

Critical Aspects of Spallation Neutron Sources

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Outline

- Motivation – Spallation Neutron Source
- Why Neutron
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- Sources of Neutron
- SNS – world scenario
- Technology development
- Spallation Target
- Facility layout

Importance of Spallation Neutron Source

The proposed Indian Spallation Neutron Source (ISNS) will be a unique facility for neutron based multi-disciplinary research. The facility will compliment reactor based neutron research facility at BARC and synchrotron facility at RRCAT.

Motivation:

- ❖ Research in the fields of condensed matter physics, material sciences, chemistry, biology and engineering.
- ❖ Radiation therapy R&D using proton linac (~250 MeV)
- ❖ Nuclear physics experiments using 1 GeV proton (Exp. ADS)
- ❖ SCRF cavity infrastructure will be useful for domestic programs and International collaborations

Characteristics of neutron for material science

- No charge
 - Deep penetration through material
 - Magnetism research
- Spin 1/2
 - Soft materials, life science
- Large cross sections for H, C...
 - ~Unit size of materials
 - Crystal structure < 10eV
- Atomic mass ~ 1
 - Sensitive to material motion
 - Dynamics

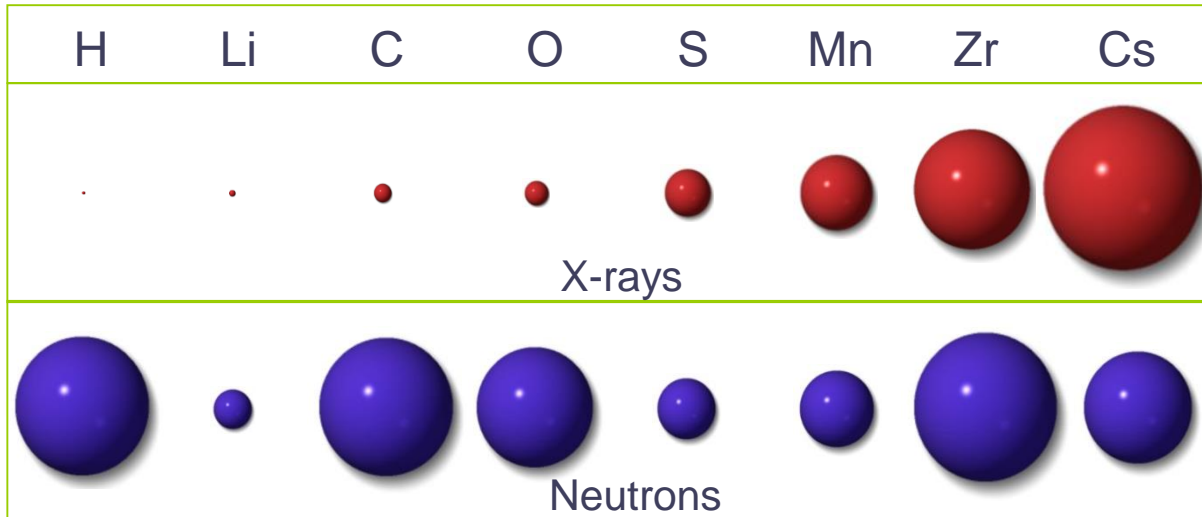
Nobel prize to neutron scattering studies in 1994.

C.Shull (Antiferromagnetism) & B. Brockhouse (Inelastic Scattering)

Neutrons as a Probe of Materials Vs X-rays and Electrons

- Thermal neutrons produced in the core of a reactor or through moderation in SNS, have a wavelength distribution peaked around 0.1 nm, ideally suited for studying atomic structure. Thermal neutrons having energy about 0.025 eV are incapable of disturbing even the most delicate materials, like biological materials.
- A further consequence of the low energy of thermal neutrons is that in inelastic scattering events neutrons exchange energy with the sample, creating or destroying excitations (phonons, magnons etc.) in the process. The study of these disturbances provides a unique probe of the inter-atomic forces in the materials.
- Electrons of wavelength 0.1 nm have energies more than 3 eV, which is greater than typical bonding energies.
- X-rays with 0.1 nm wavelength have about 12 keV energy, capable of multiple ionization of the most robust chemical structures.
- Neutrons can determine magnetic structures of the solids.

Comparison of Neutron Characteristics with X-ray



X-rays interact with electrons.

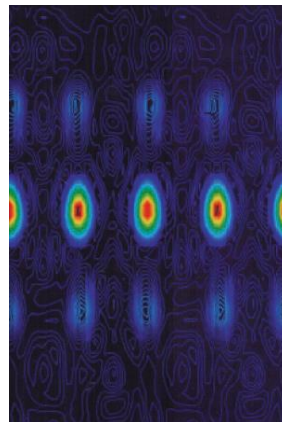
X-rays see high-Z atoms.

Neutrons interact with nuclei.

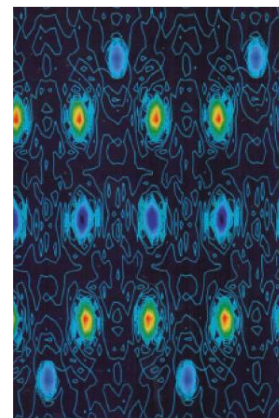
Mass dependence of neutron scattering cross section is small.

Neutrons see low-Z atoms.

Material for Li-battery seen by



X-ray



Neutron

Li

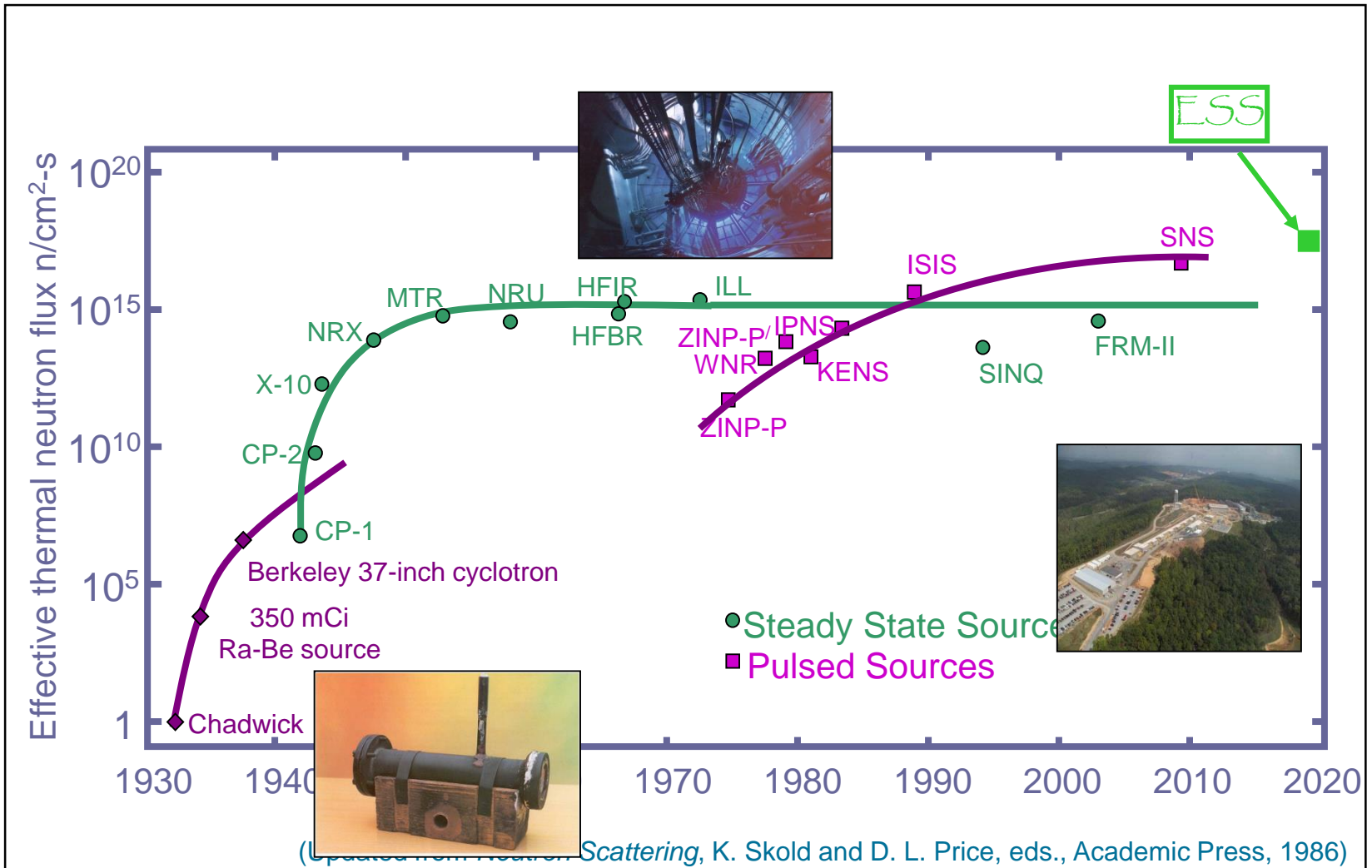
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Mn

O

Li

Evolution of Neutron Sources



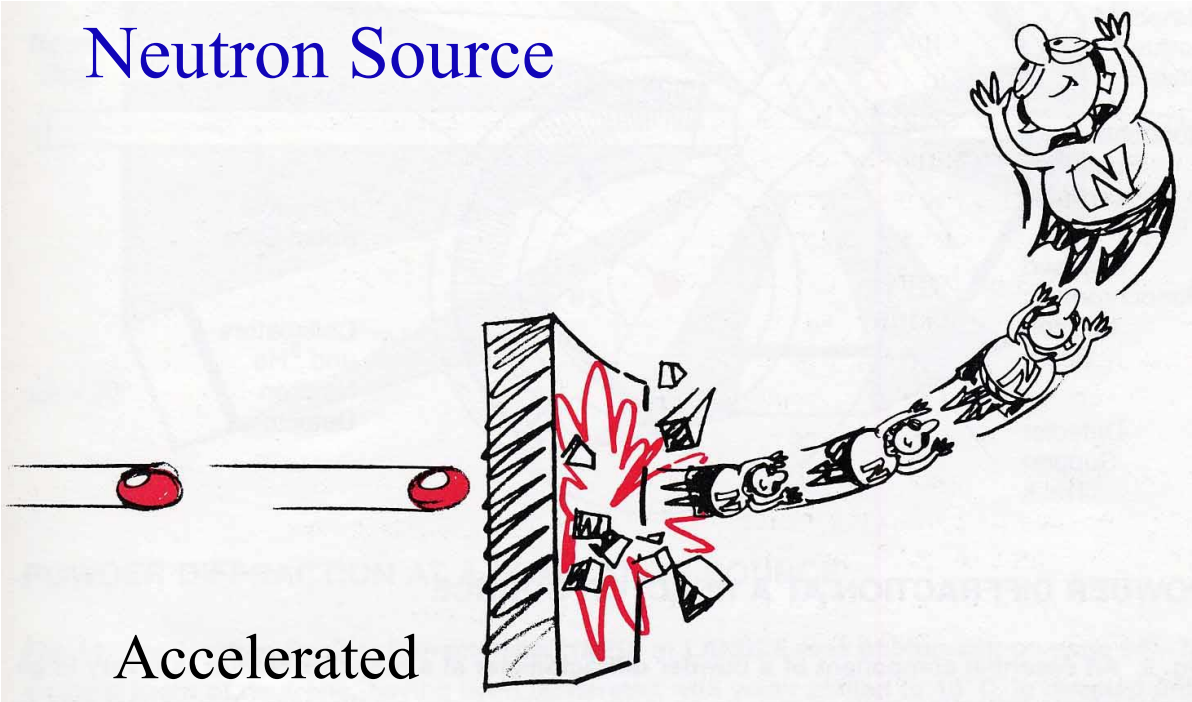
Comparison of neutron yield

Reaction	Example	Yield	Energy deposition	Yield/E-dep
		(n/process)	(MeV/n)	(n/MW)
d(T, n)	400 keV d+ T in Ti	4×10^{-5} n/d	10,000	6.3×10^{14}
Deuteron stripping	35 MeV D on liq. Li	2.5×10^{-3} n/d	10,000	6.3×10^{14}
(γ , n)	100 MeV e ⁻ on ²³⁸ U	5×10^{-2} n/e	2,000	3.1×10^{15}
Fission	Fission reactor	1 n/fission	180	3.5×10^{16}
Spallation	800 MeV p on ²³⁸U	30 n/p	55	1.1×10^{17}
DT CTR	Laser or ion-beam imploded pellet	1 n/fusion	3	2.1×10^{18}

N.B. Fission reaction emits 2-3 neutrons, but only one neutron is effective in order to self-sustain chain reactions in nuclear reactor.

Accelerator Driven Neutron Source

Neutrons



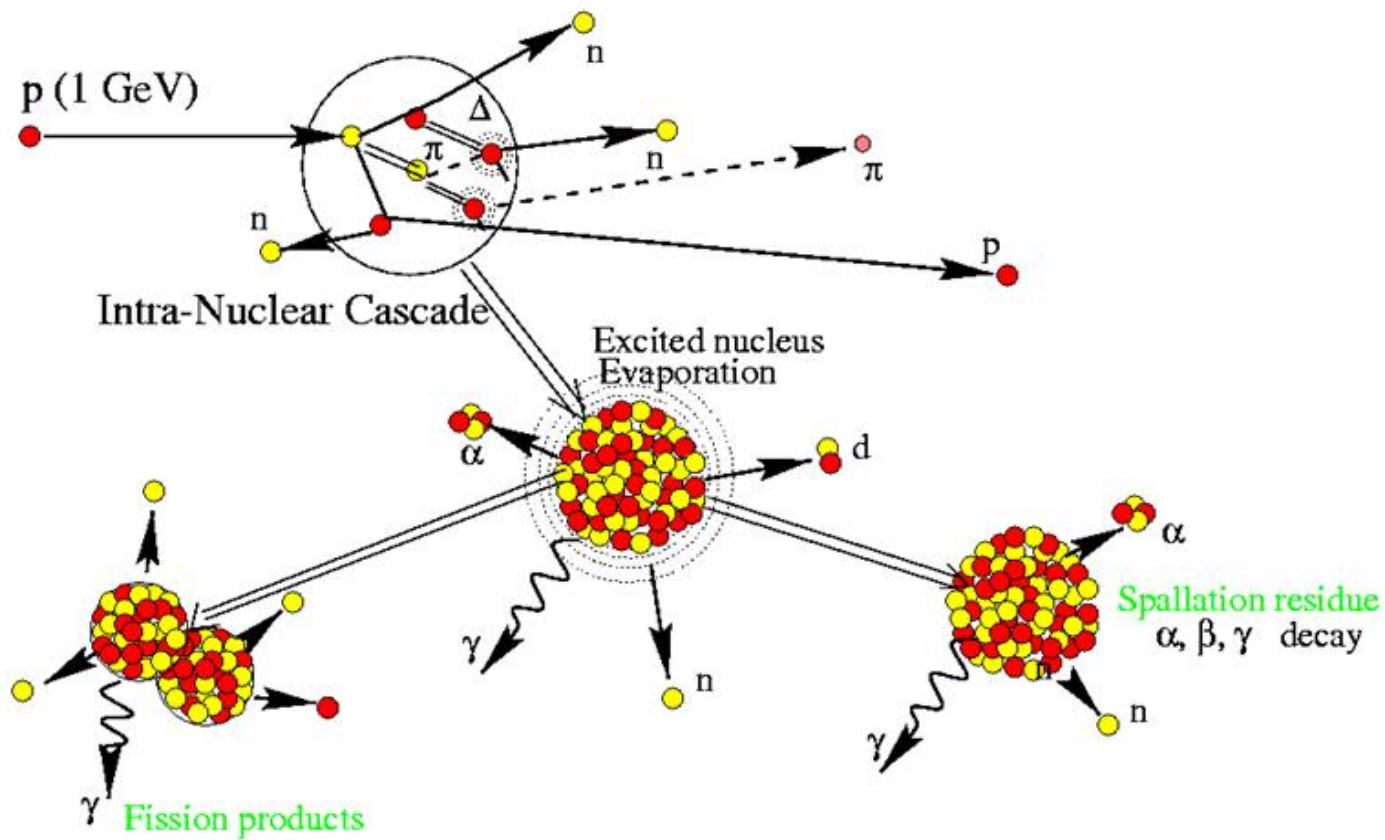
Accelerated
Protons

Spallation Reaction

spallation neutrons

Neutrons generated at an accelerator by driving a highly energetic beam of particles, typically protons, into a target of heavy atoms, such as tungsten. The incident protons knock neutrons loose from the nuclei of the target, creating a pulse of highly energetic spallation neutrons.

Spallation Reaction



Major Sub-Systems of SNS Facility

- High power proton linac
- Proton synchrotron / Accumulator Ring
- Target station
- Beamlines and experimental stations

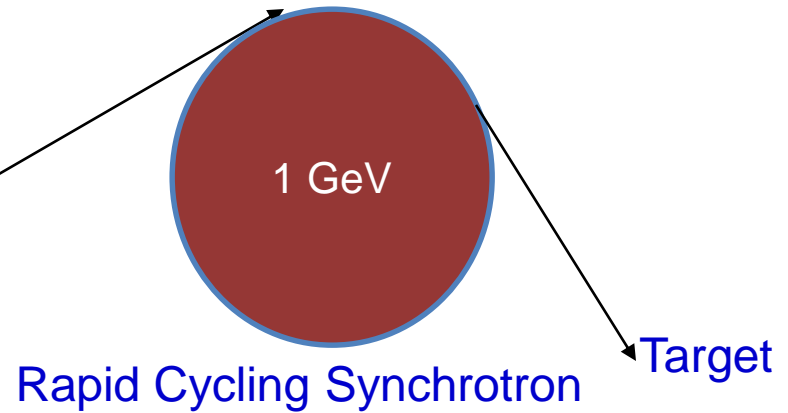
Configurations of Proton Accelerator for SNS

Spallation Neutron Source

Option-1

Linac energy 150 – 200 MeV

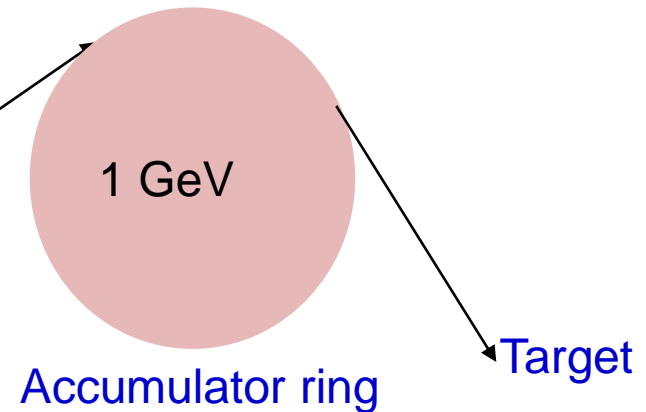
Low energy linac



Option-2

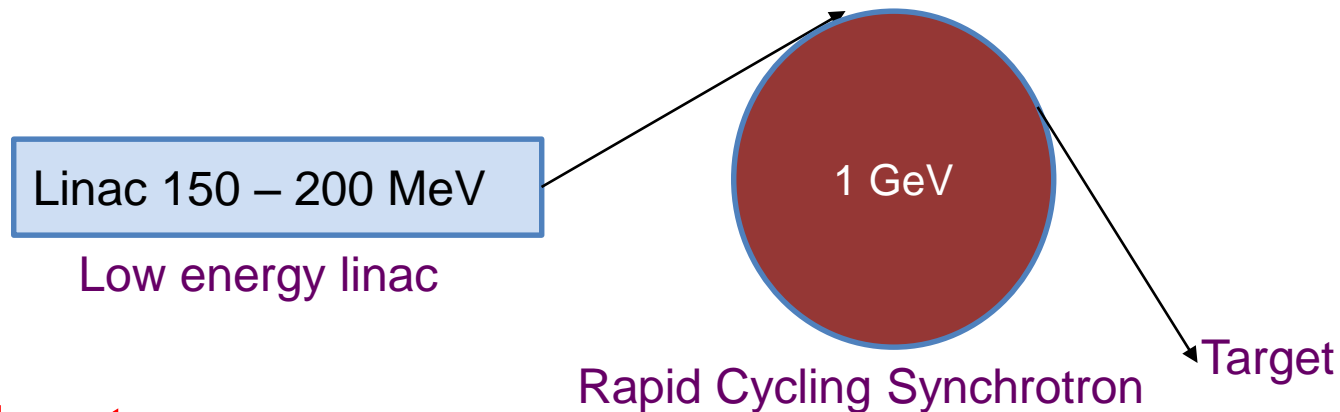
H⁻ ion Linac energy 1 GeV

Full energy linac



Accumulates current and bunches the proton beam into short duration pulses of ~ 1 μ s duration

Linac + Synchrotron Driven SNS (Option – 1)



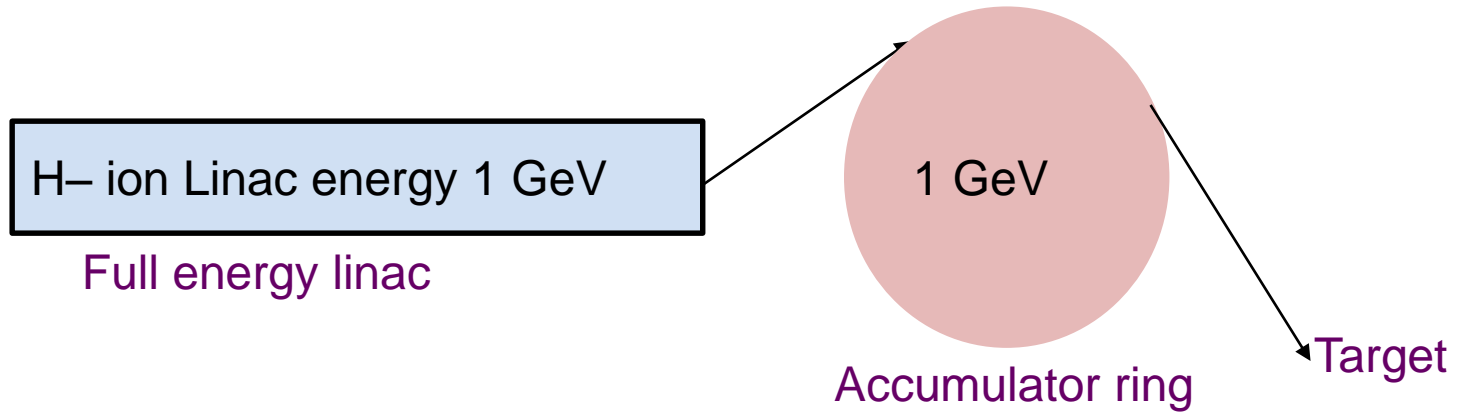
- **Advantages:**

- Lower cost as compared to Linac based SNS
- Lower radiation activity at injection point

- **Disadvantages:**

- Complex magnet power supplies for synchrotron due to fast ramping/rapid cycling
- Complex RF cavities in synchrotron due to change in beam energy
- Linac energy (~ 150 MeV) space charge and accumulation issues
- Ceramic chambers (eddy currents – fast cycling magnets)

Linac Driven SNS (Option – 2)



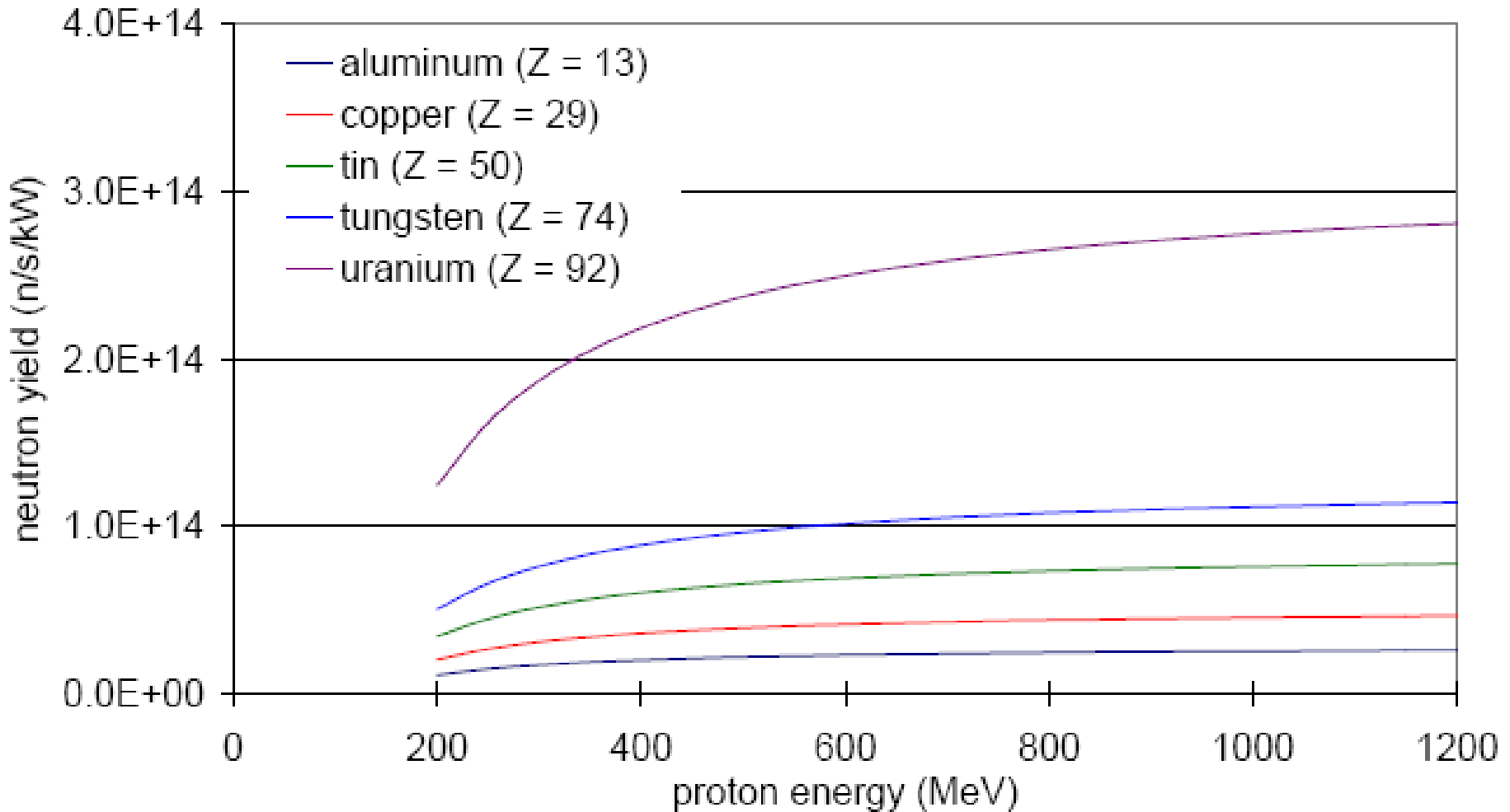
- **Advantages:**
 - High intensities possible
 - Ease of operation of accumulator ring
 - Linac can also be used for target experiments
- **Disadvantages:**
 - High cost due to full energy linac
 - Higher operational cost
 - High radiation activity at injection point

Important Factors for Spallation Sources

SNS Linac

- Beam Energy – ~100 MeV to full energy
- Duty Factor % (DF=RF pulse duration x Rep rate x 100)
 - E.g. DF = 3% in JPARC and 6% in SNS
 - Heat dissipation in the linac
- Choice between Normal Conducting v/s SCRF
 - Front end – Normal Conducting (RFQ)
 - Lower energy part – (NC/ combination of NC+SCRF) depending on DF
- RF Frequency
 - (325 MHz – 402.5 MHz) Low energy Linac
 - 650 – 805 - 972 MHz for medium energy linac

Choice of Proton Beam Energy



Limitation on Beam Current & Injection Energy

The Coulomb force between the charged particles of a high-intensity beam results in defocusing of the beam in transverse plane. The repulsive Coulomb forces between the particles cause the tune to be shifted from the design value that may induce beam instabilities and losses.

The number of particles that can be injected into the ring, keeping the tune shift within certain limit, is proportional to the beam energy and phase-space area of the beam.

The diagram illustrates the equation for the total number of protons per pulse, N_p , and its dependence on various parameters. The equation is:

$$N_p = - \frac{\pi \beta^2 \gamma^3 v_y B_f a_y (a_y + a_x) \Delta v_y}{r_p R}$$

The terms in the equation are annotated with blue text and red arrows:

- Total no. of protons/ pulse**: Points to N_p .
- Injection energy parameters**: Points to $\beta^2 \gamma^3$.
- Bunching factor**: Points to B_f .
- Beam sizes**: Points to $a_y (a_y + a_x)$.
- Allowable tune shift**: Points to Δv_y .
- Classical radius of proton**: Points to r_p .
- Average radius of machine**: Points to R .

Dependence of Beam Power on Injection Energy

$$P_{\text{beam}} = q N_p f E = I_{\text{avg}} E$$

- P_{beam} : Beam power (W) at target
- q : Charge on proton (C)
- N_p : No. of protons/ pulse

- E : Final proton energy (eV)
- f : Repetition rate (Hz)
- I_{avg} : Average current at Target (A)

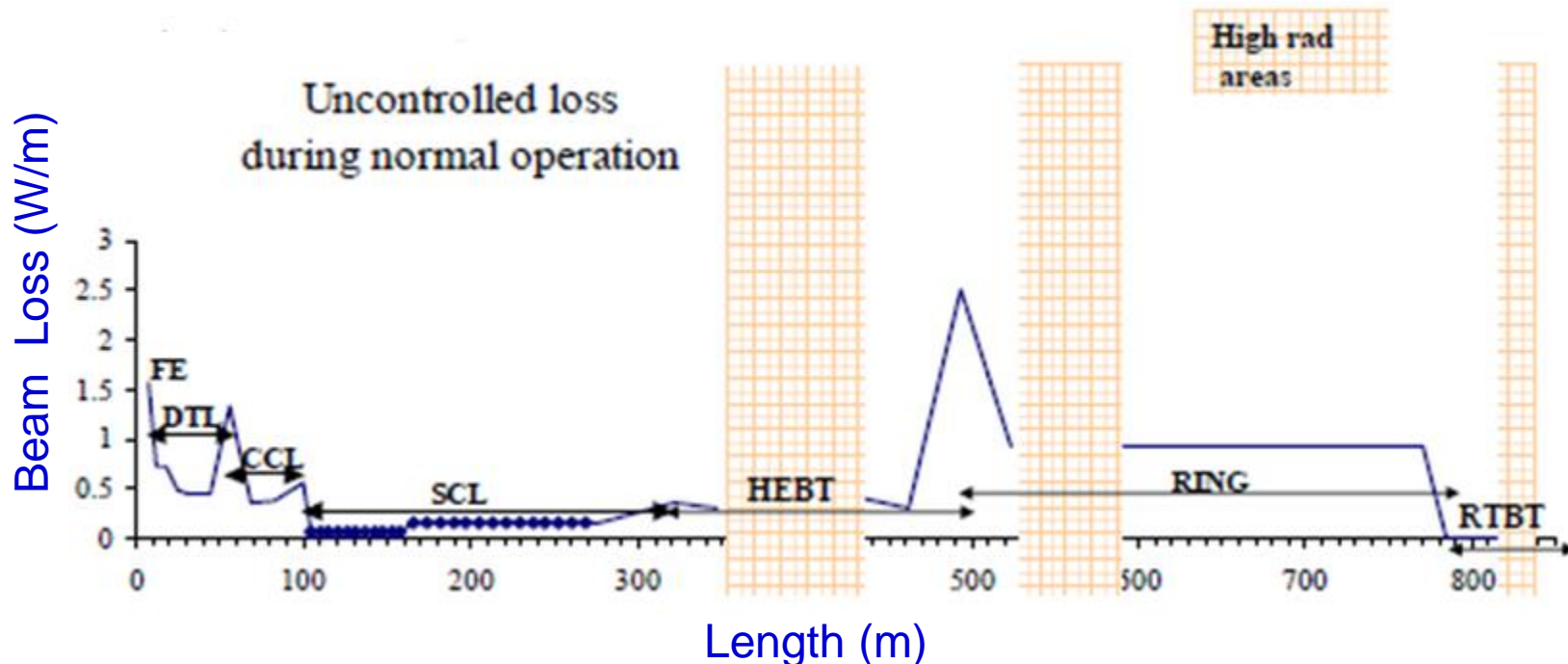
E (MeV)	β	γ	$\beta^2\gamma^3$
100	0.428	1.107	0.25
500	0.758	1.533	2.07
1000	0.875	2.066	6.75

Since N_p is proportional to $\beta^2\gamma^3$, high injection energy is required to achieve high beam power

Uncontrolled Beam Loss

- Hands-on maintenance : no more than 100 mrem/hour residual activation (4 h cool down, 30 cm from surface)
- 1 W/m uncontrolled beam loss for linac & ring
- Less than 10^{-6} fractional beam loss per tunnel meter at 1 GeV; 10^{-4} loss for ring

SNS @ ORNL



Accelerating Structures / RF Power

Super Conducting Cavities for Proton Linacs

- The SC cavities ($Q \sim 10^9$) have a large gain over NC cavities ($Q \sim 10^3$ - 10^4). AC power consumption is therefore much lower using SC cavities.
- The savings in operating cost are estimated to be in the order of 3 M€/year for a 10-mA CW proton beam. This is somewhat offset by requirement of cryogenics.
- Choice of frequency has a trade-off between size and superconducting loss.

Size (Diameter)	\propto	$1/f$
Superconducting loss	\propto	f^2

- Multi-cell elliptical shape superconducting cavities are used for medium to high energy acceleration of protons.
- The elliptical shape is chosen for reducing multipacting and for ease of fabrication multicell structures

SCRF Cavities for Low β regime

- SC squeezed elliptical $\beta=0.61$ & $\beta=0.81$ have been adopted starting from 186 MeV at SNS Oak-Ridge
- SC squeezed elliptical cavities below <0.6 have certain technological limitations
- SC spoke cavities provide solution for low β (0.2 to 0.6) and has been a choice of designers for many proton accelerators
- SC spoke cavities have been proposed down up to 2.5 MeV ($\beta=0.11$) for Project-X FNAL

Klystron to Power Superconducting Cavities

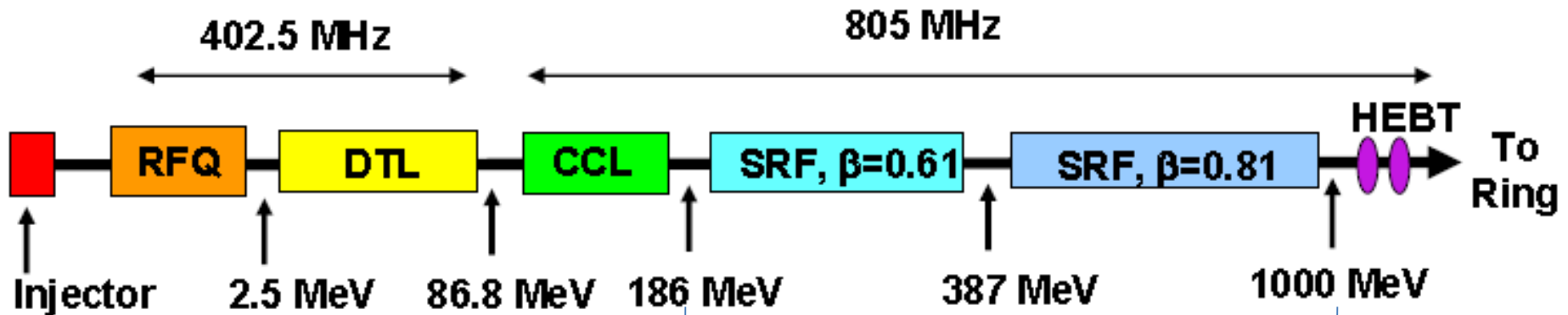
Frequency	User Laboratories	Klystron Suppliers
• 1500 MHz	Cornell design for CEBAF (J.Lab)	CPI (Communication and Power Industries)
750 MHz		
375 MHz		
• 1300 MHz	DESY (X-FEL), ILC (Proposed frequency), Fermilab (Project X)	CPI, Toshiba, Thales
650 MHz		
325 MHz	ISIS (upgrade), CSNS, Project X	Toshiba (Pulsed 324 MHz, which can be adjusted to 325 MHz)
• 972 MHz	J-PARC (NC + SC Linac)	Toshiba
324 MHz	J-PARC (RFQ, DTL, SFDTL)	Toshiba
• 805 MHz	SNS (ORNL)	CPI
402.5 MHz	SNS	Marconi
• 500 MHz	KEKB (B factory electron positron collider). DESY-PETRA (electron proton ring)	CPI, Toshiba, Thales
• 352 MHz	LEP(CERN : large electron positron collider), ESS (Planned)	Thales
704 MHz		CPI

Survey of Spallation Neutron Sources / Pulsed Proton Linacs

World-wide Spallation Neutron Sources

Country	Facility	Status	RCS /AR	Injection energy	Pulse duration	Rep rate (Hz)	Duty factor	Final energy	Current @target	Protons per pulse (x10 ¹²)	Power
USA	IPNS	Closed (2007)	RCS	50 MeV	80 μs	30	0.24%	500 MeV	15 μA	3	7.5 kW
	PSR/ LANSCE	Operational (Since 1983)	AR	800 MeV	625 μs	20	1.25%	800 MeV	80 μA	25	64 kW
	SNS	Operational (Since 2006)	AR	1 GeV	1 ms	60	6%	1 GeV	1 mA	200	1 MW
Switzerland	PSI	Operational (Since mid-90's)	Isochronous Cyclotron (cw)					590 MeV	–	10 ¹⁴ n/cm ² /s	1.2 MW
U.K.	ISIS	Operational (Since 1985)	RCS	70 MeV	300 μs	50	1.2%	800 MeV	200 μA	25	160 kW
	ISIS Upgrade	Under Planning	RCS	800 MeV				3 GeV			
Sweden	ESS (H ⁺)	Under Design	LINAC	2.5 GeV	2 ms	20	4%	2.5 GeV	2 mA	234	5MW
Japan	KEK-PSB/ KENS	Decommissioned 2006-07	RCS	40 MeV	–	20	–	500 MeV	4.6 μA	2.5	2.3 kW
	JPARC Phase 2	Operational since 2006 / Under development	RCS	200 MeV (400 MeV)	500 μs	25	3%	3 GeV	200 μA (333 μA)	50 (83)	600 kW (1MW)
China	CSNS	Under Construction	RCS	80 MeV	500 μs	25	1.05%	1.6 GeV	76 μA	19	120 kW
Korea	PEFP	Under Planning	LINAC	100 MeV	1.3 ms	60	8%	1 GeV	1.5 mA	–	150kW

SNS Linac Configuration at ORNL, USA



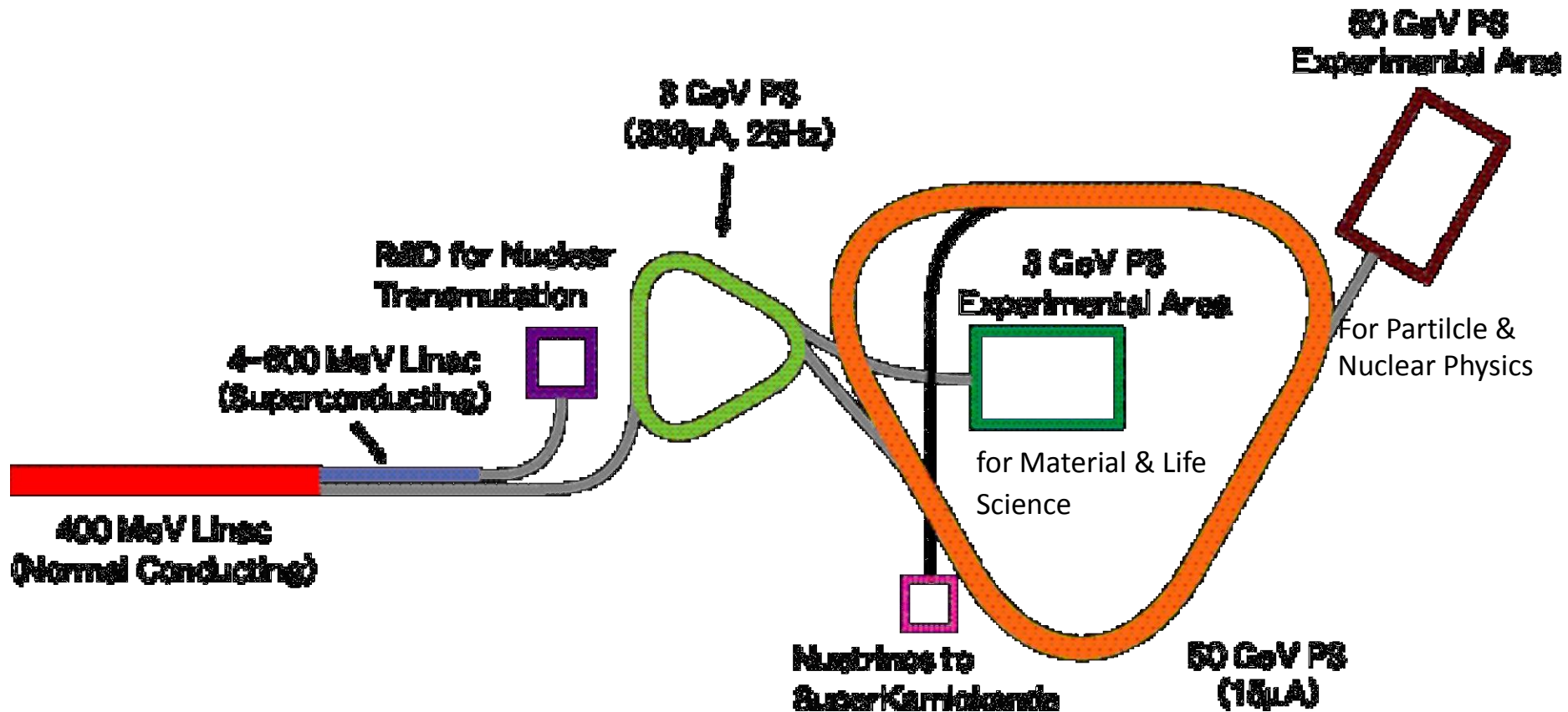
1 RFQ
6 DTL Tanks
4 CCL Modules

Normal conducting
linac structure

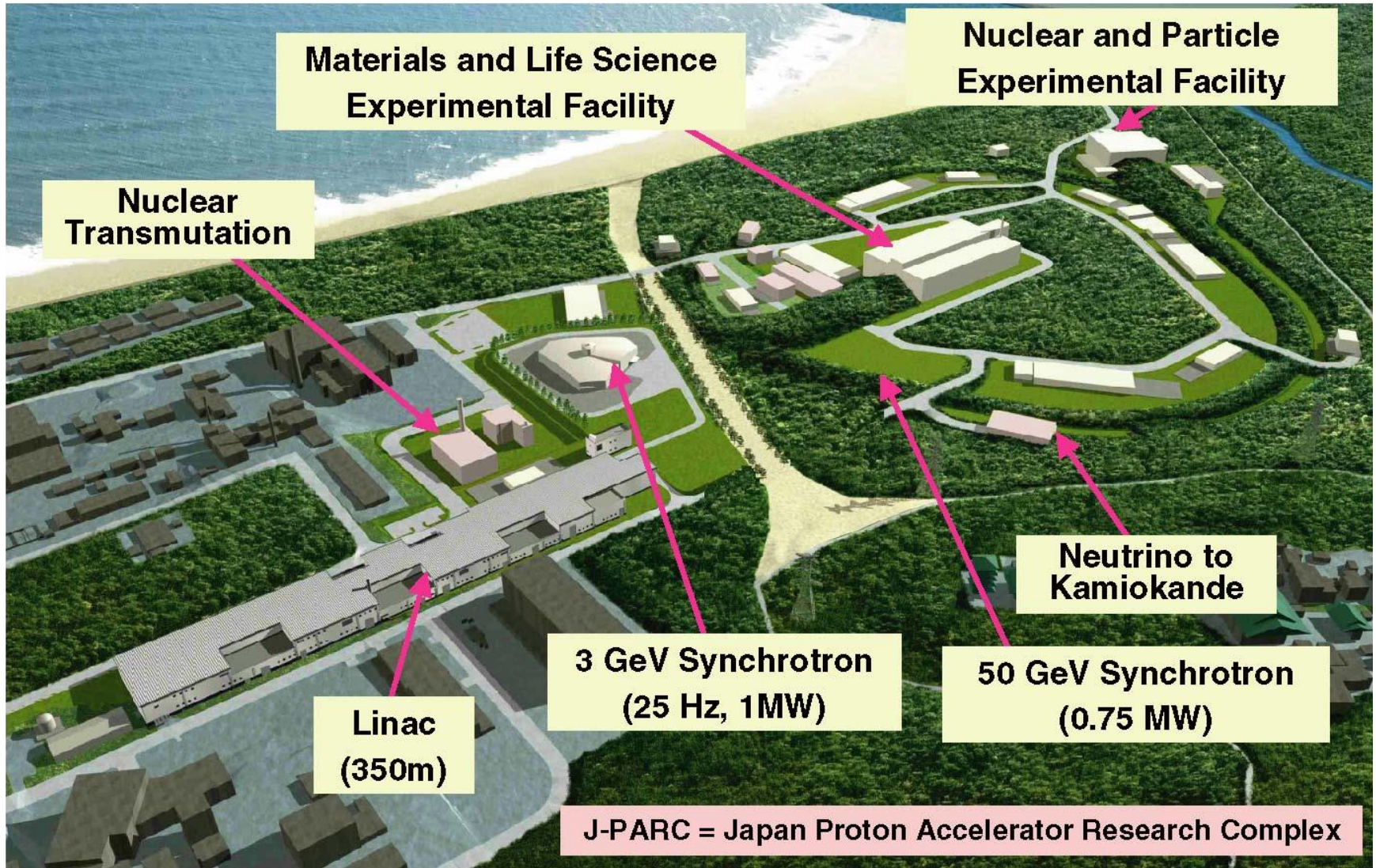
11 Medium- β Cryomodules - 3 Nb cavities each
12 High- β Cryomodules - 4 Nb cavities each

SCRF cavity based linac

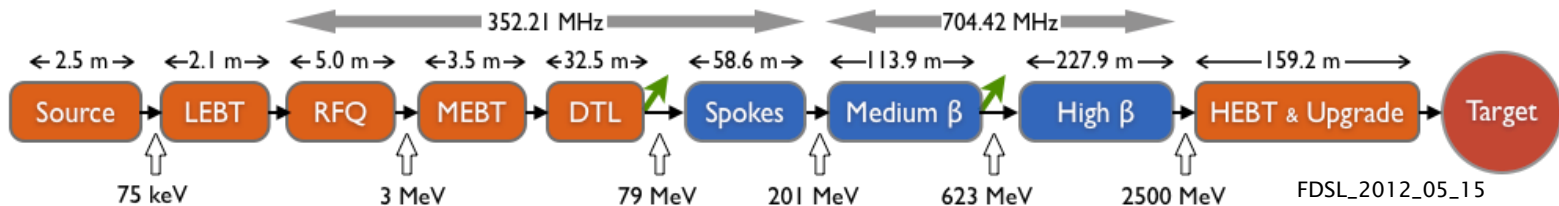
Schematic of J-PARC Project



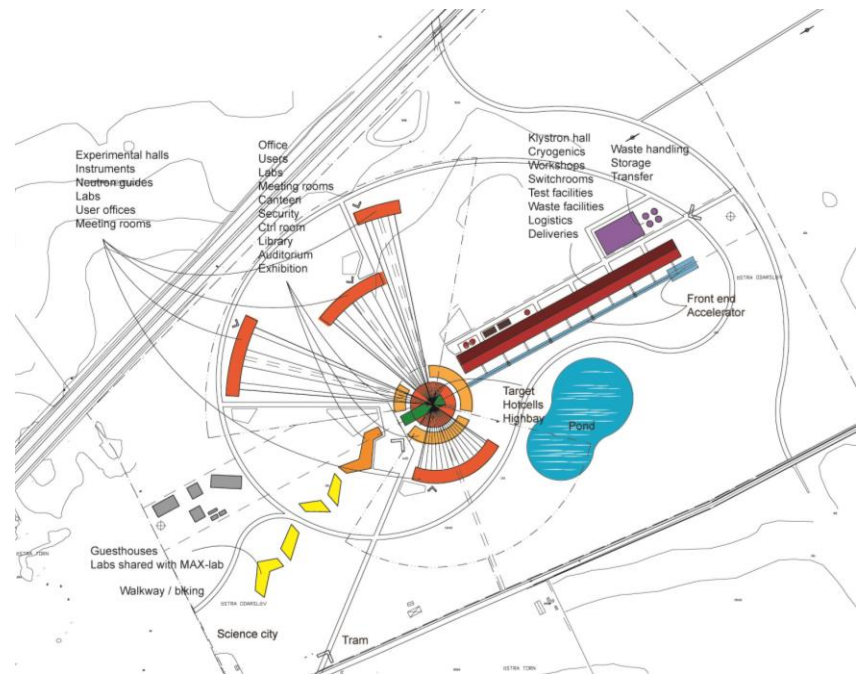
Site View of the J-PARC Project



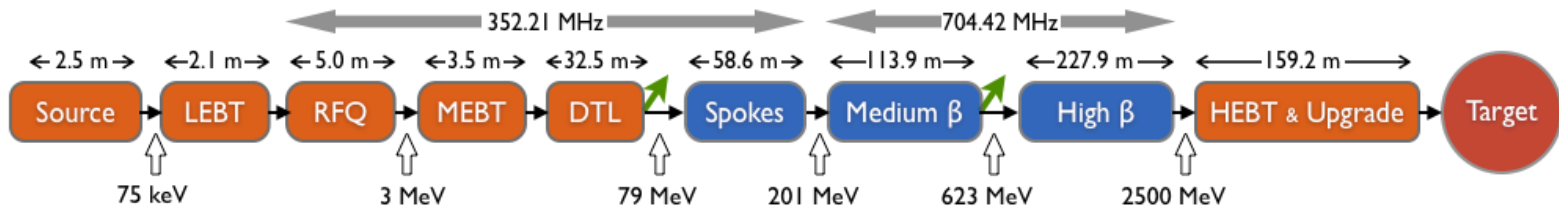
ESS Linac Parameters



Particle species	p
Energy	2.5 GeV
Current	50 mA
Average power	5 MW
Peak power	125 MW
Pulse length	2.86 ms
Rep rate	14 Hz
Max cavity surface field	40 MV/m
Operating time	5200 h/year
Reliability (all facility)	95%



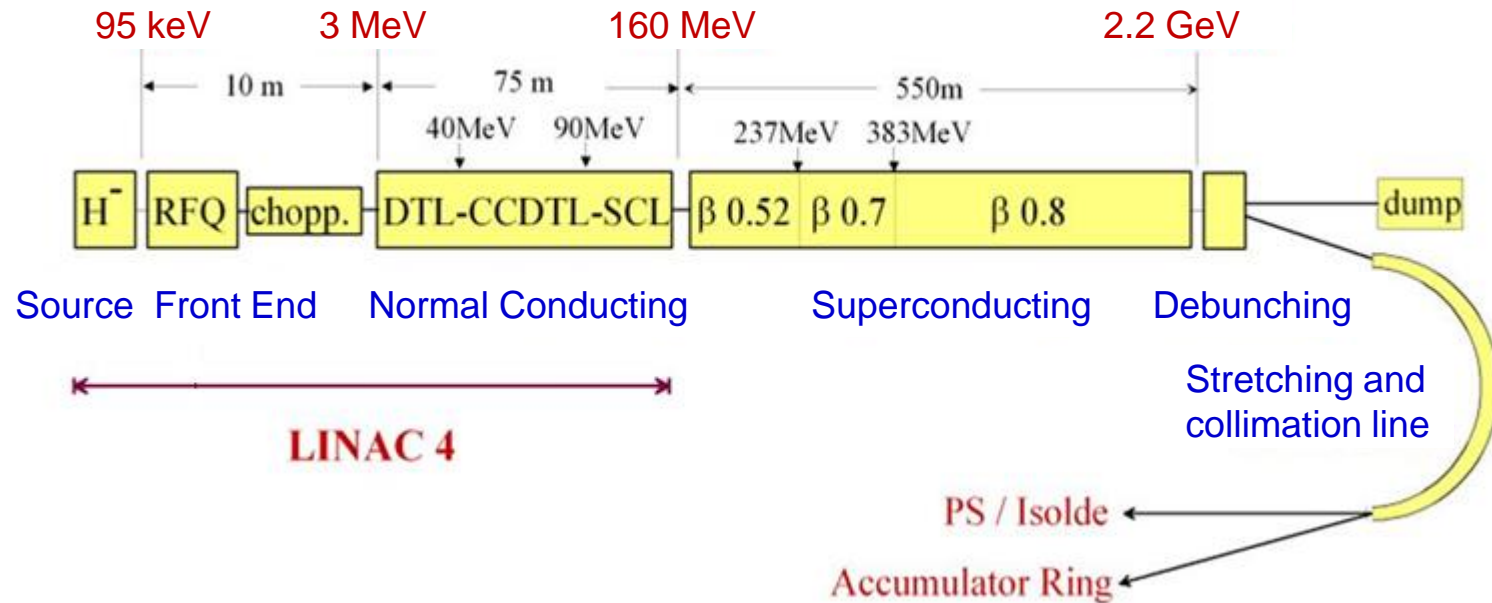
Linac Layout



	Lab	E_{out} (MeV)	$Beta_{out}$	Length (m)	Temp (K)	Freq (MHz)
Ion source + LEBT	Catania	0.075	0.01	4.6	300	-
RFQ	Saclay	3	0.08	5.0	300	352.21
MEBT	Bilbao	3	0.08	3.5	300	352.21
DTL	Legnaro	79	0.39	32.5	300	352.21
Spoke cavities	Orsay	201	0.57	58.6	2	352.21
Medium-beta ellipticals	Saclay	623	0.80	113.9	2	704.42
High-beta ellipticals	Saclay	2500	0.96	227.9	2	704.42
HEBT	Aarhus	2500	0.96	159.2	300	-

	Spoke resonators	Medium-beta ellipticals	High-beta ellipticals
Cells per cavity	3	5	5
Cavities per cryomodule	2	4	4
Number of cryomodules	14	15	30

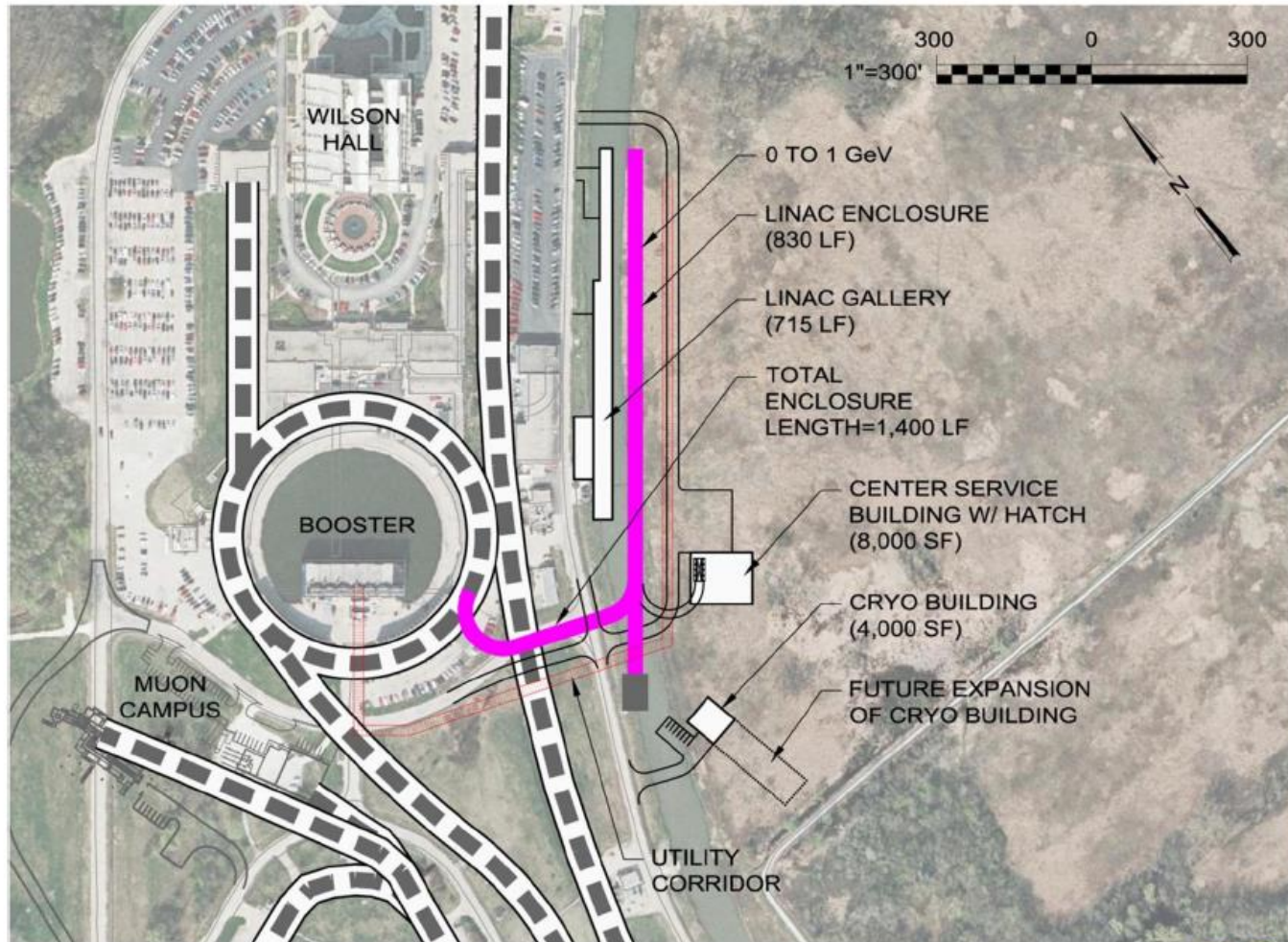
Superconducting Proton Linac Project at CERN



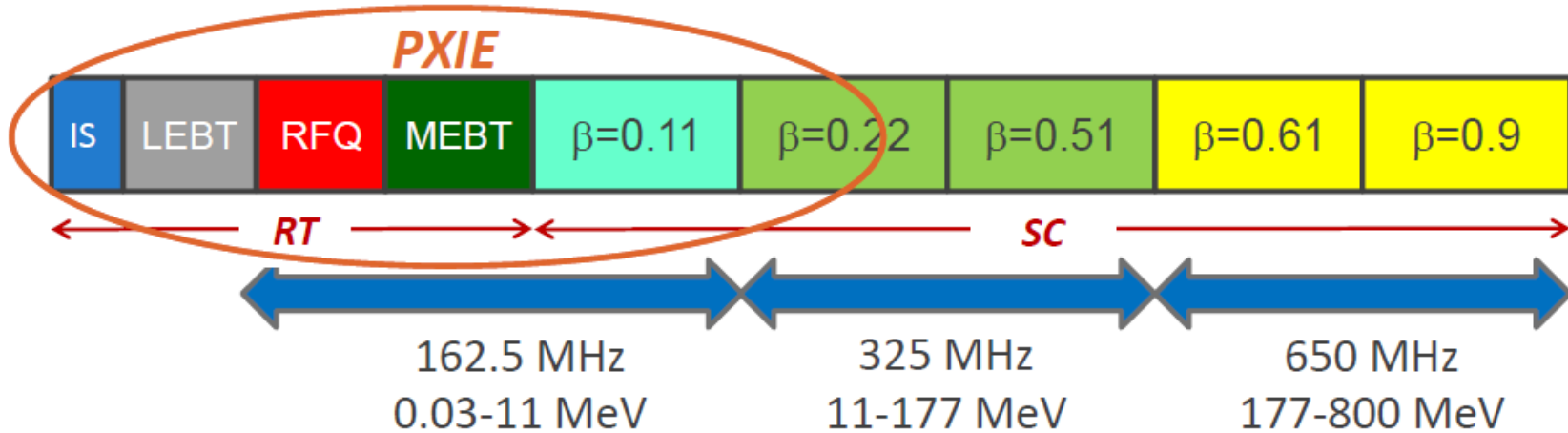
We have participated and contributed to :

- 352 MHz modulator development
- Development of wave guide components for WR 2300
- 1MW test bench for modulator for 2Hz repetition rate

PIP-II Site Layout (provisional) at Fermilab, USA



PIP-II Linac Technology Map



Section	Freq	Energy (MeV)	Cav/mag/CM	Type
RFQ	162.5	0.03-2.1		
HWR ($\beta_{opt}=0.11$)	162.5	2.1-11	8/8/1	HWR, solenoid
SSR1 ($\beta_{opt}=0.22$)	325	11-38	16/8/ 2	SSR, solenoid
SSR2 ($\beta_{opt}=0.51$)	325	38-177	35/21/7	SSR, solenoid
LB 650 ($\beta_G=0.61$)	650	177-480	30/20/5	5-cell elliptical, doublet
HB 650 ($\beta_G=0.9$)	650	480-800	24/10/4	5-cell elliptical, doublet

Ongoing Projects/Activities in India

Ongoing Projects/Activities in DAE & IUAC

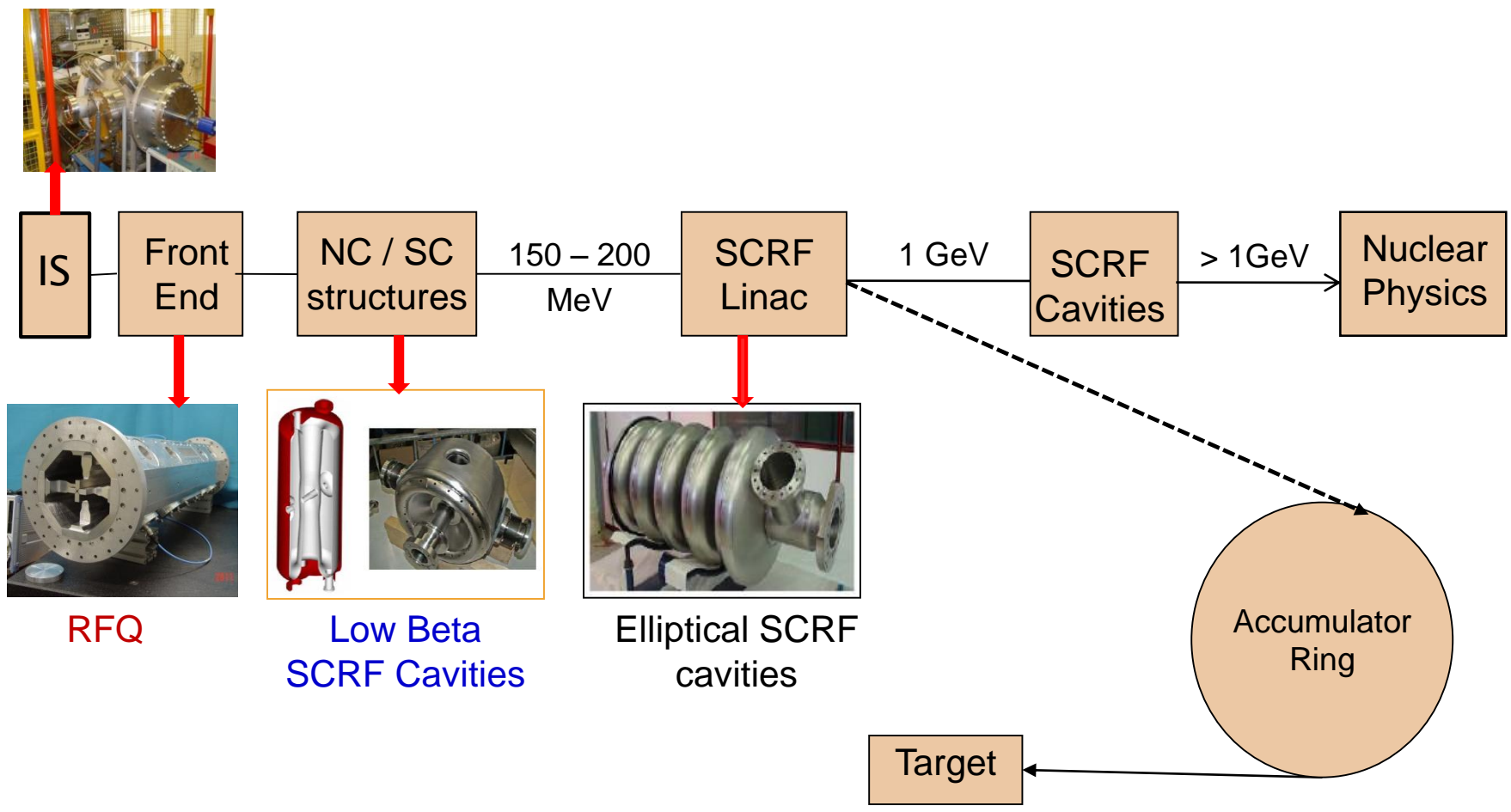
Design and development work for proton accelerator and support technologies viz superconducting cavities, cryogenics, RF power, magnets is going on at RRCAT, BARC, VECC, IUAC

- LEHIPA (BARC)
- R&D Activities of high energy Proton Linac for SNS (RRCAT)
- SCRF Cavities, Test stands, RF Power and Control Instrumentation (RRCAT, BARC, VECC, IUAC)

International Collaborations

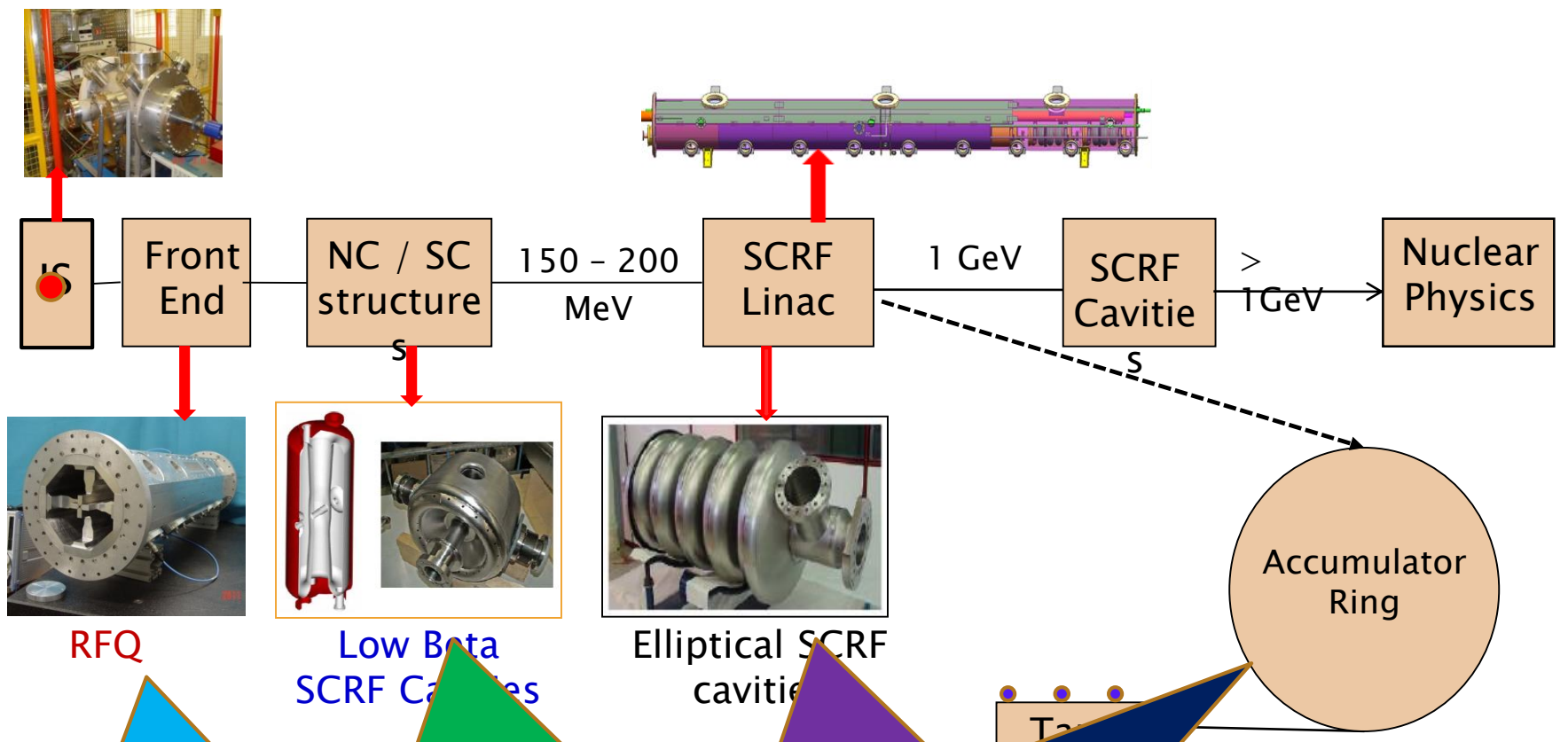
- Fermilab (Project X)
- CERN (Linac 4)

Schematic Layout of Proposed ISNS Facility



R&D Activities related to concept building, design, simulation and development of various technologies are being pursued.

Schematic Layout of ISNS Facility



Frequency
Output Energy
Length
RF Power

Frequency
Output Energy
MeV
Length
meters
RF Power

Circumference
meters
Output Energy

Material : Mercury
Quantity : ~
20 Tons
Flow rate : ~ 325
kg/s

Accumulator Ring at SNS Facility, ORNL

Output Energy	1 GeV
Circumference	248 m
RF Peak Power (per PA)	200 kW/PA
Dipole Magnets	32
Arc regular quadrupoles	28
Arc large quadrupoles	8
Straight section long quadrupoles	8
Straight section short quadrupoles	8
Dipole & multipole corrector	28+8+8
Sextupole & Octupole corrector	8+8



Spallation Target at SNS, Oak Ridge

RTBT Beamline

Length	150.75
No of magnets	23 + 5

Target System

No of Target stations	1
No of neutron shutters	18
No of neutron beamlines	24
Target material	Mercury
Quantity of target	19 tons
Circulation rate	325 kg/s
Ambient moderator	Light water
Cryogenic moderator	Liquid Hydrogen



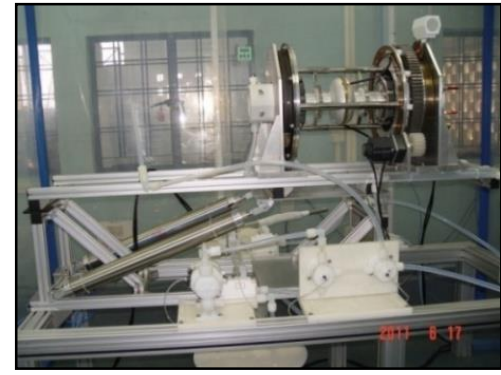
SCRF Cavity Fabrication, Processing Facilities at RRCAT



Cavity forming facility



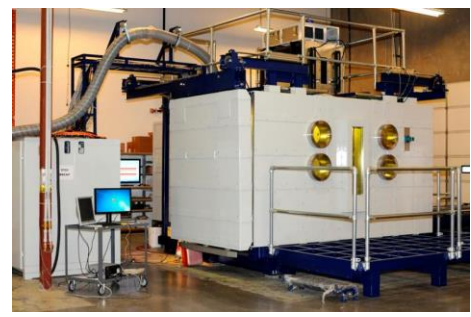
Centrifugal barrel polishing machine



Electro-polishing setup



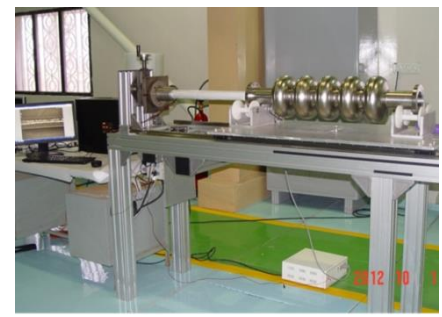
High pressure rinsing Set up



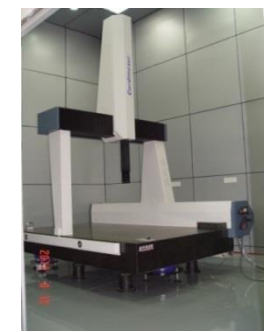
15 kW e-beam welding machine



SIMS setup



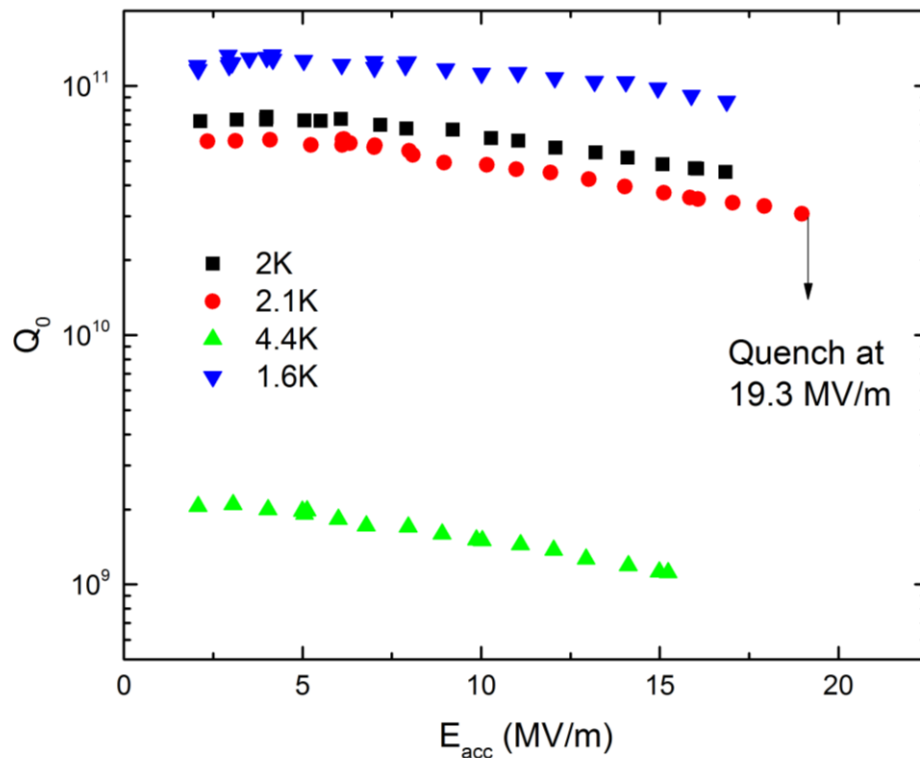
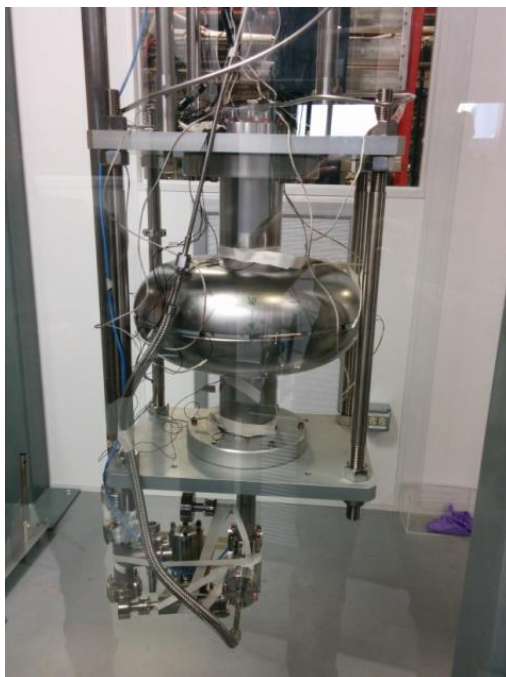
Optical bench setup



3D CMM

First 650 MHz Single-cell Niobium Cavity

- First 650 MHz single-cell niobium cavity fabricated by RRCAT and IUAC was processed and tested at Fermilab.
- It reached E_{acc} of 19.3 MV/m and Q_0 of of 7×10^{10} at 2K. This performance exceeds the design parameters.



Insert assembly and Cryogenic Transfer lines for VTS



Cavity Insert assembly



Lowering of cavity insert in VTS cryostat



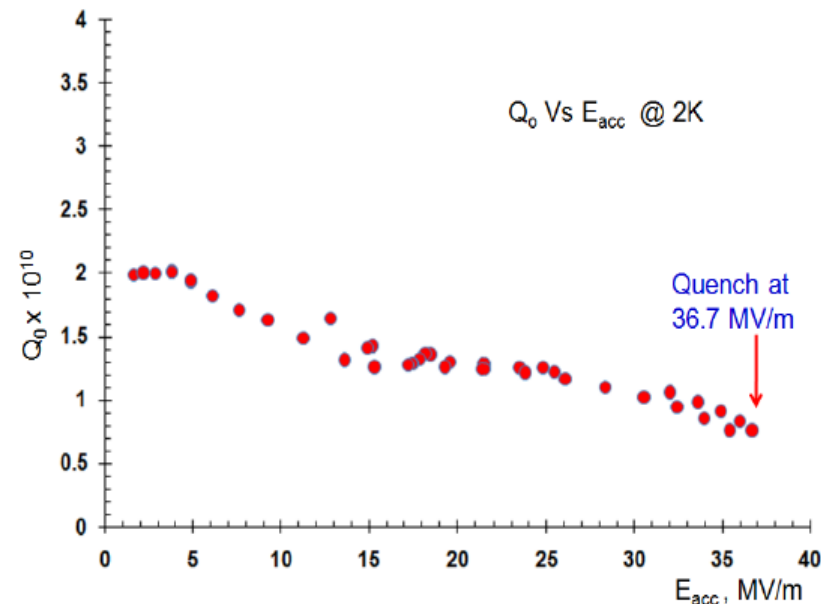
Cryogenic Transfer lines for VTS

Vertical Test Stand Facility for SCRF Cavity

A vertical test facility for RF characterization of SCRF cavities at 2 K was commissioned. Nearly 1400 liters of liquid helium was transferred and a single-cell 1.3 GHz cavity has been successfully tested using the facility.



Transfer of liquid helium in the VTS cryostat



Testing of single-cell 1.3 GHz SCRF cavity in the VTS facility at RRCAT

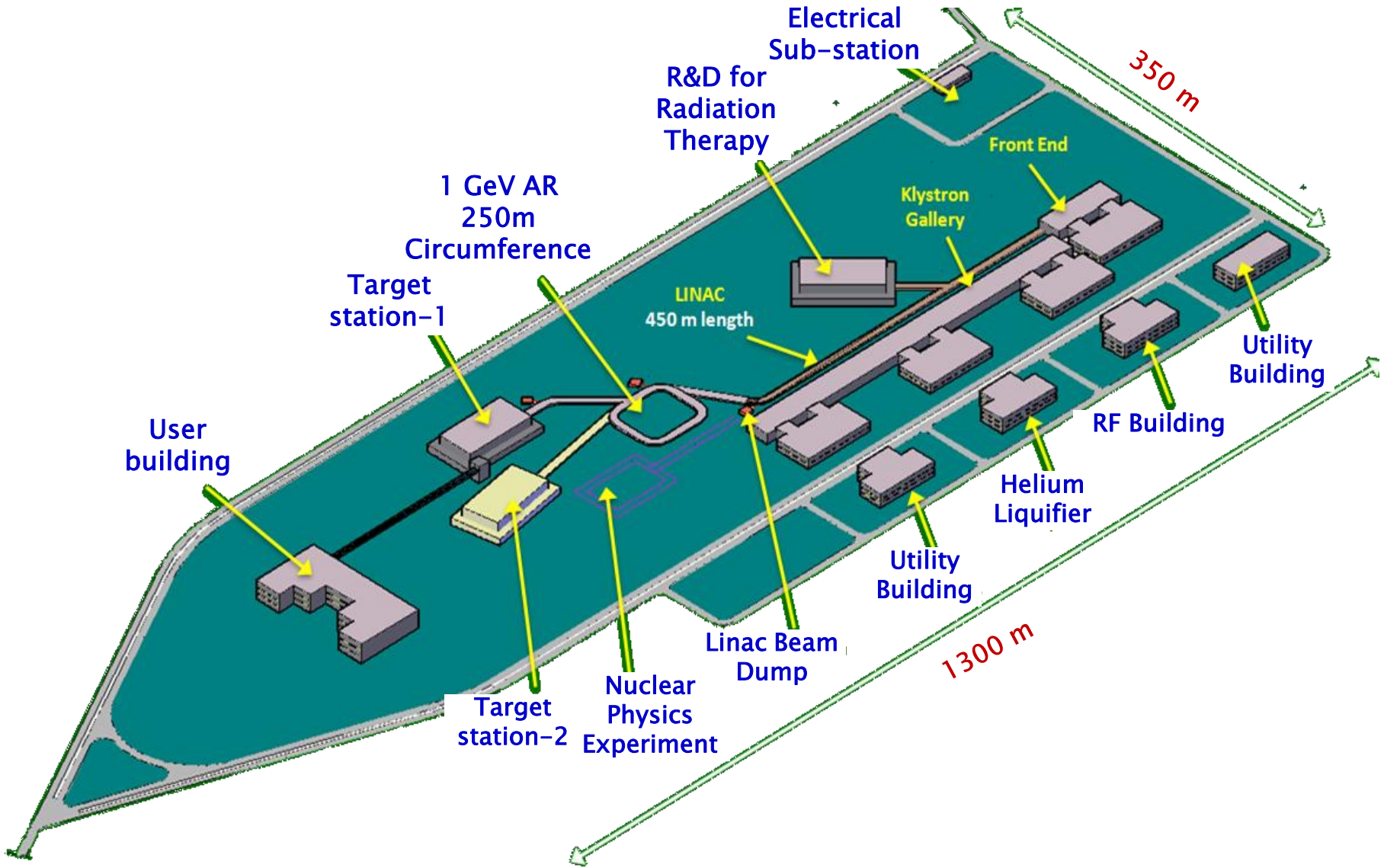
Challenging Tasks Ahead

- ✘ Radiation shielding and Beam dump design (linac+AR)
- ✘ Large size LHe plant and cryomodule test stand facility
- ✘ **Sub-system development for 1 GeV AR**
 - + Beam Injection system, Magnets, RF cavities, vacuum chambers, beam diagnostic extraction
- ✘ Spallation target and moderator system
- ✘ **Building design for linac + AR + target + beam lines**
- ✘ Site evaluation and approval from AERB
- ✘ Infrastructure design + planning for civil works, electric power, water & utility services
- ✘ Development of Indian industry

International Collaborations

- ✘ Fermilab : Indian Institution –Fermilab Collaboration for Project X
- ✘ DAE – CERN Collaboartion – for NAT and Grid Computing Activities (SPL/Linac 4, CLIC/CTF3)
- ✘ KEK : MoU has been signed for cooperation in the areas of Accelerator science and technologies
- ✘ J.Lab : Development of SCRF cavities using large grain niobium material & study of SC materials

Layout for ISNS Facility



Satellite view of ISNS layout



Thank You