

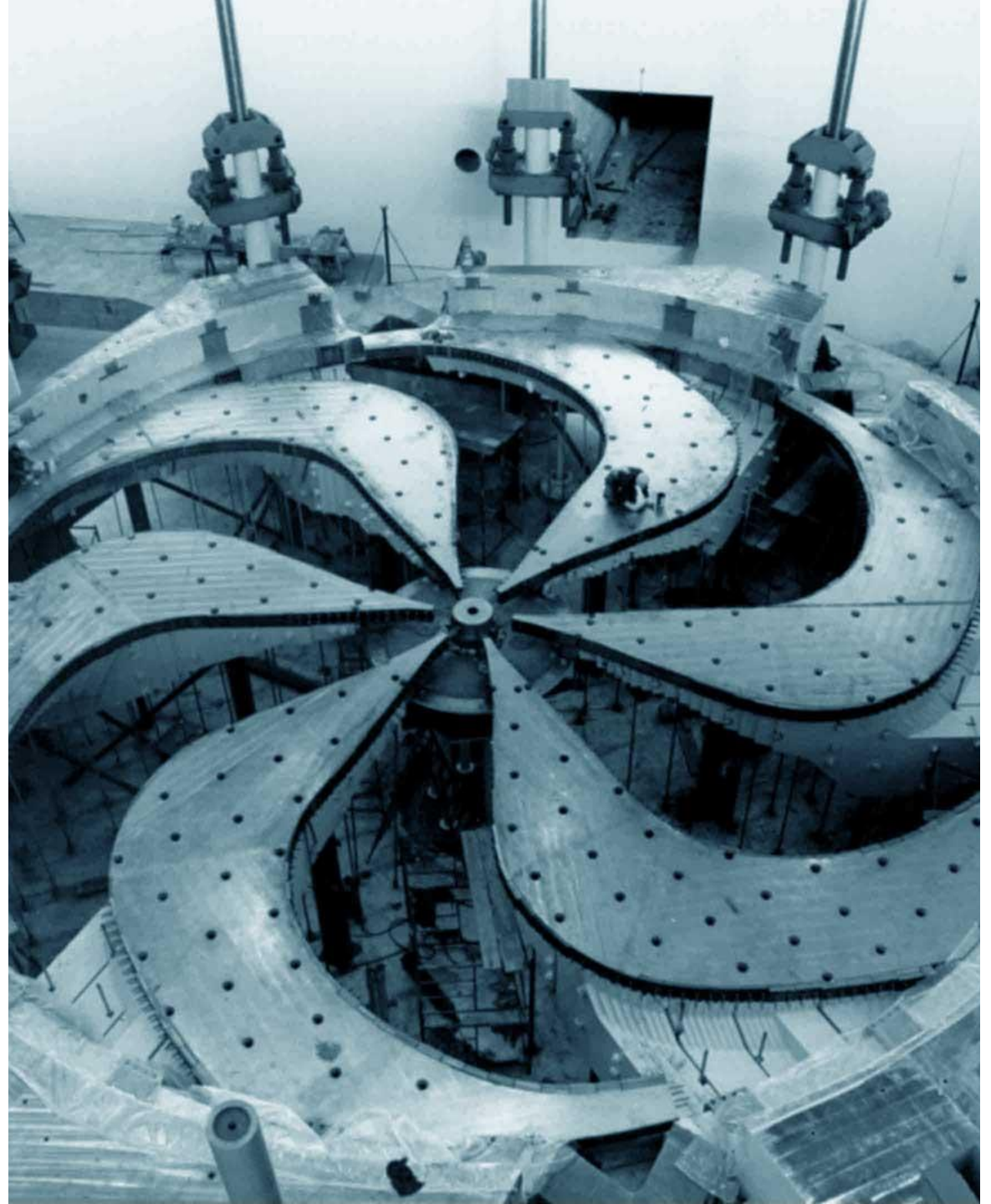
# TRIUMF Accelerator Capabilities and Contributions

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# TRIUMF is Canada's **particle accelerator** centre

**UBC Campus**



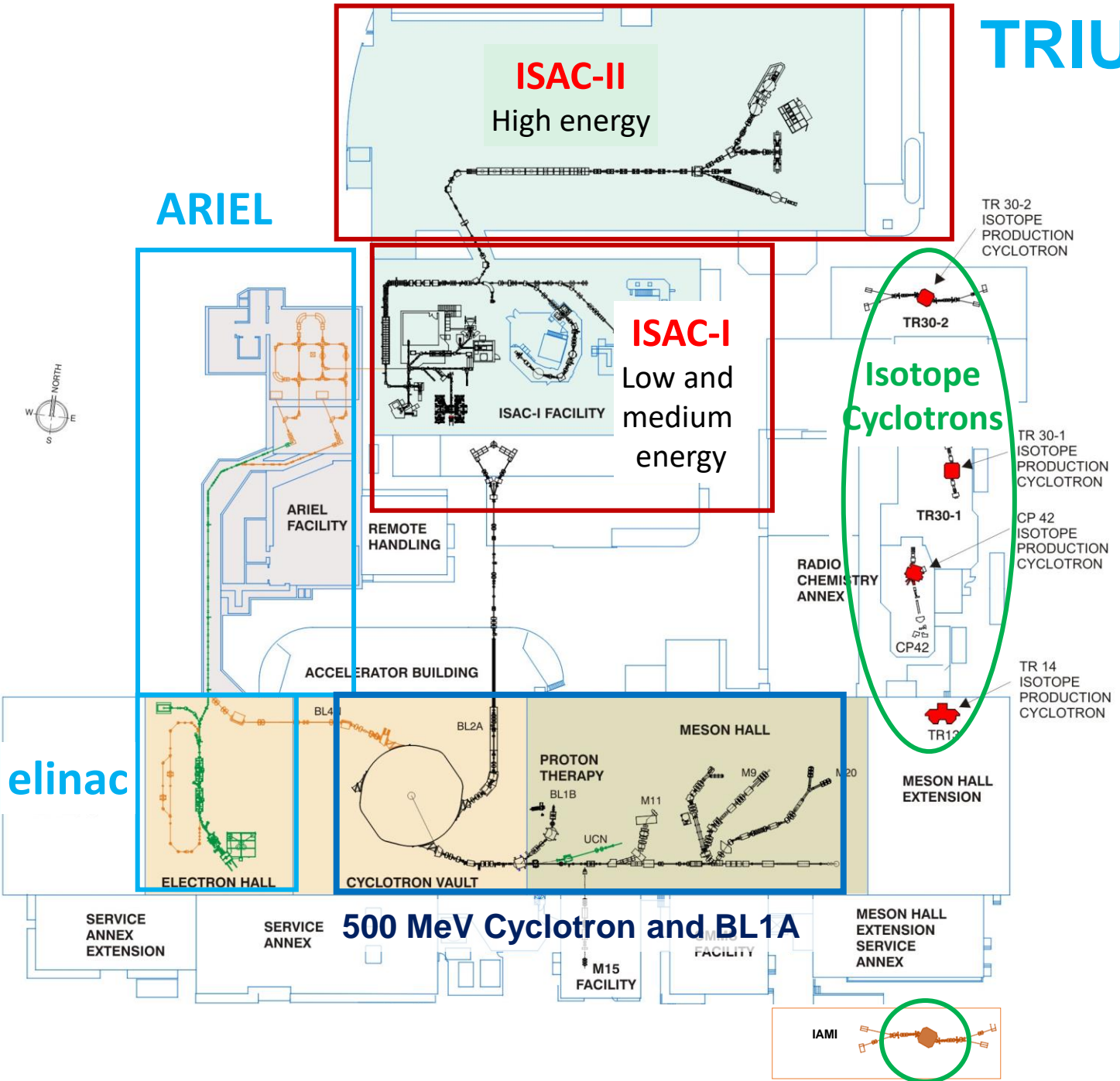
**TRIUMF**





TRIUMF has five decades of experience in building a rich particle accelerator infrastructure that enables cutting-edge research and supports accelerator R&D.

# TRIUMF accelerator complex



Primary beam driver (1974):  
500 MeV Cyclotron, 300  $\mu$ A, H<sup>-</sup>  
Produces rare isotopes, neutrons and muons

## Isotope Separator and Accelerator facility – ISAC (1996)

- ISAC-I: Normal conducting-linac
  - 0.15-1.8 MeV/u (2000)
- ISAC-II: Superconducting-linac
  - 1.5-16.5 MeV/u (2006)

## Advanced Rare Isotope Laboratory – ARIEL (in progress)

- Superconducting electron linac
  - 30 MeV, 10 mA, cw (2019)

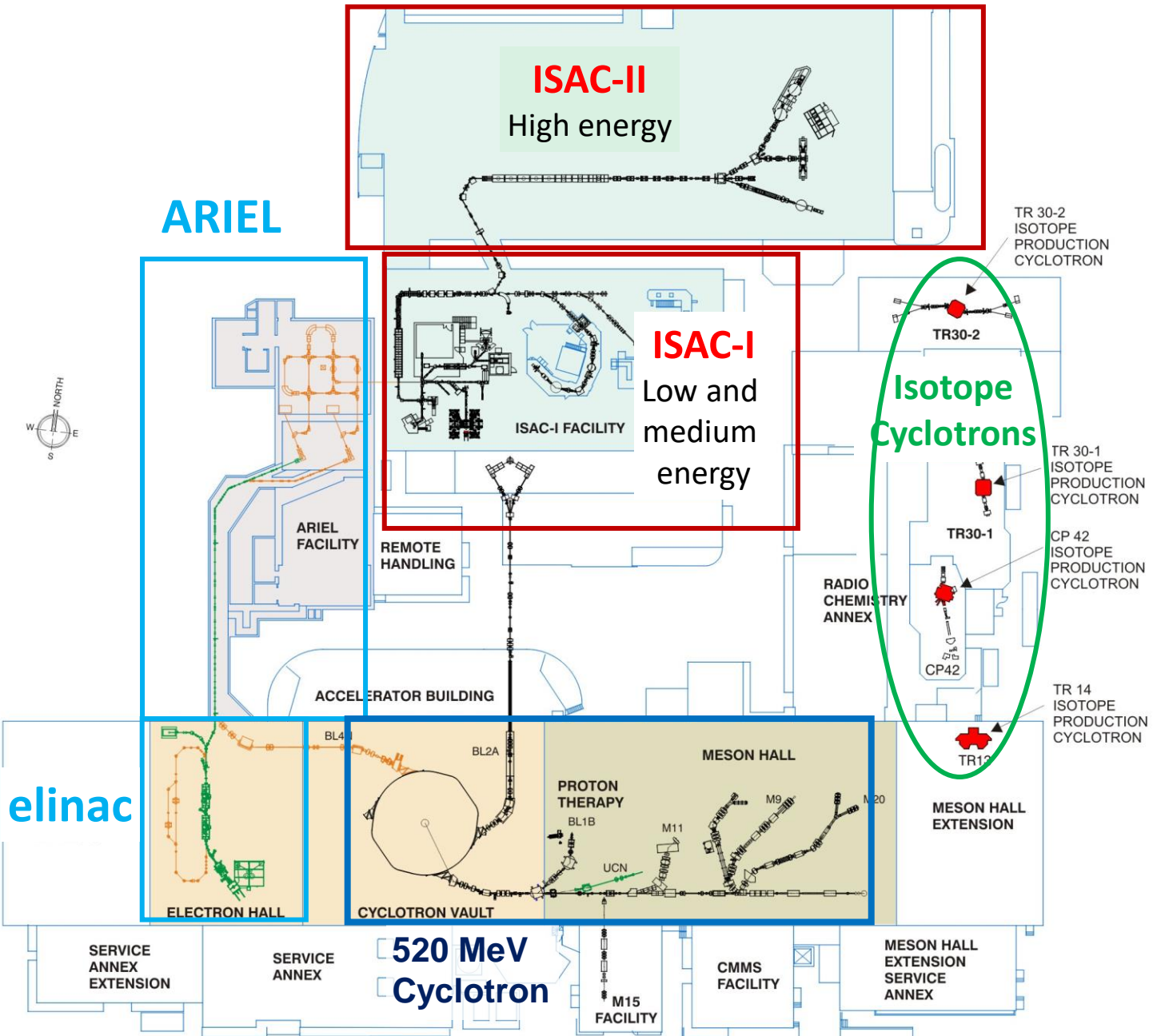
4 (+1) Cyclotrons for medical isotope production – TR30 and TR13 designed by TRIUMF

A wide variety of accelerator technologies populate the campus.

Our strategy is to use internal projects and external collaborations as springboards to expand core competencies or gain new ones.

Competencies include:

- Superconducting radio-frequency
- Beam physics of electrons and hadrons
- Secondary beam production
- Cyclotrons and linear accelerators
- Beam diagnostics
- High power targets
- Remote handling



# Example: SRF Technology at TRIUMF since 2001 → In house linear accelerators

**40MV ISAC-II SRF  
heavy ion linac  
@ 106 and 141 MHz  
in operation since  
2006**

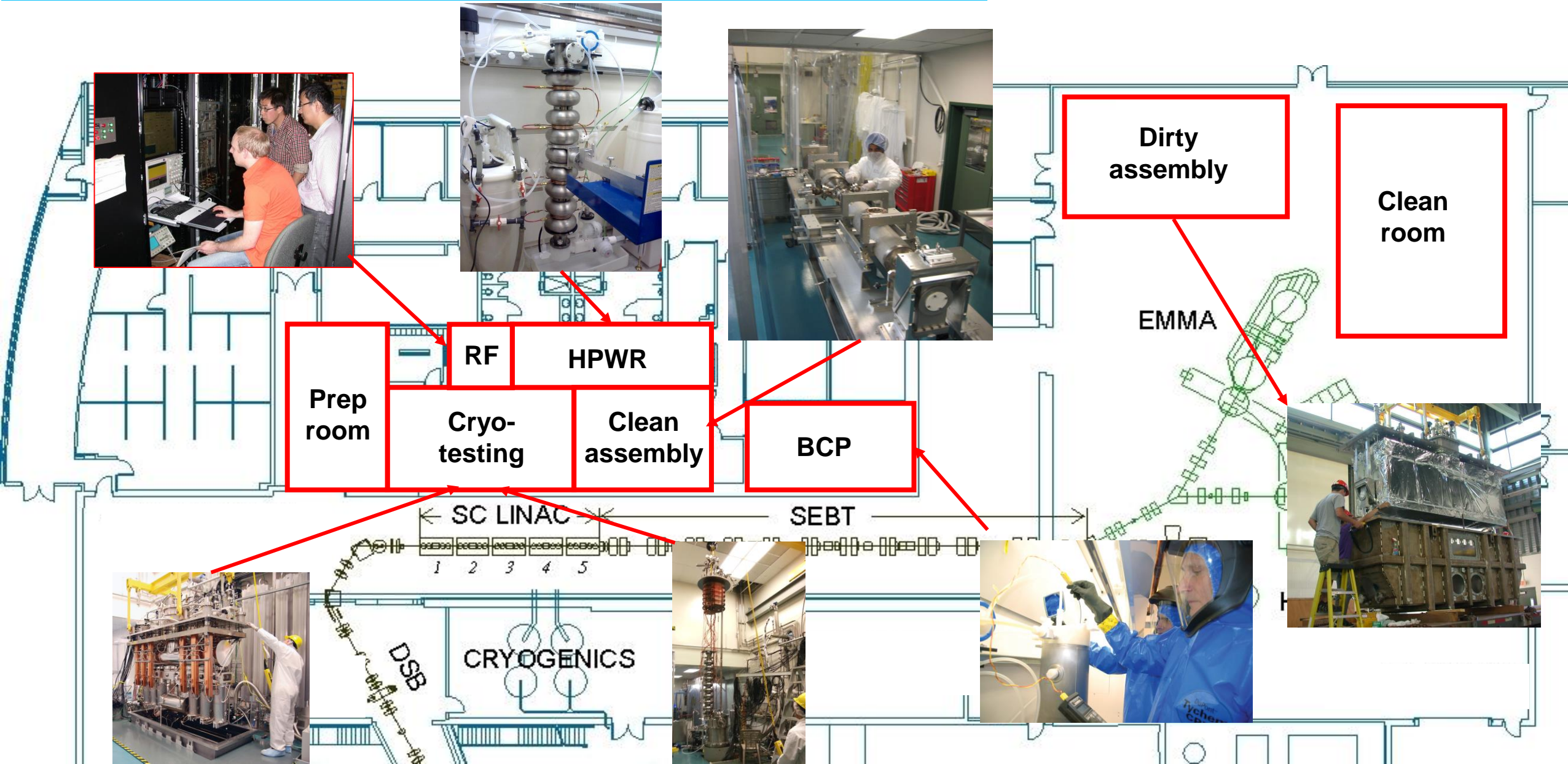


**30MV ARIEL SRF  
10mA electron linac  
@ 1.3 GHz  
first beam 2014**



The SRF lab supports the in-house accelerator program, SRF research, work for others and external collaborations

# SRF Facilities

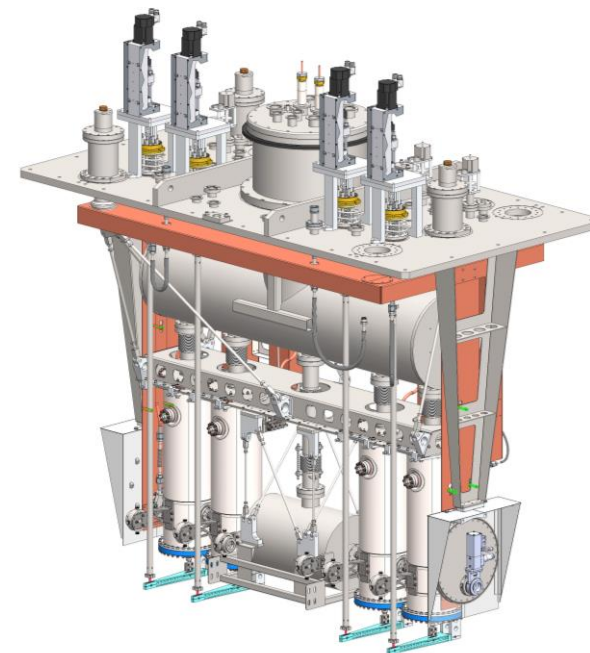
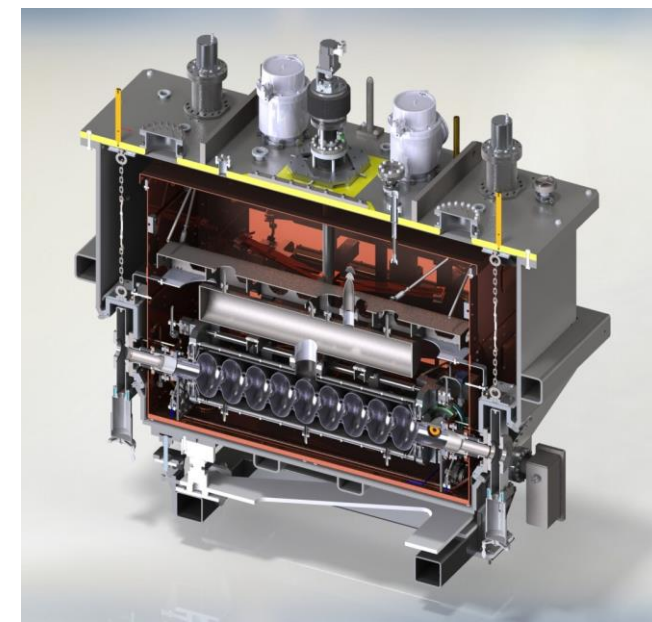


# TRIUMF Work for Others

## -VECC (India)

TRIUMF SRF group designed, fabricated and delivered

- 2018 - A1.3GHz SRF cryomodule for accelerating electrons
- 2022 - A 110MHz SRF cryomodule for accelerating heavy ions

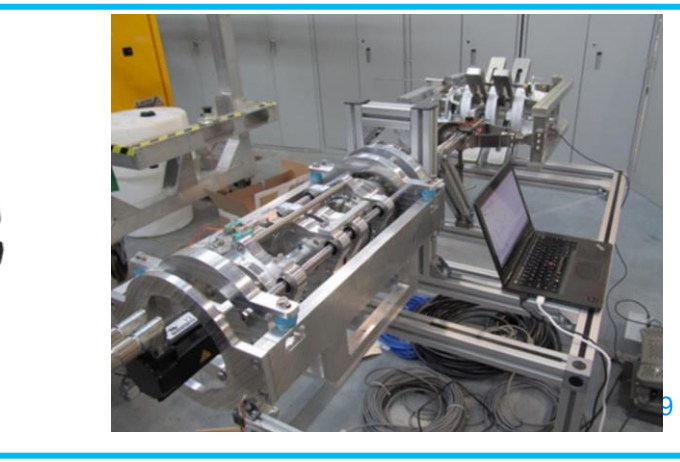
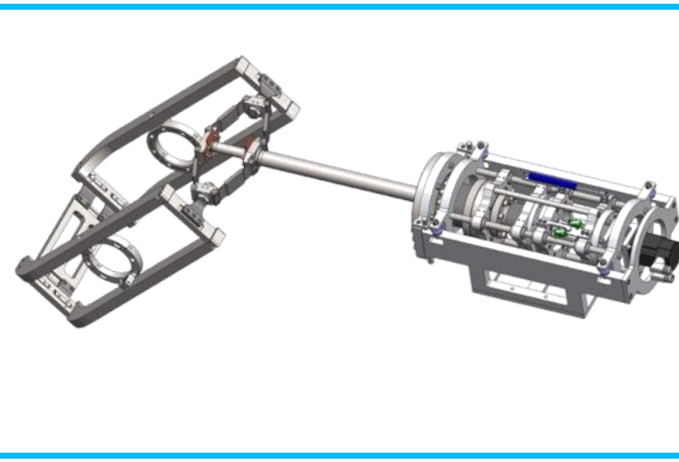
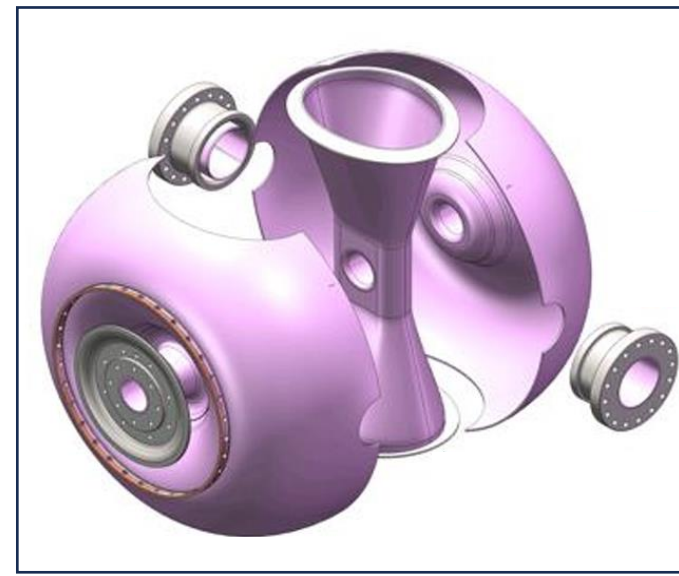


# TRIUMF Work for Others

## -RISP (S. Korea)

TRIUMF SRF group designed, fabricated and delivered

- two prototype SRF single spoke resonator (SSR) cavities at 325 MHz
- Prototype rf frequency tuner for SSR cavity



# TRIUMF and External Collaboration

# Value of external collaborations

The TRIUMF Accelerator Division has a long tradition of international collaboration to provide Canadian contributions to particle physics projects abroad.

- **Enhance expertise:** - Collaborations strengthen and expand core competency and broaden our expertise in accelerator physics and technology.
- **National resilience:** The collaborations draw Canadian industry into world-class projects, building national resilience in cutting edge technologies.
- **Develop HQP:** The collaborations also provide opportunities to students and young researchers enriching knowledge and experience in critical technologies.

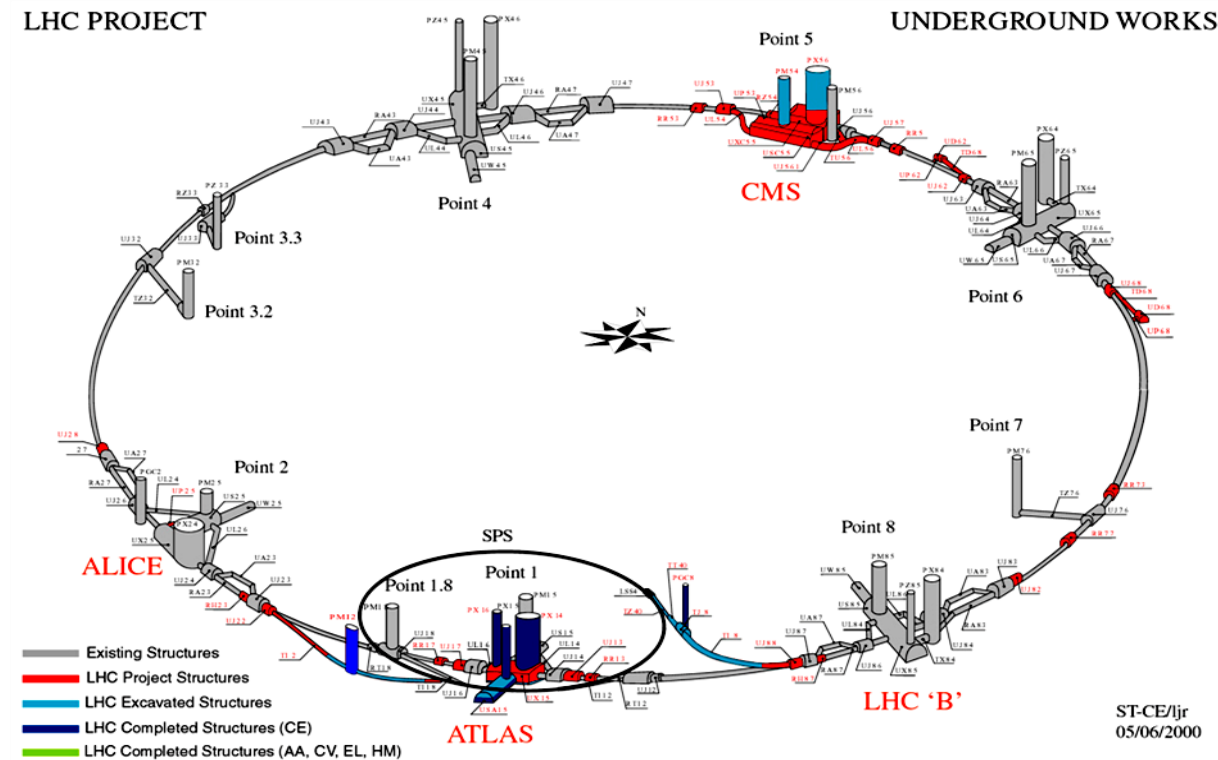
# TRIUMFs Contributions to LHC (1995-2005)

1995-2005 - \$41.5M

- TRIUMF was given the mandate to act as Canada's main connection with CERN and to develop and construct components for the Large Hadron Collider.
- Contributions included beam physics support and hardware including magnets, beam instrumentation, rf systems, kickers

>80% Canadian industry involvement

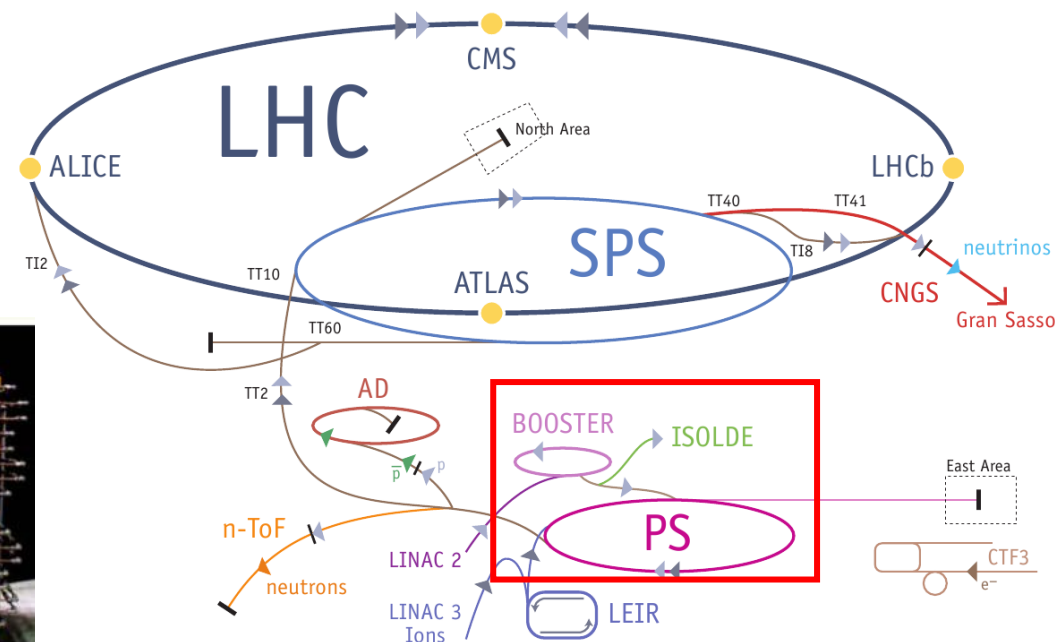
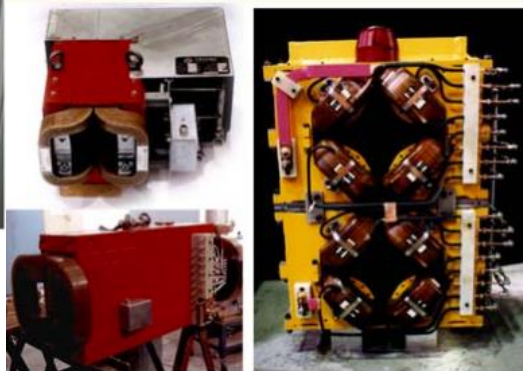
8-10 FTEs from TRIUMF per year



# TRIUMF's Contributions to LHC – Phase 1 (1995-2000)

## 1995-2000 – Phase I - \$30M – Proton synchrotron conversion

- upgrades to the injector synchrotrons - double beam brightness, control emittance, and modify bunch spacing for LHC operation.
- TRIUMF contributions in beam dynamics, instrumentation, power supplies, magnets and RF.
  - four first-harmonic rf cavities for the PS Booster
  - development of a 40 MHz cavity for the PS plus higher order mode (HOM) dampers
  - magnets and power supplies for the upgraded 1.4 GeV transfer line between Booster and PS
  - new transformers for the Booster main magnet supply



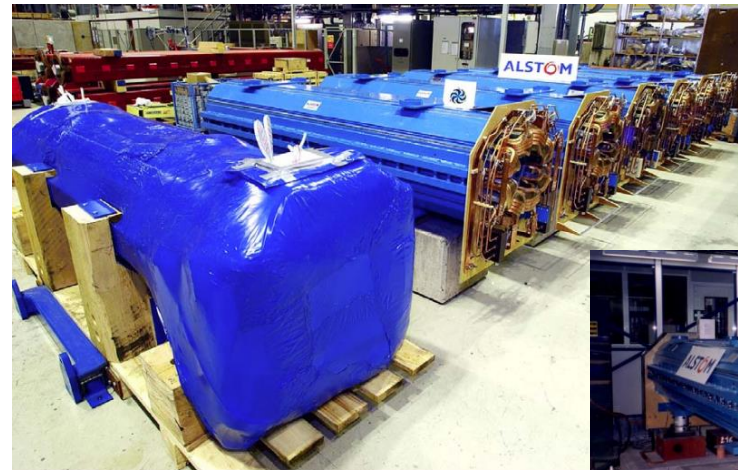
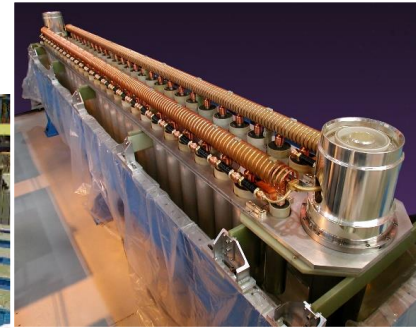
# TRIUMFs Contributions to LHC - Phase 2 (2000-2005)

**2000-2005 - \$11.5M**

- TRIUMF - production of the components for four LHC injection kicker systems
  - Pulse forming networks, power supplies, thyatron switches and kicker magnets.
  - A new clean room and assembly area was constructed at TRIUMF for production and testing
- ALSTOM (Quebec) - Production of 52 twin aperture quadrupole magnets in Canadian industry



PFNs for Kickers



Twin-Aperture Quads



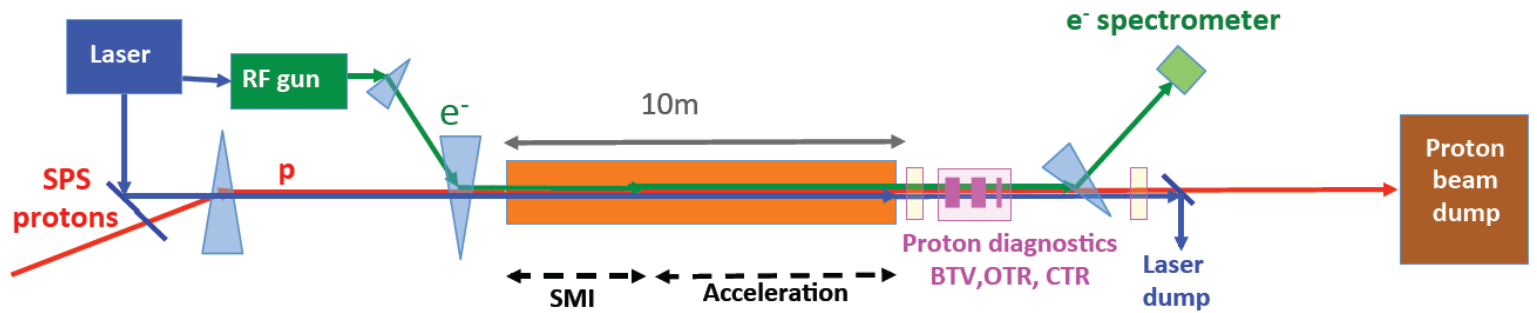
# TRIUMF / CERN beam physics towards LHC

TRIUMF has a long-standing collaboration with CERN on beam physics.

- The beam dynamics group assisted in beam simulation studies towards higher currents in the Booster.
  - specification of multi-stage collimation system and optics design
- LHC beam-beam simulations:
  - Simulating beam cleaning efficiency of the collimation system, halo dynamics, and multi-turn losses
  - full 3D beam-beam solutions including longitudinal variation of beam sizes and finite crossing angle

# TRIUMF @ AWAKE at CERN

TRIUMF was a collaboration partner in the Advanced Wakefield Experiment (AWAKE) at CERN



- R&D experiment at CERN towards developing accelerator technologies for future accelerators → Exploits acceleration by plasma waves driven by a high energy proton beam
- 400 GeV protons from the CERN Super Proton Synchrotron (SPS) → 10 m long Rubidium plasma channel (plasma generated by the laser)
  - electrons accelerated from 20MeV to 2 GeV – 200MV/m
- TRIUMF provided beam diagnostics for the electron beams (beam position and current)



Beam position monitor



Faraday cups

# Hi-Lumi @ CERN

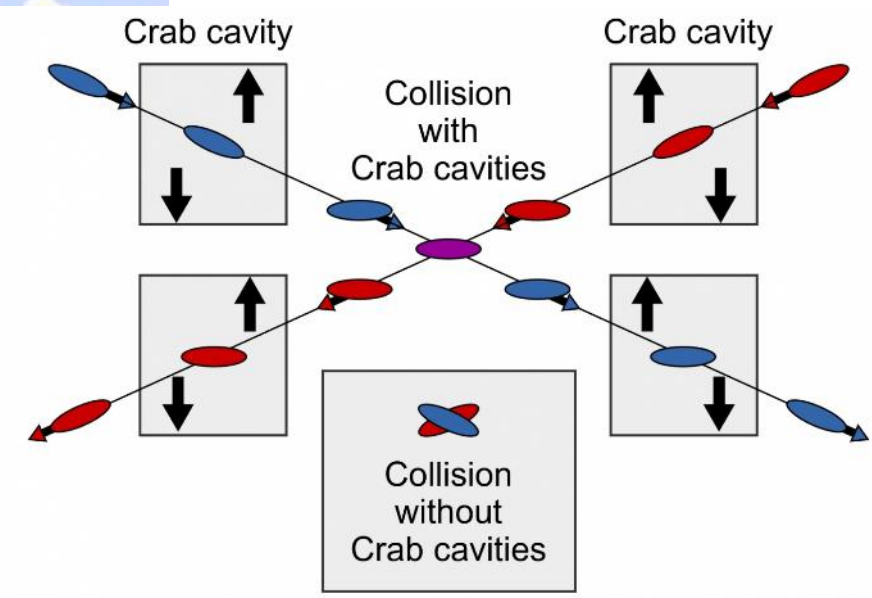
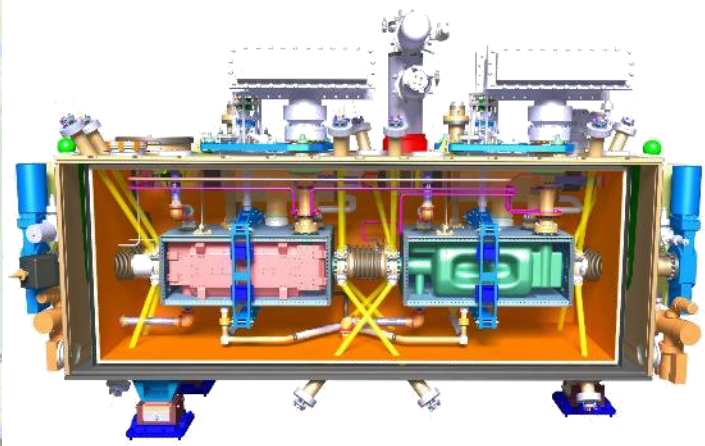
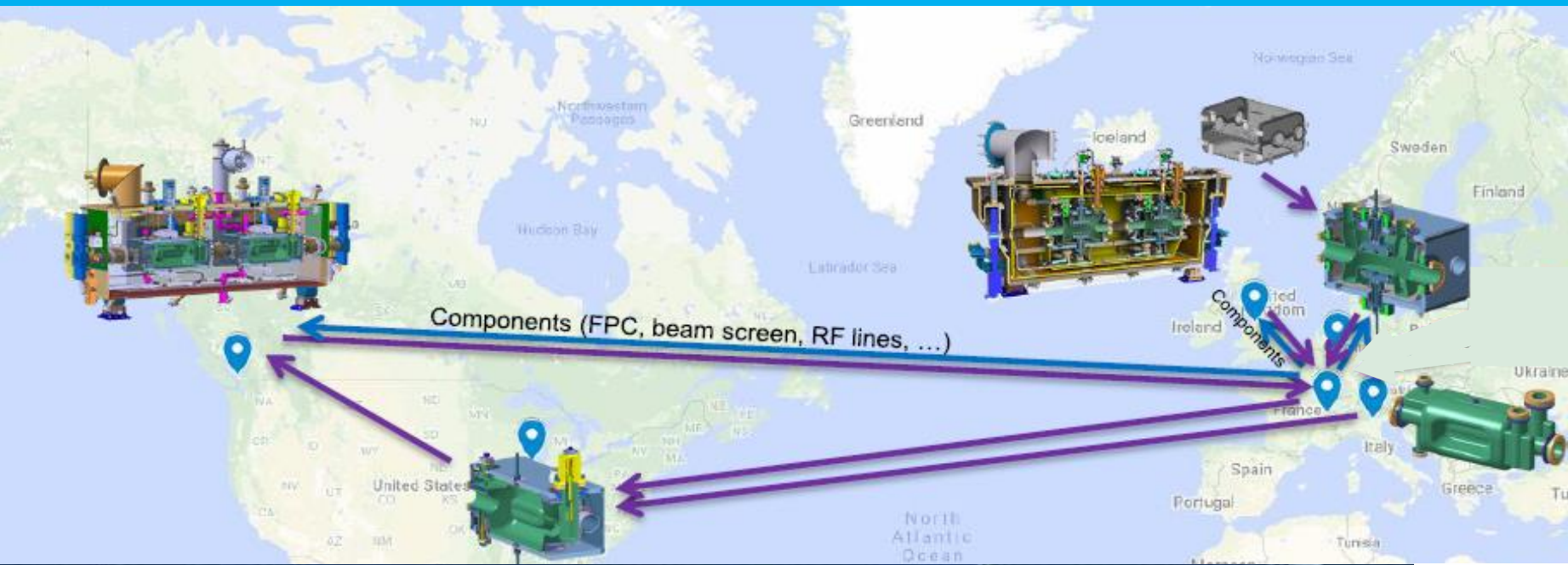
**June 25, 2018**  
**“Great science knows no borders.”** Minister Kirsty Duncan

Canadian Minister of Science and Sport  
Kirsty Duncan announces 10M\$ support for  
TRIUMF to build 5 Hi Lumi LHC RFD Crab  
Cavity Cryomodules

Working with the Canadian research community and  
industry, TRIUMF will lead the production of the  
cryomodules with a \$2 million in-kind contribution for  
a total project value of \$12 million.

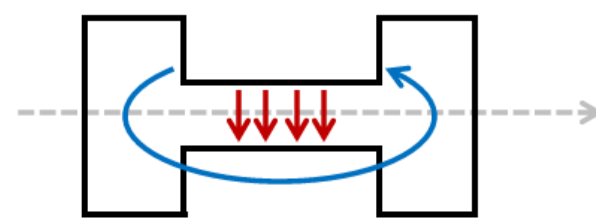
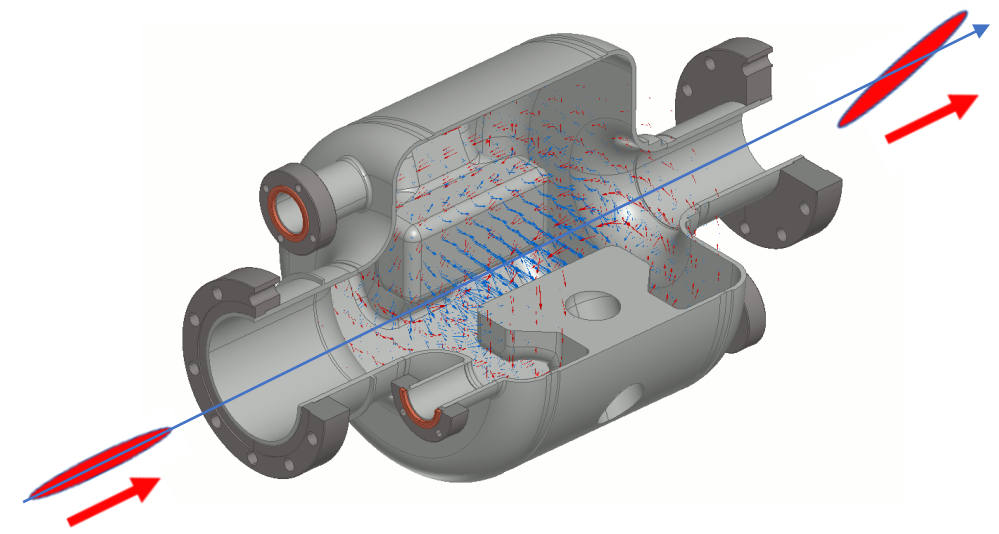
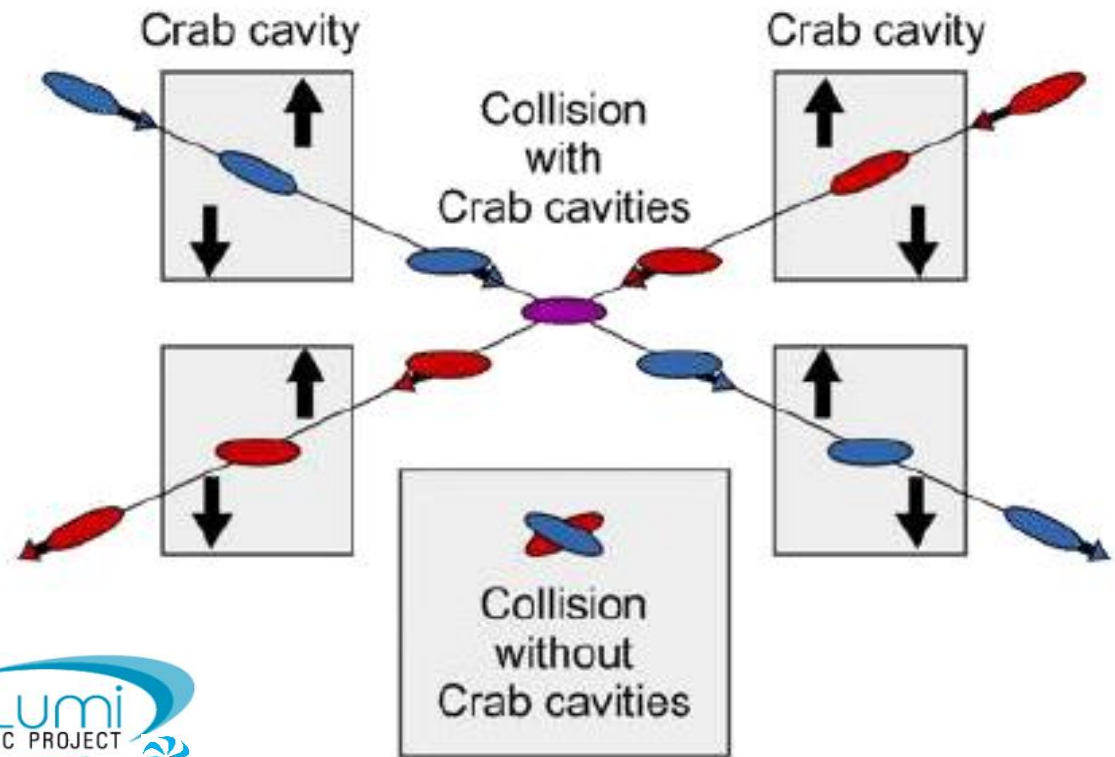
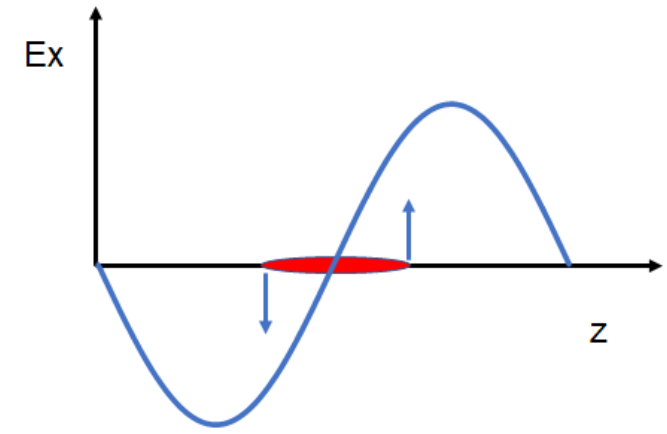


# TRIUMF is part of global collaboration (CERN, US, UK) that will deliver 5 RFD Crab Cavity modules as a Canadian contribution to HL-LHC



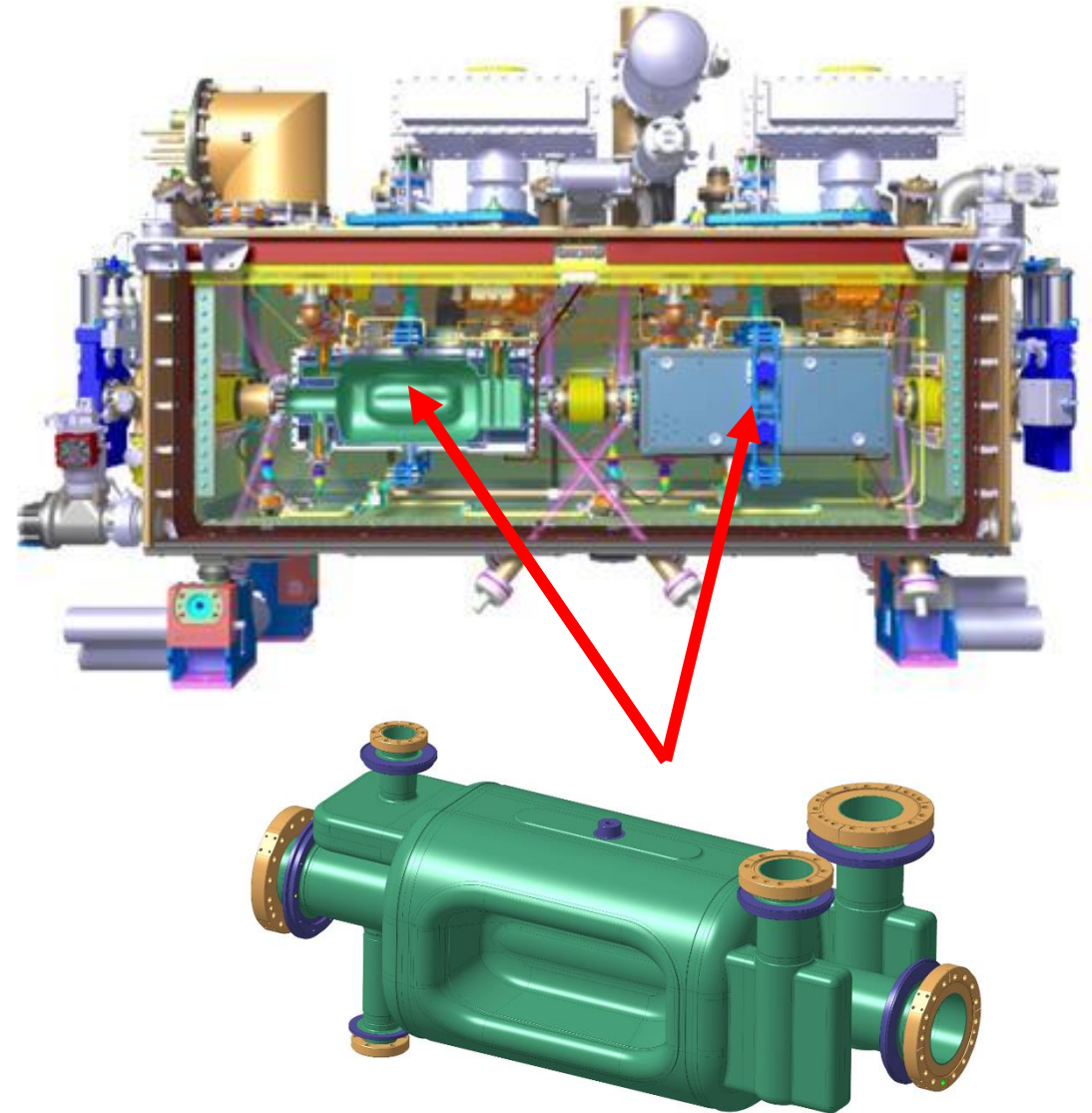
# What is a crab cavity?

- A crab cavity is designed to produce a deflecting (rather than accelerating) electro-magnetic rf field.
- A charged particle bunch passing through the cavity at the zero-crossing will experience a transverse skewing (crabbing) so the bunch is rotated to be at an angle with respect to the beam path
- This skewing compensates for the crossing angle at the collision point and increases the probability of collision (luminosity)



Discovery,  
accelerated

- TRIUMF will receive 10 RF Dipole crab cavity resonators from US-Accelerator Upgrade Project (AUP)
- Cavities will be re-qualified (cold tested in a dewar) and assembled into five cryomodules.
- TRIUMF to qualify the cryomodules through testing at TRIUMF before packaging and shipping to CERN



RF-dipole crab cavity

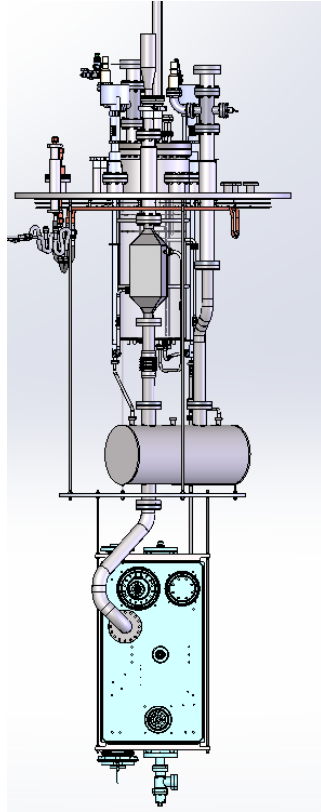
# Infrastructure at TRIUMF

Major tooling and infrastructure including new clean room and cavity test cryostat are in hand.

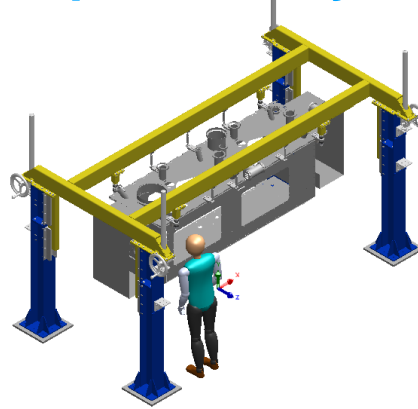
## New SRF clean room



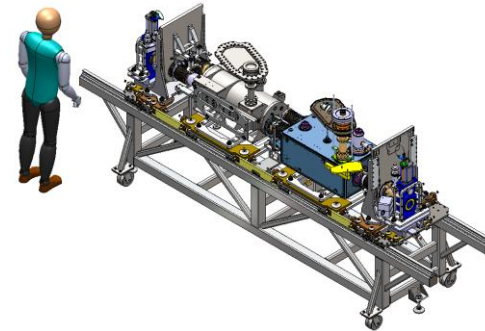
## Test cryostat



## Top assembly frame

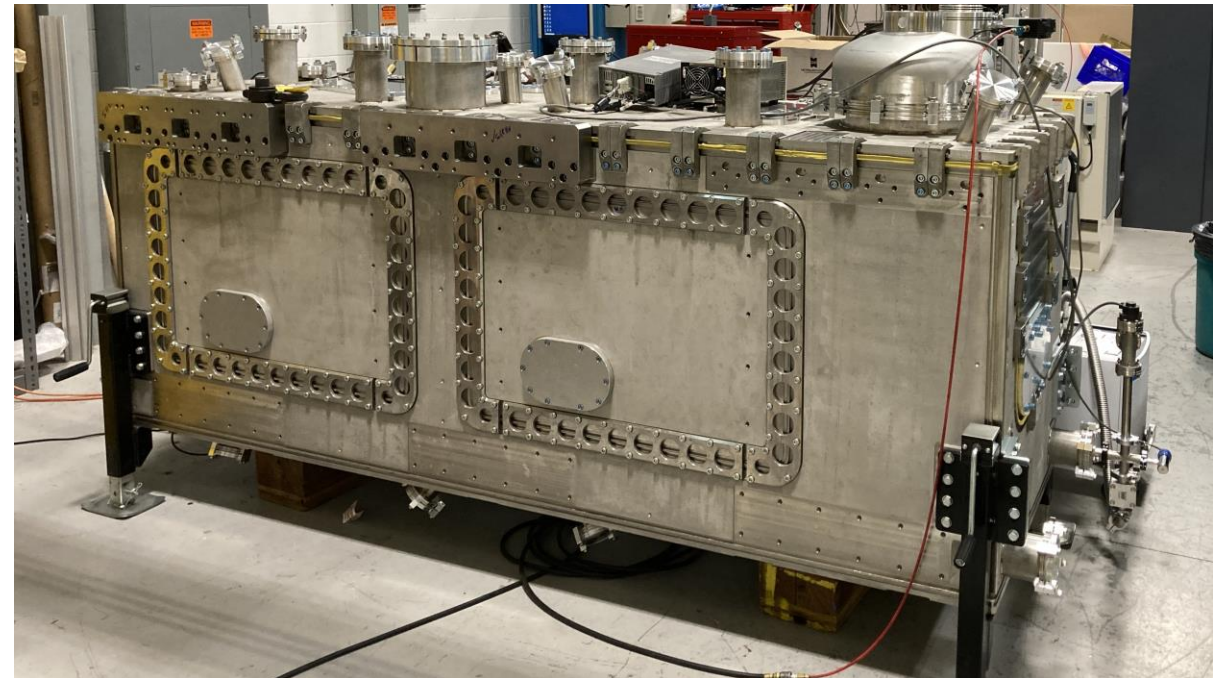
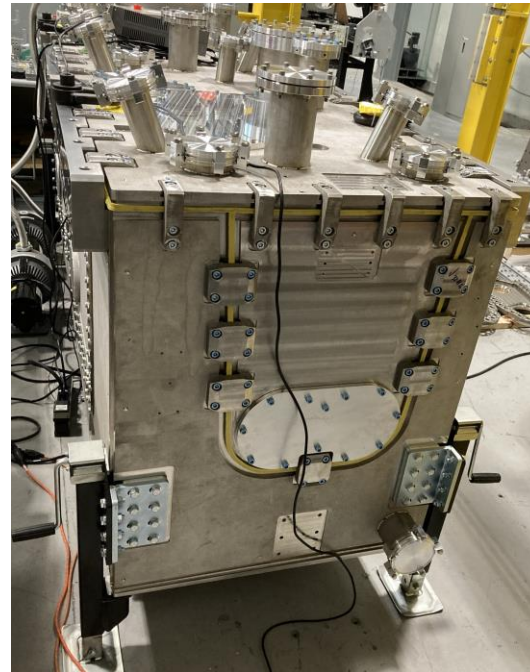


## String assembly cart



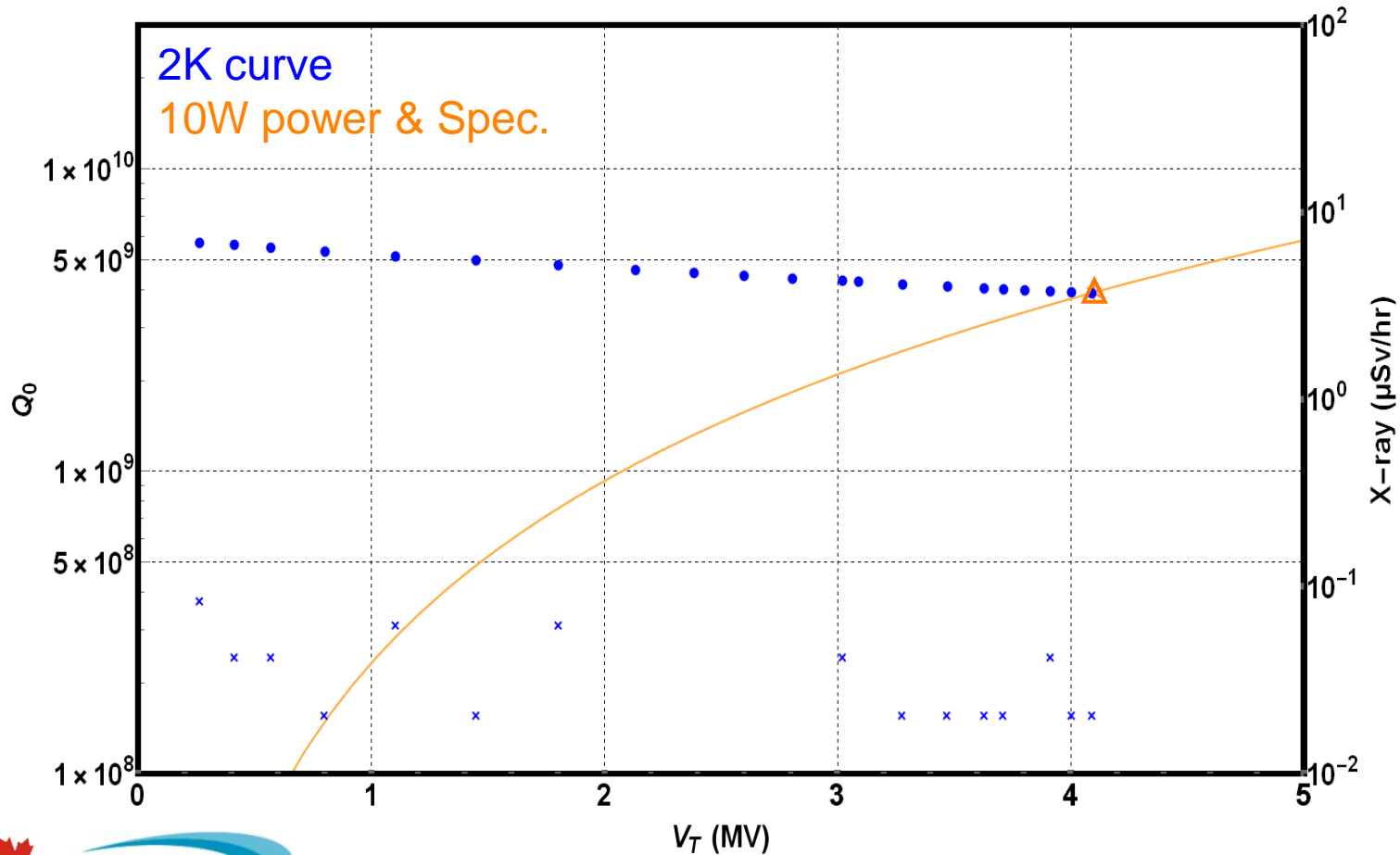
# Status

- Mock string assembly in progress in the clean room
- Vacuum chamber and major components are in hand



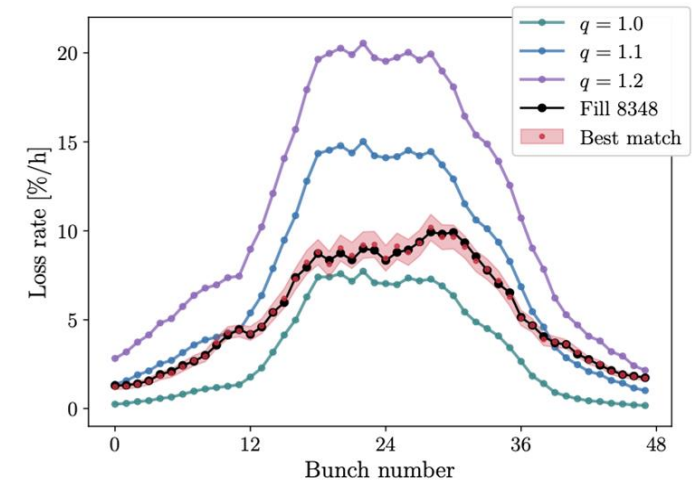
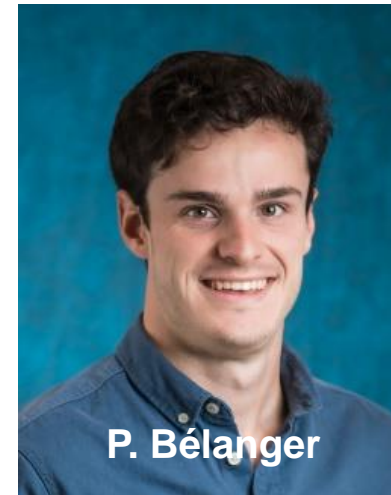
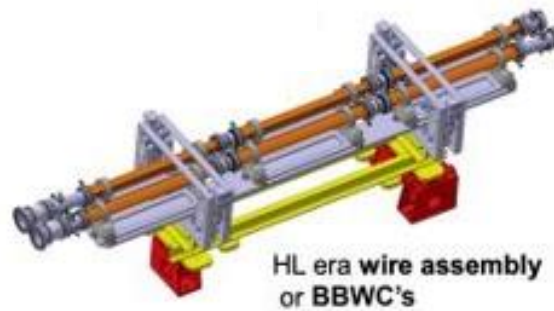
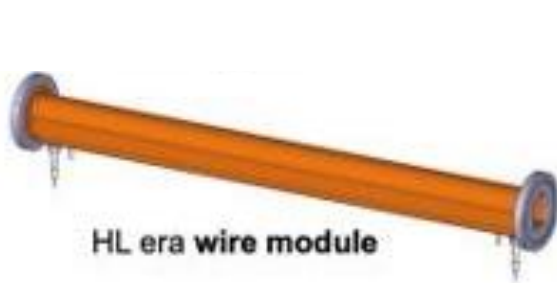
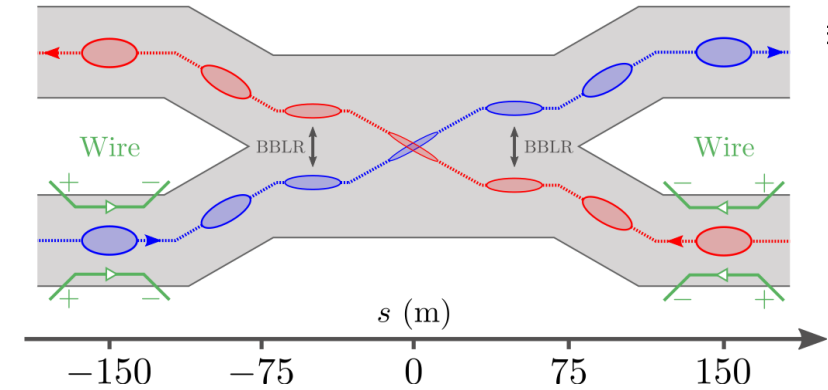
# First cavity received from US Collaboration

- First cavity received and tested at TRIUMF - Meets rf specification
- 2<sup>nd</sup> cavity expected in Aug. 2026 and First string assembly by end of 2026



# TRIUMF @ Hi-Lumi - Beam-Beam Long-Range compensation

- Beam-beam interactions in the LHC near interaction regions can degrade beam quality leading to beam loss, loss of luminosity and loss of dynamic aperture  
→ TRIUMF beam physics is contributing key insight into this problem
- Wires can be added at strategic location in LHC to reduce beam-beam effects
- TRIUMF has interest in supplying hardware for the wire compensation



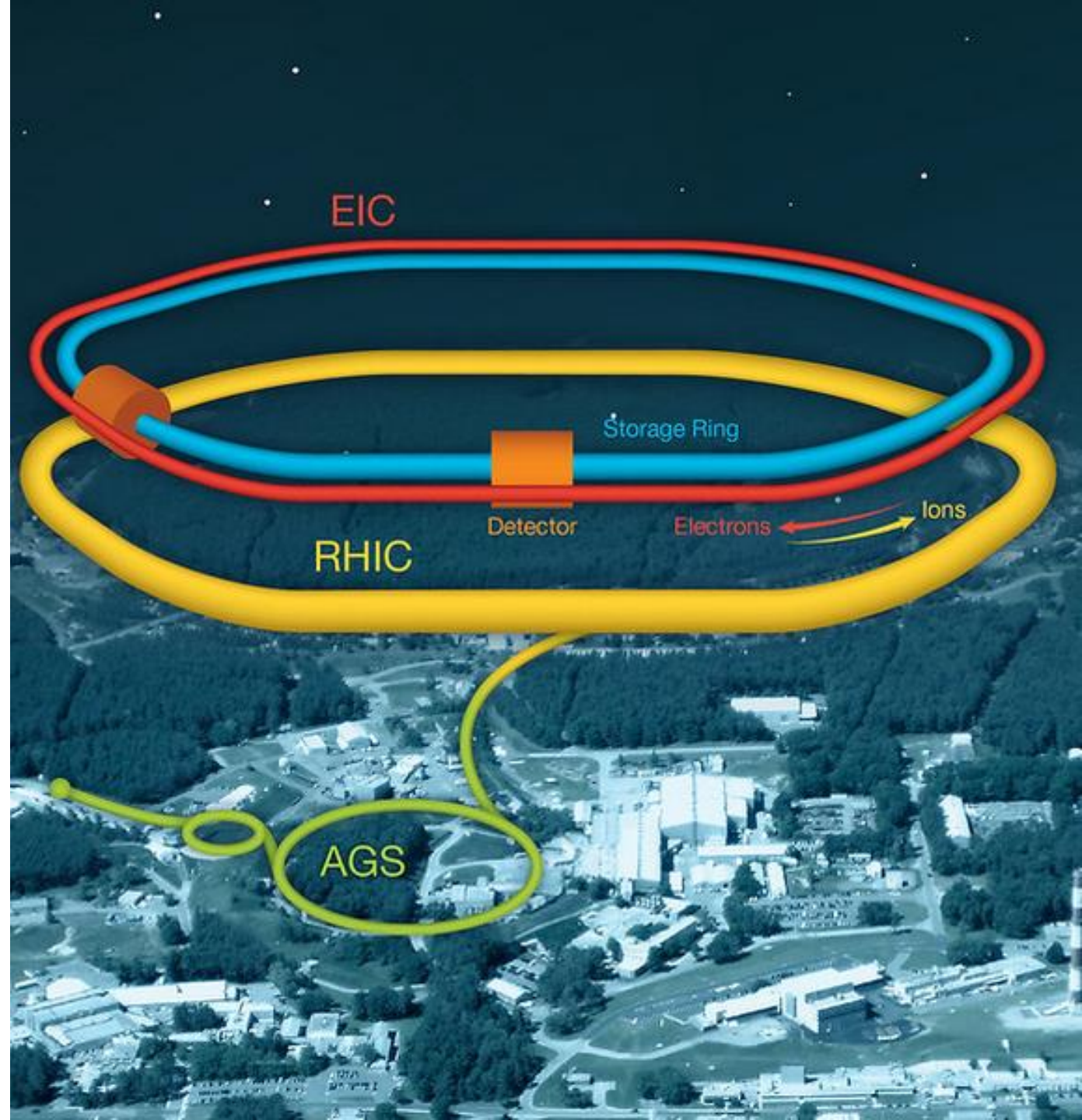
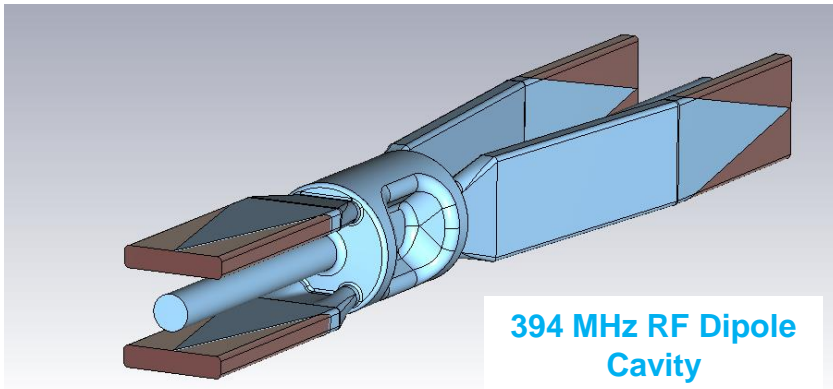
IPAC' 24 paper (Belanger et al) documenting the improved simulation model that predicts LHC losses due to beam beam effects

[Topological formulation of beam dynamics : a study of quasiperiodic motion in Hamiltonian systems](#) – P. Belanger – UBC PhD Thesis

# Electron Ion Collider

The EIC at Brookhaven will be the next international discovery machine.

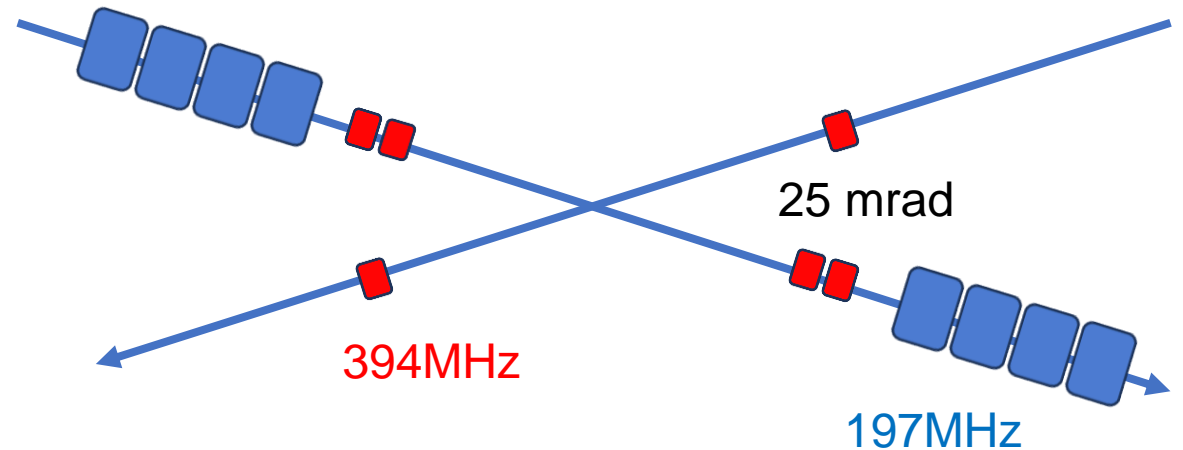
- TRIUMF is working with EIC-Canada on a CFI project to deliver in-kind contributions.
- TRIUMF's SRF group has started work on the design of the 394 MHz crab cavity – similar size to HL-LHC 400 MHz crab cavity



# Future: EIC CRAB Cavities

- The performance of the crab cavities is critical to the success of EIC – they increase luminosity by a factor of 10
- The EIC requires crab cavities on both the hadron storage ring (HSR) and the electron storage ring (ESR)
- HSR – long bunch, high rigidity
  - requires eight 197MHz crab cavities and four 394MHz cavities to linearize the deflection
- ESR – short bunch, low rigidity
  - requires two 394 MHz cavities
- **Our proposal keys on the 394 MHz cavities as the Canadian contribution**

System	Voltage/cavity $V_t$ (MV)		No. of cavities	
	HSR	ESR	HSR	ESR
197 MHz	8.5	-	8	-
394 MHz	2.4	2.9	4	2



# Beyond EIC – FCC-ee at CERN?

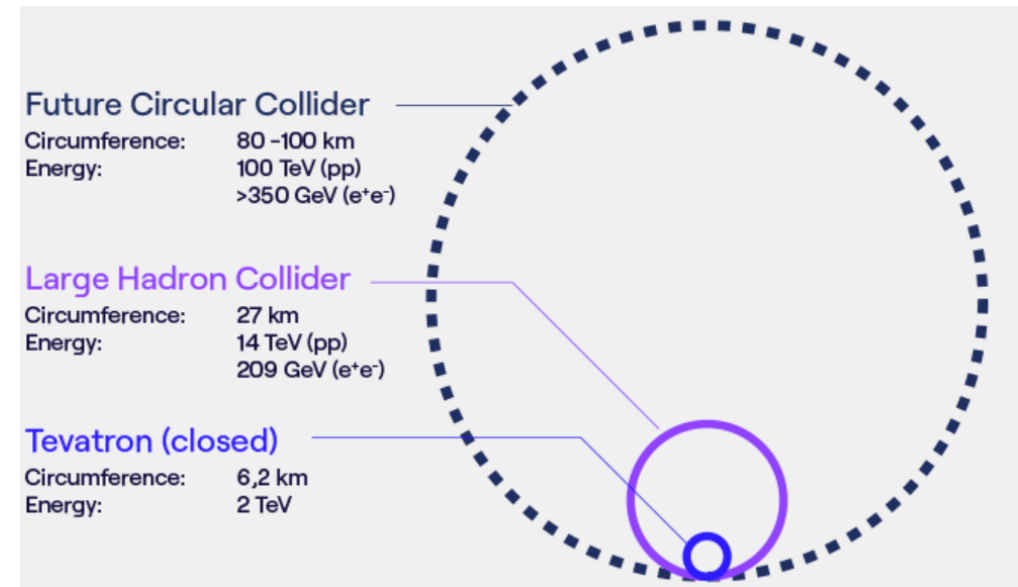
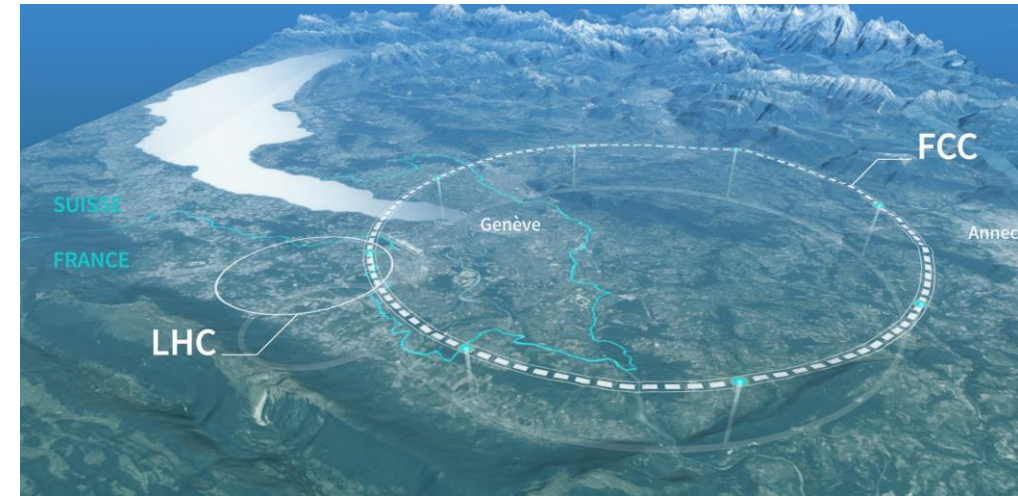
Realization of the FCC will require a significant international participation.

FCC-ee has huge synchrotron radiation losses, requiring large installed rf voltage. Development is required for

- More efficient acceleration systems
- SRF materials, more efficient klystrons

Canada, through TRIUMF, is well poised to make significant in-kind contributions in

- Beam physics
- SRF – cavity/material development
- RF Systems and power supplies
- Beam instrumentation
- Kickers
- Superconducting magnets



# Example: FCC-ee SRF Cavities and Cryomodules

## Conceptual & preliminary designs

**Z, W, H**

**ttb, booster**

**X 264**

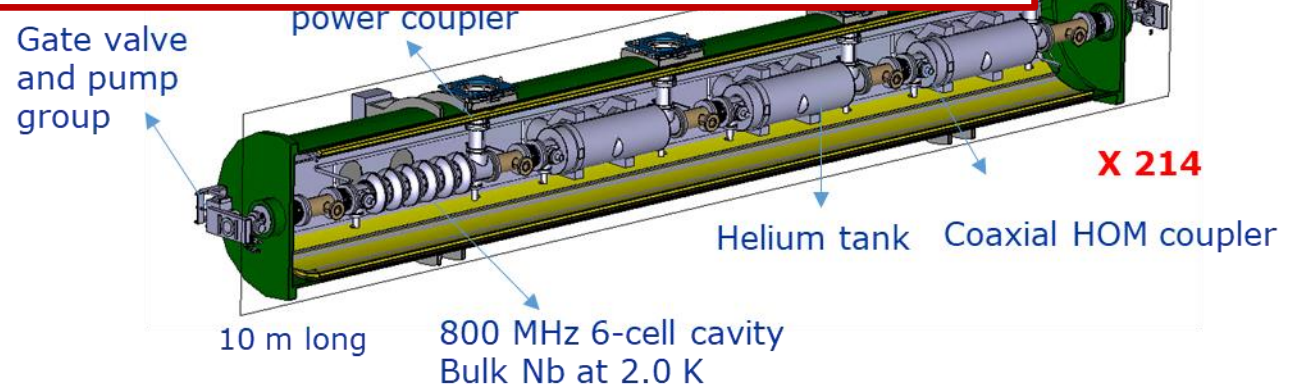
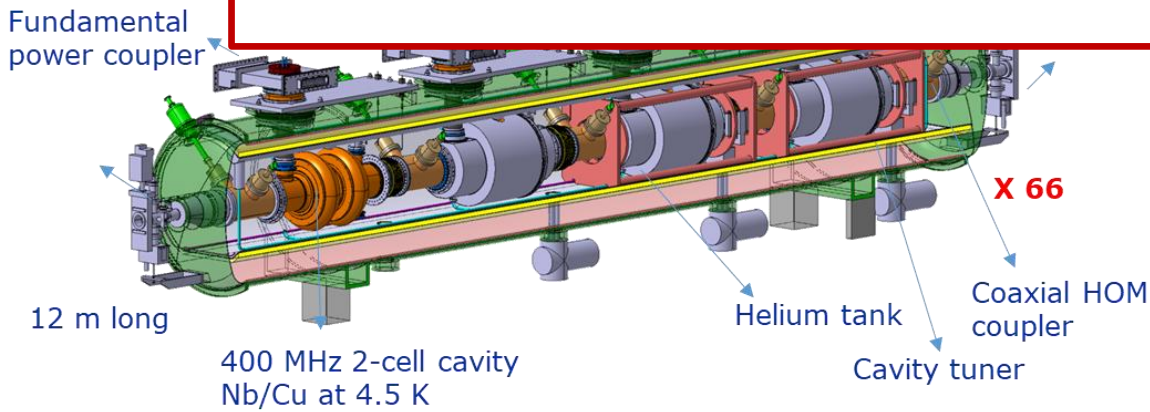
**400 MHz**  
**Niobium thin film on Copper**  
 Operation at 4.5 Kelvin

**X 856**



**Opportunity for collaboration and contribution**  
**A key will be high performance – new treatments and new materials – higher Tc**

**(Sn possibly)**  
 vin  
 $= 3.8 \times 10^{10}$



# Summary

- Accelerator science at TRIUMF provides Canada with a world-class platform in beam physics and instrumentation, secondary particle production, and SRF technologies.
- TRIUMF has a long tradition of international collaboration in support of Canadian contributions to large particle physics projects.
- Collaborations contribute to Canadian and International projects with critical components and expertise while maintaining and developing national resilience in cutting edge technologies



**Thank you,  
Merci**

