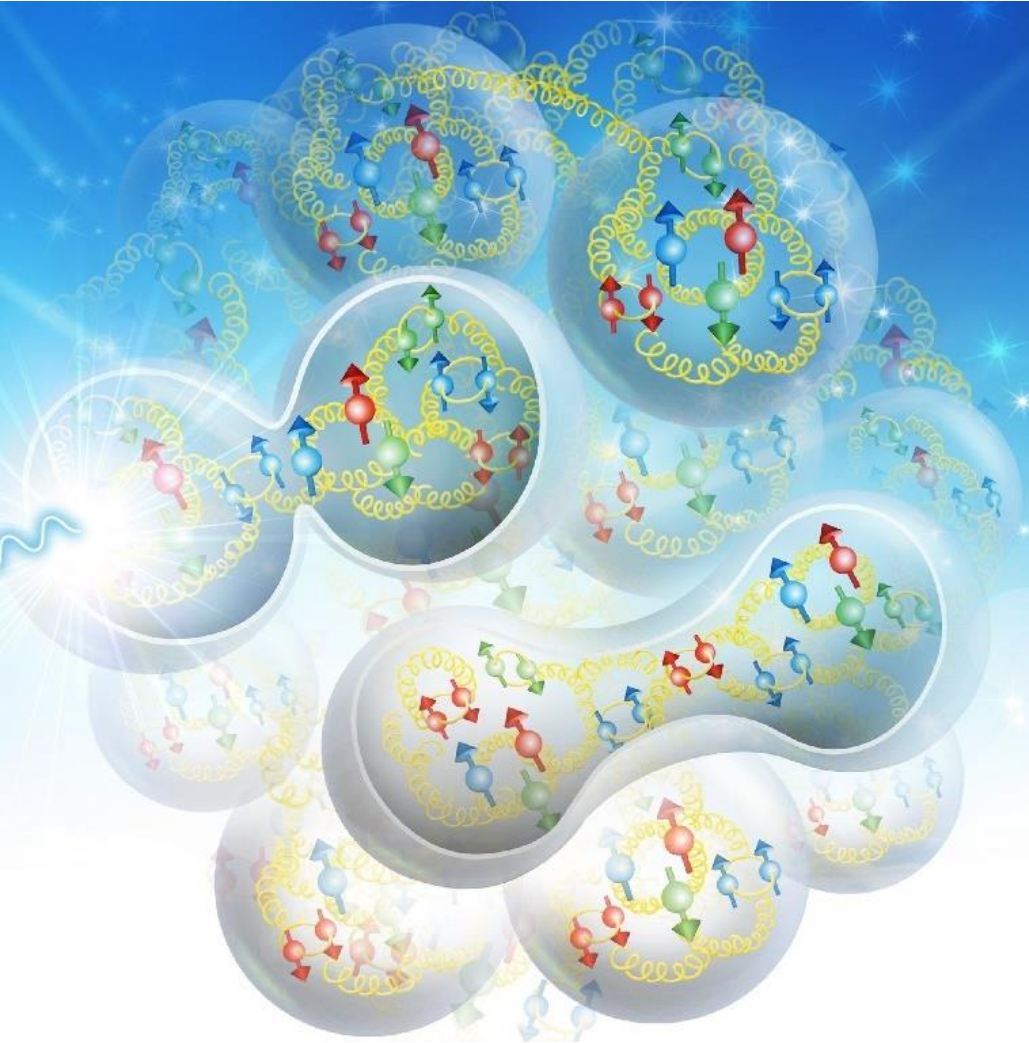


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# ***JLEIC: A High Luminosity Polarized Electron-Ion Collider at Jefferson Lab***

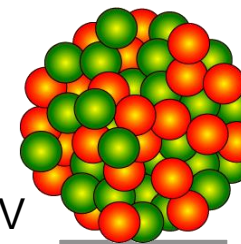


# EIC for QCD Frontier: From White Paper to NAS Assessment

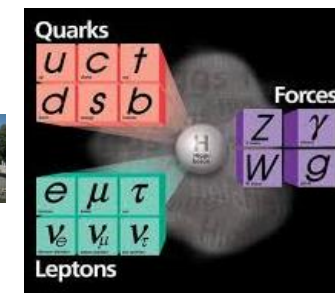
## A Gluon Microscopy for Understanding the Glue that Binds Us All

### EIC Community White Paper 2012

- Highly polarized (~70%) electron and light beams
- Ion beams from deuteron to the heaviest stable nuclei (U or Pb)
- Variable CM energies from ~20 – ~100 GeV, upgradable to ~140 GeV
- High collision luminosity  $\sim 10^{33-34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- Possibilities of having more than one interaction region



Nuclei



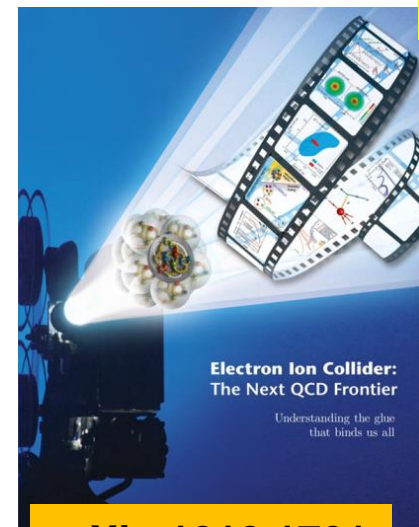
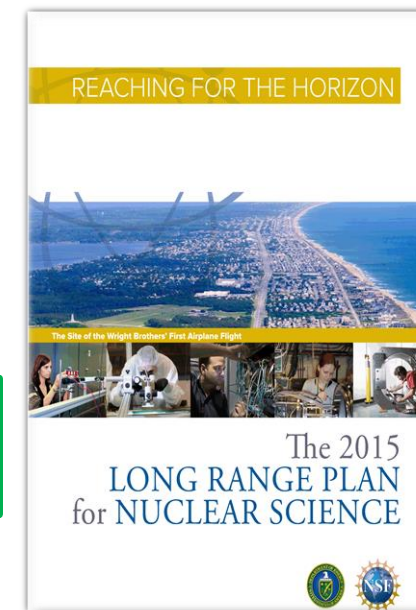
### NSCA Long Range Plan 2015

- Nuclear Science Advisory Committee (NSCA) is commissioned by DOE and NSF
- Every 5 to 7 years, it produces a Long Range Plan, with **3 to 5 recommendations**, → a roadmap for nuclear science facilities for the next 10 years (LRP 1979, 1983, 1989, 1996, 2002, 2007, 2015)

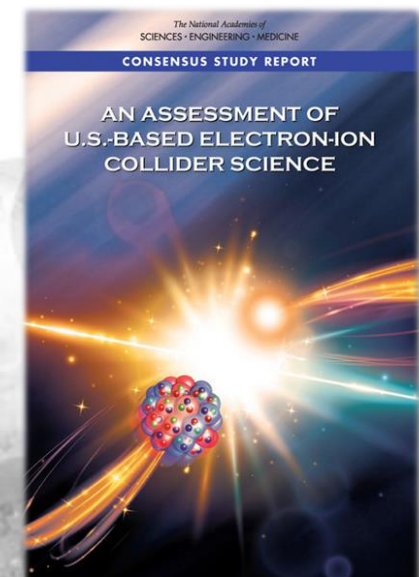
**NSAC LRP 2015** A **high-energy high-luminosity polarized Electron-Ion Collider** for new facility construction following the completion of FRIB

### NAS Assessment of EIC 2018

*“In summary, the committee finds **a compelling scientific case** for such a facility. The science questions that an EIC will answer are **central to completing** an understanding of atoms as well as being **integral to the agenda** of nuclear physics today. In addition, the development of an EIC would **advance accelerator science and technology** in nuclear science; it would as well **benefit other fields** of accelerator based science and society, from medicine through materials science to elementary particle physics.”*



arXiv:1212.1701

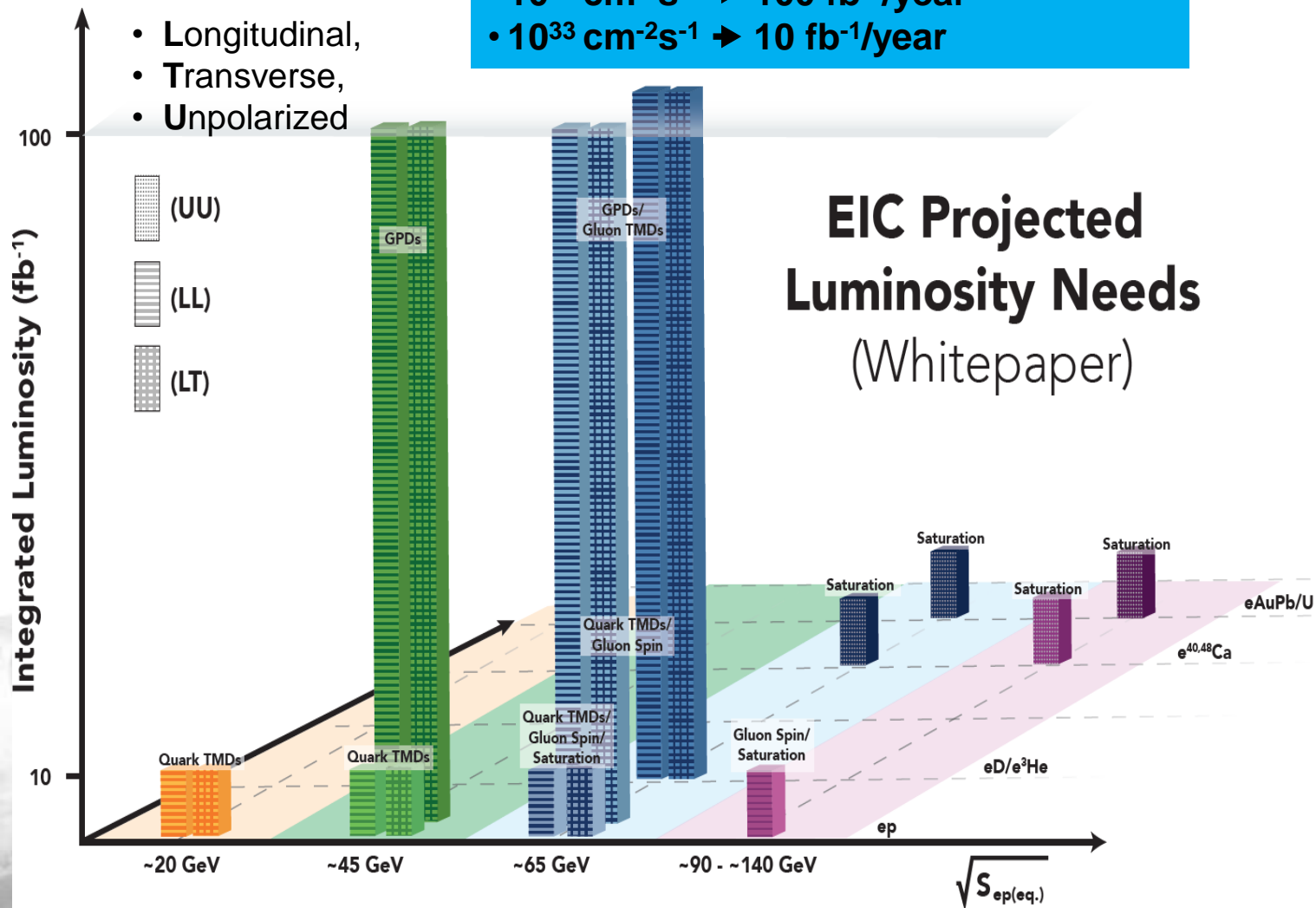


# EIC Integrated Luminosity Requirements

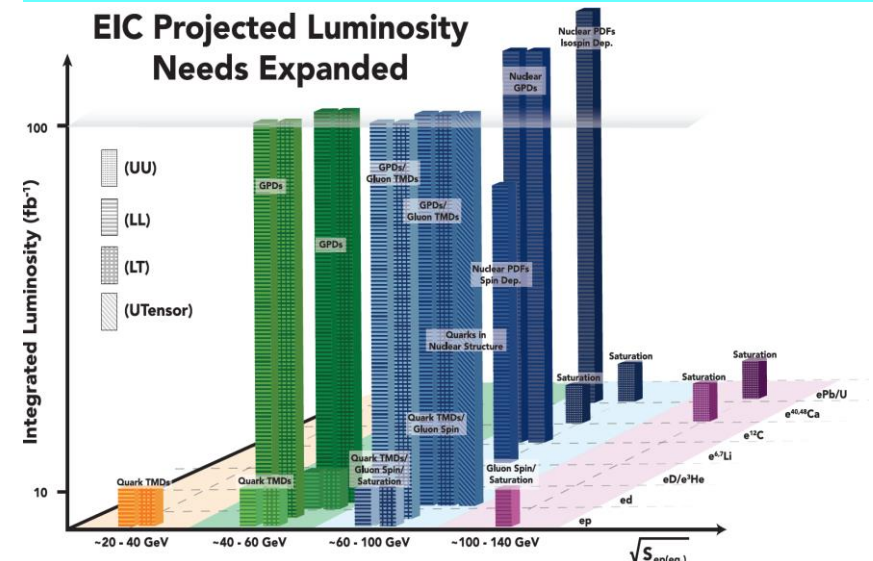
White paper:  $\sim 710 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  required

- $10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1} \rightarrow 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}/\text{year}$
- $10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1} \rightarrow 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}/\text{year}$

HERA:  $0.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  integrated luminosity delivered

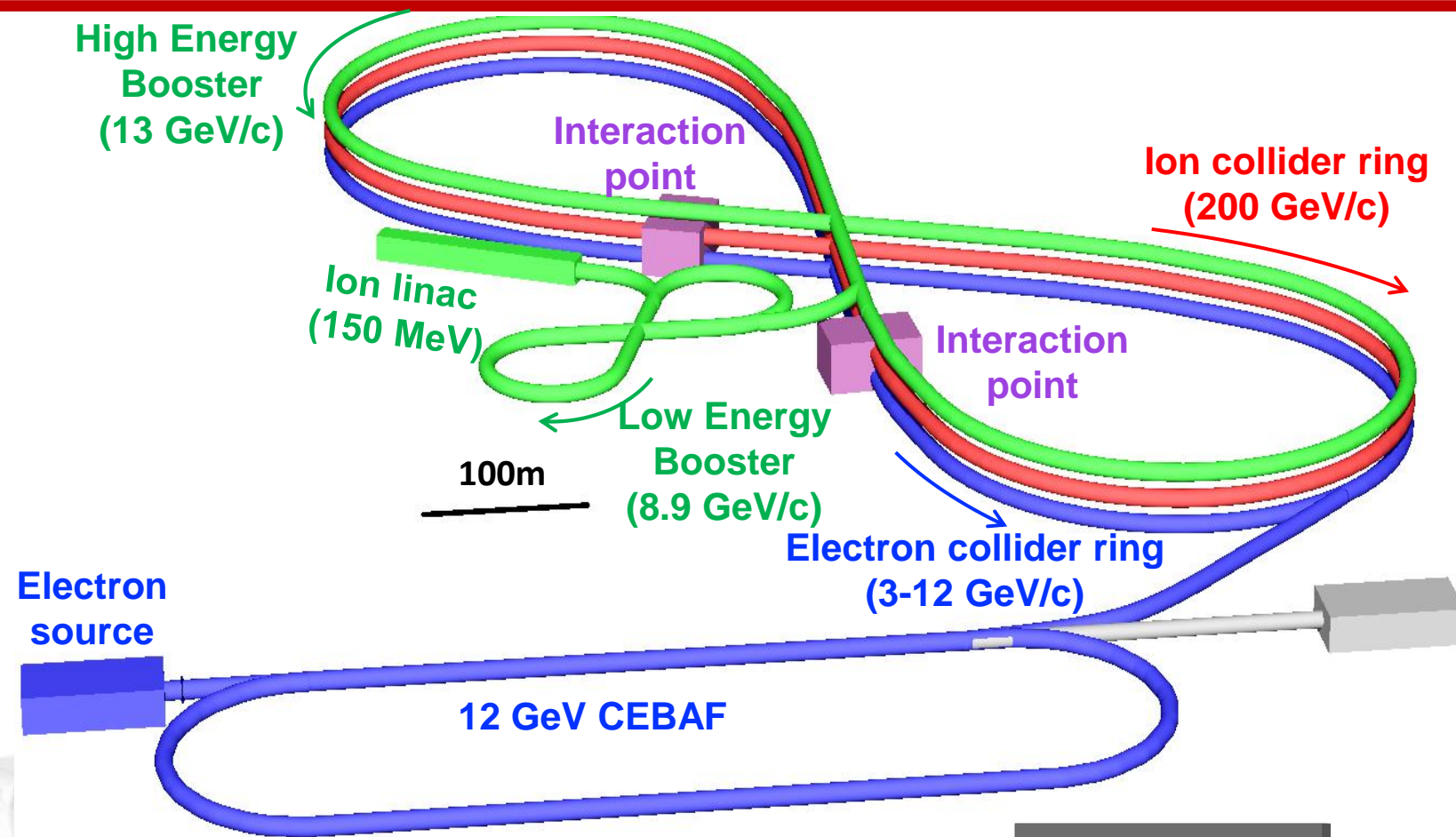


Envisioned extended EIC program, requiring  $\sim 1400 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

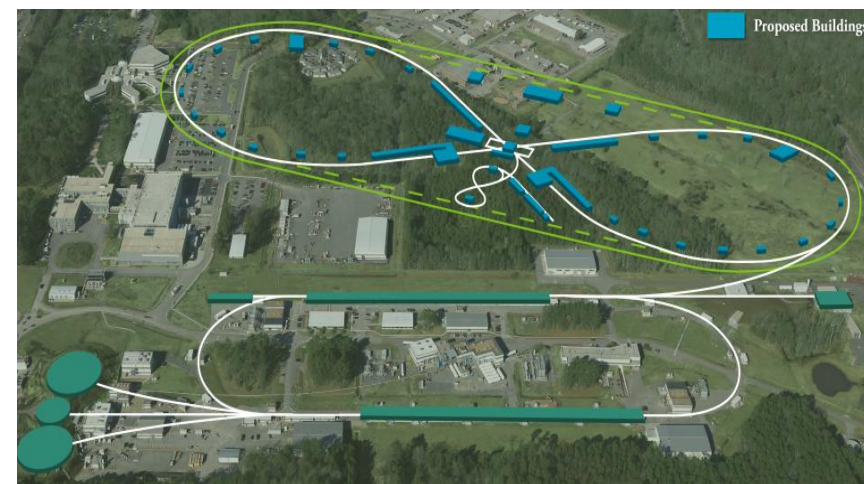
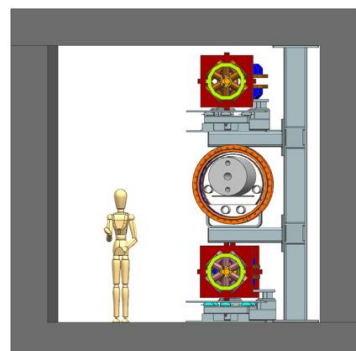
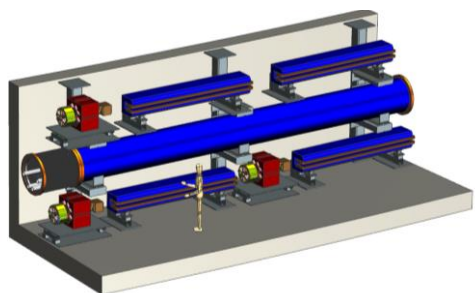
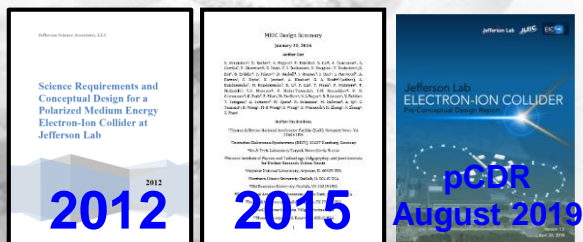


95% of program is at CM energies below 100 GeV

# JLEIC Layout



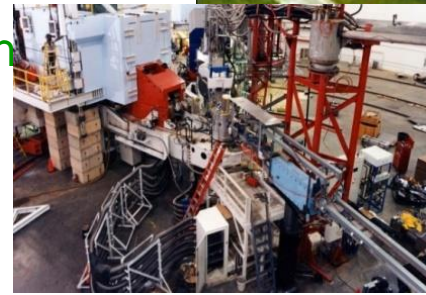
- **Electron complex**
  - CEBAF as a full energy injector
  - Electron collider ring: 3-12 GeV/c
- **Ion complex**
  - Ion source
  - SRF linac: 150 MeV for protons
  - Low Energy Booster: 8.9 GeV/c
  - High Energy Booster: 13 GeV/c
  - Ion collider ring: 200 GeV/c
- **Up to two detectors** at minimum background locations
- **Upgradable to 140 GeV CM**



# Why Jefferson Lab is the ideal site for EIC

- Large established *user community* in the field
- **CEBAF**, the world highest energy CW SRF linac
  - As a full energy injector (without requiring any upgrade)
  - Maintains **highly-polarized high-current beam** in the electron collider ring using demonstrated **top-up injection** technique
- **New collider complex**
  - Modern design and technology
  - No constraints imposed by existing infrastructure
  - Design driven by **experimental requirements**
    - Novel high **luminosity** concept
    - Luminosity optimized around **CM energy range of physics interest**
    - Novel figure-8 design for **high polarization** of any particles including **deuterons**
    - Deeply integrated detector and machine design for **full acceptance**
  - Balance of good performance and **low technical risk**

Up to 12 GeV @1.5 GHz



# JLEIC High Luminosity Concept: Many Small Short Bunches

**Strategy:** Design a *lepton-hadron* collider like a *lepton-lepton* collider

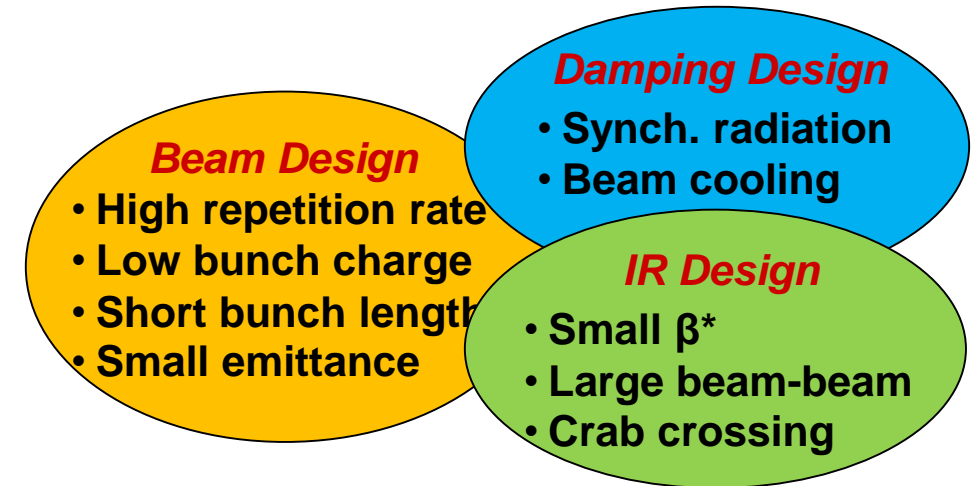
- *Conventional* approach for hadron colliders
  - Few colliding bunches → low bunch frequency
  - High bunch intensity → long bunch & large  $\beta^*$

- JLEIC takes a new approach:  
high bunch repetition rate + short bunch colliding beams

$$L = f \frac{n_1 n_2}{4\pi\sigma_x^* \sigma_y^*} \sim f \frac{n_1 n_2}{\varepsilon\beta_y^*}$$

- A standard approach for lepton colliders (KEK-B reached  $> 2 \times 10^{34}$  /cm<sup>2</sup>/s)
- JLEIC advantages
  - Based on CEBAF, its beam already up to 1.5 GHz
  - New green field ion complex can be designed to deliver high bunch repetition rate

	Bunch freq. (MHz)	Bunch intensity ( $10^{10}$ )	Bunch length (cm)	$\beta_y^*$ (cm)
RHIC	9.4	20	-	~90
HERA	8.2	7.3	16	18
JLEIC	476	1	1	1.2
KEKB	158 - 458	6.4 – 2.1	~0.6	0.59

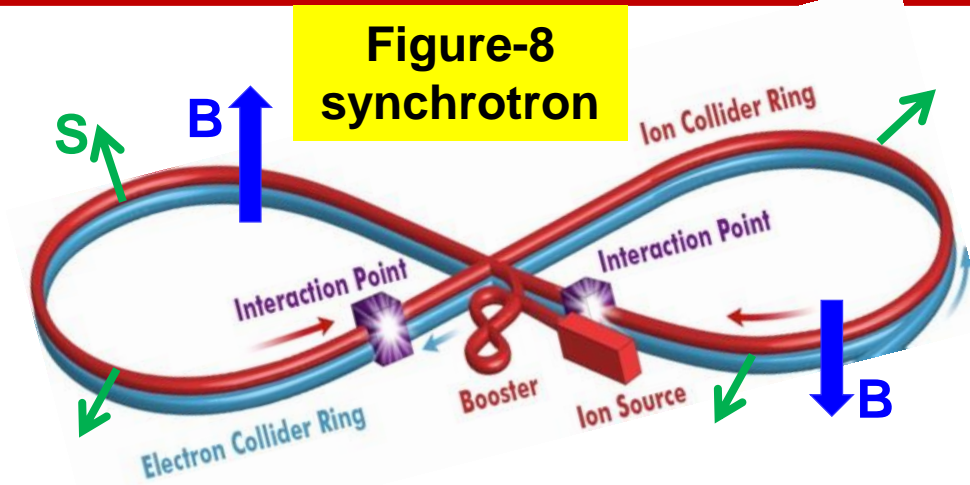


## Role of cooling of ion beams

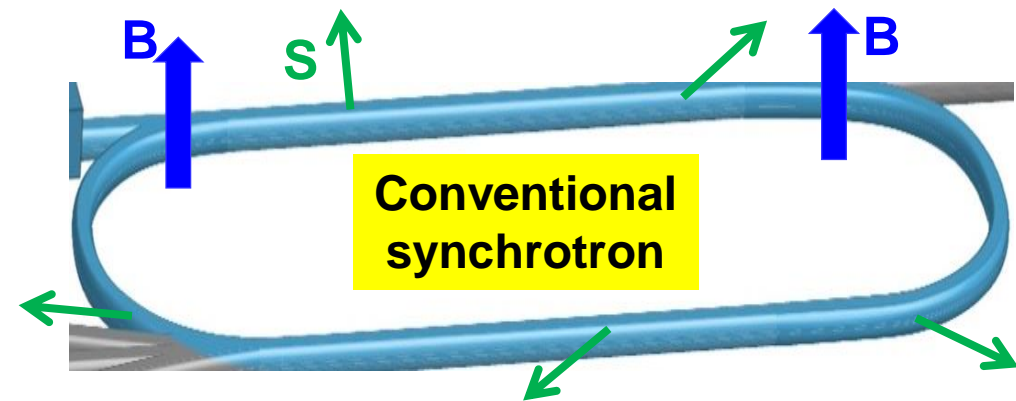
- Critical for formation, emittance reduction/preservation
- Electron has SR --- natural damping
- No SR for protons/ions in JLEIC medium energy range
- JLEIC relies on *electron cooling* for providing a damping mechanism

# JLEIC High Polarization Concept: Figure-8 Shape Ring

- Electrons, protons & light ions are injected polarized from sources
- JLEIC adopted a figure-8 topology for ion rings
  - A brilliant invention of **Dr. Yaroslav Derbenev**
  - Enabled by a **green field** collider ring design
- Spin precessions in the left & right parts of a figure-8 ring are **exactly cancelled** → net spin precession is **zero**
  - spin tune is **zero**
- Does not cross spin resonance during energy ramp
- Spin can be controlled and stabilized by compact spin rotators (e.g., rotating spin, and moving spin tune away from 0)
- No need of Siberian Snakes
- The **only practical way** to accelerate/store **polarized deuterons** in medium energy range (gyromagnetic ratio  $g-2$  too small)
- The electron ring follows the ion ring figure-8 foot-print
- Figure-8 helps the electron polarization under spin flip



Spin precessions in left & right are cancelled  
→ Spin turn is zero (energy independent)



• Energy dependent spin precession  
• Cross spin resonances during acceleration  
• Siberian Snake may help but still difficult

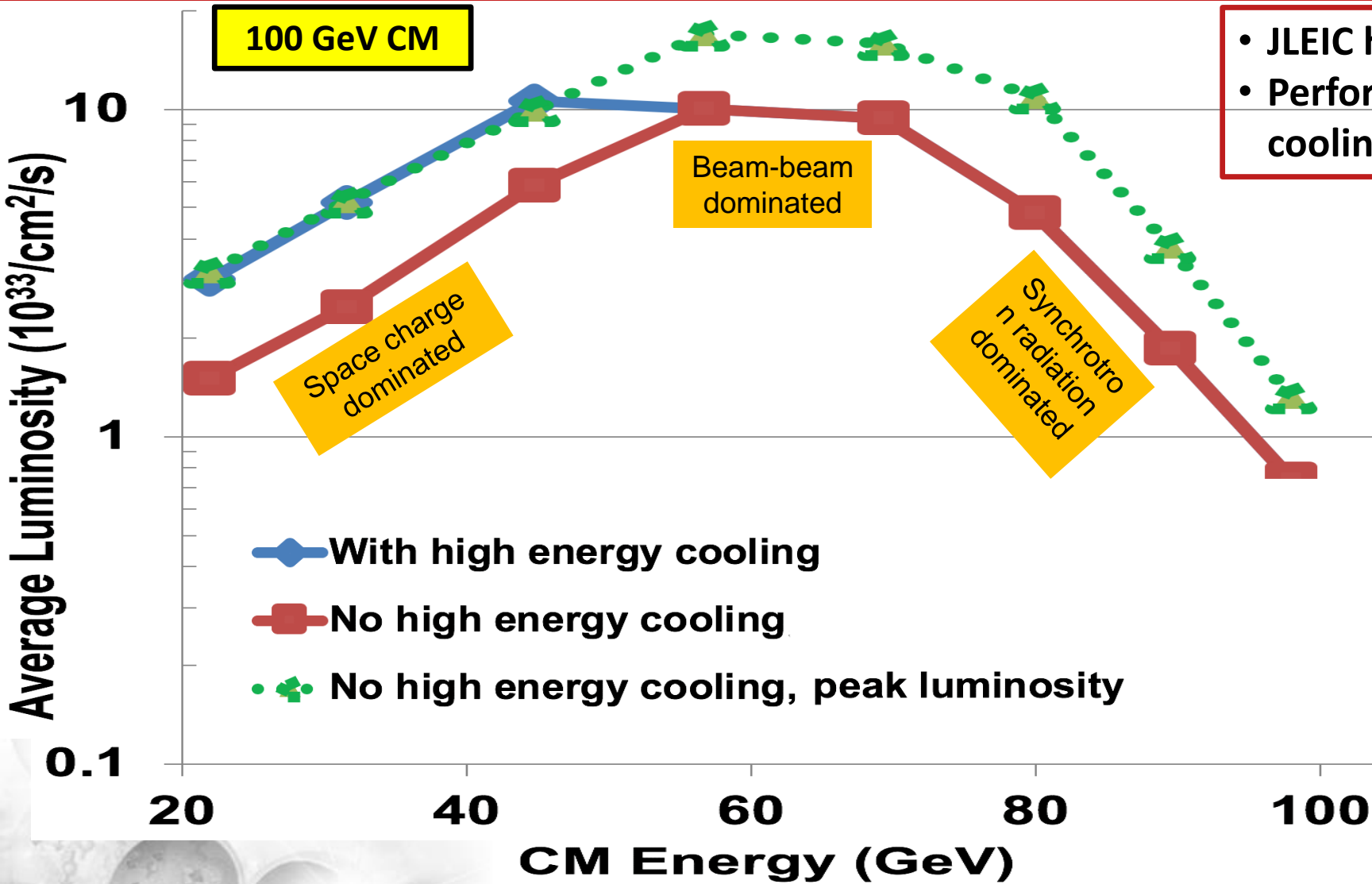
# JLEIC Parameters and Luminosity

CM energy	GeV	21.9		44.7		63.3		89.4		98	
		p	e	p	e	p	e	p	e	p	E
Beam energy	GeV	40	3	100	5	200	5	200	10	200	12
Collision freq	MHz	476		476		476/4=119		476/4=119		476/4=119	
Particles/bunch	$10^{10}$	0.59	3.9	0.98	4.7	3	8.9	3.93	4.2	3.93	2.05
Beam current	A	0.45	3	0.75	3.6	0.57	1.7	0.75	0.8	0.75	0.39
Polarization	%	85	>85	85	>80	85	>80	85	~80	85	~80
Bunch length	cm	2.5	1	2.5	1	3.2	1	3.2	1	3.2	1
Norm. emitt, x	$\mu\text{m}$	0.5	18	0.65	83	1.26	83	1.5	664	1.5	1145
Norm. emitt, y	$\mu\text{m}$	0.2	3.6	0.13	16.6	0.5	16.6	0.5	133	0.5	229
Horizontal $\beta^*$	cm	8	30	8	5.72	21	14.5	19.2	4	27.5	4
Vertical $\beta^*$	cm	1.3	9.8	1.3	0.93	1.6	2.2	2.3	0.8	3.3	0.8
Beam-beam, x		0.015	0.12	0.015	0.045	0.015	0.136	0.006	0.022	0.003	0.013
Beam-beam, y		0.01	0.15	0.0135	0.041	0.0065	0.120	0.003	0.022	0.002	0.013
Laslett tune-shift		0.055	small	0.018	small	0.0039	Small	0.0051	Small	0.0052	Small
Hour-glass (HG)		0.85		0.73		0.84		0.66		0.67	
Peak lumi., w/HG	$10^{33}/\text{cm}^2\text{s}$	3.2		14.6		9.84		3.8		1.31	
Average lumi.*	$10^{33}/\text{cm}^2\text{s}$	2.3		10.5		8.2		1.9		0.74	

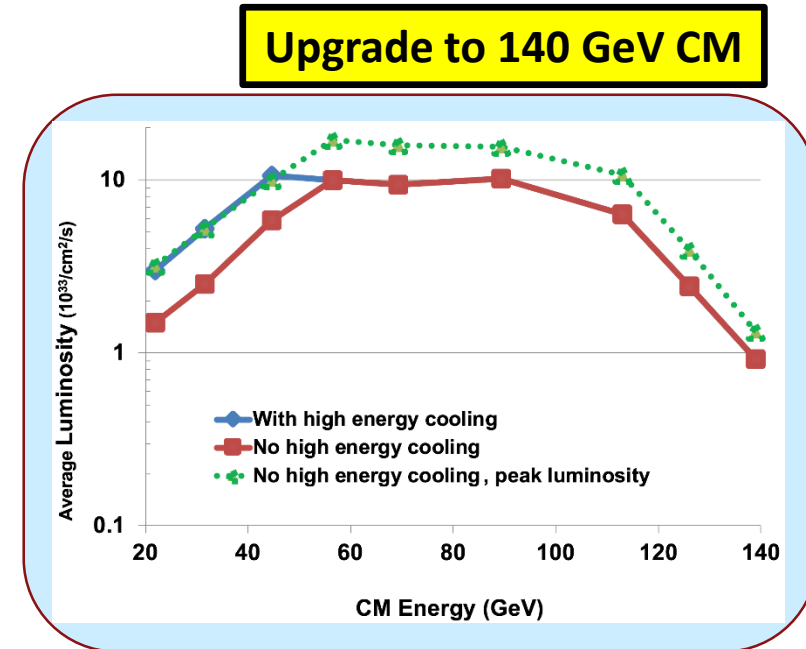
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# JLEIC Luminosity Performance

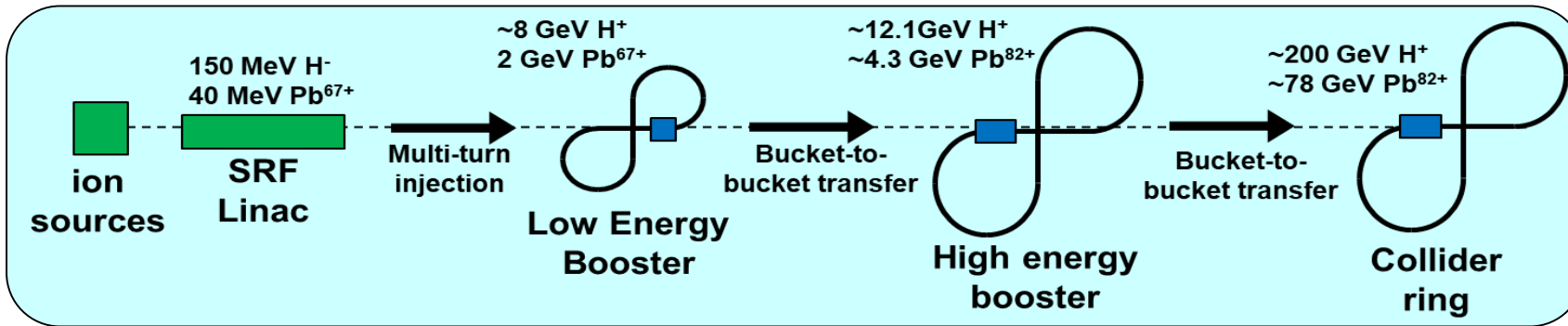


CM energy	Main luminosity limitation
low	Ion space charge
medium	Beam-beam
high	Electron synchrotron radiation

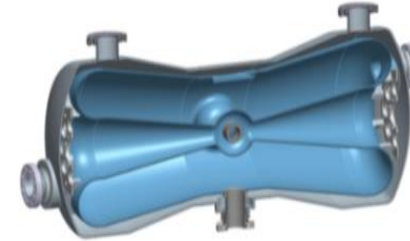


Average luminosity was calculated assuming a 1 or 2 hour proton beam store, without or with high energy beam electron cooling respectively, plus 5 min beam formation time (mainly due to detector overhead), and a 75% duty factor of machine operation.

# JLEIC Ion Injector: Warm/SRF Linac

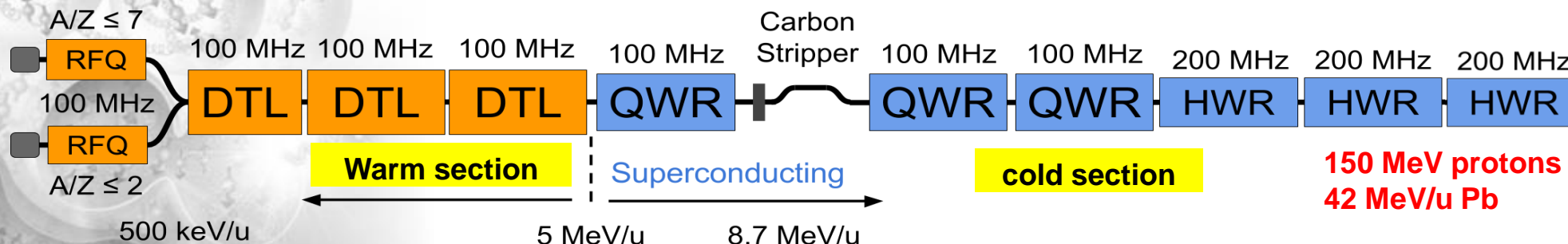
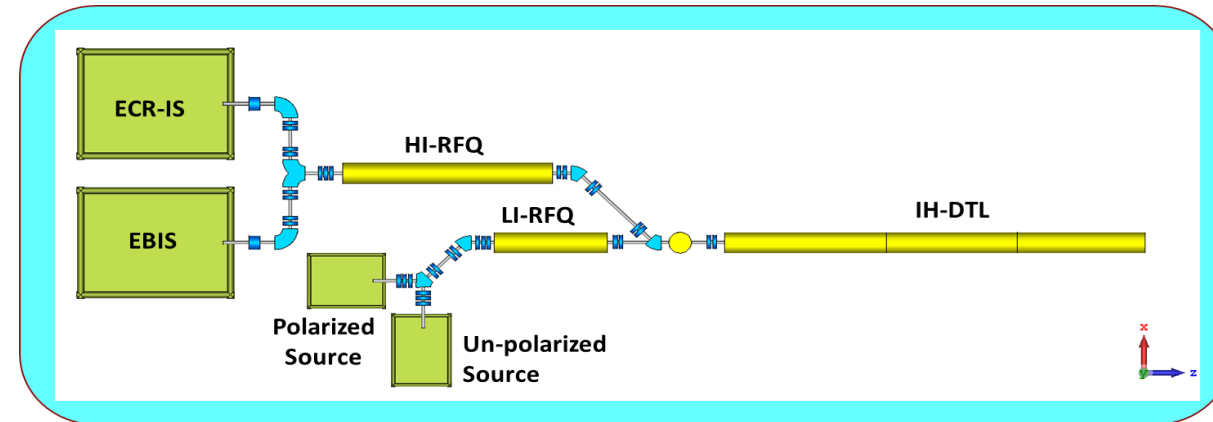


Quarter Wave Resonator (QWR)



Half-Wave Resonator (HWR)

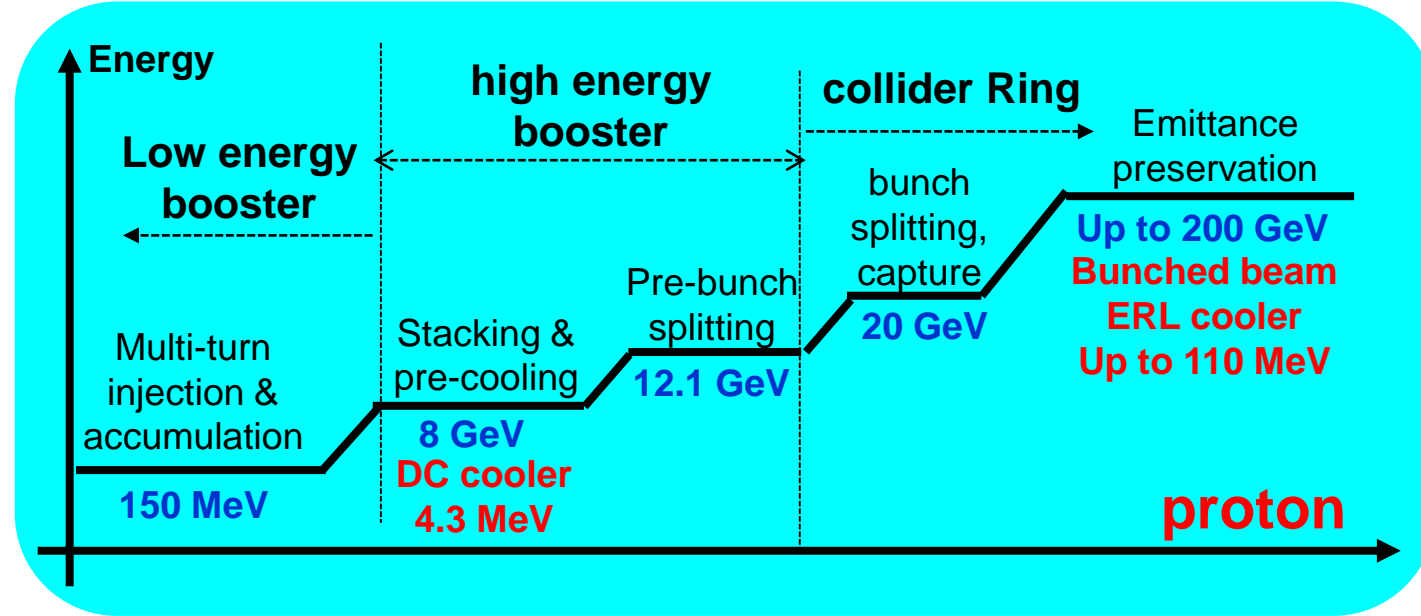
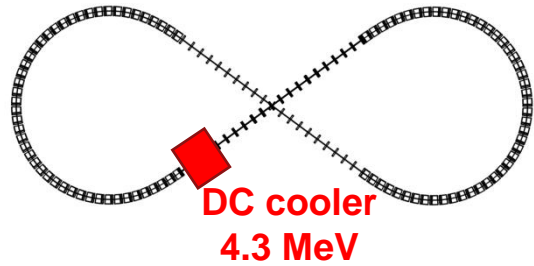
- Two RFQs: light ions ( $A/q \sim 2$ ) and heavy ions ( $A/q \sim 7$ )
  - Different emittances and voltage requirements
- Separate LEBTs and MEBTs for light and heavy ions
- RT Structure: IH-DTL with FODO focusing lattice
  - significantly better beam dynamics
- SRF section made of 3 QWR and 9 HWR modules
- Stripper section for heavy-ions after 2<sup>nd</sup> QWR module
- Pulsed Linac: up to 10 Hz rep rate, ~ 0.5 ms pulse length



# Low and High Energy Boosters, Ion Beam Formation

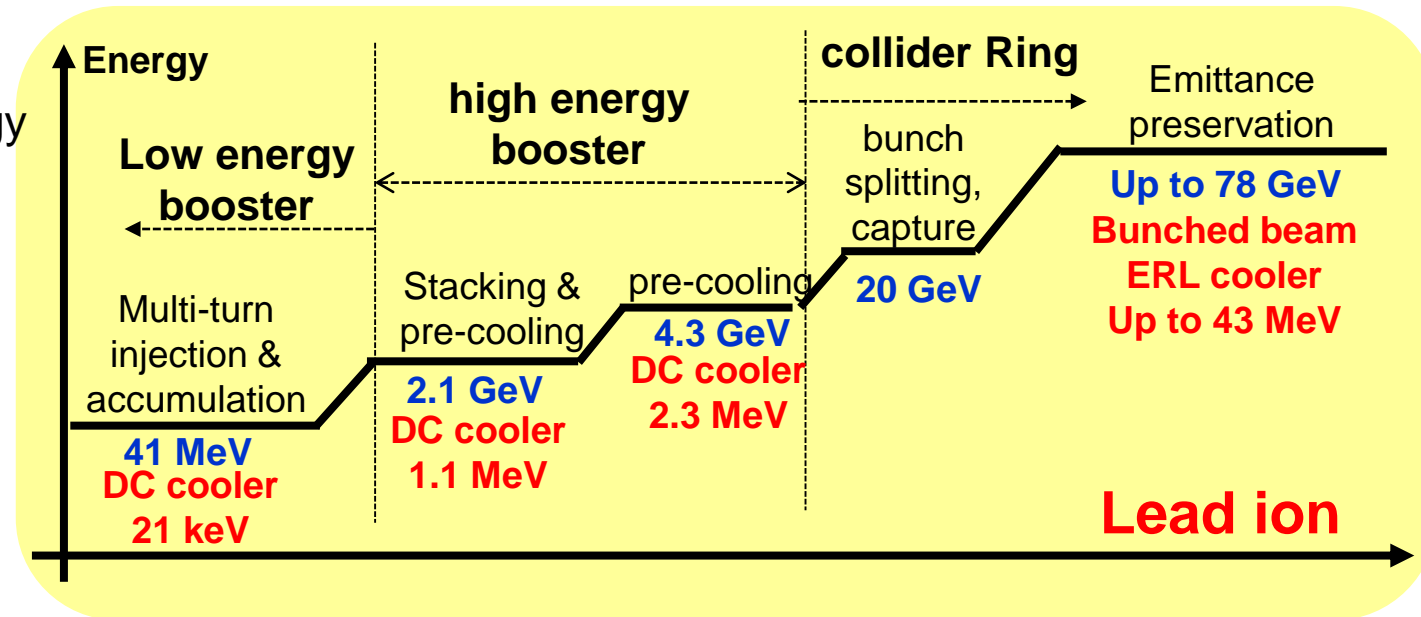
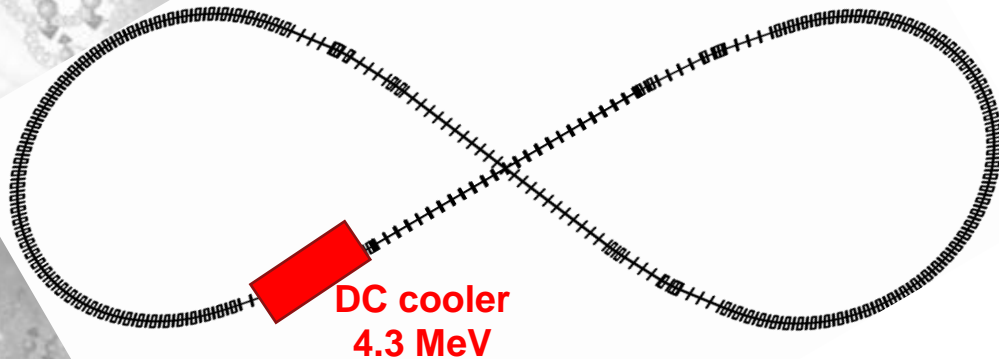
## Low Energy Booster

- Takes 150 MeV protons from the ion linac
- Proton extraction energy: 8 GeV
- Ring circumference is 604.13 m,
- Use warm magnets and FODO lattice
- $\gamma_t=10.6$  to avoid transition crossing



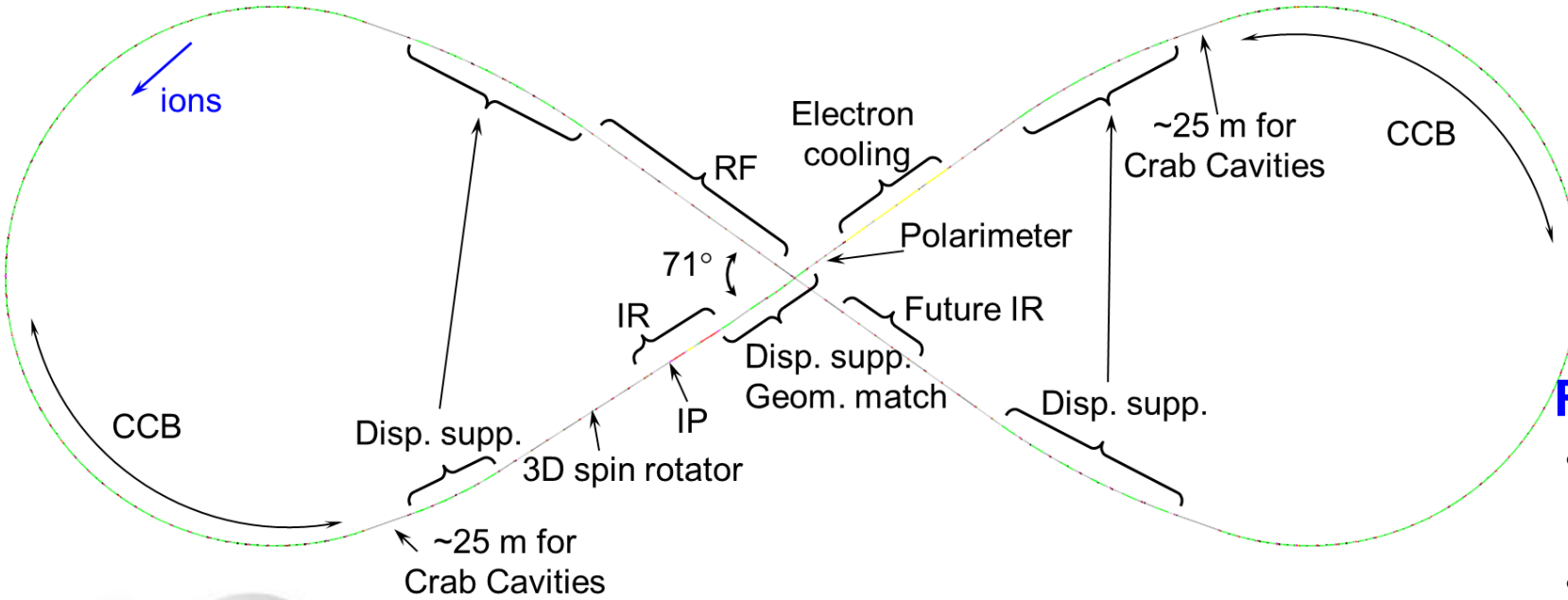
## High Energy Booster

- In the tunnel along with the two collider rings.
- Accelerates protons from 8 to 12.1 GeV kinetic energy
- Ring circumference is 2336 m
- Uses a FODO lattice with a  $\gamma_t$  of 15.6



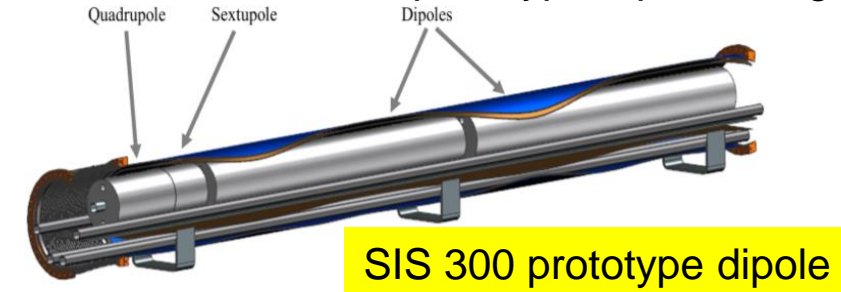
# Ion Collider Ring and Ion Beam Polarization

- Circumference of 2336 m optimized for synchronization
- 200 GeV/c protons, 6 T  $\cos \theta$  dipoles and  $\cos 2\theta$  quadrupoles



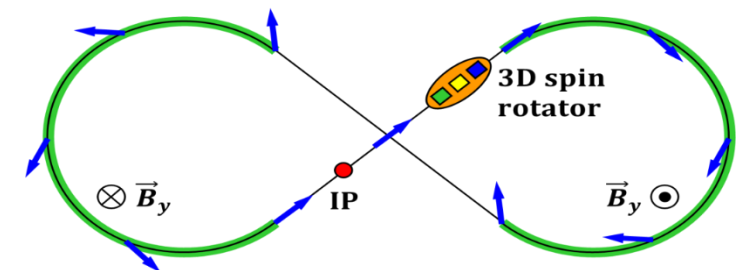
## Arc SC magnets: 6 T

- Based on the SIS 300 prototype dipole design



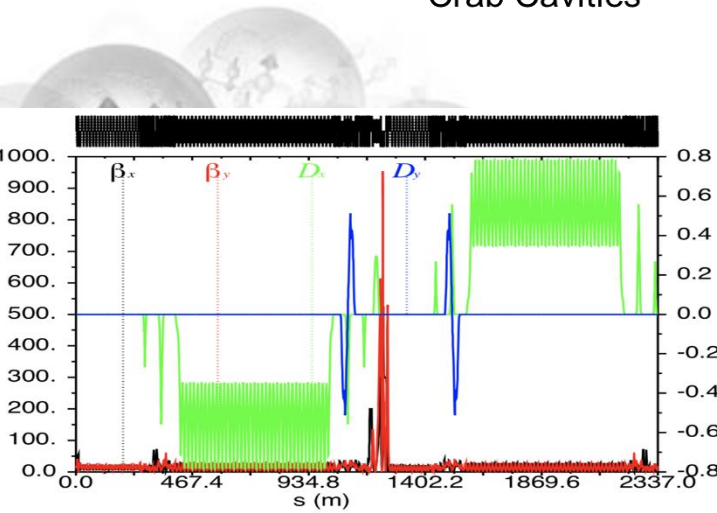
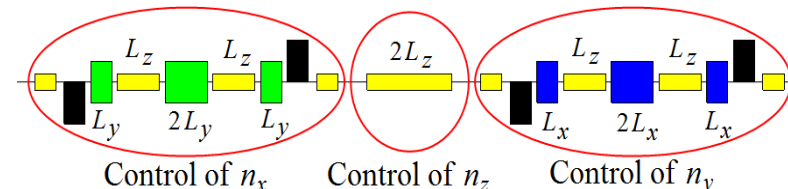
## Figure-8 based polarization design

- Figure-8: spin precession in one arc is exactly cancelled in the other arc
- Polarized deuterons
- Spin stabilization by small fields:  $\sim 3 \text{ Tm}$  vs.  $< 400 \text{ Tm}$  for deuterons at 100 GeV
- Frequent adiabatic spin flips



## 3D spin rotator

- Combination of small rotations about different axes
- Provides any polarization orientation at any point in the collider ring



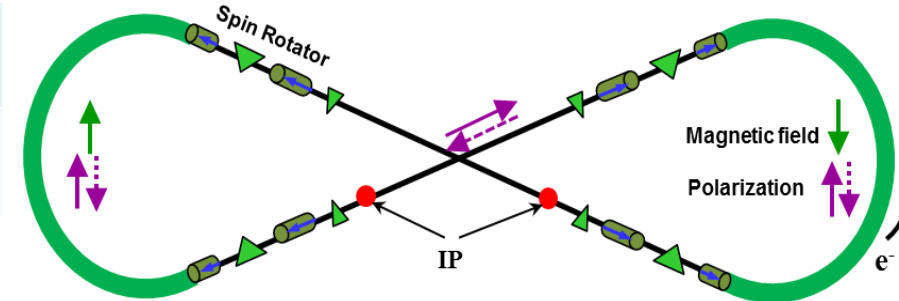
# Electron Collider Ring and Electron Polarization

- Full energy injection from CEBAF
  - New operation mode but no hardware modifications
  - Fixed-target program compatible with concurrent JLEIC operations
- SR power density up to **10 kW/m**, total up to **10 MW**

## Electron polarization design

- Electron polarization from CEBAF polarized source >85%
- Spin-flip: 2 polarized bunch trains maintained by top-off injection
- Figure-8 helps maintaining polarization
- Minimizes spin diffusion by switching polarization orientation between vertical in arcs and longitudinal in straights

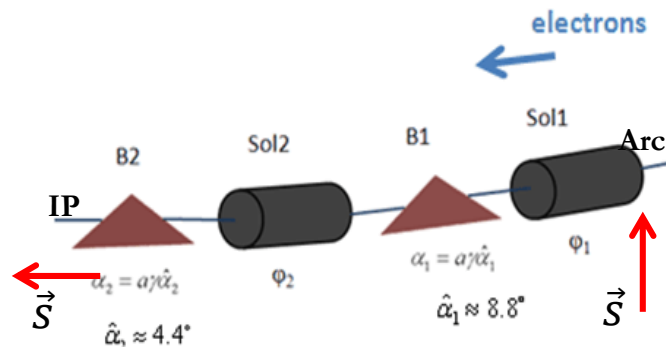
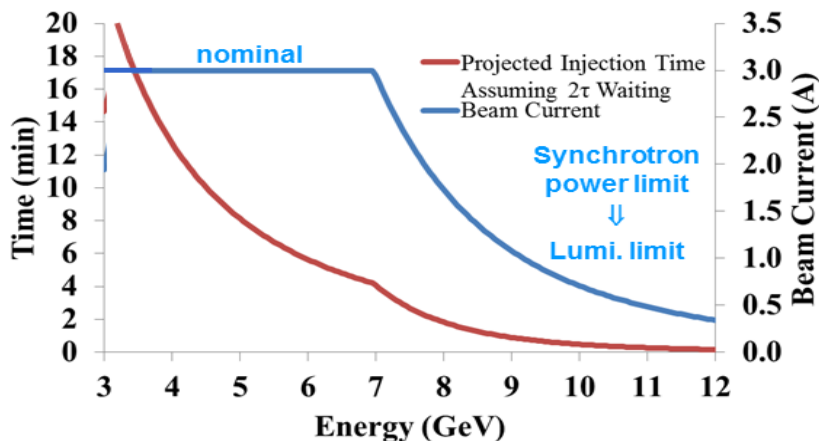
Energy (GeV)	3	5	7	10
Lifetime (hours)	66	8	2.2	0.3



**Universal spin rotator:** geometry, optics independent of energy

Parameter	Units					
Energy	GeV	3	5	7	10	12
Beam current	A	3	3.5	3	0.8	0.39
Total SR power	MW	0.30	2.28	8.76	9.73	9.84
Energy loss per turn	MeV	0.10	0.76	2.92	12.17	25.23
Energy spread	$10^{-4}$	2.5	4.1	5.8	8.2	9.9
Transverse damping time	ms	474	102	37	13	7
Longitudinal damping time	ms	237	51	19	6	4
Normalized horizontal emittance	um	18	85	234	683	1180
Normalized vertical emittance	um	1.3	6.0	16.6	48.3	83.5
Bunch length	cm	1	1	1	1	1.32

**Injection Time and Beam Current vs. Energy**



E	Solenoid 1	Dipole set 1	Solenoid 2	Dipole set 2
GeV	Spin Rotation	BDL	Spin Rotation	Spin Rotation
3	$\pi/2$	15.7	$\pi/3$	0
4.5	$\pi/4$	11.8	$\pi/2$	$\pi/2$
6	0.62	12.3	$2\pi/3$	1.91
9	$\pi/6$	15.7	$\pi$	$2\pi/3$
12	0.62	24.6	$4\pi/3$	1.91

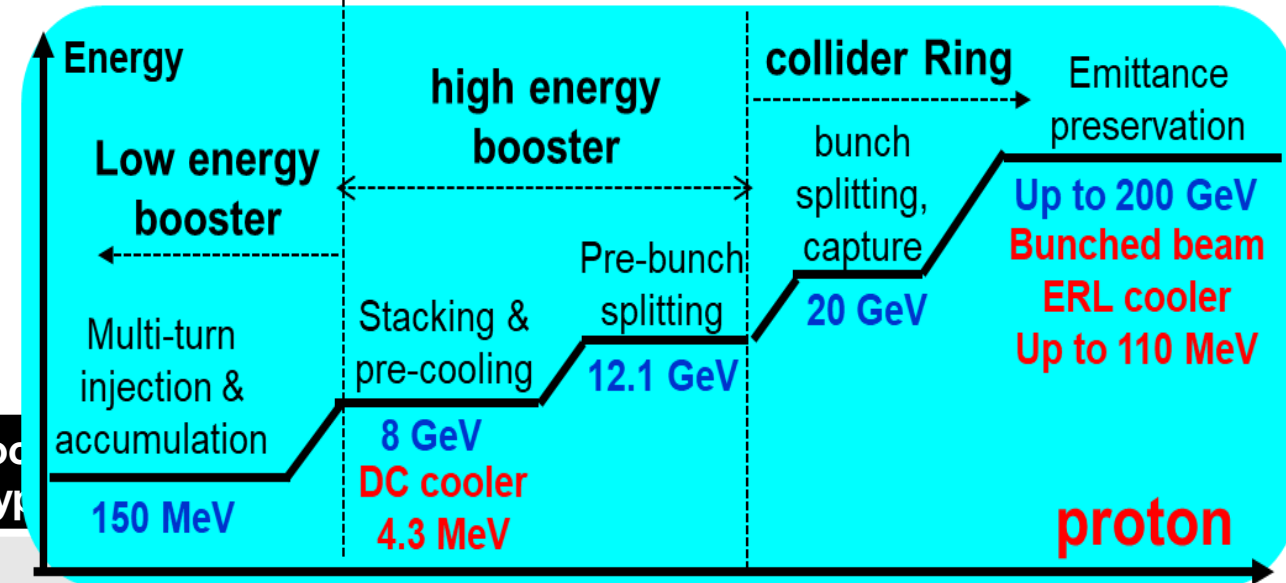
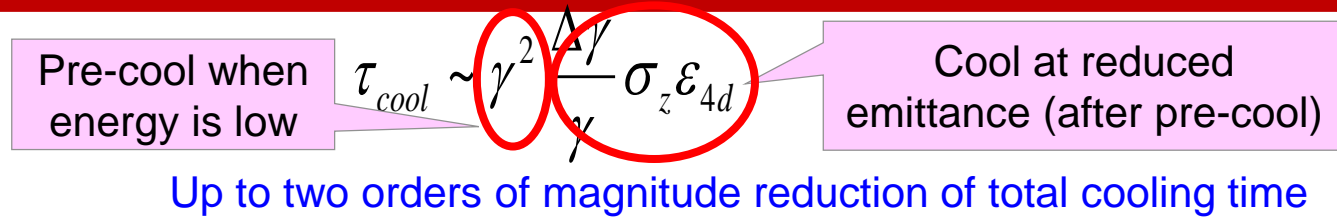
# Multi-Phase Electron Cooling

## Conventional electron cooling

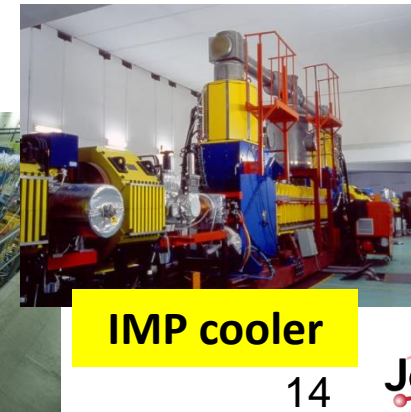
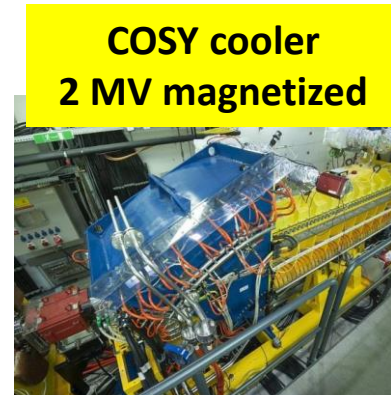
- Proved technology but in a new parameter regime
- Achieving very small emittance (up to **~10 times** reduction) and very short bunch (**~2 cm**) with SRF
- Assisting injection/accumulation of heavy ions
- Suppressing IBS induced emittance growth during beam store
- High cooling efficiency at low energy & small emittance

## Multi-phase cooling scheme

- High cooling efficiency at low energy and/or low emittance
- Pre-cooling at low energy critical for 2 order of magnitude reduction of cooling time



Ring	Functions	Kinetic energy (GeV / MeV)			Cooling type
		Proton	Lead ion	Electron	
Low Energy Booster	Accumulation of positive ions		0.1 (injection)	0.054	DC
High Energy booster	Maintain emitt. during stacking	7.9 (injection)	2 (injection)	4.3 (proton) 1.1 (lead)	DC
	Pre-cooling for emitt. reduction	7.9 (injection)	7.9 (ramp to)	4.3	
collider ring	Maintain emitt. during collision	Up to 150	Up to 78	Up to 81.8	ERL



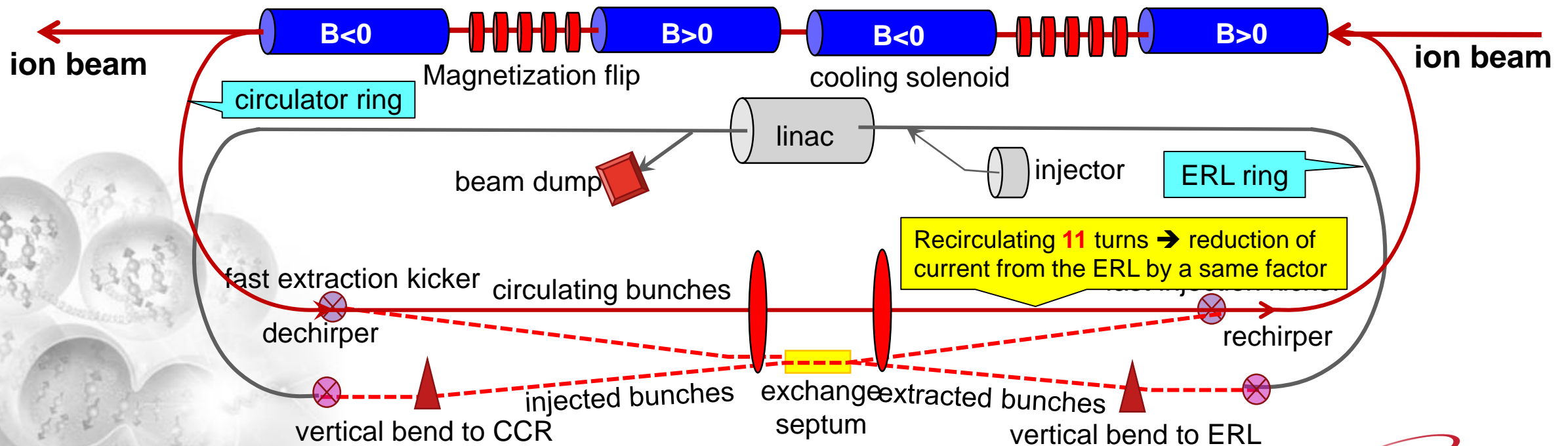
# High Energy ERL-Circulator-Ring Cooler

## Cooler requirements beyond *state-of-art*

- Current: 1.5 A / 3.2 nC (*strong cooling/baseline*)
- Energy: up to 82.5 MeV (*must use a RF/SRF linac*)
- Beam power: up to 124 MW (*too big to dump, must ER*)

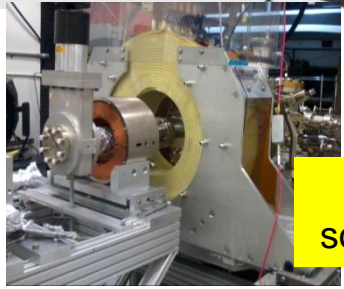
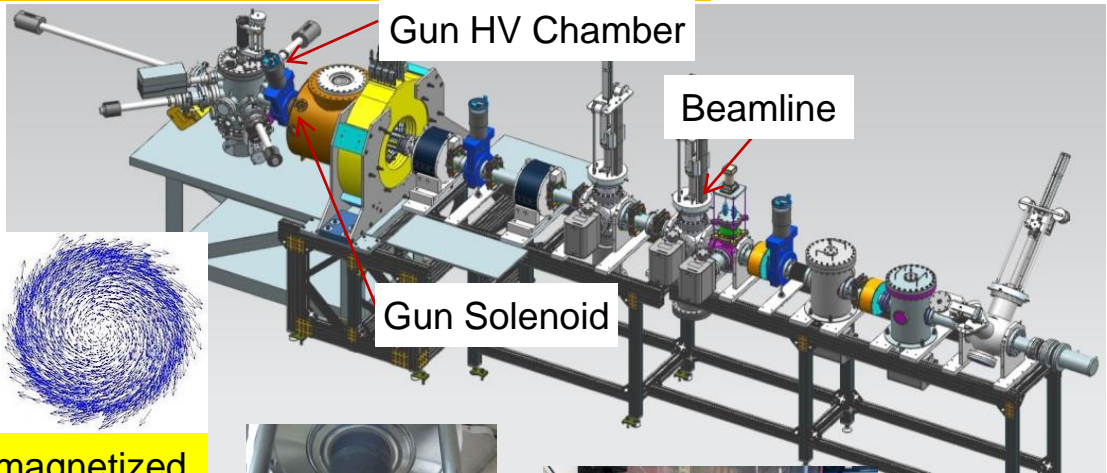
## Technical approaches

- Magnetized cooling (*magnetized gun*)
- SRF linac (*bunched beam*)
- Energy recovery (*power management*)
- Circulator ring (*current management*)
- Uses harmonic kicker to inject and extract from CCR
- Assumes high charge, low rep-rate injector

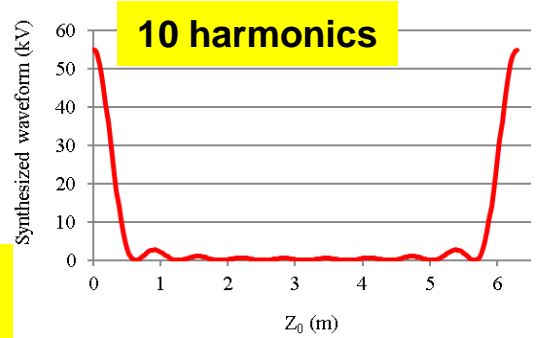
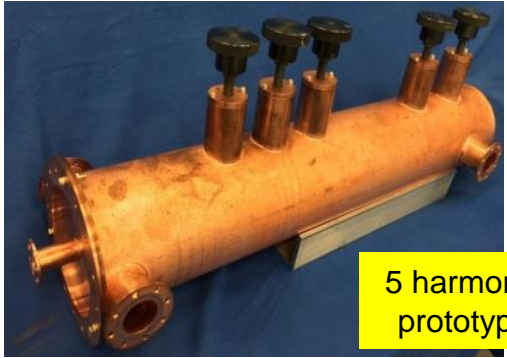


# ERL-Circulator-Ring Cooler Technology Development

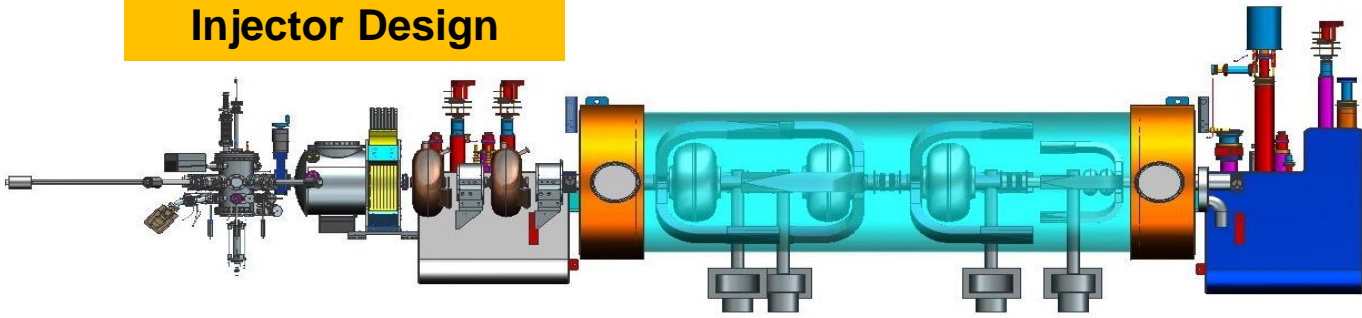
## Magnetized source development



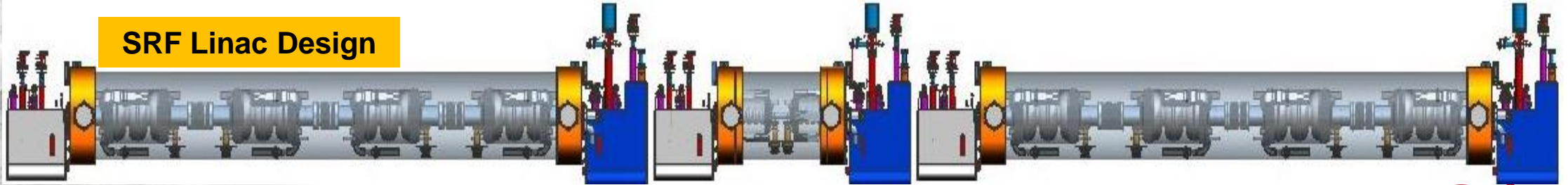
## Harmonic RF Fast kicker



## Injector Design

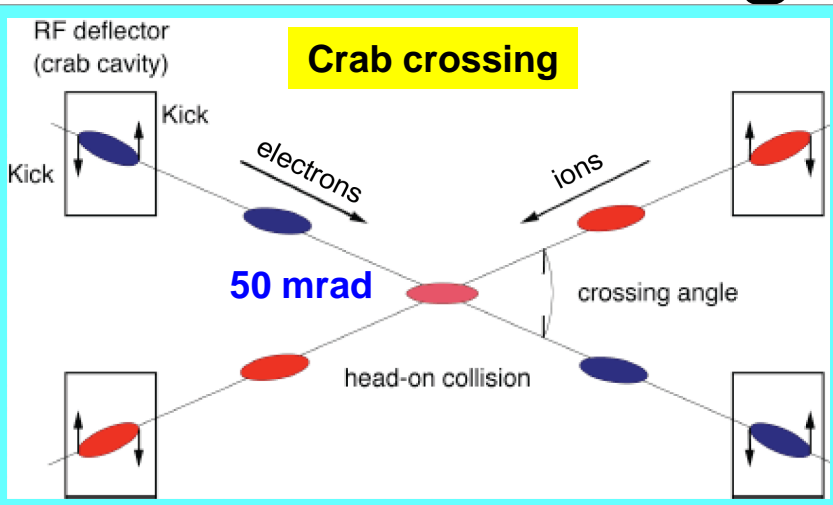


## SRF Linac Design

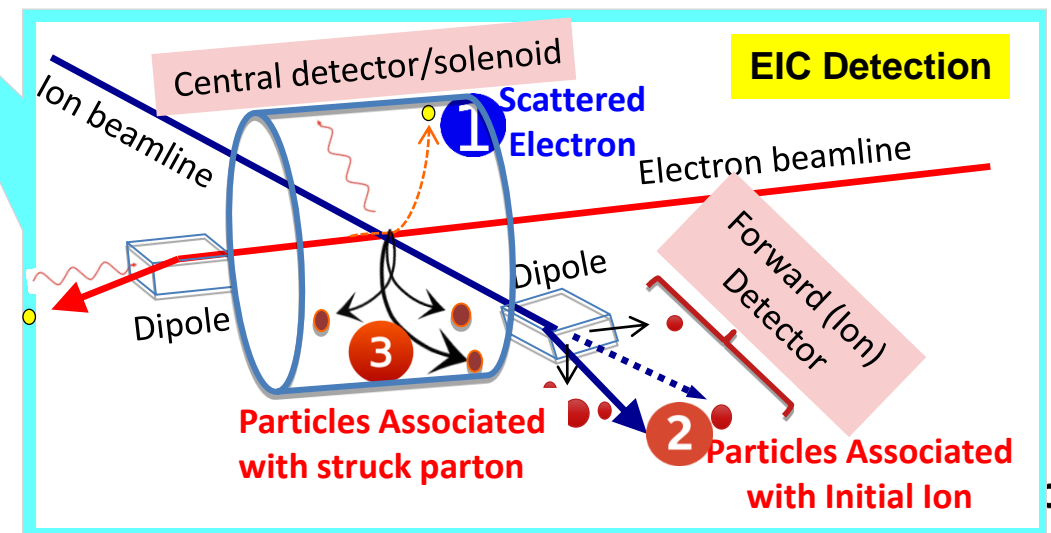
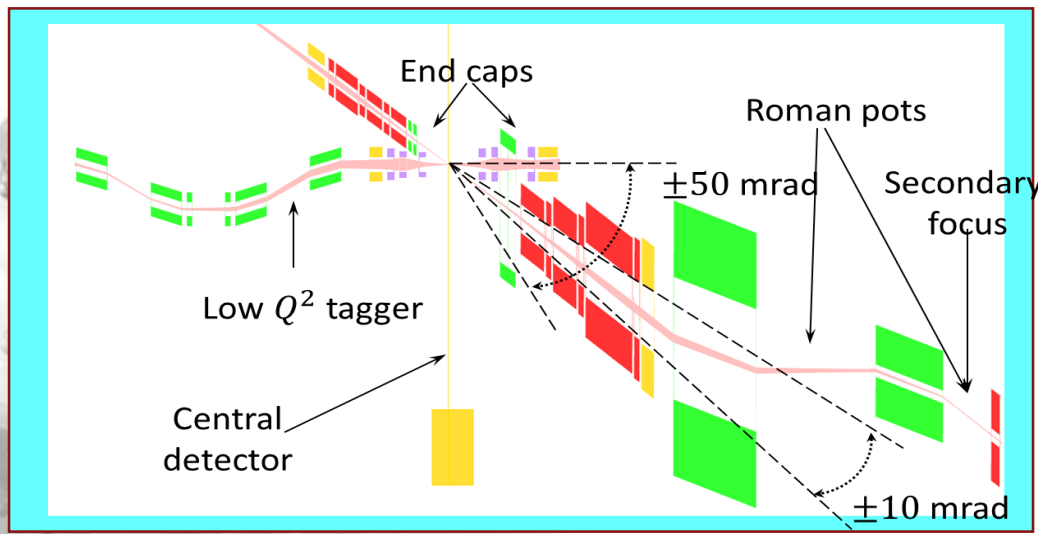
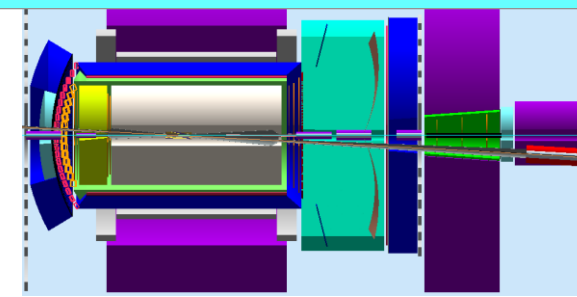
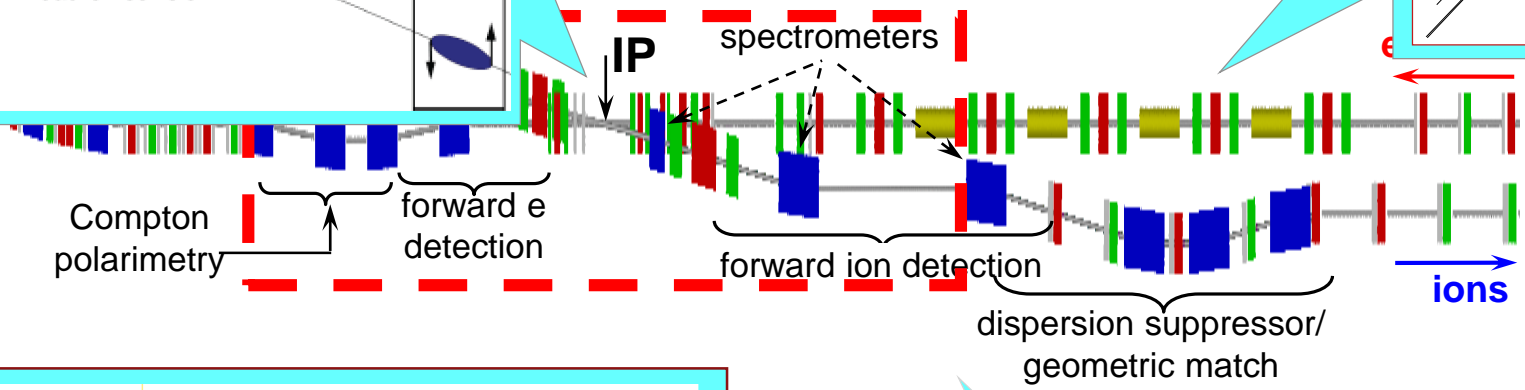
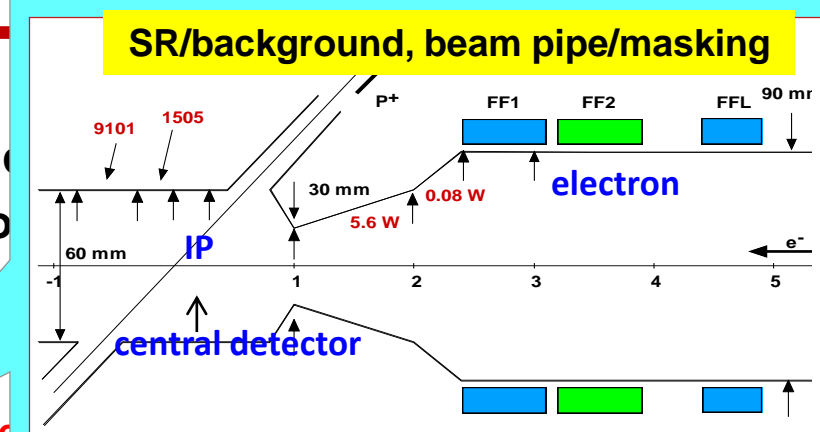




# Interaction Region and Machine-Detector Interface



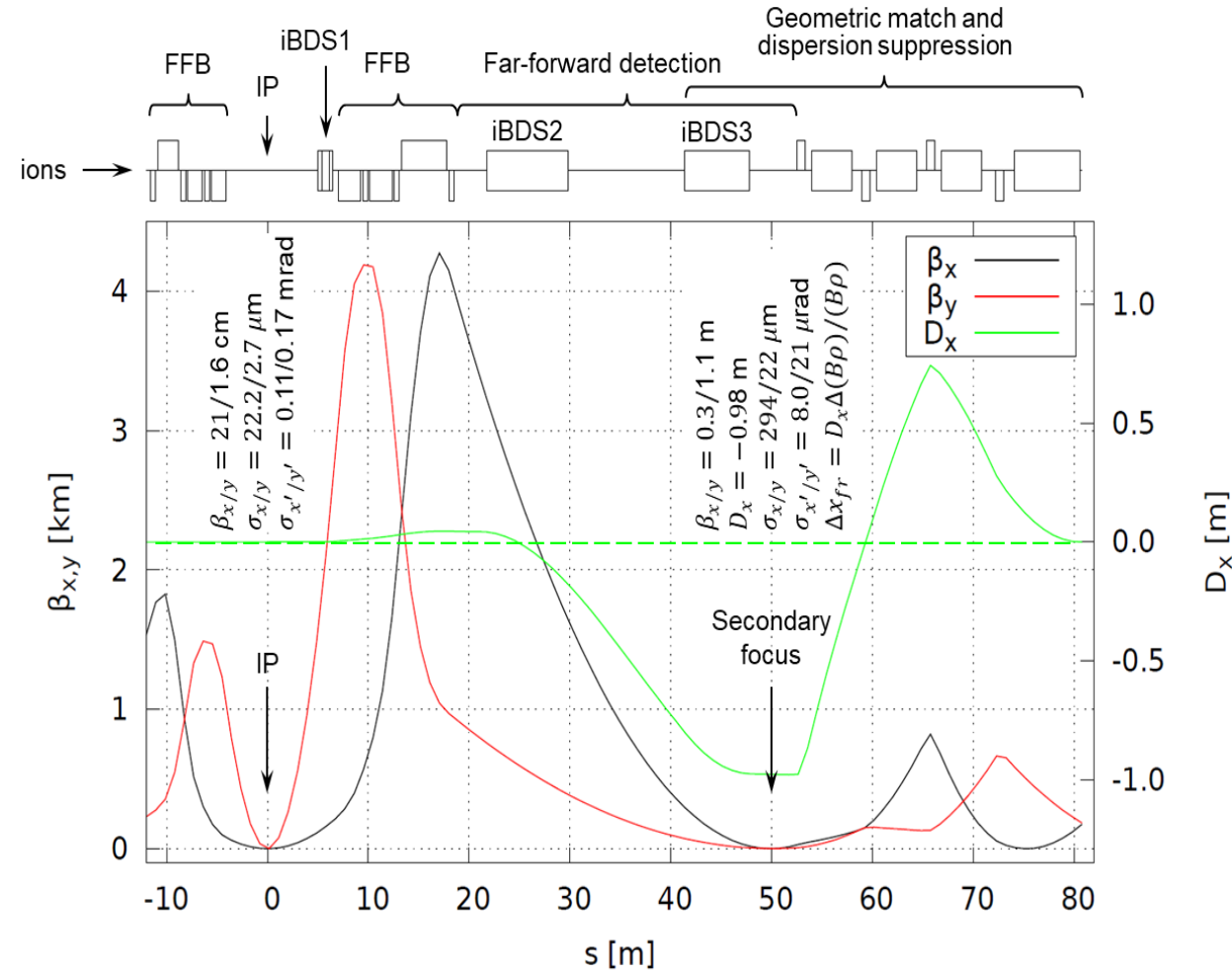
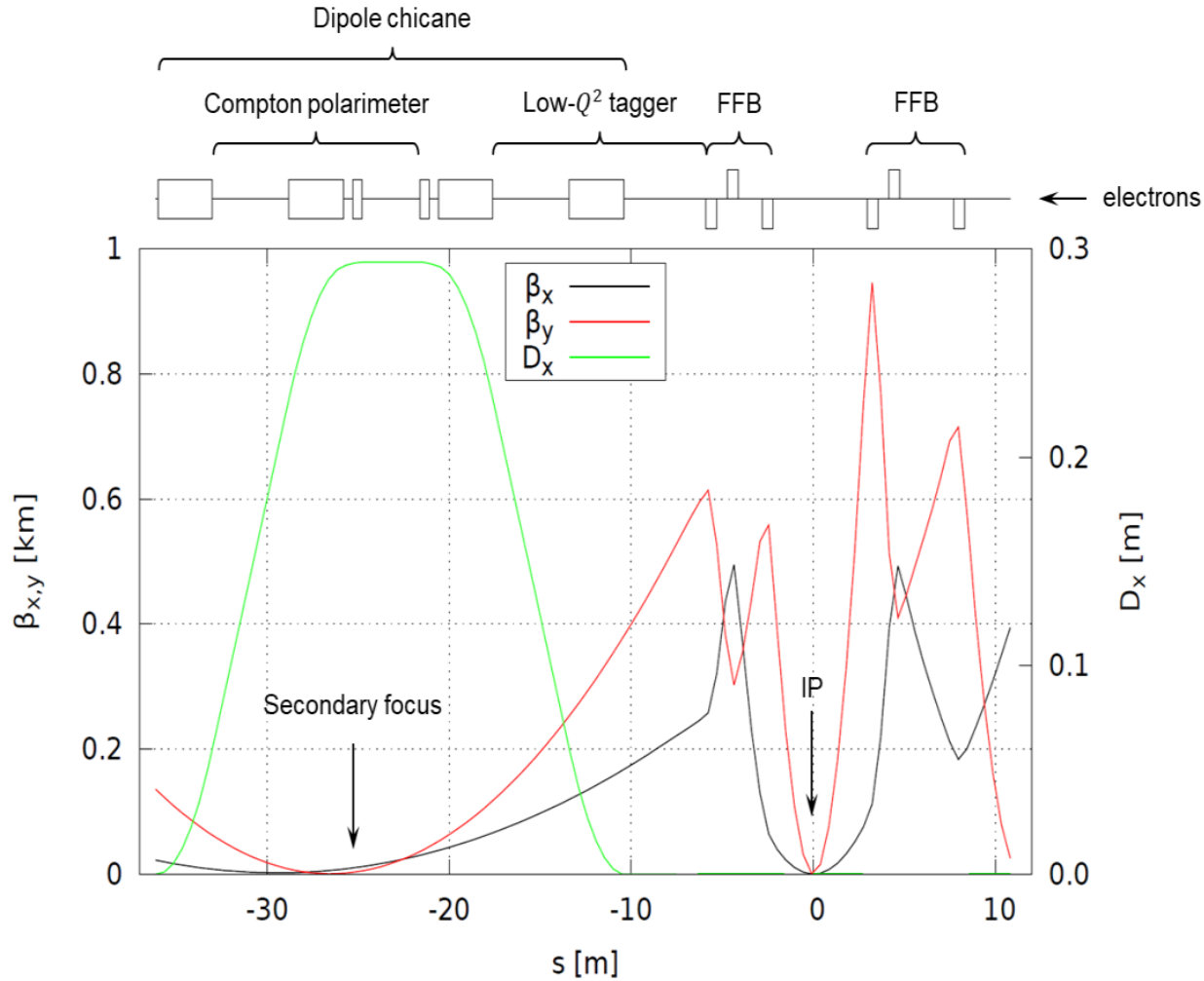
to support **full-acceptance** detection ←  
 symmetric match (elements) and beam dynamic  
 ng: large (**50 mrad**), avoiding parasitic co



# Interaction Region Optics in Electron & Ion Collider Ring

## Electron IR

## Ion IR



- Downstream chicane for low- $Q^2$  tagging and polarimetry

- Conventional NbTi technology
- Secondary focus with high dispersion

# EIC R&D at Jefferson Lab with Collaborations

- High-Priority EIC R&D topics defined by a community review panel (Jones panel)
- Accelerator R&D funded by NP – FY17, *completed*
  - Crab system design and experimental test
  - Electron cooler design
  - IR magnet design
  - Simulation software development
- Accelerator R&D fund by FY18-19
  - Crab cavity operation in a hadron ring (BNL, JLab, ODU)
  - Strong hadron cooling
    - Development of innovative high-energy magnetized electron cooling for an EIC (BNL, FNAL, JLab, ODU)
    - Strong hadron cooling with micro-bunched electron beams (ANL, BNL, JLab, SLAC)
  - Magnet design
    - High Gradient Actively Shielded Quadrupole (BNL, JLab, LBNL)
    - Validation of EIC IR magnet parameters and requirements using existing magnet results (JLAB, LBNL, SLAC)
  - Benchmarking of EIC simulations
    - Development & test of simulation tools for EIC beam-beam interaction (BNL, JLab, LBNL MSU)
    - Experimental verification of spin transparency mode in an EIC (BNL, JLab)
  - Electron complex
    - High Bandwidth Beam Feedback Systems for a High Luminosity EIC (ANL, JLab)

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# Demonstration of Cooling of Ions by a Bunched e-Beam

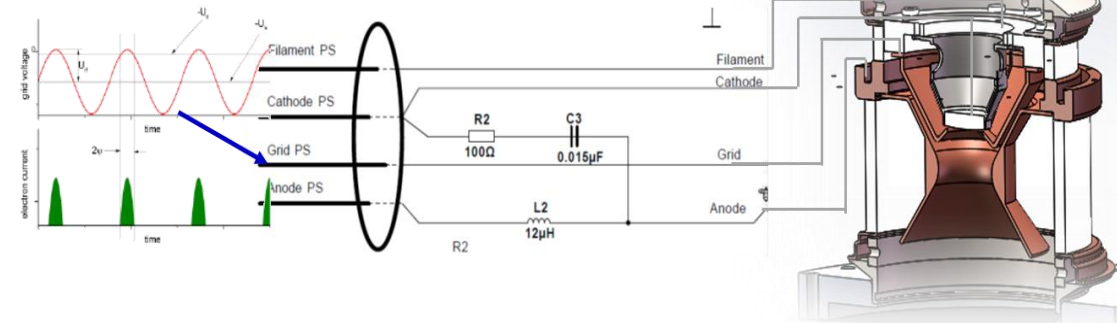
JLab-IMP Collaboration

- Using a DC cooler to demonstrate cooling by a bunched electron beam
- Pulsed electron beam from a thermionic gun by switching on/off the grid electrode
- 1<sup>st</sup> Experiments performed on 4/2016, follow-up experiment on 4/2017, 12/2018

A DC electron cooler at Institute of Modern Physics, China

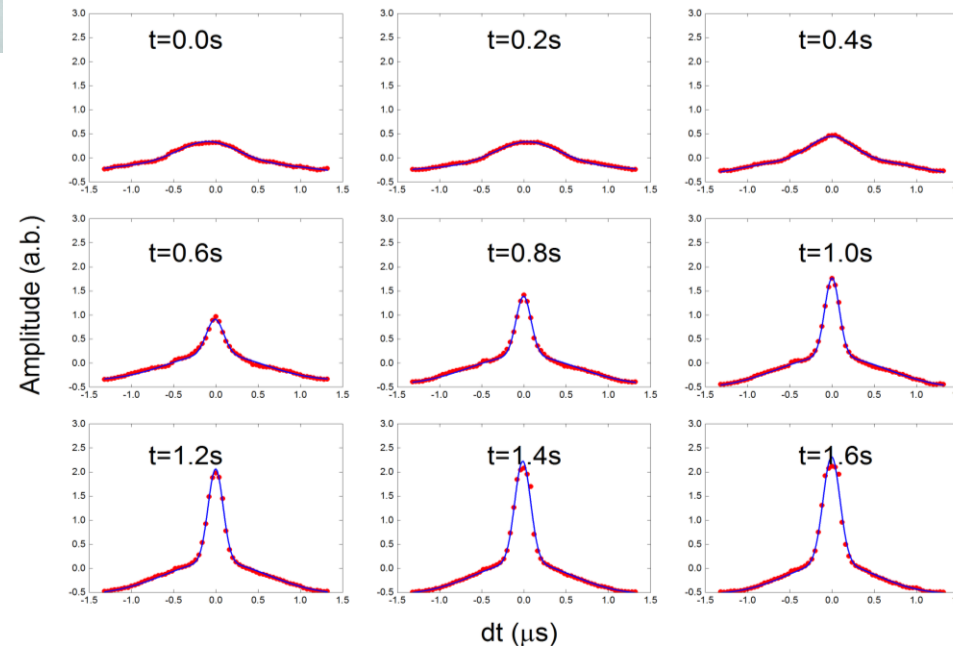
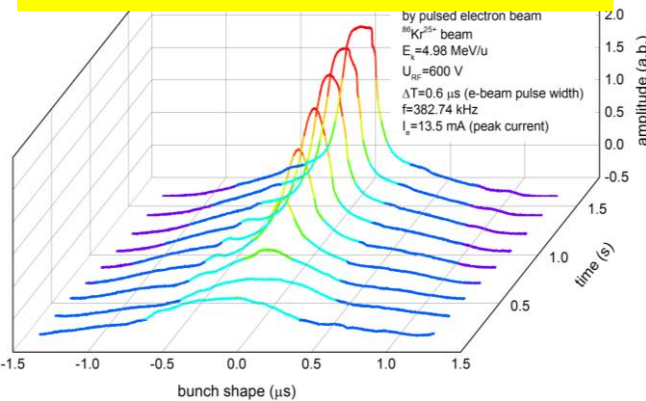


Energy (i/e)	5 MeV/u & 2.7 KeV
Ion bunches	2
RF voltage	600 V
Stored ions	$\sim 10^8$
Anode voltage	400 V, 600 V, 800 V
Pulse width	300 ns to 1200 ns

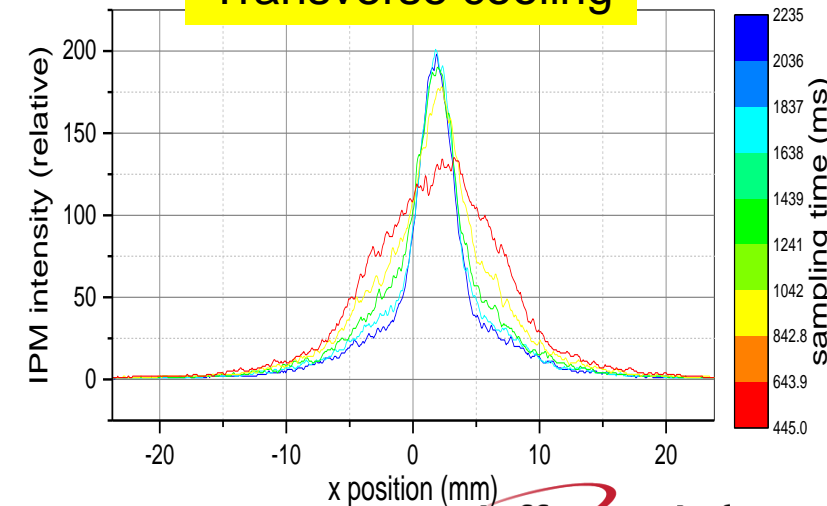


thermionic gun

Longitudinal cooling  
(reduction of bunch length)



Transverse cooling



# Summary

- JLEIC **meets or exceeds** the EIC requirements (High luminosity, high polarization, full-acceptance detection)
- JLEIC takes advantage of modern SRF electron linac and a green-field ion complex
- Pre-CDR is completed and will be released soon
- Present focus: design optimization for robustness & cost efficiency, accelerator R&D

EIC White Paper Requirements (2013), page 9	NSAC Long Range Plan Requirements (2015), page 39	NAS Report Requirements (2018), pages 53/54	JLEIC Design (2019)	
Variable CM energies from ~20-~100 GeV, upgradable to ~140 GeV.	Variable CM energies ~20-100 GeV, upgradable to ~140 GeV	Extensive CM energy range from ~20-~100 GeV, upgradable to ~140 GeV.	Center-of-mass energy 19 to 98 GeV upgradable to 140 GeV.	✓
Ion beams from deuteron to the heaviest nuclei (uranium or lead).	Ion beams from deuteron to the heaviest stable nuclei.	Ion beams from deuterons to the heaviest stable ions.	Protons, deuterons, <sup>3</sup> He (all polarizable) and up to Pb/U.	✓
High collision luminosity ~10 <sup>33-34</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	High collision luminosity ~10 <sup>33-34</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	Luminosity 100 to 1000 times HERA. (equivalent to 10 <sup>33</sup> to 10 <sup>34</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> average luminosity)	Average luminosity 10 <sup>33</sup> to >10 <sup>34</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> over center-of-mass energy range 19 to >90 GeV.	✓
Highly polarized (~70%) electron and nucleon beams	Polarized (~70%) electrons, protons, and light nuclei.	Spin Polarized (~70% at a minimum) electron and proton/light-ion beams.	85% polarization for electrons and proton/light-ion beams.	✓
Possibilities of more than one interaction region.	Possibly have more than one interaction region.	One or more interaction regions.	Two interaction regions.	✓



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The Electron-Ion Collider (EIC) Accelerator Collaboration Meeting brings together accelerator scientists and engineers from U.S. National Laboratories, Universities and other Laboratories worldwide participating in EIC accelerator design work and the development of related technology.

Considering the technological and design challenges common to the proposed EIC concepts, the collaboration meeting aims to review the present status of accelerator designs and exchange recent developments and technical solutions for closer collaboration and better coordination of efforts towards a cost-effective and high-performance EIC accelerator design.



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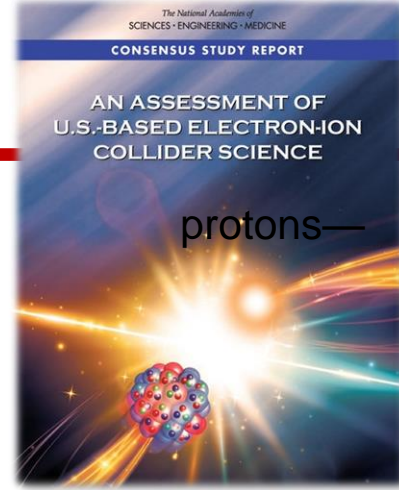
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# EIC Science Assessments by US NAS



**Finding 1: (Science)** An EIC can uniquely address three profound questions about nucleons—neutrons and protons—and how they are assembled to form the nuclei of atoms:

How does the mass of the nucleon arise?

How does the spin of the nucleon arise?

What are the emergent properties of dense systems of quarks and gluons?

**Finding 2: (Accelerator)** These three high-priority science questions can be answered by an EIC with highly polarized beams of electrons and ions, with sufficiently high luminosity and sufficient, and variable, center-of-mass energy.

**Finding 3:** An EIC would be a unique facility in the world, and would maintain U.S. leadership in nuclear physics.

**Finding 4:** An EIC would maintain U.S. leadership in the accelerator science and technology of colliders, and help to maintain scientific leadership more broadly.

**Finding 5:** Taking advantage of existing accelerator infrastructure and accelerator expertise would make development of an EIC cost effective and would potentially reduce risk.

**Finding 6:** The current accelerator R&D program supported by the Department of Energy is crucial to addressing outstanding design challenges.

**Finding 7:** To realize fully the scientific opportunities an EIC would enable, a theory program will be required to predict and interpret the experimental results within the context of QCD, and further, to glean the fundamental insights into QCD that an EIC can reveal.

**Finding 8:** The U.S. nuclear science community has been thorough and thoughtful in its planning for the future, taking into account both science priorities and budgetary realities. Its 2015 Long Range Plan identifies the construction of a high luminosity polarized Electron Ion Collider (EIC) as the highest priority for new facility construction following the completion of the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) at Michigan State University.

**Finding 9:** The broader impacts of building an EIC in the U.S. are significant in related fields of science, including in particular the accelerator science and technology of colliders and workforce development.