

# The Proton Source for the European Spallation Source (PS-ESS): installation and commissioning at INFN-LNS

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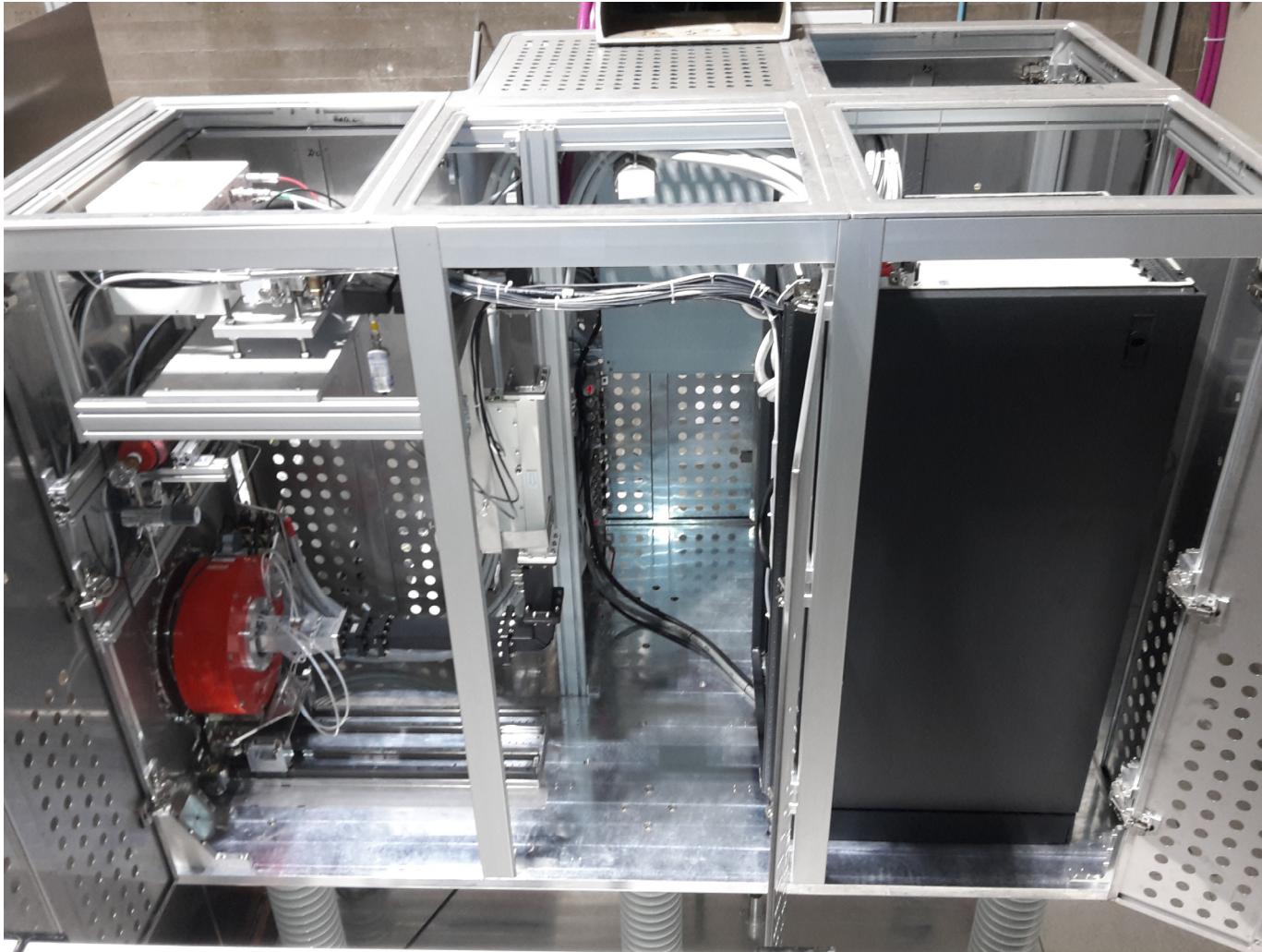
# PS-ESS and LEBT

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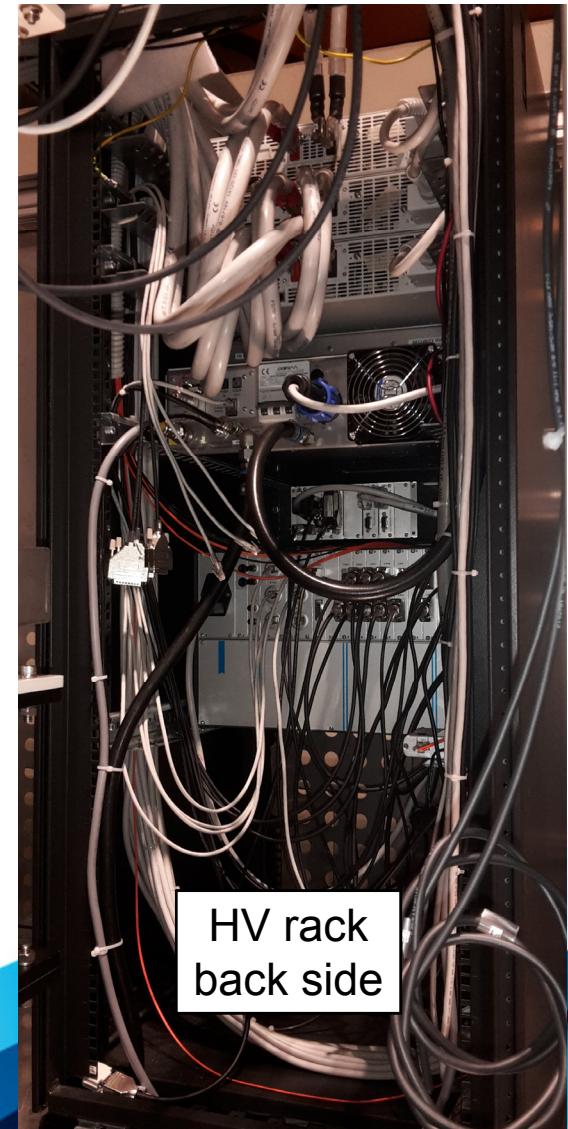
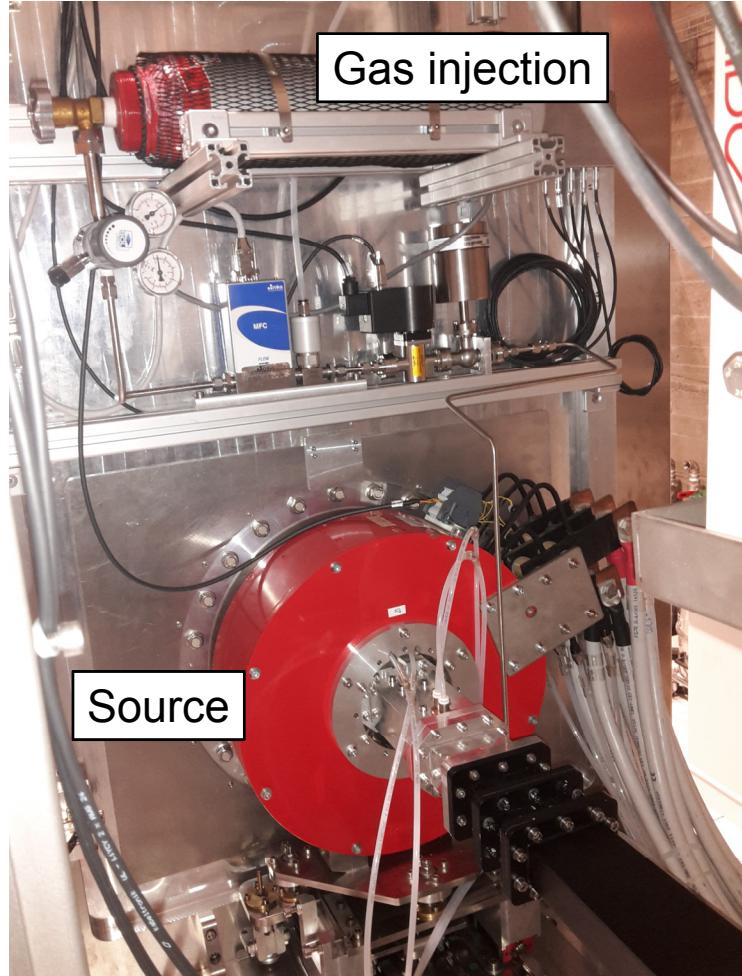
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HV platform fully assembled and cabled  
Control system will be installed in September

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HV rack



3 x power supplies  
for the magnetic  
system

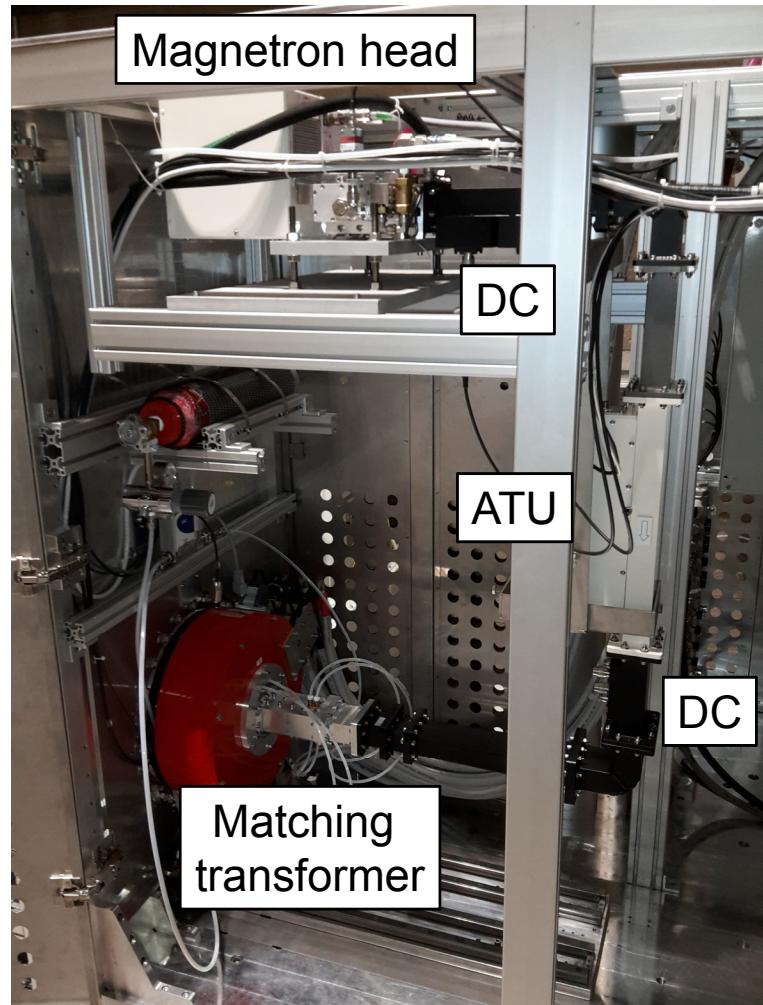
Magnetron fast  
shutdown unit

Magnetron

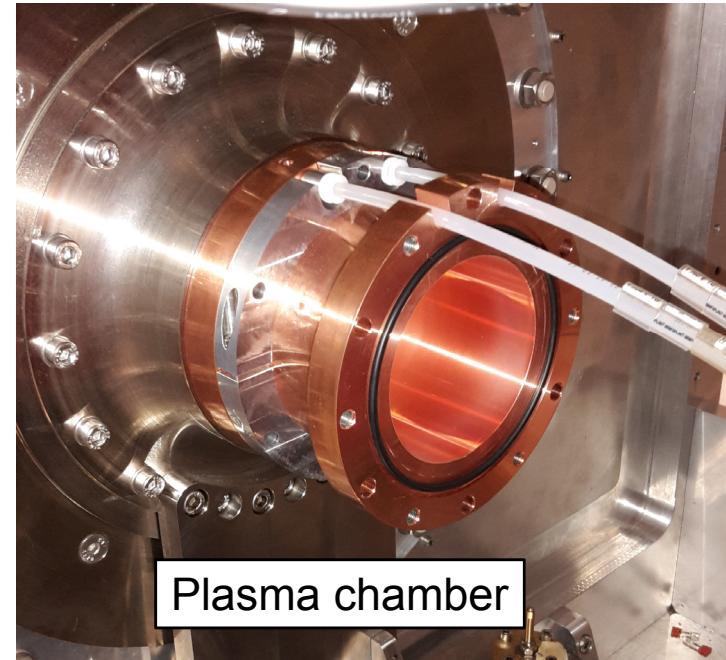
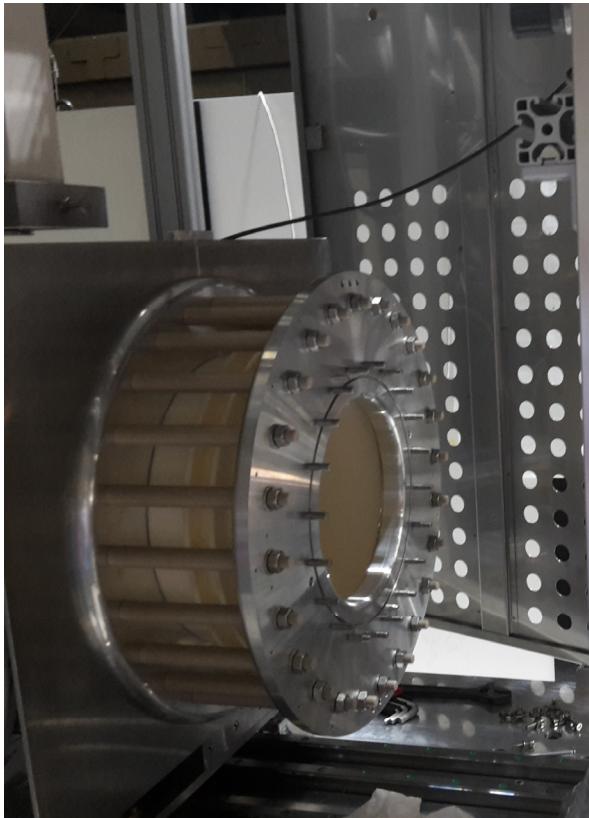
Vacuum controller  
unit

Shielded sub-rack  
for controls

Magnetron head



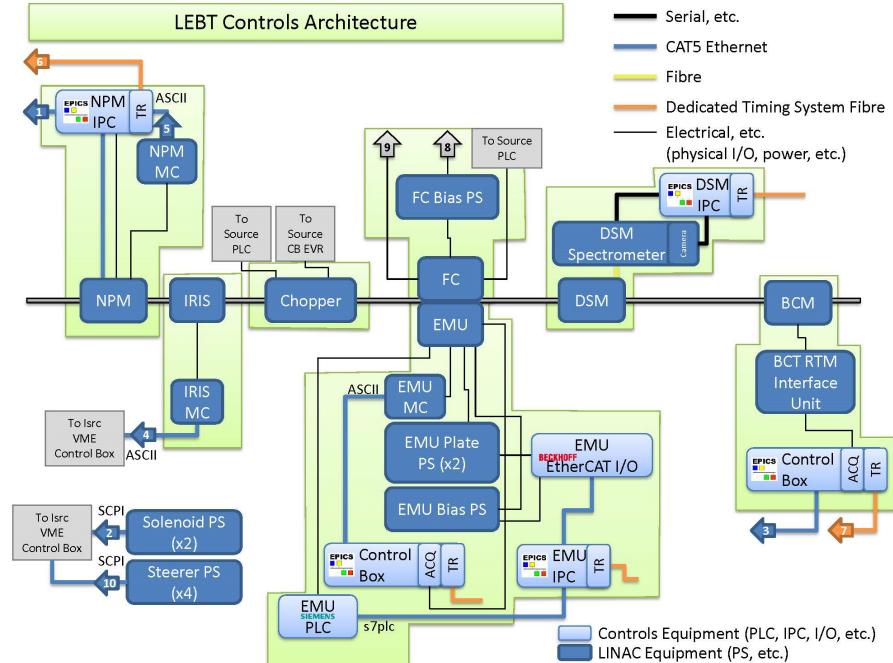
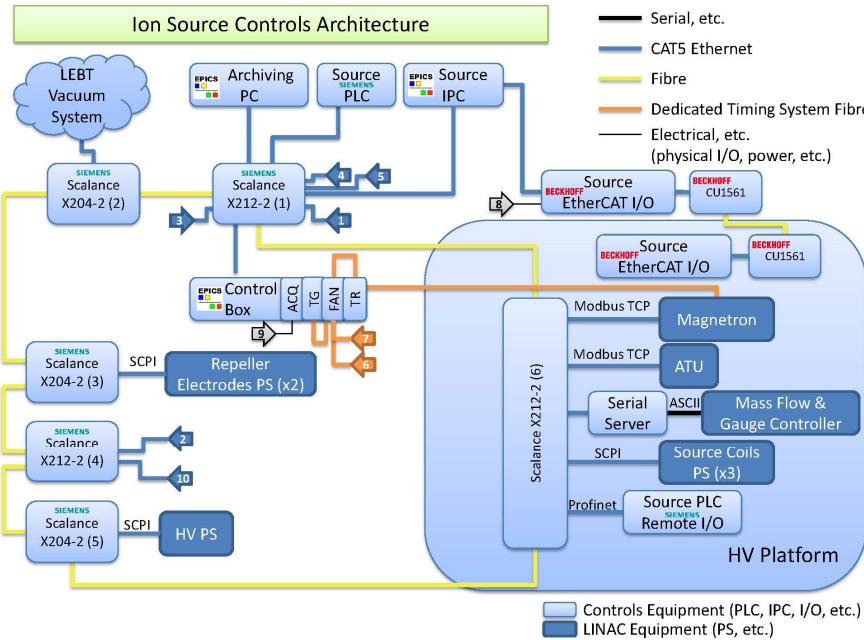
# PS-ESS details



Design was optimized for easy and fast maintenance operation  
(Poster WEPP15)



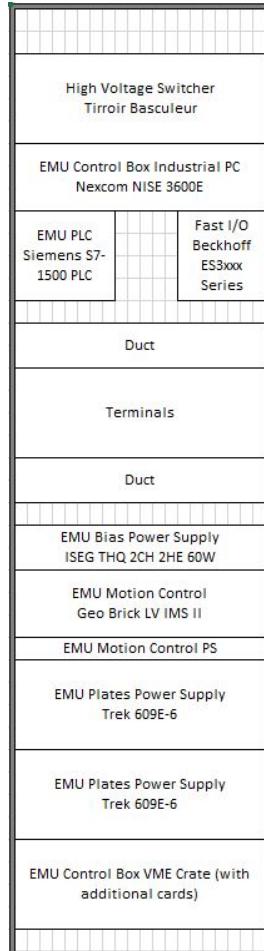
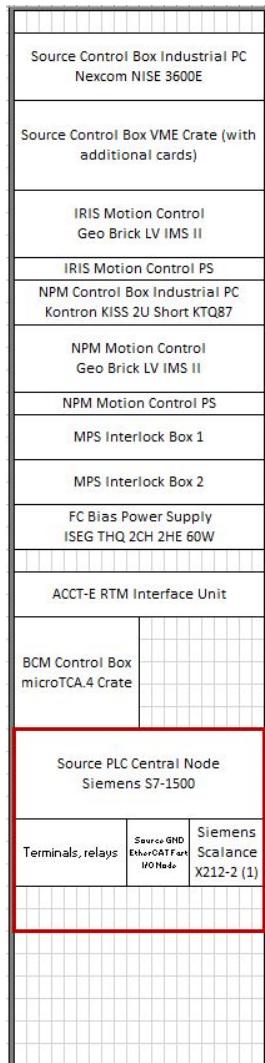
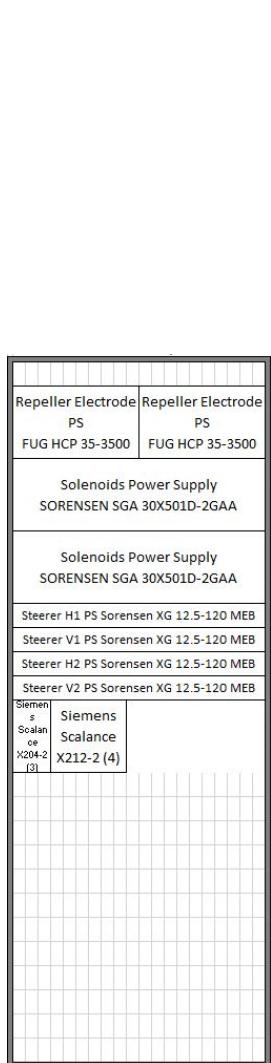
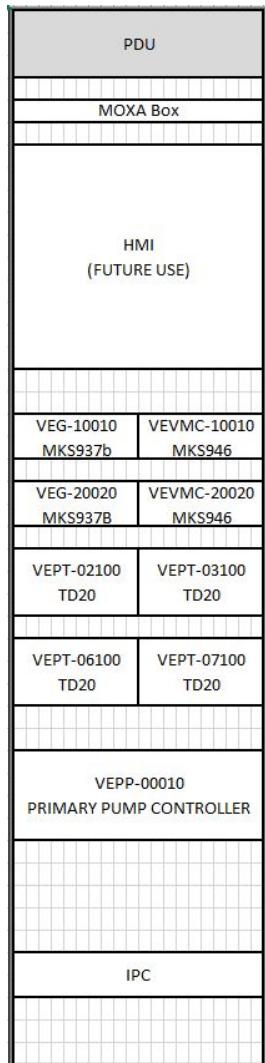
# Control system



- Architecture
- PLC
- Ethercat I/O
- EMC protection
- Schematics
- Cabling at HV
- Cabling at ground
- EPIC drivers
- GUI
- Software installation

- ✓ done
- ✓ 02/09/2016
- ✓ done
- ✓ In progress
- ✓ 30/09/2016

# Racks layout



Racks at ground are in the final position

EMUs rack will arrive 02/11/2016

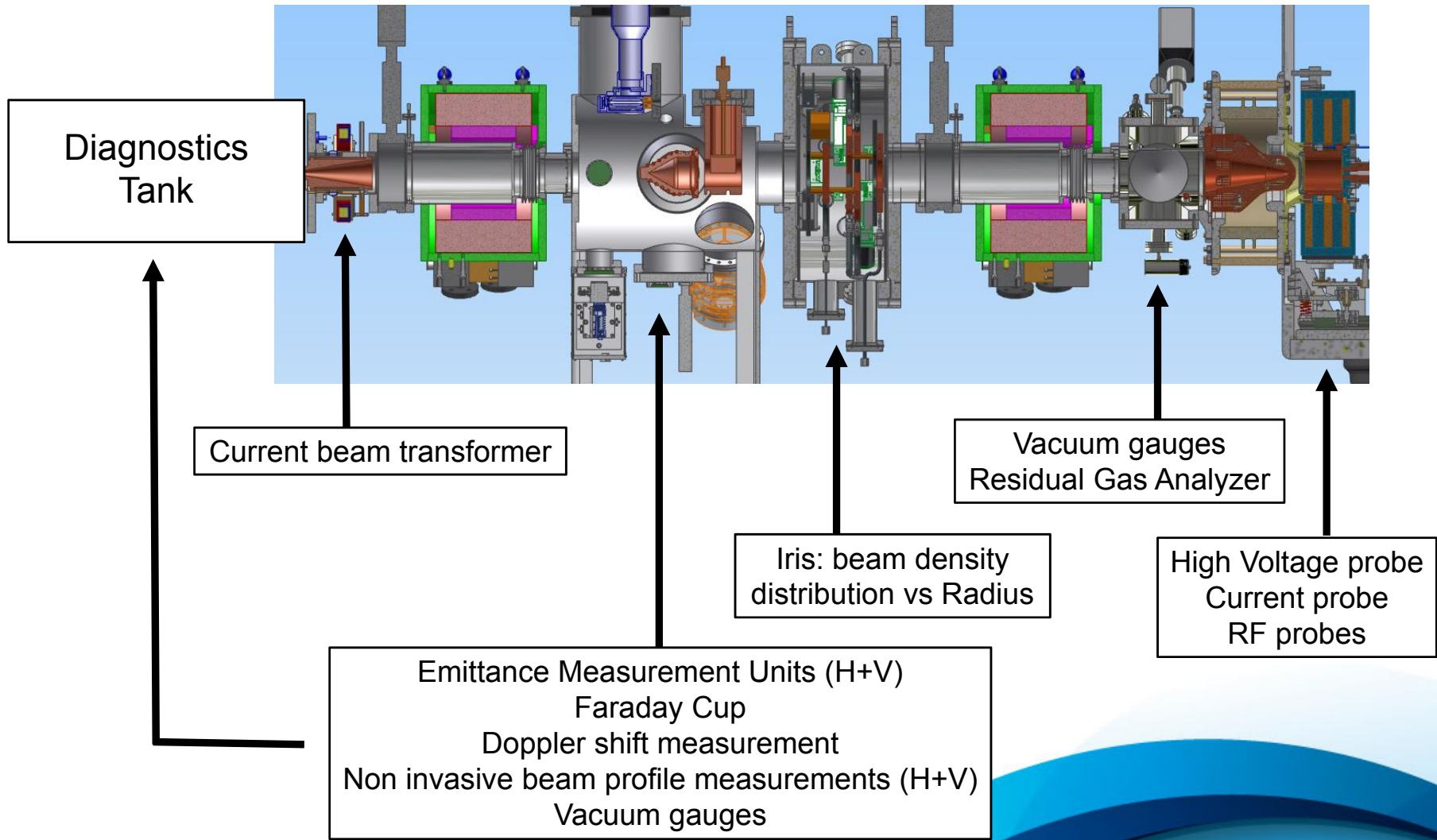
Vacuum

Power supplies

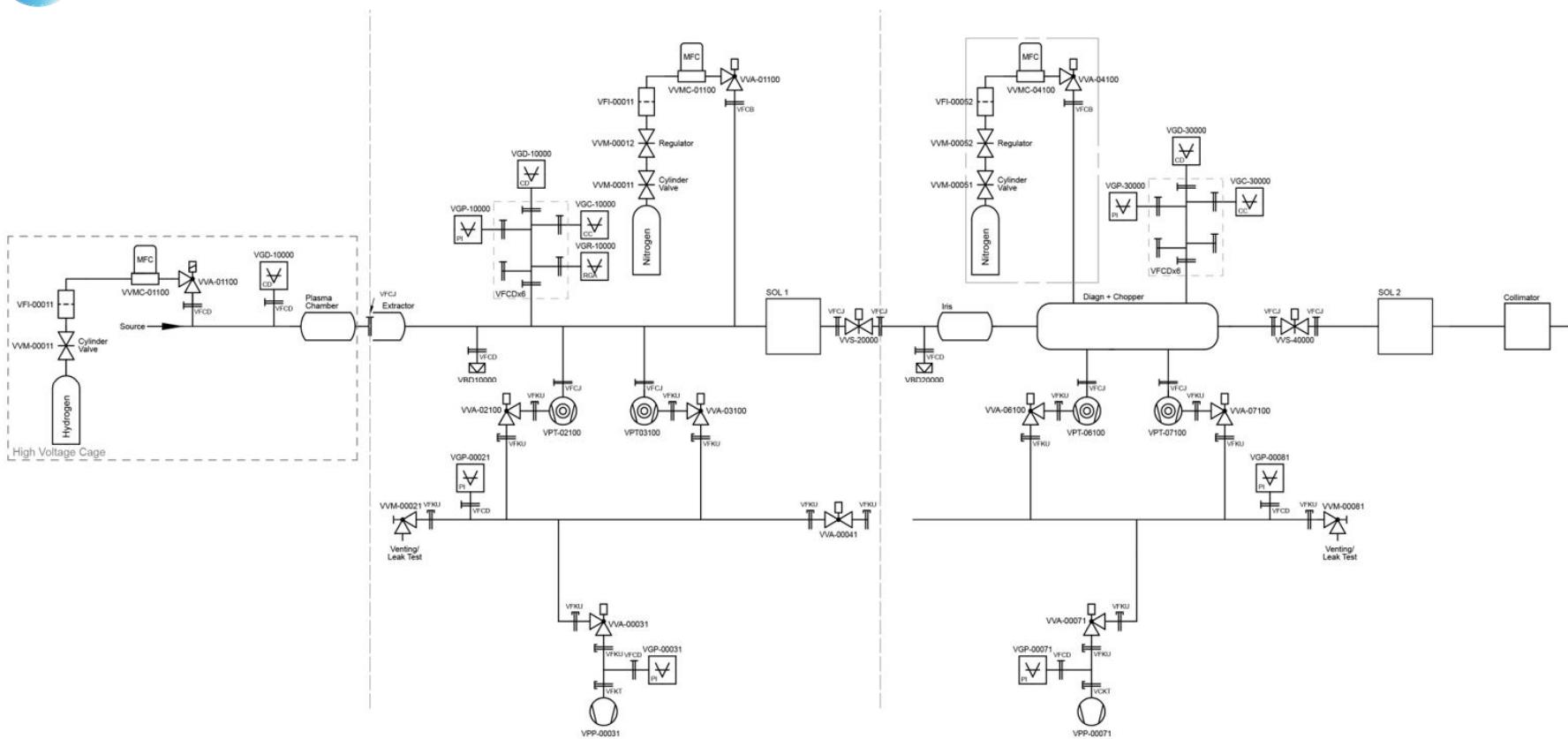
Diagnostics & Controls

EMUs

# Beam diagnostics



# Vacuum layout

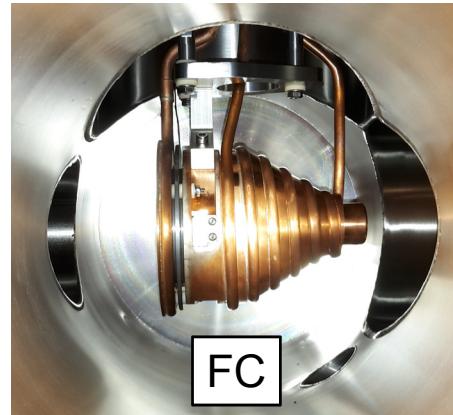
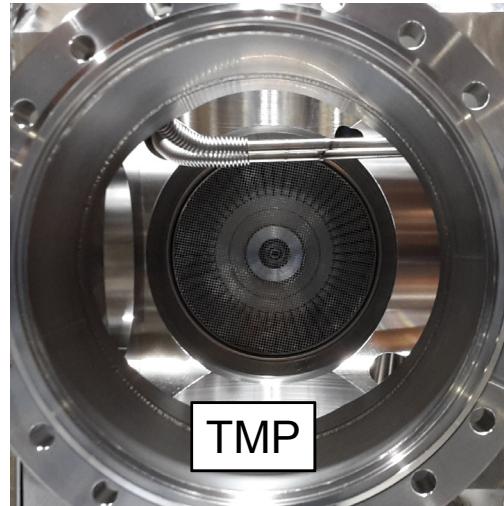


2 x Primary pumps  
 4 x Turbo molecular pumps  
 3 x Mass flow controllers  
 Hydrogen bottle for the source  
 Nitrogen bottle for the LEBT  
 Residual Gas Analyzer

6 x Pirani gauges  
 2 x Cold cathode gauges  
 3 x Capacitive gauges  
 2 x Burst disc  
 2 x Gate valves in the beam pipe

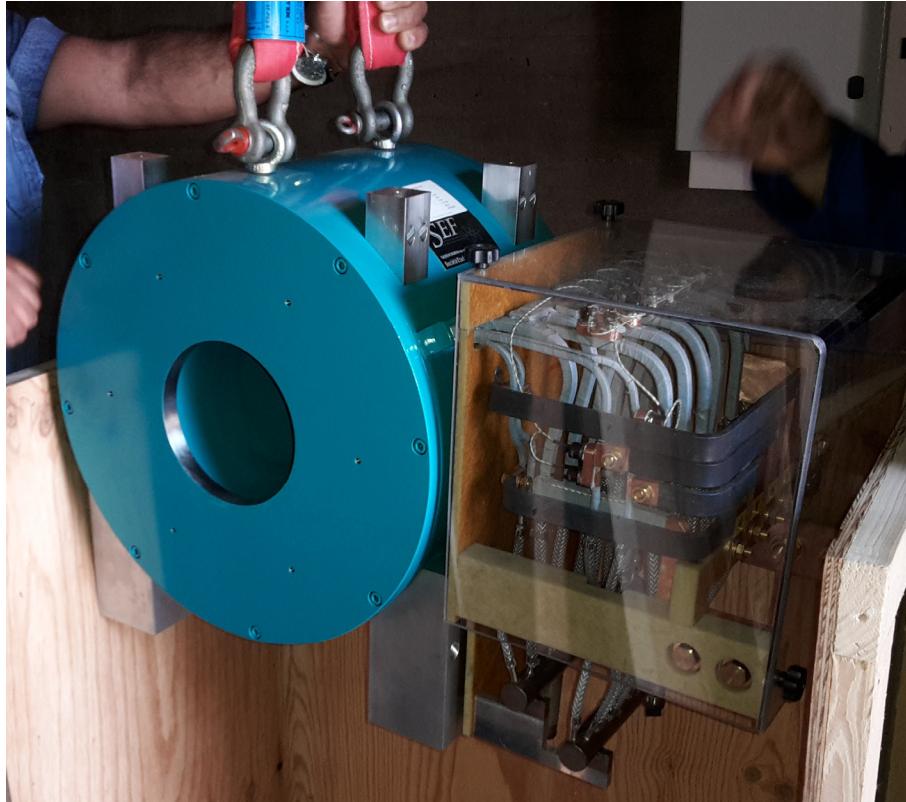
# LEBT ready for beam commissioning phase 1 & 2

- Extraction system
- Insulating column
- Extraction cooling
- 2 x TMP
- Gauges
- RGA
- FC
- Beam stop
- Valves
- Primary pump

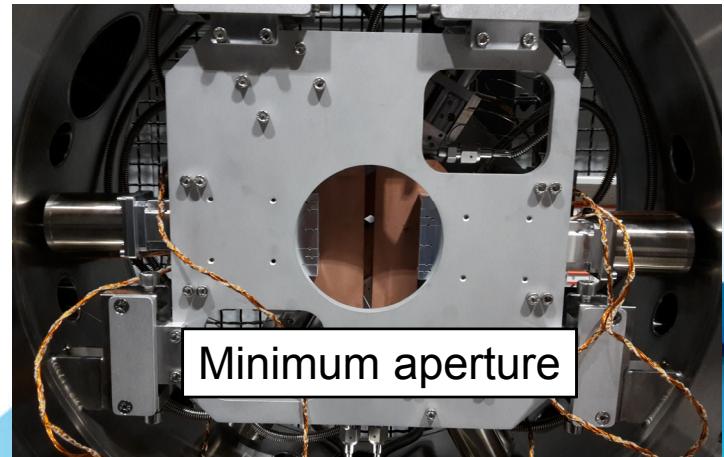
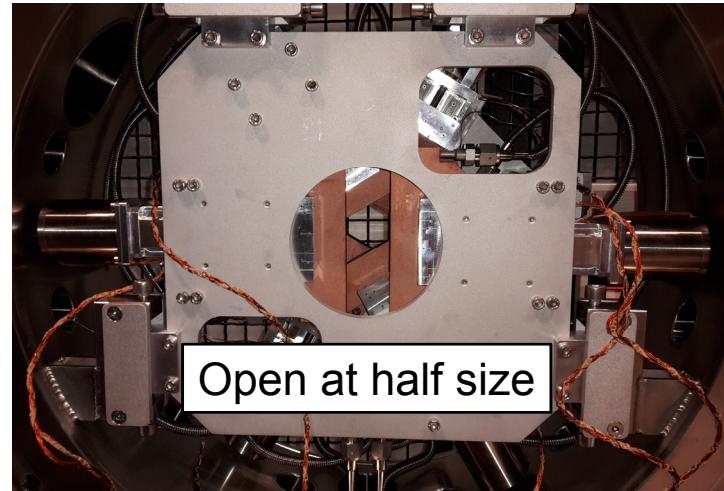


# Preparation for next commissioning phases

Two LEBT solenoids with integrated steerers were delivered



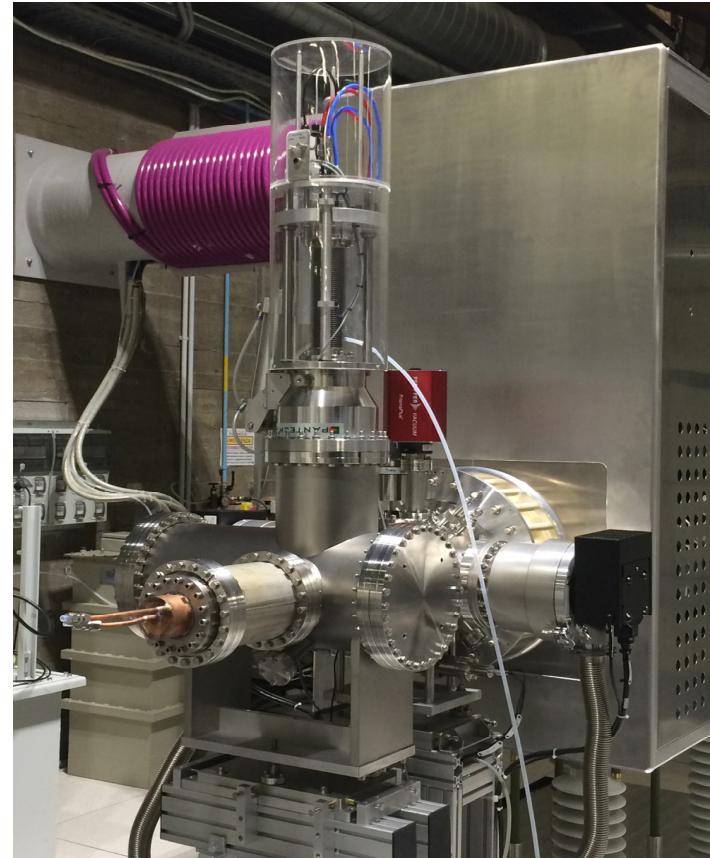
Iris mechanics, motors and controls are almost ready



# Phase 1: IS with FC and DSM

## Phase 2: Phase 1 + EMU

Beam performance	Value	Measurement device
Maximum beam current	> 90 mA	FC
Nominal proton beam current	74 mA	
Pulse length	3 ms	
Pulse length maximum	6 ms	
Flat top stability	$\pm 2 \%$	
Pulse to pulse stability	$\pm 3.5 \%$	
Repetition rate	14 Hz	
Repetition rate range	1–14 Hz, 1 Hz step	
Pulse length range	1 ms – 3 ms	
Recovery after 5 s downtime	1 pulse	
Proton fraction	> 75 %	DSM
Beam energy	75 keV	
Beam energy fluctuation	$\pm 0.01$ keV	
Energy adjustment range	$\pm 5$ keV	
Energy adjustment precision	$\pm 100$ eV	HV power converter
Transverse emittance (99 %) at IS-LEBT lattice interface	1.8 $\mu$ m	
Beam divergence (99 %) at IS-LEBT lattice interface	80 mrad	
Beam alignment at solenoid 1	$\pm 0.5$ mm	
Beam center offset at IS-LEBT lattice interface	$\pm 0.1$ mm	
Beam angle offset at IS-LEBT lattice interface	$\pm 1$ mrad	EMU

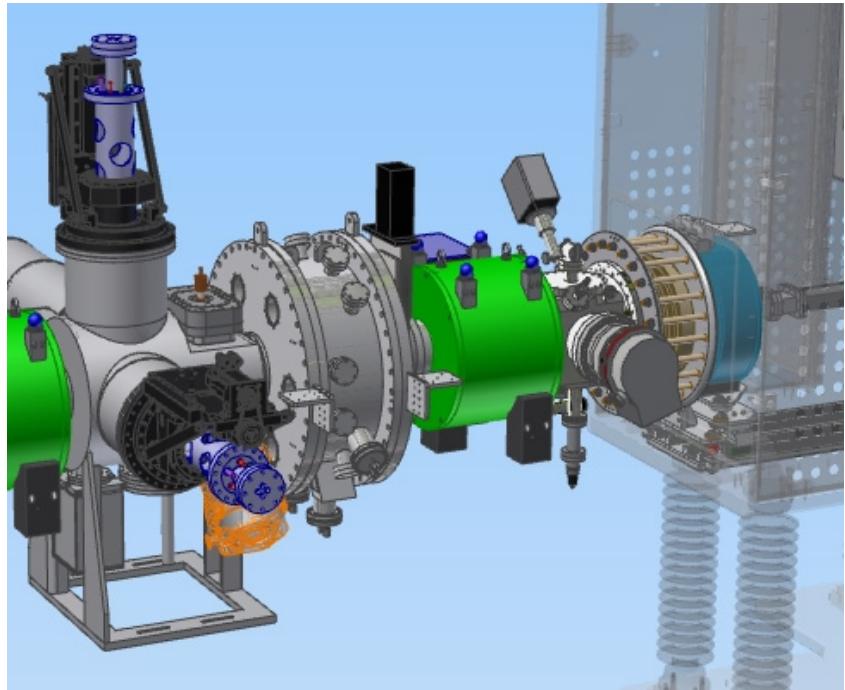


### Study of different parameters:

- Insulating/conductive plasma walls
- Extraction geometry
- Gas injection
- Magnetic configuration
- Pressure

# Phase 3: beam characterization after the first solenoid

Beam performance	Value	Measurement device
Beam current range	7–74 mA	Faraday cup
Beam current range step size	2 mA	
Beam current precision	$\pm 1$ mA	
Orbit control with respect to beam axis	$\pm 0.5$ mm	NPM
Transverse emittance	—	EMU
Beam center offset	—	
Beam angle offset	—	

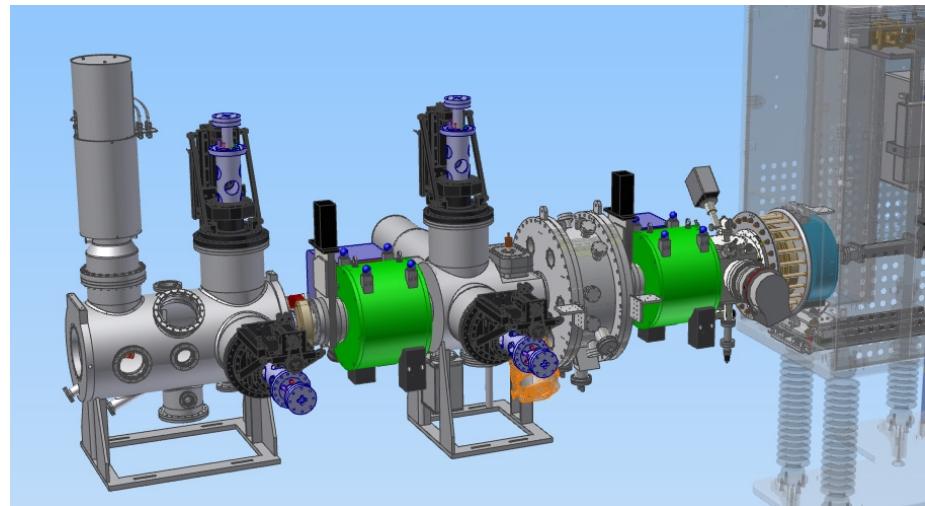


**Study of different parameters:**

- Addition LEBT gas injection
- LEBT pressure
- Solenoids configuration
- Repelling electrodes voltage

# Phase 4: beam characterization at the LEBT-RFQ lattice interface

Beam performance	Value	Measurement device
Nominal beam current	74 mA	ACCT / Faraday cup
Beam current transmission	95 %	
Pulse length	2.86 ms	
Maximum pulse length	2.88 ms	
Pulse length range	0.005–2.88 ms	
Single pulse production	–	
Transmission of transient	>1 %	
Transverse emittance (norm, rms) at LEBT-RFQ lattice interface	0.25 $\mu\text{m}$	EMU
Transverse emittance (99 %) at LEBT-RFQ lattice interface	2.25 $\mu\text{m}$	
Beam alignment at LEBT-RFQ lattice interface	$\pm 0.1$ mm	
Transverse twiss $\alpha$ at LEBT-RFQ lattice interface	$1.02 \pm 20$ %	
Transverse twiss $\beta$ at LEBT-RFQ lattice interface	$0.11 \text{ mm} \pm 10$ %	



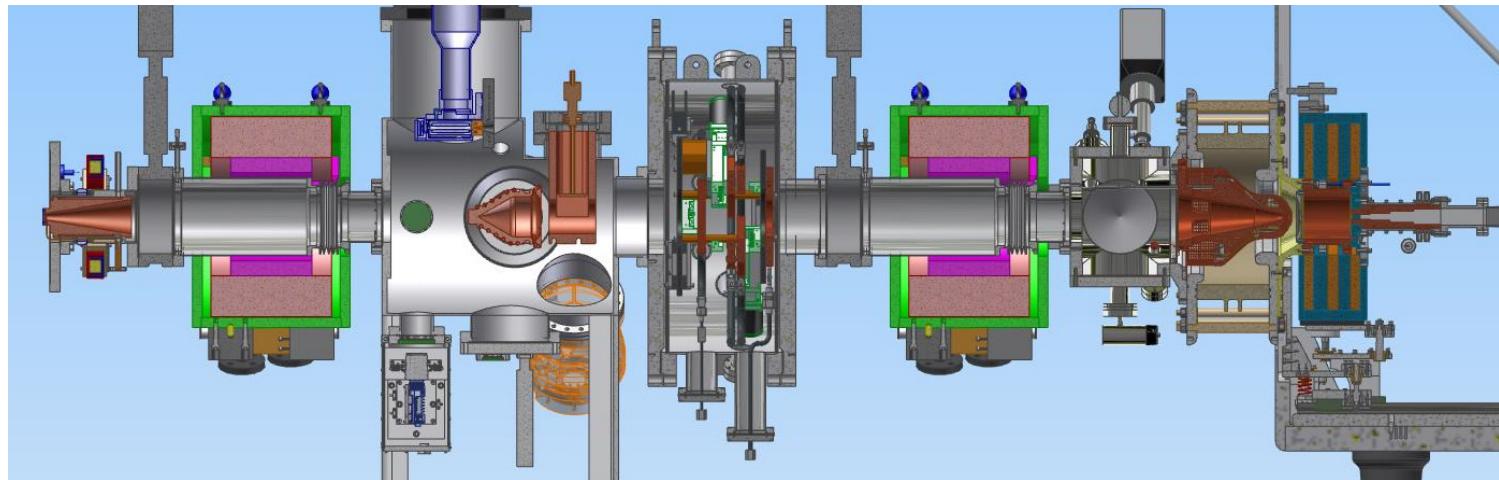
## Study of different parameters:

- Addition LEBT gas injection
- LEBT pressure
- Chopper voltage and rise/fall time speed
- Solenoids configuration
- Repelling electrodes voltage

# Phase 5: long duration tests (to be completed after RFI)

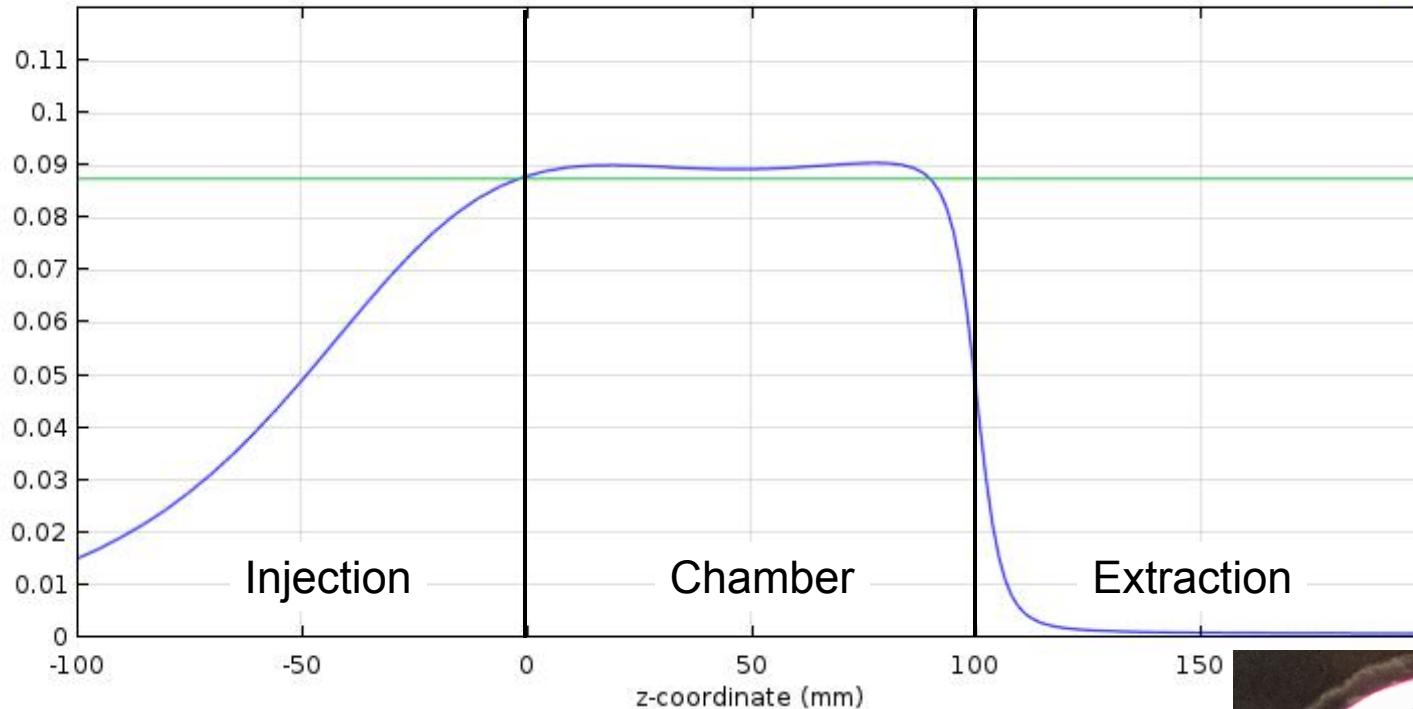
Consists of several tests:

- study the long-term reliability of the ion source and define which parts get degraded over time,
- study the current range that can be produced by the ion source (6-74 mA, ISrc.SyR-13),
- analyze potential beam trips to evaluate and prevent downtime,
- define a sequence for an automatic start-up of the ion source,
- simulate the time needed to restart the ion source after shut down (16 hours, ISrc.SyR-14),
- simulate the time needed to restart the ion source after maintenance, such as replacing the boron nitride disks (32 hours, ISrc.SyR-15),
- ensure that the different beam requirements can be satisfied at the same time (ISrc.SyR-22, LEBT.SyR-20),
- improve the design (for example of the extraction system) and ion source and LEBT settings to ensure that the requirements settled are satisfied.



# First plasma 15/06/2016

Line Graph: Magnetic flux density norm (T) Line Graph: 0.0875 (1)



H<sub>2</sub> flow 0.7 sccm RF power up to 380 W

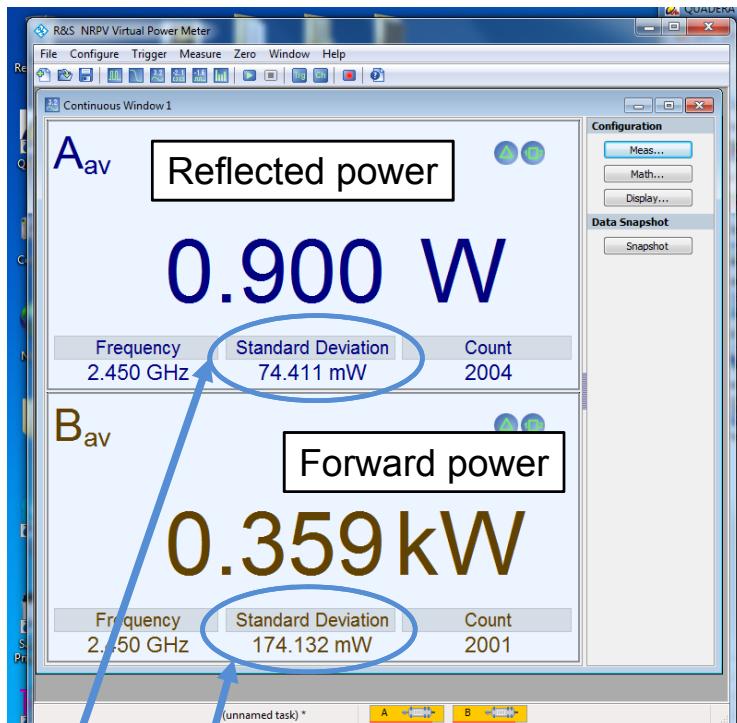
LGBT background pressure  $1.8 \cdot 10^{-6}$  mbar

LGBT pressure  $8.9 \cdot 10^{-6}$  mbar with plasma



# Measurement of RF power to plasma matching

Software interface of the two RF probes



Standard Deviation



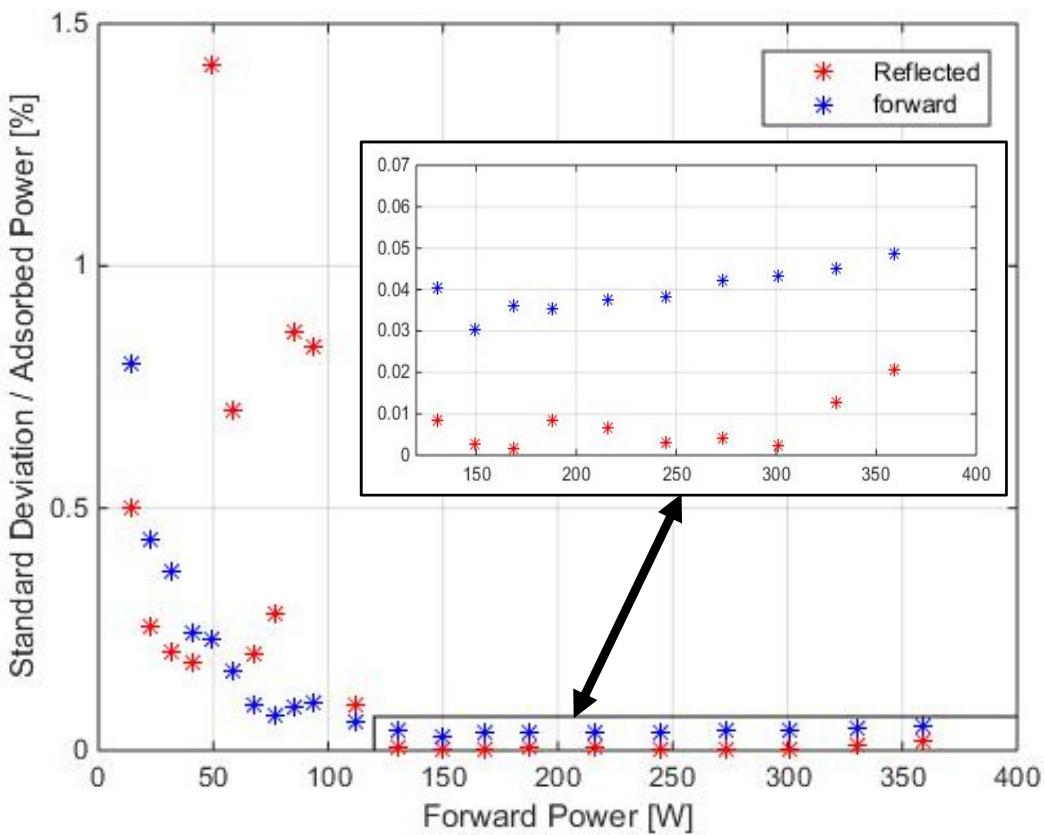
RF probes

Directional couplers

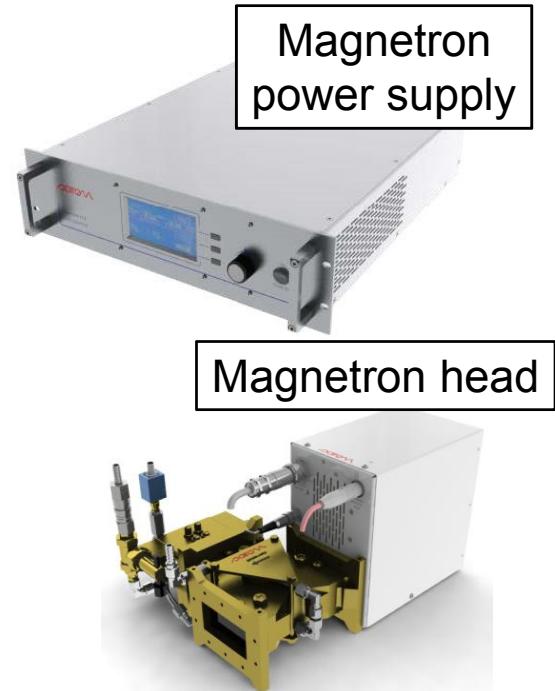
First plasma  
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# Extremely high stability of adsorbed RF power



Plasma stability is not enough to predict that beam stability will be in the required range of  $\pm 2\%$ , but it is a good starting point to be optimistic.



Frequency	2450 MHz $\pm$ 25 MHz
Output power	2 kW with 10 W step
Power stability	1 %
Ripple	< 1 % RMS

# Conclusion

PS-ESS and LEBT:

- The source is fully assembled
- The LEBT for the first two commissioning phases is ready
- The cabling is almost finished
- The software will be installed in September
- Commissioning plan is defined
- Plasma conditioning started
- Excellent RF to plasma coupling and stability was observed