

Status of Beta Beam R&D: Radioactive ion production

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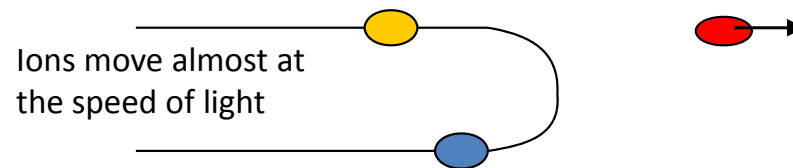


Outline

- Beta-beams:
 - Neutrino beams
 - EURISOL-DS beta-beam
- Ion production issues:
 - Production options
 - The ISOL method
 - Production and extraction of ${}^6\text{He}$
- EURISOL-DS 100 kW targets:
 - 100 kW liquid metal target
 - 100 kW oxide target

Introduction to beta-beams

- Beta-beam proposal by Piero Zucchelli
 - *A novel concept for a neutrino factory: the beta-beam*, Phys. Let. B, 532 (2002) 166-172.
- AIM: production of a pure beam of electron neutrinos (or antineutrinos) through the beta decay of radioactive ions circulating in a high-energy ($\gamma \sim 100$) storage ring.



- First study in 2002
 - Make maximum use of the existing infrastructure.

Beta-beam basics

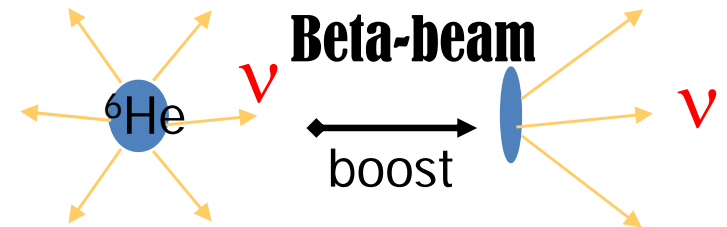
Book: Beta Beams: Neutrino Beams, Mats Lindroos, Mauro Mezzetto, Imperial College Press (24 Sep 2009).

Aim: production of (anti-)neutrino beams from the beta decay of radio-active ions circulating in a storage ring

- Similar concept to the neutrino factory, but parent particle is a beta-active isotope instead of a muon.

Beta-decay at rest

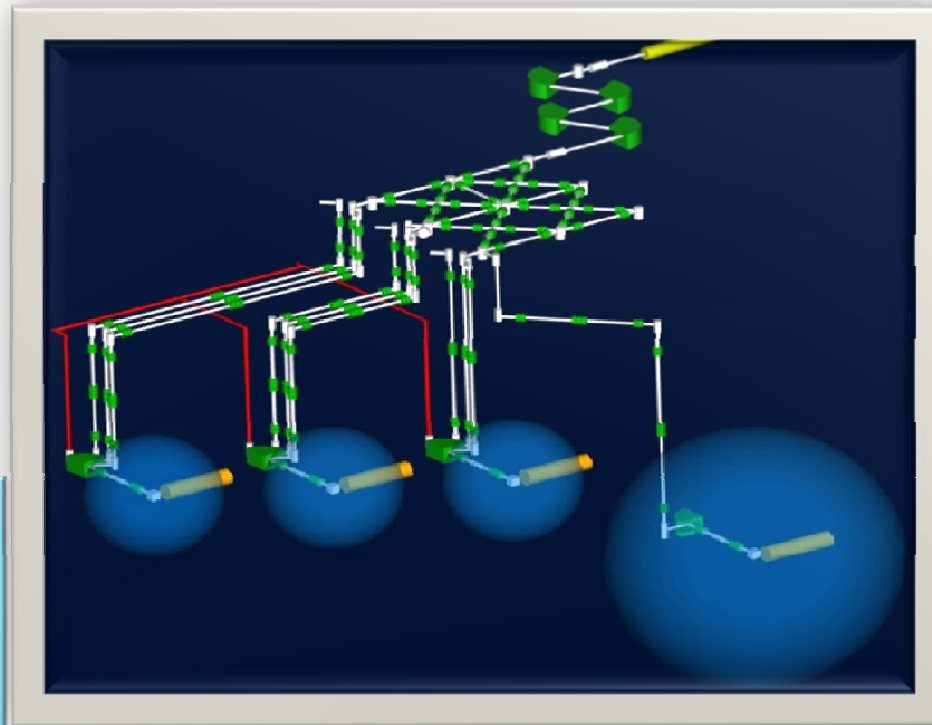
- ν -spectrum well known from the electron spectrum
- Reaction energy Q typically of a few MeV
- Accelerate parent ion to relativistic γ_{\max}
 - Boosted neutrino energy spectrum: $E_{\nu} \leq 2\gamma Q$
 - Forward focusing of neutrinos: $\theta \leq 1/\gamma$
- Pure electron (anti-)neutrino beam!
 - Depending on β^+ - or β^- - decay we get a neutrino or anti-neutrino
 - Two different parent ions for neutrino and anti-neutrino beams
- Physics applications of a beta-beam
 - Primarily neutrino oscillation physics and CP-violation (high energy)
 - Cross-sections of neutrino-nucleus interaction (low energy)



The Beta-beam Options

- Low energy beta-beams
 - Nuclear physics, double beta-decay nuclear matrix elements, neutrino magnetic moments
- The medium energy beta-beams or the EURISOL beta-beam
 - Lorenz gamma approx. 100 and average neutrino energy at rest approx. 1.5 MeV (P. Zucchelli, 2002)
- The high energy beta-beam
 - Lorenz gamma 300-500 and average neutrino energy at rest approx. 1.5 MeV
- The very high energy beta-beam
 - Lorenz gamma >1000
- The high Q-value beta-beam
 - Lorenz gamma 100-500 and average neutrino energy at rest 6-7 MeV
- The Electron capture beta-beam

The EURISOL-DS



100 kW direct targets

RIB production:

- Spallation-evaporation
- Main: P-rich
(10 to 15 elements below target material)
- Residues: N-rich
(A few elements below target material)

Target materials:

- Oxides
- Carbides
- Metal foils
- Liquid metals

Participants:
~20 institutions

Contributors:
~20 institutions

EU support (~30%):
~9.2 MEuros

Duration:
2005-2009

12 Tasks

mMW fission target

RIB production:

- Fission
- N-rich
- Wide range
 $Z = 10$ to $Z = 60$

Target material:

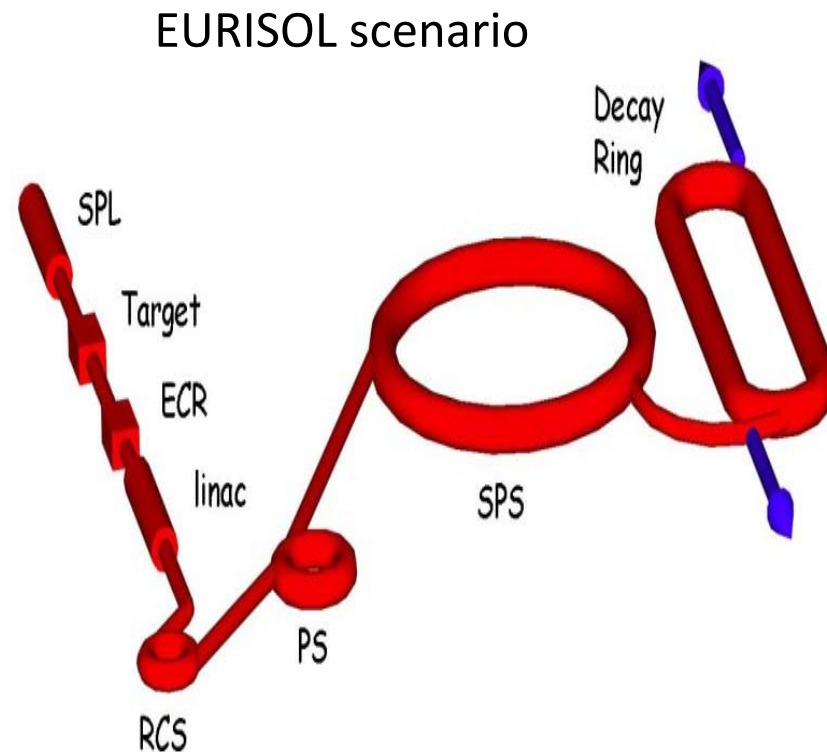
- U (baseline)
- Th

Converter:

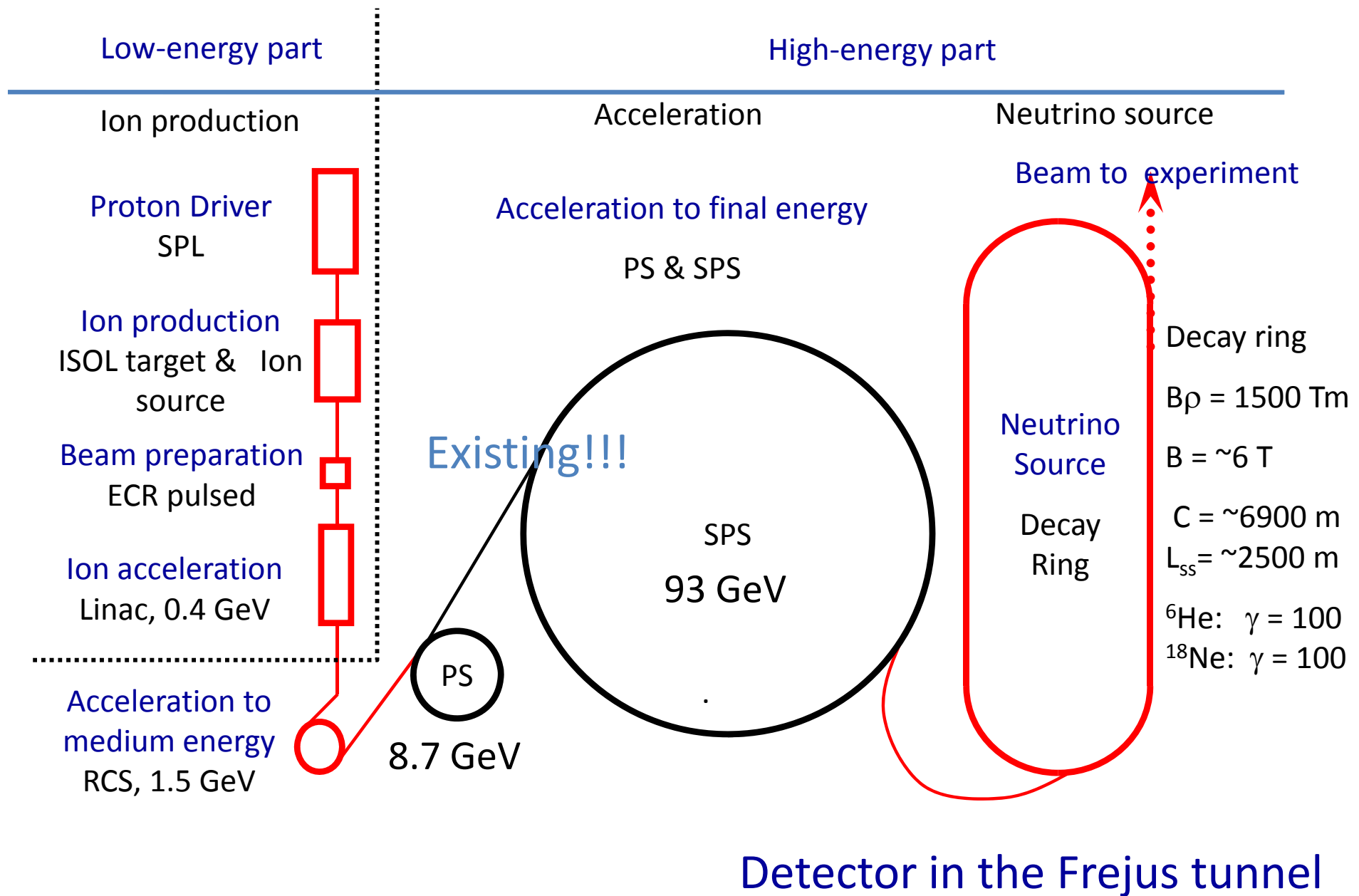
- Hg

The EURISOL Scenario

- Based on CERN boundaries
- Ion choice: ${}^6\text{He}$ and ${}^{18}\text{Ne}$
- Relativistic $\gamma=100/100$
 - SPS allows maximum of 150 (${}^6\text{He}$) or 250 (${}^{18}\text{Ne}$)
 - Gamma choice optimized for physics reach
- Based on existing technology and machines
 - Ion production through ISOL technique
 - Bunching and first acceleration: ECR, linac
 - Rapid cycling synchrotron
 - Use of existing machines: PS and SPS
- Opportunity to share a Mton Water Cerenkov detector with a CERN superbeam, proton decay studies and a neutrino observatory
- Achieve an annual neutrino rate of either
 - $2.9 \cdot 10^{18}$ anti-neutrinos from ${}^6\text{He}$
 - Or $1.1 \cdot 10^{18}$ neutrinos from ${}^{18}\text{Ne}$

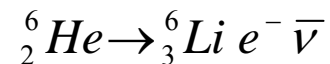


Possible beta-beam complex

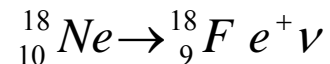


Choice of radioactive ion species

- Beta-active isotopes
 - Production rates
 - Life time
 - Dangerous rest products
 - Reactivity (Noble gases are good)
- Reasonable lifetime at rest
 - If too short: decay during acceleration
 - If too long: low neutrino production
 - Optimum lifetime given by acceleration scenario
 - In the order of a second
- Low Z preferred
 - Minimize ratio of accelerated mass/charges per neutrino produced
 - One ion produces one neutrino.
 - Reduce space charge problem
- EURISOL choice in 2002
 - ${}^6\text{He}$ to produce antineutrinos
 - ${}^{18}\text{Ne}$ to produce neutrinos



$$\text{Average } E_{cms} = 1.937 \text{ MeV}$$



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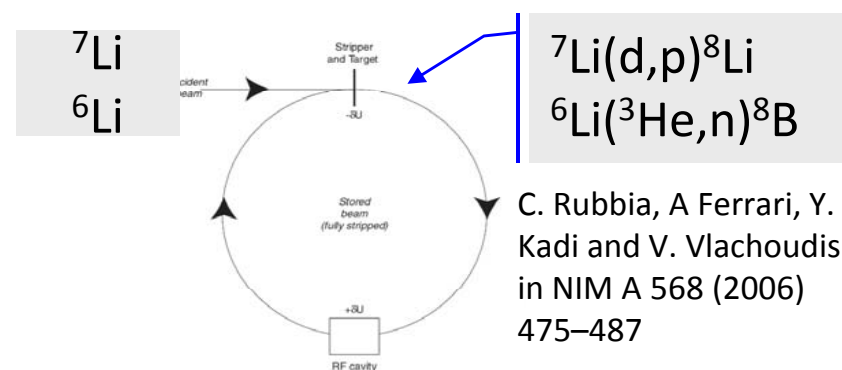
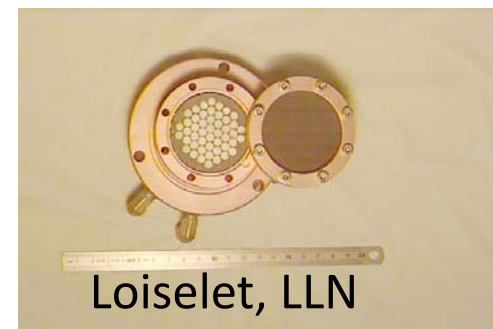
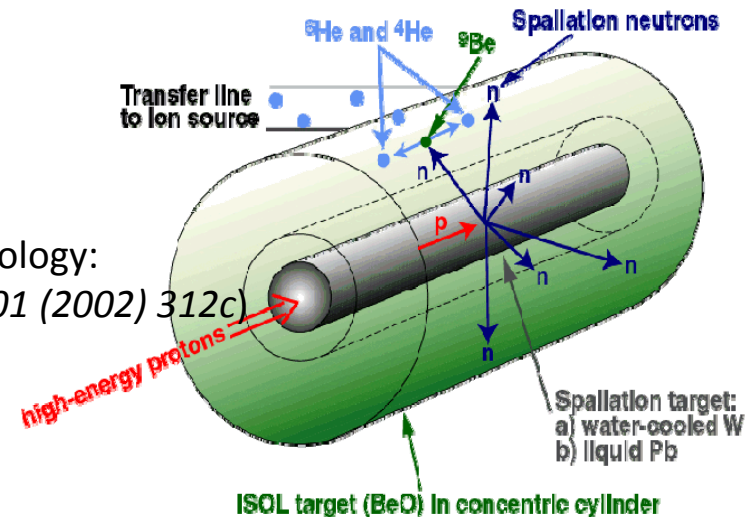
Production of beta-beam isotopes

- The Isotope Separation On-Line (ISOL) method at medium energy
 - EURISOL type production, uses typically 0.1-2 GeV protons with up to 100-200 kW beam power through spallation, fission and fragmentation
- Direct production
 - Uses low energy but high intensity ion beams on solid or gas targets. Production through compound nuclei which forms with high cross section at low energies
- Direct production enhanced with a storage ring
 - Enhancing the efficiency of the direct production through re-circulation and re-acceleration of primary ions which doesn't react in the first passage through the target.
 - Possible thanks to ionization cooling!

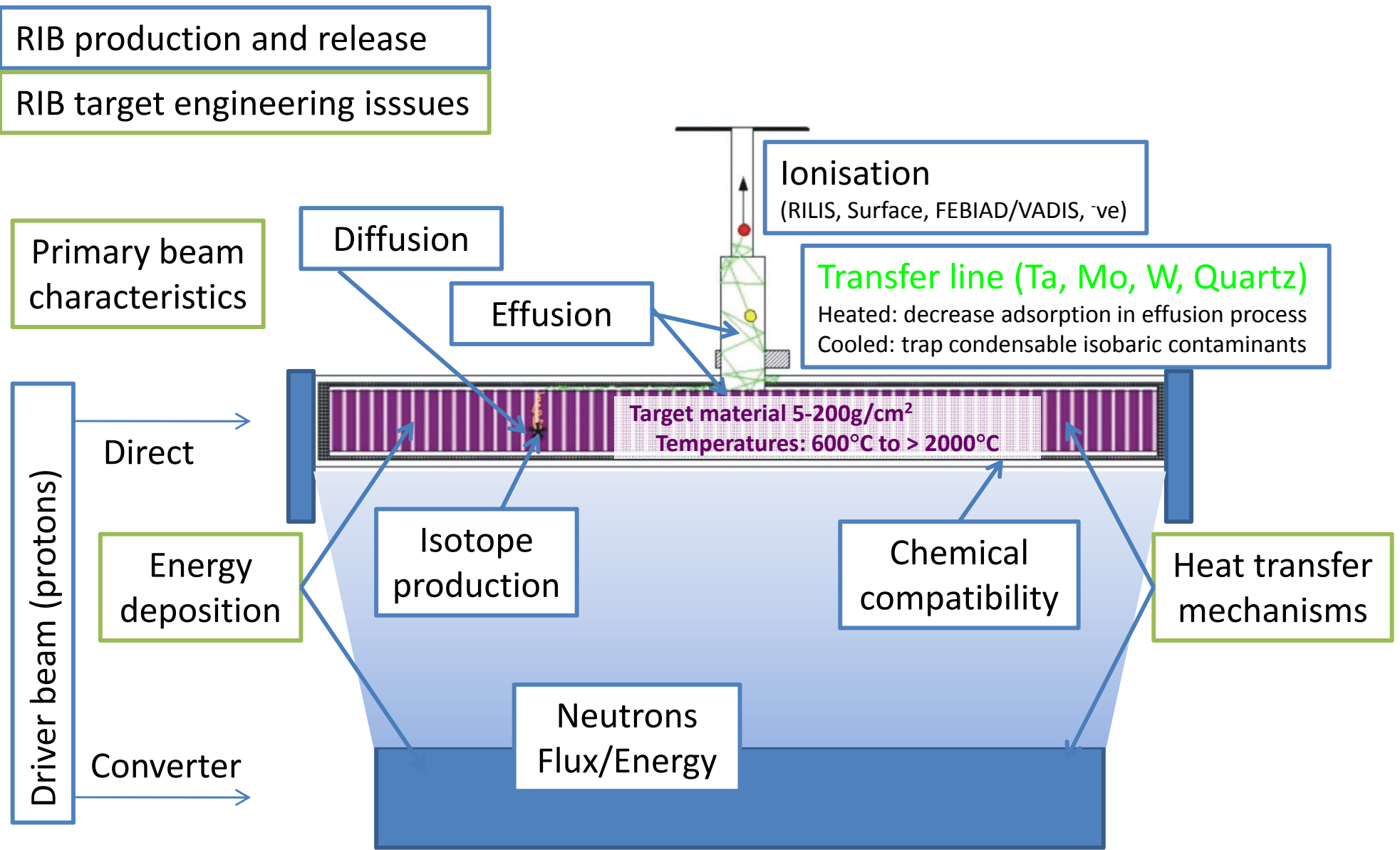
Intensities at source

- ISOL method at 1-2 GeV (200 kW)
 - $>1 \cdot 10^{13}$ ${}^6\text{He}$ per second
 - $<8 \cdot 10^{11}$ ${}^{18}\text{Ne}$ per second
 - ${}^8\text{Li}$ and ${}^8\text{B}$ not studied
 - Studied within EURISOL
- Direct production
 - $>1 \cdot 10^{13}$ (?) ${}^6\text{He}$ per second
 - $1 \cdot 10^{13}$ ${}^{18}\text{Ne}$ per second
 - ${}^8\text{Li}$ and ${}^8\text{B}$ not studied
 - Studied at LLN, Soreq, WI and GANIL
- Production ring
 - 10^{14} (?) ${}^8\text{Li}$
 - $>10^{13}$ (?) ${}^8\text{B}$
 - ${}^6\text{He}$ and ${}^{18}\text{Ne}$ not studied
 - Will be studied in the future

Converter technology:
(J. Nolen, NPA 701 (2002) 312c)



The ISOL method

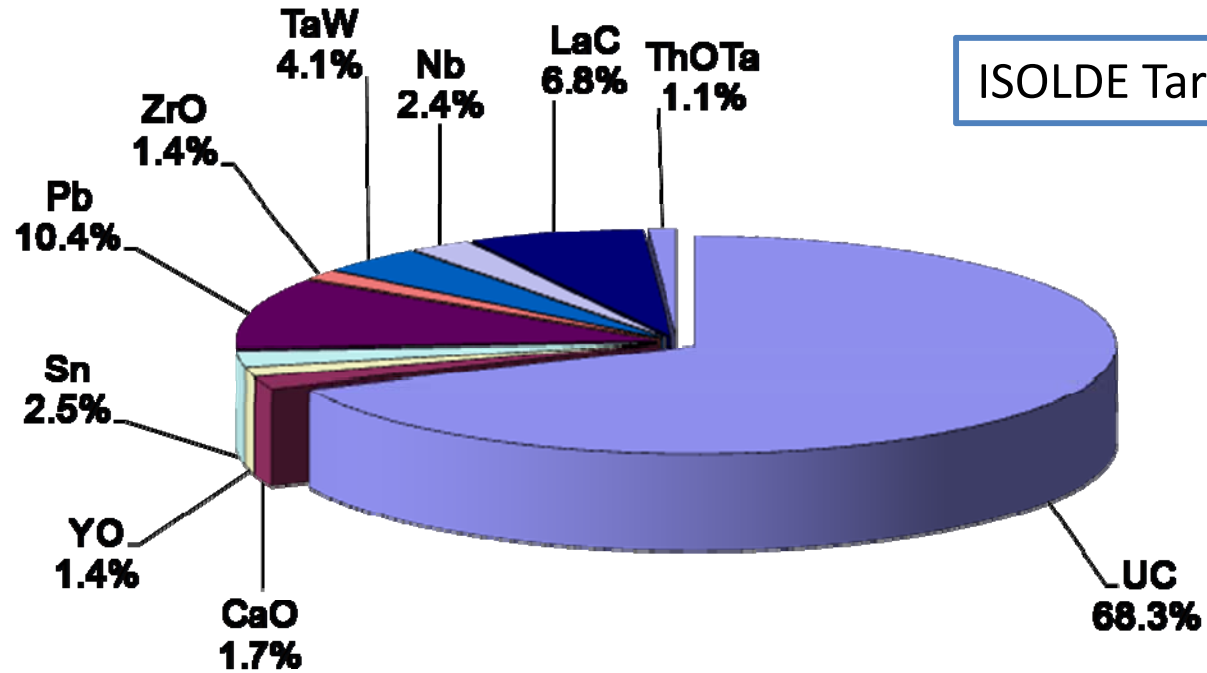


Typical target materials and RIBs

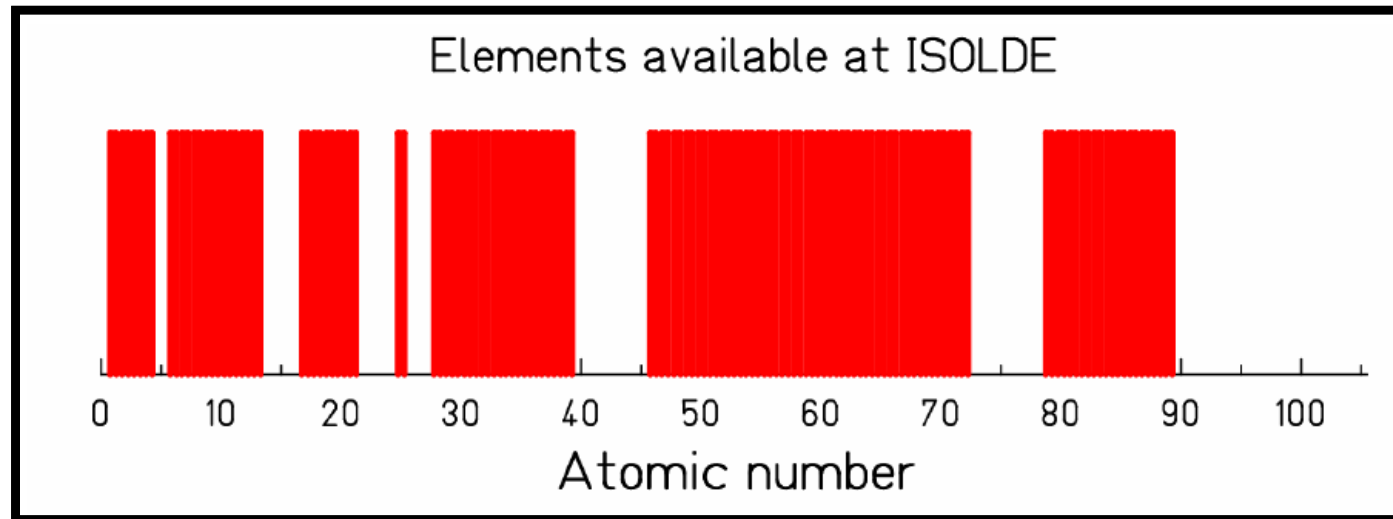
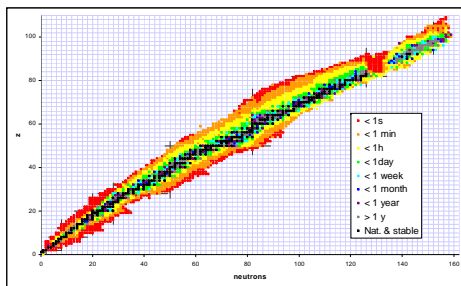
ISOLDE Targets 2008

Target elements

- UCx, ThCx
- CaO, MgO, Al₂O₃, ZrO
- Ta, Nb
- Sn, Pb, La
- SiC, LaC₂



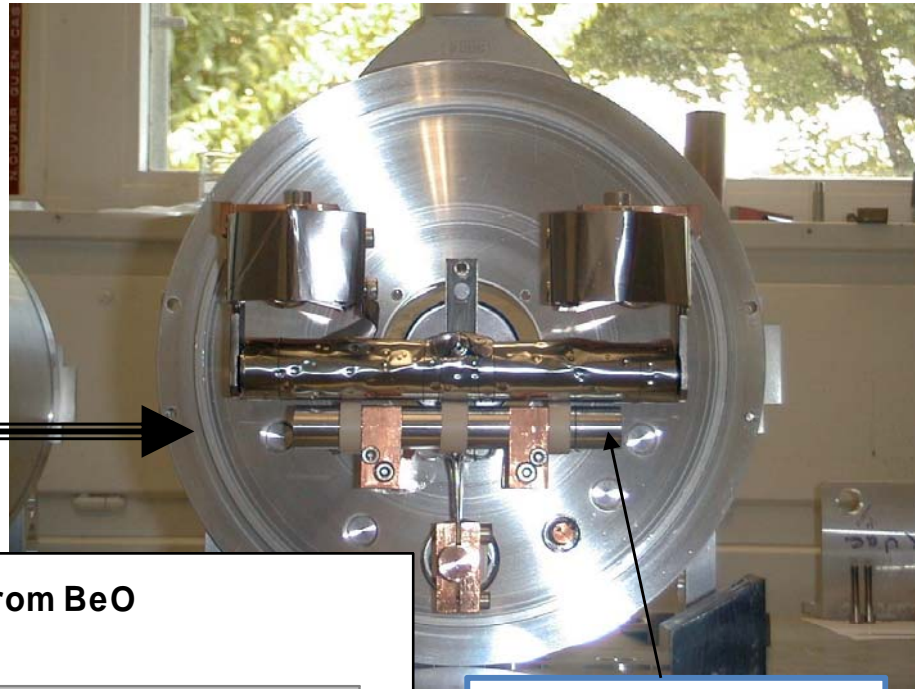
RIBs



^6He production at ISOLDE-CERN in 2009



1.4 GeV from PSB

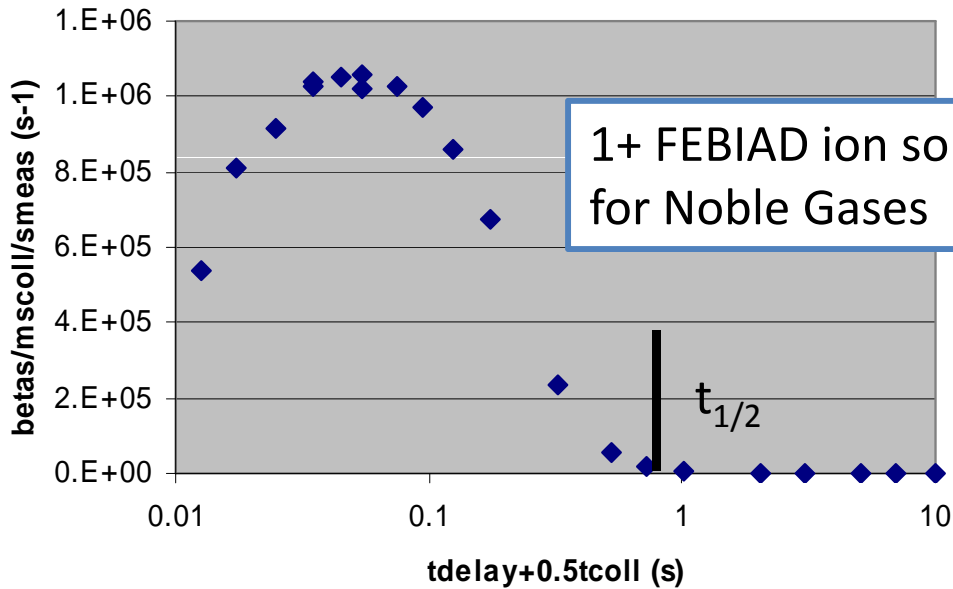


p-n W converter

80 porous BeO pellets



^6He release curve from BeO



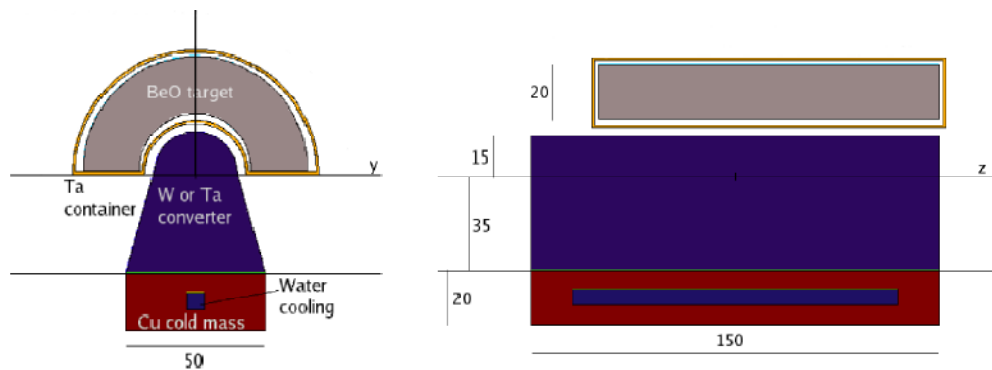
1+ FEBIAD ion source, cold line for Noble Gases

>85% released

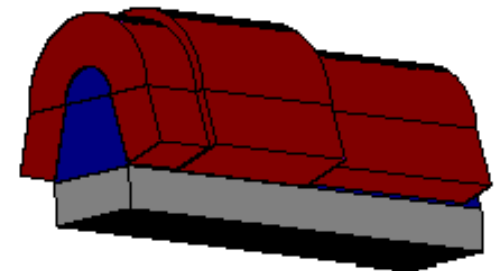
Release efficiency
operation temperature
outgasing
materials compatibility
ageing, etc...

Reaching required ion intensities

- ${}^6\text{He}$ can be achieved:
 - Isotope production tested at ISOLDE
 - $1.3 \cdot 10^{13} {}^6\text{He}/\text{s}$ 100 kW, 40 MeV deuteron beam
 - $2 \cdot 10^{13} {}^6\text{He}/\text{s}$ 100 kW, 1 GeV proton beam
 - $10^{14} {}^6\text{He}/\text{s}$ 200 kW, 2 GeV proton beam
- ${}^{18}\text{Ne}$ challenging:
 - ${}^3\text{He}$, 30 MeV, 200 mA direct on oxide target, 600 kW!
 - p, 70 MeV, 30 mA on Al_2O_3 target.

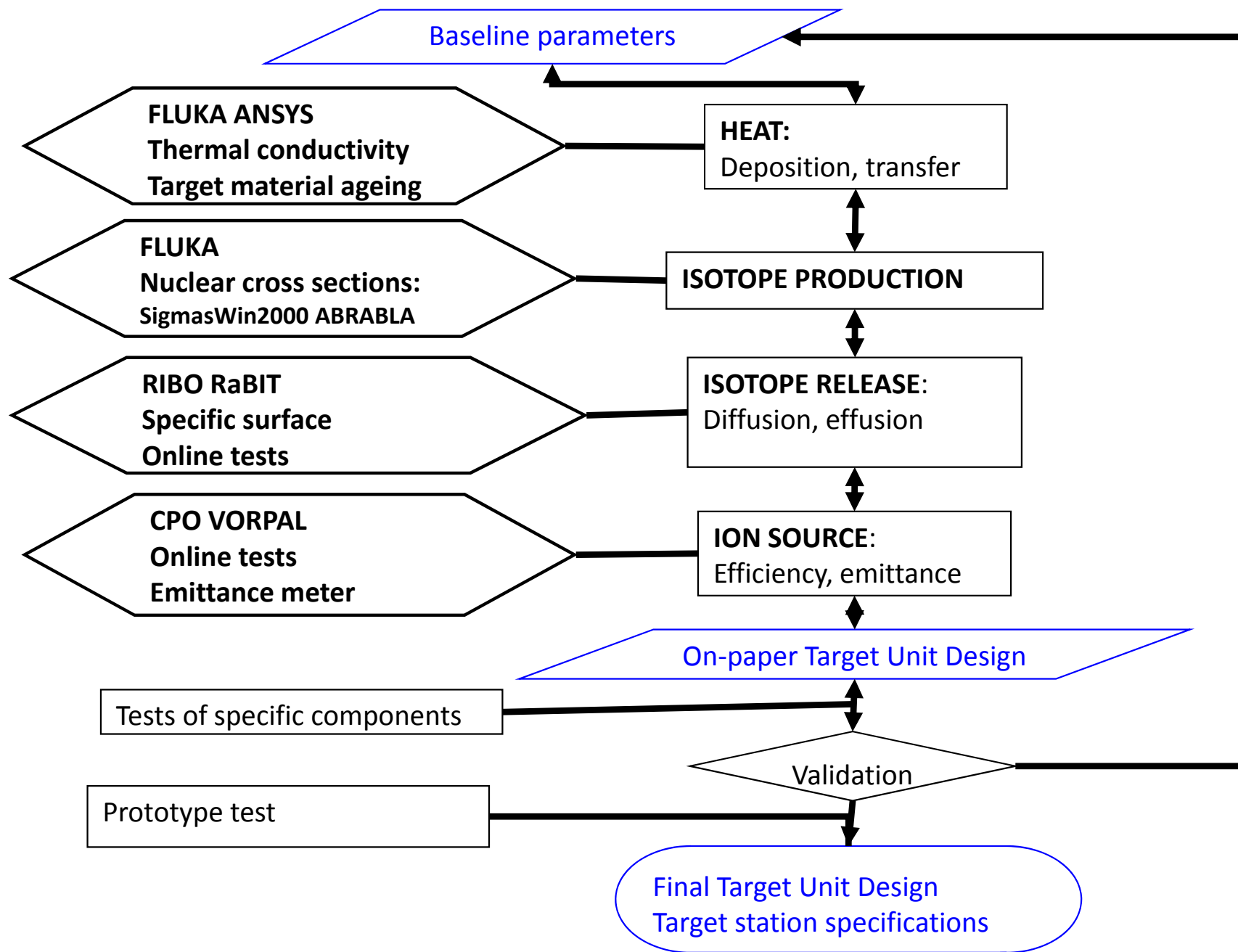


Ø3cm , 15cm



Ø3cm , 24cm

EURISOL 100 kW Direct Target Design

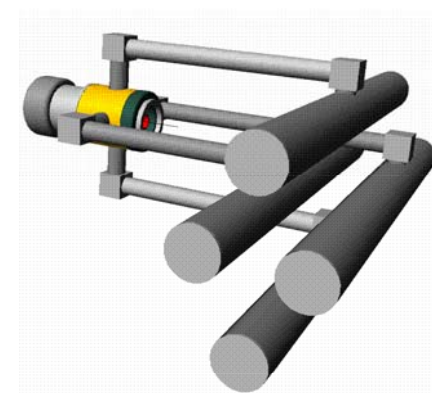


EURISOL 100 kW target baseline parameters

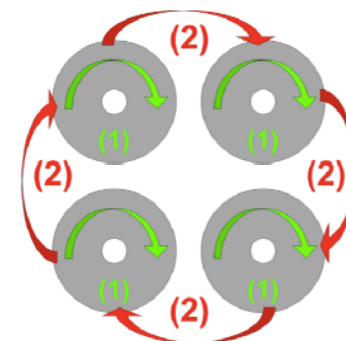
Parameter	Symbol	Units	Nval	Range
Target material	Z_{targ}	-	SiC, Ta, BeO, Pb (molten)	Be-U
Beam particles	Z_{beam}	-	Proton	Deuterium – ^{12}C
Beam particle energy	E_{beam}	GeV	1	0.5 – 3
Beam current	I_{beam}	μA	100	100 – 1000
Beam time structure	-	-	dc	ac 50Hz 1ms pulse
Gaussian beam geometry	σ_{beam}	mm	7	3 – 20
Beam power	P_{beam}	kW	100	100-1000
Target thickness	X	g/cm^2	200	10 – 250
Target radius (cylinder)	r_{targ}	mm	$3\sigma_{\text{beam}}$	$3\sigma_{\text{beam}} - 5\sigma_{\text{beam}}$
Target temperature	T_{targ}	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	2000	500-2500
Number of target containers	j_{targ}	-	4	1 – 10
Plasma ionization outlet diameter	\emptyset_{out}	mm	3	2 – 6

EURISOL 100 kW direct target issues

- Heat dissipation + target temperature profile optimisation are main drivers of 100 kW direct target design:
 - Uniform high temperature for fast diffusion and effusion
 - Avoid cold spots where isotopes could condense
 - Heat dissipation by conduction/thermal radiation T^4
 - Compact target geometries to minimise effusion losses
- Solid targets: Oxides and Carbides
 - Oxides: thermal insulators (e.g. ThO_2 0.4 W/mK @1673 K)
 - Relatively low operation temperature (e.g. CaO 1673 K)
 - Composite target pills
 - Multibody target concept + neutral beam merging
- Solid targets: Metal foils
 - Foil thickness optimisation for mechanical properties/diffusion
- Liquid metal targets:
 - Loop required to dissipate factor x20 more heat than can be accommodated classically
 - Diffusion chamber required to optimise release efficiency of short-lived isotopes



Multi-body target



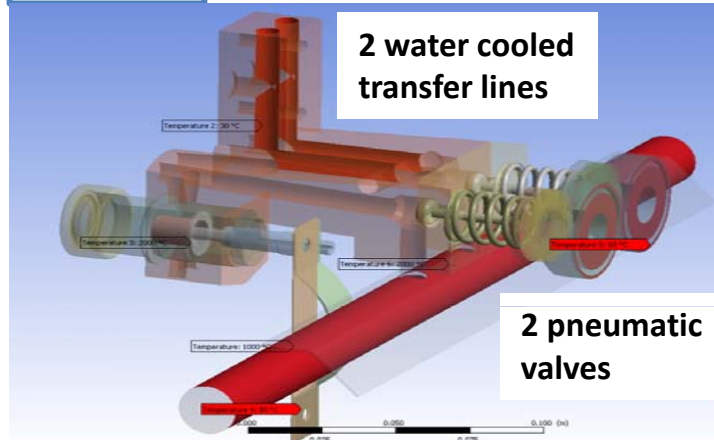
Beam sharing
between sub-units of
one target station

EURISOL 100 kW target developments

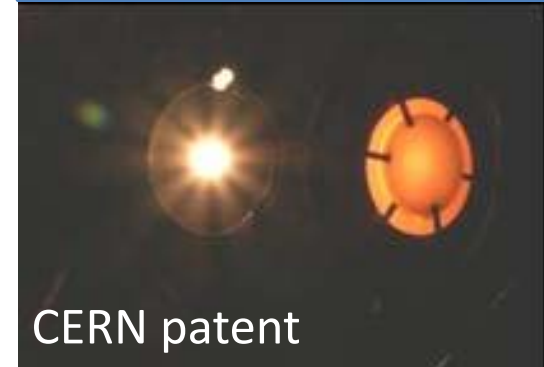
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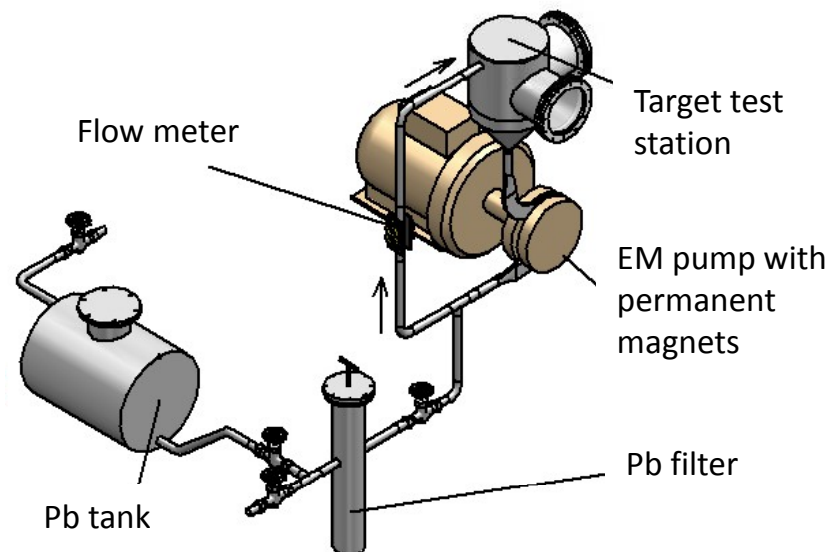
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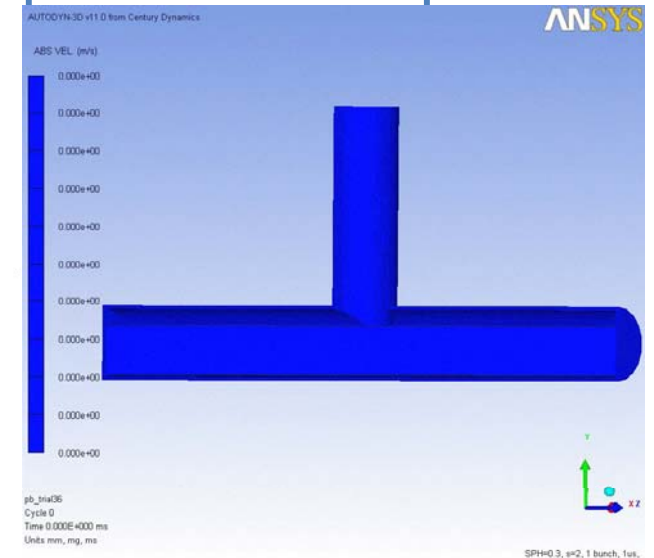
Oxide target prototype (Al_2O_3)



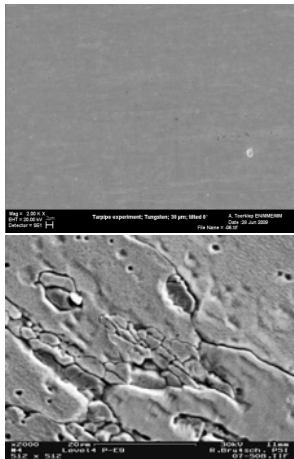
Liquid metal direct target



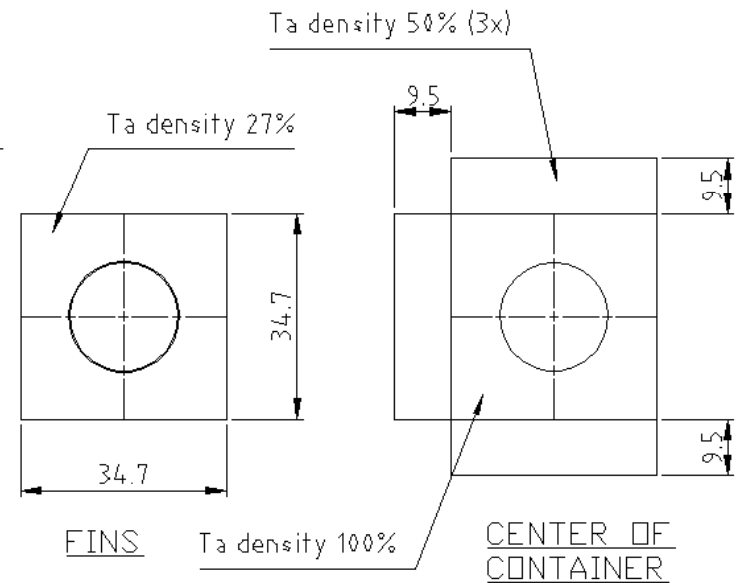
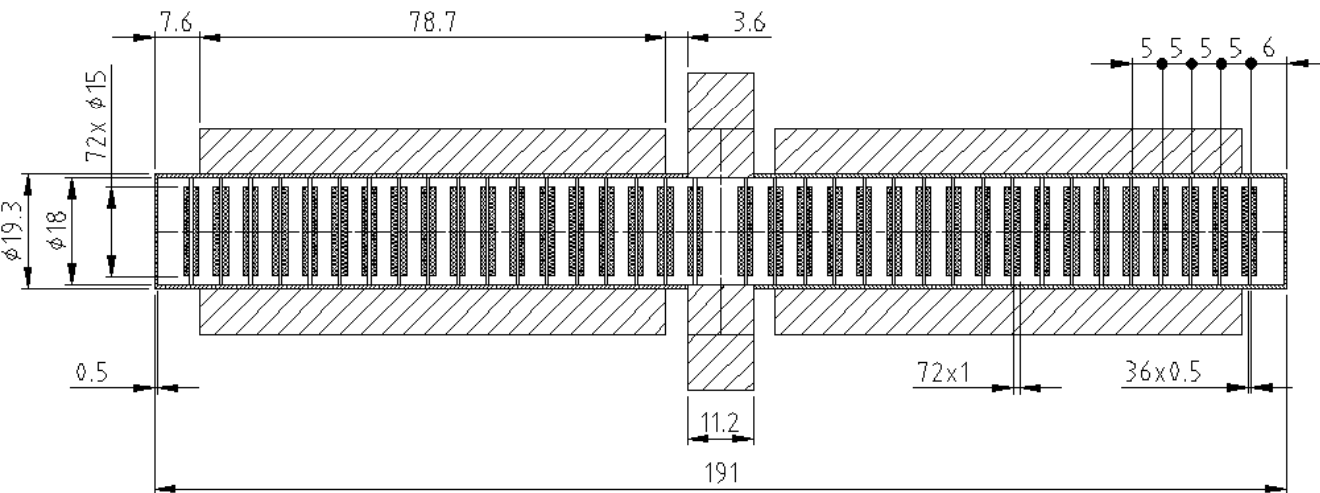
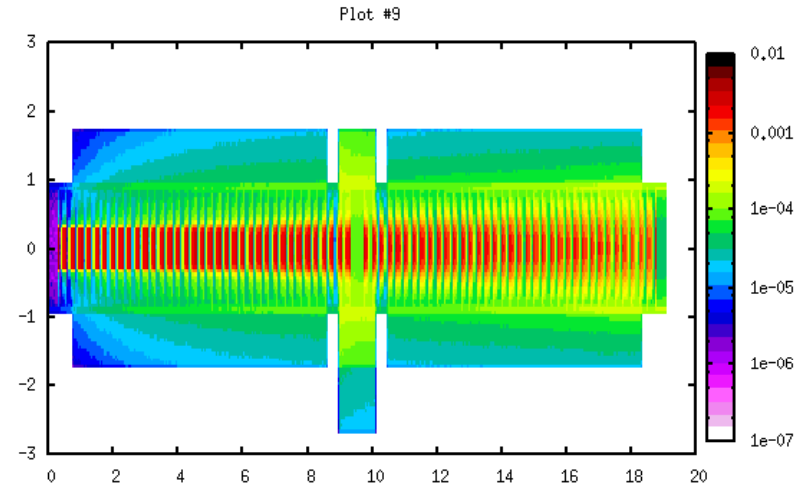
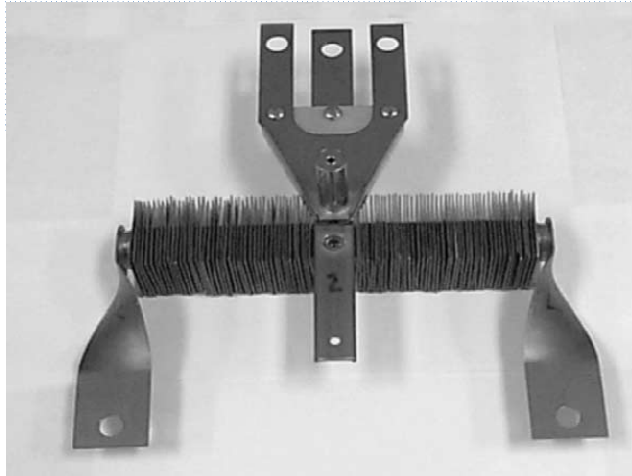
Transient effects



W - 30µm foil



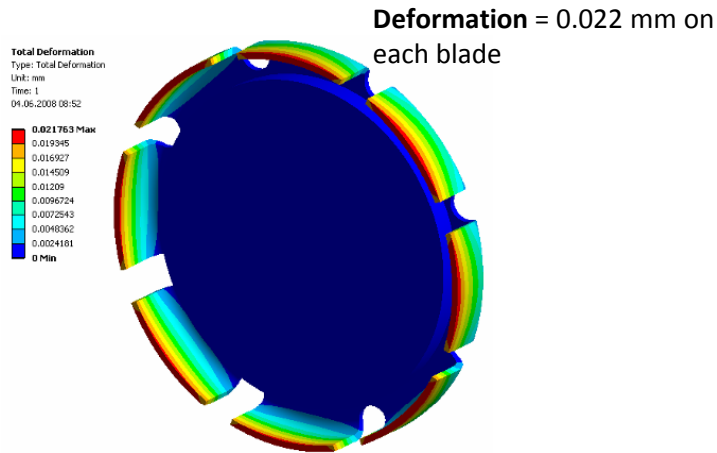
High power oxide direct target prototype



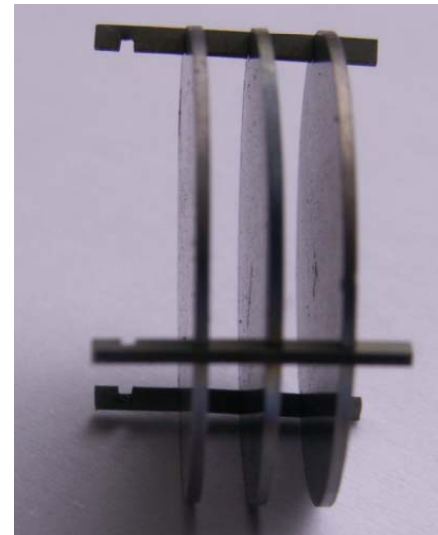
Al₂O₃/Nb composite target

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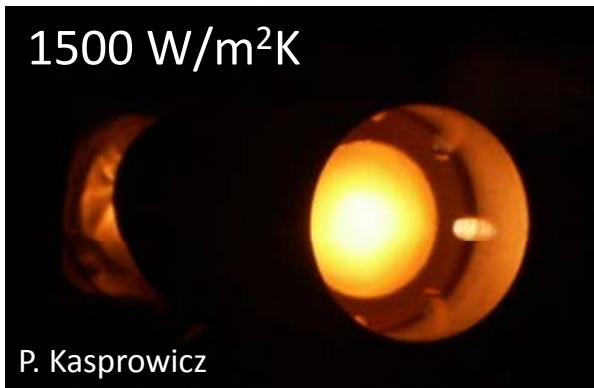
Earlier concept



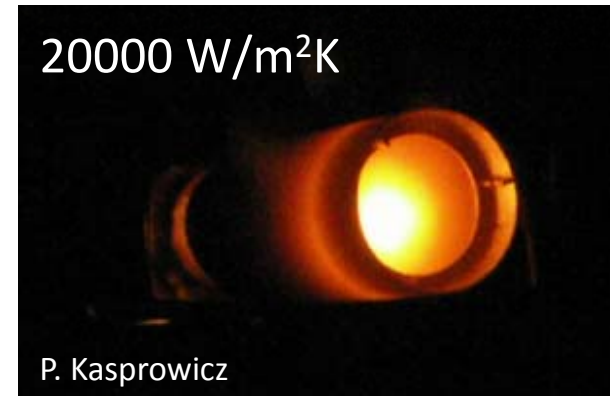
Final concept



1500 W/m²K

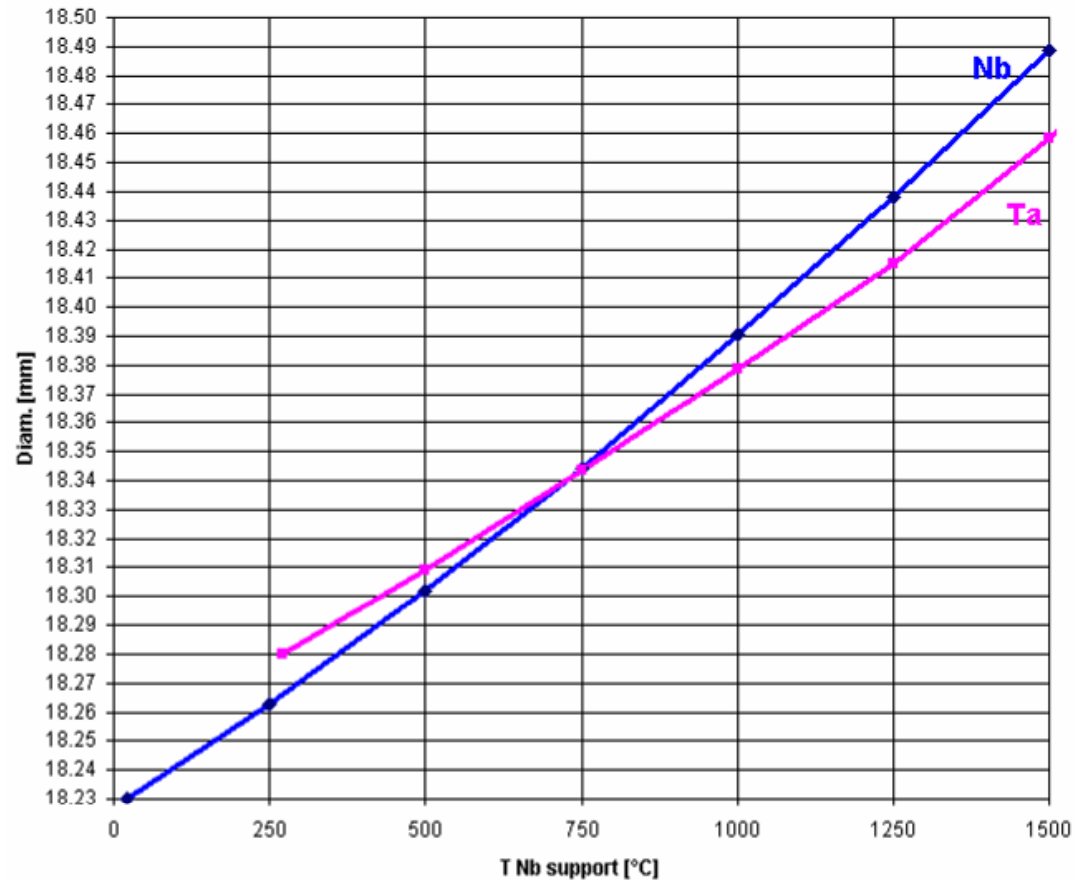


20000 W/m²K

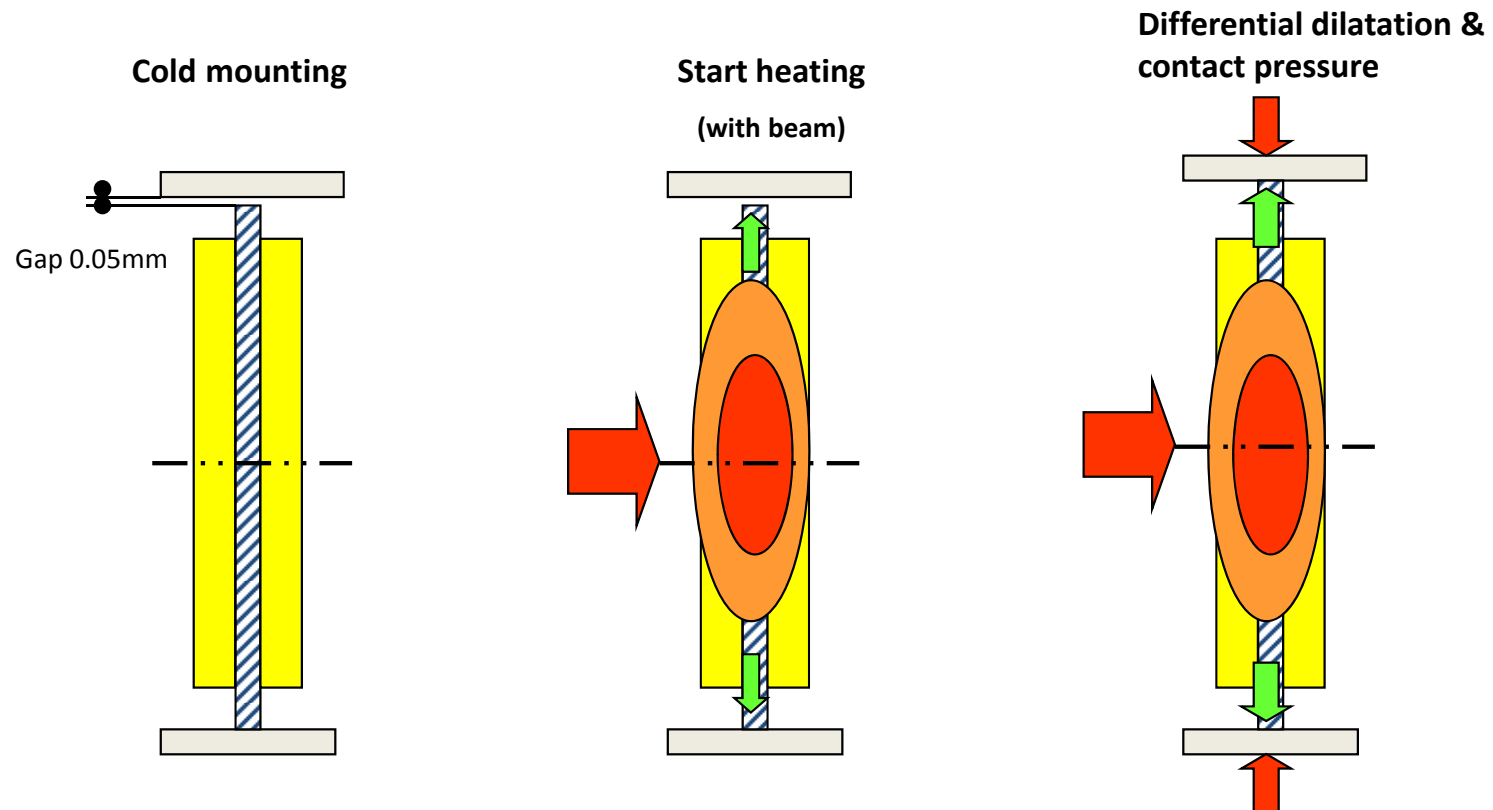


Differential dilatation Ta/Nb

Dilatation = $f(T)$ [mm]
for $T_{Ta} = T_{Nb} - 250^\circ\text{C}$



Differential dilatation Ta/Nb



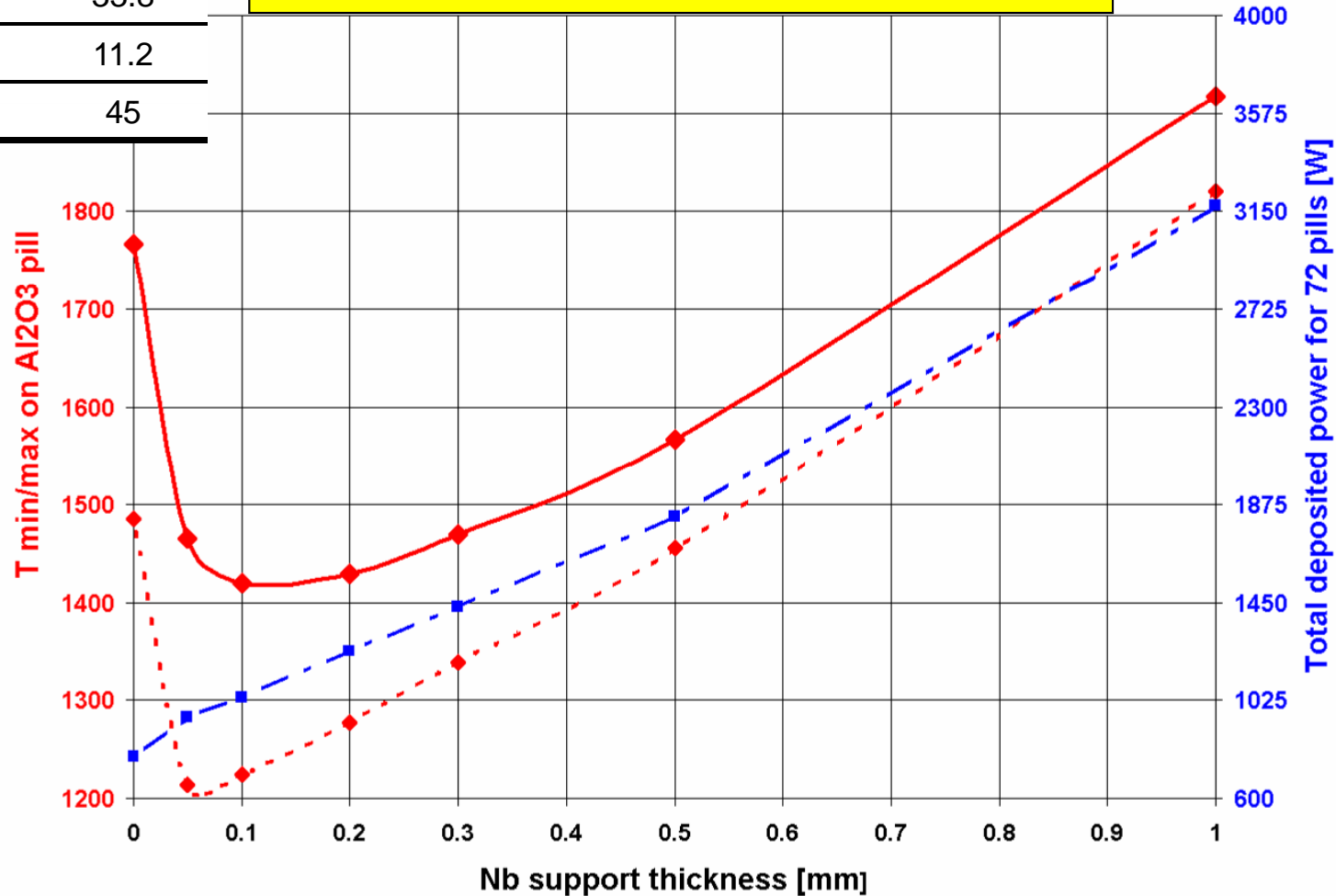
Nb thickness choice

Power deposited by 10 kW beam in 1 composite pill, 1.0 mm thick Al_2O_3 brazed onto Nb, as a function of Nb thickness.

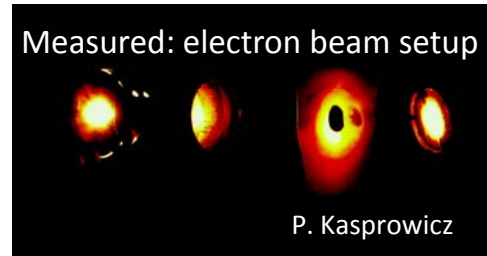
	Nb Thickness		
	0.2 mm	0.5 mm	1.0 mm
Nb [W]	6.36	16.5	33.8
Al_2O_3 [W]	10.8	11	11.2
Total [W]	17.16	27.5	45

=> 0.3mm is a good compromise between max/min ratio temperature and Nb support construction

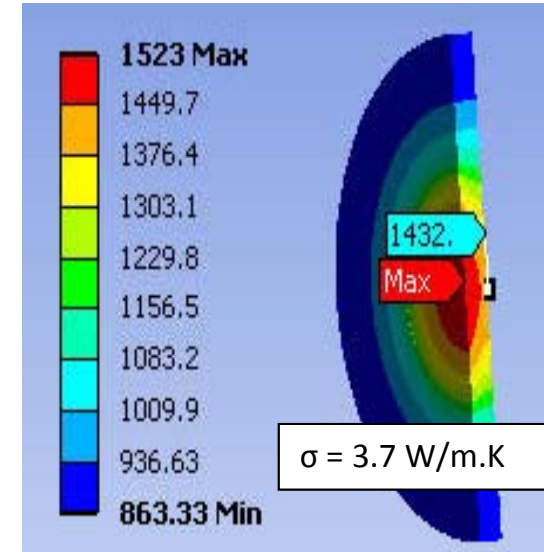
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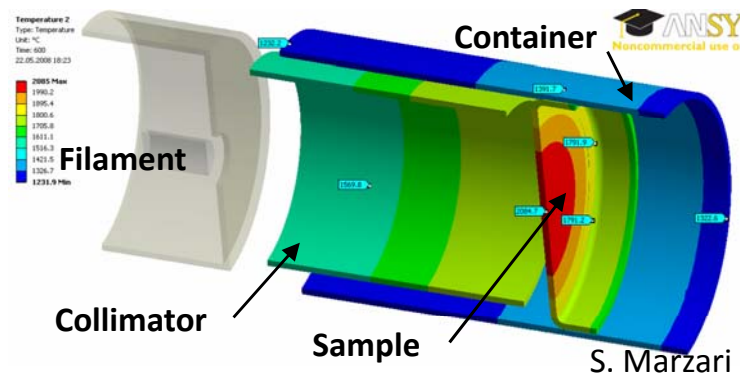
Al₂O₃ thermal conductivity



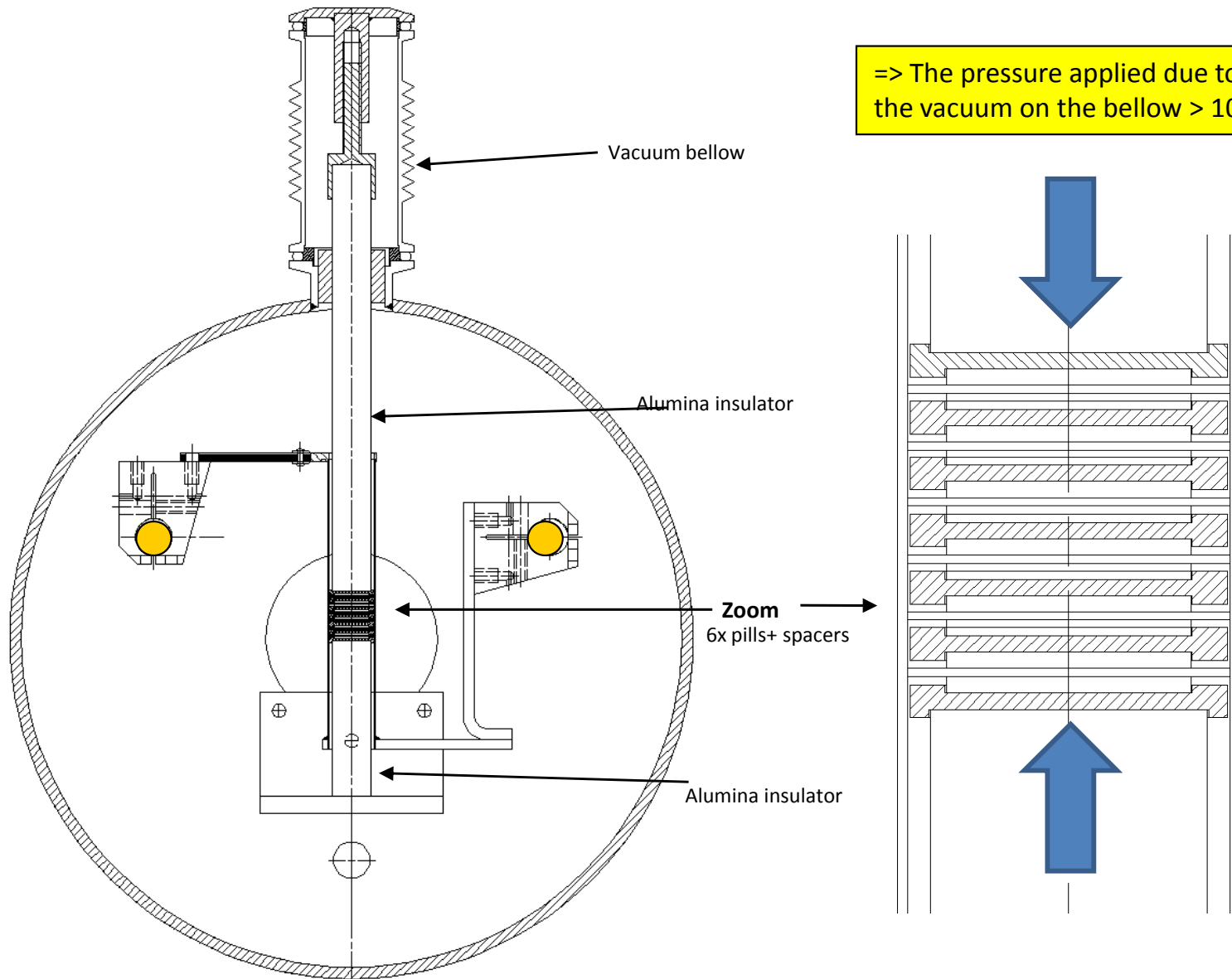
Power on sample = 28 W
 Beam spot < 8 mm
 Front = 1524 °C
 Back = 1432 °C



Pill-container
 thermal
 contact
 conductance



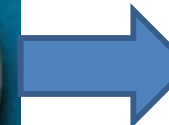
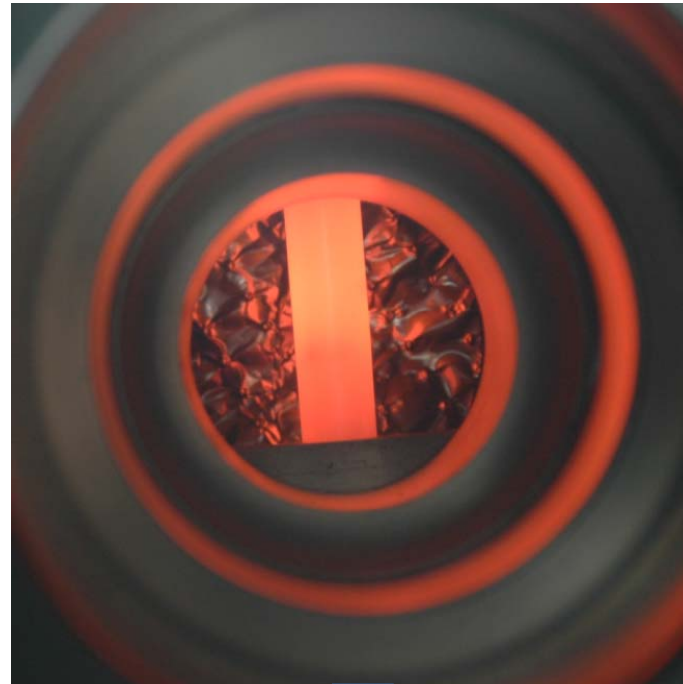
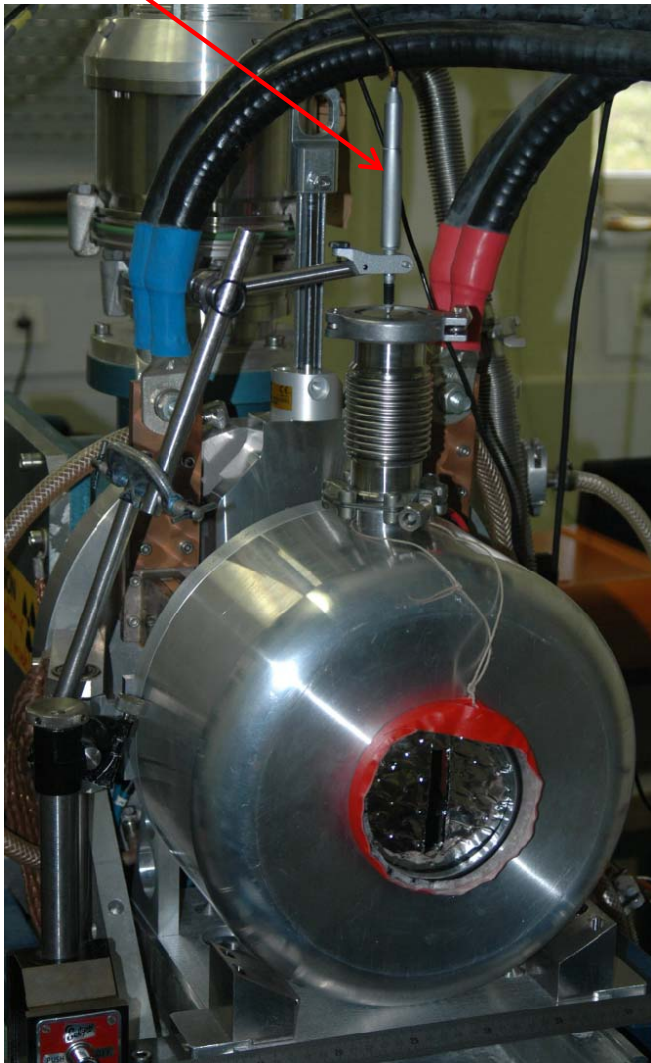
Brazing equipment



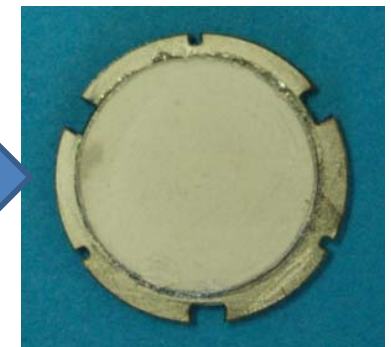
Brazing equipment

- Varying temperature and time to obtain the parameters for optimal brazing

Micron meter for dilatation monitoring

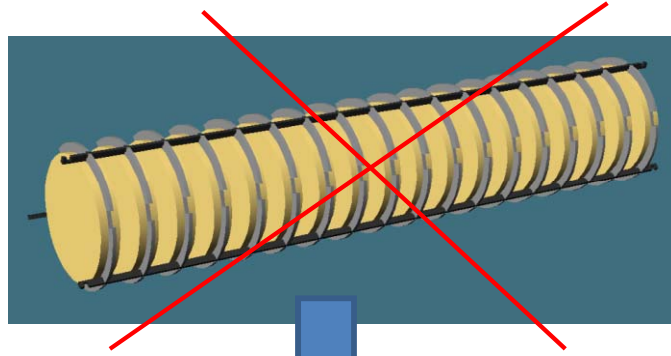


Brazed pills after final laser cutting

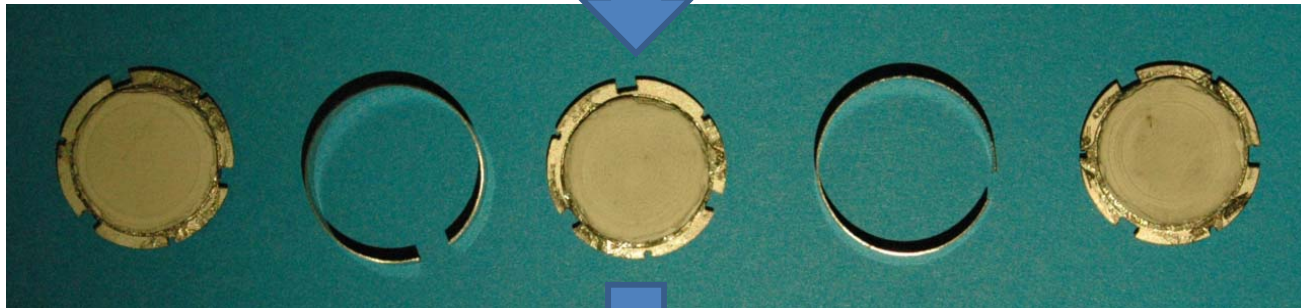
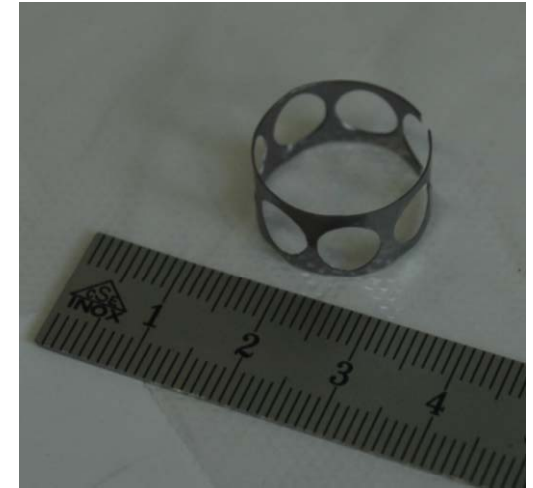


Al_2O_3 target final assembly

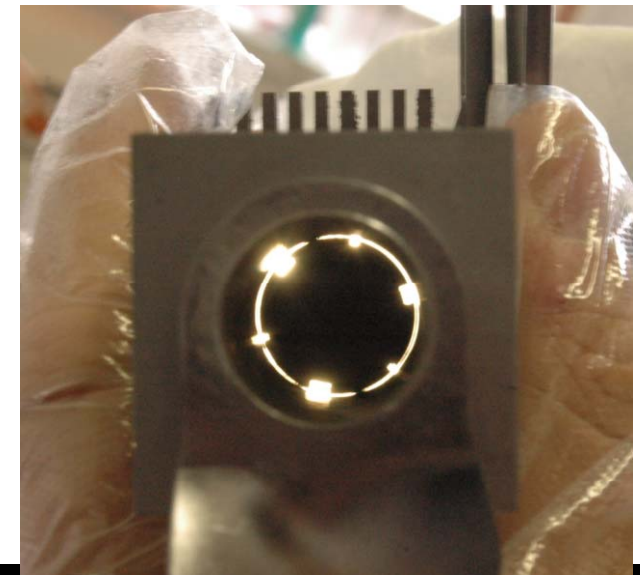
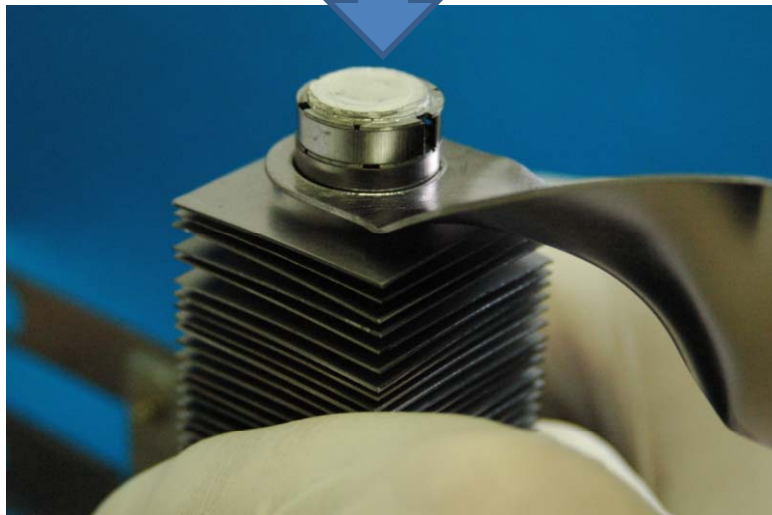
- During mounting we decide to replace the gap spacers for ring spacers



Central spacer



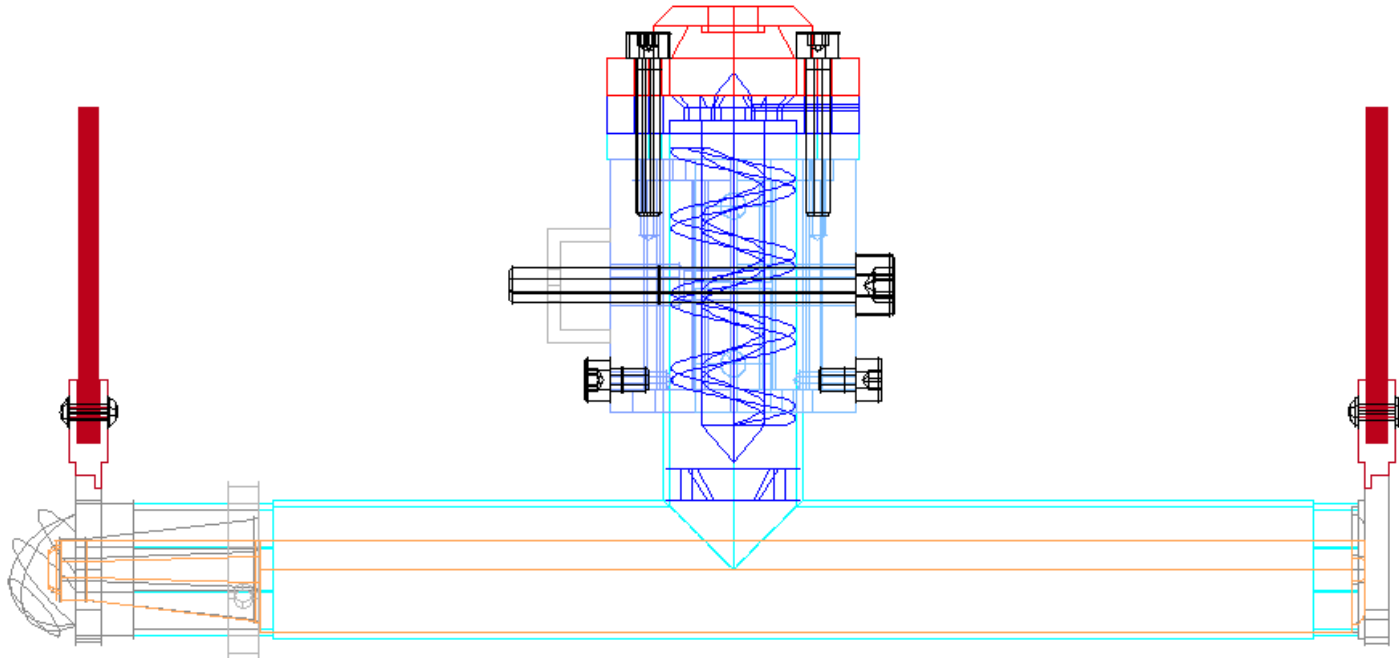
Average gap ~ 0.03 mm



March tests at TRIUMF: 12 kW

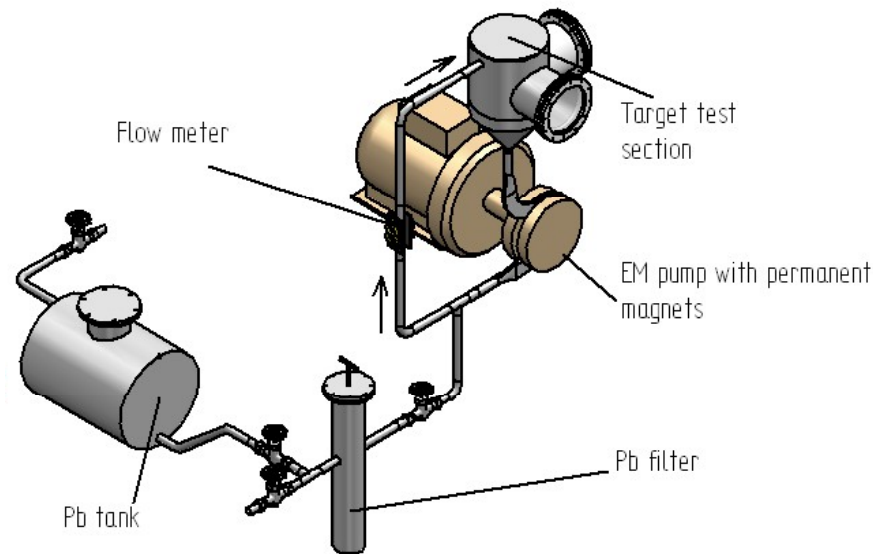


Direct liquid metal targets



- Today's state of the art [ISOLDE]:
 - Release fraction < 2% for short-lived Hg
 - Diffusion $\tau \gg 10s$
 - Max. power deposition 1 kW !!!

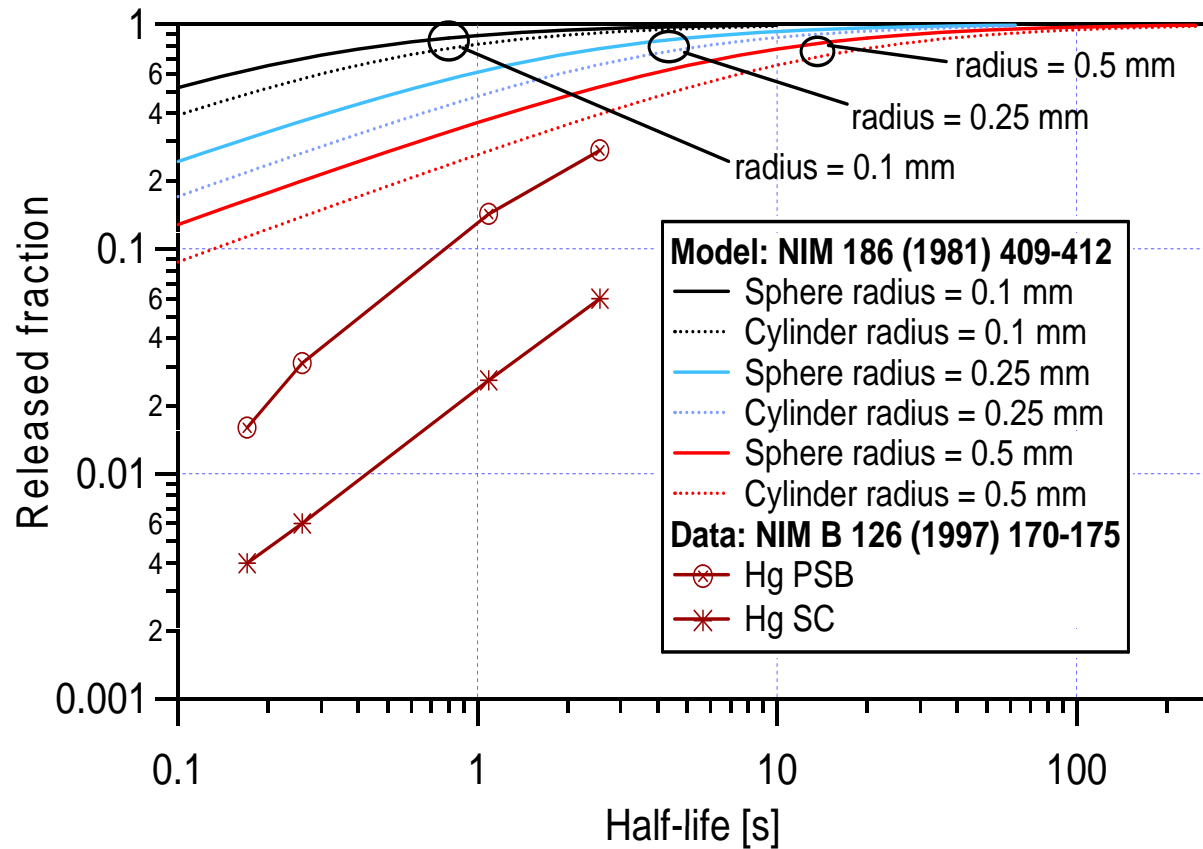
100 kW liquid metal: loop for heat removal



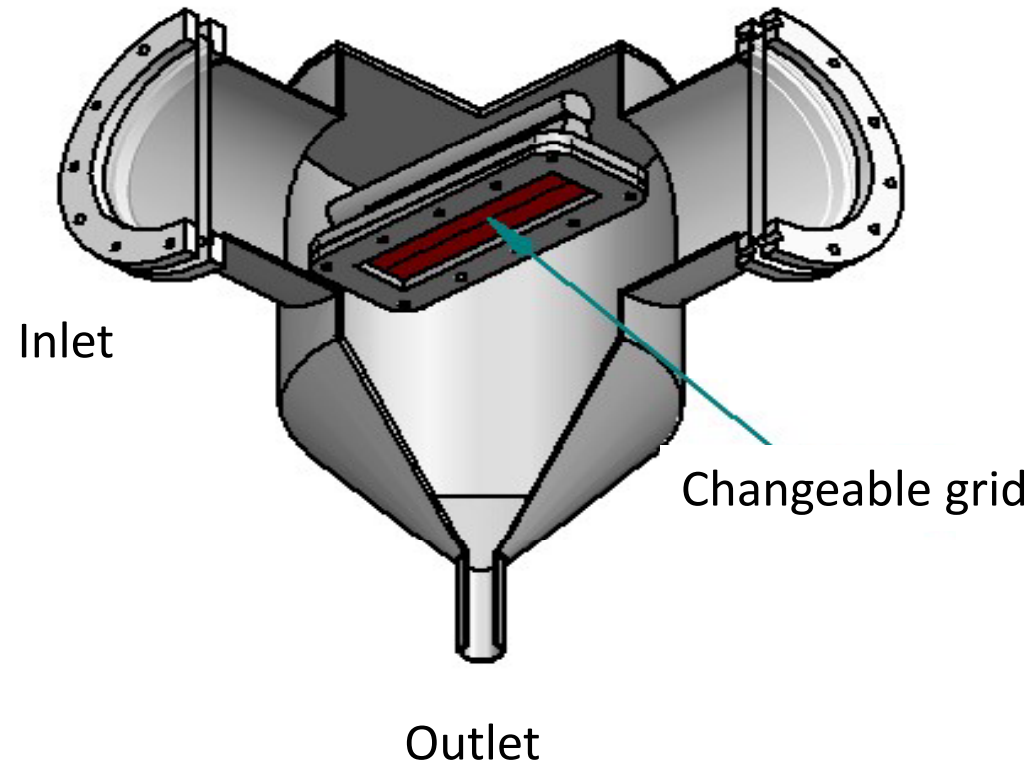
- **Loop=Target material: Pb, LBE**
 - Operating temperature: 1100 K
 - ΔT : 100 K
 - Flow rate: 0.2 l/s
- **Beam: 1 GeV H⁺**
 - 100 μA , $\sigma_x/\sigma_y=0.3/0.7$ cm
 - 30 kW deposited in target

Diffusion chamber concept

Minimise decay losses due to diffusion times

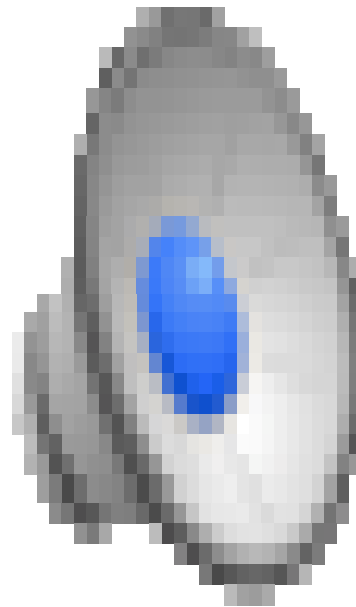


PbBi loop prototype at IPUL Latvia



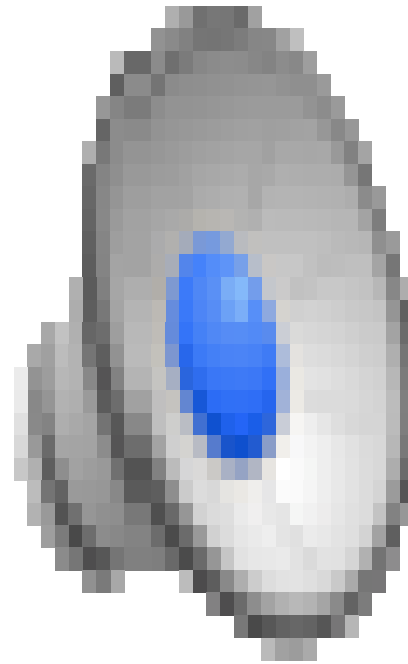
Diffusion chamber prototype at IPUL

PbBi 600°C



Diffusion chamber prototype at IPUL

PbBi 600°C



Summary

- The EURISOL-DS beta-beam:
 - Conceptual design report presented during 2009
 - High power target R&D for ^{18}Ne required
 - Full converter-BeO target for ^6He to be tested
- EUROnu DS, FP7 (2008-2012):
 - A beta beam facility using ^8Li and ^8B
 - Production issues (experience from EURISOL-DS)
 - Accelerator issues (duty factors, RF and bunch structures)
 - Costing
- Clear synergies with Radioactive Ion Beam facilities: SPIRAL2, HIE-ISOLDE phase 2 (100 kW), EURISOL

Back up

Radioprotection

Not a show stopper

Residual Ambient Dose Equivalent Rate at 1 m distance from the beam line (mSv h ⁻¹)				
	RCS (quad - ¹⁸ Ne)	PS (dip - ⁶ He)	SPS	DR (arc - ¹⁸ Ne)
1 hour	15	1	-	5
1 day	3	2	-	1
1 week	2	2	-	1.4

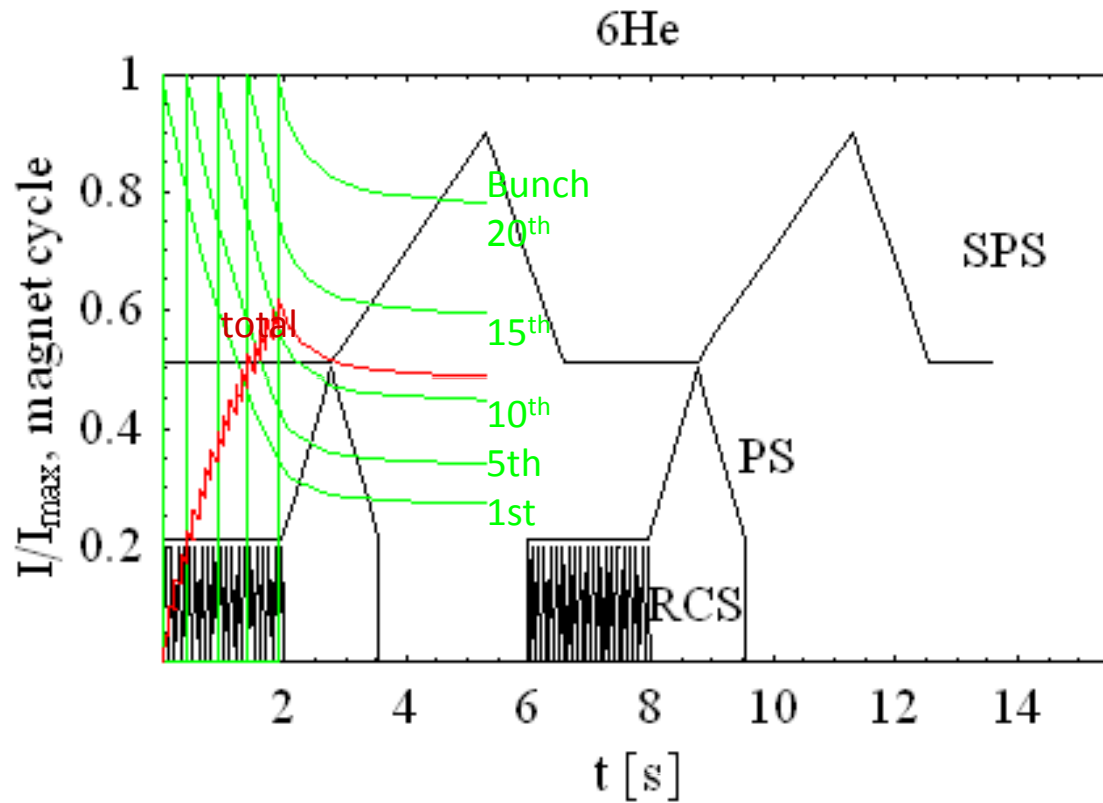
Annual Effective Dose to the Reference Population (μSv)			
RCS	PS	SPS	DR
0.67	0.64	-	5.6 (only decay losses)

Stefania Trovati, Matteo Magistris, CERN



Yacin Kadi et al. , CERN

Intensity evolution during acceleration



Cycle optimized for neutrino rate towards the detector

30% of first ${}^6\text{He}$ bunch injected are reaching decay ring
Overall only 50% (${}^6\text{He}$) and 80% (${}^{18}\text{Ne}$) reach decay ring

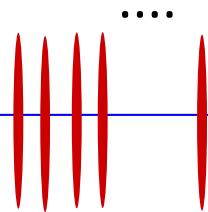
Normalization

Single bunch intensity to maximum/bunch

Total intensity to total number accumulated in RCS

Duty factor and Cavities for He/Ne

10^{14} ions, 0.5% duty (supression) factor for background suppression !!!

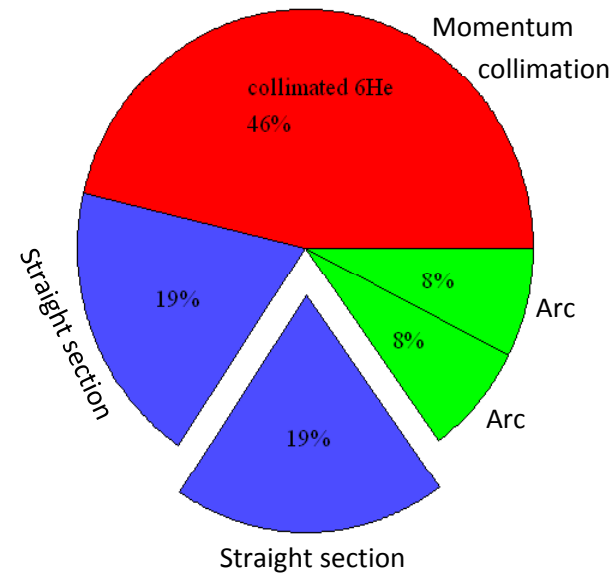
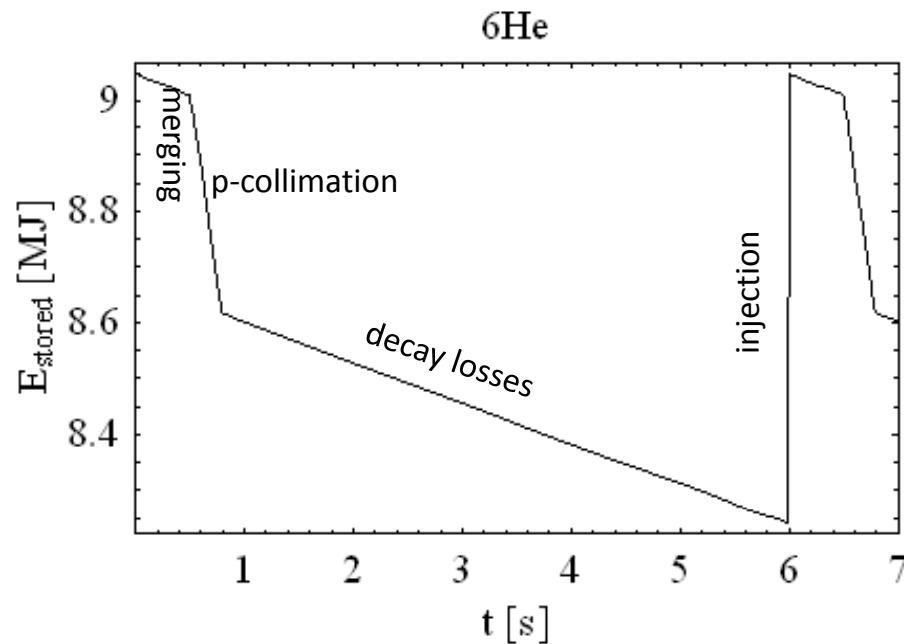


20 bunches, 5.2 ns long, distance 23×4 nanoseconds filling 1/11 of the Decay Ring, repeated every 23 microseconds

Erk Jensen, CERN

- Not conclusive yet - only first ideas - more work is needed!
- The heavy transient beam loading is unprecedented.
- Since there is no net energy transfer to the beam, the problem might be solved using a linear phase modulation in the absence of the beam, mimicking detuning - this could reduce gap transients.
- A high Q cavity (S.C.?) would be preferable.

Particle turnover in decay ring



- Momentum collimation (study ongoing):
 - ~ $5 \cdot 10^{12}$ ${}^6\text{He}$ ions to be collimated per cycle
 - Decay: ~ $5 \cdot 10^{12}$ ${}^6\text{Li}$ ions to be removed per cycle per meter
- Dump at the end of the straight section will receive 30kW
- Dipoles in collimation section receive between 1 and 10 kW (masks).

EURONU-DS Objectives

- A High Intensity Neutrino Oscillation Facility in Europe
 - CDR for the three main options: Neutrino Factory, Beta-beam and Super-beam
 - Focus on potential showstoppers
 - Preliminary costing to permit a fair comparison before the end of 2011 taking into account the latest results from running oscillation experiments
 - Total target for requested EU contribution: 4 Meuro
 - 1 MEuro each for SB, NF and BB WPs
 - 1 MEuro to be shared between Mgt, Phys and Detectors WPs
 - 4 year project which started 1st September 2008
- First EURONU Town meeting at CERN, 25-26 March 2009

Alternative ions

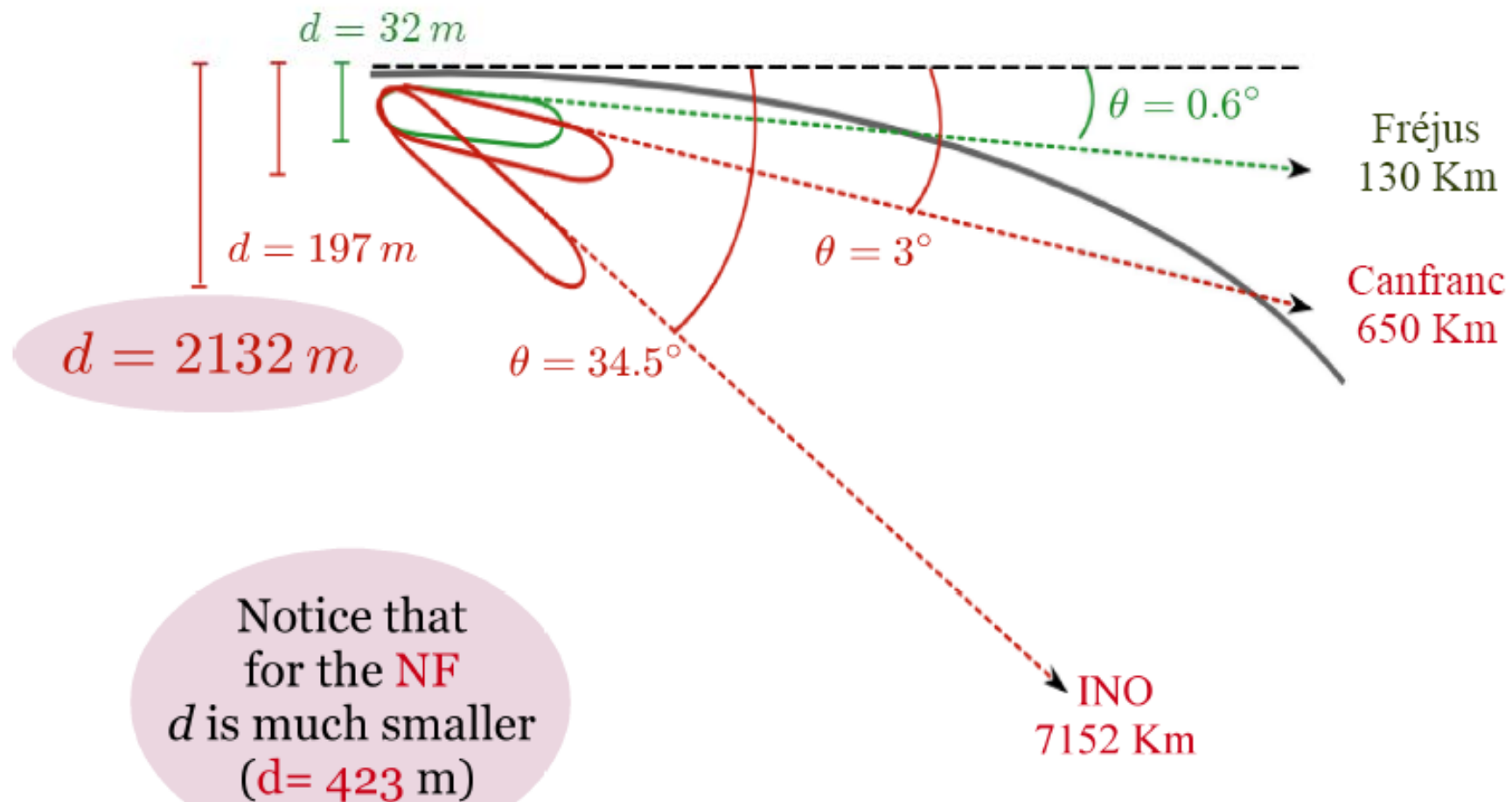
Table 2.1 Some possible isotopes which are β^- emitters, from [84]

Isotope	A/Z	$T_{1/2}$ (s)	Q_{β} g.s. to g.s. (MeV)	Q_{β} effective (MeV)	E_{β} average (MeV)	E_{ν} average (MeV)
^6He	3.0	0.80	3.5	3.5	1.57	1.94
^8He	4.0	0.11	10.7	9.1	4.35	4.80
^8Li	2.7	0.83	16.0	13.0	6.24	6.72
^9Li	3.0	0.17	13.6	11.9	5.73	6.20
^{11}Be	2.8	13.8	11.5	9.8	4.65	5.11
^{15}C	2.5	2.44	9.8	6.4	2.87	3.55
^{16}C	2.7	0.74	8.0	4.5	2.05	2.46
^{16}N	2.3	7.13	10.4	5.9	4.59	1.33
^{17}N	2.4	4.17	8.7	3.8	1.71	2.10
^{18}N	2.6	0.64	13.9	8.0	5.33	2.67
^{23}Ne	2.3	37.2	4.4	4.2	1.90	2.31
^{25}Ne	2.5	0.60	7.3	6.9	3.18	3.73
^{25}Na	2.3	59.1	3.8	3.4	1.51	1.90
^{26}Na	2.4	1.07	9.3	7.2	3.34	3.81

Table 2.2 Some possible isotopes which are β^+ emitters, from [84]

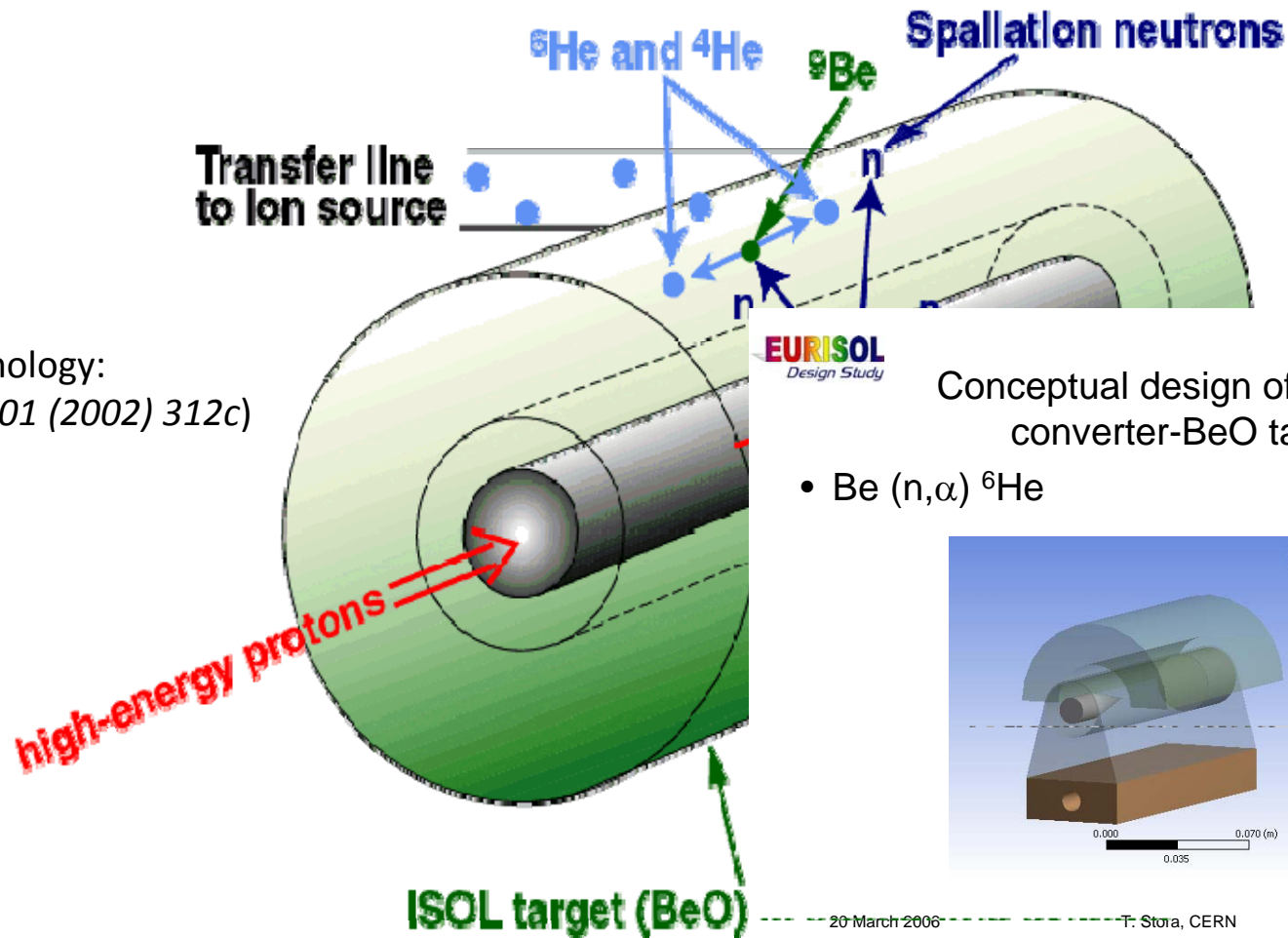
Isotope	A/Z	$T_{1/2}$ (s)	Q_{β} g.s. to g.s. (MeV)	Q_{β} effective (MeV)	E_{β} average (MeV)	E_{ν} average (MeV)
^8B	1.6	0.77	17.0	13.9	6.55	7.37
^{10}C	1.7	19.3	2.6	1.9	0.81	1.08
^{14}O	1.8	70.6	4.1	1.8	0.78	1.05
^{15}O	1.9	122.	1.7	1.7	0.74	1.00
^{18}Ne	1.8	1.67	3.3	3.0	1.50	1.52
^{19}Ne	1.9	17.3	2.2	2.2	0.96	1.25
^{21}Na	1.9	22.4	2.5	2.5	1.10	1.41
^{33}Ar	1.8	0.17	10.6	8.2	3.97	4.19
^{24}Ar	1.9	0.84	5.0	5.0	2.29	2.67
^{35}Ar	1.9	1.77	4.9	4.9	2.27	2.65
^{37}K	1.9	1.22	5.1	5.1	2.35	2.72
^{80}Rb	2.2	34	4.7	4.5	2.04	2.48

Baseline options: Detectors



Pilar Coloma
Optimization of the Two-Baseline β -Beam

${}^6\text{He}$ production from ${}^9\text{Be}(n,\alpha)$

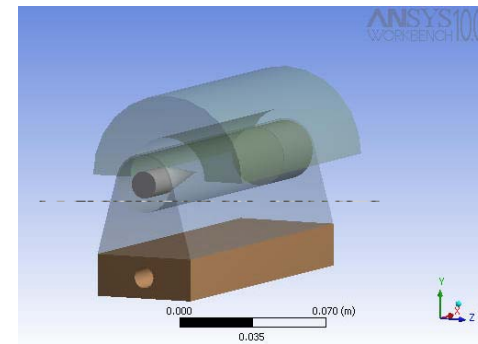


Converter technology:
(J. Nolen, NPA 701 (2002) 312c)

EURISOL
Design Study

Conceptual design of the dual
converter-BeO target

- $\text{Be}(n,\alpha){}^6\text{He}$



20 March 2006

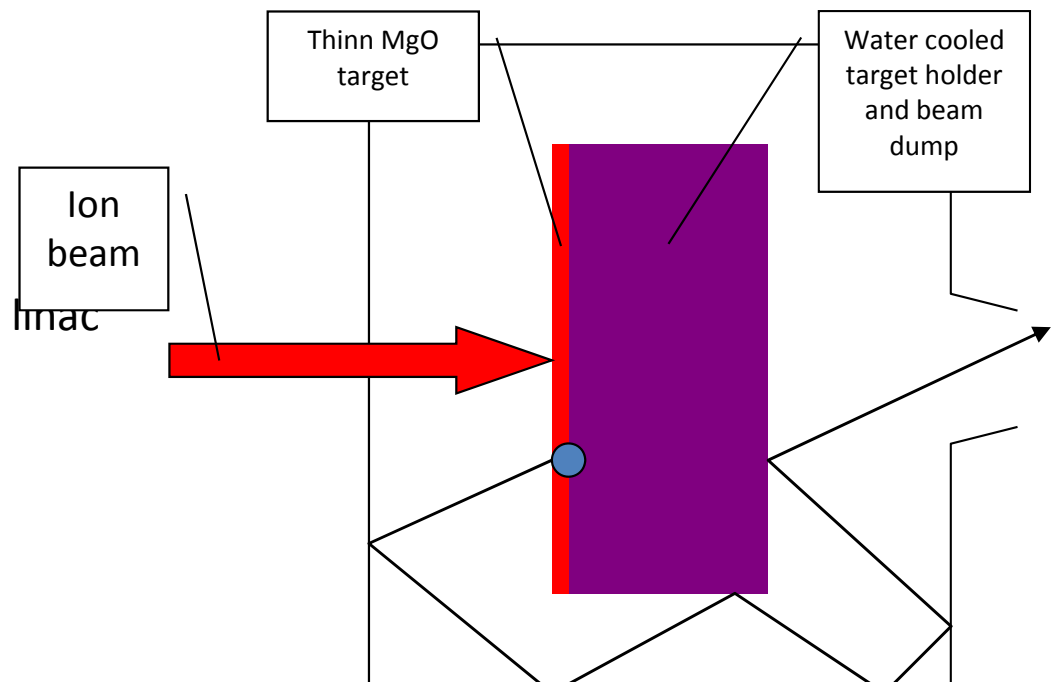
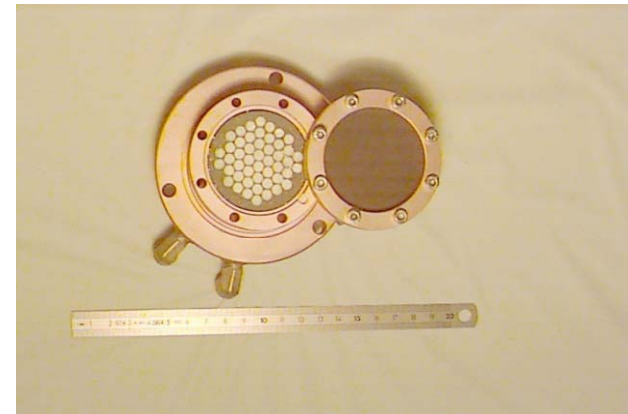
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EURISOL – Task #3

- Converter technology preferred to direct irradiation (heat transfer and efficient cooling allows higher power compared to insulating BeO).
- ${}^6\text{He}$ production rate is $\sim 2 \times 10^{13}$ ions/s (dc) for ~ 200 kW on target.

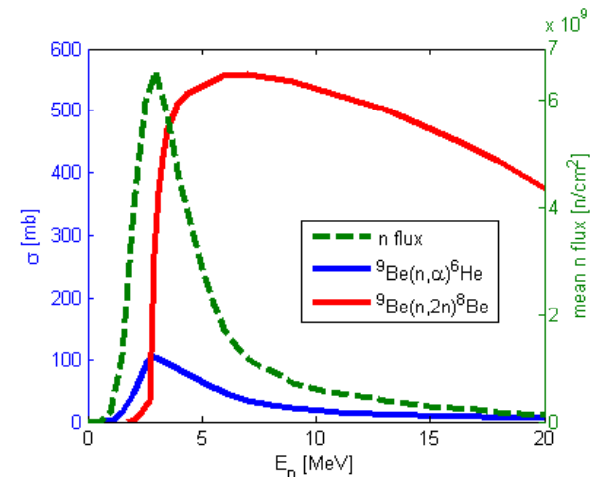
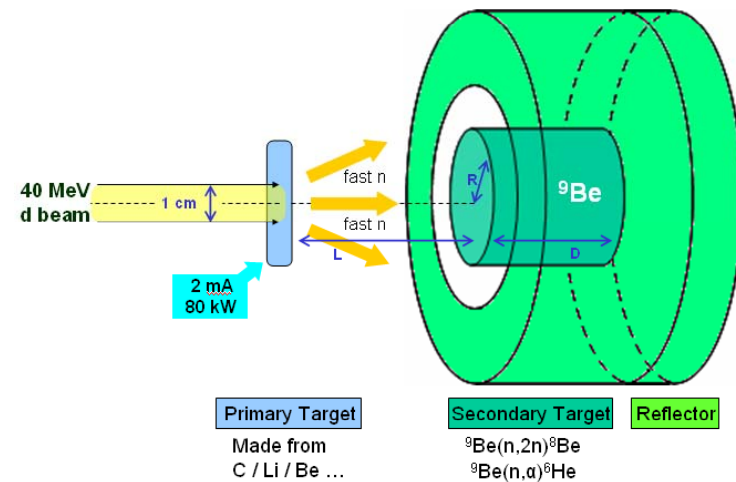
Direct production: $^{16}\text{O}(^3\text{He},n)^{18}\text{Ne}$ at LLN

- Production of 10^{12} ^{18}Ne in a MgO target:
 - At 13 MeV, 17 mA of ^3He
 - At 14.8 MeV, 13 mA of ^3He
- Producing 10^{13} ^{18}Ne could be possible with a beam power (at low energy) of 1 MW (or some 130 mA ^3He beam).
- To keep the power density similar to LLN (today) the target has to be 60 cm in diameter.
- To be studied:
 - Extraction efficiency
 - Optimum energy
 - Cooling of target unit
 - High intensity and low energy ion Imac
 - High intensity ion source



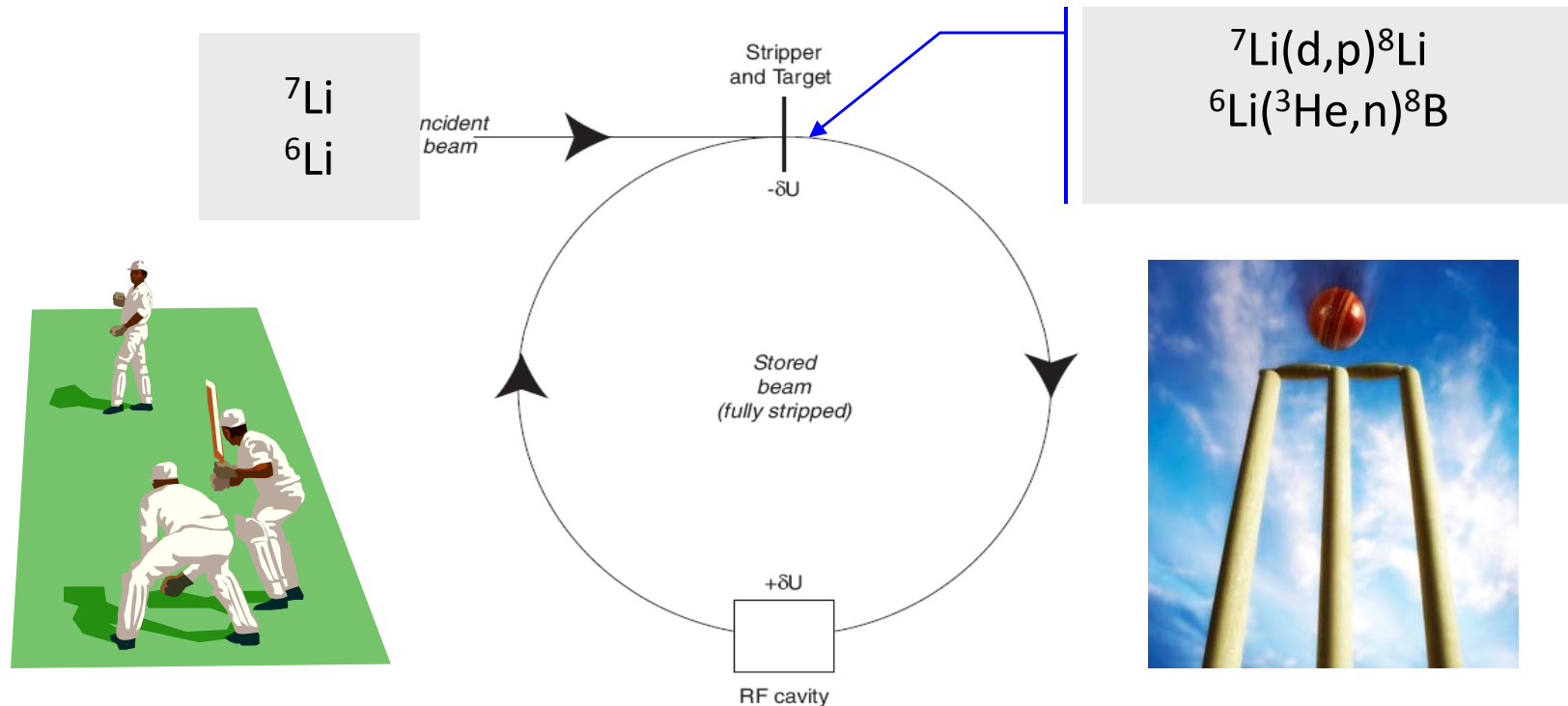
Light RIB production: 40 MeV Deuteron beam

- T.Y.Hirsh, D.Berkovits, M.Hass (Soreq, Weizmann I.)
- Studied ${}^9\text{Be}(n,\alpha){}^6\text{He}$, ${}^{11}\text{B}(n,\alpha){}^8\text{Li}$ and ${}^9\text{Be}(n,2n){}^8\text{Be}$ production
- For a 2 mA, 40 MeV deuteron beam, the upper limit for the ${}^6\text{He}$ production rate via the two stage targets setup is $\sim 6 \cdot 10^{13}$ atoms per second.



A new approach for the production

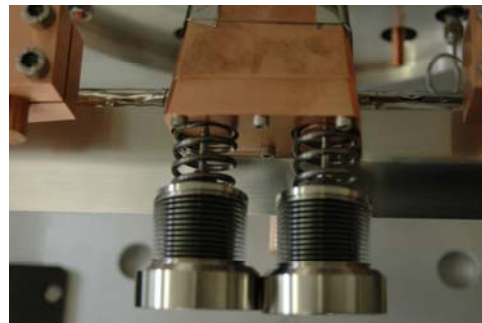
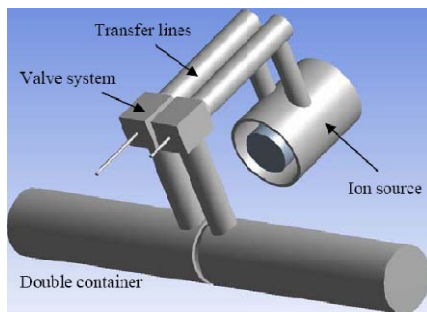
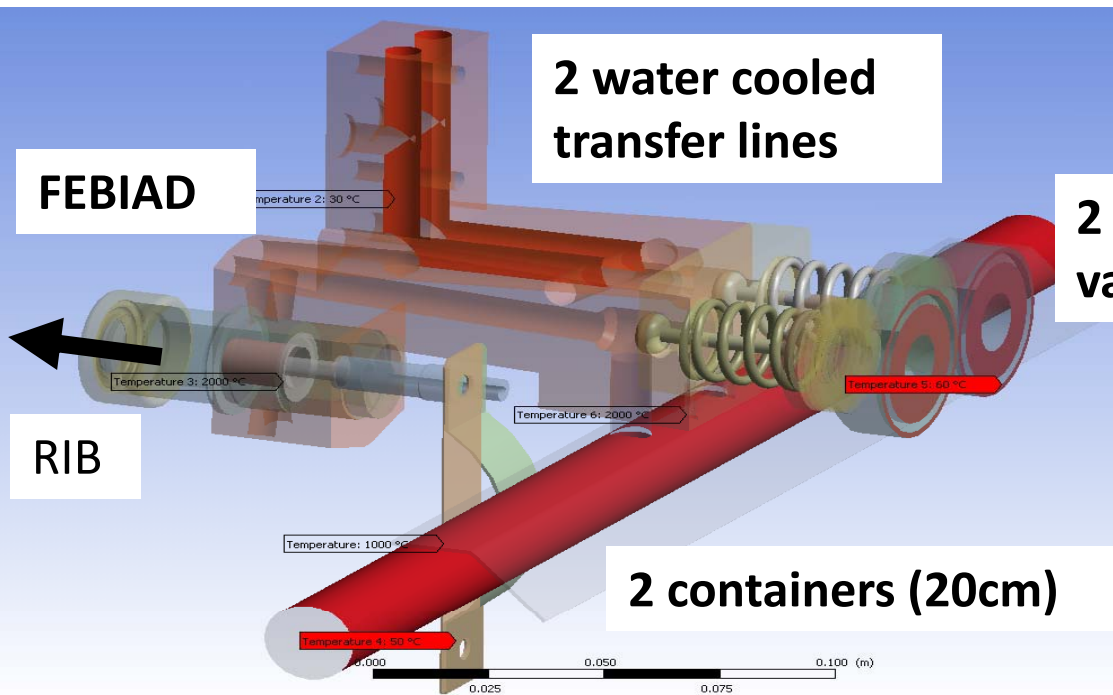
Beam cooling with ionisation losses – C. Rubbia, A Ferrari, Y. Kadi and V. Vlachoudis in NIM A 568 (2006) 475–487



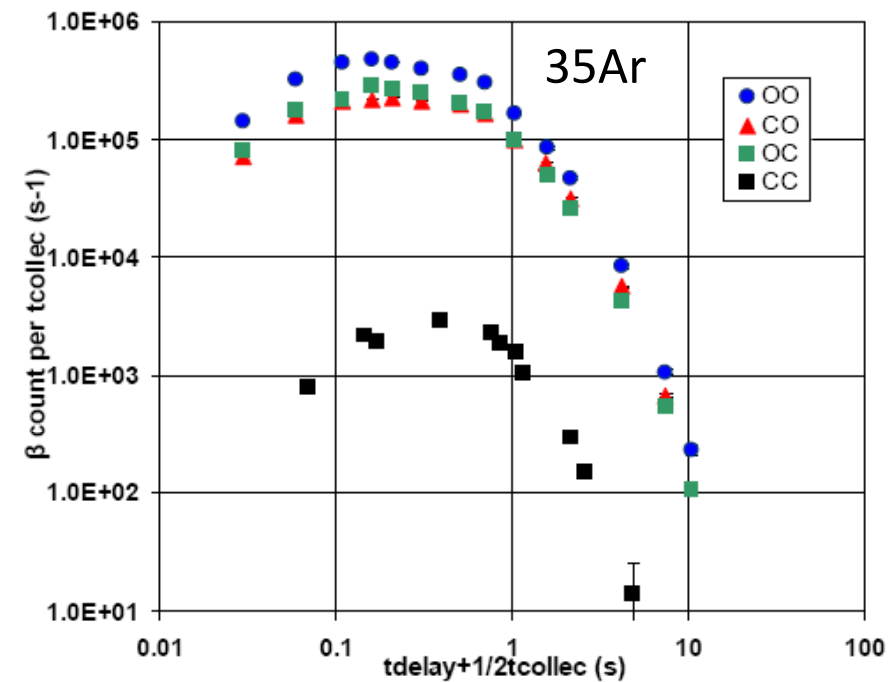
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Bivalve

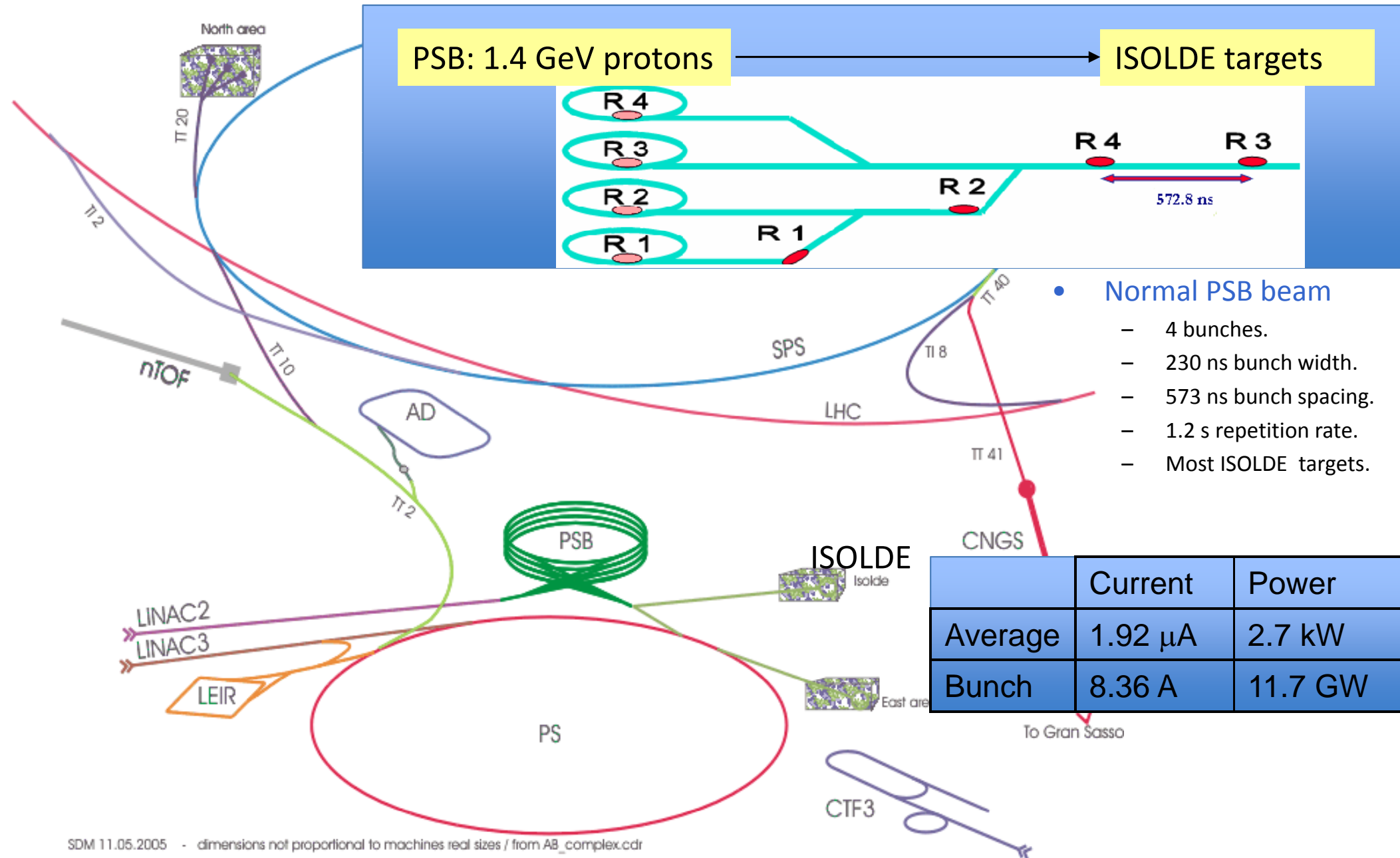
- Bivalve: merging of a double-transfer line system into a single FEBIAD ion source: Elian Bouquerel.



Online Tests: ISOLDE, April 2007



Proton beam to ISOLDE



SDM 11.05.2005 - dimensions not proportional to machines real sizes / from AB_complex.cdr