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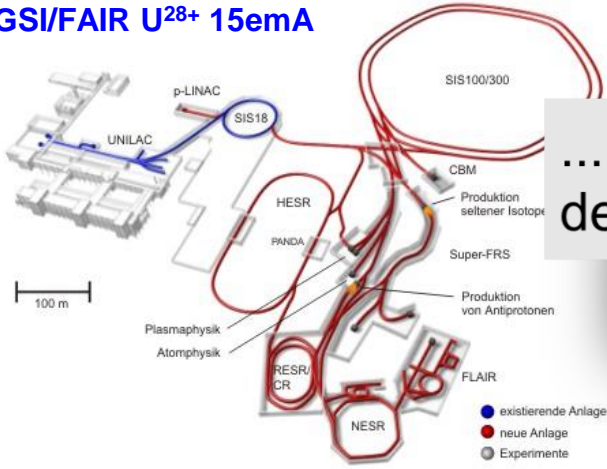
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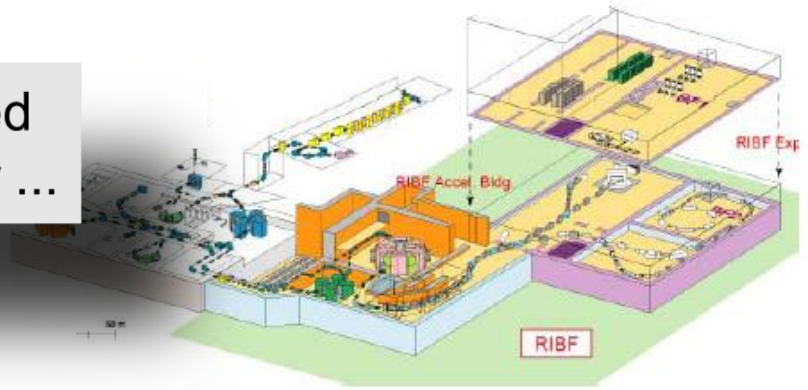
# High power heavy ion accelerator facilities

**GSI/FAIR U<sup>28+</sup> 15emA**

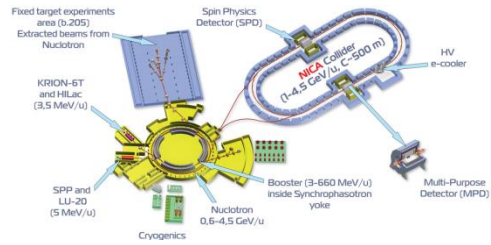


... non of them reached design intensity so far ...

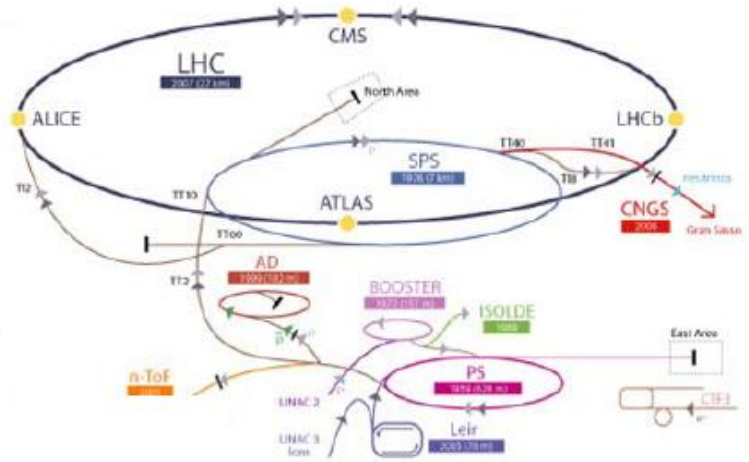
**RIKEN RIBF U<sup>35+</sup> 525 eμA**



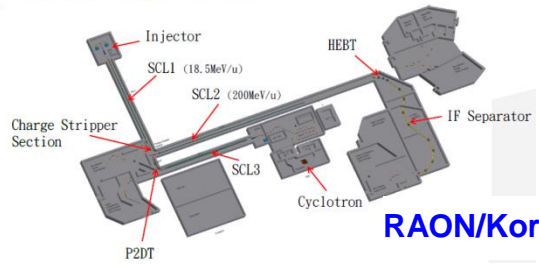
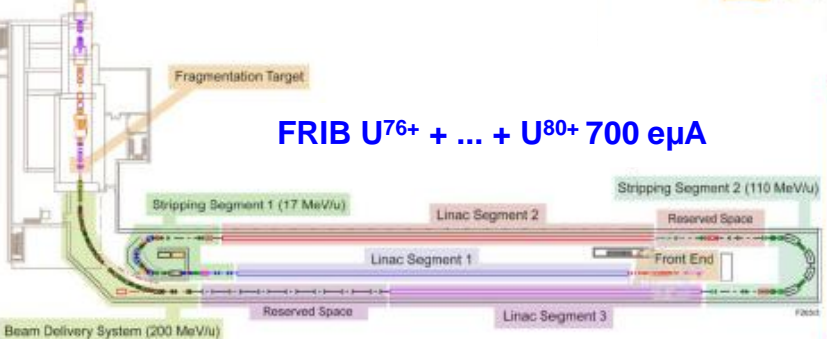
**NIK/AHILAC Au<sup>31+</sup> 10emA**



**LHC Pb<sup>27+</sup> 1 emA**



**FRIB U<sup>76+</sup> + ... + U<sup>80+</sup> 700 eμA**



**RAON/Korea U<sup>79+</sup> 8.3 pμA (200 MeV/u)**

**IMP HIRFL U<sup>41+</sup> 100 eμA**

# Heavy Ion Accelerators in Germany

## Motivation and Proposal

- Increasing interest in experiments with heavy ions since the mid 1950s
- Nuclear shell model extrapolation suggested the existence of a stability island around  $Z = 120$
- Proposals for appropriate accelerators in the USA, France and Soviet Union (cyclotron, synchotron, Tandem van de Graaff, and combinations)
- Schmelzer`s\* proposal: UNIversal Linear ACcelerator begin of 1960s, UNILAC
- **Acceleration of ions of all elements up to uranium to energies of about 10 MeV/u**



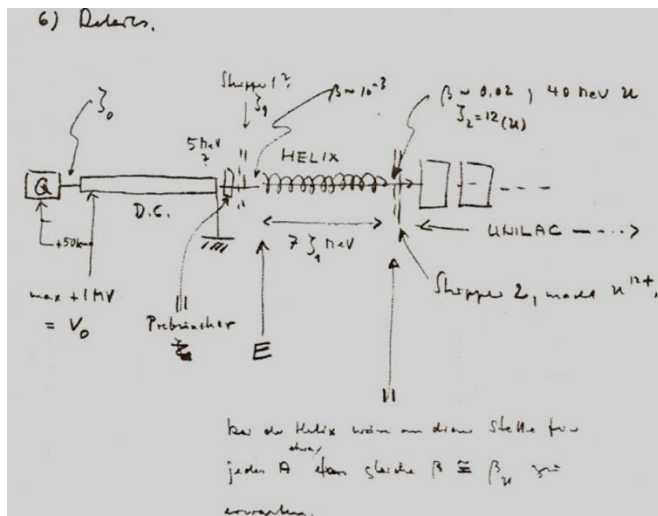
*\*Prof. Christoph Schmelzer, first scientific director of GSI (1970 – 1978)*

# Requirements for a Universal Heavy Ion Accelerator

- Accelerator for ions of all elements up to uranium
- Energy at least 7 MeV/u, threshold for nuclear reactions with any target atoms
- Independent rf-cavities with phase control allowing different velocity profiles
- Output energy variable in a wide range (2 to 10 MeV/u), and stable within  $10^{-3}$
- Energy spread of the beam better than  $10^{-3}$
- No contamination from other energy components in the beam
- Beam intensity higher than  $6 \times 10^{12}/s$
- Fast change of ion species possible

*Norbert Angert, GSI-FAIR Colloquium 15.05.2018*

## Early studies at Heidelberg

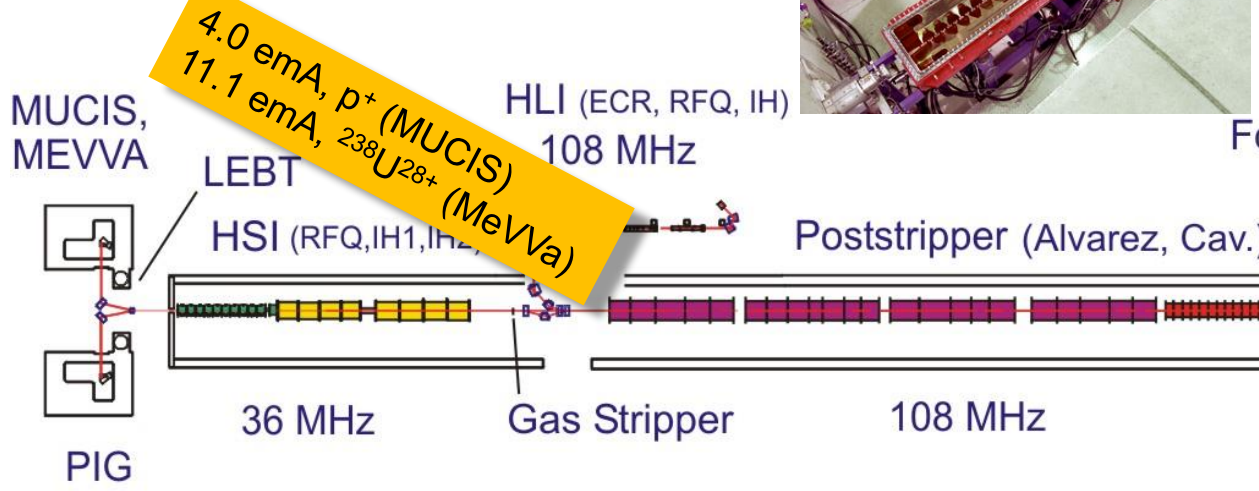


## Unilac layout 1968, 6a

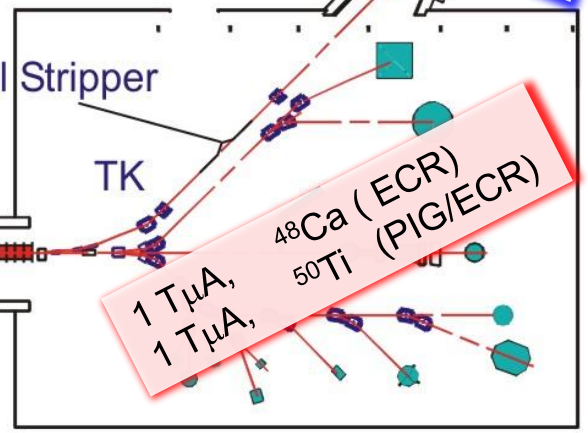
	Quelle	WIDERÖE	Stripper	ALVAREZ	Einzelresonatoren
$(\zeta/A)$ min		11/238		25/238	
$\frac{W}{A}$ /MeV	0,116		1,4	3	4,5
$\beta$ /%	0,5		5,46		9,79
$\Delta L$ /m	5	27	8	20	20
					$\Sigma L=80$

- Stripping data, average charge states
- Phase control of cavities
- Particle dynamics, phase stability during acceleration
- Focusing and filtering of wrong charge-to-mass particles
- Tolerances for acceleration and focusing system
- Low energy and injection section
- Ion sources for high charge states

## High Charge State Injector (1991)



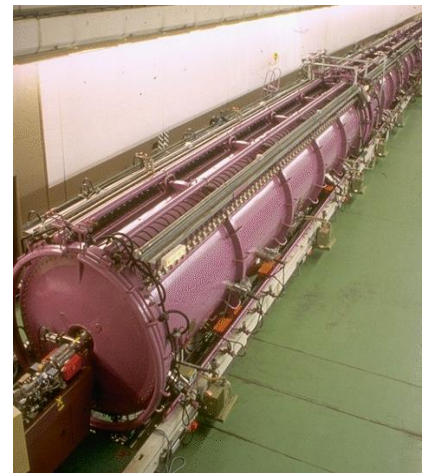
1.5 emA, p<sup>+</sup> (MUCIS)  
 4.5 emA, <sup>238</sup>U<sup>28+</sup> (MeVWa)  
 to SIS 18



## High Current Injector (1999)



## Alvarez (1975)

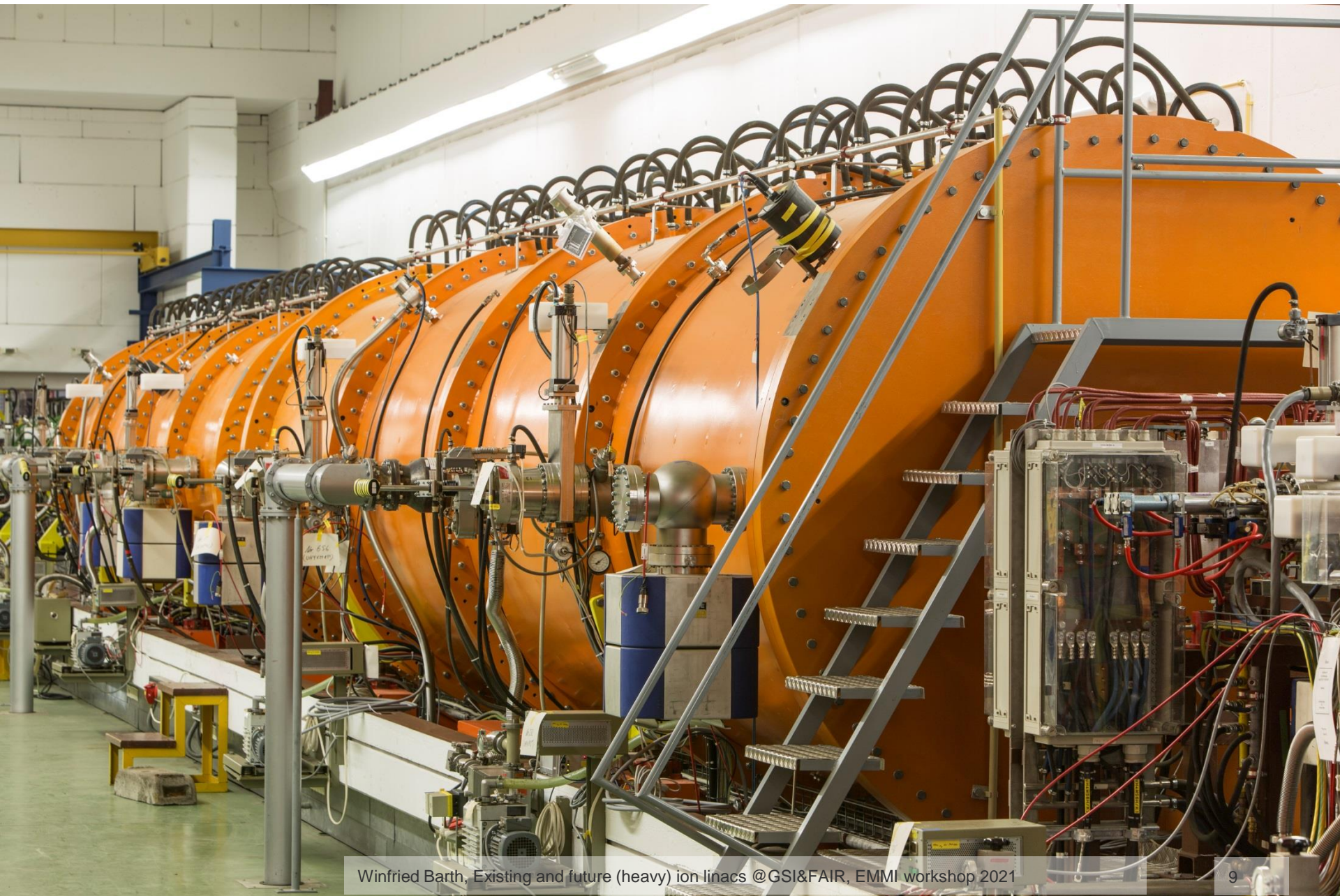


## Single Gap Resonators (1975)

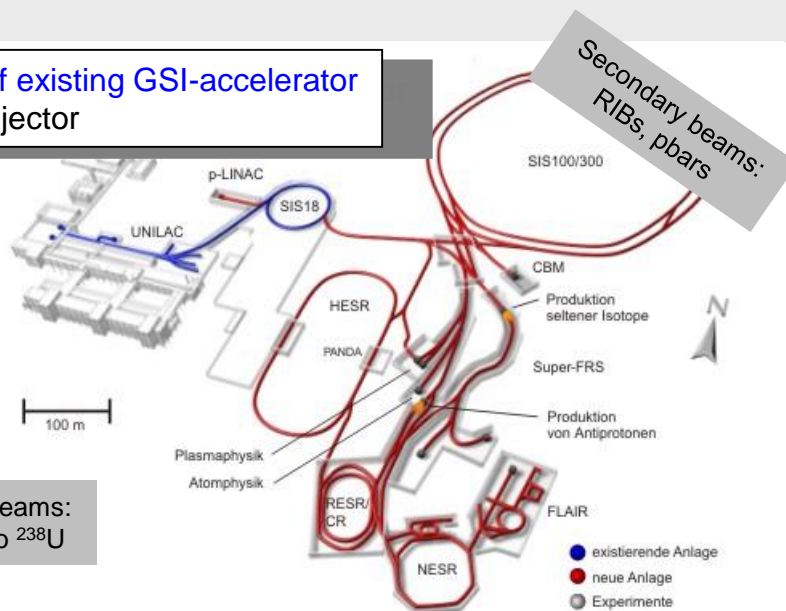




# High Current Injector



Upgrade of existing GSI-accelerator as FAIR-Injector



Primary beams:  
protons to  $^{238}\text{U}$

Secondary beams:  
RIBs, pbars

Future FAIR-Facility: Ion- und anti-matter-beams of highest intensity and beam energy

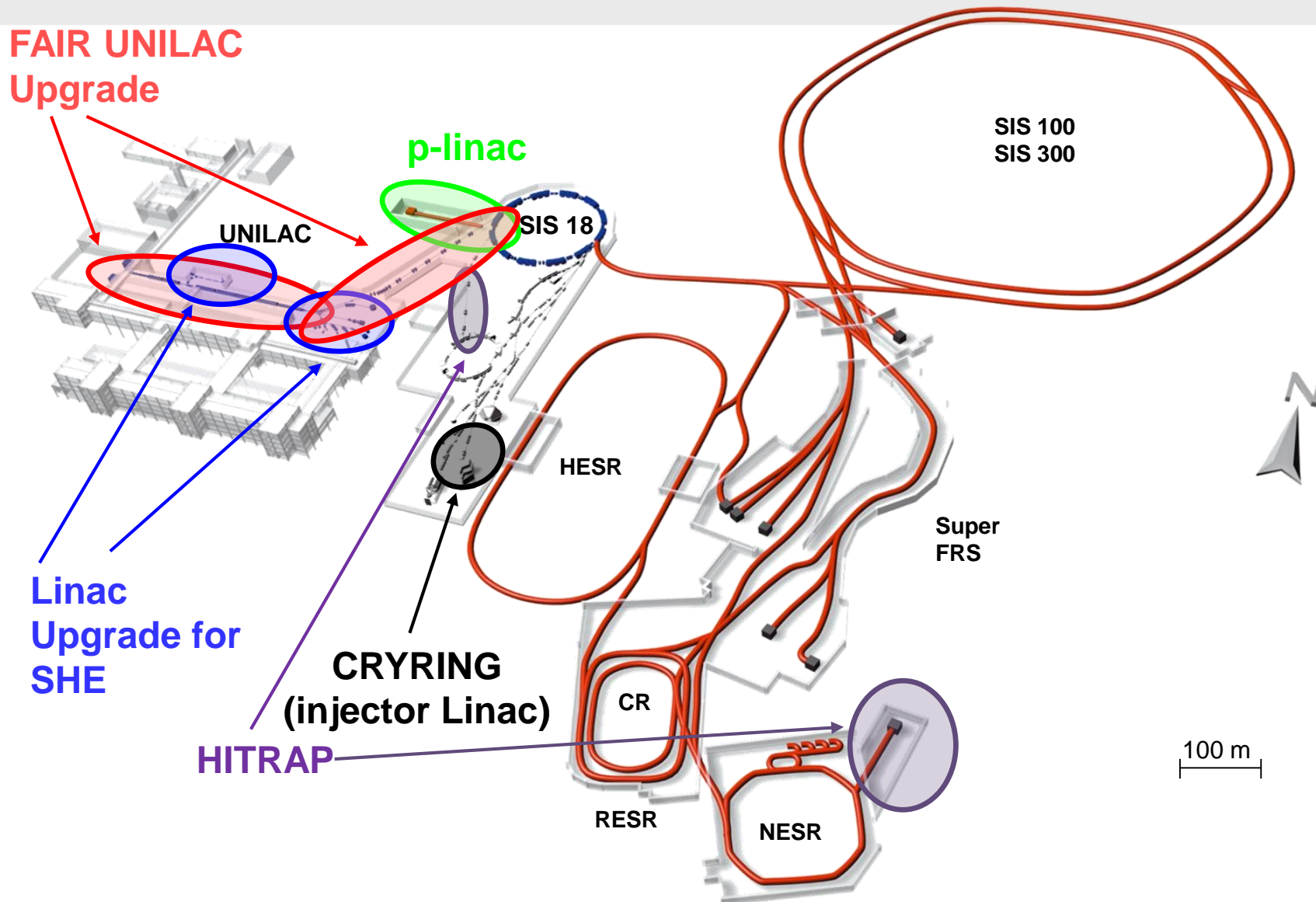


## Hauptkomponenten & Schlüsselparameter

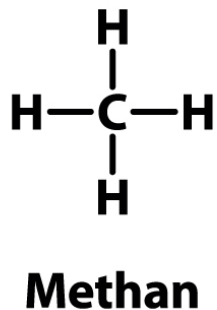
Ring/Device	Beam	Energy	Intensity
SIS 100 (100Tm)	protons $^{238}\text{U}$	30 GeV 1 GeV/u	$4 \times 10^{13}$ $5 \times 10^{11}$
(intensity factor 100 over present)			
SIS 300 (300Tm)	$^{40}\text{Ar}$ $^{238}\text{U}$	45 GeV/u 34 GeV/u	$2 \times 10^9$ $2 \times 10^{10}$
CR/RESR/NESR	ion and antiproton storage and experiment rings		
HESR	antiprotons	14 GeV	$\sim 10^{11}$
Super-FRS	rare isotope beams	1 GeV/u	$< 10^9$

## FAIR-design uranium beam parameters at the UNILAC

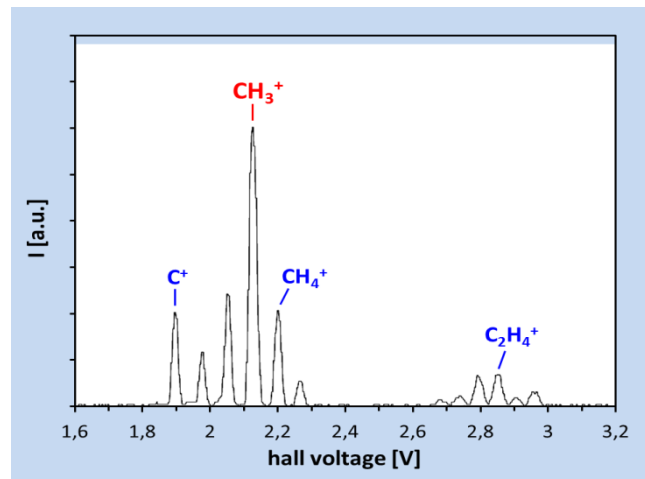
	HSI entrance	HSI exit	Alvarez entrance	SIS 18 injection
Ion species	$^{238}\text{U}^{4+}$	$^{238}\text{U}^{4+}$	$^{238}\text{U}^{28+}$	$^{238}\text{U}^{28+}$
Elect. Current [mA]	25	18	15	15.0
Part./100 $\mu\text{s}$ pulse	$3.9 \cdot 10^{12}$	$2.8 \cdot 10^{12}$	$3.3 \cdot 10^{11}$	$3.3 \cdot 10^{11}$
Energy [MeV/u]	0.0022	1.4	1.4	11.4
$\Delta W/W$	-	$4 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$\pm 1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\pm 2 \cdot 10^{-3}$
$\epsilon_{\text{norm},x}$ [mm mrad]	0.3	0.5	0.75	1.0
$\epsilon_{\text{norm},y}$ [mm mrad]	0.3	0.5	0.75	2.5



How to use a heavy ion machine for acceleration of high intensity proton beams?



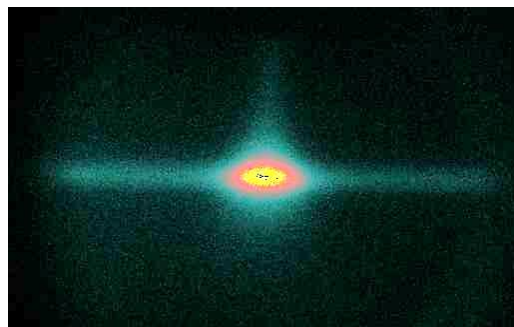
Ion source



$\text{CH}_3^+$  acceleration

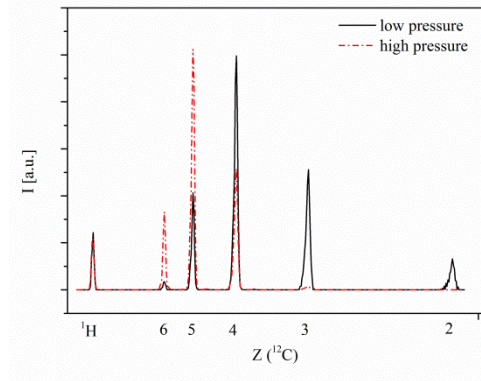


Use of HSI heavy ion beam capabilities to accelerate hydro-carbon compounds



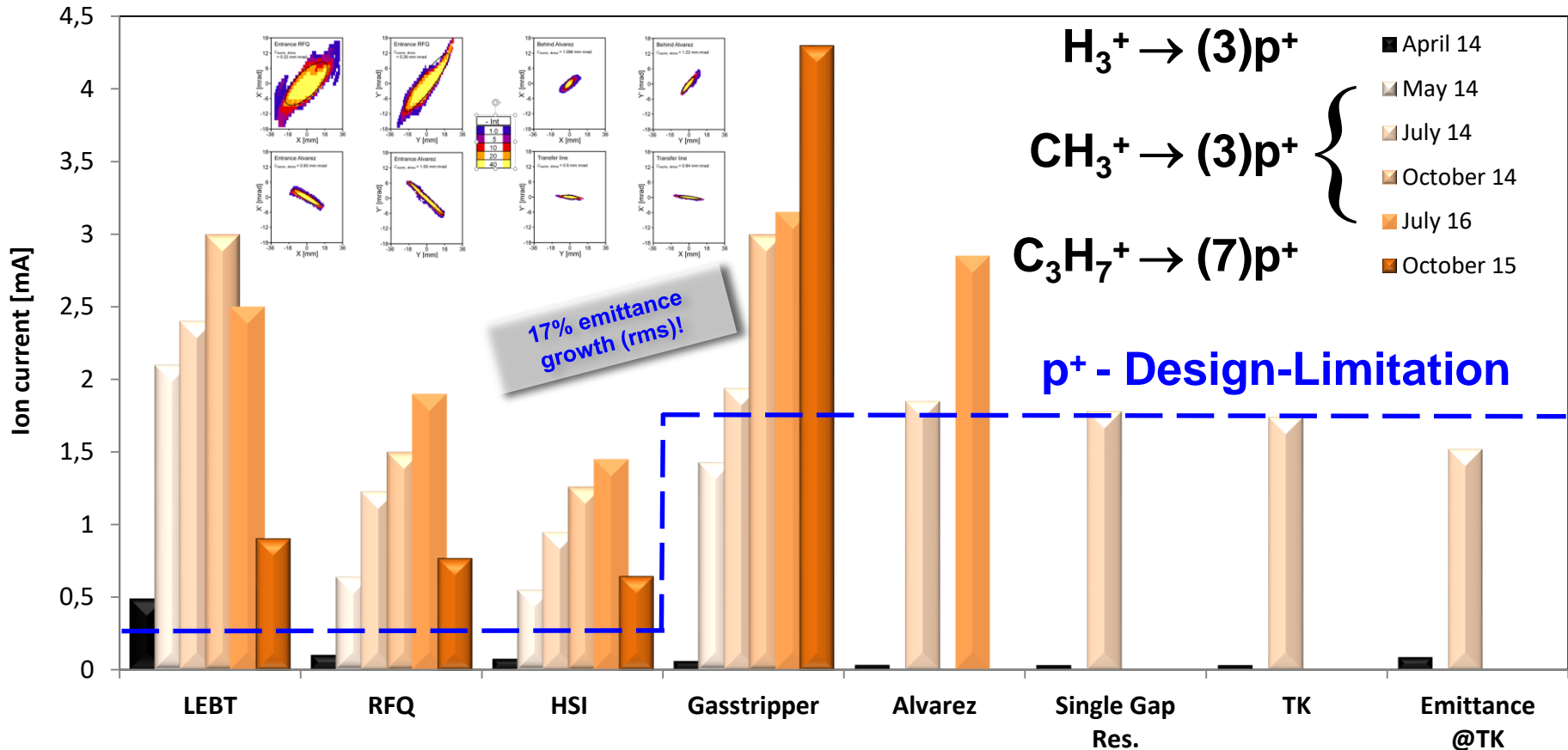
Cracking of CH-compounds + stripping

$\text{C}^{6+}$  acceleration (9 emA)



$\text{p}^+$  acceleration (3 emA)

W. Barth, et al., Phys. Rev. ST Accel. & Beams 18, 050102 (2015)



**3 mA, p+ (UNILAC) => 1.5e12 (SIS18) => 25% of FAIR-requirement**

S. Appel, GSI

$$\Delta Q_x^{sc} = -\frac{r_p Z^2 N g_f}{\pi A \beta^2 \gamma^3 B_f \epsilon_x + \sqrt{\epsilon_x \epsilon_y}} \frac{1}{\epsilon_x + \sqrt{\epsilon_x \epsilon_y}}$$

FAIR  
 p-LINAC

GSI-UNILAC

E [MeV]	70	11.4	11.4	20	20
I [mA]	35	1	2	1	2
e <sub>x,y</sub> (4-rms) [mm mrad]	7/8	7/8	7/8	3/3	3/3
γ	1.07	1.01	1.01	1.02	1.02
β	0.37	0.15	0.15	0.2	0.2
β <sup>2</sup> ·γ <sup>3</sup>	0.17	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.04
Space charge limit (N)	5.8e12	8.6e11	8.6e11	1.5e12	1.5e12
SIS100 (part./cycle)	1.7e13	1.2e12	2.3e12	1.5e12	2.8e12
SIS100 (relative)	100%	7.1%	13.5%	8.5%	16.7%
SIS18 MTI (N)	6.0e12	4.1e11	8.2e11	5.1e11	1.0e12

3emA

25%

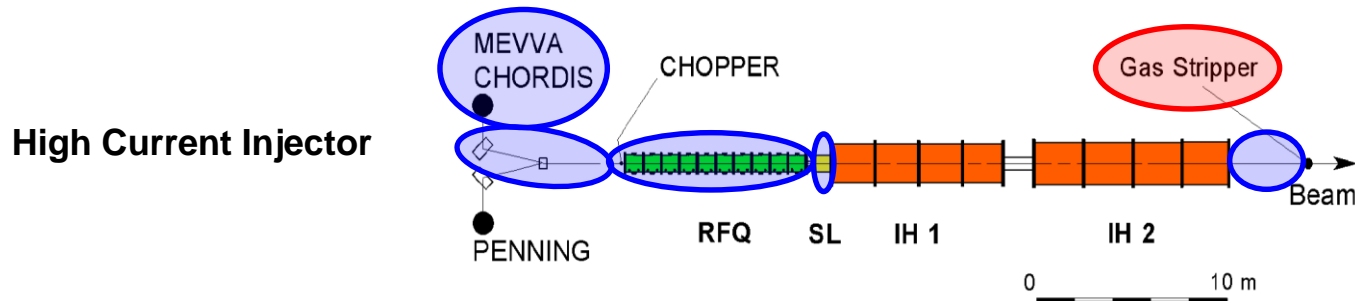
1.5e12

2.1e11 (measured)

# UNILAC-Upgrade: Aims for FAIR-0 and beyond

- Serving FAIR-0 user program in the most reliable way
- Mitigating risks of substantial failure (in particular at ALVAREZ-DTL)
- Providing for nominal beam parameters (e.g.  $2e9 U^{73+}$  per cycle)
- Ramp up for (initial) FAIR-Uranium beam parameters
- Serving FAIR-commissioning/day 1-user program with heavy ions until PSU is installed
- Providing for high intensity proton beam until p-Linac is in operation
- Serving UNILAC high duty cycle user program (SHIP, TASCA, U-Mat, U-Bio, ...)

# Pushing the limits for uranium beam operation (2014 – 2016)

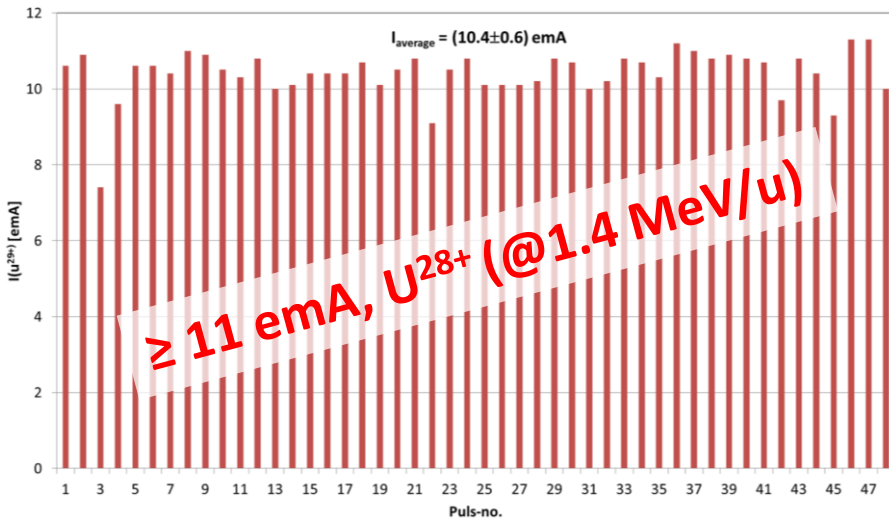


- **Ion Source:** Applying a multi-aperture (7-hole) extraction system at the VARIS ion source → Increased  $U^{4+}$ -intensity and improved primary beam brilliance
- **Low Energy Beam Transport:** Improved LEBT-performance and RFQ-Matching using high brilliance Uranium beam from the VARIS → 75% RFQ-Transmission
- **RFQ:** RF optimization by adjusting plunger positions at the HSI RFQ tank and extensive rf-conditioning → Reduction of forwarded rf-power, yielding for reliable high-current uranium beam operation
- **MEBT:** Optimizing the between RFQ and IH DTL by increasing the transverse and longitudinal focusing strength (3%) → Reduction of beam loss, stable high current operation.
- **1.4 MeV/u-Transport Line:** Adapting the quadrupole channel (matching the gas stripper) → 90% beam transmission,  $U^{4+}$  beam current of 7.6 emA available for heavy ion stripping.
- **Gas Stripper:**  $H_2$ -pulsed gas stripper prototype =>  $\geq 11$  emA,  $U^{28+}$ , 0.5 mm·mrad (hor.)
- **Reliable high current beam operation!**



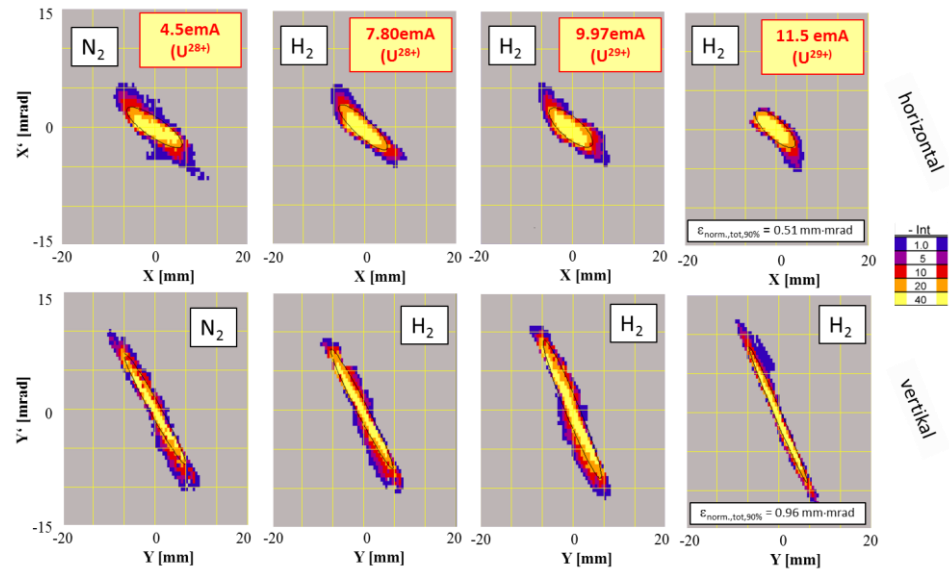
# U<sup>28+</sup> high current (brilliance) beam measurements (2014-2016)

beam current

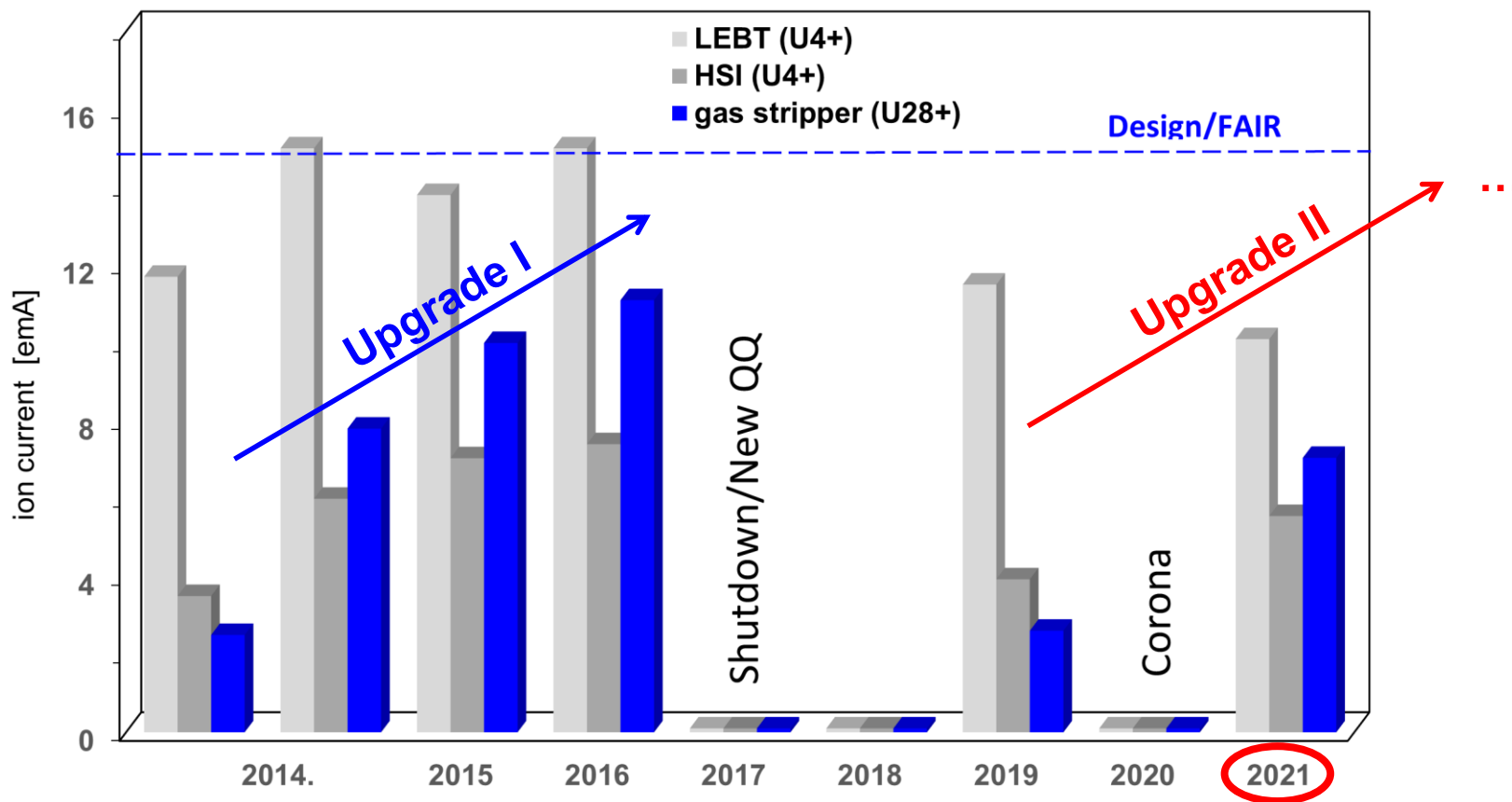


beam emittance

$\epsilon_{90\%,\text{tot}} \approx 0.5 \mu\text{m}$

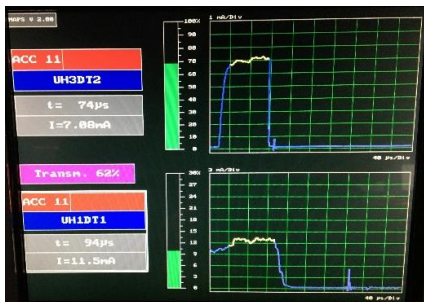
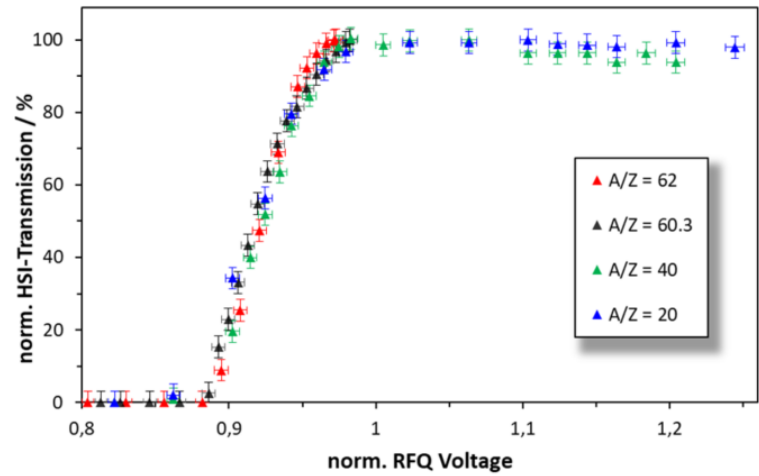
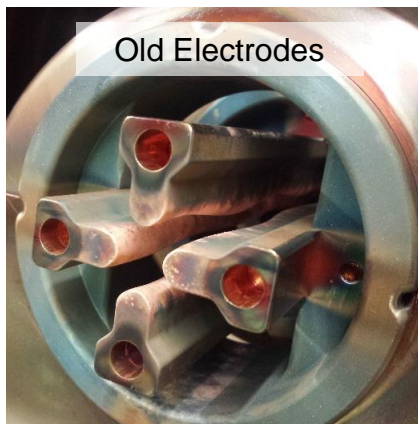


$\epsilon_{90\%,\text{tot}} \approx 1.0 \mu\text{m}$



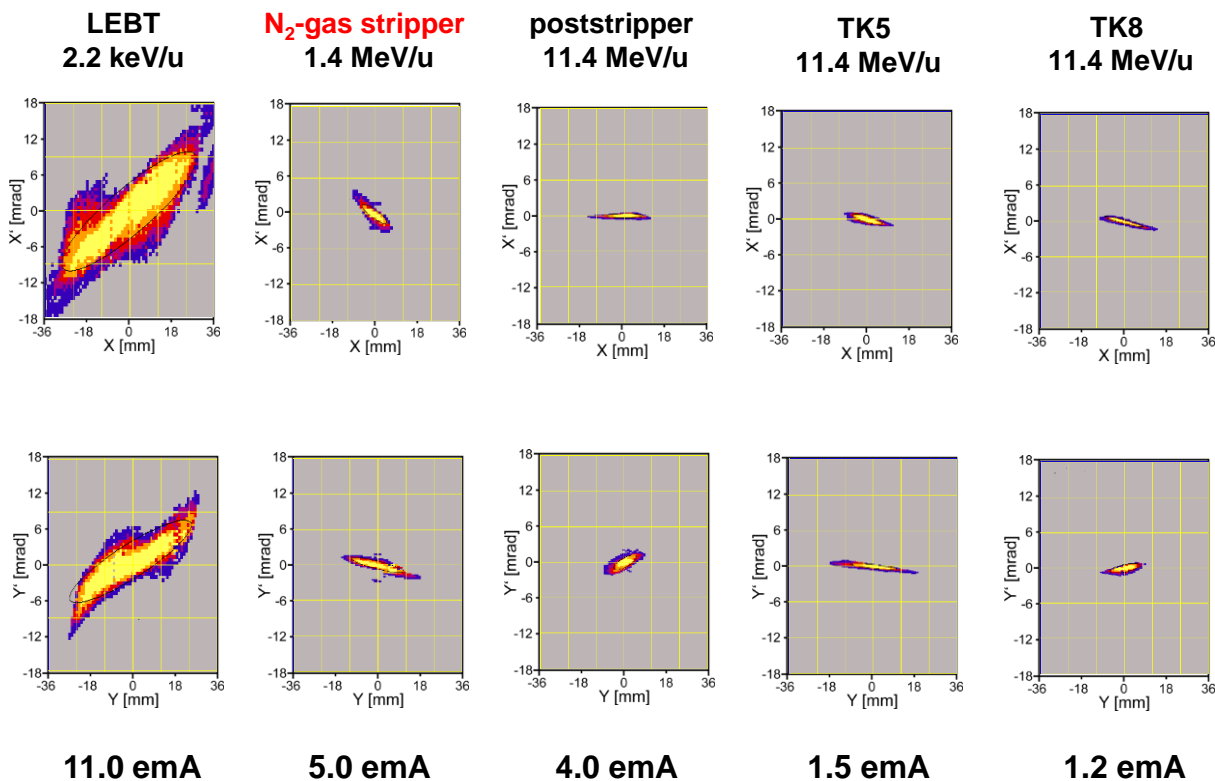
← no Uranium beam user operation →

- **New (longer) Quadrupole Quartett (2017/18)**
- **HSI-RFQ: New electrodes (2019) installed (2018: Rf-level limited to max. 74% of design)**



- 90% of the design Rf-level applied successfully
- redefinition of RFQ-working point
- Sufficient  $U^{4+}$ -RFQ-operation ( $^{124}Xe^{2+}$ ;  $A/q = 62$ )
- 60% of best HSI-performance (2016)
- $U^{4+} \Rightarrow U^{28+} \Rightarrow U^{73+}$  (11.4 MeV/u)

# UNILAC-heavy ion beam studies: $U^{4+} \Rightarrow U^{73+}$ (further improvements with $N_2$ -gas jet stripper: 4/2021)



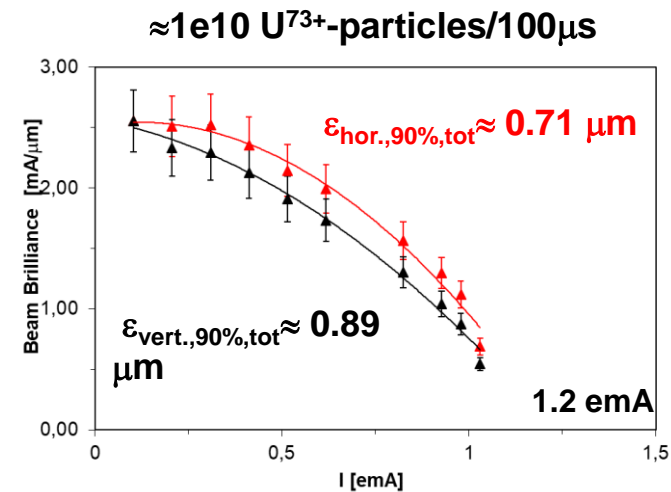
11.0 emA

5.0 emA

4.0 emA

1.5 emA

1.2 emA



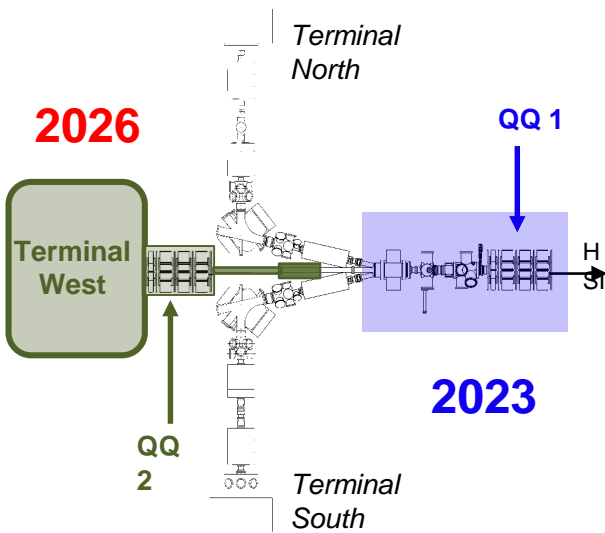
- Int	
1.0	40
5	20
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20	5
40	1.0

# UNILAC machine parameter campaign 2020/2021

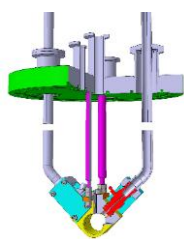
>80%
>15%
<15%

		FAIR		measured	
gas stripper	charge	ion species	I [emA]	[emA/mm*mrad]	I/1 mm*mrad (hor.) [%]
N2	28	U	15,0	0,80	5,3
H2	28	U	15,0	2,90	19,3
N2	73	U	5,8	0,30	5,2
N2	73	U (-QQ)	5,8	1,20	20,9
H2	73	U	5,8	1,10	19,1
N2	26	Bi	14,2	1,00	7,0
H2	28	Bi	13,2	2,70	20,5
N2	68	Bi	5,4	0,53	9,8
H2	68	Bi	5,4	1,10	20,3
N2	-	Ta	-	-	-
N2	-	Xe	-	-	-
N2	10	Ar	7,1	5,50	77,9
N2	18	Ar	3,9	4,00	102,0
N2	6	C	3,5	0,50	14,2
N2	1	H (-30deg)	1,8	1,30	73,7
N2	1	H (-57deg)	1,8	1,00	56,7

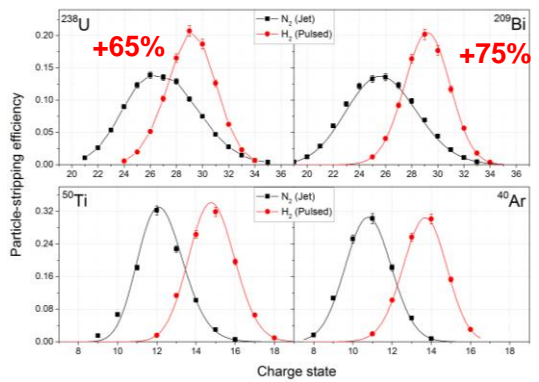
## Pre Injector Dedicated for Uranium operation (PRIDE)



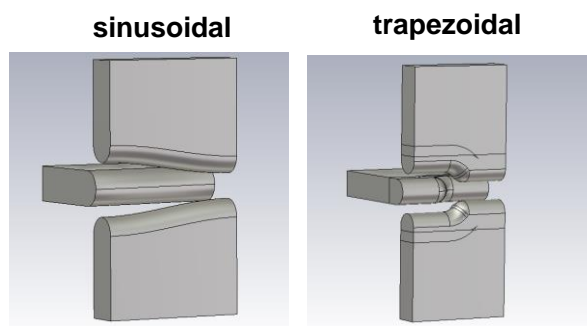
## Pulsed H<sub>2</sub>-Gasstripper 2024



- Heavy ions (U, Bi):**
- more narrow distribution
  - increased stripping efficiency
  - higher beam intensity



## High intensity heavy ion RFQ with high reliability



M. Vossberg, R. Brodhage, M. Kaiser, F. Maimone, W. Vinzenz, S. Yaramyshev, GSI, Darmstadt, Germany, DESIGN STUDIES FOR THE PROTON-LINAC RFQ FOR FAIR, IPAC'15 (2015)

### Schedule

- 2019: Exchange of RFQ-electrodes
- 2020: Advanced Rf-conditioning
- 2020: U<sup>4+</sup>-operation
- 2022: Exchange of LEBT-QQ (back to 2016)
- ≥2023: Improved RFQ-electrode design (FAIR-req.)
  - lower RF-voltage (RF-power)
  - higher acceleration efficiency

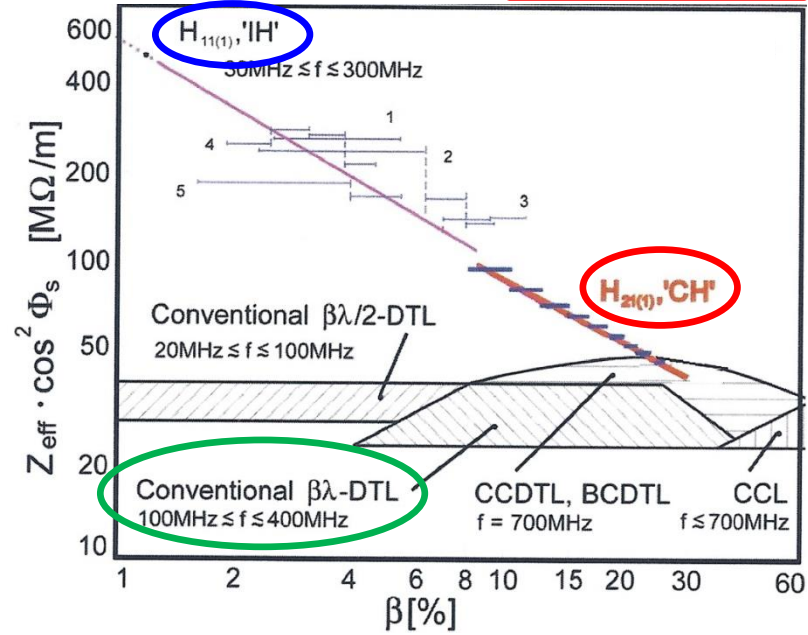
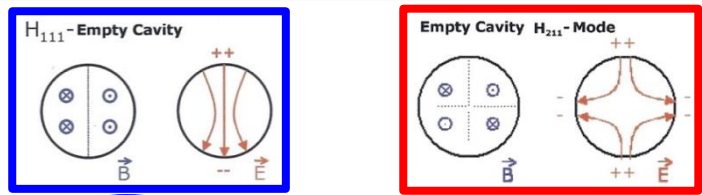
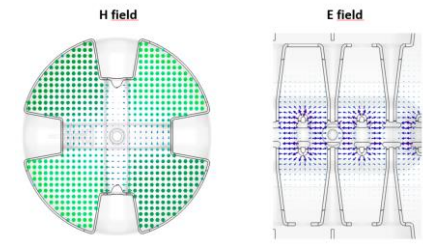
FAIR: 15 mA U<sup>28+</sup> at 11.4 MeV/u:

Required at RFQ entrance: **20 mA U<sup>4+</sup> (inside 250 μm)**

Low Z-gas stripping with improved heavy ion stripping efficiency: **+65% => 15 mA U<sup>28+</sup> (inside 1 μm)**

# H-Mode cavity-development

Drift tubes are alternating connected to "+" and "-" potential



## FAIR:

- high beam currents
- low repetition rate (max. 3 Hz)
- low duty factor (0.1 %, pulse length for SIS18 only 100  $\mu$ s)

## “Super Heavy Element”:

- relatively low beam currents
- high repetition rate (50 Hz)
- high duty factor (100 %, pulse length up to 20 ms)

## “Material Science”:

- Heavy Ions ( $m \geq 200$ )
- High Beam Energy (up to 10 MeV/u)
- high repetition rate (50 Hz)
- Continuous Beam Energy Variation (1.5 – 10 MeV/u)



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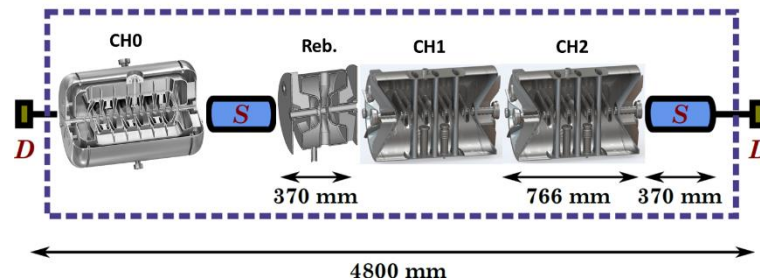
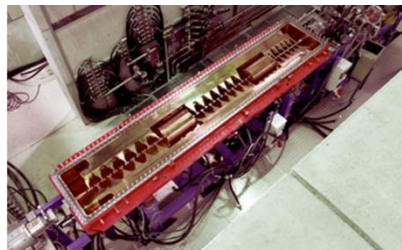
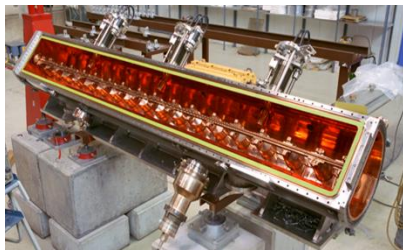
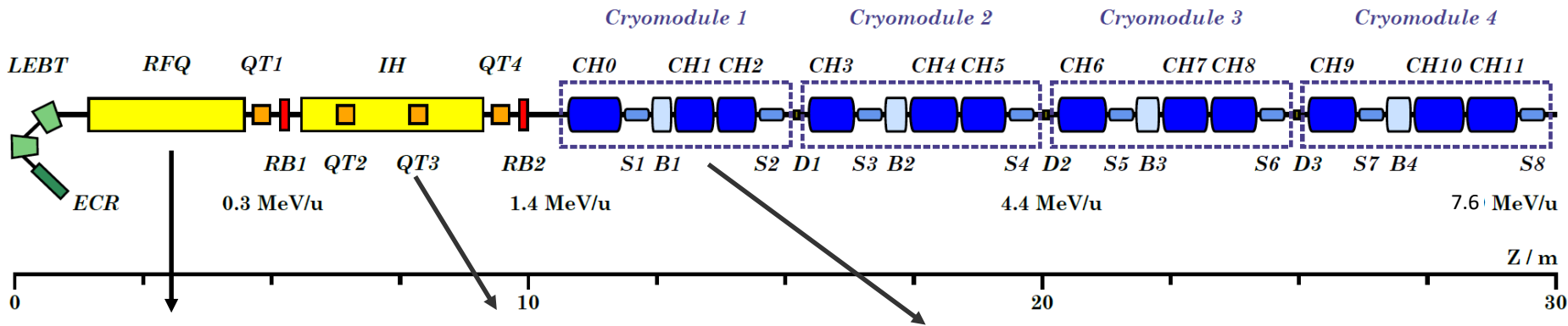
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**Design parameters sc cw-LINAC**

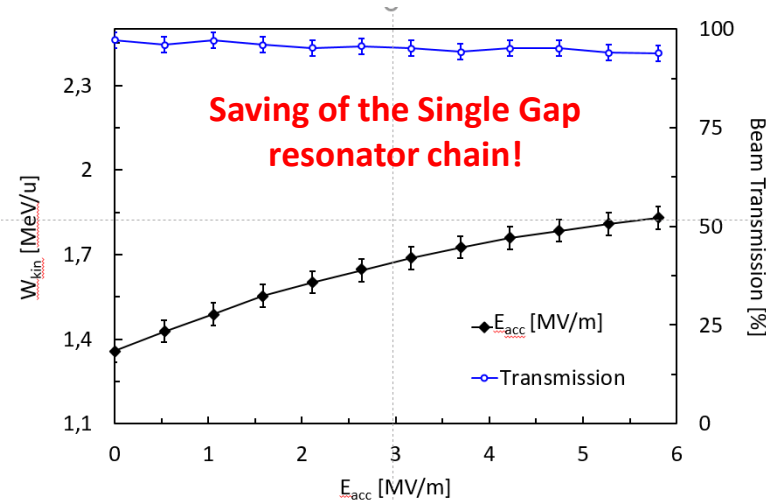
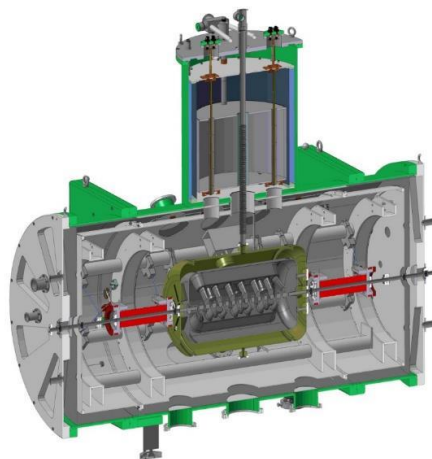
$A/q$		$\leq 6$
Frequency	MHz	216.816
Beam current	mA	$\leq 1$
Injection energy	MeV/u	1.4
Output energy	MeV/u	<b>3.5-7.6</b>
Length	m	20
CH cavities	#	12
Rebuncher	#	4
Solenoids	#	8

**Layout properties**

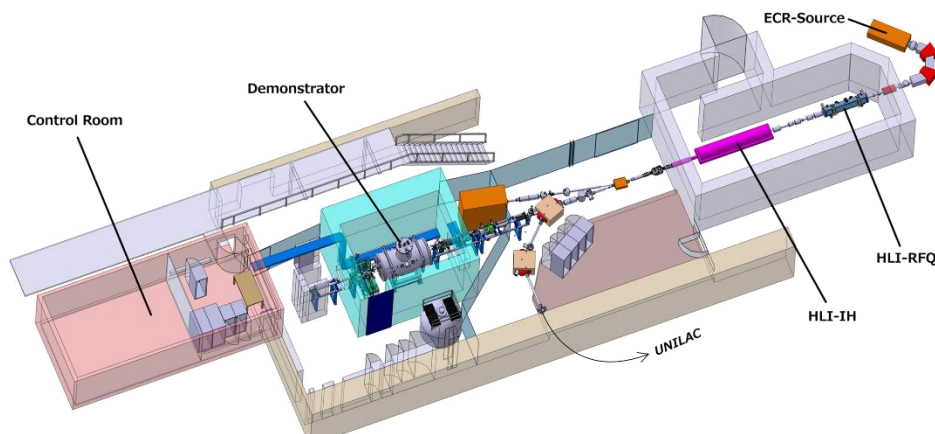
- Short multigap CH cavities: length <1 m), transverse dimensions <0.5 m
- Modular construction: 4 cryomodules each with 3 CH, 1 buncher, 2 solenoids
- Compact Linac design ( $E_a \geq 7.1$  MV/m)

**Maximum energy per CM**

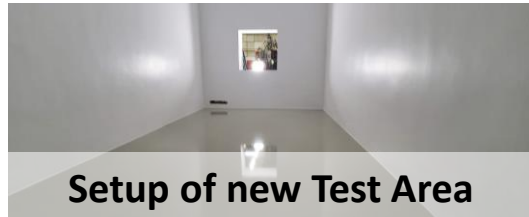
Cryo Module	Output energy (MeV/u)			
	$A/Z=8.5$	$A/Z=6$	$A/Z=3$	$A/Z=1$
CM1	2.6	2.9	3.6	4.6
CM2	3.5	4.2	5.5	7.7
CM3	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>10.9</b>
CM4	5.55	7.6	10.5	14.6
CM4 + CH12	6	8	11.4	15.6



- First superconducting 217 MHz-CH-Cavity
- High  $E_{acc}$ -gradient up to 10 MV/m
- High quality factor  $\rightarrow$  low RF-dissipation (<10W)
- Equidistant gaps  $\rightarrow$  **continuous energy variation**
- 2017: Successful beam commissioning at GSI



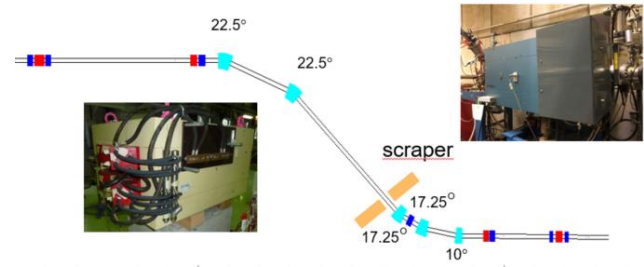
**Demonstrator at GSI-High Charge State Injector**



- Infrastructure in Mainz:**
- Clean room environment
  - High Pressure Rinsing
  - Rf-test bunker

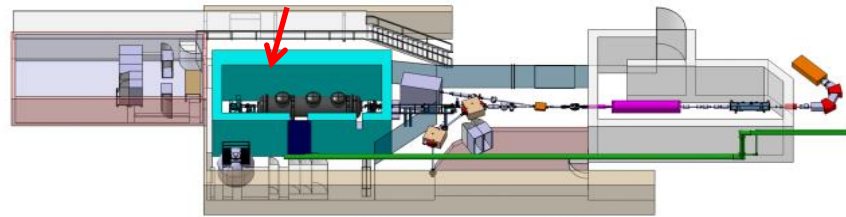


## HEBT to UNILAC

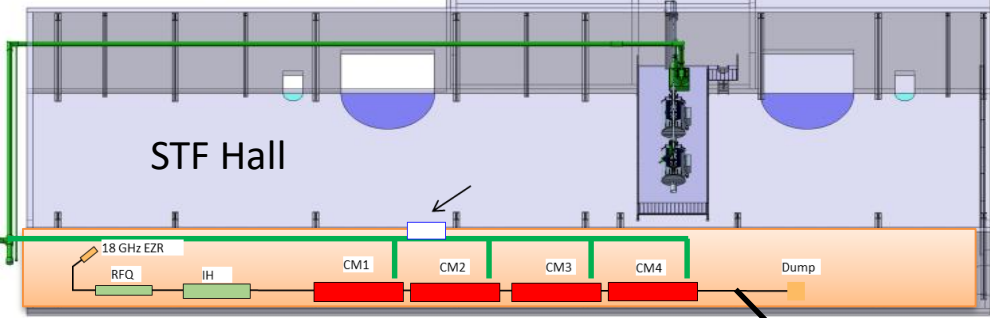


**2019/20**

## Advanced Demonstrator Testing Area



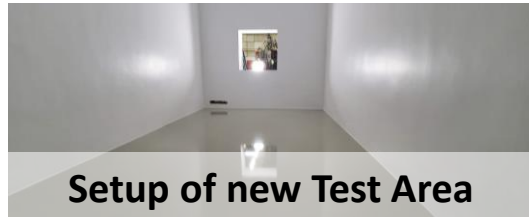
## HLI Injector



**HELIAC →**

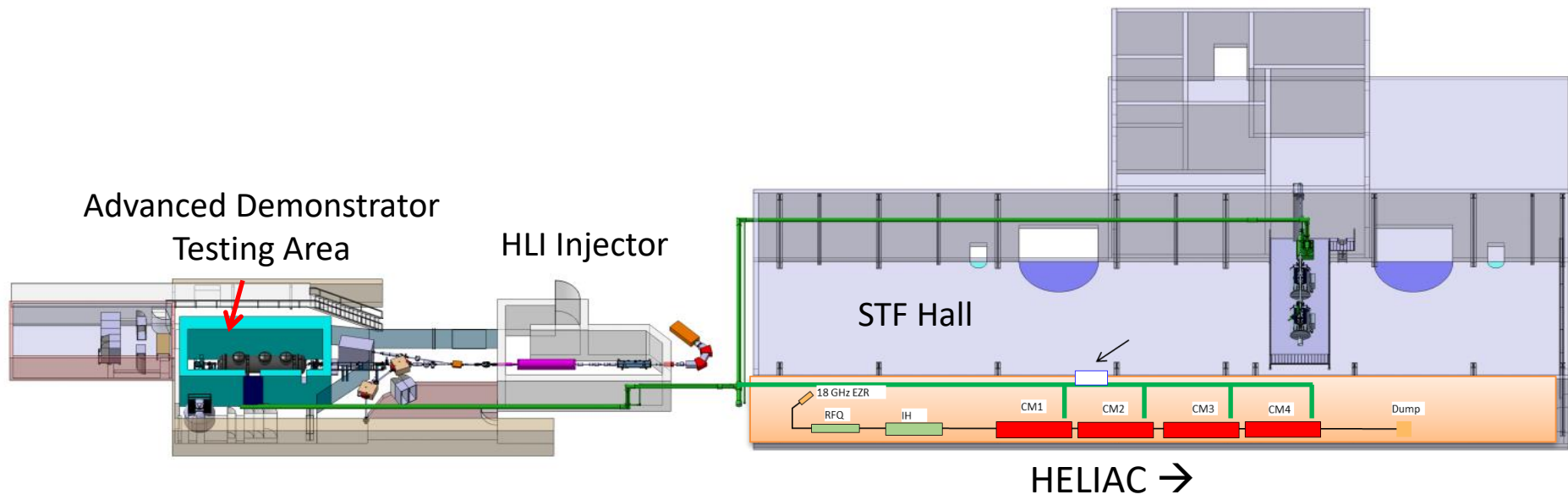
**UNILAC →**

Ex-Hall,  
TK to SIS18

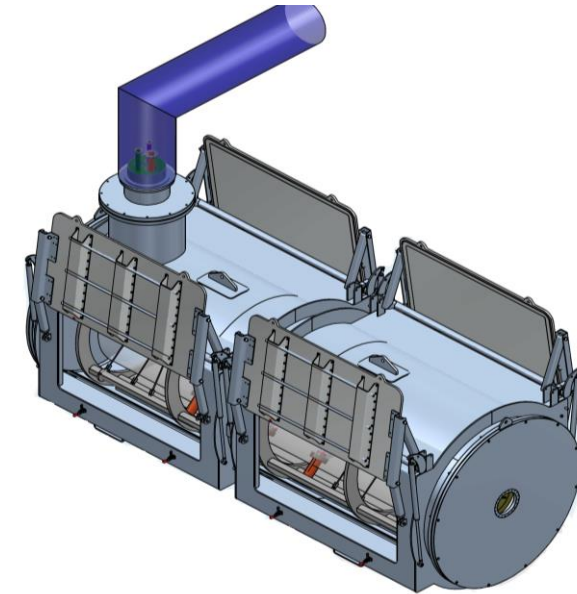
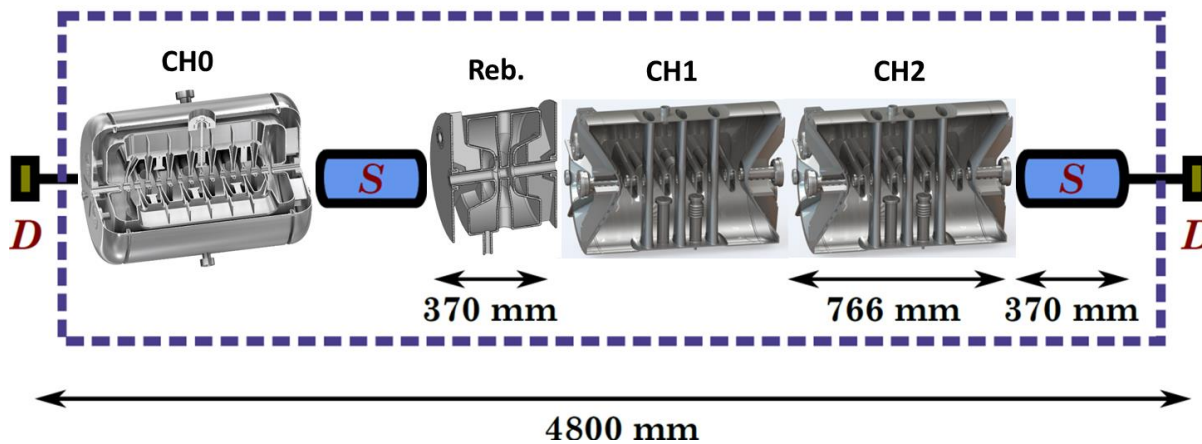


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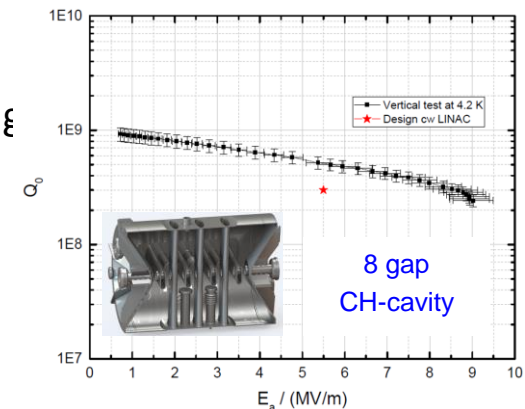
**HEBT to UNILAC**



## Standard cryomodule layout

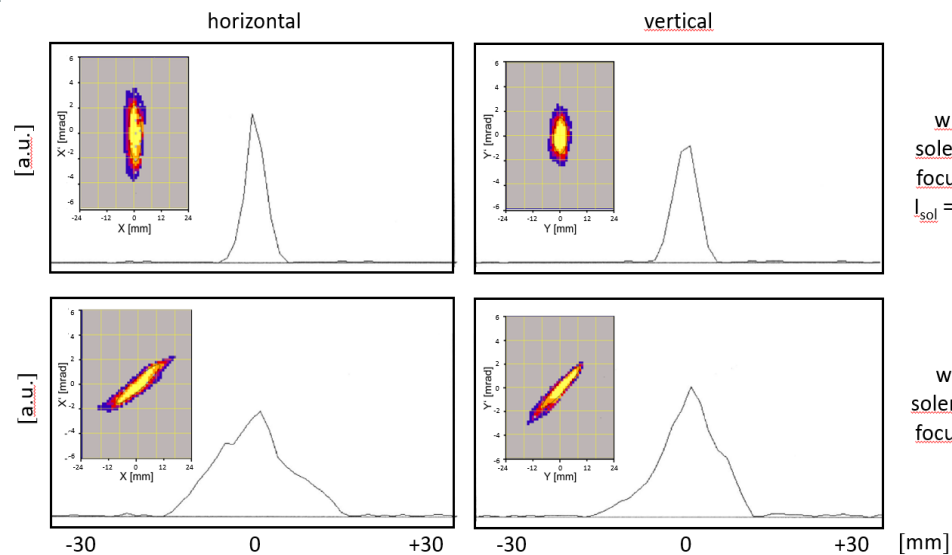


- New cryo module layout containing demonstrator CH cavity, 2 short CH cavities, 1 buncher and 2 solenoids
- Simplified cavity design (easier manufacturing & surface processing)
- CH1 & CH2 are already produce and tested
- cryostat delivery Q2/2021
- compact linac design for or higher  $A/q$  ( $=8.5$ )

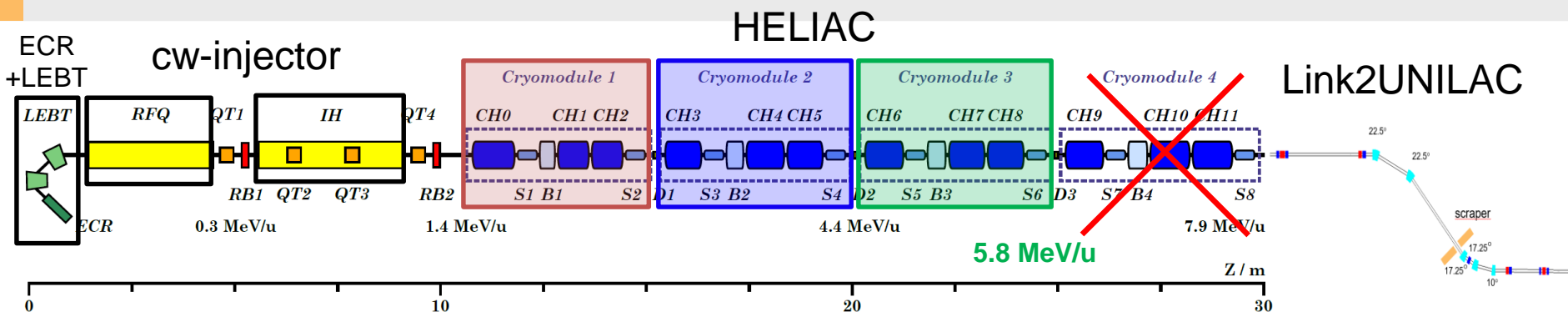


# Test of cw-Linac Advanced Demonstrator - first HELIAC cryomodule -

## Ar<sup>8+</sup>-beam commissioning of superconducting solenoids



**July 2021**



## normal conducting 25%-injector Linac

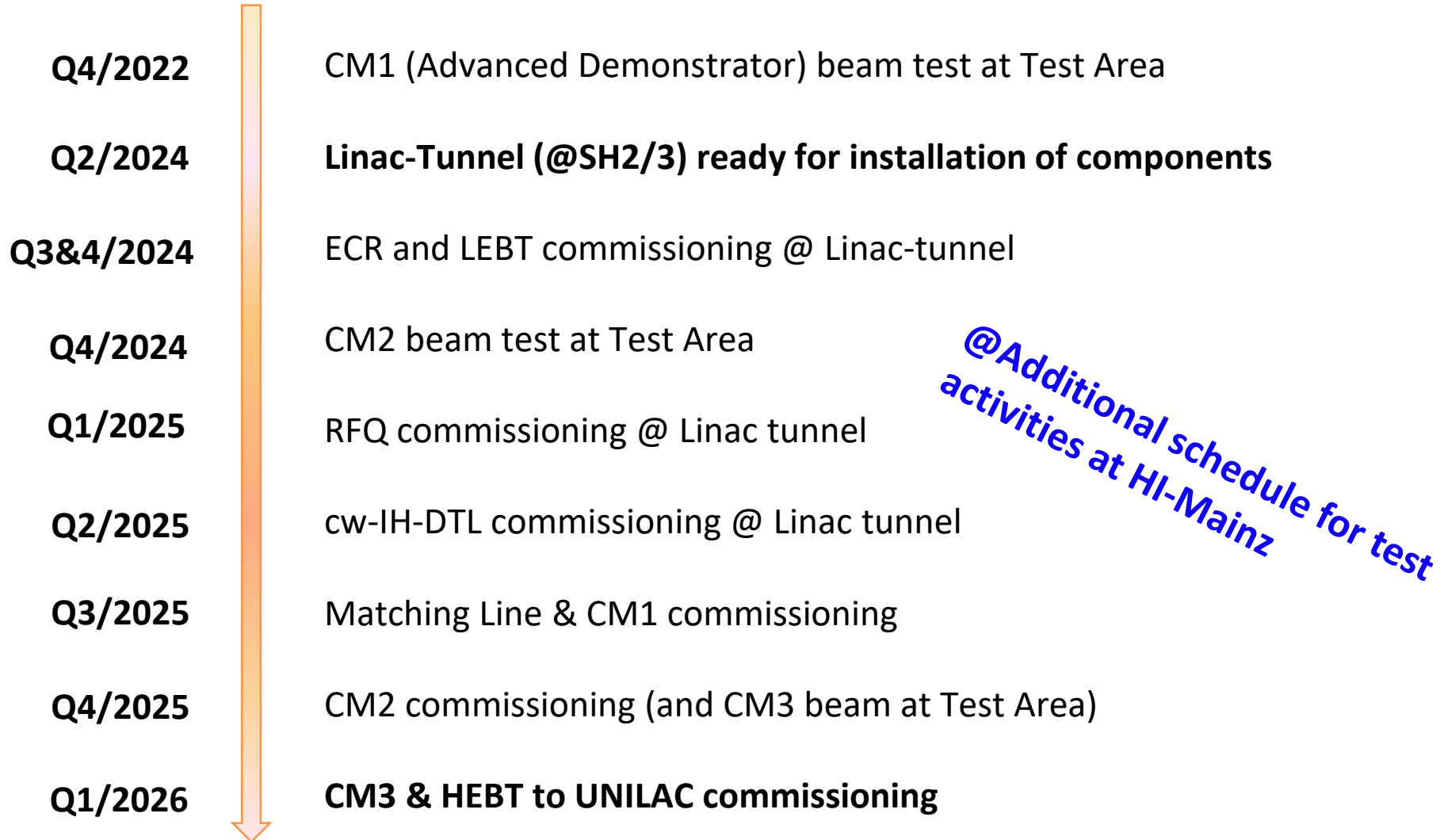
- ECR + LEBT
  - 18 GHz-ECR
  - LEBT (prelim. layout)
- cw-RFQ
  - former HLI-RFQ
- cw-IH-DTL (tendering: Q1 2021)
- transport sections, etc.
  - MEBT, Matching Line, HEBT (Quads, Dipole)
  - cw-Rebuncher, debuncher
- High power Rf-ampl. (RFQ, IH, buncher) (reused)
- Other supply systems
  - Power supplies (LEBT, MEBT, HEBT)
  - beam diagnostics, vacuum system, controls

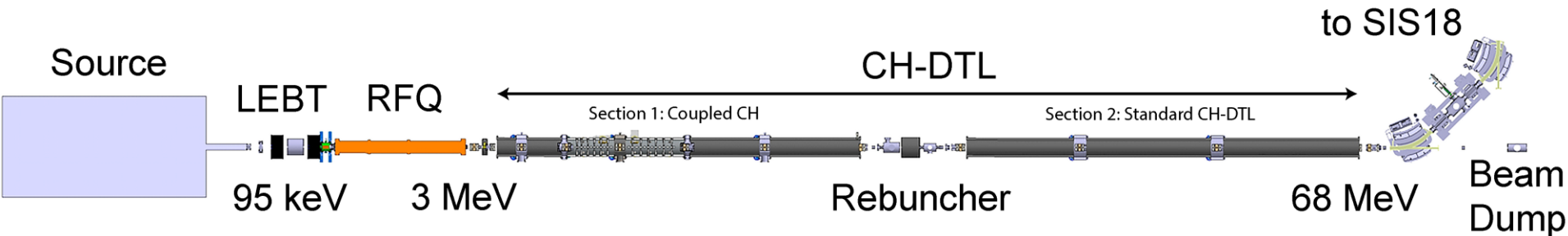
2026

## superconducting cw-Linac

- CM1 (PoF3)
  - CH1 tested & CH2 tested
  - Rebuncher cavity ordered
  - Cryostat ordered
  - Solenoids ordered
  - 4 rf amplifiers ordered
  - aux. comp. (couplers, tuner, BPM, LLRF)
- CM2 (PoF4)
  - CH3-5 specified, ordering (tendering/Q3 2021)
  - Re-buncher cavity ordered
  - Cryostat ordered
  - Solenoids, rf Amplifiers, aux. components
- CM3 (BmBF)
  - CH6-8 specified, ordering (tendering/Q2 2021)
  - Re-buncher, Cryostat, Rf Amplifiers, ...
  - Solenoids

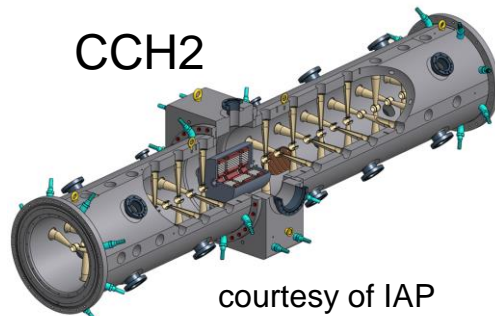






Beam Energy (MeV)	<b>68</b>
Beam Current (mA)	35 - 70
Beam Pulse ( $\mu$ s)	36
Repetition Rate (Hz)	4 (2,7)
Protons per pulse	$7 \cdot 10^{12}$
Frequency (MHz)	325.224
Norm. Emittance at output ( $\mu$ m)	4.2
Momentum Spread	$\leq \pm 10^{-3}$
Beam Loading (peak) (MW)	4.9
RF Power (peak) (MW)	2.2
Klystrons (3 MW Peak Power)	7
Solid State Amplifier (50 kW/180kW)	3
Total Length (RFQ + CH)	$\approx 27$ m

CCH2



courtesy of IAP

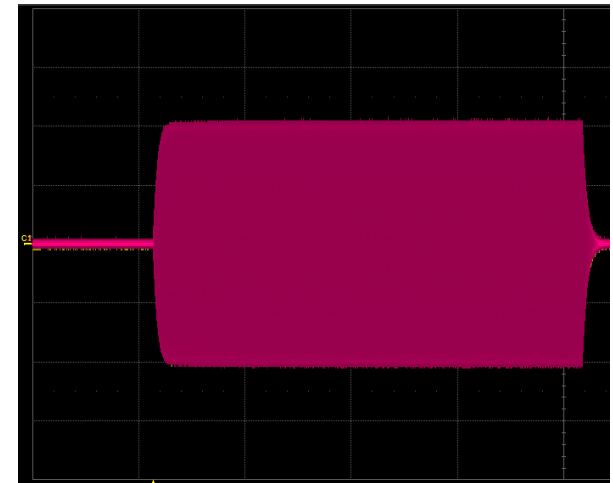
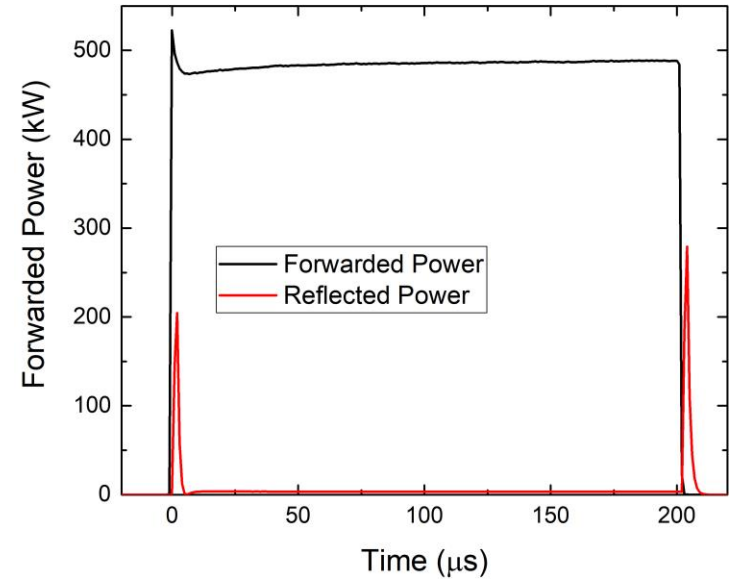
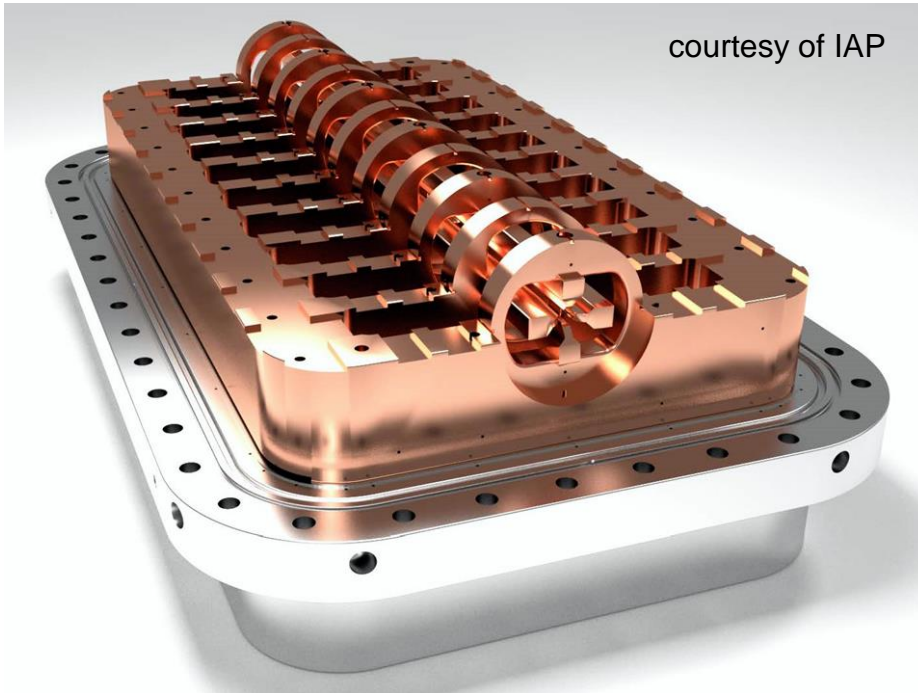
- Rf-Coupled Crossed-bar H-Cavities**
- reduce number of klystrons
  - reduce place requirements
  - profit from 3 MW klystron development
  - avoid use of magic T's
  - reduce cost for rf-equipment

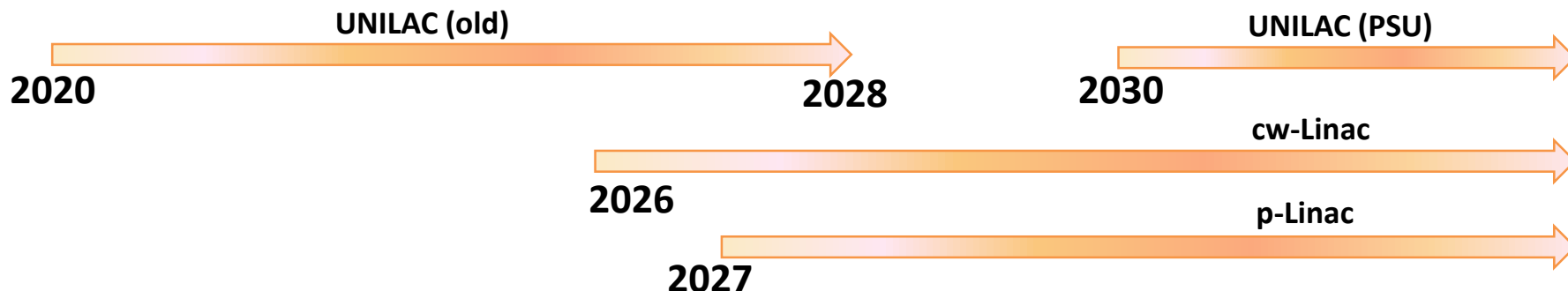
2.45 GHz ECR source generating 100 mA of 95 keV protons (CEA)  
 LEBT & diagnostics chamber:  
 faraday cup / allison scanner / wien filter (CEA)  
 ladder 4-Rod RFQ with chopper and a beam dump in front  
 Six normal conducting crossbar cavities of CCH and CH type  
 arranged in two sections with intermediate diagnostic section (IAP)

# Ladder RFQ *prototype*

**05/2016 – high power tests @GSI**  
**500 kW @ 2 Hz / 200  $\mu$ s**

courtesy of IAP





## UNILAC, essentially as it is currently available ( $\leq 2028$ )

- No high duty factor operation at UNILAC after...
  - Poststripper-Rf-Upgrade => cw-Linac  $\geq 2026$

## UNILAC, with replaced poststripper ( $\geq 2030$ )

- no availability during installation and commissioning phase ( $\geq 18$  months)

## FAIR-p-Linac ( $\geq 2027$ )

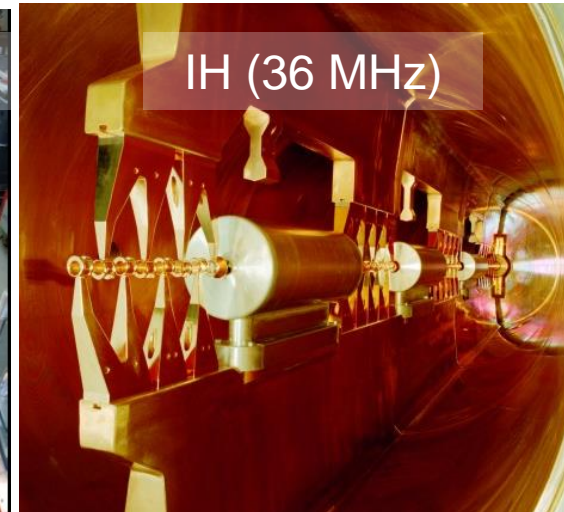
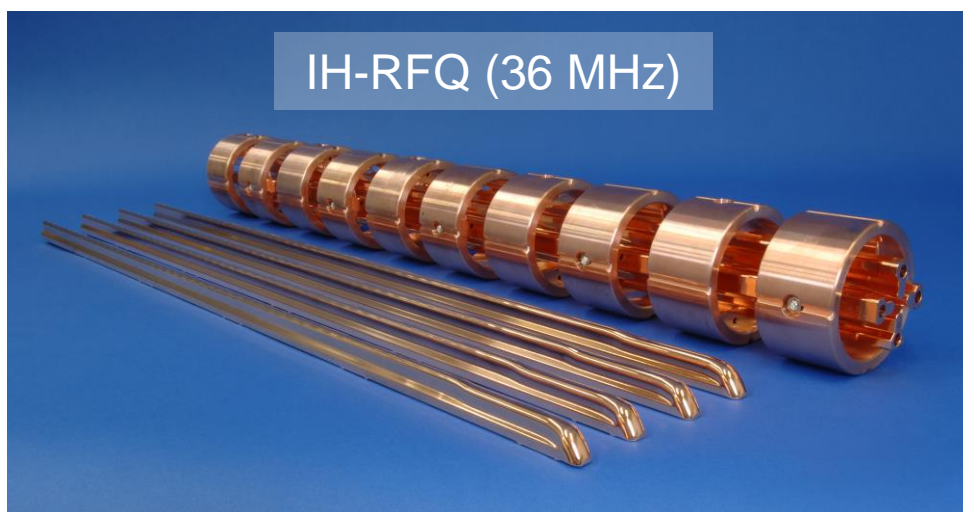
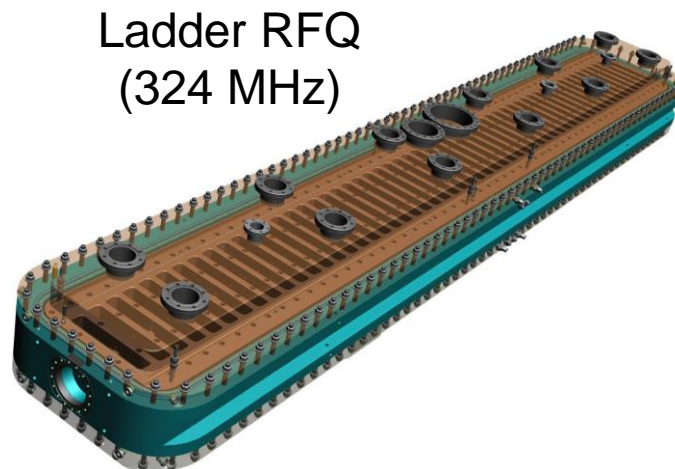
- no availability during installation and commissioning phase
  - UNILAC as medium intensity injector Linac for proton beams

## cw-Linac ( $\geq 2026$ )

- no availability during installation and commissioning phase
  - UNILAC as high duty factor (25%) heavy ion Linac (FAIR-0)

- Development of modern and efficient H-mode Rf-cavities contribute decisively to the reduction of size and costs of HI-Linacs
- In collaboration with Goethe University Frankfurt (IAP) various HI-Linac projects (e.g. GSI-HSI-Linac, HIT-, MIT-Linac, ...) have been successfully carried out at GSI over the last 30 years on the basis of these developments.
- FAIR-UNILAC-Upgrade I (2014-2016): 11 emA, U<sup>28+</sup> at 1.4 MeV/u
- FAIR-UNILAC-Upgrade II (2019 - 2026) : Aiming for 15 emA, U<sup>28+</sup> at 11.4 MeV/u
- The GSI UNILAC provides for high current proton beam in routine operation (≈1.5 emA)
- Normal conducting C(C)H cavities, as well as novel ladder RFQ are applied in the FAIR p<sup>+</sup>-Linac (68 MeV, 35 emA)
- After start of PSU-installation (new short pulse operated ALVAREZ-DTL): No high duty factor beam available anymore!
- cw-Linac R&D: Design acceleration gain was achieved with heavy ion beams even above the design mass to charge ratio at full transmission and maximum available beam intensity
- Beam quality was measured as excellent in a wide range of different beam energies, confirming advanced beam dynamics design
- New HELIAC-design could provide beam acceleration for a wide range of different ions (protons to uranium), featuring the ambitious GSI-user program, while the GSI-UNILAC is upgraded for short pulse high current FAIR-operation
- A basic cw-Linac approach (3 CM each with 4 CH-cavities, limited to 25% duty factor) is envisaged to be built and commissioned until 2026

# Thank you for your attention



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