

# Status and Perspectives of the HELIAC-Project

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**HELIAC**  
GSI DARMSTADT

# Introduction

## FAIR Requirements

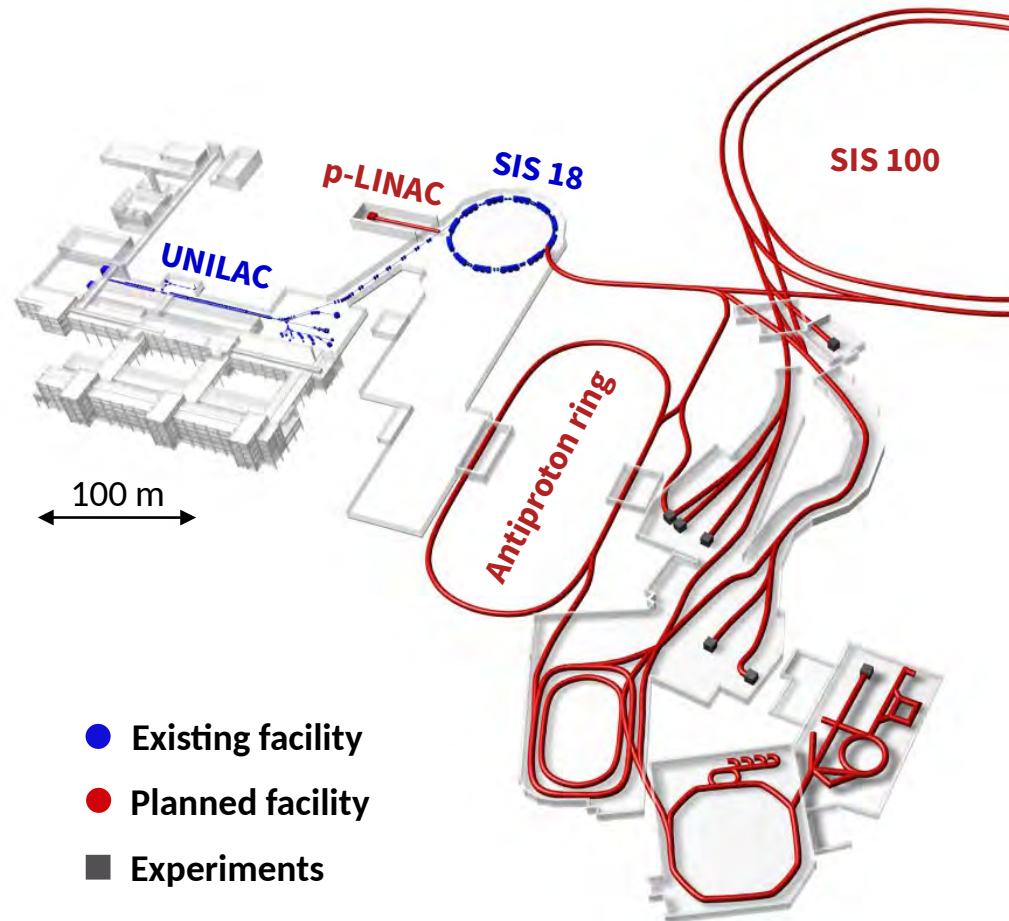
- high *peak* beam currents
- low duty factor (~0.1 %)
- → low repetition rate (max. 3 Hz)

## UNILAC-Poststripper RF Upgrade

- optimised for FAIR requirements
- opposes high duty factor / rep. rate

## Super Heavy Element Requirements

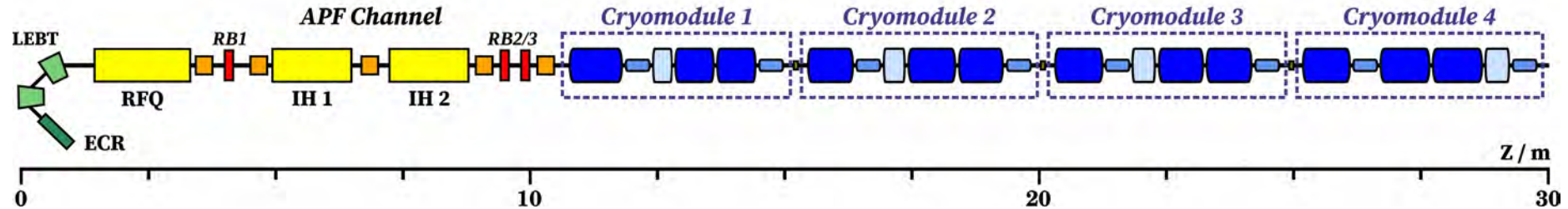
- high *average* beam currents
- high duty factor (~100 %)
- high repetition rate or just *c.w.*



Existing GSI facility and future FAIR complex

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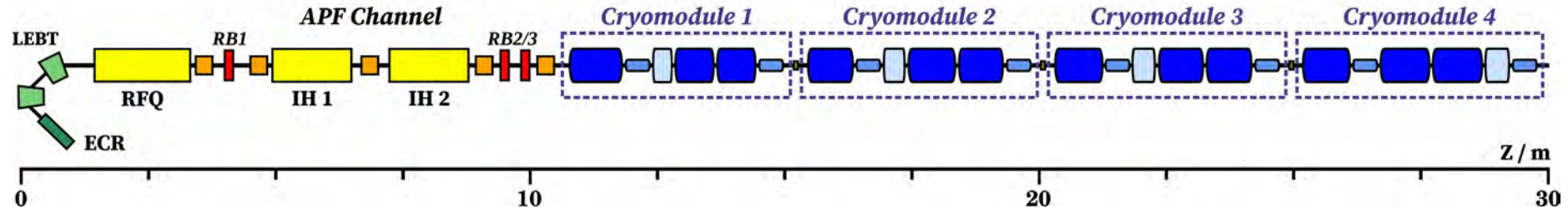
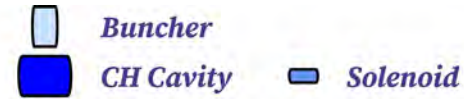
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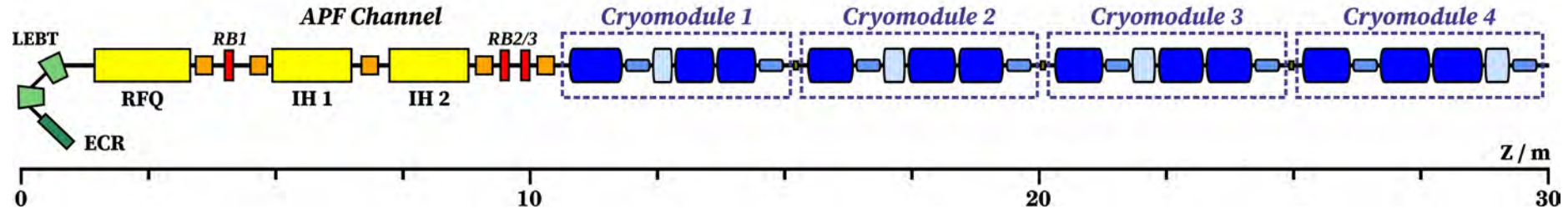
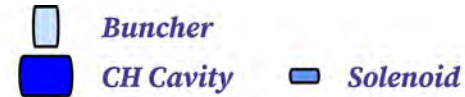
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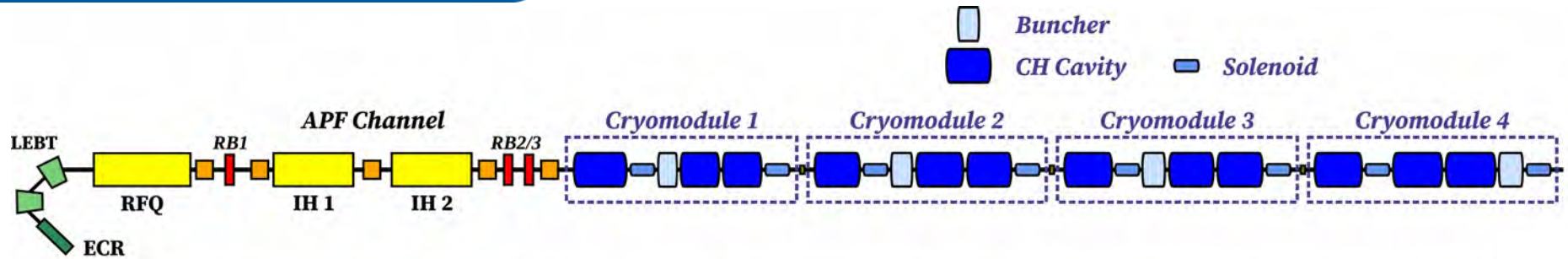
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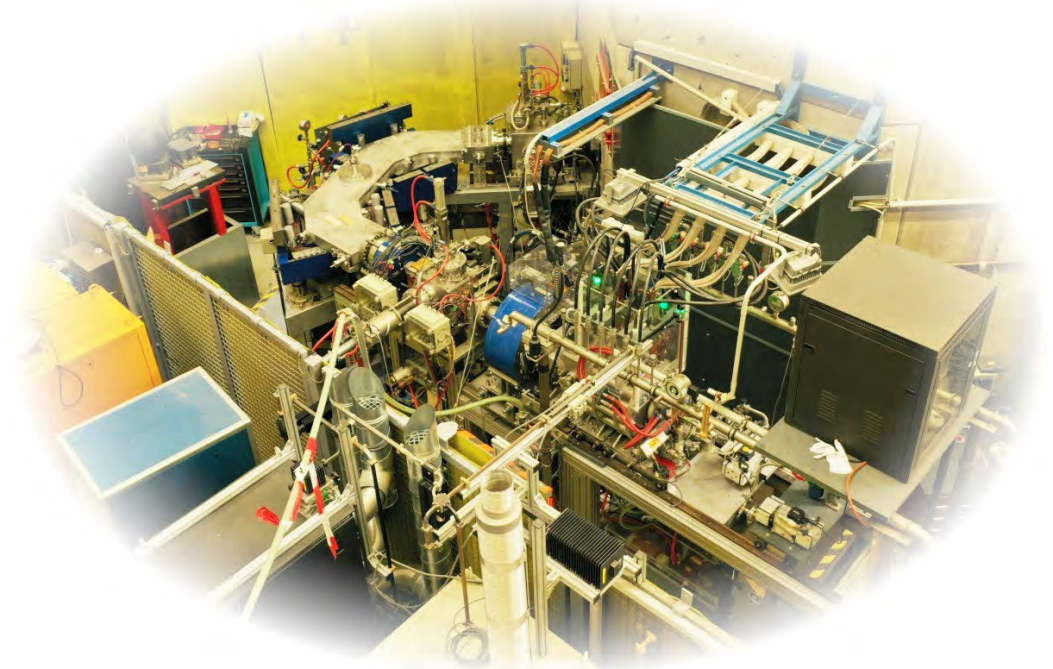


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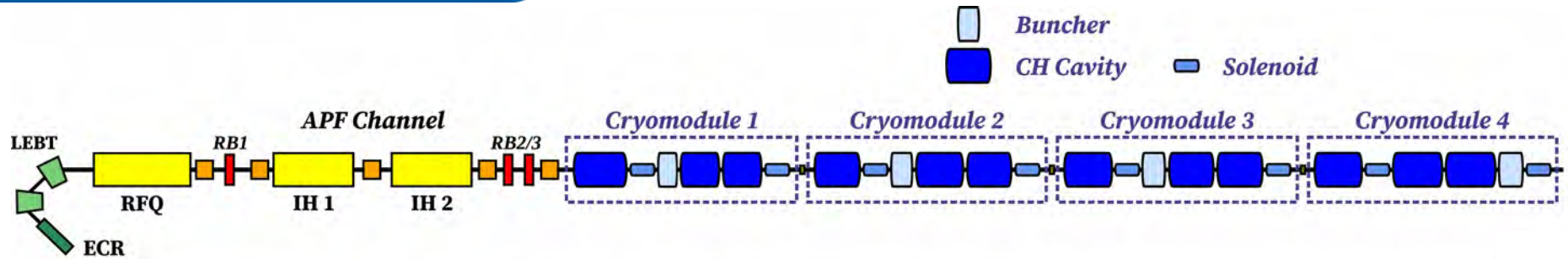
18-GHz-ECR

- 14-GHz-ECR @ GSI
- Higher charge desired:
  - Higher density plasma
  - 18-GHz-ECR
- LEBT
  - Spectrometer
  - Transport to RFQ

**Funding still unclear!**



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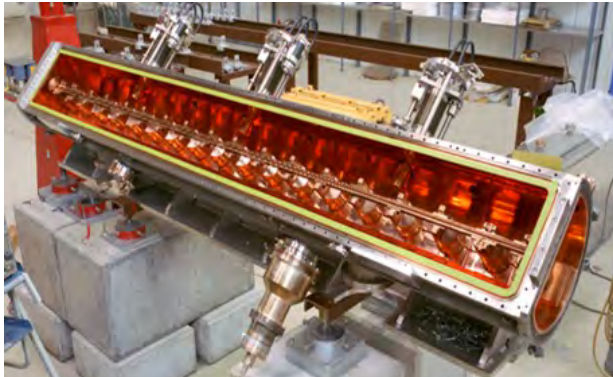
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HLI RFQ



HLI IH Cavity



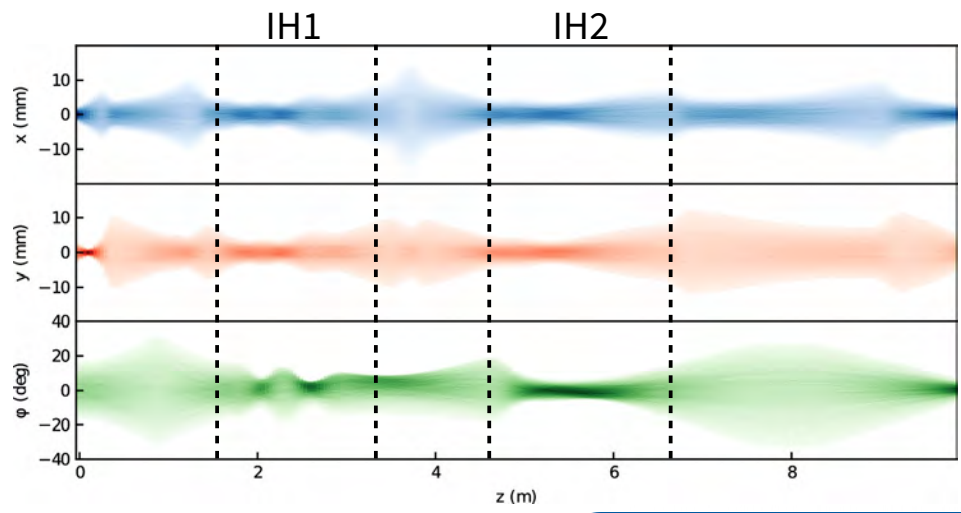
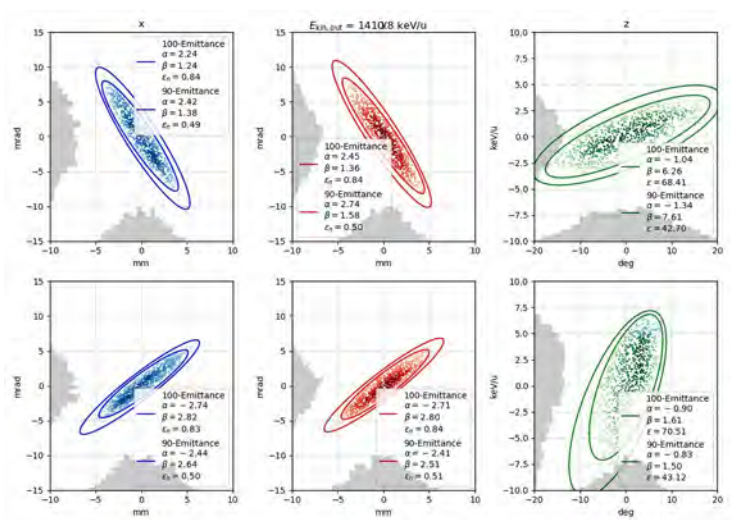
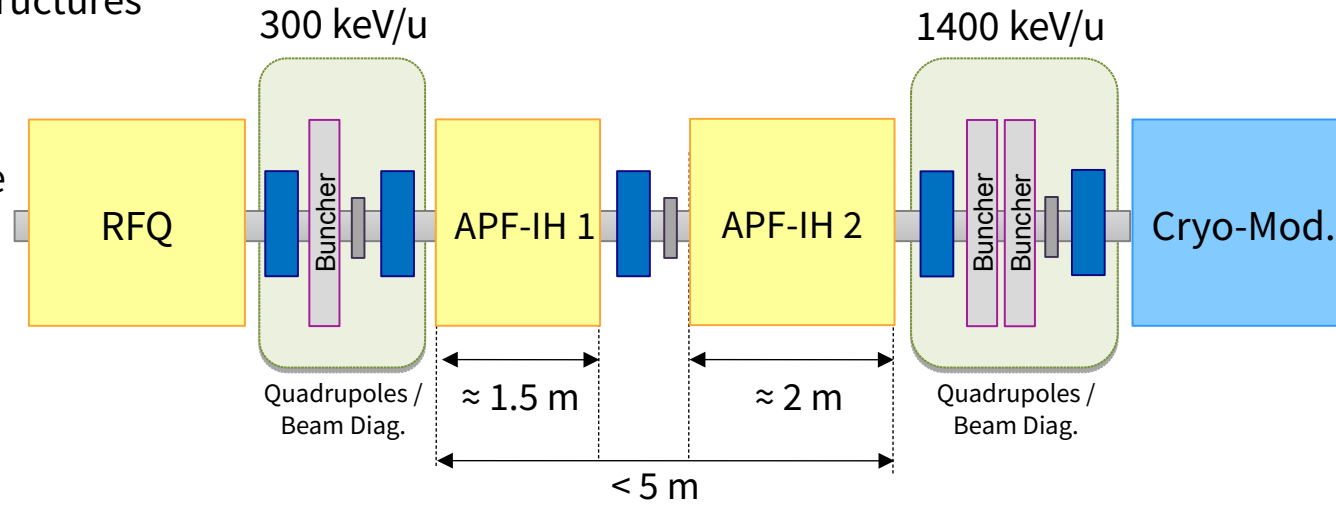
25% duty factor vs. 100 % → Heat Load

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Tight space constraints

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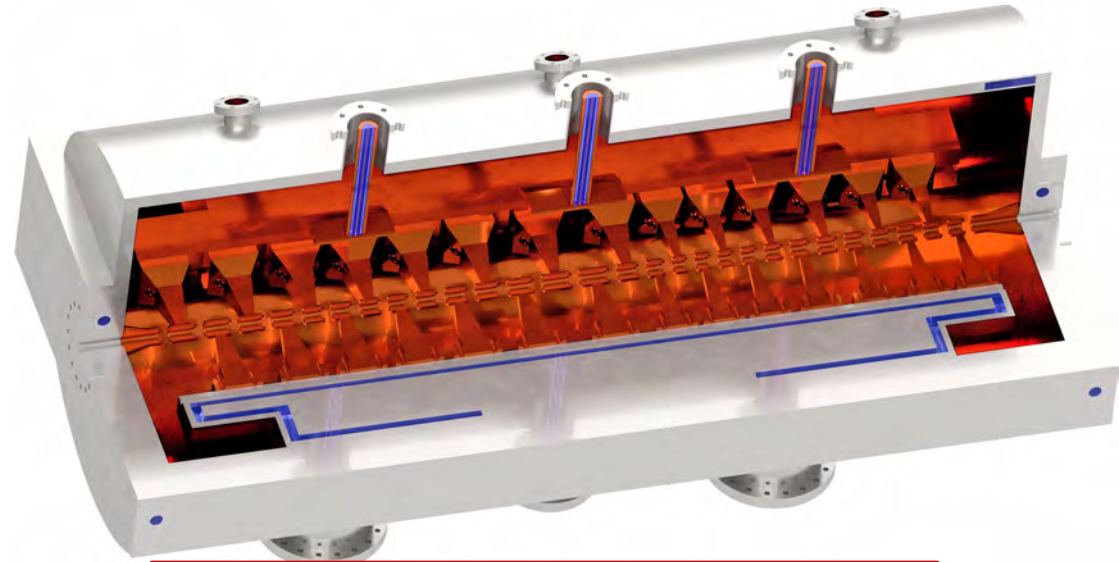
- Limited space for IH structures
- Two-cavity design
- APF: **A**lternating **P**hase **F**ocusing
- Mature beam dynamics design



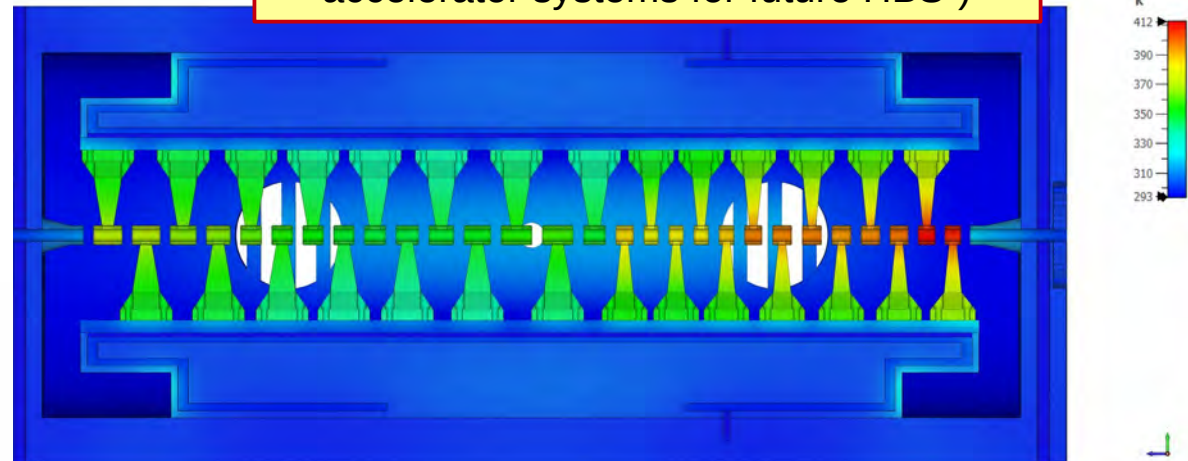
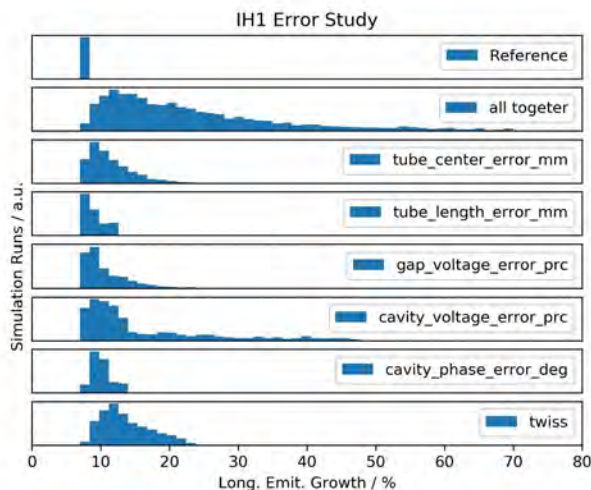


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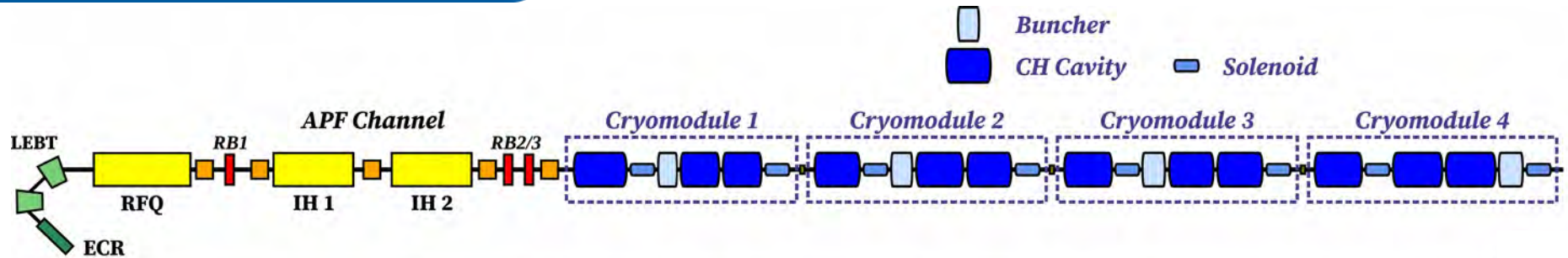
- Extensive Simulations:
  - 3D e.m. field
  - Thermal
  - Multi-physics
  - Error studies
- Copper-plated steel structure
- Contract for production awarded (delivery 2023)



strong funding support by the HGF (innovations pool-project „High current accelerator systems for future HBS“)



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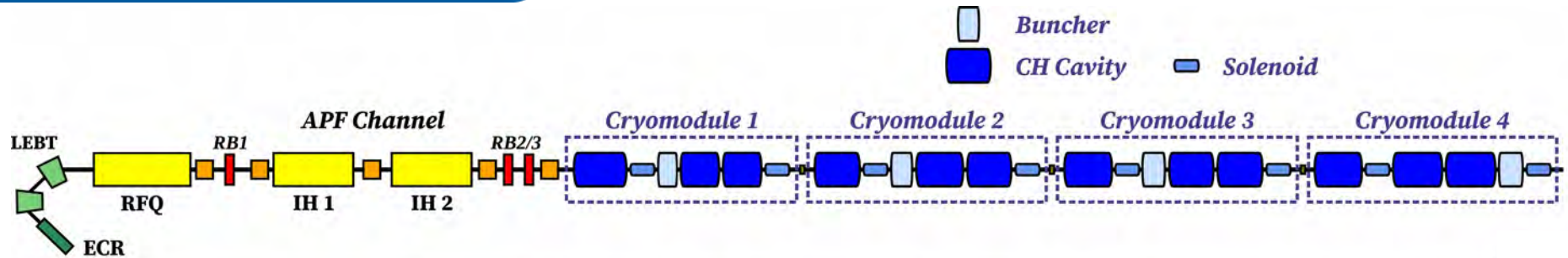
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„Advanced CW-Linac Demonstrator“

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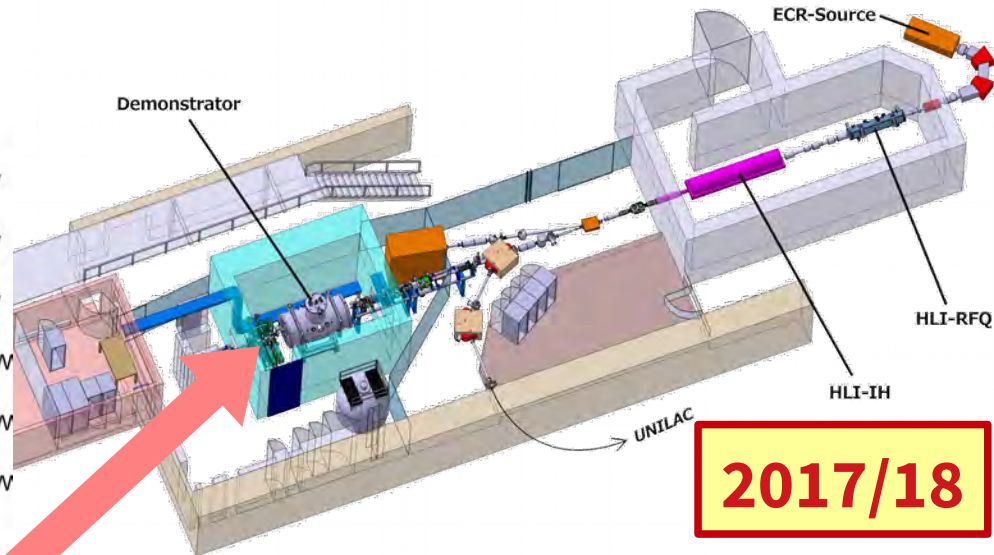
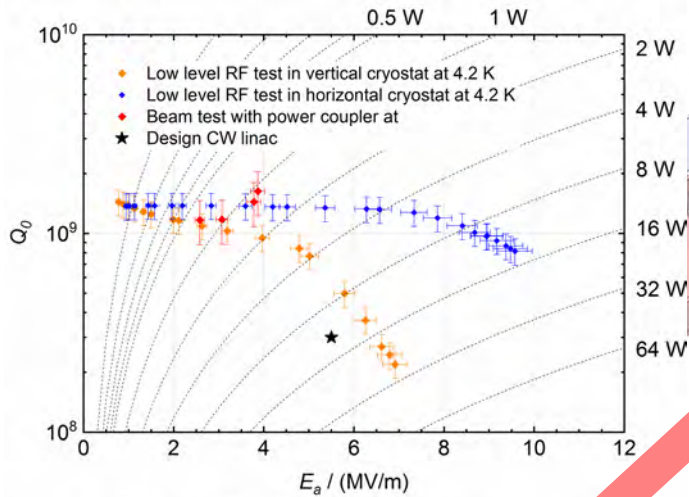
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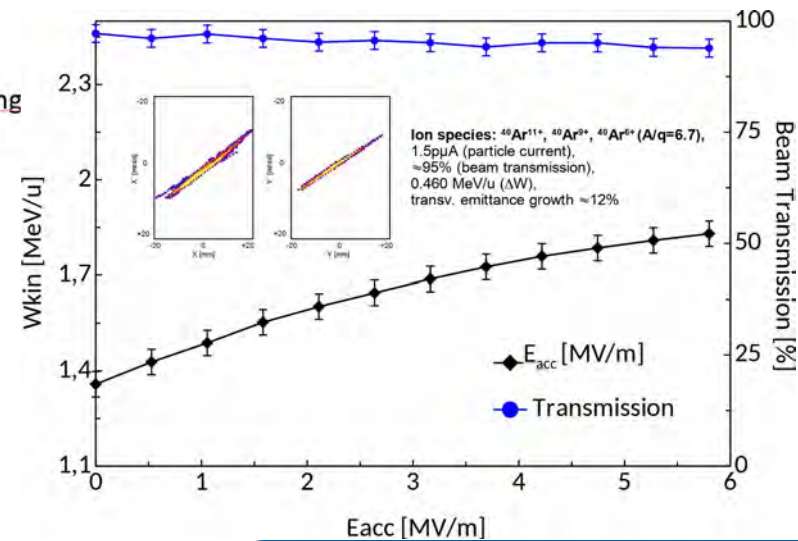
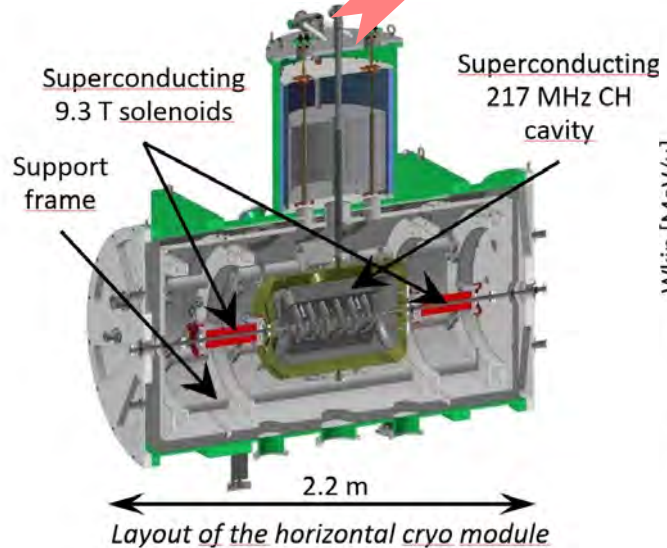


# CH Qualification

2016/17



2017/18



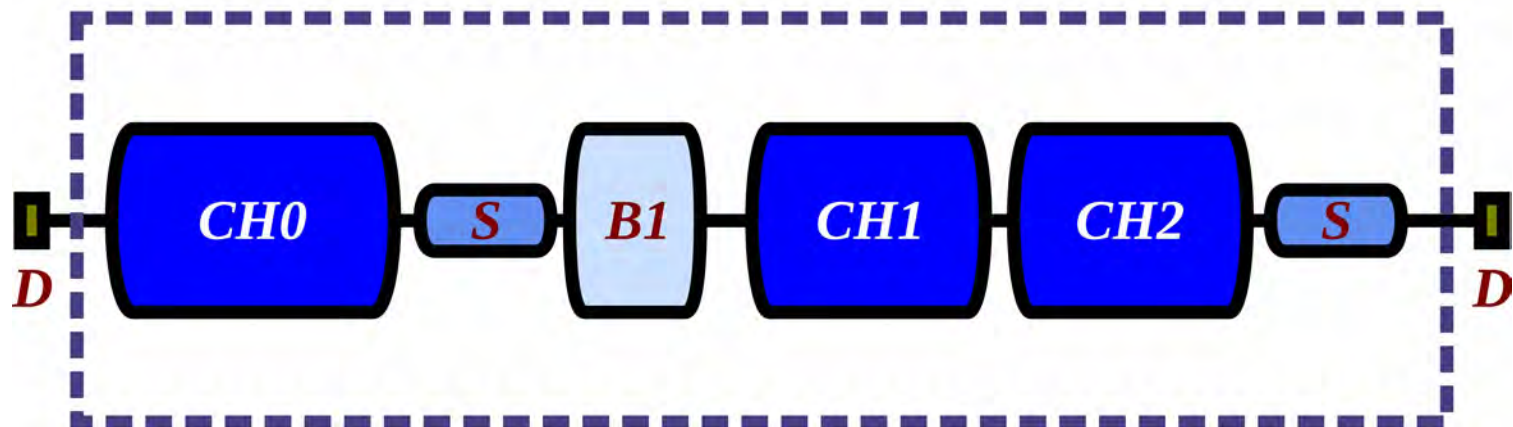


# Cryomodule Qualification

## Advanced CW Linac Demonstrator

- 3 CH cavities
- 1 Rebuncher
- 2 Solenoids

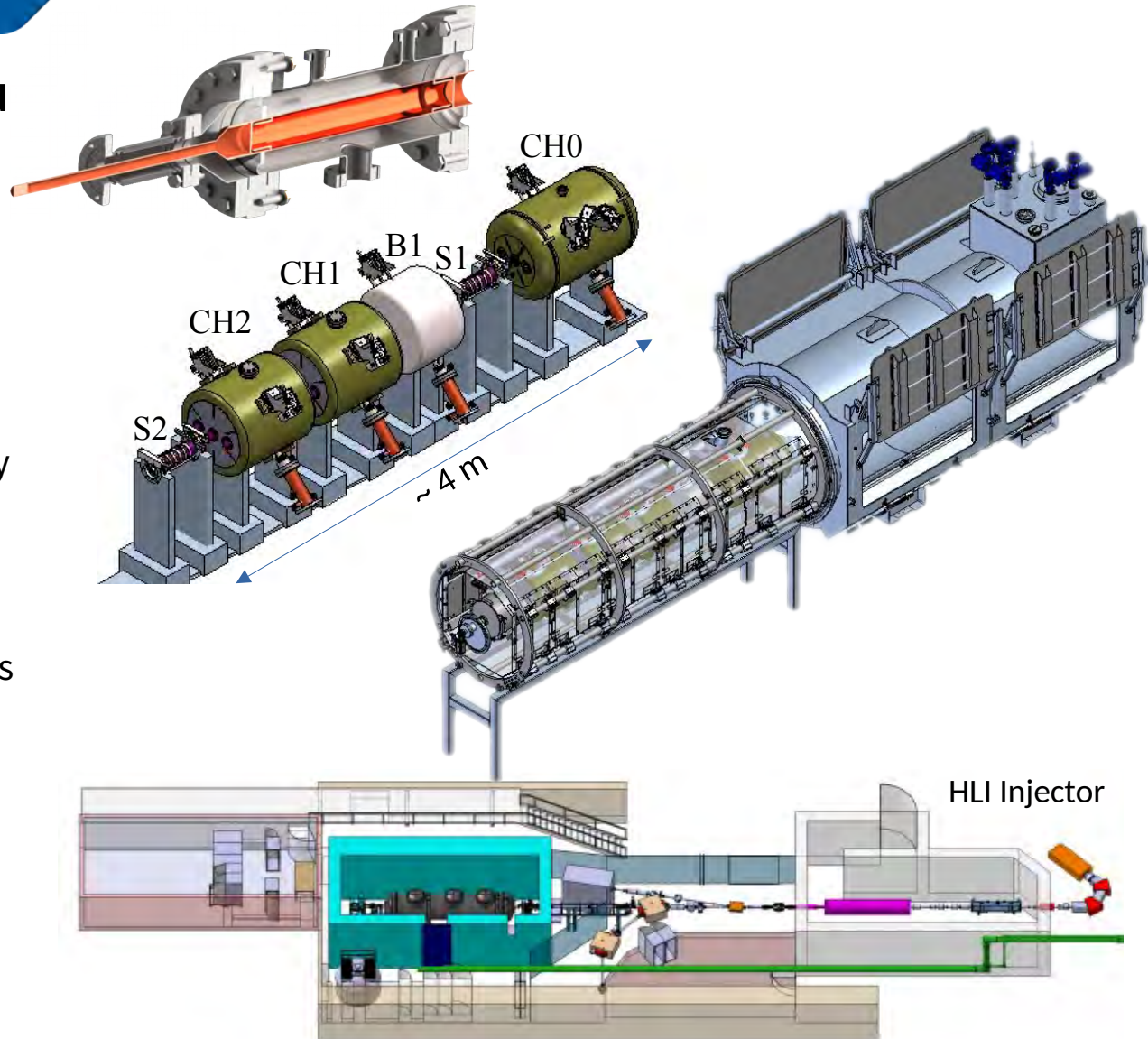
### *Standard Cryomodule Layout*



# Cryomodule Qualification

## Test of fully equipped standard cryomodule:

- Components delivered:
  - Cavities
  - Power couplers
  - Solenoids
  - Cryomodule
- Clean and precise assembly required
- Many „firsts“:
  - Mounting procedures
  - Auxiliary constructions
  - Transport HIM ↔ GSI
- Test site + infrastructure



# Cryo String Assembly @ HIM

## Major features

- Aluminum double floor (5 tons/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Heavy duty rail system
- Air-shower
- Ultra high purity water supply (0.055  $\mu$ S/cm, 2500 l/h)
- High pressure washer
- High pressure rinse (HPR)
- Ultrasonic bath and conductance rinse
- 160°C vacuum oven

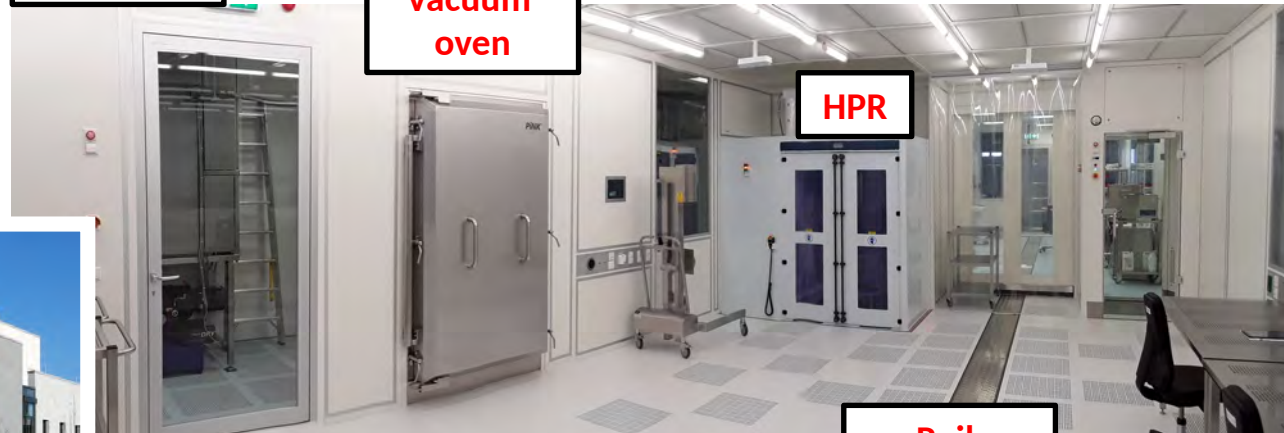
ISO 6



Air Shower

Ultrasonic bath

ISO 4



Vacuum oven

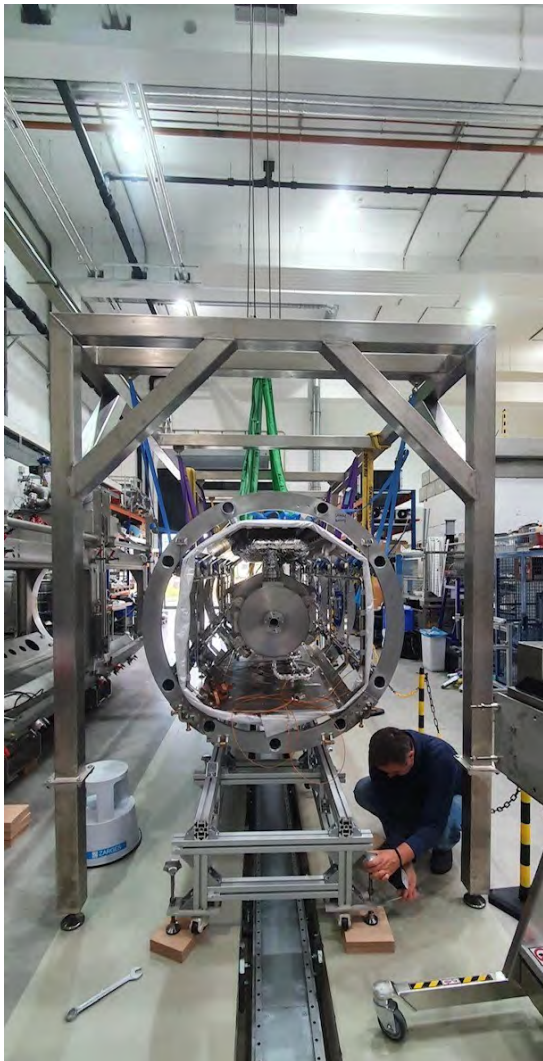
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Rail system





# Cryo String Assembly @ HIM



assembly frame



rail system → clean room



Pre-cleaning at airlock

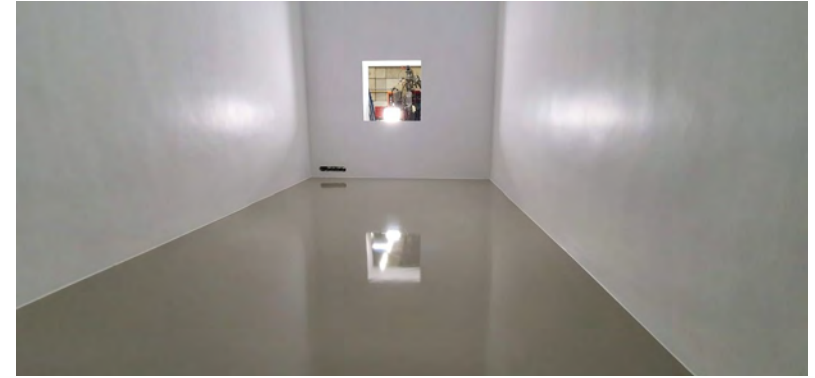


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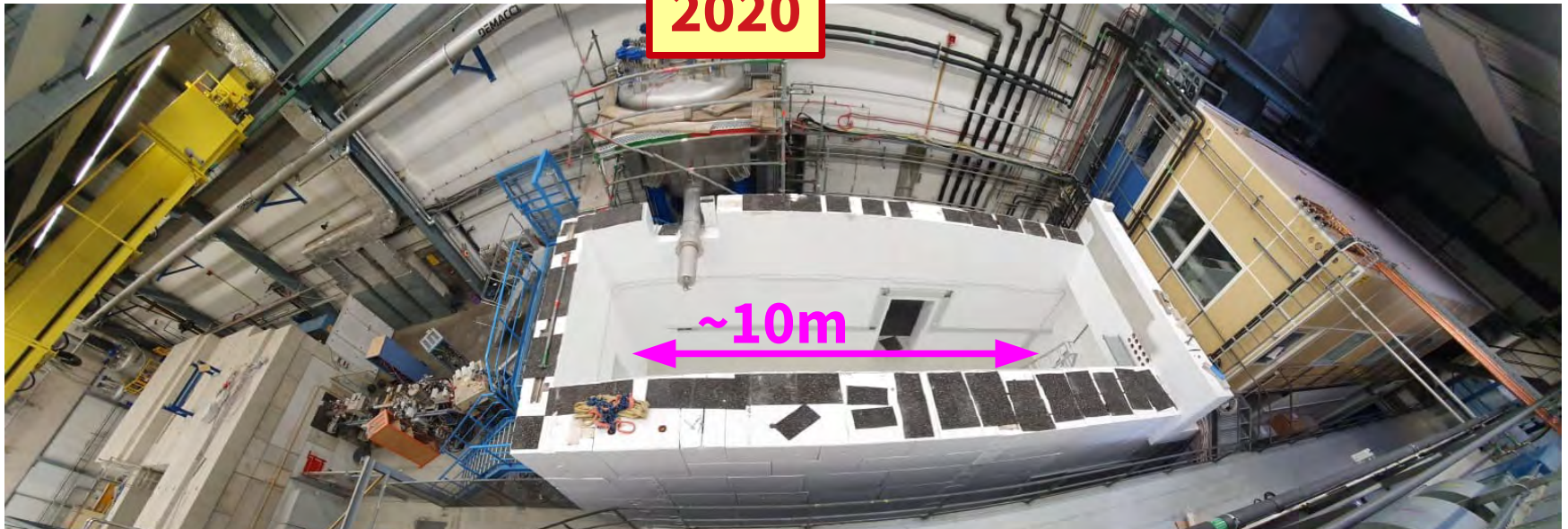


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- Radiation protected area
- Cleanable surfaces
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- Link to cryo plant

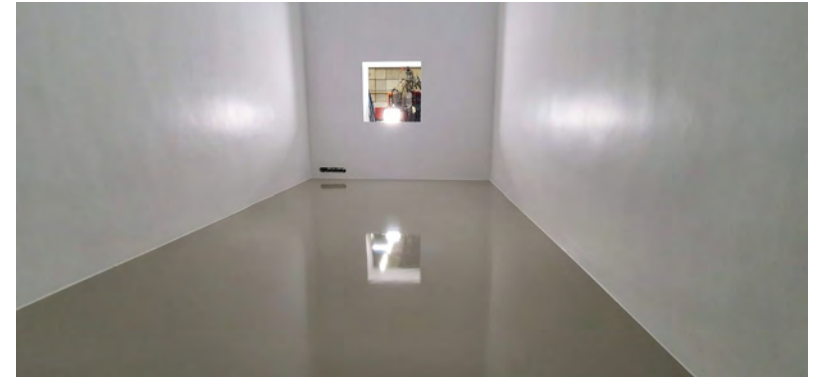


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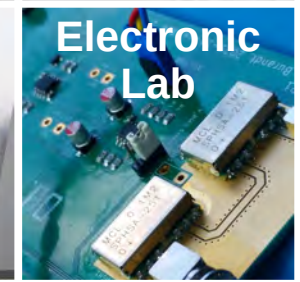
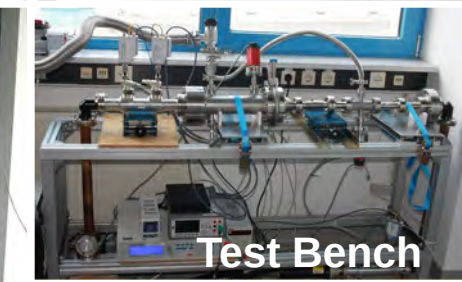
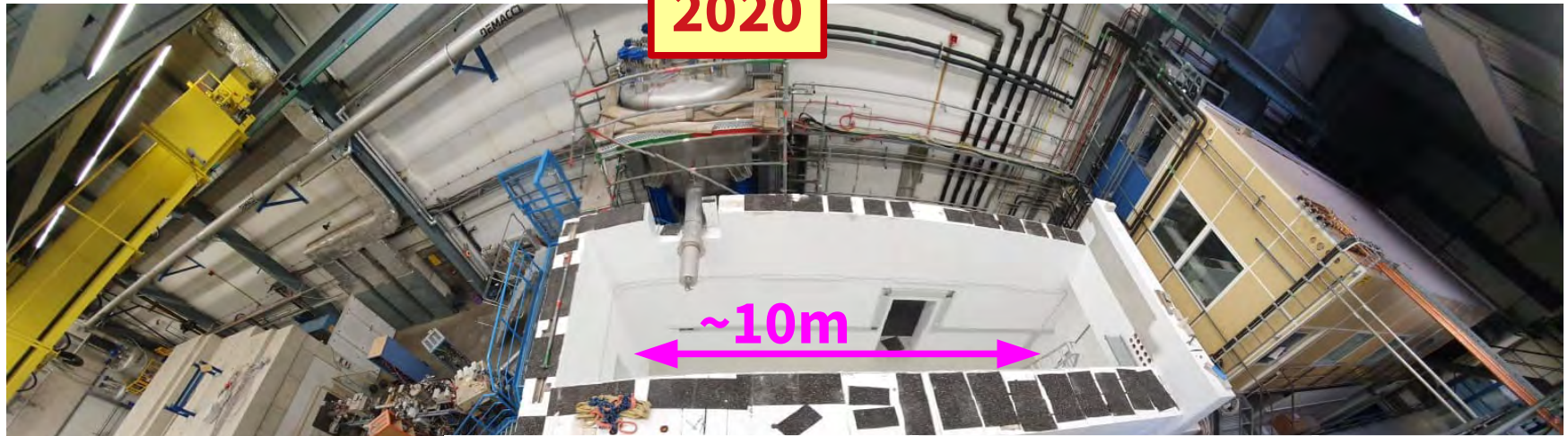


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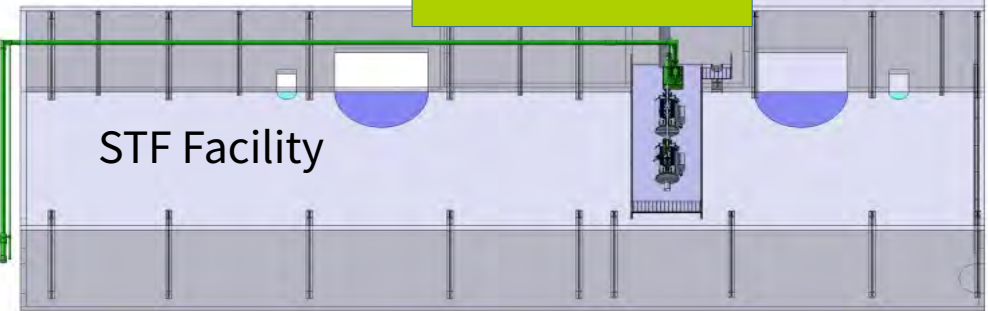
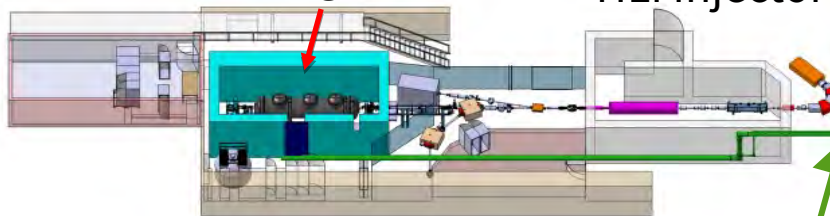


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700 W @ 4K

Advanced Demonstrator  
Testing Area



80-m link to STF-Cryoplant  
(Series Test Facility)

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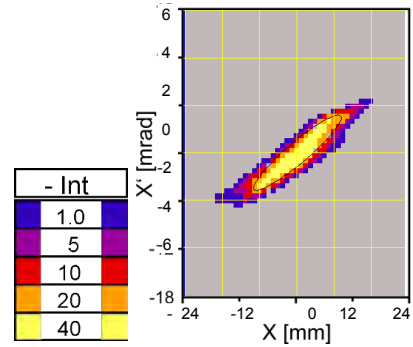
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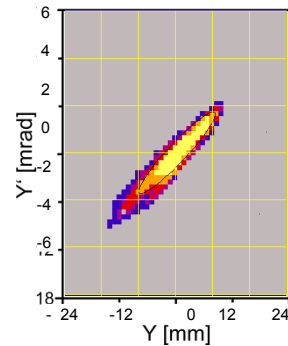
CM1 with dummy cavities

**2021**

w/o solenoid  
emittance: 5.4 mm mrad

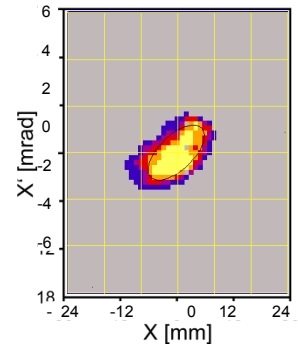


emittance: 4.72 mm mrad

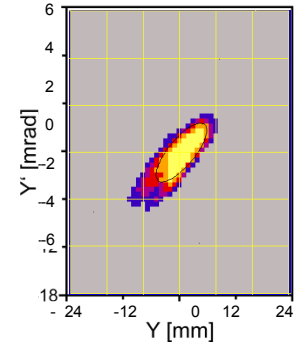


62 eμA

>Focus  
I<sub>Sol1</sub> = 15A  
5.73 mm mrad

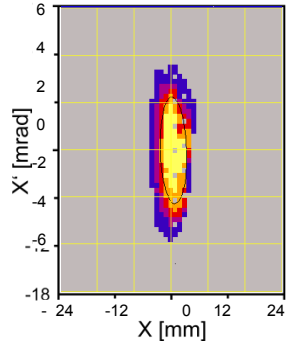


4.52 mm mrad

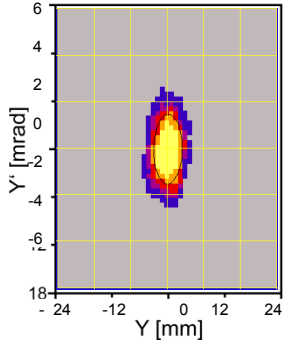


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Focus  
I<sub>Sol2</sub> = 25A  
6.44 mm mrad



4.69 mm mrad



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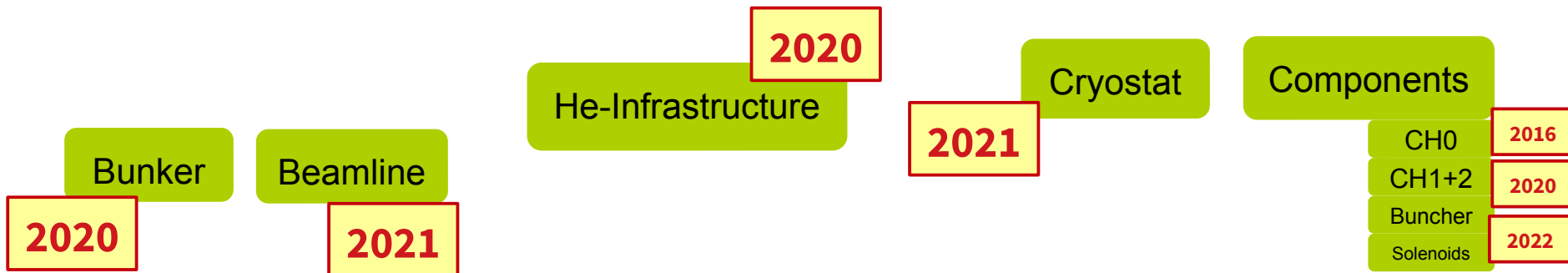


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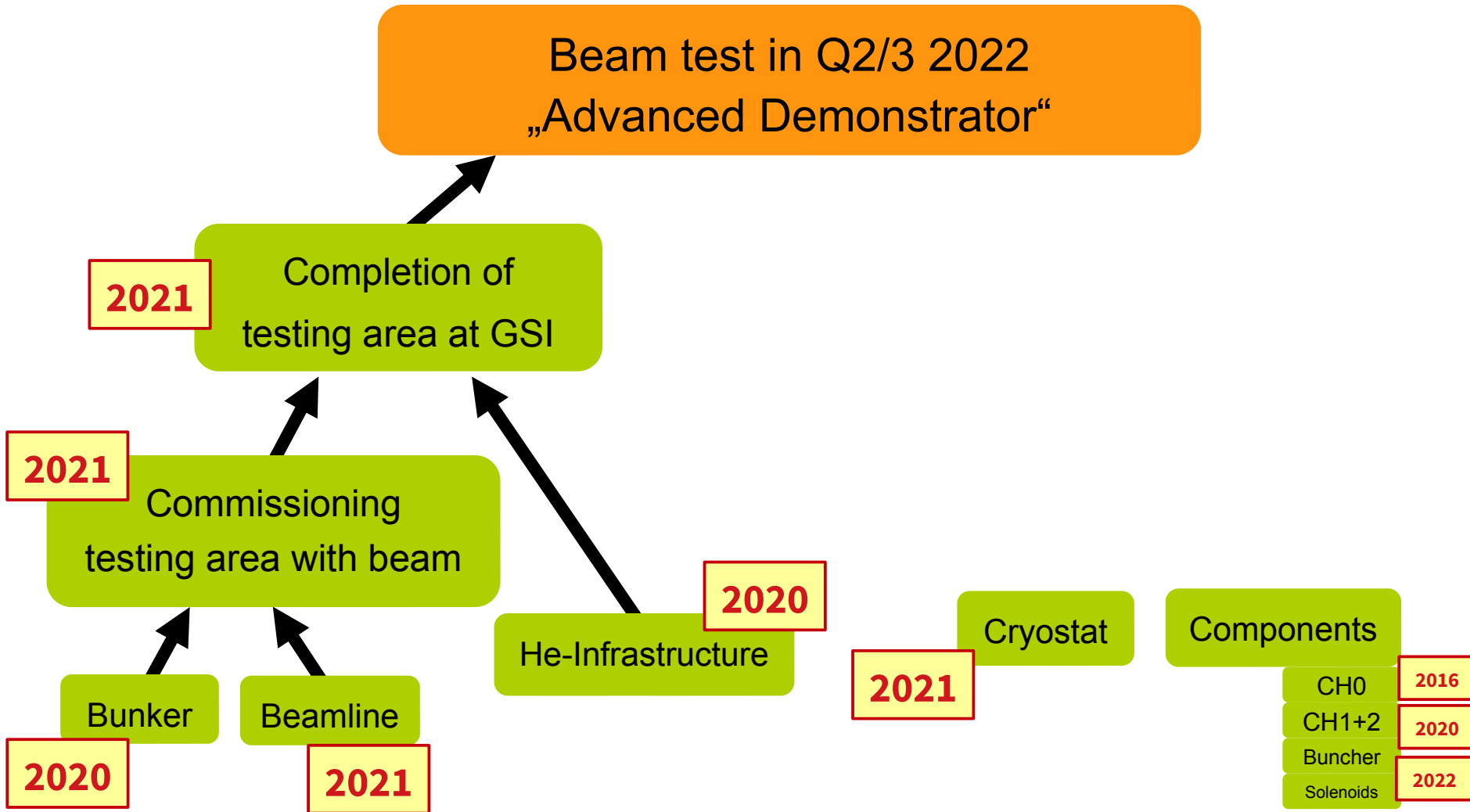
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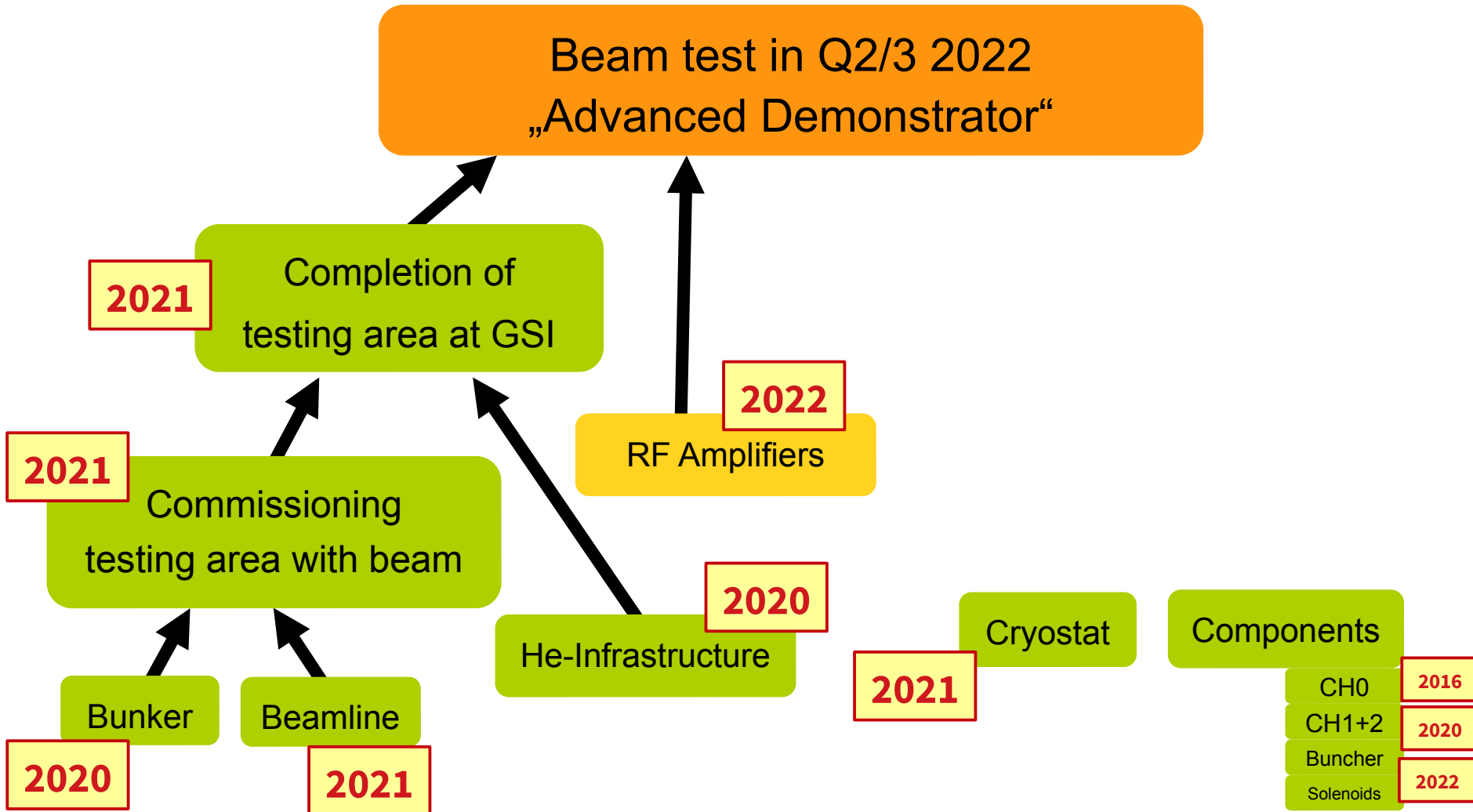
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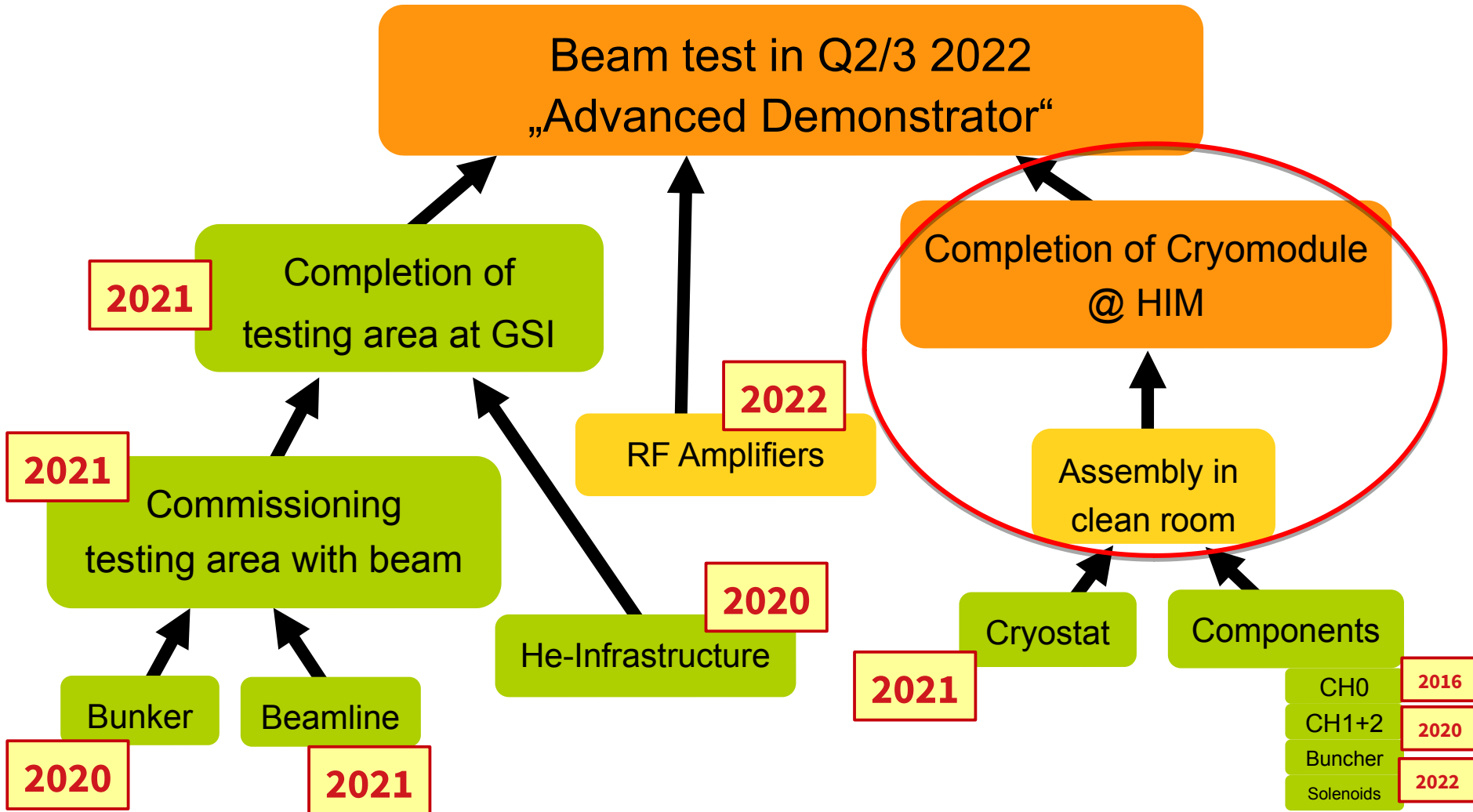


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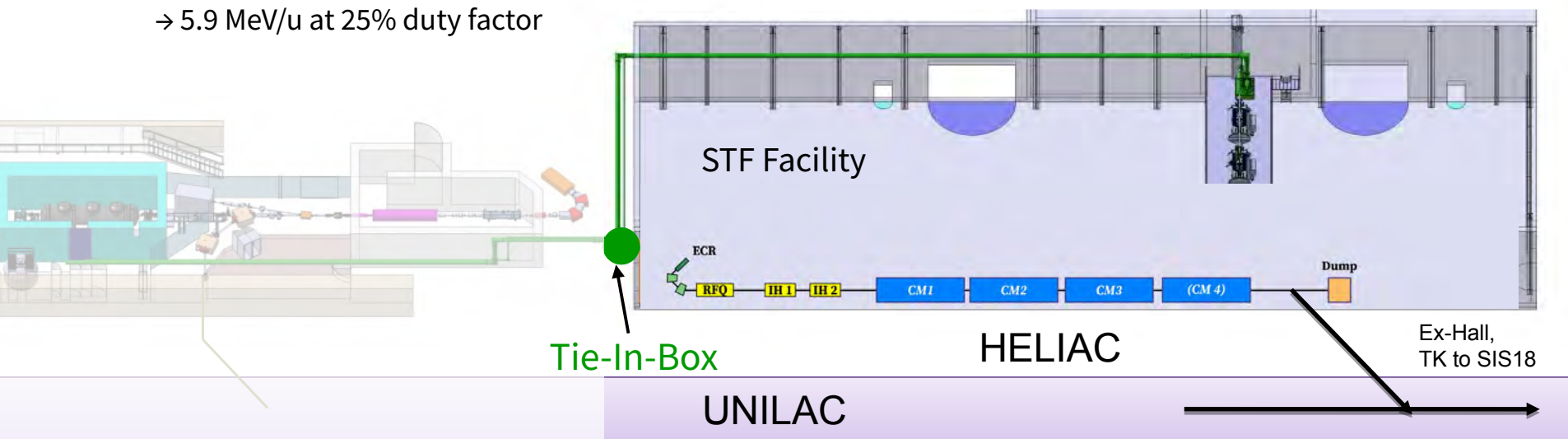
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Only if 18-GHz-source was funded!

Timeline presented is quite optimistic ...

Existing contracts for:

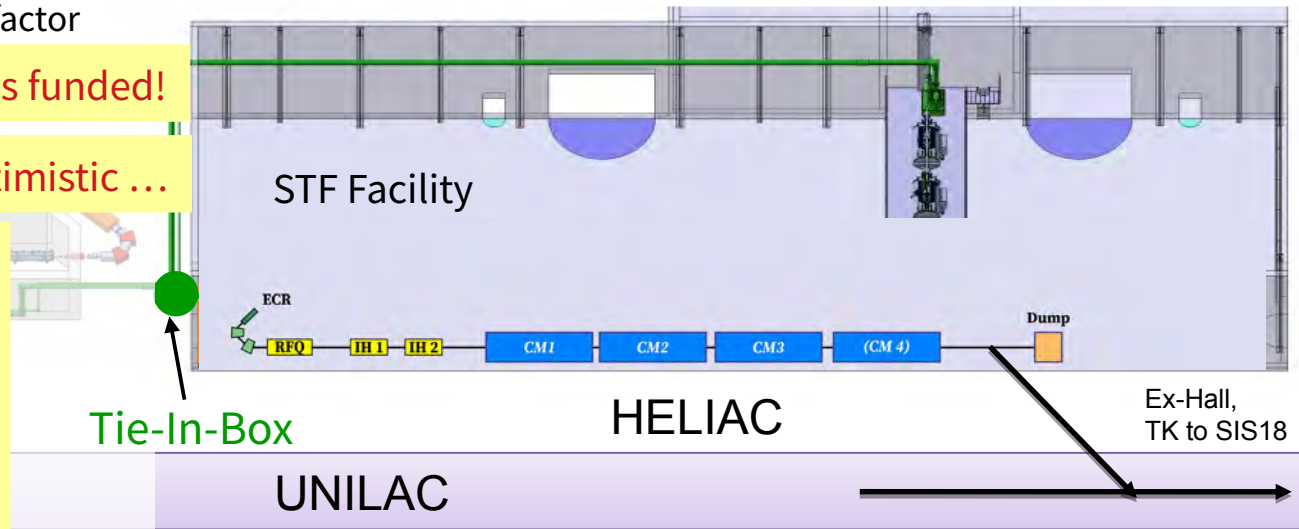
- additional RF amplifiers
- second cryostats
- second S.C. buncher

Call for tender:

- CM2 CH cavities
- (CM3 CH cavities)

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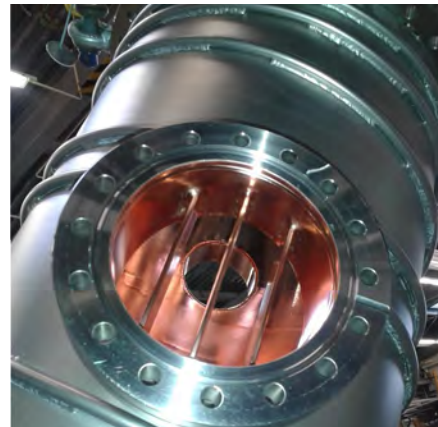


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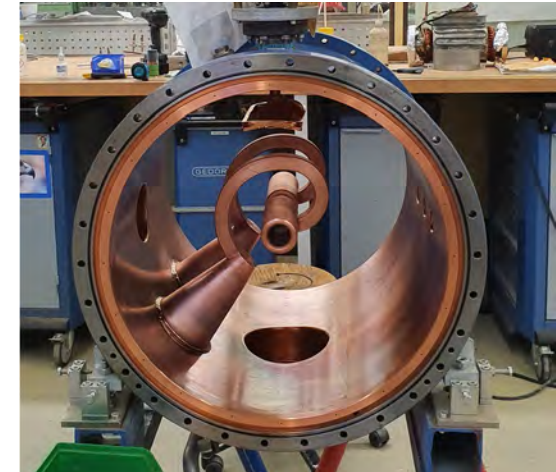
## Source and cavities are not enough ...

- Matching sections
  - Source → RFQ
  - RFQ → IH-DTL
  - IH-DTL → S.C. Linac
  - S.C. Linac → Experiment
- Transport lines
  - LEBT
  - MEBT
  - HEBT

$\beta = 0.054$  Buncher



$\beta = 0.1$  De-Buncher

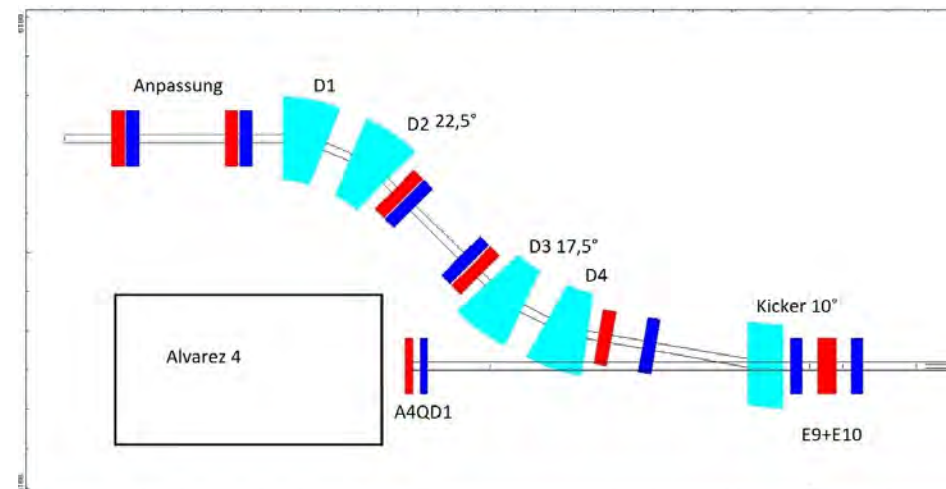


## ... and require many additional components ...

- C.W. Re-/De- buncher cavities
- QP doublets / triplets
- Deflecting magnets (HEBT)
- Magnet power supplies
- Beam diagnostics, vacuum, controls, ...

## ... which we started to obtain.

- Re-Use of many devices possible
- Multiple bunchers, QPs, Dipoles obtained



# Institutions Involved

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- Accelerator beam dynamics (PhD)
- S.C. CH cavity R&D (PhDs)
- In-production cavity performance monitoring



- Installation site, cryo plant
- Ion source
- Operational expertise
- Integration with existing facility



- Injector beam dynamics (PhD)
- RF power coupler R&D (PhD)
- S.C. buncher cavity R&D



**HIM** HELMHOLTZ  
Helmholtz-Institut Mainz

- S.C. cavity acceptance tests
- Cleanroom
- Injector cavity R&D



# Summary

- HELIAC as counterpart to upgraded UNILAC
- 1st CH-Cavity qualified
- 1st full cryomodule test about to begin
- Mature injector design  
→ tendering started
- Many procurements initiated
- Commissioning of „Basic approach“ possible in 2026

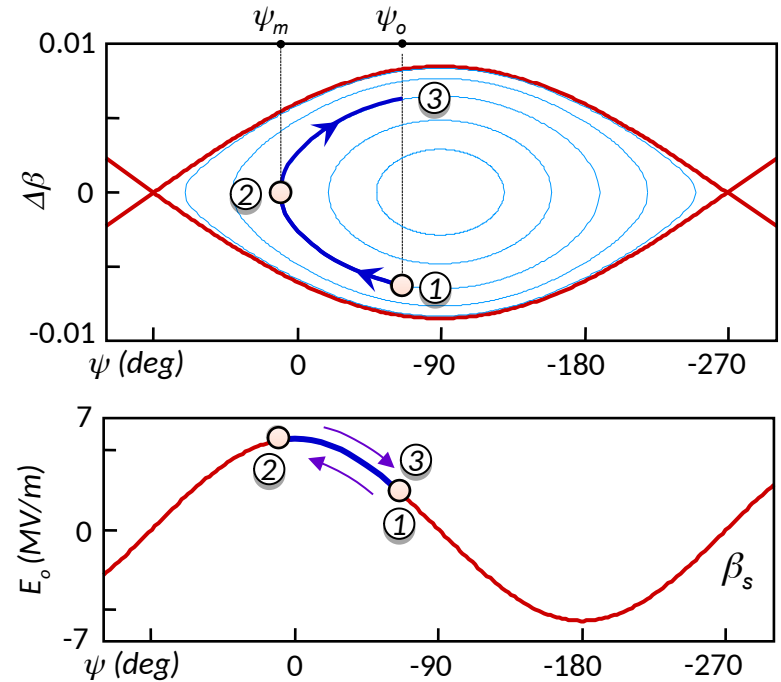


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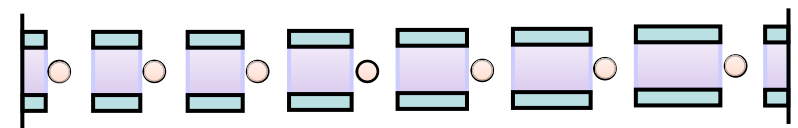
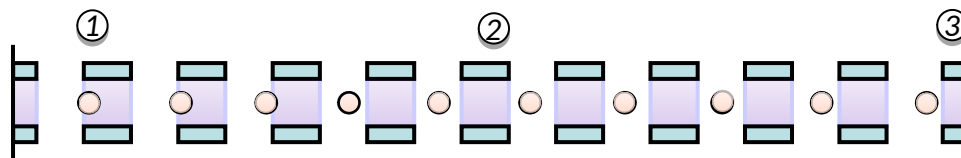
- ① Particles too early
  - ➡ obtain less acceleration
  - ➡ longitudinal focussing
  
- ② Particles synchr.
  - ➡ reach max. acceleration
  - ➡ longitudinal defocussing
  
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  - ➡ obtain less acceleration
  - ➡ longitudinal focussing

Longitudinal motion of an accelerated bunch in the constant- $\beta$ -section



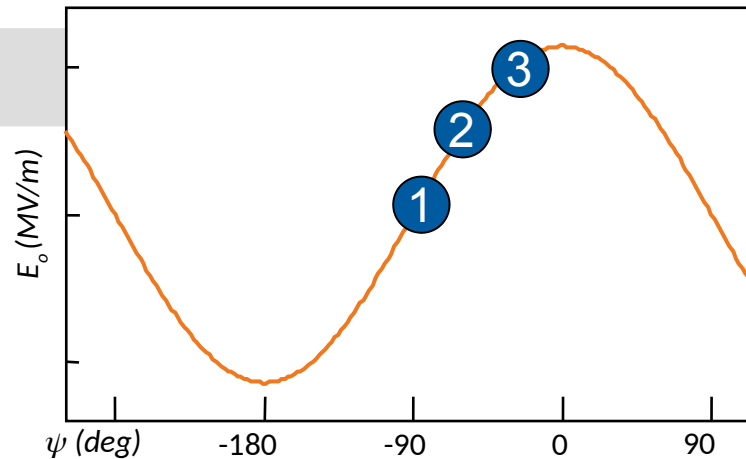
EQUUS

Resonant Acceleration at  $\varphi = -30$



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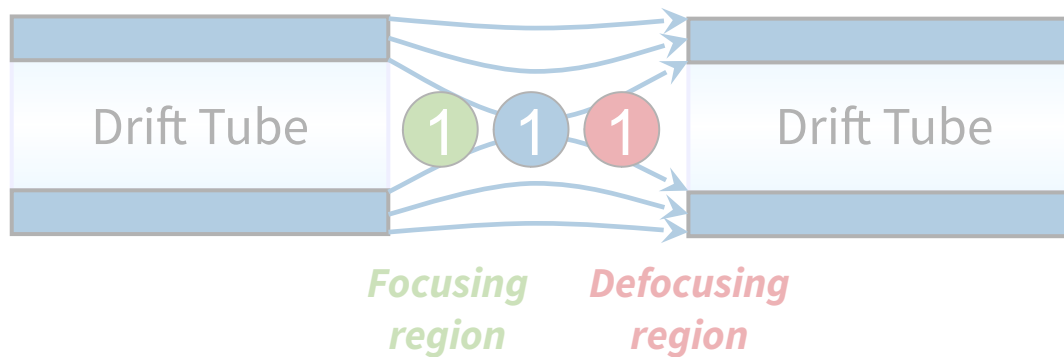


→ focusing

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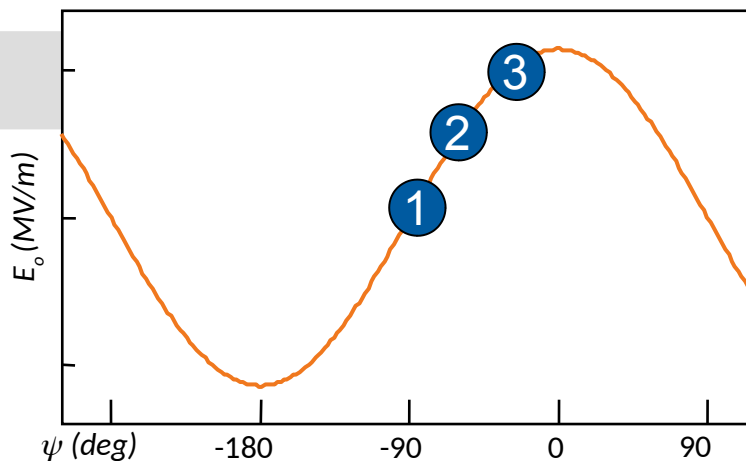
→ net **defocusing**



→ FODO-Lattice gives both (net effect)

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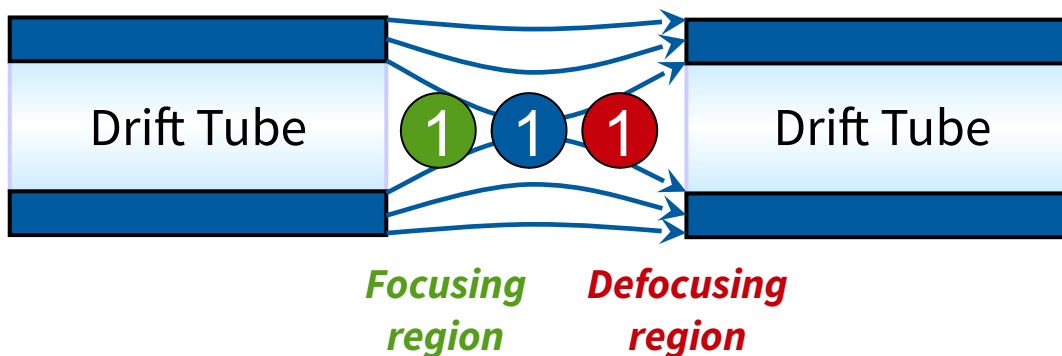


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**Transversal:**

*Field increases during particle traversal*

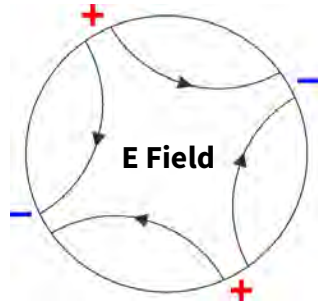
→ net **defocusing**



→ FODO-Lattice gives both (net effect)

# Cross-Bar-H-Mode Cavities

$H_{211}$  mode of pillbox cavity



Parameter	Unit	Value
$\beta$		0.059 – 0.12
Gradient	MV / m	5.5 – 7.1
$Q_0$		$\sim 10^9$
Operation mode		cw
Gaps	#	5 – 15
Diameter	m	0.4
Effective Length	m	< 1
Material		Niobium

