

# Ion production for the betabeams

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# Beta beams : 1<sup>st</sup> concept

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A novel concept for a  $\bar{\nu}_e$  neutrino factory

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CERN, Geneva, Switzerland

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PS/OP/Note 2002-181

## The acceleration and storage of radioactive ions for a neutrino factory

The beta-beam accelerator working group: B. Autin, M. Benedikt, M. Grieser, S. Hancock, H. Haseroth, A. Jansson, U. Köster, M. Lindroos\*, S. Russenschuck and F. Wenander

ISOLDE was already there

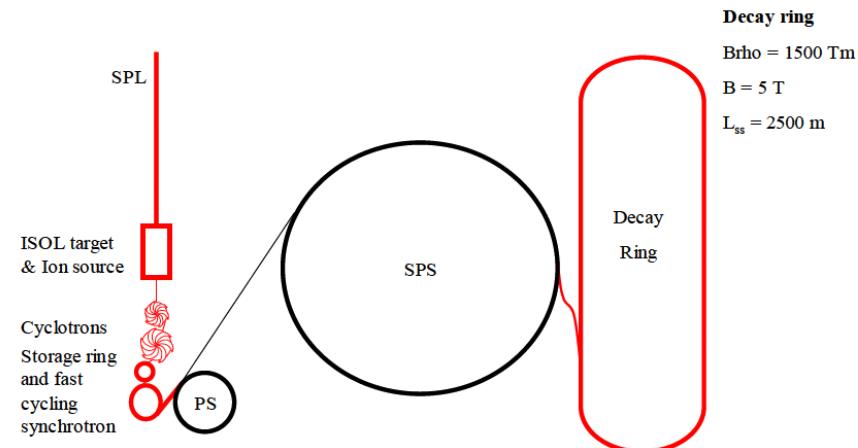


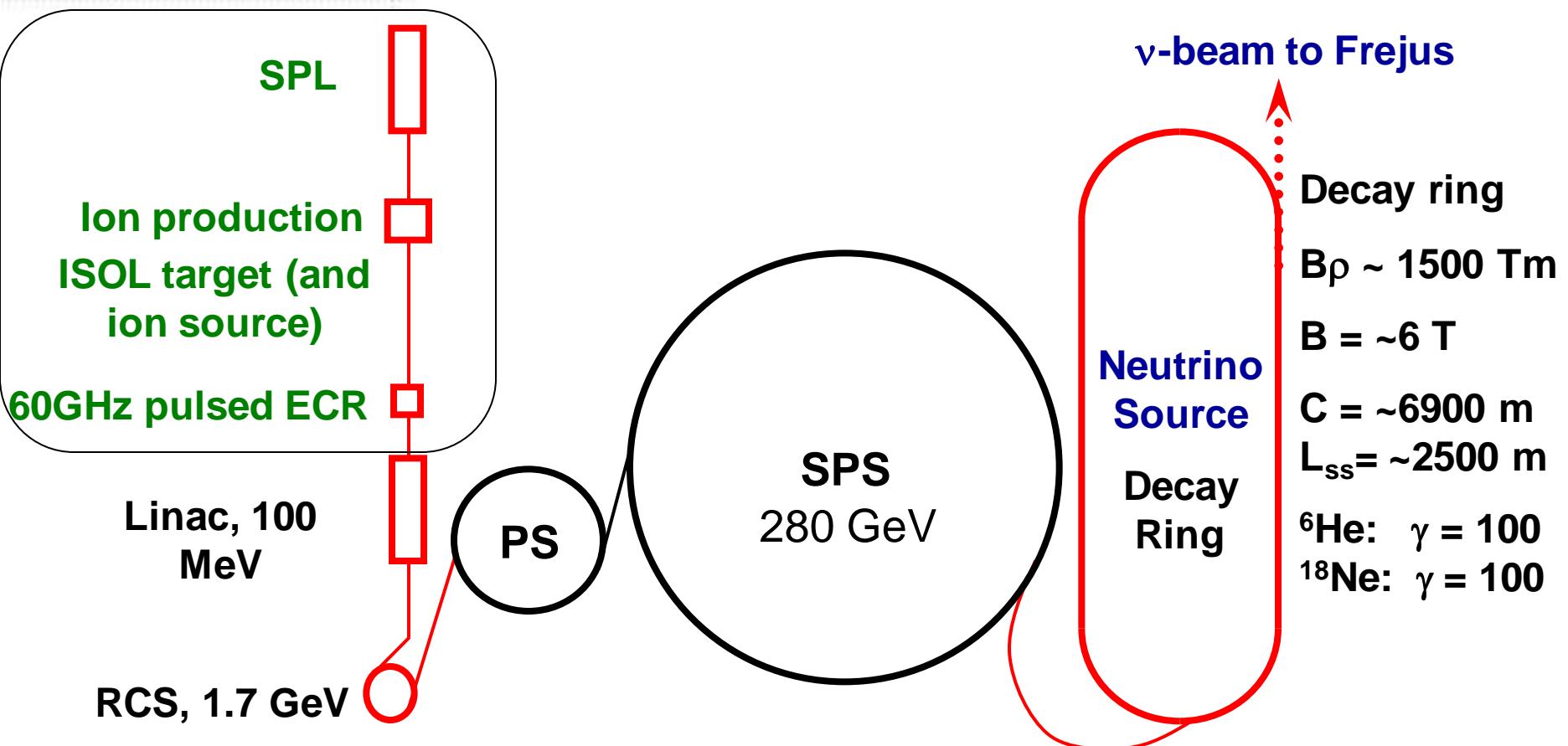
Figure 1: The CERN baseline scenario

## Baseline scenario

be exploited to its fullest. The estimated intensities from an EURISOL-type target station of the required ions,  ${}^6\text{He}$  and  ${}^{18}\text{Ne}$ , would be sufficient for a beta-beam facility.

10 years ago

# Beta Beam baseline (FP6 EURISOL-DS)

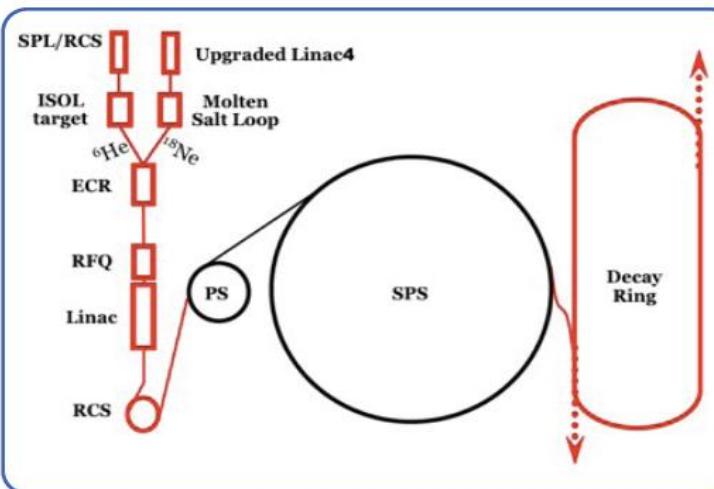


2-6 years ago

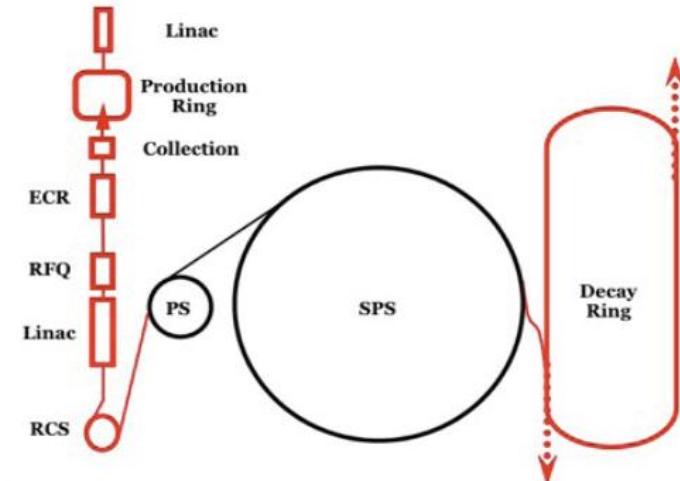
EPJA 47, 24 (2011)

# Two Baselines

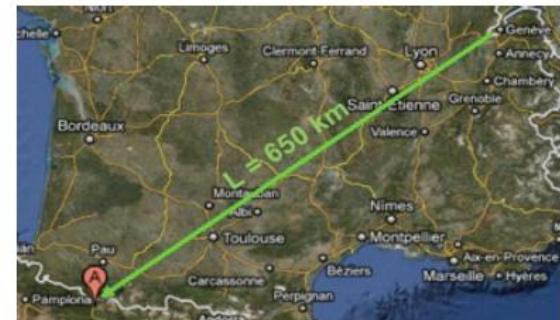
- REVIEW
- Currently two different baselines (both with  $\gamma=100$ ) are under investigation
  - ${}^6\text{He}$  &  ${}^{18}\text{Ne}$ :  $L \approx 130 \text{ km}$



- ${}^8\text{Li}$  &  ${}^8\text{B}$ :  $L \approx 650 \text{ km}$



Chosen as  
EUROnu's  
baseline

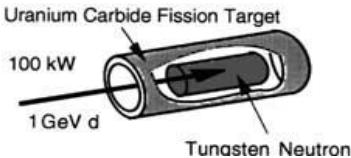


25 minutes ago !

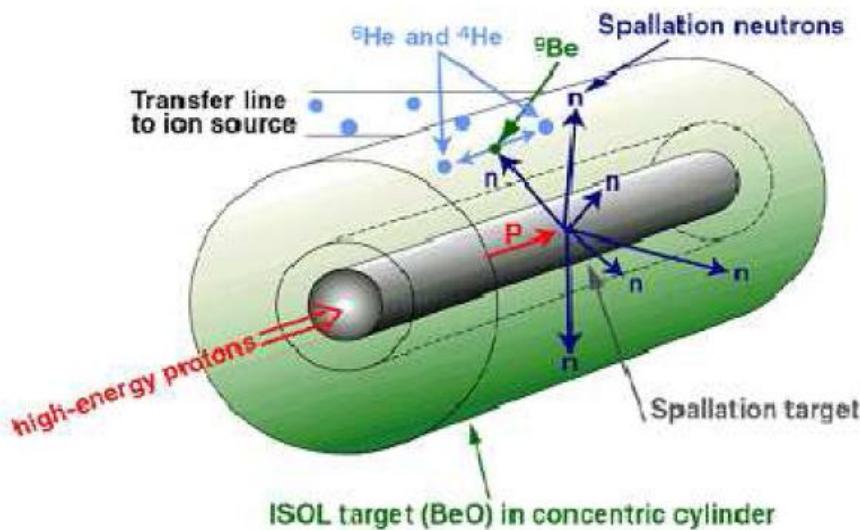
C. Hansen

Argonne Concepts  
for  
ISOL Production Targets

## 2-Step Fast Neutron Fission



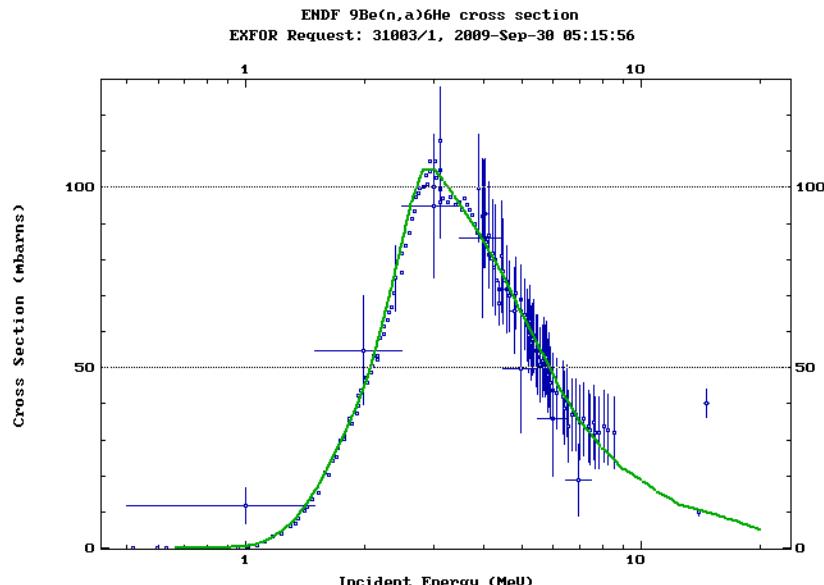
Original idea,  
 J. Nolen (1995/2002)



EURISOL RTD report (2003)



$2.9 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ ve}$   
 ( $6 \cdot 10^{13} {}^6\text{He}/\text{s}$  out of  
 target for 2 yrs)

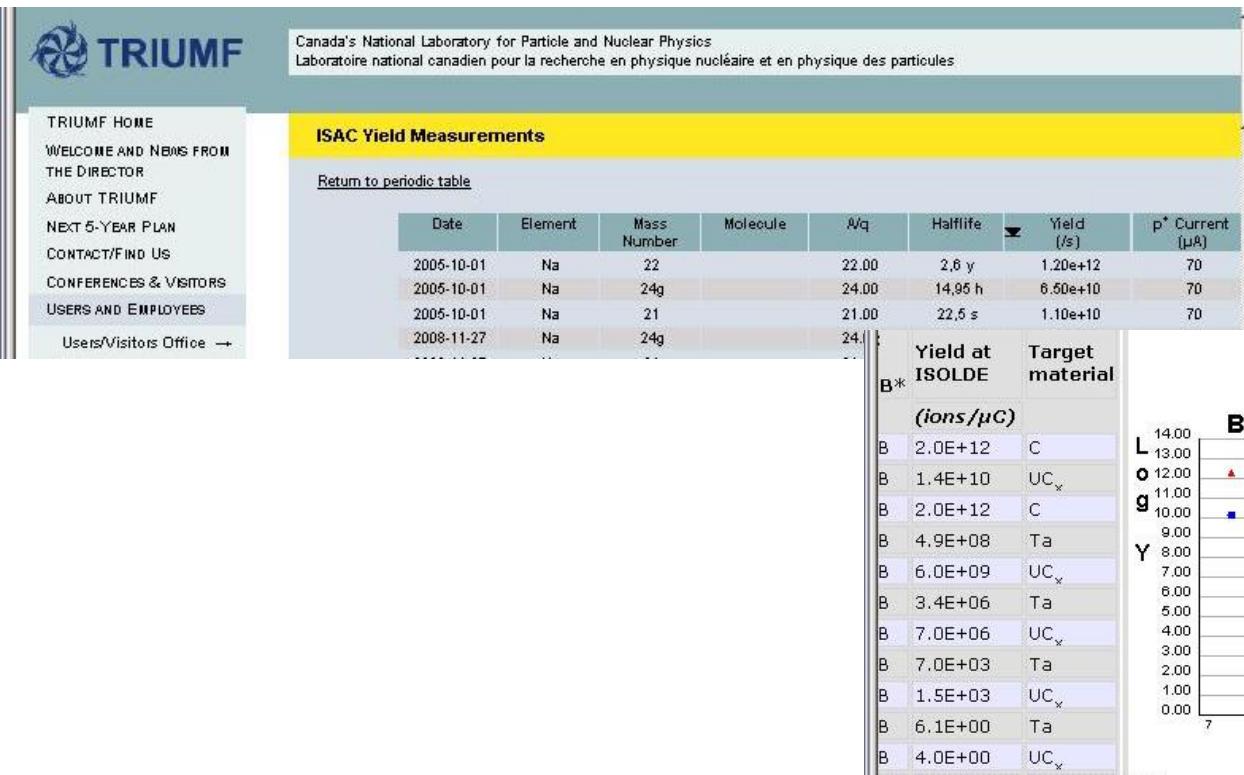


ENDF/EXFOR cross sections

# How does $10^{13}$ isotope/s compare to present figures in ISOL facilities ?

Beams of  $10^{12}$  ions/s are documented at TRIUMF and CERN-ISOLDE

This corresponds to  $\sim 10^{13}/s$  (neutral) isotopes from target



15% post acceleration eff.  
in 2005

# Post acceleration of multicharged isotopes



## acceleration of radioactive charge bred ions

2008 November 11

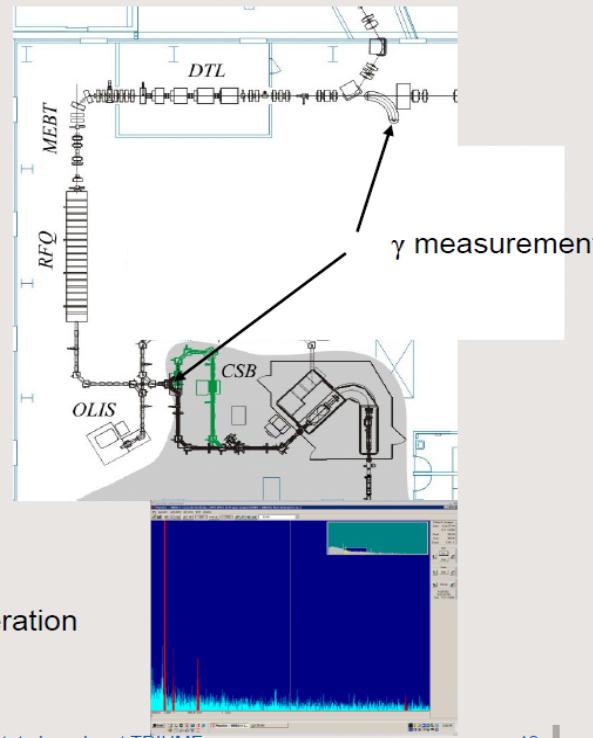
measure  $\gamma$  radiation of  $^{80}\text{Rb}^{14+}$  after charge breeding  
 $\Rightarrow 1.1 \cdot 10^5$  ions per sec

radioactive beam is accompanied by  $\sim 100$  nA  $^{40}\text{Ar}^{7+}$

inject beam into RFQ,  
accelerate to 150 A keV,  
drift through DTL,  
analyze energy with magnet

transmission for  $^{40}\text{Ar}^{7+}$  33%

measure  $\gamma$  radiation of  $^{80}\text{Rb}^{14+}$  after acceleration  
 $\Rightarrow 3.5 \cdot 10^4$  ions per sec (32%)

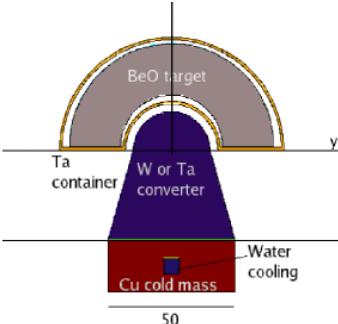


# Optimization of ${}^6\text{He}$ production

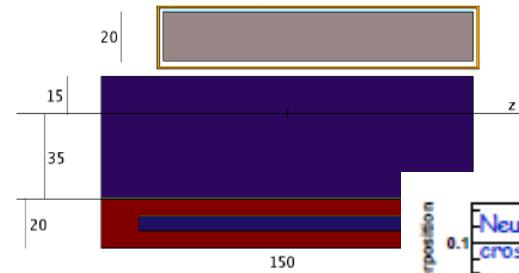
MCNPx, N. Thiollieres et al., CEA (EURISOL-TN-03)

$2 \cdot 10^{13} {}^6\text{He}/\text{s}$  100kW, 1 GeV proton beam

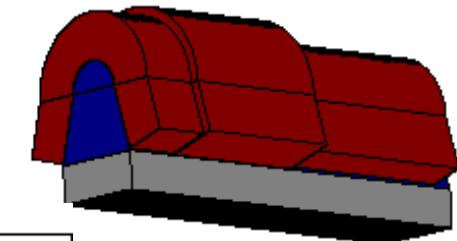
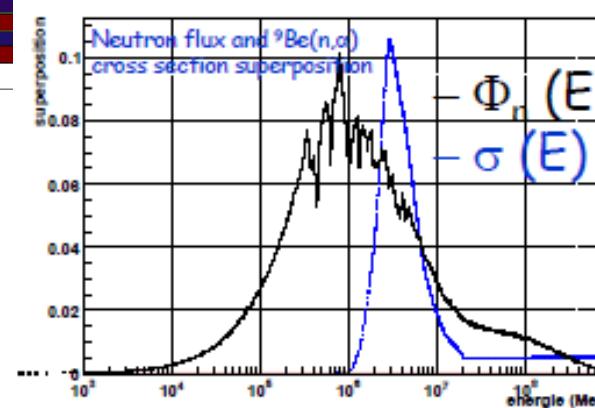
$10^{14} {}^6\text{He}/\text{s}$  200kW, 2 GeV proton beam



$\varnothing 3\text{cm}, 15\text{cm}$



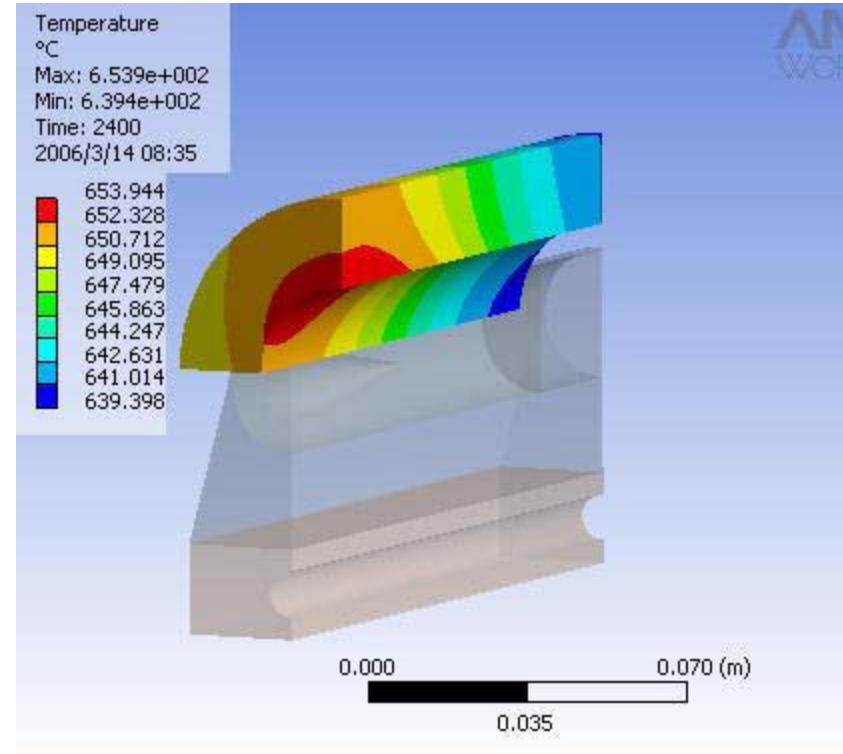
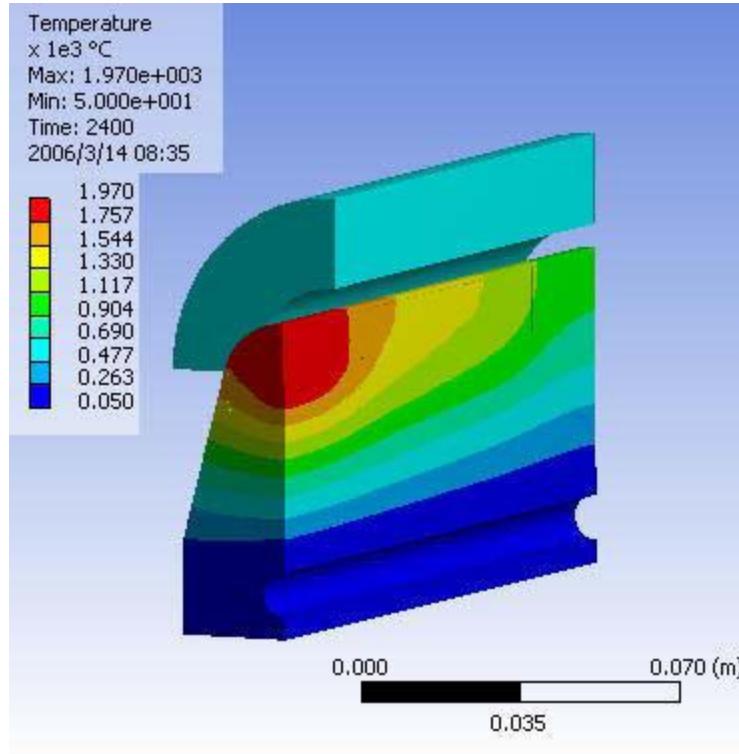
$\sigma(\text{beam})=6\text{mm}; d(\text{BeO})=50\%$



Optim. For 2GeV  
 $\varnothing 3\text{cm}, 24\text{cm}$

# Heat load on H<sub>2</sub>O-cooled W conv.

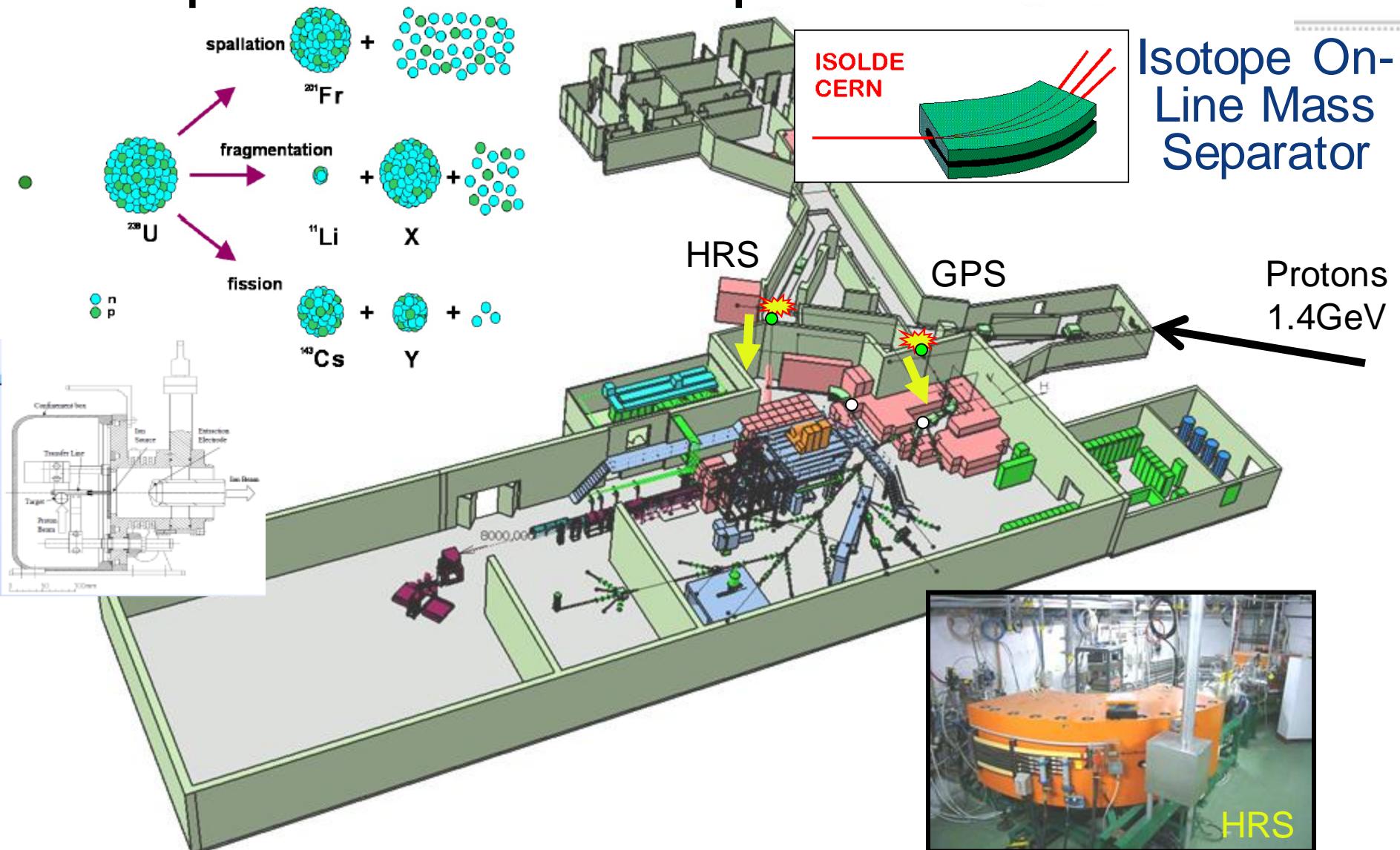
35 kW deposited



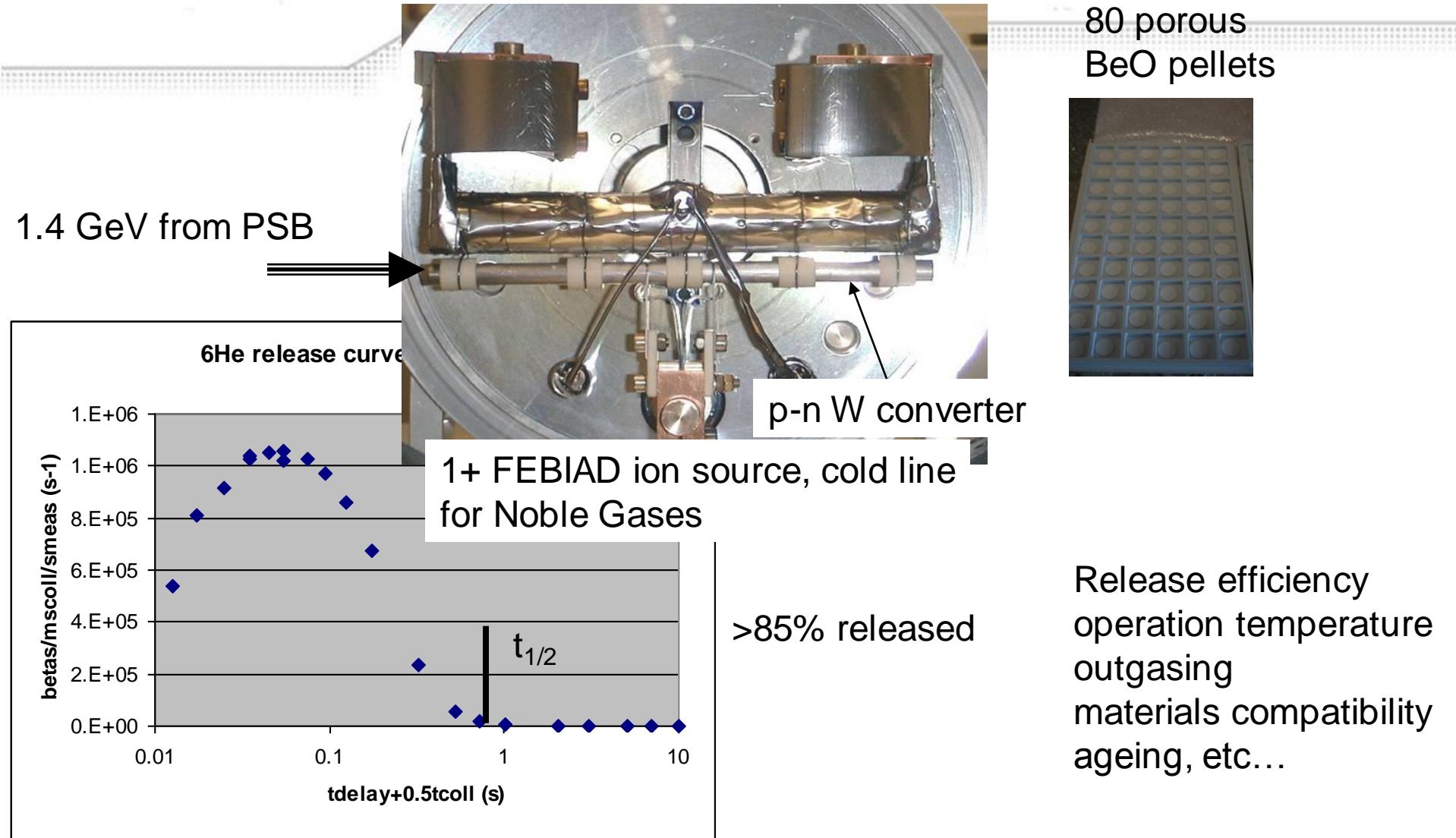
S. Marzari

We might want to further evolve this concept: H<sub>2</sub>O-cooled W slices like ISIS target

# Experiment on ${}^6\text{He}$ production/release



# Tests done with 1.4GeV p at CERN-ISOLDE (2009)



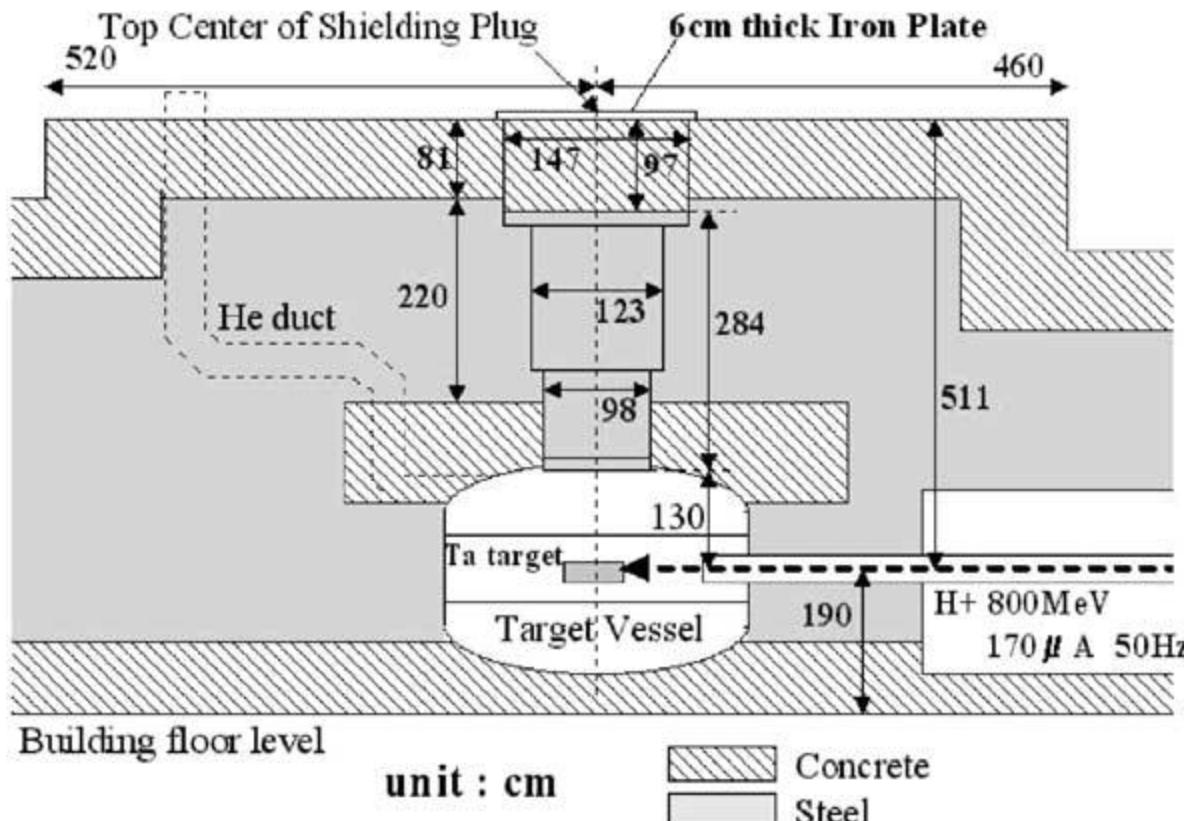
# 100-200kW target operation range

TRIUMF (Canada) operates ISOL Radioisotope beams  
at 0.5GeV, 40kW, cw protons  
with 1 target / month



ISIS (RAL, UK) operates W/Ta proton to neutron converter  
at 0.8GeV, 160kW, 50Hz (10ms)  
for 300 days

# ISIS target station (140kW, 0.8GeV p)

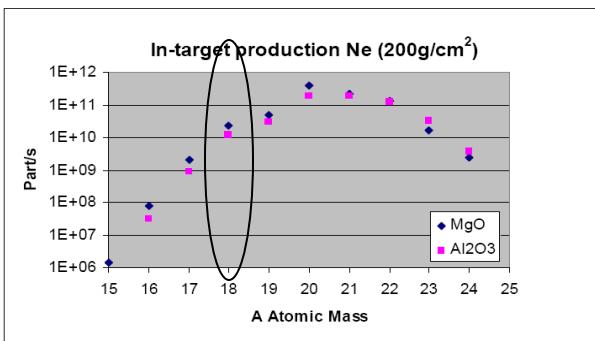


This needs adaptation for target station for ISOL production

Also a 100kW direct target station layout during EURISOL-DS

# Production of $^{18}\text{Ne}$ ions for $\nu_e$

- Direct spallation of 1 GeV protons onto thick oxide targets Al (p,X)  $^{18}\text{Ne}$

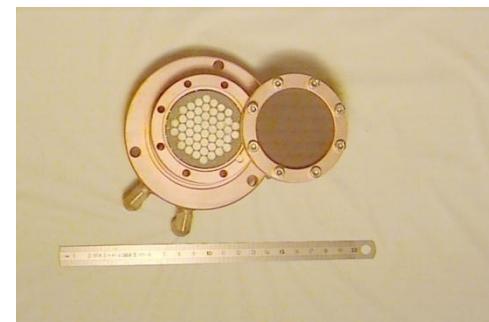
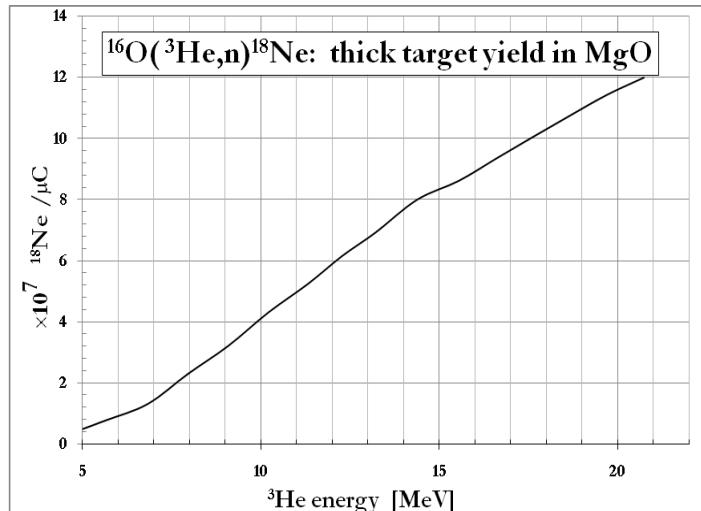


Silberberg-Tsao,  
Thin target approx.

Nominal parameters:  
 $3 \cdot 10^{10}$  part/s (Fluka)

Production of  $10^{19} \nu_e$   
Out of the target  
 $1 \cdot 10^{13} {}^{18}\text{Ne}/\text{s}$  for 8 years

M. Loiselet, S. Mitrofanov  
Validated at 9kW at LLN.  
Needs ~ 100mA,  ${}^3\text{He}$  21MeV, Ø60cm target



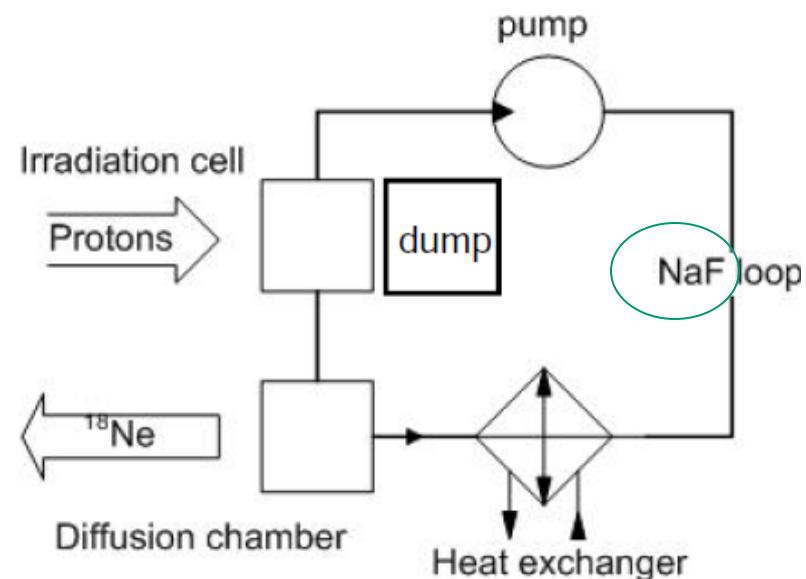
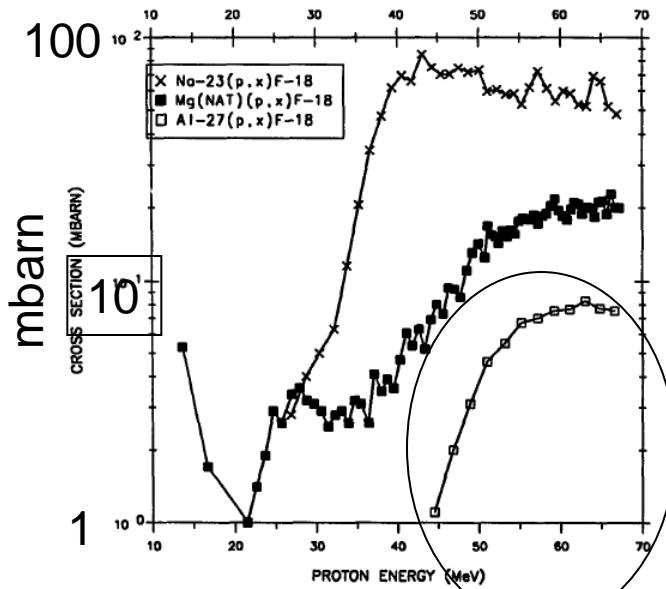
# A new proposal in 2009

Inspired from  $^{18}\text{F}$  production for PET imaging:

$^{19}\text{F}(\text{p},2\text{n})^{18}\text{Ne}$ : threshold 16 MeV, peak at 1.6 mbarn @ 30 MeV (M. Loiselet, S. Mitrofanov)

$^{24}\text{Mg}(\text{p},\alpha p2\text{n})^{18}\text{Ne}$  : threshold 39 MeV, cross-sections ?

$^{27}\text{Al}(\text{p},X)^{18}\text{Ne}$  : ~ 4 mbarn @ 50-70 MeV (Lanulas-Solar, 1988&1992)



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# Production of $^{18}\text{Ne}$ ions for $\nu_e$

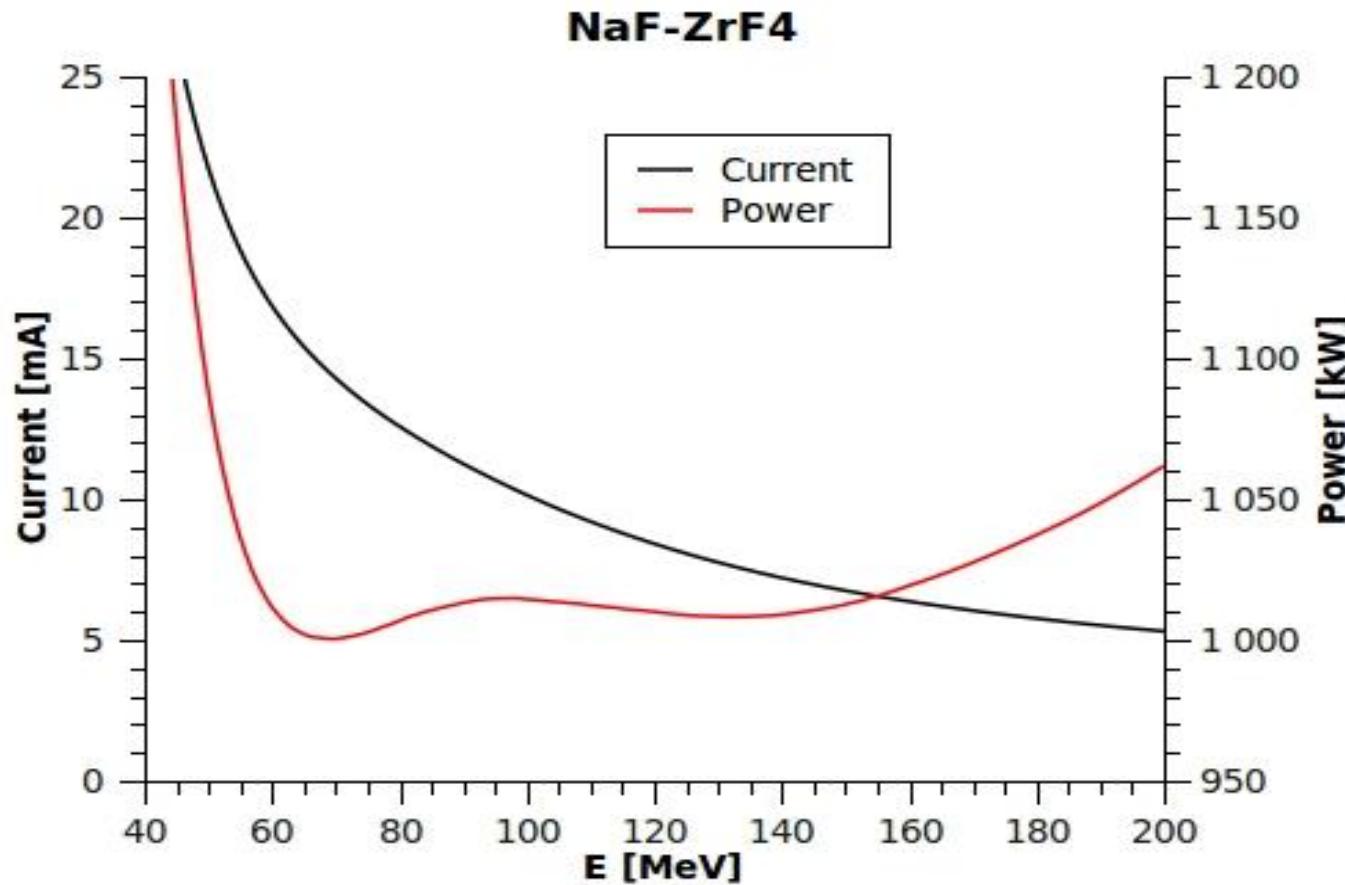
Selection of a suitable eutectic comprising Na and F nuclei :

Salt	Composition [mol %]	Melting point [C]	Density [g/cm3] (700 C)	Viscosity [cP] (700 C)	Vapor pressure [mm Hg] (900 C)	Yield proton 6mA 160MeV	yield helium3 6mA 160
Naf-BeF <sub>2</sub>	57 – 43	340	2.01	7	1.4	8.8E+012	7.1E+012
NaF-NaBF <sub>4</sub>	8 – 92	384	1.75	0.9	9500	8.4E+012	6.9E+012
NaF-ZrF <sub>4</sub>	60 – 40	500	3.14	5.1	5	1.0E+013	8.2E+012

NaF : melting point at ca 1000°C

D. F. Williams, Assessment of Candidate Molten Salt Coolants for the NGNP/NHI Heat-Transfer loop, ORNL/TM-2006/69, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN (2006)

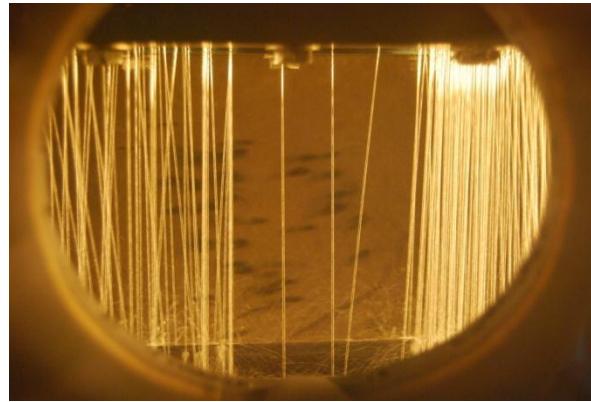
# Intensity/energy p-beam for $10^{13}$ $^{18}\text{Ne}/\text{s}$



P. Valko, T. Stora

We need a molten salt MW-range ISOL target; Proton Linac as driver

- Scaling of the diffusion chamber



E. Noah @ IPUL Lab,  
Molten Pb/Bi  
EURISOL DS

M. Fujioka , Y. Arai, Diffusion of Radioisotopes from Solids in the form of Foils, Fibers and Particles, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. 186 (1981) 409

$D = 2-4 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$  for Kr and Xe

$D$  estimated at  $4-8 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$  for Ne

RJ Kedl, A Houtzeel, ORNL-4069: 1967-06

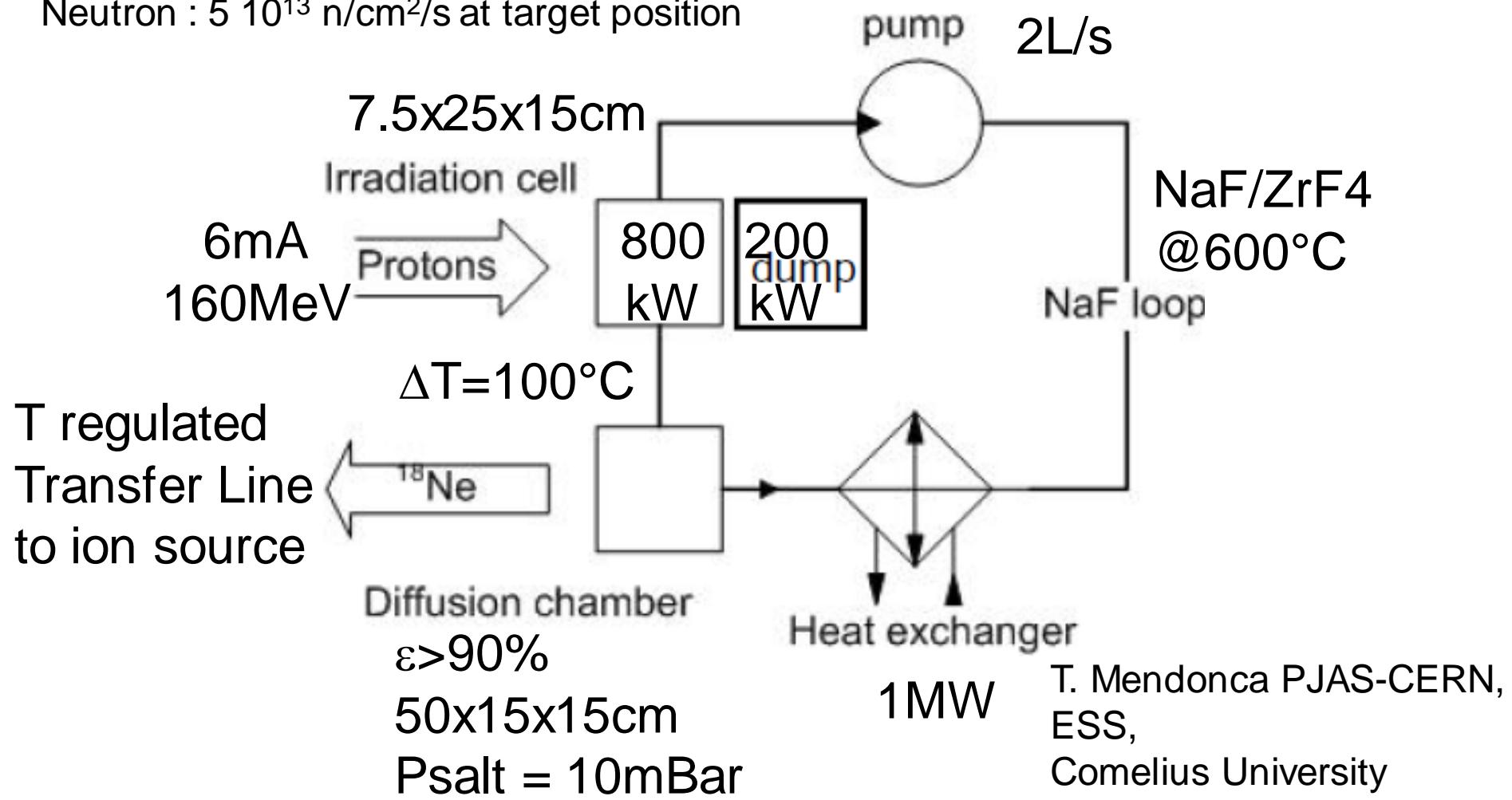
After 4  $\tau_{\text{diffusion}}$ , ie 0.5s

Diffusion coefficient [mm <sup>2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup> ]	Hole radius [mm]	Released fraction Cylinder	Released fraction Sphere
5.0E-004	0.25	0.25	0.35
1.0E-003	0.25	0.35	0.47
2.5E-003	0.25	0.5	0.63
2.8E-003	0.25	0.53	0.66
5.0E-003	0.25	0.64	0.76
5.0E-004	0.1	0.54	0.67
1.0E-003	0.1	0.68	0.79
2.5E-003	0.1	0.83	0.9
2.8E-003	0.1	0.85	0.91
<b>5.0E-003</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.91</b>	<b>0.95</b>

# $^{18}\text{Ne}$ production target $10^{13}/\text{s}$

$^{23}\text{Na}(\text{p},\text{pn})^{22}\text{Na}$  requires a yearly salt exchange

Neutron :  $5 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ n/cm}^2/\text{s}$  at target position



# Upcoming activities

Selected items will be prototyped and tested:

- Diffusion chamber (collab. D. Heuer, LPSC-CNRS Grenoble)
- Static molten salt unit at CERN-ISOLDE (transfer to ion source, production and release of Ne, stainless steel):  
INTC, Sept 2011

Information Discussion Files

### Experiments at CERN

Title	Production and Release of Gas and Volatile Elements from Sodium-based Targets
Author(s)	<a href="#">Stora, T</a> ; <a href="#">Plewinski, F</a> ; <a href="#">Noah messomo, E</a> ; <a href="#">Wildner, E</a> ; <a href="#">Catherall, R</a>
Experiment	IS509
Institutes	<a href="#">See all IS509 institutes</a>
Approved	01 December 2010
Status	Preparation
Collaboration	ISOLDE
Accelerator	ISOLDE
Abstract	Several large scale facilities being studied for Europe use sodium or a sodium-based alloy either

- Physical characterization of molten salt (Ne diffusion, viscosity, surface tension, etc)

# Progresses on 60GHz ECR



## 60 GHz ECR source status

\* Sixty GHz ECR Ion Source using Megawatt Magnets

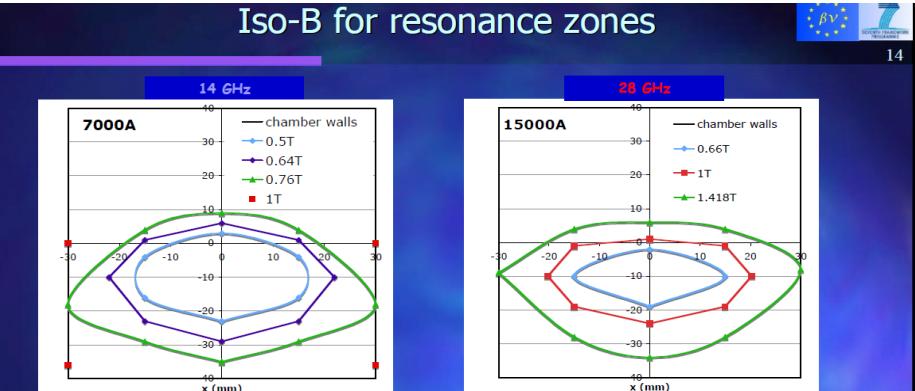
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M. Marie-Jeanne, P. Sortais, T. Thuillier  
Laboratoire de Physique Subatomique et de Cosmologie, Grenoble – France

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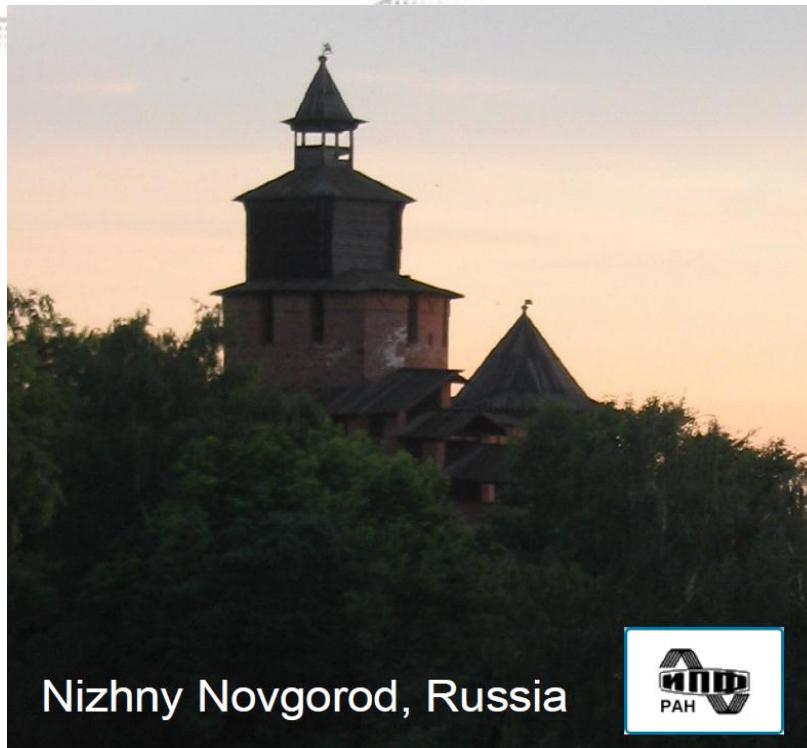
28 GHz (1T) ECR zone closed at about 12000 A

The 60 GHz closed ECR zone should be obtained at 26000 A

Plasma experiments are already 'magnetically' possible at 28 GHz using two LNCMI current supplies

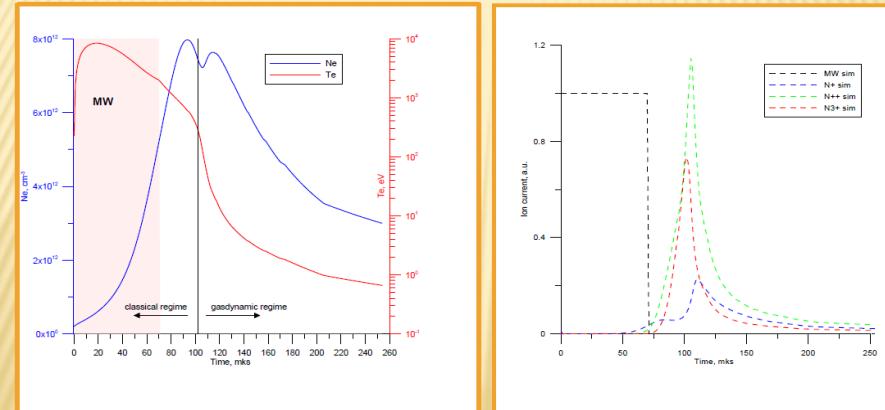
Phase 1 of this project is a success

# And on Preglow mode



V. Zorin, V.Skalyga, I. Izotov, S. Golubev,  
S. Razin, A. Sidorov, A. Vodopyanov

## Simulation of micropulses



✗ 75 GHz experiments will be done in 2010 - 2011

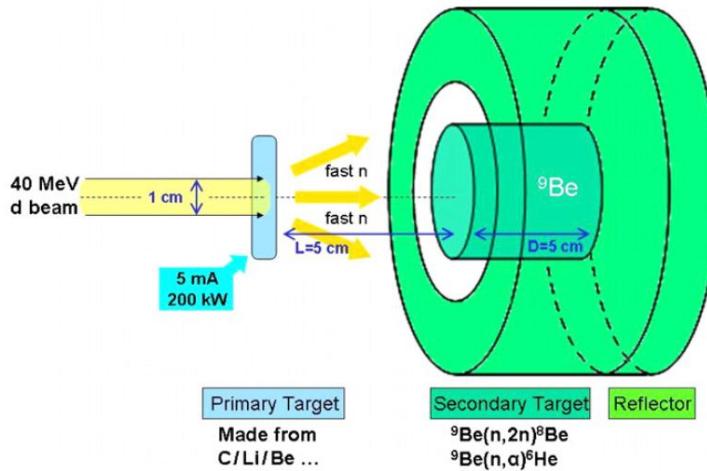
## Influence of initial plasma density and mean electron energy on the Preglow effect

I. IZOTOV <sup>1</sup>, A. SIDOROV <sup>1</sup>, V. SKALYGA <sup>1</sup>, V. ZORIN <sup>1</sup>, O. TARVAINEN <sup>2</sup>, V. TOIVANEN <sup>2</sup>, H. KOIVISTO <sup>2</sup>

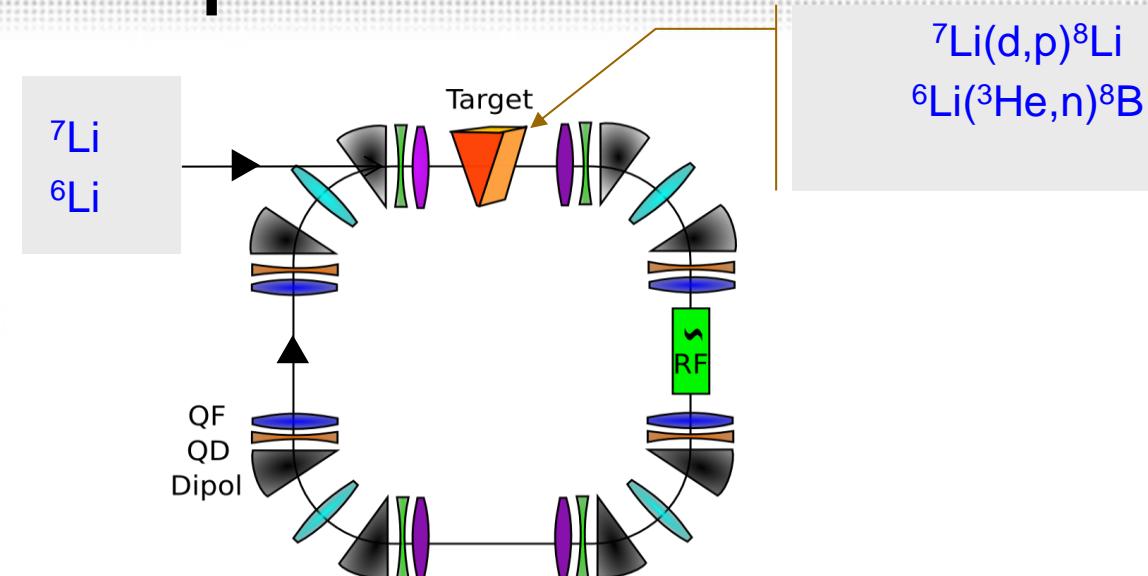
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# Other options



For 6He and 8Li production  
 M. Hass et al.



For 8B and 8Li production  
 C. Rubbia et al.



Only mechanics? No...but....

CRC  
 Louvain-la-Neuve

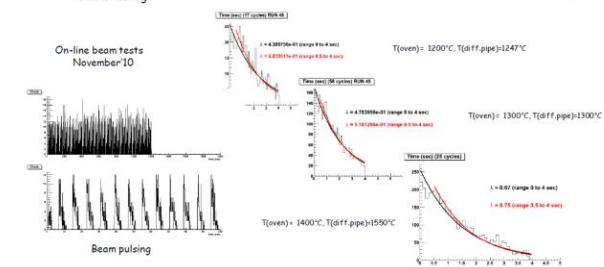
Point #4 Detection of  $^8\text{Li}$  and full beam runs (starting September'10)

- Development of the data acquisition system and electronics.
- Off-line (generator & source) tests development.
- Off-line (generator & source) tests running.
- Online testing

$$N(t) = N_0 e^{-t/\tau} \quad \tau = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{\lambda} = \tau \ln 2$$

$t_{1/2} = 0.835$  sec;  $\lambda = \ln 2/t_{1/2} \Rightarrow \lambda = 0.83$



S. Mitrofanov, WG3



# Proton drivers at CERN ?

Linac 4 upgrade: 160MeV, ca 1.6 mA on average.

PSB upgrade : 2 GeV proton, 4-6  $\mu$ A on average for (HIE)-ISOLDE.

RCS : 2 GeV proton, 10(20?) $\mu$ A on average for (HIE)-ISOLDE

# Conclusion - Baseline ion production

The status on the **100kW-1MW** high power targets for isotope production for the beta-beams have been reviewed.

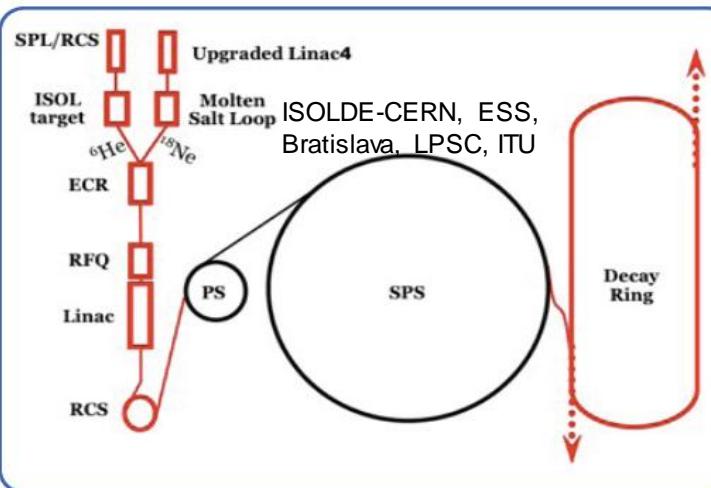
The proposed technologies do not **break records** for present high power target design/operation.

First successes on 60GHz pulsed ECR prototype operation and modelling

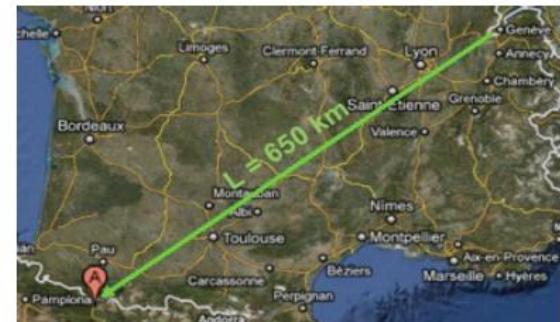
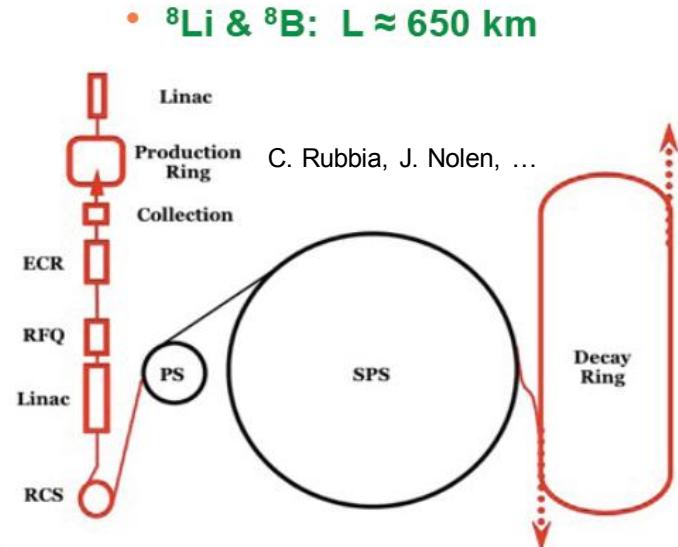
Still some prototyping remains to provide figures, no show stopper so far.

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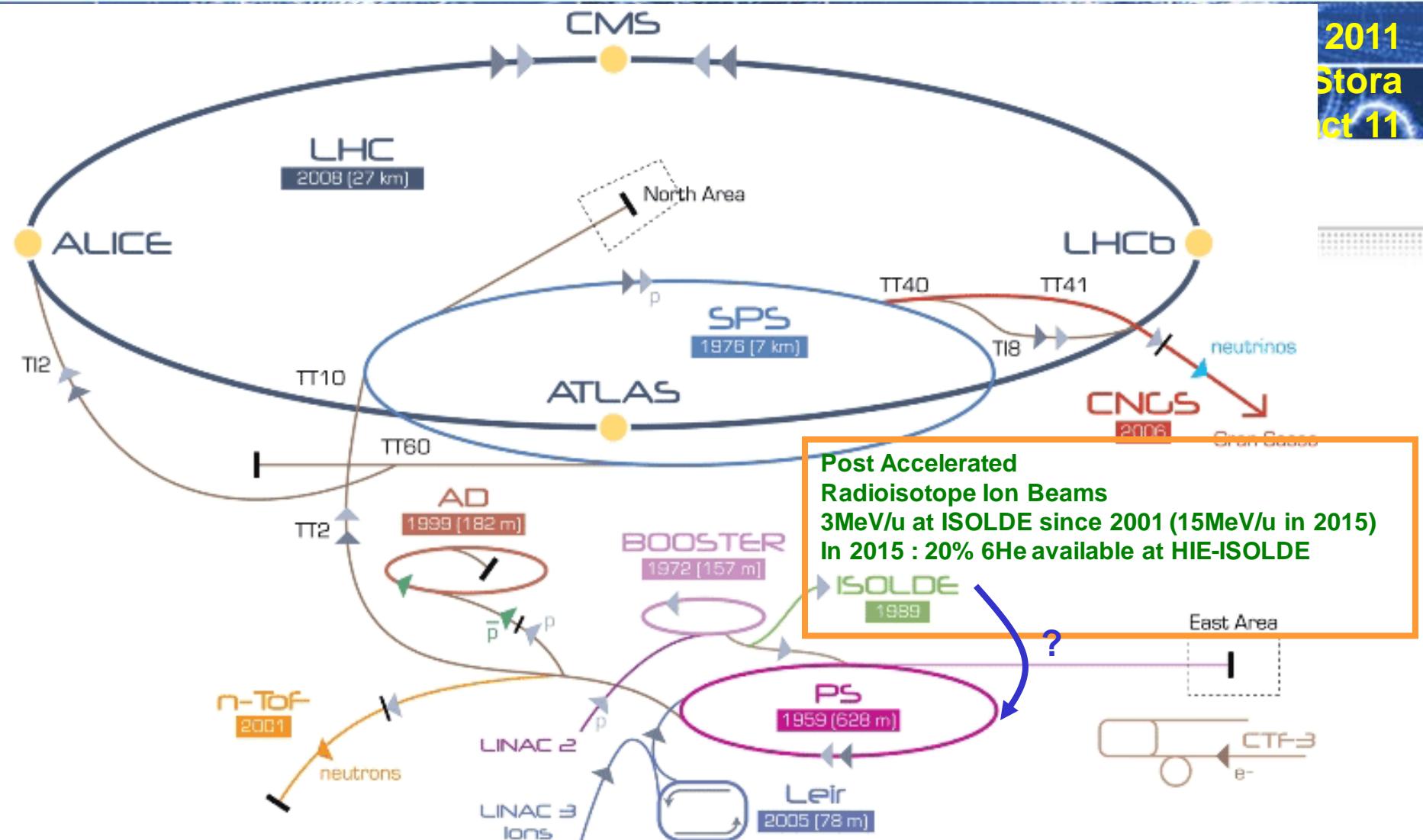
- B B O V E R V E W
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Chosen as  
EUROnu's  
baseline



50  $\mu\text{s}$  ago ! (and was still true 1-3 ns ago !!)



Do you believe this Laboratory could accelerate and let decay stored relativistic radioactive ions ?

- ▶  $\text{p}$  (proton)
- ▶  $\text{i}^+$  (ion)
- ▶  $\text{n}$  (neutrons)
- ▶  $\bar{\text{p}}$  (antiproton)
- ▶  $\text{p}/\bar{\text{p}}$  conversion
- ▶ neutrinos
- ▶ electron

### Radioisotope

LHC Large Hadron Collider   SPS Super Proton Synchrotron   PS Proton Synchrotron