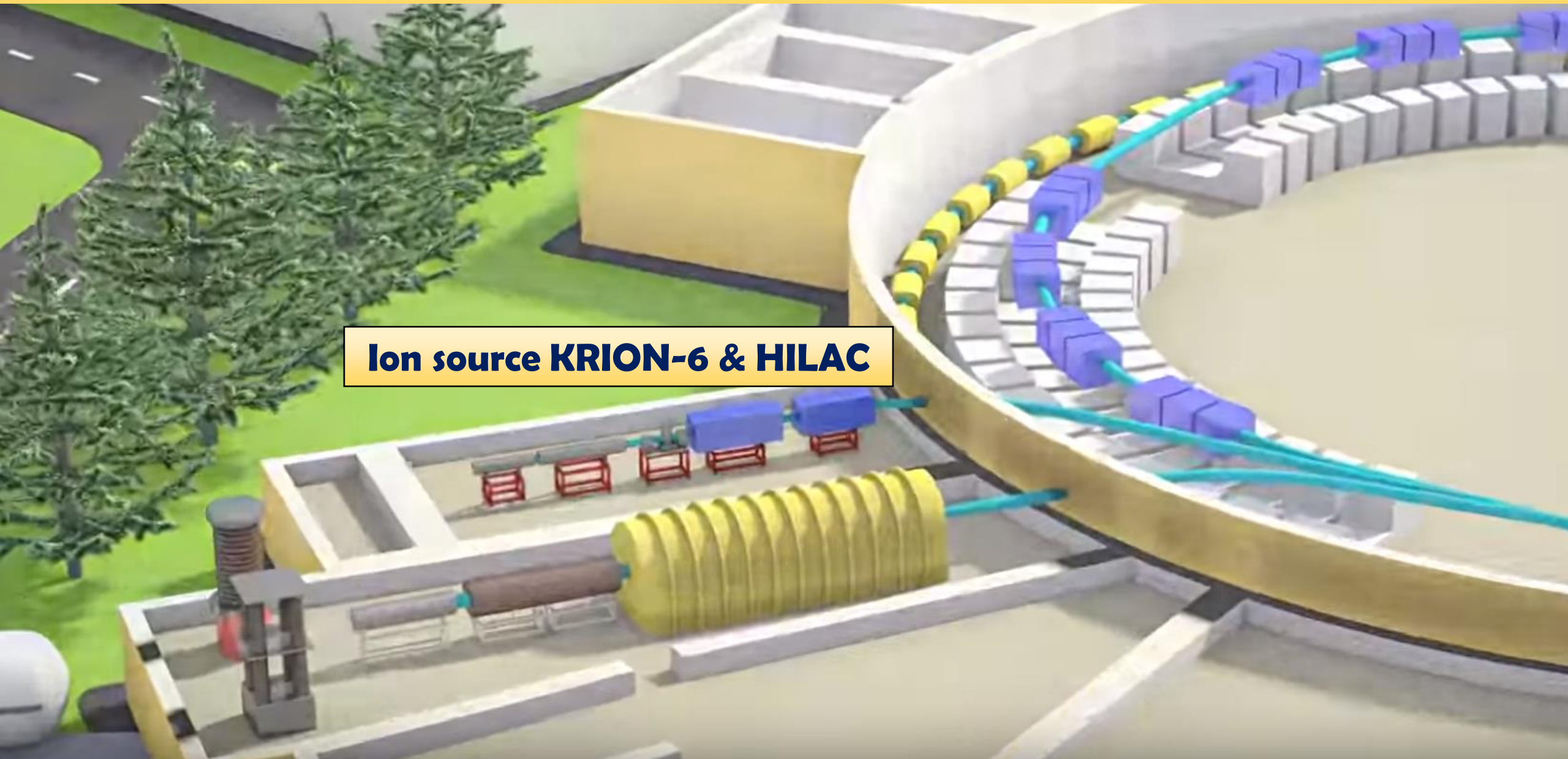


Electron String Ion Source (ESIS) electronics development



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NICA injection complex



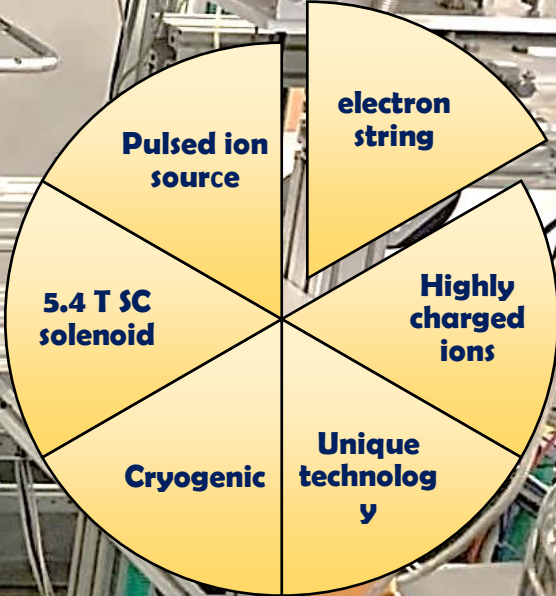
Ion source KRION-6 & HILAC

Heavy ion source KRION 6T

Ions produced and injected: $^{78}\text{Kr}^{17+}$ $^{124}\text{Xe}^{41+}$ $^{40}\text{Ar}^{16+}$ $^{12}\text{C}^{6+}$...

**Ion source
KRION-6T**

HILAC LEBT



ESIS KRION 6T electronics

Slow control

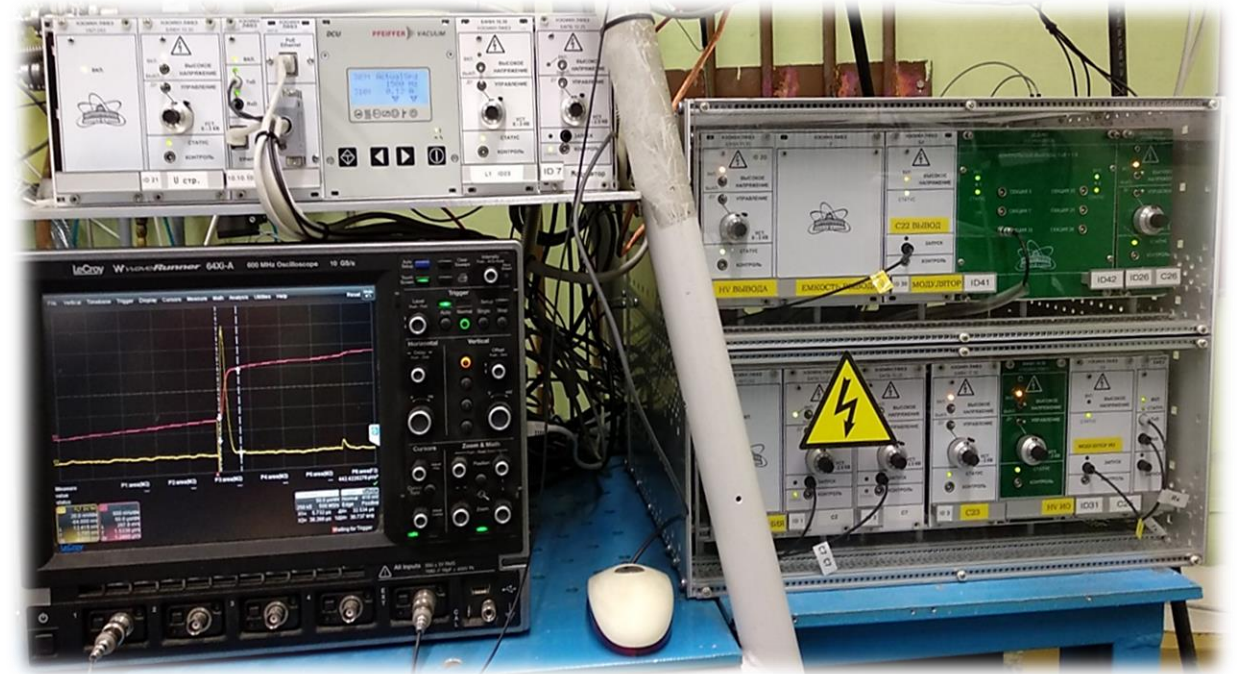
- Thermometry
- Vacuum
- Synchronization

Electron gun supply

- Heating module
- Optical isolation module
- HV modulator

Beam diagnostics

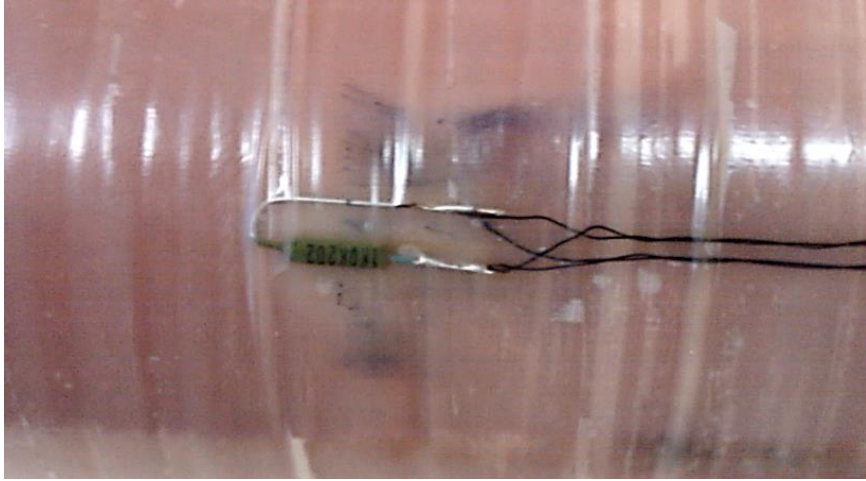
- Beam profile monitor
- Oscilloscopes
- Ion collectors



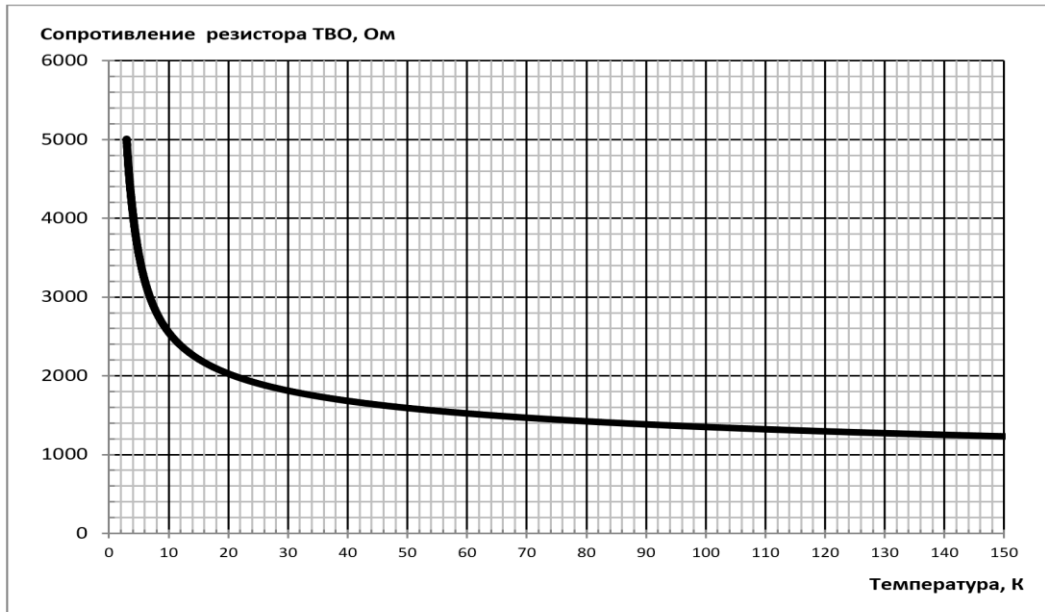
Ion motion control system

- DC barrier modules
- Pulsed barriers modules
- Extraction modules
- Interface modules

Thermometry

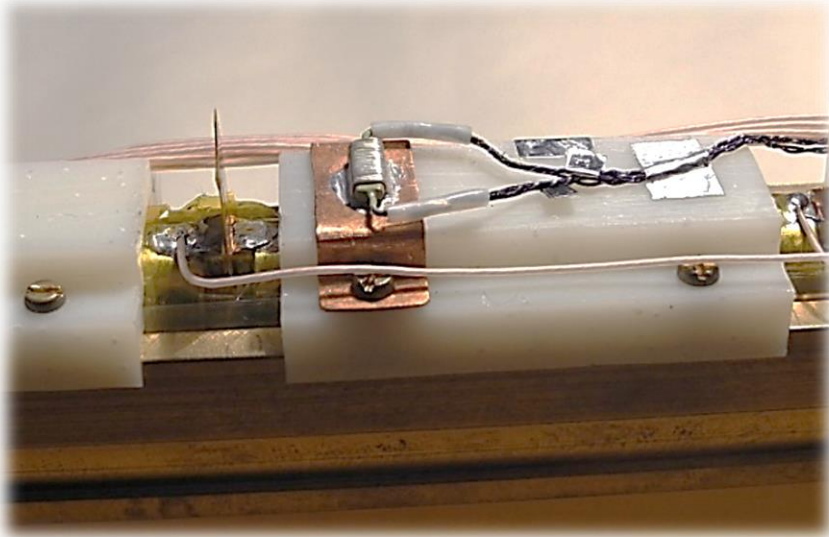


KRION 6T
superconducting solenoid

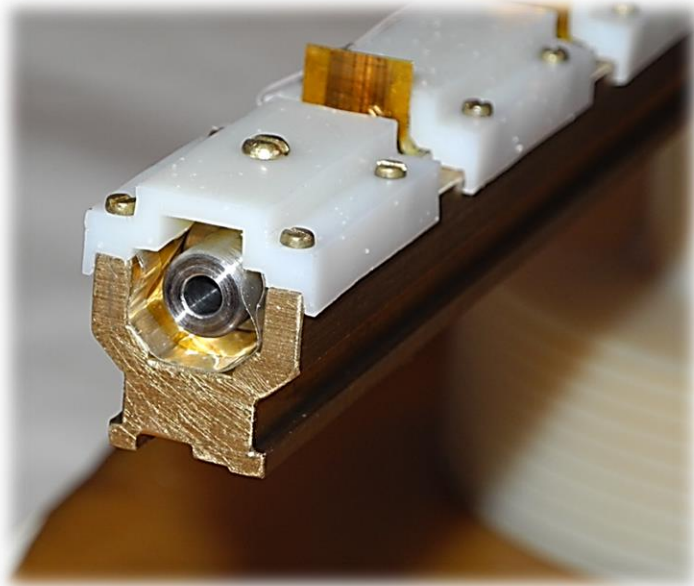
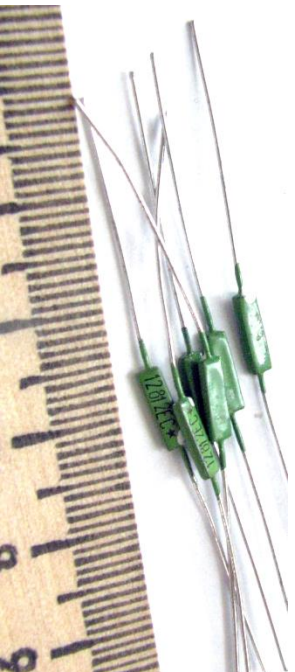
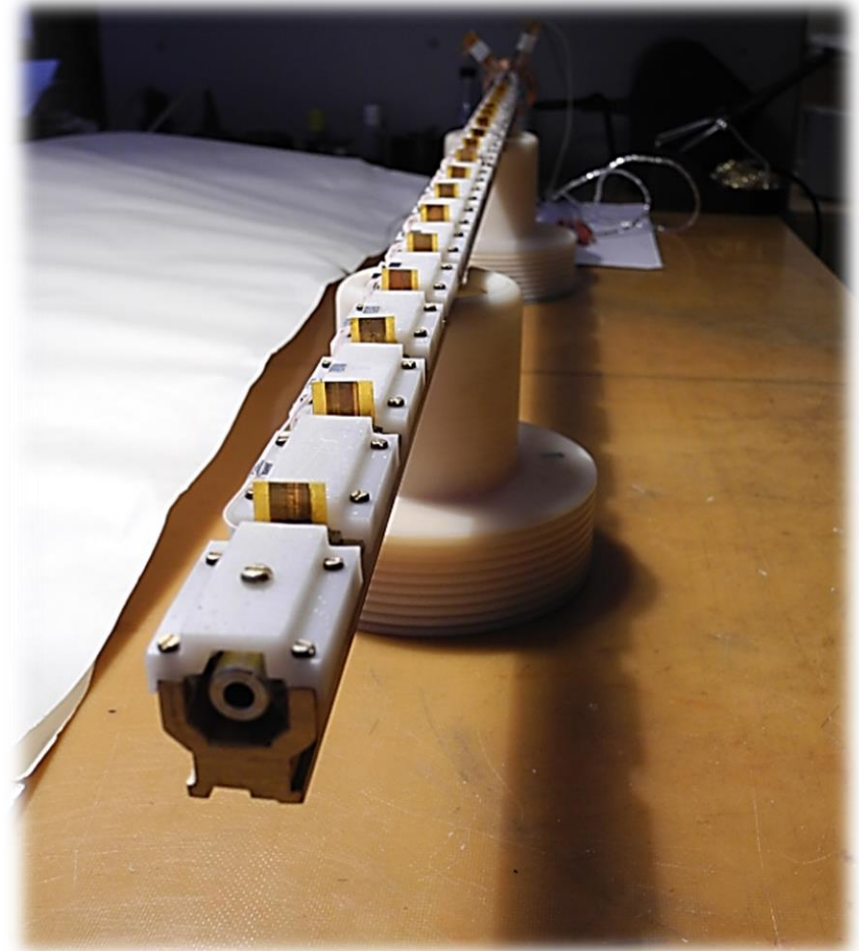


$$T = \sum_{n=1}^m K_n \cdot \left(\frac{R_0}{R_t} \right)^{n-1}$$

Thermometry

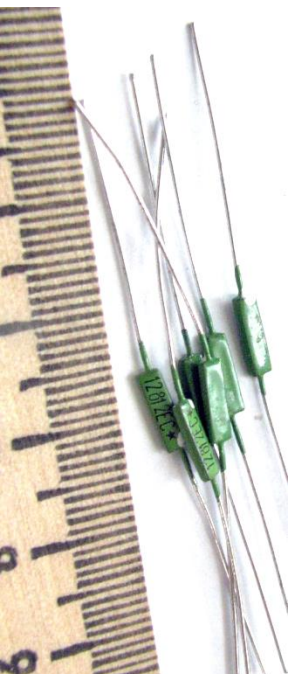
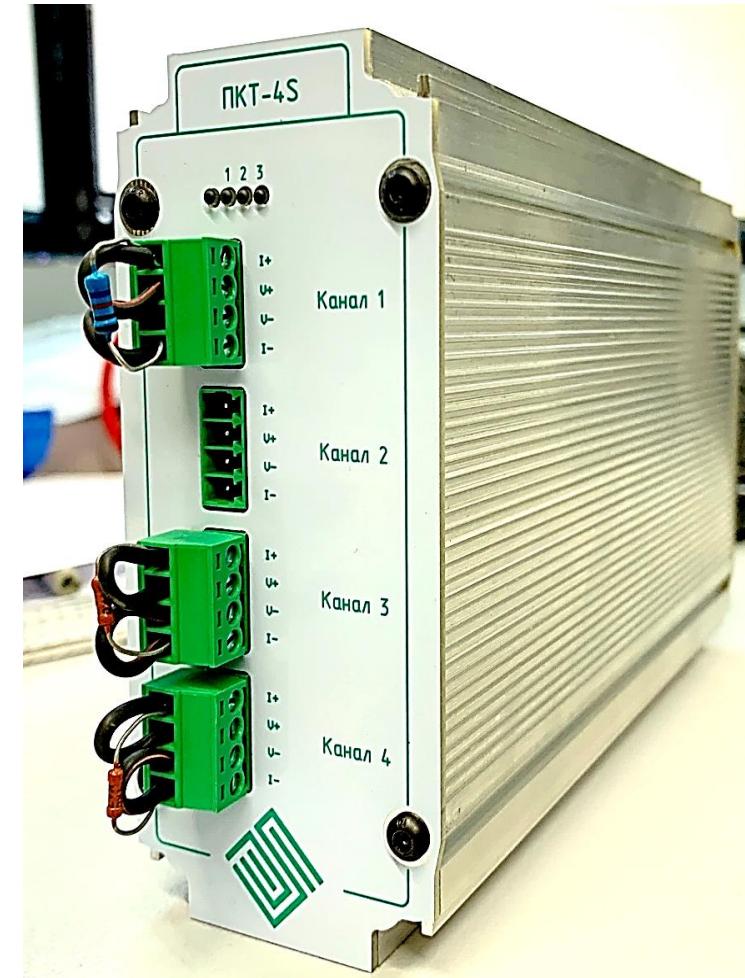


Ions drift structure

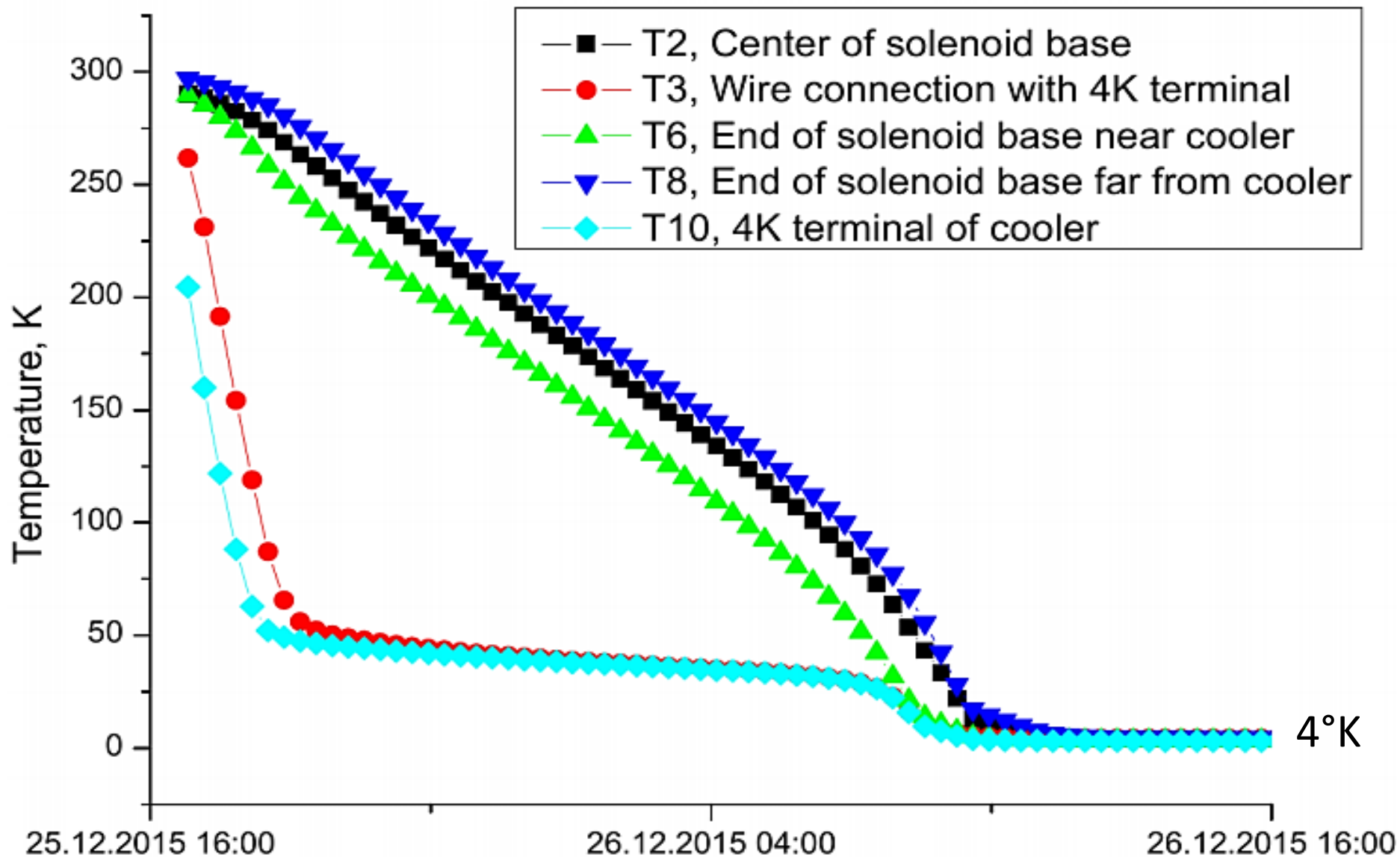


Thermometry

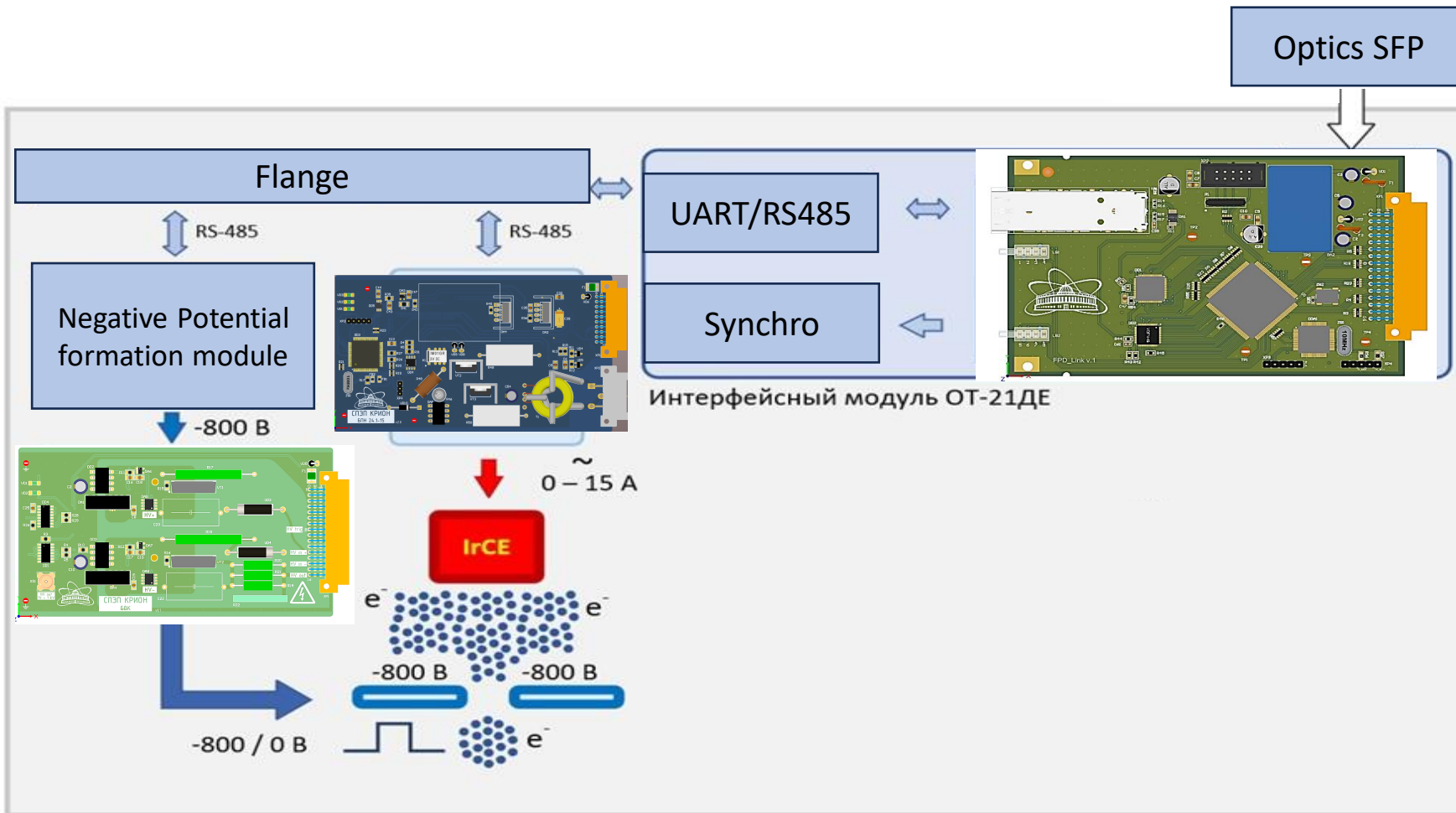
Measurement scale	1,5 - 310 K
Accuracy	$\pm 0,3\%$ in 30 K range
Channels	$N * 4$
ADC resolution	24 bit
Current source	1-1000 μA



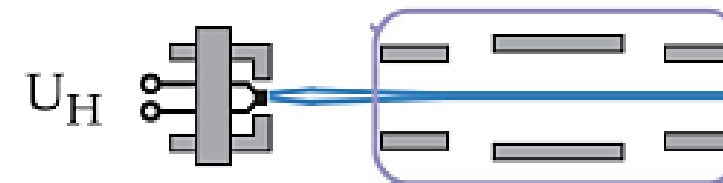
Thermometry



Electron gun supply



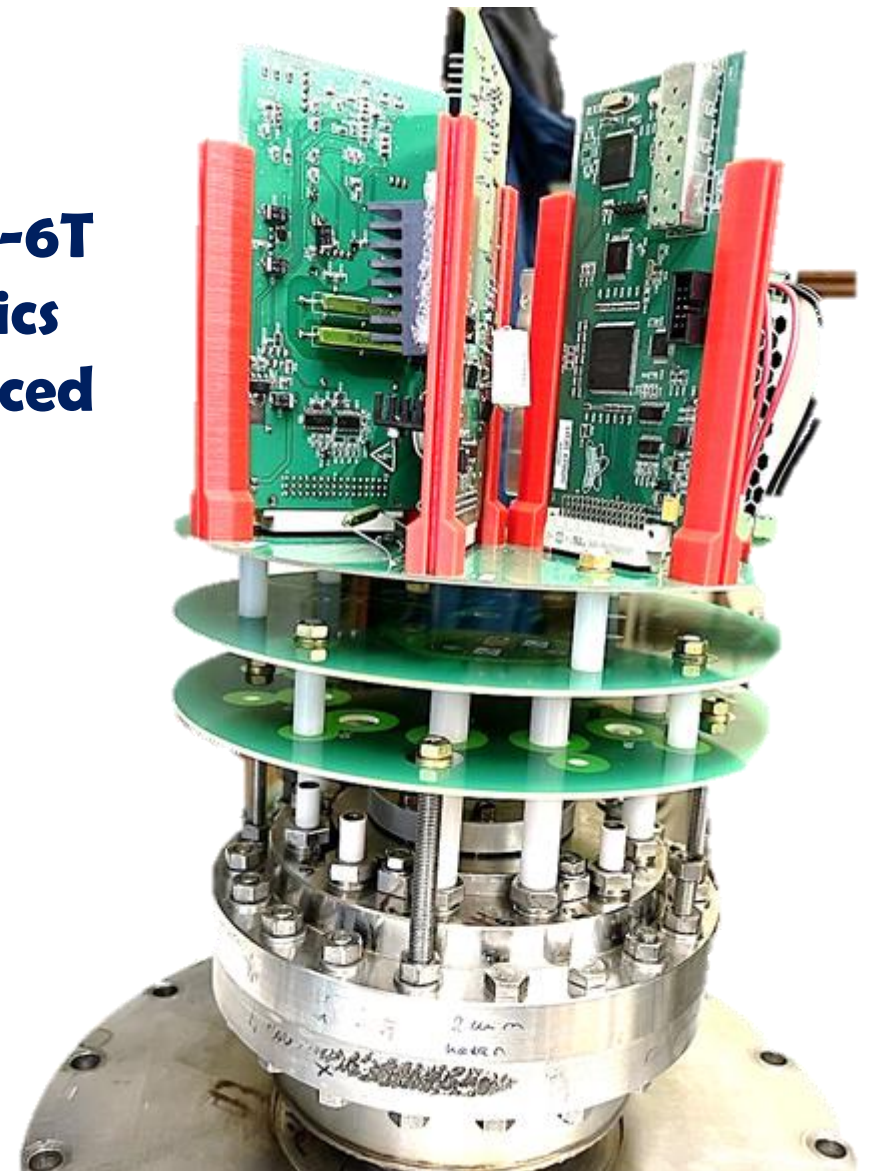
cathode magnet drift tubes



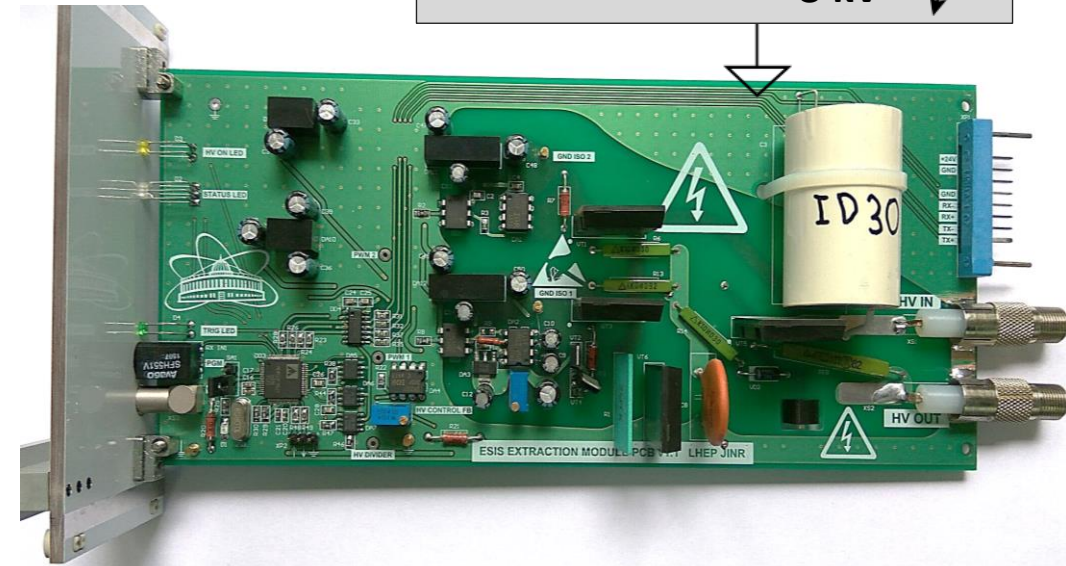
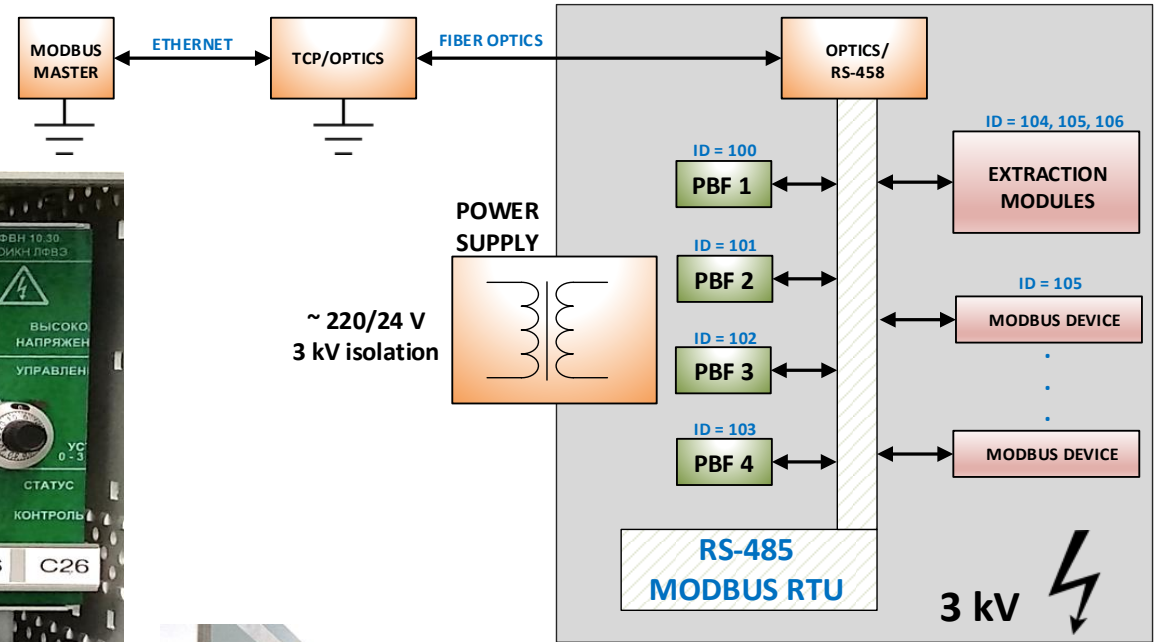
Electron gun supply



The **NEW KRION-6T** cathode node electronics was designed, produced and tested



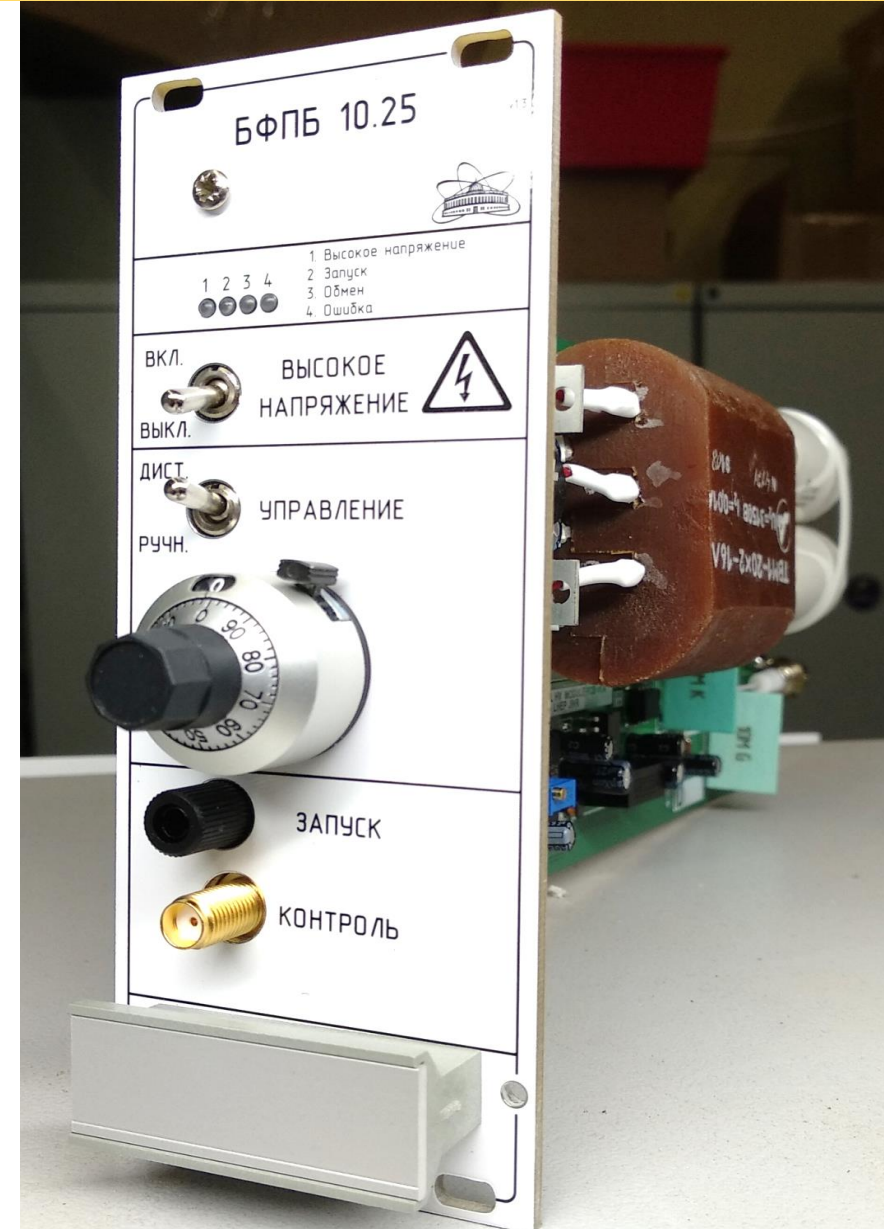
Ion motion control system



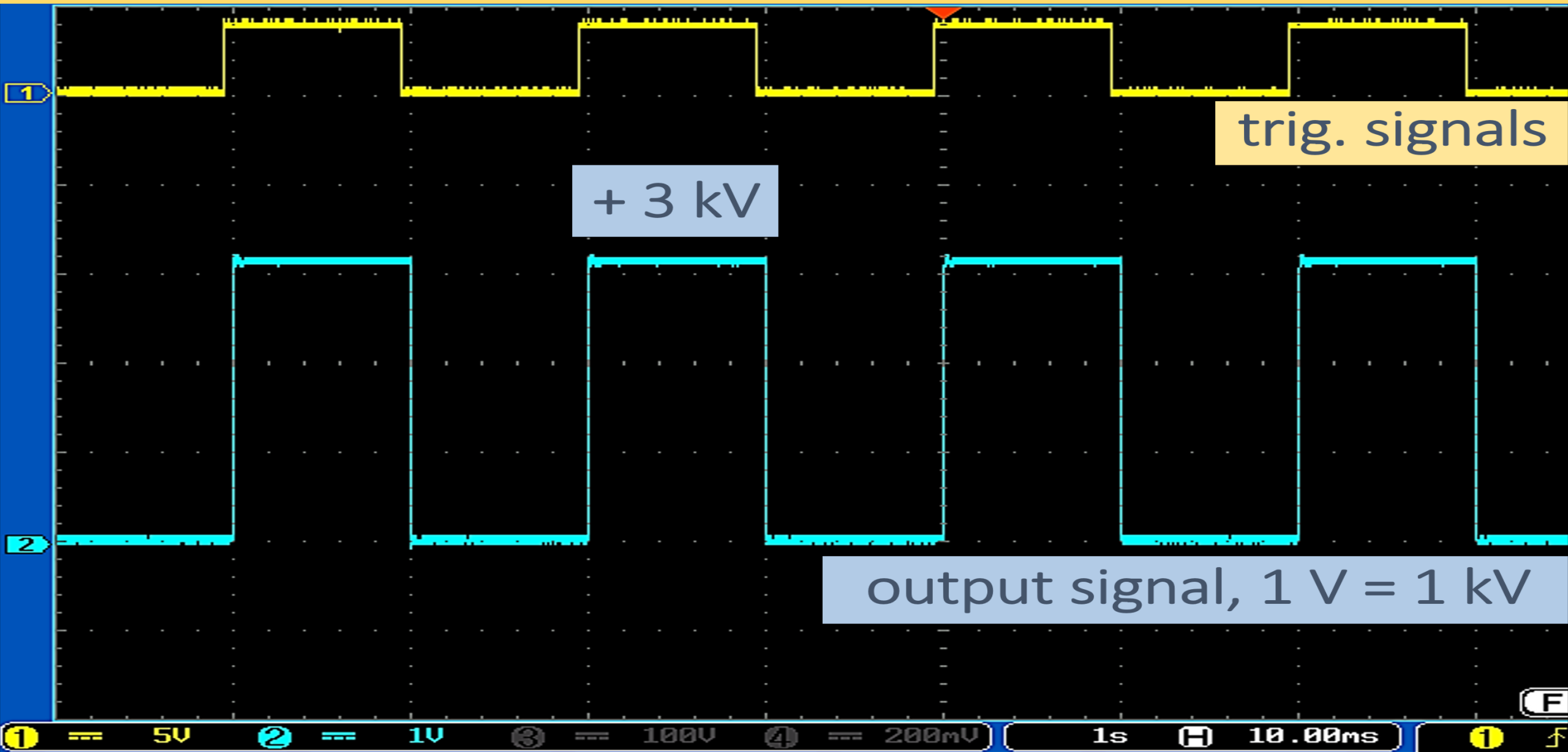
Potential barrier module

Output	0 ... +3kV
Edges time	~ 5 us
Pulse with	DC* or 20 us - 10 s
Max load current	10mA
Supply	+24V, 300mA

Overcurrent, short protection
Hand & Remote control (Modbus RTU)



Potential barrier module



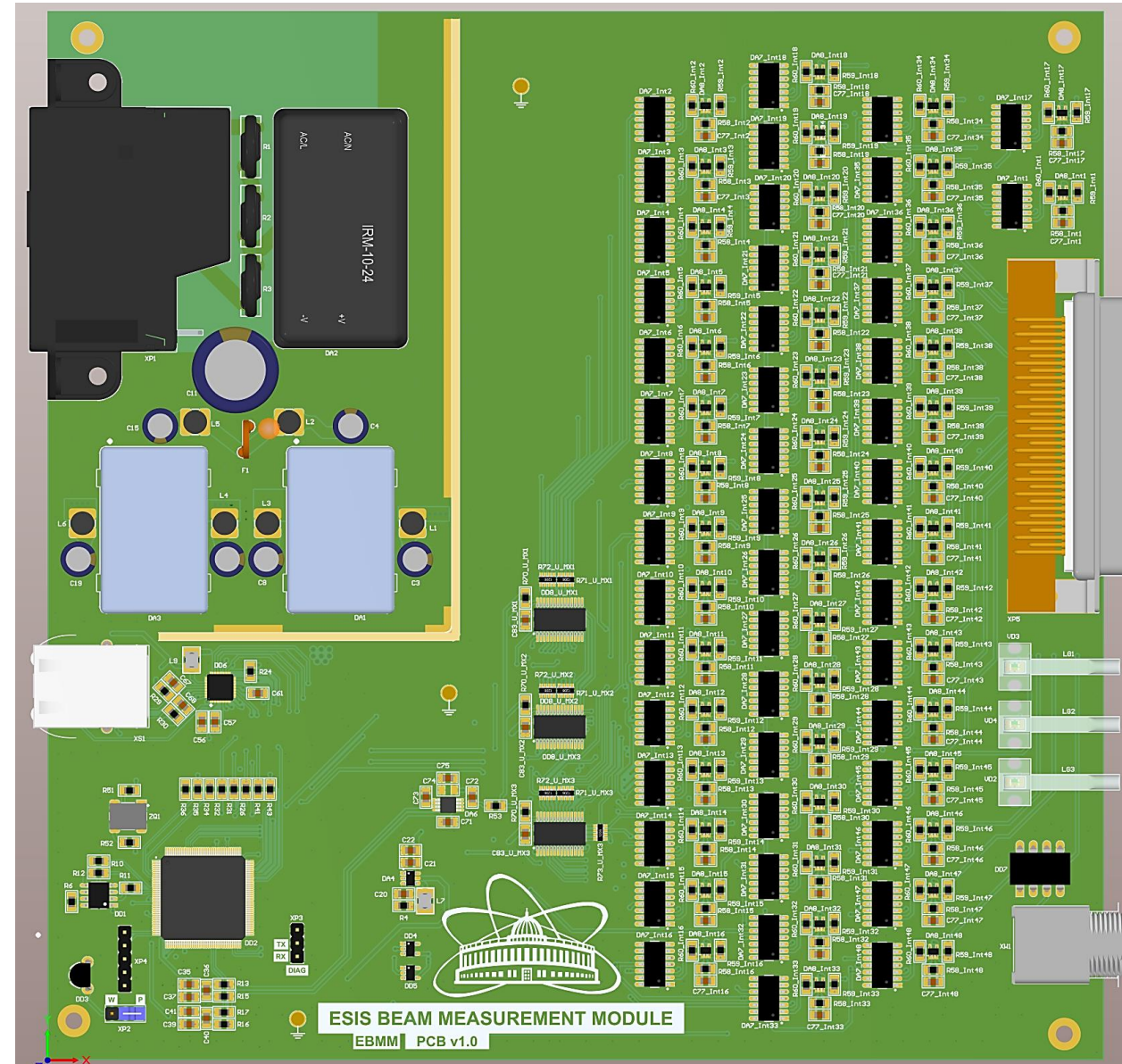
Beam profile monitor

Input	AC 220V
Channels	48
Max load current	100uA

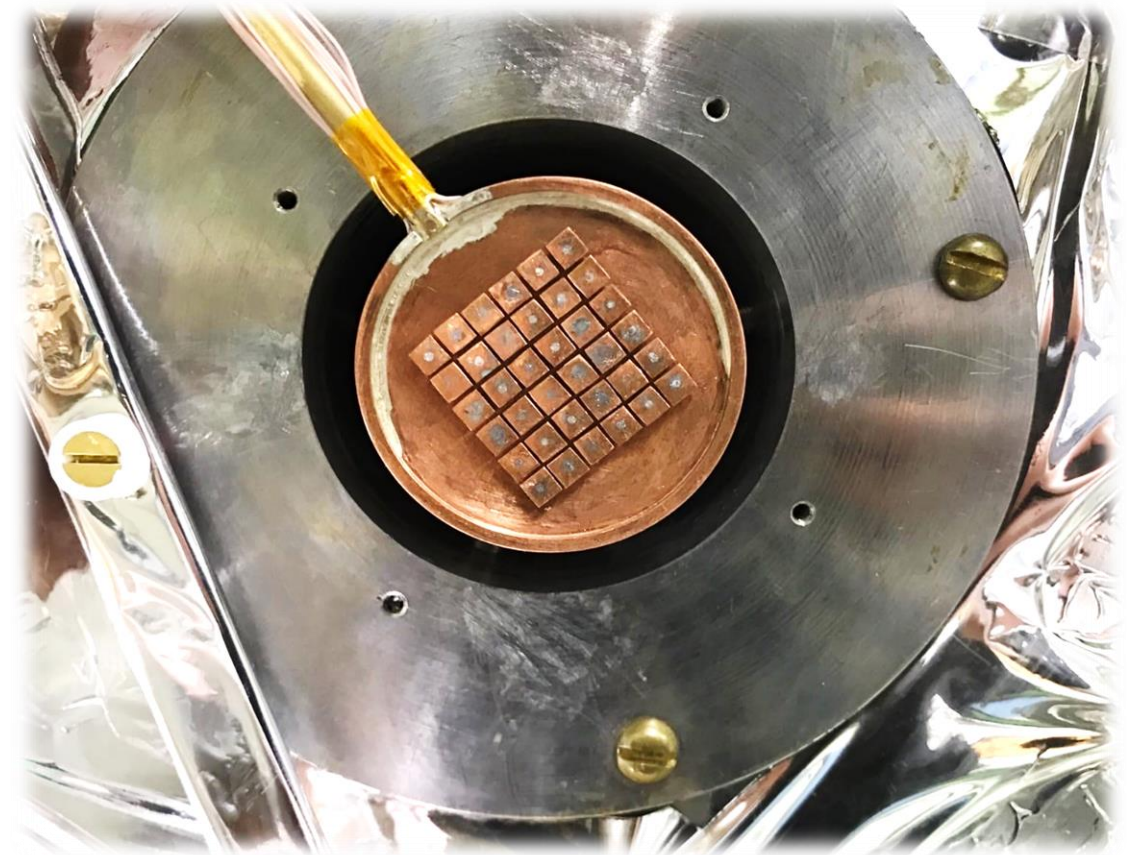
External trigger

Web interface

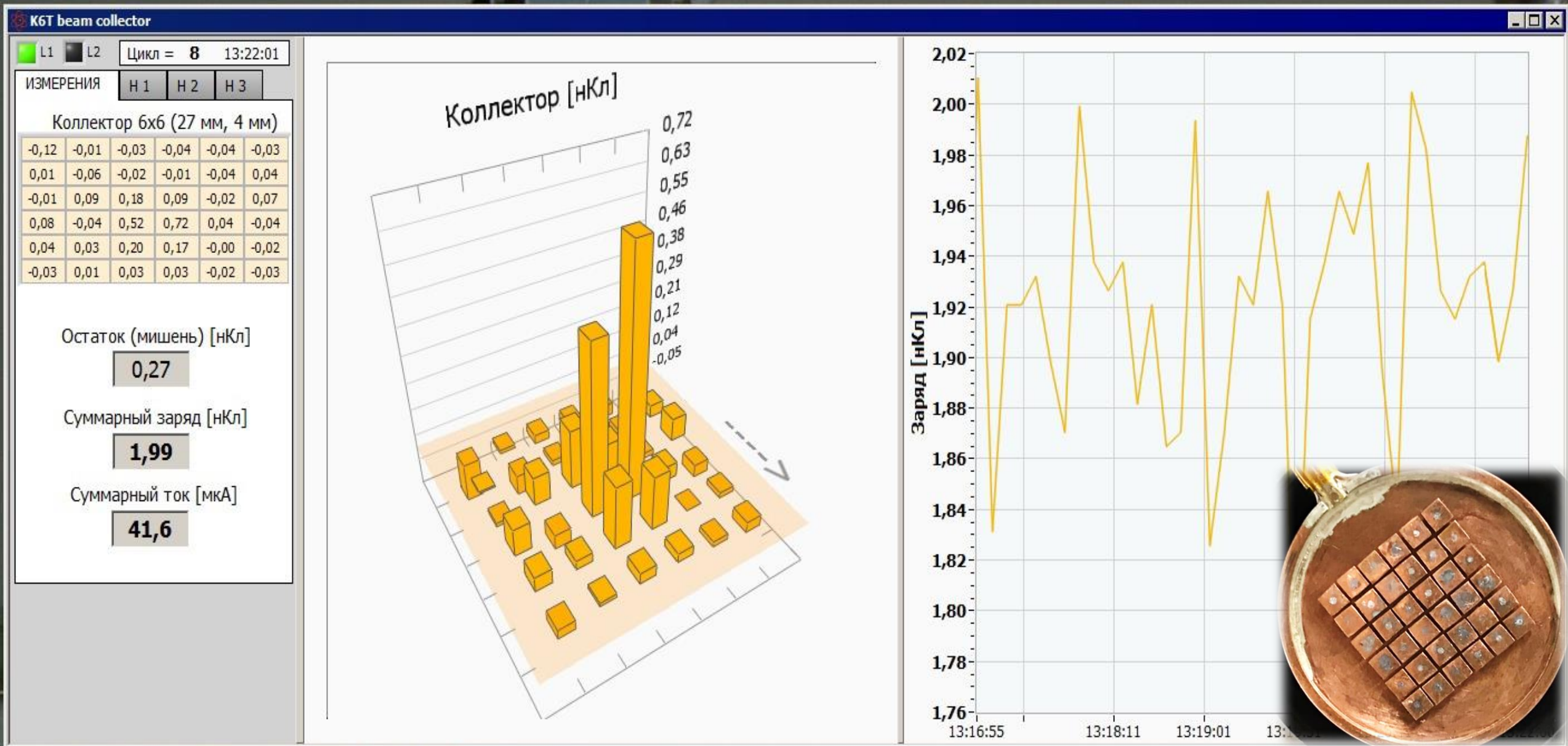
Light indication of power supply, clocking and data transmission



Beam profile monitor

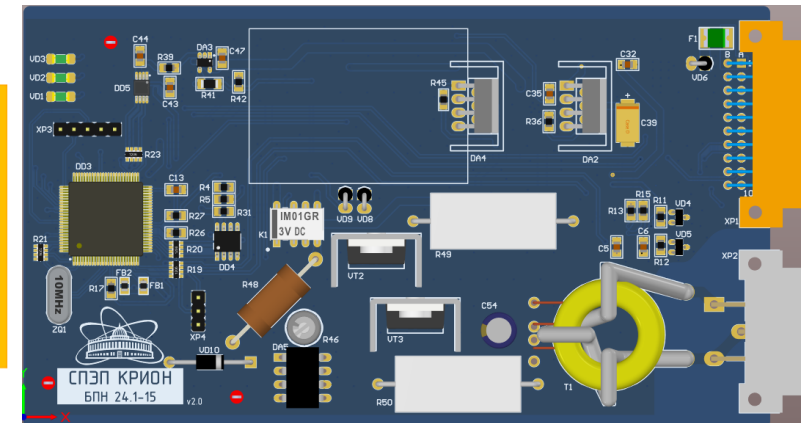
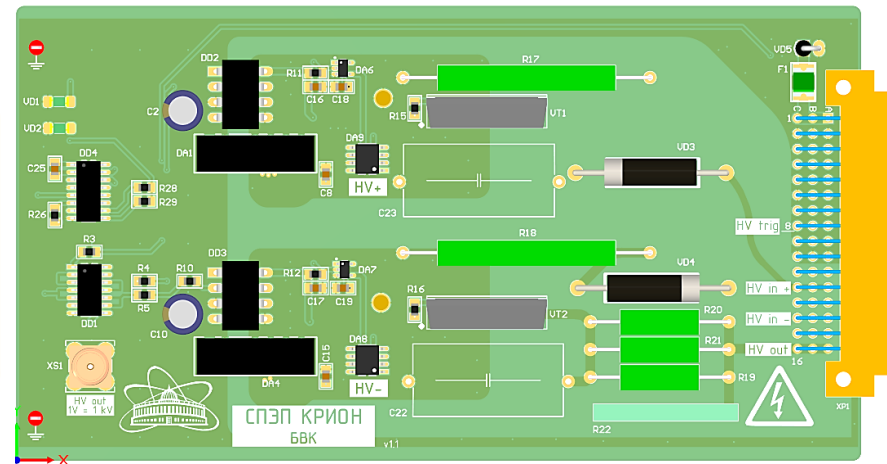
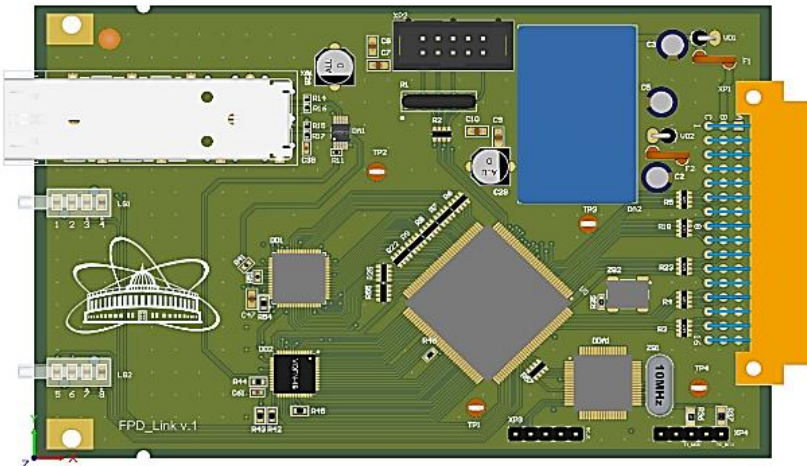


Beam profile monitor



Conclusion

- The developed electronic modules and systems based on them ensured the operation of KRION ion sources at the accelerator sessions of the NICA complex
- They allowed to provide remote control of all the described systems and showed high reliability, which is confirmed by the following publications



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Thank you for your attention!

7. KRION-6T on the test bench



Specifications of KRION-6T

Length of the superconducting solenoid	1,2 m
Number of layers	24 layers
Induction	~10 H
Current in the solenoid	90 A (105 A planned)
Field on the axis in the middle (Bmax)	5,4 T (6T planned)
Length of the main ion trap	1 m
Maximum energy of the electrons	10 keV (11,5 keV with trap potential lift)
Emitter material	IrCe
Electron current from the gun	up to 30 mA
Capacity of the ion trap	up to 22 nC

8. Results achieved on the test bench

- the j_T ionization factor is the most important value giving information about the performance of the ESIS
- impossible to measure directly the electron string current, but possible to measure **effective j_T** , using the extracted ions spectrum.

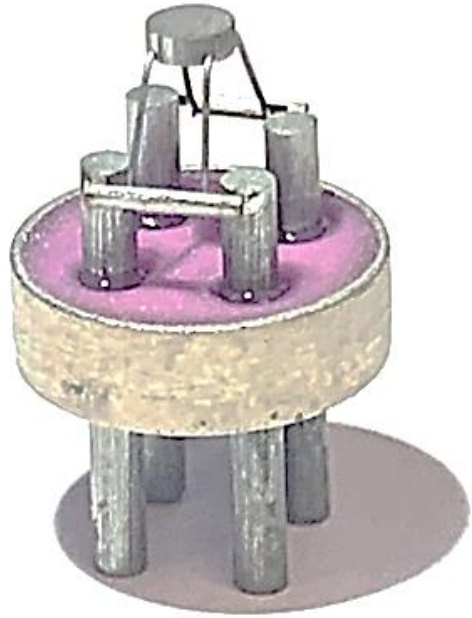
Ion specious	Effective electron string current density j , A/cm ²
Kr ¹⁵⁺	665
Kr ¹⁸⁺	591
Kr ^{24,6+}	847
Xe ^{23,2+}	1090
Xe ^{24,9+}	1579
Xe ^{25,4+}	1587
Tm ^{40,8+}	1092

Examples of number of particles per pulse and times of ionization for different ions

C ⁴⁺	7x10 ⁹	-
Xe ⁴²⁺	5x10 ⁹	350 ms
Xe ³²⁺	-	40 ms
Tm ⁵⁰⁺	3x10 ⁷	-
Au ³³⁺	-	30 ms

The new KRION-6T ion source has much higher effective j (up to 1600 A/cm²) in comparison with the KRION-2 which had only 200 A/cm². Another typical EBIS devices have only 100 - 300 A/cm².

Electron gun supply: Heating module



Material	IrCe
Emission	Thermionic
Small size	1.2 mm
Emission current	6 mA
Heating power	AC 1.5V 10A

The main idea: cathode heating power set and control
Points: 10 kHz sine, 1.5 V, 10 A

