



# Superconducting Helmoltz Linear ACcelerator-project

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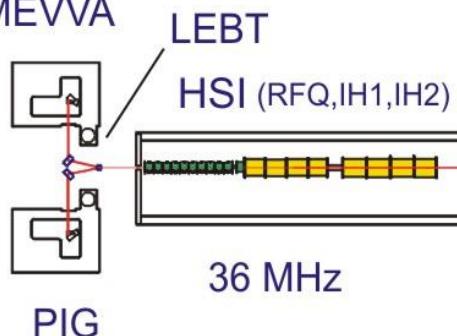
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# Introduction GSI UNIversal Linear ACcelerator

## High Charge State Injector (1991)

MUCIS,  
MEVVA



## High Current Injector (1999)



## Alvarez (1975)



## Single Gap Resonators (1975)



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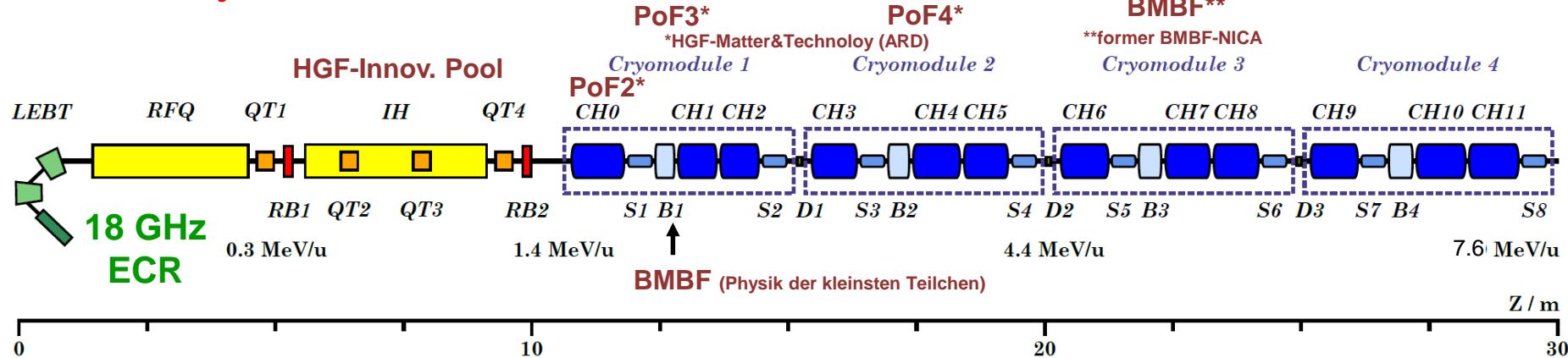
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# Layout of the future superconducting cw HELIAC\*

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## normal conducting cw-injector Linac



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	3.5-7.6
Length	m	20
CH cavities	#	12
Rebuncher	#	4
Solenoids	#	8

## Maximum energy per CM

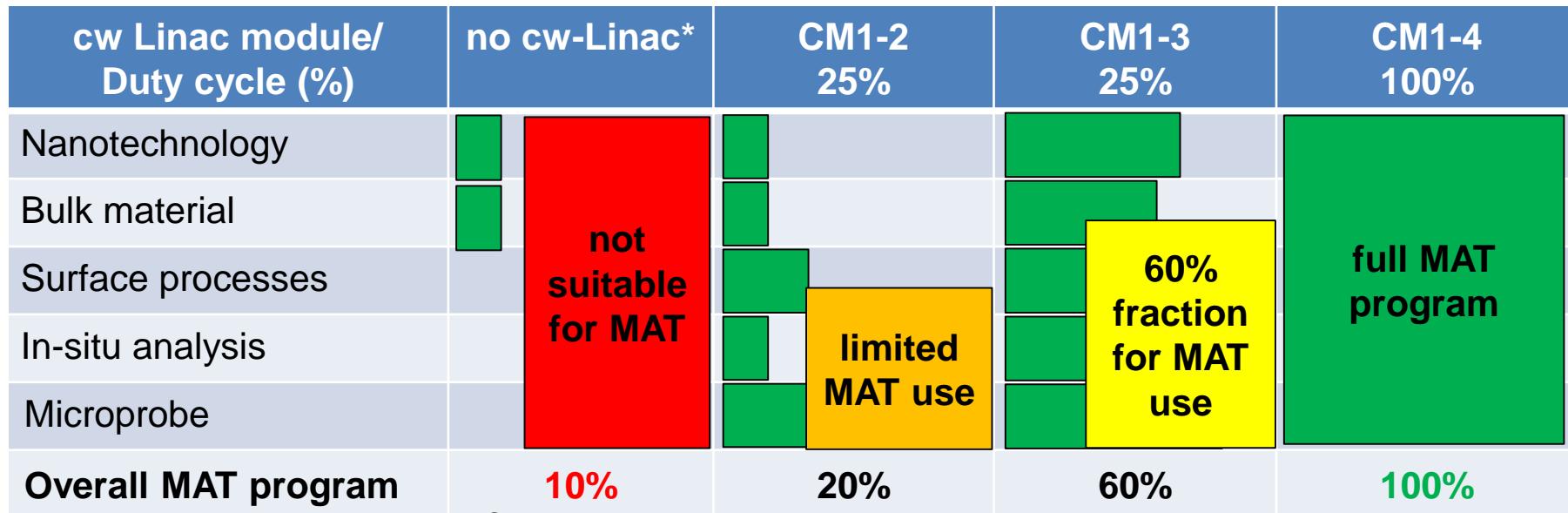
Cryo Module	Output energy (MeV/u)			
	A/Z=8.5	A/Z=6	A/Z=3	A/Z=1
CM1	2.6	2.9	3.6	4.6
CM2	3.5	4.2	5.5	7.7
CM3	4.5	5.8	7.8	10.9
CM4	5.55	7.6	10.5	14.6

cw linac modules	no cw-Linac*	CM1-2	CM1-3 25%	CM1-3 100%	CM1-4 100%
Synthesis ( $Z \leq 118$ )		up to 105			
Synthesis ( $Z > 118$ )					
Nuclear structure		up to 105			
Mass spectrometry		up to 105			
Laser spectroscopy		up to 105			
Chemical studies					
<b>Overall SHE programm</b>	<b>Not possible</b>	<b>Only very small fraction of program</b>	<b>Possible, hardly long-term competitive</b>	<b>Full capability</b>	

\*Consequences  
of Poststripper-  
Rf-upgrade

## Main advantages

- ✓ Higher machine availability for low-energy program
- ✓ Terminates interference SIS-injector  $\Leftrightarrow$  SHE program
- ✓ Backup SIS-injector



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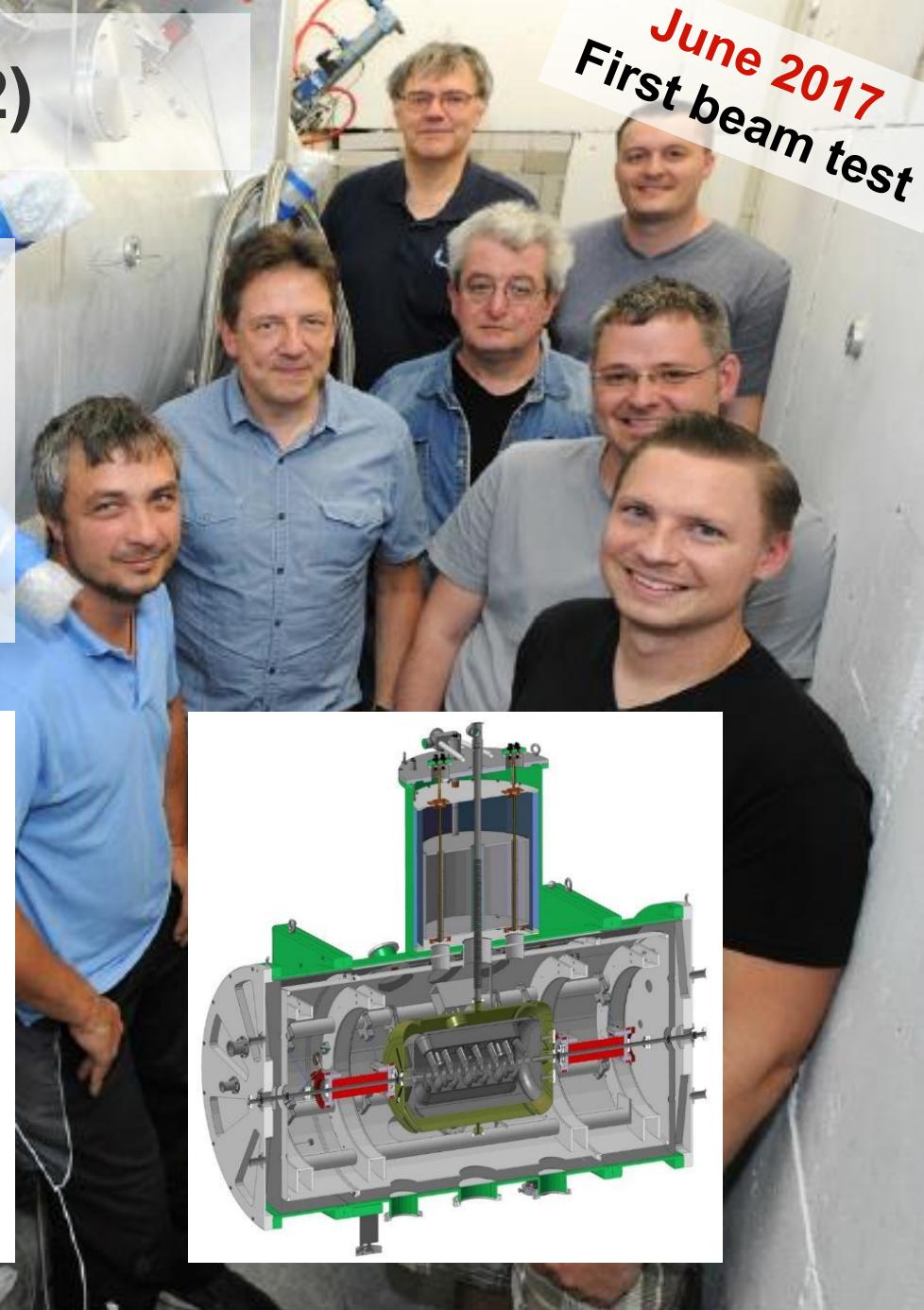
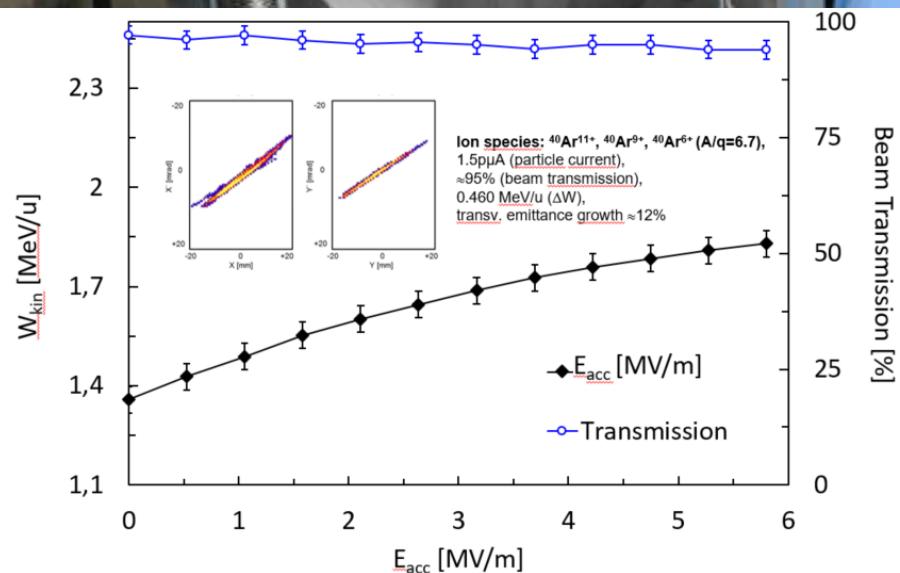
## Main advantages for MAT program

- ✓ more regular beam access
- ✓ more suitable beam structure
- ✓ (no dose spikes, lower pulse current compensated by higher duty cycle)
- ✓ higher beam stability (no interference due to SIS injection )
- ✓ conditions suitable for commercial irradiations (scanning large areas, electronic devices)
- ✓ Backup SIS-injector

# HELIAC R&D (PoF2)

June 2017  
First beam test

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



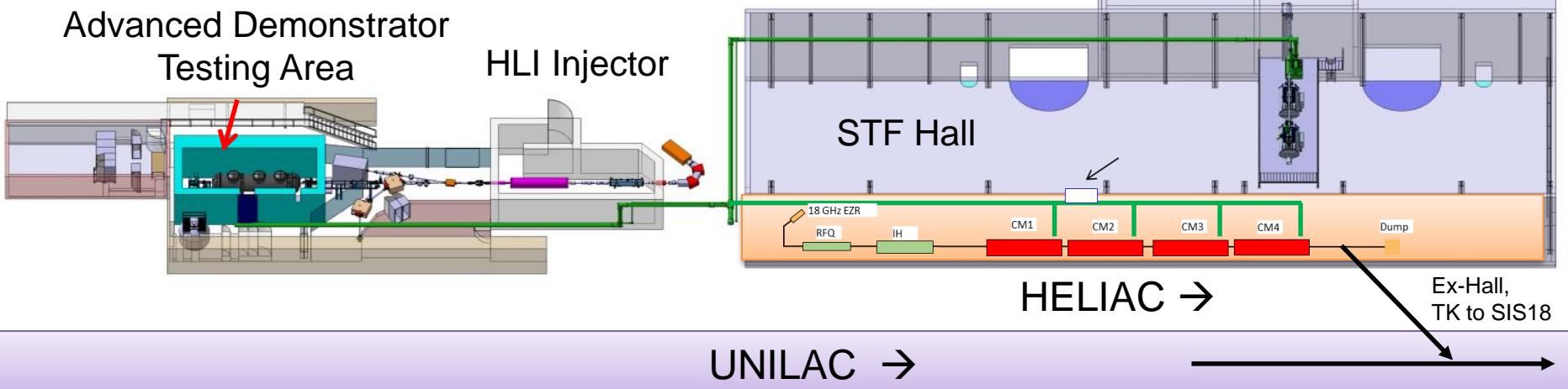
# 4K He-supply infrastructure@GSI

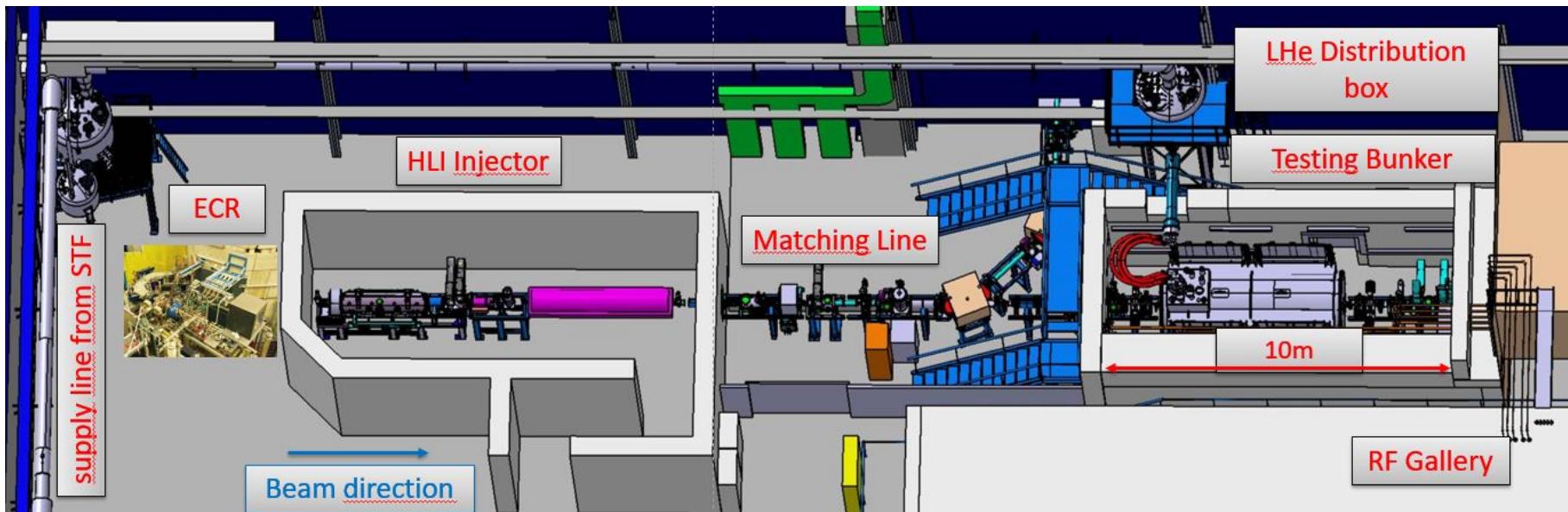


**Link to STF  
(Series Test Facility)**



**2019/20**

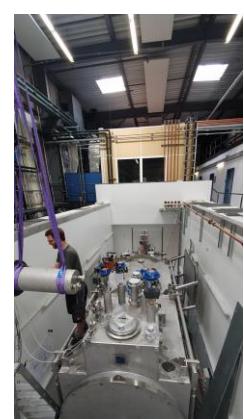




- ✓ Bunker, matching beam line and beam diagnostic bench in operation since 2020
- ✓ He-Infrastructure (linked to STF) is commissioned and in operation since 2021
- ✓ Preservation of transversal alignment of components during cool down <0.1mm
- ✓ Cold Button Beam Position Monitor (BPM) is commissioned
- ✓ sc-Solenoids are tested with beam. Design with integrated steerer is validated



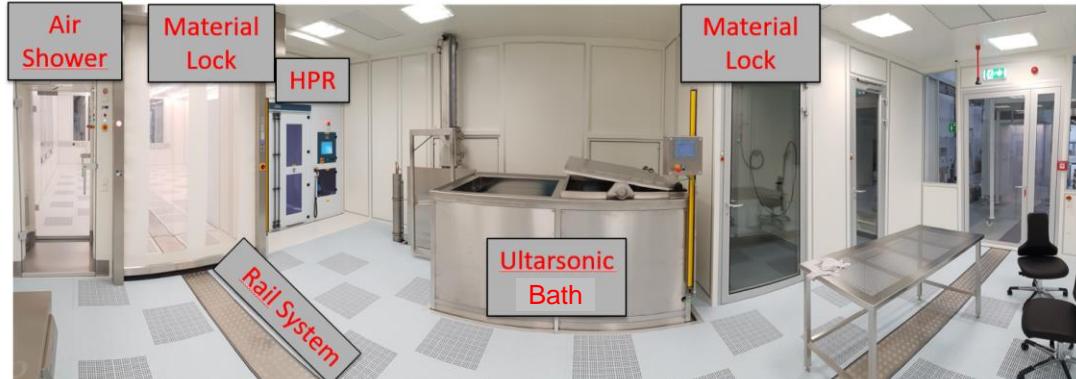
New Testbunker with test bench (2020)



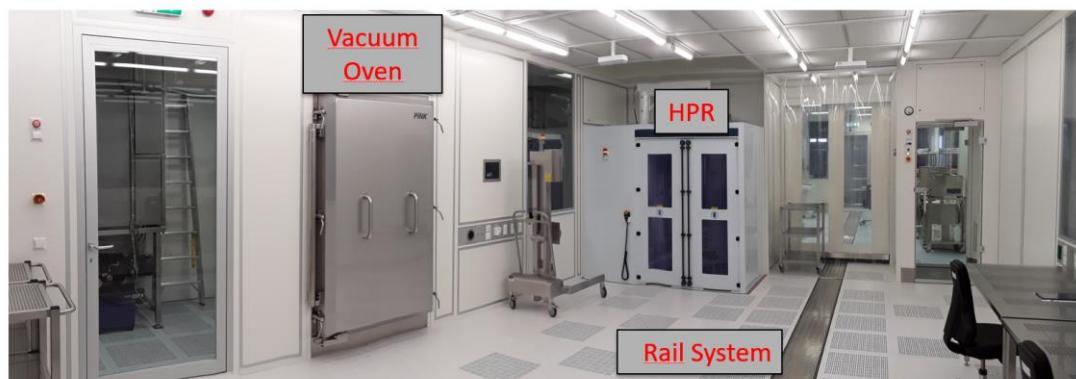
CM1 at Test Bunker (2021)

# Clean Room @ HI-Mainz

## unique infrastructure for SRF-R&D



- Two interconnected clean rooms 42m<sup>2</sup> (ISO6)+42m<sup>2</sup> (ISO4)
- Ultra high purity water supply
- Ultrasonic bath and conductance rinse
- High Pressure Rinse (HPR)
- RF-test bunker LHe infrastructure



# Cold String Assembly at HI-Mainz-Clean Room



cleaning of S2 in material lock



cleaning of S2 in ultrasonic bath



transfer to HPR with lifter



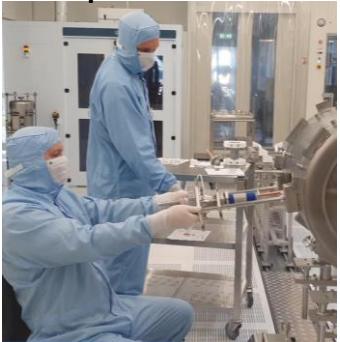
gear to trolley stand



CH2 on trolley stand



integration of rf-power coupler with CH2



connection of S2 and CH2 with bellow



**10/2022** Assembly of the cold string

**11/2022** Integration into cryostat

**12/2022** Integration into beamline @ GSI

**02/2023** Cryo commissioning

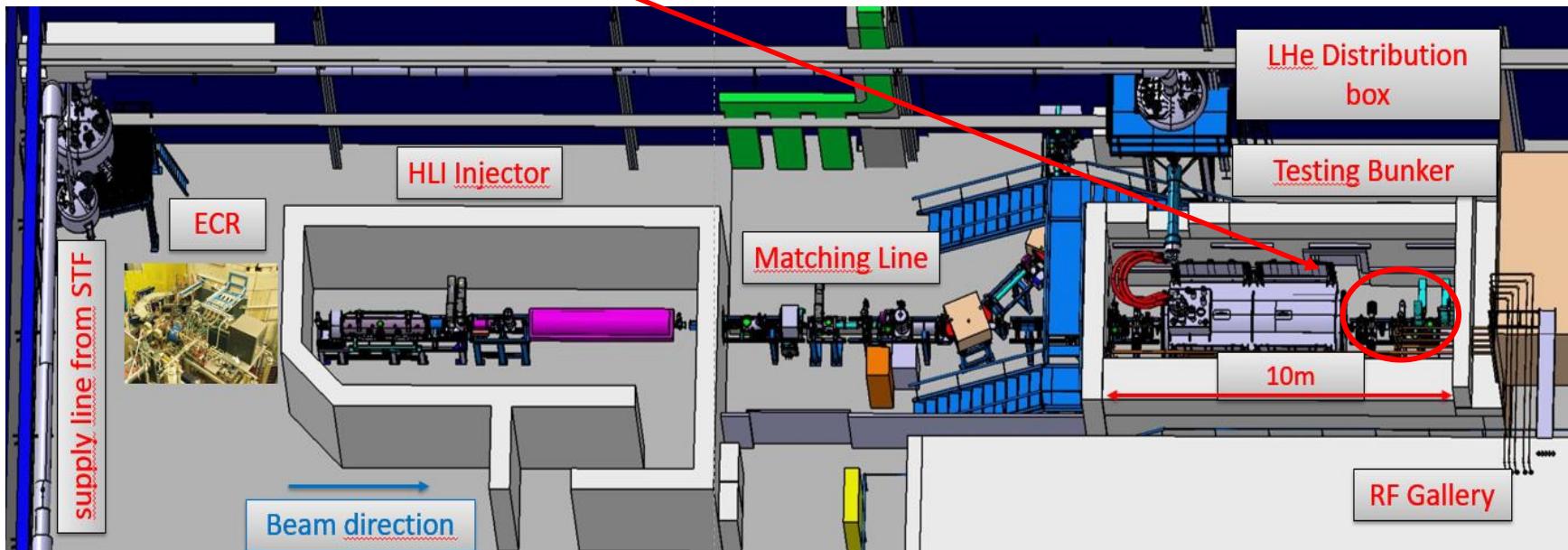
**03/2023** RF conditioning and commissioning of LLRF

**08/2023** Commissioning with beam

# Outlook I

- CM1-beam test in 2023
- First user experiments with CM1 in SH1/4 (installed instead of beam diagnostic test bench )

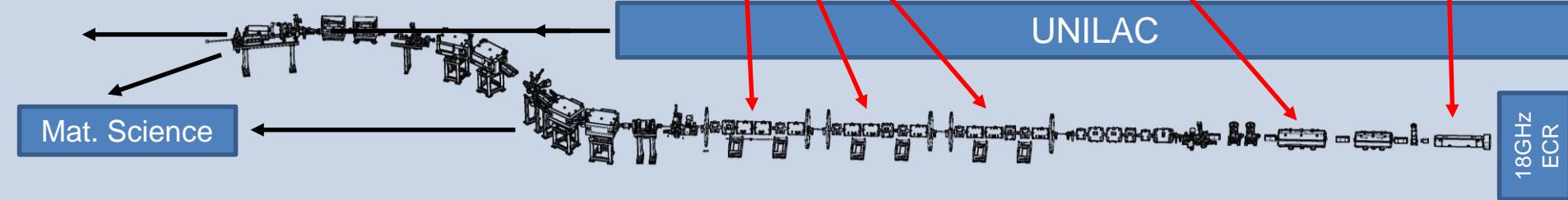
Cryomodule	Cavity	Output energy (MeV/u)		
		$A/z = 6$	$A/z = 3$	$A/z = 1$
CM1	HLI	1.4	1.4	1.4
	CH0	2.1	2.2	3.0
	CH1	2.6	3.0	4.2
	CH2	2.9	3.6	4.6



# Outlook II: HELIAC „basic approach“

## FAIR Phase-0 and beyond

- SHIP(TRAP)
- TASCA
- UBIO
- Plasmaphysics (Z6)
- SIS18 => FAIR



- HELIAC is designed to fit into existing hall
- Feasibility study for civil construction/tunnel
- STF cryogenic plant for supply of HELIAC
- **ECR 18GHz+LEBT → purchasing?**
- RFQ → old HLI RFQ (25% duty)
- **High power RF-amplifiers**
- IH1/IH2 in manufacturing
- CM1 in assembly/testing

- CM2 in manufacturing
- CH-Cavities for **CM3** in manufacturing
- Bending magnets from GSI-Stock, **power supplies** to be ordered
- Most of beam line magnets on GSI-Stock, most of **power supplies** to be ordered
- For „basic approach“ (25% duty) reuse of existing high power rf-amplifiers
- **water- and electrical-supply, vacuum system**

# Save Energy – built HELIAC !

## Power consumption **UNILAC** vs. **HELIAC**

**HELIAC (sc)**  
A/Z = 6, 7.5 MeV/u  
**cw-operation**



**UNILAC (nc)**  
A/Z 26 (HSI), A/Z = 6 (poststripper),  
7.5 MeV/u (A3 intermediate  
energy/7.1 MeV/u +3xERs)  
**30% RF-duty factor**



subsystem	section	P [kW]
Ion source	ECR	230
RF-amplifiers	nc-Injector	270
RF-amplifiers	CM1-4	80
cryo supply	CM1-4	130
Power Supplies	HELIAC tot.	150
Beam diagnostics	UNILAC	50
Cooling water	HELIAC tot.	200
	<b>tot.</b>	<b>1110</b>

subsystem	section	P [kW]
RF-amplifiers	HSI	600
RF-amplifiers	AI-AIII	1900
RF-amplifiers	SGR	190
Power Supplies	HSI	70
Power Supplies	Poststripper	145
Beam diagnostics	UNILAC	100
Cooling water	UNILAC	1200
Basic load	UNILAC	650
Ion source	Penning	40
	<b>tot.</b>	<b>4895</b>

For typical beam time:

>90% less power consumption, *energy savings for 6 months of operation (HELIAC vs. UNILAC)  $\approx 16.4 \text{ GWh}$*

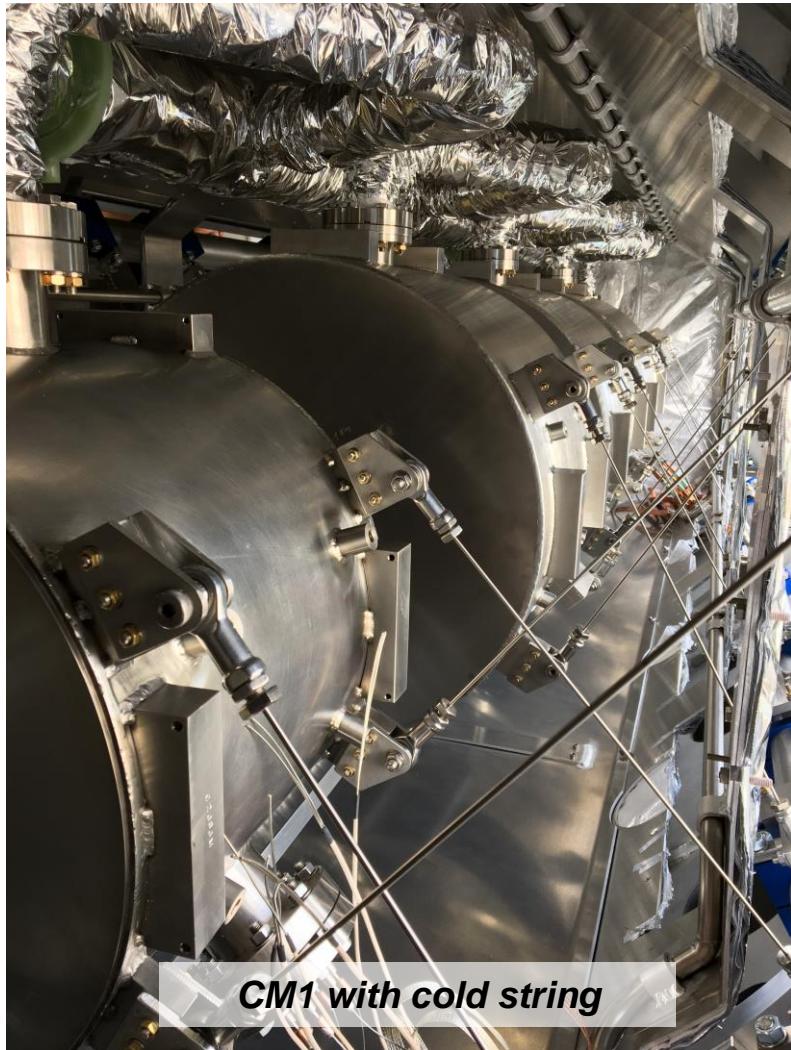
**Energy savings for 6 months UNILAC-experiment vs. 1.5 months/HELIAC  $\approx 20 \text{ GWh}$**

# HELIAC “basic approach”-timeline

<b>Q4/2023</b>	CM1 (Advanced Demonstrator) beam test at Test Area
<b>Q2/2025</b>	<b>Linac-Tunnel (@SH2/3) ready for installation of components</b>
<b>Q3&amp;4/2025</b>	ECR and LEBT commissioning @ Linac-tunnel
<b>Q4/2025</b>	CM2 beam test at Test Area
<b>Q1/2026</b>	RFQ commissioning @ Linac tunnel
<b>Q2/2026</b>	cw-IH-DTL commissioning @ Linac tunnel
<b>Q3/2026</b>	Matching Line & CM1 commissioning
<b>Q4/2026</b>	CM2 commissioning (and CM3 beam at Test Area)
<b>Q1/2027</b>	<b>CM3 &amp; HEBT to UNILAC commissioning (basic approach)</b>

*@Additional schedule for  
test activities at HI-Mainz*

→ ERUM-PRO: continuous wave (cw)-RFQ & (solid state) cw-high power RF-amplifier



*Thank You for  
Your attention!*