

SUMMARY WG3

SRF Linac Driven Subcritical Systems

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Challenges For CW Linacs

- **CW operation**

- => dynamic heat load (rf losses) is dominant => refrigerator cost will be significant.
- Make choices that will lower the heat load
- RF power operating is also a significant part of the overall AC power
 - Choose matched Q_{ext} (microphonics should be tolerable)
 - Choose design options that lower microphonics risk

- **High Beam current (e.g. 1 - 10 mA)**

- **Careful matching and beam halo**
- Be prepared to extract and intercept HOM power
- Need damping of Q's for HOMs to avoid beam blow up (halo?) ?

- **Preserve beam profile**

- Good cavity alignment
- Low kicks from couplers etc, esp for low energy end
- Good amplitude and phase stability (e.g. Amplitude/phase stability ERL: $10^{-4}/0.02$ deg)
- RF distribution, low level rf control system issues

- **Operation**

- High reliability, low trip rate.
 - Favors moderate gradients (e.g. 15 -20 MV/m)

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Above Challenges Impact Design Choices For

- Cavity
- Input coupler
- HOM coupler
- Tuner
- Cryomodule
- Above issues valid for medium beta elliptical and high beta cavities

Prospects for a very high power CW SRF Linac

The good news:

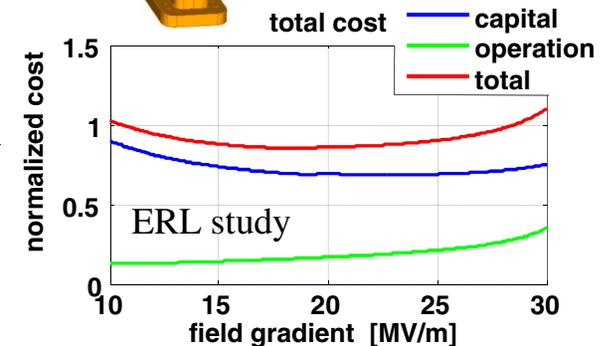
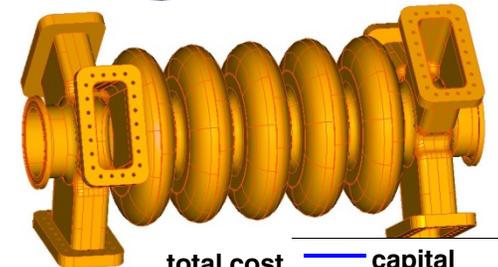
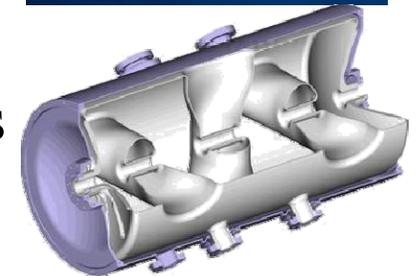
- Large SRF facilities work (CEBAF/SNS)
- Many proton driver cavities/couplers are in development worldwide
- SRF performance continues to improve
- 2K cryogenics are getting more efficient
- New CW RF sources continue to be developed
 - IOTs, multi-beam tubes, magnetrons
- Science case for new machines is very strong



Prospects for a very high power CW SRF Linac

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- No show stoppers to running CW high-current
- Robust high-power couplers must be used
- Main challenges may be halo / beam loss / trip rate
- Q_0 (residual resistance) is significant cost factor
- Cost “optimization” depends strongly on assumptions
- Low frequency preferred for ADS / high current
 - Large apertures, TV-band RF sources
- For project-X 650 MHz section may be desirable
- CW beam test facilities would be highly desirable
- Front end is the most challenging part
 - E.g. 30 mA CW HINS would address many critical issues!



Technologies for ADS

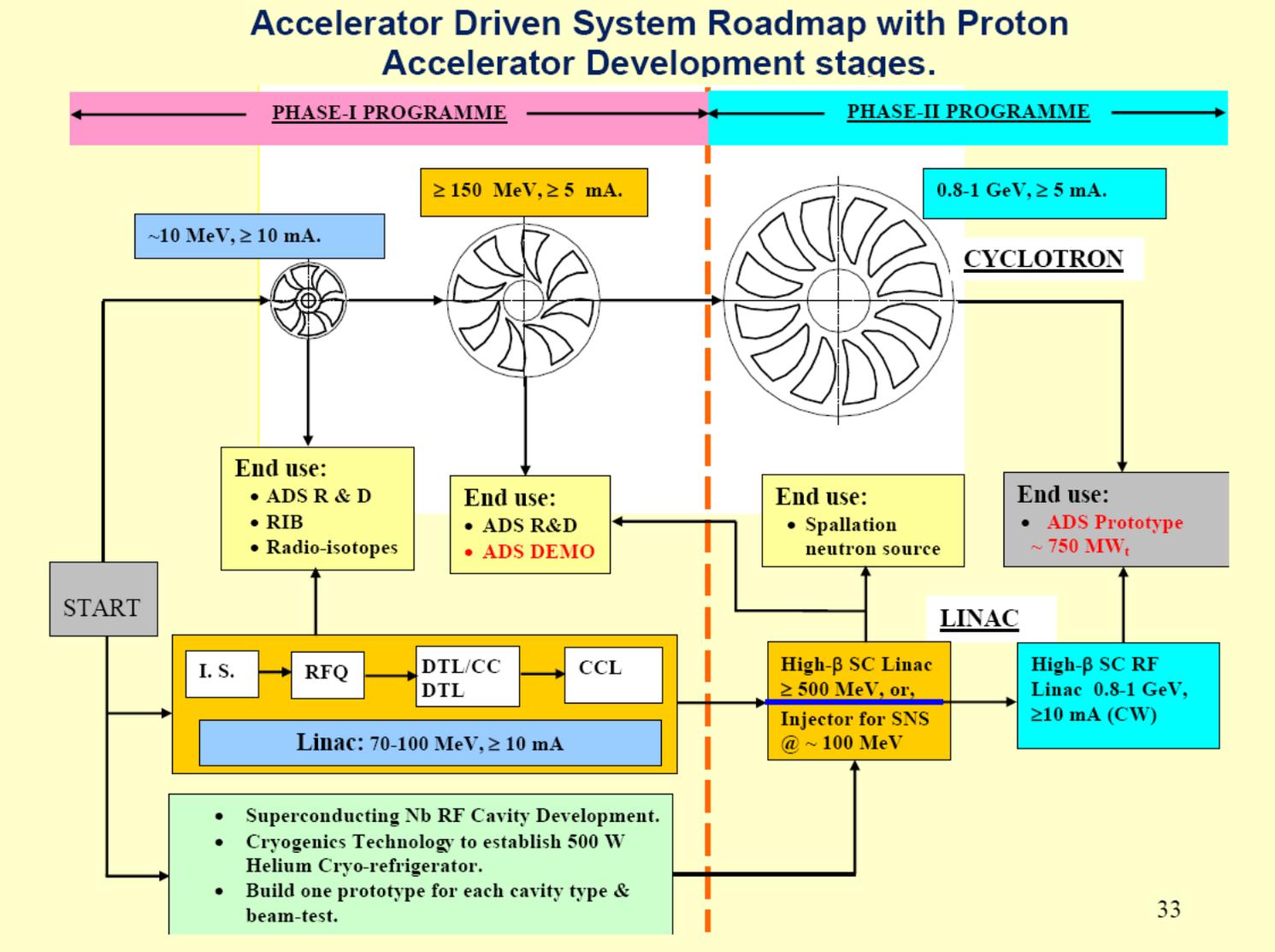
- **High power proton accelerator: 1 GeV, cw or high duty factor, high current**
 - High beam current front-end
 - Superconducting RF cavities
 - RF power systems
- **Molten heavy metal spallation target & associated process system.**
 - High volumetric beam power density
 - Materials: irradiation and corrosion resistant
- **Sub-critical reactor**
 - Dedicated TRU transmuter fuel & fuel-cycle
 - Configuration: technology issues
 - Transients & safety studies

Ongoing Indian activities in ADS programme

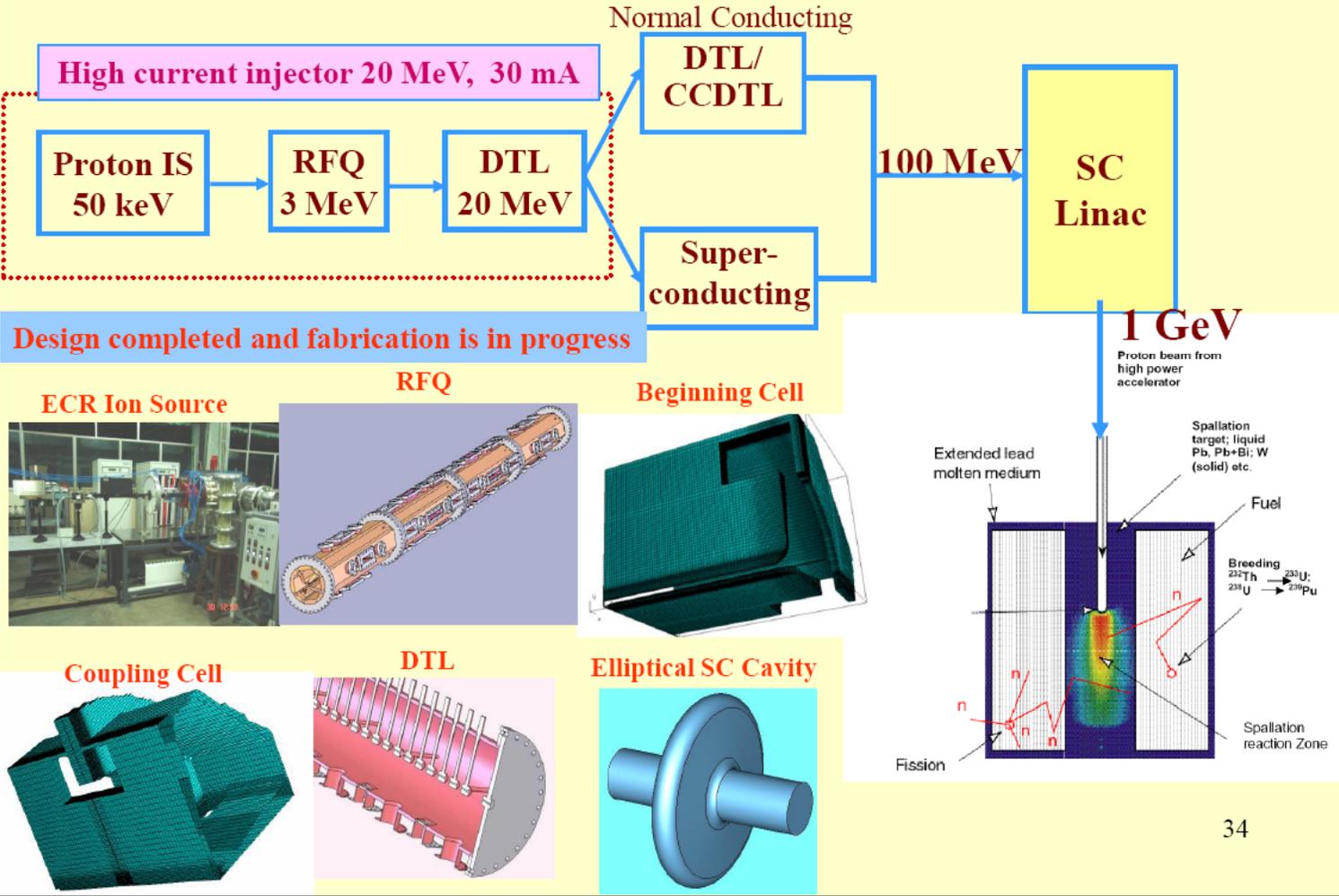
- Design studies of a 1 GeV, 30 mA proton linac.
- Development of 20 MeV high current proton linac for front-end accelerator of ADS.
- Construction of LBE experimental loop for design validation and materials tests for spallation target module.
- Development of computational tools and data for neutronics of spallation target and coupled sub-critical reactor.
- Experimental validation of reactor physics codes and data with 14-MeV neutrons in sub-critical core at PURNIMA labs.
- Design studies for ADS experimental reactor

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Accelerator Driven System Roadmap with Proton Accelerator Development stages.



Scheme of Proton Linac Development



Main points of presentation

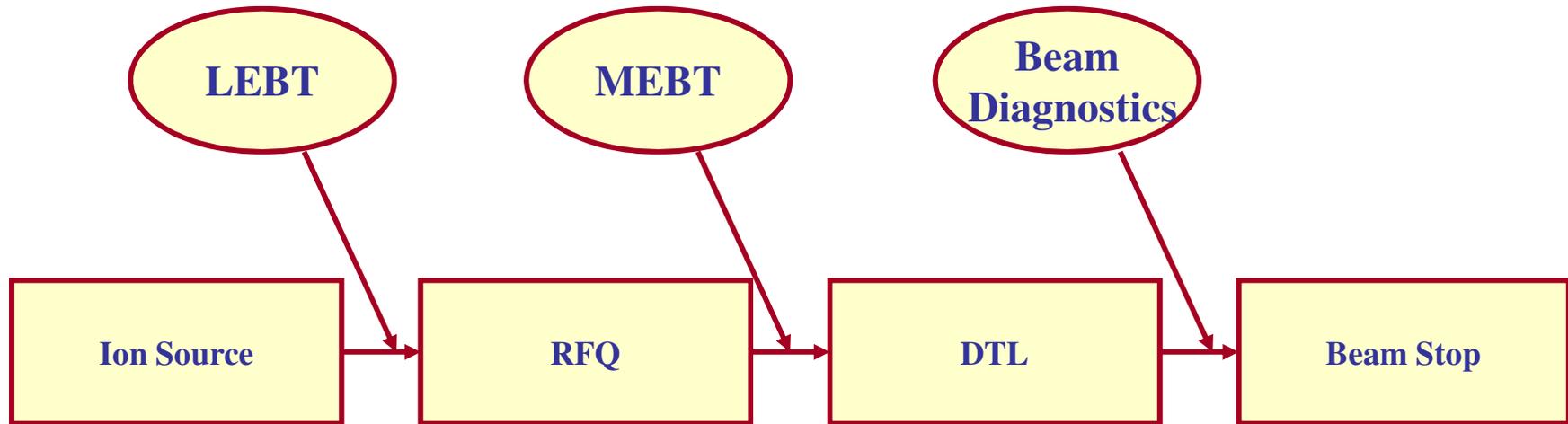
by V.C.Sahni

- DAE has a strong international partnership with Fermilab & CERN that is geared towards development of technology for High Intensity Proton Accelerator, especially SCRF technology and doing value engineering.
- The DAE-Fermilab collaboration has been promoted by Dr. Anil Kakodkar & Dr. Pier Oddone and over the last two and a half years approximately 10 DAE scientists have been hosted by Fermilab and each has spent many months.
- The collaboration has helped in setting up SCRF cavity fabrication facilities and carrying out design improvements such as simpler end group manufacture, economical arrangement for cavity mounting in a cryomodule etc.
- RRCAT has made an all solid state modulator for the linac4 project at CERN, which has been tested and ready for shipment to Geneva.

Main points of presentation by V.C.Sahni

- BARC is currently engaged in constructing a Low Energy High Intensity Proton Accelerator (LEHIPA) OF 20MeV, 30mA that can serve as an injector for ADS program.
- The building to house LEHIPA will be available in early 2010 when sub systems such as ECR ion source, LEBT, RFQ, MEBT, DTL etc. will be installed in a phased manner over the next two to three years.
- The proton beam from this facility will also be carried to an AHWR critical facility to study the coupling to a reactor.
- In parallel work is being done on a 400KeV RFQ based 14MeV(D+T) neutron source that will be coupled to a natural Uranium light water moderated sub critical assembly for performing flux measurements etc.

Layout of BARC's 20 MeV Linac Section



ECR Ion source
50 keV, 35mA.

RFQ 4 Vane type
3MeV, 30 mA

20 MeV, 30 mA
Alvarez type DTL

LEBT : Low Energy Beam Transport System

RFQ : Radio Frequency Quadrupole

MEBT : Medium Energy Beam Transport System

DTL : Drift Tube Linac

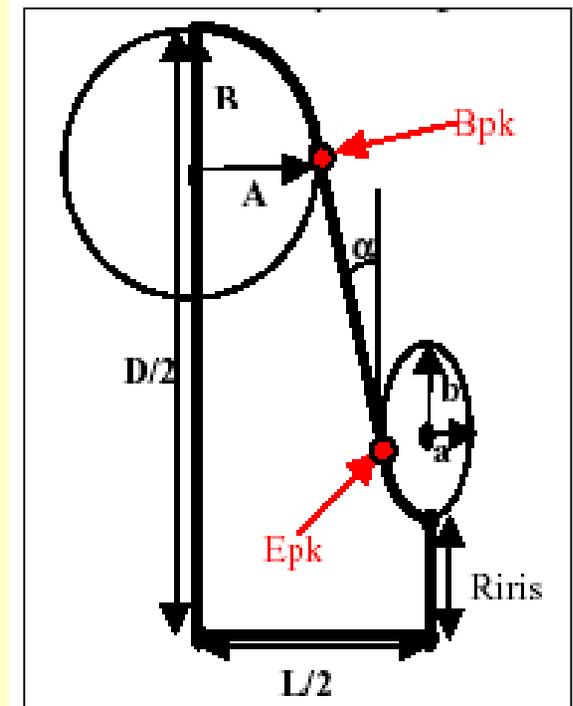
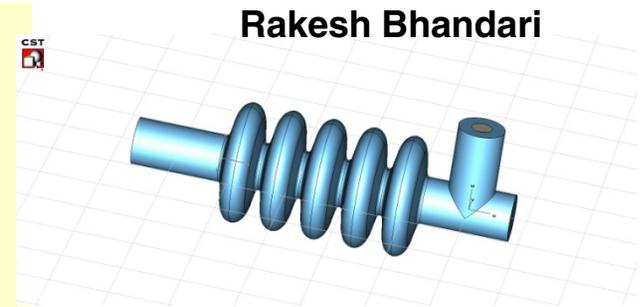
• **Electromagnetic design of high- β 5-cell Superconducting rf linac cavity has been completed.**

• **Frequency : ~ 700 MHz**

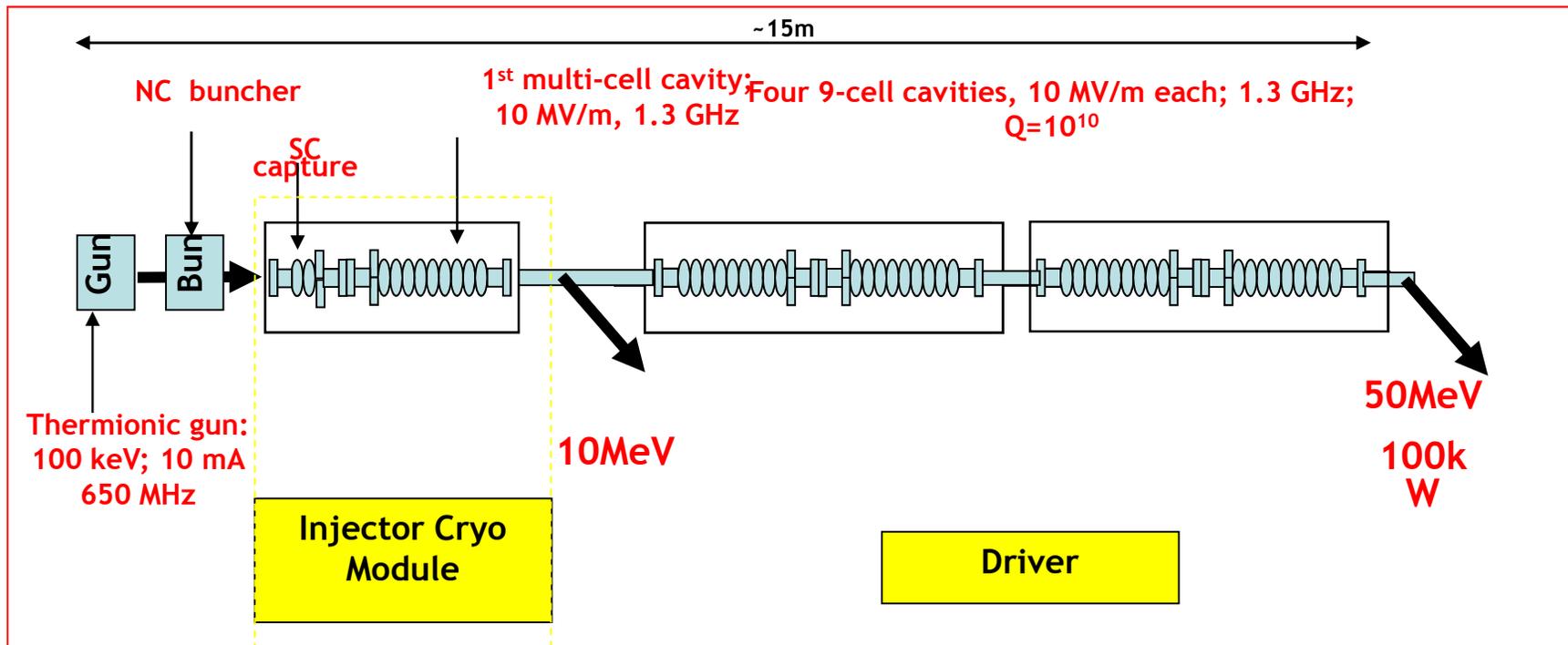
• **An elliptical shape equatorial arc — eliminates multipacting, which limits the performance of cylindrical pill-box cavities.**

It makes distribution of the magnetic field along the surface more uniform and thus reduces B_{pk} . This in turn leads to higher accelerating gradients and lower losses.

• **The use of elliptic arcs in the Iris area of the cavity reduces the peak surface electric field (E_{pk}), which alleviates field emission.**



Schematic Layout of SC Electron Linac



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Phase 1

Status
Beam dynamics design completed,
presently under technical review



SUMMARY

- 1, High intensity proton accelerator has two applications in China: ADS and CSNS.**
- 2, Five key technologies in high intensity proton accelerator for ADS are under development.**
- 3, ADS basic study has gained support in two phases from the Ministry of Science and Technology.**
- 4, CAS presented an ADS new proposal to the government in recent to speed up ADS from the present basic study to small-scale system construction. Five institutes of CAS joined in the new proposal.**



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Five study fields in ADS programs

1. **A high intensity injector**
2. **A high intensity RFQ accelerator**

supported by the Ministry of Science and Technology in
ADS basic study programs

3. **Medium beta SC cavity study**

supported by the Chinese Academy of Sciences

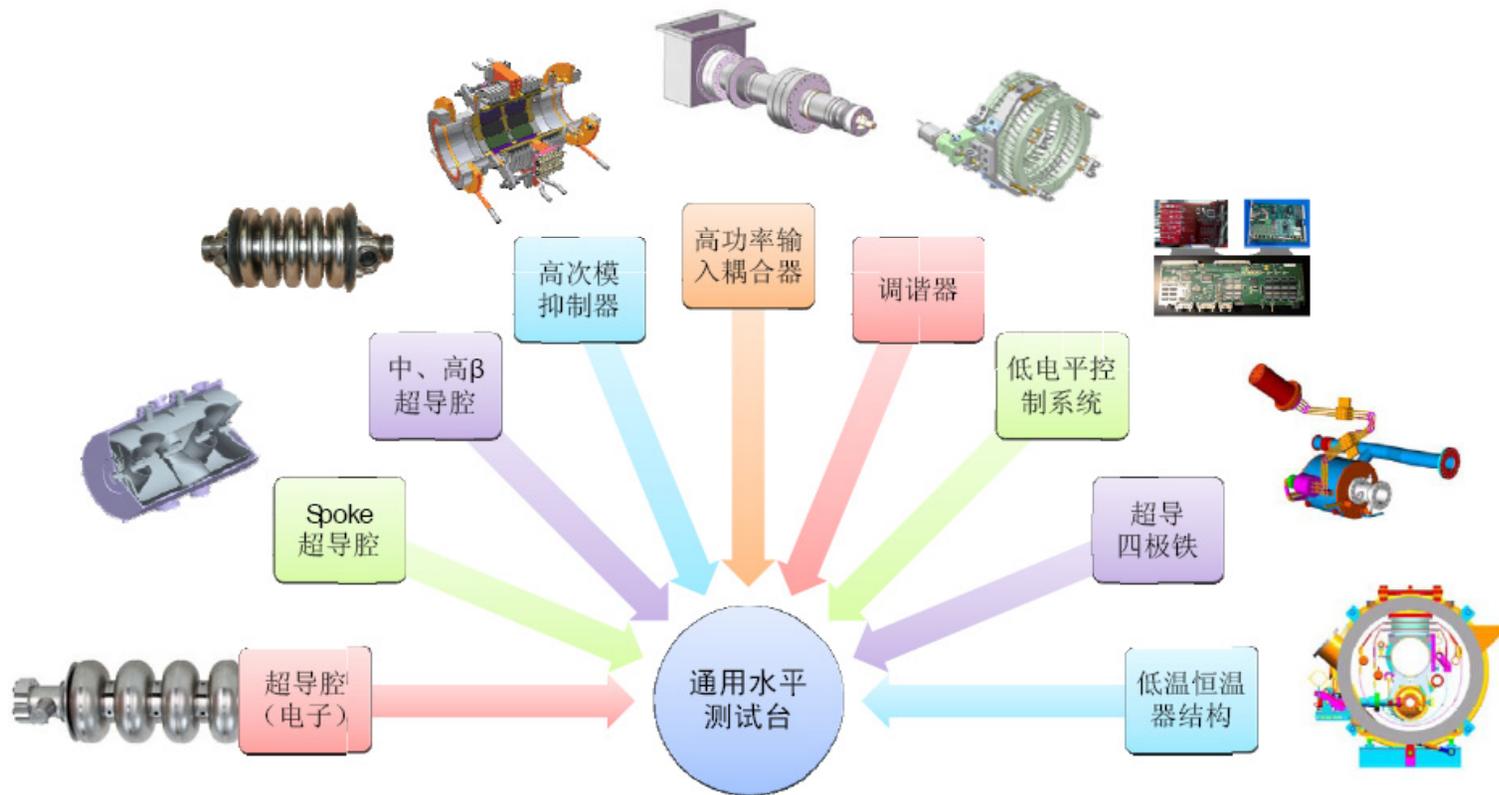
4. **A SC lab for vertical test**

supported by IHEP, Beijing

5. **Low beta SC cavity study**

supported by CAS

A larger SC lab planned at IHEP—A synthesize horizontal test stand for multipurpose

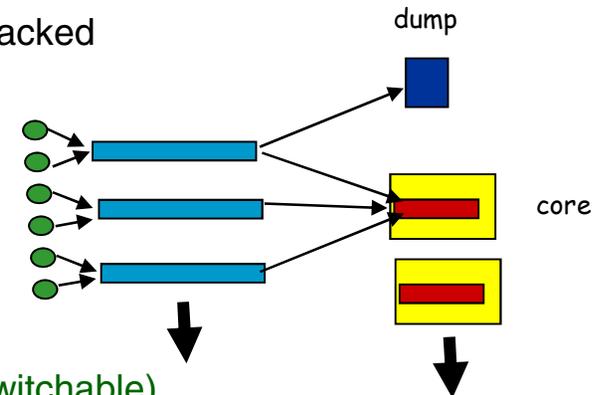




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- A 10 MW proton source to create neutrons for ADS might be similar to the 2 GeV 2 MW CW linac under consideration for Project X **but there are significant differences:**
 - **Commercial:** Power Production is a business
 - Basic purpose of the linac is different
 - ADS Linac is part of a facility intended to make money vs acquire knowledge
 - **Optimization:**
 - Research accelerators usually emphasize optimization of performance vs capital cost, availability, operating costs, efficiency, project risk, etc. (even though many of these also are important for a research accelerator)
 - Availability requirements for commercial power production are much higher vs a research accelerator like Project X. (but perhaps are more similar to ILC ?)
 - A commercial power plant will be built around this linac → requires a very conservative design with low risk (must satisfy investors vs your colleagues or the DOE reviewers)
 - A company building an ADS linac would probably do a better job of optimizing capital costs vs operating cost with a long term view
 - easier for industry since they will borrow money to do this right vs research environment in which we want the project approved
 - ie DOE environment favors solutions with lower initial construction costs
 - **Maintenance and Operation:** ADS linac must be operable and maintainable for long periods without large on-site laboratory accelerator staff



- **Reliability:** (some requests seem extreme! < 5 trips/yr > 1 sec)
 - Cryogenics and RF power are likely weak points but can be attacked
 - Use high availability approach to control electronics
 - Avoid single point failures... e.g. beam pipe vacuum
 - A lot could be learned about reliability from Project X



- **Redundancy:**
 - Linacs with multiple sources (PX could develop this)
 - Multiple linacs in separate enclosures. (1 needed/core , switchable)
 - Hot spare linac with power switched from dump to ADS core ?
 - Multiple independent cryo systems so one or more linacs could be off for maintenance
 - Px might then ~simulate one of these machines
- **Operating Efficiency:**
 - Need efficient wall plug to beam power efficiency (SRF)
 - Electrical power use for cryogenics will be important → use high Q cavities, low operating gradients (BCS losses go as G^{**2}/Q), efficient cryogenic cycles
 - Likely an optimal ADS machine would be lower frequency (cryo efficiency and rad losses)
 - Optimization of cavity gradient vs linac capital cost may be different for a high efficiency ADS linac vs a research linac

Project X Changes for a 10 MW Project X



- **RF Power Source:**
 - Project X upgrades to 10 MW at 2 GeV → ~5 mA beam current → 90 KW per 9-cell cavity
 - Need ~100-200 KW CW RF power source per cavity
 - High power IOT's are potentially attractive due to increased efficiency
 - but 200 KW IOT @ 1.3 GHz don't exist
 - Magnetrons might be very attractive if one could control phase and amplitude (SBIR)
- **Main Cavity couplers**
 - Present XFEL couplers can take ~ 5 KW, upgradable to >20 KW for Project X ICD-2
 - 100-200 KW coupler probably require a significant redesign of XFEL coupler
 - Constrained by the 40 mm port size in the ILC/Project X nine-cell elliptical cavities
- **Front end changes:**
 - Develop a reliable, redundant >10 ma CW proton source, higher current RFQ, etc.
- **Controls, LLRF, Fast Fault Recovery**
 - A real challenge given ADS availability requirements
 - ADS requirement → keep beam on... machine protection → turn beam off!
- **10 MW capable dumps and/or targets !**
- **Maintenance:**
 - Activation at SNS, already an issue at 1 MW → control of losses in a 10 MW Project X!
 - Consider provisions for remote handling and maintenance of cryomodules?
 - Losses, and activation favor larger cavity apertures and lower frequencies than 1.3 GHz



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- The design choices for a commercial ADS linac will likely be much different that for a research accelerator like Project X
 - Nevertheless, Project X can provide a lot of useful operational information to guide the design of ADS linac
 - Much of this information does not require Px be upgraded to 10 MW.
 - Provisions to upgrade Project X to 10 MW at some point would require inclusion of some expensive “hooks” early in the program
 - A 2 GeV 10 MW linac would be expensive and would require a serious potential user of this power to justify these hooks.



What it does(1)



Workshops

Last one in Glasgow
September 7-8

Next one Daresbury
November 24

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The most recent ThorEA meeting was held on Mon/Tue 7/8th September, at the University of Glasgow. The meeting website and many of the talks are available at:

- [ThorEA workshop, 7/8 September 09](#)

The next ThorEA meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th November, at the [Cockcroft Institute](#). The meeting website will be available soon. The meeting website is here:

- [ThorEA meeting, 24 November 09](#)

Previous events:

- [ThorEA meeting, 10 July 09](#)
- [BASROC/CONFIRM Open Day, May 09](#)
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FFAG Pros and Cons

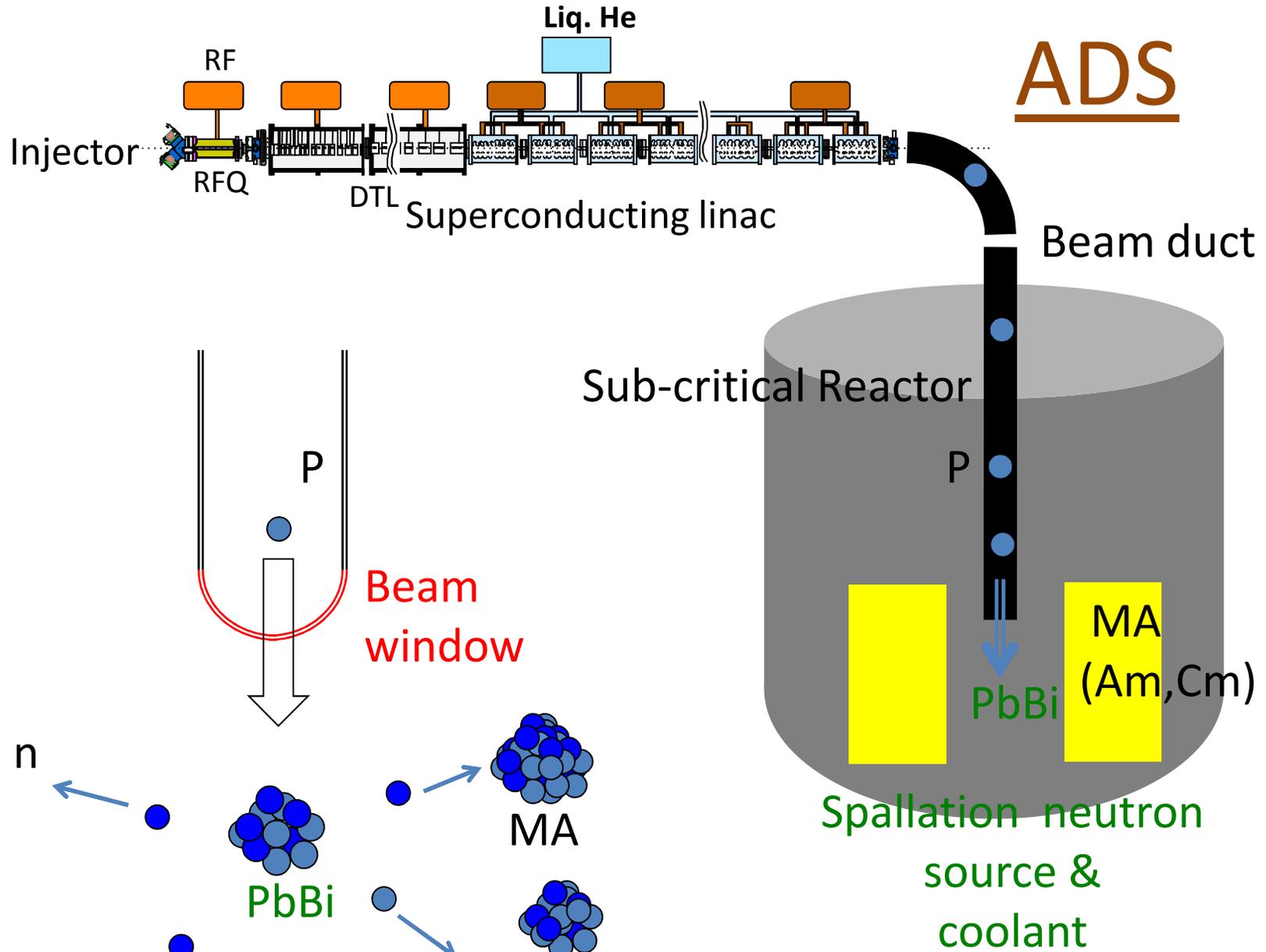


Advantages (compared to a Synchrotron)

- DC magnets: cheap and reliable
- Fast acceleration. Not limited by magnet iron. Acceleration to 1 GeV in ~1000 turns envisaged (say 50 m radius ring: take ~ 1 ms)

Disadvantages

- Complicated Magnet shape
- May require varying RF frequency
- Limited gain in energy (momentum change factor 2-5 depending on design)
- nsFFAG principle not yet proven



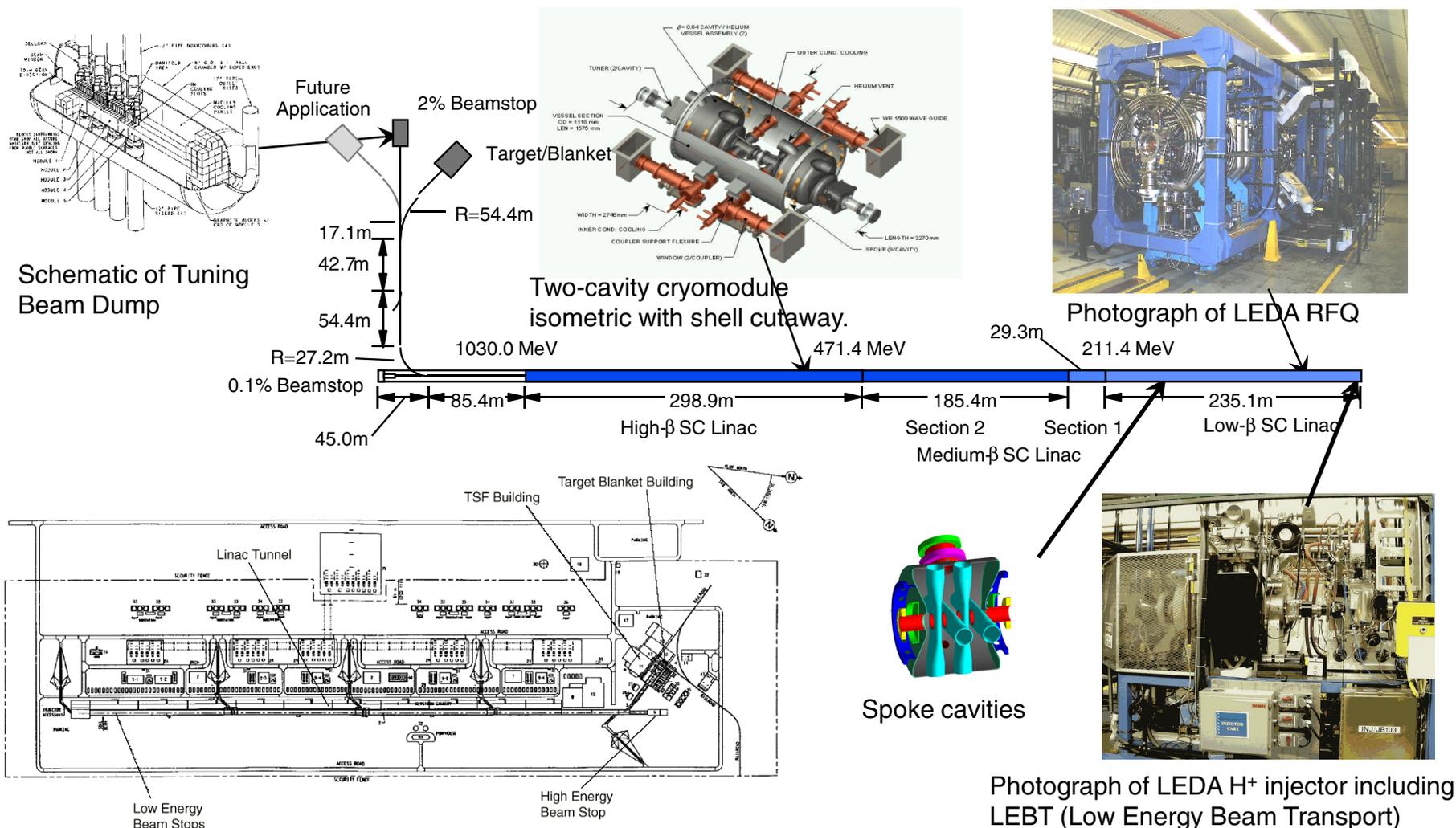
Design parameters

- Accelerator power: 20MW (1.3mA, 1.5GeV)
- Reactor power: 800MW
- SC-LINAC (0.1-1.5GeV): 472m
- Reactor size: 10m ϕ x 8m height
- LBE 5 ktons
- Earthquake resistant building

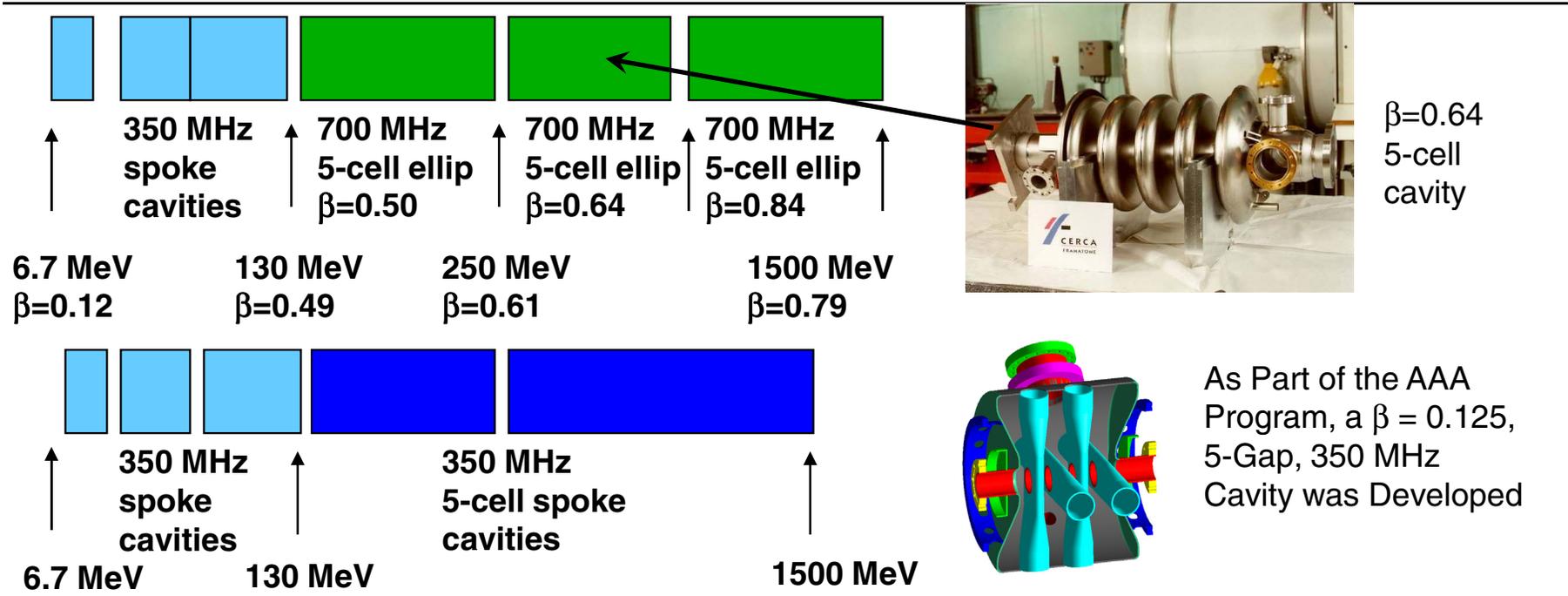
Summary and conclusions

- n_TOF @ CERN is a first class neutron Time Of Flight facility
- It is specially well suited for radioactive materials, samples of rare materials or low cross section.
- Excellent facility for measuring neutron capture and fission cross sections and the most needed cross sections identified for nuclear applications (nuclear waste minimization). Sustained support from the EU framework programs.
- The measurements provide very relevant parameters to improve the understanding and physics models of nuclides and reactions.
- Combined with high performance detectors and DAQ allows to perform high accuracy cross section measurements.
- The n_TOF potentiality was proved by successful operation from 2000 to 2004
- The current campaign, with improved setup, will allow to fully exploit its possibilities to fulfill the request of the highest priority nuclear data needs
- There are plans to enhance the performance with an additional short flight path and EAR2 that will allow to open a new frontier of sample masses, short lived isotopes and accurate measurements

Work on the 1 GeV, 100 mA (100 MW) APT Accelerator and Target Provides the Design Basis for an ADS System



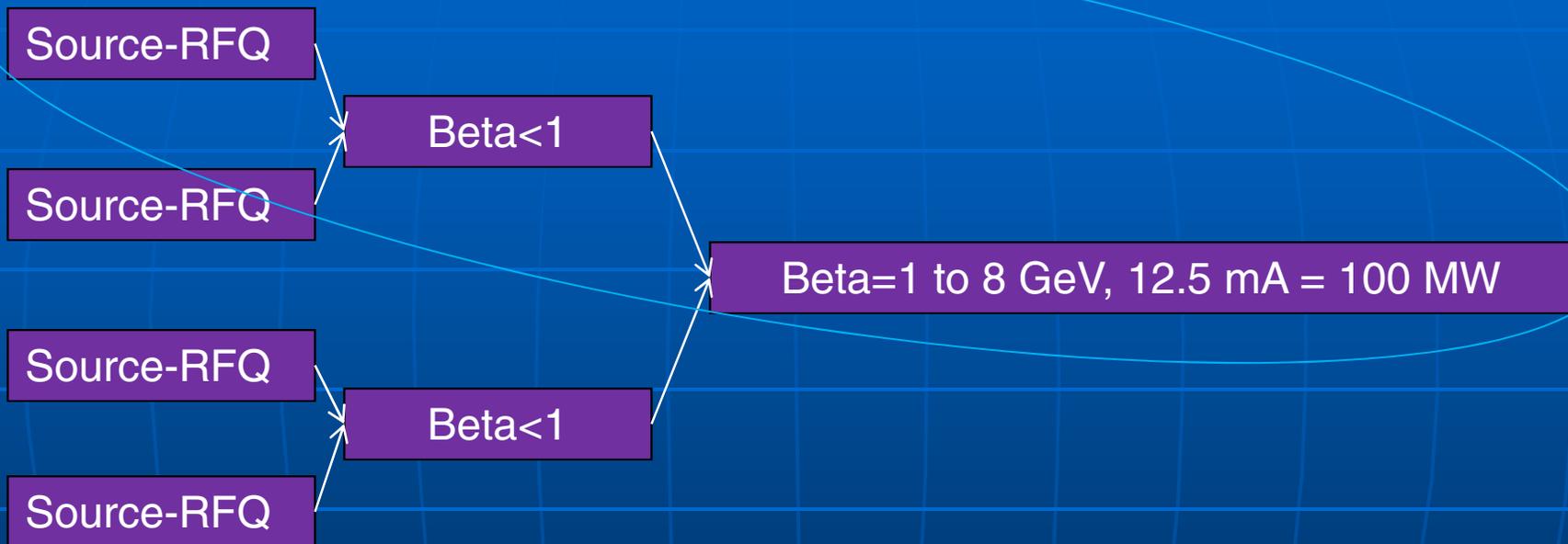
Baseline and Advanced SC Accelerator Design Concepts for Proton Linac for ADS



- Replaces APT-like baseline with all-superconducting linac that could reduce cost and improve performance and reliability (i.e. beam continuity).
- 4K Spoke cavities provide a higher temperature superconducting alternative to the 2K elliptical cavities.



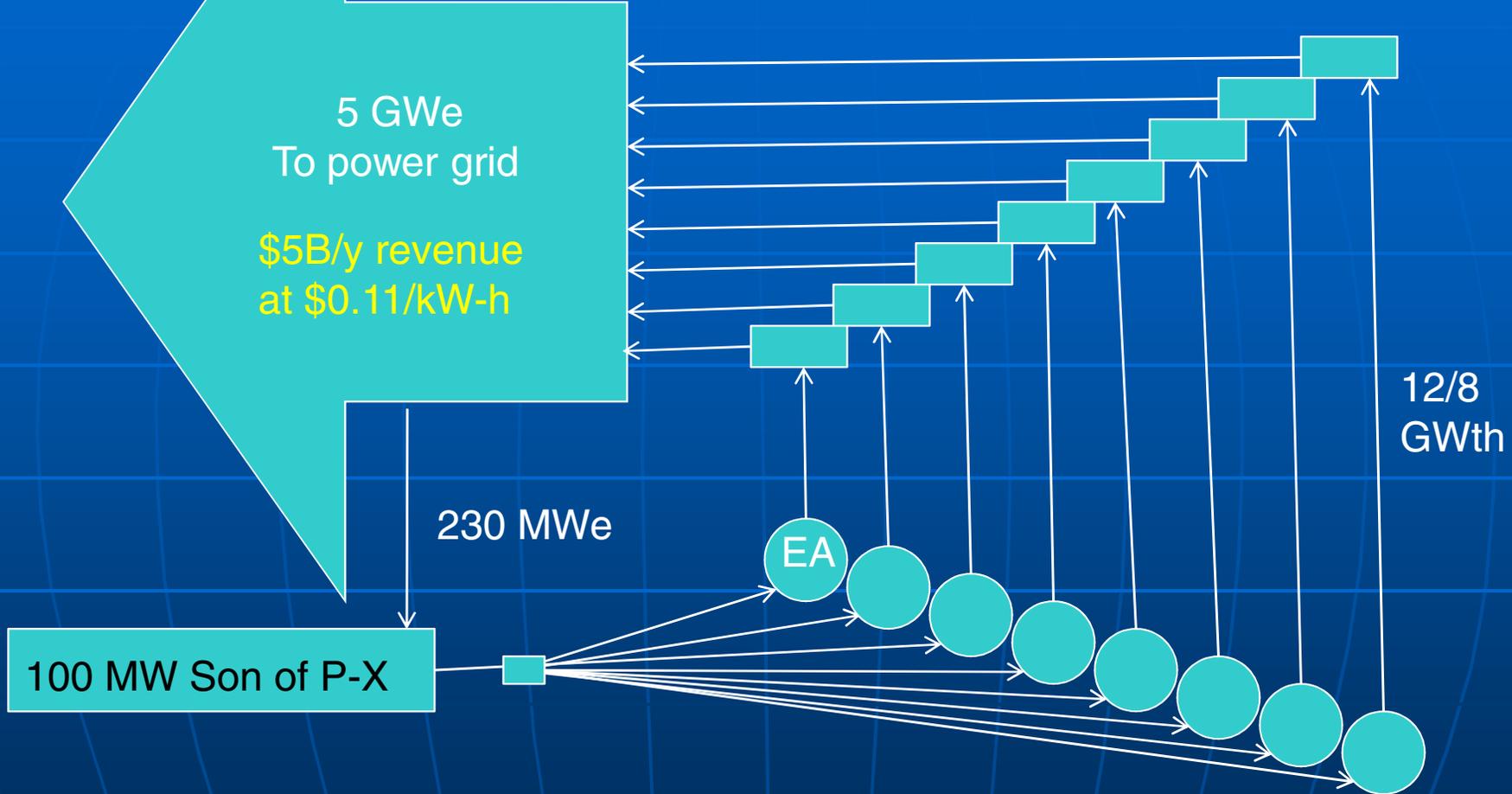
Son of P-X Conceptual Picture



Less reliable components are duplicated. Maybe even the beta=1 part, too.



Possible outcome of P-X ADS development, where all power numbers on previous slide are increased ten times.



In a few years the grid should be lossless and this power station can be placed anywhere, e.g. in a geologically, environmentally, etc. acceptable location.



Primary parameters

5 MW long pulse source
(upgrade to 7.5 MW?)

≤ 2 ms pulses

≤ 20 Hz

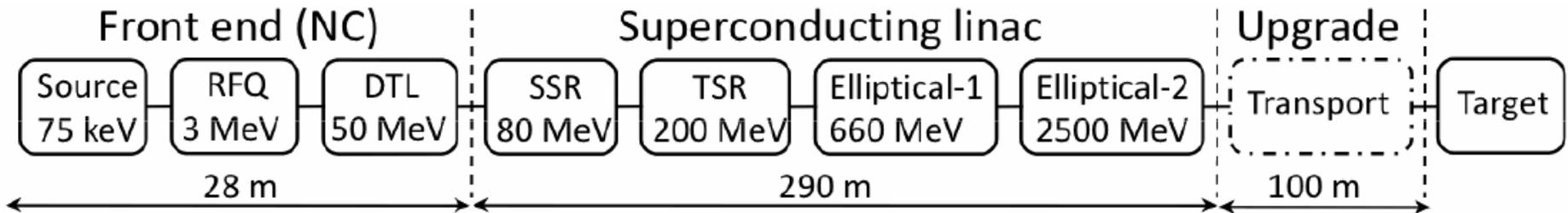
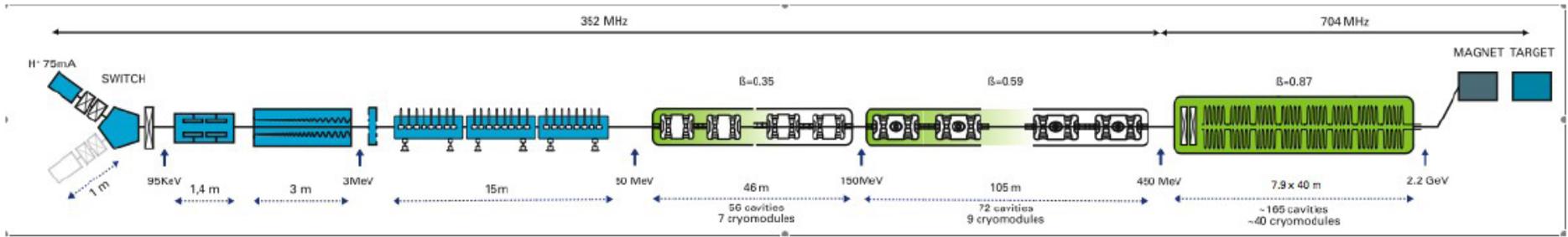
Protons (H⁺)

Low losses ! 1 W/m

High reliability, >95%

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INPUT		B	S
Average beam power	[MW]	5.0	
No. of instruments		22	
Macro-pulse length	[ms]	1.5	2.0
Pulse repetition rate	[Hz]	20	
Proton kinetic energy	[GeV]	2.2	2.5
Peak coupler power	[MW]	1.2	1.0
Beam loss rate	[W/m]	<1.0	
OUTPUT			
Duty factor		0.03	0.04
Ave. current on target	[mA]	2.3	2.0
Ave. pulse current	[mA]	75	50
Ion source current	[mA]	~90	60
Total linac length	[m]	~420	

System	T [K]	Energy [MeV]	Freq. [MHz]	β v/c	Length [m]
Source	300	0.075	—	—	2.5
LEBT	300	—	—	—	1.1
RFQ	300	3	352.2	—	4.0
MEBT	300	—	352.2	—	1.1
DTL	300	50	352.2	—	19.2
SSR	4	80	352.2	0.35	23.3
TSR	4	200	352.2	0.50	48.8
Ellipt-1	2	660	704.4	0.65	61.7
Ellipt-2	2	2500	704.4	0.92	154.0



Integrate multiple perspectives



“Single particle interacts with core” dominates the dynamics?

- Fast simulations can aid design

Integrate:

- Front end halo generation
- Warm-to-cold transition (& design opportunities)
- SC linac halo losses (longitudinal → transverse)

Can LLRF be incorporated?

- Feed-forward is crucial in lowering SNS losses
- Connect ESS, L4, and SPL activities?
- Does warm-to-cold allow separable design problems?

Parting Thoughts

- If we had a clean beam of a few tens of mA at a few tens of MeV, we have the technology and the hardware to accelerate it to any energy
 - Experimental demonstration still needed
 - Front end demonstrator and test bed is crucial
 - Many options, optimal design still an open question
 - For a linac, ~350 and 700 MHz
 - Substantial design and development work done one decade ago,
 - APT: 100 mA
 - ATW: 30 mA
 - IFMIF (prototype under construction): 125 mA, 40 MeV, D
 - SNS, ESS

Parting Thoughts

- What are the critical questions/issues?
 - Accelerator (reliable operation at high cw power, a few MW)
 - Origin of trips, fast recovery
 - Are the trip rates realistic?
 - How can Px contribute to ADS
 - CW front end/HINS at ADS-relevant current
 - MW-scale cw low-loss demonstrator
 - 650 MHz intermediate section ($\beta \sim 0.9$)
- From the proton linear accelerator physics aspect
 - The beam physics up to several 10s of mA is well understood
 - The critical accelerator physics is at $\sim < 50$ MeV
 - We do not yet have the simulation tools to accurately predict halo formation and evolution when we include all the accelerator errors (static and dynamic)
 - Benchmark codes against existing machines and test them on a MW-class demonstrator