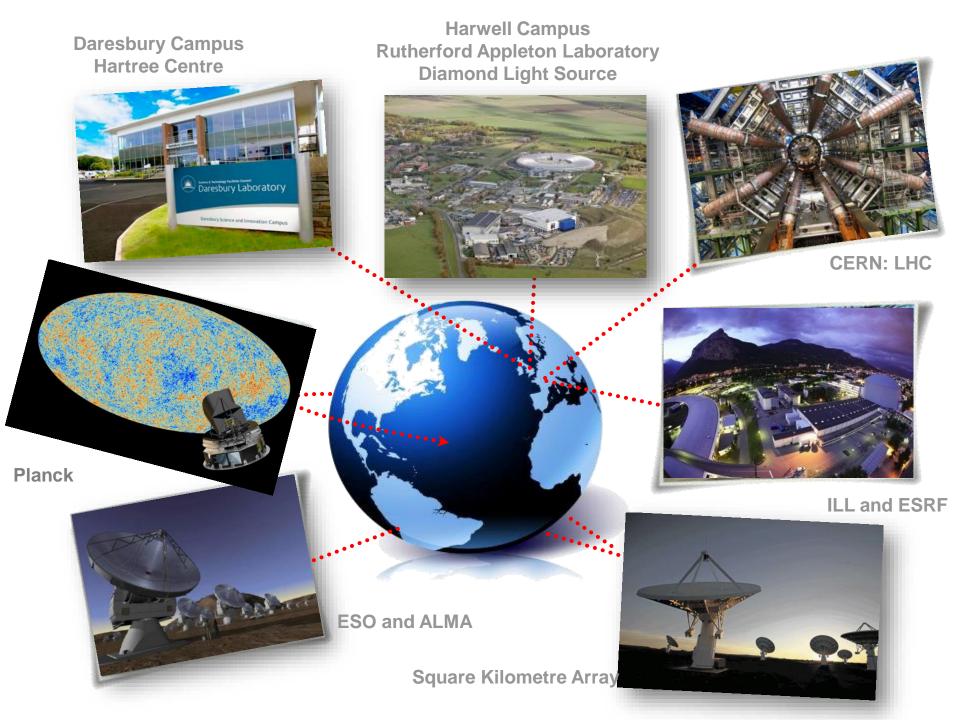


# STFC Accelerator Capabilities

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EuCARD<sup>2</sup>, Birmingham 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016





# History

- Starting in 2002, the UK research councils made a targeted effort to re-establish and develop a UK-based accelerator science and technology capability
- Two new Institutes established:
  - John Adams Institute
  - Cockcroft Institute
- We have succeeded in attracting internationally recognised accelerator experts (back) to the UK
- We are training a new generation of postdocs and students
  - Example: the number of PhD students in the field has gone from < 5 to over 50 in the past decade</li>



# Geography

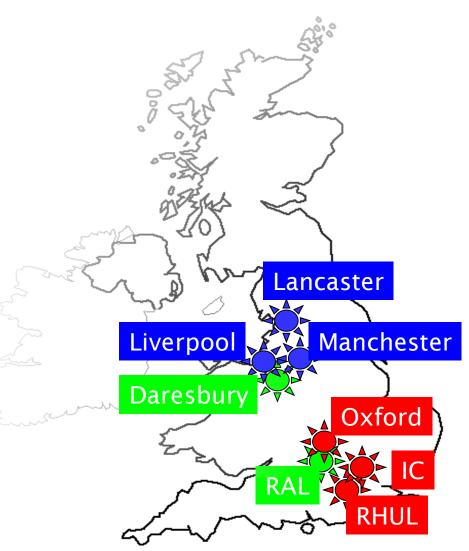
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Cockcroft Institute
Lancaster, Liverpool,
Manchester, and STFC

John Adams Institute Oxford, RHUL, IC

National Laboratories Daresbury, RAL

**Other University Groups** 





# Funding

- The accelerator R&D programme funded though STFC Science Programmes Office is about £12M per year
- This is complemented by resources within our national laboratories
- The programme leverages additional resources from
  - International Labs
  - Universities
  - Other research councils
  - Regional development agencies
  - European Commission programmes
  - ...
- Strategic input from ASB



Cockcroft Institute Building at Daresbury



# The programme (1)

- Support for the Cockcroft and Adams Institutes, university rolling grant effort, accelerator groups at RAL and DL + underlying technologies
- LHC and its upgrade
- ISIS
- DIAMOND
- High Power Proton Accelerators front end test stand for MW ISIS upgrade
- Future lepton colliders (mainly CLIC with CERN, and muon accelerator contributions)
- Novel accelerator techniques (FFAG, AWAKE, Laser Plasma)



# The programme (2)

- Laser plasma work at CLF, IC, JAI, Strathclyde and partners
- The MICE experiment at RAL
- Next generation Neutrino Facilities
- Medical applications (EMMA, ALICE...)

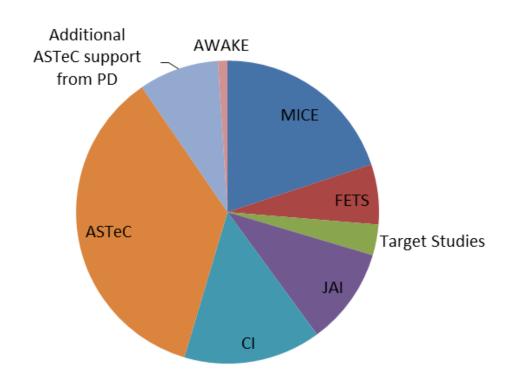
Proton Therapy (Christies Hospital Manchester, UCLH London)

Medical Diagnostic Radio-isotopes etc.

THz imaging for diagnosis of oesophegal cancer



# Accelerator Programme Funding 2013/14



Initial structure has now bedded in Now is the time to review balance and opportunities

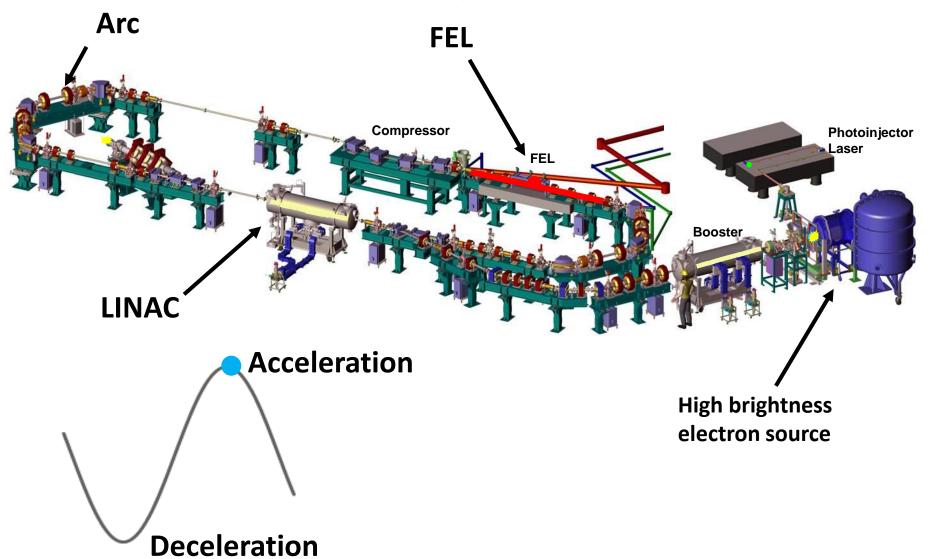


# Daresbury Test Facilities: ALICE, EMMA, VELA and CLARA





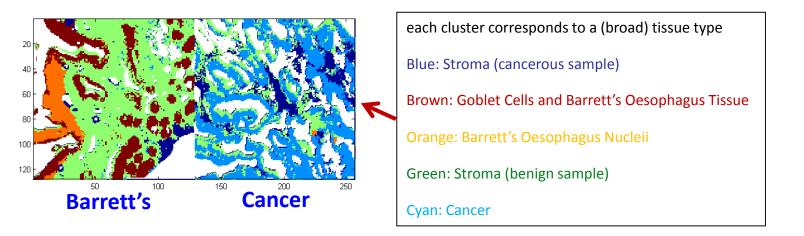
## The ALICE Energy Recovery Linac





### Using the ALICE IR-FEL to Develop A Cancer Diagnostic

- Oesophageal cancer is the fastest rising incidence of cancer in the western world and survival rates are very poor
- Oesophageal cancer often progresses from **Barrett's oesophagus**: lining of the oesophagus is damaged by stomach acid and changed to a lining similar to that of the stomach.
- The challenge is to identify patients with Barrett's oesophagus who will develop oesophageal cancer.
- Potential solution: Spectroscopy and microscopy in the IR
- Use different wavelength's in the IR to probe different tissue types and make diagnosis much more reliable – requires very high intensity IR for the required spatial resolution
- The team of academics and clinicians has now extended the work to cover prostate and cervical cancers also

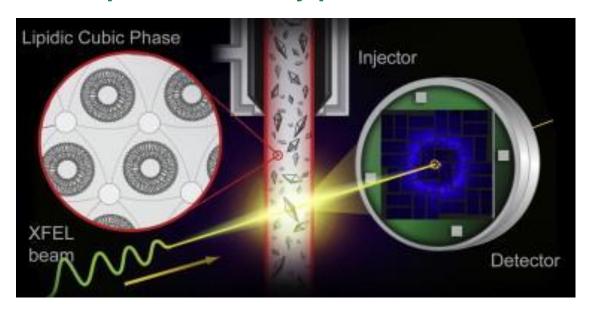


### **VELA**

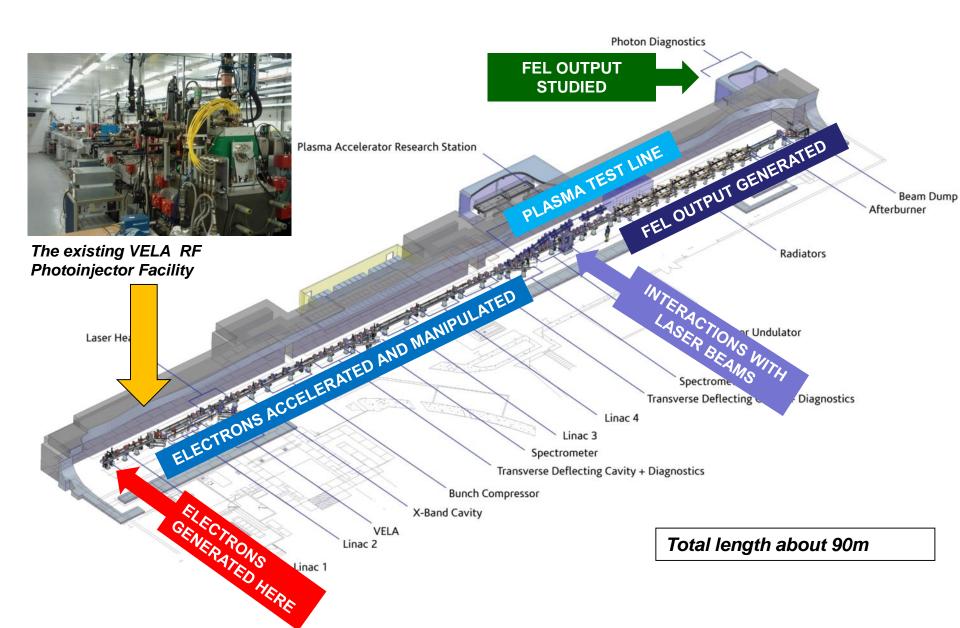


## What can you do with a Free Electron Laser?

- Millions of people take ARB drugs every year to reduce their blood pressure (Amias, Teveten, Aprovel, ...)
- The joining of the drug molecule to the cell membrane stops a hormone from interacting with the cell and then constricting the blood vessels
- Tiny crystals containing many copies of the drug joined to the cell were examined with a FEL to understand the exact atomic details of how it works – all the theories about what this would look like were wrong
- Better understanding could lead to more effective drugs
- This experiment is only possible with an X-Ray FEL



#### What will CLARA look like?



### **CLARA Status**

Phase 1 of CLARA is being installed now alongside VELA. Commissioning with beam will commence in May 2016 whilst procurement continues on the other hardware required to complete

CLARA.

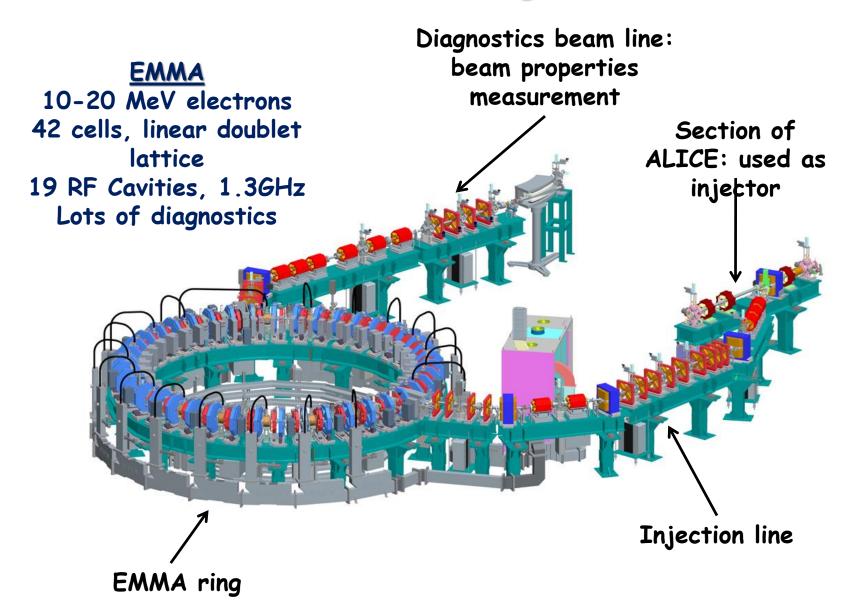


### **FFAGs**

- See talk by Carol Johnstone for details
- Fixed Field Alternating Gradient accelerators
- Combine properties of cyclotrons and synchrotrons:
  - Cyclotron features beyond energy for carbon therapy
  - But better beam control
  - Much higher beam current capability (e.g. for radioisotope production)
- But unique features, so needed to build one  $\rightarrow$  EMMA
- EMMA design came from an international collaboration
- Engineering design and construction: mainly done by STFC
- Commissioning: STFC and international

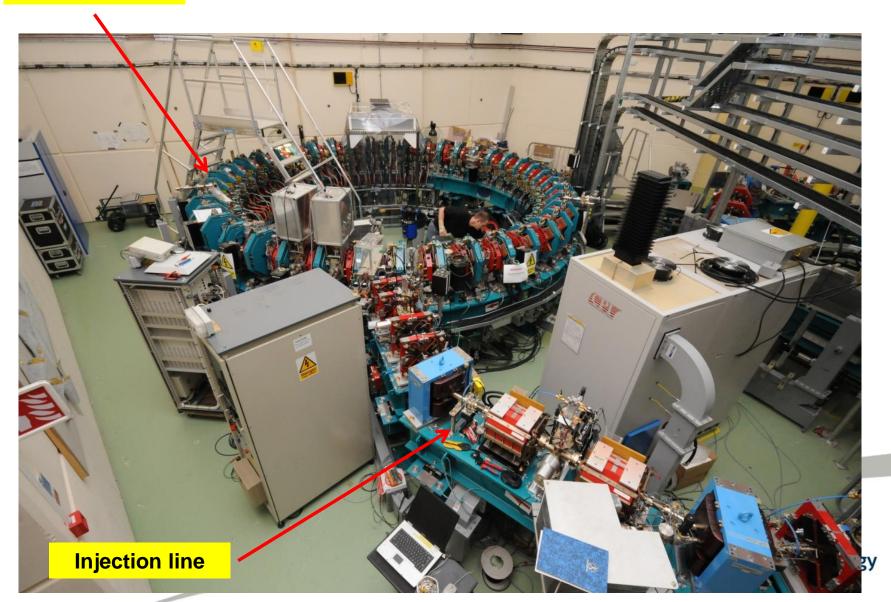


## **EMMA Layout**



# EMMA Construction - from 2007 to 2011

**EMMA ring** 



### **Status**

- Experimental measurements are been successful
  - EMMA works!
  - has demonstrated the features of FFAGs
  - shown that they are viable for various applications
- EMMA is now mothballed
- But work being done on FFAGs for:
  - ion beam analysis Huddersfield & PAC (Carol's talk)
  - proton therapy and pCT Manchester (Hywel's talk)
  - large beam current radioisotope production Huddersfield
     PAC
  - upgrade to ISIS neutron spallation source STFC
  - etc





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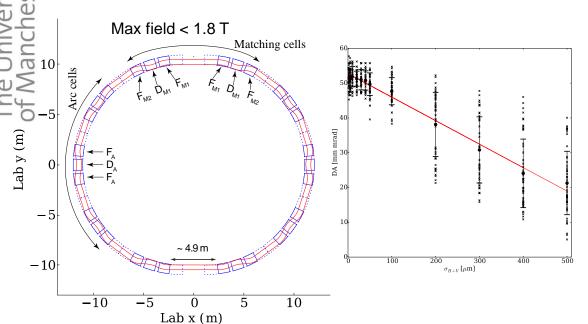
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### NORMA: 350 MeV NC FFAG, 1 kHz pulses + imaging





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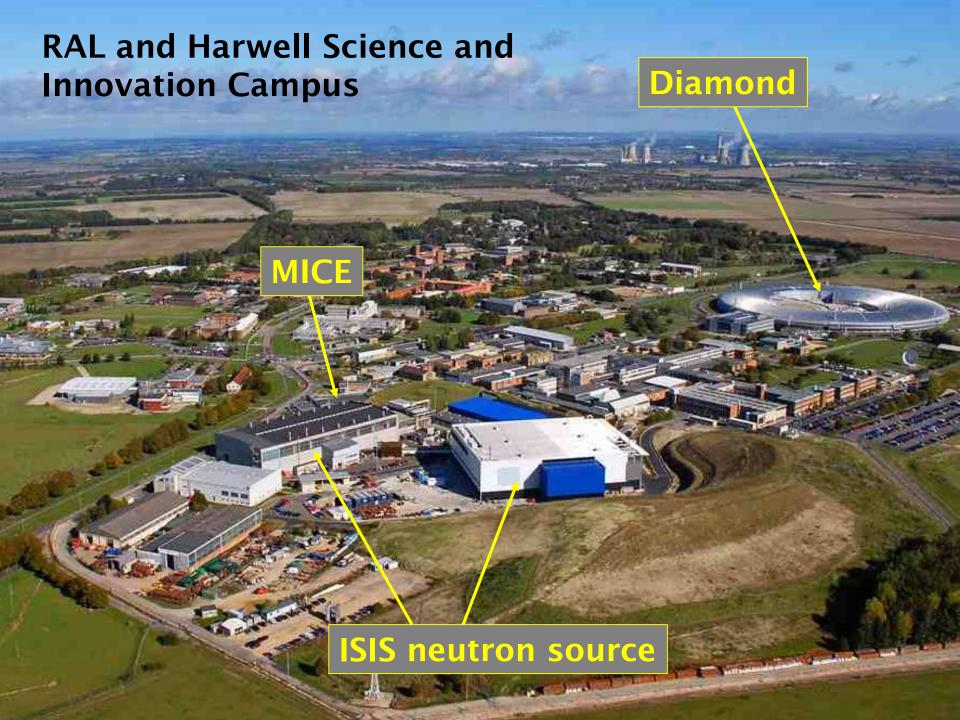
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Circumference [m]	64.4	70.7
Av. hor. orbit excur. [m]	0.44	0.49
Average ring tune $(Q_h, Q_v)$	7.70, 2.66	7.71, 2.68
k	26.4	26.4
Peak $F_{M1}$ field [T]	1.91	1.74
$\mathrm{DA}\ [\mathrm{mm}\mathrm{mrad}]$	52.0	57.7

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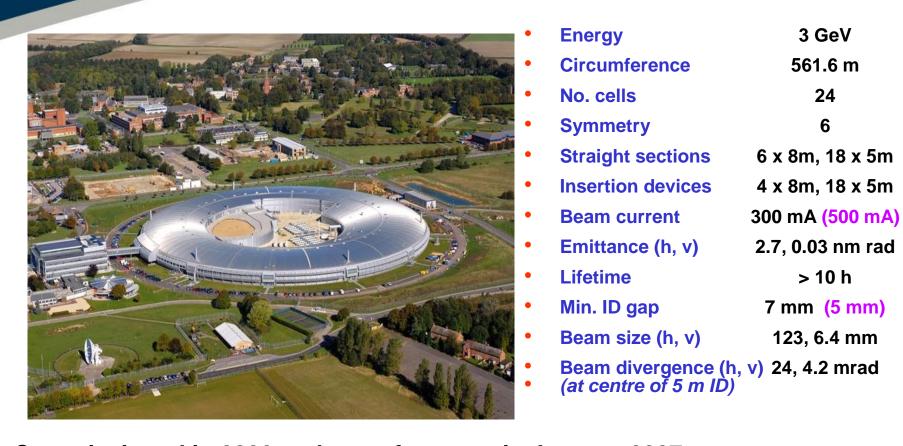
TABLE IV. The main parameters of the NORMA racetrack





# Diamond Light source

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Commissioned in 2006 and open for users in January 2007 **Currently operating 13 beamlines with 10 in-vacuum insertion devices** Additional beamlines planned.

A lattice upgrade being studied; similar to ESRF



### ISIS Accelerators

- H<sup>-</sup> ion source (17 kV)
- 665 kV H- RFQ
- 70 MeV H<sup>-</sup> linac
- 800 MeV proton synchrotron
- Extracted proton beam lines

Extracted Proton Beam Extracted Proton Beam The accelerator produces a Target Station 2

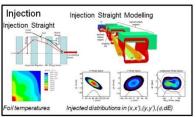
pulsed beam of 800 MeV (84% speed of light) protons at 50 Hz, average beam current is 230  $\mu$ A (2.9× 10<sup>13</sup> ppp) therefore 184 kW on target (148 kW to TS-1 at 40 pps, 36 kW to TS-2 at 10 pps).

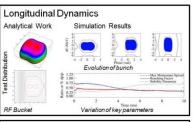


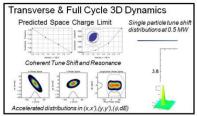


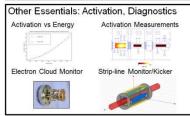
#### ii. designing potential ISIS accelerator upgrades for increased capability

#### 180 MeV injection

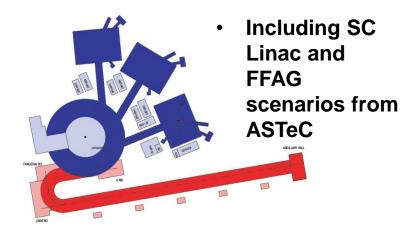






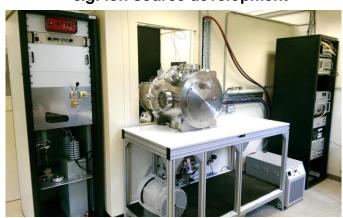


#### MW regime 'ISIS-II' scenarios

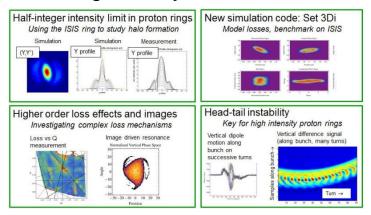


#### iii. generic proton R&D

#### e.g. ion source development



#### **High intensity R&D studies**



#### iv. target upgrades

### Front End Test Stand (FETS)

#### High brightness H- ion source

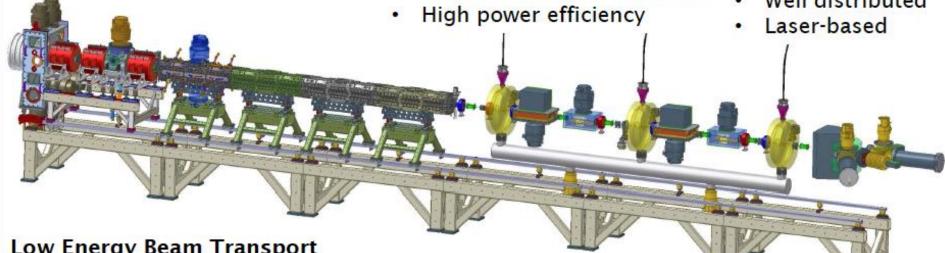
- 4 kW peak-power arc discharge
- 60 mA, 0.25  $\pi$  mm mrad beam
- 2 ms, 50 Hz pulsed operation

#### Radio Frequency Quadrupole

- Four-vane, 324 MHz, 3 MeV
- 4 metre bolted construction

#### Diagnostics

- Non-interceptive
- Well distributed



#### Low Energy Beam Transport

- Three-solenoid configuration
- Space-charge neutralisation
- 5600 Ls-1 total pumping speed

#### Medium Energy Beam Transport

- Re-buncher cavities and EM quads
- Novel 'fast-slow' perfect chopping
- Low emittance growth























# Electron Acceleration

- · A High Power Laser (HPL) focussed into a gas accelerates electrons to very high energy in a short distance (cm's) "Wakefield"
- Possible to produce multi-GeV+ energies at PW powers
  - · Game changing

Acceleration"

·To date, LWA electron energies produced at 1.7 GeV at CLF (cf DLS 3 GeV)

Imperial College London **EPSRC** 

Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council



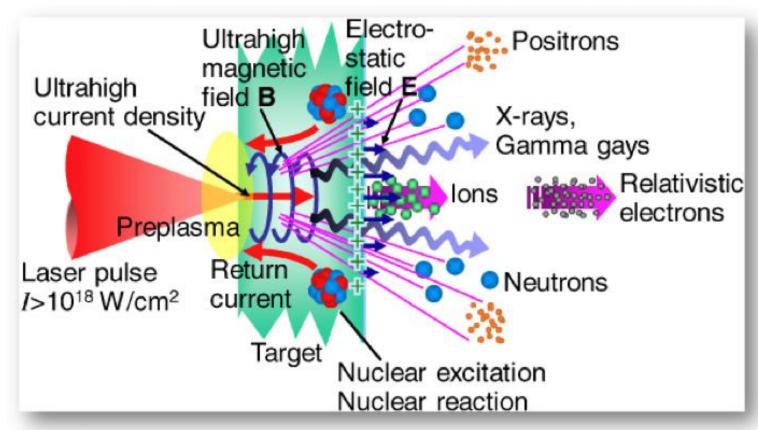
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# High Power Laser Interaction

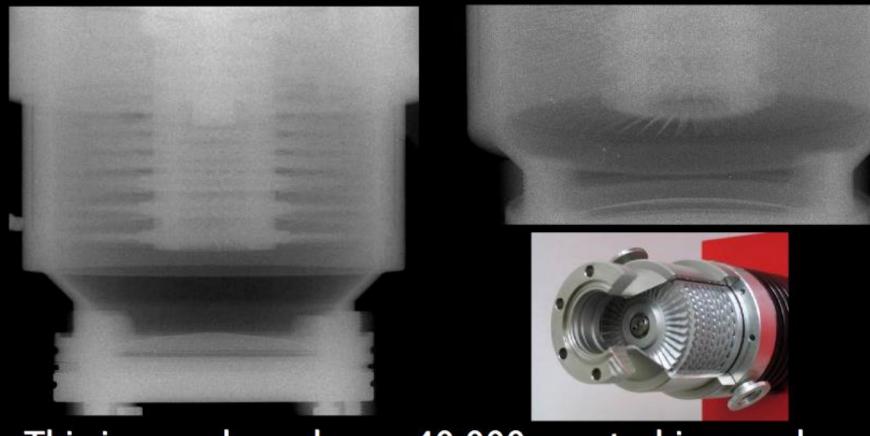
Modest lasers can produce extreme environments



- Laser > 10's TW drives relativistic physics > huge fields
- Extreme acceleration, over ultra short spatial and temporal extent is common place (um, mm, fs, ps)
- State of the art today is 1 PW



# Dynamic X-Ray Imaging



- This image shows how a 40,000 rpm turbine can be frozen using penetrating laser driven X-Rays (Vulcan)
- This is not possible any other way
- Potential applications <u>IF</u> new compact, efficient, transportable, scaleable HPL technology can be realised



### **UK - CERN LHC activities**

Main UK
activities
in HL-LHC

High Luminosity LHC optics, tracking and beam-beam Crab cavity design and beam dynamics
High Luminosity LHC collimation
LHC machine-detector interface

### Strong emphasis on

- Intellectual input and design
- Computing; UK is growing in this area generally
- Some hardware.
- Additional work at Linac4, ion source, ...

CLIC-UK is also a very strong partnership with CERN; many synergies and connections with the LHC work.





### Conclusions

- The UK has a vibrant accelerator programme.
- STFC will continue to support innovative R&D across its accelerator programme.
- We are collaborating with international partners, including CERN.
- The Cockcroft Institute and John Adams Institute are both involved with accelerators and related systems of relevance to medical physics and are integrating this into their R&D and training.
- STFC is also developing detectors of relevance (see next talk).



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