

# Radiation safety at KARA, FLUTE and its future upgrades

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In deep waters

carrying a lot of water

relaxing at Rhine waters

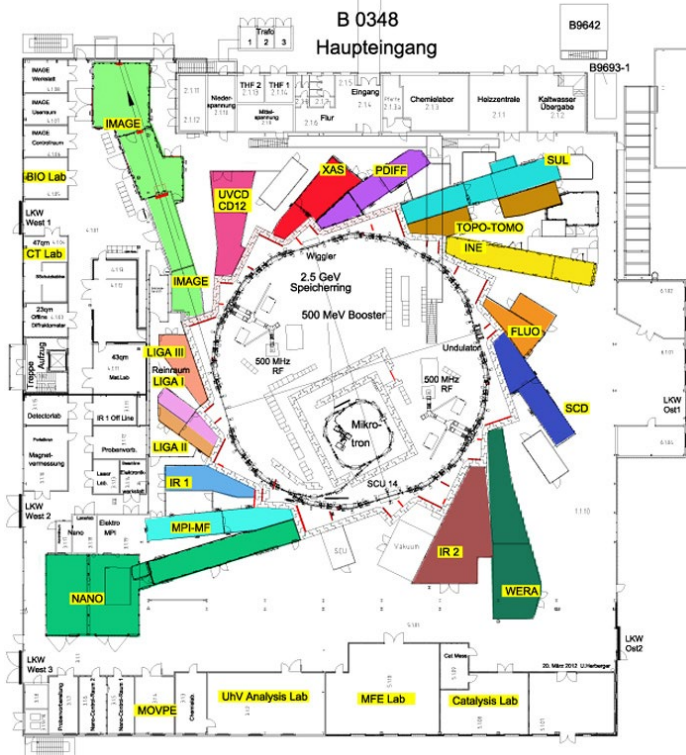


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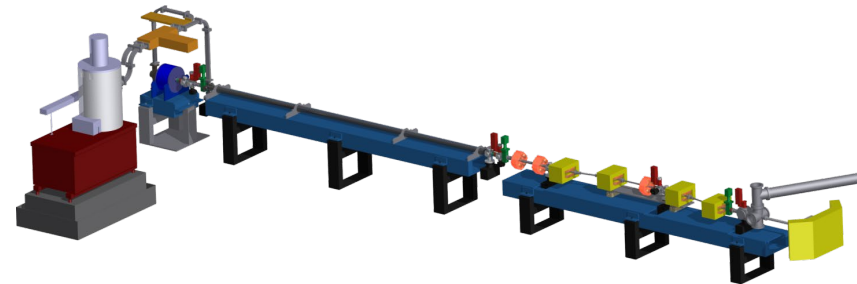
# Accelerator Test Facilities at IBPT

## KARA



KIT Light Source –  
scheduled until end of 2024

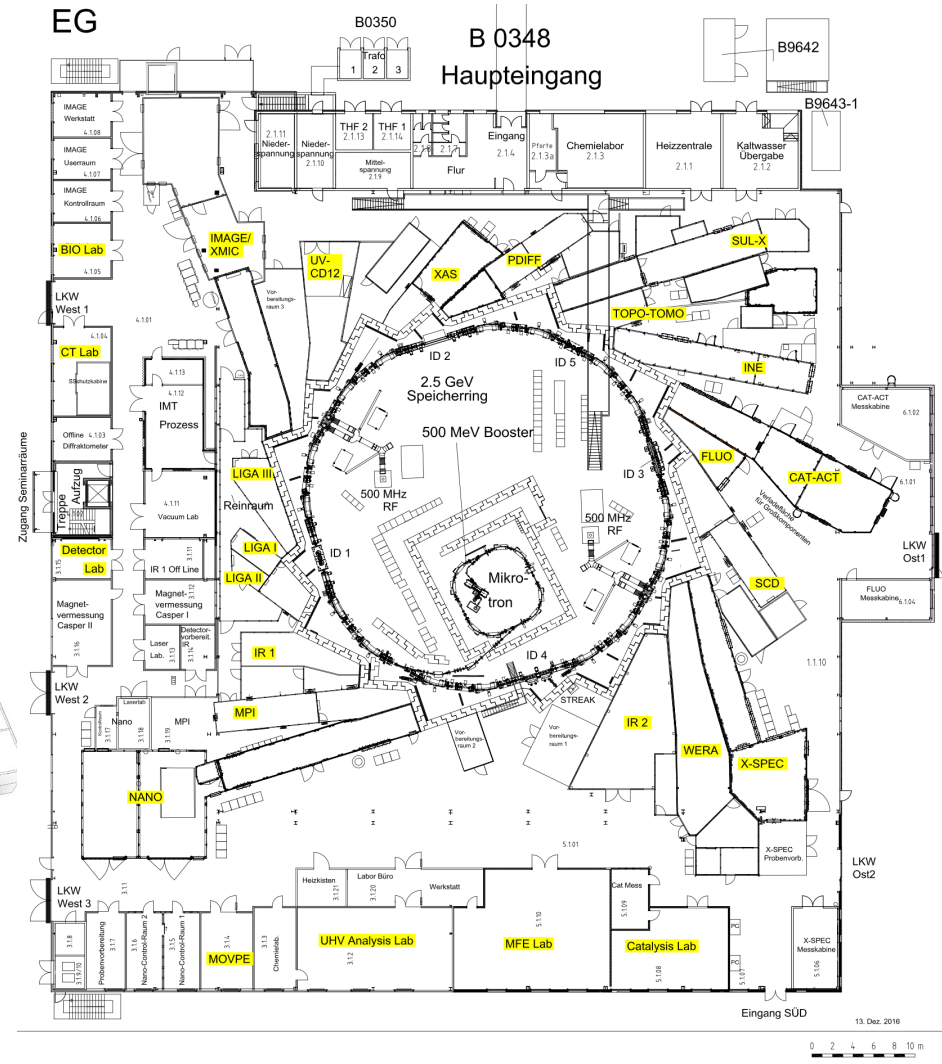
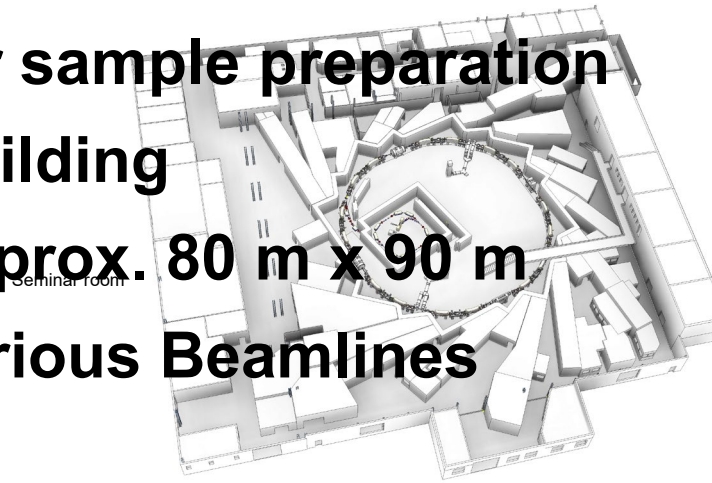
## FLUTE



Low energy operation,  
now being upgraded

# Karlsruhe Research Accelerator KARA

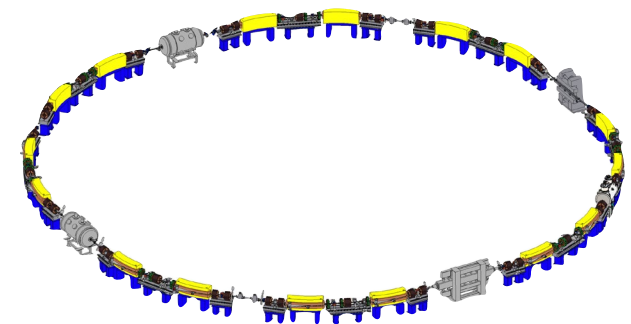
- **Circular accelerator with tangential beamlines**
- **Associated laboratories for sample preparation**
- **Building approx. 80 m x 90 m**
- **various Beamlines**



# Karlsruhe Research Accelerator (KARA)

- KIT synchrotron light-source & accelerator test facility

Parameters	Values
Circumference	110.4 m
Energy range	0.5 – 2.5 GeV
RF frequency / period	500 MHz / 2 ns
Revolution frequency / period	2.715 MHz / 368 ns
Beam current	up to 200 mA
RMS bunch length	45 ps (2.5 GeV) a few ps (1.3 GeV)



[www.ibpt.kit.edu/kara](http://www.ibpt.kit.edu/kara)

# Radiation Shielding at KARA



Lead bricks



6 RPOs  
2 at RadSynch



Concrete wall

Experimental hutch

# KARA Operation Status

- Operation modes in 2022:
  - 0.5/2.3/2.5 GeV user optics, 0.5/1.3 GeV low-alpha, 0.5/1.3 GeV negative alpha
- Power supply refurbishment program
  - Kicker and septum magnets in booster and storage ring: Done in 2021
  - Storage ring sextupole magnet: In operation since September 2022
  - Booster bending and quadrupole magnet: Commissioned March 2023
  - Storage ring bending magnet: Installed – commissioning now

Upgrades less relevant to RS

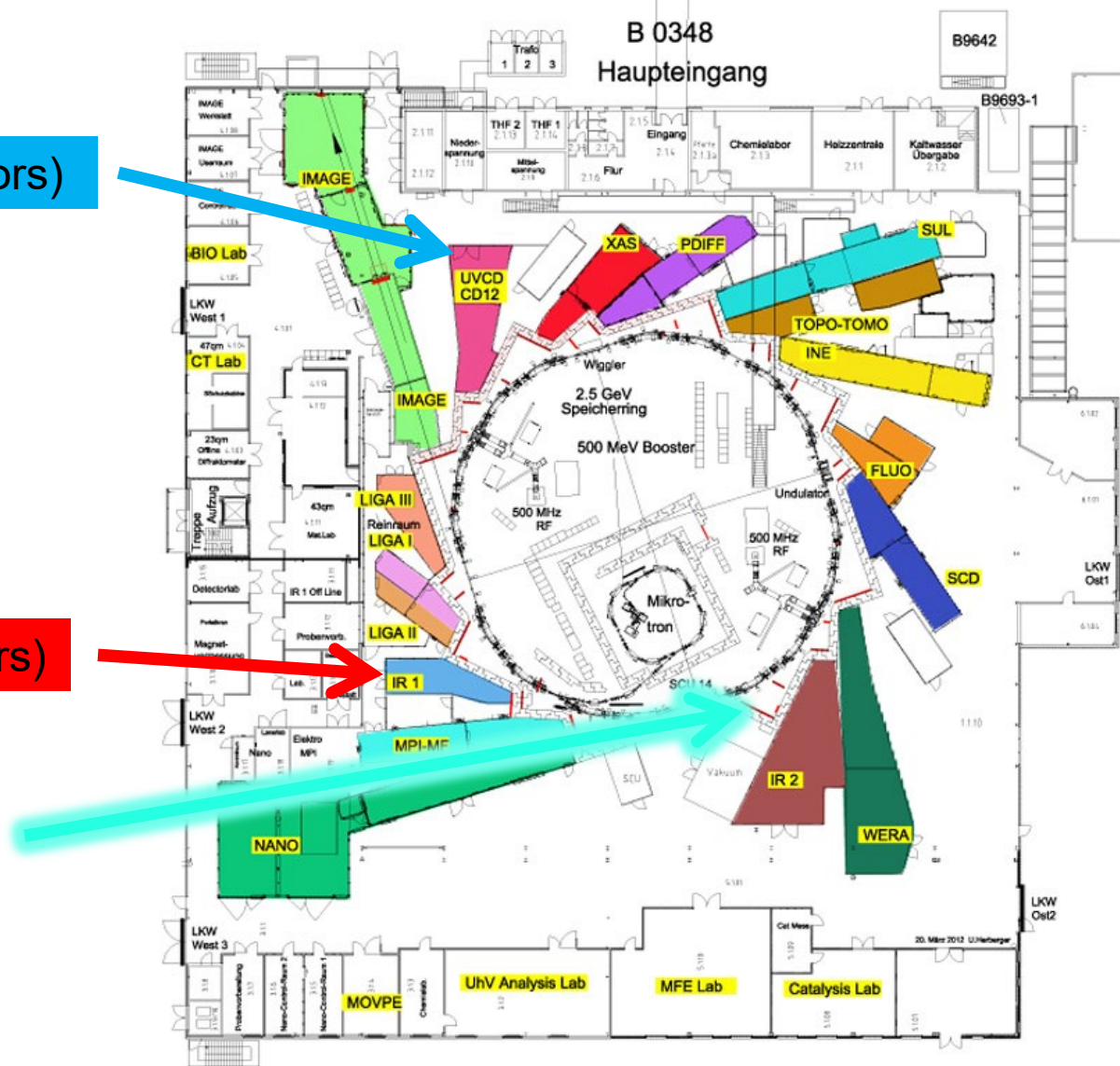


# Specifics of BLs at KARA

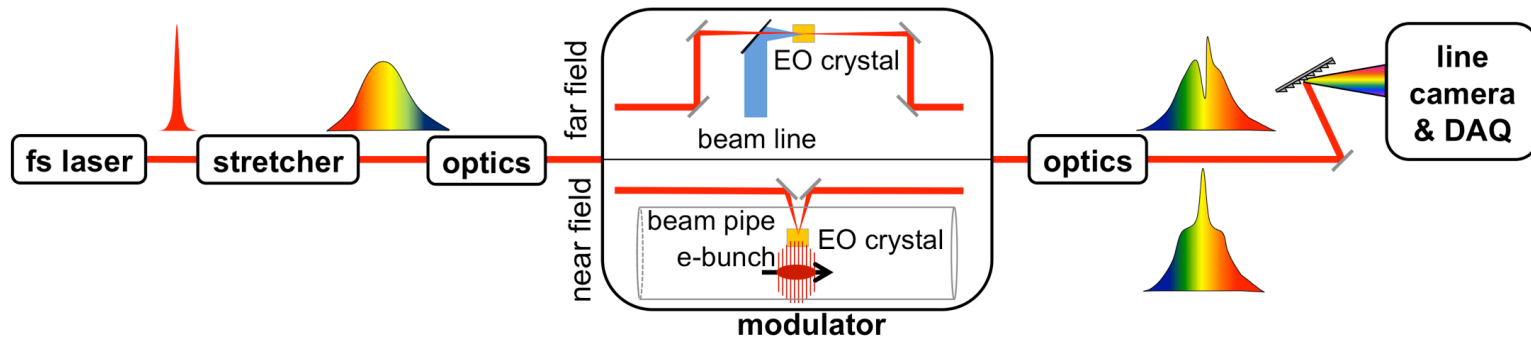
UV (2 mirrors)

IR (4 mirrors)

VLP



# Example - EO diagnostic port at IBPT



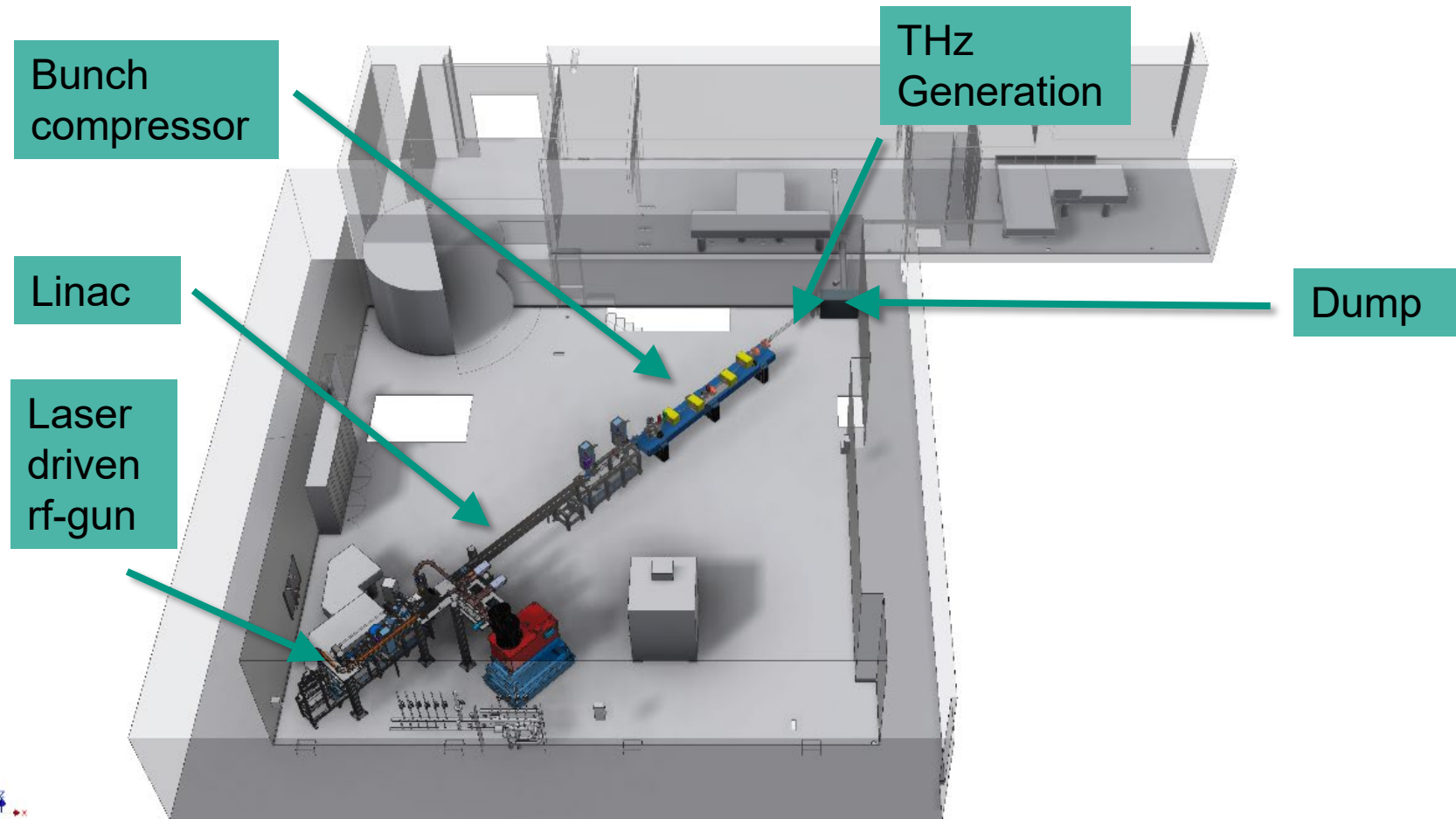
**SeeTalk VLP**

# **High Energy Scattered Synchrotron Radiation at the KARA Visible Light Diagnostic Port**

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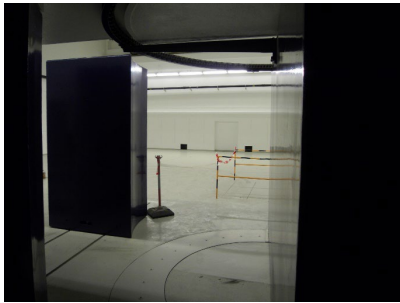
David Batchelor (this Workshop)

# FLUTE in a massive housing



# Radiation shielding and safety at FLUTE

Concrete wall

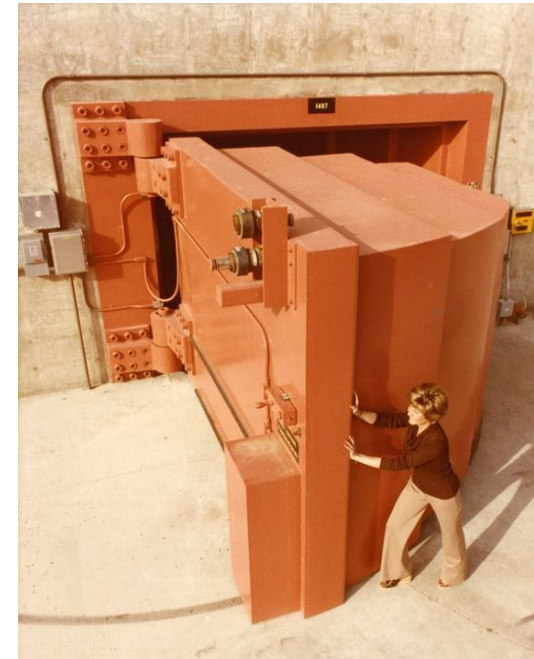


- Hall 15 m x 14.5 m inside
- Minimum 1.5 m concrete
- Equivalent around labyrinths
- Local shieldings – lead bricks
- Massive revolving door
- Restricted area when rf on
- Space for upgrades / new devices
- Location at KIT Campus North
- Activation measurements monthly

# Massive revolving door



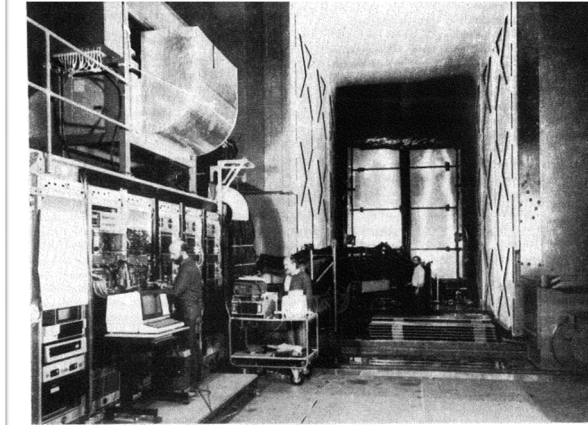
■ FLUTE door



■ Unidentified large door 😊

# Karlsruher Zyklotron , ZAG , FLUTE

- 1974 „Karlsruher Zyklotron“
  
- Commercial operation for isotope production
  
- Since 2013 – Constructing, Commissioning and Operation of FLUTE in the former experimental hall of Cyclotron.
  
- 2023 upgrades



## Some challenging heritage

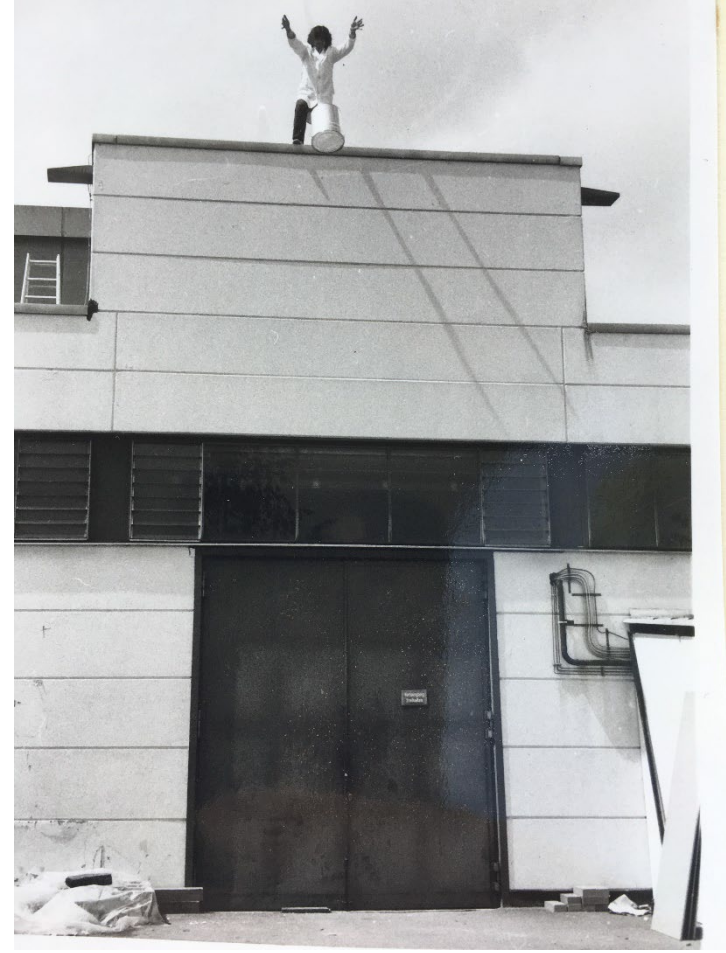


Chemistry pipe

Air filters



# RSO risking live(s) for quality assurance (hist)

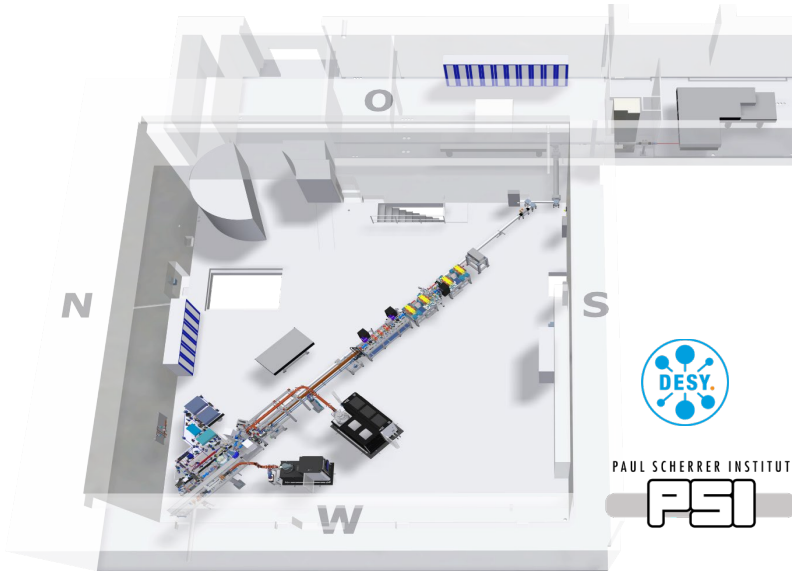


# FLUTE: Accelerator Test Facility at KIT

- **FLUTE** (Ferninfrarot Linac- Und Test-Experiment)
  - Test facility for accelerator physics within ARD
  - Experiments with THz radiation

*FLUTE* 

Final electron energy	~ 41	MeV
Electron bunch charge	0.001 - 1	nC
Electron bunch length	1 - 300	fs
Pulse repetition rate	10	Hz
THz E-Field strength	up to 1.2	GV/m

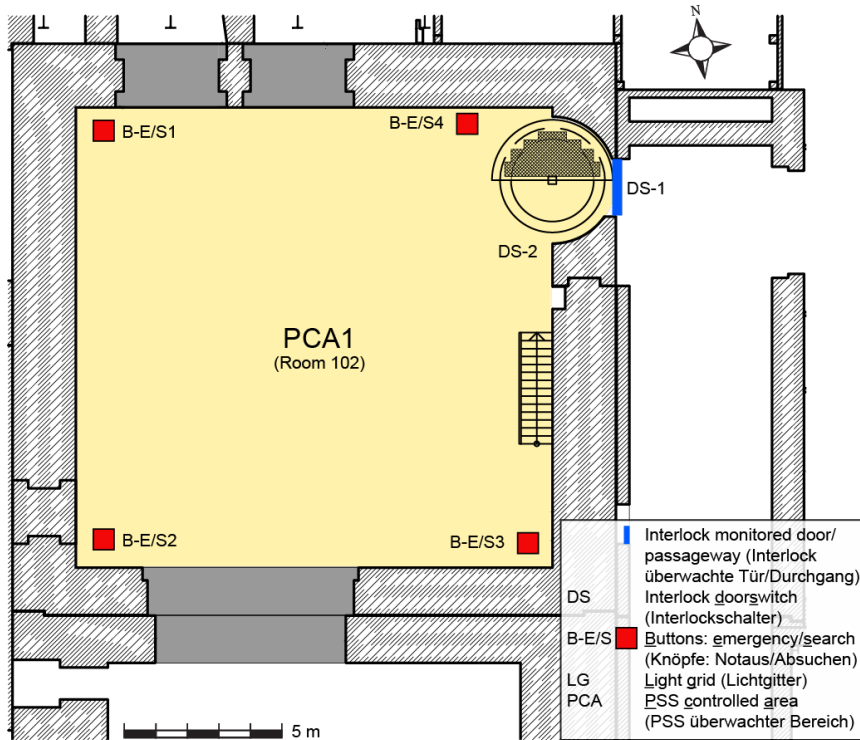


## ■ R&D topics

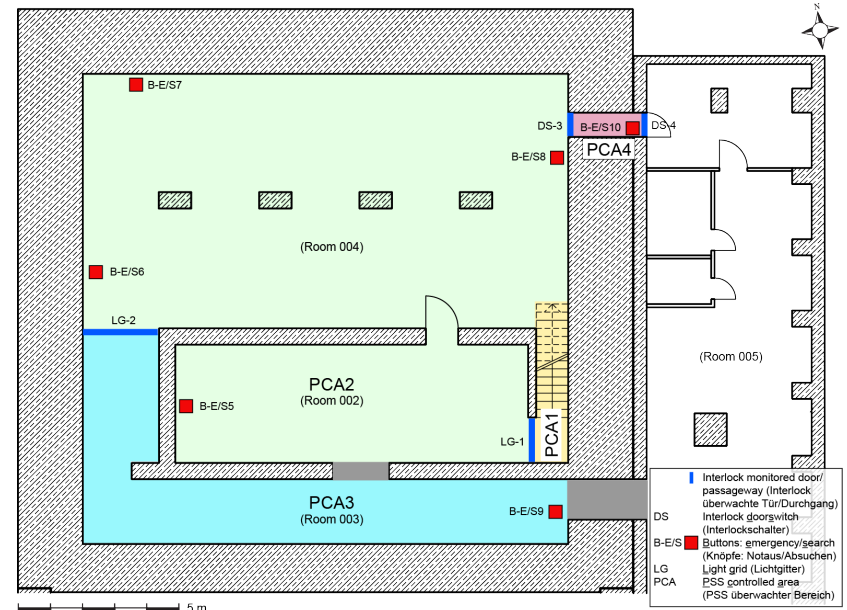
- Serve as a test bench for new beam diagnostic methods and tools
- Systematic bunch compression and THz generation studies
- Develop single shot fs diagnostics
- Synchronization on a femtosecond level

[www.ibpt.kit.edu/flute](http://www.ibpt.kit.edu/flute)

# FLUTE - Personal Safety System

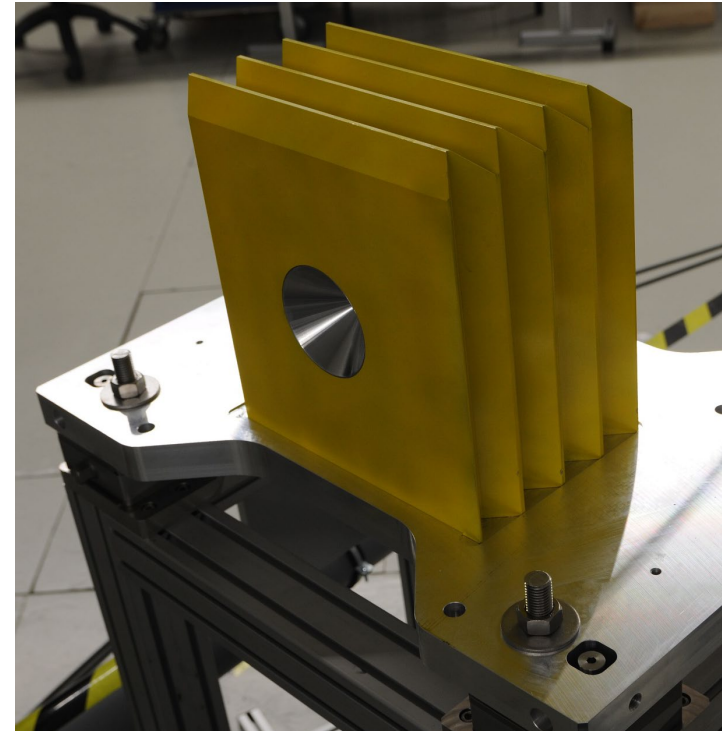
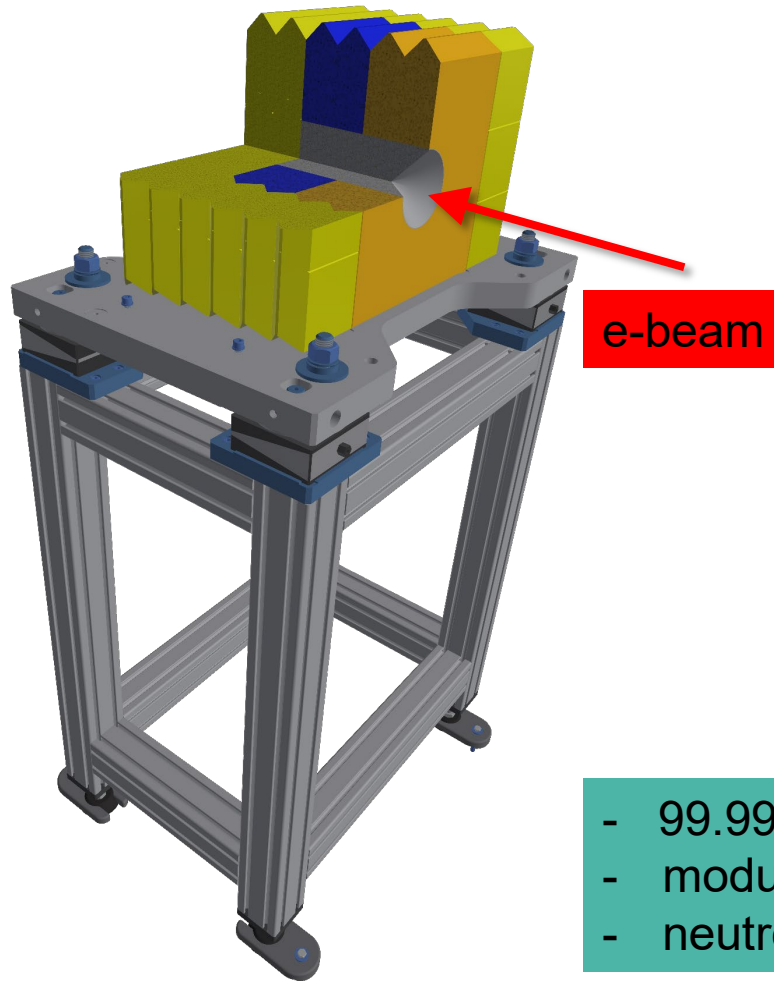


ground floor



basement

# Beam Dump (Full Energy)



- 99.995% Al absorber
- modular Pb shielding
- neutron shielding “if necessary”

# Activation in aluminum absorber of the Beam Dump

target	nuclide	T1/2	Threshold	Saturation activity (GBq / kW)						activity	
				at electron beam energy (MeV)						pure material	
				10	15	20	25	30	35	MBq	
Al	Na-24	14.96h	23.71	0	0	0	0.02	0.37	1.1	1.155	
	Al-26m	6.37s	13.03	0	0.74	37	140	244	325	341.25	

total charge	3 nC
rep. frequency	10 Hz
Energy	35 MeV

# Activation in iron impurity of absorber

Absorber Aluminum			
99.995	ppm	Mg	1.75
Fe	24.7	Mn	0.84
Si	6.38	Ga	0.46
Cu	4.05	Sn	0.3
Zn	2.88	Ti	0.29
P	2.12	B	0.2

susceptibility to irradiation

Moderately susceptible

Highly susceptible

target	nuclide	T1/2	Threshold	Saturation activity (GBq / kW)						activity pure material MBq	content in Alu ppm	activity scaled Bq
				at electron beam energy (MeV)								
				10	15	20	25	30	35			
Fe	Mn-54	303d	20.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	17.0	22.0	23.1	24.7	570.6
	Mn-56	2.57h	10.6	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.3	24.7	31.1
	Fe-53	8.51m	13.6	0.0	0.4	9.6	19.0	25.0	27.0	28.4	24.7	700.2

Negligible activation in any operational stage



# Activation in a copper structure of linac

target	nuclide	T1/2	Threshold	Saturation activity (GBq / kW)						activity
				at electron beam energy (MeV)						pure material
				10	15	20	25	30	35	MBq
Cu	Cu-61	3.32h	19.73	0	0	0.004	8.5	24	32	33.6
	Cu-62	9.76m	10.84	0	28	177	318	407	407	427.35
	Cu-64	12.80h	9.91	0.0004	22	103	155	177	185	194.25

# Potential activation in steel

target	nuclide	T1/2	Threshold	Saturation activity (GBq / kW)						activity pure material MBq	content in steel %	activity scaled MBq
				at electron beam energy (MeV)								
				10	15	20	25	30	35			
Fe	Mn-54	303d	20.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	17.0	22.0	23.1	71.0	16.4
	Mn-56	2.57h	10.6	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.3	71.0	0.9
	Fe-53	8.51m	13.6	0.0	0.4	9.6	19.0	25.0	27.0	28.4	71.0	20.1
Ni	Ni-56	6.10d	22.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.3	2.4	2.5	8.0	0.2
	Co-56	77.3d	-									
	Ni-57	36.0h	12.2	0.0	3.7	44.0	96.0	133.0	155.0	162.8	8.0	13.0
	Co-57	270d										

No activation at <10 MeV






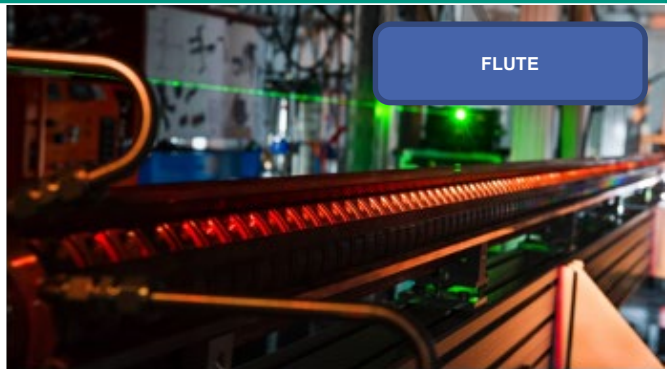
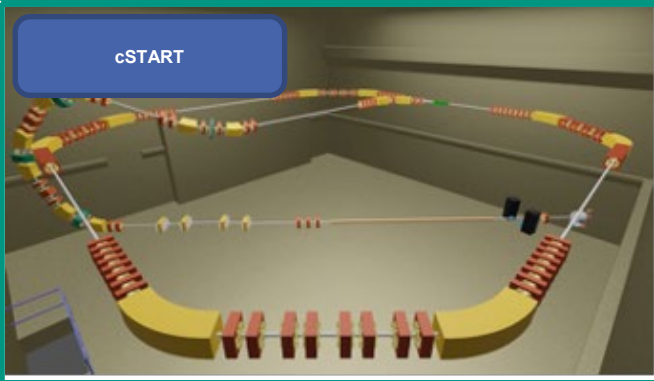
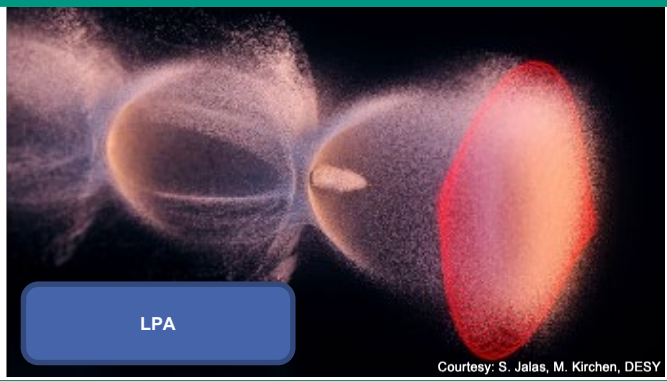
# Experimental Hall air activation

nuclide	t <sub>1/2</sub> h	activation Bq	activation Bq/m <sup>3</sup>	inhalation Bq/m <sup>3</sup>	limit		exploited
					submersion Bq/m <sup>3</sup>	after App VII Bq/m <sup>3</sup>	
					<sup>13</sup> N	1.66E-01	
<sup>15</sup> O	3.39E-02	1.07E+04	6.30E+00	n.a.	1.00E+03	1.00E+04	6.30E-04
<sup>14</sup> C	4.99E+07	5.15E+00	3.03E-03	6.00E+00	n.a.	6.00E+01	5.05E-05
<sup>41</sup> Ar	1.83E+00	6.94E+04	4.08E+01	n.a.	2.00E+02	2.00E+03	2.04E-02
<sup>11</sup> C	3.39E-01	3.77E+04	2.22E+01	6.00E+02	3.00E+03	6.00E+03	3.69E-03
Sum							0.028

# Operational approval



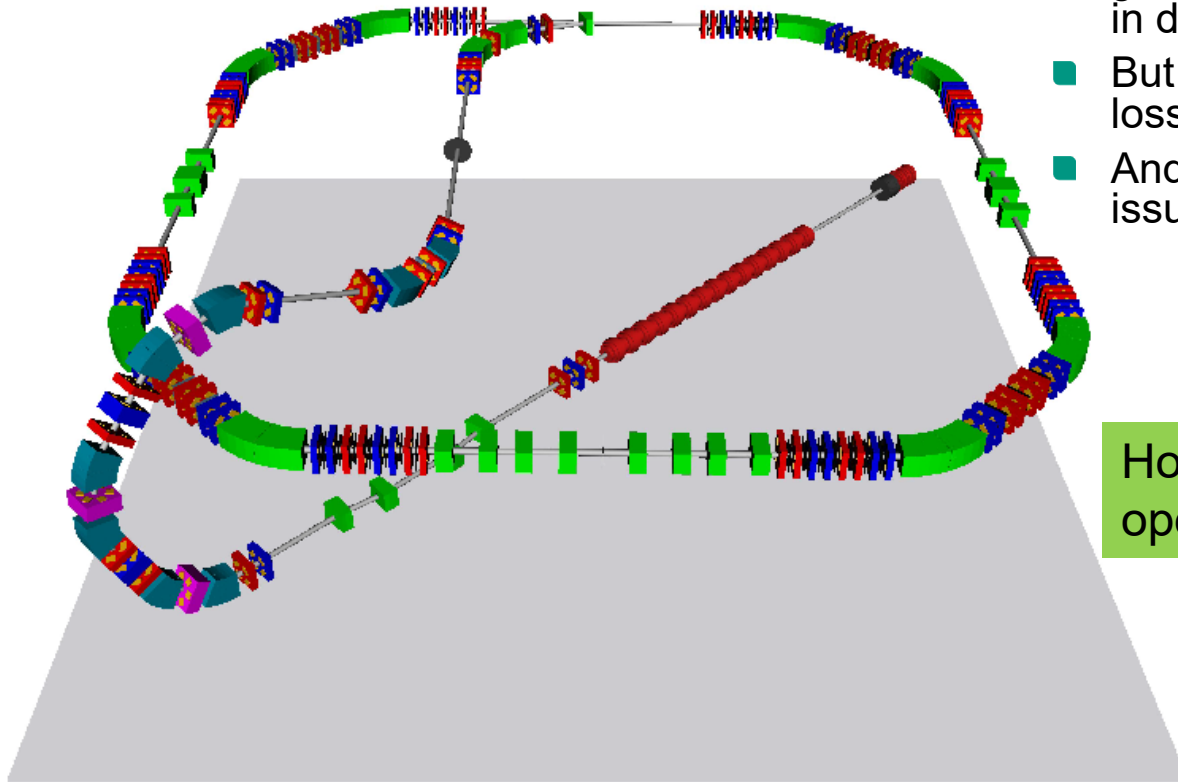
# Test Facilities at IBPT – Present & Upgrades

 <p><b>KARA</b></p> <p><small>Copyright M. Breig</small></p>	 <p><b>FLUTE</b></p>	<p>in operation</p>
 <p><b>cSTART</b></p>	 <p><b>LPA</b></p> <p><small>Courtesy: S. Jalas, M. Kirchen, DESY</small></p>	<p>under construction</p>

# Artistic view of the cSTART facility in the first stage Very Large Acceptance compact Storage Ring

- Will be placed above FLUTE
- N turns in cSTART do not generate more bremsstrahlung in dump
- But increase radiation to losses
- And amplifies a non-shielding issue

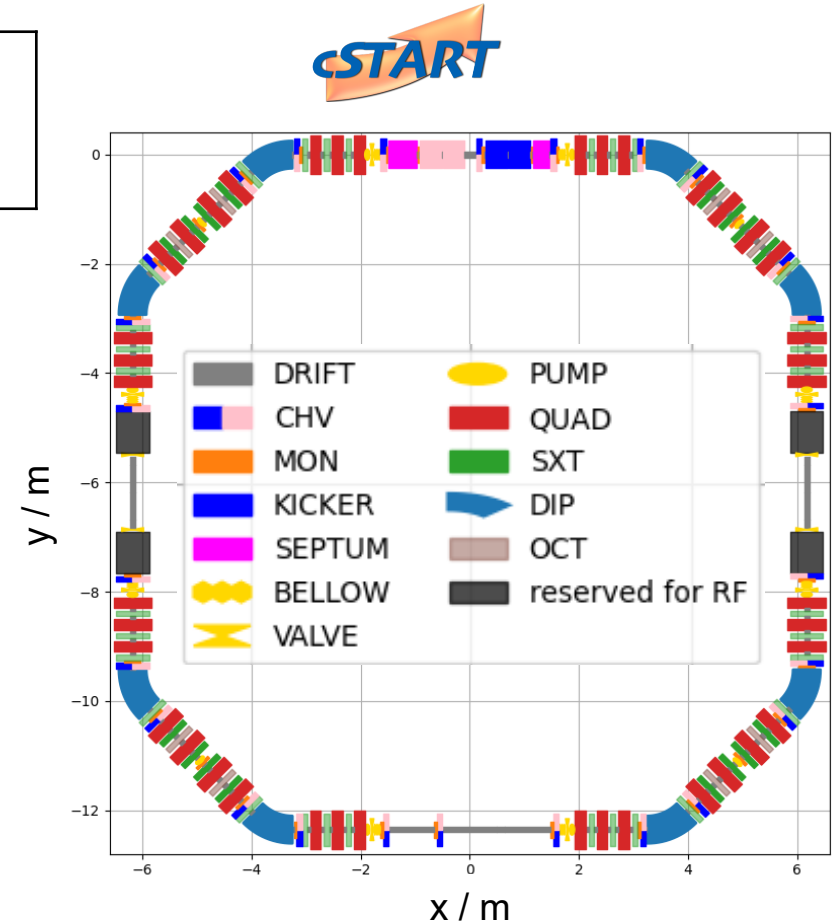
How to be handled in the operational license?



# cSTART Project

Circumference	43.2 m
Lattice	90 degree DBA
Revolution time	144 ns

- **Motivation:** Storage of ultra-short (fs) electron bunches with high repetition rate
- Compact storage ring with very large momentum acceptance and dynamic aperture
- FLUTE with new transfer line as injector
- Status:
  - Conceptual design and specification: finished
  - Transfer line magnets: first magnets delivered
  - Test diagnostics at KARA booster: ongoing



# cSTART Project

- FLUTE will serve initially as injector
- Option probably under existing operational license
- A very large momentum acceptance and dynamic aperture enables an injection of a low quality electron beam like, e.g., LPA
- Losses in transfer section and in the machine will substantially increase radiation in the hall.
- LPA will have a major impact on existing operational license



# Summary

- KARA operational until at least 2024
- KARA upgrades less relevant to RS

KARA

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- FLUTE is operational
  - Upgrade to full energy operation
  - Relevant activations are calculated.
  - Air activations in the experimental hall comply with German Radiation Safety Ordinance
  - Permanent operational license obtained 2021
  - Safety relevant parameter will increase in the future with cSTART
  - LPA will probably require a new operational license.

FLUTE

# Thank you

