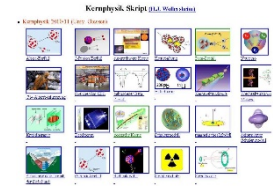


# Outline: GSI accelerator facility

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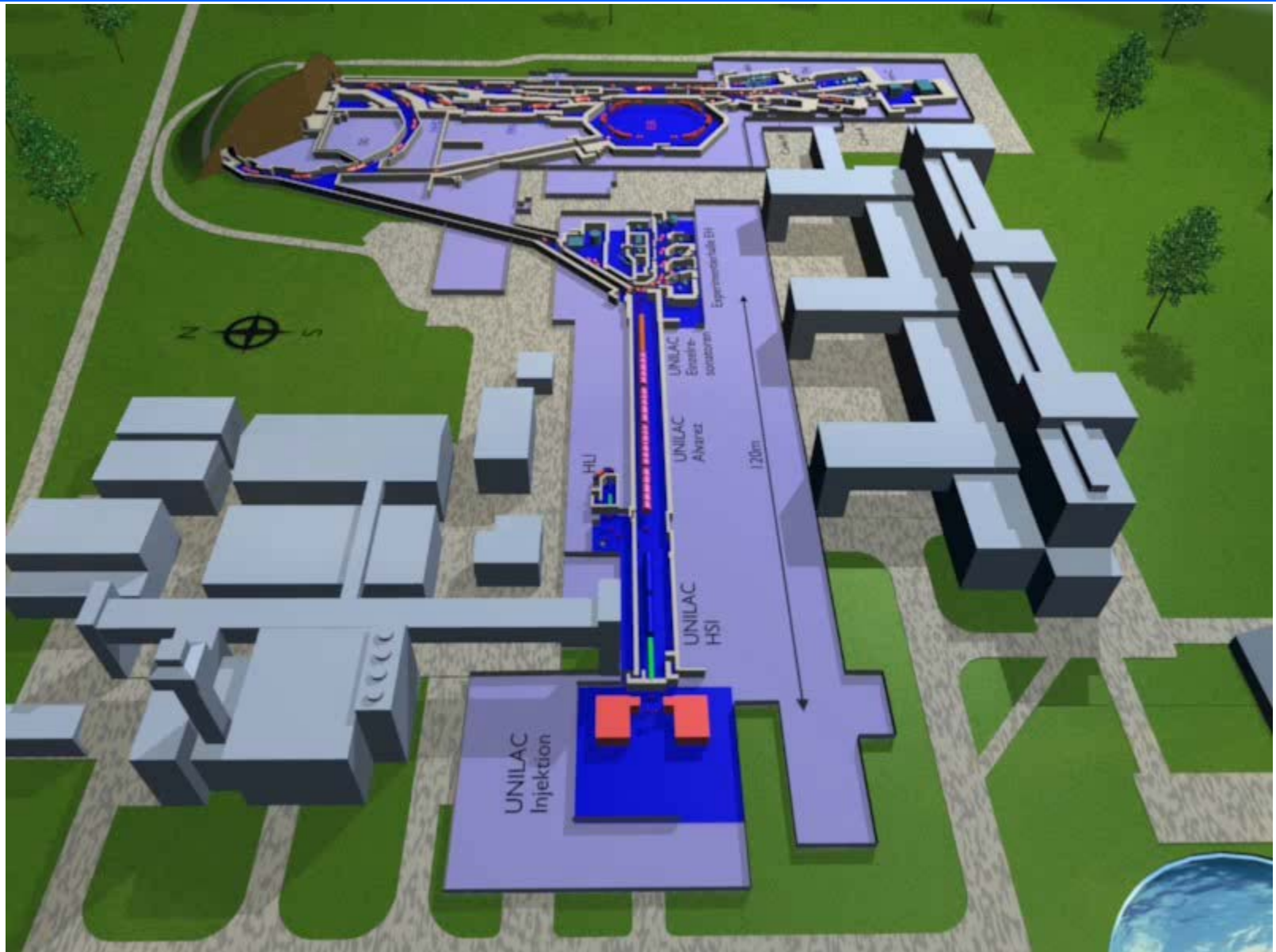


1. heavy ion source
2. universal linear accelerator UNILAC
3. synchrotron SIS-18
4. nuclear reaction rate

# GSI Helmholtz Centre for Heavy Ion Research



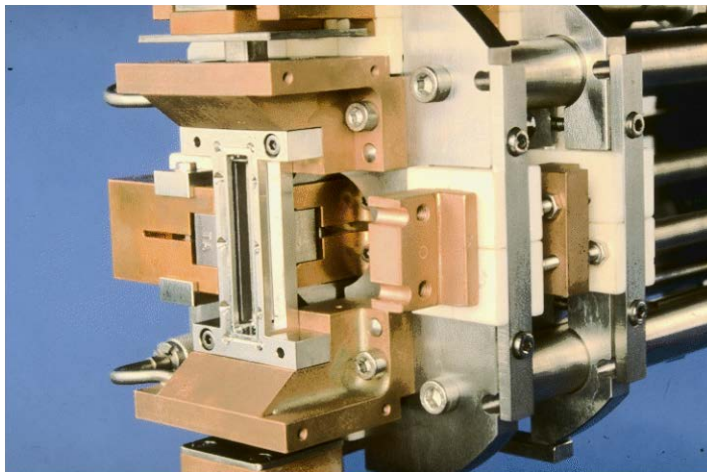
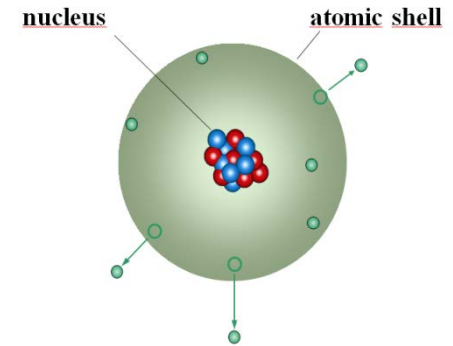
# Accelerator facility



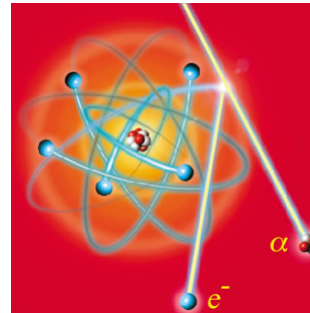
# Ion source

*To create ions one needs:*

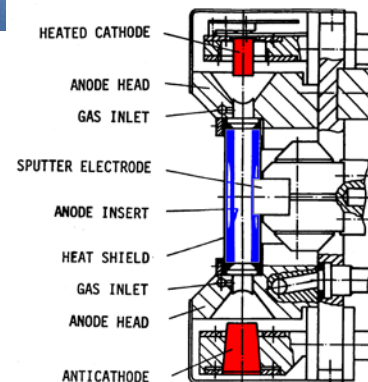
1. electrons
2. noble gases
3. element material (e.g. Fe, Sn, Pb, U)



Penning ion source



Ionization



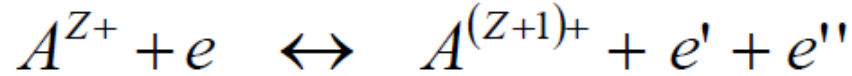
Discharge voltage	0.3...1.3 kV
Discharge current	5...20 A
Magnetic flux	0,2...2 T
Filament heating	0.5 kW
Power consumption	up to 20 kW

$T_e$ in the order of	1 eV
Current density	10 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>

# Ionization for positive ions

electrons collisions with

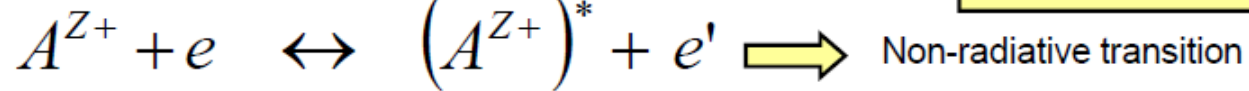
Impact Ionization



Three-Body-Recombination (TBR)

$A^{Z+}$ : Atom of species A with charge state Z  
 $e'$ : electron changed energy

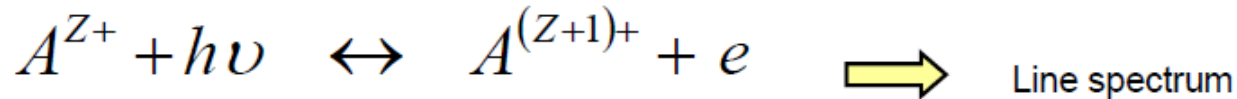
Impact excitation



Impact disexcitation

Non-radiative transition

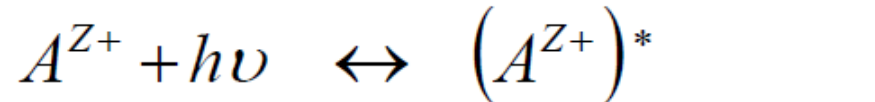
Photo ionization



Radiative Recombination (RR)

Line spectrum

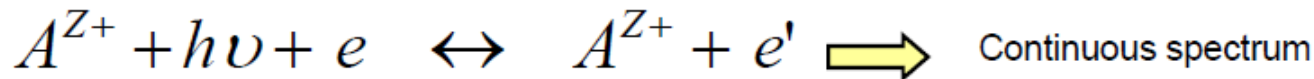
Excitation



Spontaneous emission

photons collisions with

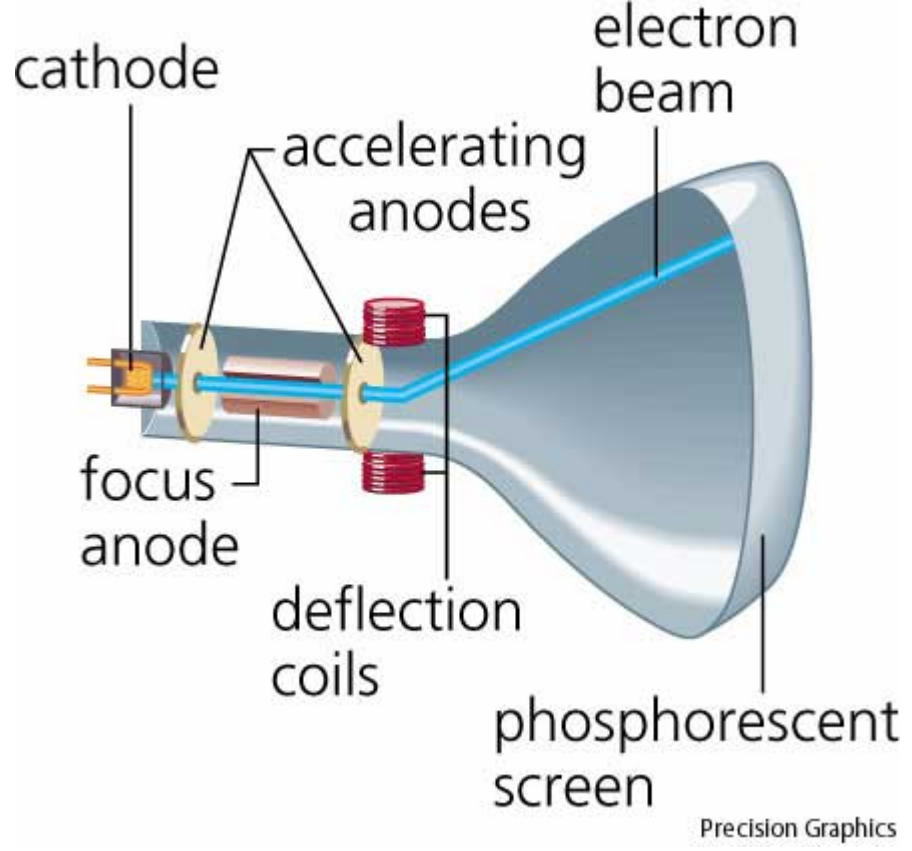
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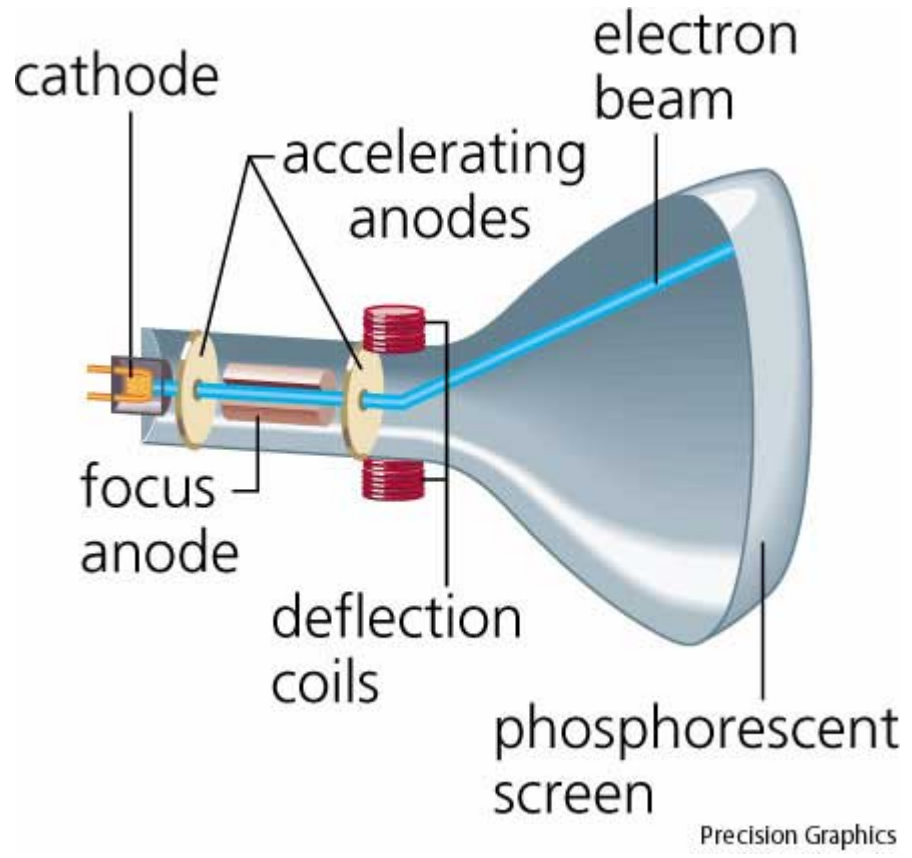
Bremsstrahlung

Continuous spectrum

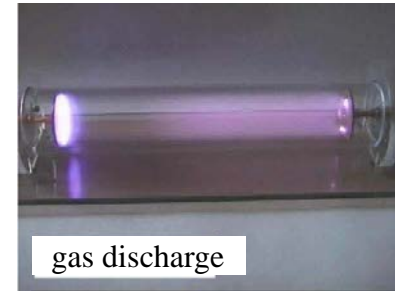
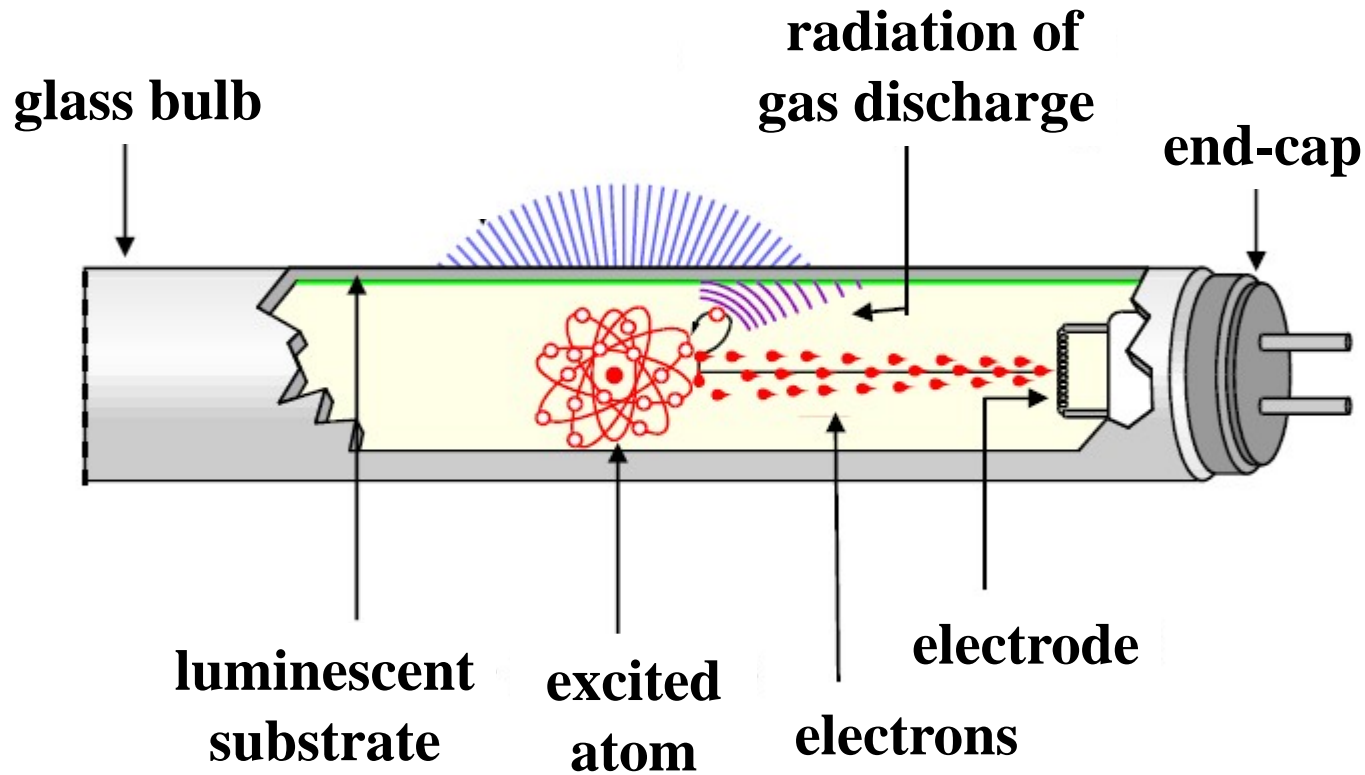
# Cathode Ray Tube



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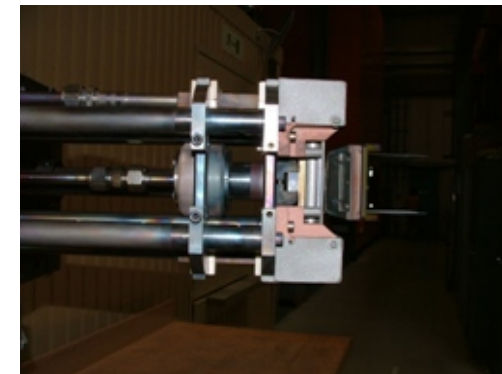
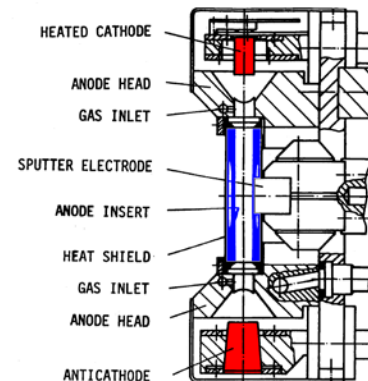


# How to create ions?



*To create ions one needs:*

1. electrons
2. noble gases
3. element material (e.g. Fe, Sn, Pb, U)





# Volume ion source with filament

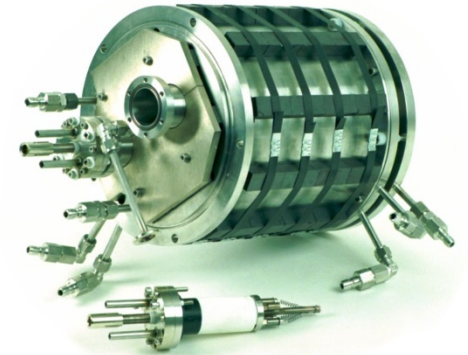
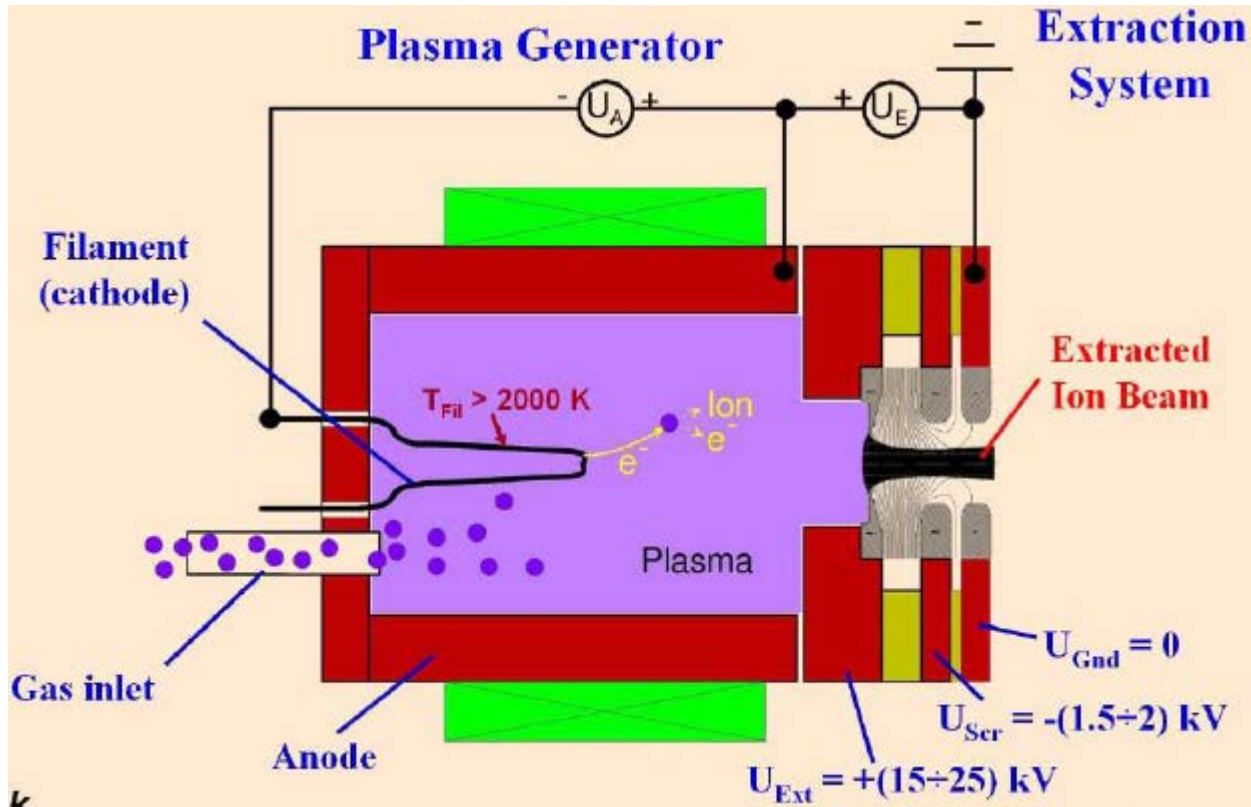
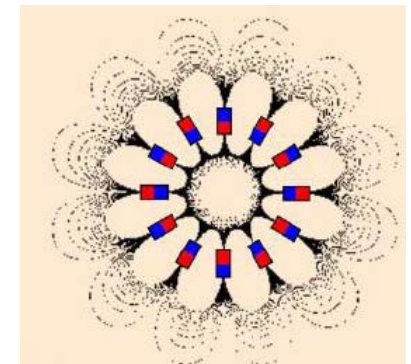


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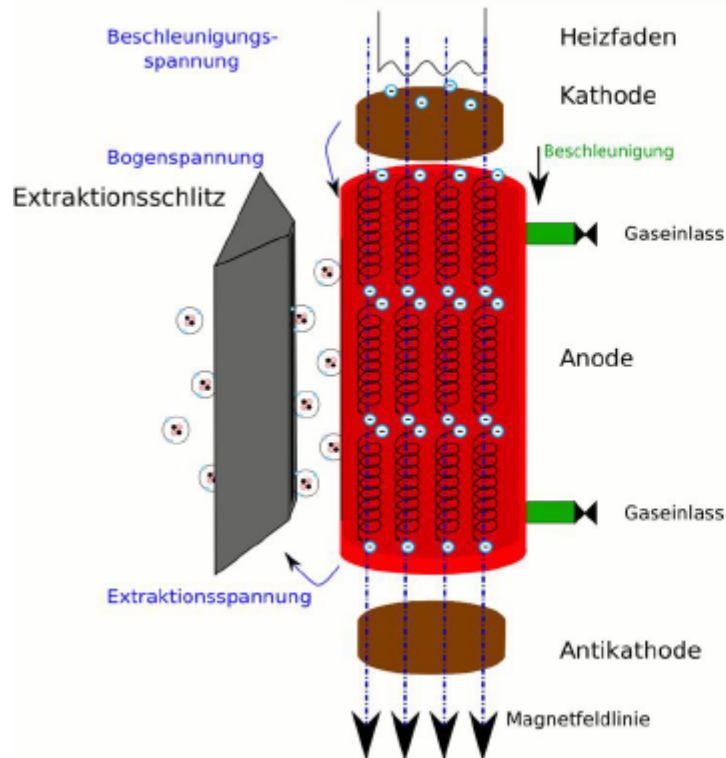
**Multi Cusp Ion Source**  
with permanent magnets

Electrons generated from a filament and used for ionization within a gas volume.  
Magnetic field guides electrons towards the plasma chamber.

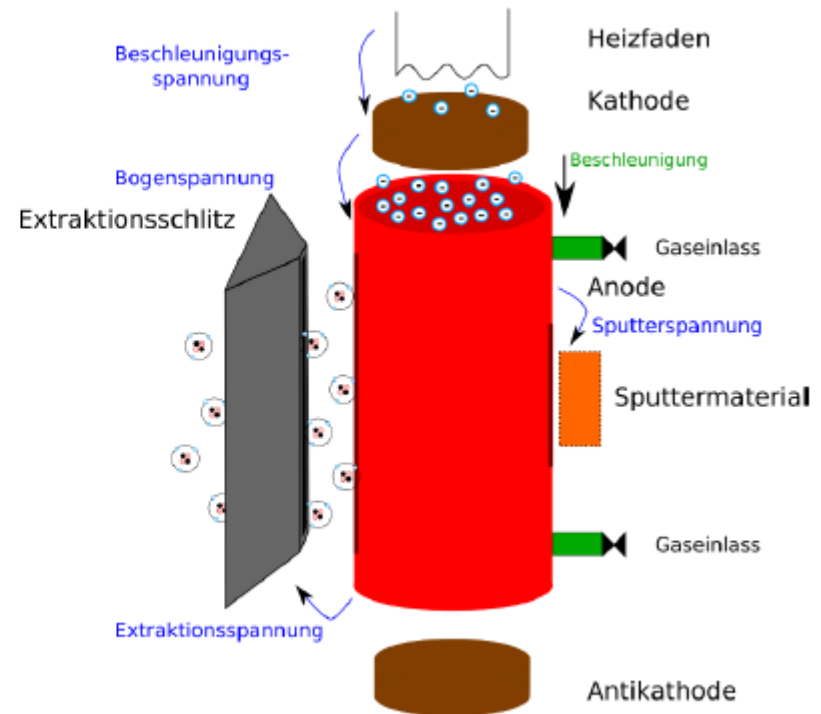


# Penning ion source for gases and metals

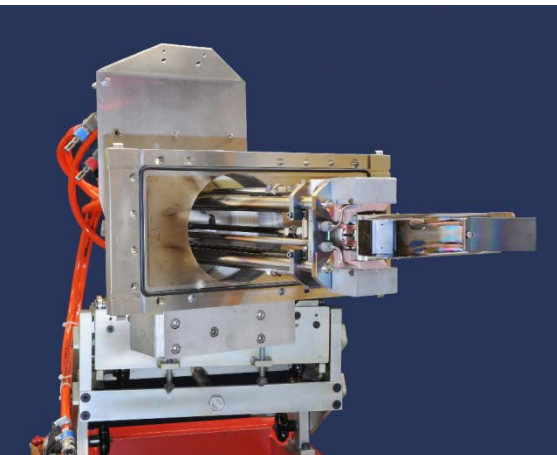
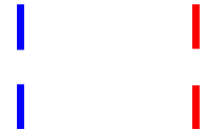
## Penning source for gas ions



## Penning source for metal ions



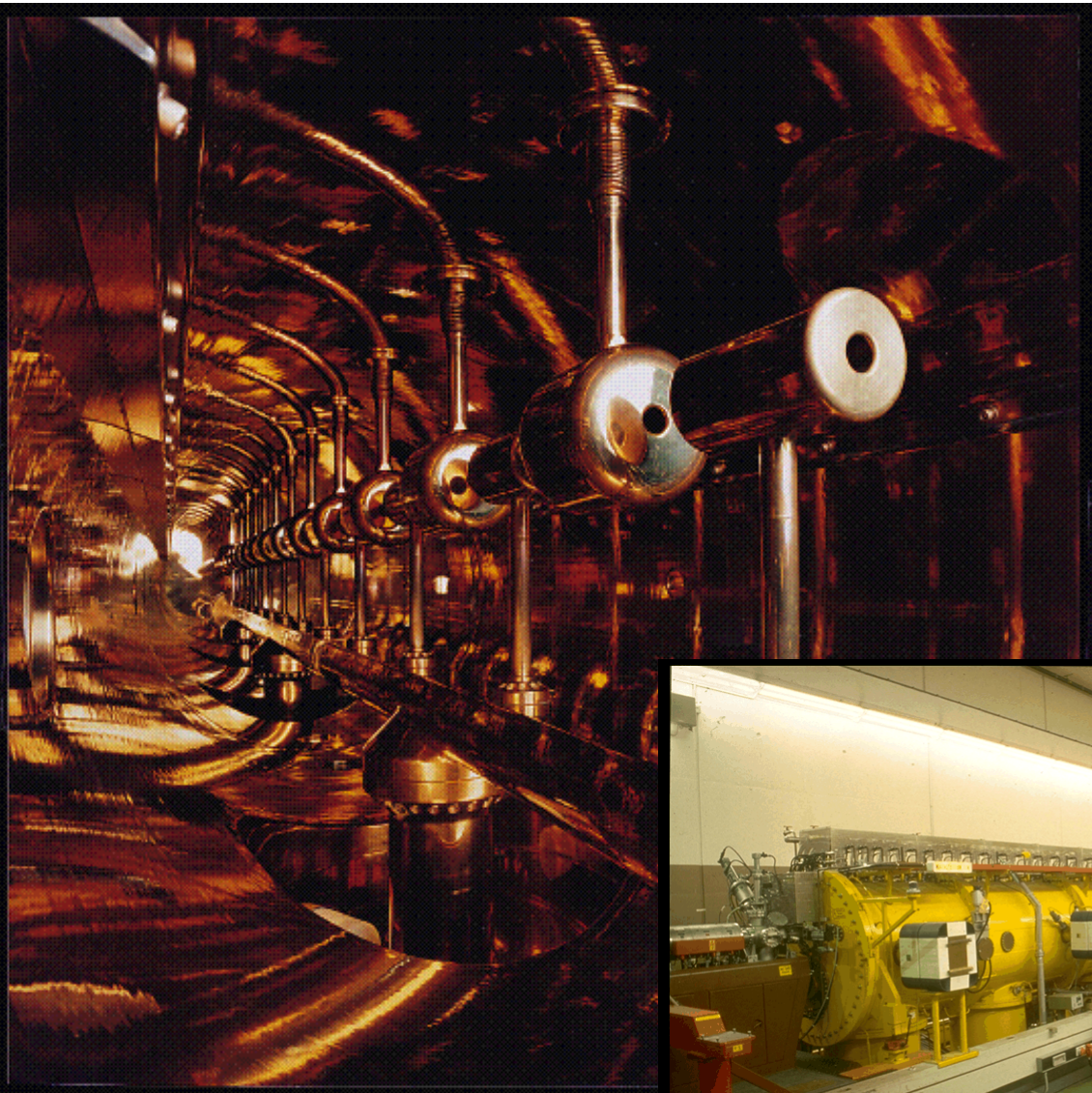
# UNIversal Linear ACcelerator



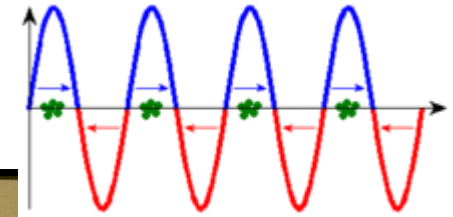
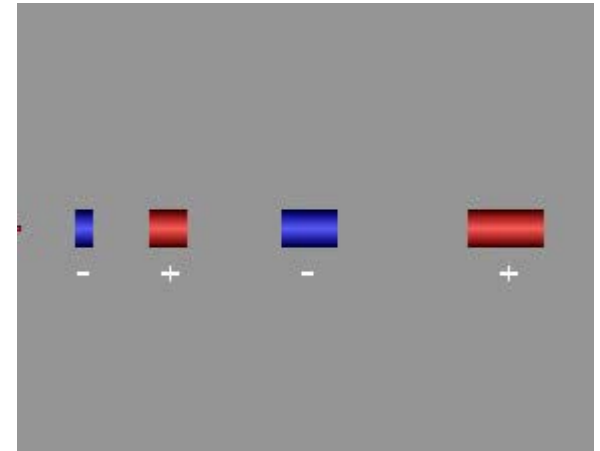
- From zero to 2,000,000 km/h  
with a voltage of 20,000 V to 130,000 V  
ions will be accelerated to  $v/c = 0.002$



# UNILAC Wideroe - Accelerator

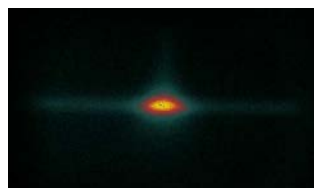


27 MHz high frequency

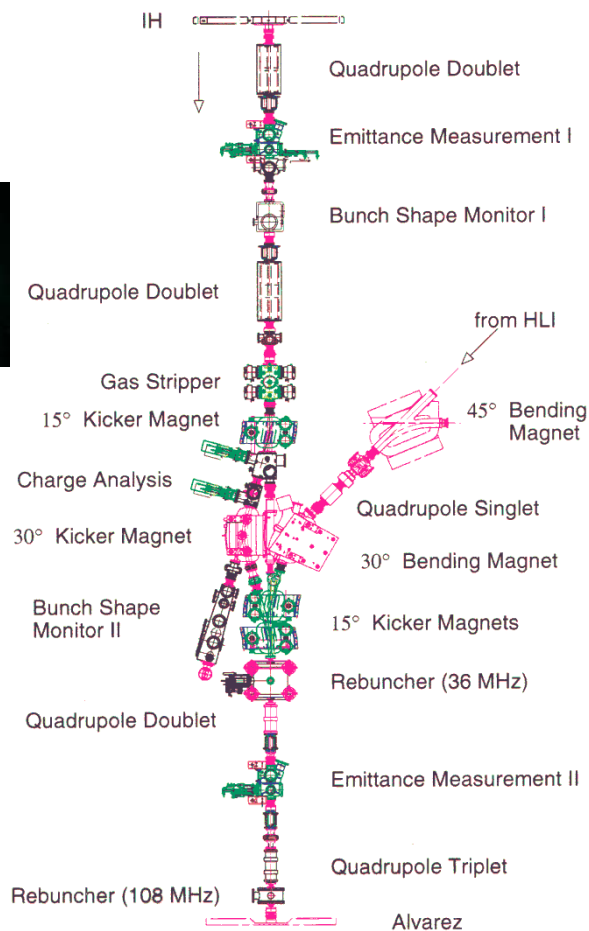


# Gas-stripper to increase acceleration efficiency

$N \cdot {}^{238}\text{U}^{4+}$



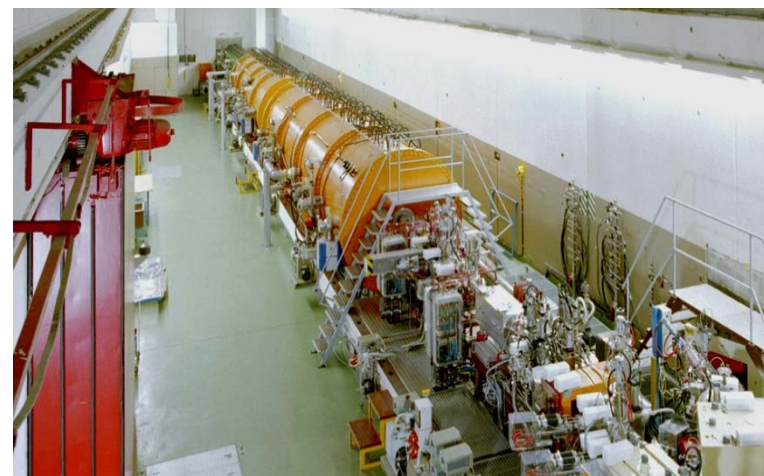
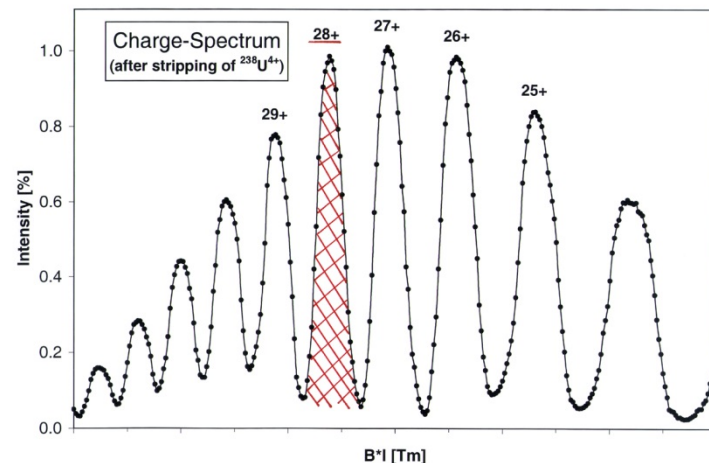
noble gas (Xe)



$0.13 \cdot N \cdot {}^{238}\text{U}^{28+}$

$v/c = 5.4\%$  or  $1.4 \text{ MeV/u}$

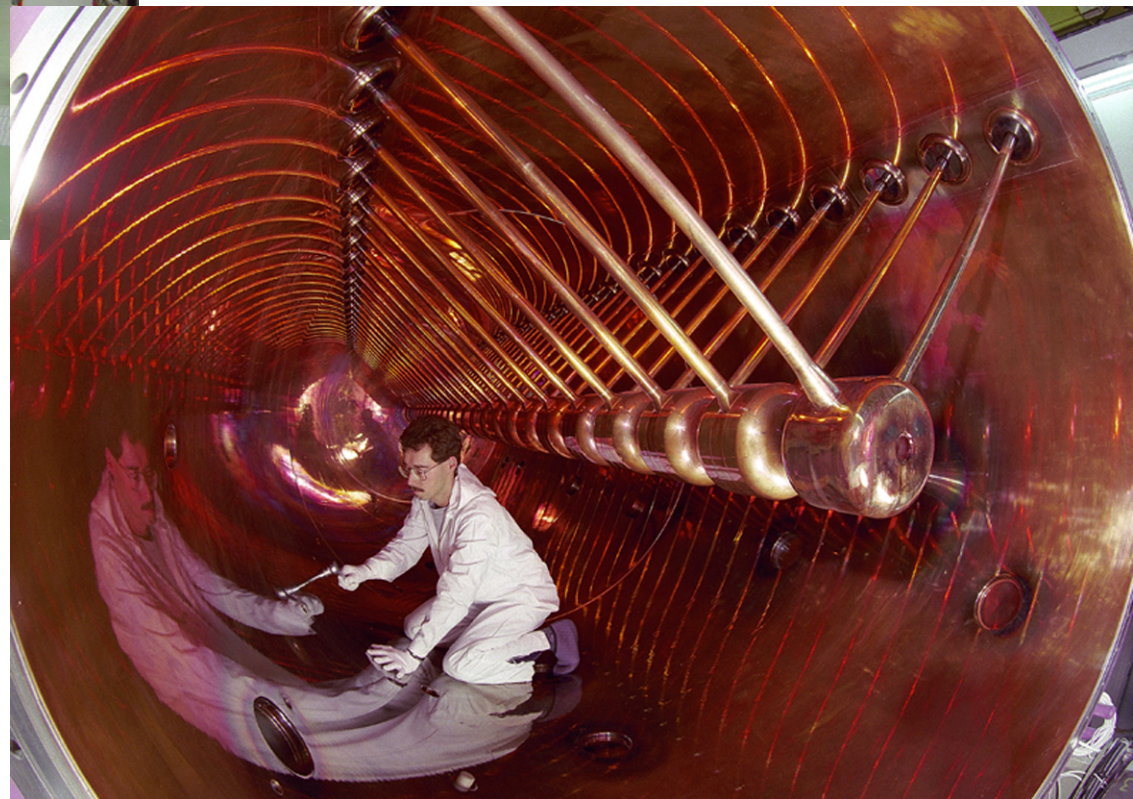
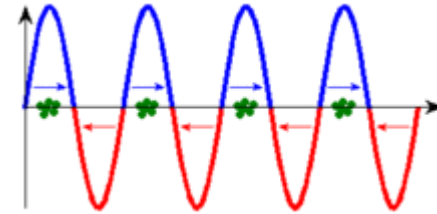
increase of accel. efficiency by a **factor** of  $28/4 = 7$   
but  $\approx 87\%$  of ions get lost ( $q \neq 28$ )



# UNILAC Alvarez Accelerator

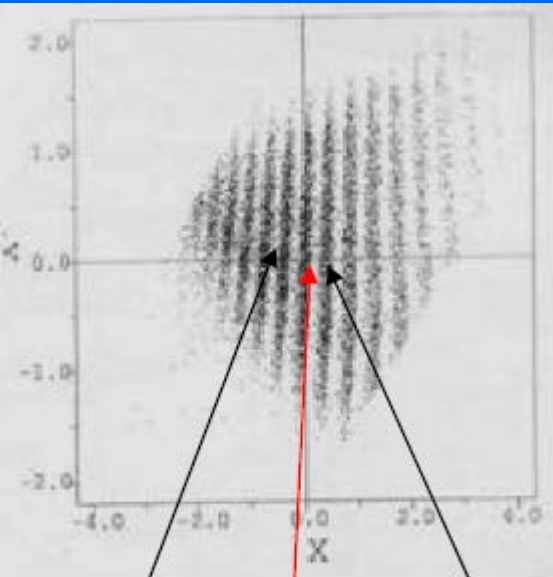


108 MHz high frequency  
standing wave



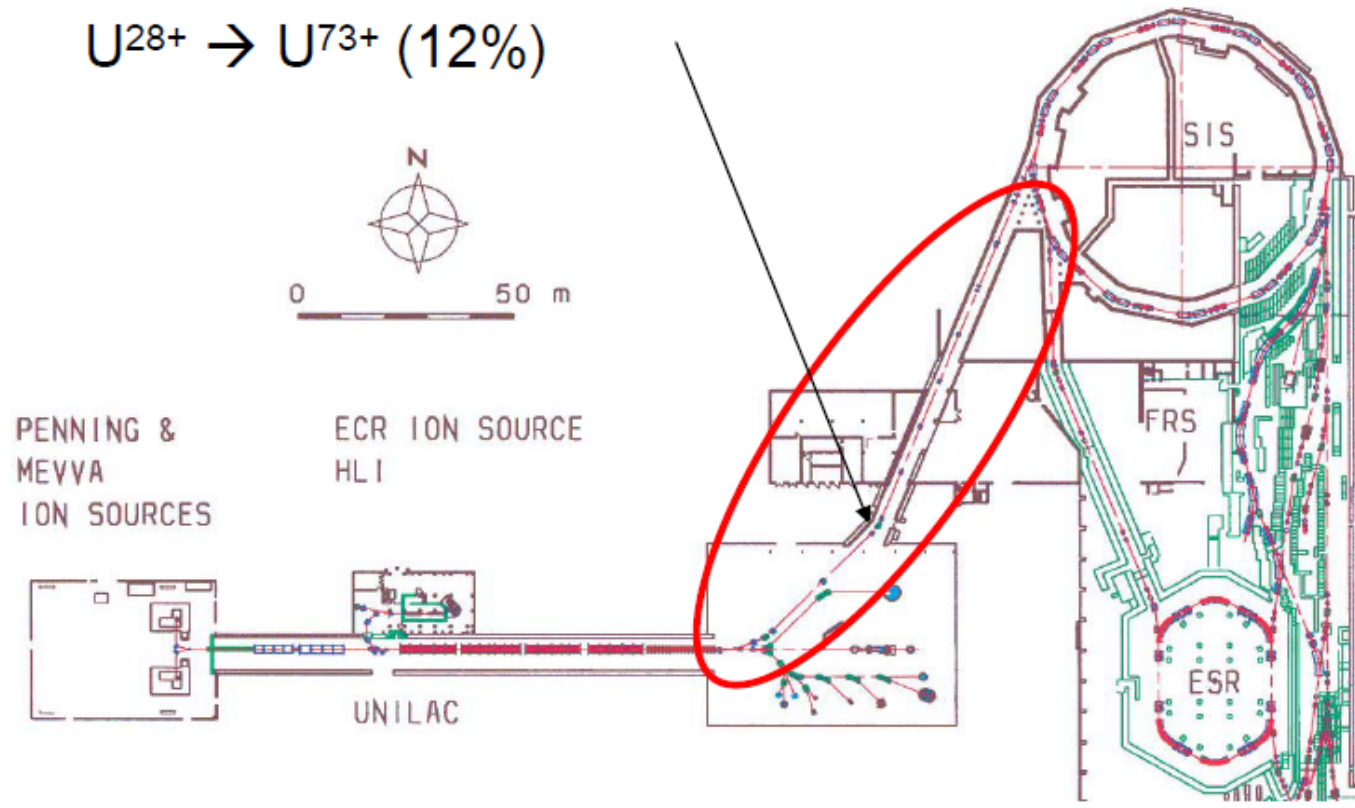
$v/c = 16\%$  or  $11.4 \text{ MeV/u}$

# UNILAC: Beam transfer to synchrotron SIS-18



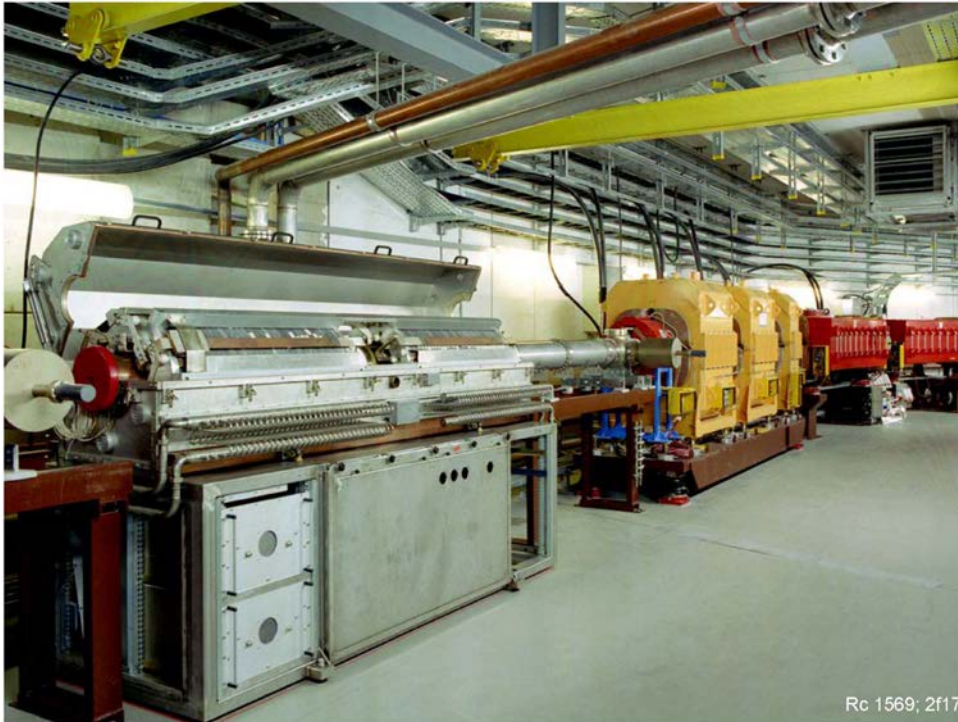
## Foil Stripper and Charge State Separation

$U^{28+} \rightarrow U^{73+}$  (12%)

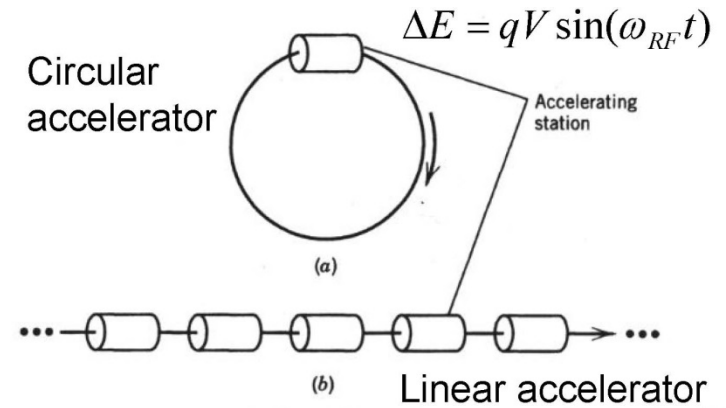


# GSI Synchrotron SIS-18

As linacs are dominated by cavities, circular machines are dominated by magnets



SIS-18 accelerating cavity

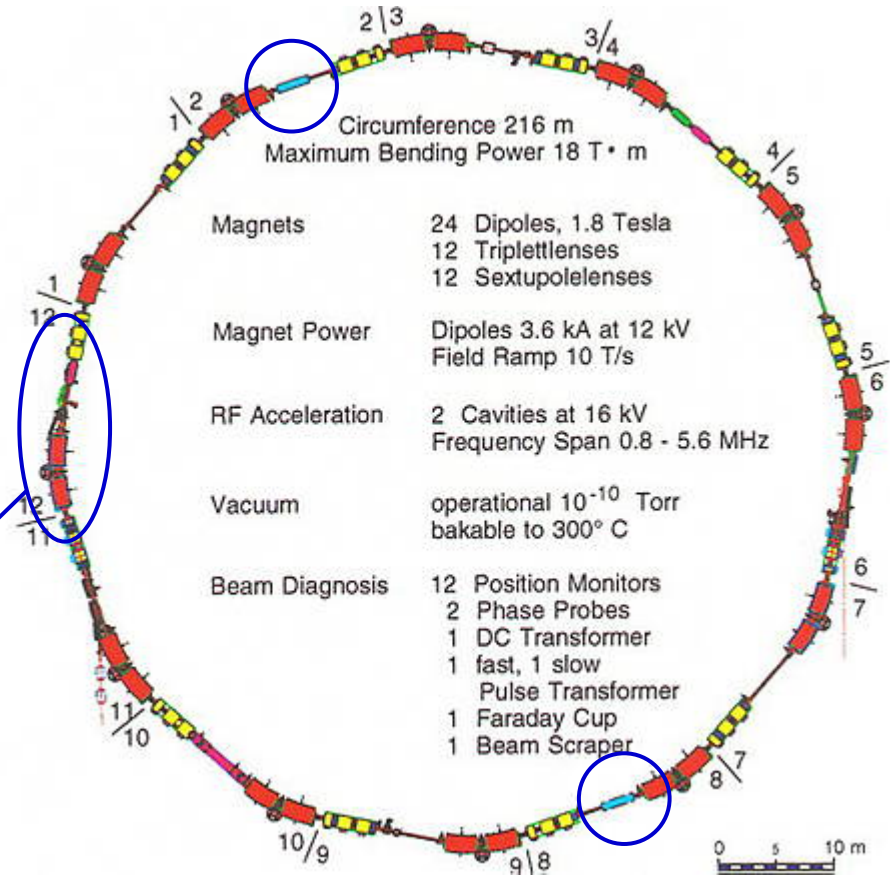
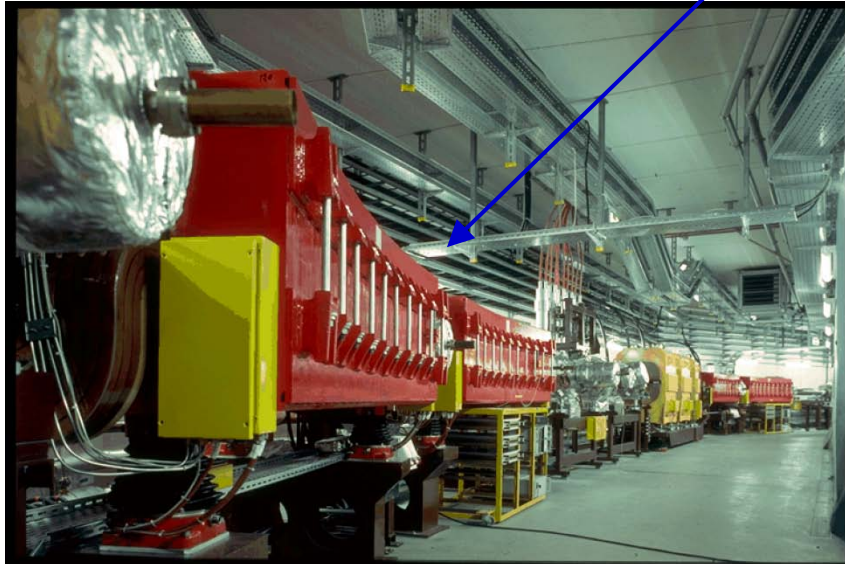




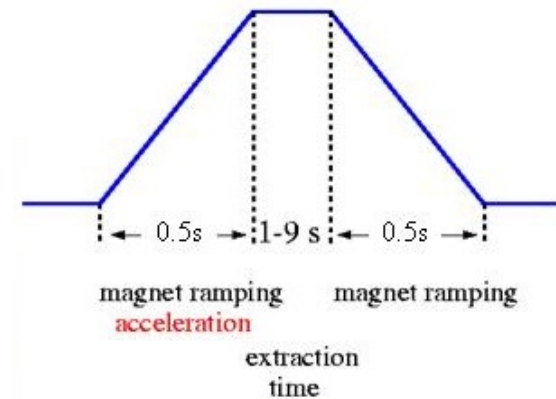
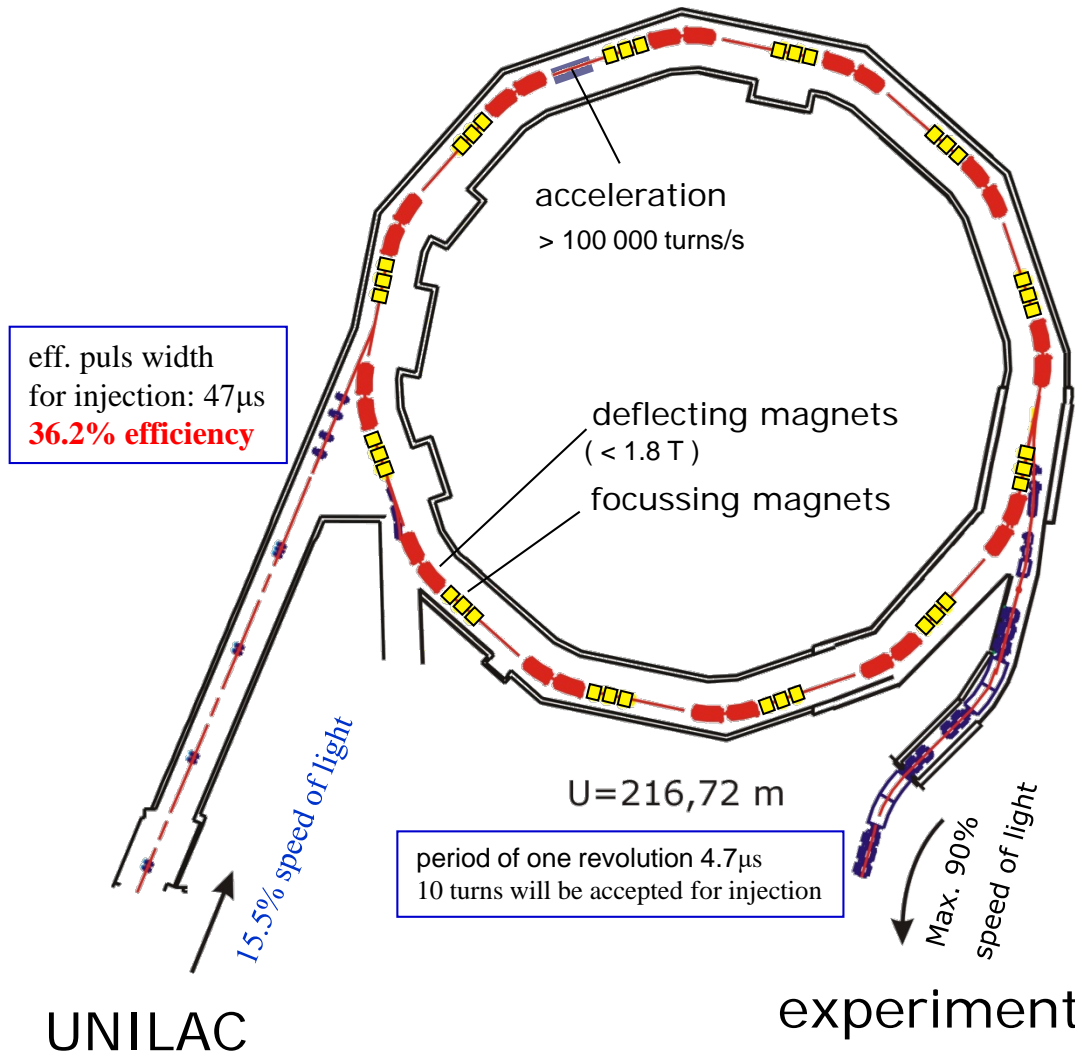
# GSI Synchrotron SIS-18

## SIS: Schwere Ionen Synchrotron Heavy Ion Synchrotron

- accelerates ions from p to U
- energy: 4 GeV (p), 2 GeV/u (Ne), 1 GeV/u (U)
- $\beta = 0.98$  (p), 0.95 (Ne), 0.88 (U)
- bending radius: 10 m
- max mag. field 18 T
- rf frequency: 0.85 – 6 MHz

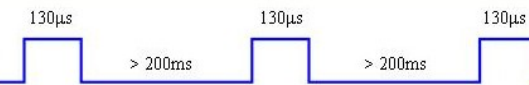


# SIS – Schwere Ionen Synchrotron



$$1.0 \cdot 10^{10} \cdot \frac{0.362}{2} = 1.8 \cdot 10^9 \text{ particles/s}$$

Ion	Number of injections	Intensity [spill <sup>-1</sup> ] at FRS	Ion source	Date
<sup>58</sup> Ni	1	6*10 <sup>9</sup>	MEVVA	3.2006
<sup>107</sup> Ag	1	3*10 <sup>9</sup>	MEVVA	2.2006
<sup>124</sup> Xe	1	5*10 <sup>9</sup>	MUCIS	3.2008
<sup>136</sup> Xe	4	5*10 <sup>9</sup>	MEVVA	7.2006
<sup>208</sup> Pb	30	1.3*10 <sup>9</sup>	PIG	3.2006
<sup>238</sup> U	1	2.0*10 <sup>9</sup>	PIG	9.2009



$$900 \mu\text{A} = \frac{900 \cdot 10^{-6} [\text{A}] \cdot 130 \cdot 10^{-6}}{73 [U - \text{charge}] \cdot 1.6 \cdot 10^{-19} [\text{C}]} = 1.0 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ particles/s}$$

$$\text{intensity} [\text{s}^{-1}] = 0.5 \cdot \text{intensity} [\text{spill}^{-1}]$$

## SIS: Schwere Ionen Synchrotron Heavy Ion Synchrotron

- SIS 18 has a circumference of 216 m
- 92 elements will be accelerated from p to U
- max. ion velocity up to 270 000 km/s ( $\beta = 90\%$ )
- ions are accelerated by 80 000 V in the accelerator structures during every circulation
- ions are accelerated in one second cover a distance of 90 000 km, that corresponds to 416 000 cycles in the ring
- 32 billion medium-charged uranium ions can be accelerated at SIS 18
- one billionth Pascal: an ultra-high vacuum is a prerequisite for acceleration.



# Nuclear reaction rate

Reaction rate (**thick target**):  $R[s^{-1}] = \phi_p[s^{-1}] - \phi[s^{-1}] = \phi_p[s^{-1}] - \phi_p[s^{-1}] \cdot e^{-N_t[cm^{-2}]\sigma[cm^2]}$

$$\phi[s^{-1}] = \phi_p[s^{-1}] \cdot e^{-\frac{x[g/cm^2] \cdot 6.02 \cdot 10^{23} \sigma[cm^2]}{A[g]}}$$

Reaction rate (**thin target**):  $R[s^{-1}] \cong \phi_p[s^{-1}] \cdot N_t[cm^{-2}] \cdot \sigma[cm^2]$

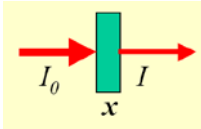
$$R[s^{-1}] \cong \phi_p[s^{-1}] \cdot \frac{x[g/cm^2] \cdot 6.02 \cdot 10^{23}}{A[g]} \cdot \sigma[cm^2]$$

Example:  $^{238}U [1 \cdot 10^9 s^{-1}]$  on  $^{208}Pb$   $x = 1.3 [g/cm^2] \rightarrow ^{132}Sn$  ( $\sigma = 15.4 [mb]$ )

Reaction rate:  $57941 [s^{-1}]$  transmission (SIS/FRS)=70%, transmission (FRS) 1.9%

$$1 - e^{-y} \cong y \quad \text{for } y = 0.02$$

# Nuclear reaction rate



**Primary reaction rate:** 
$$\phi_f [s^{-1}] \cong \phi_p [s^{-1}] \cdot \frac{x [g/cm^2] \cdot 6.02 \cdot 10^{23}}{A_t [g]} \cdot \sigma_f [cm^2]$$

Example:  $^{238}\text{U}$  ( $10^9\text{s}^{-1}$ ) on  $^{208}\text{Pb}$  ( $x=1\text{g/cm}^2$ )  $\rightarrow$   $^{132}\text{Sn}$  ( $\sigma_f=15.4\text{mb}$ ) reaction rate:  $44571\text{[s}^{-1}\text{]}$

Example:  $^{124}\text{Xe}$  ( $10^9\text{s}^{-1}$ ) on  $^9\text{Be}$  ( $x=1\text{g/cm}^2$ )  $\rightarrow$   $^{104}\text{Sn}$  ( $\sigma_f=5.6\mu\text{b}$ ) reaction rate:  $375\text{[s}^{-1}\text{]}$

The **optimum thickness** of the production target is limited by the loss of fragments due to secondary reactions

**Primary + secondary reaction rate:**

$$\phi_f [s^{-1}] \cong \phi_p [s^{-1}] \cdot \frac{6.02 \cdot 10^{23} \cdot \sigma_f [cm^2]}{A_t [g]} \cdot \frac{1}{\mu_f - \mu_p} \cdot \left( e^{-\mu_p \cdot x [g/cm^2]} - e^{-\mu_f \cdot x [g/cm^2]} \right)$$

with 
$$\mu = \frac{6.02 \cdot 10^{23}}{A_2 [g]} \cdot \sigma_{reaction} [cm^2]$$

$x [g/cm^2]$	$\frac{1}{\mu_f - \mu_p} \left[ e^{-\mu_p \cdot x} - e^{-\mu_f \cdot x} \right]$
1	0.79
2	1.25
3	1.47
4	1.55
5	1.53
6	1.45

**Example:**  $^{124}\text{Xe}$  on  $^9\text{Be}$   $\rightarrow$   $^{104}\text{Sn}$ ,  $\sigma(^{124}\text{Xe}+^9\text{Be}) = 3.65\text{[b]}$   $\rightarrow$   $\mu_p = 0.244\text{[cm}^2/\text{g]}$   
 $\sigma(^{104}\text{Sn}+^9\text{Be}) = 3.44\text{[b]}$   $\rightarrow$   $\mu_f = 0.230\text{[cm}^2/\text{g]}$