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# Is a Megawatt Accelerator Sustainable?

Sustainable Accelerators Workshop 2022  
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Proton Accelerator

Muon Source

Proton Therapy

PSI West

Synchrotron Light Source

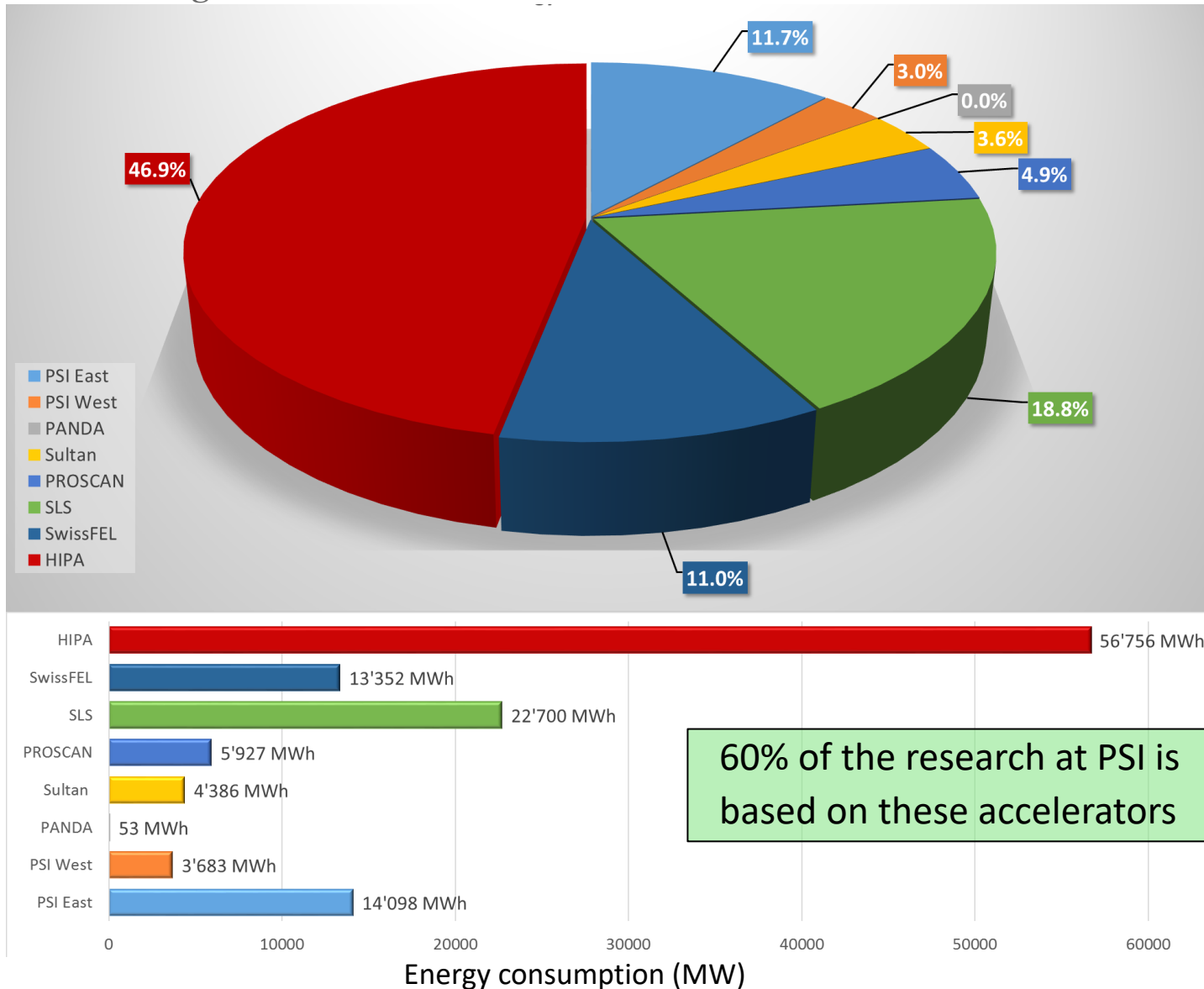
Neutron Source

PSI East

SwissFEL

# PSI Energy Distribution

$P_{\text{grid}} = 24 \text{ MW}$ ,  $E_{\text{tot}} = 130 \text{ GWh/a}$

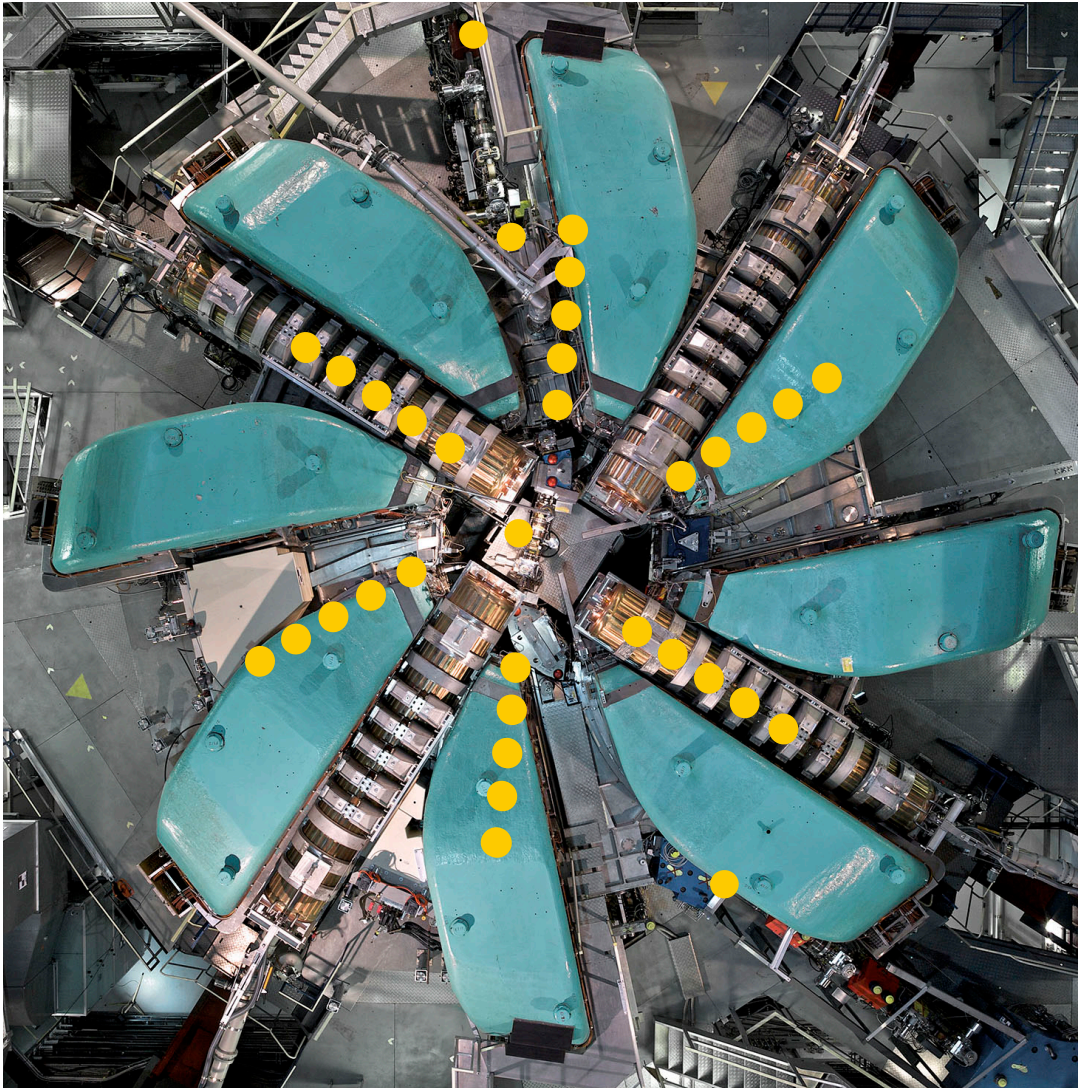


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# 590 MeV Ring Cyclotron at PSI

1.4 MW beam power (2.4 mA)



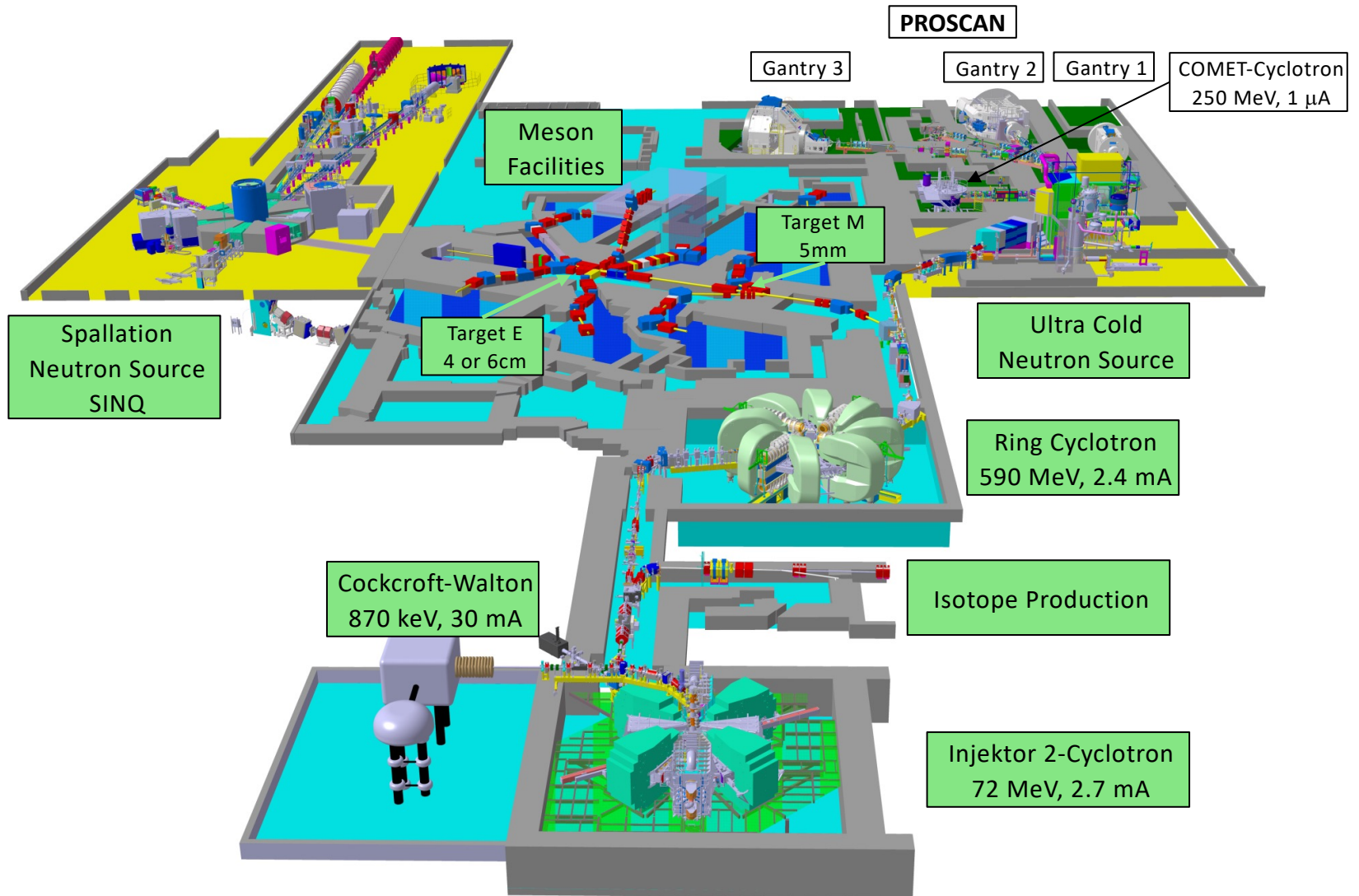
Beam energy: 590 MeV  
Beam current: 2.4 mA  
Beam power: 1.4 MW

$U_{\text{cav}}$ : 850 kVp  
Number of turns: 186  
8 sector magnets: 0.6 – 0.9 T

$R_{\text{in}}$ : 2.1 m  
 $R_{\text{out}}$ : 4.5 m



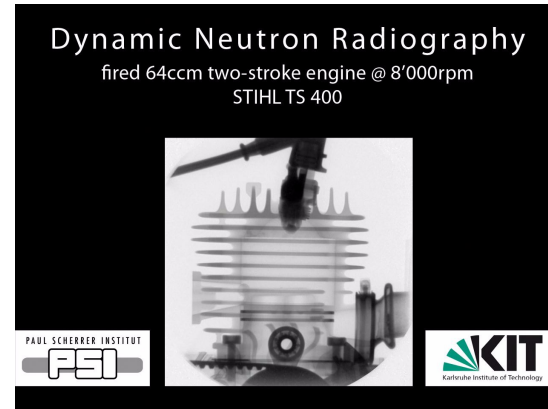
# High Intensity Proton Accelerator Facility a Megawatt Accelerator



# Is a Megawatt Accelerator Sustainable?

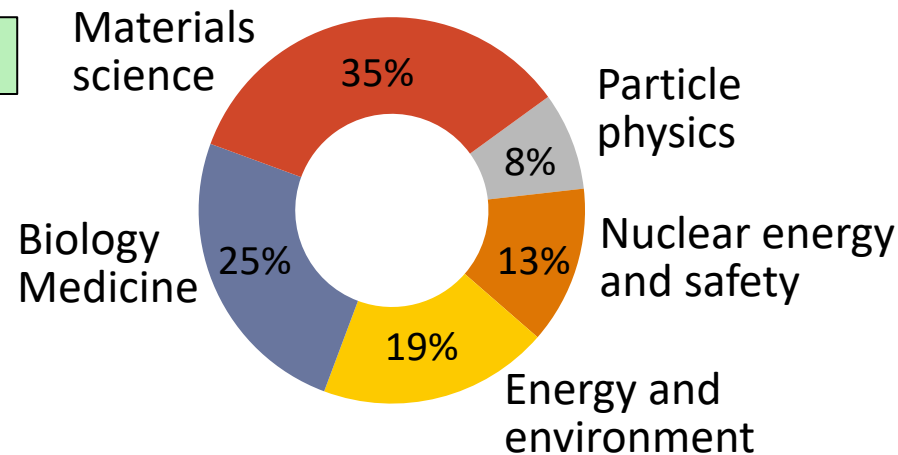


Muon spectrometry at PSI



Neutron imaging at PSI

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Yes, if the scientific output leads to sustainability

Yes, if the most efficient (accelerator) technology is being used



# Cyclotron Efficiency at PSI

$$\eta_{acc} = \frac{P_{beam}}{P_{Grid}}$$

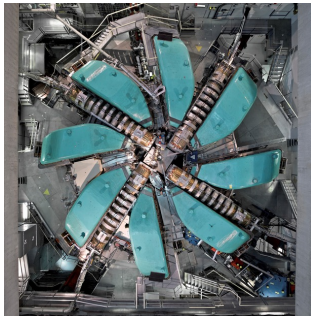
COMET 250 MeV  
Medical Cyclotron



0.5 MW from public grid  
< 1  $\mu$ A for patient treatment  
**efficiency 0.05%**

Running costs for electricity: 400 000 sFr/year

PSI 590 MeV cyclotron



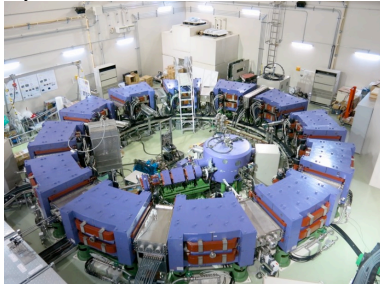
12 MW from public grid  
1.4 MW beam power (2.4 mA)  
**efficiency 12%**

Running costs for electricity: 5 MsFr/year

# Is a Cyclotron efficient?

$$\eta_{acc} = \frac{P_{beam}}{P_{Grid}}$$

Kyushu FFA



Energy up to 10 GeV

$P_{beam}$  = to be demonstrated

$\eta_{acc}$  = ?%

Footprint 30'000 sqm

Spallation Neutron Source



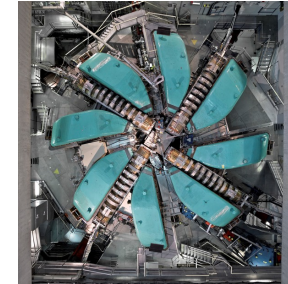
1 GeV protons, 60 Hz

$P_{beam}$  = 1.4 MW,  $P_{grid}$  = 26 MW

$\eta_{acc}$  = 5%

Footprint 100'000 sqm

PSI Proton Facility



590 MeV, 50 MHz

$P_{beam}$  = 1.4 MW,  $P_{grid}$  = 8 MW

$\eta_{acc}$  = **18%**

Footprint 20'000 sqm

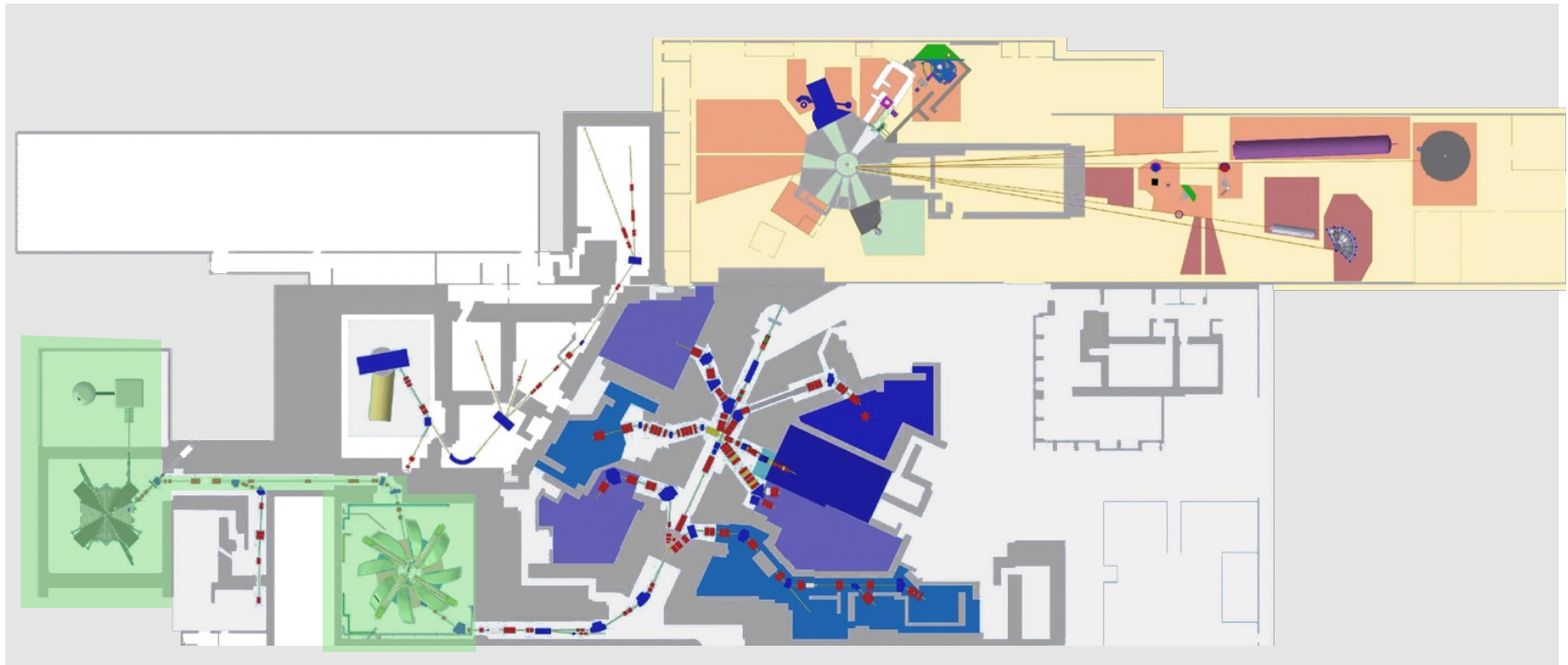
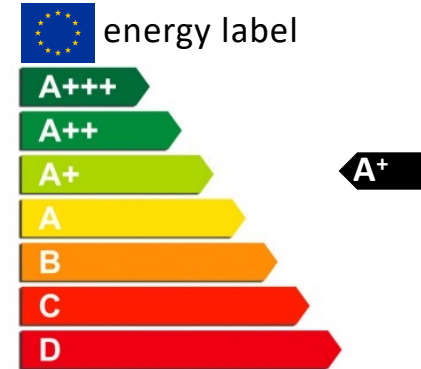
High power machines that are used to generate (secondary) particles at high intensities (neutrons, muons or neutrinos).

- They cover a broad spectrum of particle physics and material science
- **Consume large amounts of electrical energy**
- Scientists want better flux, rate, brightness, luminosity...
- **Even more power is needed**



# Overall Efficiency

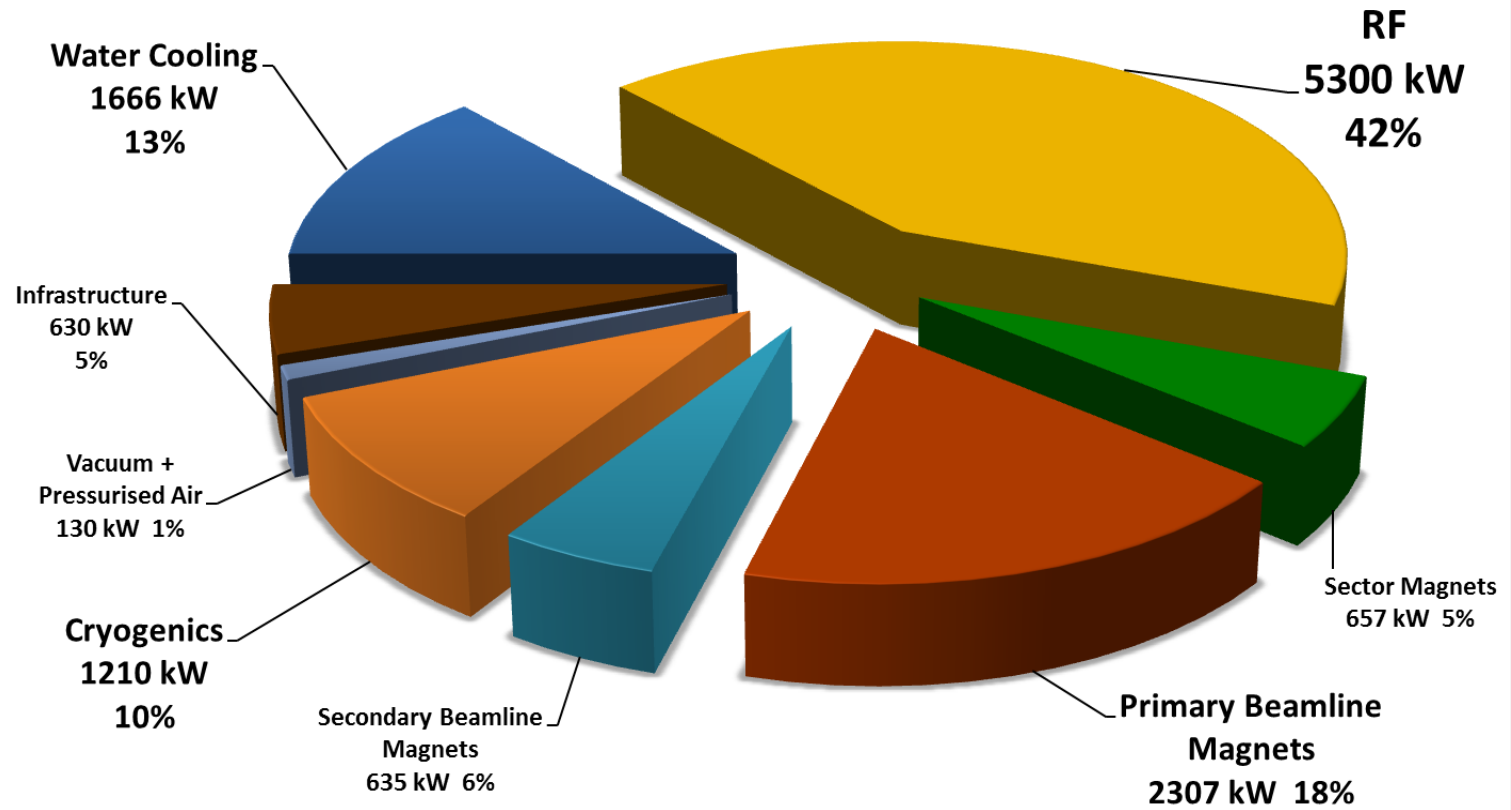
Total power consumption: 12 MW  
 Beam Power: 1.4 MW  
 Efficiency: 12%  
**Just the accelerator: 18%**



Most efficient accelerator

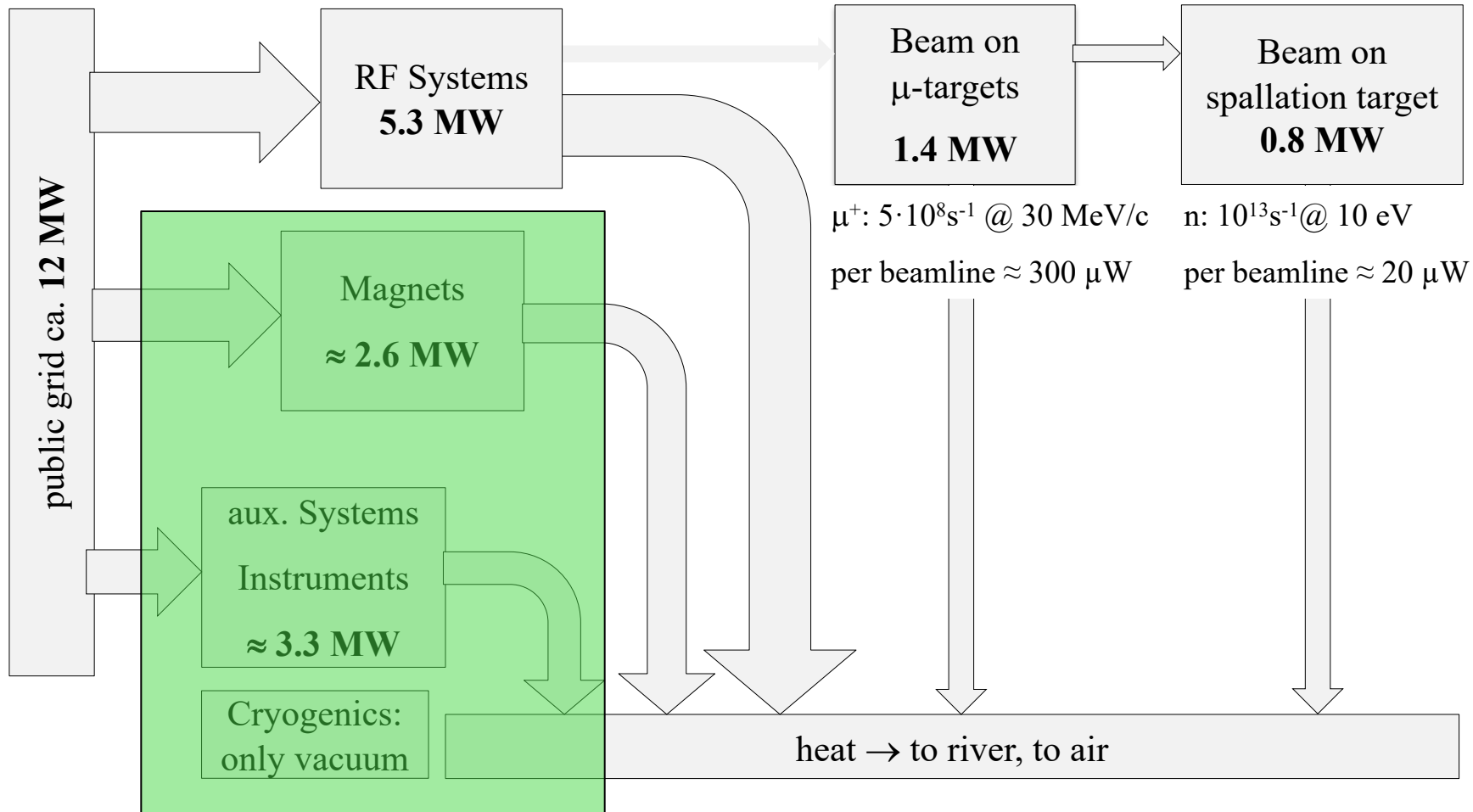
**50% of PSI's total energy consumption**

**Distribution of 12.5 MW HIPA Power Consumption under Full Load at 2.2 mA Beam**



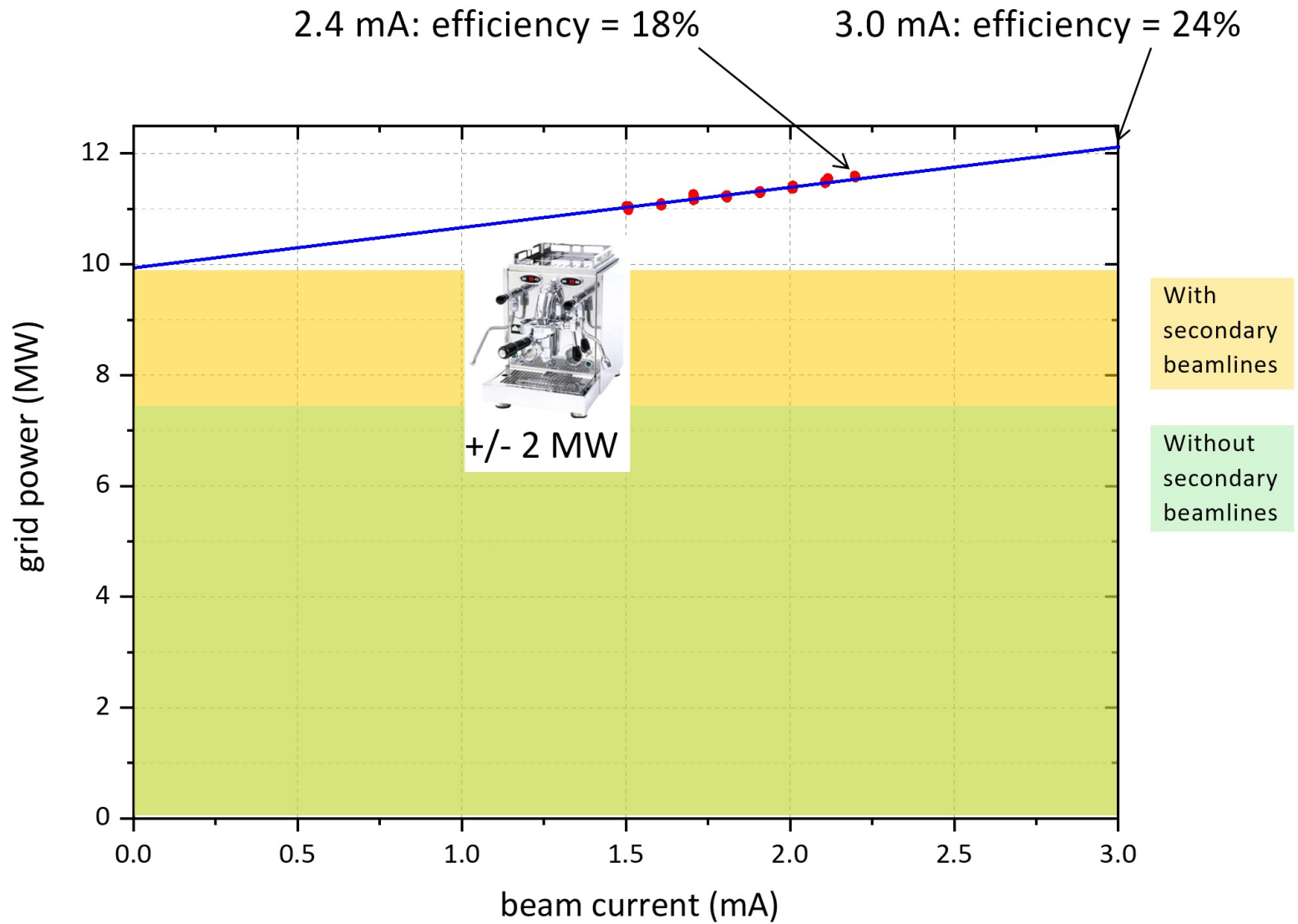


# Grid to Beam Power Conversion



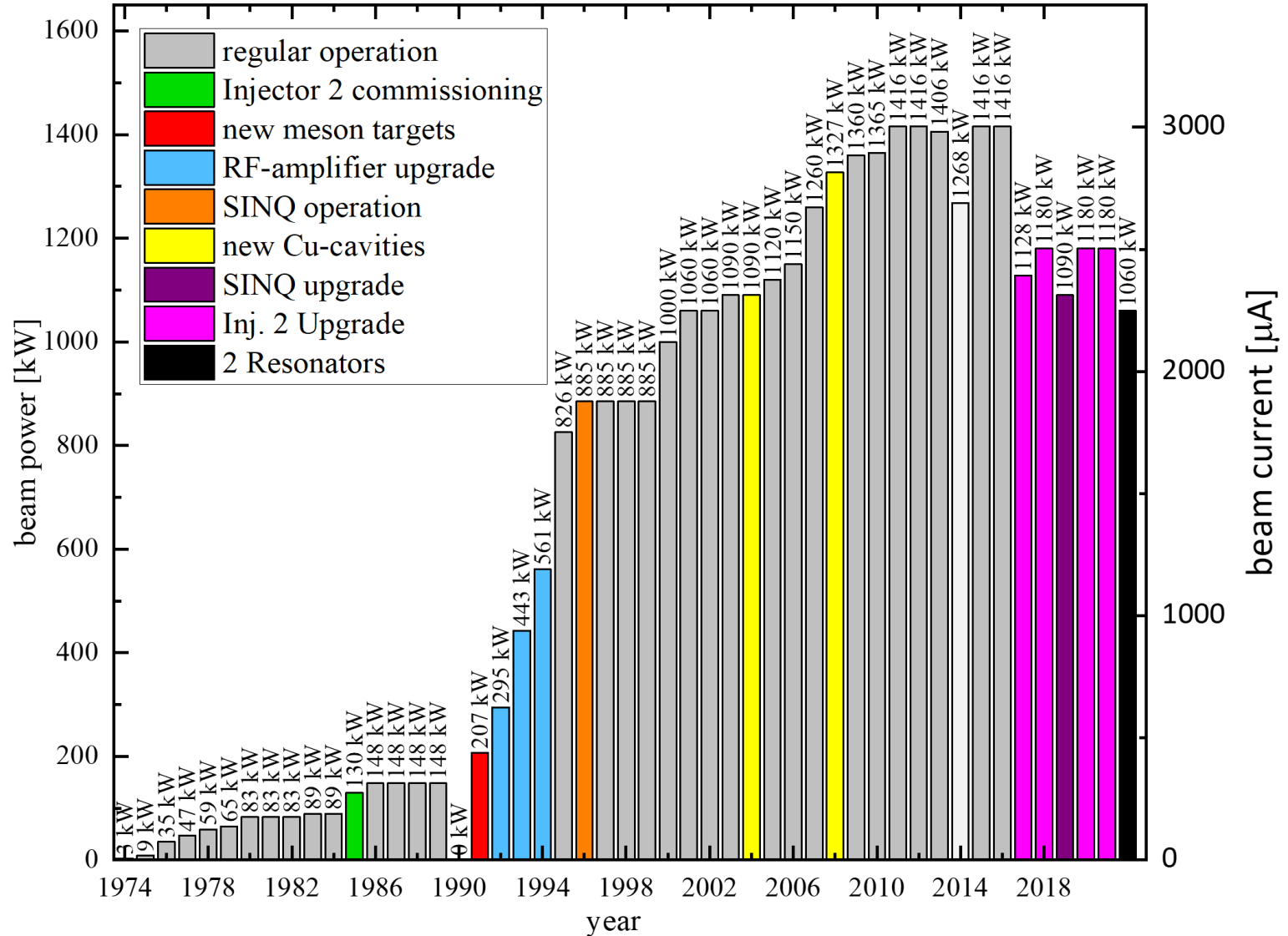
Almost independent from the beam power

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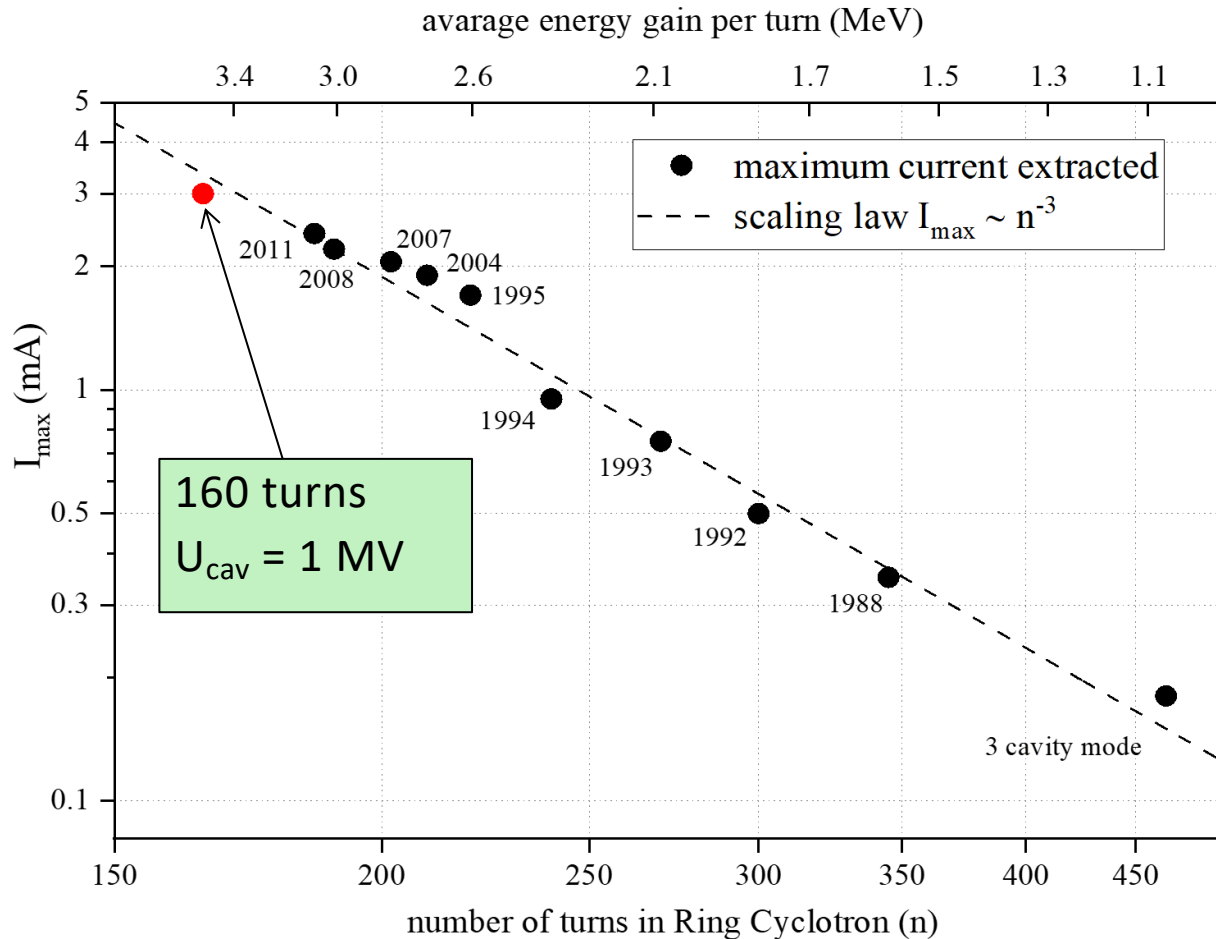
# History of the Beam Power

Designed for 60 kW





# Scaling Law by W. Joho<sup>1</sup>



Losses scale with

- (turn separation at the extraction)<sup>-1</sup>  $\propto N$
- Charge density in the cyclotron  $\propto N$
- Acceleration time  $\propto N$

[1] W. Joho, High intensity problems in cyclotrons, Proceedings of the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Cyclotron and their Applications, pp. 337–47. Les Editions de Physique, BP 112, 91402 Orsay (France), ISBN 978-3-95450-160-1 (1981).

# Efficiency and Beam Power

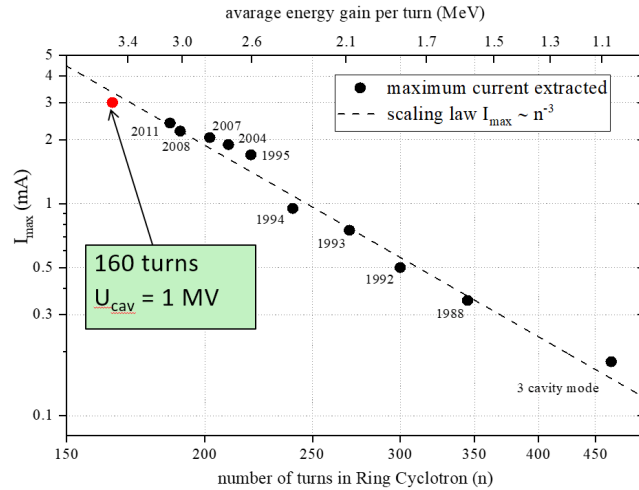


Fig.: number of turns vs beam current

Beam power increases with gap voltage

$$I_{max} \sim V^3 \quad (\text{Joho})$$

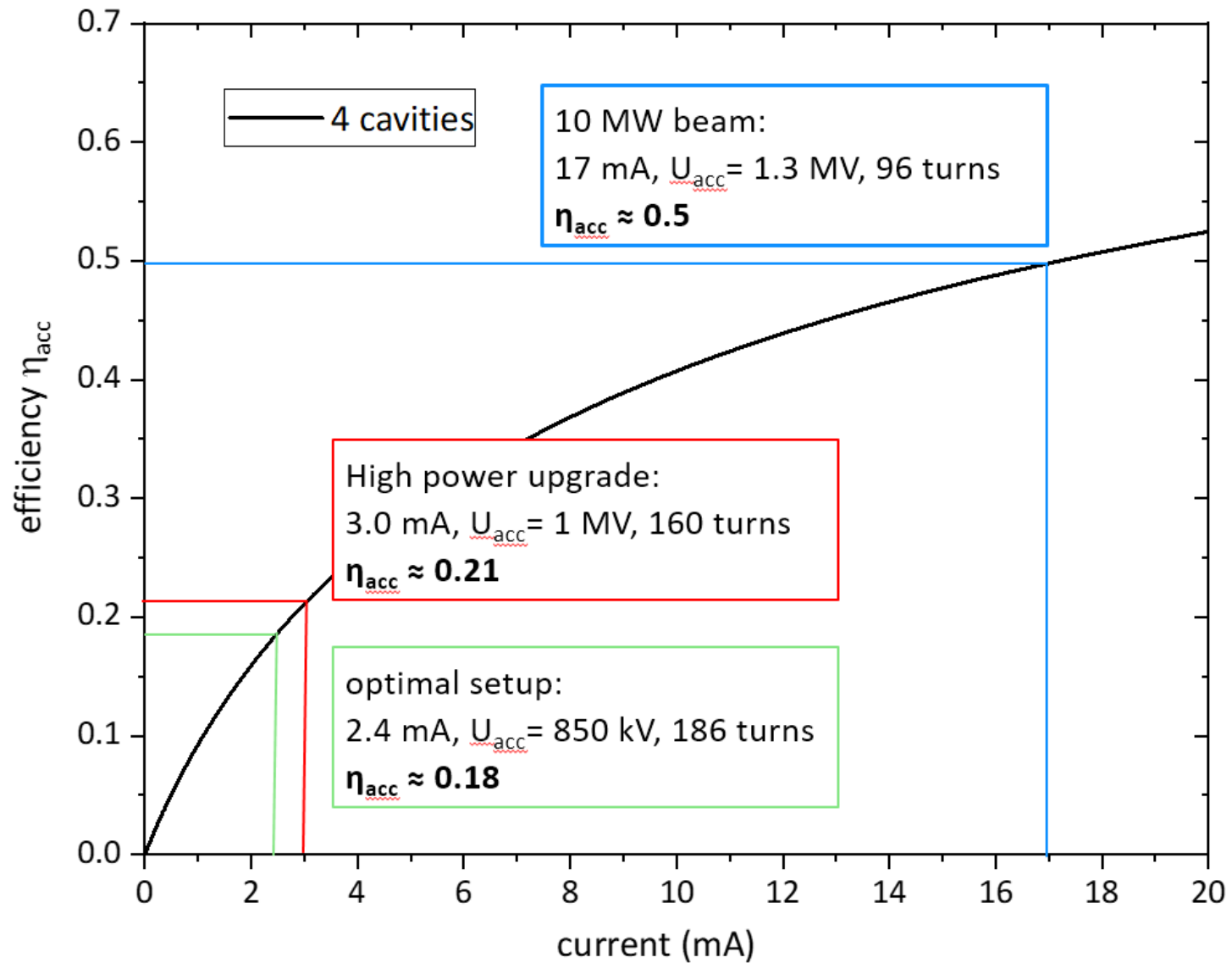
Cavity wall losses increase with gap voltage

$$P_{loss} = \frac{|V_{acc}|^2}{2 \cdot R}$$

Base load (magnets, infrastructure, instruments, ...) stays the same

$$\Rightarrow \eta_{acc} = \frac{I \cdot E_{kin} / q}{\frac{(I/c)^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot E_{kin}^2}{2 \cdot R \cdot q^2} + k \cdot I \cdot E_{kin} / q + P_{aux}} \quad (\text{Grillenberger})$$

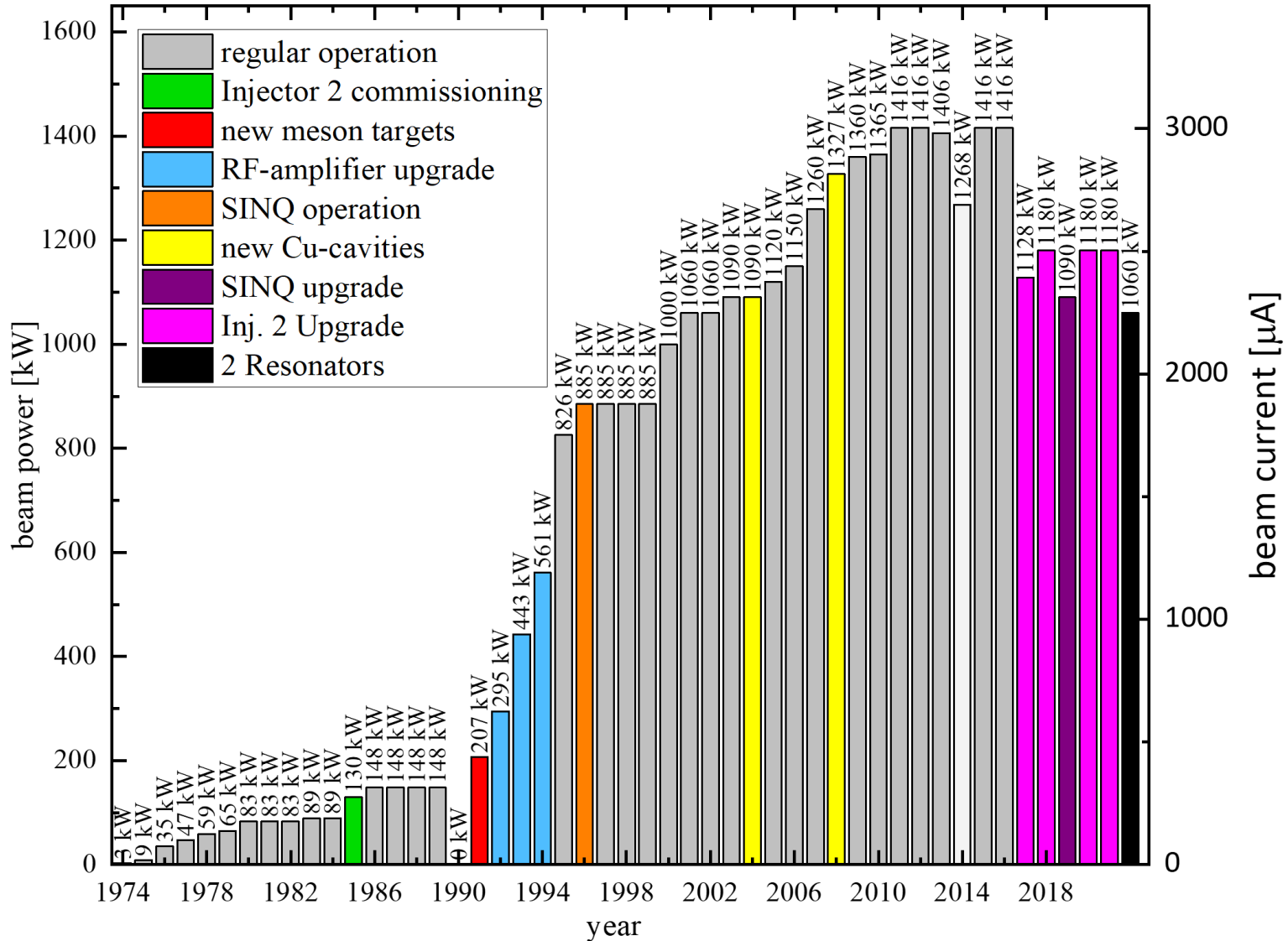
## Efficiency vs Beam current



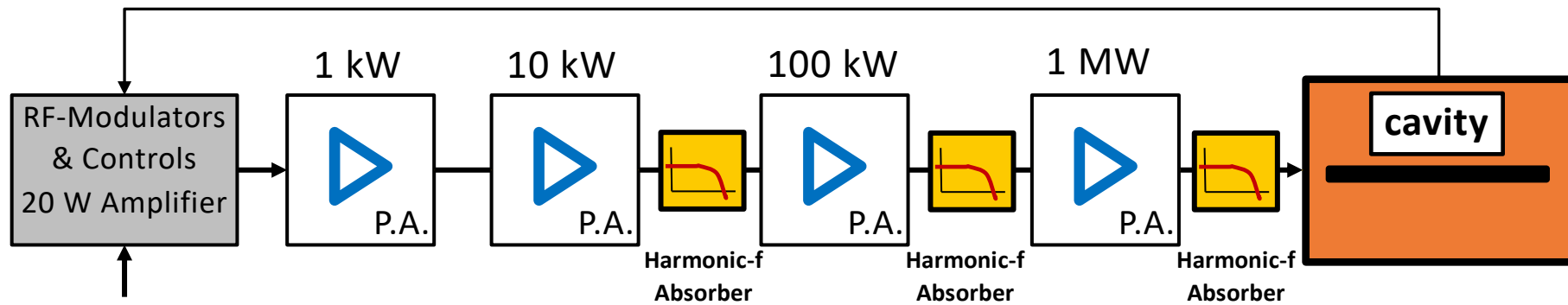


# History of the Beam Power

RF-Amplifiers      Cu cavities



## 4-stage power amplifier chain with power Tetrode Tubes



Ref. values  
Control & Interlocks

### Wall plug to beam efficiency:

- AC to DC: 90%
- DC to RF: 64%
- RF to beam: 55%
- **All over: 32%**



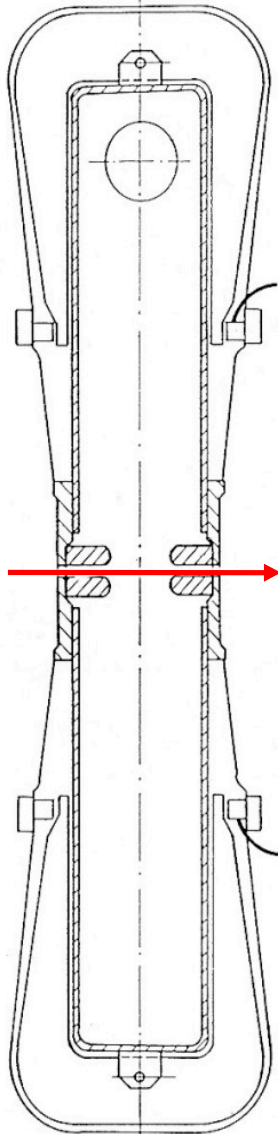
### Solid State Amplifiers:

- AC to DC: 90%
- DC to RF: 90%
- RF to beam: 55%
- **All over: 45%**

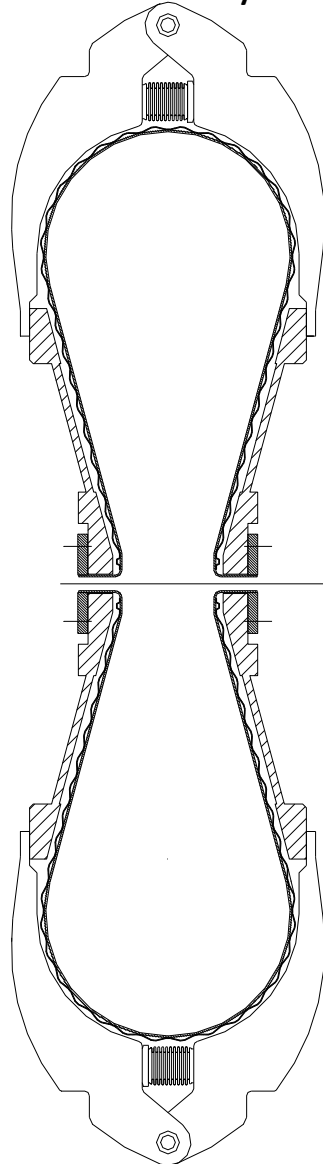
Huge and expensive (5-10€/Watt)

# Cyclotron Cavities

Al-cavity



Cu-cavity



	Al-Cavity	Cu-Cavity
Frequency	50.6 MHz	50.6 MHz
Voltage	750 kV <sub>p</sub>	1.2 MV <sub>p</sub>
Dissipated Power	300 kW	500 kW
Q-value	28'000	48'000
Bandwidth	1.8 kHz	1 kHz
Tuning Range	240 kHz	560 kHz

Efficiency was not really the reason for replacing the cavities



# Copper Cavities at PSI

- $f = 50.6 \text{ MHz}$
- $U_{\text{max}} = 1.2 \text{ MV}$  (presently 850 kVp)
- $Q = 4.8 \cdot 10^4$
- Transfer of up to 400 kW power to the beam per cavity



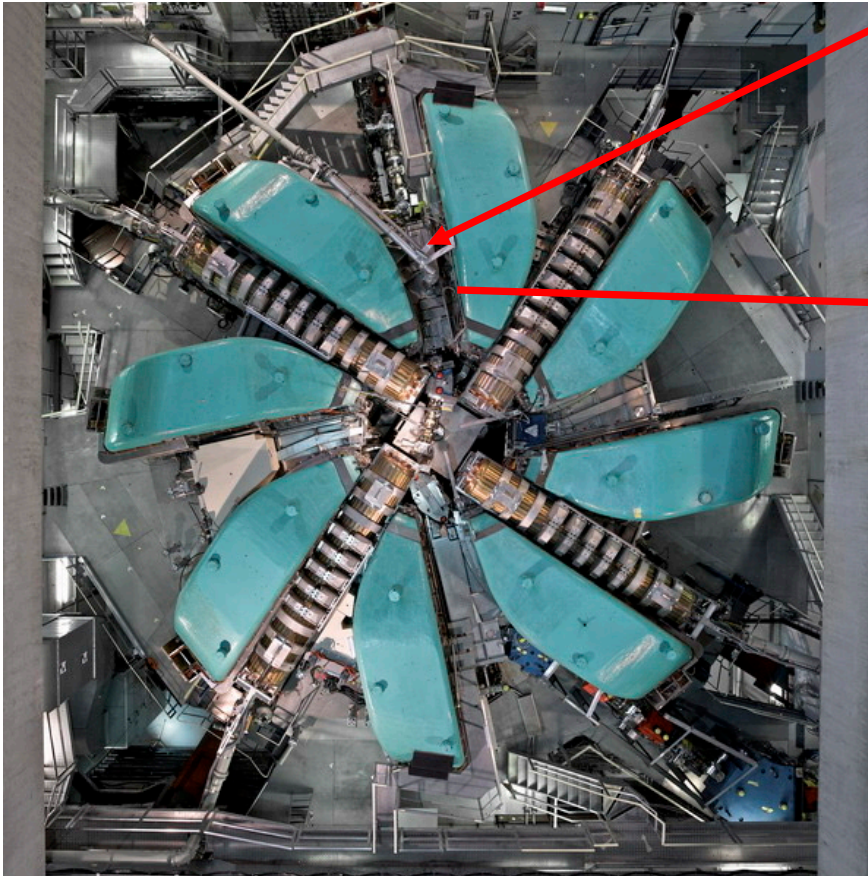
Inside the resonator

hydraulic tuning devices (5x)



# 150 MHz Flattop Cavity (1979)

Increase efficiency by decreasing particle losses



3<sup>rd</sup> harmonic «flattop» cavity

- 150 MHz
- **550 kVp maximum**
- $Q = 28000$
- Gap  $g = 0.4$  m



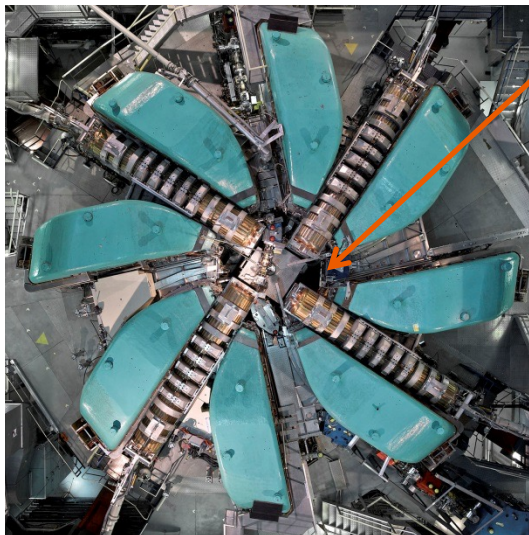
- Larger phase acceptance ( $40^\circ$  instead of  $9^\circ$ )
- **Factor of 10 less losses at extraction @ 1mA**
- **Factor of 2 higher beam current**
- **Factor of 1.8 higher efficiency**



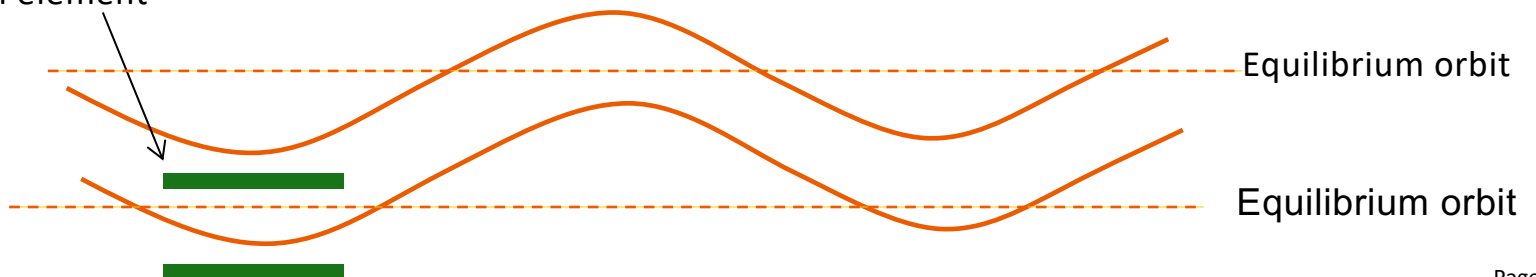
# Extraction with off-center orbits

Induce betatron oscillations around the «closed orbit» to increase the radial separation between the last two turns

Electrostatic Injection Channel



Extraction element





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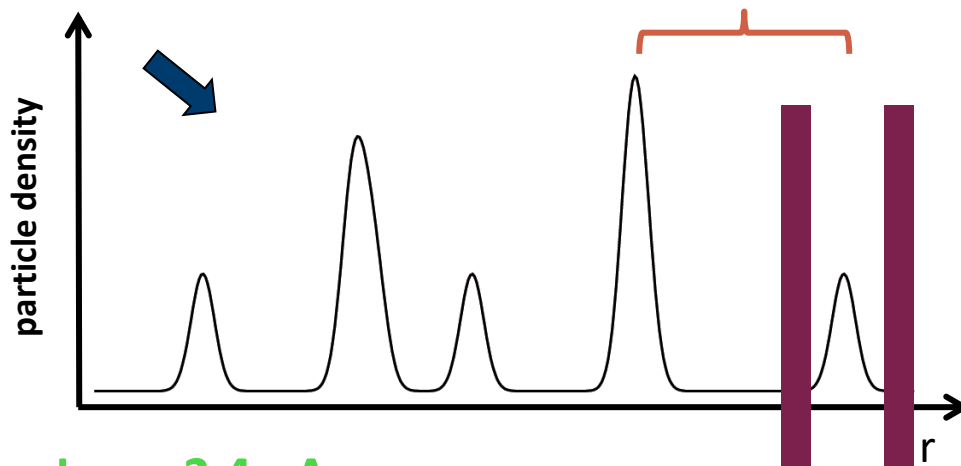
without orbit oscillations: stepwidth from  $E_k$ -gain (PSI: 6mm)



$$I_{\max} = 1.7\text{mA}$$

$$\eta_{acc} \approx \frac{1\text{ MW}}{9.5\text{ MW}} \approx 0.11$$

with orbit oscillations: extraction gap; up to 3 x stepwidth possible (PSI: 18mm)



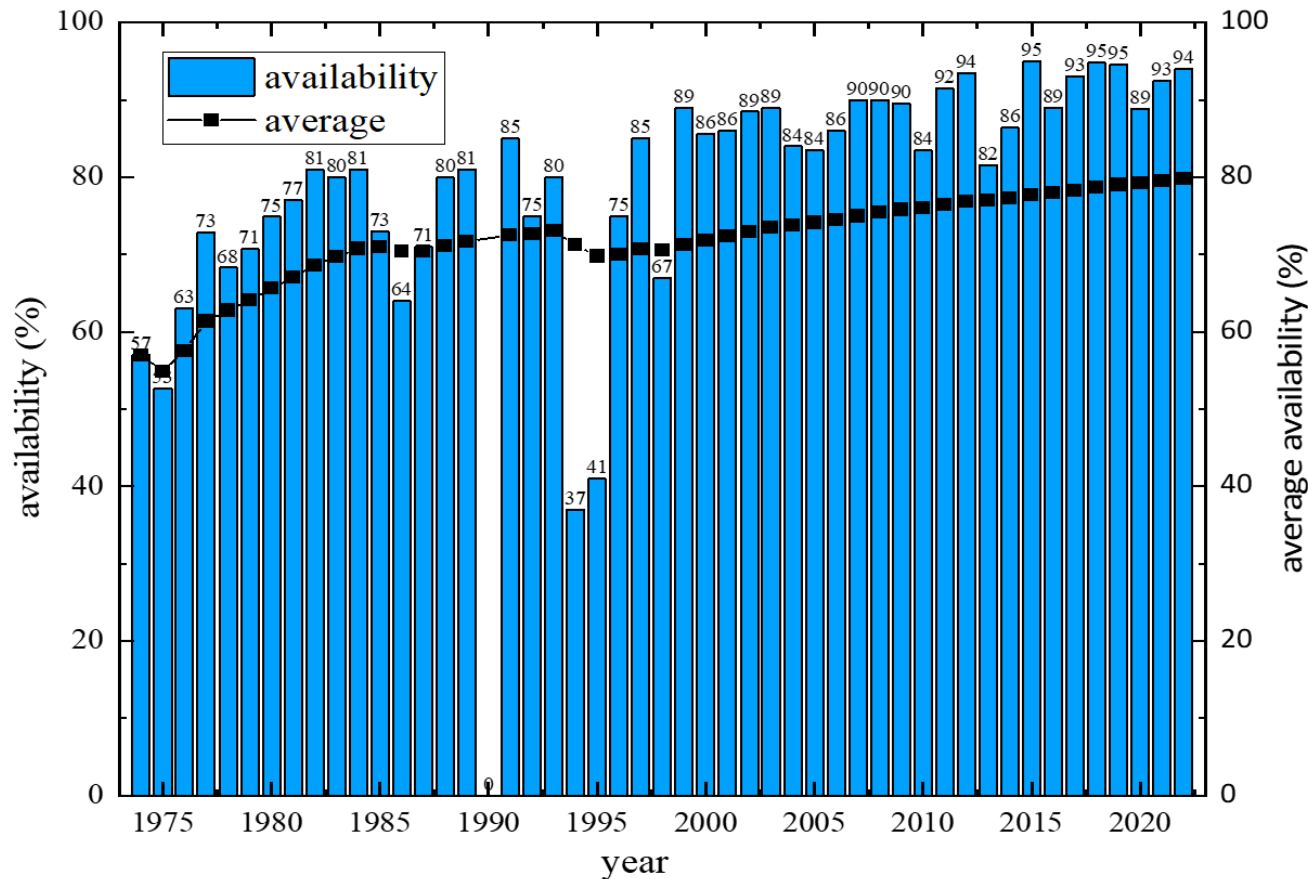
$$I_{\max} = 2.4\text{mA}$$

$$\eta_{acc} \approx \frac{1.4\text{ MW}}{10\text{ MW}} \approx 0.14$$

Extraction device

# Availability and Efficiency

- High availability is of uttermost importance for the users (repeat experiments, travel)
- Availability has an impact on the energy efficiency especially if systems are running without beam!










# SLEEP at PSI

System for Lucrative Energy Economization in Proton accelerators

ZSLP\_main.ui (on hipa-lc6-32)

## SLEEP

Beamline	Status	Beam Current	In Standby for	Currently Saved	Saved This Year	Control Switch	Notifications
 IW2	ON	0.0 $\mu$ A	0 d 0 h 0 m 0 s	0.0000 MWh	25.59 MWh	STANDBY ON	Dismiss Notification
 IP2	ON	0.0 $\mu$ A	0 d 0 h 0 m 0 s	0.0000 MWh	376.63 MWh	STANDBY ON	Dismiss Notification
 PK1	ON	0.0 $\mu$ A	0 d 0 h 0 m 0 s	0.0000 MWh	41.78 MWh	STANDBY ON	Dismiss Notification
 PK2	STANDBY	0.0 $\mu$ A	1 d 0 h 8 m 8 s	9.7657 MWh	43.37 MWh	STANDBY ON	
 SINQ	STANDBY	0.0 $\mu$ A	1 d 0 h 8 m 27 s	13.5948 MWh	47.23 MWh	STANDBY ON	
 UCN	STANDBY	0.0 $\mu$ A	1 d 0 h 8 m 55 s	3.0640 MWh	512.80 MWh	STANDBY ON	
<b>Total Power</b>	<b>0.000 MW</b>			<b>Total Savings</b>	<b>1047.4 MWh</b>		 Maintenance

Similar to a Start-Stop system in cars

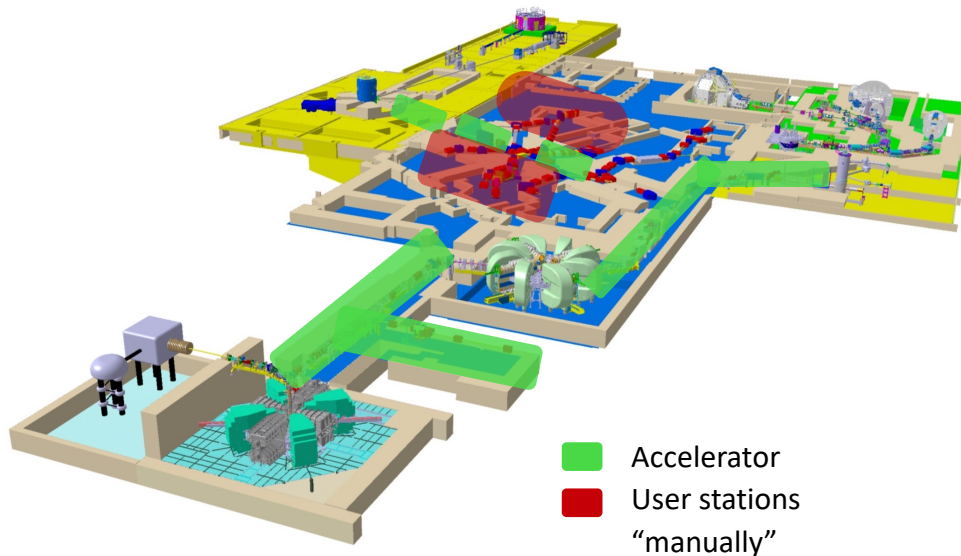
A. Kovach, PSI

- Runs in parallel with control software EPICS
- Used to switch off beamline magnets during outages
- Intuitive: Switching a set of magnets On/Standby by only one click
- “No-Beam” notification every 30 minutes (orange) for operators
- **Displays and logs the amount of energy saved (refunds!)**

Average power of all beamline magnets (300): ~1.8 MW

Potential energy savings with 220d of operation\*:

- for outages >30min: 570 MWh/a
- Beam development / setup / training: 409 MWh/a



■ Accelerator  
■ User stations  
 "manually"

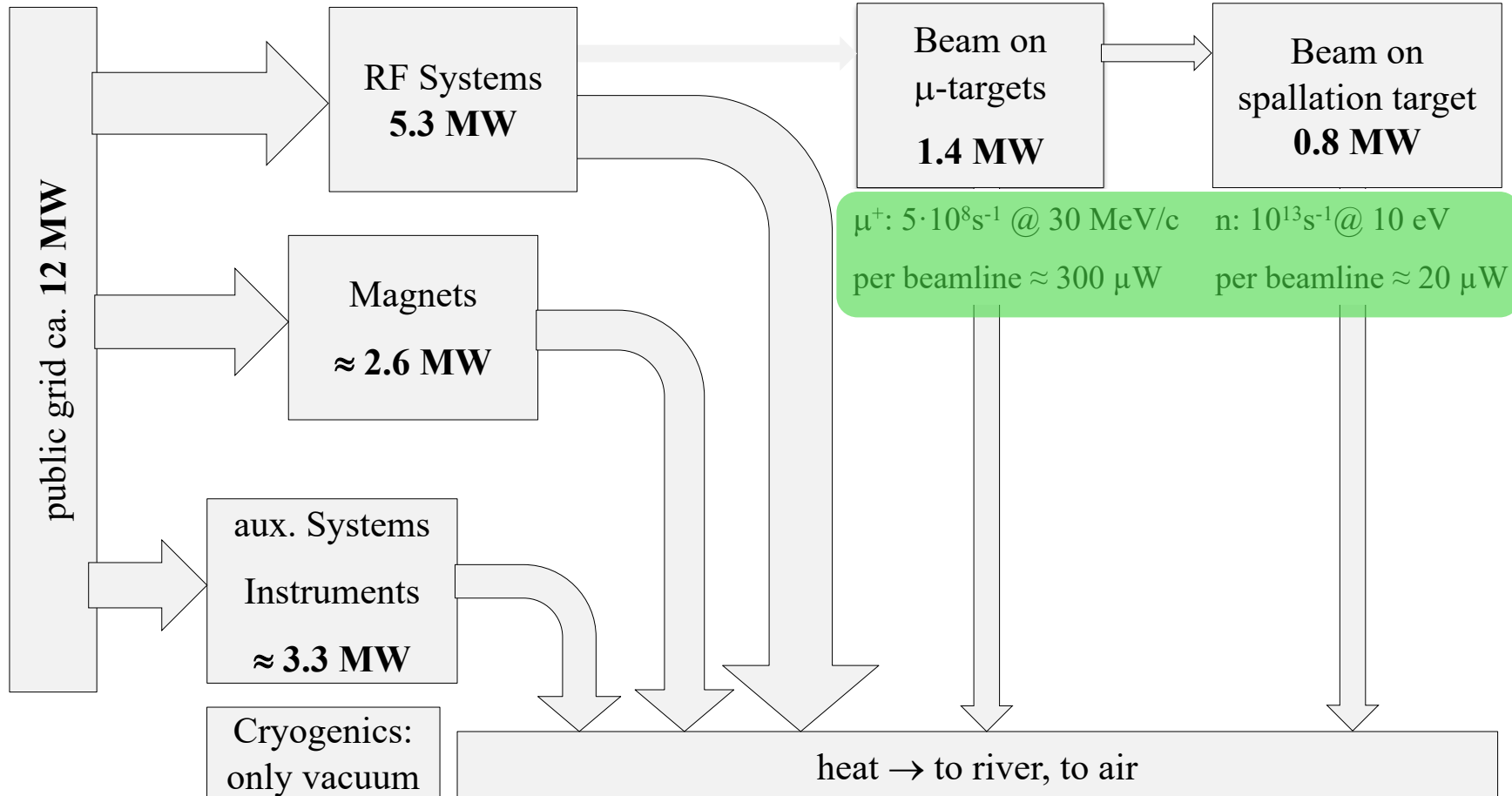
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	5 - 11 Jan								
	12 - 18 Jan								
	19 - 25 Jan								
5 / '15	26 - 1 Feb								
	2 - 8 Feb								
	9 - 15 Feb								
	16 - 22 Feb								
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25 / '15	15 - 21 Jun								
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35 / '15	24 - 30 Aug								
	31 - 6 Sep								
	7 - 13 Sep								
	14 - 20 Sep								
	21 - 27 Sep								
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50 / '15	7 - 13 Dez								
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52 / '15	21 - 27 Dez								

\*average downtime 170h/a

average outage time: 120 min (average over past 10 years)

# Grid to Beam Power Conversion

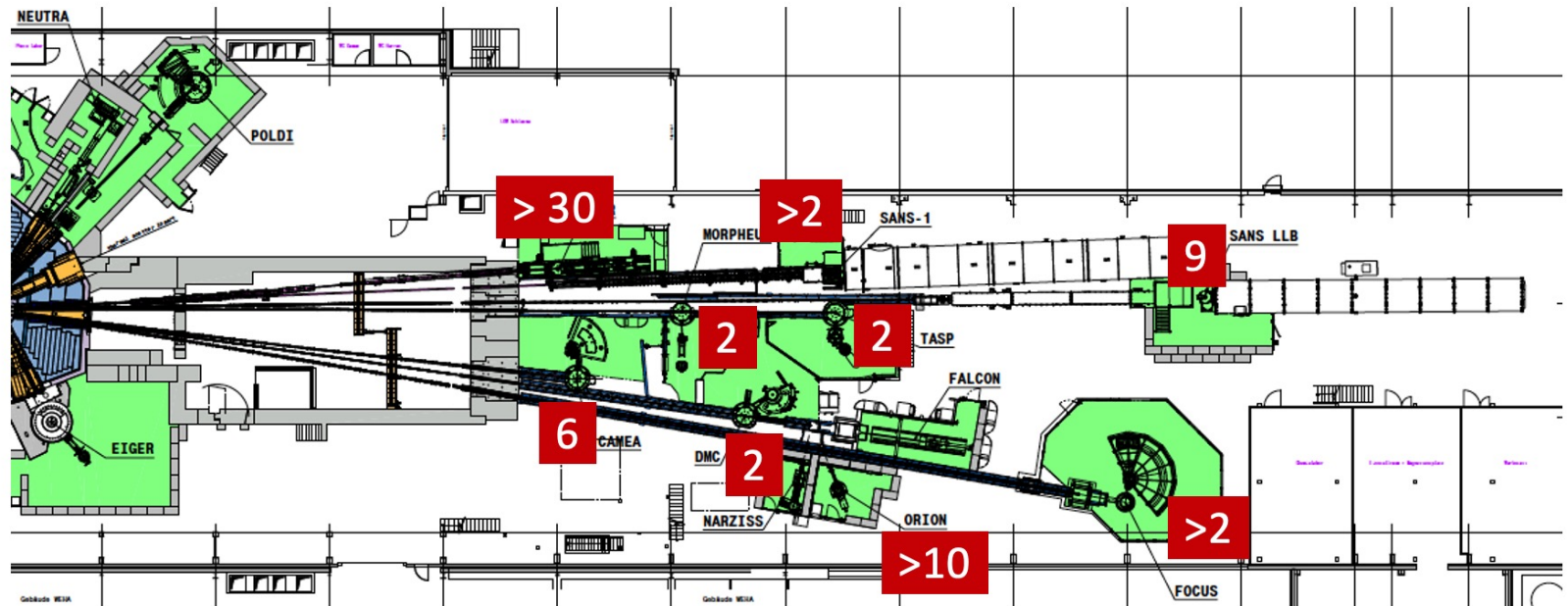
Secondary particle flux is the key figure for users





# Steps Towards a Higher Efficiency SINQ – Upgrade 2019

- Replacement of neutron guides
- optimization of instruments
- Optimization of D<sub>2</sub>O moderator geometry



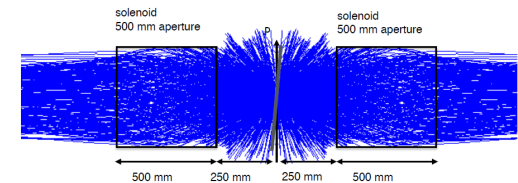
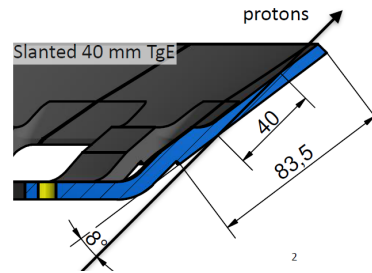
- measured flux gains ranging from 2–30 depending on the instrument
- signal to noise ratio increased by a factor of 6
- Accelerator can't compete ☹️

# The High Intensity Muon Beam Project

## Financial period: 2025 – 2028



- New target design (slanted)
- New beamline setup (solenoids)
- Factor of 100 higher muon rate (  $10^{10}$  muons/s)



# Heat Recovery



Office



heating



Connected wattage 2 MW

- Cooling power primary circuit 7 MW
- Cooling power secondary circuit 3 MW

Operating load:

- Primary circuit 0.3 MW
- Secondary circuit 0.25 MW

Overall efficiency: 94%

9 GWh / year

Improvements:

- Energy recovery
- Piping design (higher cross section)
- Office and district heating
- Heat pumps



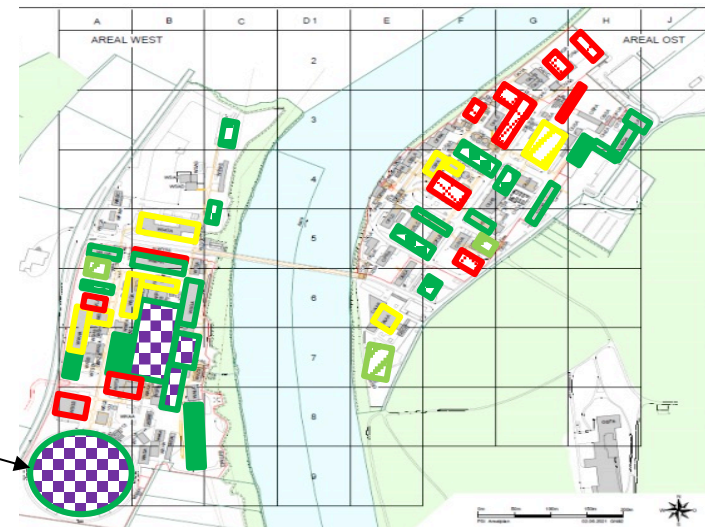
# Photovoltaics at PSI

Nr. of PV modules (340 W):	936
Total surface:	5'500 m <sup>2</sup>
Peak power:	600 kW
Energy yield 2021:	600 MWh (0.4% PSI)
Costs:	1'425'000.- CHF
Write-off:	25 years with Ø 6,5 ct/kWh
Commissioning:	October 2020



## Feasibility study:

Total surface:	40'000 m <sup>2</sup>
Peak power:	5-7 MW (5% PSI)
Total cost (including restoration)	11 Mio CHF



# Cryogenics

## He-Compressors

### Replacement of piston compressors with screw compressors



- 180 kW lower power consumption
- 1.3 GWh yearly savings

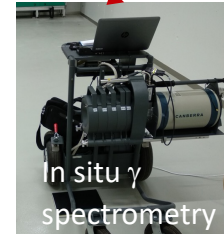
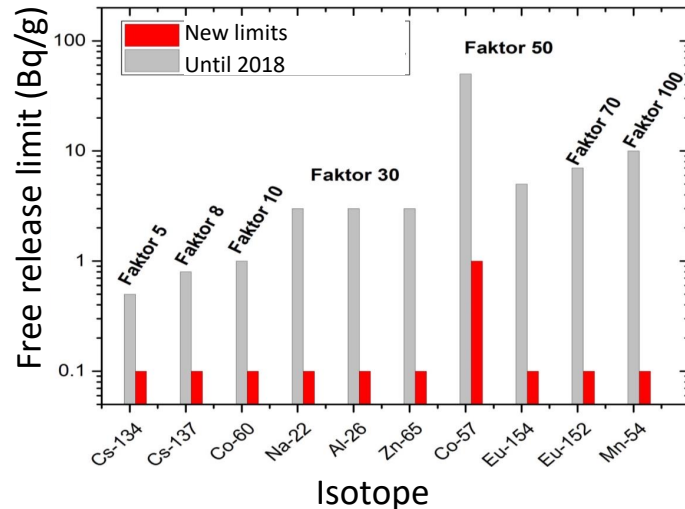


# Characterization of activated material

- Building with necessary infrastructure available (total  $\gamma$ , in-situ  $\gamma$  spectrometry)
- Experience from former and ongoing dismantling projects (e.g. injector 1)
- Waste sorting
- Re-use of activated material



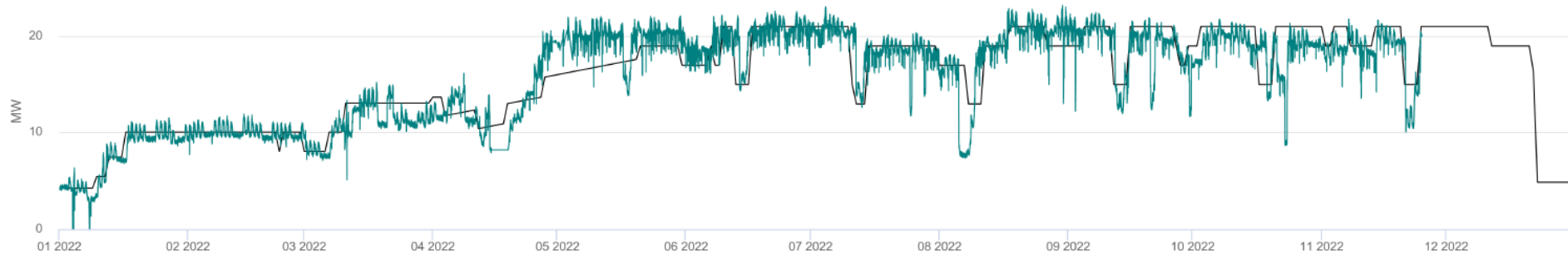
## New Radiological Protection Ordinance 2018



# Energy Issues at PSI in 2022

- 133.5 GWh of electric energy were purchased for 2022
- Fixed price is 60.71 CHF/MWh
- The fixed prices is valid within +/- 5%

PSI electric power consumption 2022

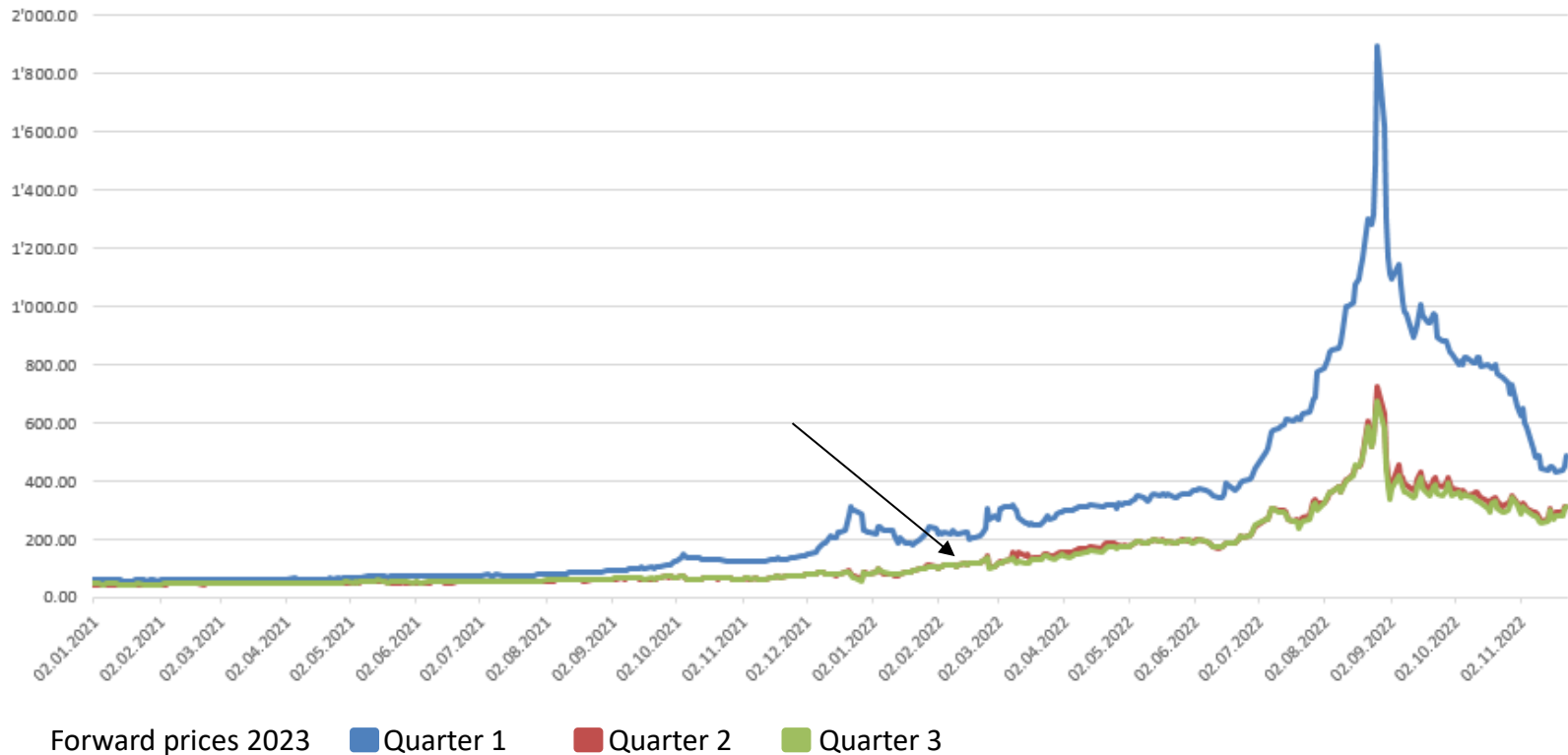


	PSI total	actual	(MWh)
	PSI total	forecast	(MWh)

- above 5%, a penalty + spot market price applies
- currently PSI is 6% above forecast

# Electricity Price Development 2022

Forward prices of quarterly products (Status 23.11.2022)



- Spot price 23.11.2021: ca. 43 EUR/MWh
- Spot price maximum 30.08.2022: ca. 720 EUR/MWh
- Spot price 25.11.2022: ca. **280 EUR/MWh**

**With 1% above the forecast, ca. 700 000 EUR could incur for PSI**

# Measures to save Energy

## SwissFEL

- Shutdown 11 days earlier: 450 MWh
- 50 Hz instead of 100 Hz operation: 325 MWh

## SLS

- 2 days of additional Shutdown: 100 MWh

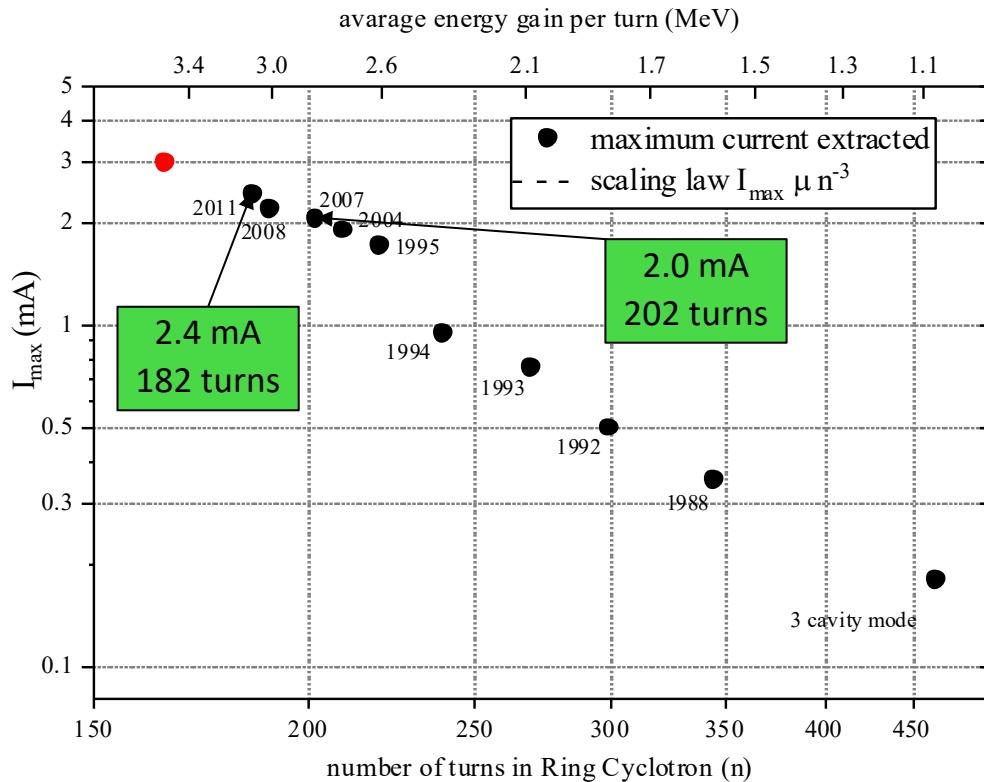
## Proton Facility

- Shutdown 5 days earlier: 1150 MWh
  - No beam development: 280 MWh
  - Unexpected conditioning flattop: -100 MWh
- 
- 2205 MWh



To save ca. 14 GWh in 2032, measures also taken in 2023  
definite SLS darktime in October 23 (4500 MWh) -> SLS 2.0 Upgrade

# Efficiency and beam current



182 turns:  $|U_{cav}| \approx 850 \text{ kVp}$   
 RF losses:  $\approx 900 \text{ kW}$

202 turns:  $|U_{cav}| \approx 760 \text{ kVp}$   
 RF losses:  $\approx 720 \text{ kW}$   
 savings ca. 180 kW

flattop:  $|U_{cav}| \approx 470 \text{ kVp}$   
 savings  $\approx 20 \text{ kW}$

Current reduction 2.0 to 1.8 mA  
 $590 \text{ MV} \cdot 0.2 \text{ mA} = 120 \text{ kW}$

RF-Amplifier efficiency (0.6)

$$\frac{900 - 720 + 20 + 120}{0.6} = 500$$

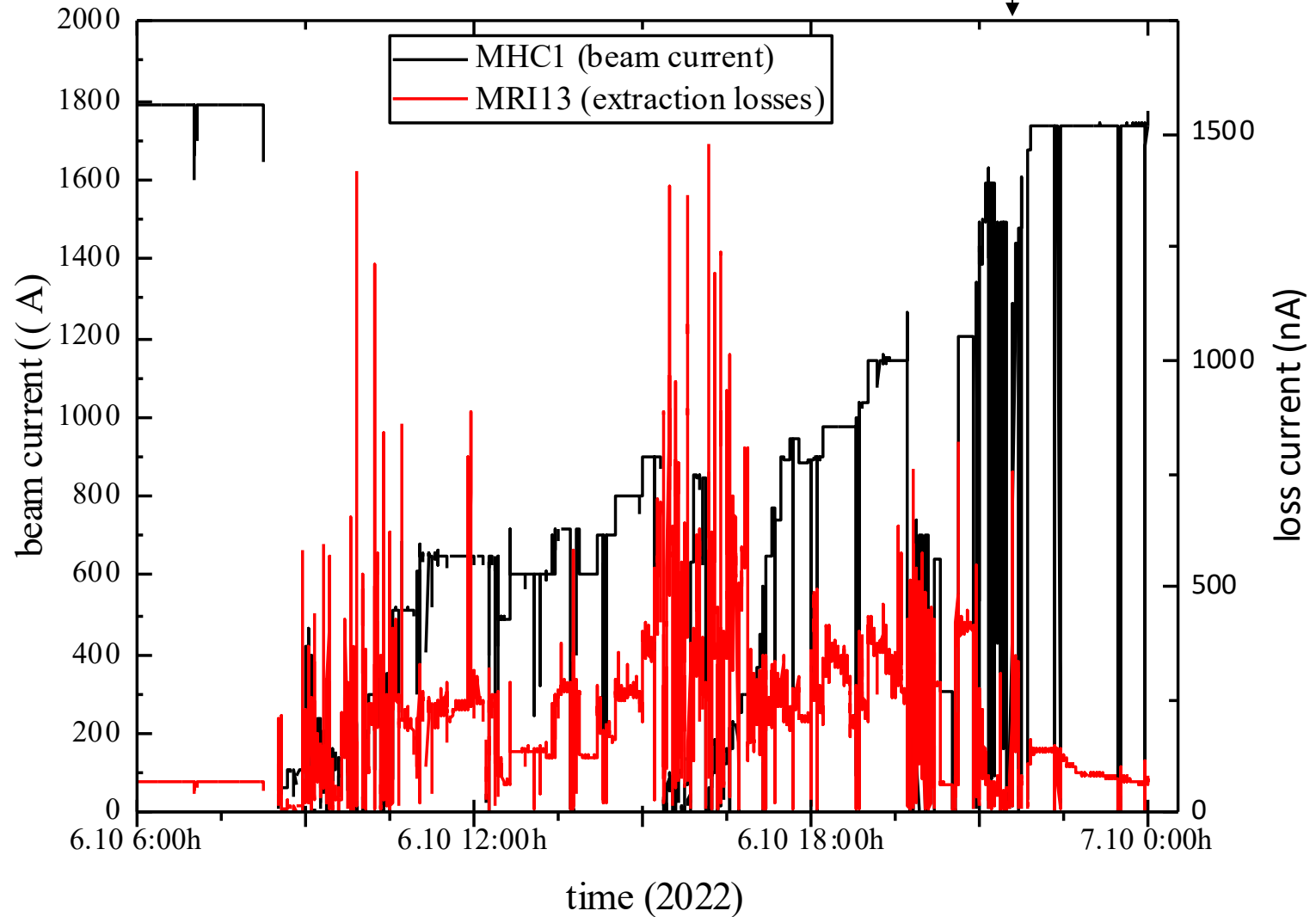
Total savings at 1.8 mA: **0.5 MW**  
 During 70 d of operation: **840 MWh**  
**Corresponds to 3 days of user operation**



# Increase of Number of Turns

Gap voltage 760 kVp (202 turns)

Back to normal (850 kVp, 182 turns)



# Cyclotrons for Accelerator Driven Systems

The energy efficiency is specifically important within the context of **Accelerator Driven Systems**

E.g.: power generation with a Thorium subcritical device



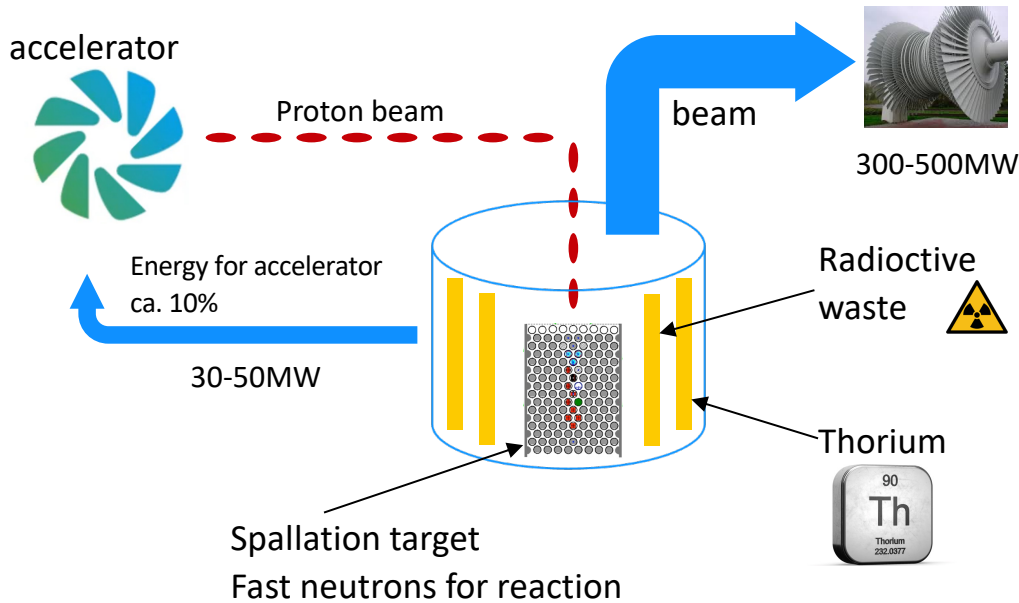
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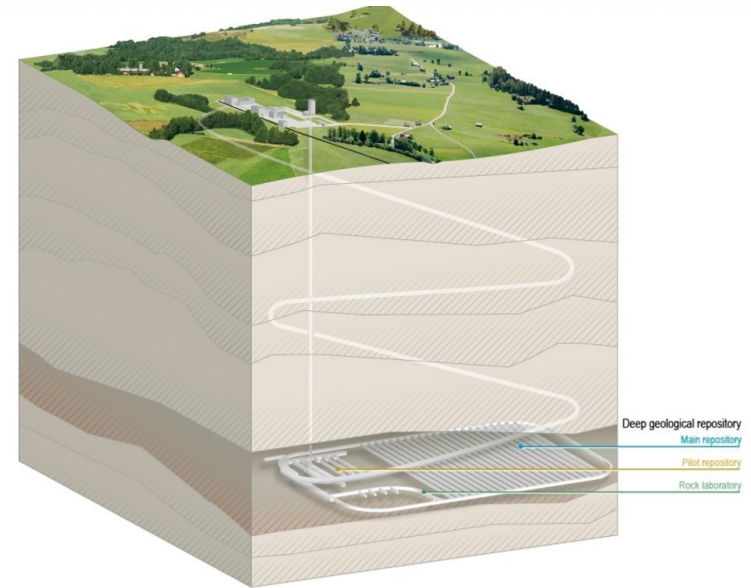
*Subcritical  
Transmuting  
Accelerated  
Reactor  
Technology*

# Transmutation of Radioactive Waste

## Accelerator Driven System

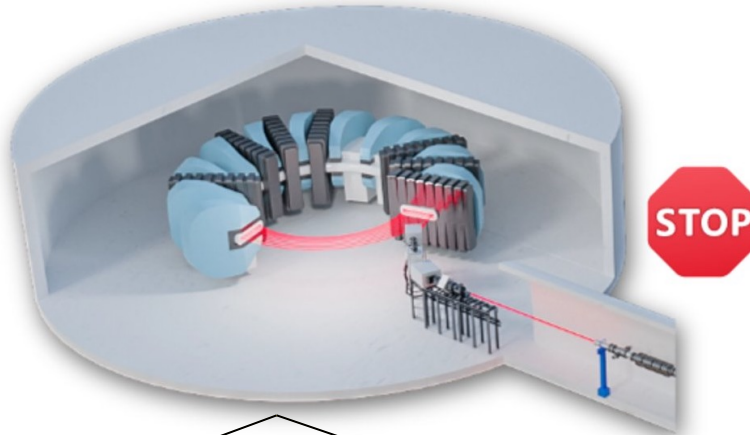


## Finite space of deep geological storage

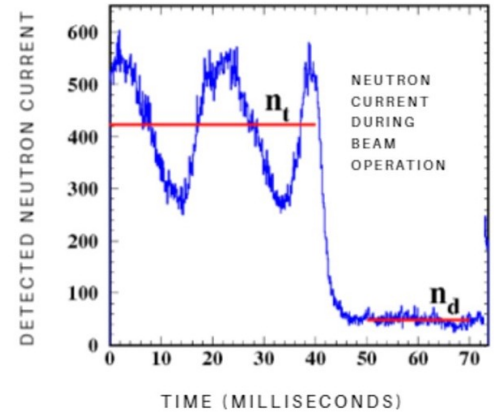




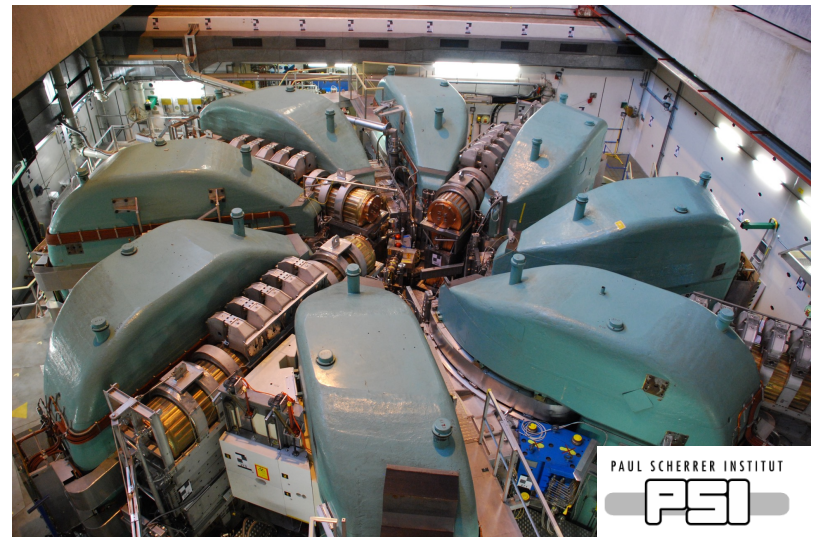
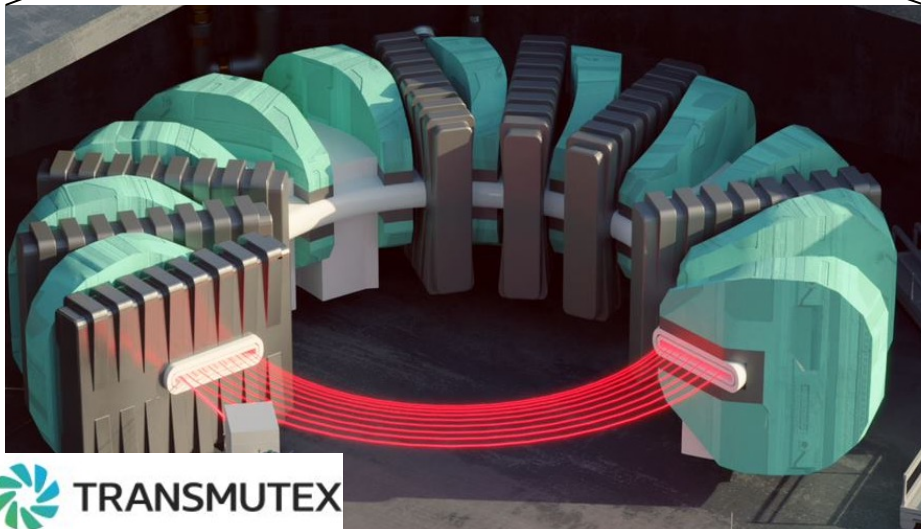
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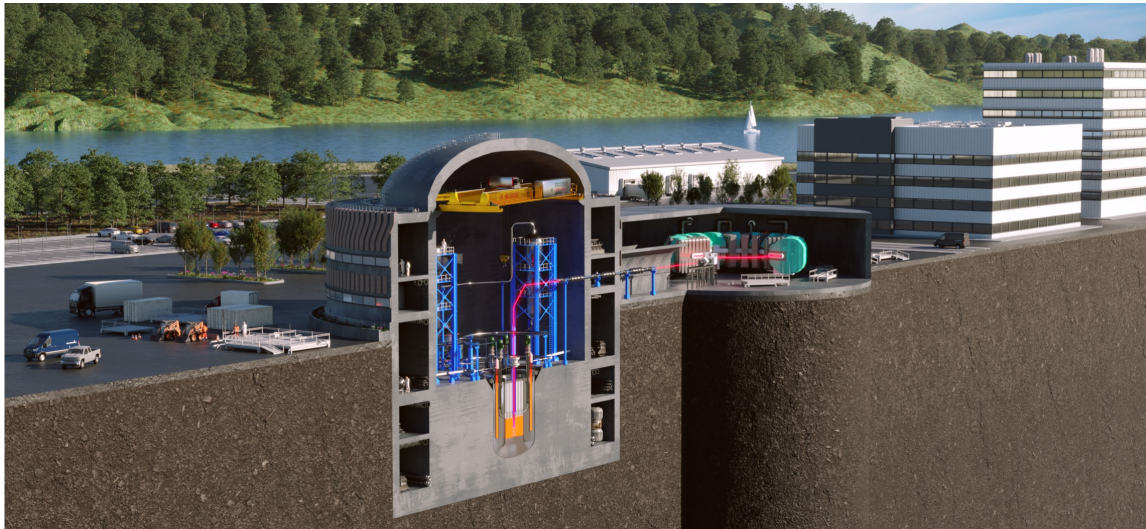
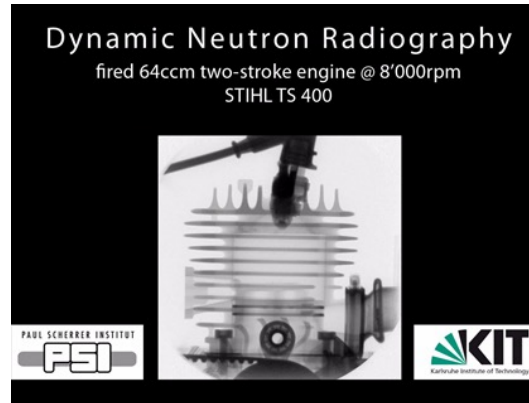
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### Framework agreement of accelerator



# Is a Megawatt Accelerator Sustainable?



Yes, especially if the most efficient system is being used. A Cyclotron.





## My thanks go to

- My Colleagues
- Your attention!





# Some Sustainability Attempts at PSI

## Mobility

- „free“ use of eBikes
- Half-fare tickets
- Free charging eCars
- CO<sub>2</sub> compensation travelling
- Remote work

## Environment

- Afforestation
- Food waste
- Less meat
- Green Team
- Nature Sanctuary

