

# Status and Overview of RAON

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## The Making of RAON

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Commissioning  
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Summary



## "Rare Isotope Science Project" (RISP) from 2011 to June 2022

### Goal

To build a rare isotope accelerator complex RAON for rare isotope science research

### Period

1st Phase: Dec. 2011 ~ Dec. 2022

R&D for the 2nd Phase: Dec. 2022 ~ Dec. 2027



Accelerator complex ISOL + In-Flight Fragmentation

### Origin of Matter

- Nuclear Astrophysics
- Nuclear Matter
- Super Heavy Element Search
- High-precision Mass Measurement

### Properties of Exotic Nuclei

- Nuclear Structure
- Electric Dipole Moment and Symmetry
- Hyperfine Structure Study

### Applied Science

- Bio-Medical Sciences
- Material Sciences
- Neutron Science

라온 -> RAON -> Rare isotope Accelerator complex for ON-line experiments



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### From Project to Operation : From RISP to IRIS

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Rare Isotope  
Science

# 2011~ 2025

## 2011

- **Feb, 2011**  
Conceptual Design Report (CDR)
- **Dec, 2011**  
Rare Isotope Science Project (RISP) launched
- **Sep, 2013**  
Technical Design Report (TDR)
- **Feb, 2014**  
Purchasing the Land (Sin-dong)
- **Feb, 2017**  
Civil Construction Project Started

## 2019

- **Apr, 2019**  
Moved to Sin-dong Site
- **Apr, 2020**  
1st QWR Cryomodule installed
- **Sep, 2020**  
Installation of QWR completed
- **Jan, 2021**  
Installation of HWR completed
- **Jul, 2022**  
Institute for Rare Isotope Science (IRIS) established

## 2022

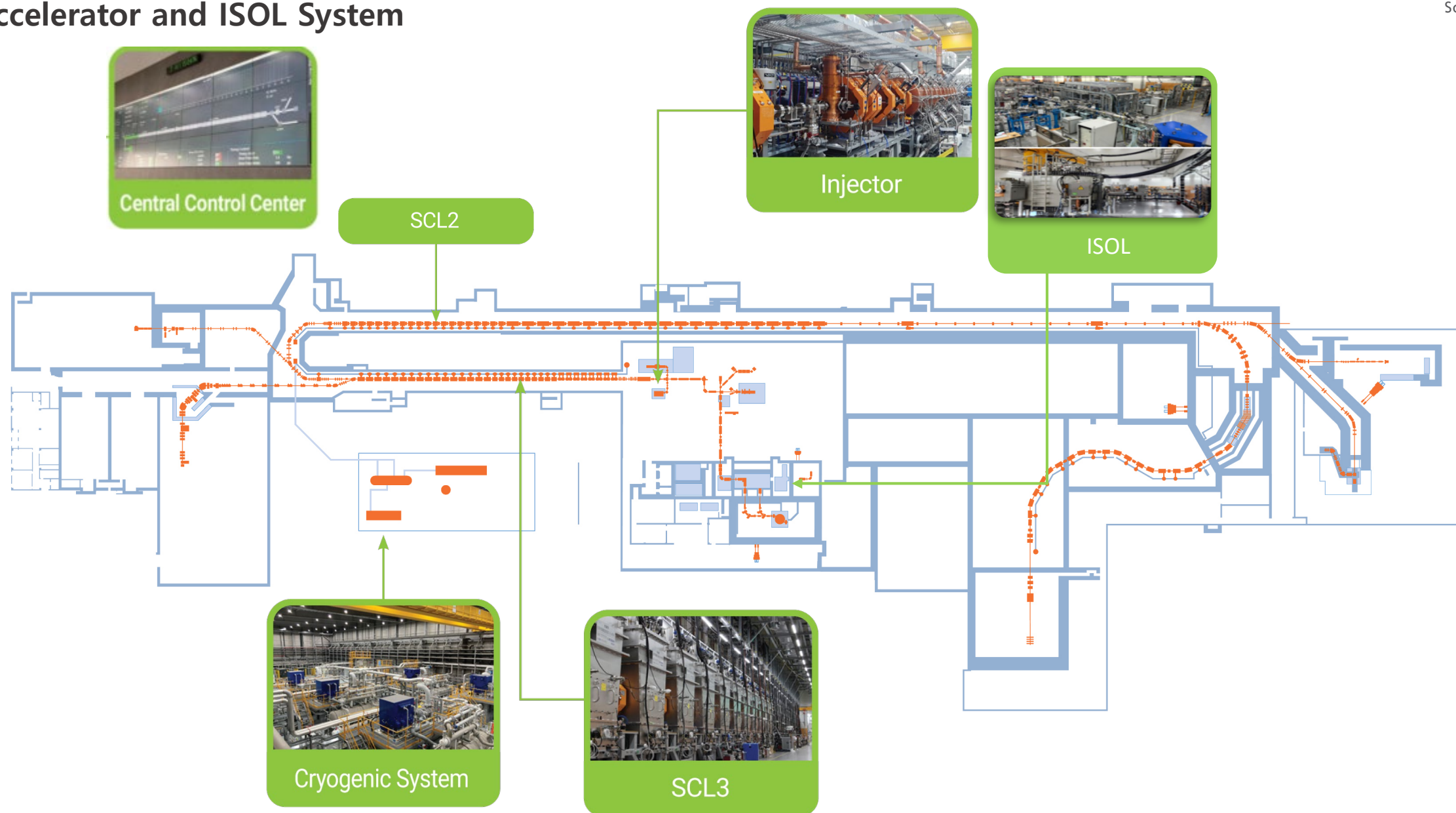
- **Dec, 2022**  
Stage-1 of RISP completed
- **May, 2023**  
Commissioning of SCL3 Accelerator completed
- **Dec, 2023**  
First Call for Proposals
- **Mar, 2024**  
First PAC
- **May, 2025**  
Second PAC

## 2025



## PART 1.

# Accelerator and ISOL System





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# Accelerator System: Installation

Apr, 2020: Installation of LEBT



Jul, 2020: Installation of MEBT



Apr, 2020: First QWR



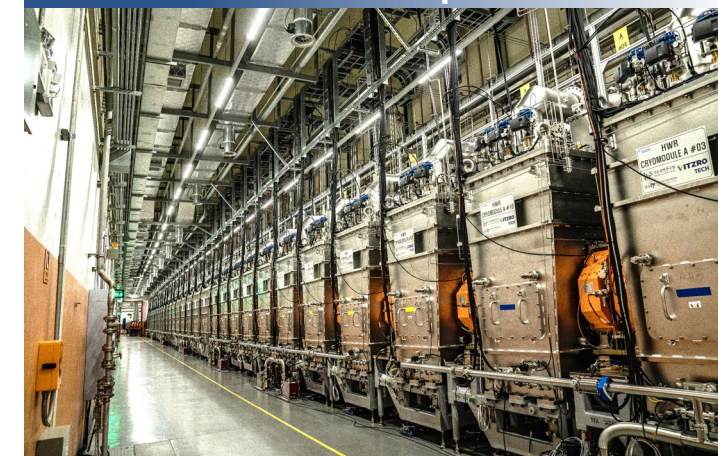
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Mar, 2021: HWRs started



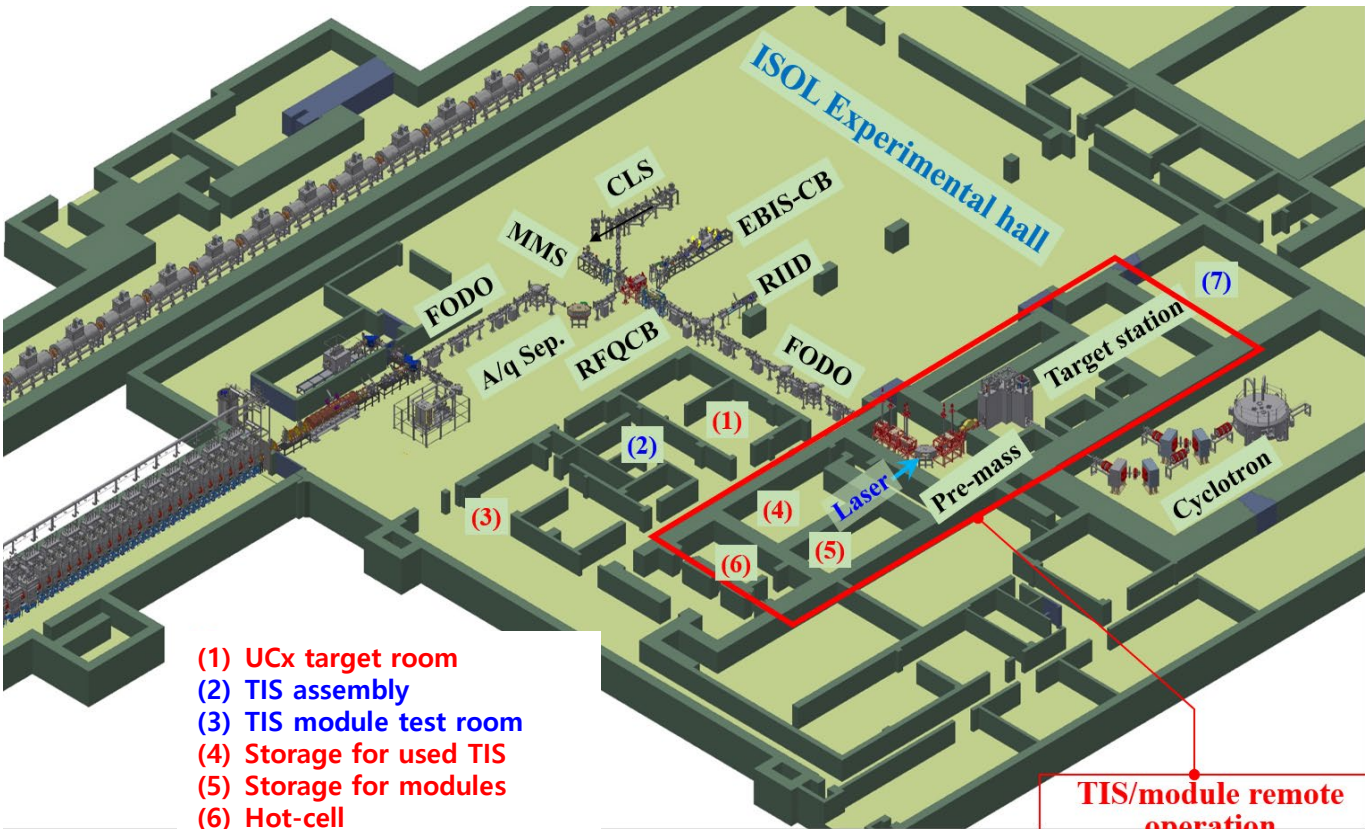
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# ISOL System

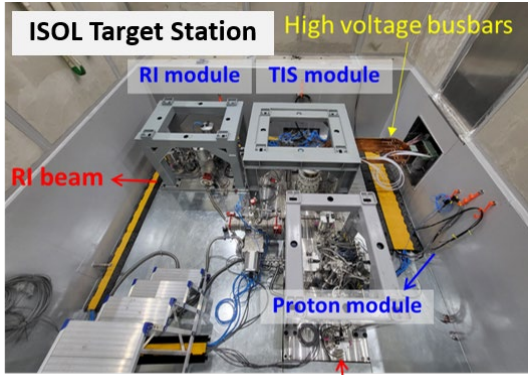
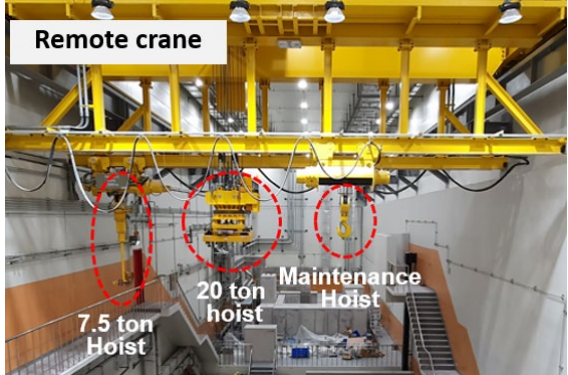
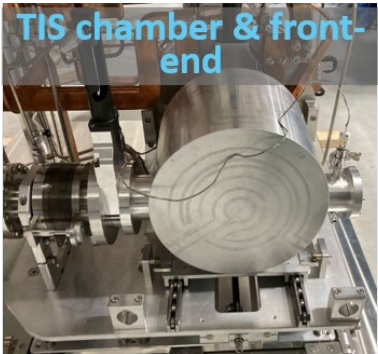


- (1) UCx target room
- (2) TIS assembly
- (3) TIS module test room
- (4) Storage for used TIS
- (5) Storage for modules
- (6) Hot-cell
- (7) On-line test facility

TIS/module remote  
operation  
& maintenance area

- Proton cyclotron of 70 MeV and 50 kW (tested)  
(35 MeV < E < 70 MeV)

Year	2024	2025	2026
Beam power	1 kW	2 kW	3 kW
Target	SiC, LaC <sub>2</sub>	TiC	ThC <sub>x</sub> , UC <sub>x</sub>
Ion source	SIS	RILIS, FEBIAD	RILIS, FEBIAD





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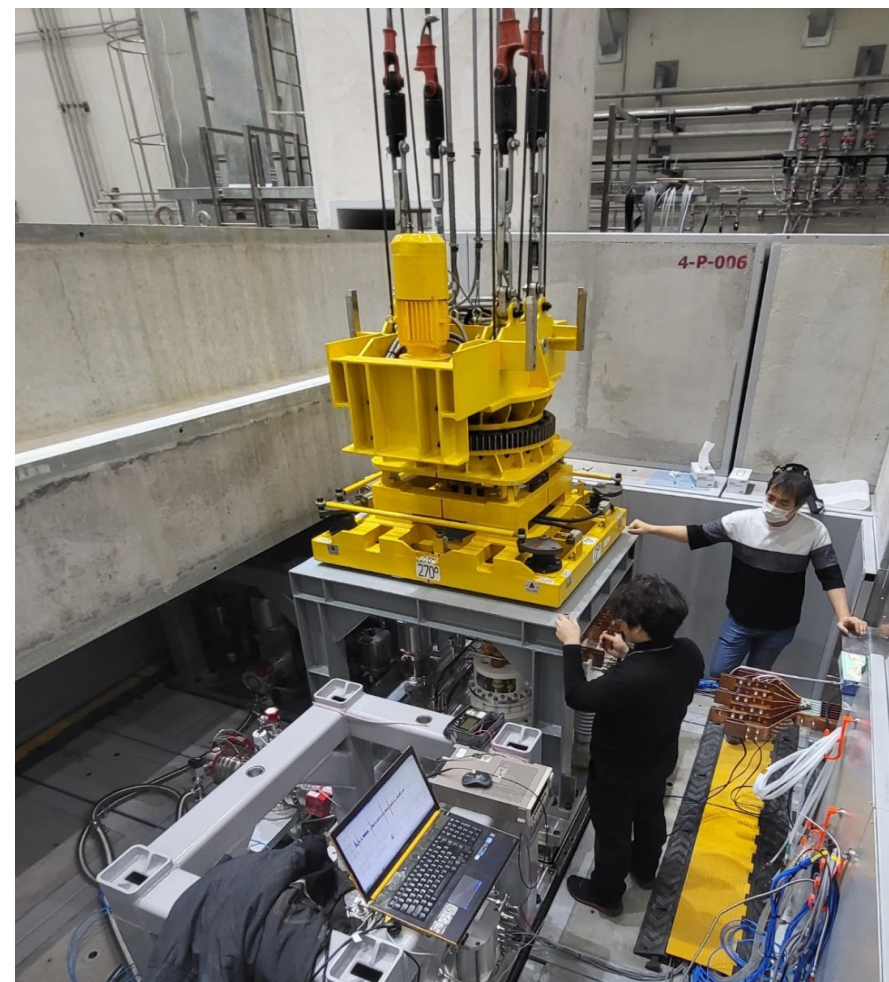
# ISOL System: Target Ion Source in ISOL Bunker

Poster, Jinho Lee, "Status of Rare Isotope Beam Operation at RAON"

Oct. 2021 Installation of ISOL TIS



Feb. 2023 Installation of ISOL TIS



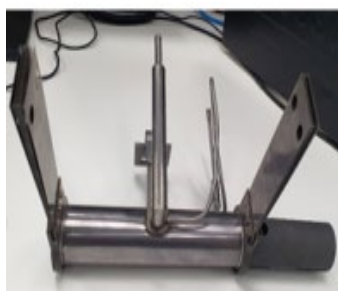


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### ISOL System: Target

#### ● SiC target (up to 1 kW)

Φ 20 mm, T 1.3 mm  
# of disk 18 ea



- Density  $\sim 1.8 \text{ g/cm}^3$ , Thermal diffusivity  $3.1 \text{ mm}^2/\text{s}$  ( $1,200^\circ\text{C}$ )
- Proton beam : **70 MeV, up to 14  $\mu\text{A}$**  on SiC ( $T < 1,600^\circ\text{C}$ )
- Surface ionized RIBs (**Li, Na, Al**) identified with **HPGe or scintillator**.
- Good release efficiency of isotopes from SiC target was confirmed (ex, **identification of  $^{24\text{m}}\text{Na}$  with  $T_{1/2} = 20 \text{ ms}$** )
- Aluminum with low diffusion coefficient and ionization efficiency was confirmed as a surface ion source

#### ● Beam transmission efficiency (with 1 kW proton)

	Production rate [INCL++(pps)]	Measured intensity (pps) downstream of Mass separator	Transmission rate
20Na	1.65E+08	1.02E+07	6.2%
21Na	2.37E+09	2.46E+07	1.46%
25Na	3.80E+08	1.10E+07	2.89%

- $^{8,9}\text{Li}$
- $^{20,21,22,24,24\text{m},25,26,27}\text{Na}$
- $^{25,26,26\text{m},28,29}\text{Al}$

#### ● $\text{LaC}_2$ target (up to 500W)

- Physical and chemical characteristics similar to UCx target
- **Same fabrication process as UCx/MWCNT target**
- To verify the fabrication and operation of UCx target
- Density  $\sim 1.8 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ,  $\Phi 20 \text{ mm}$



<Installation in a target container>



<Installation in a TIS chamber>

- $^{130}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{130\text{m}}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{134}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{134\text{m}}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{135}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{136}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{138}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{138\text{m}}\text{Cs}$
- $^{131\text{m}}\text{Ba}$ ,  $^{133}\text{Ba}$ ,  $^{133\text{m}}\text{Ba}$ ,  $^{135\text{m}}\text{Ba}$ ,  $^{137\text{m}}\text{Ba}$

- Cerium isotopes with a long sticking time could not be observed
- Cs-131 and Cs-136m have no gamma emission

#### ● SiC and TiC (in 2025)

#### ● $\text{ThC}_x$ and/or $\text{UC}_x$ (in 2026)



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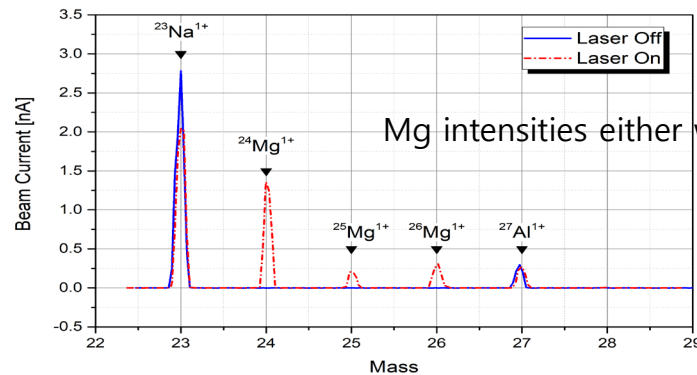
# ISOL System: Target Ion Source

### ● Surface ion source

- Na isotopes :  $^{20}\text{Na}$ ,  $^{21}\text{Na}$ ,  $^{22}\text{Na}$ ,  $^{24\text{m}}\text{Na}$ ,  $^{24}\text{Na}$ ,  $^{25}\text{Na}$ ,  $^{26}\text{Na}$ ,  $^{27}\text{Na}$
- Al isotopes :  $^{25}\text{Al}$ ,  $^{26}\text{Al}$ ,  $^{26\text{m}}\text{Al}$ ,  $^{28}\text{Al}$ ,  $^{29}\text{Al}$
- Cs isotopes :  $^{130}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{130\text{m}}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{134}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{134\text{m}}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{135}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{136}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{138}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{138\text{m}}\text{Cs}$
- Ba isotopes :  $^{131\text{m}}\text{Ba}$ ,  $^{133}\text{Ba}$ ,  $^{133\text{m}}\text{Ba}$ ,  $^{135\text{m}}\text{Ba}$ ,  $^{137\text{m}}\text{Ba}$

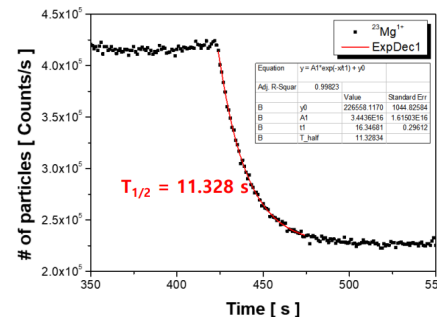
### ● Laser ion source

- 4 Ti:Sa lasers & 2 Nd:YAG
- Laser ionization test of Mg using off-line test facility done.



< Mg stable beam test using RILIS >

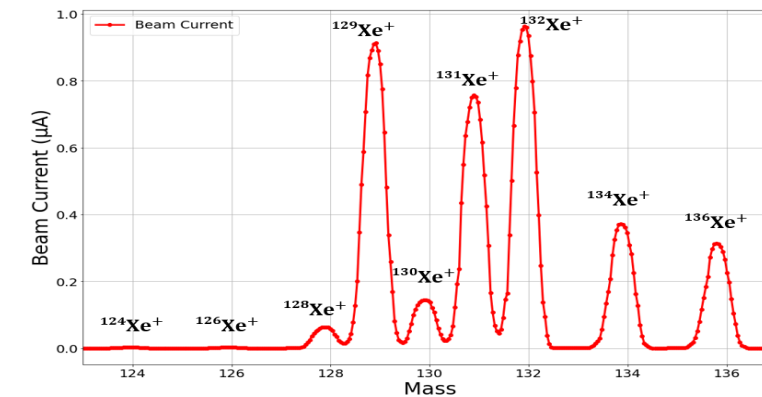
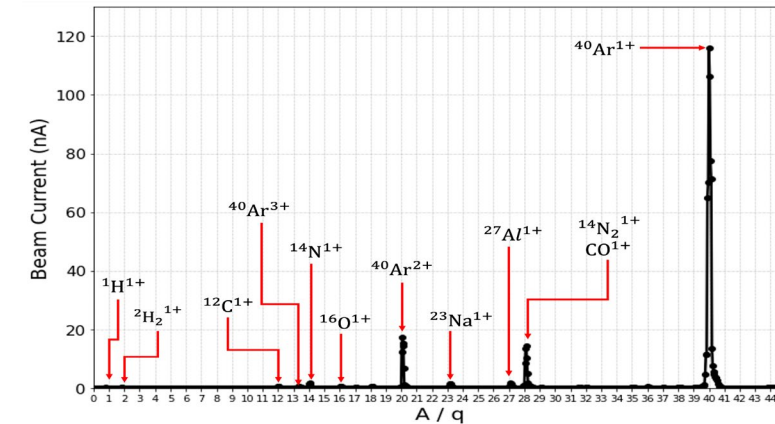
- Mg RI beam extraction in progress**  
( $\sim 5 \times 10^6$   $^{23}\text{Mg}^{1+}$  extracted)



### ● Plasma ion source

- In the off-line test facility, Ar, Xe, and Kr gases are being tested.
- On-line plasma ion source is manufactured.

### ● Off-line test results of plasma ion source



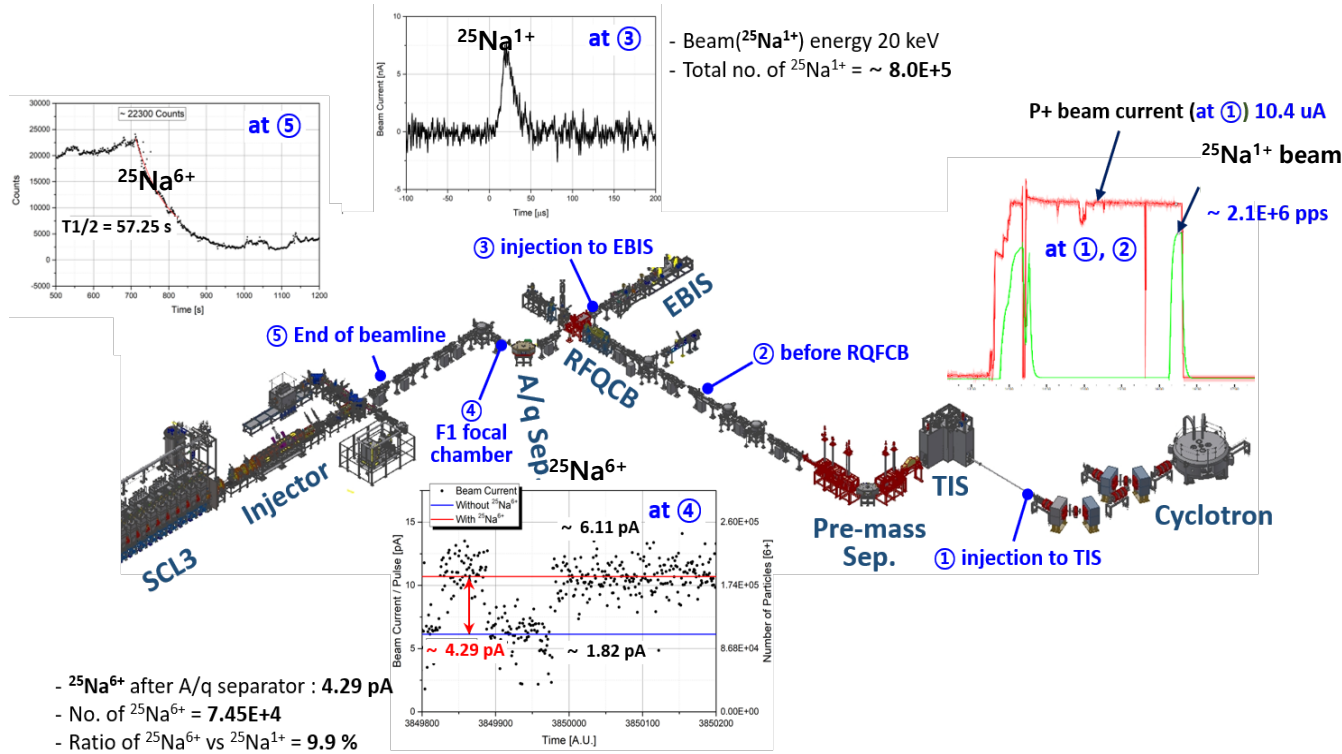
< FEBIAD ion source test using Ar (top), Xe (bottom) gas >



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# ISOL System: Transportation of ISOL beam to SCL3 for post-acceleration

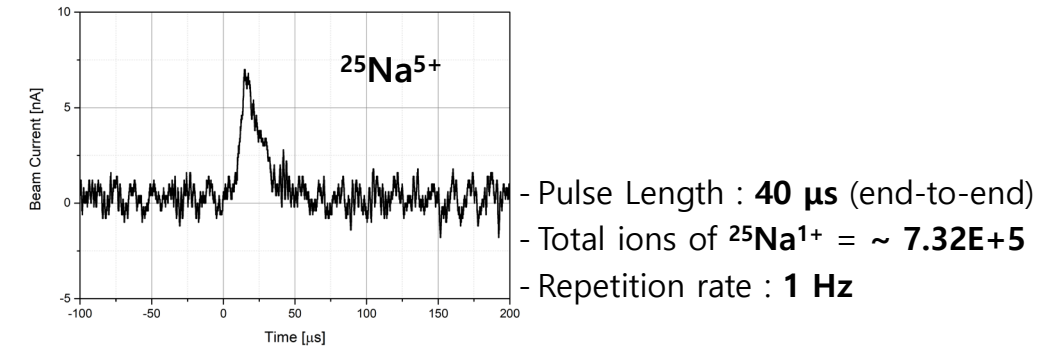
### ● Preliminary experiments with $^{25}\text{Na}^{6+}$



	Measurement Point	Beam Current ( $^{25}\text{Na}^{6+}$ )	Number of Particles	Transmission (each step)
③	EBIS Dipole	4.57 pA	$7.93\text{E}+4$	-
④	A/q Separator	4.29 pA	$7.45\text{E}+4$	93.9 %
⑤	End of ISOL Beamline	-	$\sim 4.46\text{E}+4$	$\sim 59.8$ %

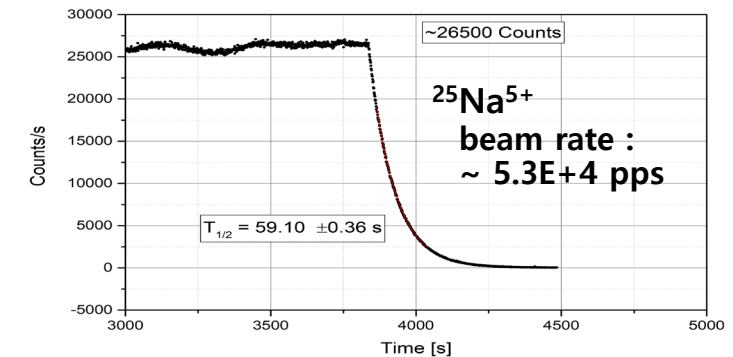
### ● Charge breeding & SCL3 transportation of $^{25}\text{Na}^{5+}$

#### ■ Injected Na Ions



#### ■ EBIS Experimental Condition

- SC Magnet : 6 T
- E-Beam Energy : 13 keV
- Breeding Time : 10 ms
- Extracted ion Beam Energy : 10 keV/u ( $^{25}\text{Na}^{5+}$ )

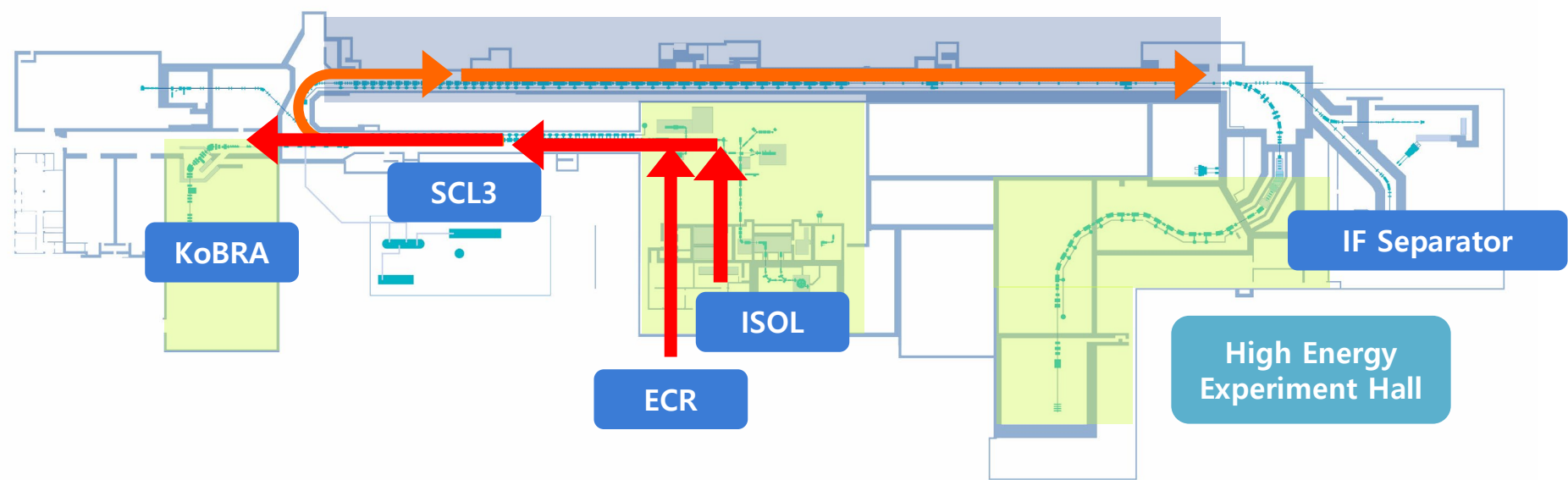




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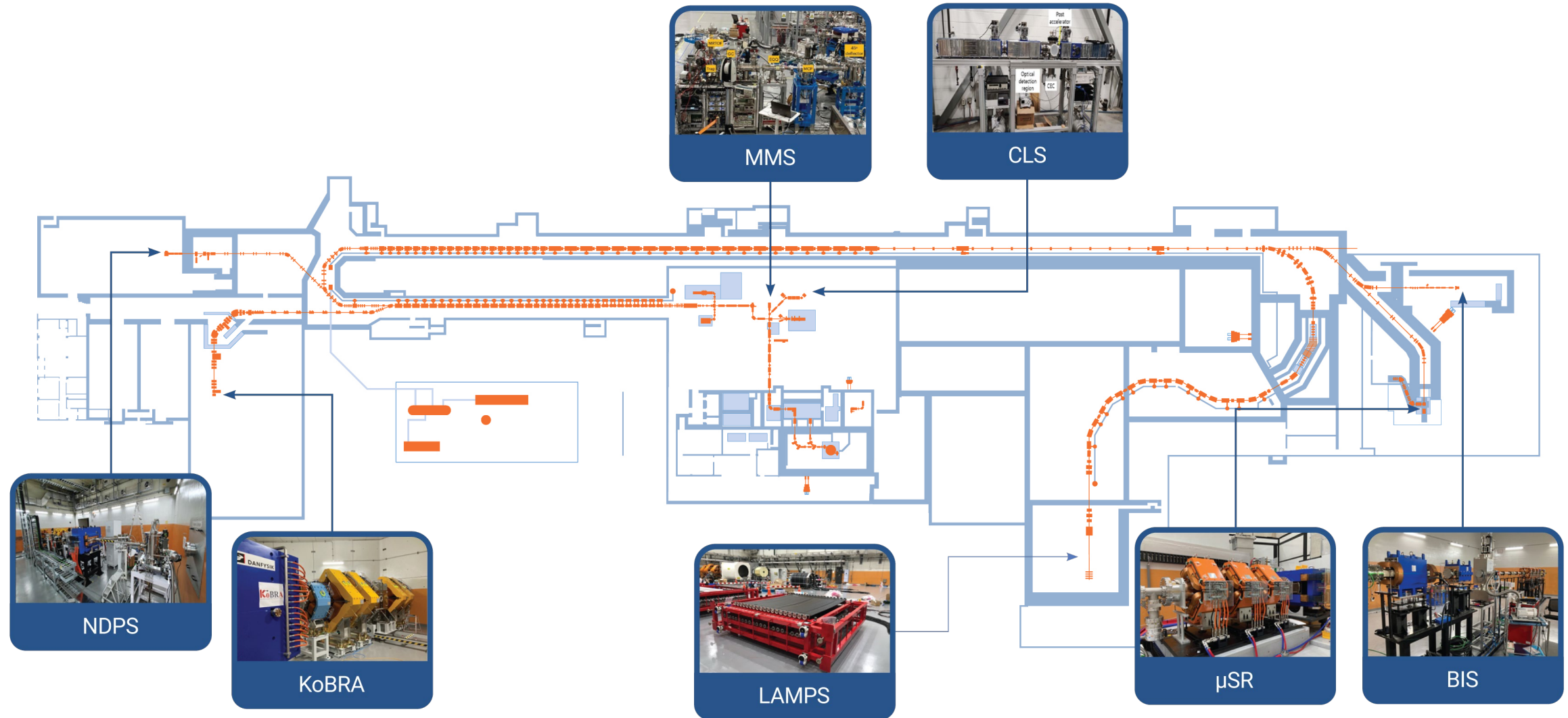
RIB Production: KoBRA, ISOL, IF, ISOL+IF

	KoBRA	ISOL	IF Separator
RIB Production & Acceleration Mode	ECR (SIB) → SCL3 → KoBRA production target	Cyclotron (p) → TIS (RIB) → SCL3	ECR (SIB) or ISOL (RIB) → SCL3 → SCL2 → IF (RIB)
Production Mechanism	Direct reactions & Multi Nucleon Transfer	p induced reactions and fission of U	Projectile Fragmentation (U fission)
RIB Energy	< a few tens of MeV/u	> a few keV/u	< hundreds of MeV/u





## PART 1. Experimental Systems



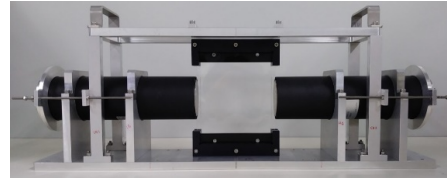


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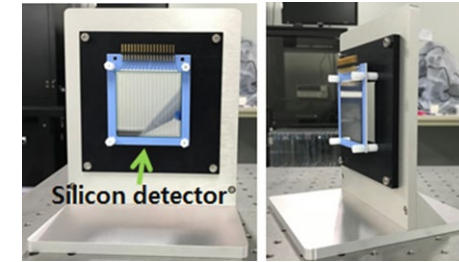
# KoBRA (Korea Broad Acceptance Recoil spectrometer and Apparatus)

Beam swinger	up to $\pm 12$ degree for 3 Tm
Degrader at F1	Homogeneous or Curved
Magnetic rigidity	0.25 – 3.0 Tm
Angular acceptance	$\pm 40$ mrad (H) $\pm 100$ mrad (V)
Momentum acceptance	$\pm 4\%$
High order correction	up to 4 <sup>th</sup> order
Momentum resolving power at F1	2100 at 2 mm beam size
Mass resolving power (with Wien filter)	750 at 2 mm beam size

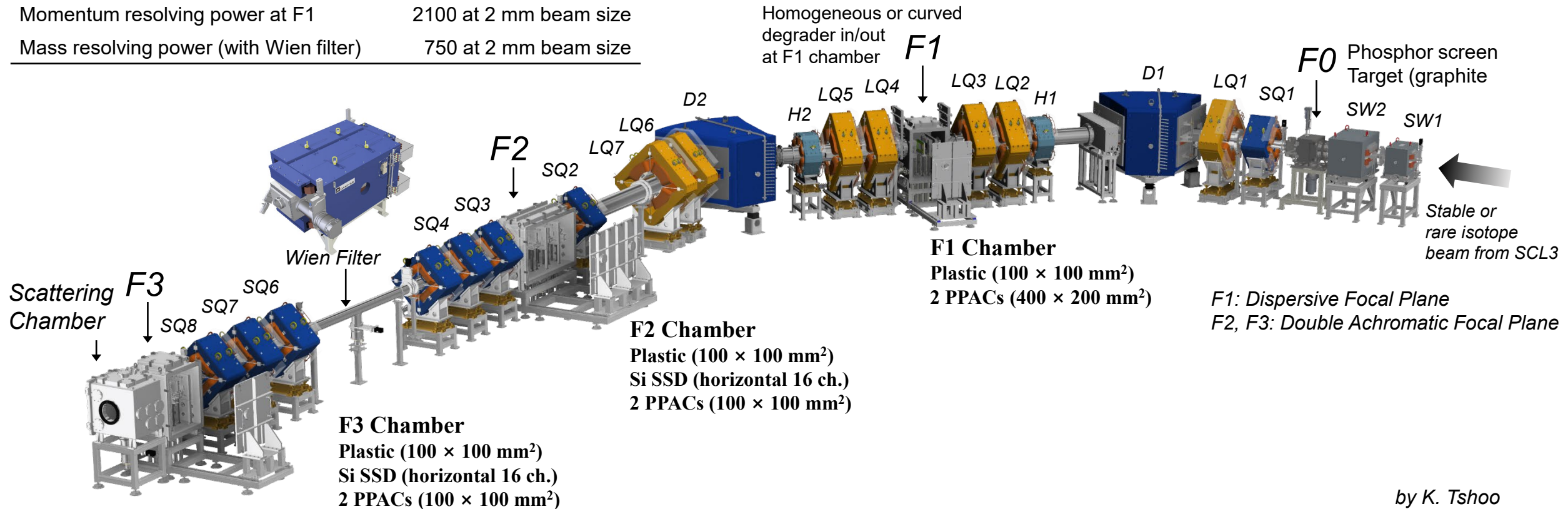
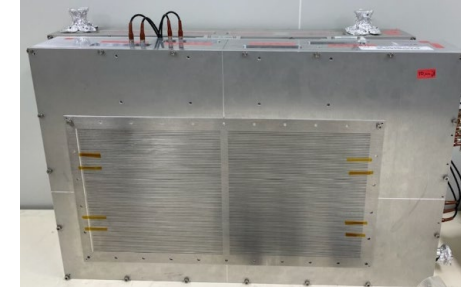
### Plastic scintillator



### Si SSD



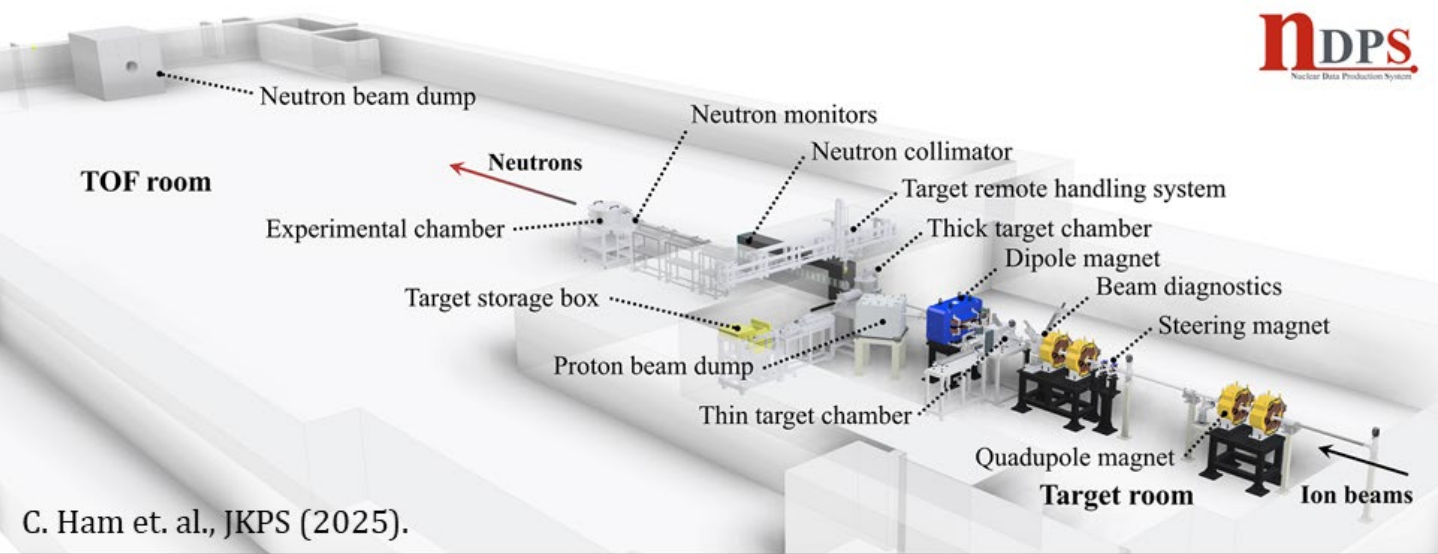
### PPAC





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NDPS (Nuclear Data Production System)



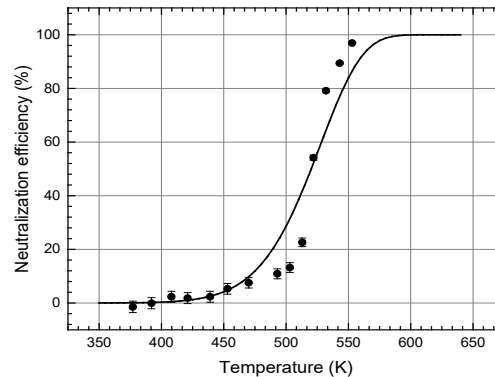
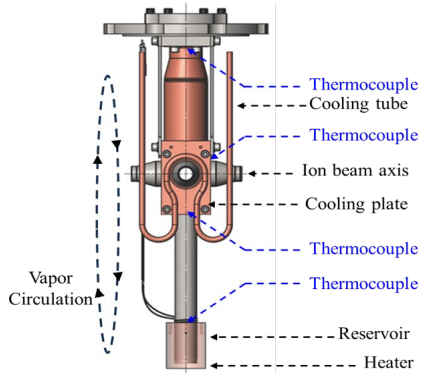
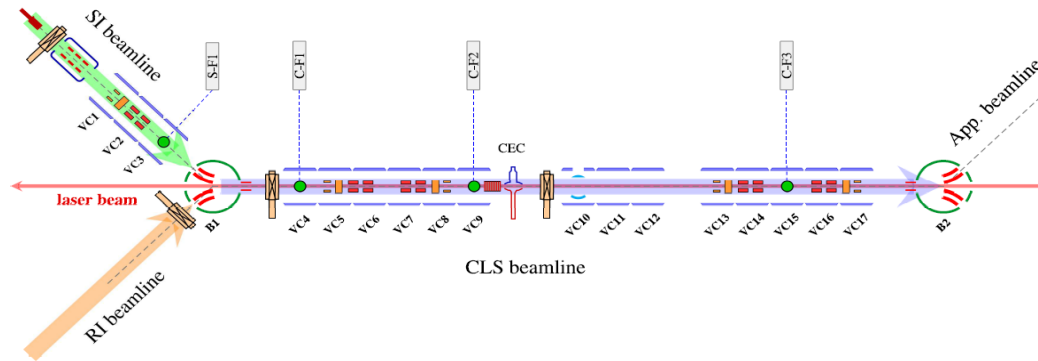
Specification of NDPS

Beam Ion	Proton, deuteron, $^{40}\text{Ar}$ , etc
Ion Beam Energy	20~80 MeV for proton ~50 MeV/u for deuteron Up to 18 MeV/u for heavy ion
Target	$^{12}\text{C}$ for white neutron Li for monoenergetic neutron
Flight length of neutron	5 – 50 m
Calculated neutron flux	$\sim 10^{10}$ n/sec/sr/pμA (@ 0°)
Neutron beam size	Minimum 4 cm in diameter



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# CLaSsy (Collinear Laser Spectroscopy)



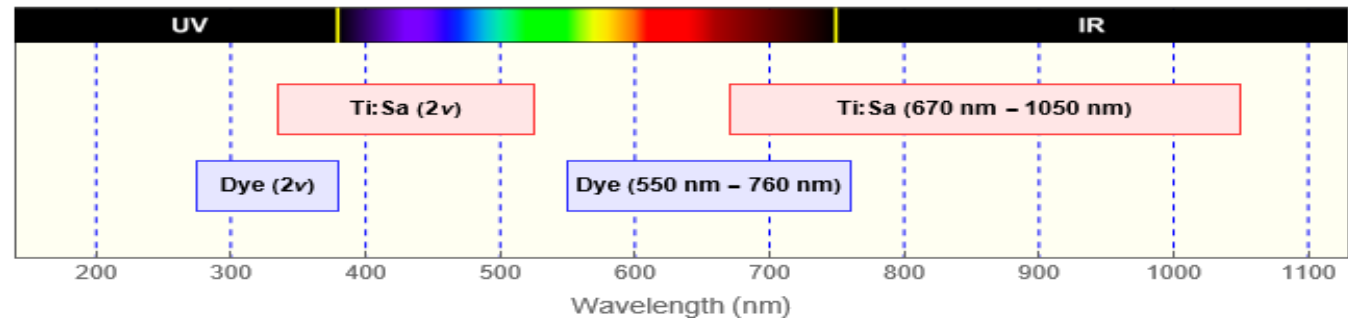
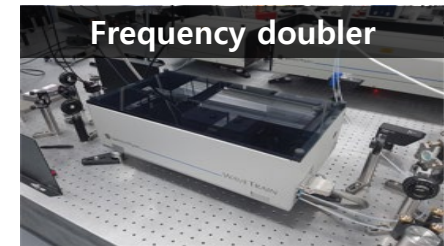
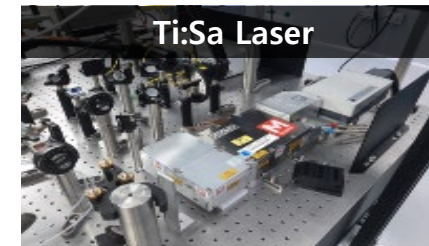
Charge-exchange cell (CEC)

Neutralization efficiency of CEC

by S. J. Park and C. Lim

- **CLS beamline** was developed at TRIUMF, Canada.  
Equipped with a vertical charge-exchange cell for neutralization  
Enables Doppler frequency tuning of the ion beam ( $\pm 10$  kV)  
Resonance signals are detected at the light collection system.
- **SI beamline** utilizes a **commercial hot cathode plasma ion source**.  
Extracts various ion beams depending on the injected sample.
- **RI beam** is transmitted from the ISOL facility.
- **Laser system** includes Ti:Sa laser and Dye lasers

## Laser system for CLaSsy and its wavelength coverage

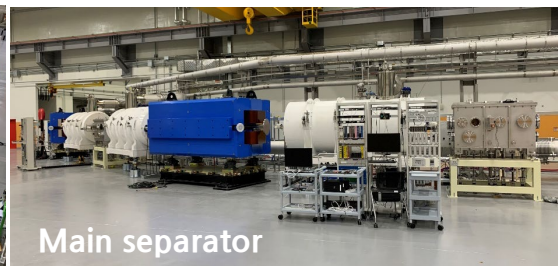
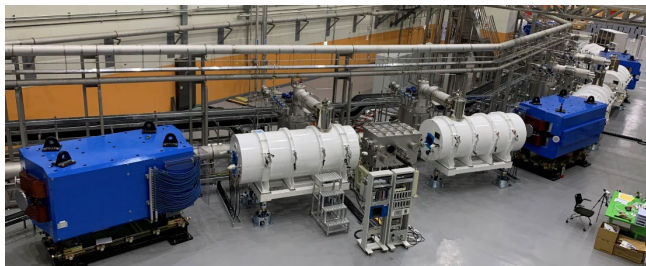
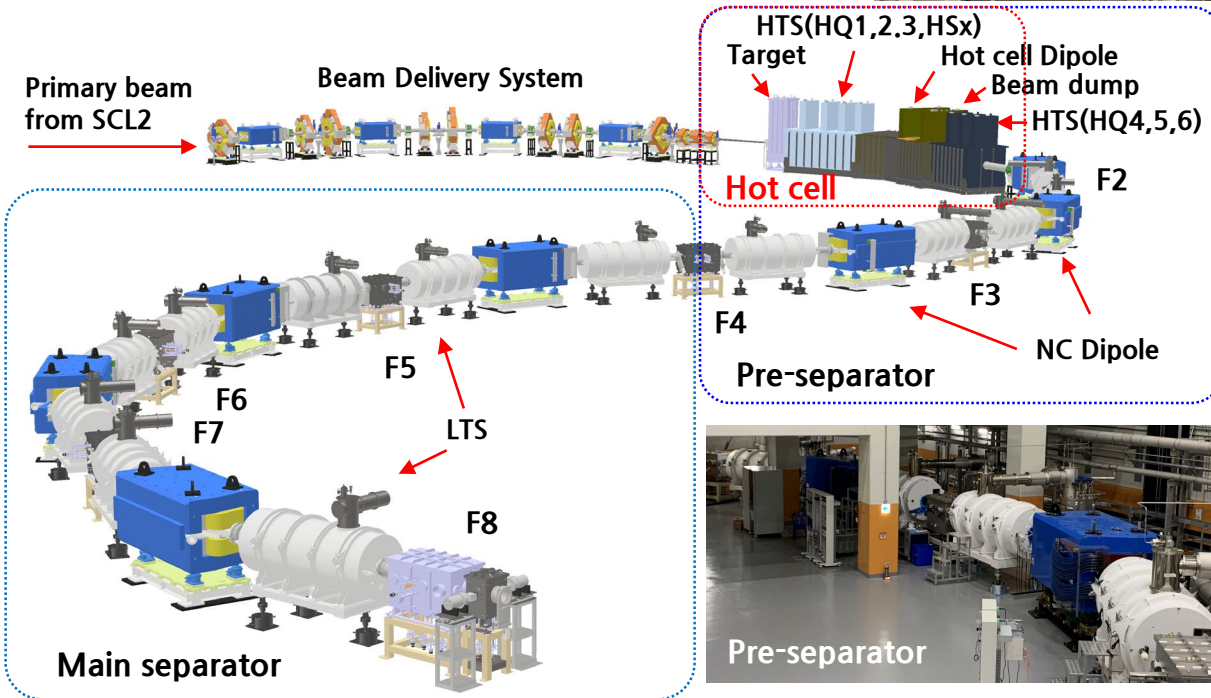


- ① Ti:Sa laser: 670 – 1050 nm
- ② Dye laser: 550 – 760 nm
- ③ Ti:Sa & SHG: 335 – 525 nm
- ④ Dye & SHG: 275 – 380 nm



## PART 1.

# IF Separator (In-flight Fragment Separator)



## ■ Specification of IF separator

### ○ 2 stage separator

→ Pre-separator : Production RI beam and separation

→ Main separator : Tagging and Particle Identification

### ○ Large acceptance for In-Flight fission

→ Angular acceptance:  $\pm 40(H) \text{ \& } 50(V) \text{ mrad}$

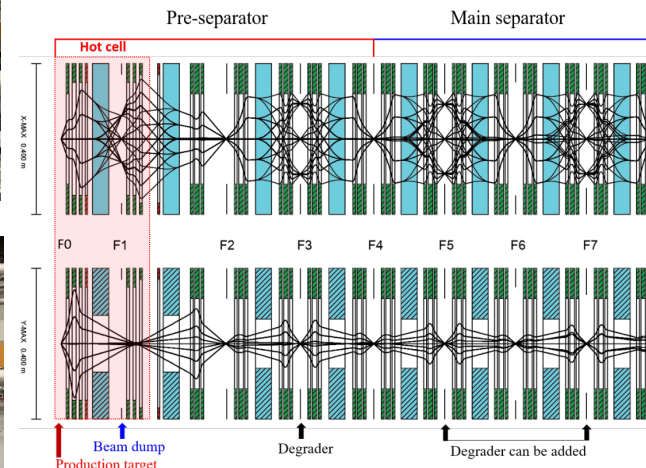
→ Momentum acceptance:  $\pm 3 \%$

○ HTS : 6 quadrupole (HQ1 ~ HQ6), 1 sextupole (HSx)

○ LTS : 13 quadrupole triplet (LQT01 ~ LQT13)

○ NC : 8 dipole (D1 ~ D8), 1 sextupole

## ■ The optics of IF separator



○ Magnetic rigidity:  $\sim 7.5 \text{ Tm}$

○ Focal plane

Achromatic: F2, F4, F6, F8

Momentum dispersive: F1, F3, F5, F7

Doubly achromatic: F8

○ Momentum resolving power\*

Pre-separator

: 1270 at F1, 3200 at F3

Main separator

: 3300 at F6, 3300 at F8

(\* 1mm beam spot size @ target)

by J. Y. Kim





## PART 2

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in 2023

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SCL2

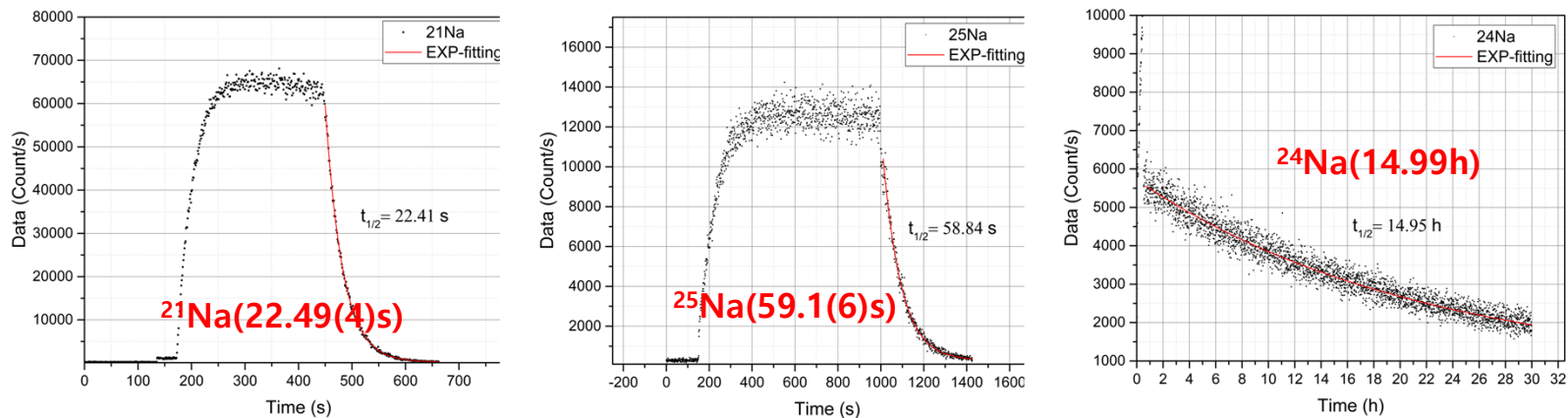
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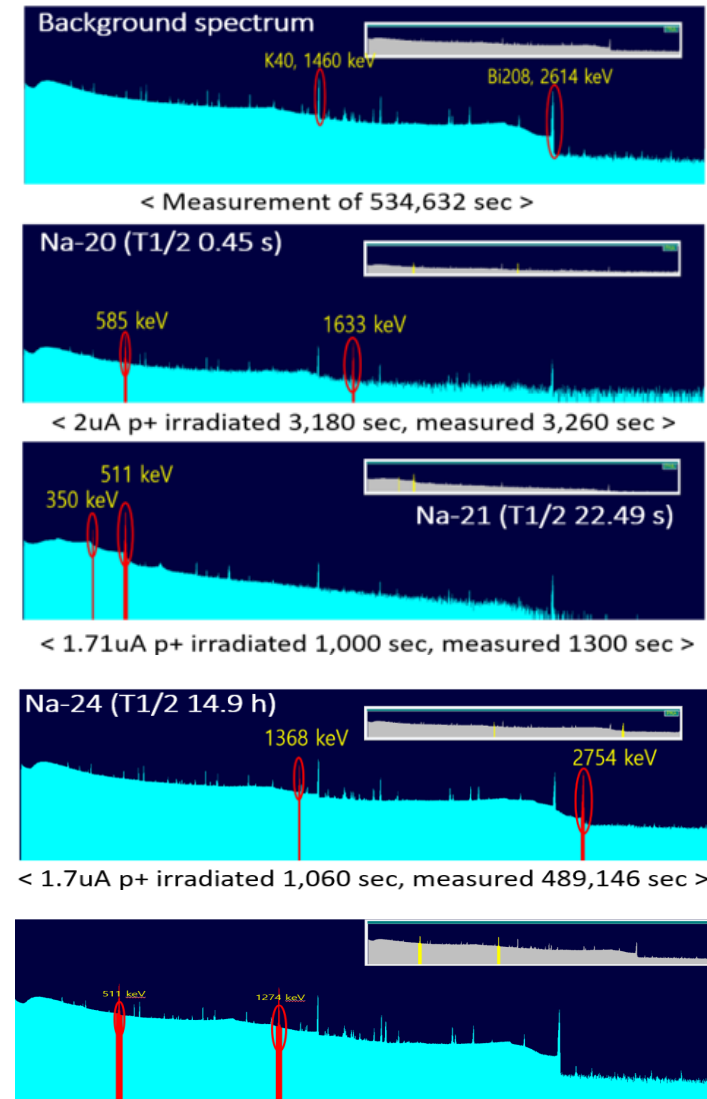
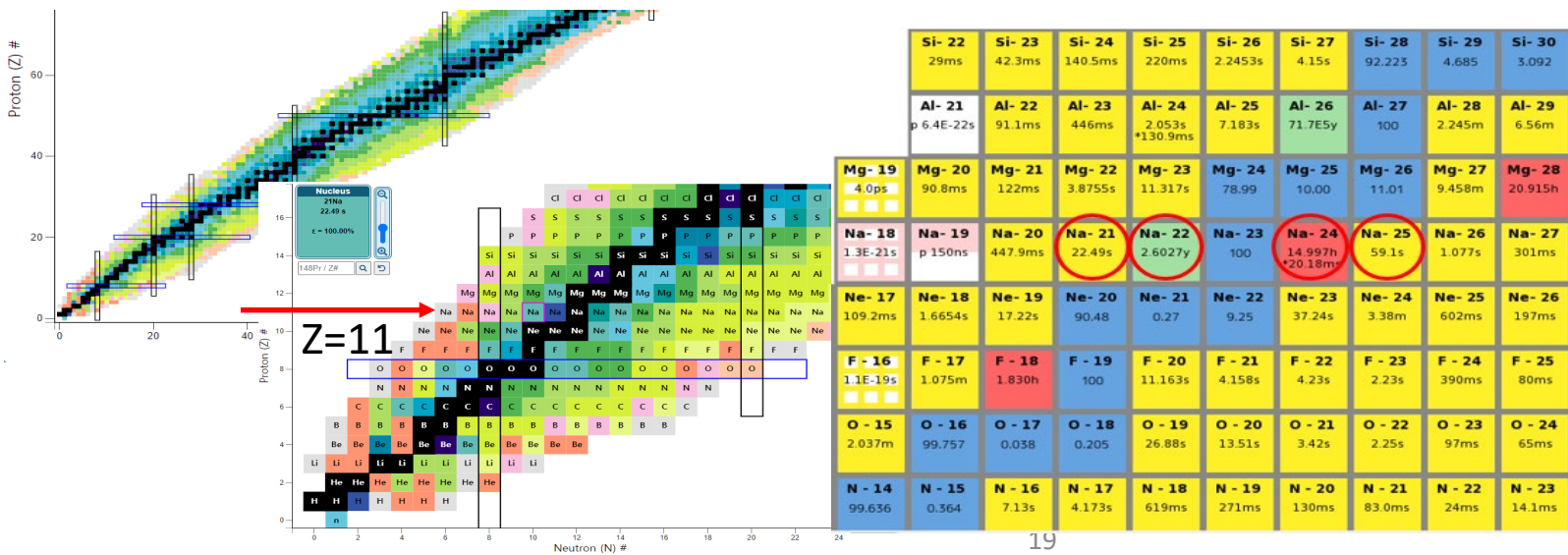


PART 2.

Commissioning of ISOL: First production and transport of RI from ISOL (with SiC in March, 2023)



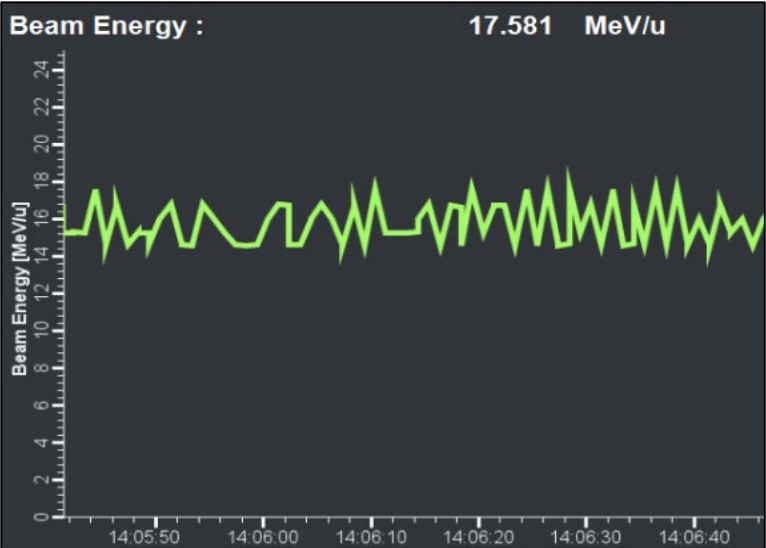
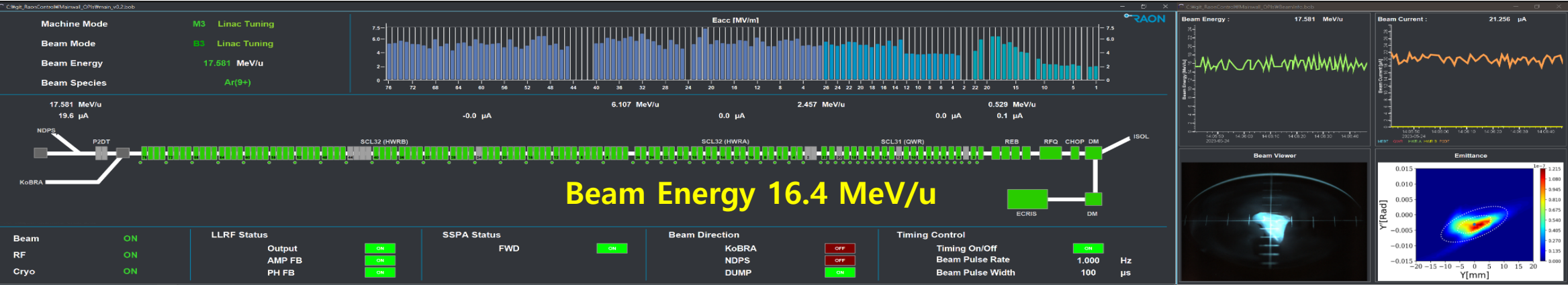
The measured half-lives of Na isotopes by using scintillators & PMT



PART 2.

# First full beam commissioning of SCL3 (May, 2023)

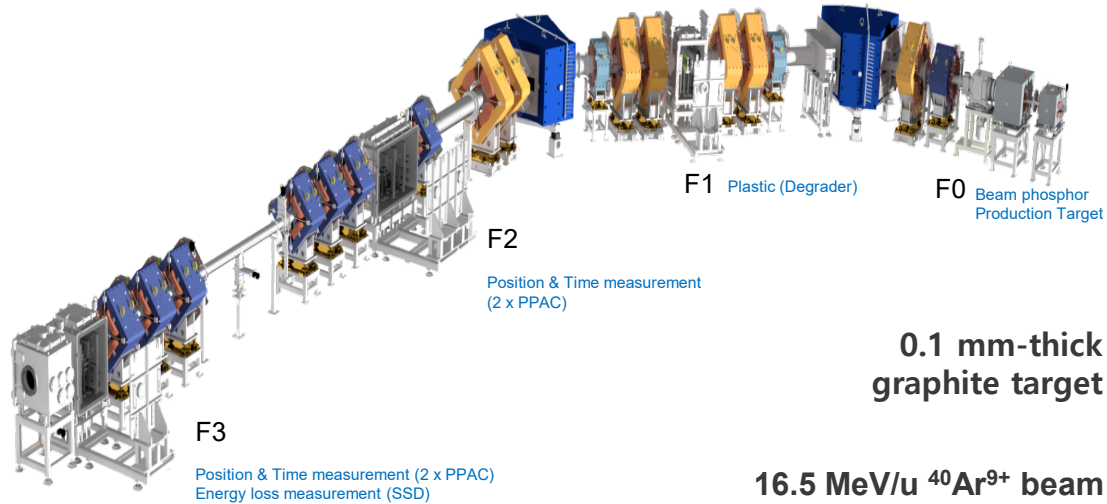
Ar<sup>9+</sup> beams accelerated by entire SCL3(QWR/HWR) on May 23, 2023





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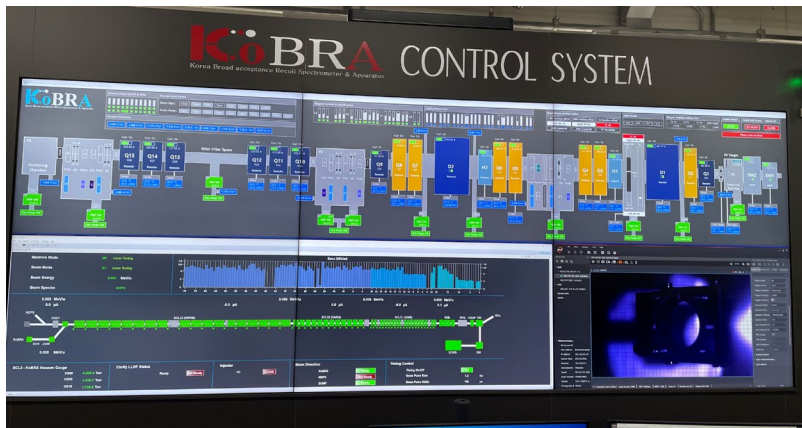
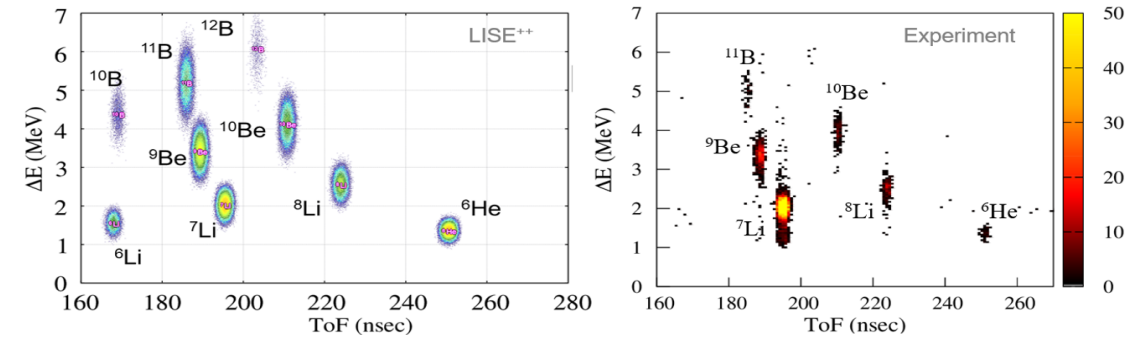
# First Beam Commissioning of KoBRA (May 31 ~ June 2, 2023)




## Particle Identification

### Particle identification with $\Delta E$ -ToF method

- SSD: Energy loss measurement
- PPACs: Time-of-flight measurement





### 2024 Call for Proposals of Low-Energy Beam at RAON

December 12, 2023 to January 19, 2024  
Institute for Rare Isotope Science  
Asia/Seoul timezone

Overview

Registration

Call for Proposals

Facility Information

- KoBRA
- MRTOF-MS
- Cyclotron
- CLS

Important Dates

Program Advisory Committee (PAC)

IRIS Homepage

RAON Users Association Homepage

#### CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Institute for Rare Isotope Science (IRIS) invites proposals for beam times extended to domestic users in Korea. The primary beams to be provided in 2024 will be Ne-20 and Ar-40 accelerated by the superconducting linac SCL3 at the energies of ~20 MeV/u or less with a maximum current of ~40 μA. Proton beams of 40 and 70 MeV can be provided by a cyclotron up to 10 kW or less.

The beam times will be provided for non-proprietary experiments based on the scientific merits through the review of proposals by the PAC members. There will be no beam time charge for non-proprietary experiments as long as the results are expected to be published.

The experimental systems such as KoBRA, MMS, and CLS can be used for experiments. Details of the experimental conditions can be discussed with the contact person of each experimental system.

The proposals need to be submitted by January 19, 2024 to allow for scientific and technical reviews of the proposals prior to the PAC meeting, which will take place in early March, 2024.

#### Important dates

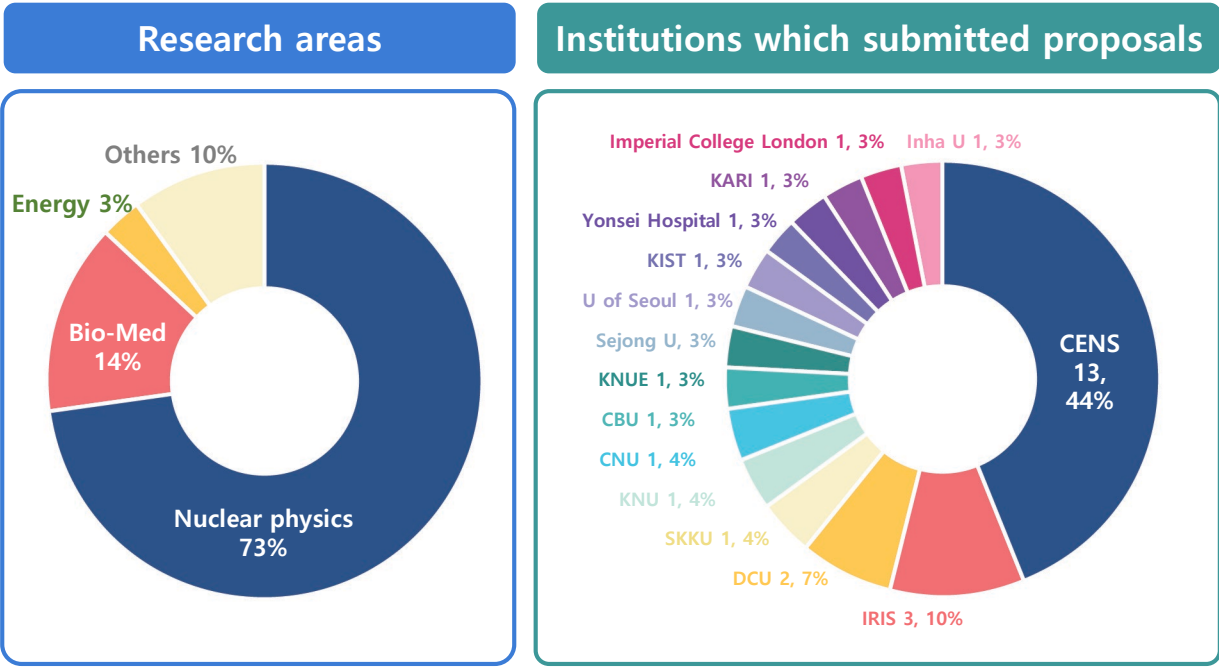
- 12 December, 2023: Call for proposals
- 19 January, 2024: Deadline for submission of proposals
- Early March, 2024: First PAC Meeting
- Middle of March, 2024: Notification of approved experiments
- May ~ June, 2024: Ne-20 and Ar-40 beams provided from the SCL3
- Beam times for proton beams/ISOL can be discussed and fixed individually

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- From Dec. 12, 2023 ~ Jan. 19, 2024 (6 weeks)
- For domestic users
- 30 proposals
- 313 participants
- 15 institutions







# PART 3

Operation  
in 2024

## PART 4

Operation  
in 2025

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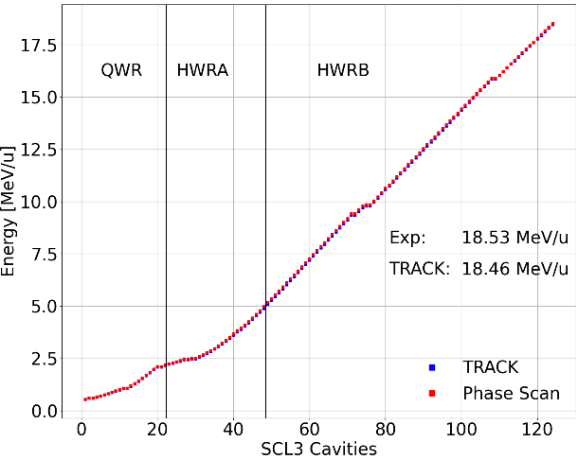
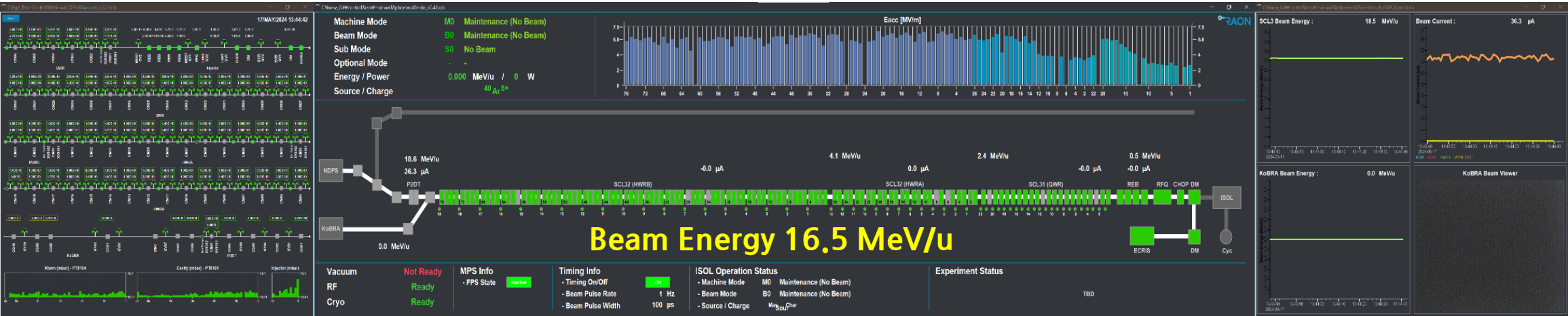
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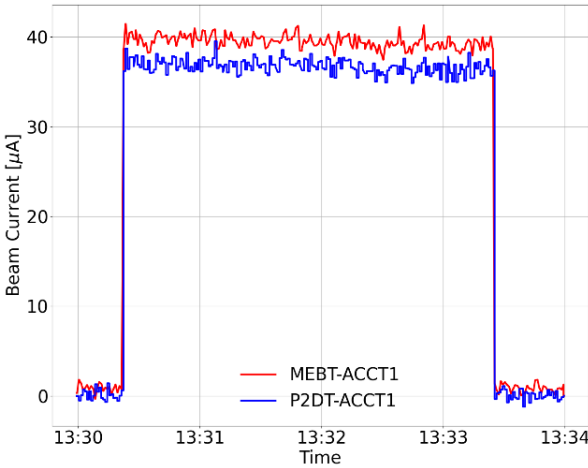
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Operation of SCL3 in 2024

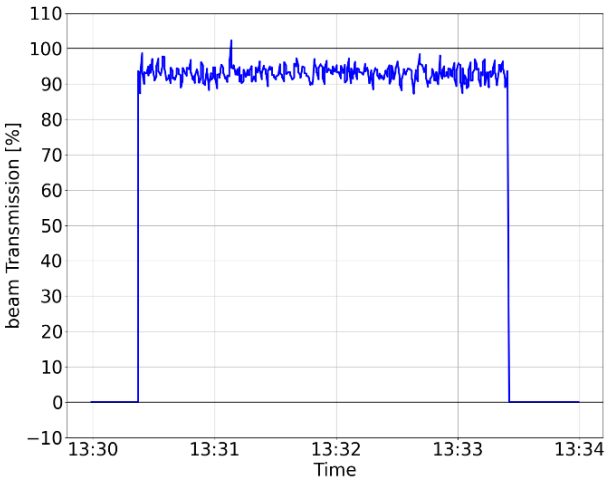
$^{40}\text{Ar}^{8+}$  beam accelerated by the entire SCL3(QWR/HWR) on May 17, 2024



[ Energy in SCL cavities ]



[ Beam current measured by ACCT in MEBT and P2DT ]



[ Beam transmission through SCL3 ]



First Acceleration of ISOL RIB with <sup>25</sup>Na<sup>5+</sup> (Aug.19~21, 2024)

RAON Operation Status

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IRIS

Machine · Beam Mode (SCL3)				Machine · Beam Mode (ISOL)		Timing (Chopper)		Exp. Hall Access	
M4 User Operation (KoBRA)						Pulse Rate		KoBRA	NDPS

SCL3					RI		PROTON		
Beam	RF	Source · Charge	Energy	Power	Energy	Source · Charge	Beam	Energy	Current
ON	OFF		16.500 MeV/u	-0.10 W	10 keV/u	<sup>25</sup> Na <sup>5+</sup>	ON	70.0 MeV	11.0 uA

ON	OFF		16.500 MeV/u	-0.10 W	10 keV/u	<sup>25</sup> Na <sup>5+</sup>	ON	70.0 MeV	11.0 uA
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Peak	Current	Intensity	Attenuator				OTHER INFO.
Average	0 uA	-1.0E12 pps	LEBT1	LEBT2	MEBT	ATT	
	0 uA	-1.0E9 pps	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	

NDPS

KoBRA

SCL2

HWRB

HWRA

QWR

Injector

ECRIS

MMS

CLS

ISOL

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SCL3 Status

Proton Beam Current

Experiment schedule

Date	Spokesperson	Exp. Keyword	Beam Types	Exp. Hall	Beam Time Unit (*1BTU = 8h)
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	40-Ar	KoBRA	2
9. 2 - 9. 6	IRIS	Accelerator & NDPS Machine Study	40-Ar	NDPS	5

ISOL production of RIs in 2024 (with SiC and LaC<sub>2</sub>)

## Measurement of short-lived Na beams

- Proton beam : 70 MeV, 7  $\mu$  A
- Na-24m (T<sub>1/2</sub> 20 ms) & Na-27 (T<sub>1/2</sub> 301 ms) detected at RIID
- RIs with very short half-lives can be produced and transported

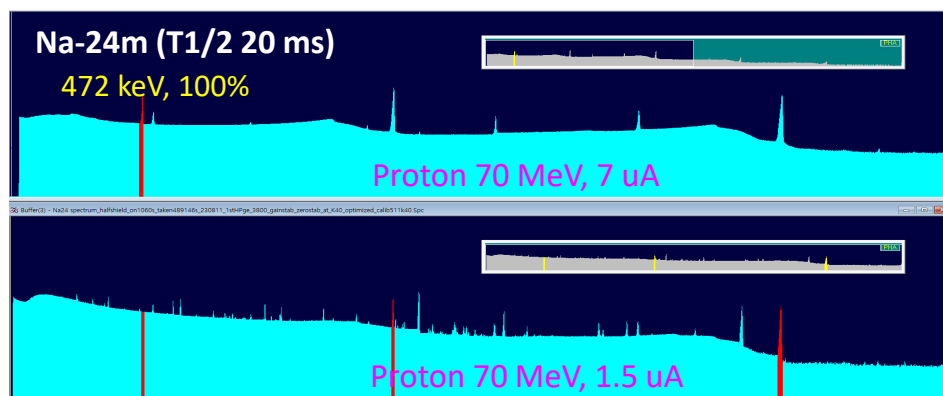
## Aluminum isotopes

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

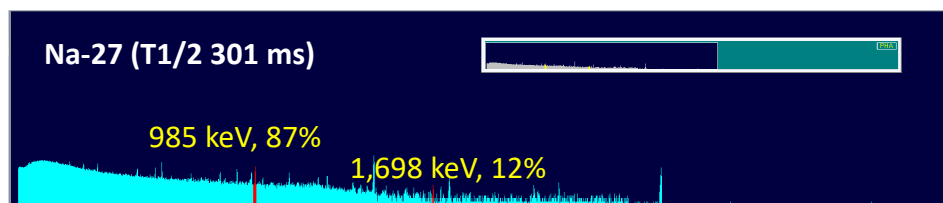
LaC<sub>2</sub> target

Cs130, Cs130m, Ba131m, Ba133, Ba133m, Cs134, Cs134m, Cs135m, Ba135m, Cs136, Ba137m, Cs138, Cs138m observed

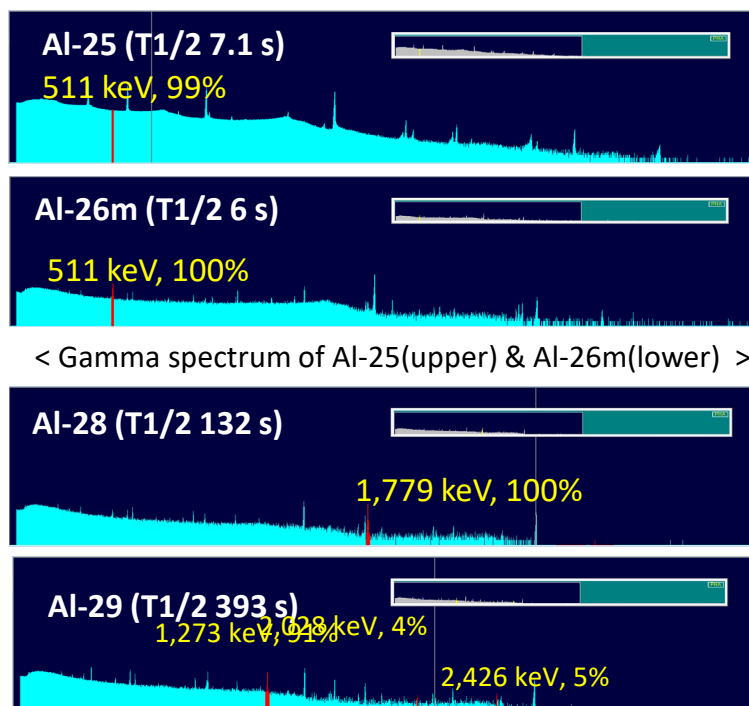
## SiC Target



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Proton 7 uA (upper) & 1.5 uA (lower) >

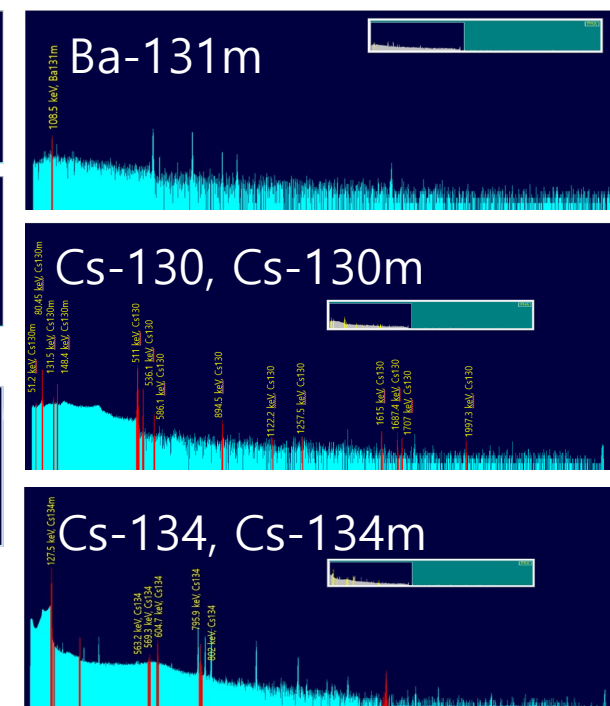


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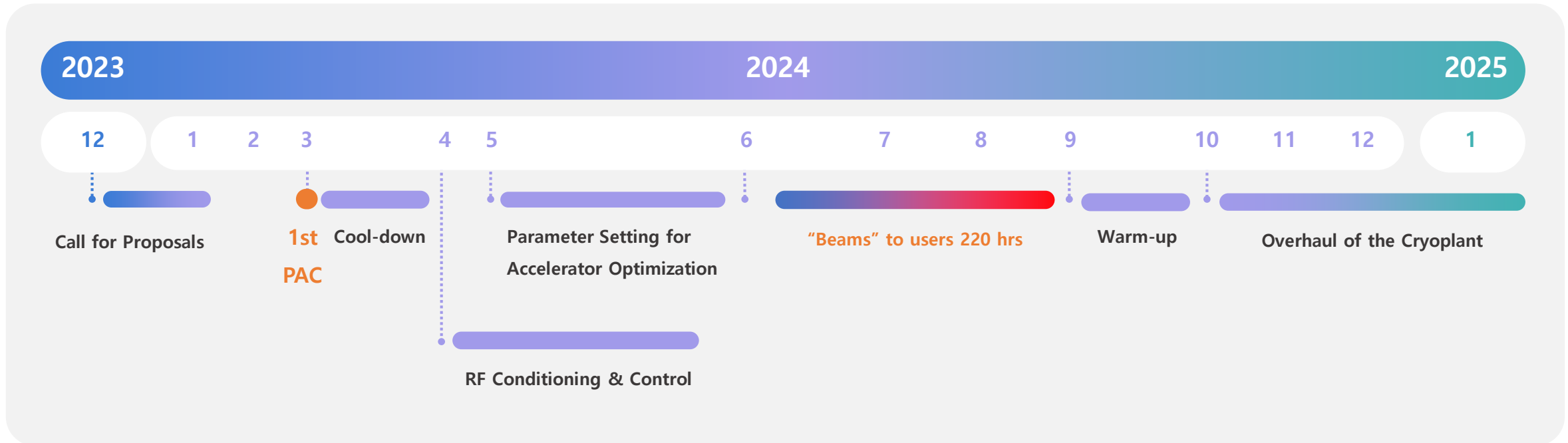
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< Gamma spectrum of Al-28(upper) & Al-29(lower) >

LaC<sub>2</sub> Target



## First PAC on March, 2024, and commissioning user services



### Commissioning experiments in 2024

- 23 out of 30 proposals were reviewed by the PAC.
- In total, ~680 hours of beam time were requested.
- 5 out of 23 proposals were granted beam time in 2024.
- A total of 220 hrs of beam time were provided in 2024, including the beam time for KINS inspection.

# First Commissioning User Services in 2024

Name (affiliation)	Experiments	Dates	Beams	Beam time	Exp. facility
D. S. Ahn (CENS/IBS)	Measurement for production cross section and momentum distribution of projectile fragmentation	July 9 ~ Aug 23, 2024	<sup>40</sup> Ar (16.4 Mev/u, 5 pnA)	75.7 hrs	KoBRA
J. B. Kim (KNUE)	High-resolution laser spectroscopy for the study of sodium	Nov 25 ~ 28, 2024	<sup>22,23</sup> Na (20 keV, 3.3E7 ppb)	15 hrs	CLaSsy
D. H. Kim (CENS/IBS)	<sup>40</sup> Ar + p elastic scattering experiment for a study of optical model potential	Aug 5 ~ 8, 2024	<sup>40</sup> Ar (8.1 Mev/u, 5 pnA)	27.6 hrs	KoBRA
W. J. Lee (KARI)	Single event effects test for space semiconductor at KoBRA	July 24, 2024	<sup>40</sup> Ar (16.4 Mev/u, 5 pnA)	6.2 hrs	KoBRA
J. H. Won (CENS/IBS)	Collinear laser spectroscopy of neutron-deficient Na isotopes	Nov 29 ~ Dec 3, 2024	<sup>21,23</sup> Na (20 keV, 1.3E6 ppb)	15 hrs	CLaSsy



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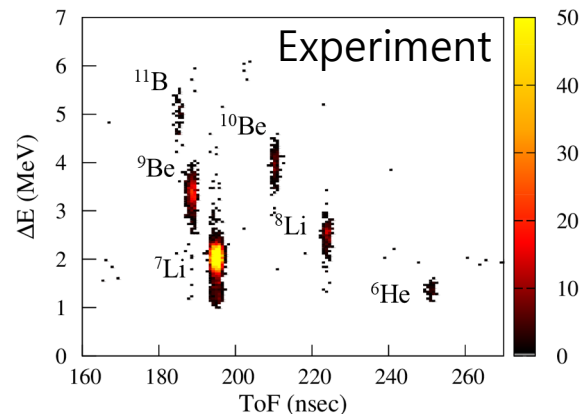
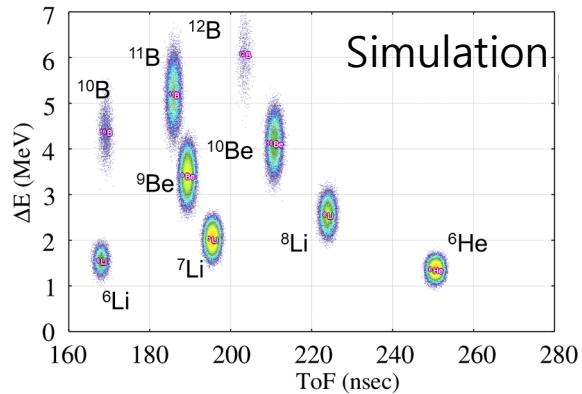
# KoBRA spectrometer

### Further commissioning and user services

#### First production of low-Z RI beams (2023)

-  $^{40}\text{Ar}^{9+}$  beam on the graphite target

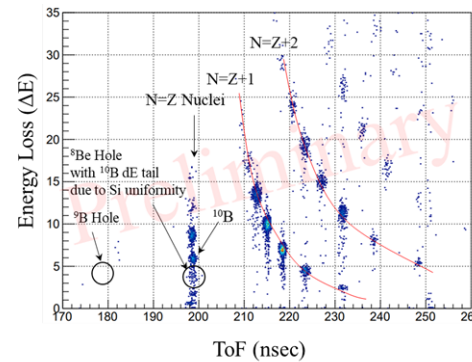
- ✓ 2 PPACs (F2, F3): ToF measurement
- ✓ Si SSD (F3):  $\Delta E$  measurement



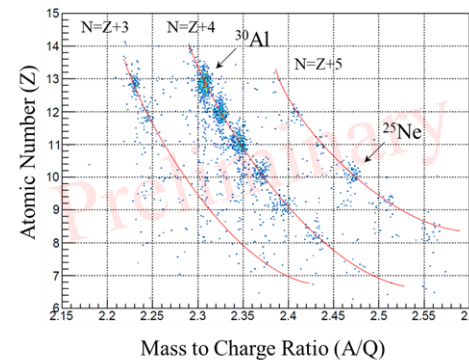
#### RI beam production extended to higher-Z isotopes with $^{40}\text{Ar}^{8+}$ beam (2024)

-  $^{40}\text{Ar}^{8+}$  beam on the graphite target

- ✓ PPAC (F1): Bp measurement
- ✓ 2 PPACs (F2, F3): ToF measurement
- ✓ Si SSD (F3):  $\Delta E$  measurement



- ✓ Bp Setting for  $^{10}\text{B}$
- ✓ Without F1 Al degrader & PPACs
- ✓  $\Delta p/p = 0.2\%$

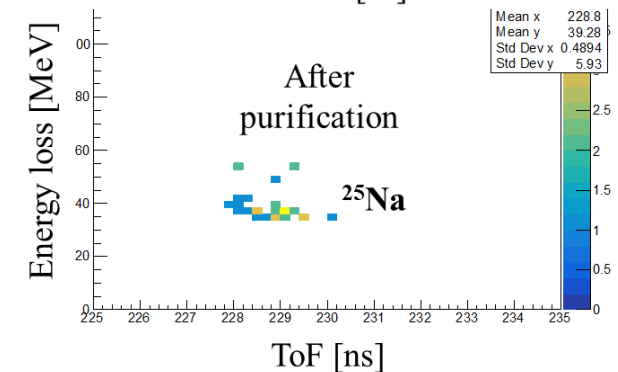
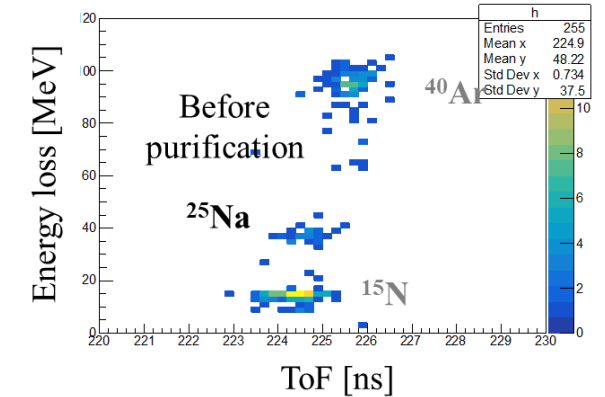


- ✓ Bp Setting for  $^{25}\text{Ne}$
- ✓ With F1 PPACs
- ✓  $\Delta p/p = 8\%$

#### First acceleration of the ISOL RI beam ( $^{25}\text{Na}^{5+}$ ) delivered to KoBRA (2024)

-  $^{25}\text{Na}^{5+}$  RI beam was identified and purified

- ✓ PPAC (F1): Energy degrader
- ✓ 2 PPACs (F2, F3): ToF measurement
- ✓ Si SSD (F3):  $\Delta E$  measurement



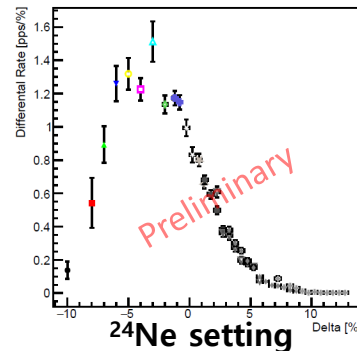
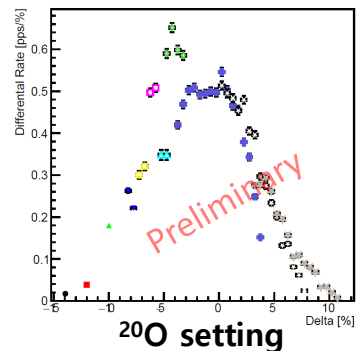
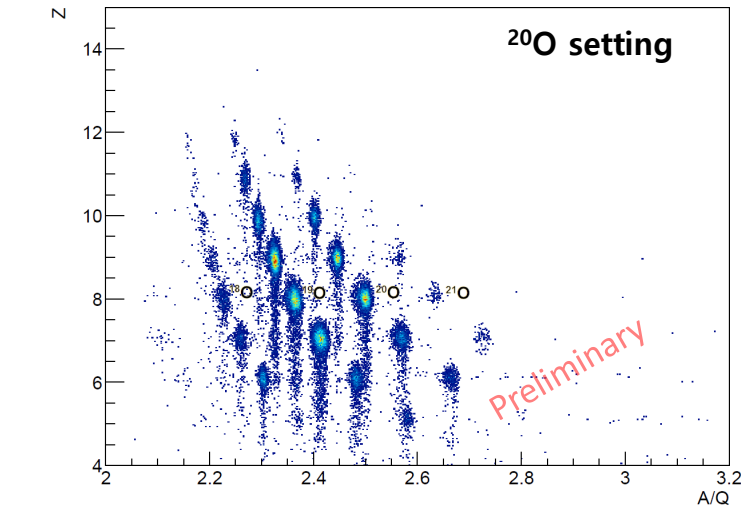
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# KoBRA spectrometer

### First commissioning user experiments conducted with $^{40}\text{Ar}$ beam

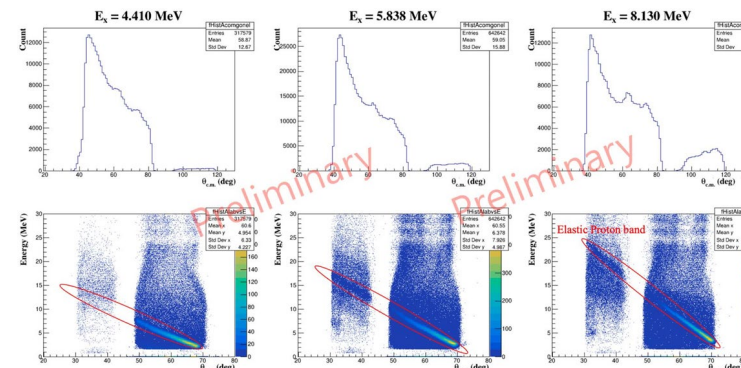
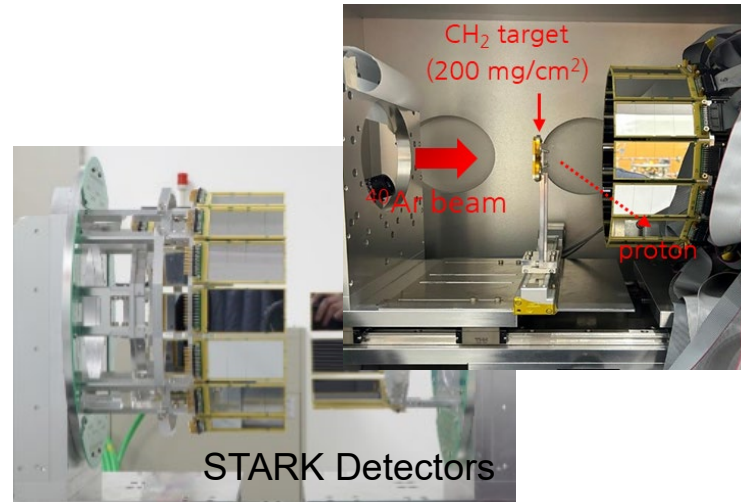
(1) Measurement of production cross section and momentum distribution (**D. S. Ahn et al., CENS**)

- $^{40}\text{Ar}$  beam on graphite target
- Bp scanning for neutron-rich Oxygen ( $^{16-22}\text{O}$ ) and Neon ( $^{20-26}\text{Ne}$ ) isotopes



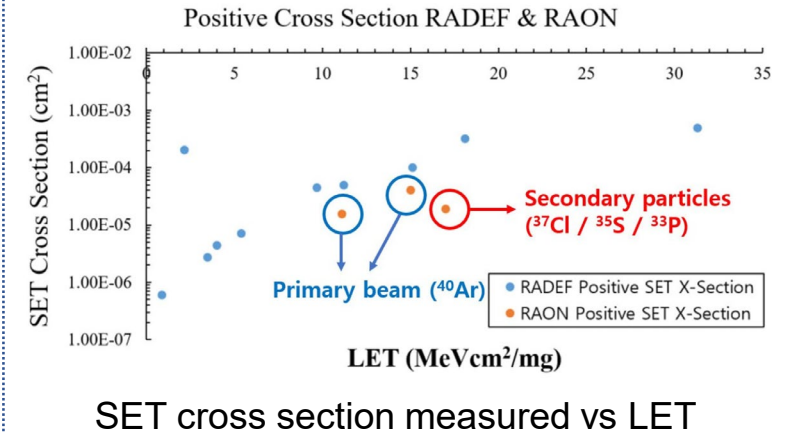
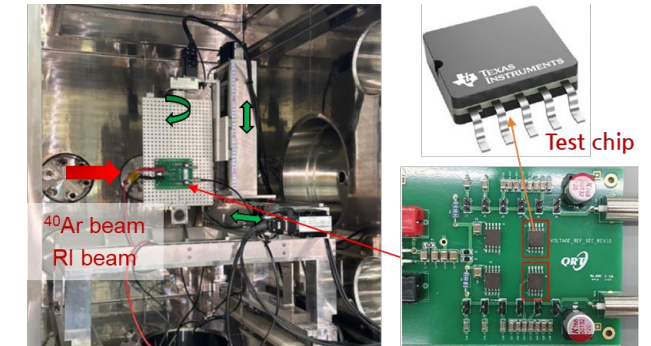
(2) Extraction of optical potential parameters from  $^{40}\text{Ar}(p,p)$  elastic scattering (**D. Kim et al., CENS**)

- $^{40}\text{Ar}$  beams at 4.4, 5.9, and 8.3 MeV/u
- $\text{CH}_2$  target at F3, scattered proton detection



(3) Evaluate Single Event Transient (SET) effects for space semiconductors (**W. Lee et al., KARI**)

- $^{40}\text{Ar}$  & RI ( $^{37}\text{Cl}$ ,  $^{35}\text{S}$ ,  $^{33}\text{P}$ ) beams on test chip
- SET cross section was measured with linear energy transfers (LET) by adjusting effective range of the semiconductor





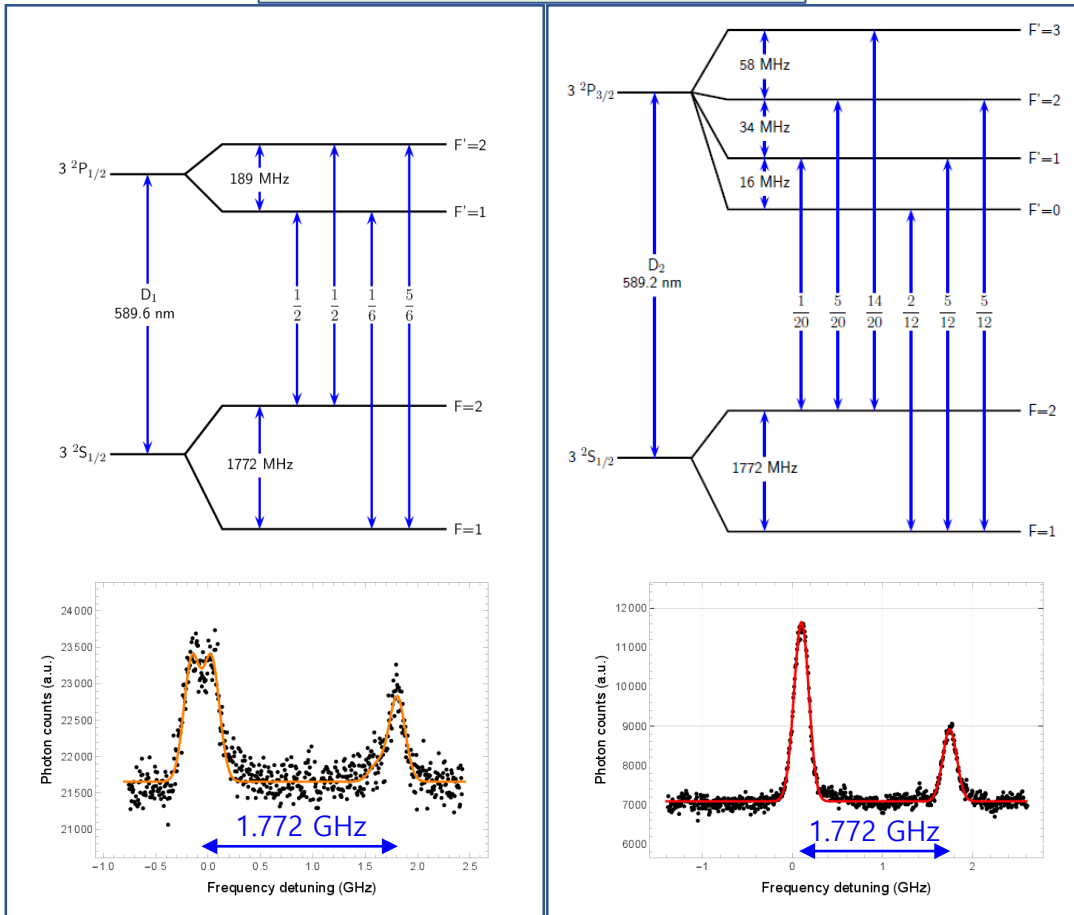
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### CLaSsy (Collinear Laser Spectroscopy)

#### First commissioning user experiments in 2024

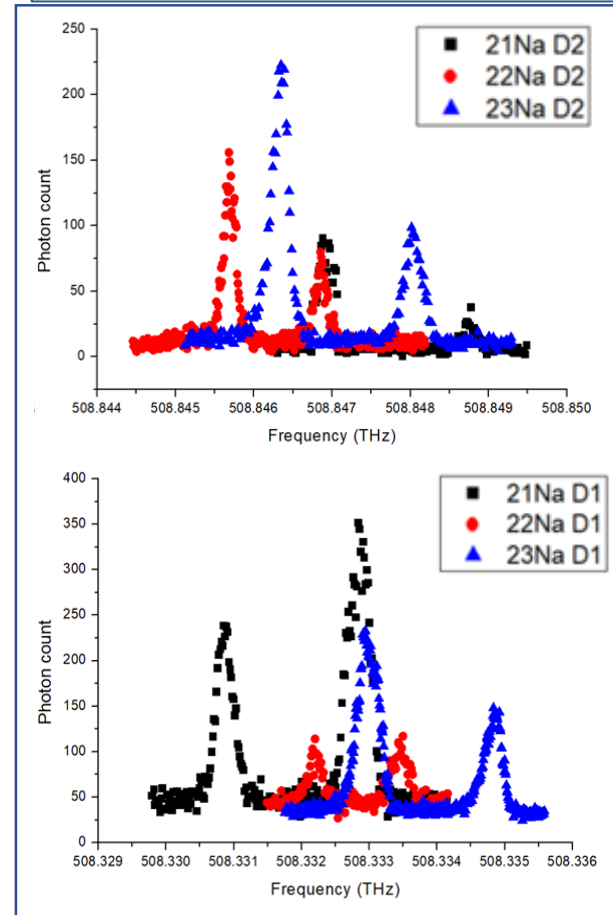
- Jung Bok Kim et al. (KNUE), "High-resolution laser spectroscopy for the study of sodium"
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Na-23 D1 & D2 line spectrum

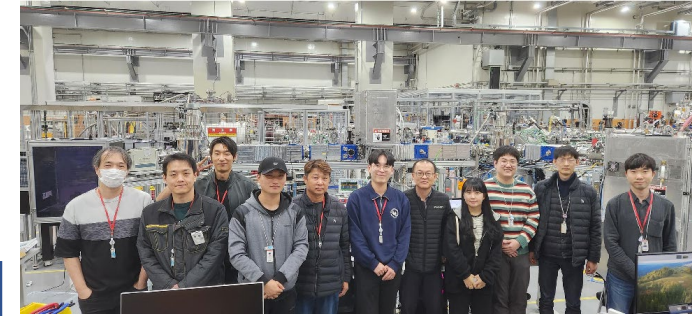


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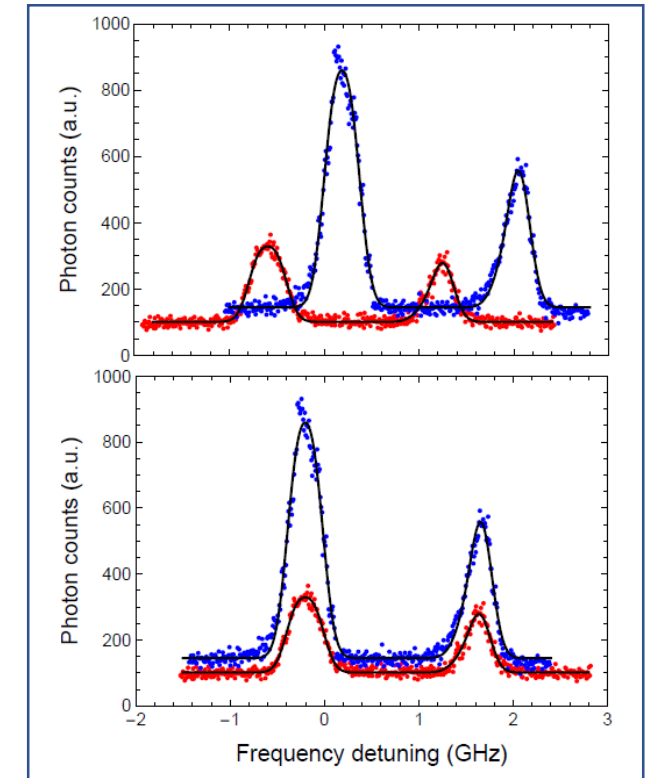
Hyperfine and isotope shift of Na-21,22,23



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Collinear & Anti-collinear scheme

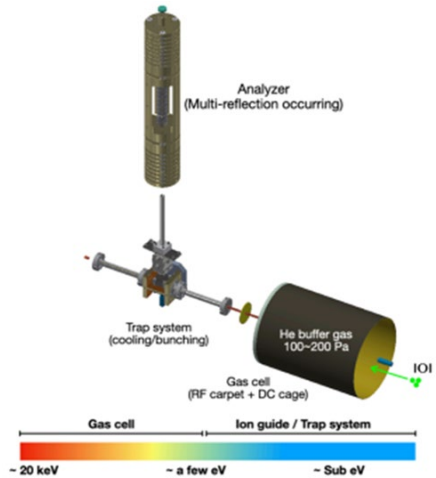


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# MMS (Mass Measurement System)

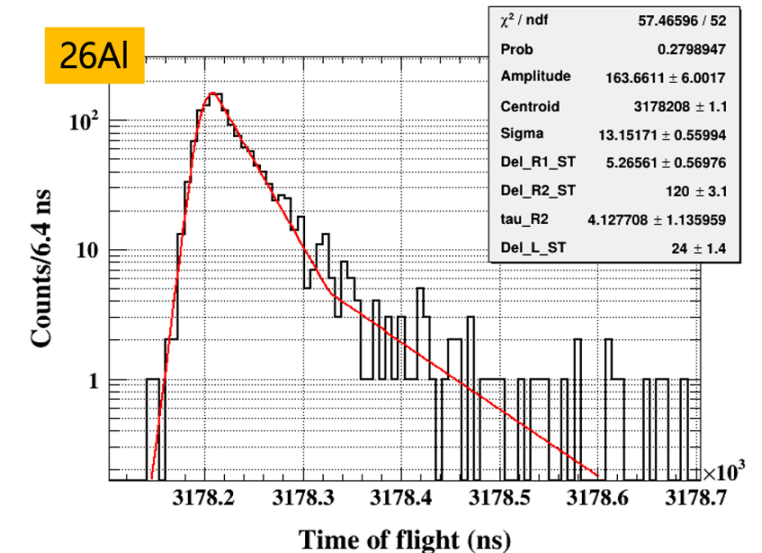
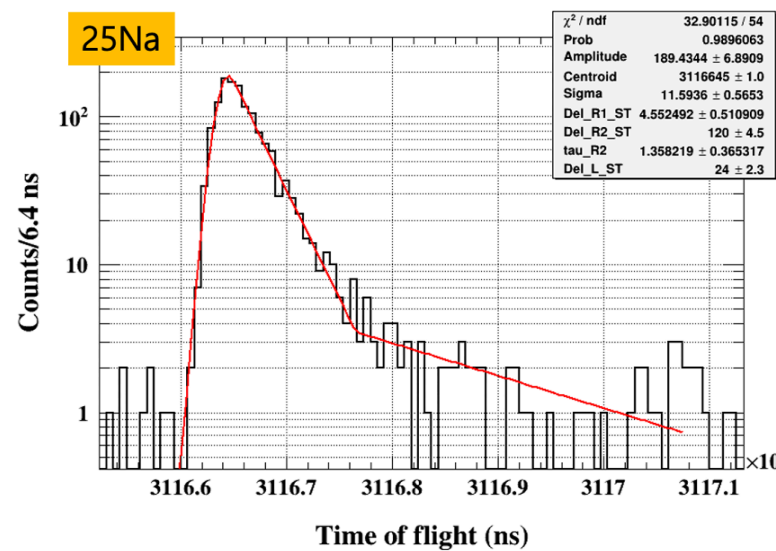
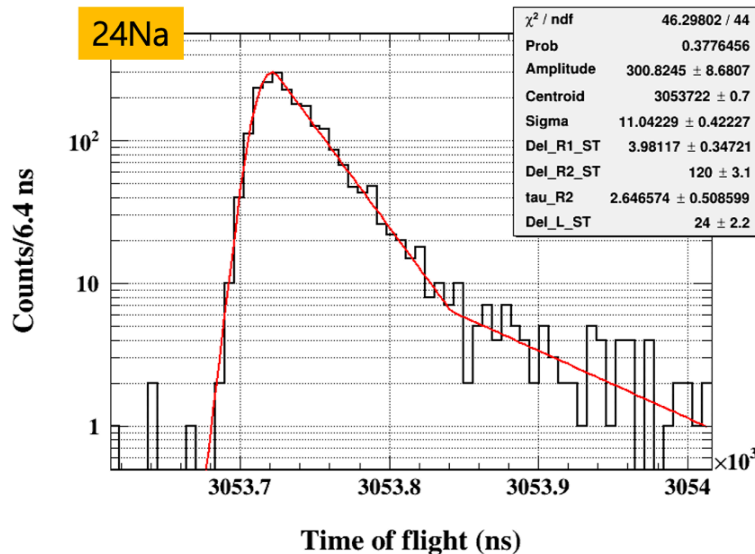
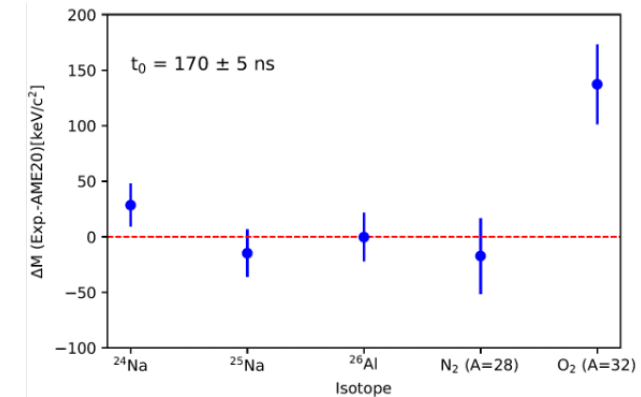
### ■ Commissioning Experiments with Na and Al isotopes



- Multiple reflections between a pair of electrostatic mirror electrodes
- Installed in the ISOL bldg and can receive RIs of  $E < 60$  keV
- Preparation of cooled and bunched ions for MRTOF: Gas cell ( $P < 200$  Pa, Room temp. He gas), triple-trap system
- Tested with RIs,  $^{24,25}\text{Na}$  and  $^{26g,m}\text{Al}$ , selected by the pre-mass separator
- Single-pass (Mass band width  $\sim$  infinite), before higher laps ( $n = 350$  laps) for the precise measurement.
- Measured values agree with the reported ones within uncertainties.
- Achieved mass resolving power :

$$R_m \sim 190,000$$

$$R_m (\text{FWHM}) \sim 120,000$$





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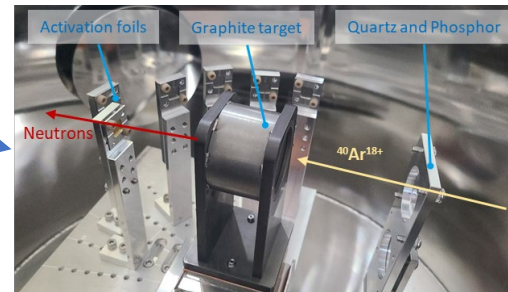
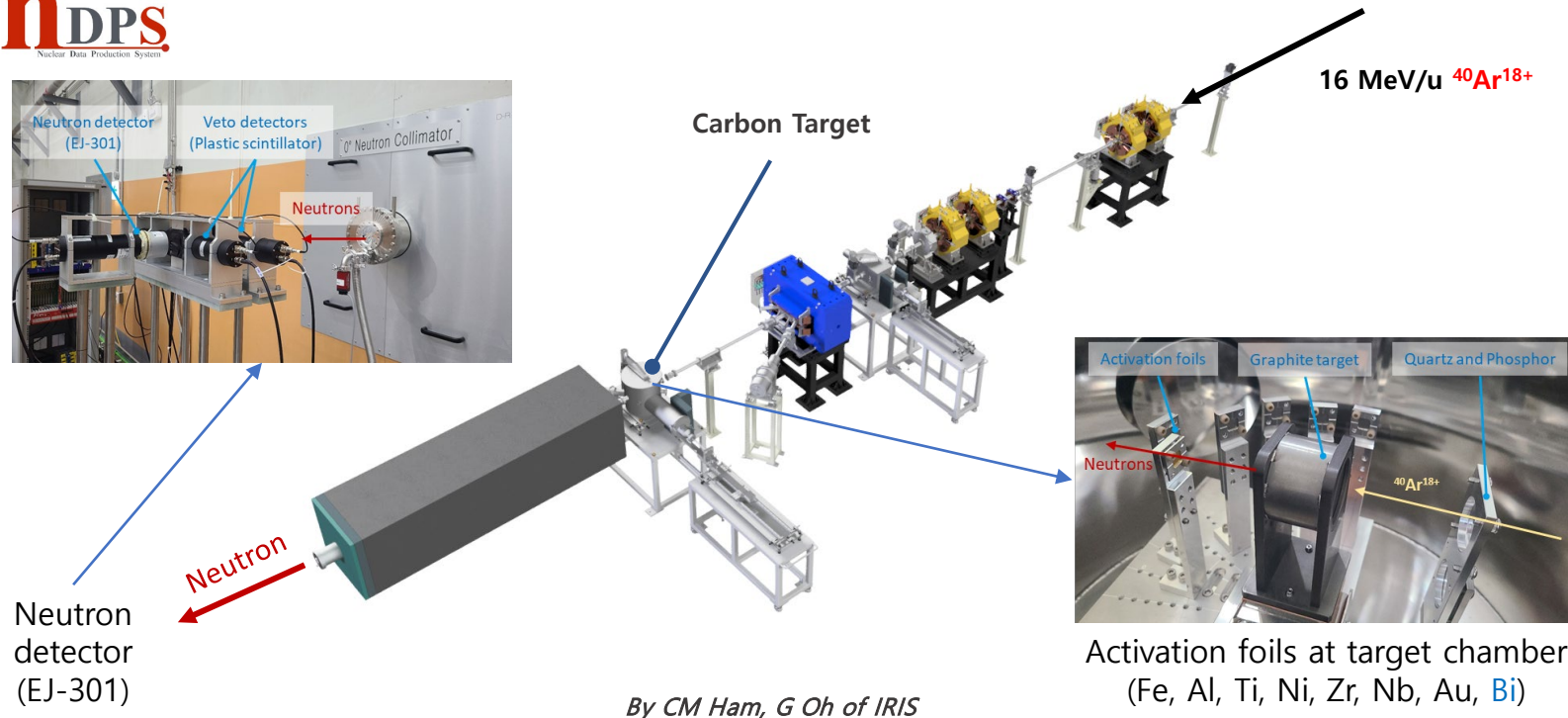
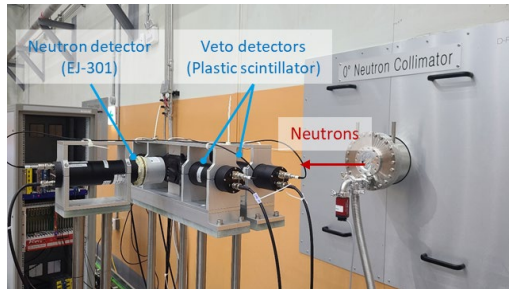
# NDPS (Nuclear Data Production System)

### Commissioning of NDPS

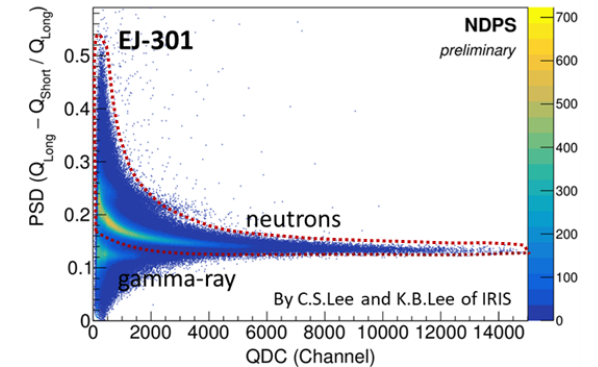
#### Radiation Safety Inspection by KINS

- White neutrons produced by  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  16.3 MeV/u from SCL3

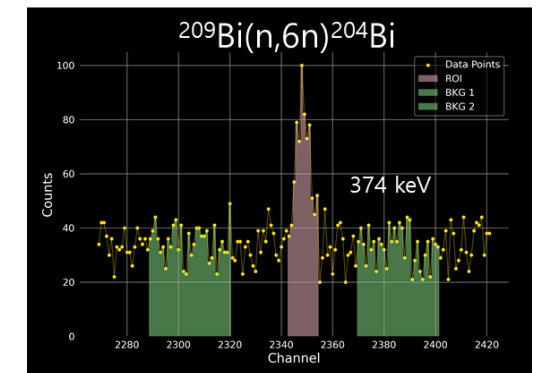
**NDPS**  
Nuclear Data Production System



### Neutron detection using EJ-301



- Gamma rays and neutrons were distinguished using the EJ-301 scintillator and pulse shape discrimination (PSD).
- Activation foils: Gamma rays were measured using an HPGe detector.



Bi foil (374 keV  $\gamma$ -ray from  $^{204}\text{Bi}$ )

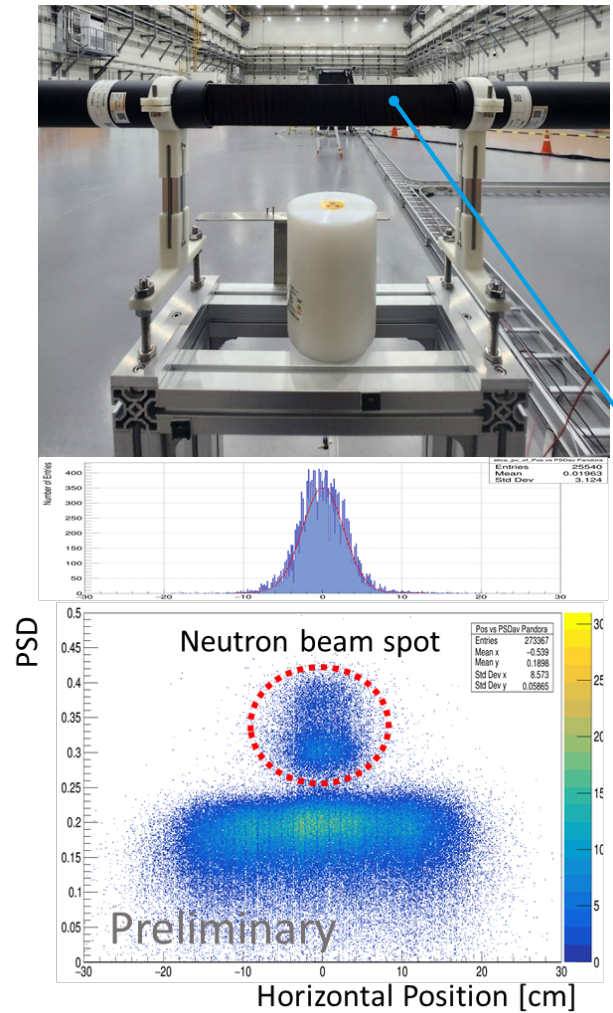
- High-energy neutrons above 40 MeV were confirmed based on the  $^{209}\text{Bi}(n,6n)^{204}\text{Bi}$  reaction cross-section.

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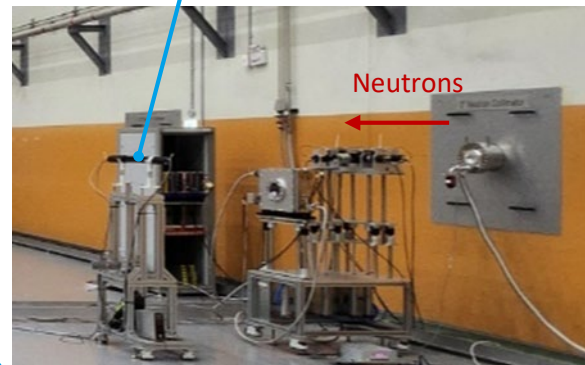
# NDPS (Nuclear Data Production System)

- Neutron distribution measurement by IRIS and CENS (Courtesy of Y. H. Kim and CENS)

### PSD available plastic Scintillator (PANDORA)



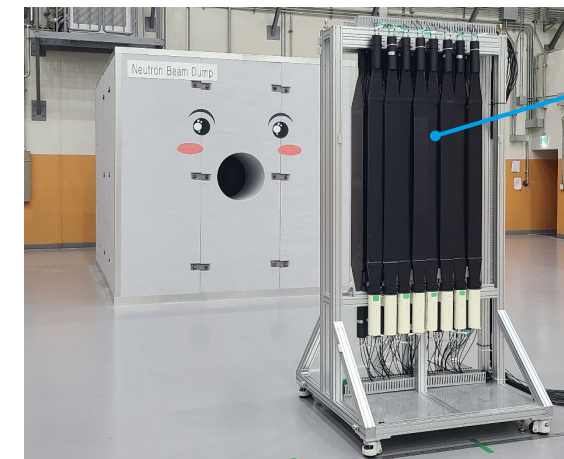
PANDORA detector



Plastic scintillator with two PMTs

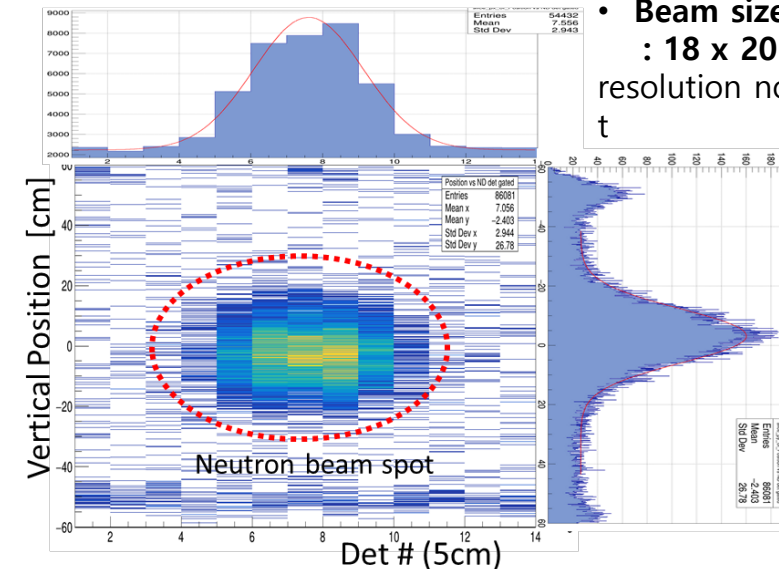
- Horizontal beam size:  
2.6 cm (in  $1\sigma$ )
- EJ-276: pulse-shape discriminating (PSD) plastic scintillator enables the separation of gamma and fast neutron signals on the basis of their timing characteristics

### Plastic detector arrays (LaPANE)



Plastic scintillators

- Beam position  
: 5 mm off-center
- Beam size**  
: 18 x 20 cm (FWHM),  
resolution not taken into account







# PART 4

Operation  
in 2025

## PART 5

R&D Status for  
SCL2


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# Second Call for Proposals in 2025



### 2025 CALL FOR PROPOSALS & LETTERS OF INTENT

January 10, 2025 to February 20, 2025  
Institute for Rare Isotope Science

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Overview

2025 users Registration

Call for Proposals

Facility Information

- 1. KoBRA
- 1. MRTOF-MS
- 1. Cyclotron
- 1. CLaSSy
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- 1. Stay-Guest House
- 1. Stay-Hotels

Important Dates

Program Advisory Committee (PAC)

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#### CALL FOR PROPOSALS & LETTERS OF INTENT

The Institute for Rare Isotope Science (IRIS) invites proposals for beam time for domestic Korea users. Proposals accepted should be able to run in RAON beam time periods that will be scheduled in 2025 and 2026. These are expected to be three(3) months from September to November in 2025 and five(5) months in 2026.

The stable beams available in 2025 will be Ne-20 and Ar-40 accelerated by the superconducting linac SCL3 at energies of ~18 MeV/u or less with an intensity of  $10^5 \sim 10^{10}$  pps. Proton beams from 40 to 70 MeV can be provided by the cyclotron with a beam power of up to 10 kW. Reaccelerated RIB of Na-25 will be available at ~18 MeV/u or less with an intensity of  $\sim 10^5$  pps.

In 2026, more stable beam options will be available such as Ne-22 and other gas ions. Those users wishing to use specific stable beams are encouraged to submit a Letter of Intent (see below). Also, in 2026, rare isotope beams of Na-21 and Na-24 are planned to be provided with the intensities of around  $10^5$  pps with energies of roughly 18 MeV/u or less. In 2026 it may also be possible to provide RIBs of Cs-130, Cs-130m, Cs-134m, Cs-135m, Cs-136, Ba-133m, Ba-135m, with intensities of about  $10^3$  to  $10^6$  pps at energies similar to those of Na beams. (Tentative intensity estimates are  $\sim 10^3$  for Cs-130, Cs-130m, & Ba-135m,  $\sim 10^4$  for Cs-136,  $\sim 10^5$  for Al-26g & Cs-135m, and  $\sim 10^6$  for Cs-134m & Ba-133m.) The details of the Cs and Ba RIB conditions will need to be confirmed through testing in 2025 after which more reliable information will be available and requests for such beams should be expressed at this stage as a Letter of Intent.

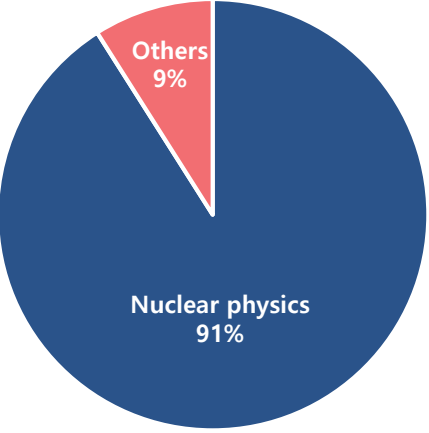
The KoBRA, NDPS, CLaSSy (formerly known as CLS), and MRTOF-MS setups will be available for experiments. Regarding the NDPS, the time structure for neutron TOF is still under development. However, experiments using the NDPS can be proposed either as a full proposal or an LOI for 2025 and/or 2026. Users wishing to use these devices are encouraged to consult with IRIS on technical matters before submitting proposals or LOIs. Inquiries can be sent via email to [user\\_support@irs.re.kr](mailto:user_support@irs.re.kr).

Proposals must be submitted by Feb. 20, 2025 to allow for scientific and technical reviews of the proposals prior to the PAC meeting, which will take place in May 2025.

Beam time will be provided for non-proprietary experiments based on the scientific merits through the review of proposals by the PAC. There will be no beam time charge for non-proprietary experiments as long as the results from these experiments are expected to be published.

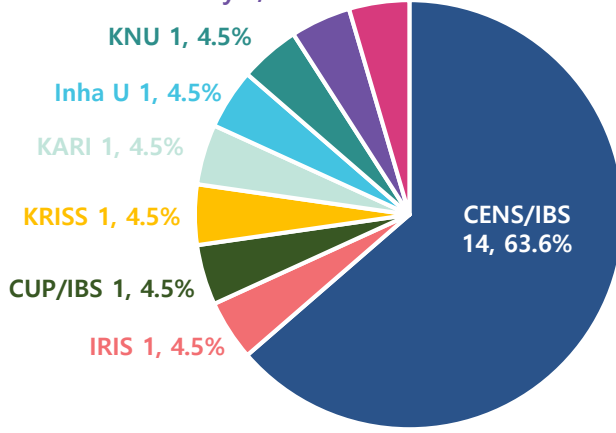
- From Jan. 9, 2025 ~ Feb. 20, 2025 (6 weeks)
- For domestic users
- 22 Proposals & 8 Lols (28 in Nuclear physics and 2 in applications)
- 429 participants
- 7 institutions

### Research areas



Research area	Percentage
Nuclear physics	91%
Others	9%

### Institutions which submitted proposals

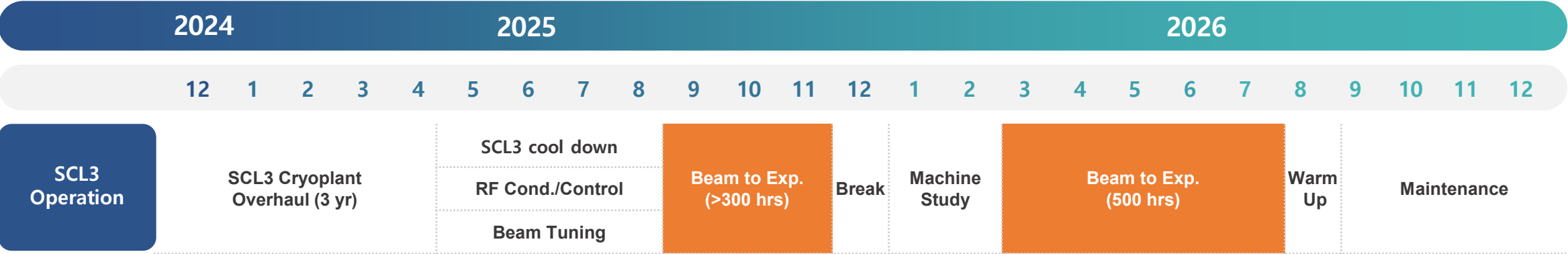


Institution	Count	Percentage
CENS/IBS	14	63.6%
Sejong U	1	4.5%
Air Force Academy	1	4.5%
KNU	1	4.5%
Inha U	1	4.5%
KARI	1	4.5%
KRISS	1	4.5%
CUP/IBS	1	4.5%
IRIS	1	4.5%

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# SCL3 Operation Plan (2025 ~ 2026)



- Results of the PAC review have been released.
- Beam time scheduling will be discussed with users.





# PART 5

R&D Status for  
SCL2

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PART 5.

# SCL2 (High energy section)

Phase 1 (2011 ~2022)

1<sup>st</sup> Prototyping of SSR  
Fabrication & Test

- Verification of 1st prototype SSR Production
- Verification of 1st prototype SSR Assembly
- Vertical Test / Horizontal Test

R&D Stage (2023~2027)

2<sup>nd</sup> Prototyping of SSR  
Fabrication, Test & Standardization

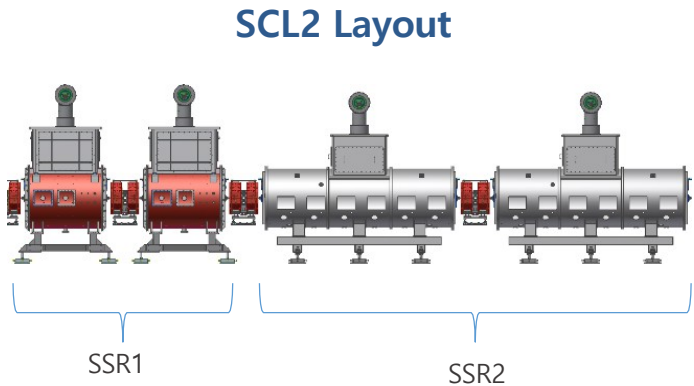
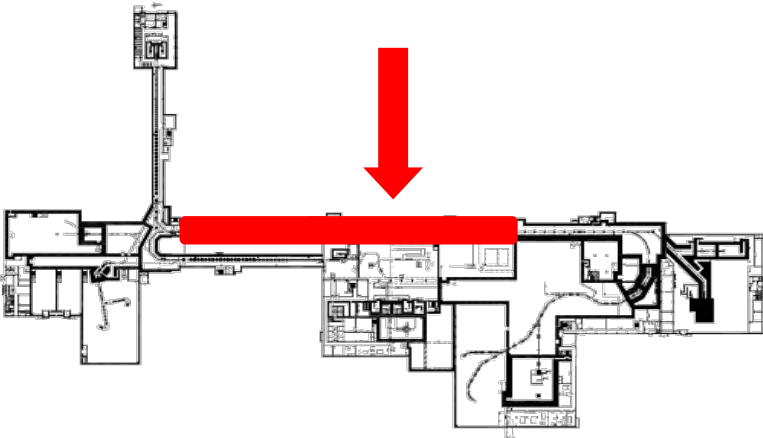
- Production of SSR1 and SSR2 Cryomodules
- Performance Test : Vertical and Horizontal Test
- Verification for Mass-production
- Standardization of fabrication/surface treatment/assembly
- New design of HWR type is also being done.

2<sup>nd</sup> Stage (2028~)

Mass Production

- Production of 23 SSR1 CMs, 25 SSR2 CMs
- Performance Test (VT/HT)
- Installation in tunnel & beam commissioning

Length	180 m (SSR1 160 m, SSR2 120 m)
Beam energy (for uranium)	(Input) 18.5 MeV/u (Output) 200 MeV/u
Specification	$\beta = 0.32$ (SSR1), $0.51$ (SSR2) RF frequency = 325 MHz





# PART 6

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### Oral

Mon 20/10, 13:00 – 13:30, T. SHIN, "RIB production & Overview of RAON"

Tue 21/10, 09:40 – 10:00, Jaehyun Song, "Online commissioning and current status of CLaSsy at RAON"

Fri 24/10, 08:30 – 09:00, Do Gyun Kim, "Beam Commissioning and First User Experiments at the RAON Low-Energy Experimental Systems"

### Poster

Tue 21/10, 18:00 – 20:00,

Sung Jong Park, "High-resolution collinear laser spectroscopy in a combined collinear and anti-collinear geometry"

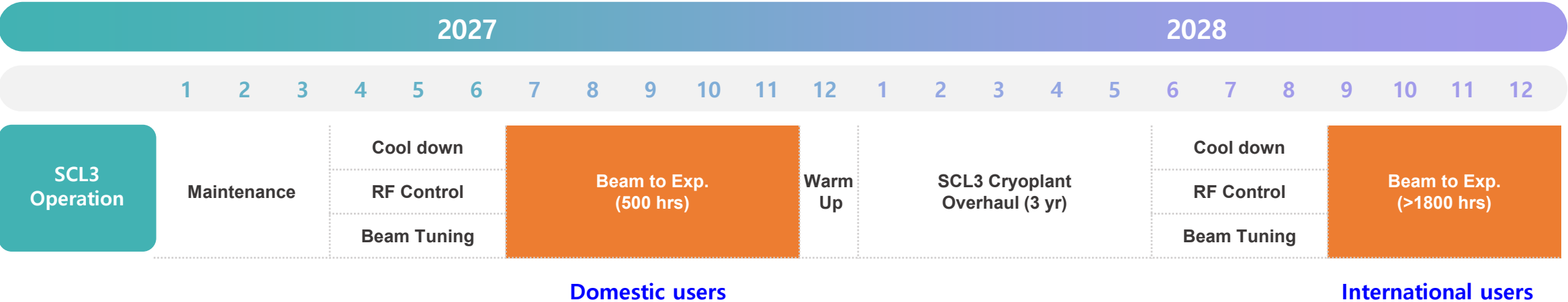
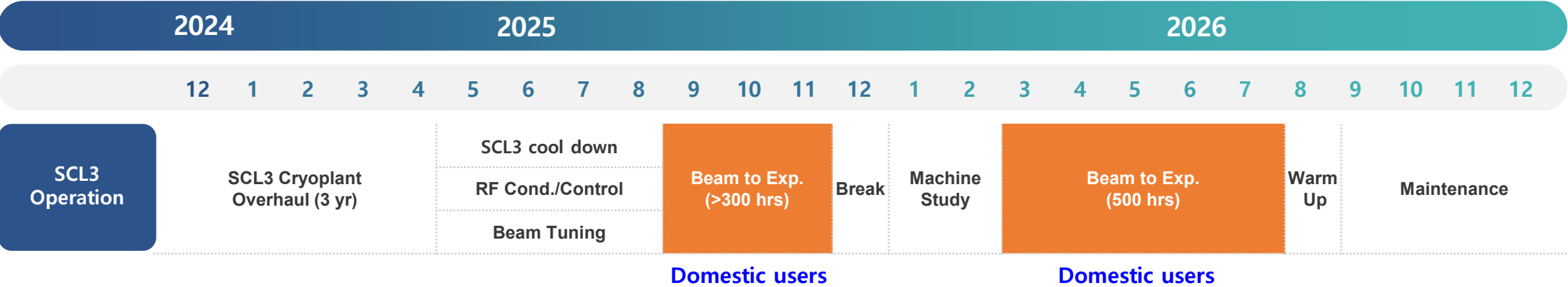
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SCL3 Operation Plan (2025 ~ 2028)



## Summary

- **SC Linac (SCL3)** : commissioning done ( $E$  = from a few MeV/u to  $\sim 20$  MeV/u)
- **ISOL system** : commissioning done with  $^{25}\text{Na}^{5+}$  at 16.4 MeV/u (SiC, TiC, Ta,  $\text{LaC}_2$ ,  $\text{ThC}_2$ ,  $\text{UC}_x$ )
- **KoBRA spectrometer** : commissioning done (Secondary isotopes produced and identified)
- **NDPS, MMS (MR-TOF) and CLaSsy** : commissioning done
- First call for proposals among domestic users in Dec. 2023 (30 proposals submitted)
- **First PAC** in March 2024
- **First commissioning user services** in 2024 (Five experiments done: **KoBRA**, **CLaSsy**)
- Second call for proposals/LOIs in Jan 2025  $\sim$  2026 (22 Proposals and 8 Lols)
- **Second PAC** in May 2024
- **Many issues and challenges, but we are learning and making progress.**
- Plan to **request LOIs from international users** in **2026**. (Possibly, organizing a RAON Users Workshop.)
- Plan to **call for proposals from international users** in **2027** (PAC in 2027)
- Will **provide beams to international users in the latter half of 2028.**



## PART 6.

### Special thanks to

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and many other institutes for international collaboration

An aerial photograph of a modern building with a distinctive stepped, metallic facade. The building's upper floors are composed of numerous horizontal, overlapping metal plates that create a textured, sculptural effect. The ground floor features large glass windows and doors. In the foreground, a large group of people is gathered in a paved courtyard, many with their arms raised in celebration. The courtyard is paved with light-colored tiles in a grid pattern. To the left of the courtyard, there is a landscaped area with low-lying plants and a path. A South Korean flag is visible in the bottom right corner of the image.

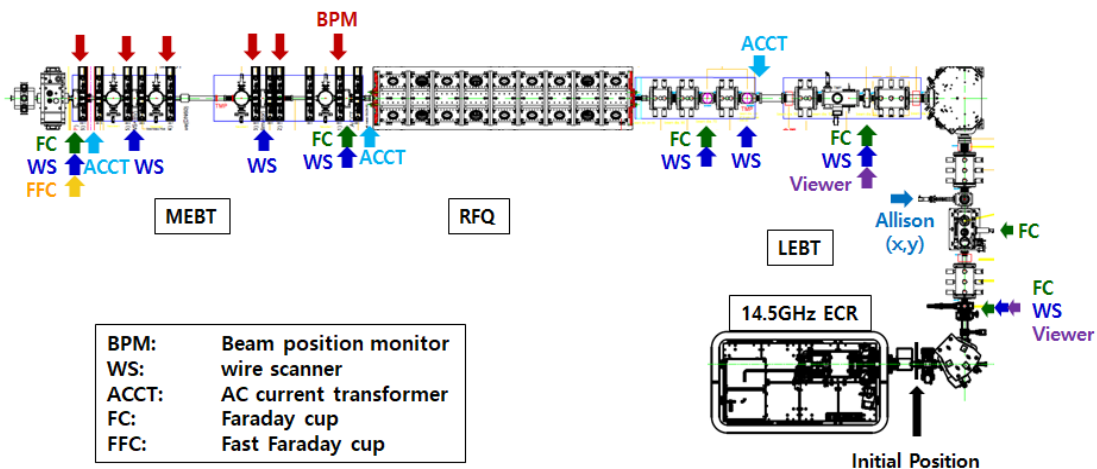
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본부동 Headquarters Building



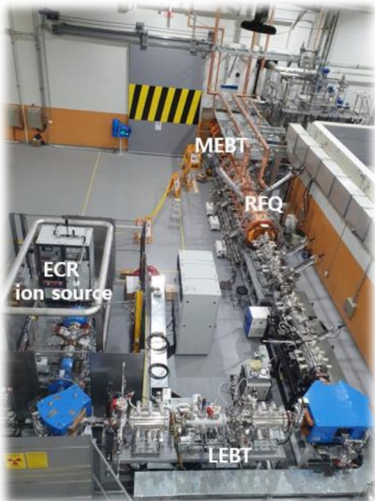
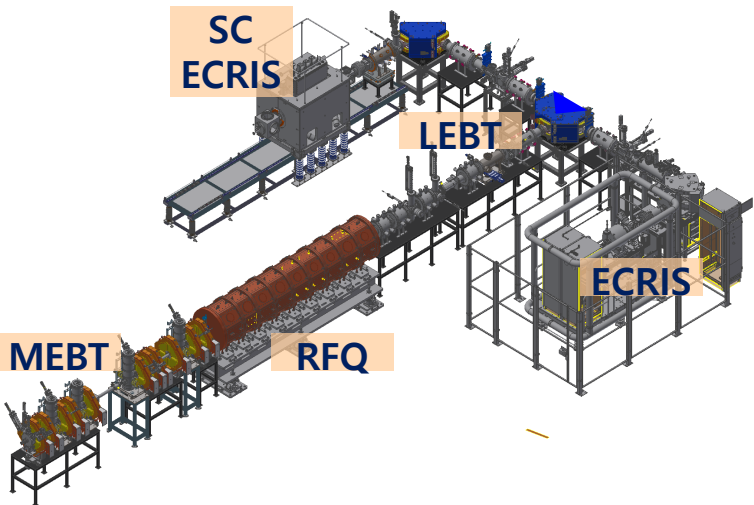
- Two ECR-IS on high voltage platforms
  - 14.5 GHz ECR ion source
  - 28 GHz superconducting ECR ion source
- LEBT ( $E = 10 \text{ keV/u}$ )
  - 10 keV/u, Dual bending magnet
  - Chopper & Electrostatic quads, Instrumentation
- RFQ ( $E = 500 \text{ keV/u}$ )
  - 81.25 MHz, Transmission Eff.  $\sim 98\%$
  - CW RF Power 94 kW (SSPA: 150 kW)
- MEBT ( $E = 500 \text{ keV/u}$ )
  - Four RF bunchers (SSPA: 20, 15,  $2 \times 4$  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 [ $\mu\text{A}$ ]	50, 30, 50	40	40	50	50~160

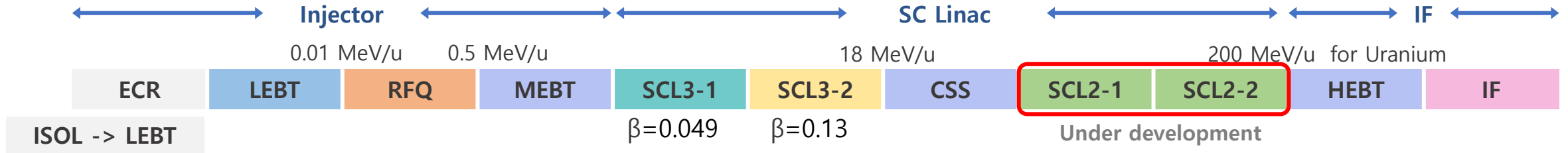
- Injector: 14.5 GHz and 28 GHz ECR (10keV/u)  
LEBT (charge selection, matching)  
RFQ (507 keV/u, 98% transmission),  
MEBT (matching)



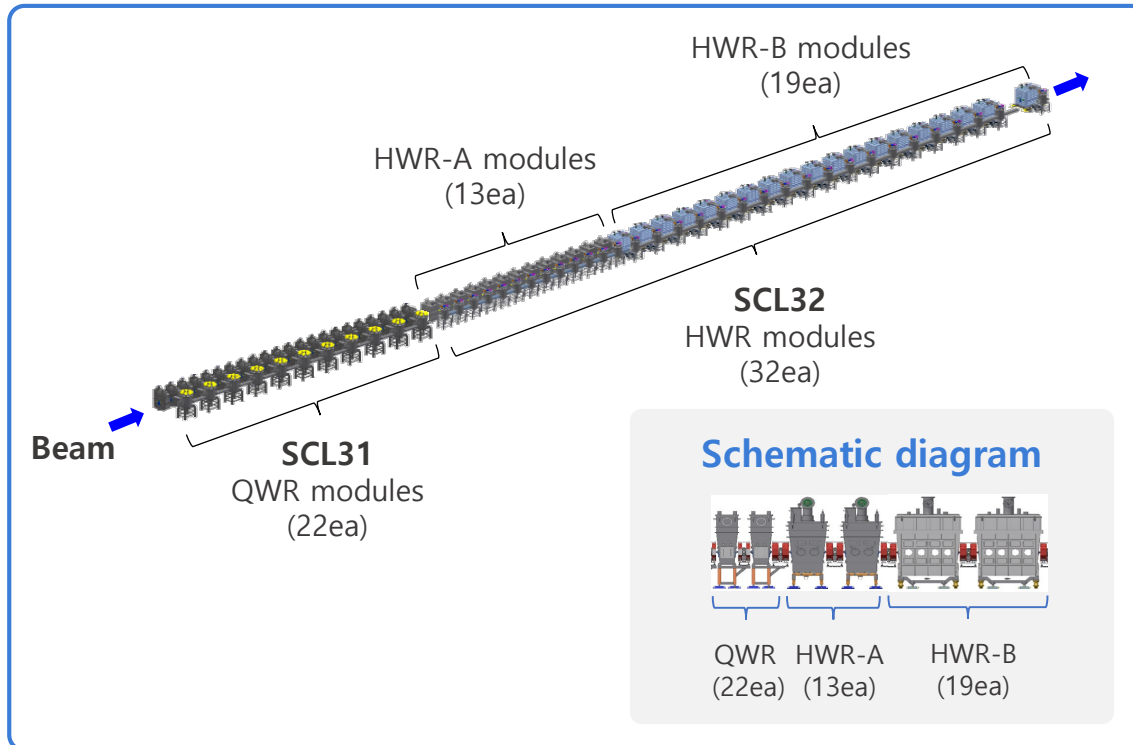
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## Accelerator System: Superconducting Linac (SCL3 & SCL2)

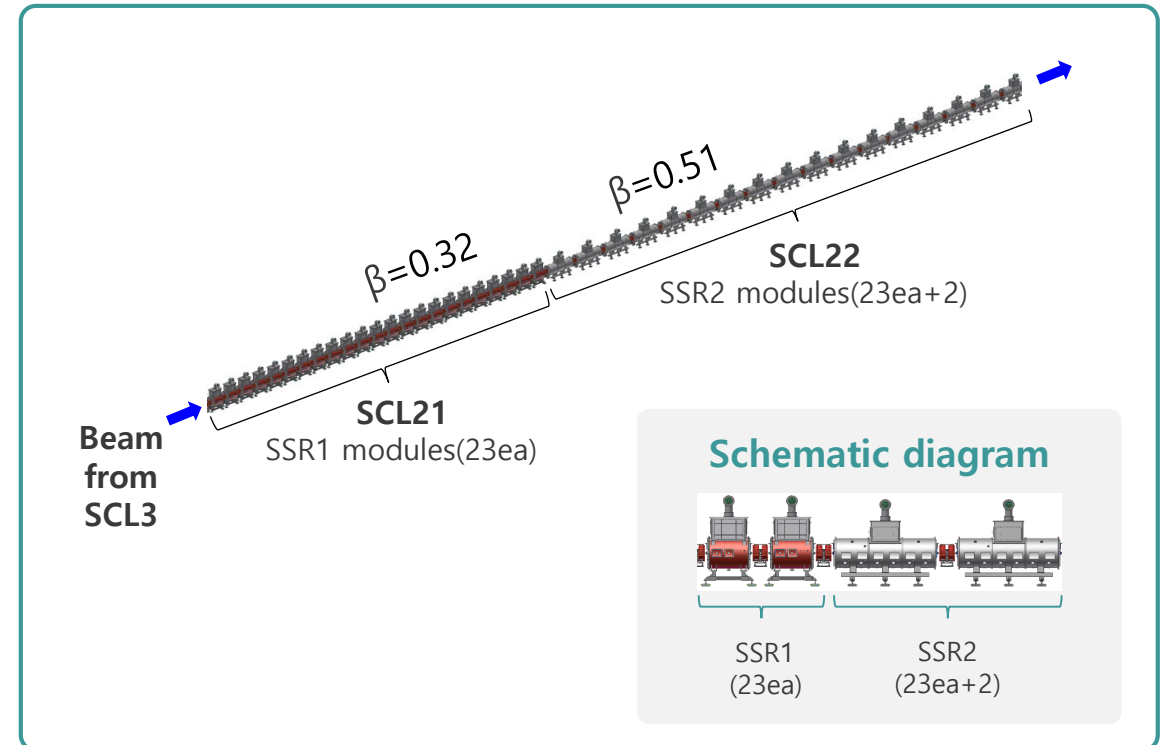
※ SCL1 is postponed.



### SCL3



### SCL2





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Accelerator tunnel (SCL3)

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	Target Material	Isotopes	Ion Source	Expected yields (pps) at Exp. Hall (with a 1 kW proton beam)	
2025	SiC	$^{20-26}\text{Na}$ , $^{26}\text{Al}$	SIS	$4.0\text{E}+06 \sim 1.9\text{E}+09$ / > $6.5\text{E}+05$ (measured)	
		$^{17-20}\text{F}$	FEBIAD	$4.5\text{E}+05 \sim 2.2\text{E}+07$	
		$^{22, 23, 27}\text{Mg}$ $^{24-26, 28, 29}\text{Al}$	RILIS	$2.3\text{E}+06 \sim 3.8\text{E}+08$ $8.0\text{E}+07 \sim 9.3\text{E}+09$	
2026~	TiC	$^{18, 19, 23}\text{Ne}$ $^{37, 41}\text{Ar}$ , $^{38, 42, 43}\text{K}$	FEBIAD	$1.8\text{E}+05 \sim 1.3\text{E}+07$ $5.0\text{E}+05 \sim 3.4\text{E}+07$ $4.2\text{E}+06 \sim 3.4\text{E}+07$	SiC, LaC2, Ta targets will also used
	ThCx, UCx	Kr, Sr, Ag, Sn, Xe, Cs, etc	SIS / FEBIAD / RILIS		



## Beam schedule and experiments

### ['24.5~8] SCL3 SIB and RIB Operation : $40\text{Ar}^{8+}$ , $25\text{Na}^{5+}$ ( $A/q = 5.0$ )

- [IRIS] KoBRA beam commissioning experiment
- [IRIS] NDPS beam commissioning experiment
- [IRIS] Radiation Safety inspection experiment
- [PAC] [KO-24-30] Measurement for production cross section and momentum distribution of projectile fragmentation
- [PAC] [KO-24-22] Single event effects test for space semiconductor at KoBRA
- [PAC] [KO-24-21]  $40\text{Ar} + p$  elastic scattering experiment for a study of optical model potential
- [PAC] [KO-24-26] Coulomb excitation of  $^{181}\text{Ta}$  and  $^{197}\text{Au}$  with  $40\text{Ar}$  (postponed to 2025 due to schedule conflict)
- [IRIS] SCL3-KoBRA beamline Rebuncher beam commissioning experiment(SAT)
- [IRIS] ISOL RIB( $25\text{Na}^{5+}$ ) post-acceleration experiment using SCL3
- [IRIS] SCL3 Machine Study
- Call for Proposals ('23.12.12~'24.1.19)
- 1st PAC ('24.3.7~3.8)

### ['24.10~12] ISOL $^{21,22}\text{Na}$ RIB Operation

- [IRIS] ISOL Collinear Laser Spectroscopy(CLS, now named as CLaSsy) beam commissioning experiment
- [PAC] [CL-24-12] High-resolution laser spectroscopy for the study of sodium
- [PAC] [CL-24-16] Collinear laser spectroscopy of neutron-deficient Na isotopes

PART 1.  
RAON Glossary

IBS

Institute for Basic Science

RISP

Rare Isotope Science Project

IRIS

Institute for Rare Isotope Science

RAON

Rare isotope Accelerator complex  
for ON-line experiments



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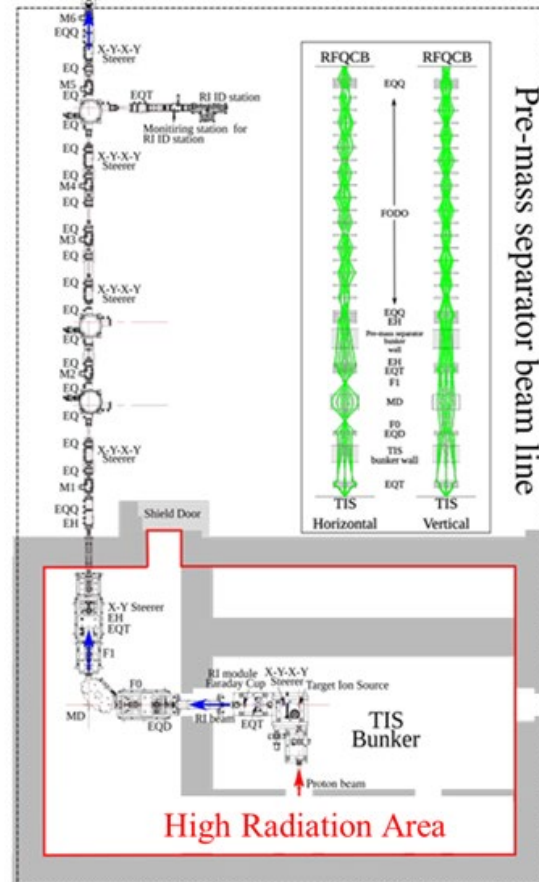
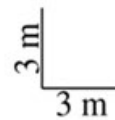
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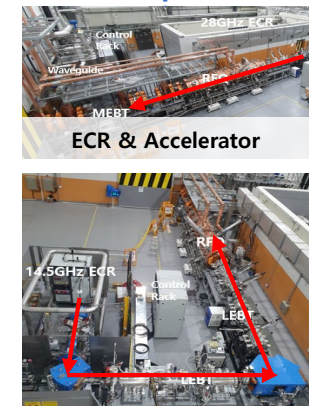
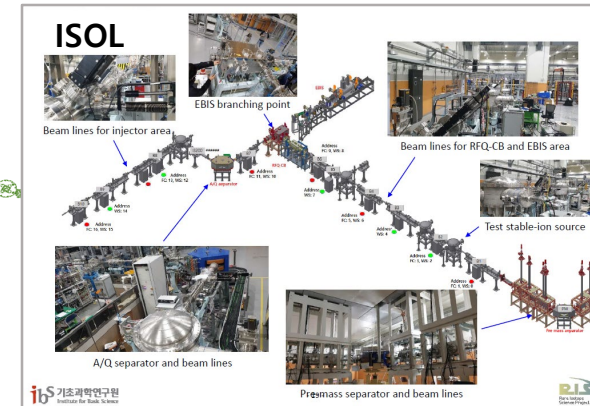
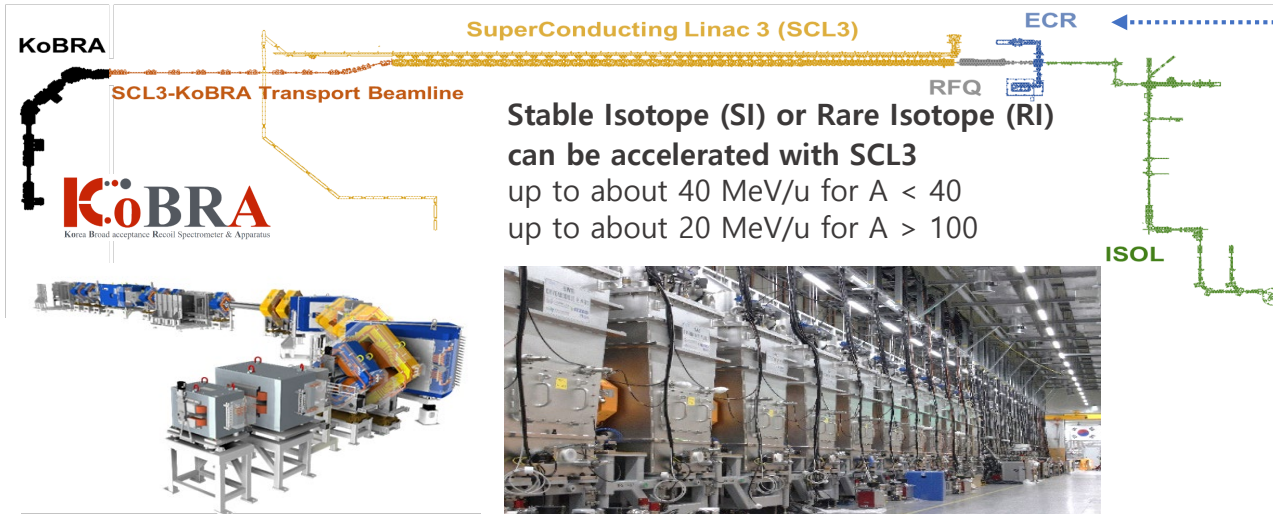




## KoBRA (Korea Broad acceptance Recoil Spectrometer &amp; Apparatus)



**Multi-purpose experimental instrument** using stable/rare isotope beams at **low energy of 1 - 40 MeV/u** including **Fermi energy regime** for the purpose of nuclear physics studies such as **nuclear structure/astrophysics, and multi-nucleon transfer reaction**



- (Current) RI beam production at a few MeV/u or at about 20 – 40 MeV/u with stable or rare isotope beams using ECR source or ISOL system
- (Future extension\*) Recoil mass separator for experiments requiring very precise mass resolution (mass resolving power,  $m/\Delta m \approx 750$ )
  - Such as direct measurements of radiative-capture cross sections at less than a few MeV/u
  - ※ Under discussion for detailed concept with RAON Users Association

## PART 5.

# SCL2 R&D Project

### SSR1 Balloon-type

Design(engineering) is led by IRIS, while the manufacturing process development is carried using domestic companies('24.1)

- ※ Focus on managing process risks and schedules throughout the entire process, including the manufacturing company's Ti-Nb bonding process development and accelerator tube fabrication, to enhance success rates without additional delays.



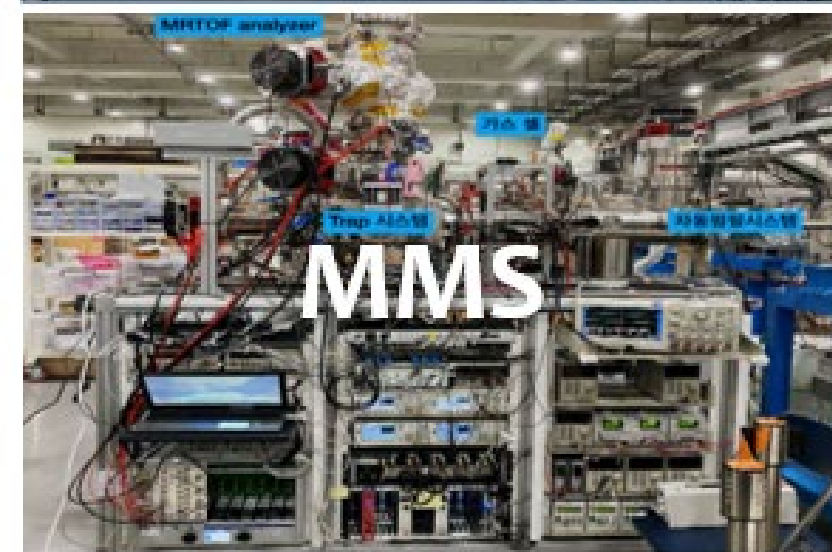
### SSR2 Cylinder-type

Considering the high technical complexity, maximize the use of external resources (such as services) from engineering design to manufacturing.

- ※ Utilize external institutions while maintaining close collaboration throughout the entire process to ensure thorough risk management and secure essential technologies







## Issues : Energy of beams

### In 2023, first commissioning with $^{40}\text{Ar}^{9+}$

Beam energy from TRACK :	17.2 MeV/u
TOF with 2 BPMs :	16.3 MeV/u
Bending magnet before KoBRA:	16.1 MeV/u

\* Due to the uncertainties in the beam phase measurement, orbit corrections and some changes of RF reference.

### In 2024, beam services for users with $^{40}\text{Ar}^{8+}$

Beam energy from TRACK :	18.5 MeV/u	Bending magnet of KoBRA :	16.4 MeV/u
TOF with 2 BPMs :	16.5 MeV/u	TOF with 2 phase probes :	16.3 MeV/u
Bending magnet before KoBRA :	16.2 MeV/u		

\* We still have differences between the measured beam energies and TRACK results mainly due to the uncertainties in the phase measurement

### In 2025, beam energies will be studied and better determined before the user service!



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Cyclotron	Proton Beam → ISOL											Maintenance		Proton Beam → ISOL (beam power ramp-up)				
							Build of Beam Irradiation Device							p-beam irradiation test / Medical RI study				
ISOL	Beam operation & ISOL beam → CLS/MMS						ISOL beam Exp.						ISOL beam Exp.					
	RILIS						SIS / FEBIAD							SIS / RILIS / FEBIAD				
	SiC, TiC / 1 kW												SiC, TiC, Ta target / 2~3 kW					

2026												2027						
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Cyclotron	Proton Beam → ISOL (beam power ramp-up)					Maintenance				Proton Beam → ISOL (beam power ramp-up)								
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	SIS / RILIS / FEBIAD									SIS / RILIS / FEBIAD								
	UCx target / < 1 kW									UCx / 1 kW + non-actinide target / 5 kW								