

Gesellschaft für Schwerionenforschung Helmholtz-Center for Ion Research



Employees: 1350 + external scientists: 1000

Base budget: 120 M€ + external budget

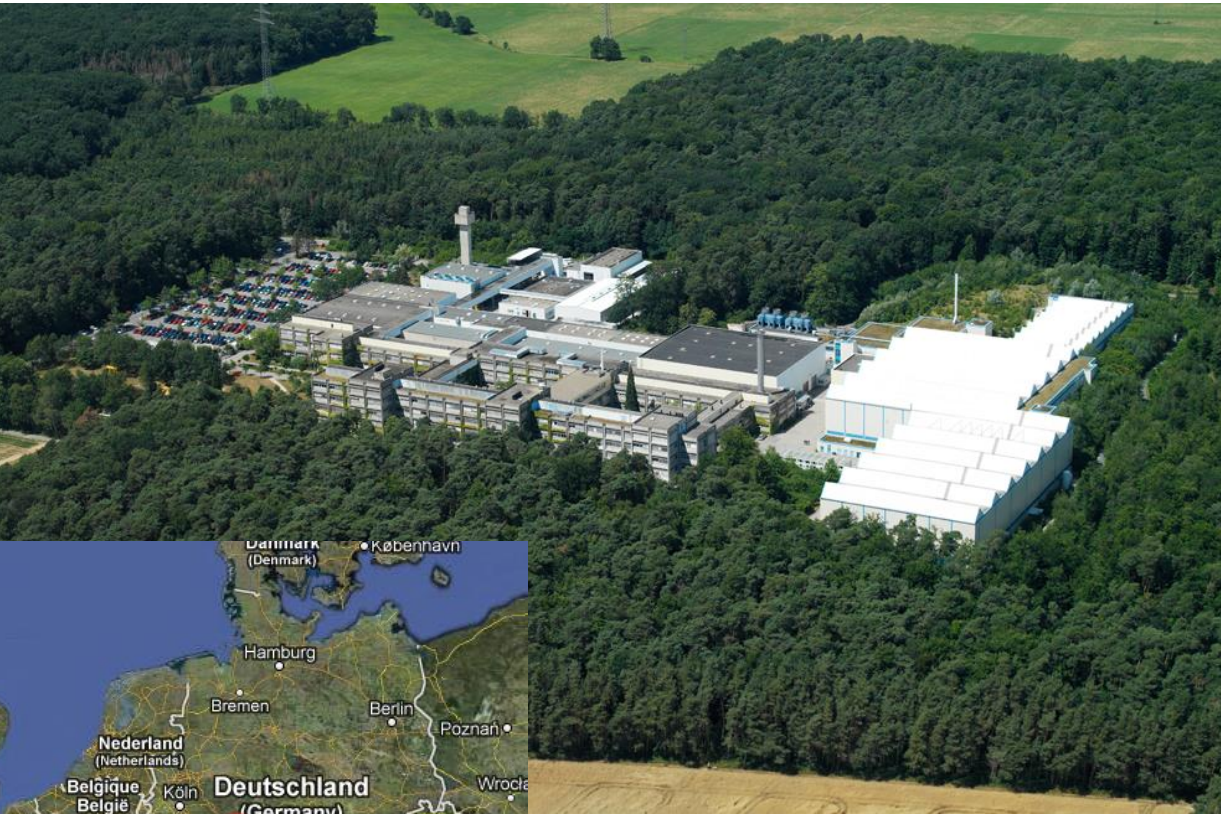
Large scale facility of ion accelerators

+ laser and further facilities

GSI Heavy Ion Research Center



German national heavy ion accelerator facility in Darmstadt



Accelerators:

Acceleration of all ions

LINAC: up to 15 MeV/u

Synchrotron: up to 2 GeV/u

Research area:

- Nuclear physics $\approx 60\%$
- Atomic physics $\approx 20\%$
- Bio physics (e.g. cell damage)
incl. cancer therapy $\approx 5\%$
- Material research $\approx 10\%$

**Extension by
international FAIR facility**

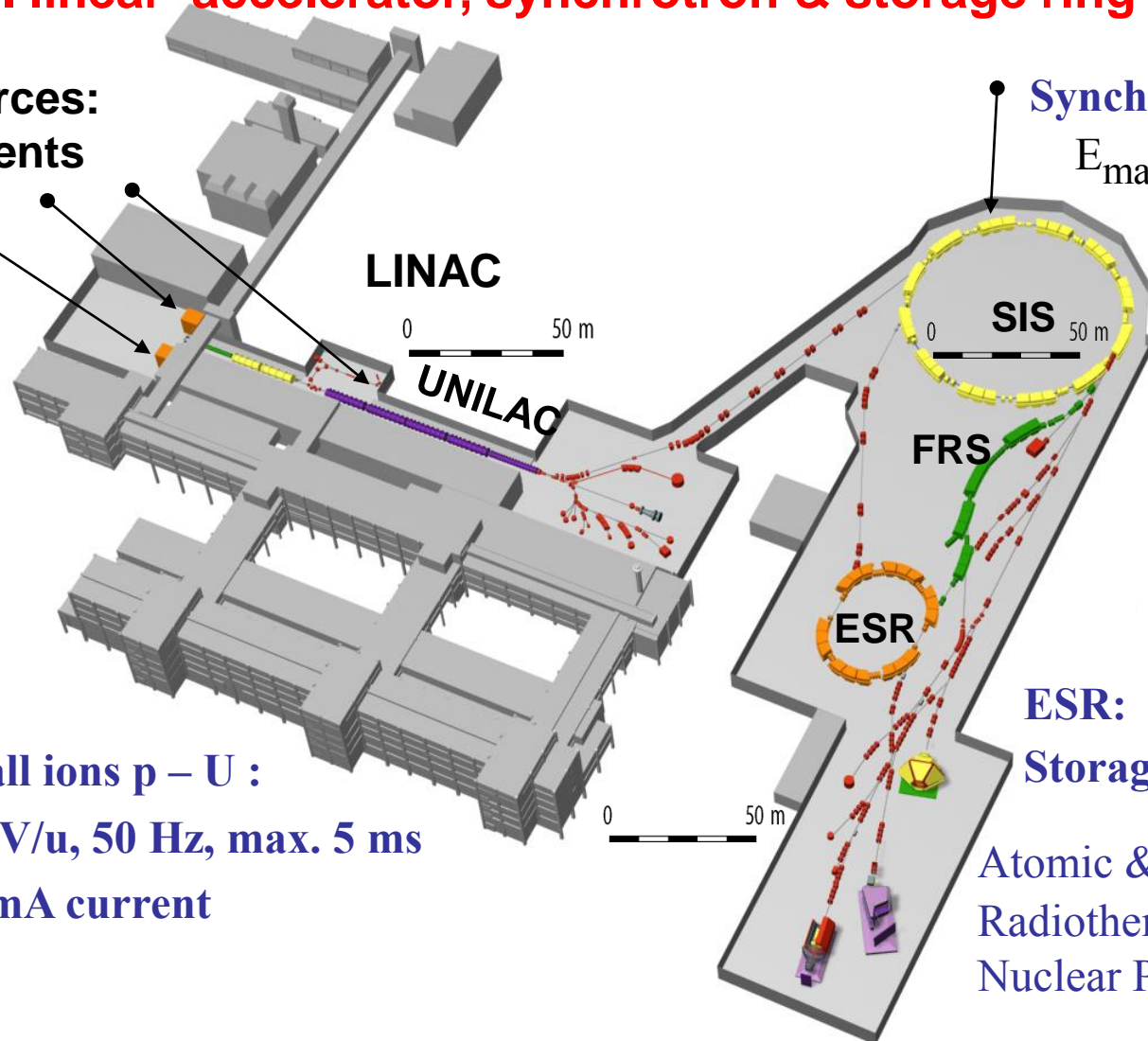
GSI is one of 18 German large scale research centers.

The Accelerator Facility at GSI



The GSI linear accelerator, synchrotron & storage ring for heavy ions

Ion Sources:
all elements



Synchrotron, $B_p=18\text{ Tm}$

E_{max} p: 4.7 GeV
U: 1 GeV/u

Achieved e.g.:

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ESR:

Storage Ring, $B_p=10\text{ Tm}$

Atomic & Plasma Physics
Radiotherapy
Nuclear Physics

LINAC: all ions p – U :

3 – 12 MeV/u, 50 Hz, max. 5 ms

Up to 20 mA current

Excuse: UNILAC at GSI: Overview



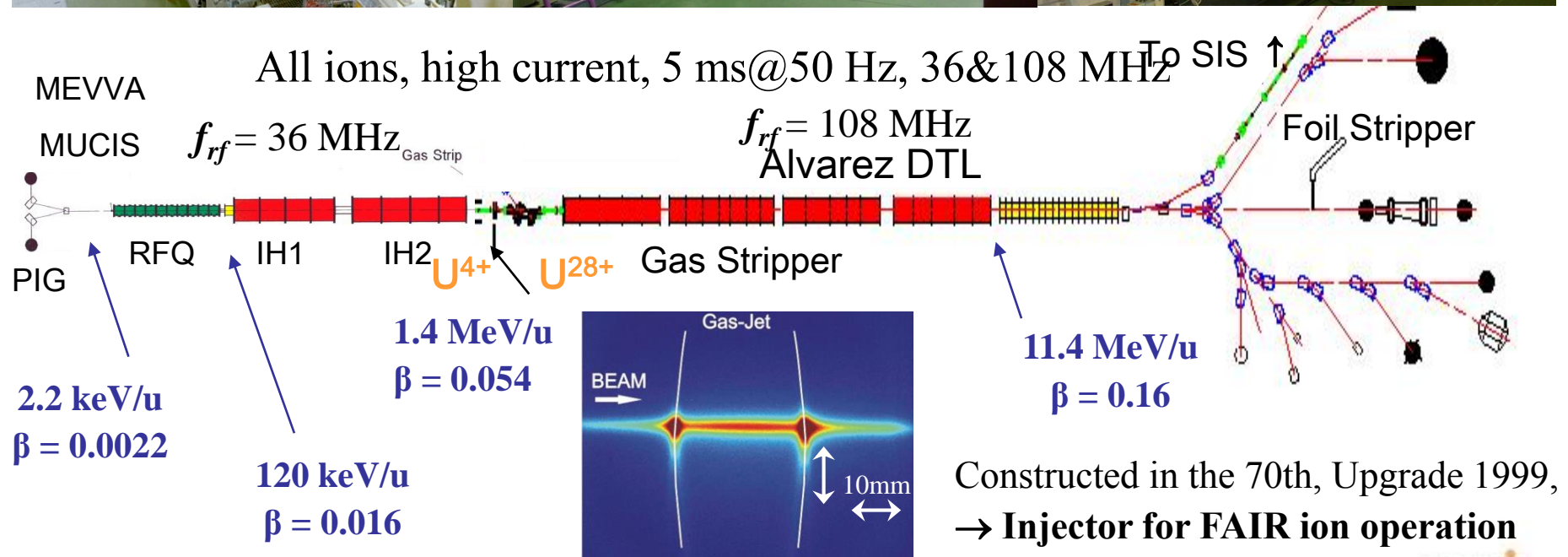
RFQ, IH1, IH2



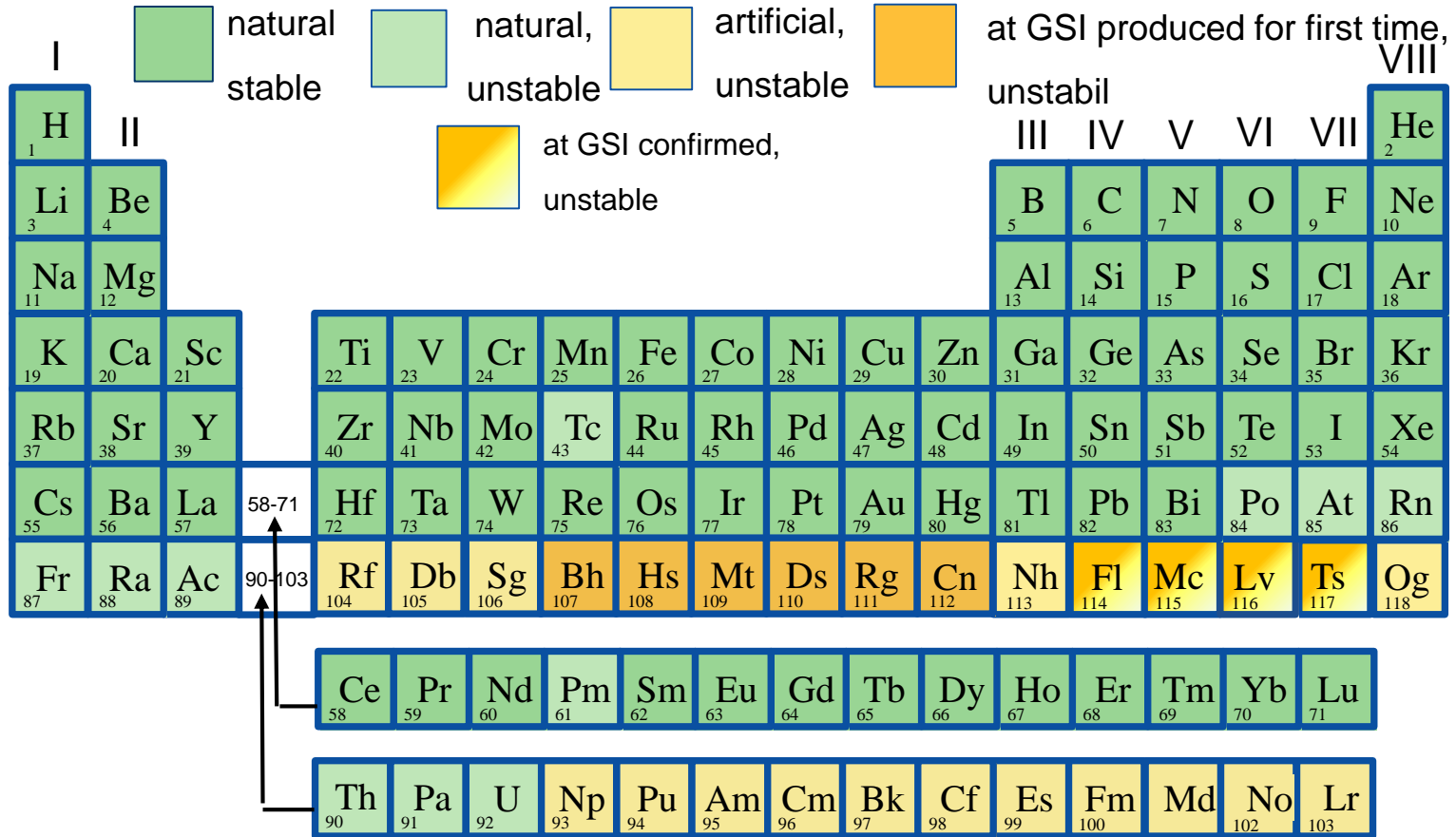
Alvarez DTL



Single Gap Resonators

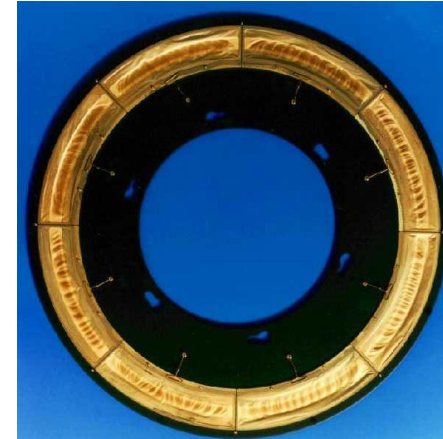
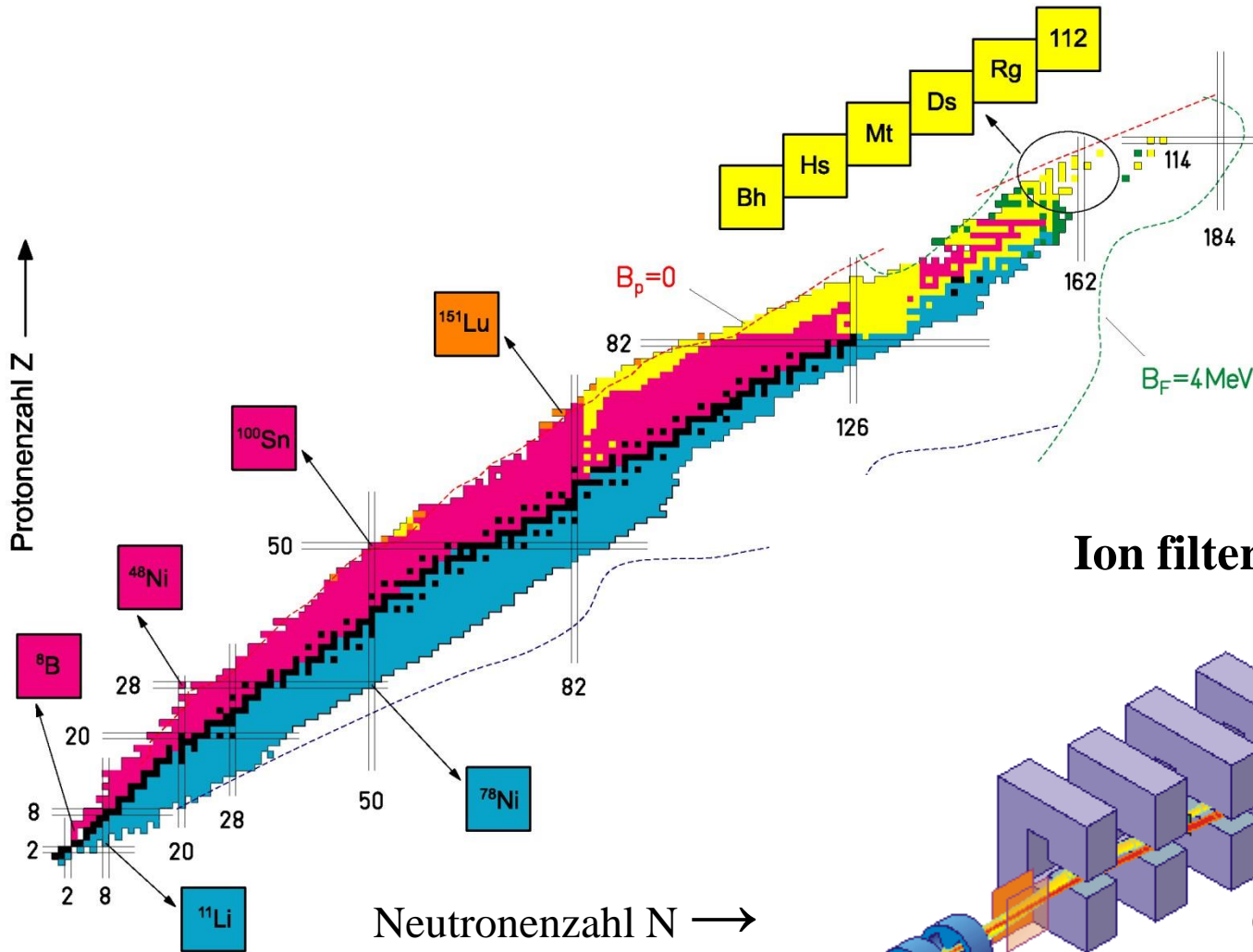


Das Periodensystem der Elemente

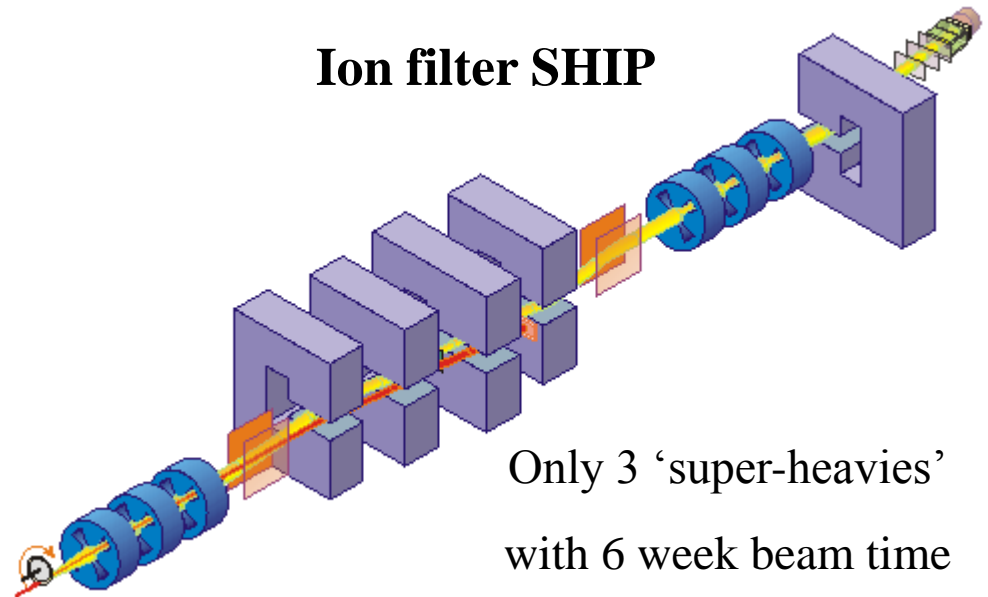


Bh Bohrium Hs Hassium Mt Meitnerium Ds Darmstadtium Rg Roentgenium Cn Copernicium

Nuklidkarte: Superschwere Ionen



Ion filter SHIP

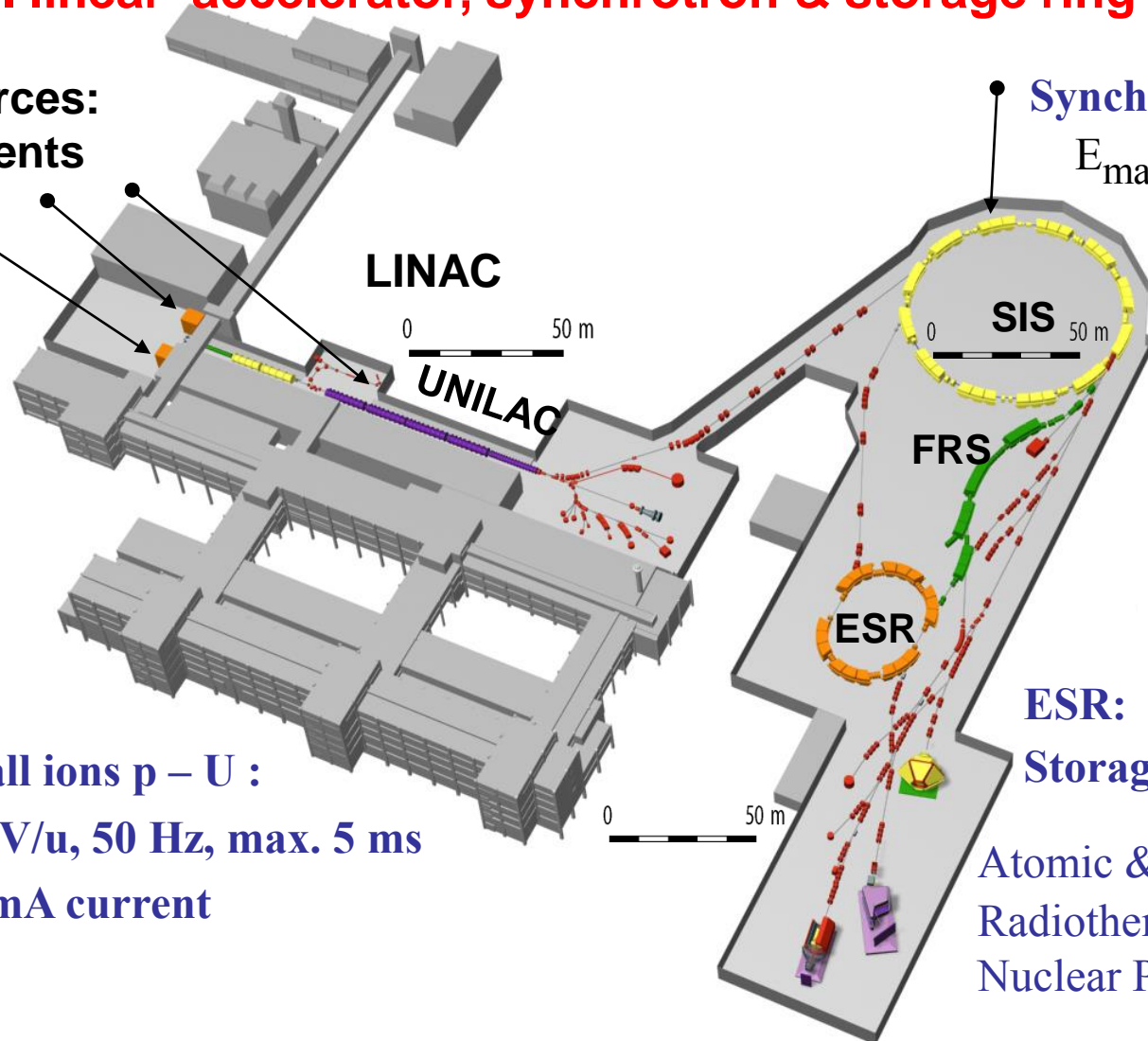


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GSI Heavy Ion Synchrotron



acceleration

rf cavity,
quadrupoles, dipoles



Important parameters of SIS-18

Ion (Z)	1 → 92 (p to U)
Circumference	216 m
Inj. type	Multiturn
Injection energy	11 MeV/u
Max. final energy	≈ 2 GeV/u
Ramp duration	0.1 → 1.5 s
Acc. RF	0.8 → 5 MHz
Harmonic	4 (= # bunches)
Bunching factor	0.4 → 0.08
Beam current	10 μA to 100 mA

injec-
tion

extrac-
tion

Dipole, quadrupoles,
transfer line



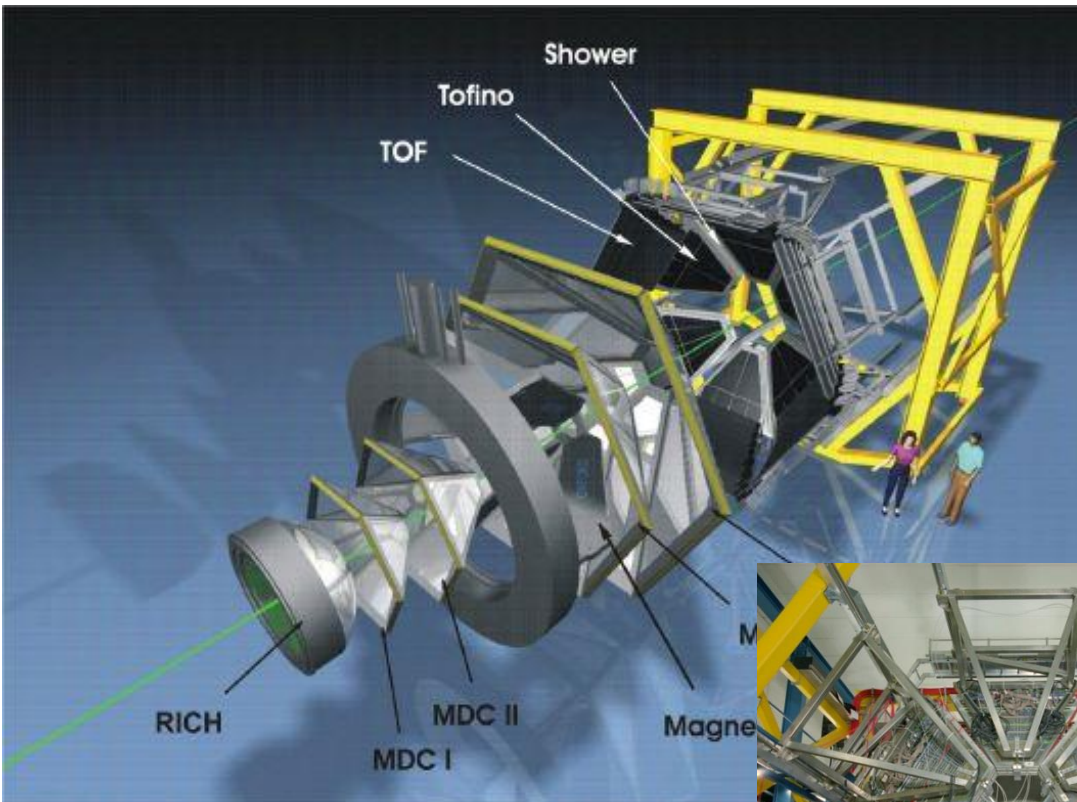
commissioning 1991



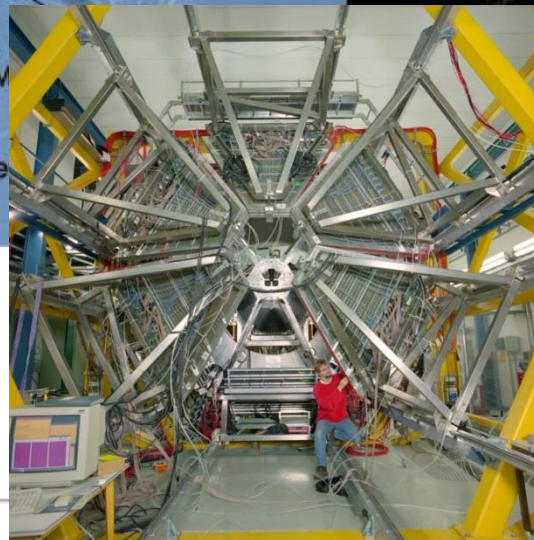
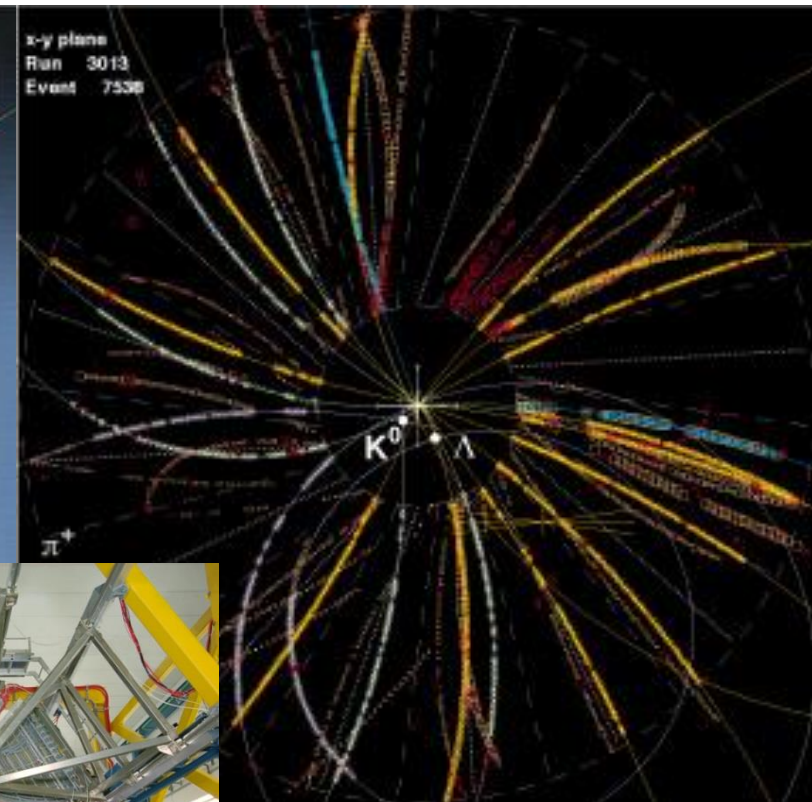
Detektors form barionic Matter



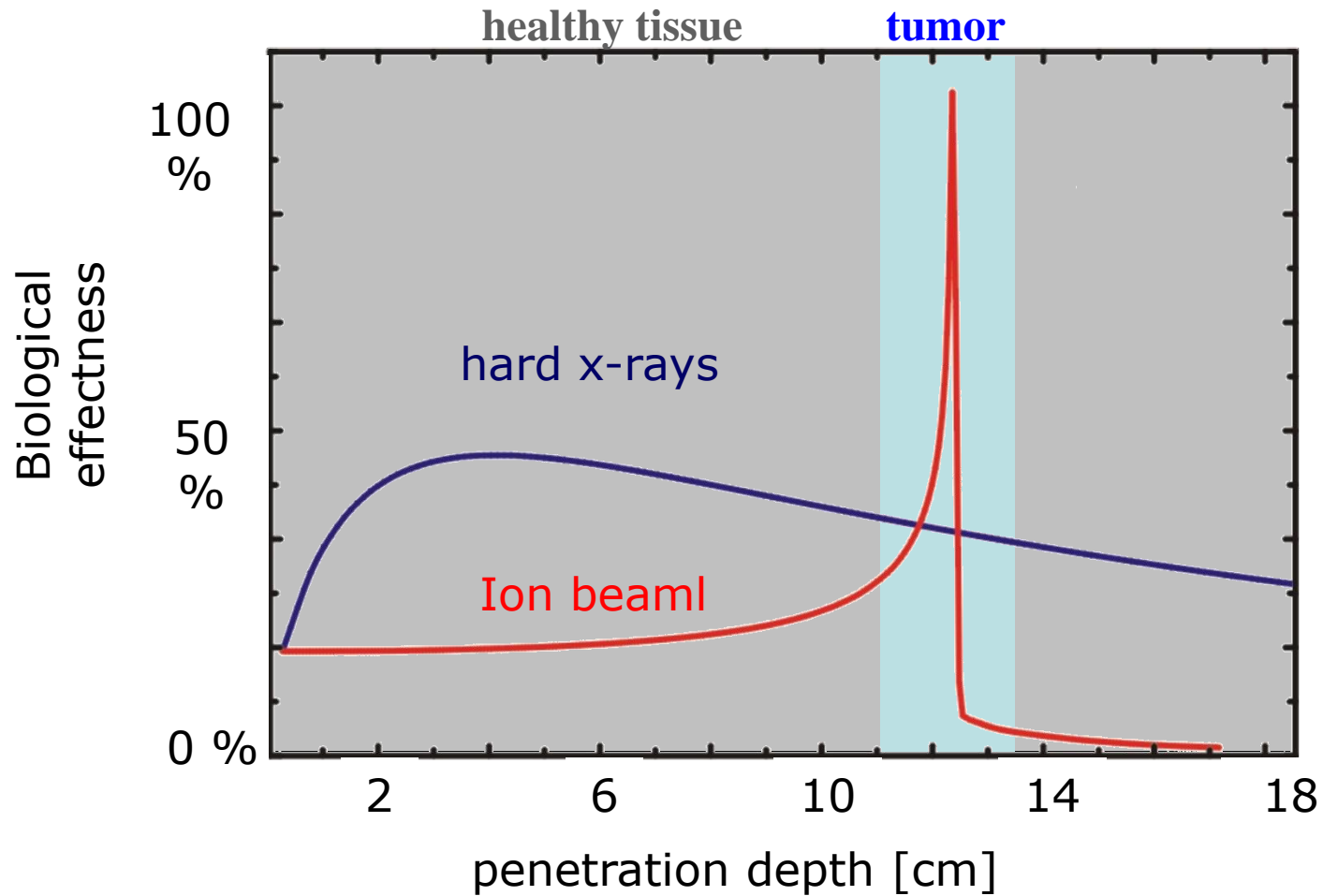
HADES Detector



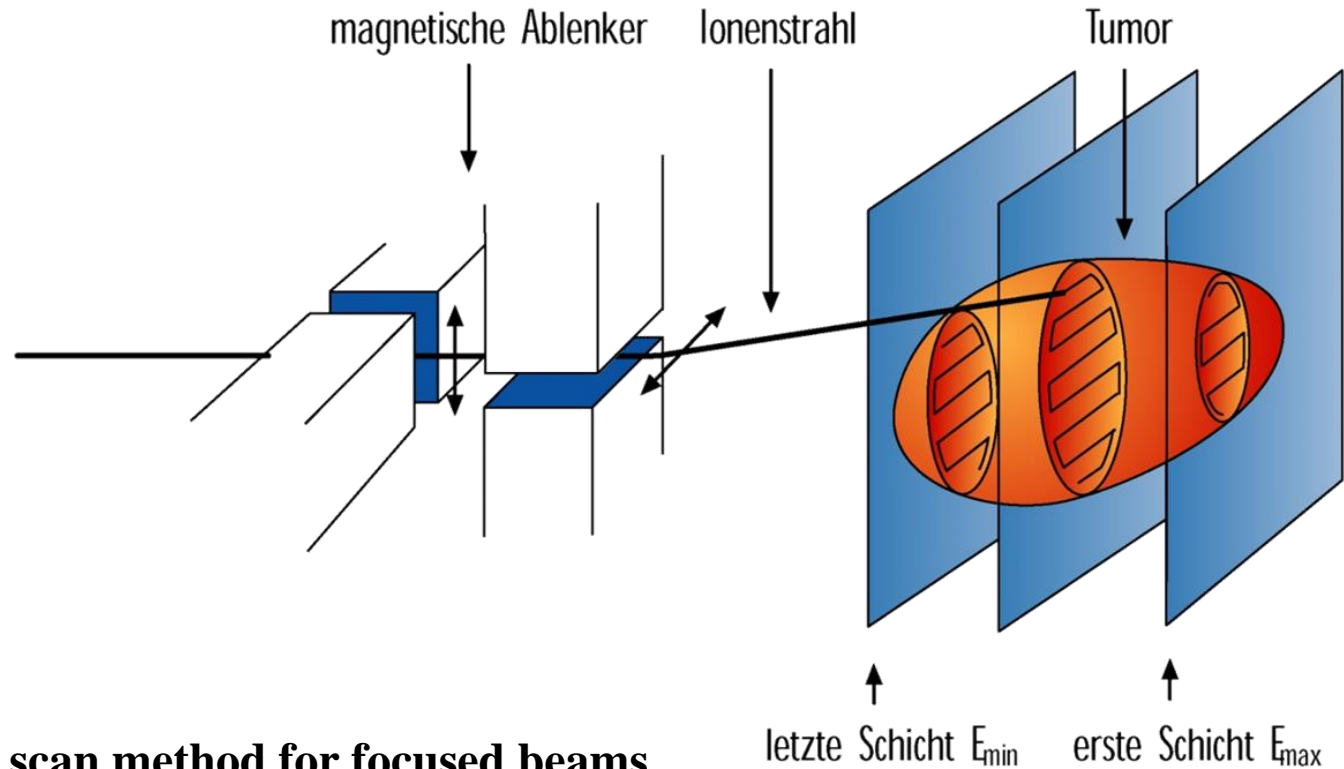
Reconstruction of traces



Ion Treatment of Tumors



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Raster scan method for focused beams

ca. 1975 - today: Investigation of biological damage of ion beams

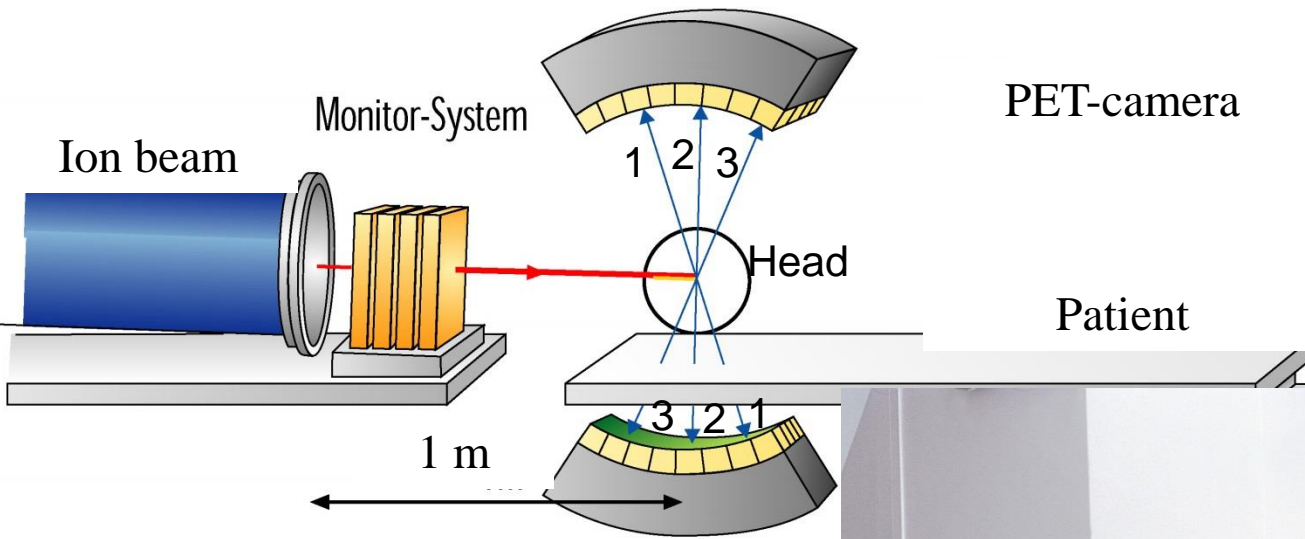
ca. 1990-97: technical realization for cancer therapy (first time in Europe)

1997-2007: treatment of 440 persons with brain tumors

ca. 2000-09: Construction of dedicated facility in Heidelberg (first ion center in Europe)

2009 - today: Treatment of about 800 patients per year

Accelerator Technology for Patient Treatment

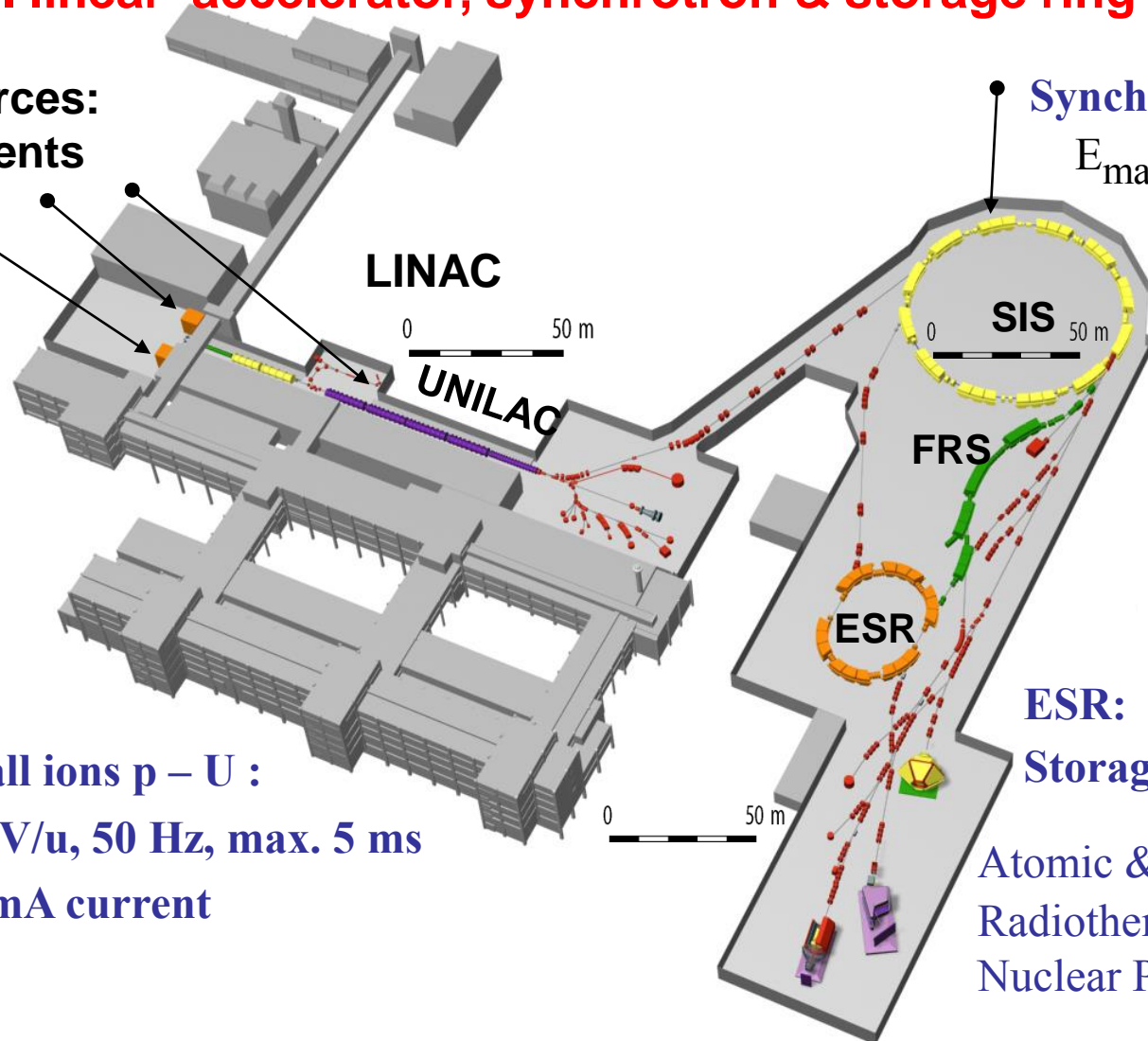


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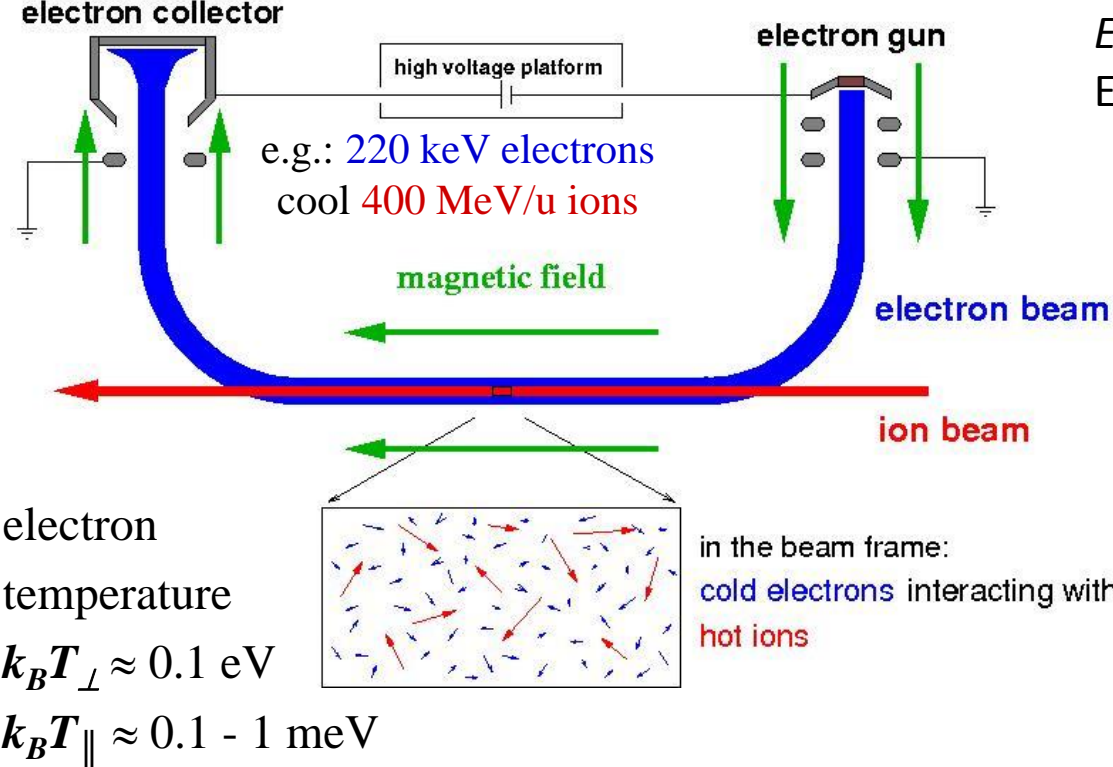
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Electron Cooling at ESR: Improvement of Beam Quality



Electron cooling: Superposition ion and cold electron beams with the same velocity



Example:

Electron cooler at GSI, $U_{\text{max}} = 300 \text{ kV}$



Physics:

- Momentum transfer by Coulomb collisions
- Cooling force results from energy loss in the cold, co-moving electron beam

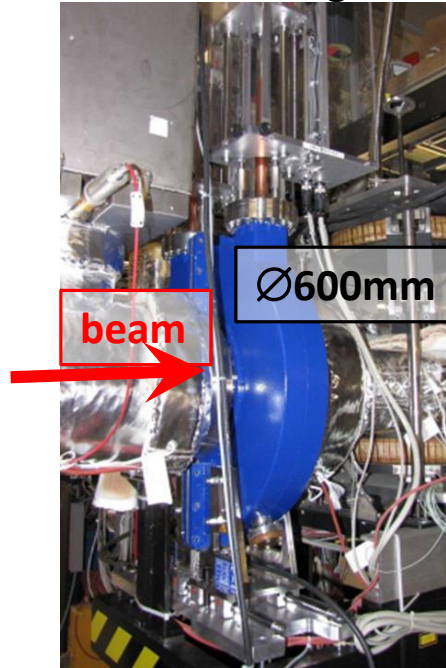
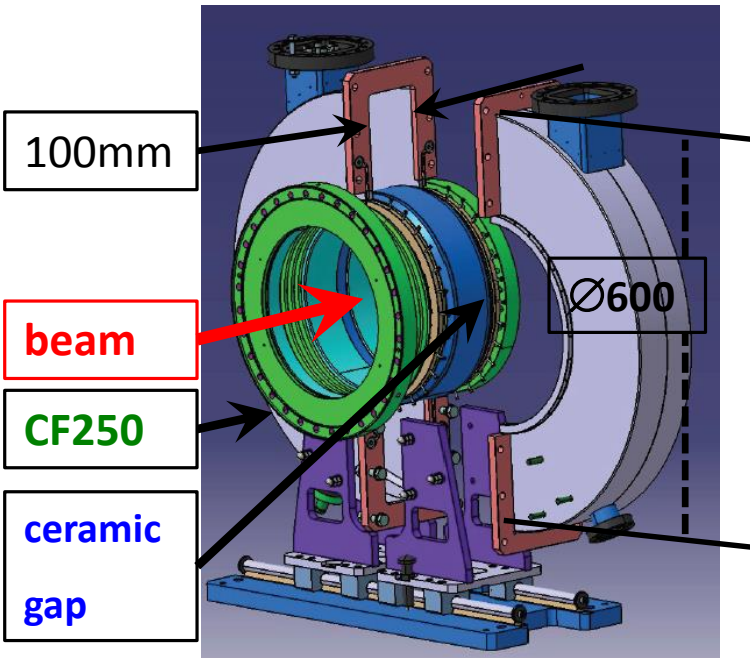
Cooling time: 0.1 s for low energy highly charged ions, 1000 s for high energy protons

Pillbox Cavity for very low Detection Threshold



Observation of *single ions* is possible:

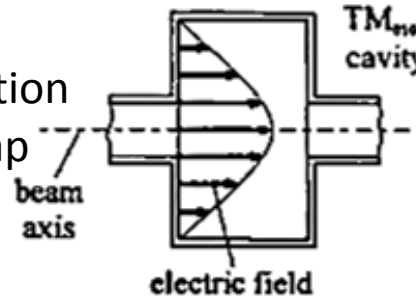
Example: Storage of six $^{142}\text{Pm}^{59+}$ at 400 MeV/u during electron cooling



Outer \varnothing_{out}	600 mm
Beam pipe \varnothing_{in}	250 mm
Mode (monopole)	TM_{010}
Res. freq. f_{res} Variable by plunger	$\approx 244 \text{ MHz}$ $\pm 2 \text{ MHz}$
Quality factor Q_0	≈ 1200
Loaded Q_l	≈ 500
R/Q_0	$\approx 30 \Omega$
Coupling	Inductive loop

Advantage:

- Sensitive down to single ion observation
- Part of cavity in air due to ceramic gap
- Can be short-circuited to prevent for wake-field excitation



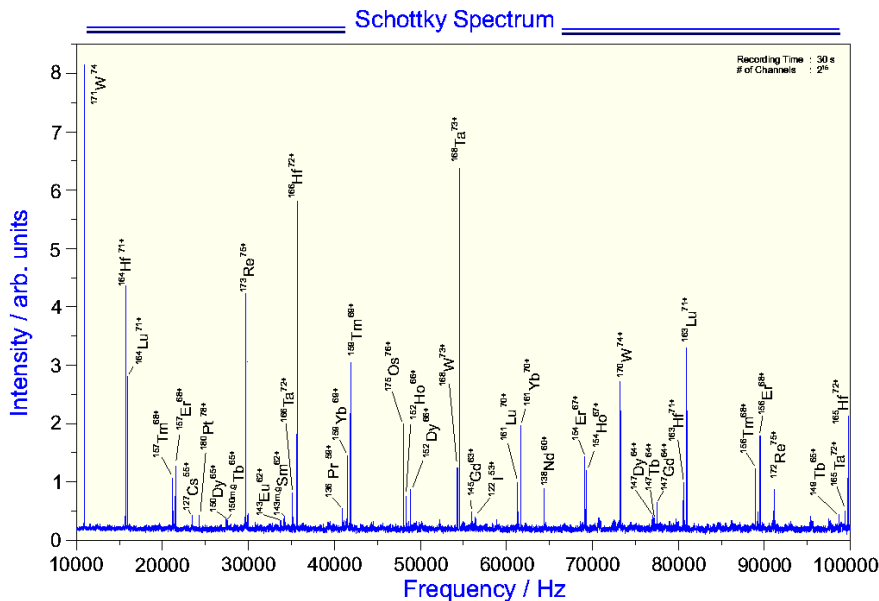
Example of Schottky Mass Spectroscopy for Nuclear Physics



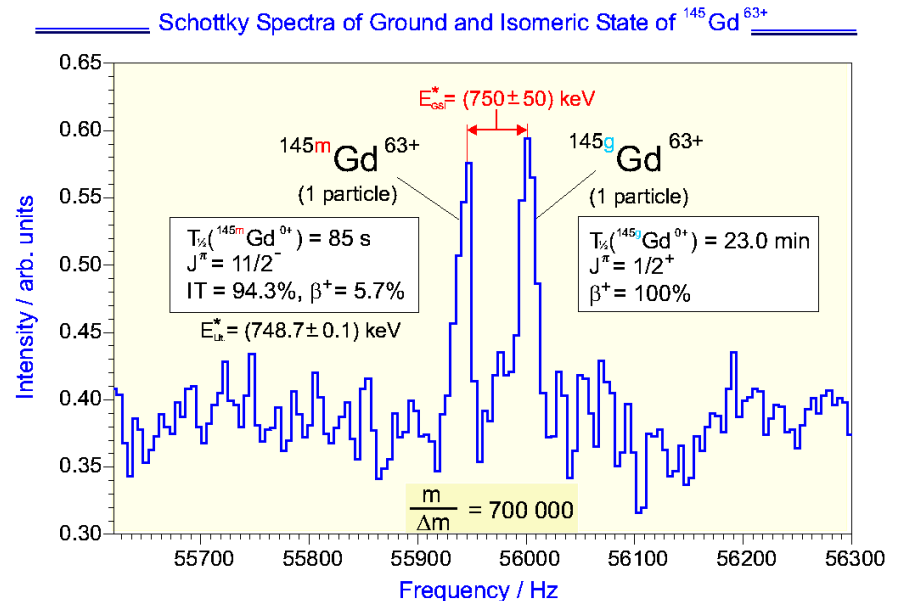
Typical experimental setup:

- High intensity beam of e.g. U^{73+} in synchrotron ≈ 1 GeV/u and send to a target
- Cocktail of rare isotopes filtered in 'Fragment Separator' injected into GSI ESR
- Stochastic pre-cooling, followed by electron cooling: $\Delta p/p_0 = 5 \cdot 10^{-7} \Leftrightarrow \Delta f/f_0 = 2 \cdot 10^{-7}$ typ.
- ⇒ mass measurement of isotopes an excited states as a large experimental program
- ⇒ single isotope detection possible

Example: Broad band spectrum



Example: High resolution spectrum



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GSI and FAIR in Future



GSI accelerator: all ions
high intensity for ≈ 1 GeV/u
production of rare isotopes
beam cooling (electron, stochastic, laser)
FAIR: extension of program + antiprotons



Main physics activities at FAIR:

- Nuclear Structure with in-flight Rare Isotope Beams
- Hadron Physics at ≈ 30 GeV/u heavy ions
- Hadron Physics with antiprotons up to 14 GeV
- Atomic Physics with RIBs and antiprotons
- Plasma, Biophysics and Material Science



GSI and FAIR in Future



UNILAC & SIS18:

as injector for ions after upgrade

p-LINAC: high current 70 mA, 70 MeV

SIS100: 100Tm, s-c magnets 2T

1-10 GeV/u

fast ramping 3 T/s

length 1084 m

design: $p\ 4 \cdot 10^{13}$,

$U^{28+}\ 5 \cdot 10^{11}$

critical issue: dynamic vacuum

CR: stochastic cooling
of RIB and pbar

HESR: acc. of pbar to max. 14 GeV,
pellet target,

stochastic & e-cooling

HEBT: fast & slow extraction
for low & high currents.

