

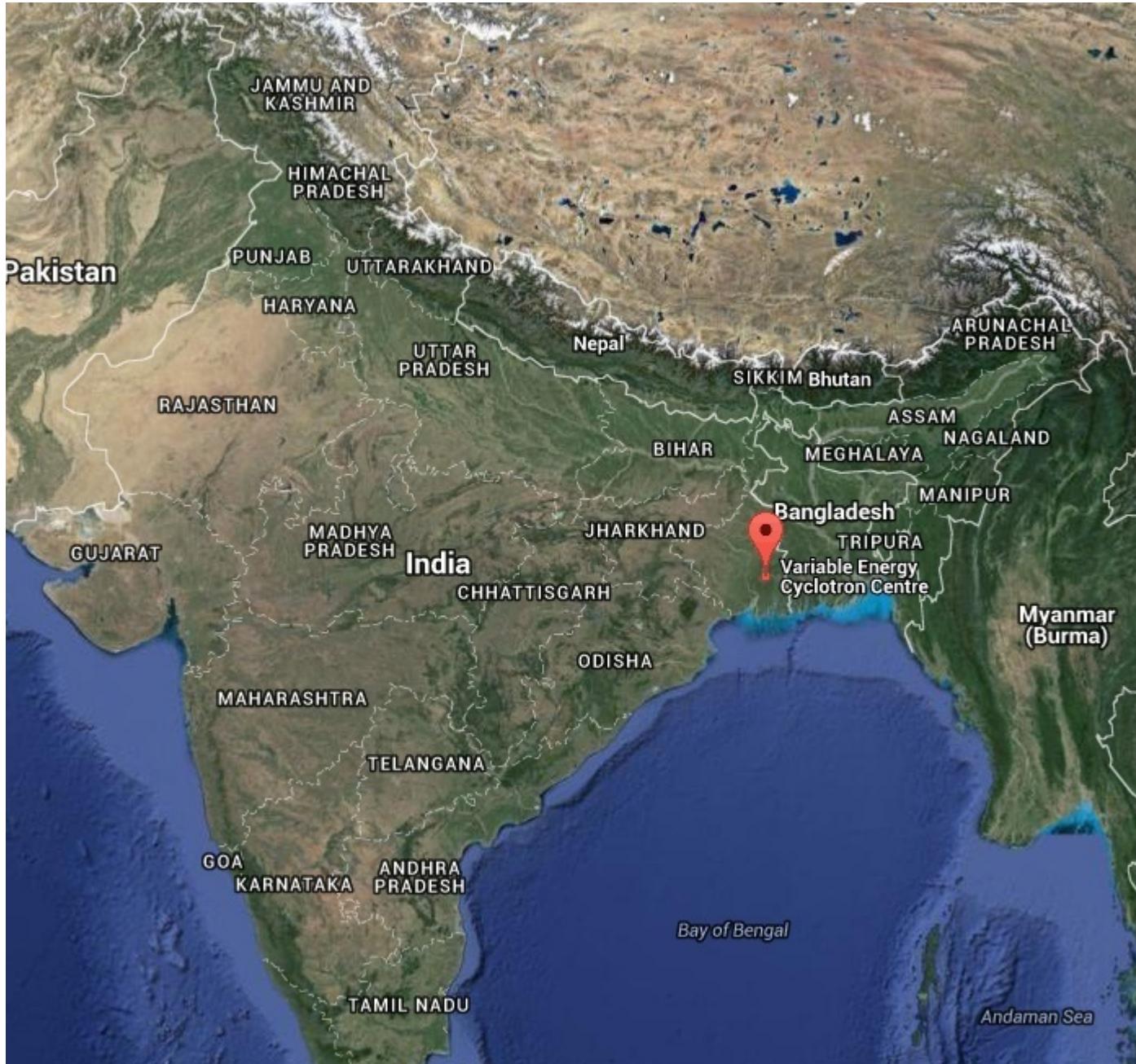
# Radioactive Ion Beam Program at VECC-Kolkata

*On behalf of the RIB team at VECC and the collaborators*

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*HIAT 2015*







# **Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre**

**( R&D institute under DAE; a part of HBNI)**

**(200 scientists and engineers, total staff: 600)**

## **Activities/ Charter:**

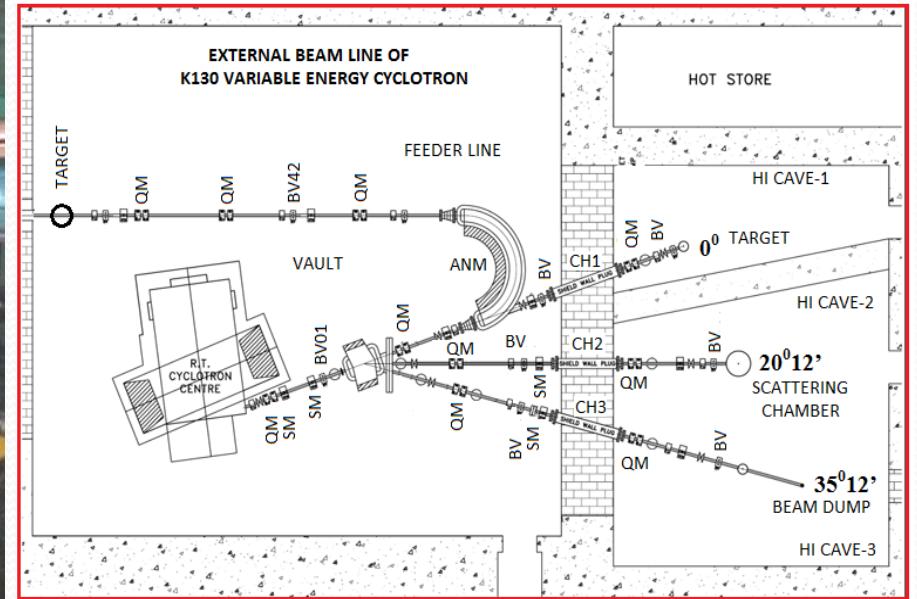
- a) Accelerator design and development**
- b) Accelerator based nuclear physics, material science, isotope production, etc.**
- c) High Energy Physics: collaboration with CERN, RHIC, FAIR...**
- d) Theoretical physics (Nuclear and High Energy Physics)**
- e) PhD program for HBNI students**
- f) Societal: Radiation Medicine Centre, Medical Cyclotron, Educational aid for different groups, Summer training of basic science engineering students, Outreach program**

# *Accelerators at VECC*

- **K = 130 Cyclotron:** delivering beam to the users from 1980;  
Light ions ( $p$  and  $\alpha$ ) and Heavy Ions up to Argon  
*New century brought some money to R&D*
- **SCC (K=500):** Internal beam in 2009, beam extraction efforts in progress
- **RIB activities:** started in 1998 in a R&D/ Capacity building mode:  
2002 to 2012: 17 M USD: On-line ECR, 2 RFQs, 5 IH Linacs, Material Science beam line, Collinear Laser spectroscopy set up, development of RI beams, construction of small annexe building & infrastructure
- **ANURIB (Advanced National facility for Unstable and Rare Ion Beams):** Estimated cost: 200 M USD; 2013 and beyond  
Sanction obtained in 2013: 30 M USD for e-linac, target, SCQWR (acc. from 1 to 2 MeV/u), liquid He, Phase-1 building

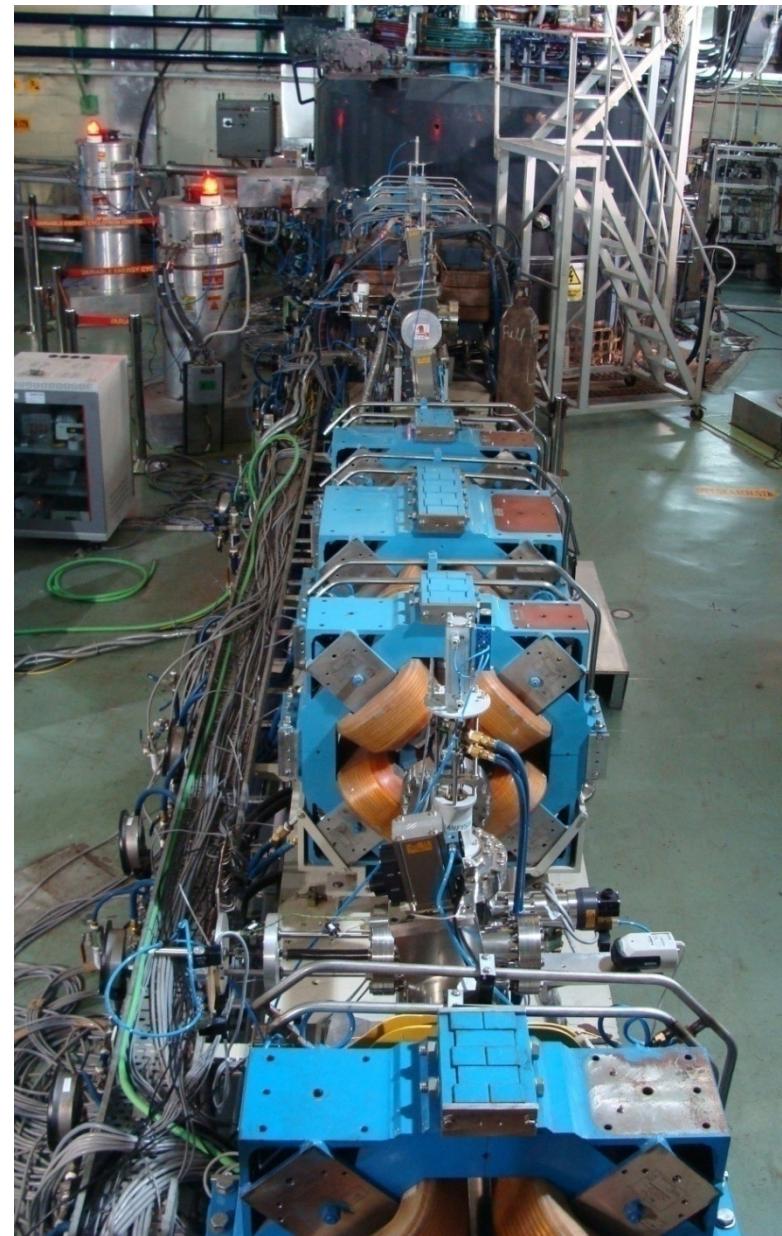
# *Room temperature Cyclotron*

Internal beam : 16<sup>th</sup> June, 1977; still operating as a user facility



- Accelerated particles : alpha, proton & deuteron with internal PIG Ion Source
- Light heavy-ions

# Superconducting Cyclotron and Beam Line

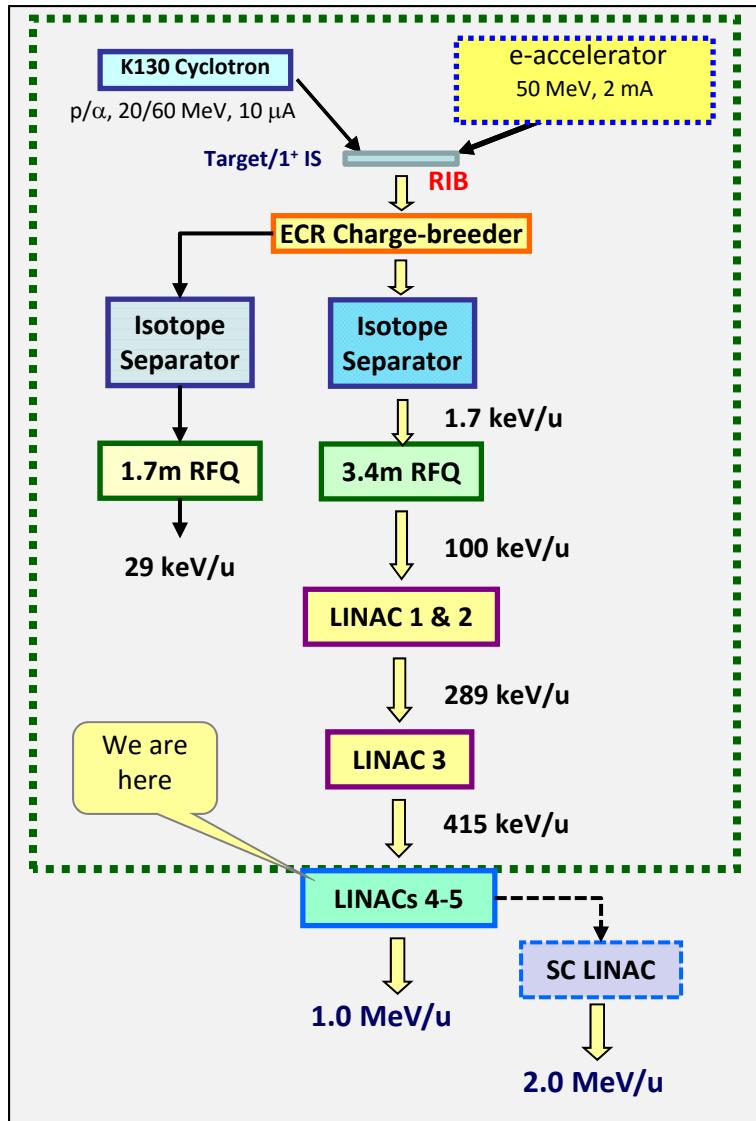


## MOU between VECC & RIKEN (beginning of Acc. design for RIB)



- Physics design of accelerator components such as ECR ion-source, RFQ & heavy-ion Linac
- Exotic nuclei physics experiments at RIPS projectile fragment separator

# RIB scheme at VECC- the plan & the status

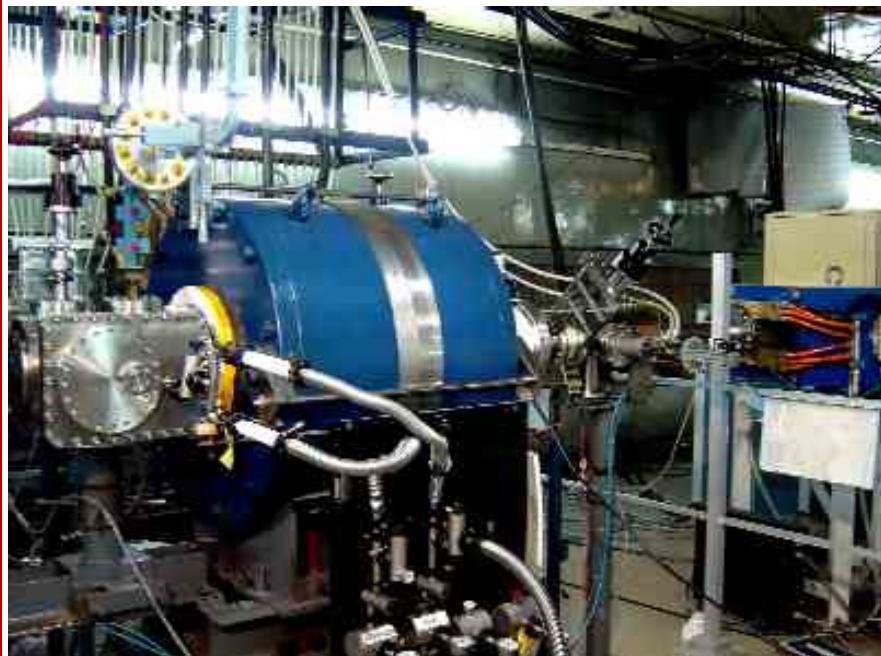


- Developed 1<sup>st</sup> RFQ in the country (29 keV/u; 2005). Second RFQ commissioned in 2008 (100 keV/u). Fabricated in India.
- Developed 1<sup>st</sup> IH-Linac in the country. Linac-1 & 2 & 3 are already commissioned; Linac 4 & Linac 5 tested waiting to be installed in new annex building by 2015
- May 12, 2012 – First RIB :  $^{14}\text{O}$  (71 sec) accelerated to 1.4 MeV through RFQ. Intensity after RFQ ~ 3300 pps; before RFQ ~ 4400 pps.
- Also produced RI beams of  $^{42,43}\text{K}$ ,  $^{41}\text{Ar}$ ,  $^{111}\text{In}$ .
- Accelerated beams of  $^{16}\text{O}^{4+}$  and  $^{14}\text{N}^{4+}$  to 415 keV/u through Linac-3.
- Target R&D , on-line experiments ongoing.
- Superconducting Electron Linac, HI QWR, & Actinide target development started, in collaboration with TRIUMF Canada.
- Fragment Separator based experiment & PFS design (collaboration with RIKEN)
- Ion-beams from the facility being used for material science experiments.

## Milestones ...

### ECR ion source year 2002

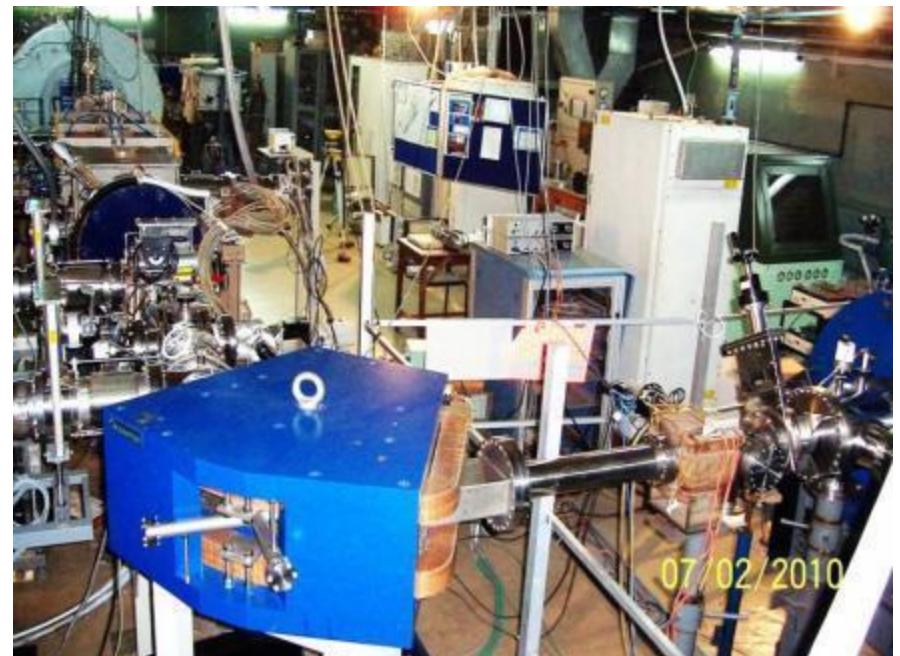
Vaishali Naik et.al., Nucl. Instrum. & Meth. A 447 (2000) 345 ;  
Damayanti Naik et.al., Nucl. Instrum. & Meth. A547 (2005)270.



6.4 GHz on-line ECR

### Separator (ECR-RFQ beam-line) year 2002

Arup Bandyopadhyay et.al., Nucl. Instrum. & Meth. A562 (2006)41

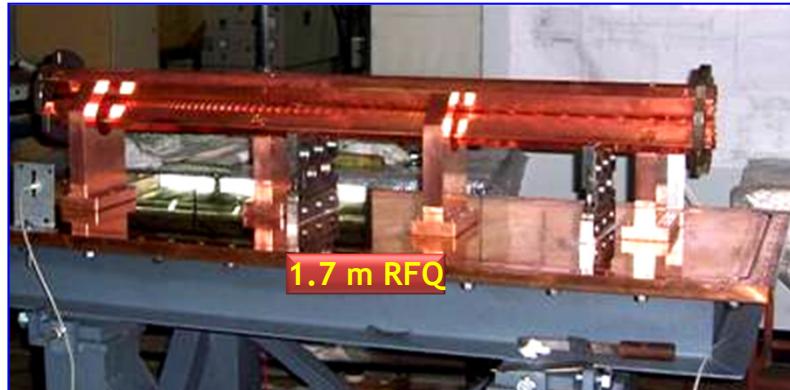


ECR to RFQ beam-line

**RFQ1: Sept 2005; 33.7 MHz, CW**  
**Output energy = 29 keV/u**

*A.Chakrabarti et.al., RSI 78 (2007) 043303*

*A.Chakrabarti et.al., NIM A535 (2004)599*



**First RFQ in the country**

**RFQ2: July 2008, 37.8 MHz, CW**  
**Output energy = 100 keV/u**

*S. Dechoudhury et.al., RSI. 81 (2010) 023301*

*A. Chatterjee et.al., RSI. 80, (2009) 103303*



**Linac1: 2008, energy = 187 keV/u**



**Linac2: 2010, energy = 289 keV/u**



**Linac3: 2011, energy = 414 keV/u**



**Linac4: 2012, energy = 718 keV/u**

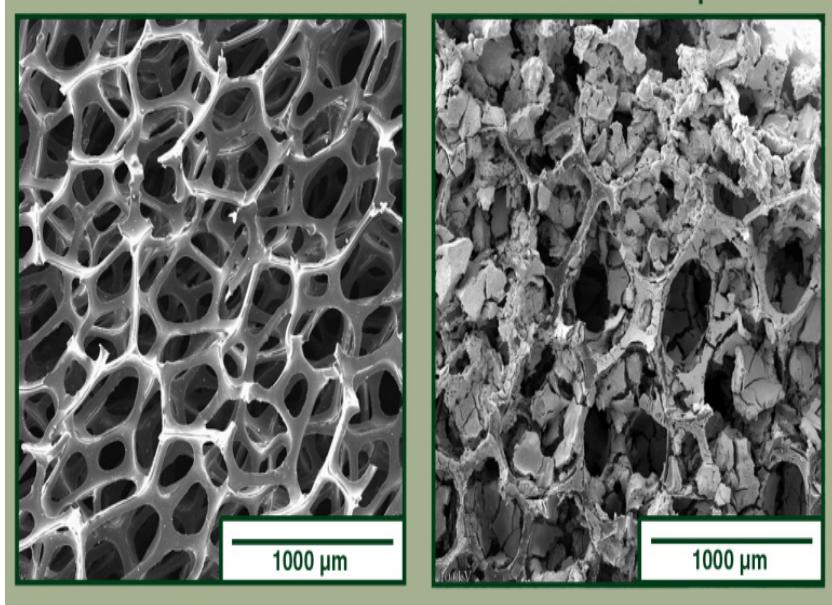


*Nucl. Instrum. & Meth. A560 (2006)182*

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# Development of Targets deposited on RVCF

The matrix chosen is Reticulated Vitreous Carbon Fiber (RVCF)



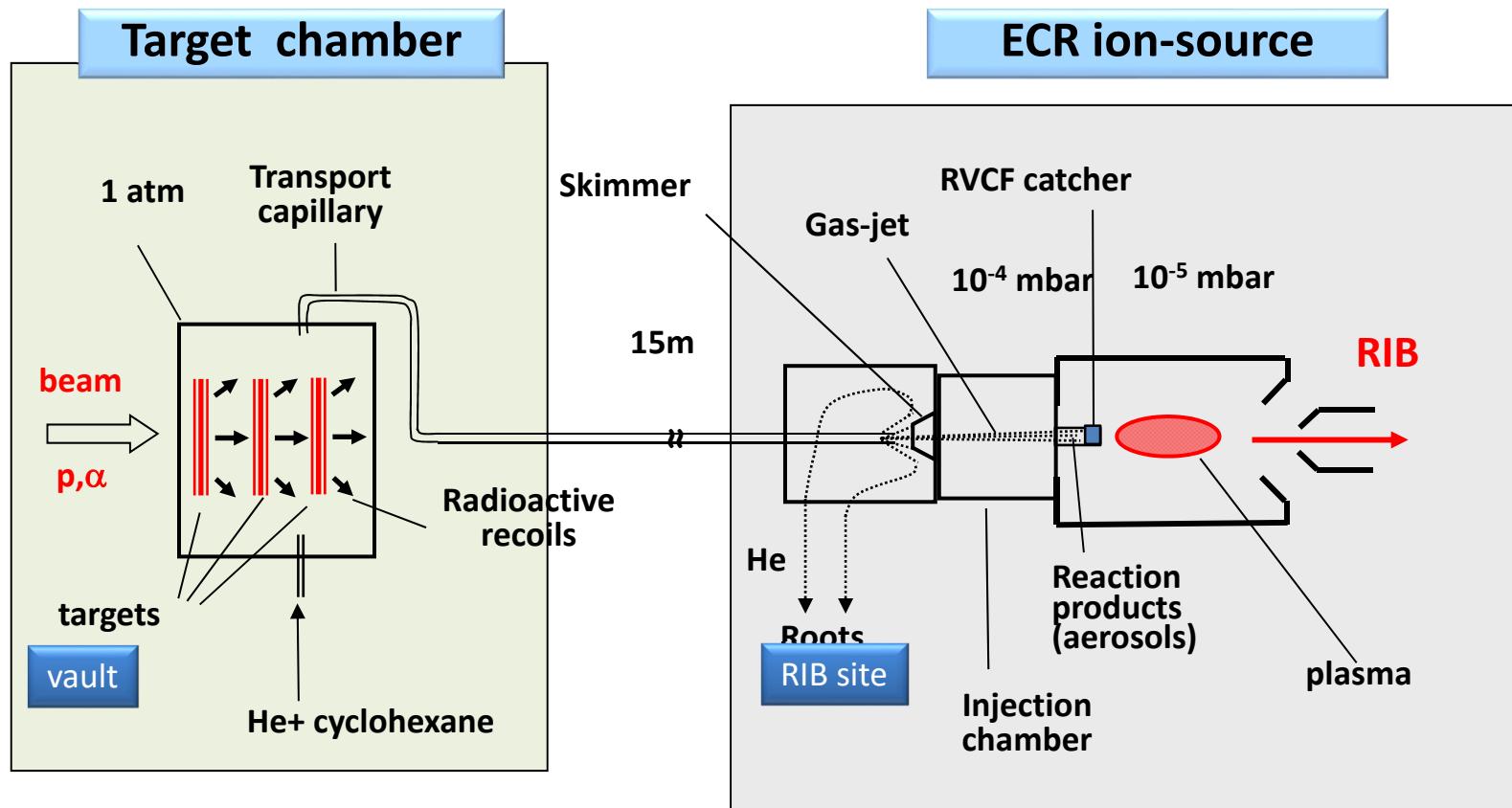
## Properties of RVCF

Chemically inert over up to high temp.  
Unusually large surface to volume ratio.  
Porosity ~ 97% of the total volume  
Density ~ 3% of the normal C-density.  
Thermal conductivity is fairly good

1. *Ceramics International*, ( 2011) 2679
2. *Ceramics International*, 34 (2008) 81
3. *Nucl. Instrum. & Meth. A*539 (2005)54

# Gas-jet based RIB production using RVCF as Catcher

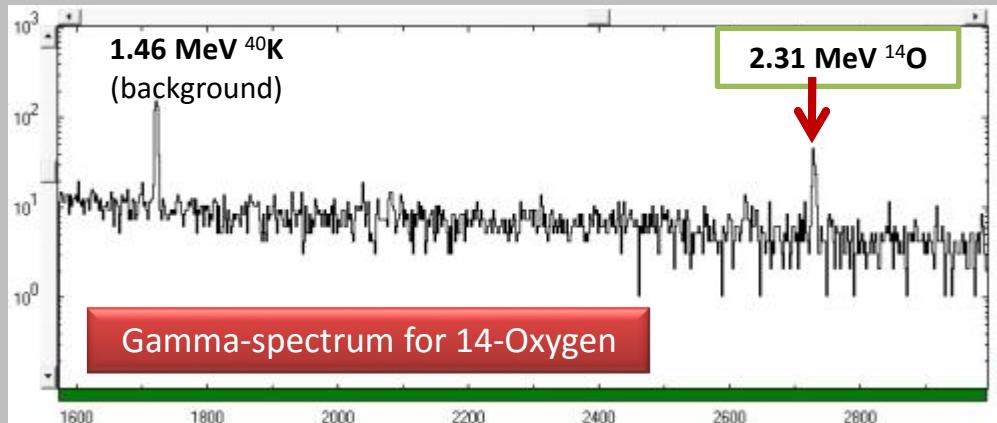
(No chemical selection, Helium helps in target cooling)



1. V. Naik, et. al., *Rev. Sci. Instrum.* Vol.84, (2013) 033301. *RIB acceleration*
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# RIBs produced

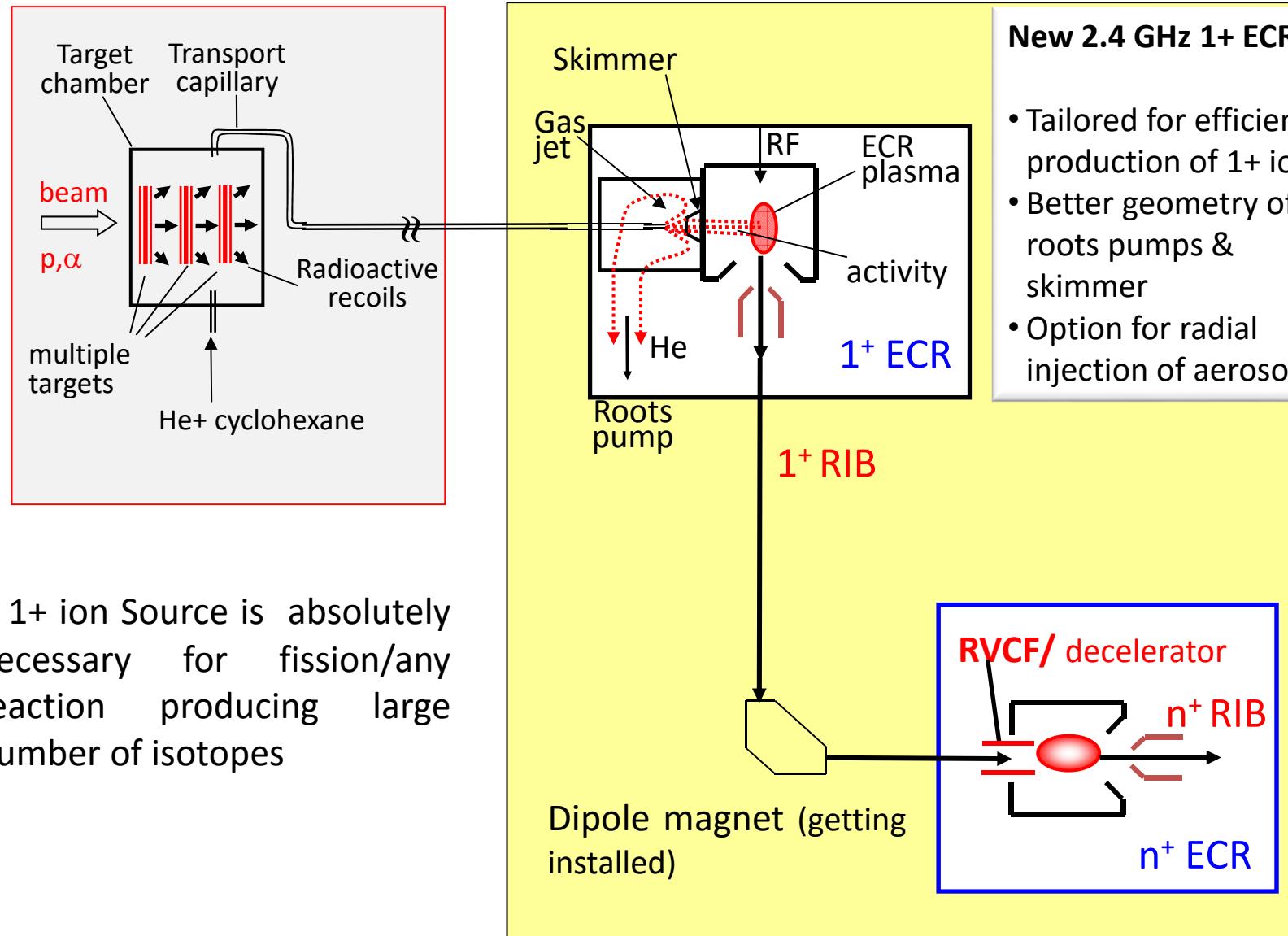
RIB	Prod. route	T1/2	I(pps) @ before RFQ	I(pps) @ after RFQ	Applications
$^{14}\text{O}$	$^{14}\text{N}(\text{p}, \text{n})$	71 s	$5.0 \times 10^3$	$3.2 \times 10^3$	super-allowed beta decay, test of standard model; break-out reaction from hot CNO cycle to rp-process
$^{42}\text{K}$	$^{40}\text{Ar}(\alpha, \text{pn})$	12.36 hr	$2.7 \times 10^3$	-	bio-medical tracer
$^{43}\text{K}$	$^{40}\text{Ar}(\alpha, \text{p})$	22.3 hr	$1.2 \times 10^3$	-	bio-medical tracer
$^{41}\text{Ar}$	$^{40}\text{Ar}(\alpha, 2\text{pn})$	109 min	$1.3 \times 10^3$	-	tracer used in engineering ; wear studies
$^{111}\text{In}$	$^{\text{nat}}\text{Ag}(\alpha, \text{xn})$	2.8 days	$1.6 \times 10^3$	-	Perturbed angular correlation spectroscopy, medical radio-tracer



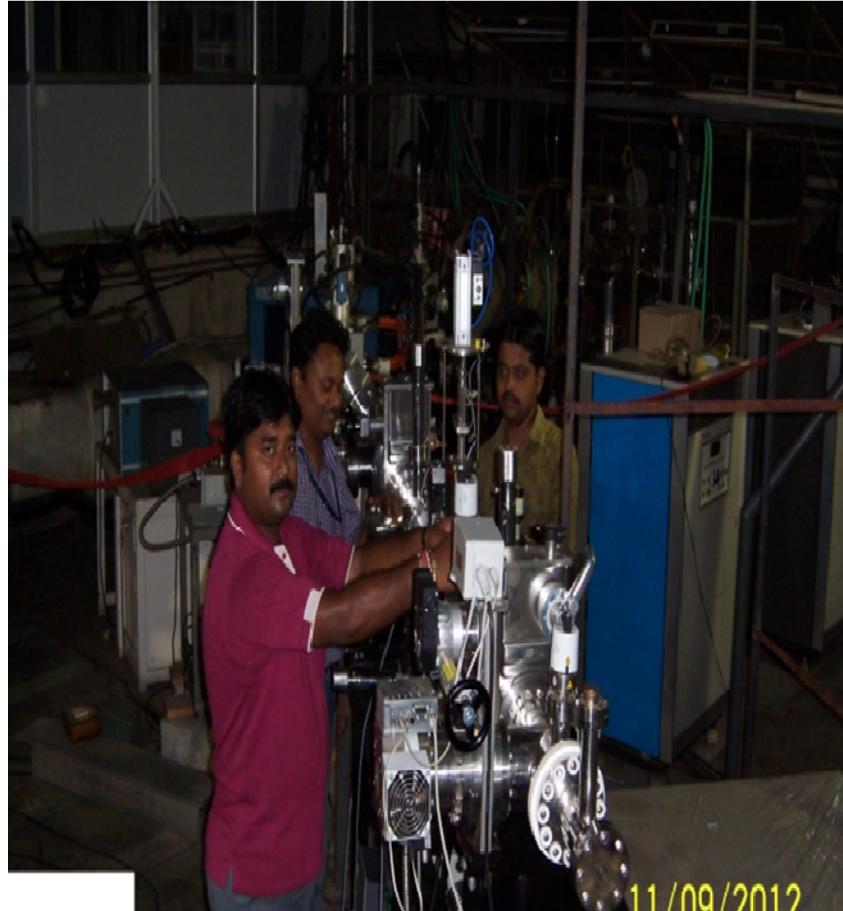
Optimized parameter	value
beam	$^{14}\text{O}^{2+}$
ECR ext. vol.	12.3 kV
RFQ power	10 kW cw
RFQ vane vol.	27 kV

RFQ parameters for 14-Oxygen

## Gas-jet based charge- breeder using RVCF as a catcher\*



## *B. Collinear spectroscopy setup*

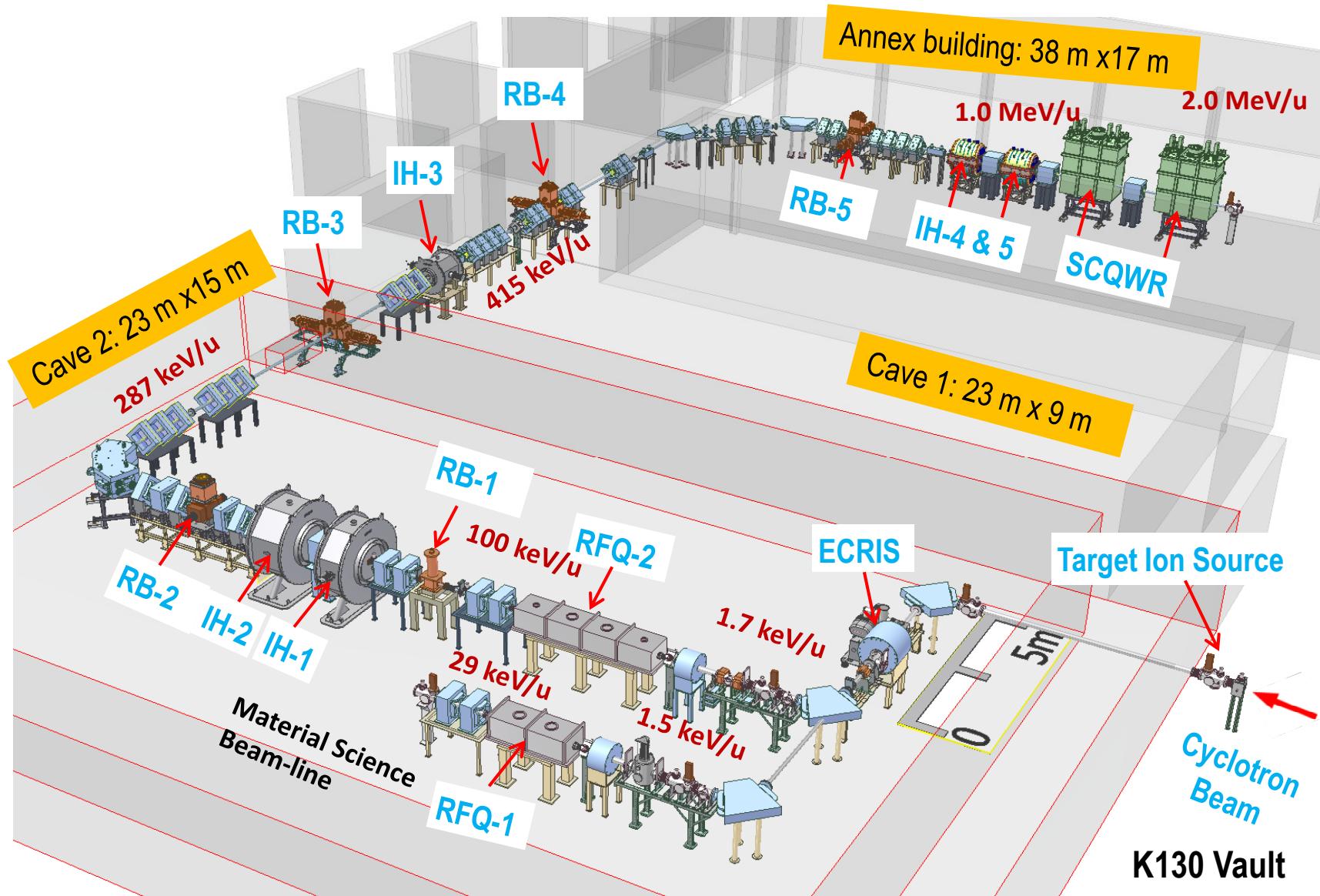


*The ISOL Beam Line*



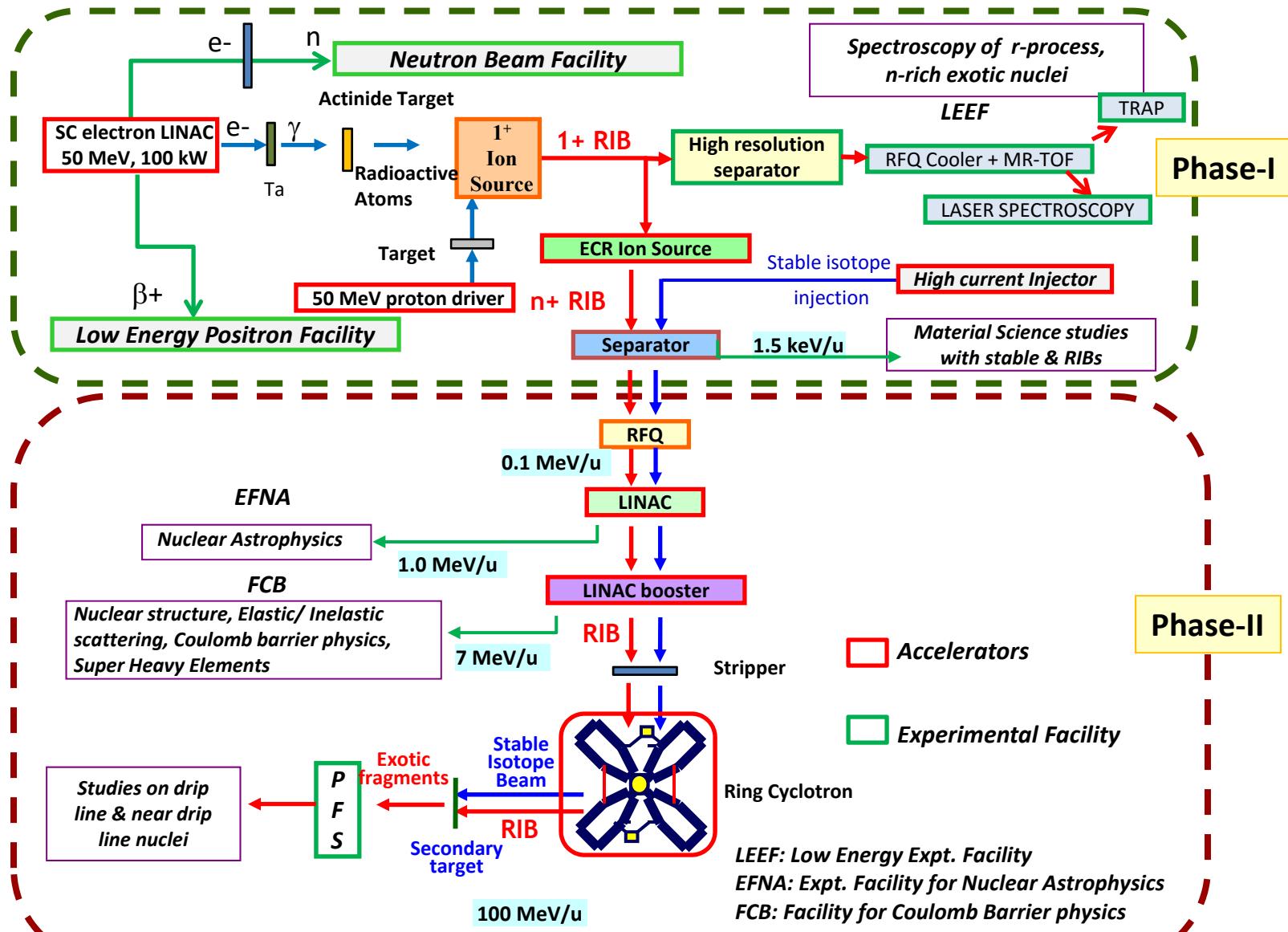
*The Laser Hut*

# RIB facility at VEC Campus





# ANURIB Schematic



## Main features of ANURIB facility

1. Both ISOL and Projectile Fragment Separator type facility
2. Will accelerate both radioactive and high intensity stable isotope beams
3. **Two drivers:** 50 MeV, 2 mA electron linac photo-fission driver for production of neutron-rich RIBs & 50 MeV proton machine for production of p-rich nuclei
4. Neutron & Positron Facility in addition to facilities for nuclear physics and astrophysics
5. Fragmentation /fusion of radioactive ion beams to produce near drip-line n-rich /p-rich nuclei.

# REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Advanced National Facility for Unstable & Rare Isotope Beams - ANURIB

April 2012

### 1. Executive Summary

The International Advisory Committee (IAC) recognizes that ANURIB will be unique in the world and will attract a national and international user community. The IAC is confident that ANURIB will secure a science community with intimate knowledge of nuclear physics and will provide India with world class facilities. The committee is fully confident that the electron linac baseline design will achieve the performance required by the ANURIB science program. The IAC is confident that, with the planned enhanced project management support commensurate with this large facility, the VECC management team is well qualified to bring ANURIB successfully online.

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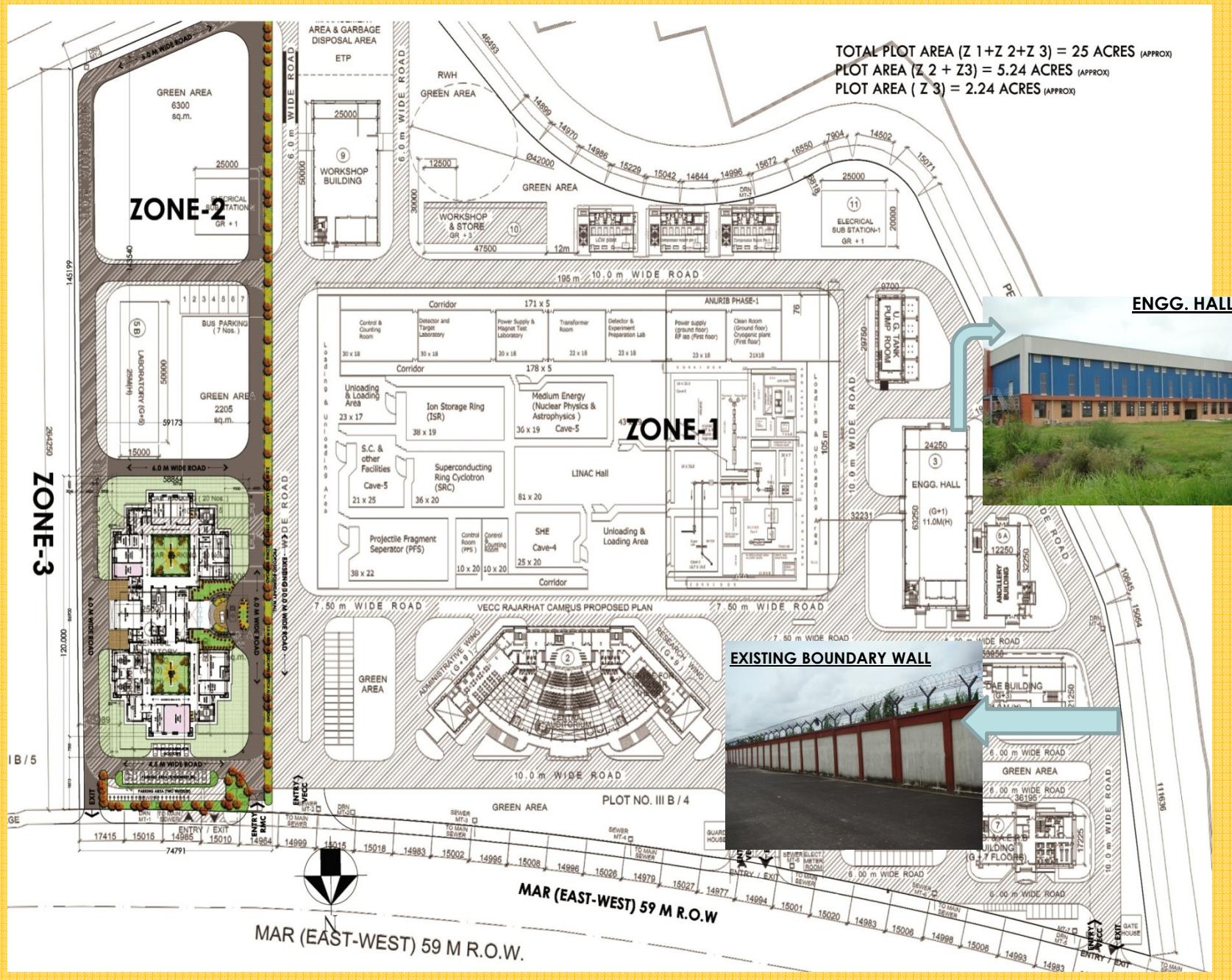
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## Status of activities

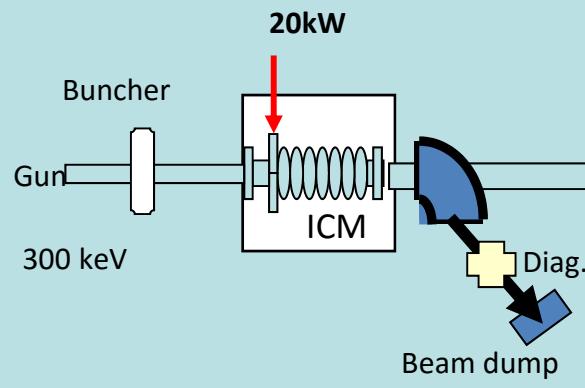
### DRIVER ACCELERATORS

- 50 MeV Electron Linac (for n-rich exotic nuclei)
- 50 MeV Proton machine (for p-rich nuclei)

## 50 MeV Superconducting Electron Linac – VECC-TRIUMF collaboration

### Injector

300 keV to 10 MeV



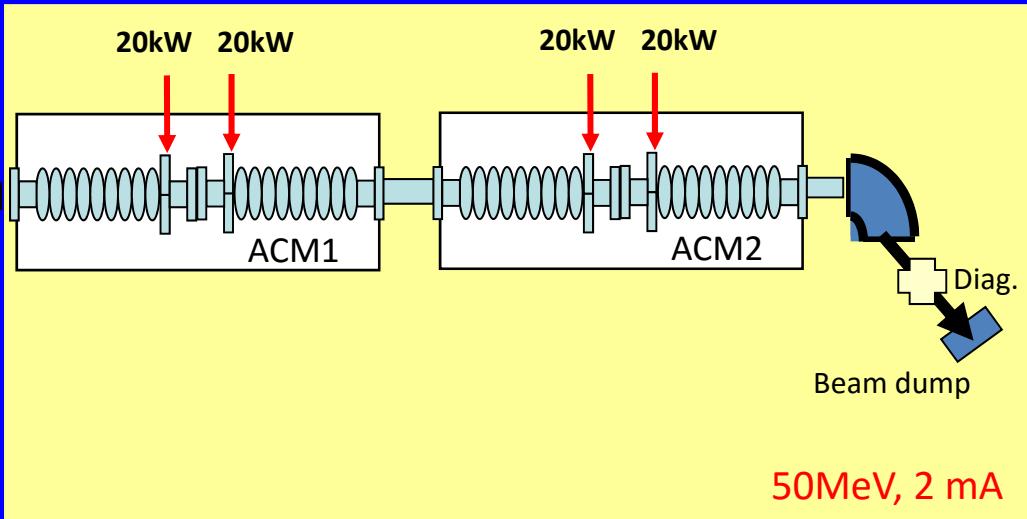
VECC-TRIUMF  
MOU phase-1

10MeV, 2 mA

Phase-1 : 2009 – 2014

### Accelerator

10 MeV to 50 MeV



50MeV, 2 mA

Phase-2 : 2014 – 2017

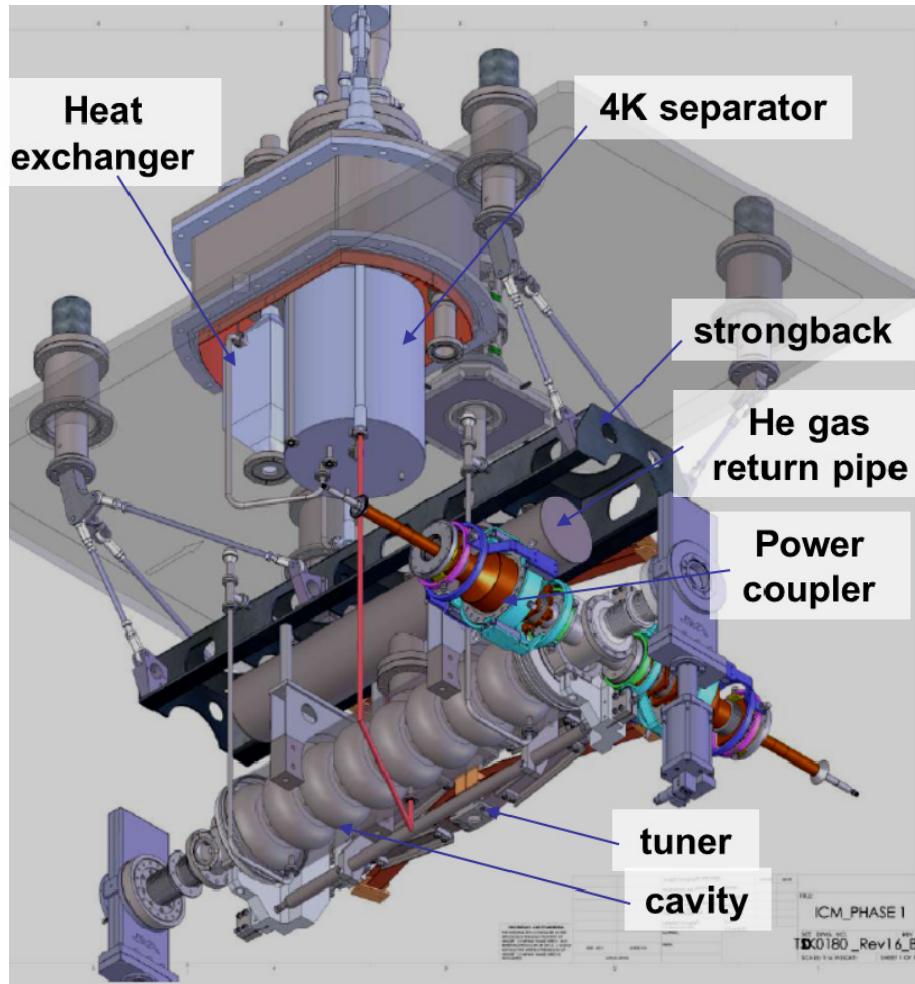
- 50 MeV, 2 mA; 100 kW CW, 1.3 GHz, 2 deg K; Being developed in collaboration with TRIUMF
  - Production of neutron rich nuclei through photo-fission of Uranium
- based on 1.3 GHz, 2K Tesla SRF technology. High current CW acceleration – heavy beam loading, high cryogenic loads

## MOU between VECC & TRIUMF



- For Design & Development of a Superconducting Electron Linac
- Starts with the Development of an Injector Cryo Module (ICM)

# Injector Cryo Module (ICM)

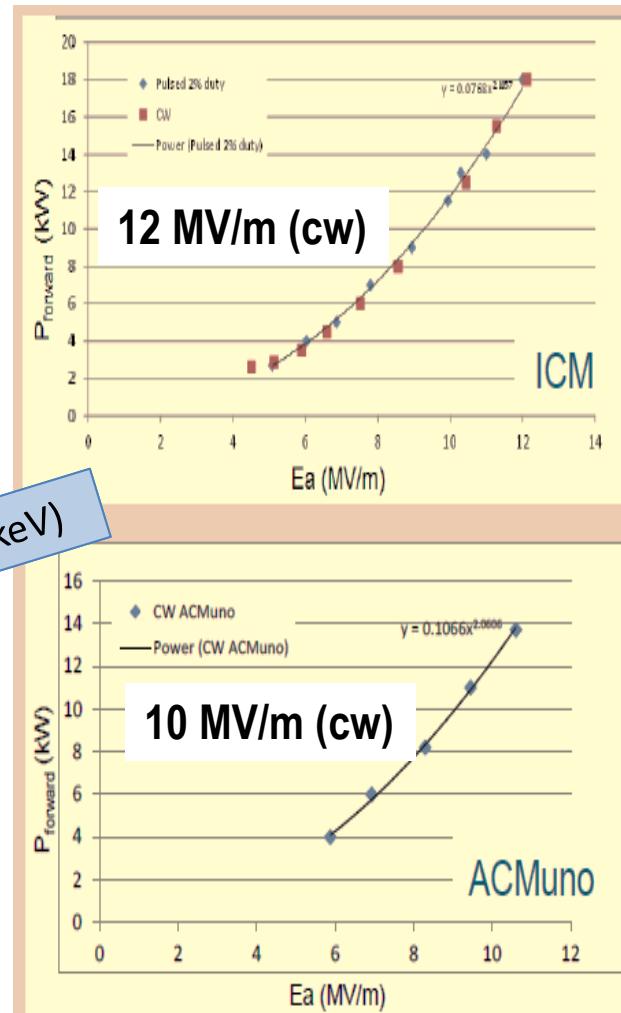
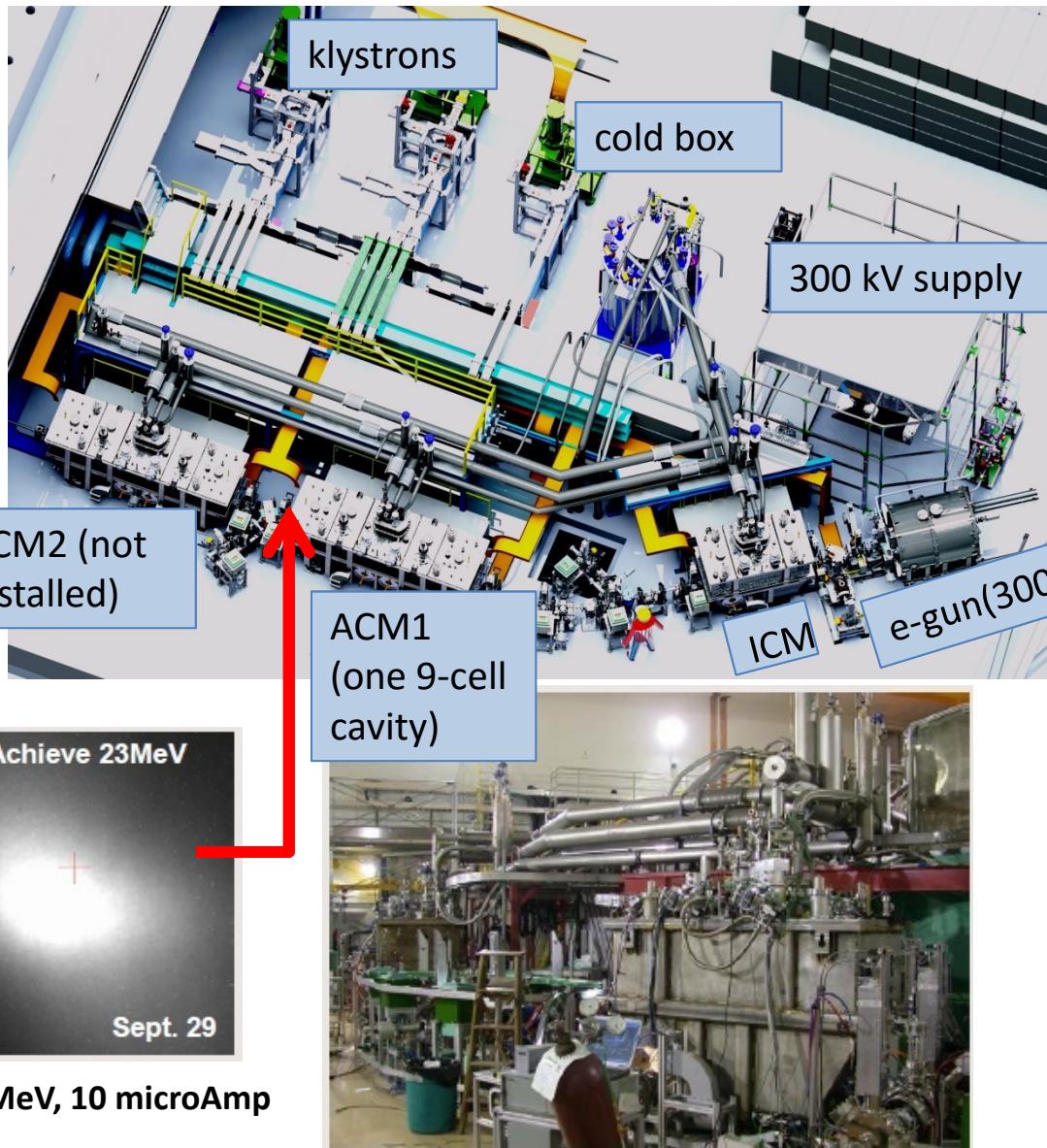


ICM1 – successful beam tests Sept'14



ICM2 assembly on-going at TRIUMF

# First beam accelerated to 23 MeV on 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2014 at TRIUMF



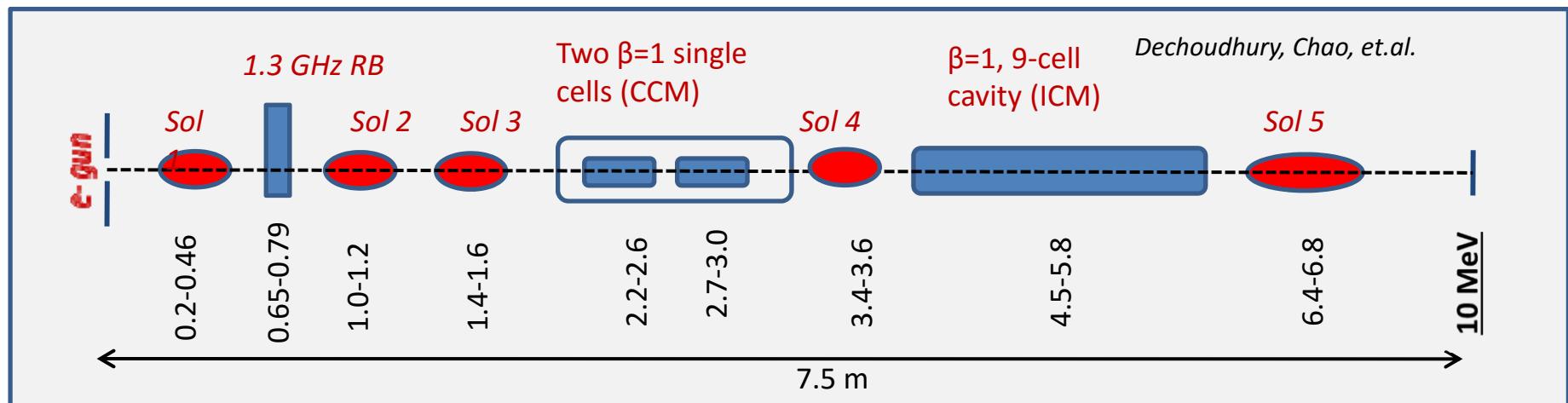
## VECC ICM at TRIUMF – Aug 2015



# VECC: 10 MeV injector beam dynamics design

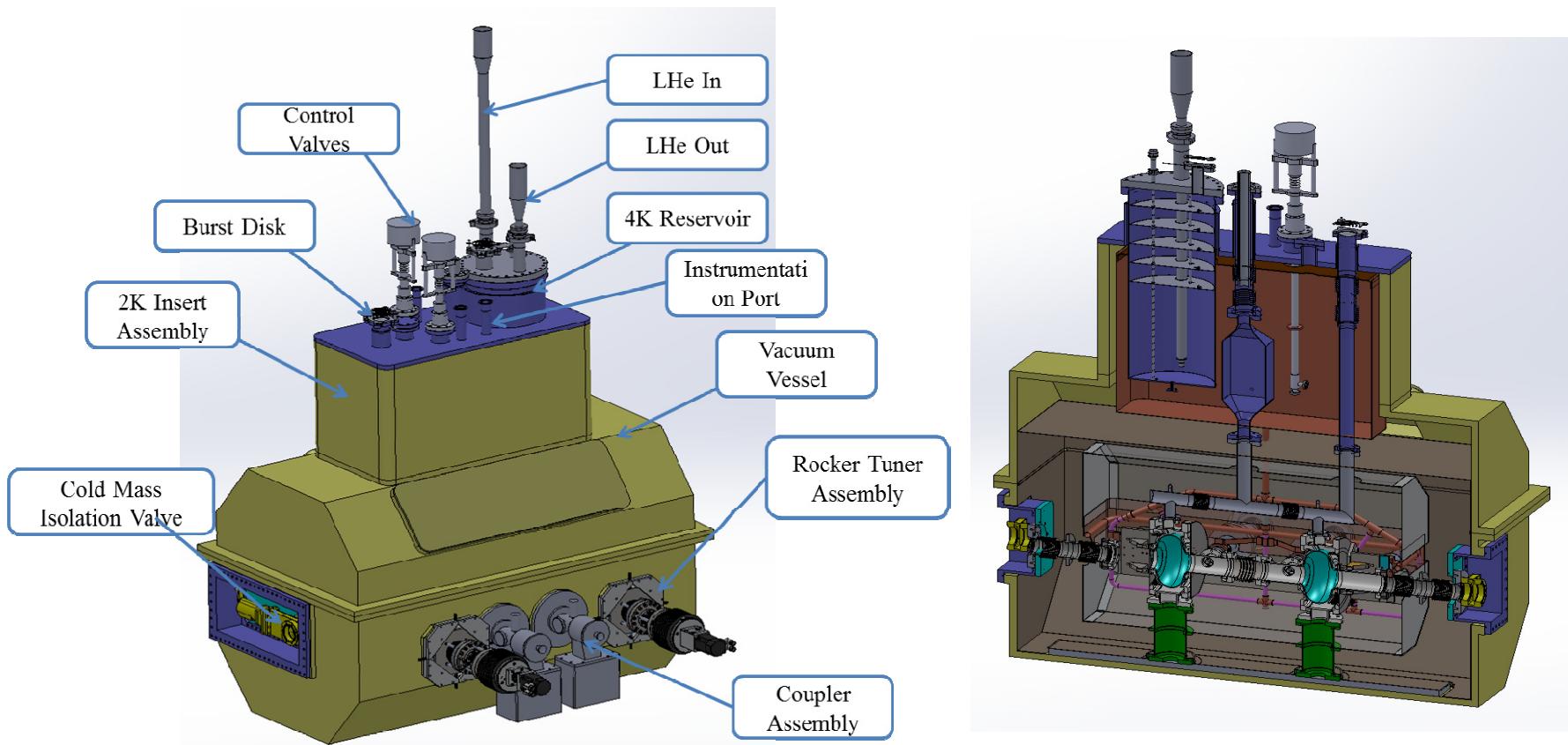


Parameter	Injection	Output @10 MeV
Bunch charge (pC)	$\sim 3$	$\sim 3$
Bunch rep' rate (MHz)	650	650
Transverse (norm) emittance ( $\mu\text{m}$ , $1\sigma$ )	$5\pi$	$15\pi$
Longitudinal $1\sigma$ emittance (keV.ps)	$\leq 20\pi$	$\approx 750\pi$
Bunch length (ps)	< 170 (FW)	$\approx 8$ (FW)
Energy spread	1 keV (FW)	$\approx 100$ keV (FW)

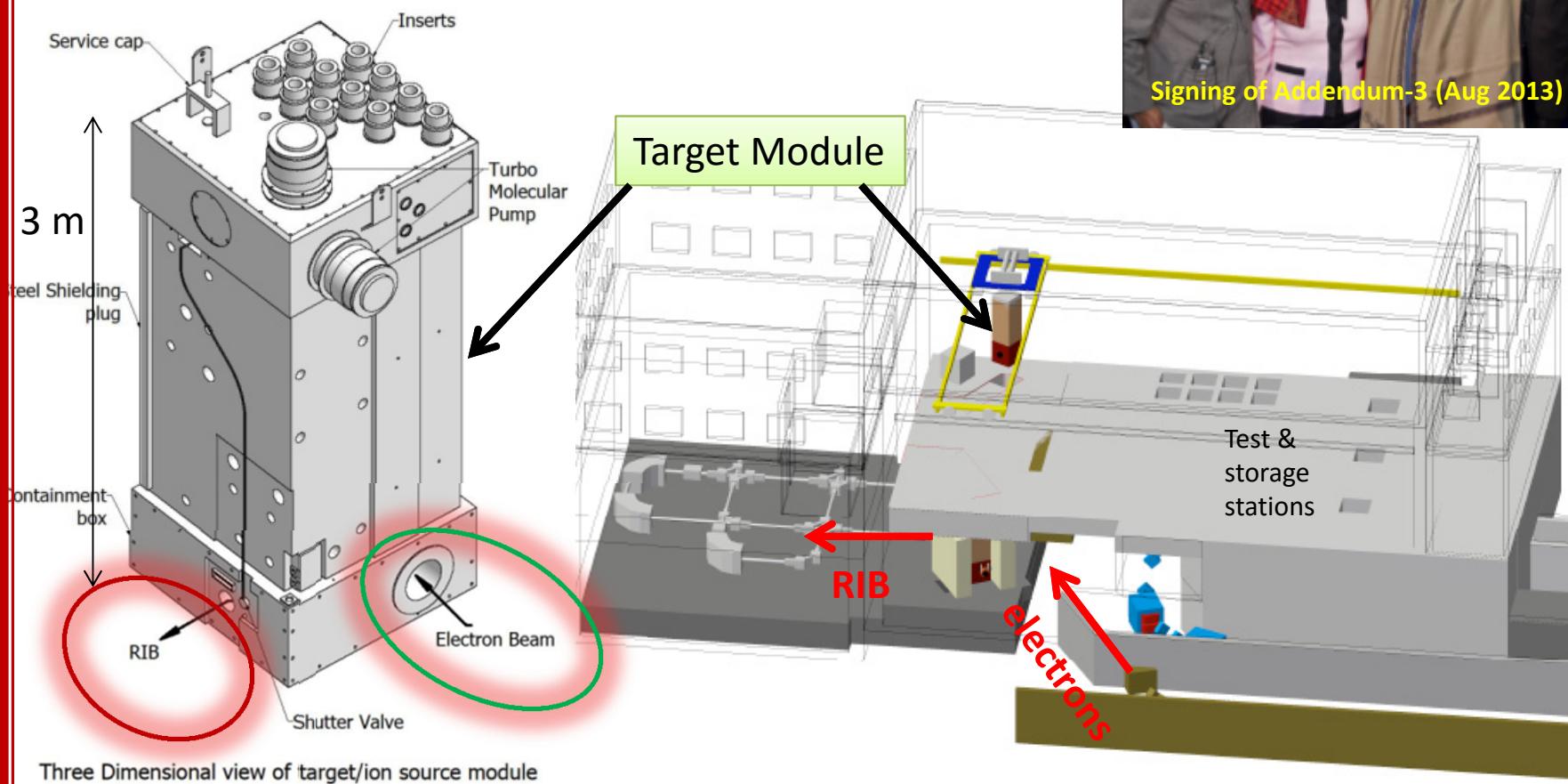


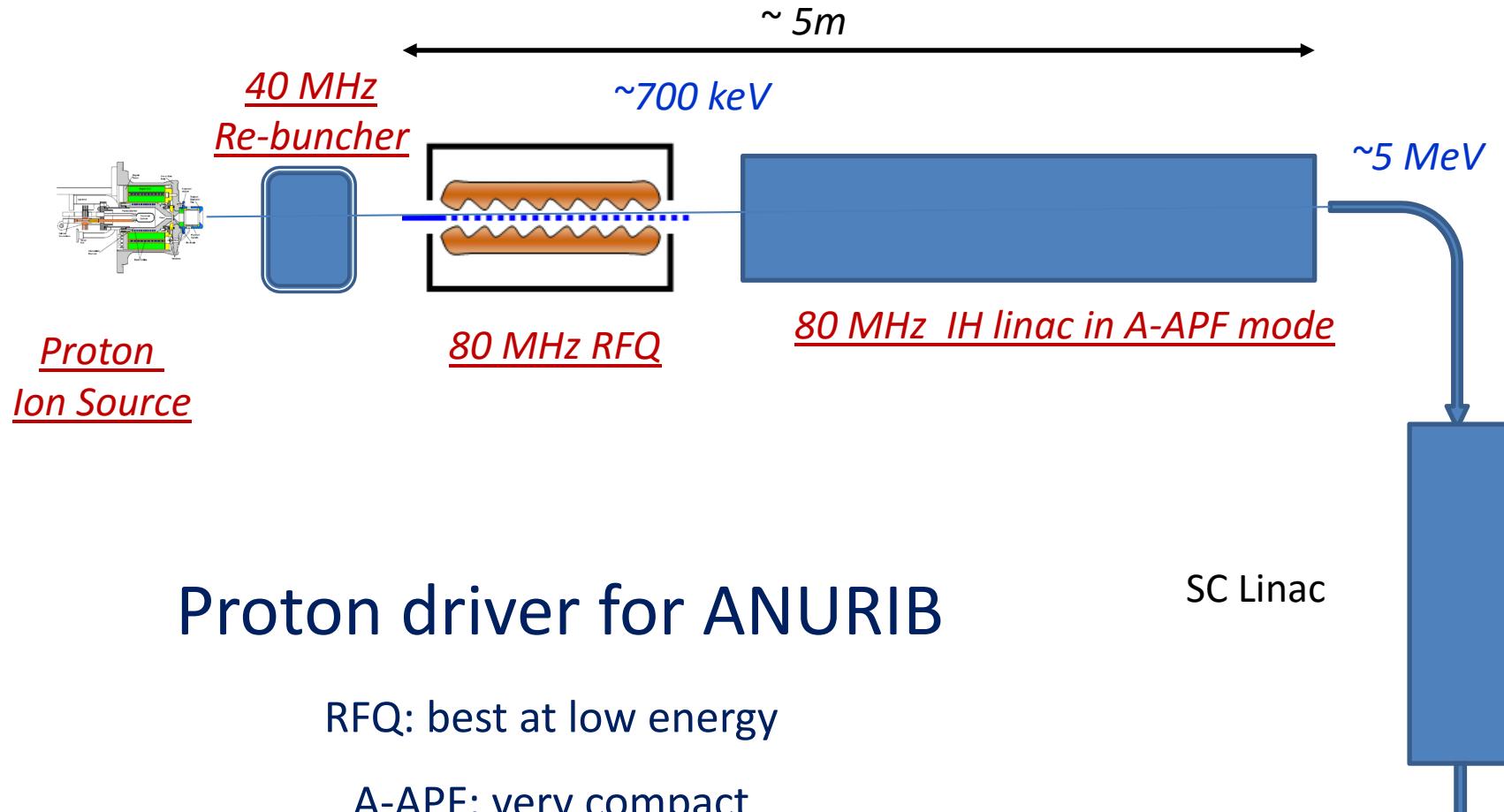
# CCM mechanical design completed

to be built in Indian industry



# Target/Ion-source (TIS) Module (VECC-TRIUMF MoU Addendum-3)





## Proton driver for ANURIB

RFQ: best at low energy

A-APF; very compact

Design up to 5 MeV almost complete

**HI acceleration from 1 to 7 MeV/u in  
SC LINAC BOOSTER**

# Beam dynamics design of SC QWRs for ANURIB facility (1.3 to 7 MeV/u)

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## Alternate phase focusing in sequence of independent phased resonators as superconducting linac boosters

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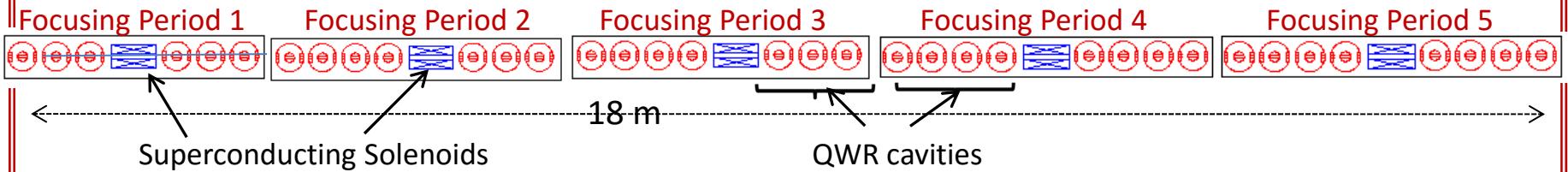
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Theoretical study of an alternate phase focusing (APF) structure, realized in a long chain of double gap quarter wave resonators, capable of accelerating heavy ions from 1.3 to 7 MeV/u has been carried out. Mathieu-Hill stability analysis for the focusing periods consisting of independent resonators with phase variation satisfying square-wave law has been used to evaluate parameters such as the electric field and phase for the resonators. Furthermore, a smooth approximation method taking into account the acceleration in the linac has been employed to find out the rf bucket parameters (energy and phase width acceptance) of the focusing periods. Corroborative particle tracking (longitudinal and transverse) has been carried out using simulated 3D fields for double gap quarter wave resonators (QWR). Steering effects in QWRs over the period have also been studied. In one APF period, the individual phase of resonators changes sign resulting in a vertical steering kick in a particular direction, which is less as compared to the case where all the individual resonators operate in the same phase.

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PACS numbers: 29.20.Ej, 29.27.-a



Energy (input-output) MeV/u	1.3–2.06	2.06–2.78	2.78–3.84	3.84–5.08	5.08–7.16
Length (m)	2.1	2.4	3.24	3.66	4.86
Number of QWR/ $\beta$ designed	6/0.06	7/0.06	7/0.1	8/0.1	8/0.15
Phase acceptance (deg)	131	158	117	124	128
Energy width (keV/u)	227	338	353	444	631

The A-APF design with QWRs for single charge state (1-7 MeV/u) depends on choice of phases so that operating point is at intersection of  $\text{Cos}(\mu u L) = 0$  and  $\text{Cos}(\mu u T) = 0$ .

Mathieu Hill Equations in terms of phase deviation  $\psi = \phi - \phi_s$  and dimensionless

radial parameter  $\rho = r / L_f$

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{d\tau^2} + P_\psi(\tau)\psi = 0 ; P_\psi(\tau) = 2B \sin[\bar{\phi} + \tilde{\phi}(\tau)] \quad P_\rho(\tau) \Rightarrow P_\rho(\tau+1)$$

$$\frac{d^2\rho}{d\tau^2} + P_\rho(\tau).\rho = 0 ; P_\rho(\tau) = -B \sin[\bar{\phi} + \tilde{\phi}(\tau) + \psi] \quad P_\psi(\tau) \Rightarrow P_\psi(\tau+1)$$

with B as focusing parameter given by

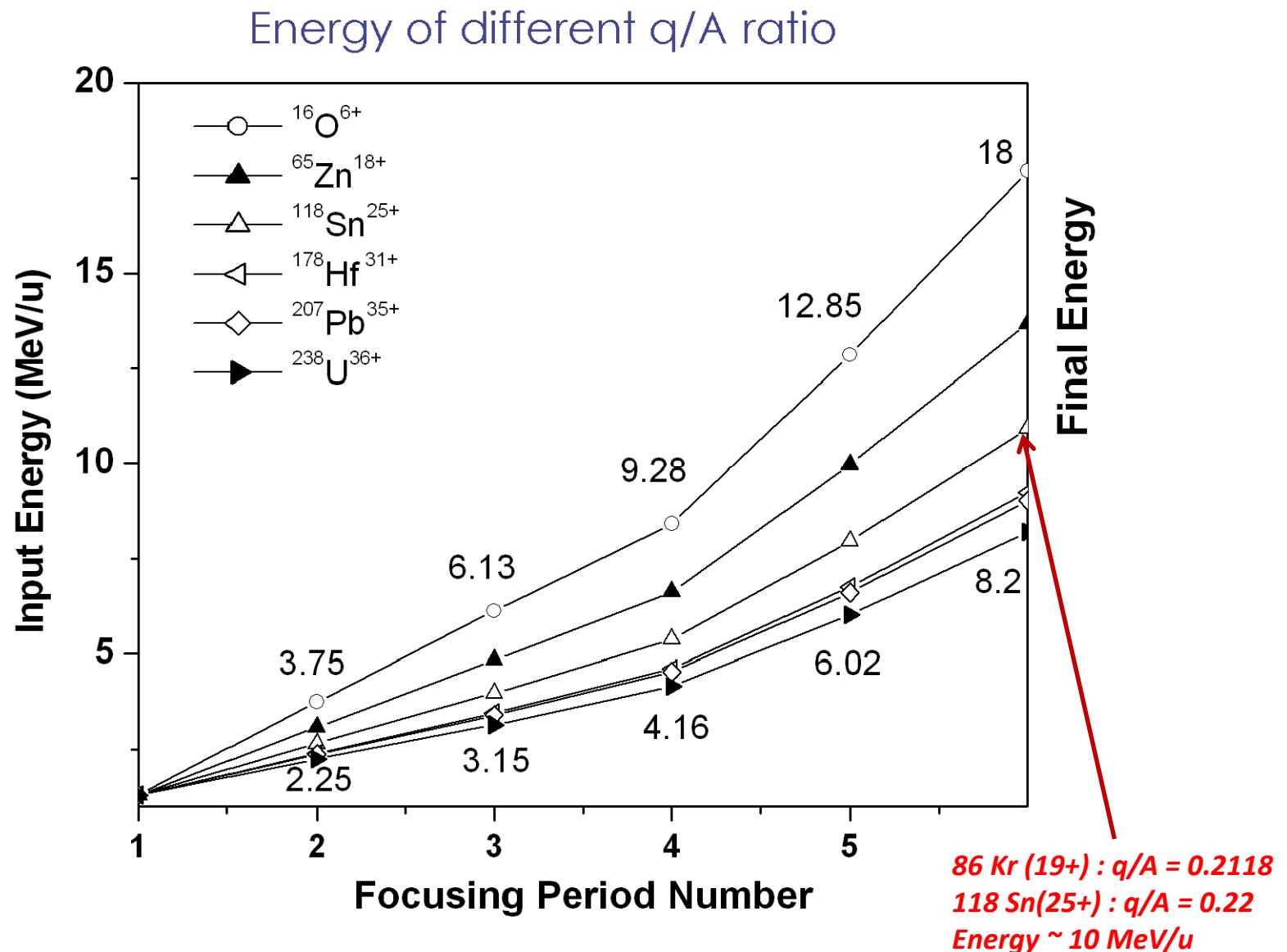
$$B = (\pi q E_m / A m_0 c^2) (L_f / \beta_s \lambda)^2 (1 - \beta_s^2)^{3/2}$$

For a different q/A, one can have similar efficiency in terms of simultaneous transverse & longitudinal focusing if one can keep {B( depends on q/A)x sin (phis)} over the period same as that for the designed q/A. Accordingly phase sequence for different q/A can be calculated.

Using the most probable charge state fraction (mpcst) after stripper  $\sim 1$  MeV/u , and with above objective vis-à-vis AAPF efficacy, final energy for different q/A has been calculated

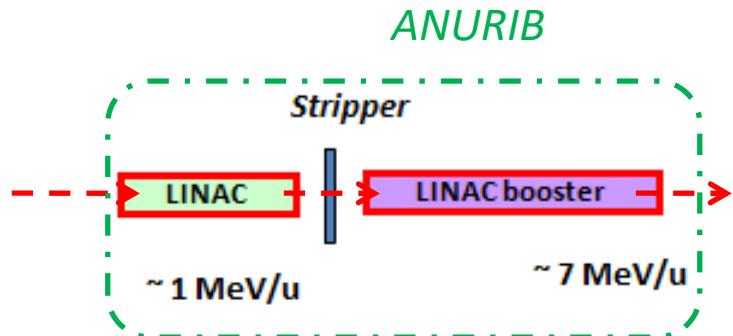
Kr (Z=36): Stable A = 78, mpcst: 19

Charge states correspond to most probable charge state fraction after stripping @ ~1 MeV/u



# Multiple charge acceleration in A-APF Structure

## Motivation



- ▶ Higher charge produced after stripper allows the optimal use of accelerating fields of SC cavities
- ▶ Stripper induces a distribution of charge state about an equilibrium charge state

**$^{238}\text{U}$  stripped at  $\sim 1 \text{ MeV/u}$ :** Distributed over 12 charge states about equilibrium charge of 37+ (19 % of input beam).

**Simultaneous acceleration of multiple charge states results in much higher beam intensity**

# Multiple charge acceleration up to 6.2 MeV/u for Uranium

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## Multiple charge beam dynamics in alternate phase focusing structure

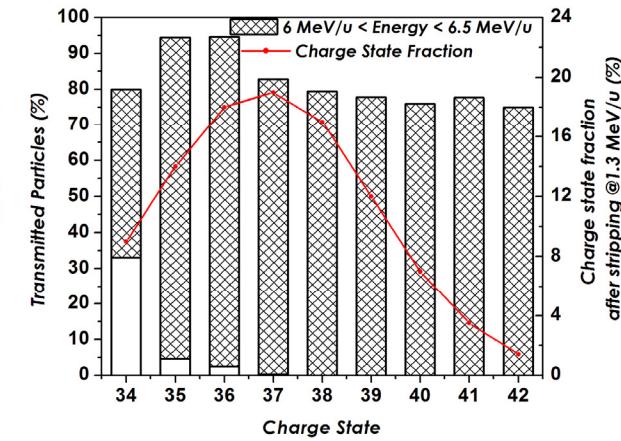
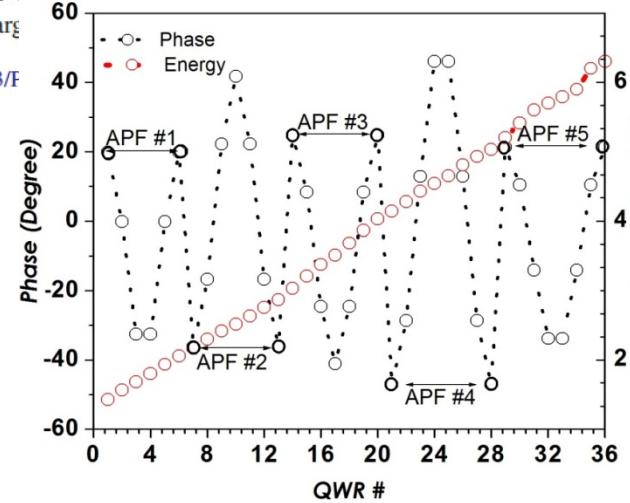
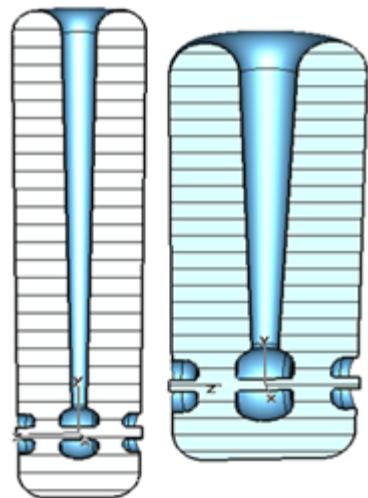
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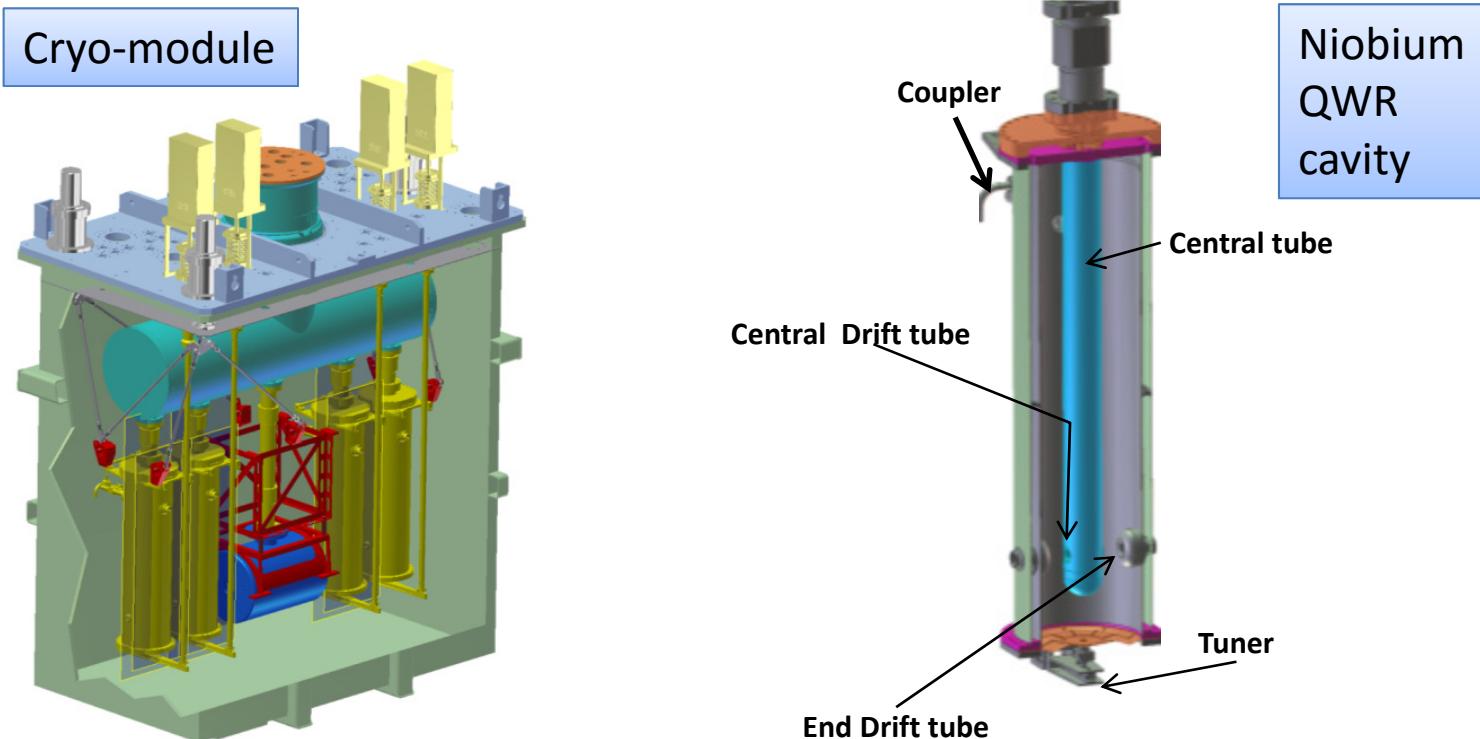
Asymmetrical alternate phase (A-APF) focusing realized in a sequence of 36 superconducting quarter wave resonators (QWRs) has been shown to accelerate almost 81% of input uranium beam before foil stripper to an energy of 6.2 MeV/u from 1.3 MeV/u. Ten charge states from 34+ to 43+ could be simultaneously accelerated with the phase of resonators tuned for 34+. The A-APF structure showed the unique nature of a large potential bucket for charge states higher than that of the tuned one. Steering to QWRs can be mitigated by selecting appropriate phase variation of the APF periods and ion of solenoid field strengths placed in each of the periods. This



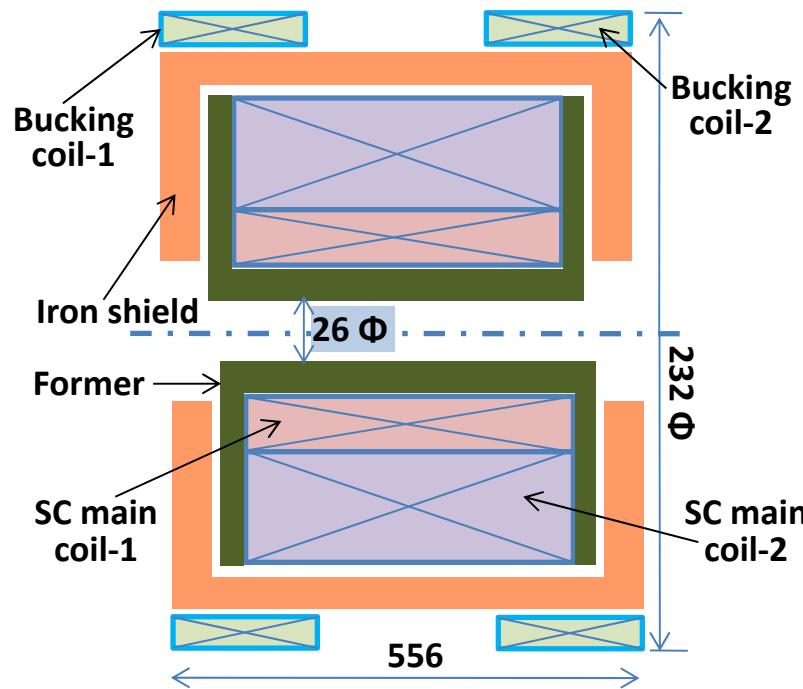
Higher intensity for SIB/RIB

## SC QWR Linac for heavy-ion beam acceleration (VECC-TRIUMF collaboration)

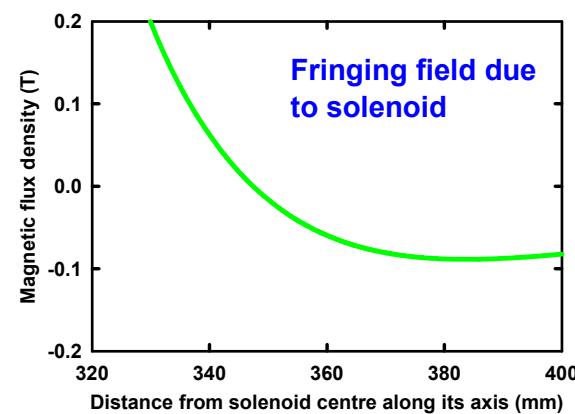
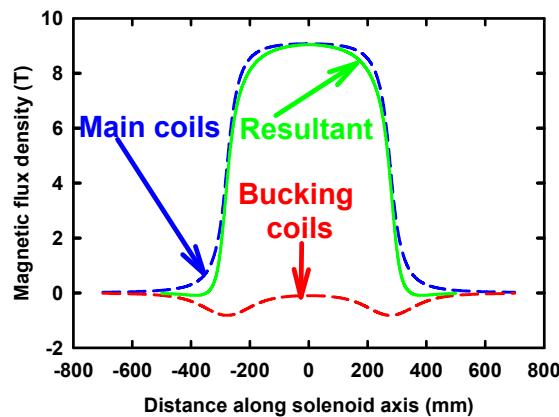
Frequency [MHz]	113.4
$\beta_0$ [%]	5.3
No. of resonators	8
$E_{\text{peak}}/E_{\text{acc}}$	~ 7.6
$B_{\text{peak}}/E_{\text{acc}}$ [G-m/MV]	~130
Initial/final energy (MeV/u)	1.04/2.0



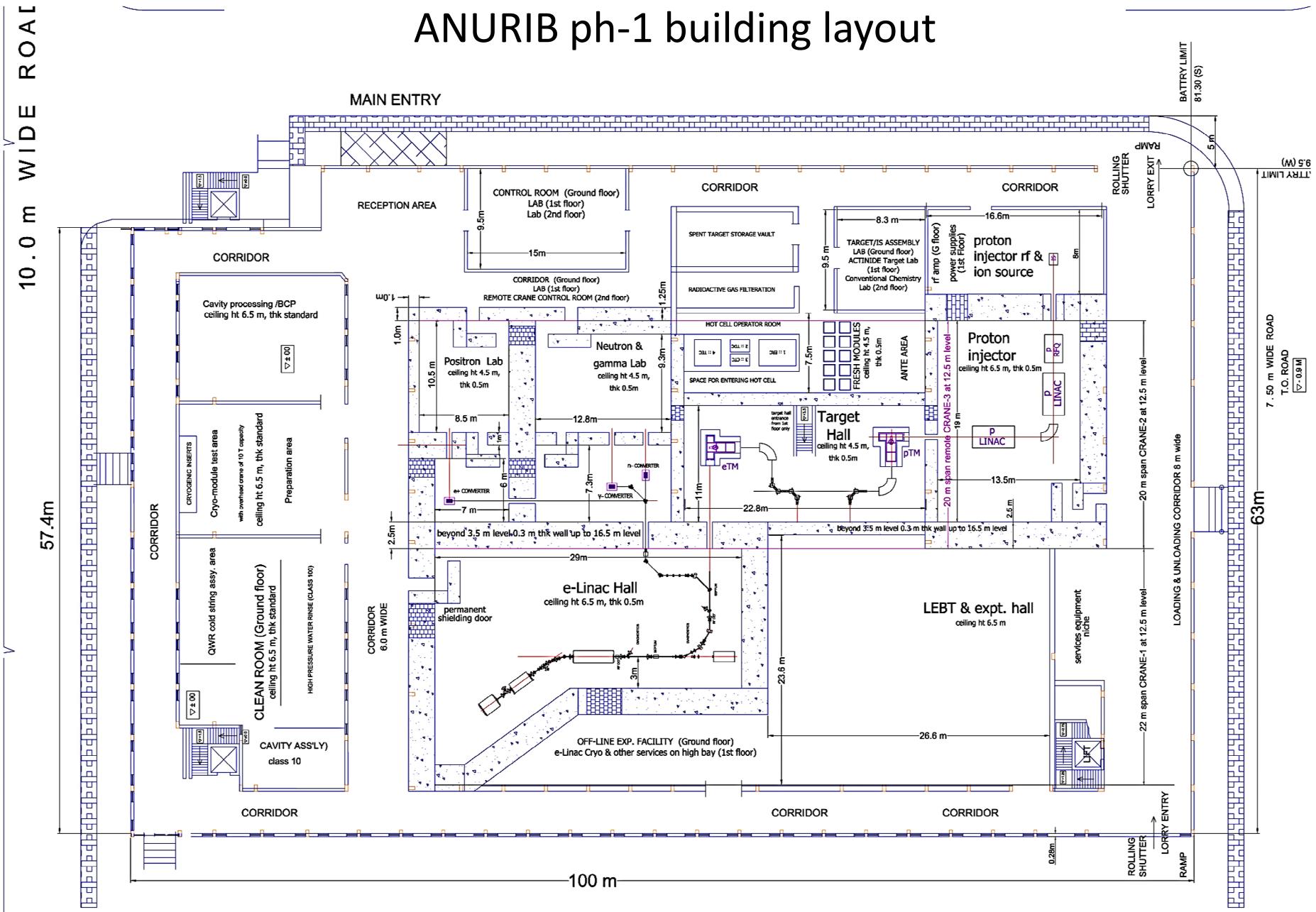
# Design of internal superconducting solenoid for SC HI resonators

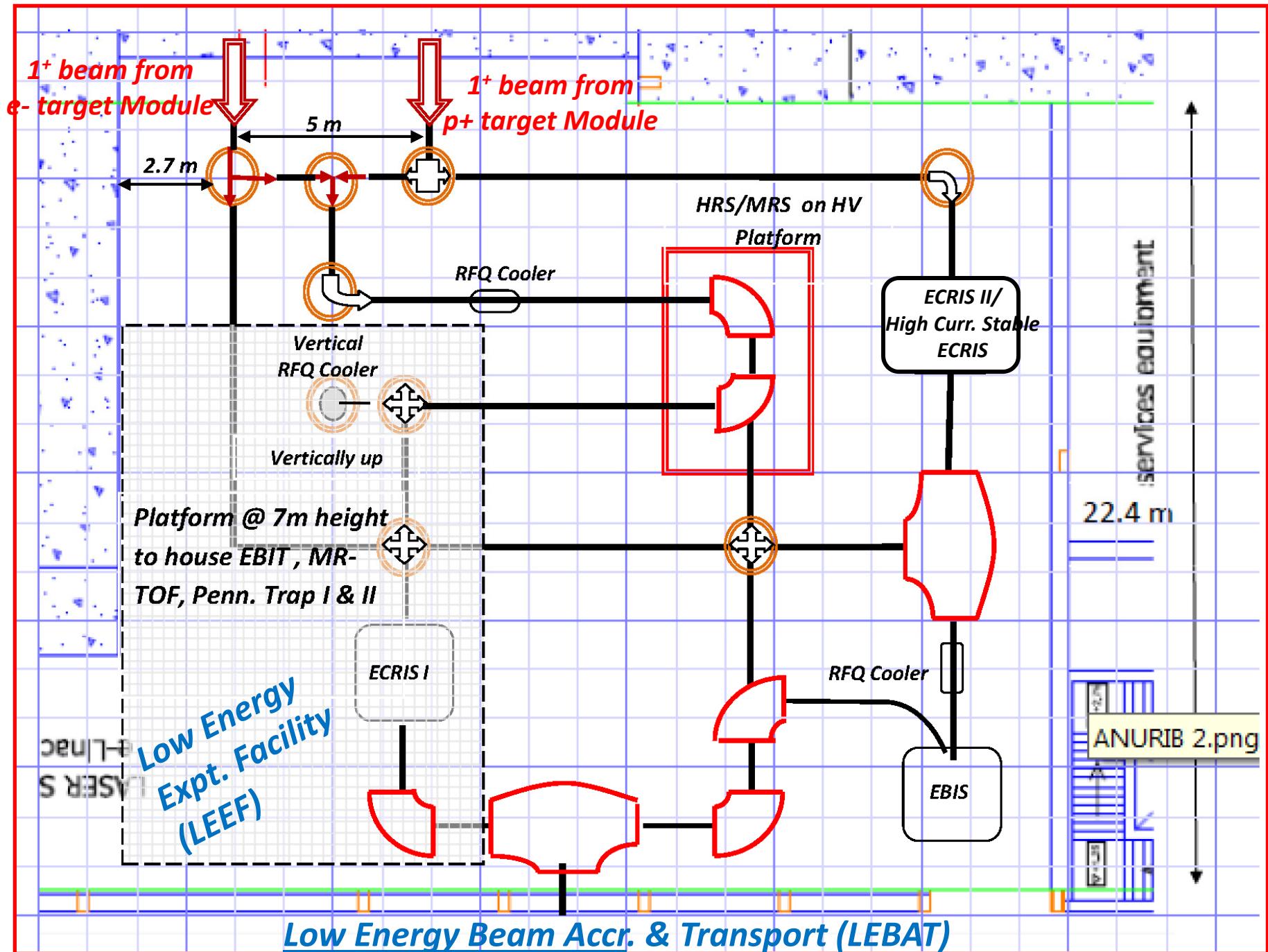


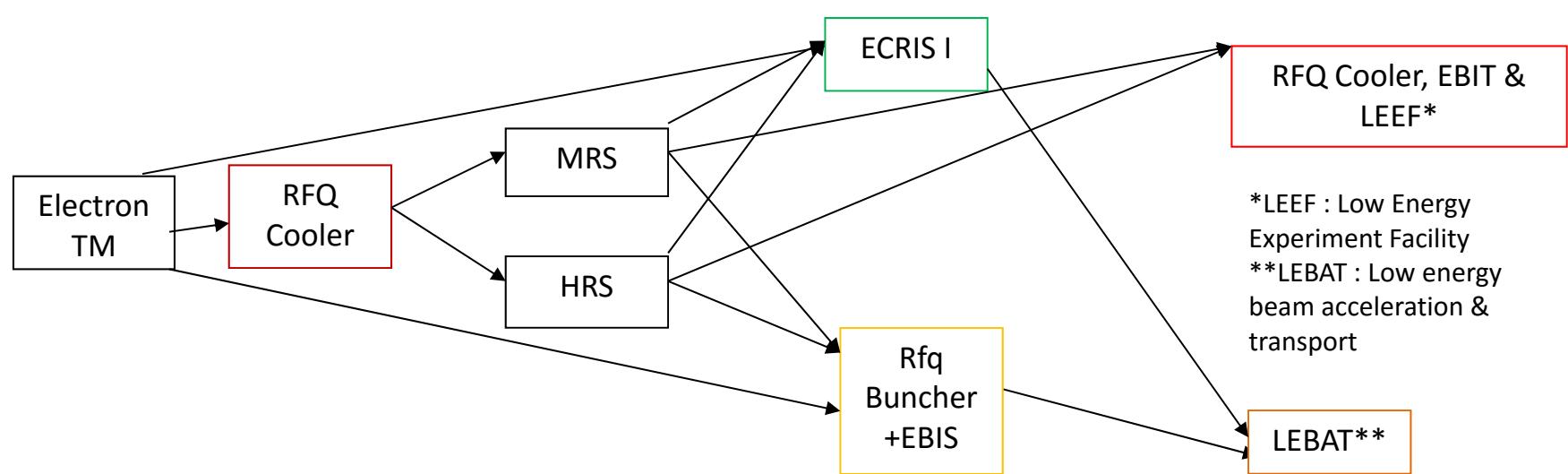
<b>Effective Field Length [mm]</b>	<b>340</b>
Physical Length [mm]	556
Max. Axial Field [T]	9
Fringing Field near QWR [T]	<0.13
Conductor	NbTi
Conductor size [mm x mm]	1.88 x 1.18
Critical current of conductor [A]	822 @ 8T



## ANURIB ph-1 building layout

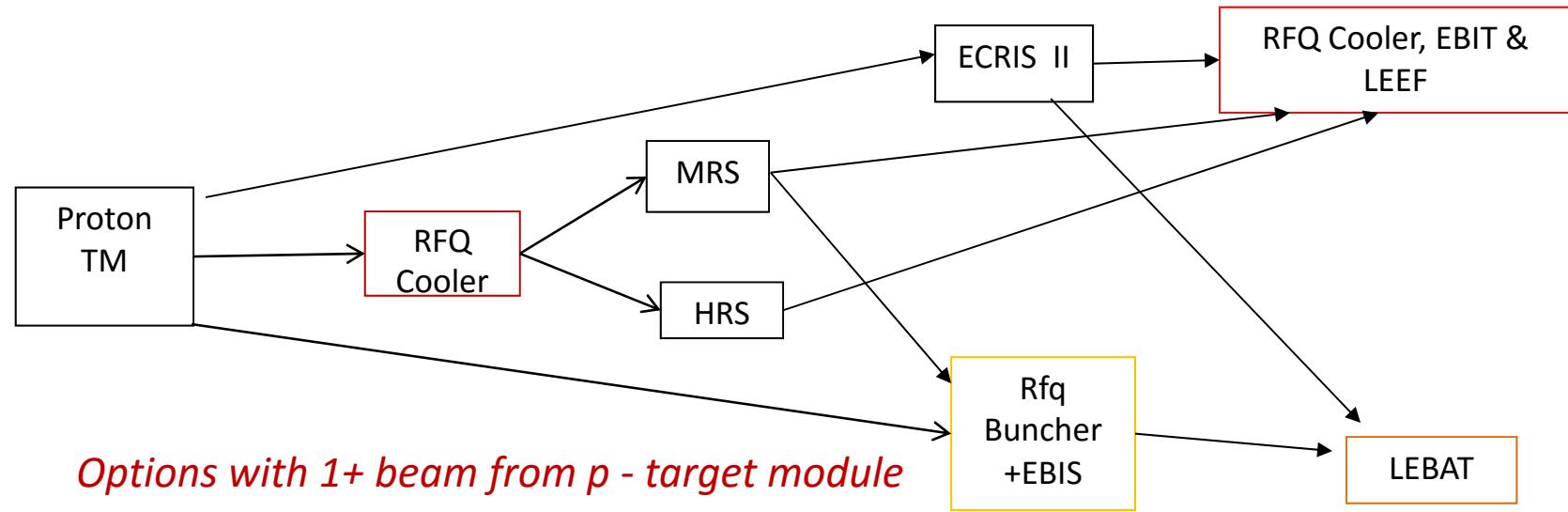






\*LEEF : Low Energy  
Experiment Facility  
\*\*LEBAT : Low energy  
beam acceleration &  
transport

*Options with 1+ beam from e- target module*



*Options with 1+ beam from p - target module*

# HRD: Publications from RIB project (up to 2014)

## Accelerator development

1. *Phys. Rev. ST AB* 17 (2014) 074201. *Linac Booster -ANURIB*
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