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Status of the RAON Facility

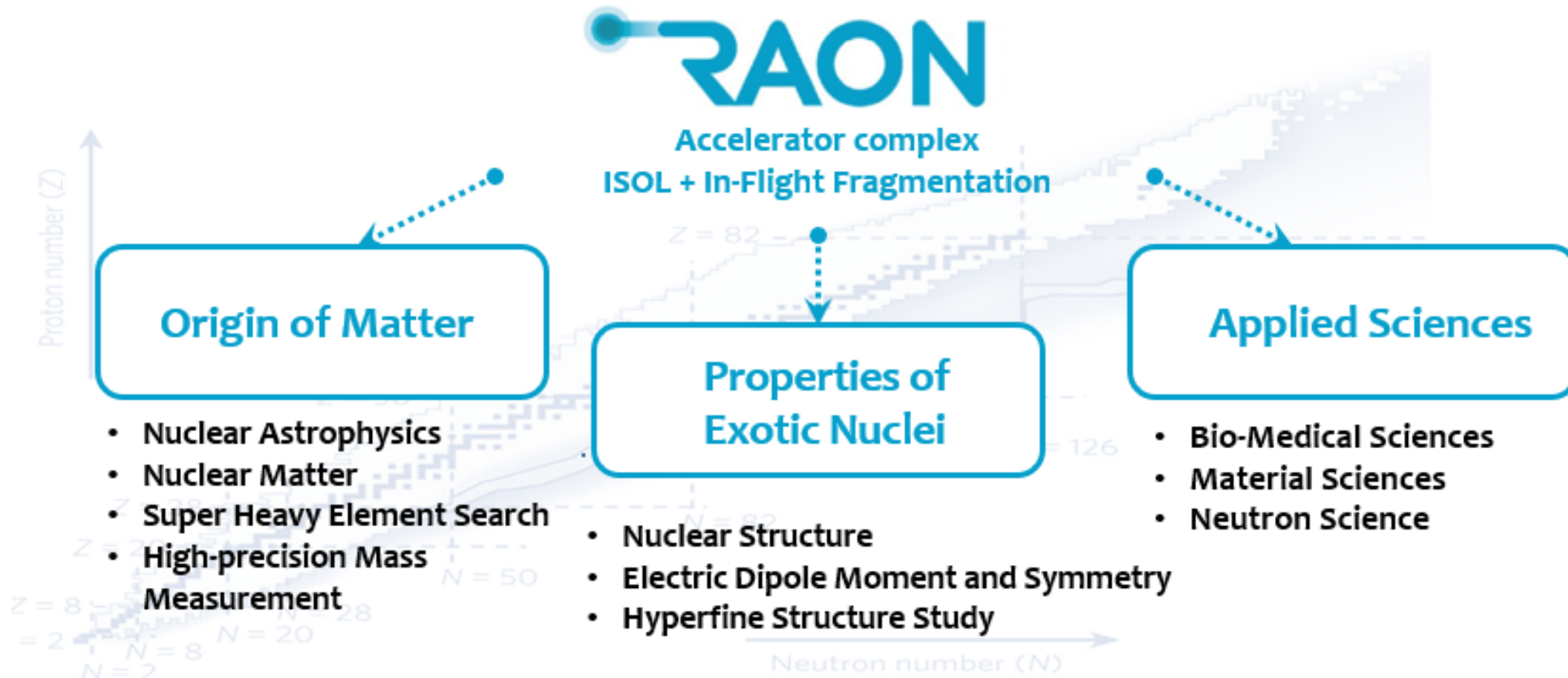
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RAON (Rare isotope Accelerator complex for ON-line experiments)



Rare Isotope Accelerator complex

1. Cyclotron for ISOL
2. Superconducting Linac for Post-acceleration of RIB and In-Flight Fragmentation

2011~
2023



2011

- '11.02 Conceptual Design Report(CDR)
- '11.12 **Rare Isotope Science Project(RISP) Launched**
- '13.09 Technical Design Report (TDR)
- '14.02 Contract of Purchasing Land, Shindong

2015

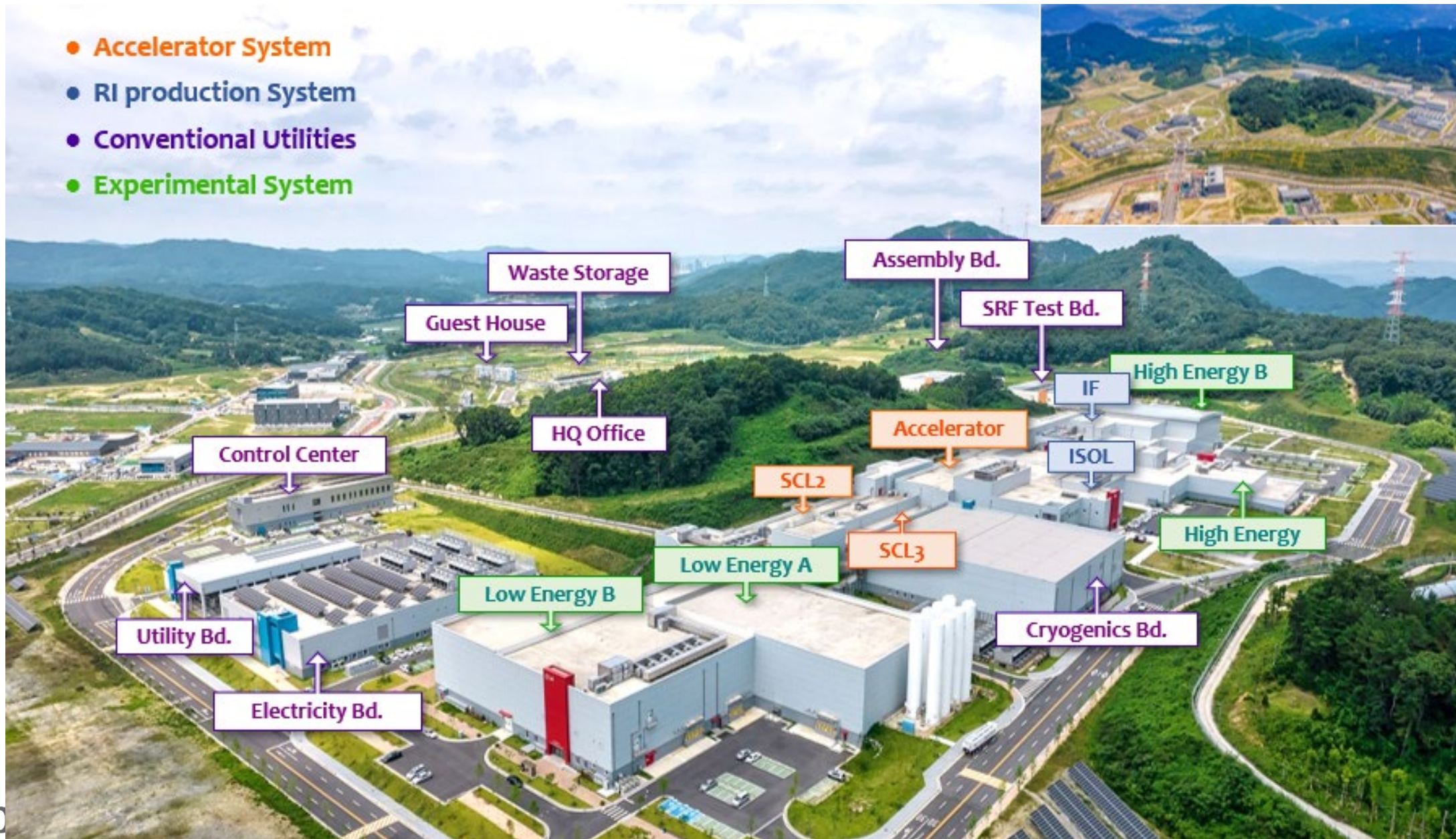
- '16.12 RFQ Ion Beam Extracted
- '17.02 Civil Construction Project Started
- '17.06 Ground Breaking Eng. Completed
- '19.04 Move RISP office in Shindong Site
- '19.09 1* SRC Cryomodule Installed(QWR)

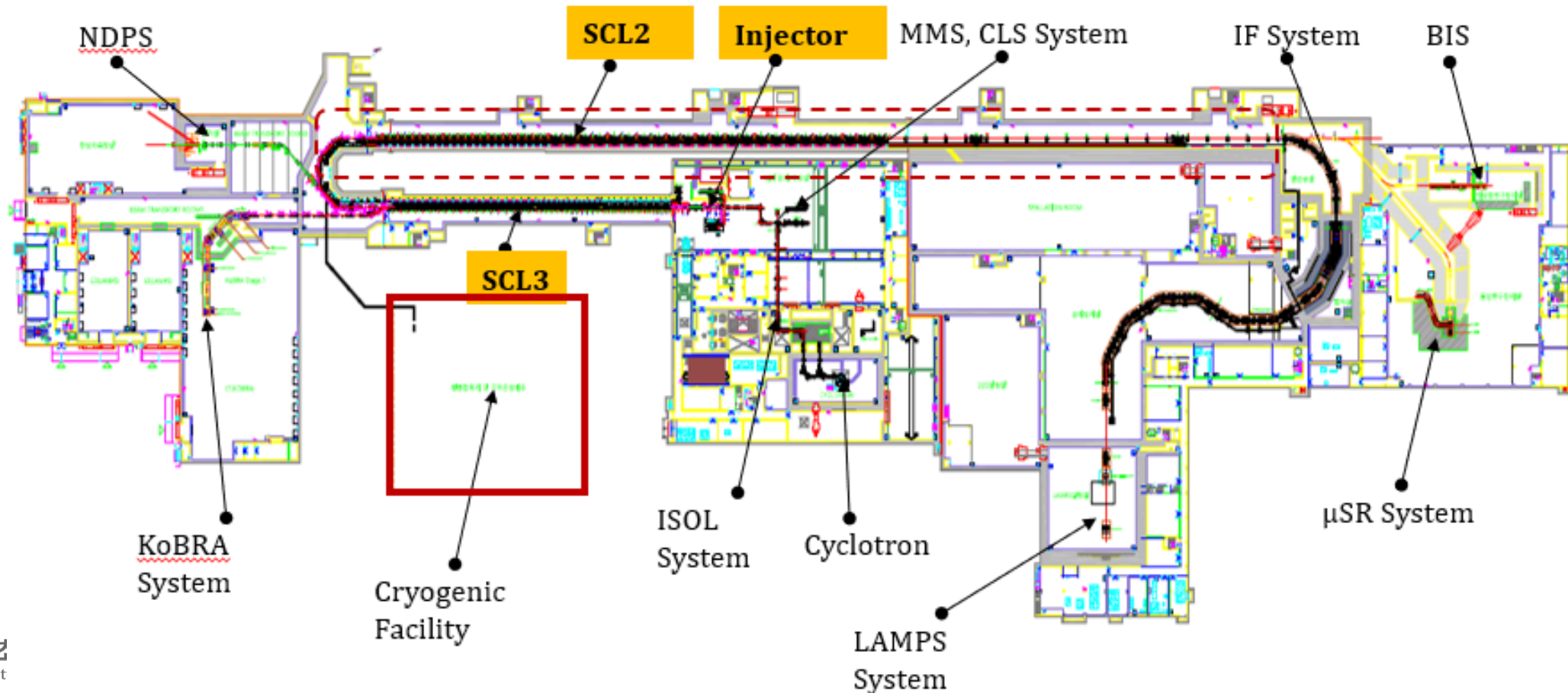
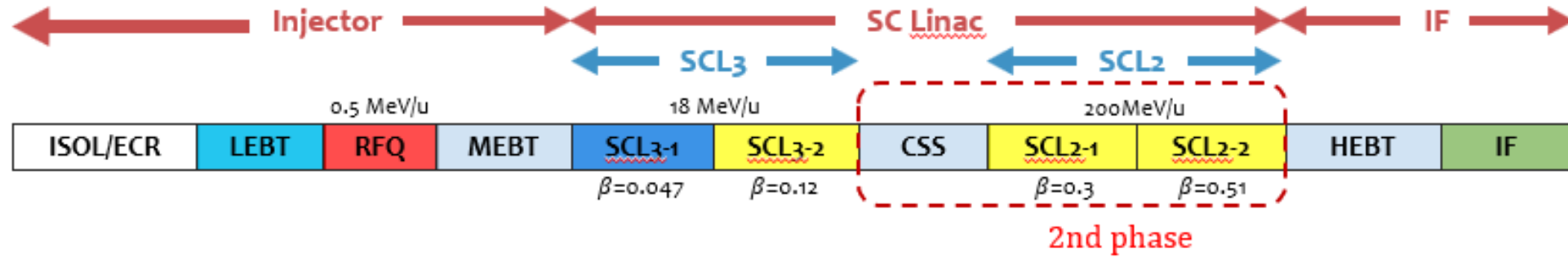
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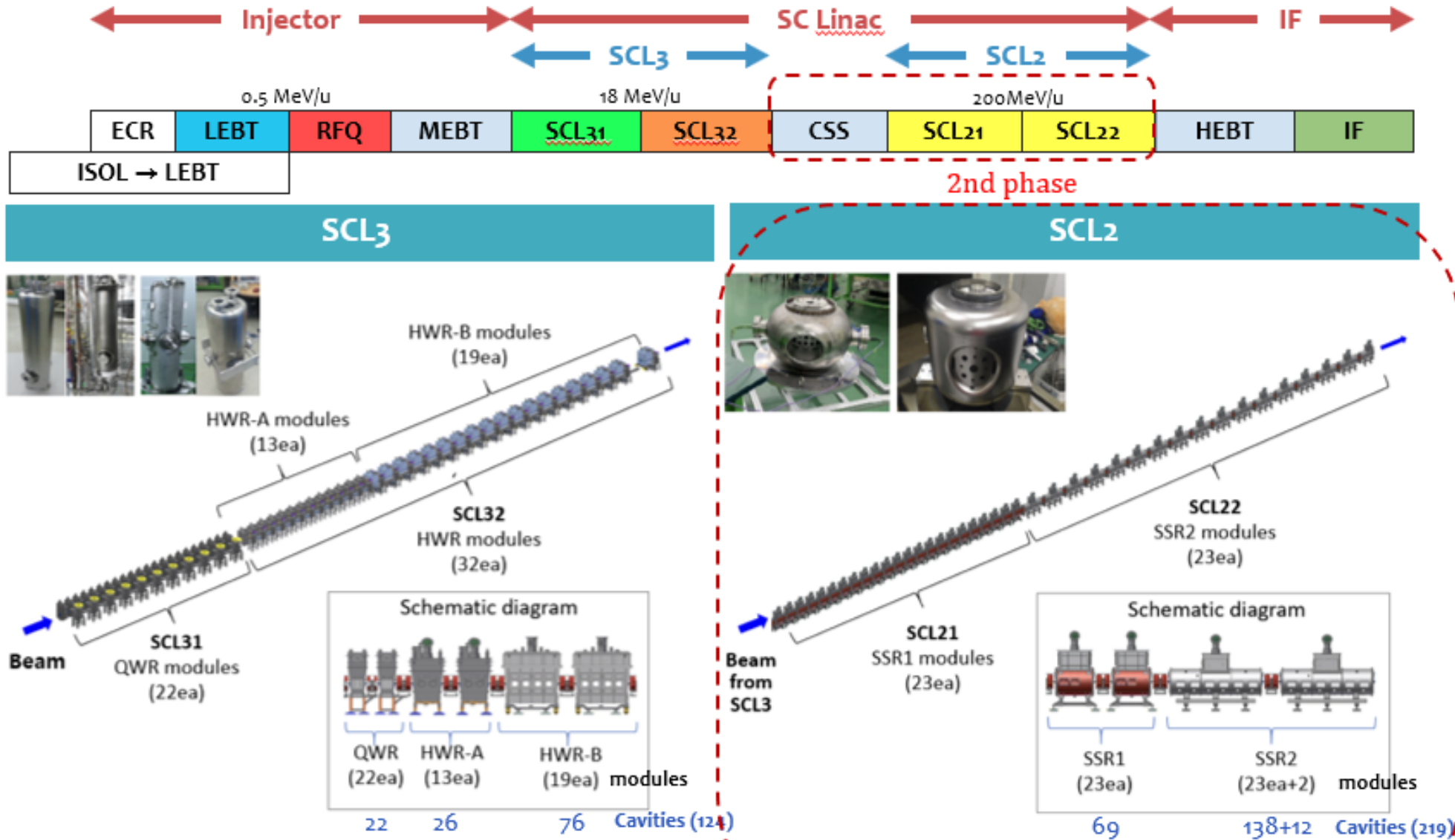
- '20.09 Completed QWR Installation
- '21.06 RAD Safety Permission Acquired
- '22.07 **Institute for Rare Isotope Science(IRIS) begin**
- '22.12 Completed Stage-1 of RISP
- '23.05 **Commission of SCL3 Accelerator**
- '23.12 Call for Proposals

2023

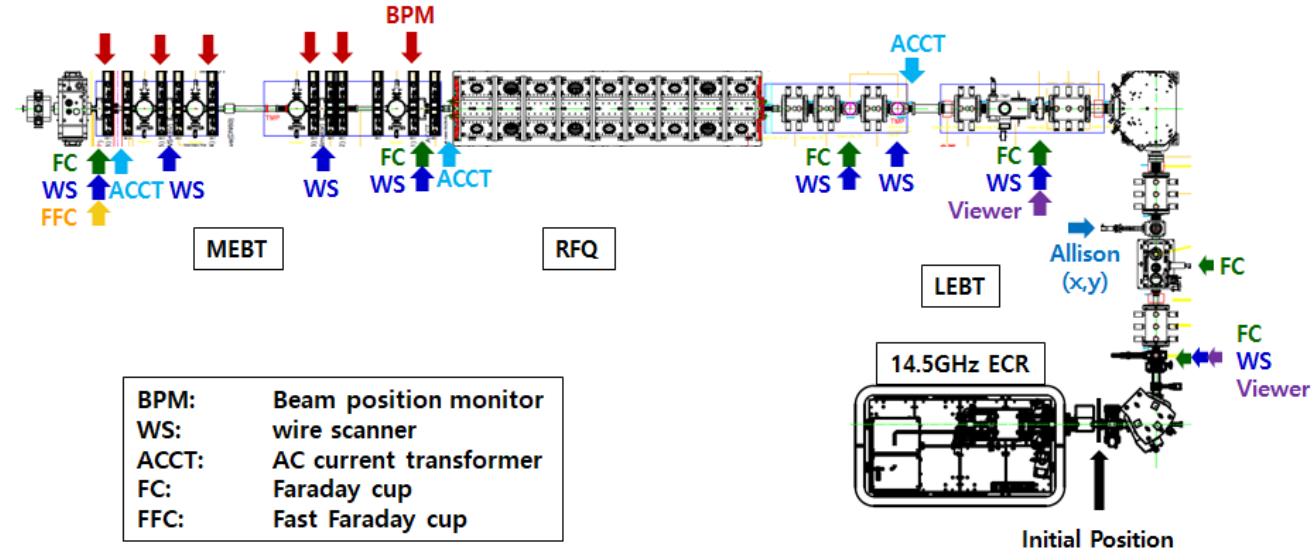
- Accelerator System
- RI production System
- Conventional Utilities
- Experimental System



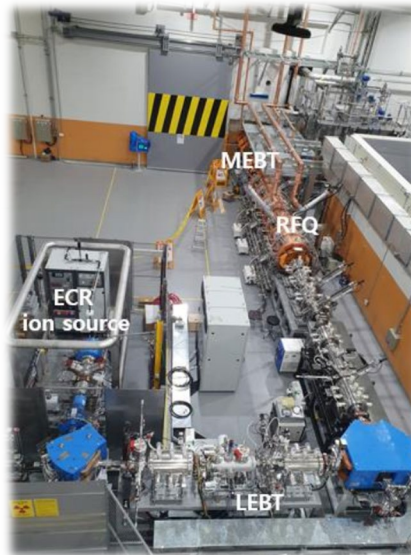
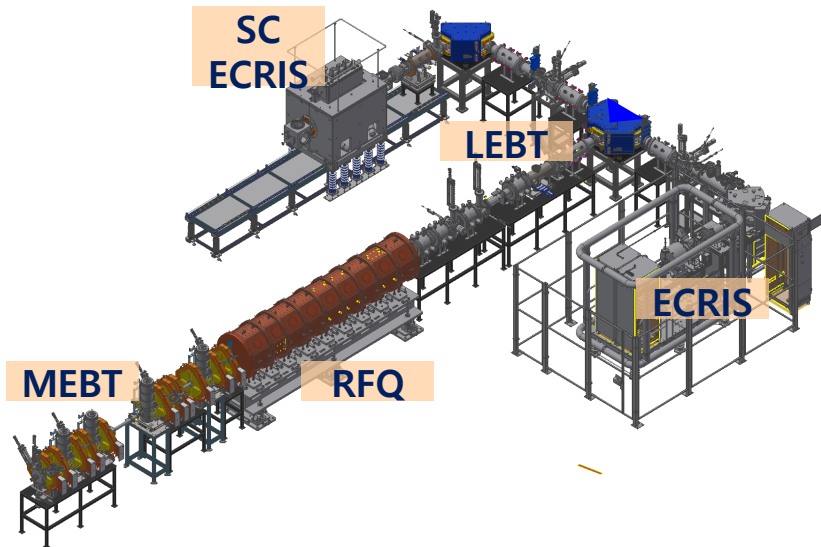




- Two ECR-IS on high voltage platforms
 - 14.5 GHz ECR ion source
 - 28 GHz superconducting ECR ion source
- LEBT ($E = 10 \text{ keV/u}$)
 - 10 keV/u, Dual bending magnet
 - Chopper & Electrostatic quads, Instrumentation
- RFQ ($E = 500 \text{ keV/u}$)
 - 81.25 MHz, Transmission Eff. $\sim 98\%$
 - CW RF Power 94 kW (SSPA: 150 kW)
- MEBT ($E = 500 \text{ keV/u}$)
 - Four RF bunchers (SSPA: 20, 15, 2x4 kW)
 - Simple quadrupole magnets, Instrumentation



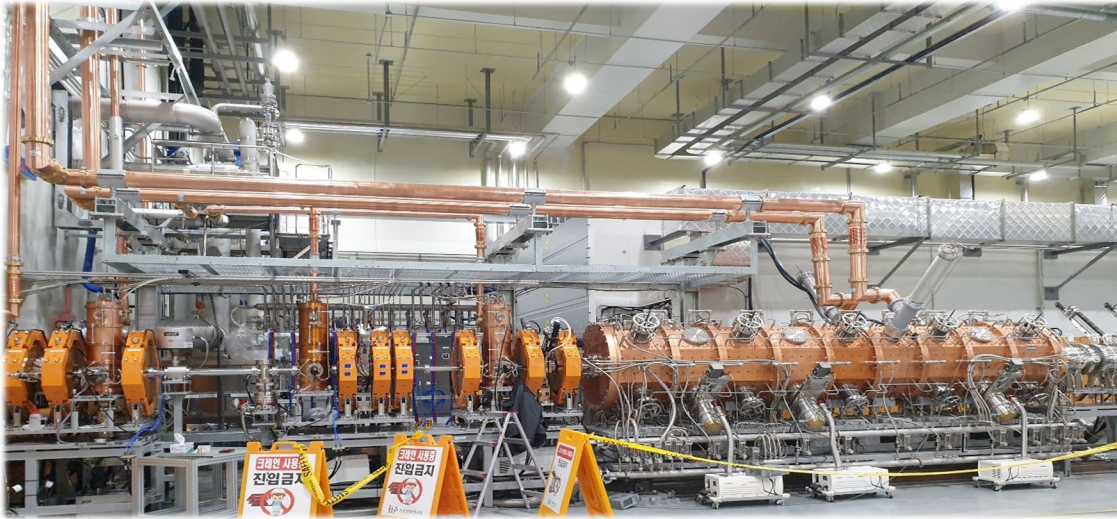
[Beam Diagnostics in injector]



| Ion | Argon | Neon | Oxygen | Helium | Proton |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| A (Q) | 40 (8, 9, 11) | 20 (4) | 16 (6) | 4 (2) | 1(1) |
| Current [μA] | 50, 30, 50 | 40 | 40 | 50 | 50 ~ 160 |

- Injector: 14.5 GHz ECR (10keV/u), LEBT (charge selection, matching), RFQ (507 keV/u, 98% transmission), MEBT (matching)
- Injector beam commissioning:

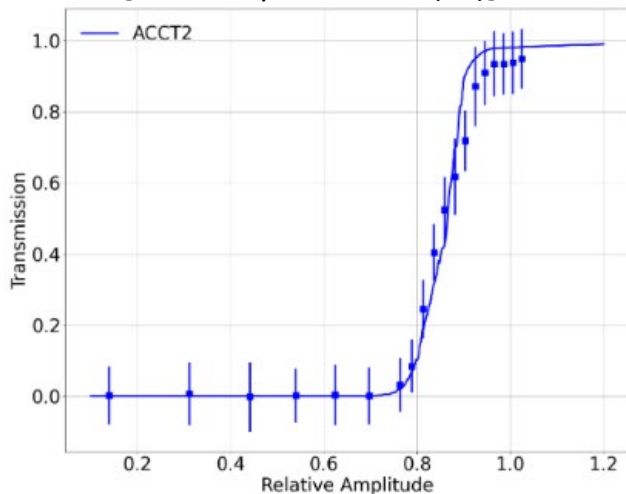
- ☐ RFQ set point: beam transmission measured by ACCT in LEBT and MEBT.
 - Low RFQ transmission for Ne beams \Rightarrow main issue in injector beam commissioning with Ne beams
 - Different set values for the same A/Q (Ar8+, Ne4+): Need more study



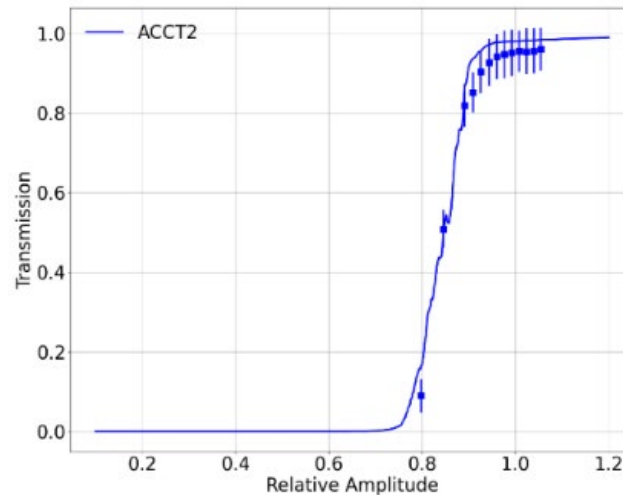
| | Ar(Q=9) | Ar(Q=8) | Ne(Q=4) |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Transmission | 93.4% | 95.4% | 85.7% |
| RF set value | 51.5 kW | 62.9 kW | 67.4 kW |

[Installed RFQ and MEBT]

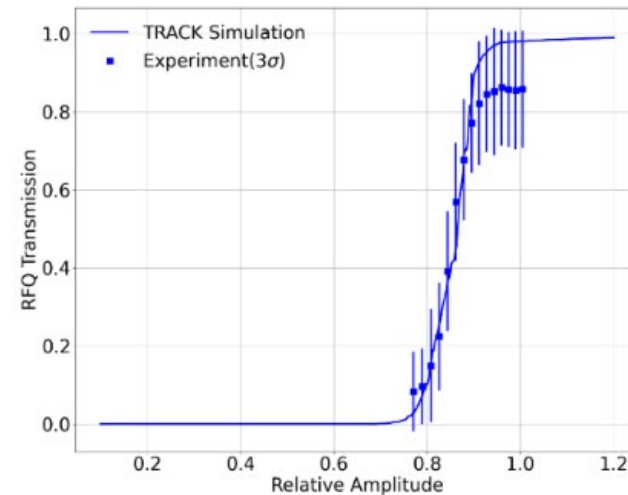
[RFQ set-point for Ar (9+)]



[RFQ set-point for Ar (8+)]



[RFQ set-point for Ne (4+)]



- SCL3 cryoplant (4.2 kW @ 4.5 K)



Compressors and Oil Removal System (WCS)

Cold Box(CB)

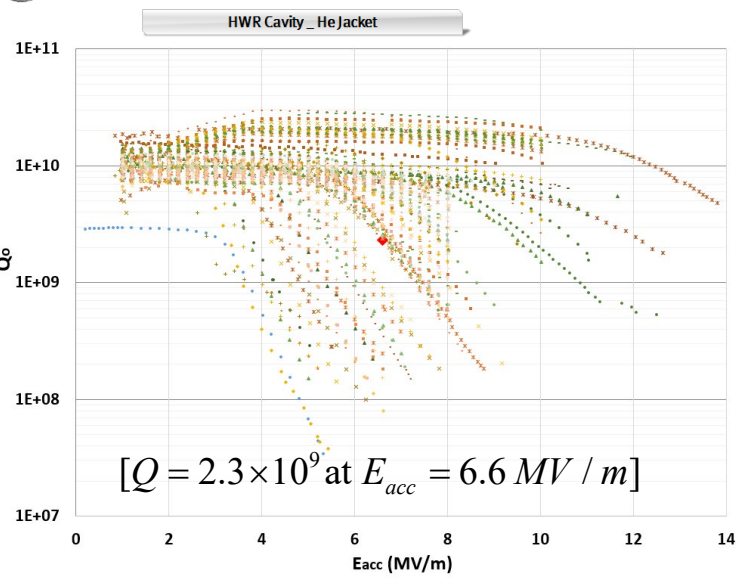
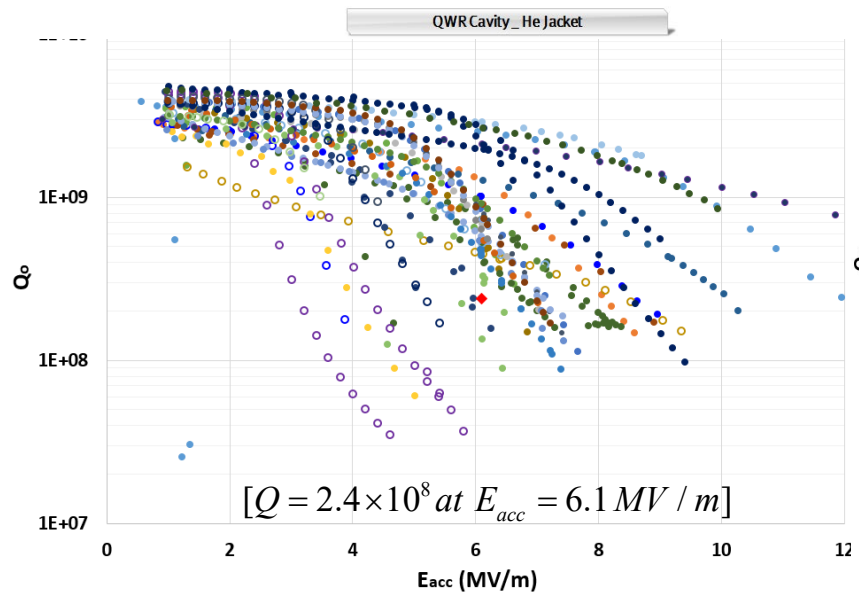
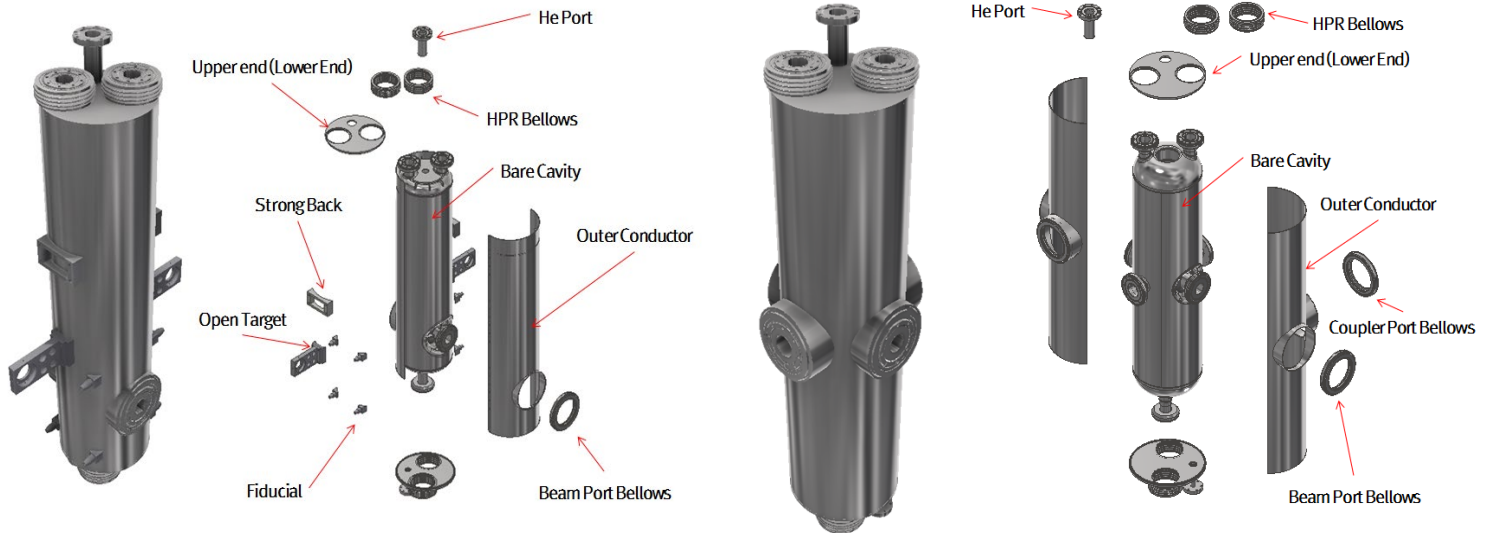
- SCL2 cryoplant (13.5 kW @ 4.5 K)

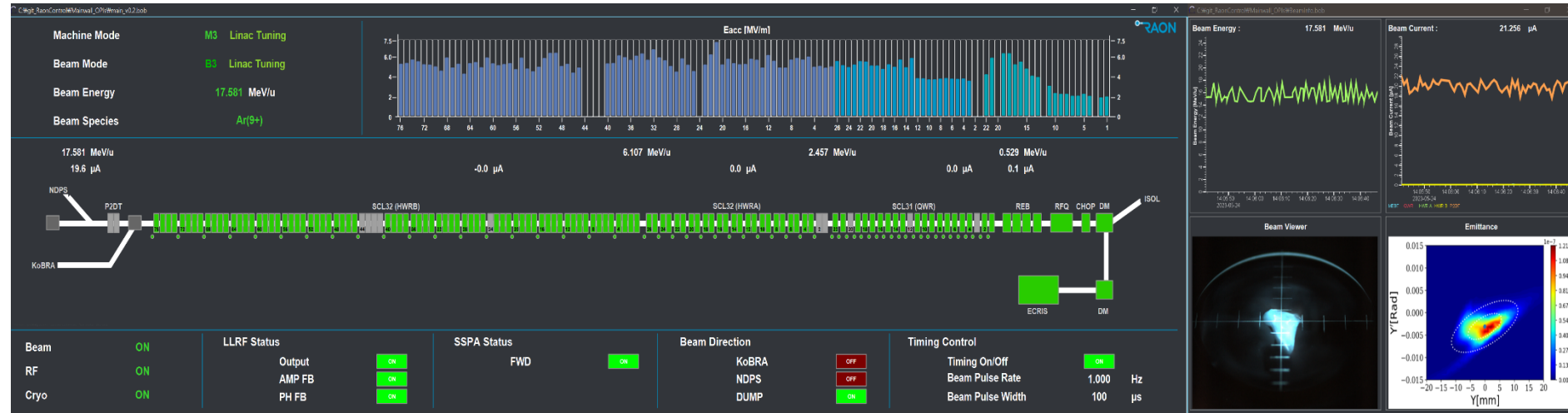


Compressors and Oil Removal System (WCS)

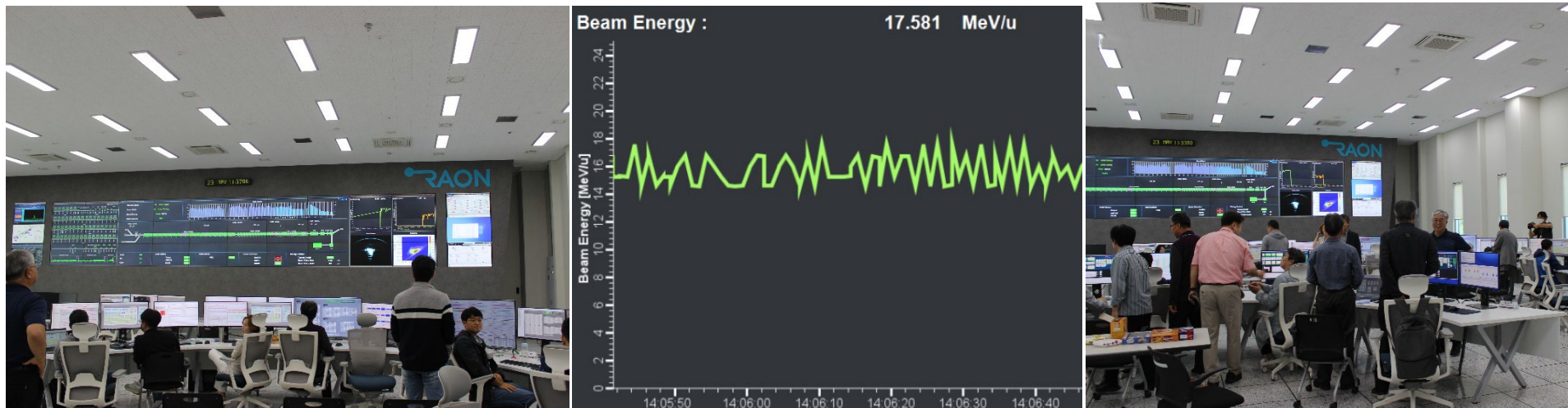
Cold Box (CB)

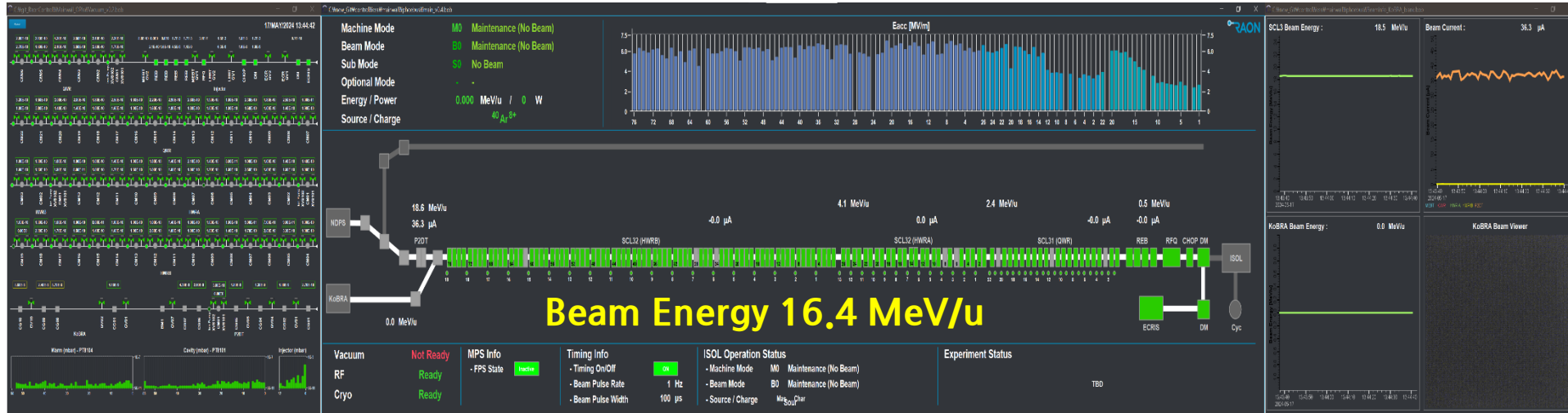
(Left warm side, right – cold side)



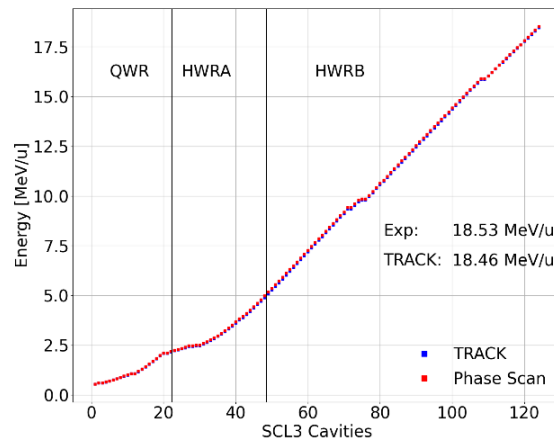


Ar⁹⁺ beams accelerated by entire SCL3(QWR/HWR) on May 23, 2023

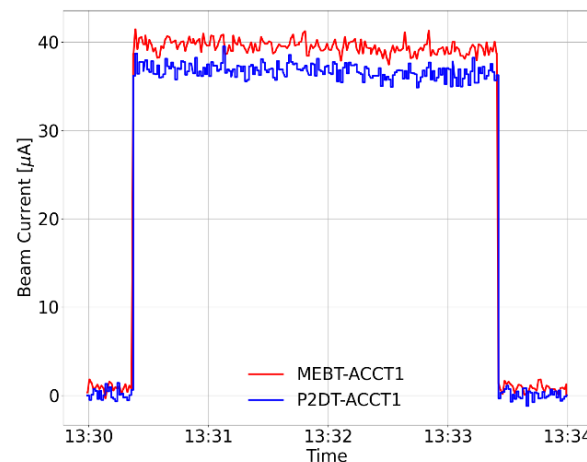




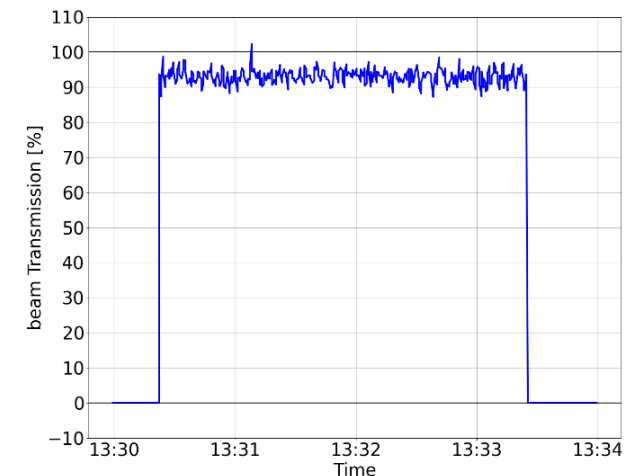
$^{40}\text{Ar}^{8+}$ beam accelerated by the entire SCL3(QWR/HWR) on May 17, 2024



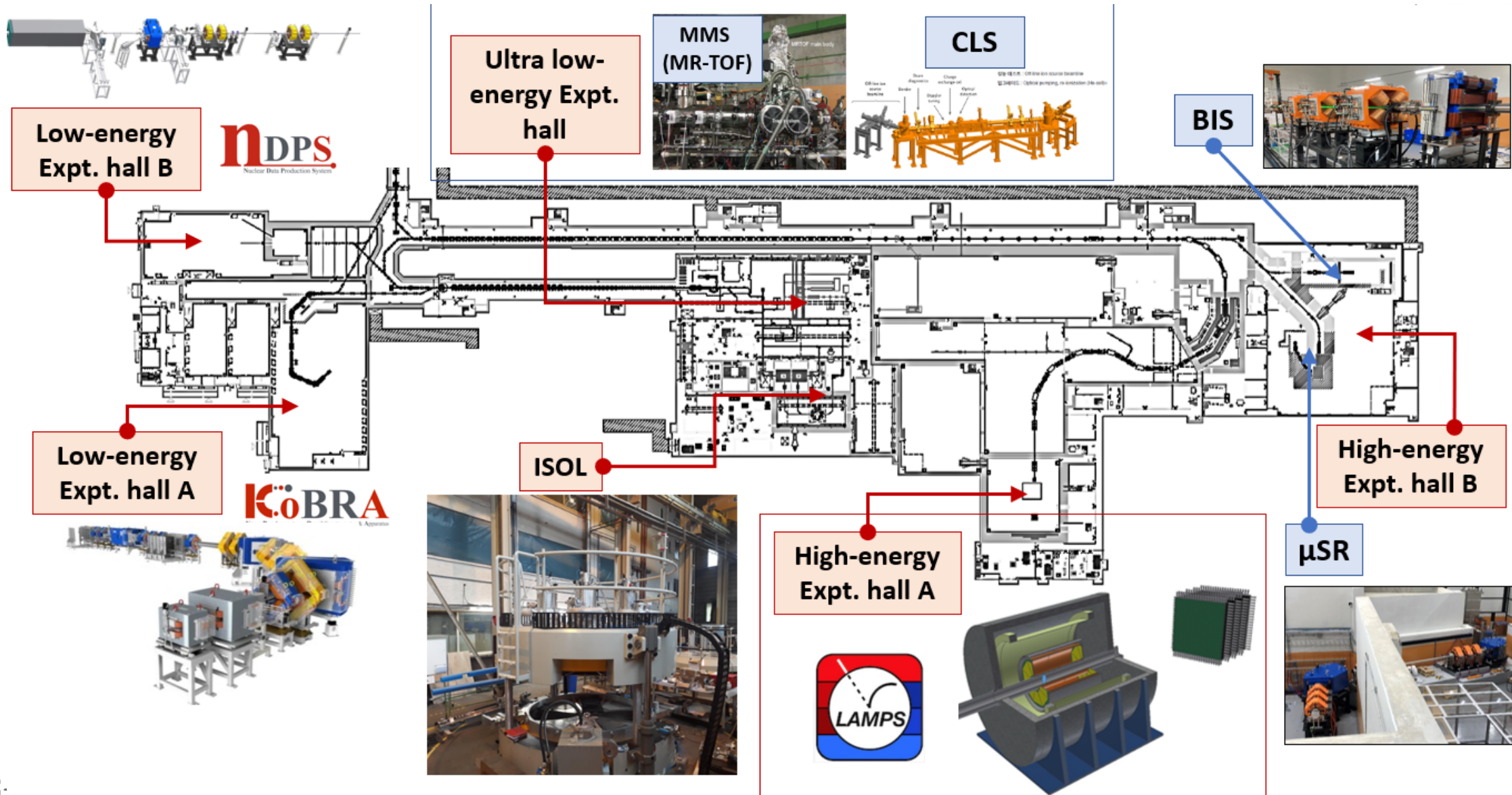
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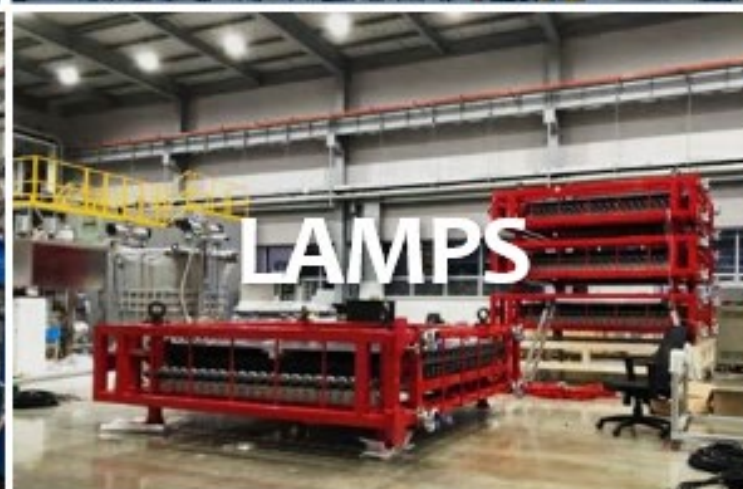
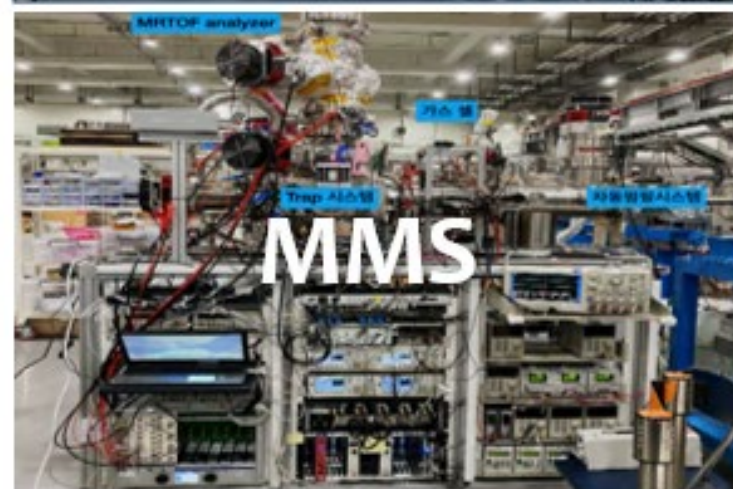


[Beam current measured by ACCT in MEBT and P2DT]

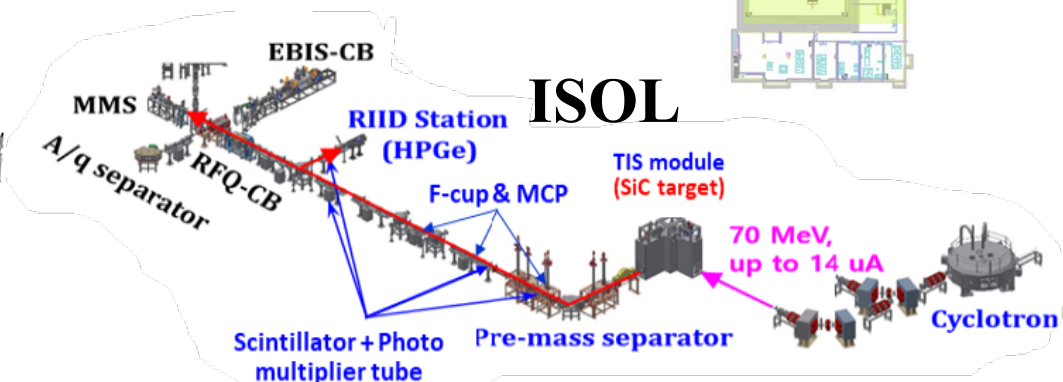
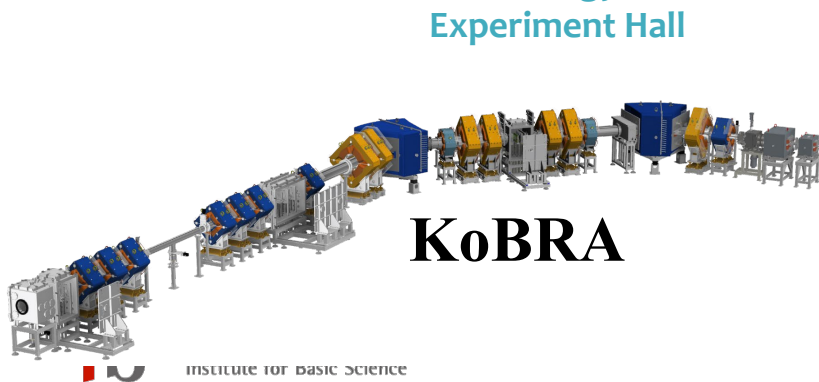
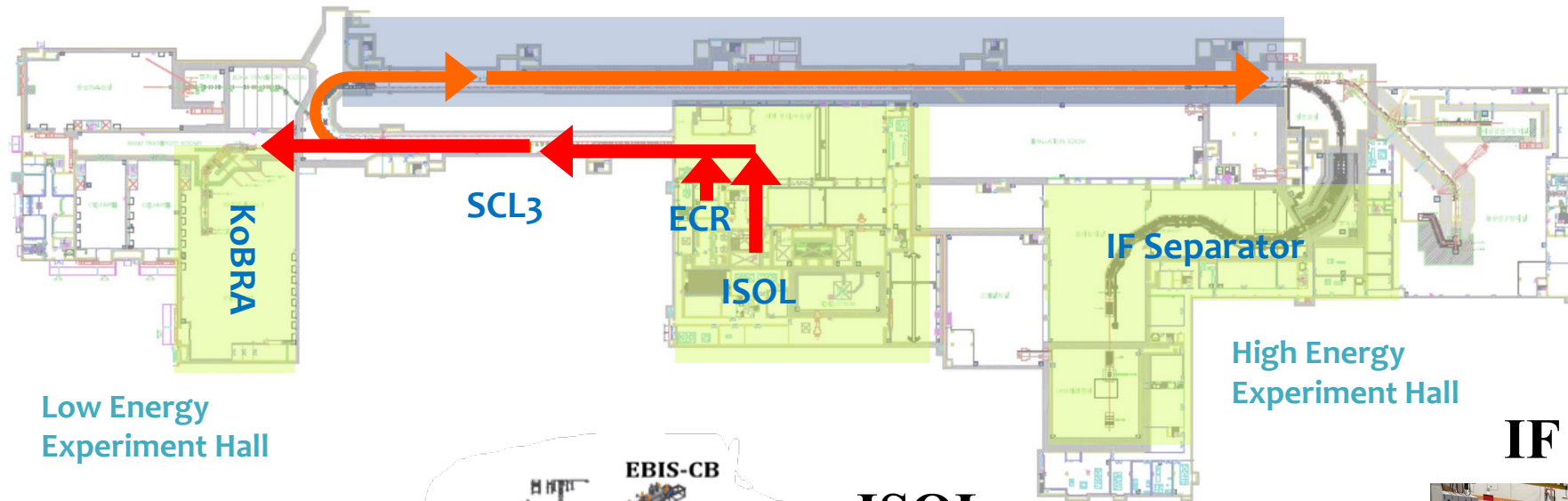


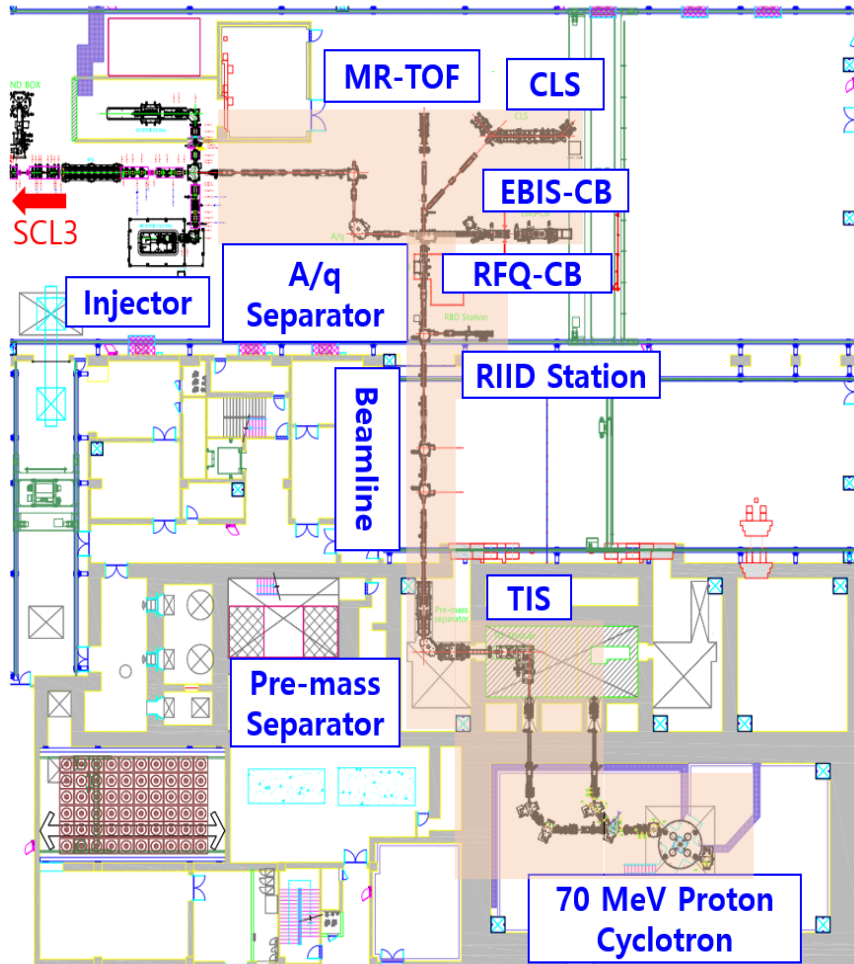
[Beam transmission through SCL3]





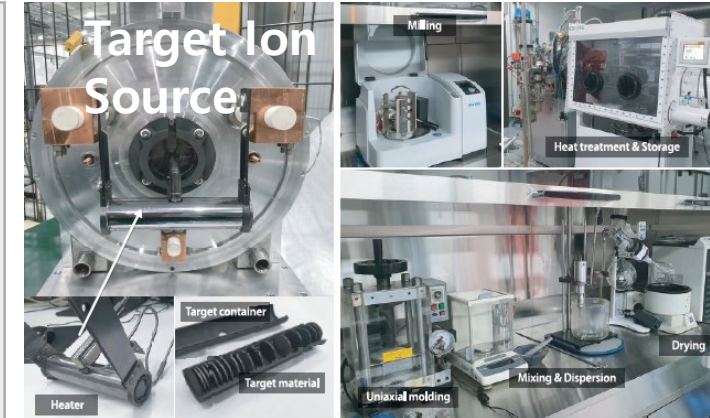
| | KoBRA | ISOL | IF Separator |
|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| RIB Production & Acceleration Mode | ECR (SIB) → SCL ₃ → KoBRA production target | Cyclotron (p) → TIS (RIB) → SCL ₃ | ECR (SIB) or ISOL (RIB) → SCL ₃ → SCL ₂ → IF (RIB) |
| Production Mechanism | Direct reactions & Multi Nucleon Transfer | p induced fission of U | Projectile Fragmentation (U fission) |
| RIB Energy | < a few tens of MeV/u | > a few keV/u | < hundreds of MeV/u |



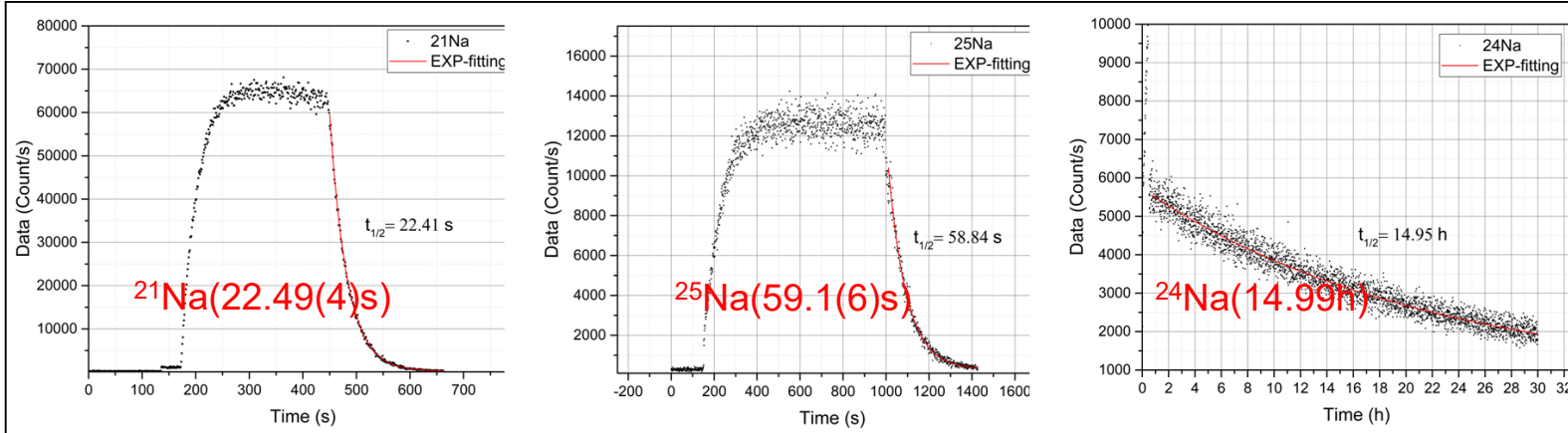


- U fission target for $80 < A < 160$ neutron-rich isotope production and delivery
- Driver using Cyclotron : proton $40 < K < 70$ MeV, up to 0.75 mA
- Target: UCx & non-fissile target (SiC, BN, MgO, LaC₂, TiC, CaO etc)
- Ion source : SIS, RILIS, FEBIAD
- Pre-mass separator, $R_m \sim 400$
- RIB: $10 < K < 60$ keV, up to 40 pi mm mrad, 10^8 pps(Sn), > 90% purity @Exp.
- RFQ-Cooler/buncher + EBIS charge breeder
- A/q separator, $R_{A/q} \sim 250$
- 10 keV/u, $A/q < 6$ to RFQ of post accelerator (SCL3) for RIB acceleration
- Remote handling system for TIS/module

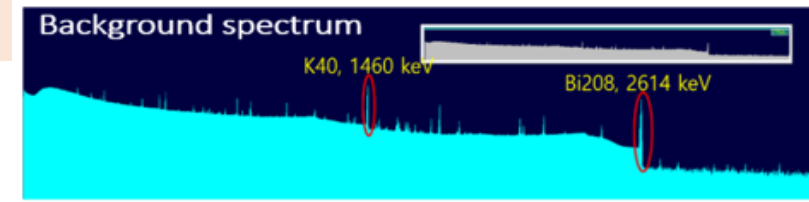
- ~ 2021.05, ISOL system installation and performance tests using a test ion source
- ~ 2022.12, ISOL system integration and stable beam commissioning
- 2022.10, 70 MeV Cyclotron SAT
- 2023.03 ~, Initial RI beam (Na) commissioning using a SiC target
- 2023.06 ~, RI beam (Na) transport to ISOL beamline, RIID, RFQ-CB, EBIS charge breeder and MMS



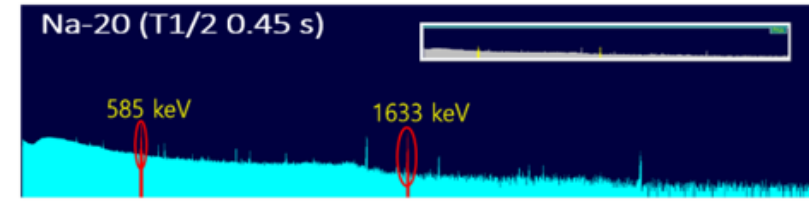
The first RI production and transport at ISOL on March 3, 2023



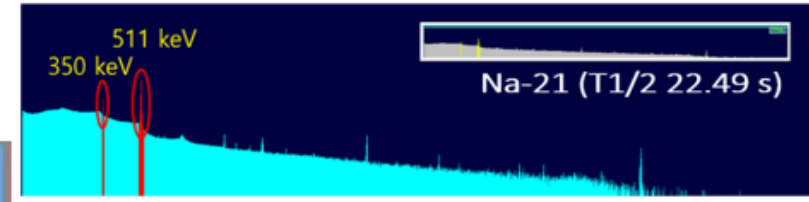
Half-lives of Na isotopes measured by using scintillators & PMT



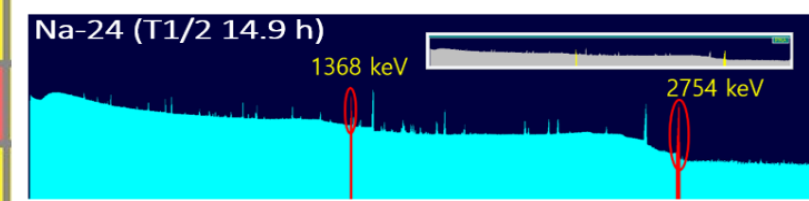
< Measurement of 534,632 sec >



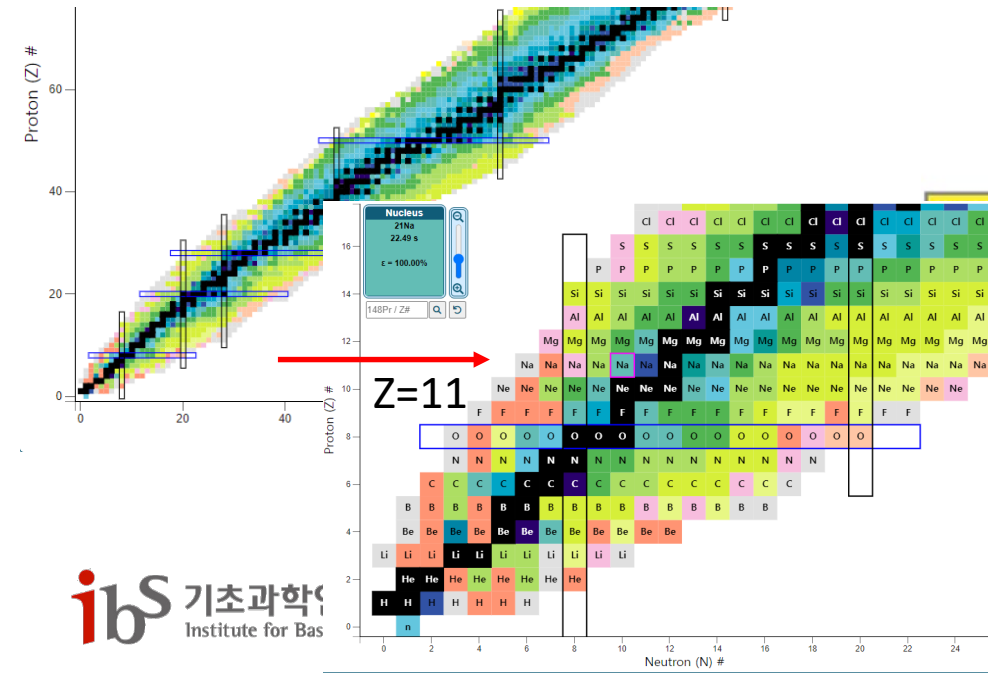
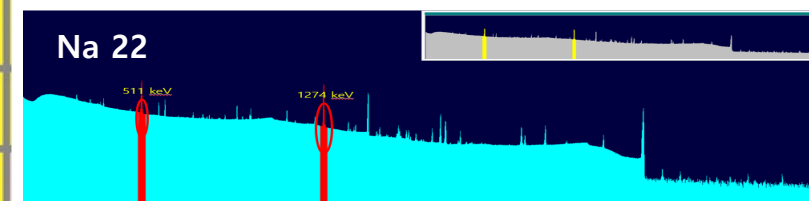
< 2uA p+ irradiated 3,180 sec, measured 3,260 sec >



< 1.71uA p+ irradiated 1,000 sec, measured 1300 sec >



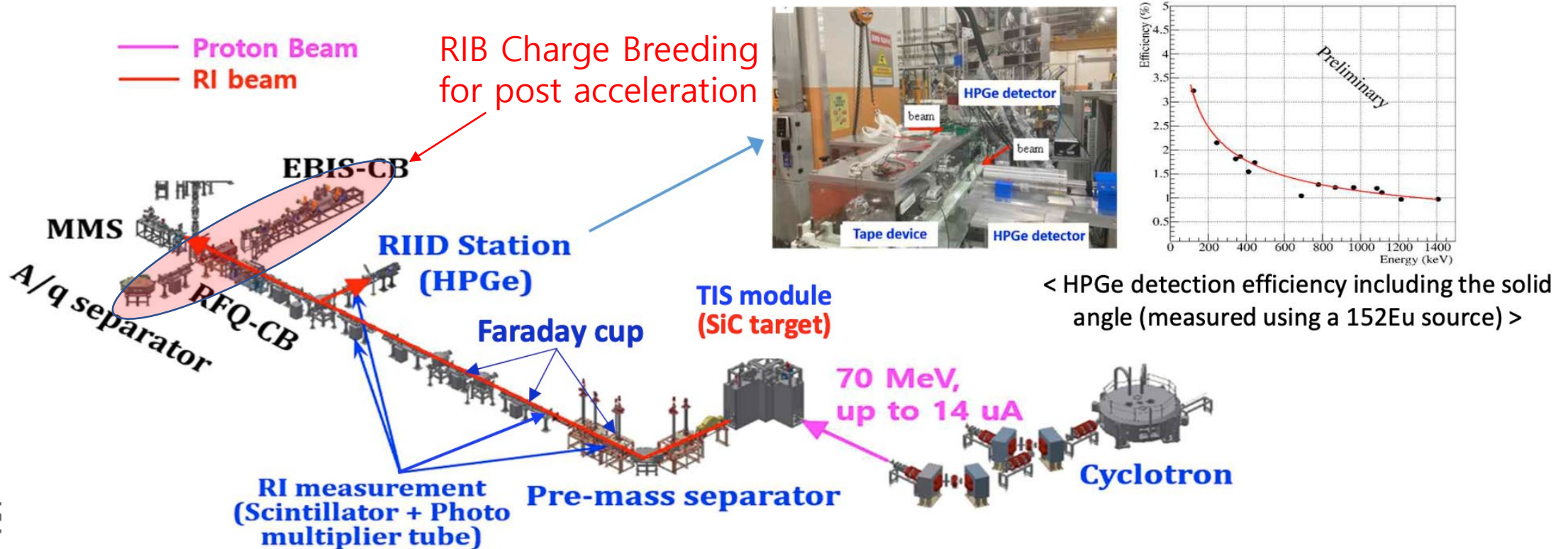
< 1.7uA p+ irradiated 1,060 sec, measured 489,146 sec >



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| Si- 22 29ms | Si- 23 42.3ms | Si- 24 140.5ms | Si- 25 220ms | Si- 26 2.2453s | Si- 27 4.15s | Si- 28 92.223 | Si- 29 4.685 | Si- 30 3.092 |
| Al- 21 p 6.4E-22s | Al- 22 91.1ms | Al- 23 446ms | Al- 24 2.053s *130.9ms | Al- 25 7.183s | Al- 26 71.7E5y | Al- 27 100 | Al- 28 2.245m | Al- 29 6.56m |
| Mg- 20 90.8ms | Mg- 21 122ms | Mg- 22 3.8755s | Mg- 23 11.317s | Mg- 24 78.99 | Mg- 25 10.00 | Mg- 26 11.01 | Mg- 27 9.458m | Mg- 28 20.915h |
| Na- 19 p 150ns | Na- 20 447.9ms | Na- 21 22.49s | Na- 22 2.6027y | Na- 23 100 | Na- 24 14.997h *20.18m | Na- 25 59.1s | Na- 26 1.077s | Na- 27 301ms |
| Ne- 18 1.6654s | Ne- 19 17.22s | Ne- 20 90.48 | Ne- 21 0.27 | Ne- 22 9.25 | Ne- 23 37.24s | Ne- 24 3.38m | Ne- 25 602ms | Ne- 26 197ms |
| F- 17 1.075m | F- 18 1.830h | F- 19 100 | F- 20 11.163s | F- 21 4.158s | F- 22 4.23s | F- 23 2.23s | F- 24 390ms | F- 25 80ms |
| O- 16 99.757 | O- 17 0.038 | O- 18 0.205 | O- 19 26.88s | O- 20 13.51s | O- 21 3.42s | O- 22 2.25s | O- 23 97ms | O- 24 65ms |
| N- 15 0.364 | N- 16 7.13s | N- 17 4.173s | N- 18 619ms | N- 19 271ms | N- 20 130ms | N- 21 83.0ms | N- 22 24ms | N- 23 14.1ms |

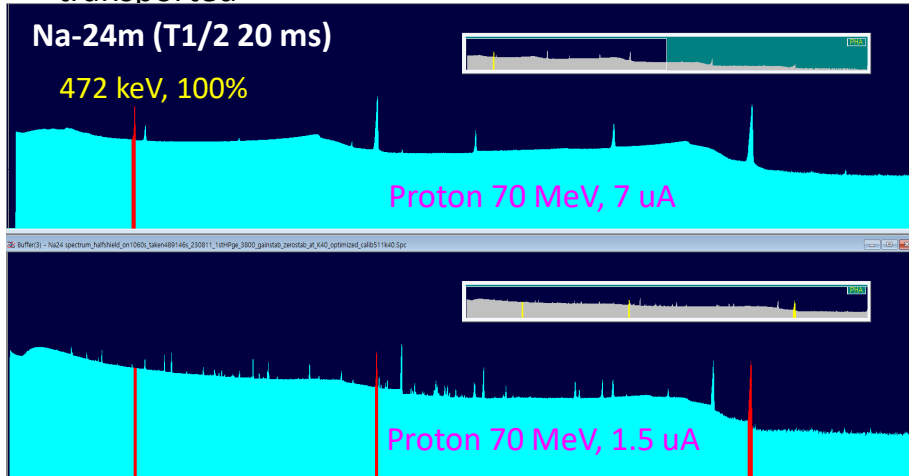
ISOL RI Beam Commissioning

- Stable beam tuning using $^{39}\text{K}^{1+}$ with energy of 20 keV before RI beam experiment
- Low density SiC target (density 1.8 g/cm³) / Surface ion source
- Proton beam : 70 MeV, up to 14 μA , non-wobbling (beam profile at Proton module X 35 mm, Y 30 m)
- TIS temperature : target < 1,600 °C (prevent for Si evaporation), Ion source 1,500 ~ 1,800 °C
- Joule heating of the target heater was controlled according to the proton beam current
- Targeted isotopes : Na, Al and Li...
- RI confirm (in RIID) and evaluation of beam transmission efficiency

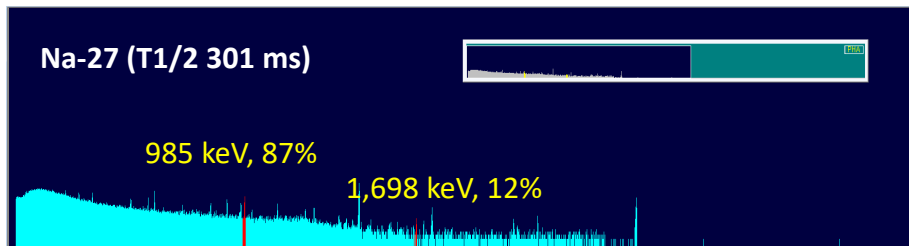


Measurement of short-lived Na beams

- Proton beam : 70 MeV, 7 μ A
- **Na-24m ($T_{1/2}$ 20 ms) & Na-27 ($T_{1/2}$ 301 ms) detected at RIID**
- RIs with very short half-lives can be produced and transported



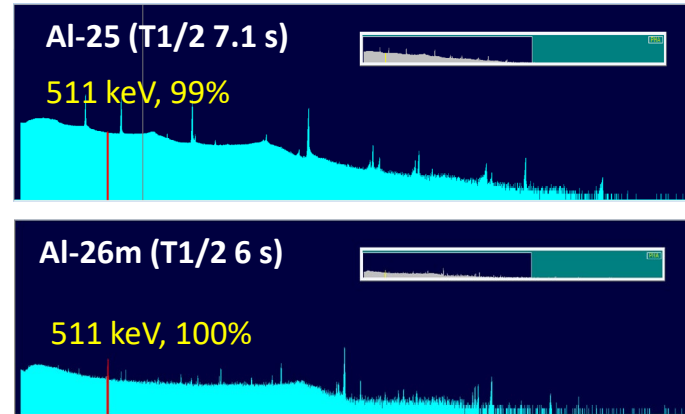
< Gamma spectrum of Na-24 measured by HPGe >
Proton 7 uA (upper) & 1.5 uA (lower)



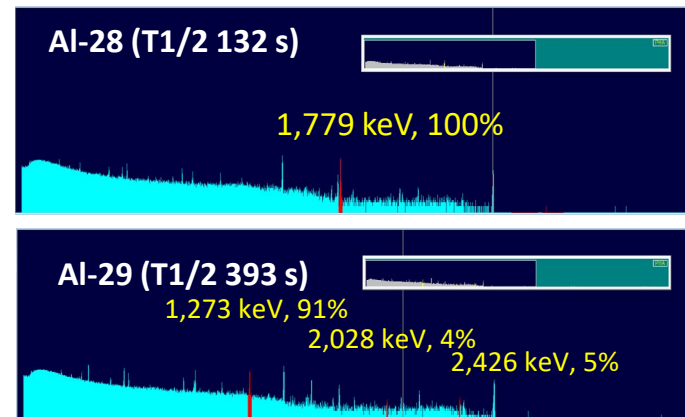
< Gamma spectrum of Na-27 measured by HPGe >

Aluminum isotopes

- Release of Al isotopes is very slow
- Low ionization efficiency with a surface ion source
- Al yield is low (in SiC target)

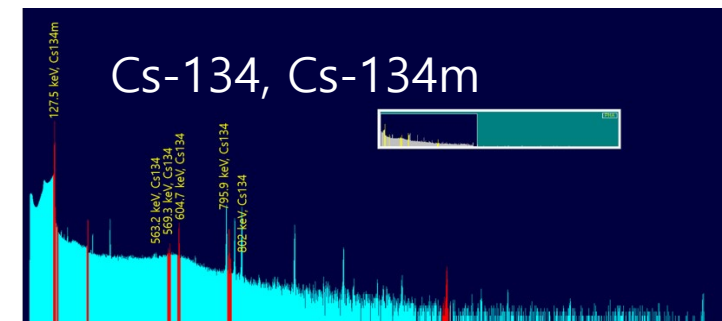
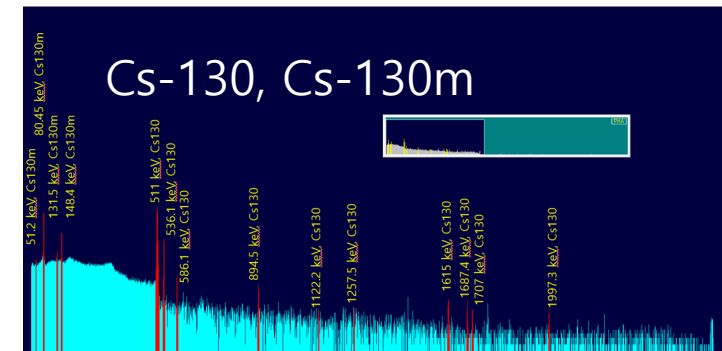
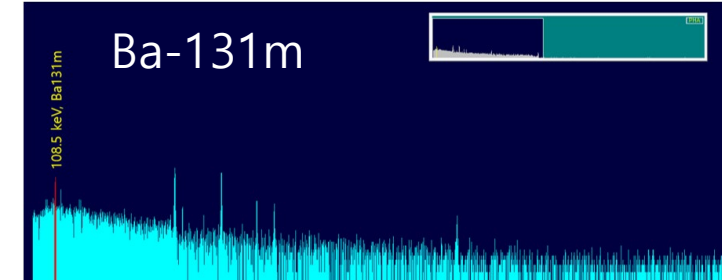


< Gamma spectrum of Al-25(upper) & Al-26m(lower) >



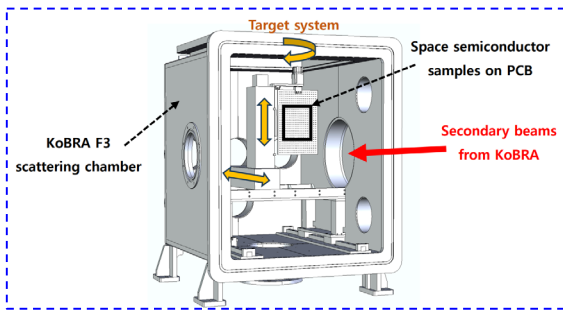
< Gamma spectrum of Al-28(upper) & Al-29(lower) >

- LaC₂ target in ISOL TIS and Cs130, Cs130m, Ba131m, Ba133, Ba133m, Cs134, Cs134m, Cs135m, Ba135m, Cs136, Ba137m, Cs138, Cs138m observed using HPGe



KoBRA Experimental Setup

- 2 × Large Area PPACs (Bp, Position)
- 1 × Homogeneous Degradar (RI Separation)
- 1 × Plastic (Intensity)
- 1 × Phosphor (Beam Centering)



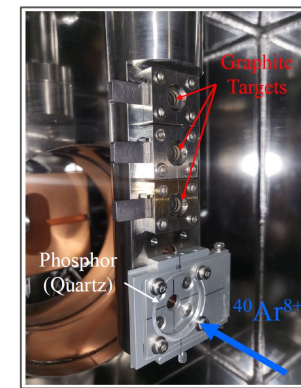
- 2 × PPACs (ToF, Position)
- 1 × Plastic (ToF, Position)

F2 chamber

F1 chamber

Low power solid target chamber

Water cooled collimator



Target Ladder

$^{40}\text{Ar}^{8+}$
from SCL3
E = 18.5 MeV/u
I = 5 pA

Water cooled beam dump

Beam Swinger

Wien filter space

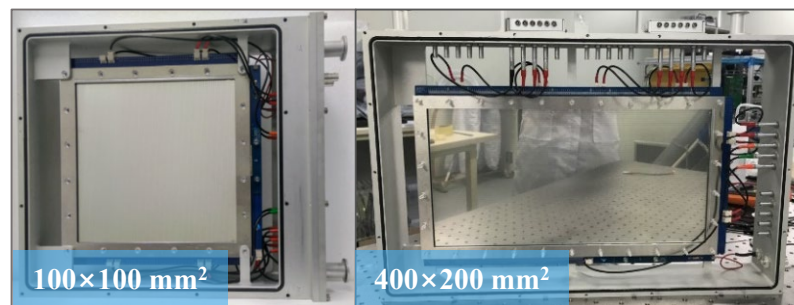
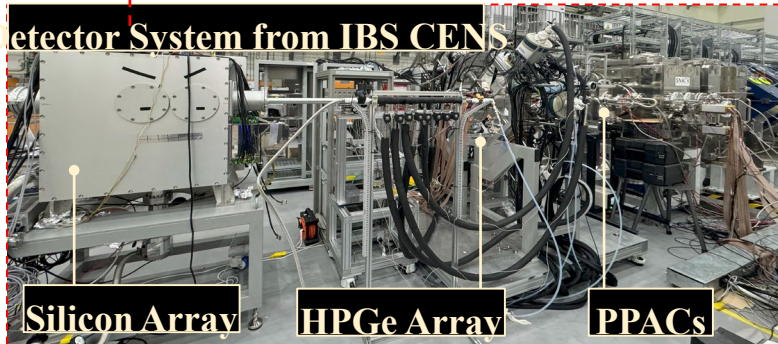
Scattering chamber

- 2 × PPACs (ToF, Position)
- 1 × Plastic (ToF, Position)

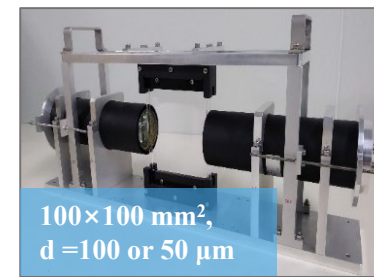
F3 chamber

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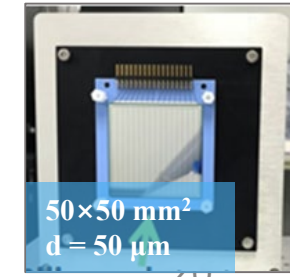


Parallel-Plate Avalanche Chambers (PPACs)



100×100 mm²,
d = 100 or 50 μm

Plastic Scintillator



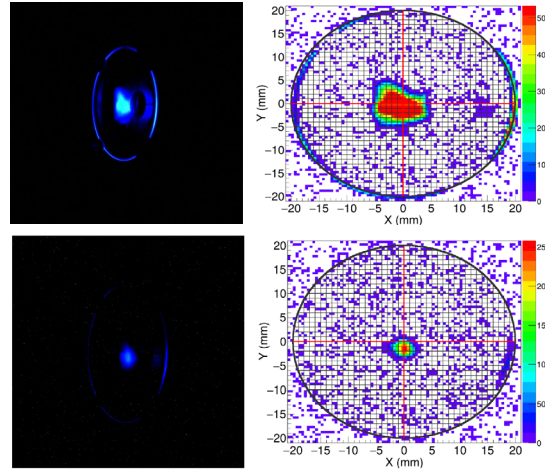
50×50 mm²
d = 50 μm

Silicon Strip Detector

2024. 05. 01 ~ 2024. 08. 31.

Beam size & Transmission after SCL3-KoBRA Beamline

Beam Phosphor Image at KoBRA F0



$^{40}\text{Ar}^{8+}$ Primary Beam

$$\sigma_x = 1.93 \pm 0.01 \text{ mm}$$

$$\sigma_y = 1.78 \pm 0.01 \text{ mm}$$



$$\sigma_x = 0.99 \pm 0.01 \text{ mm}$$

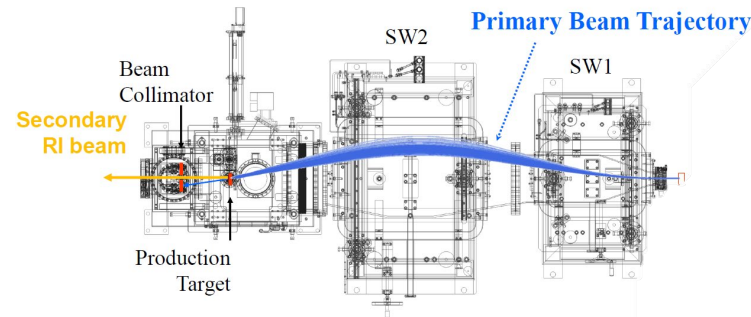
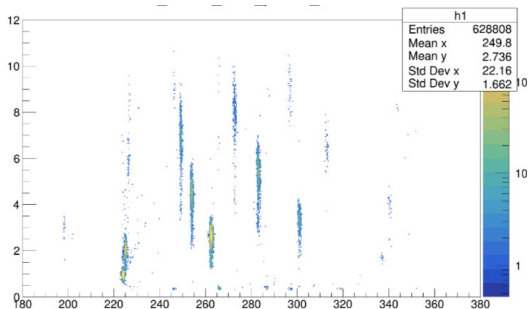
$$\sigma_y = 0.90 \pm 0.01 \text{ mm}$$

$$T_{\text{eff}} = \sim 3\% \rightarrow \sim 87\%$$

Main Trouble Shootings

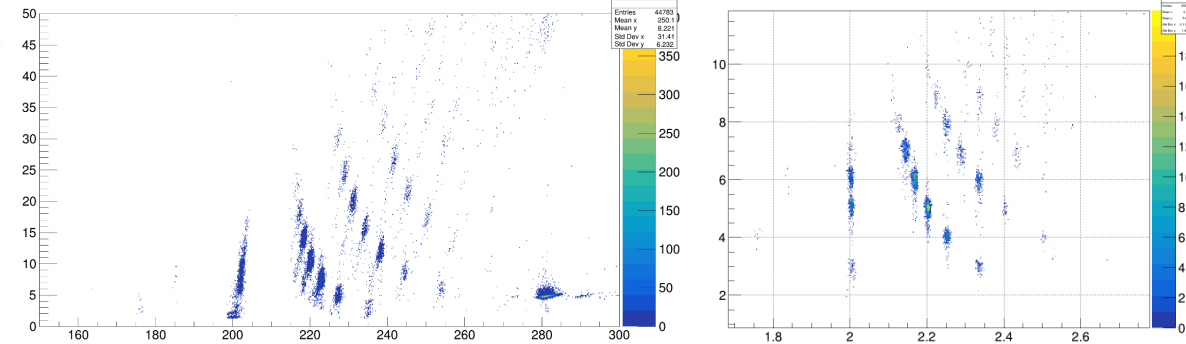
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Primary Beam Rejection for Contamination of ^{40}Ar Various Charge States



Primary Beam Rejection with Beam Swinger Magnet & Collimator

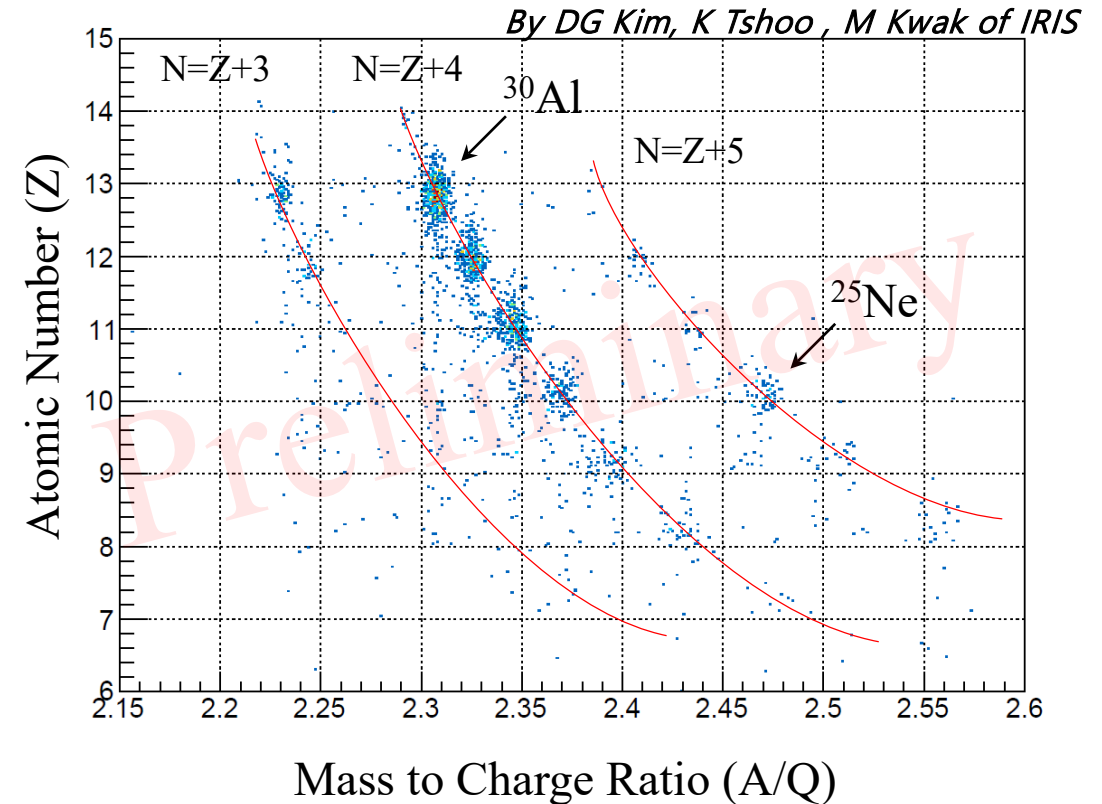
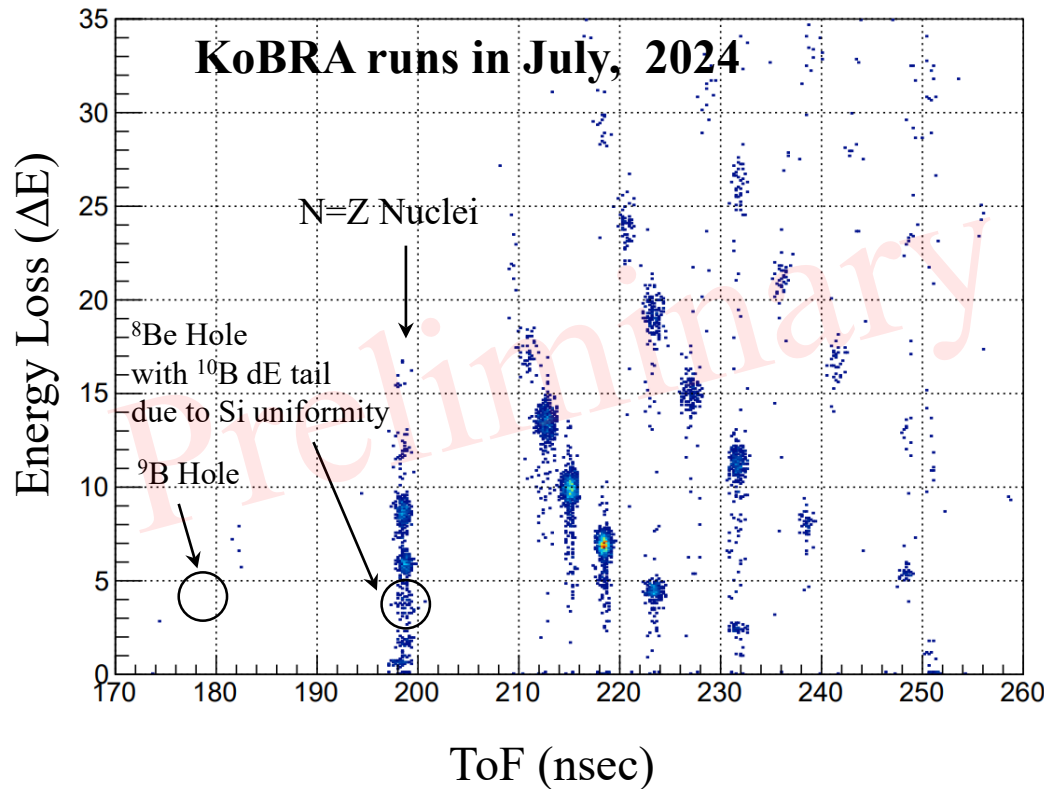
ΔE -ToF Measurement with Silicon Detector



Distorted ΔE - ToF plot

Return to Normal ΔE by Changing Si Detector

Particle Identification ($Z \leq 5$) with Primary Beam Stop at Beam Phosphor (SiO_2 , 1 mm)

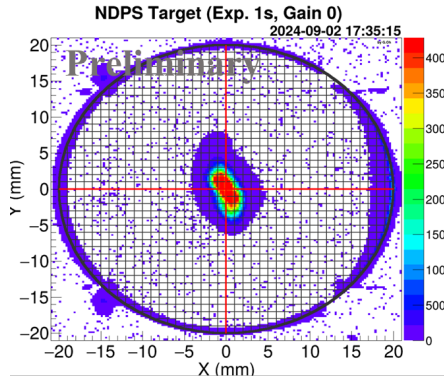


- ✓ Magnetic Rigidity Setting for ^{10}B (one of the $N=Z$ Nuclei)
- ✓ without F1 Al degrader & PPACs
- ✓ $\Delta p/p = 0.2\%$
- ✓ ToF Measurement
 - Two PPACs between F2 and F3 ($\sigma_{\text{time}} \sim 250$ psec)
- ✓ ΔE Measurement
 - Si Strip Detector ($50 \mu\text{m}$, $\sigma_E \sim 1\%$)

- ✓ Magnetic Rigidity Setting for ^{25}Ne
- ✓ With F1 PPACs (functions as a energy degrader)
- ✓ $\Delta p/p = 8\%$ (full momentum acceptance)
- ✓ ToF Measurement
 - Two PPACs between F2 and F3 ($\sigma_{\text{time}} \sim 250$ psec)
- ✓ ΔE Measurement
 - Si Strip Detector ($50 \mu\text{m}$, $\sigma_E \sim 1\%$)

NDPS(Neutron Data Production System)

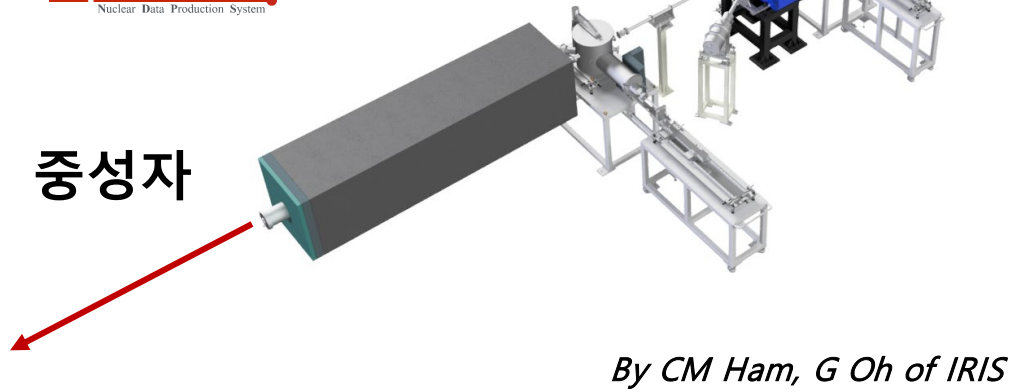
- ❖ White neutrons produced by 50 MeV/u deuteron beams from SCL3
- ❖ Monoenergetic neutrons, by using proton beams of 20-80 MeV/u from SCL3



NDPS
Nuclear Data Production System

16.1 MeV/u $^{40}\text{Ar}^{18+}$

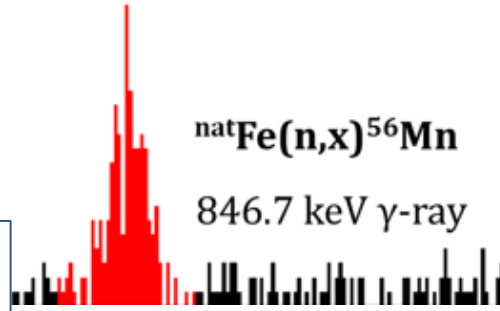
Carbon Target



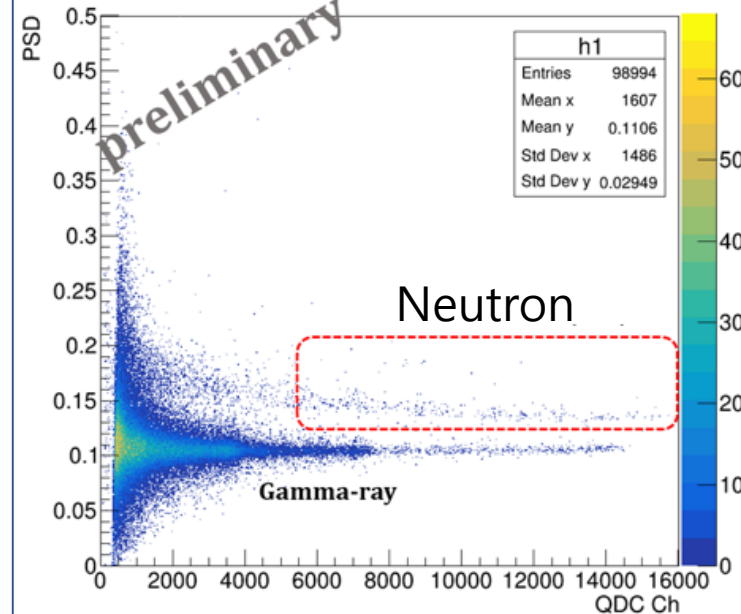
Fe foil + HPGe detector

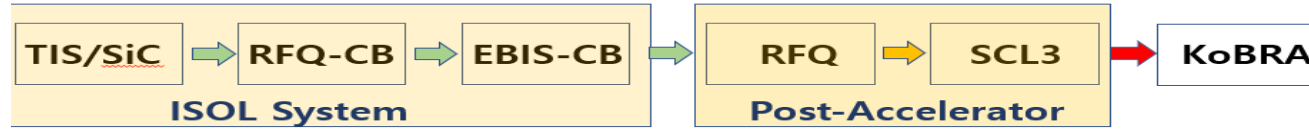
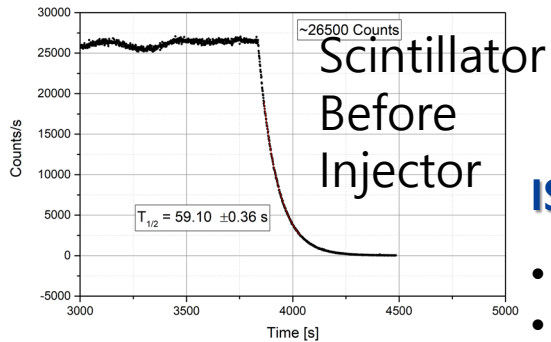
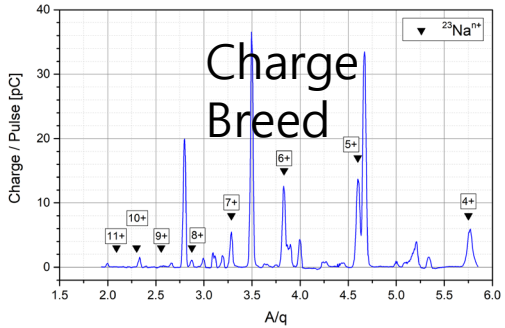
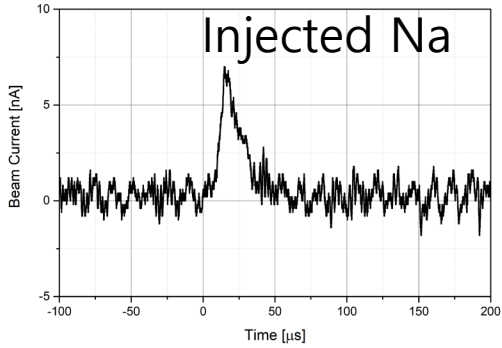
preliminary

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|---------------------------------------|
| Peak: 0.75 = 846.68 keV |
| FWHM: 0.80 FWHM: 1.96 |
| Gross Area: 188 |
| Net Area: 145 ± 19 |
| Gross/Net Count Rate: 0.01 / 0.01 cps |



EJ-301 neutron detector





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|---|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Machine · Beam Mode (SCL3) M4 User Operation (KoBRA) B3 Normal Pulse Mode | Machine · Beam Mode (ISOL) | Timing (Chopper) Pulse Rate : 1 Hz Pulse Width : 1000 μs | Exp. Hall Access KoBRA NDPS |
|---|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|

○ Experiment Parameters

| SCL3 | | | | RI | | | PROTON | | |
|---------|--------|-----------------|--------------|---------|----------|-----------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| Beam ON | RF OFF | Source · Charge | Energy | Power | Energy | Source · Charge | Beam ON | Energy | Current |
| | | | 16.500 MeV/u | -0.10 W | 10 keV/u | $^{25}\text{Na}^{5+}$ | | 70.0 MeV | 11.0 uA |

○ OTHER INFO.

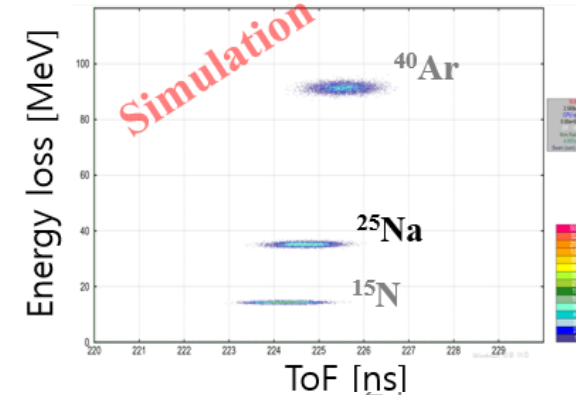
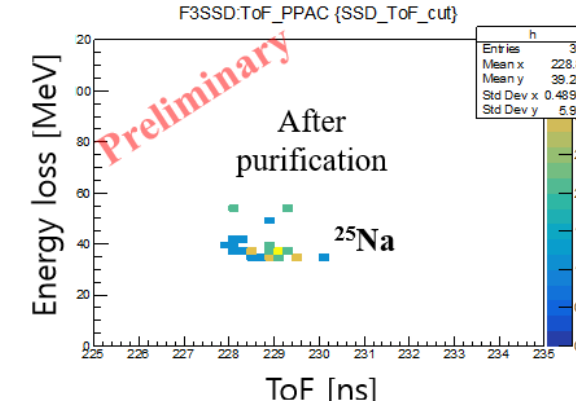
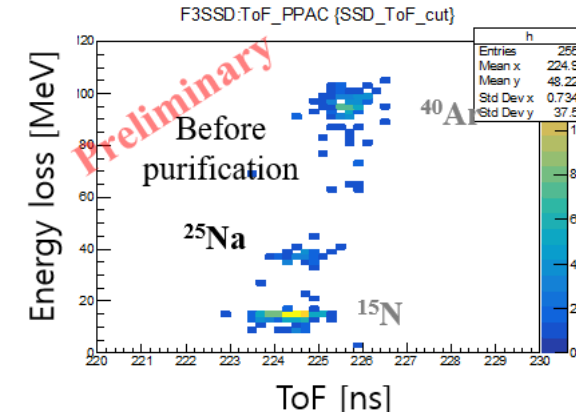
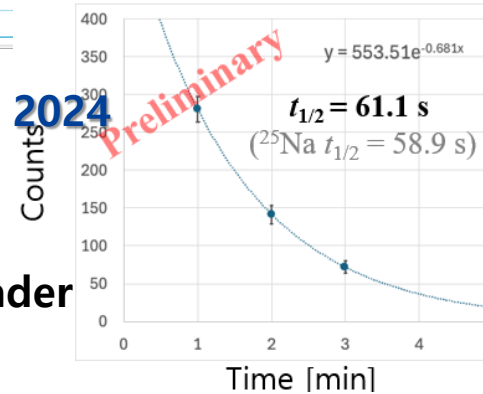
| Current | Intensity | Attenuator | | | |
|--------------|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| Peak 0 uA | -1.0E12 pps | LEBT1 OFF | LEBT2 OFF | MEBT OFF | ATT OFF |
| Average 0 uA | -1.0E9 pps | | | | |

○ Experiment schedule

| Date | Spokesperson | Exp. Keyword | Beam Types | Exp. Hall | Beam Time Unit |
|---------------|----------------------|---|------------|-----------|----------------|
| 8. 9 | IRIS | Beam Tuning | 40-Ar | KoBRA | 1 |
| 8. 12 - 8. 14 | Deuk Soon Ahn (CENS) | Cross section, Momentum distribution, RIs | 40-Ar | KoBRA | 3 |
| 8. 19 - 8. 21 | IRIS | ISOL RI Beam Machine Study | 20-25-Na | KoBRA | 3 |
| 8. 22 - 8. 23 | Deuk Soon Ahn (CENS) | Cross section, Momentum distribution, RIs | | | |
| 9. 2 - 9. 6 | IRIS | Accelerator & NDPS Machine Study | | | |

ISOL $^{25}\text{Na}^{5+}$ beam post-accelerated on Aug. 2024

- Beam Energy after SCL3: ~16.5 MeV/u
- ^{25}Na , ^{40}Ar , ^{15}N were identified in KoBRA
- ^{25}Na was purified by using energy degrader at KoBRA
- Decay curve of beta ray was measured

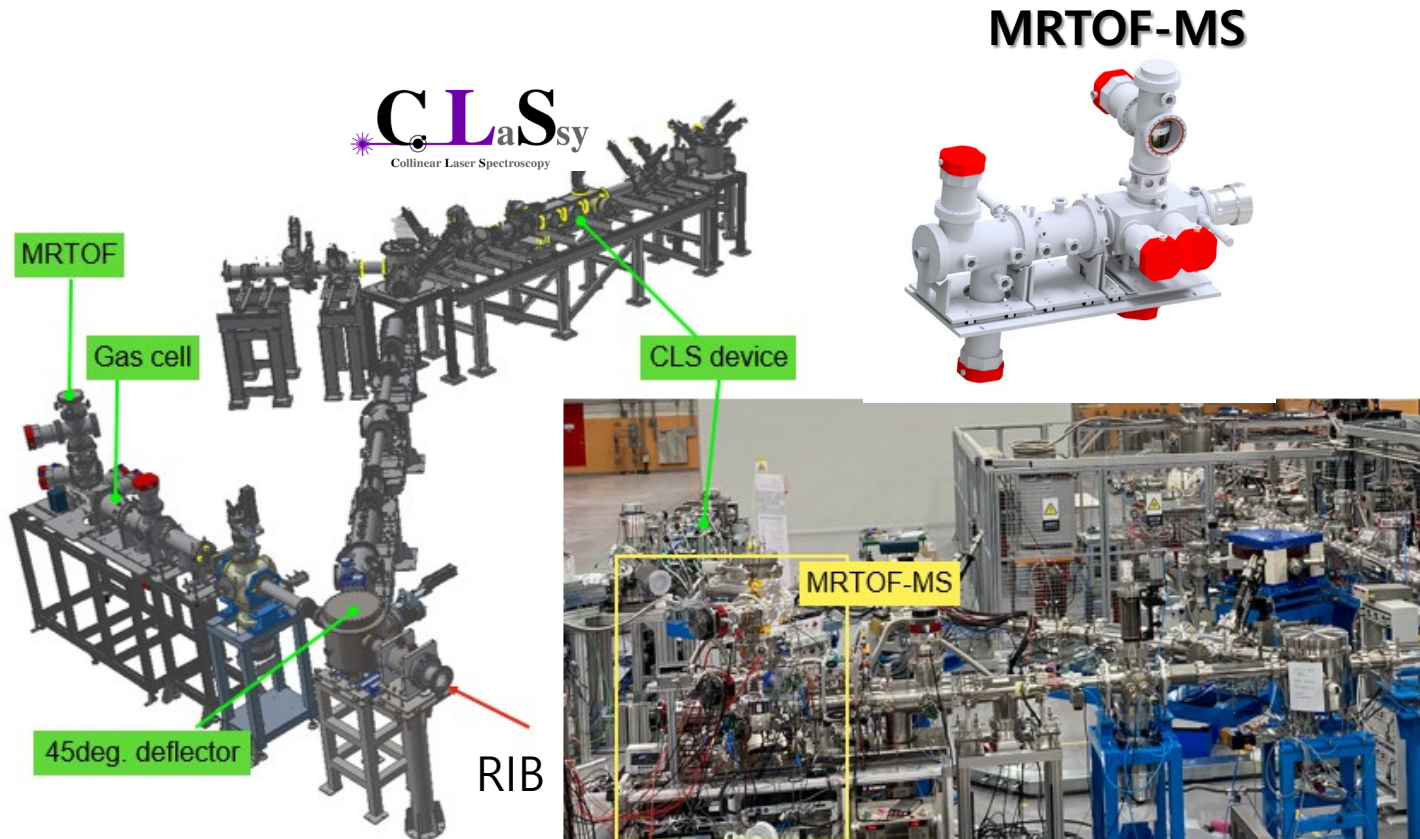
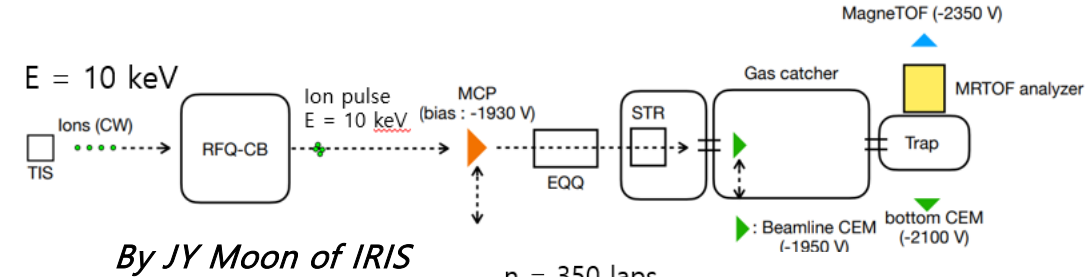


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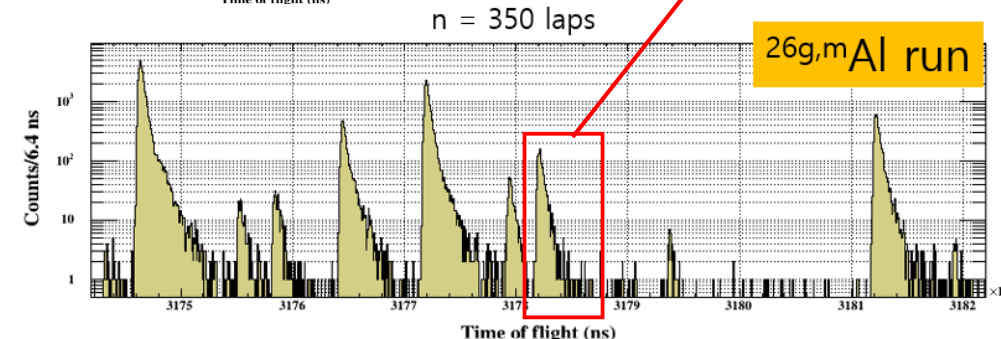
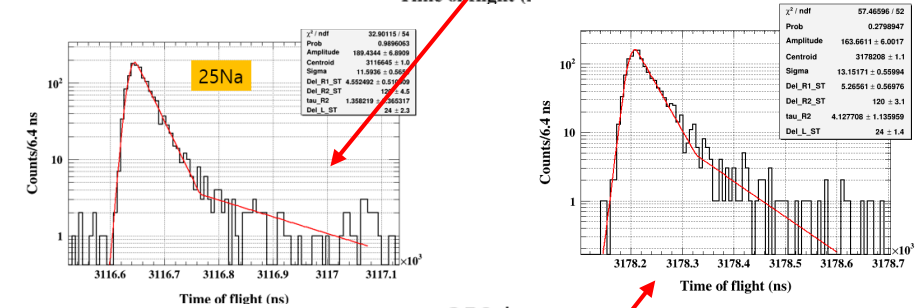
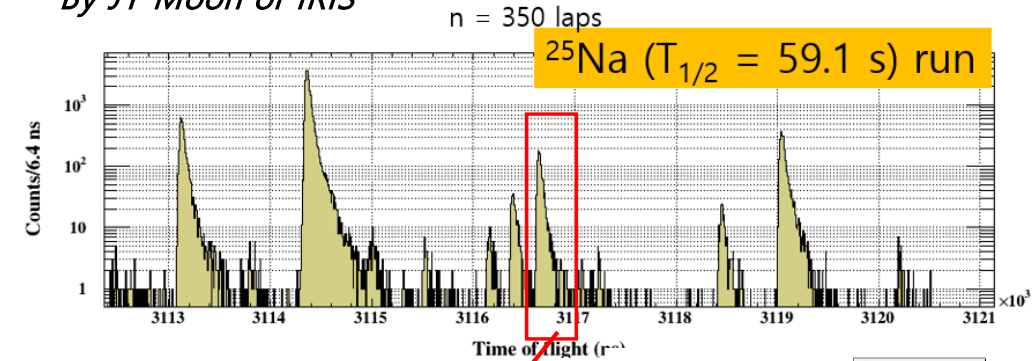
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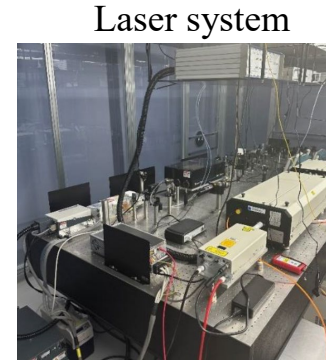
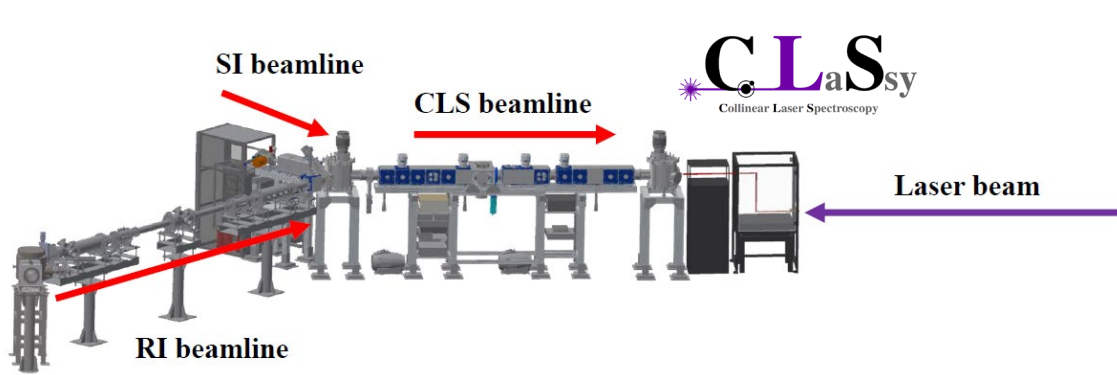
MRTOF-MS consists of three subsystems :

- Gas cell (or catcher), Trap system: Buffer-gas collision, ion thermalization
- MRTOF analyzer : Multi-reflection, mass measurement



MRTOF-MS





Kr(offline source) test runs recently and ISOL Na beam to CLS in Oct 2024

CLaSsy (formerly CLS) beamline parameter

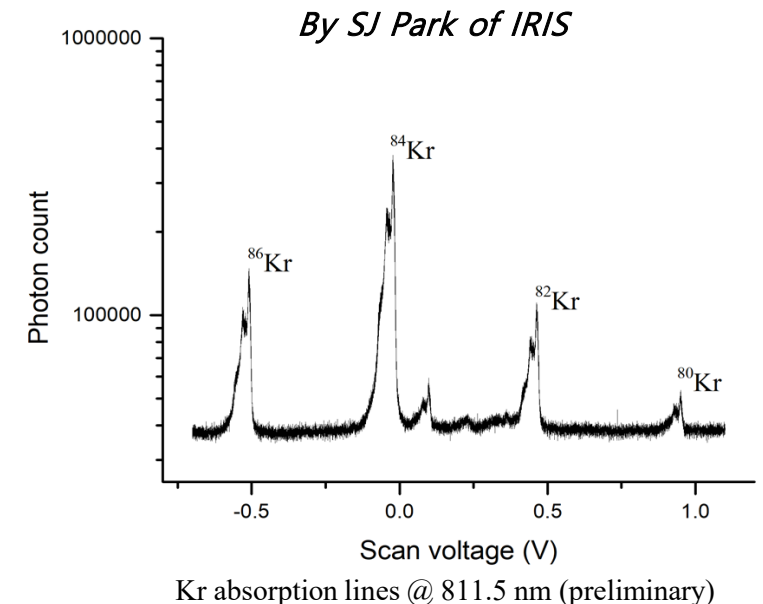
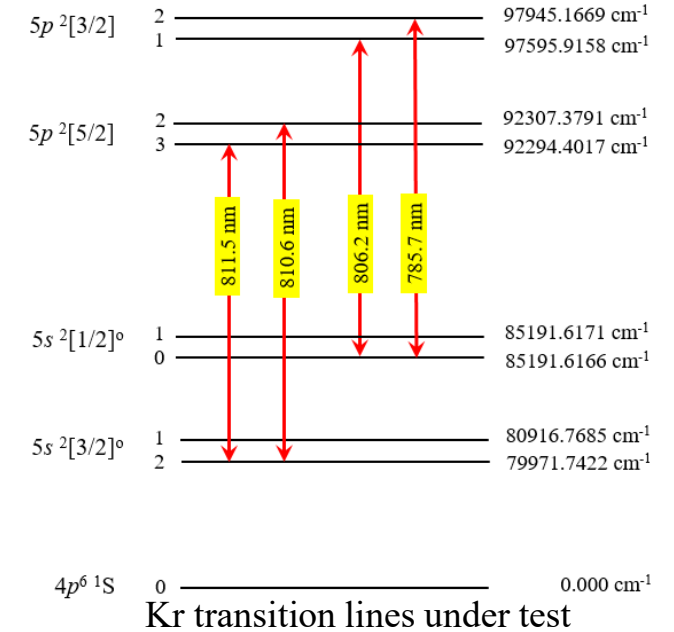
- Ion beam energy : 20 keV
- Alkali vapor used for neutralization : Rb
- Neutralization efficiency : 50 %
- Intensity for neutral atom beam : ~ 40 nA
- Laser power at the input port : 0.8 mW
- Laser frequency spread : $\Delta 10$ MHz
- Laser frequency : 369159.859 GHz
- Scan step voltage : 0.0001 V
- Scan dwell time : 40 ms

Laser parameter

- Wavelength (vac) : 811.513132 nm
- Wavelength (air) : 811.289558 nm
- Resonance frequency : 369 424.038 GHz
- Laser frequency : 369 159.859 GHz
- Doppler shift : -265.179 GHz
- Natural linewidth : 5.7 MHz
- Differential Doppler shift : 6.6 MHz/V

Stable isotopes of krypton

| Nuclide | Z | N | Isotopic mass | Half-life | Spin & Parity | Natural abundance | |
|------------------|----|----|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------|
| ^{78}Kr | 36 | 42 | 77.92036634 | $9.2 \pm 1.3 \times 10^{21}$ y | 0+ | 0.00355 | 0.355% |
| ^{80}Kr | 36 | 44 | 79.91637794 | stable | 0+ | 0.02286 | 2.286% |
| ^{82}Kr | 36 | 46 | 81.91348115 | stable | 0+ | 0.11593 | 11.593% |
| ^{83}Kr | 36 | 47 | 82.91412651 | stable | 9/2+ | 0.11500 | 11.500% |
| ^{84}Kr | 36 | 48 | 83.91149773 | stable | 0+ | 0.56987 | 56.987% |
| ^{86}Kr | 36 | 50 | 85.91061062 | stable | 0+ | 0.17279 | 17.279% |



- ❖ The first commissioning of the SC Linac(SCL3), ISOL & KoBRA done in 2023 and 2024
- ❖ ISOL RIBs were produced from SiC & LaC₂ in 2024 and RIBS from UCx is expected in 2026
- ❖ KoBRA spectrometer produced and identified the secondary isotopes in low-mass area
- ❖ For the first time in RAON, ISOL RIB(²⁵Na⁵⁺) was accelerated by SCL3 and transported to KoBRA with energy of 16.4 MeV/u
- ❖ MRTOF-MS is to measure RI beam from ISOL and CLS is preparing for RI beam laser spectroscopy
- ❖ The first call for proposals was done in Dec 2023 for domestic users(recommended by Science Advisory Committee) and finished 2 user experiments using SCL3 Ar beam and KoBRA, July to August, 2024