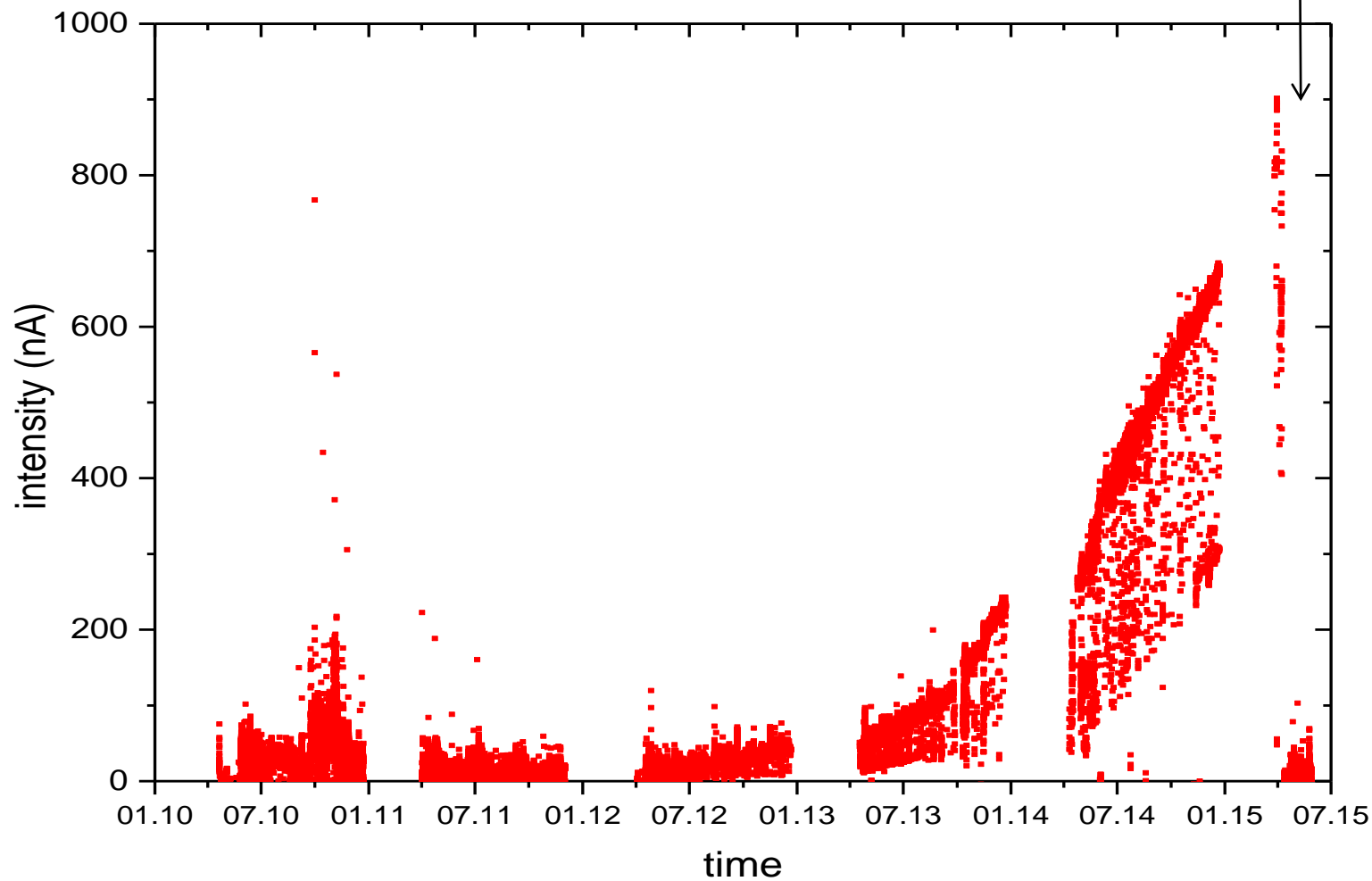
Paint surfaces and electrodes with Aquadag



plasma discharges around electrodes

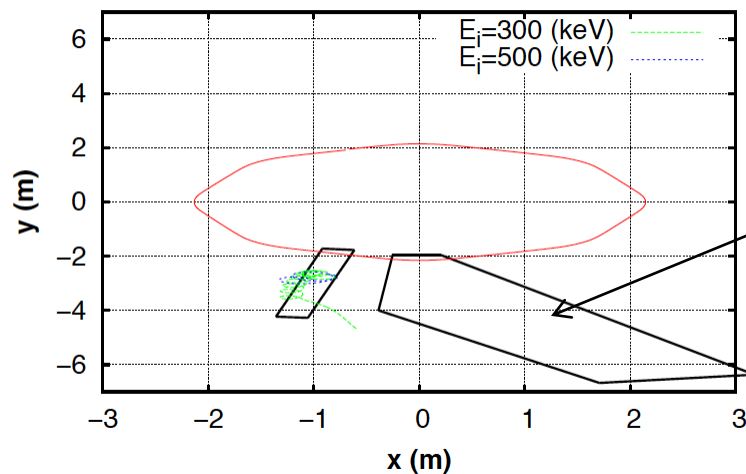


after painting the electrodes with Aquadag



Simulated Electron Orbits

$\theta = 108$ (deg) $\phi = 90$ (deg)



sector magnet

flattop cavity

550 keV electrons

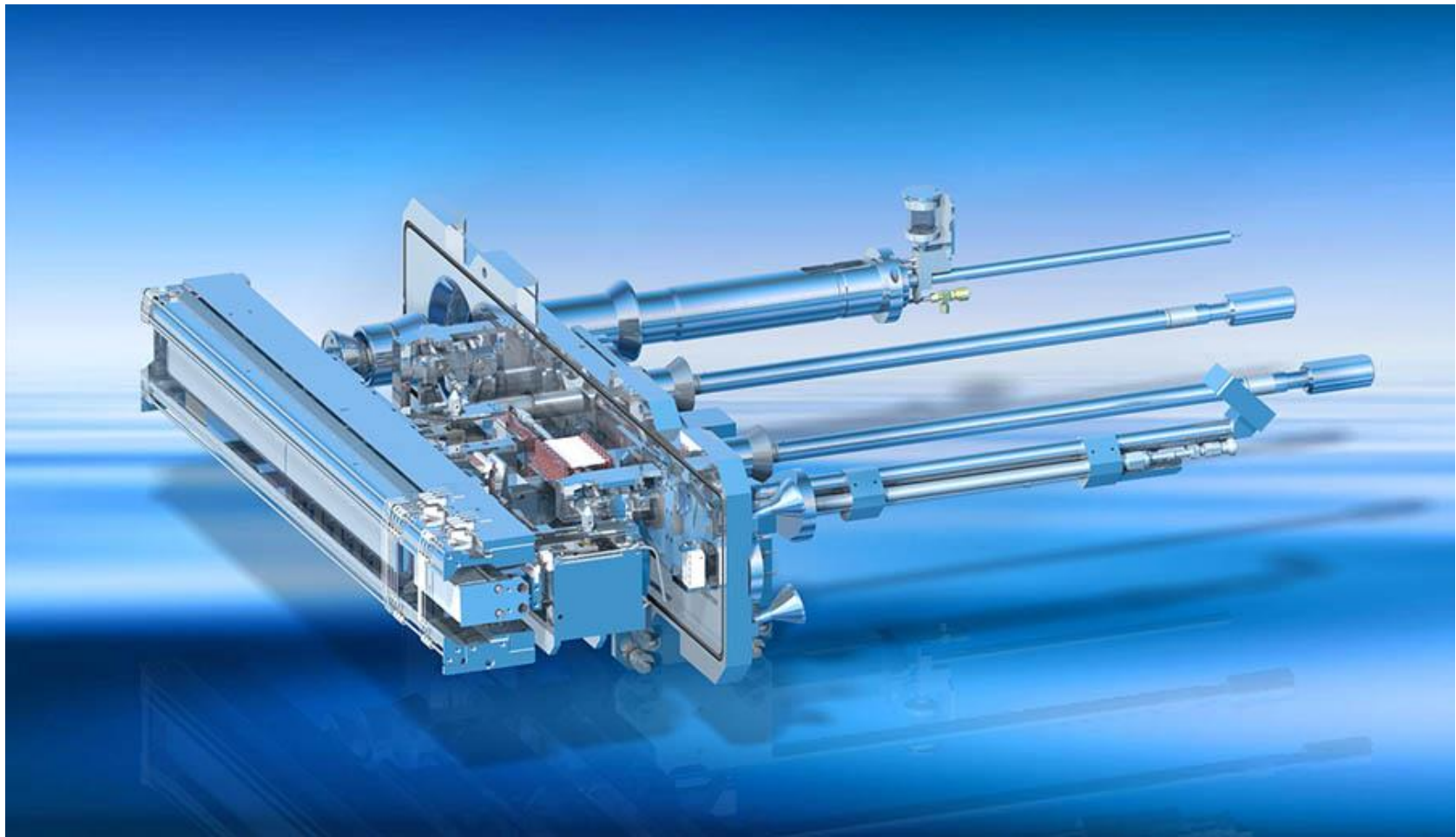
But: plasma still ignites at 470 kV!

vacuum flange

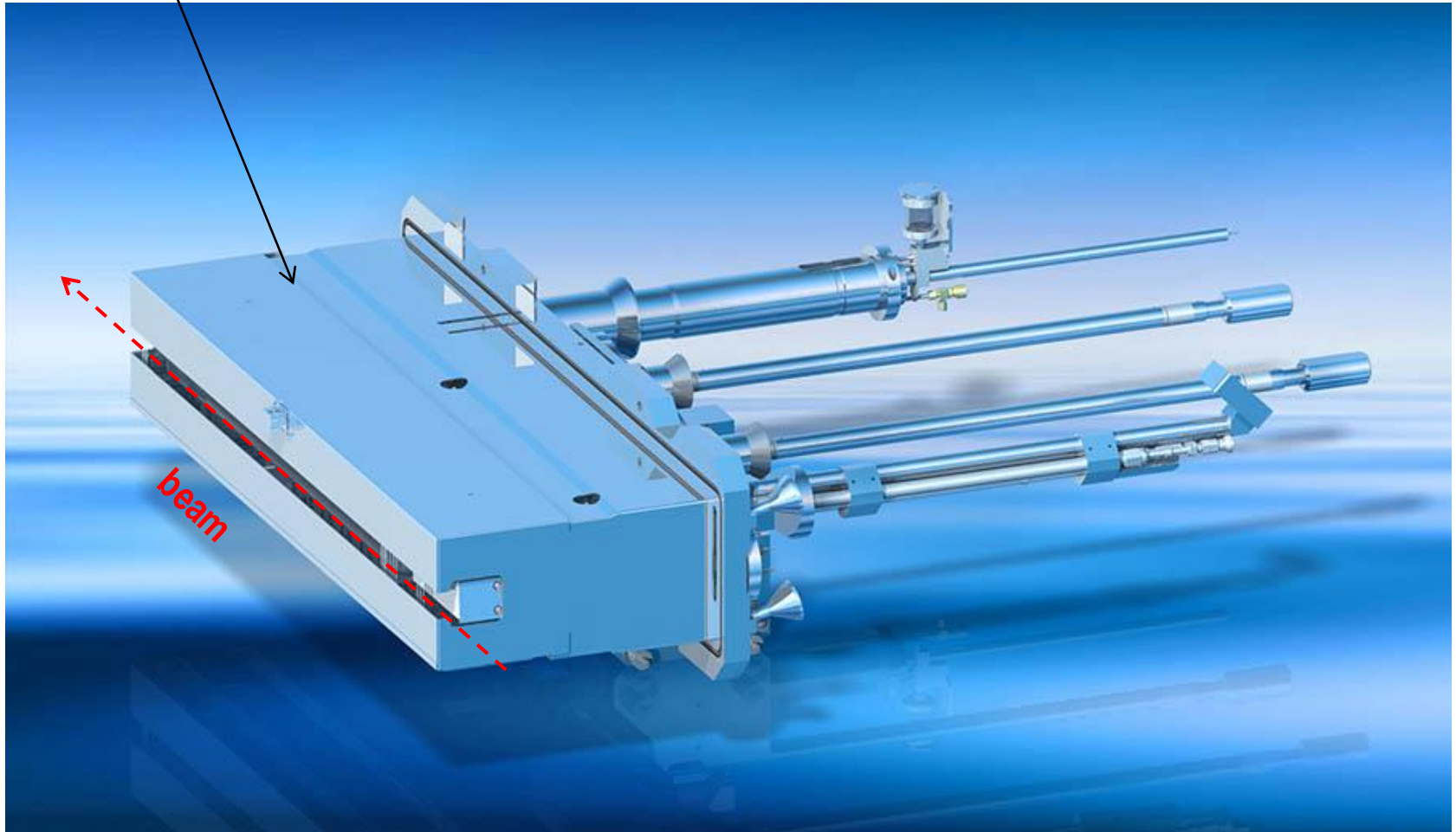
Courtesy A. Adelman, PSI

Electrostatic Extraction Channel

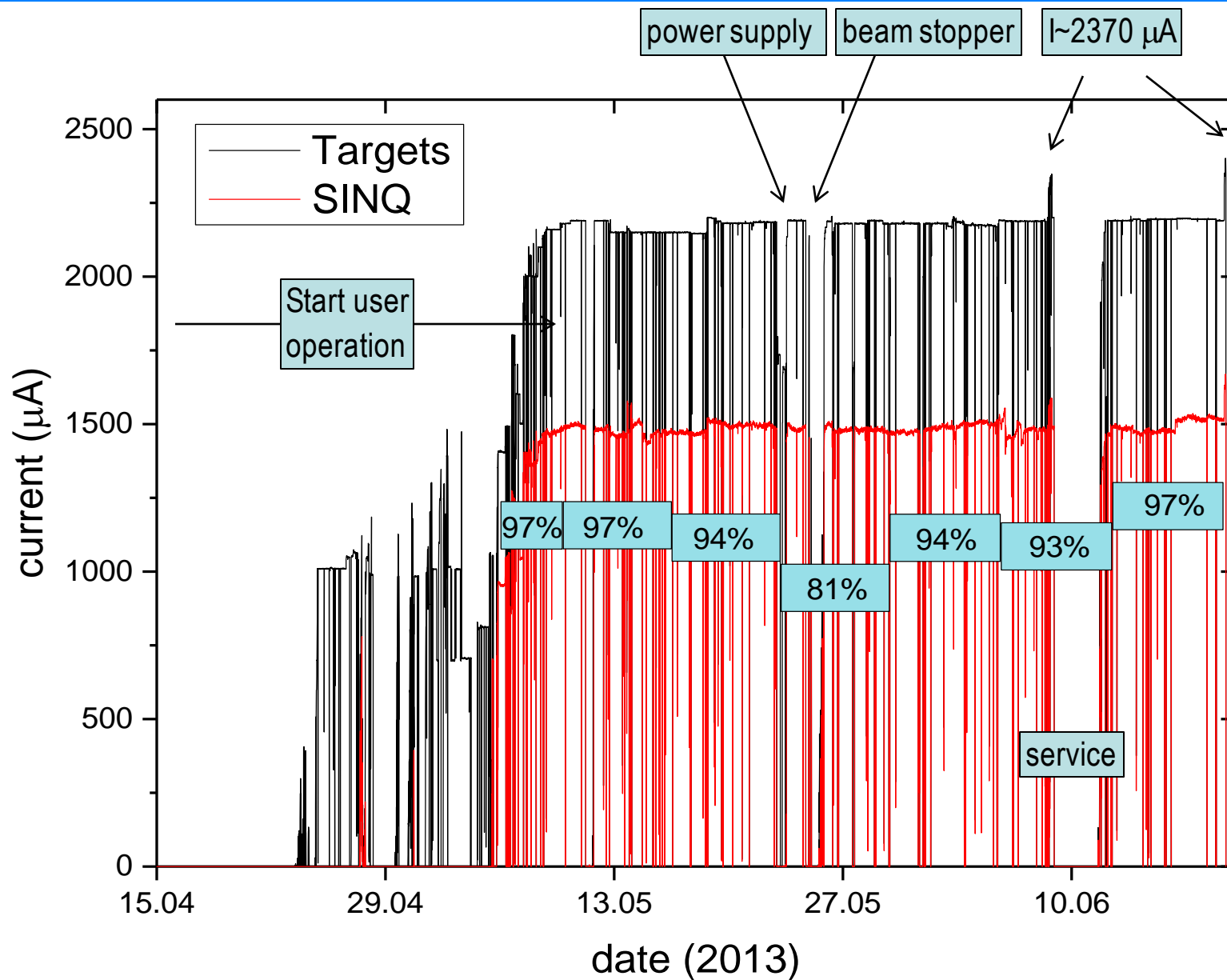
still plasma between trimm coils in sector magnet
→ discharges in electrostatic extraction channel

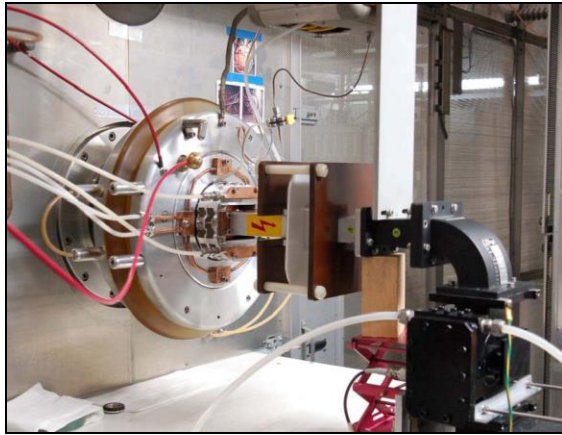


protective shielding



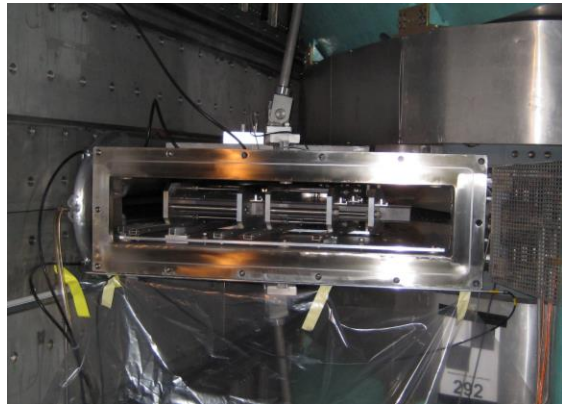
Beam Availability 2015





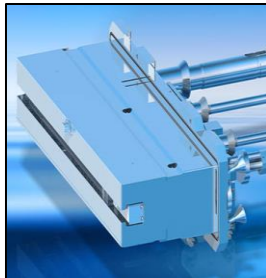
New ECR ion source

- Longer service intervals (> 8 weeks)
- Less unscheduled interruptions
- Higher proton fraction (80% instead of 33%)
- Smaller emittance
- Better beam stability
- 2.7 mA from Injector 2



Removal of aperture limitations and redundant elements

- Less interlocks caused by loss monitors
- Less discharges



Protective shielding for electrostatic elements

- against RF
- straying ions

Steps towards a higher Availability

- Remove the electrostatic elements (ESE) at the beginning of the shutdown
 - Store ESE in a vacuum chamber with HV switched on
 - Keep machine evacuated as often and long as possible (use N₂ to flood)
 - Careful conditioning of the RF-system (heat up the system)
 - Install ESE **after** RF-conditioning and ramp them up slowly
 - Take time to setup the machine (at least a week)
 - Longer running periods (4 weeks instead of 1)
 - Beam development and well-trained operators are extremely important!
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- Increase gap-voltage (1.2 MV/p are possible → less turns, less losses)
New flattop required (limited to 550 kV/p)
 - Re-bunch the beam within the injection line between Injector 2 and Ring cyclotron
 - Upgrade Injector II with two new resonators → better beam quality for Ring cyclotron
 - Improve vacuum (now $P > 10^{-6}$ mbar)
 - Replace trim coils (avoid secondary electron emission, plasma)
 - New ball bearings for targets
 - Improve ESE

Short interruptions have a considerable impact on the availability

Ramping up the beam takes approx. 60 s.

With 50 short interruptions per day this corresponds to **2% of lost availability!**

- Beam trips caused by microsparks in cavities can be neglected ($<500 \mu\text{s}$)
- Discharges in the electrostatic elements switch the beam off
 - rapid re-charging
 - RF-resonator for injection and extraction

- the PSI accelerator delivers 1.3 MW beam power in CW mode
- the average availability is 87%
- significant reduction of beam trips (eg.: best week: 58 trips = 8.3 trips per day most caused by ESE)

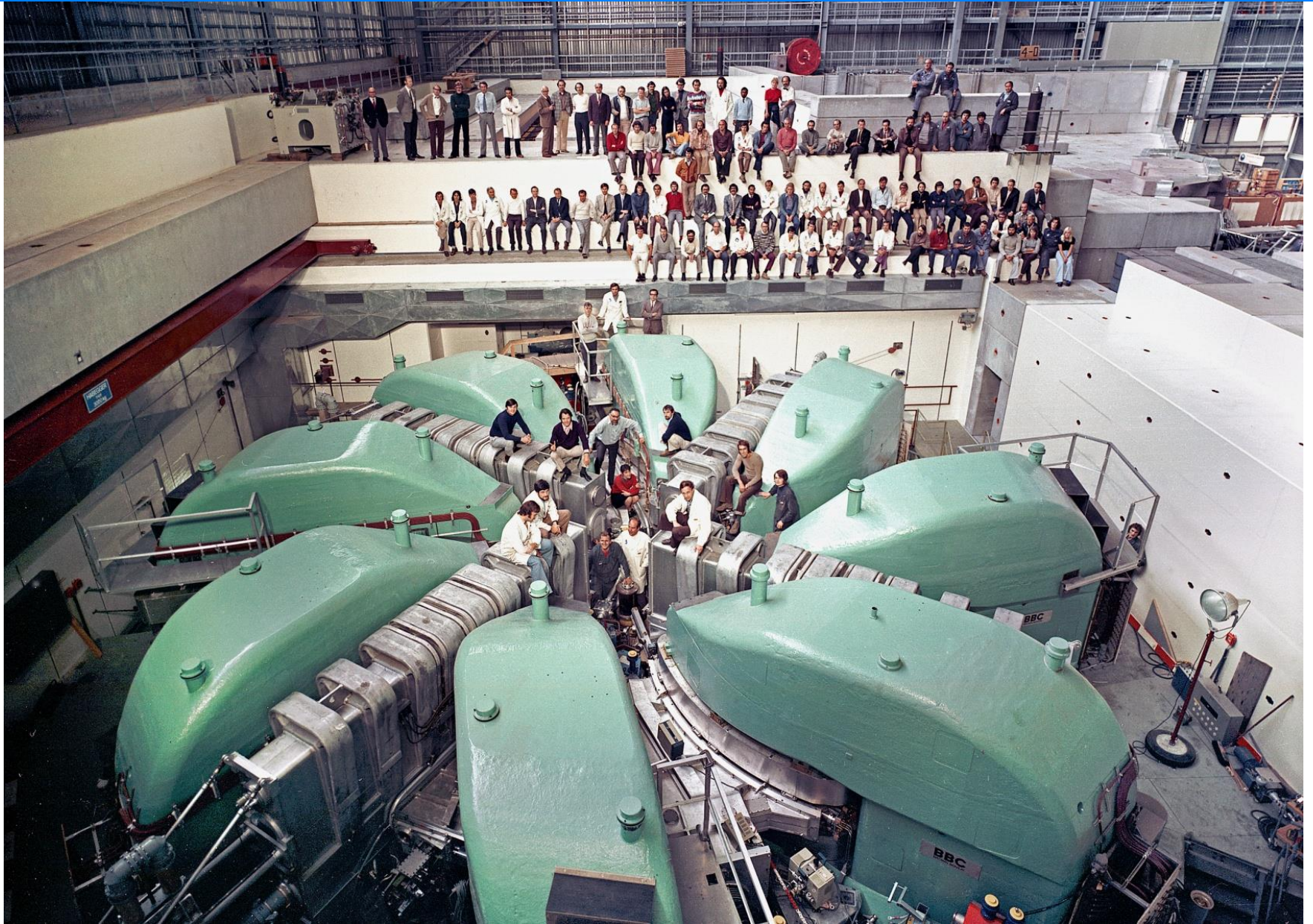
- major performance step achieved by raising the gap voltage using the new cavities in the Ring
- results in reduction of losses by factor 2 at same current; new beam record current is 2.4 mA

- **modular design** allows for fast and save repair (usually < 2 d)
- **Infrastructure**
radiation safety, shielding, waste disposal, hot-cell and radio-analytic laboratories
also includes licensing and the ability to perform required studies and other formal aspects connected to safety and radiation issues which are challenging and often underestimated!
- **documentation for careful planning of repair and service work**
- Stock keeping of critical elements extremely important
- Continuous replacement of old or "outdated" components (especially the flattop!)
- remove redundant components from the machines

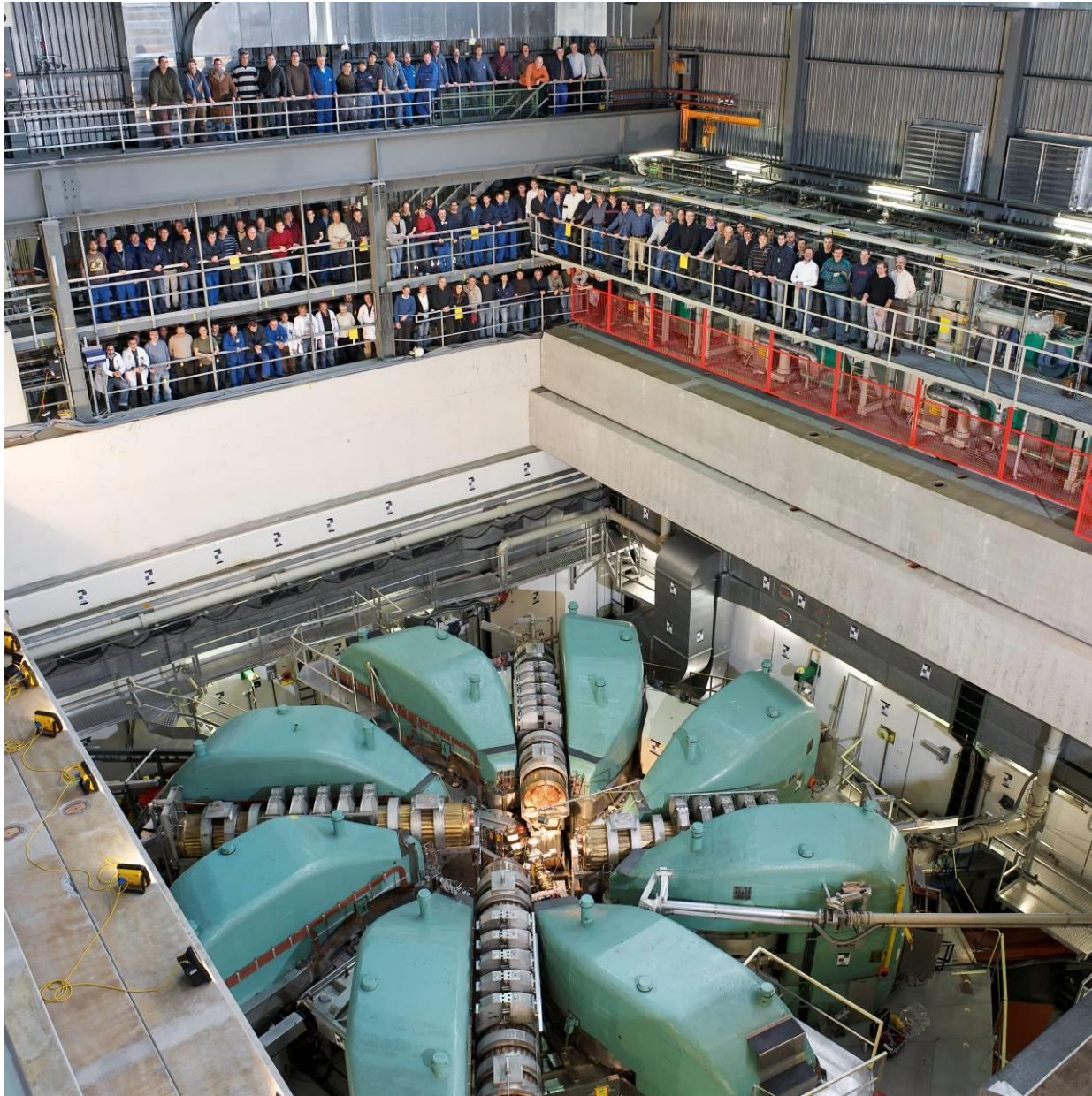
For a desirable spin-off: demonstrate applicability of cyclotron concept for ADS projects using our facility!

The PSI Ring cyclotron in 1974

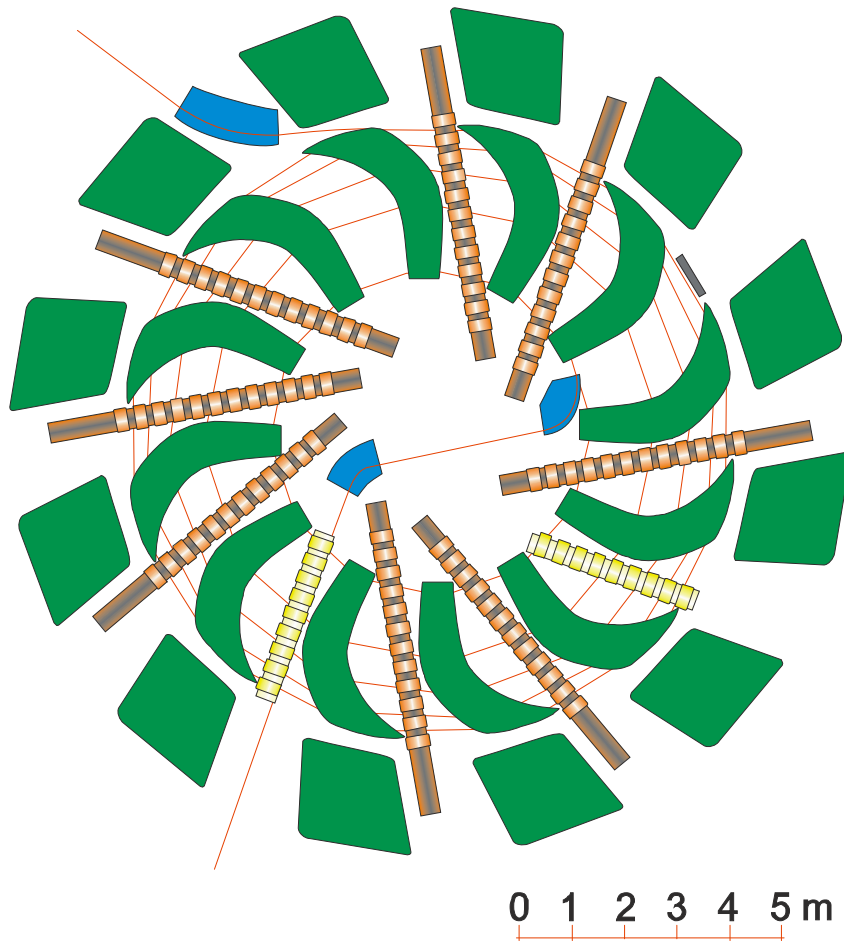
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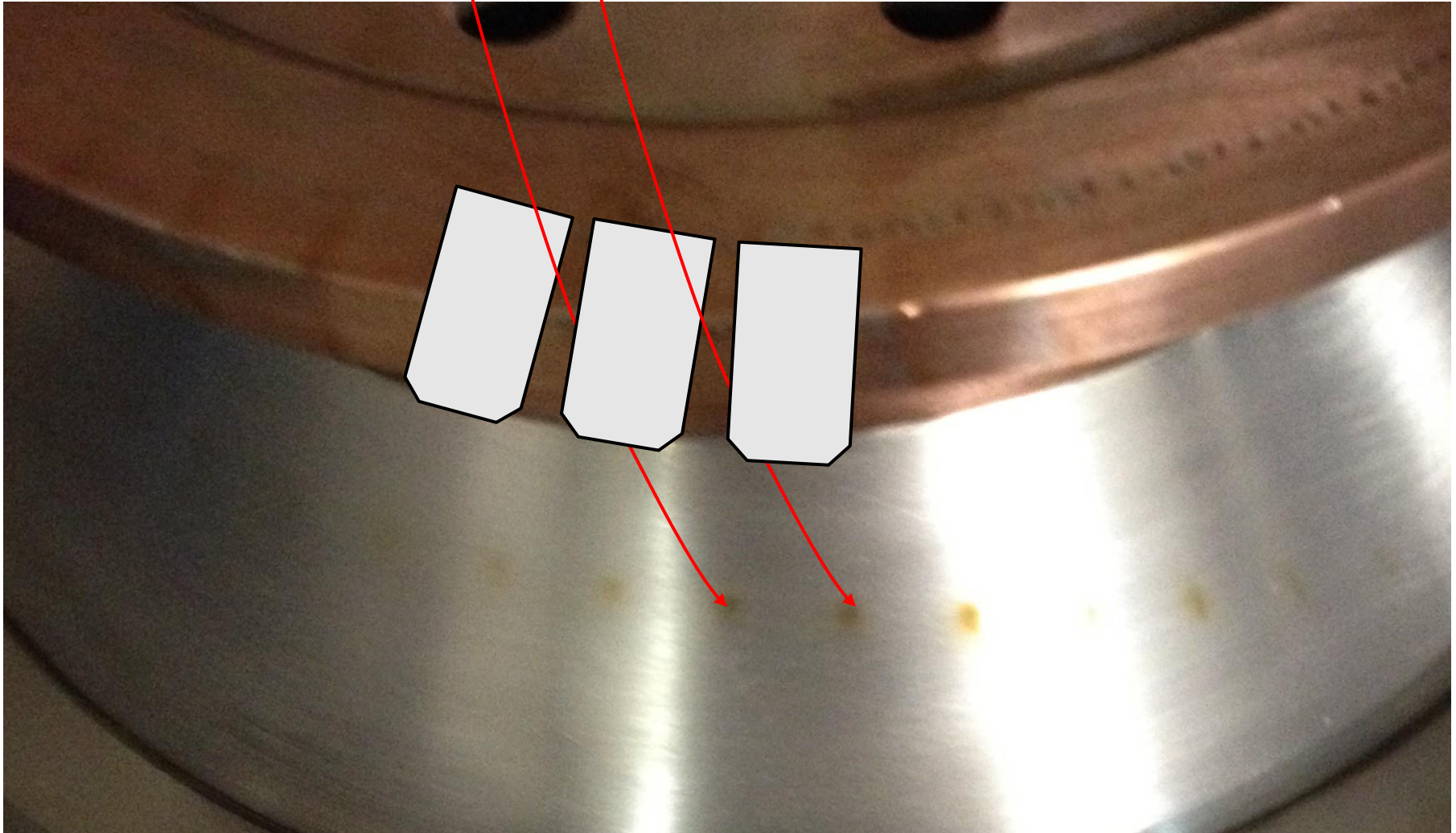


Proposal for a 10 MW driver



Parameter	1 GeV Ring	PSI Ring
Energy	1000 MeV	590 MeV
Current	10 mA	2.2 mA (3.0 @ 4 MV/turn)
Magnets	12 ($B_{\max} = 2.1 \text{ T}$)	8 ($B_{\max} = 1.1 \text{ T}$)
Cavities	8 (1000 kV)	4 (800 kV)
Frequency	44.2 MHz	50.63 MHz
Flat tops	2 (650 kV)	1 (460 kV)
Injection energy	120 MeV	72 MeV
Injection radius	2.8 m	2.1 m
Extraction radius	5700 mm	4462 mm
Number of turns N	140	186
Energy gain at extraction	6.3 MeV	2.4 MeV
$\Delta R/\Delta N$	11 mm	5.7 mm
Turn separation	7σ	7σ
Beam power	10 MW	1.3 MW (2.4 MW)

electrons



Electrostatic
Extraction Element



Collimators



Meson production target (4 cm)



beam splitter



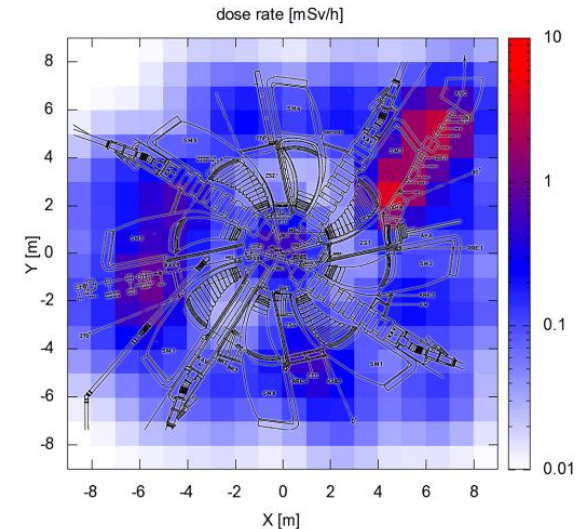
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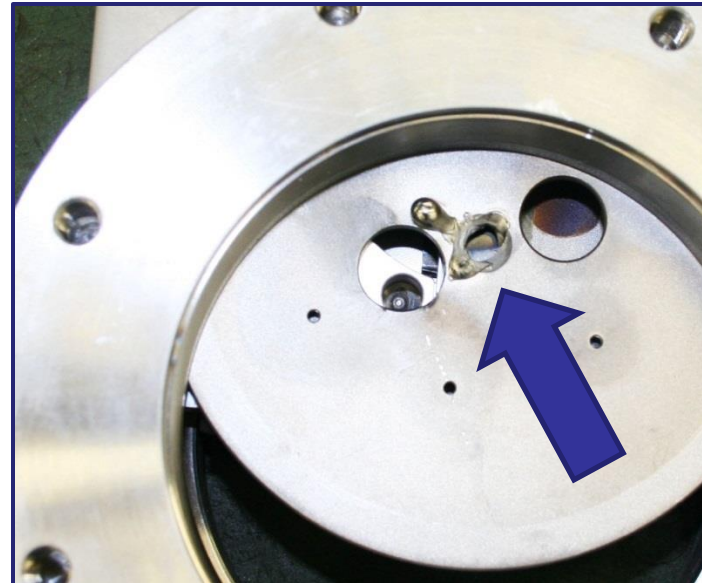
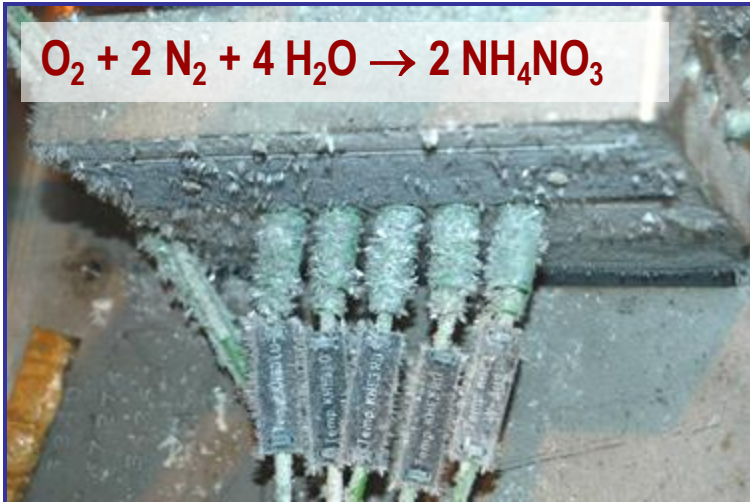
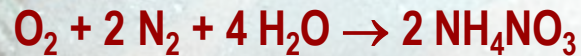
The Challenge of a High Power Beam

incomprehensive list:

- a Megawatt beam is a dangerous beast, melts steel in 10 ms, interlocks!
- losses must be low ($\approx 200 \text{ W} \cong 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$) to avoid excessive activation
- **Expensive infrastructure for repairs and exchange of elements**
- high power RF has side effects: Plasma discharges, multipactoring, heating ...
- Ammonium Nitride and much more ...

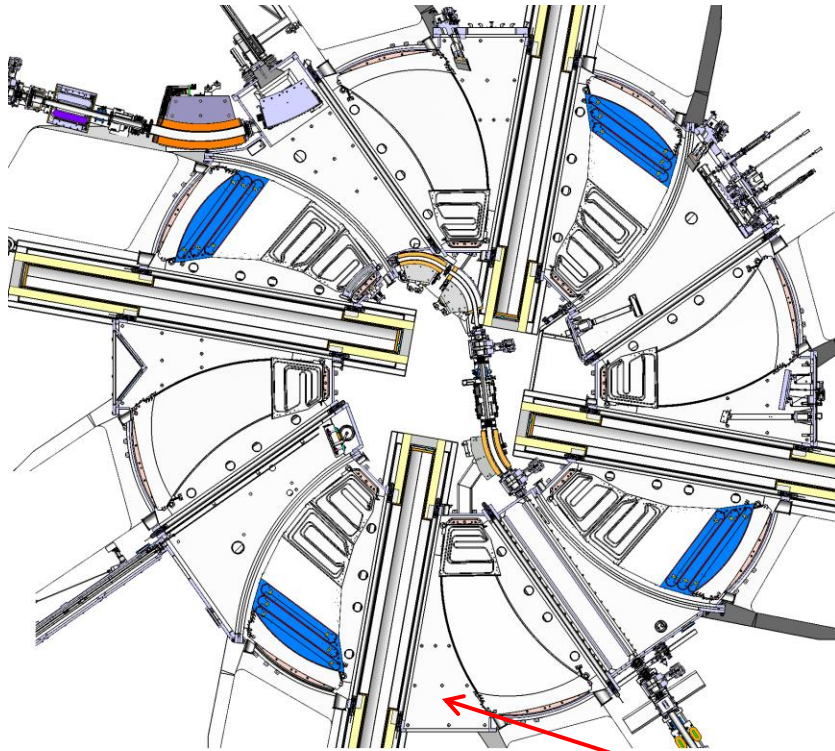


main activation at extraction



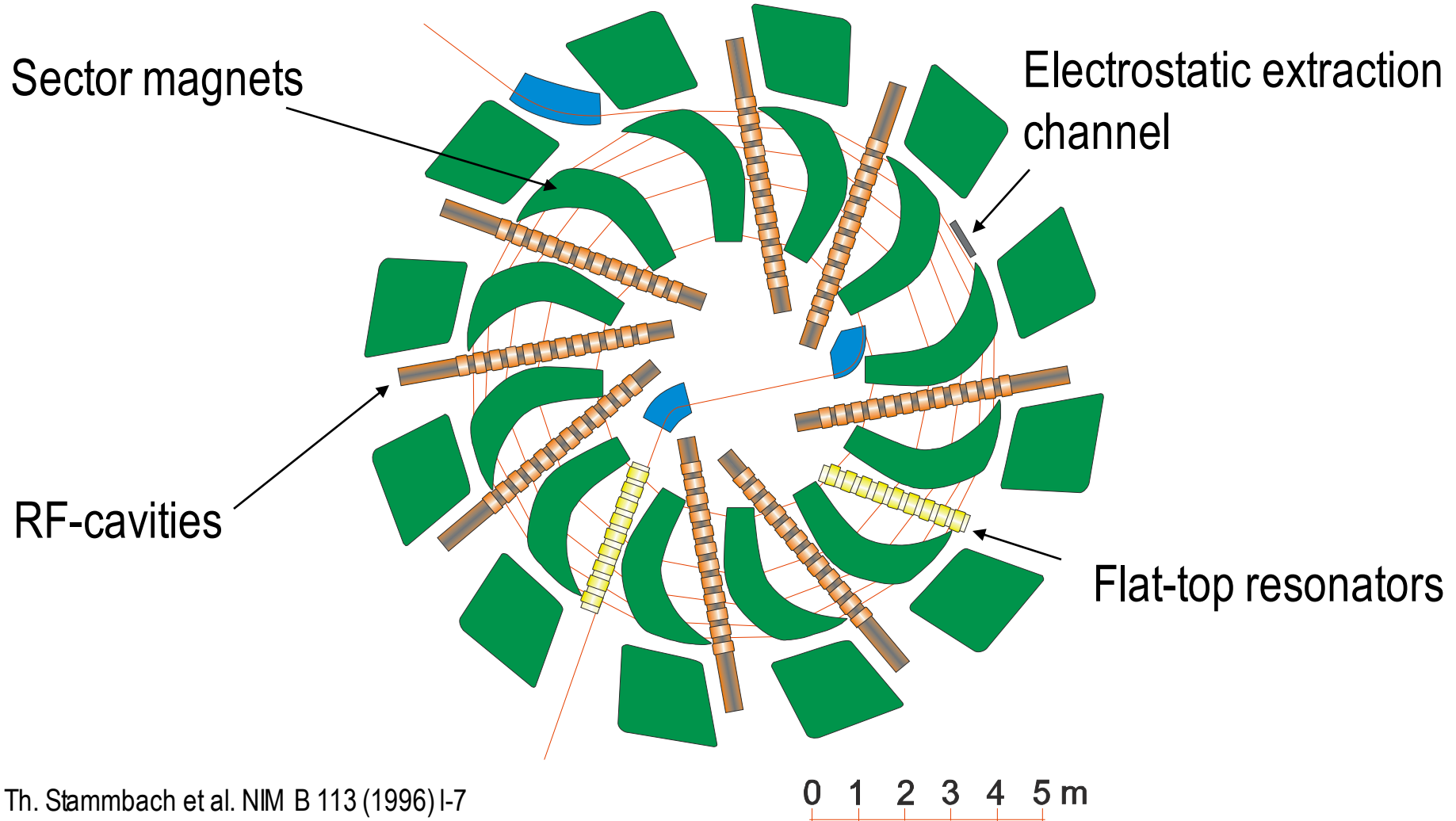
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Removal of carbon collimator



→ up to a factor of 2 less losses in this region

Outlook: Proposal for a 10 MW driver



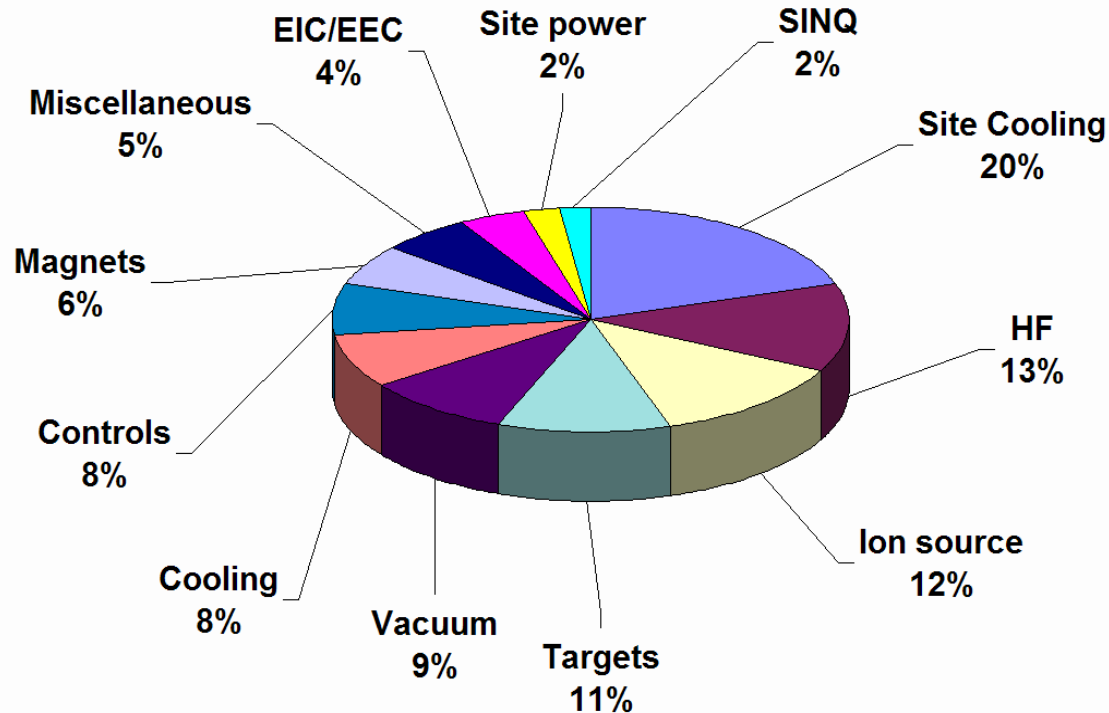
Cyclotron allows for

- sufficient beam-current and energy
- CW-operation
- low losses (sectors, cavities, bunchers)
- cost effective
- reasonable size
- modular design
- easy maintenance (individual dose)
- sound theoretical background

Important issues

- extraction losses
- decrease number of trips (el. stat. elements)
- intercept component failure (redundancy)
- RF-design with reserve
- reliable ion source (solved: ECR)
- machine protection (diagnostics, targets)
- space charge limits (flat-tops or bunchers?)

- **overall availability of the proton facility is now 95%**
- operation is typically distorted by short (30 s) interruptions
- significant improvement with reduced number of turns
- number of short interruptions reduced from **61/day** (2007) to **28/day** (2008)
- 0.5 failures per day that take longer than 10 min for recovery
- rate of longer interruptions (i.e. component failures) is not improved

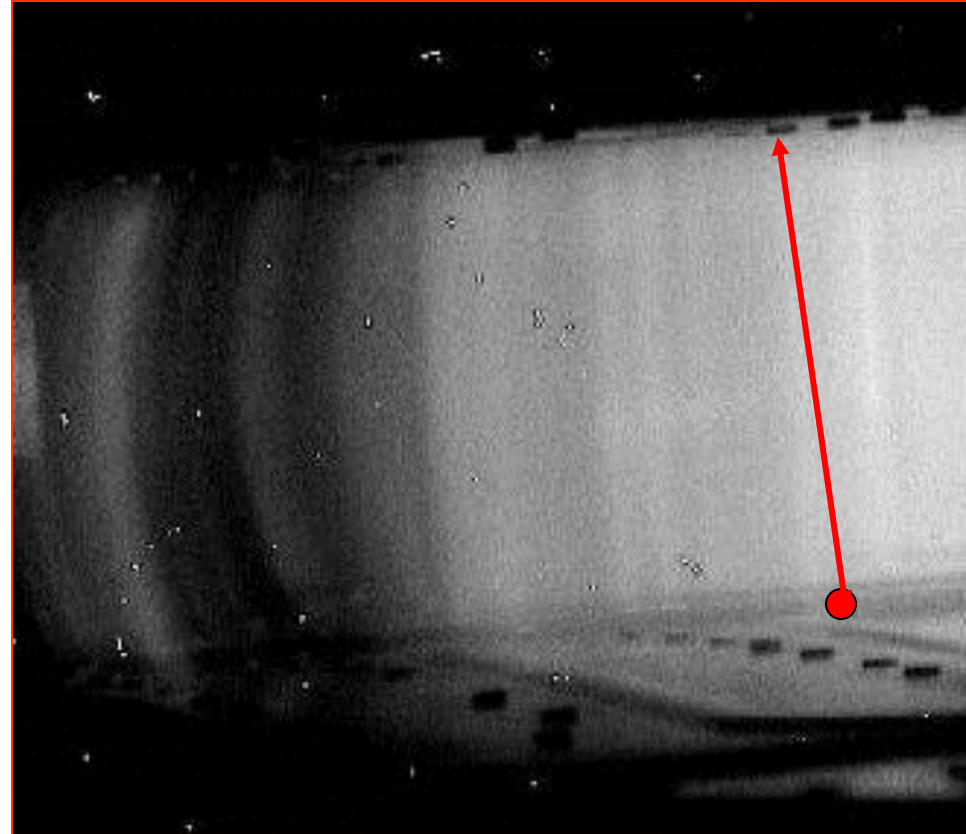


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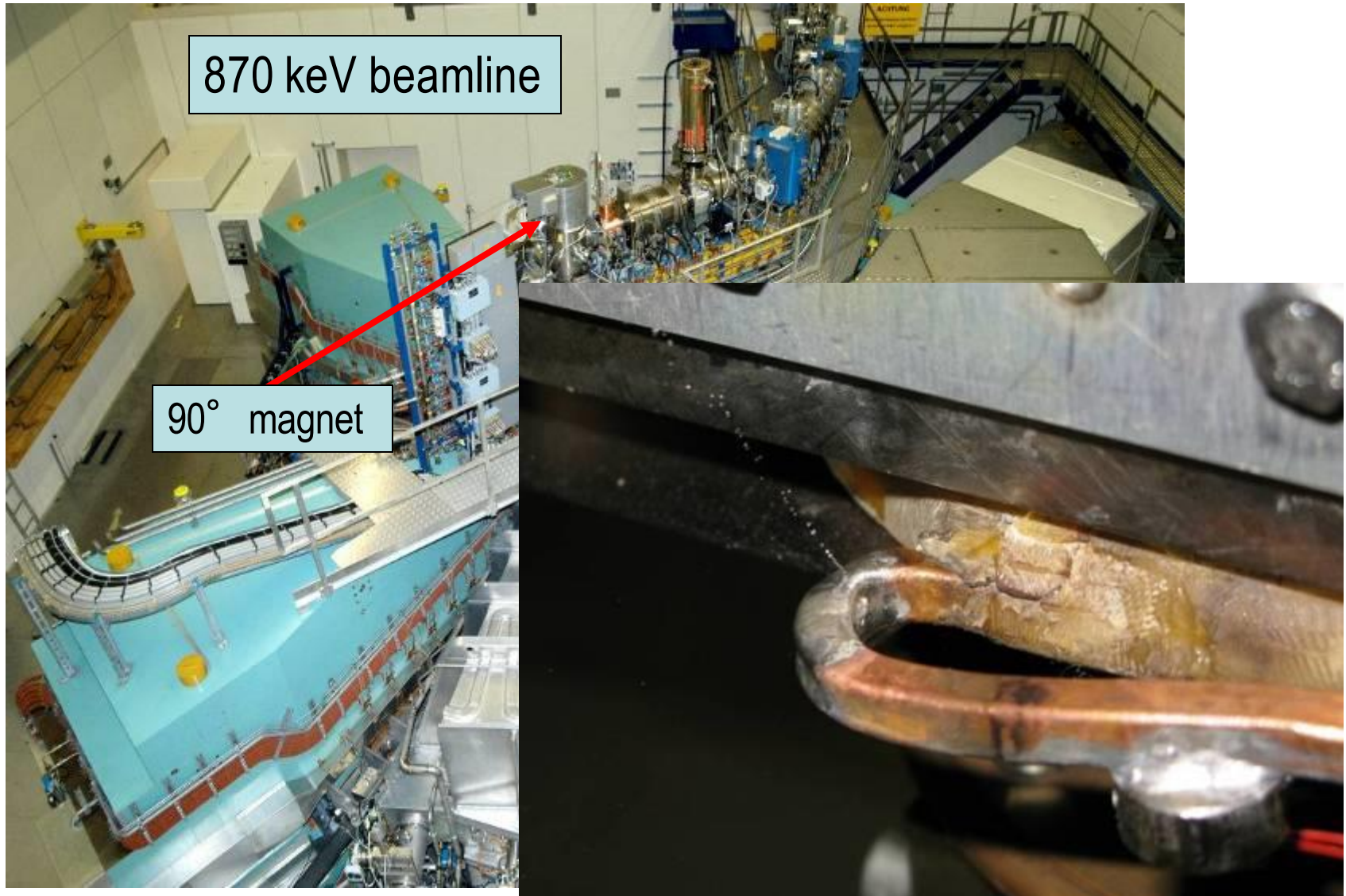
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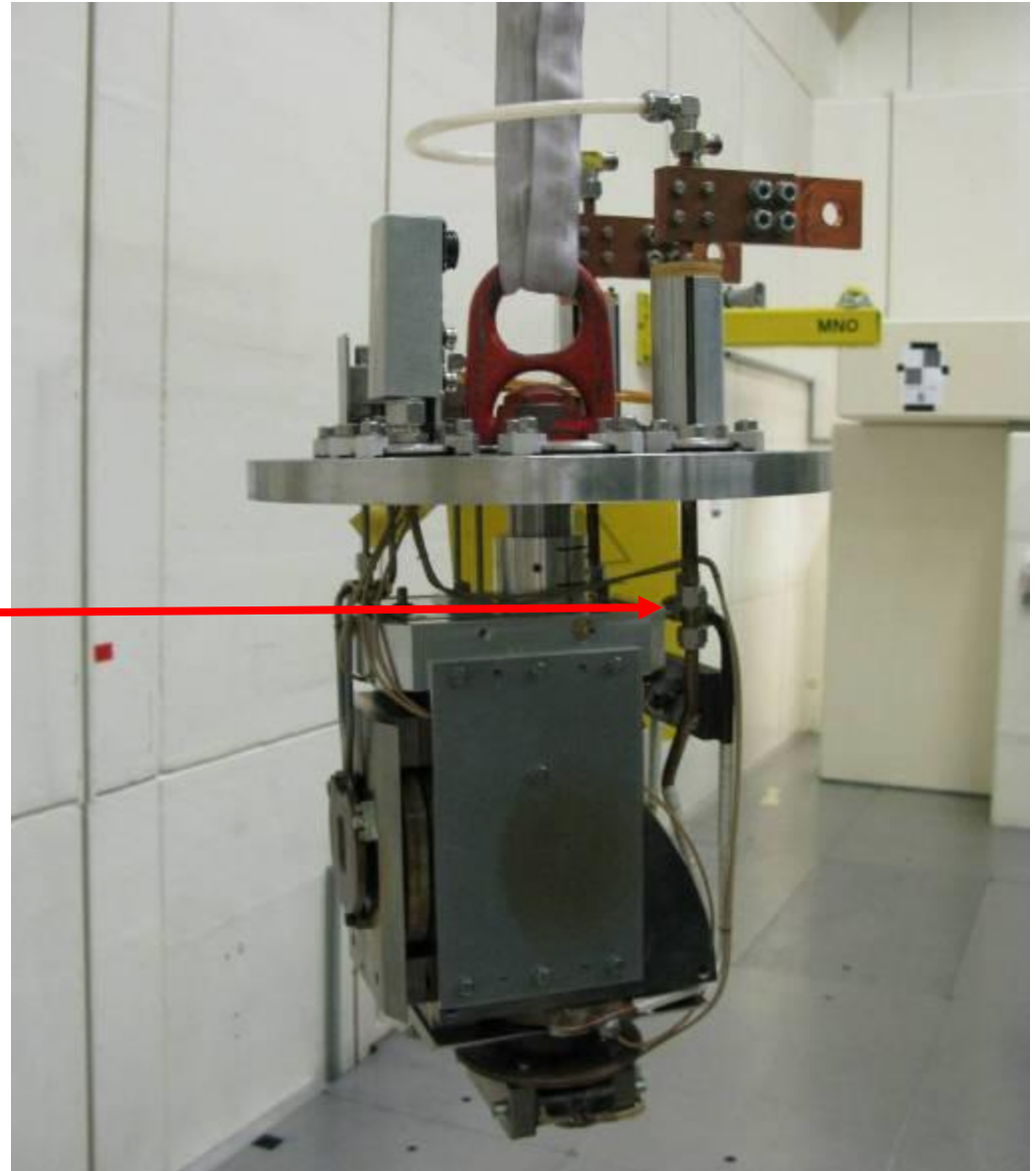


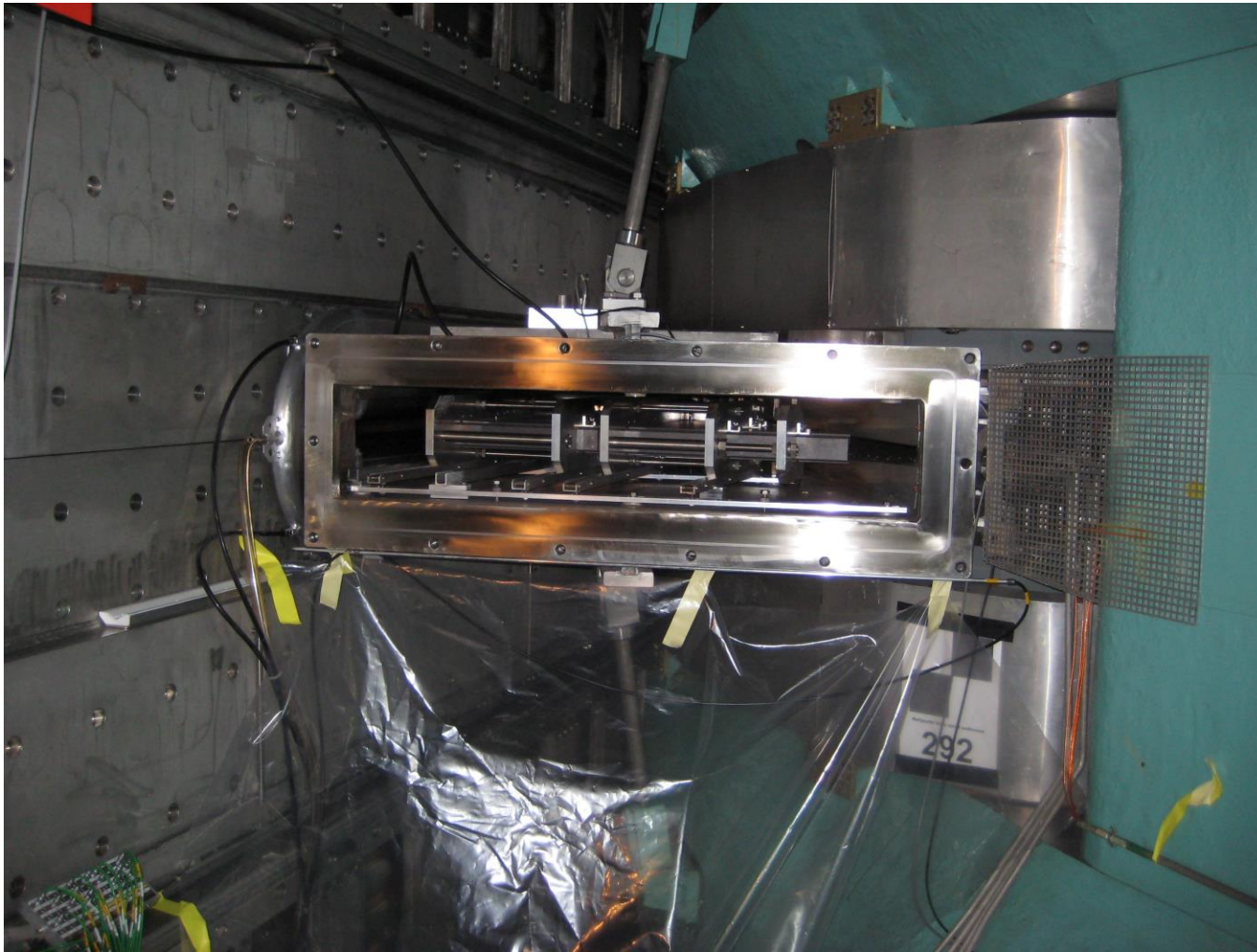
Waterleak in bending magnet (2013)

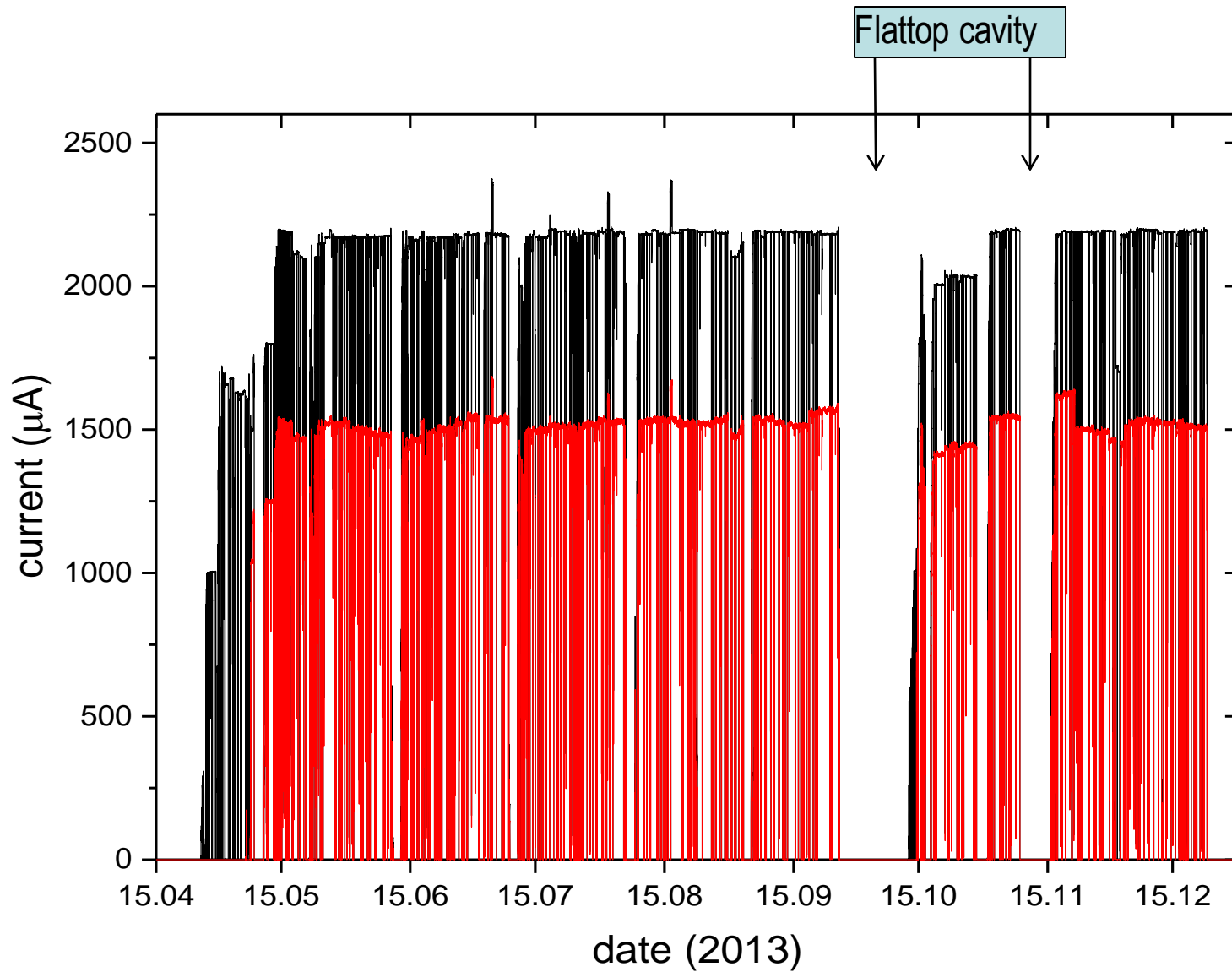


10 days of beam interruption (2010)

- repair impossible
- no spare magnet
- coils available
need to be modified
- damaged Girolocks →
- re-installation
- secondary damages
(motors, potentiometers)

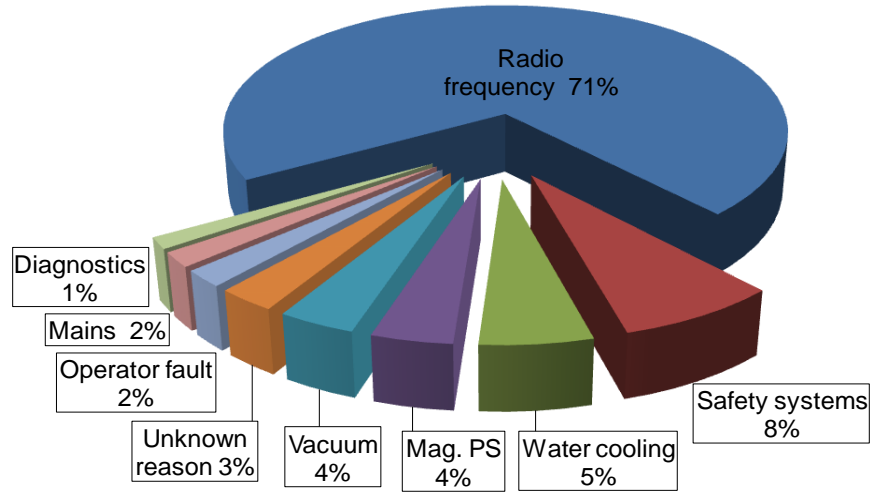




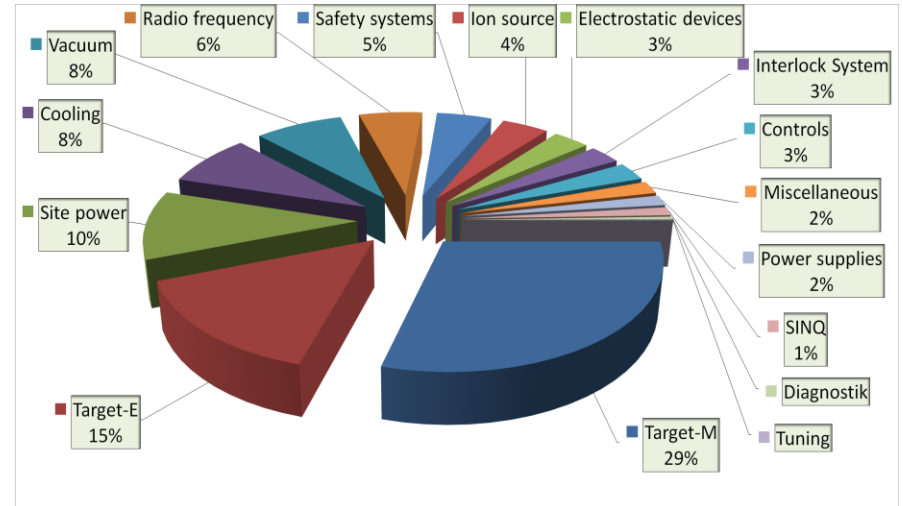


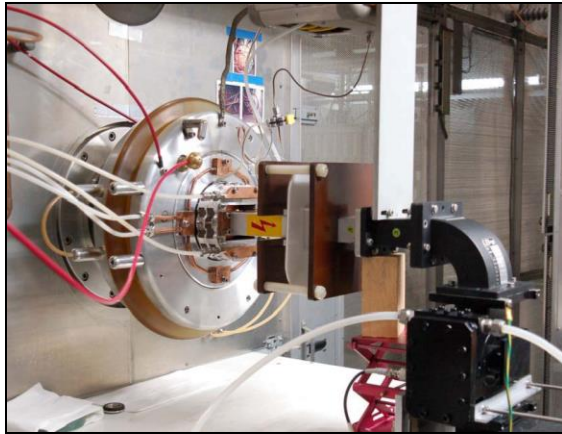
The schedule has strong impact on the overall availability

2013



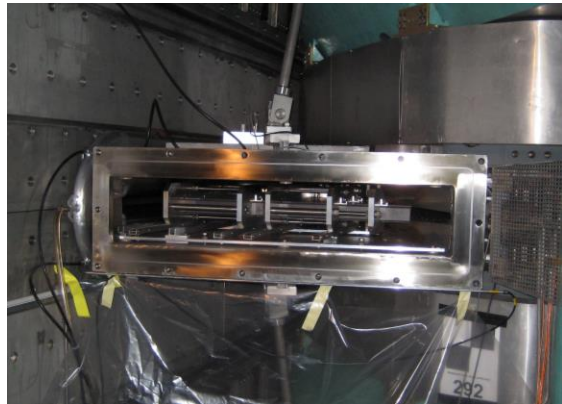
2012





New ECR ion source

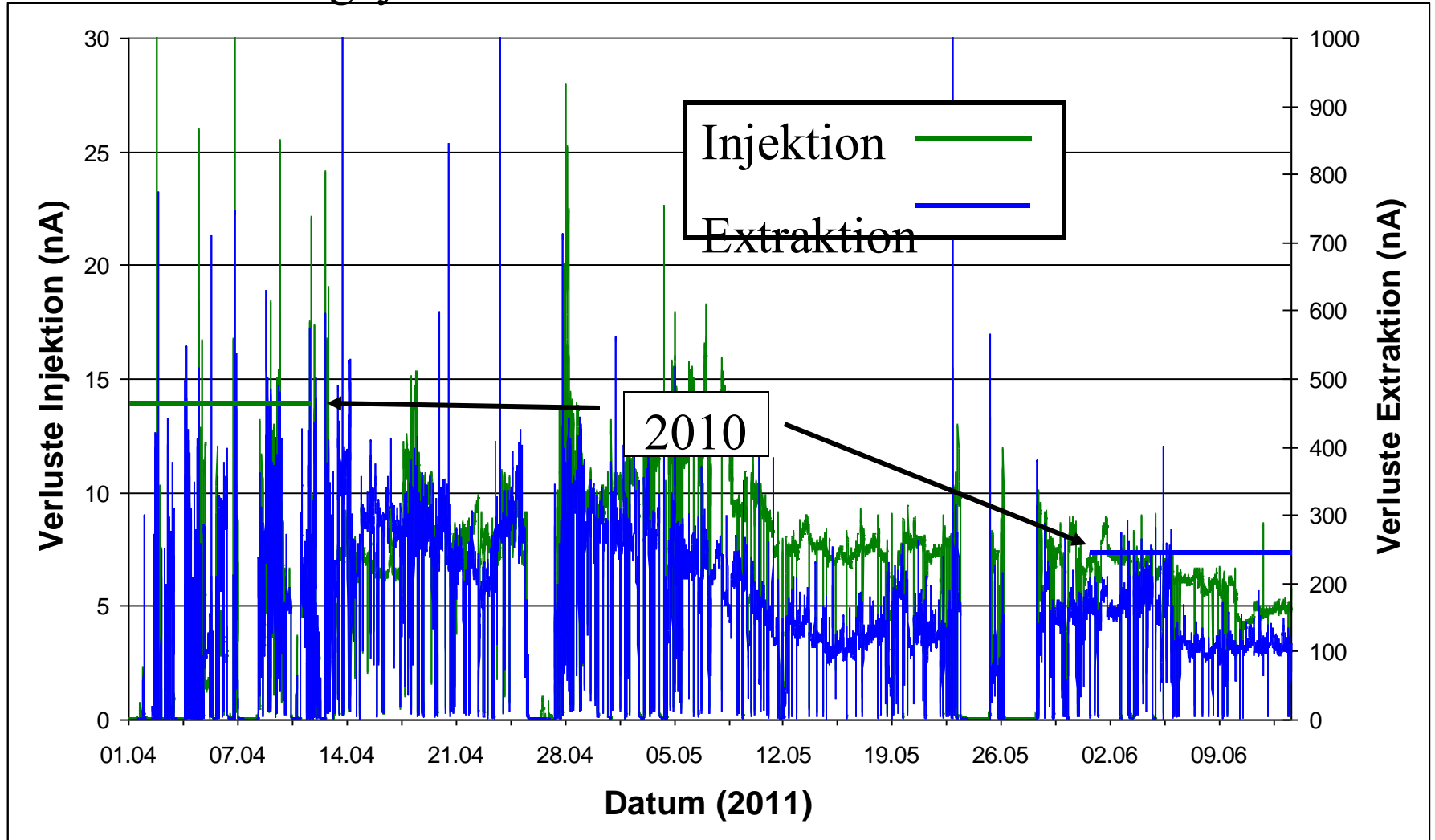
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Removal of aperture limitations

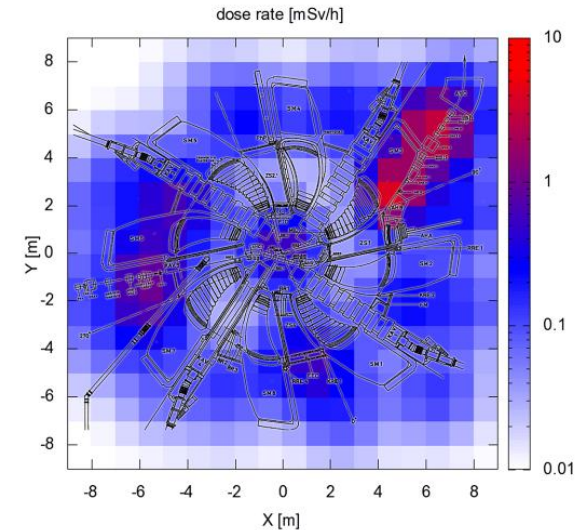
- Less interlocks caused by loss monitors

Verluste Ringzyklotron

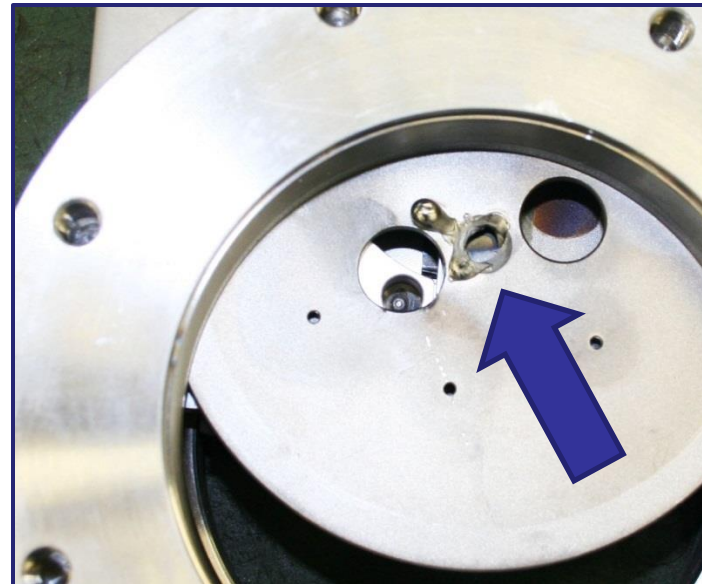
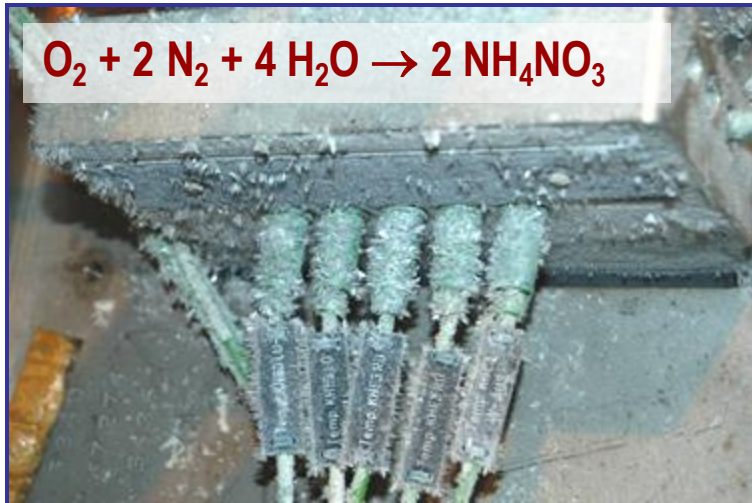


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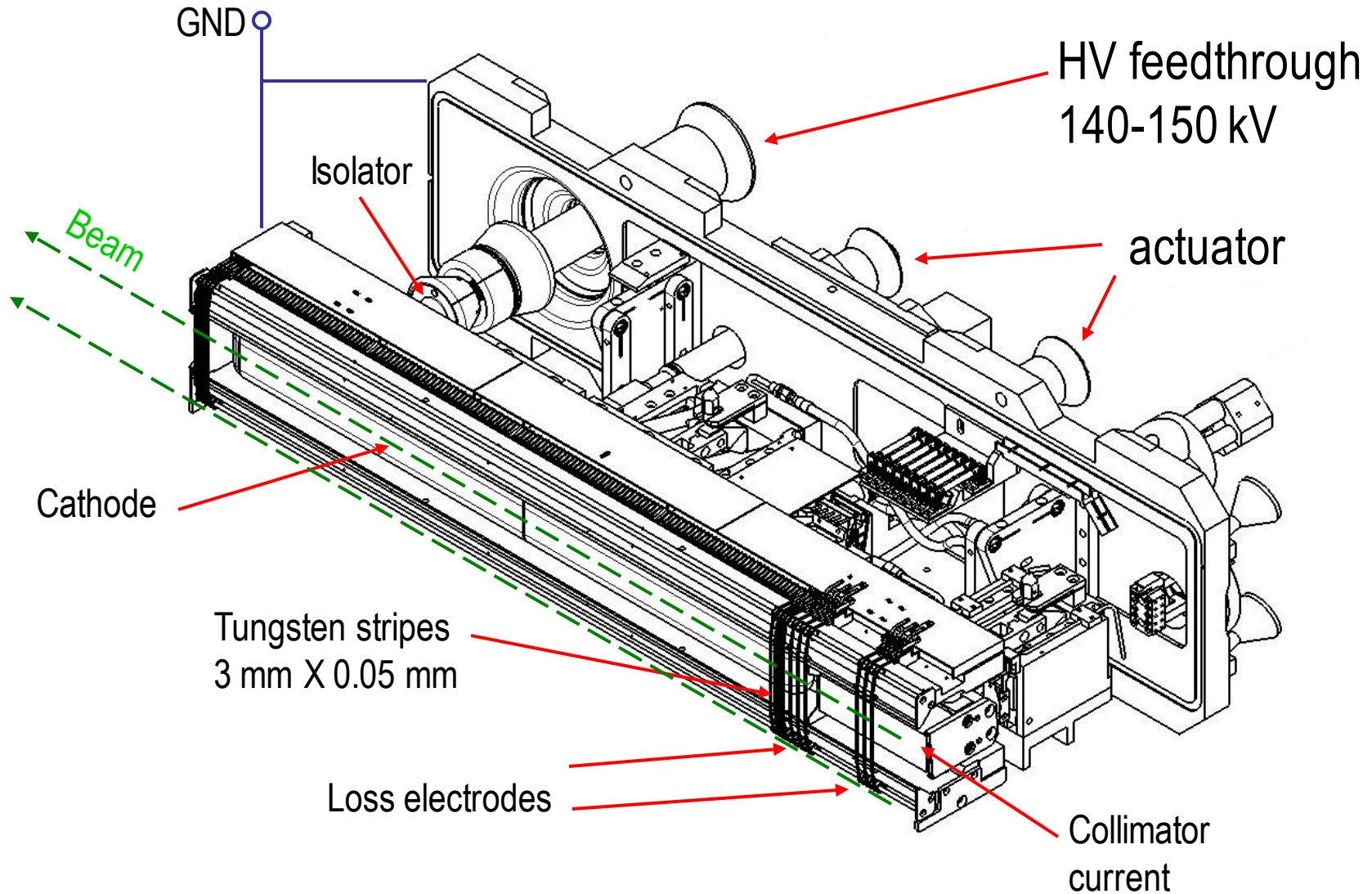
3D of almost 70% of the facility (accelerator part)

Detailed dose rate mapping

New ECR proton source

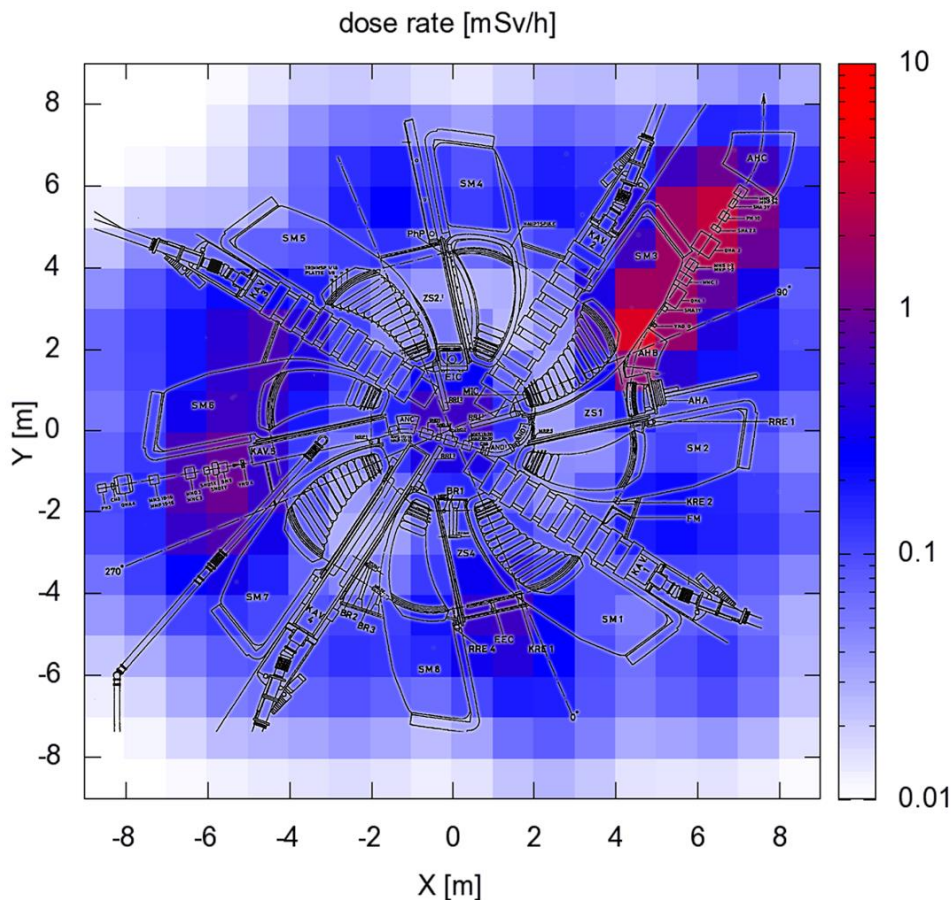
Shielding of the electrostatic elements

Injection / Extraction with electrostatic elements



Activation level allows for necessary service / repair work

- personnel dose for typical repair mission 50-300 μSv
- optimization by adapted local shielding measures
- shielded service boxes for exchange of activated components
- detailed planning of shutdown work



Activation map of Ring Cyclotron

(EEC = electrostatic ejection channel)

personal dose for 3 month shutdown (2008):

57 mSv / 188 persons
maximum dose: 2.6 mSv

cool down times for service:

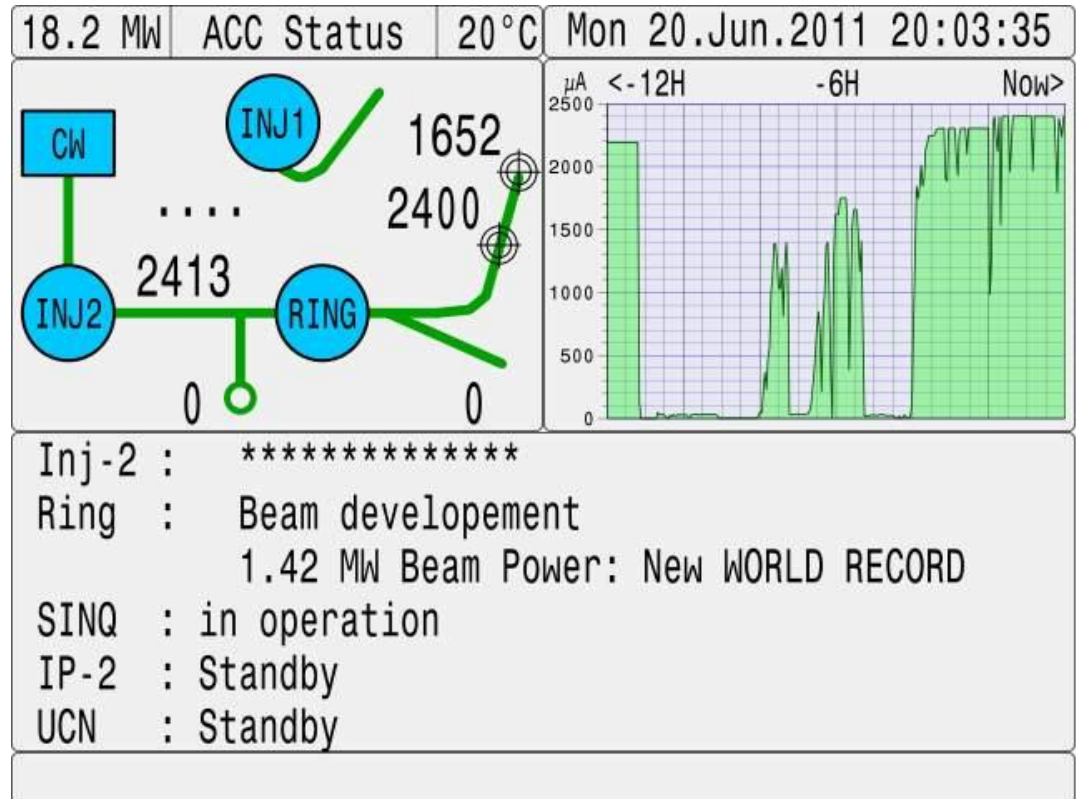
2000 \rightarrow 1700 μA for 2h

0 μA for 2h

new beam intensity record at PSI-HIPA

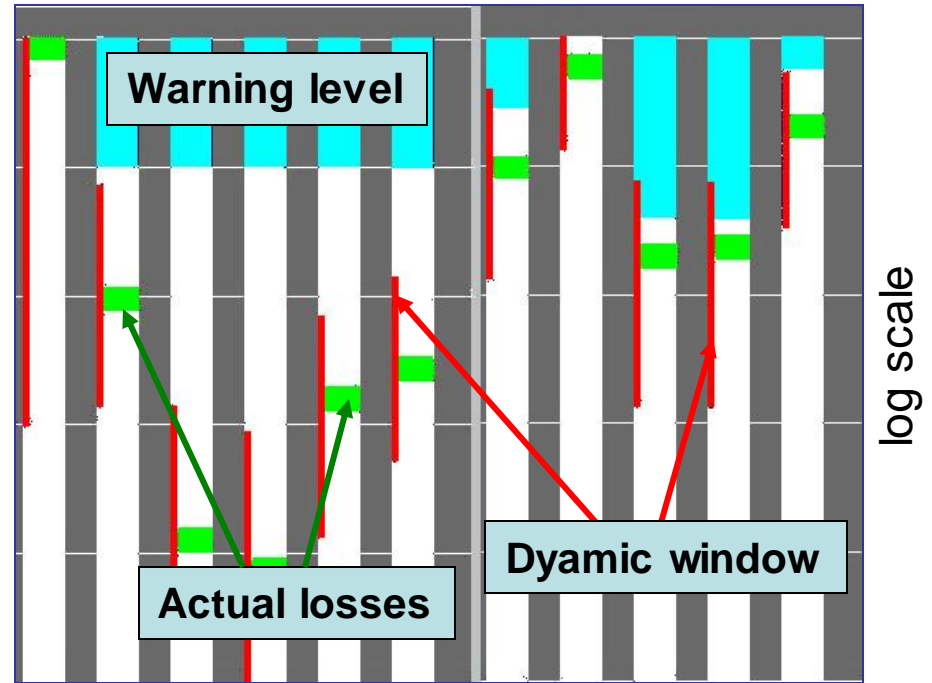
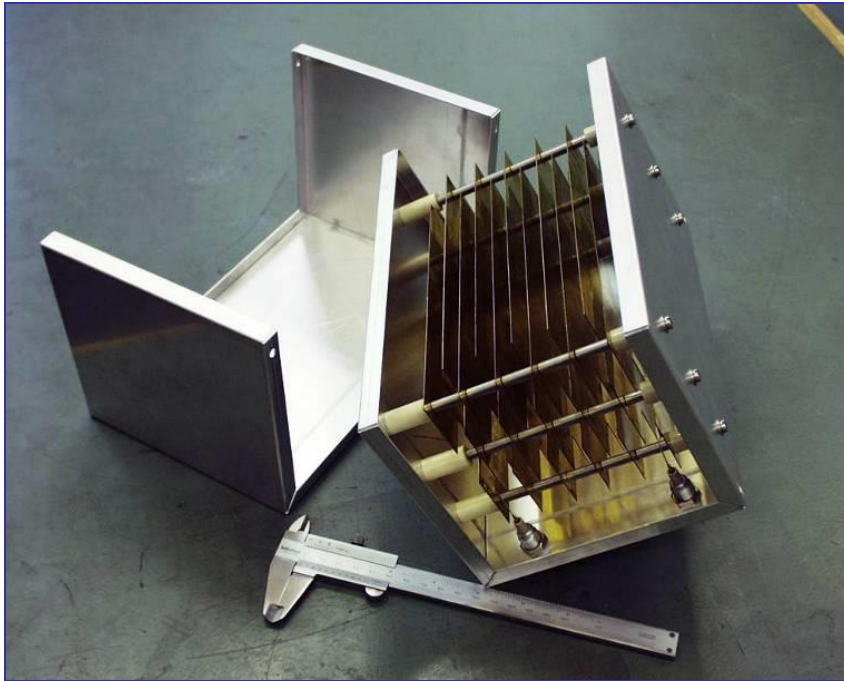
- **low beam losses are key issue**
- **recent improvements:**
 - new ECR source (emittance)
 - reduced 50Hz residual beam jitter
 - ~~aperture restrictions~~ in Ring removed

→ **higher current at same loss rate possible**



System based on ca. 150 interconnected very fast (**<100ms**) hardware **CAMAC** and **VME modules** treating about 1500 signals provided by the equipment:

1. Ionisation chambers as beam loss monitors



Simple and reliable device

Losses outside margins are interlocked
(including low values)

- permanent display of losses
- fixed warning and interlock limits
- limits as a function of the beam current

beam hits material (e.g. steel vacuum chamber):

$$\frac{\Delta T}{\Delta t} \approx \frac{P_0}{2\pi \sigma_x \sigma_y \lambda_I [\text{g/cm}^2] c_p} = 250.000 \text{ K/sec}$$

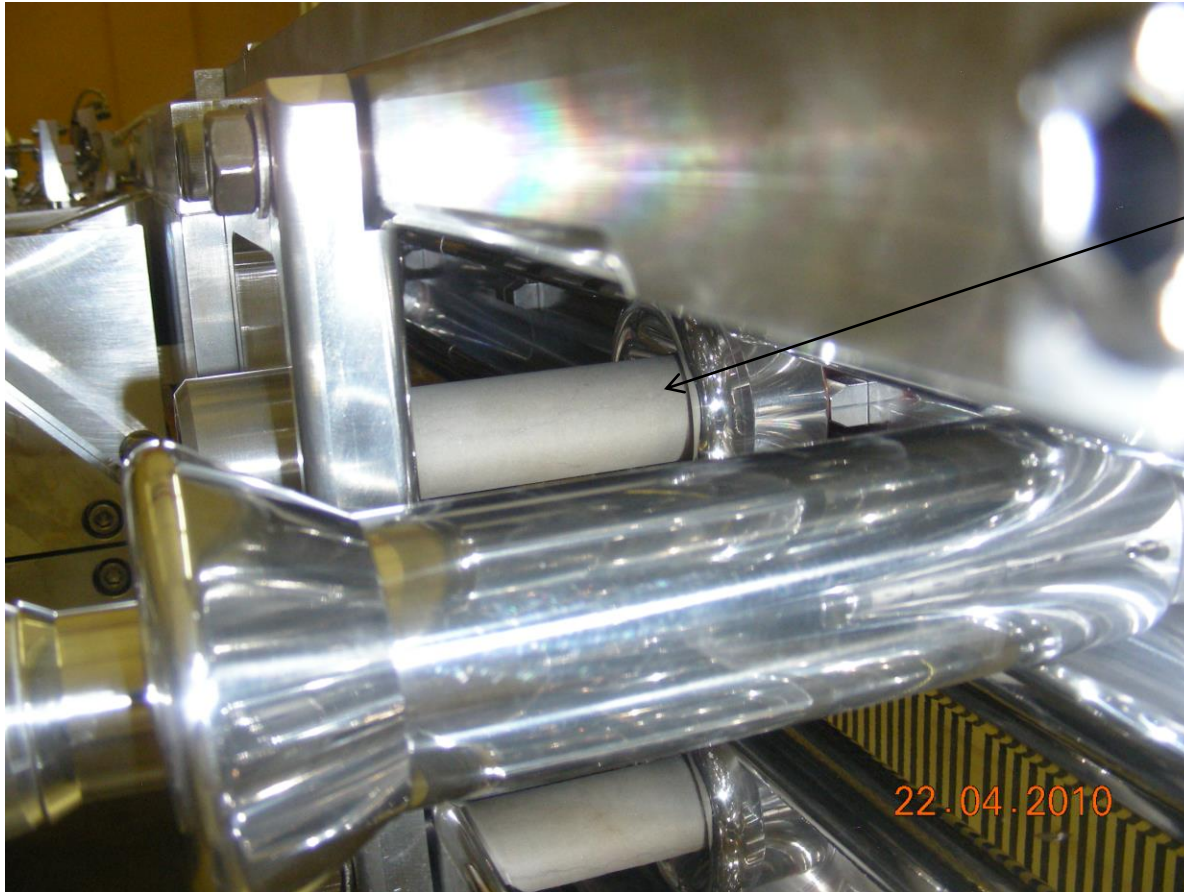
← beam power
← heat capacity
← melts after 8 ms !

← beam size
← material specific interaction length

→ fast and reliable interlock systems are necessary to avoid damage !

[even more so in pulsed machines with higher P_0]

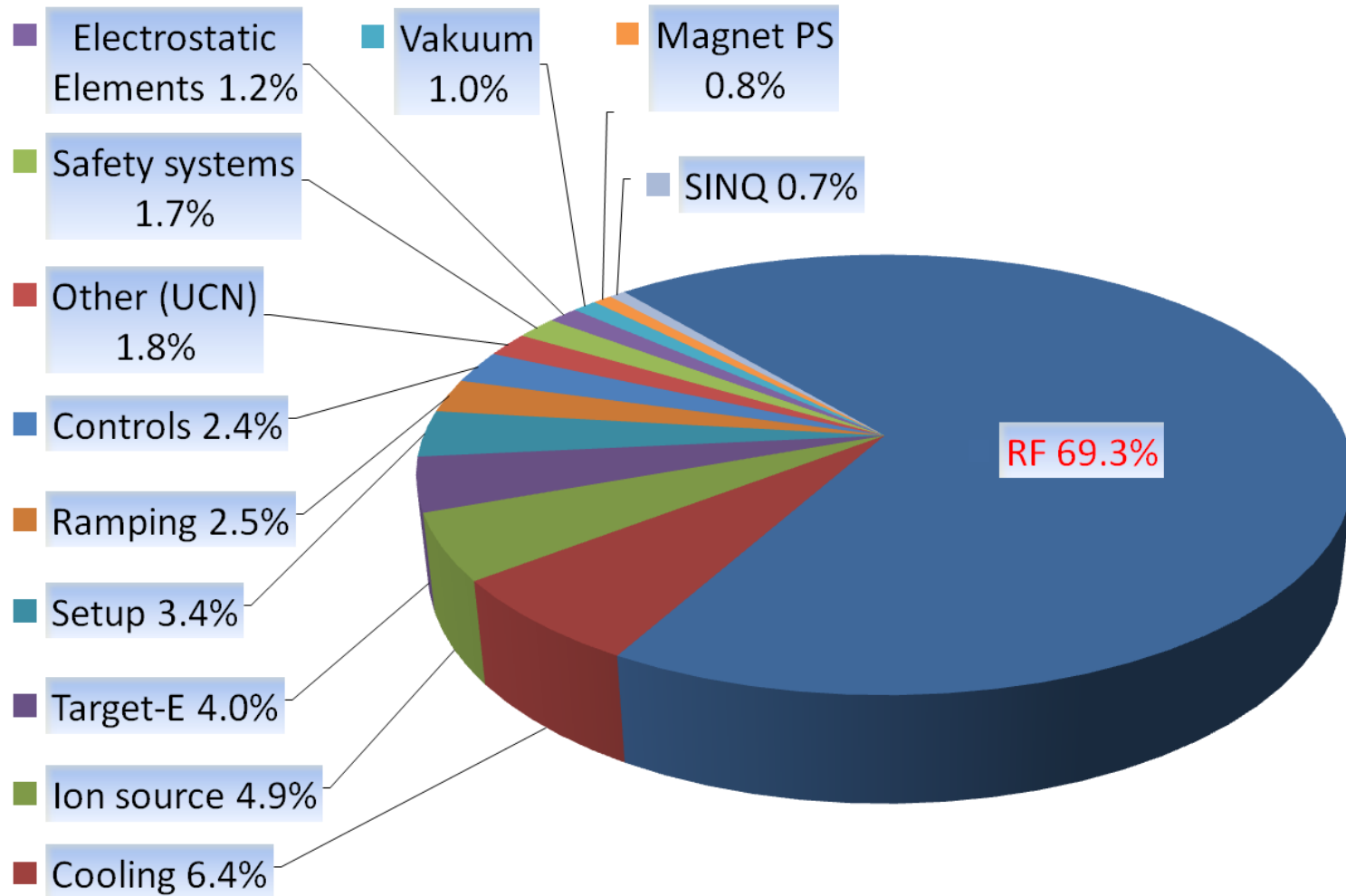


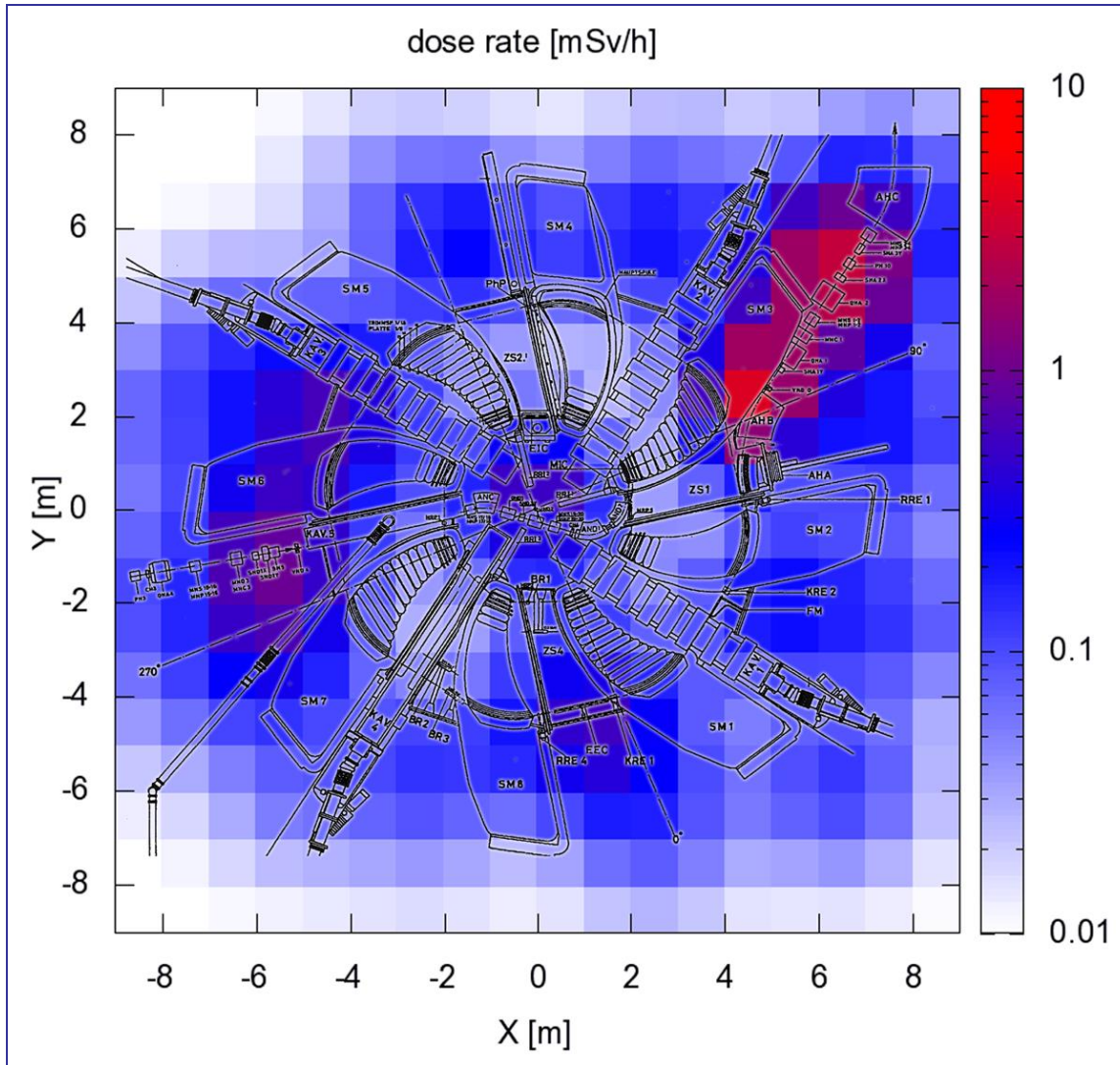


Deposition of material

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Outages 2013





Performance 2009

Charge delivered: **9.7Ah**

Reliability: **89.5%**

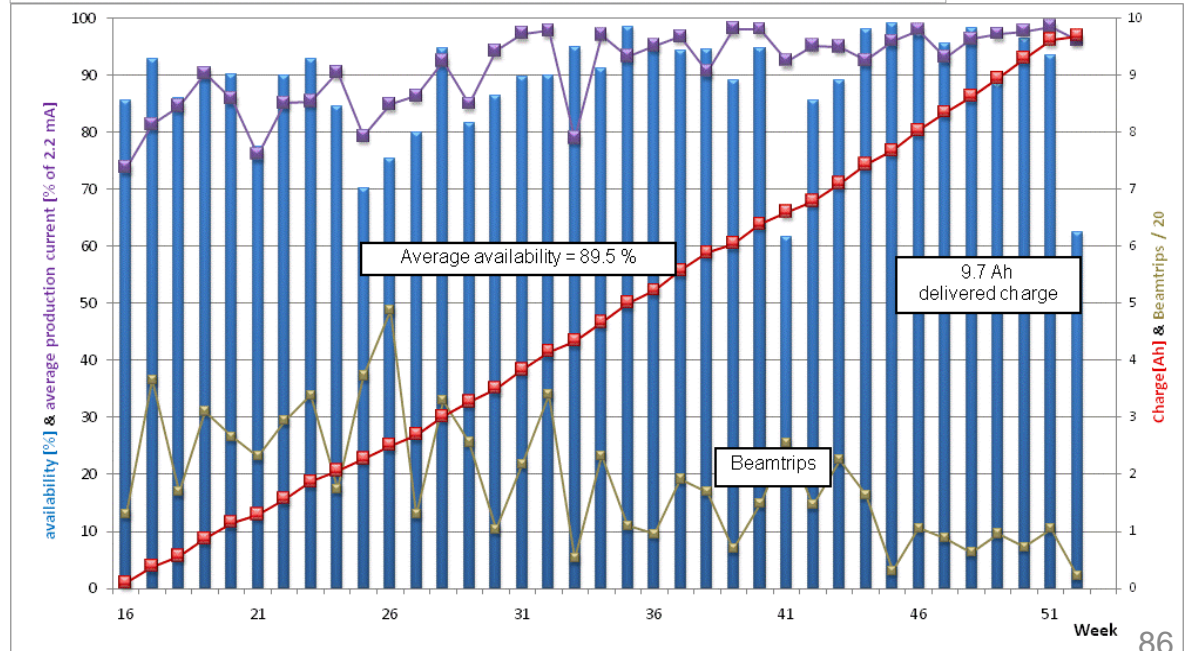
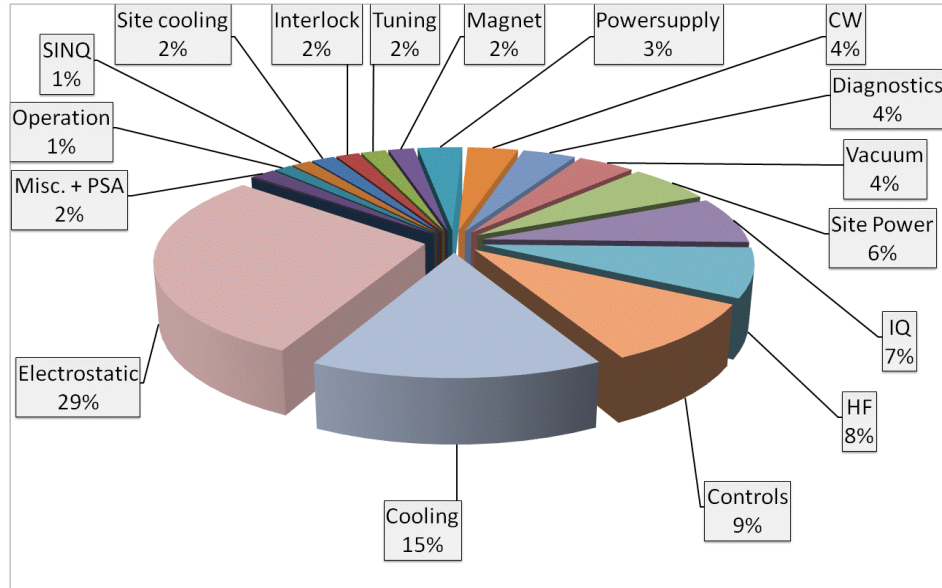
Beam trips: **25..50 d⁻¹**

Downtime reasons

- electrostatic elements
- cooling/site power
- controls problems
- RF not prominent!

Reliability History:

2010:	84%
2009:	89%
2008:	90%
2007:	90%
2006:	86%
2005:	84%



Mit Synchrotronlicht können wir am PSI in magnetische Materialien hineingucken und so ...

...verstehen wir Details der Nanowelt, um Technologie zu optimieren.

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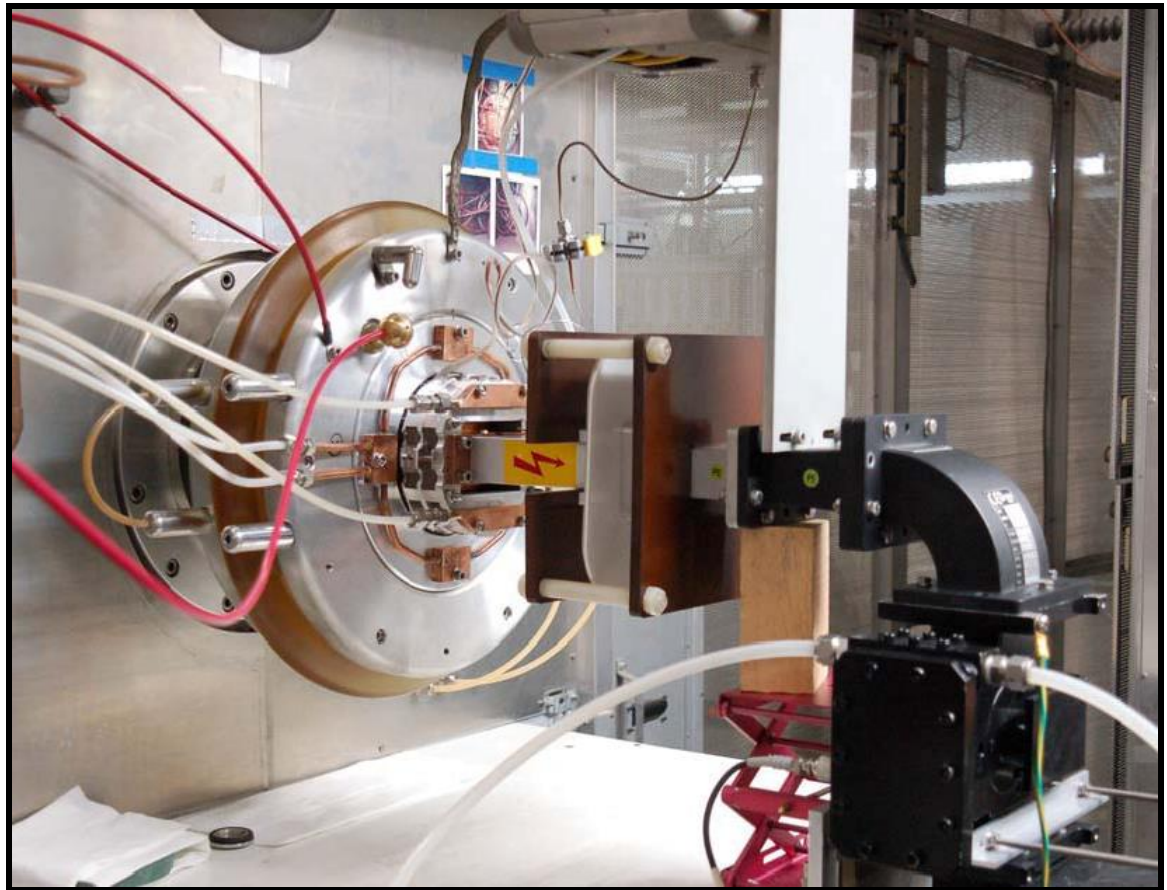
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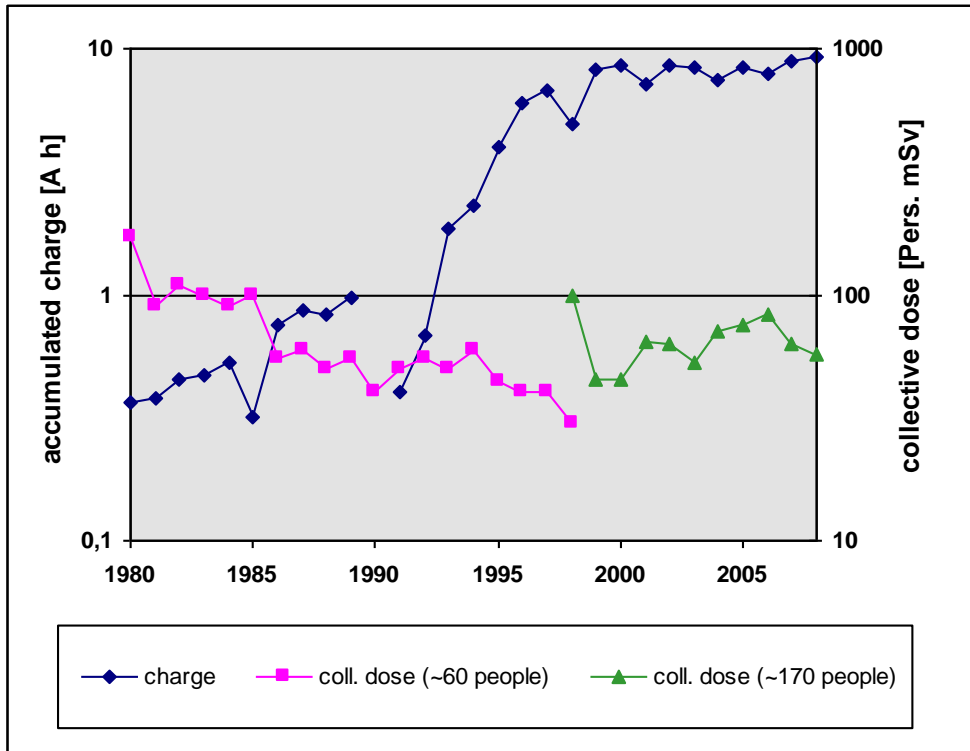


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- considerable effort to monitor ~1300 employees
- ~170-190 employees really involved with accelerator critical maintenance or work on active components
- group of 10 colleagues responsible for radiation safety of the accelerator facility
- monitoring of radiation in accelerator facilities by TLD/CR39 dosimeters (~100) + grid of remotely readable dosimeters (12+4); some (~5) dosimeters outside PSI area
- 10 hand and foot monitors at exits of experimental hall
- access to hot-cell and specific radioanalytics



history of accumulated charge
and collective dose

[note: step in number of
considered persons]

3. Beam current transmission monitors compare the beam current at different spots for detecting loss of beam

normally 100% of transmission except at the targets and when beams are splitted.

100 % transmission in main cyclotron

100 % transmission in beam lines,
(except for split beams)

97 % transmission of thin target M

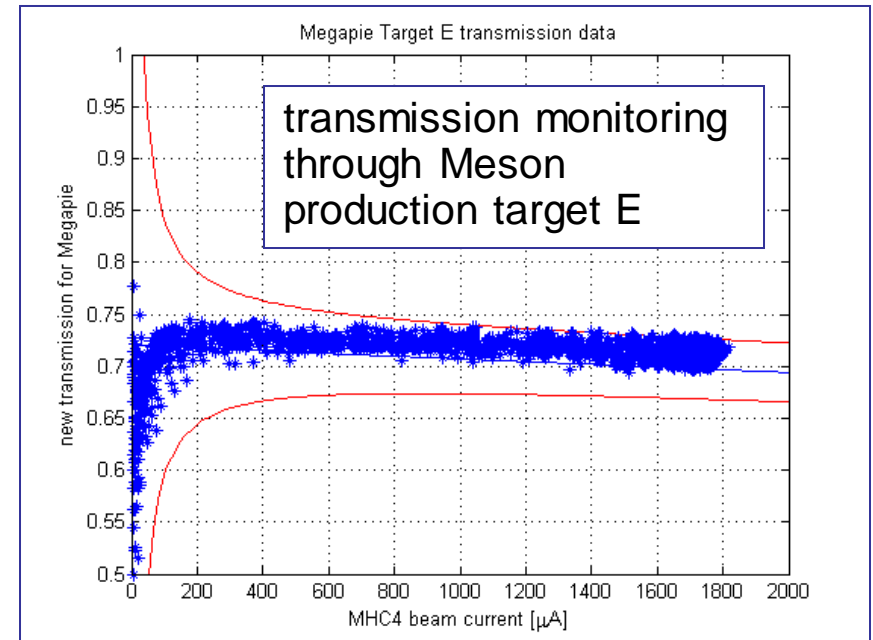
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Integration time:

110 ms at 0 μA down to 10 ms above 1.5 mA

Window:

$\pm 5 \mu\text{A}$ at 0 μA and $\pm 90 \mu\text{A}$ at 2 mA



4. Many other signals: validity window on magnet settings, cavity voltages, ...

$f = 50.63 \text{ MHz}$

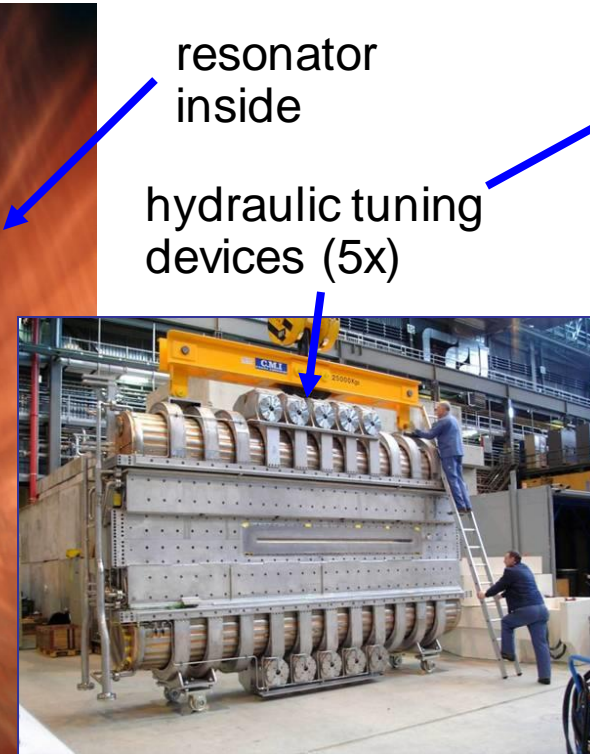
$U_{\text{max}} = 1.2 \text{ MV}$ (presently $0.85 \text{ MV} \rightarrow 186$ turns in cyclotron, goal for 3 mA : 165 turns)

400 kW power transfer to the beam per cavity

- less wall losses
- higher gap voltage
- better cooling distribution

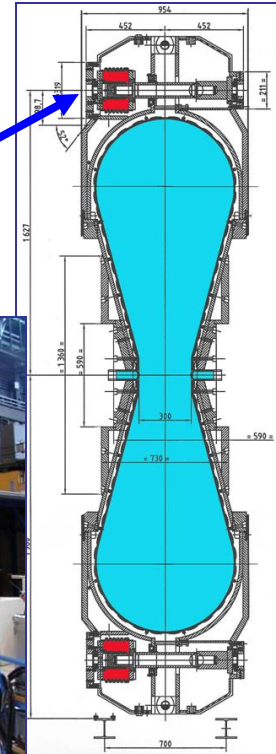
deformation from air pressure $\sim 20 \text{ mm}$

hydraulic tuning devices in feedback loop \rightarrow regulation precision $\sim 10 \mu\text{m}$



resonator
inside

hydraulic tuning
devices (5x)

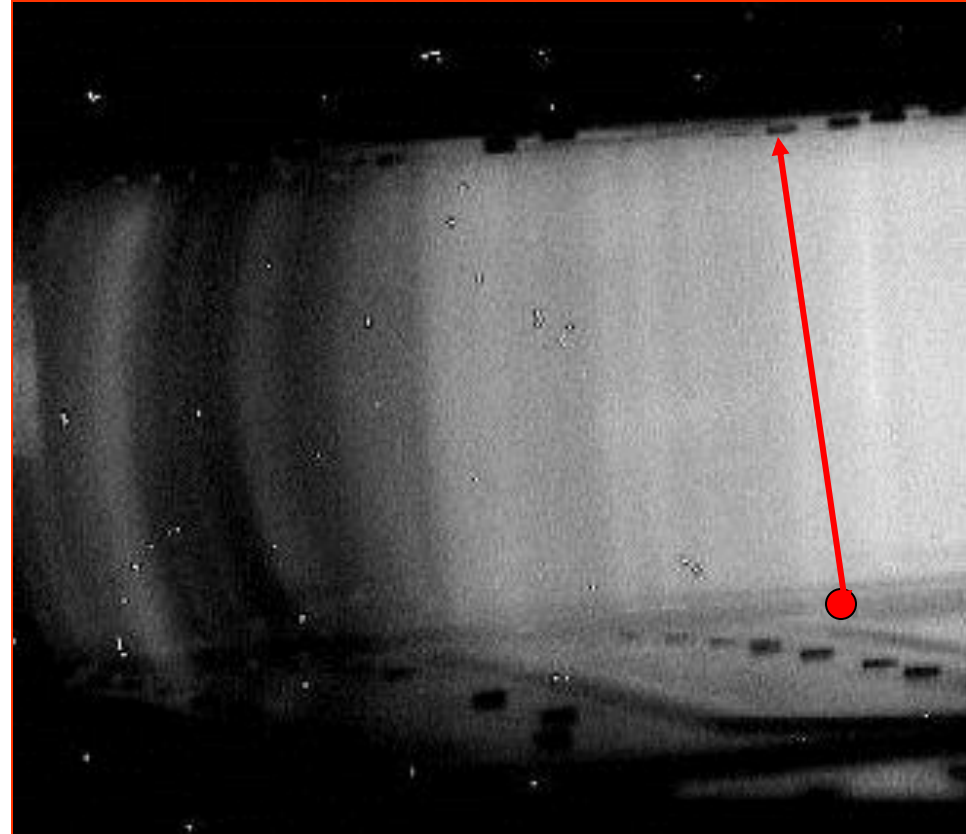


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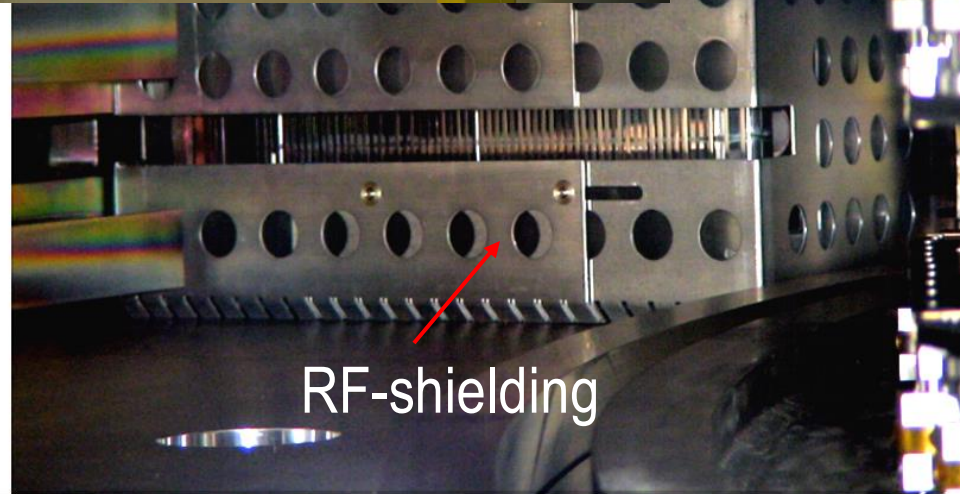
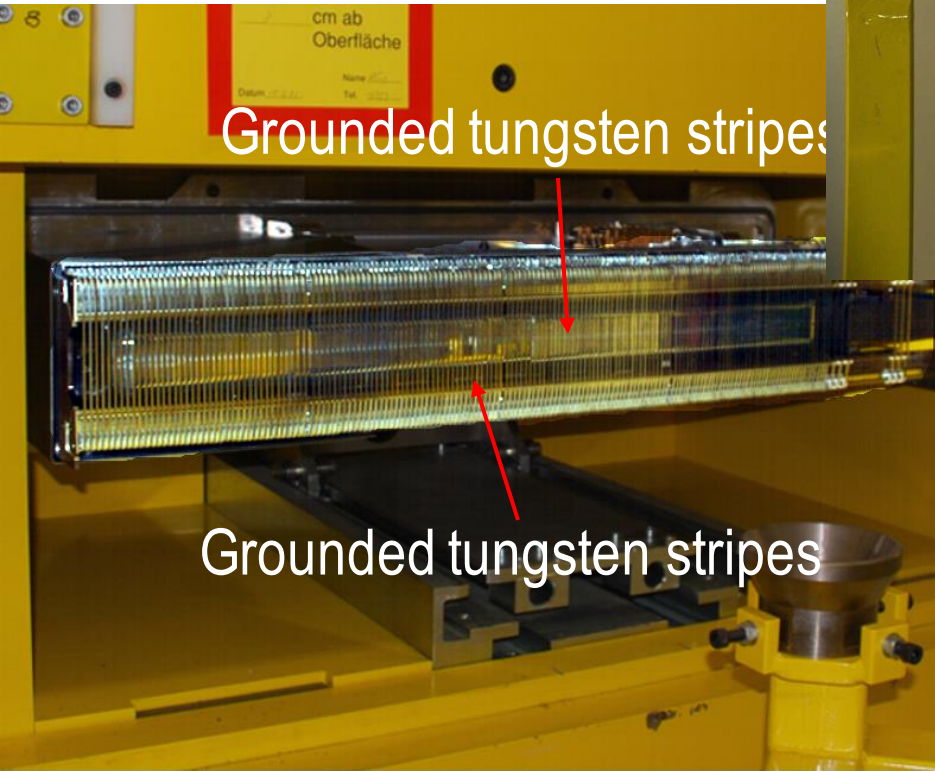


Extraction Channel EEC 145 kV

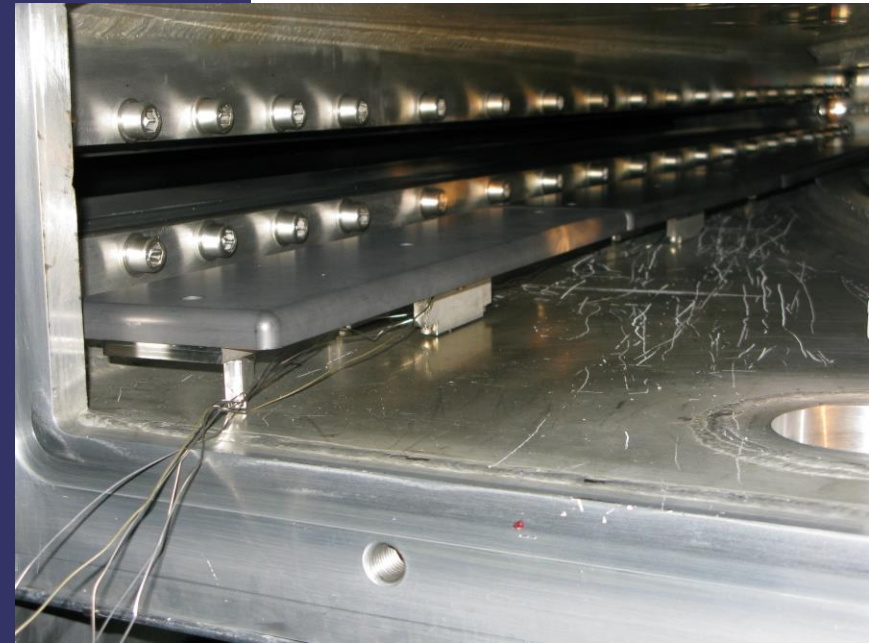
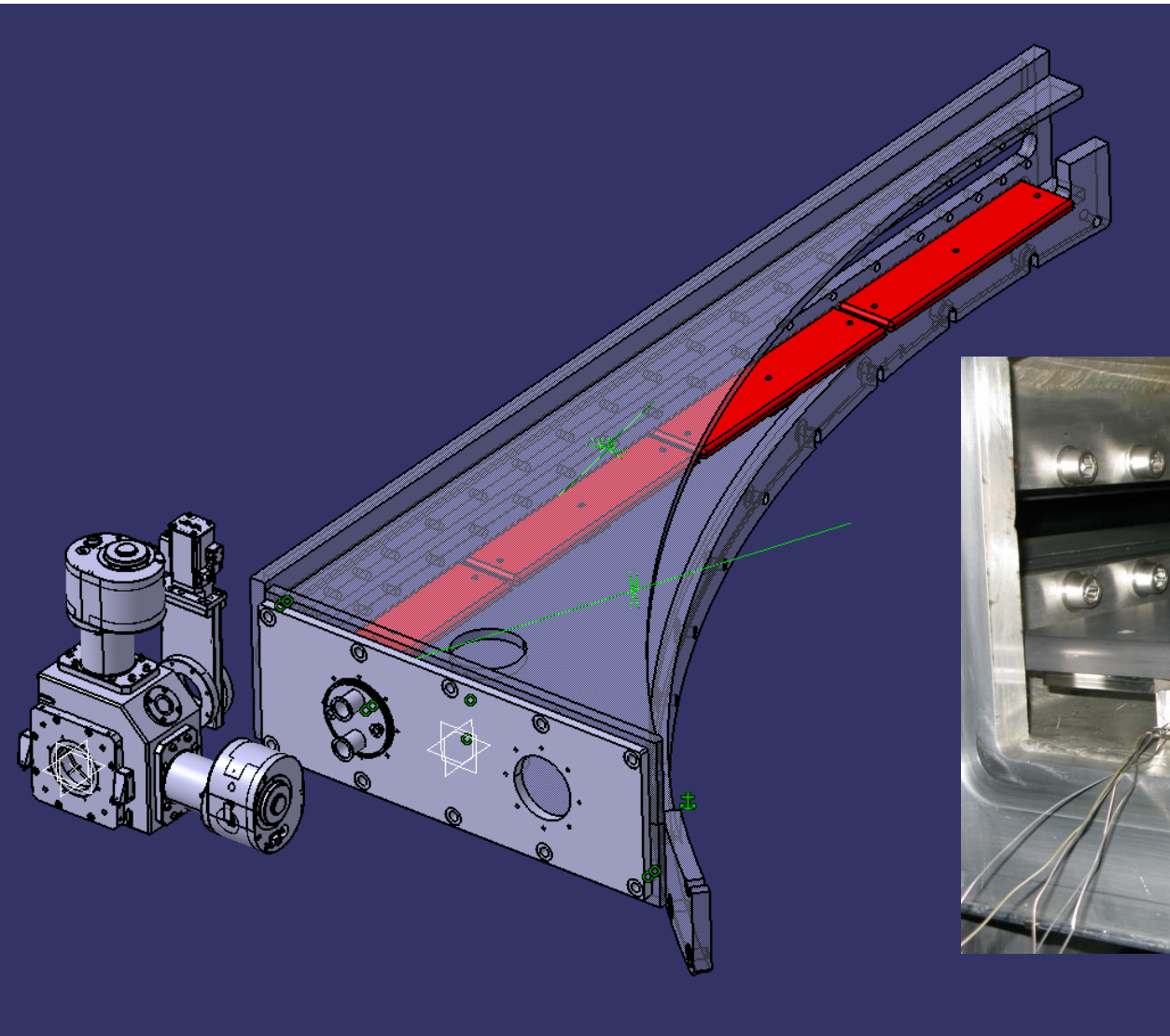
Grounded tungsten stripes

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RF-shielding



Graphit RF-Absorber (maybe show or not?)



User threshold = 1 mA = available

Beam trips cause 5%