

### Low energy irradiation @ Cave X6



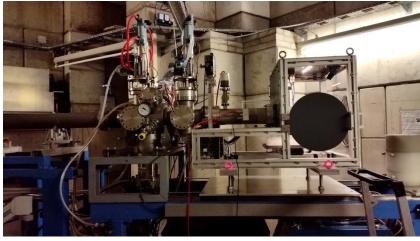
- Energy: ≤ 11.4 MeV/u (H...Fe)
  - Relevance for space research? (stopping particles)
- Thin samples only!
- Samples in a magazine
- Beam application: scattered beam

 X-ray source (250 kV, 15 mA) (near X6)

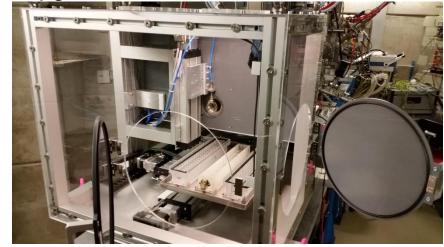
Several instructions for safety and radio protection required!



X6 Cave

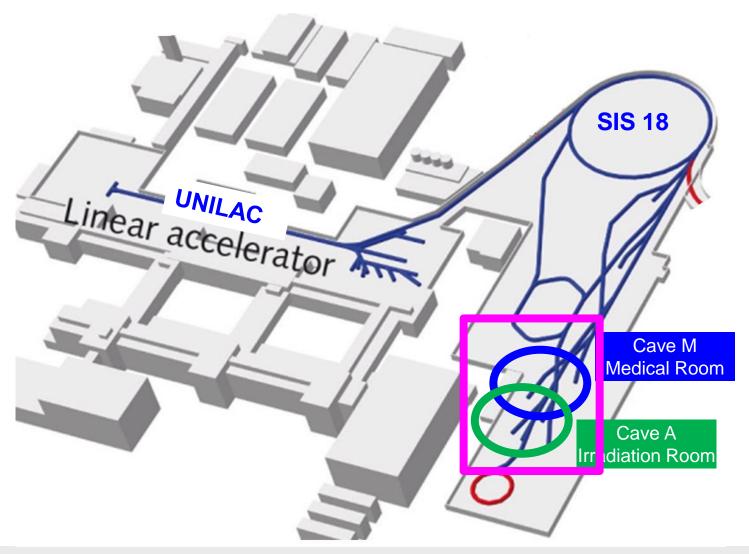


Upgraded irradiation device in X6









#### Cave M / Cave A

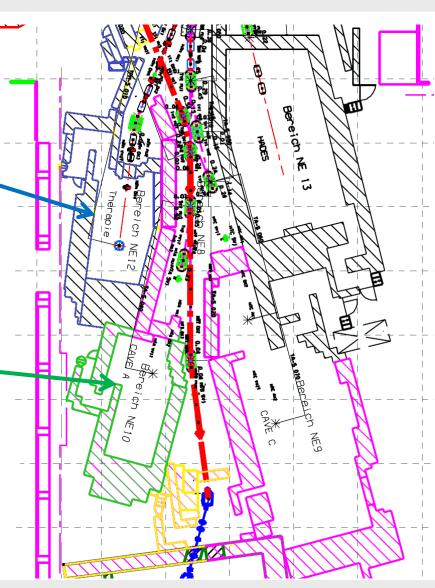


#### **Cave M (medical)**

- Patient treatment until 2009
- now used for experimental research in ion beam therapy (motion target irradiation)
- Irradiation for radio biology
- Beam scanning

#### Cave A

- Technical irradiation room
- Irradiation with beam scanning
- Experiments:
  - Biophysics
  - Material research
  - Atomic physics



#### Infrastructure for irradiation



- The irradiation infrastructure for the IBER-17 campaign will be very similar compared to the recent IBER08 and IBER10 programs!
- Both experimental rooms (Cave M and Cave A) will be available even for complex irradiations.
- Scanning application for various applications:
  - Simple mono-energetic patterns
    - small precise fields, e.g. 2 x 2 cm
    - large fields up to 20 x 20 cm
  - **3D** iso-dose irradiations (spread-out Bragg peaks, cubes, spheres) energy variation: passive with range-shifter (at least for 2018 due to the FAIR extension)
  - Complex fields (like clinical treatment plans)
  - Dosimetry or Accuracy of applied fluence:
    - ± 10% (conservative)
    - ± 5% for carbon and clinical energies

# Possible intensities and energies in Cave A / M



SIS-18 Cave A / Cave M Experiments							
Ion type							
	protons	He	C	Ne	Ar	Fe, Kr, Xe, U	others
Time structure	slow extraction, spill length typically 1- 10 sec						
Experiments using higher particle rates (high dose)							
Max. number of ions per cycle	2x10 <sup>10</sup>	1 x10 <sup>10</sup>	2x10 <sup>9</sup>	5x10 <sup>8</sup>	1.5 x10 <sup>8</sup>	-	-
Typical number of ions per cycle	2x10 <sup>9</sup>	1 x10 <sup>9</sup>	2x10 <sup>8</sup>	5x10 <sup>7</sup>	1.5 x10 <sup>7</sup>	-	-
Max. energy	230 MeV	230 MeV/u	430 MeV/u	430 MeV/u	500 MeV/u	-	-
Beam spot radius FWHM [mm]	8-30	6-20	4-12	4-12	4-12	-	-
	Other	experiments (	space research	, low-lose effects	s, etc.)		
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Max. energy	2 (4) GeV	2 GeV/u	2 GeV/u	2 GeV/u	1 GeV/u	1 GeV/u	1 GeV/u
Beam spot radius FWHM [mm]	4-30	4-20	4-12	4-12	4-12	4-12	4-12

### **Physics experiments**



- Energy: full energy range of the SIS18 synchrotron (see last slide)
- Intensities: ca. 1000 ions/sec 108 (109) (see last slide)
- Beam width: pencil beam typ. 5- 10 mm FWHM, adjustable by quad magnets
- Scanning or straight beam
- Nuclear physics experiments (fragmentation etc.) better in Cave A

4D-irradiation experiment with pics, cardiac arrhythmia ablation, 2015

#### **Cave M**



- Fully equipped irradiation room
- Optimized for biological and technical samples
- High dose and high LET beams (>10Gy Fe) could stress the vacuum window (polymer foils)
- Currently under construction (upgrade for faster scanning),
  availability in August 2018 not guaranteed



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#### **Cave A**



- Fully equipped irradiation room
- Optimized for biological and technical samples
- Good for high dose and LET irradiation (steel window)
- Available in any case (08/2018 2019)

#### Equipment:

- Beam Scanning
- Laser (adjustment)
- Video
- Cables/network
- · Compressed air
- Sample holders
- Etc. ...



## Sample holder / changer



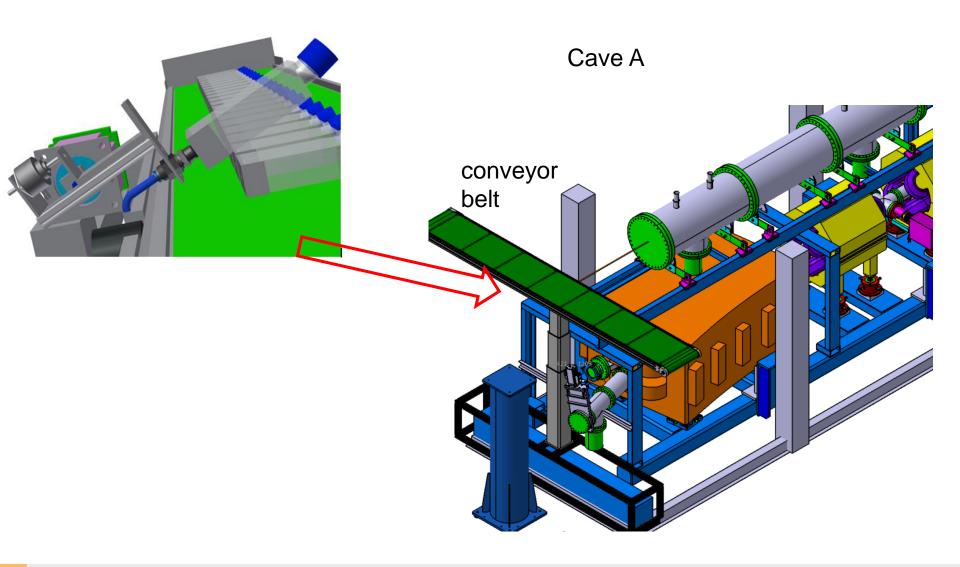
#### **Cave M (irradiation of cell culture flasks)**

using the conveyor-belt in combination with camera and Iso-centre lasers is very robust, easy and reliable



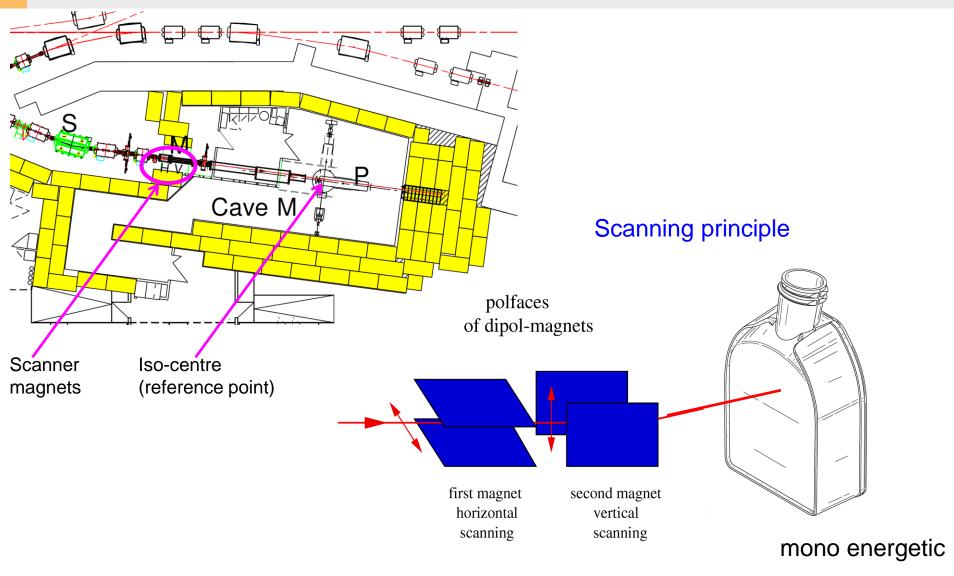
# **New sample changer (under construction)**





# Flexible Beam Application by Scanning





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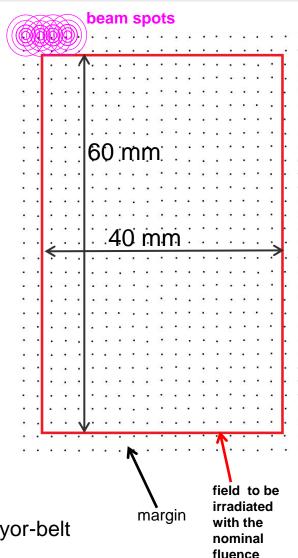


We support and consult you through the whole workflow:

- in advance: how to irradiate, etc. (per eMail or tel.)
- e.g. converting dose ↔ fluence, energy, intensity, etc.

### Your request (example):

- Cell culture flask 40 x 80 mm<sup>2</sup>
- field must cover 40 x 60 mm<sup>2</sup>
- 4He 600 MeV/u
  - sample A: 1e7 ions/cm<sup>2</sup>
  - sample B: 1e7 ions/cm<sup>2</sup>
  - sample C: 2e7 ions/cm<sup>2</sup>
  - sample D : 2e7 ions/cm<sup>2</sup>
  - ...
  - ...
- We calculate the scanning plan and apply the beam
- You handle and adjust the biological samples on the conveyor-belt



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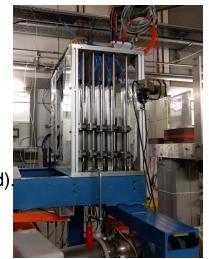


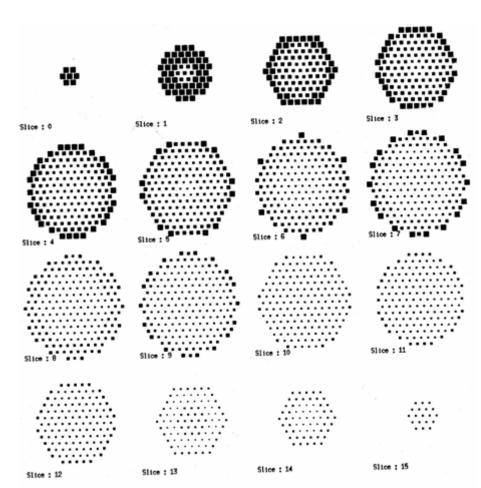
... or even more complex irradiations with multiple energies, for instance:

or iso-dose to a sphere

(this is normally relevant for therapy related research)

In 2018 for energy variation probably a range shifter has to be used (if SOBP is needed).





Scanning pattern for a sphere irradiation

### **Radiation protection requirements**



Online instruction (& test) for safety (general)

- For everybody who works @ GSI
- Online instruction (& test) for radiation protection
- Medical examination letter
  - from your home institute or
  - from GSI
- Dosemeter badge (also for neutron dose)
  - own badge (from your home institute)
    or
  - badge from GSI (can take a couple of days)
- Radiation passport
- On-site instruction (before experiment)

For all persons who will enter the Cave = radiation protection area

(min. 1 person of the research group)

# Thank you ...





### Ion species in space





