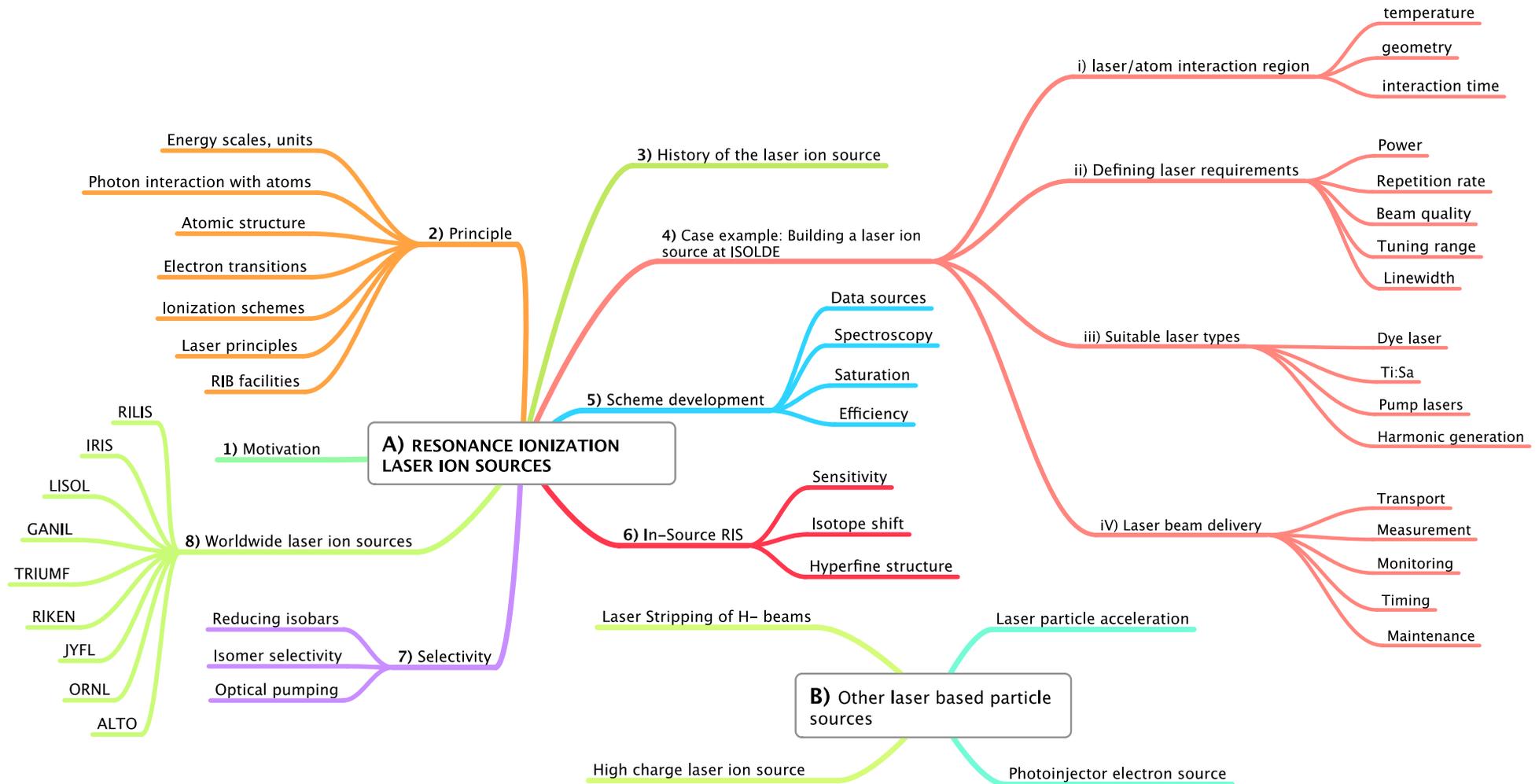


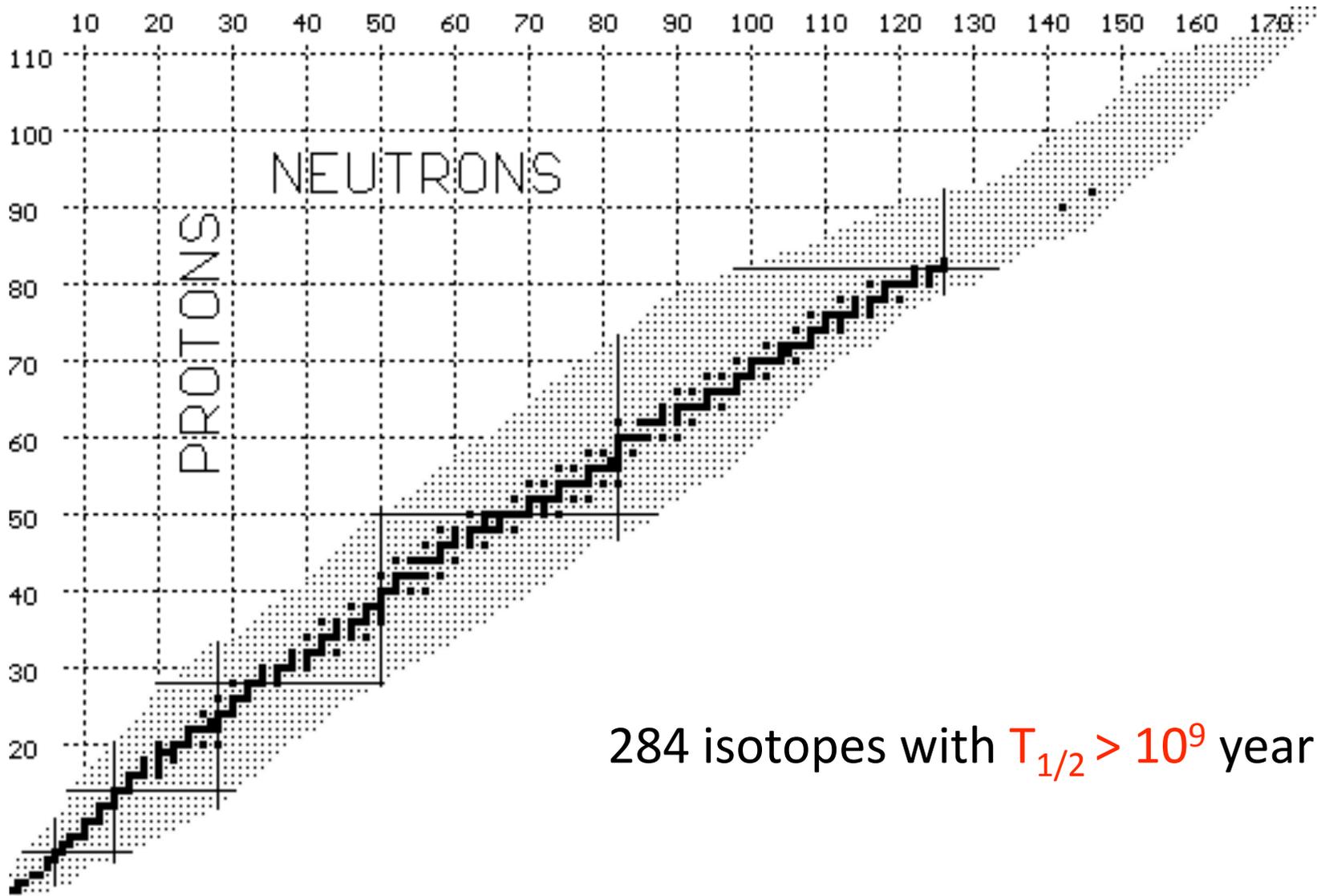
Laser Ion Sources I and II – Structure of the lectures



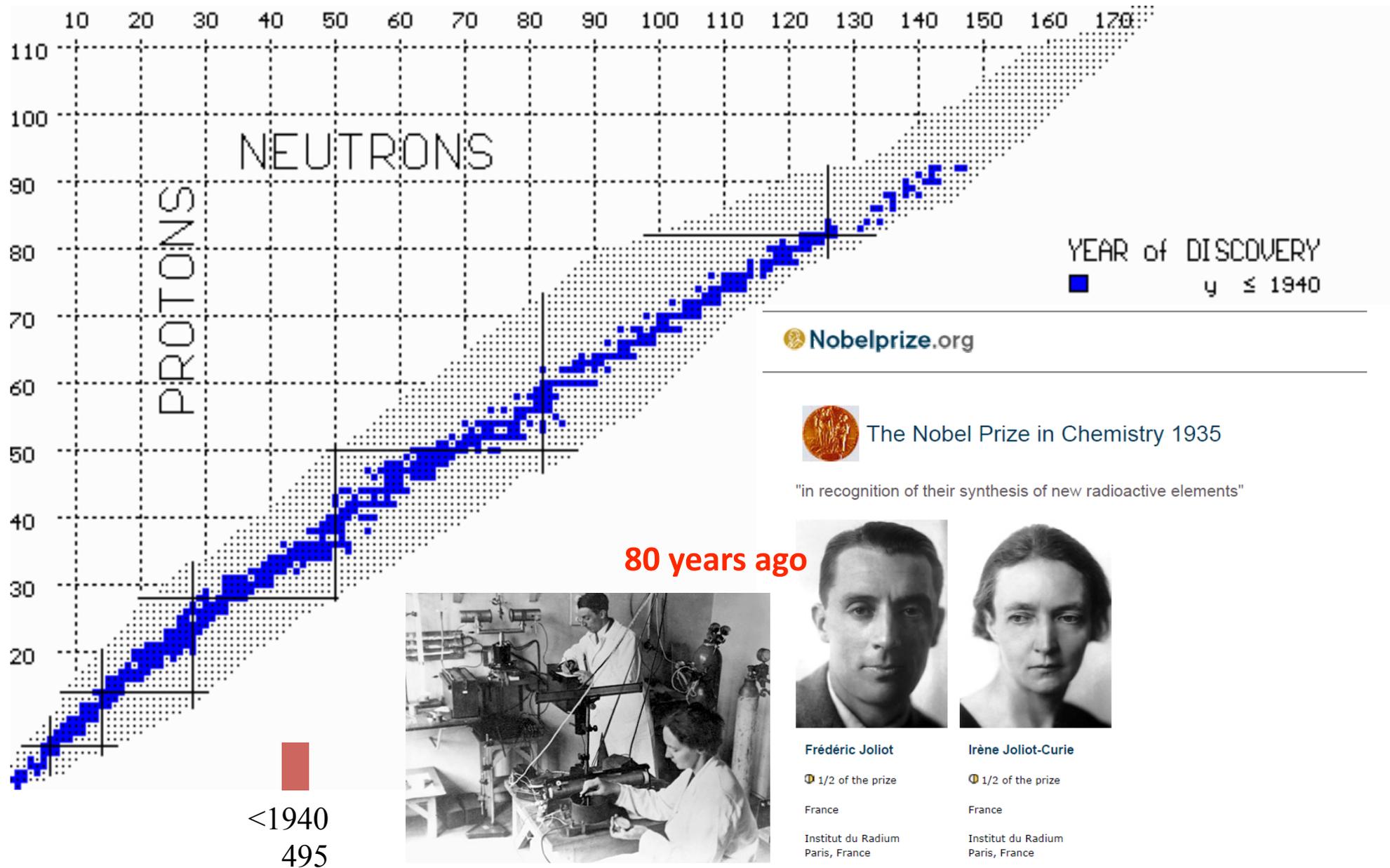
1) Motivation

**A) RESONANCE IONIZATION
LASER ION SOURCES**

The chart of stable nuclei

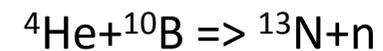


+ the discovery of radioactivity

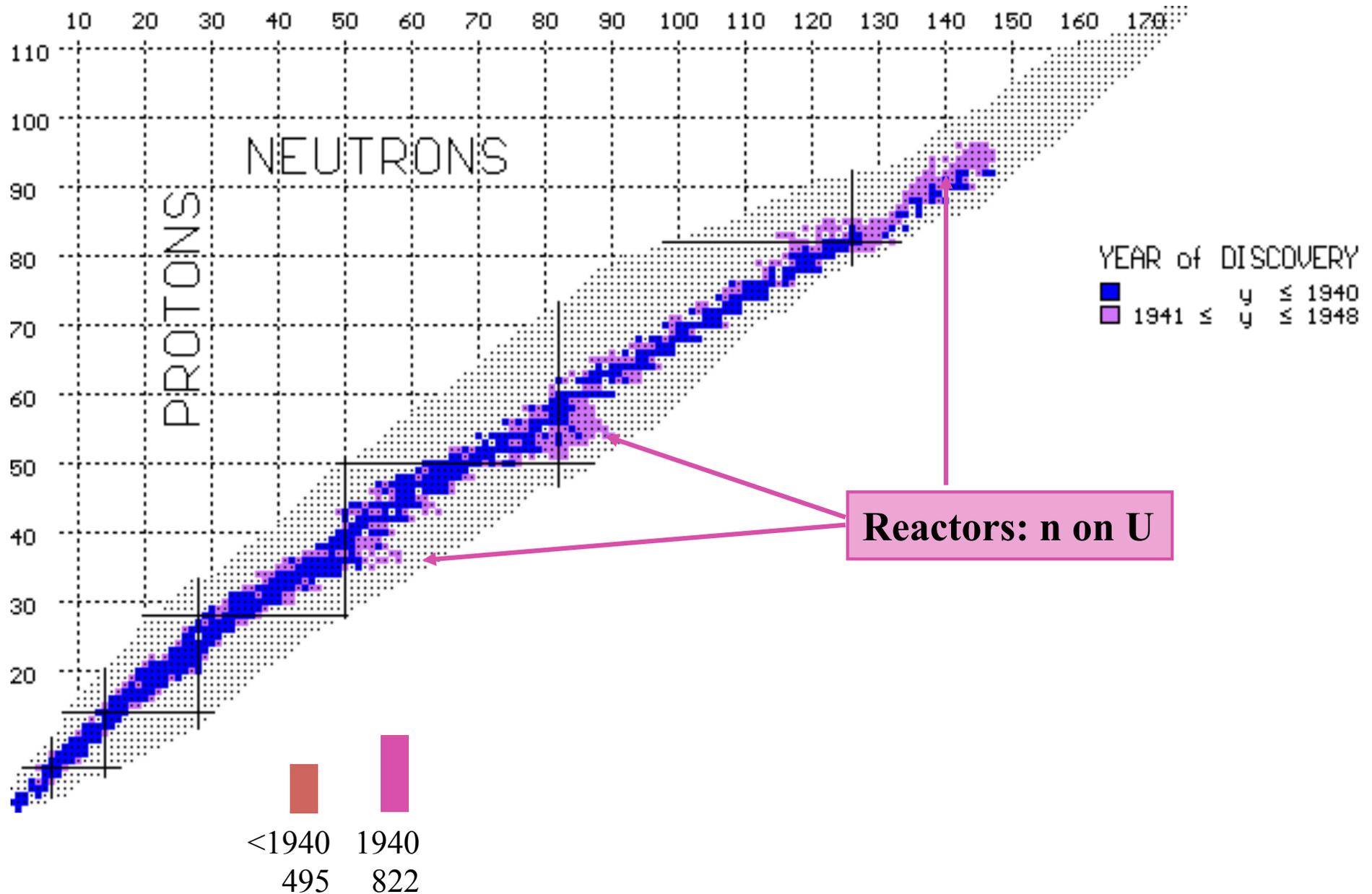


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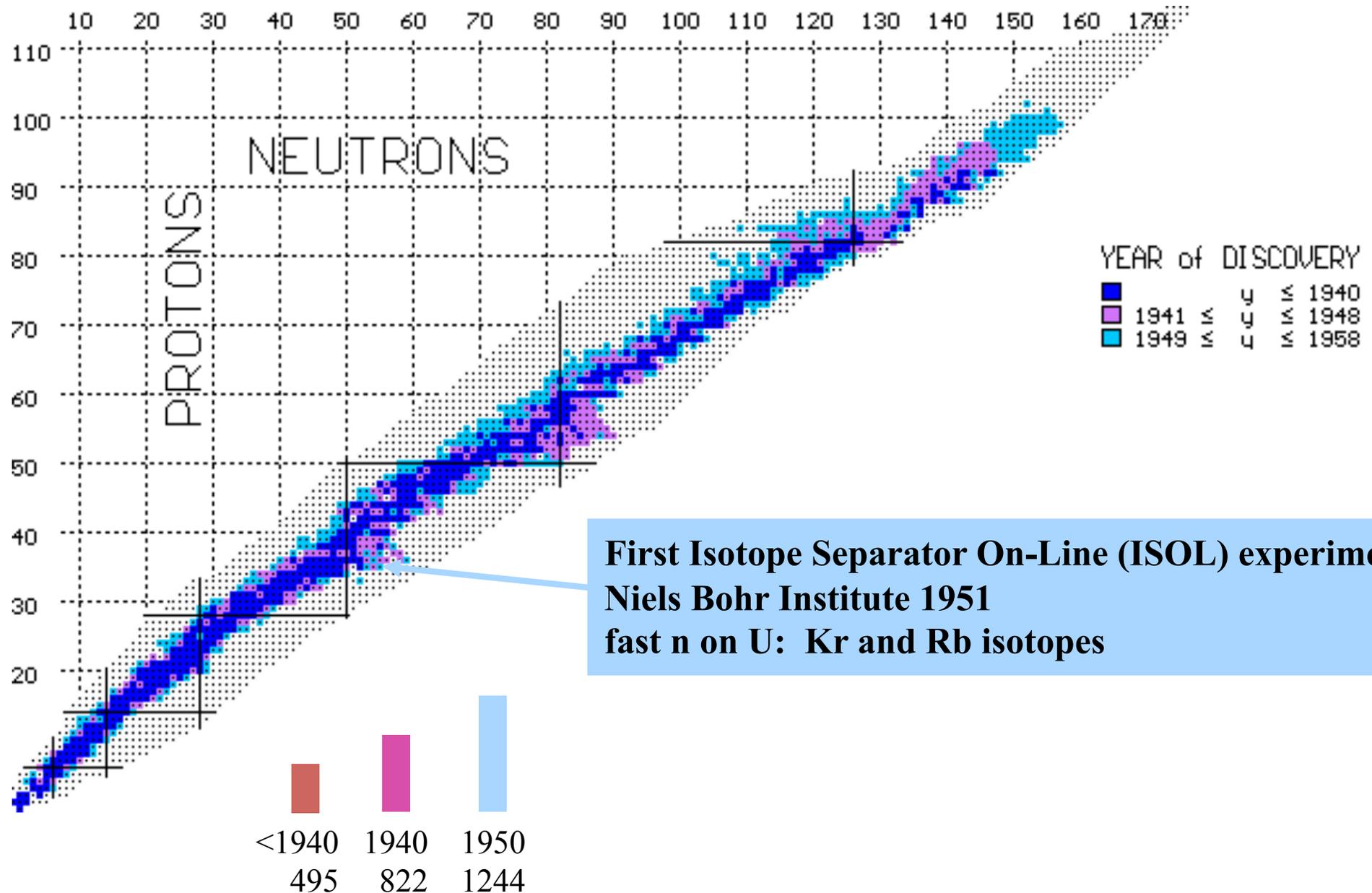
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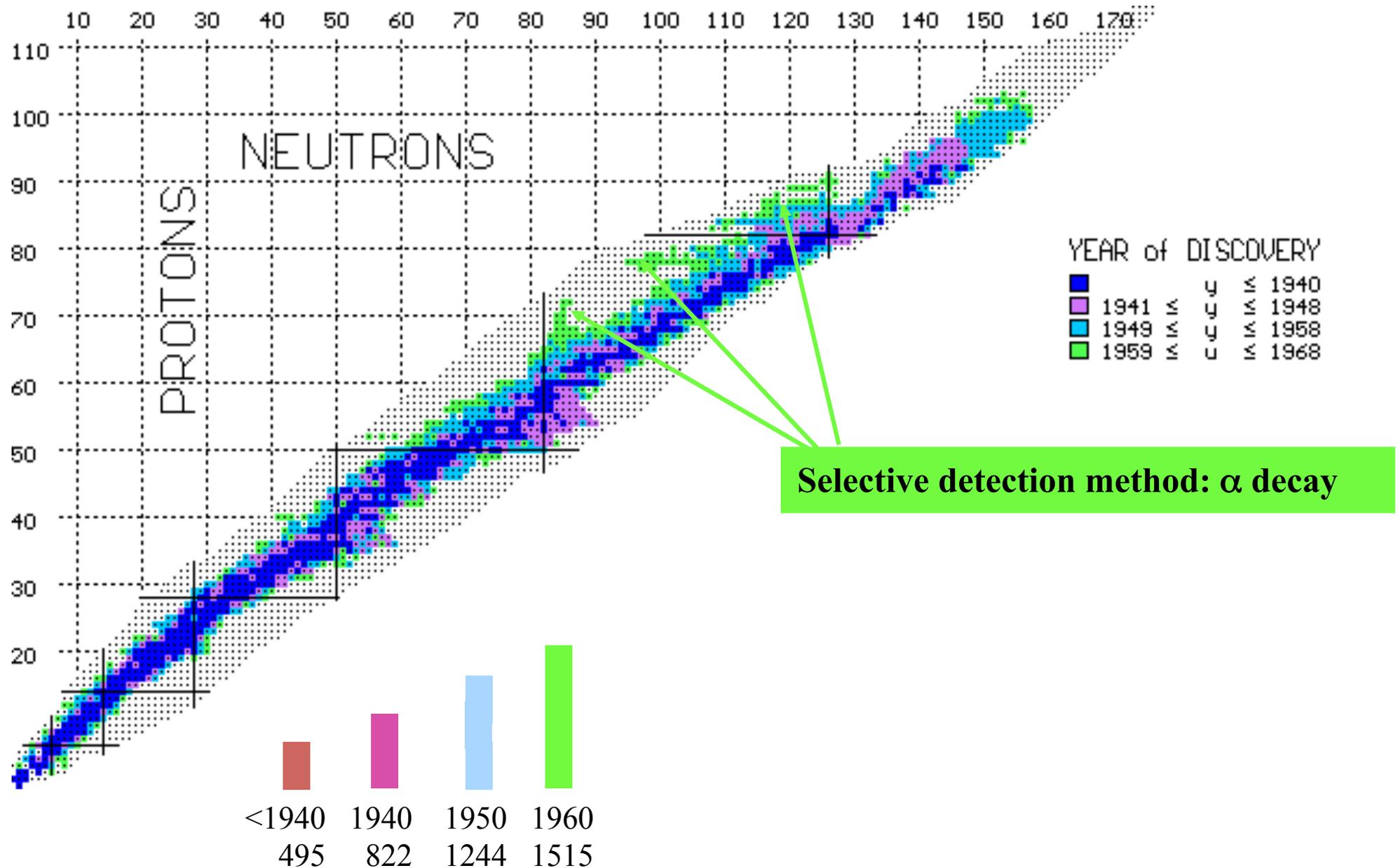
+ the advent of nuclear reactors



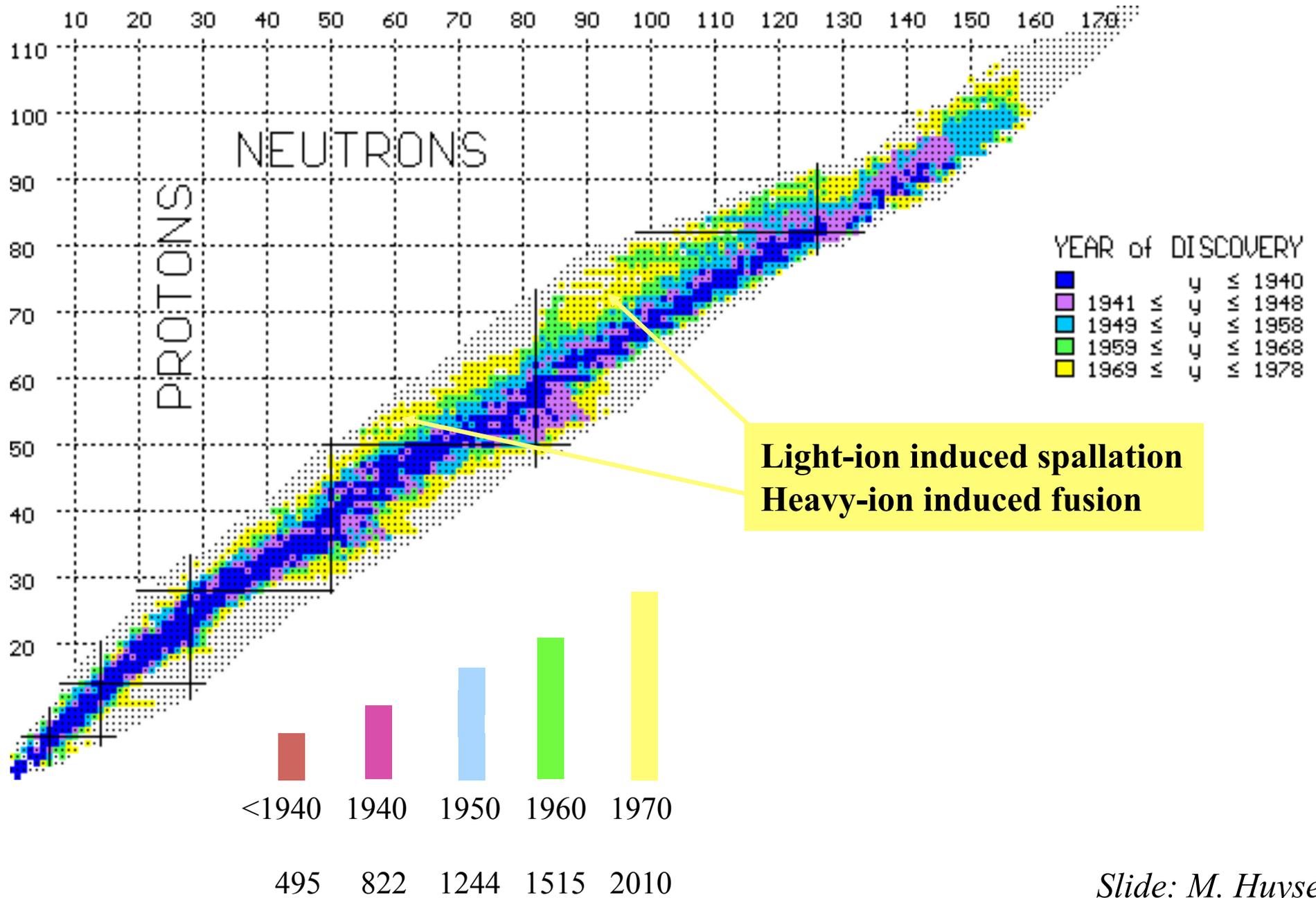
+ Early Isotope Separator On Line (ISOL) isotopes



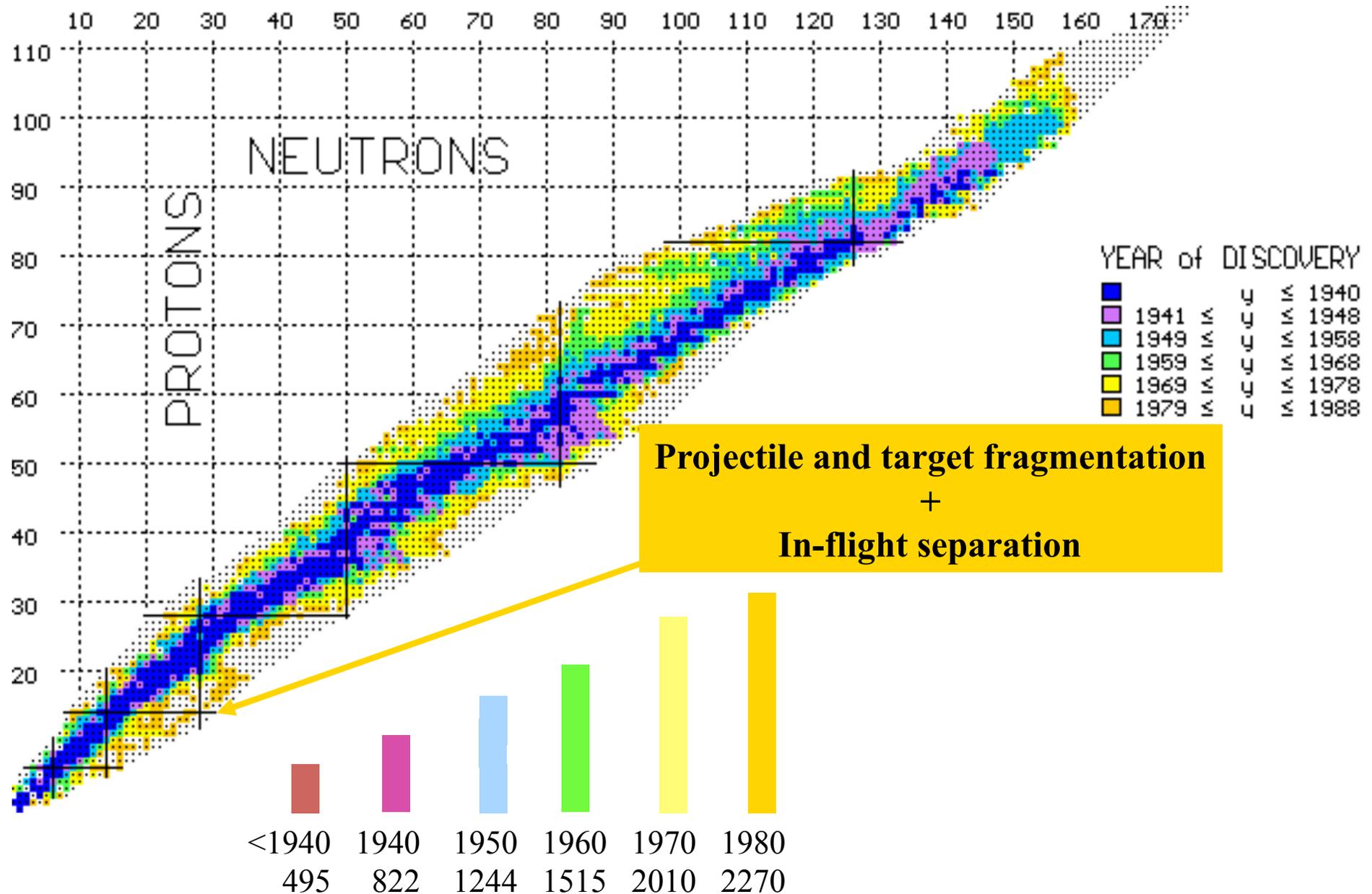
+ sensitive detection methods



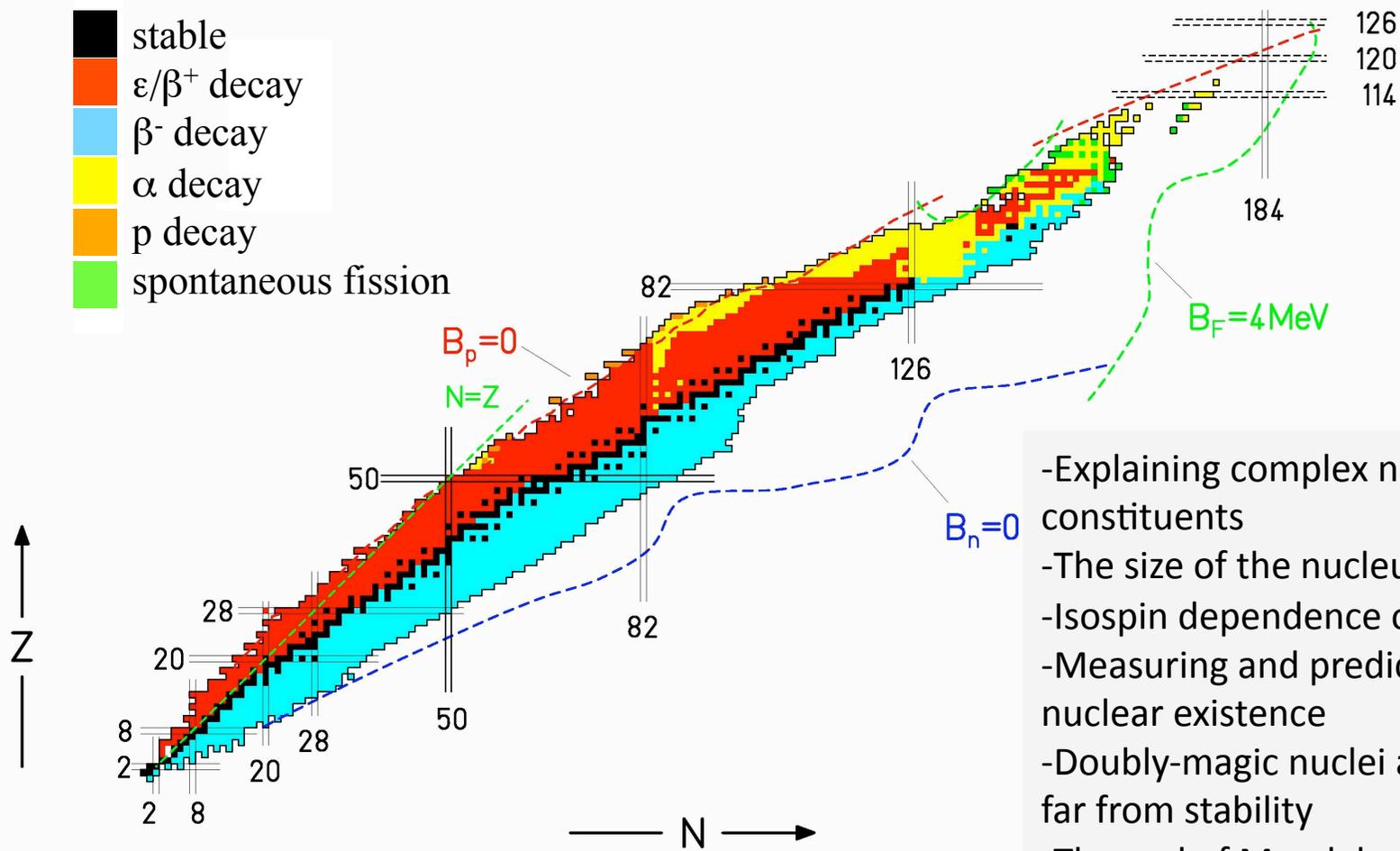
+ energy increases and driver beam upgrades



+ thin target and projectile fragmentation – shorter lifetimes



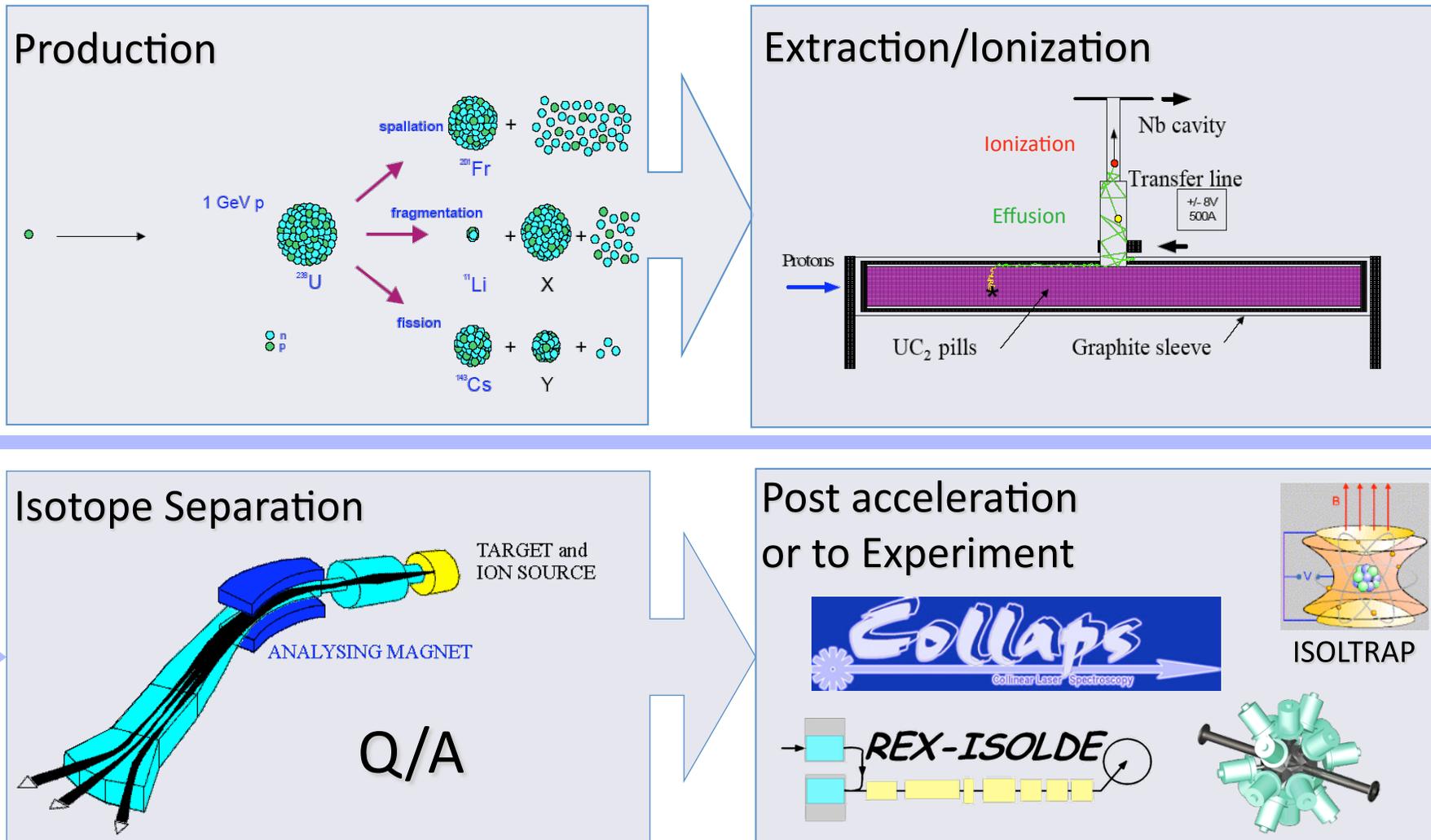
= The modern nuclear chart



- Explaining complex nuclei from basic constituents
- The size of the nucleus: halos and skins
- Isospin dependence of the nuclear force
- Measuring and predicting the limits of nuclear existence
- Doubly-magic nuclei and shell structure far from stability
- The end of Mendeleev's table: superheavies
- Understanding the origin of elements
- Testing the Standard Model
- Applications in materials and life sciences

> 3500 of the expected 6000 nuclei have been observed

The ISOL process



Fast, Efficient, Universal and Selective!

Factors influencing isotope production

RIB intensity
[s⁻¹ μA⁻¹]

Proton beam
intensity
[s⁻¹ μA⁻¹]

Target
density
[g cm⁻³]

Diffusion and
effusion efficiency

$$I = \int \sigma(E) \Phi(E, x) \rho(x) \frac{N}{A} dx \varepsilon_{diff+eff} \varepsilon_{ion}$$

Reaction cross
section [cm²]

Target mass [g]

Ionization
efficiency

Production

Extraction

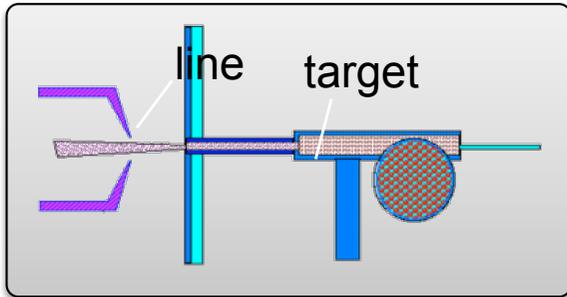
ISOL ion source requirements are very broad !

- Energy range 10^{-6} eV (10 mK) to $>MeV/u$
- Intensity $0.01 - 10^{10}$ ions/s
- Particle type : 6He to ${}^{232}R$ (Z: 2-88, N:4-144), and molecules!
- Lifetimes: stable \rightarrow micro seconds
- Charge state: mainly $1+$ or $1-$, or $n+$ for high energy beams –*F. Wenander's lectures*

Clearly, not all of these requirements are fulfilled by a single ion source, we need to have many options and choose the optimal one depending on the requested case and priorities for the beam characteristics.

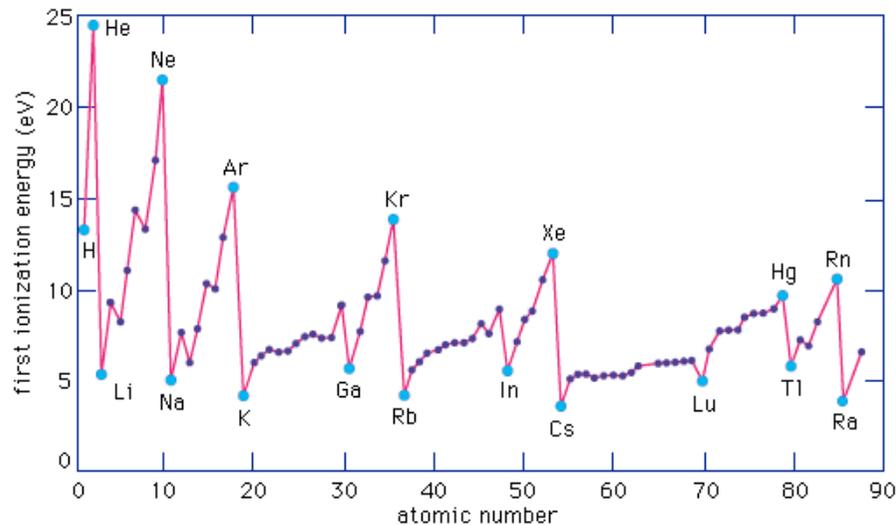
The operating principles of each of ISOL ion source options are presented to some extent at this school!

SURFACE ION SOURCE



- Very simple: metal tube (line) from Ta or W
- Heated up to 2400 °C

Ionization efficiency depends on ionization potential (*and also the plasma potential inside the hot cavity - Saha Equation*)

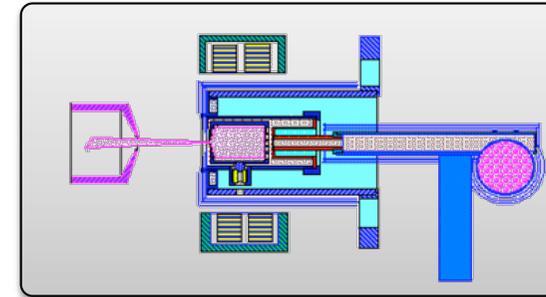


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Surface Ionization Process:

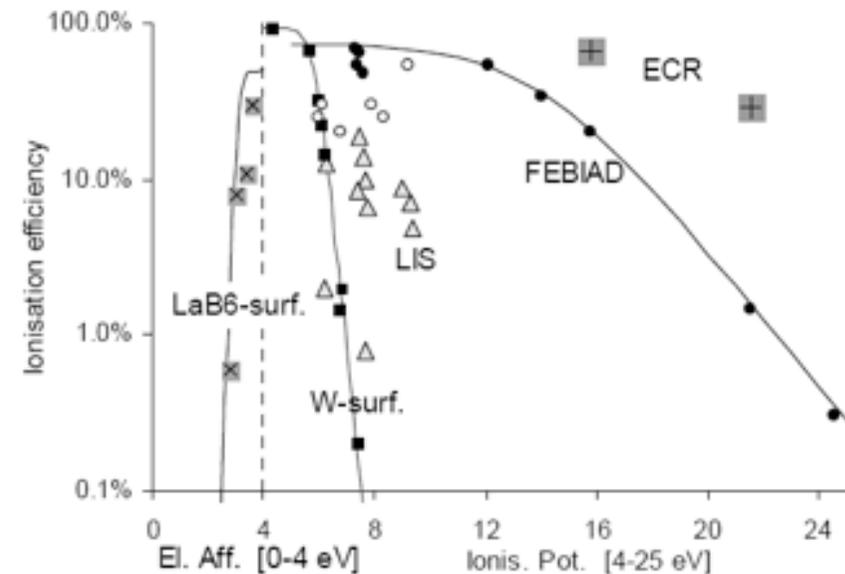
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PLASMA ION SOURCE



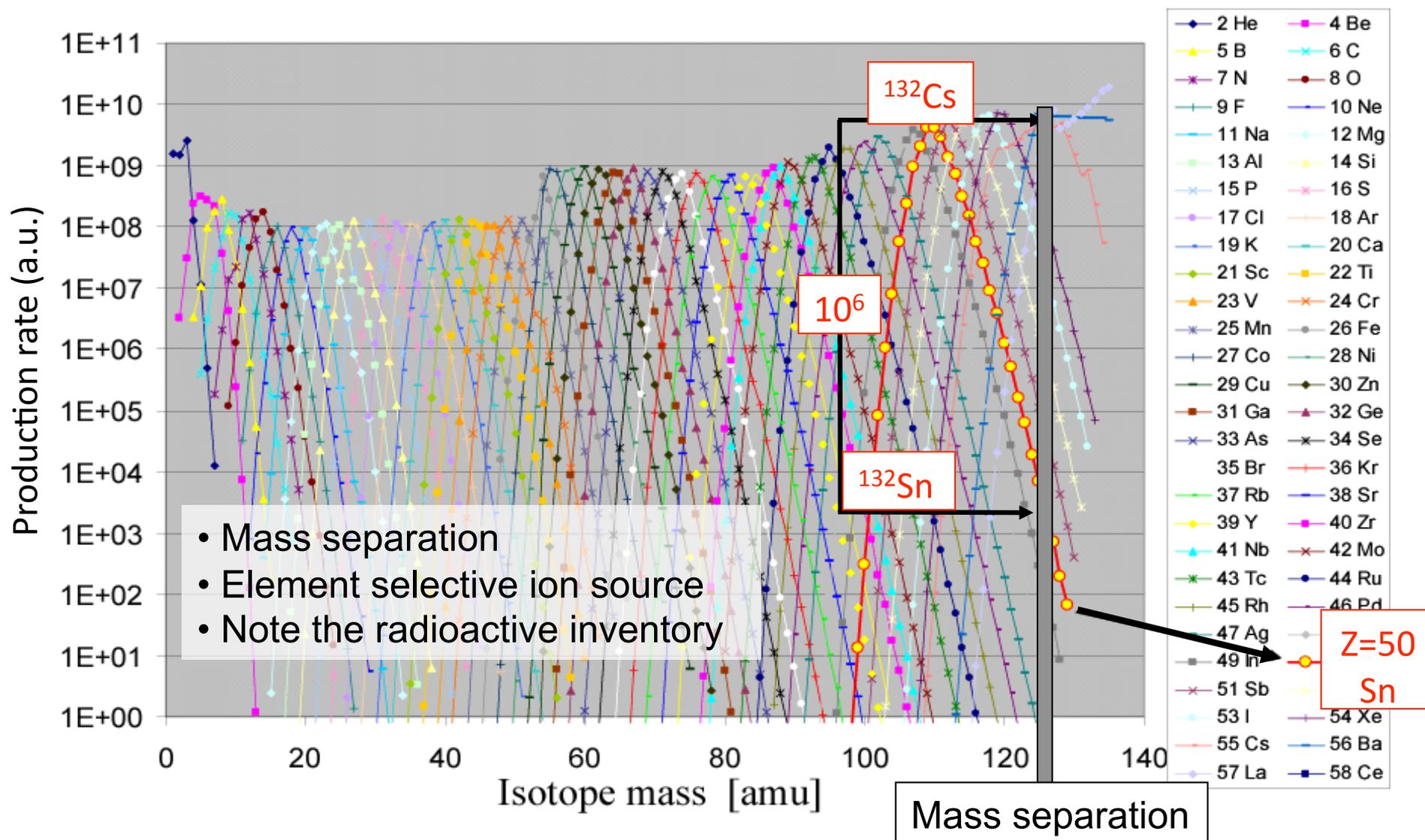
- Used for non surface-ionizing elements
- Ar or Xe plasma ignited by electrons at 130 eV

Very efficient, even for high IP elements. Chemically unselective

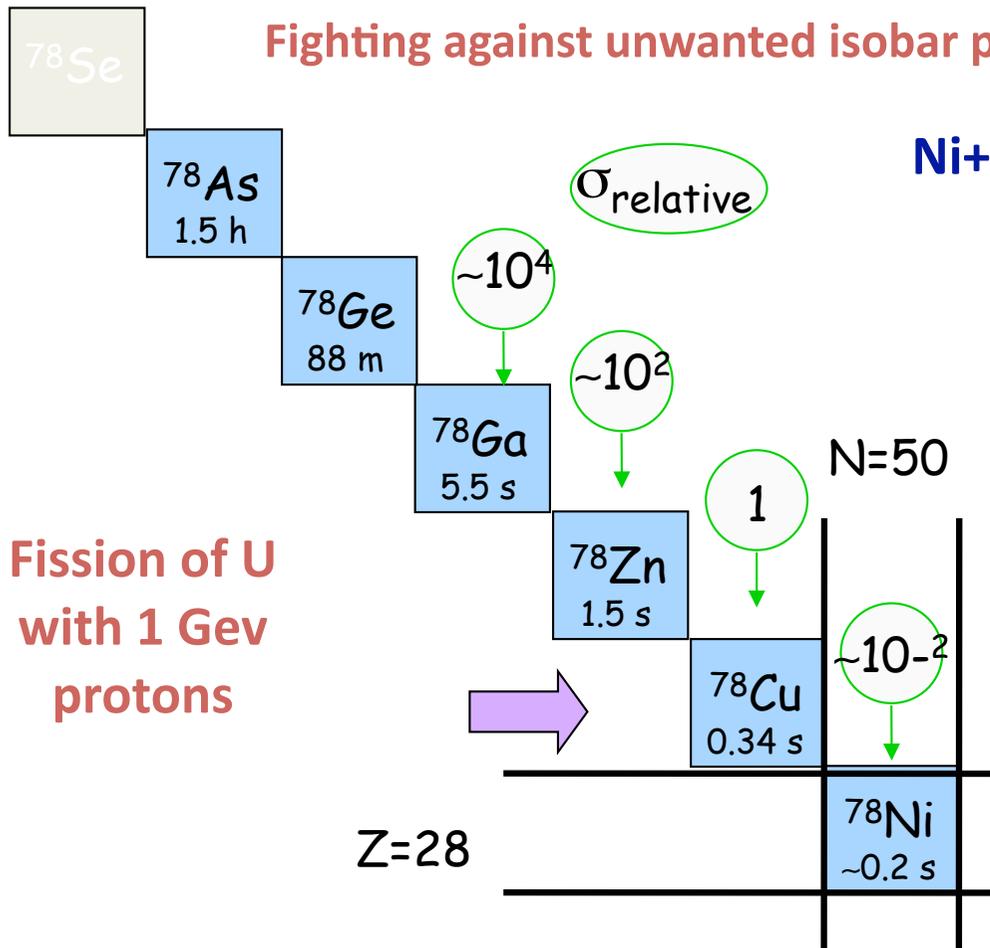


Production of Exotic Nuclei

1 GeV proton beam on a lanthanum (La) target



Fighting against unwanted isobar production and ionization to obtain ^{78}Ni



Fission of U
with 1 GeV
protons

Ni+:Ga+ ratio with surface ionization only:

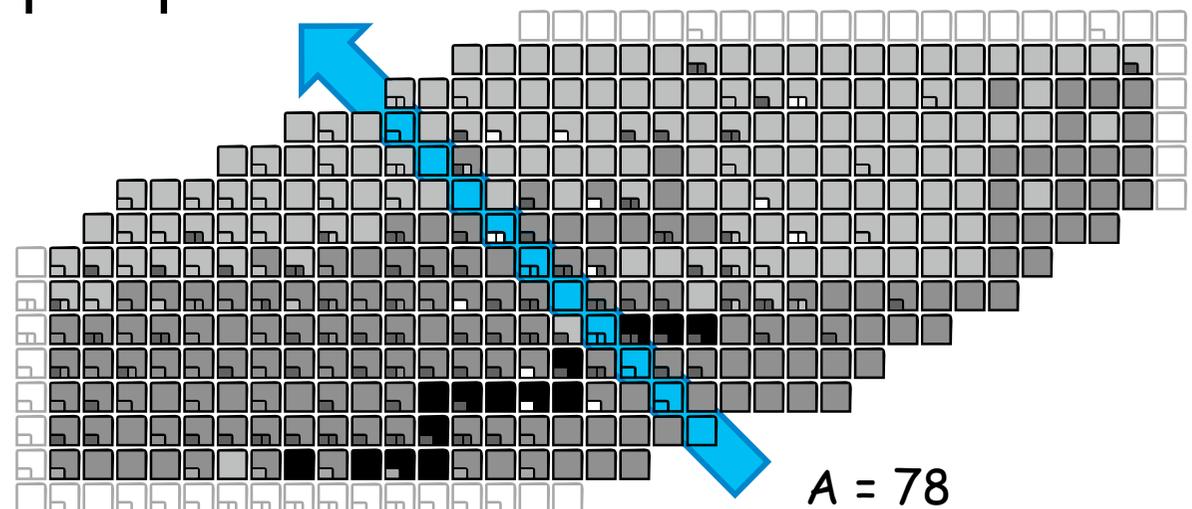
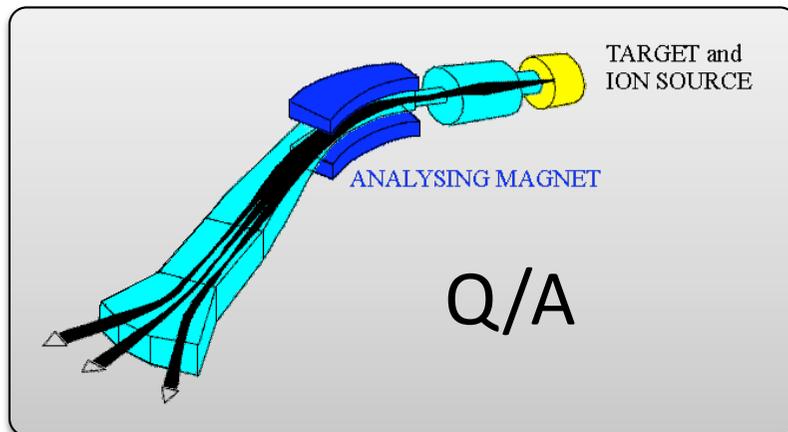
$$\text{IP (Ga)} = 5.99 \text{ eV} \quad \text{IP (Ni)} = 7.63 \text{ eV}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{n_i}{n_0} = \frac{\omega_i}{\omega_0} \exp\left(\frac{\Phi - W_i}{kT}\right)$$

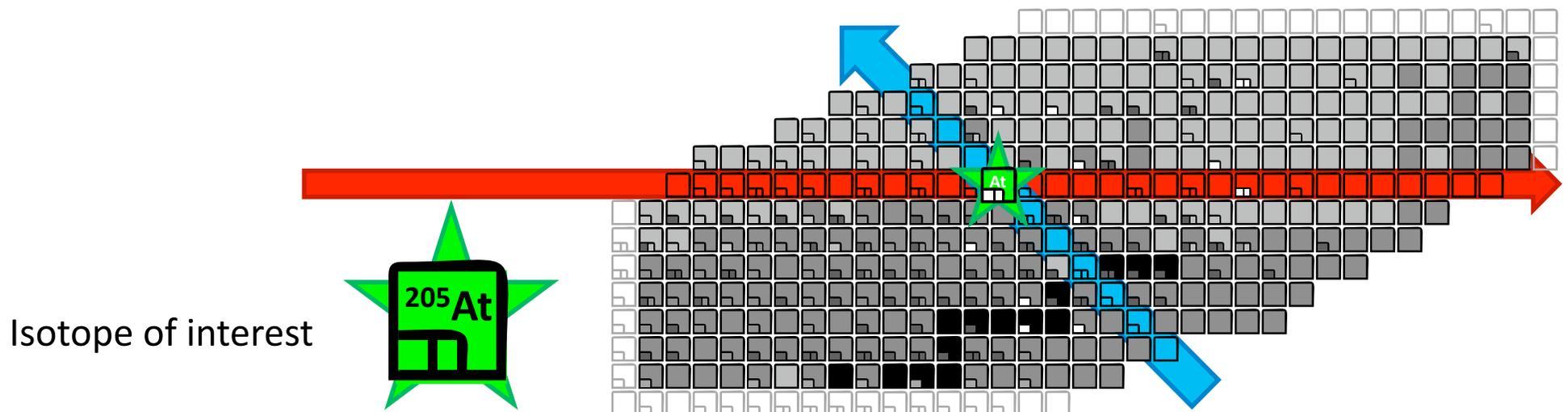
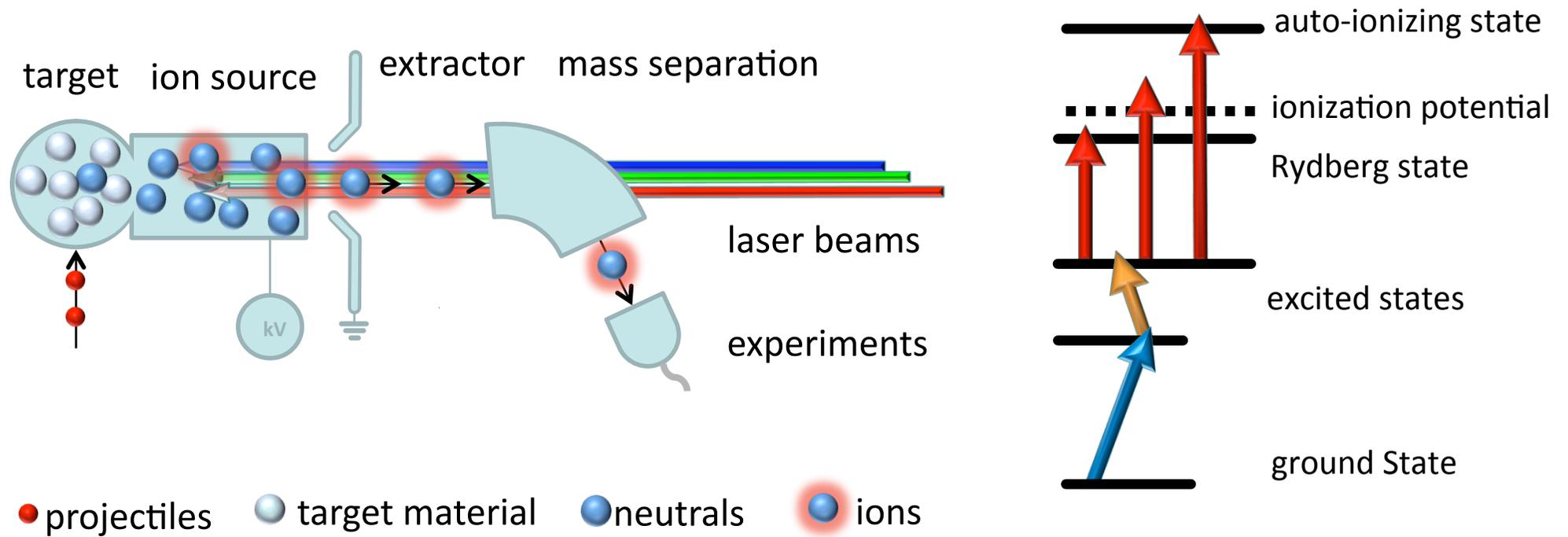
Ga+:Ni+ > 10^6 !

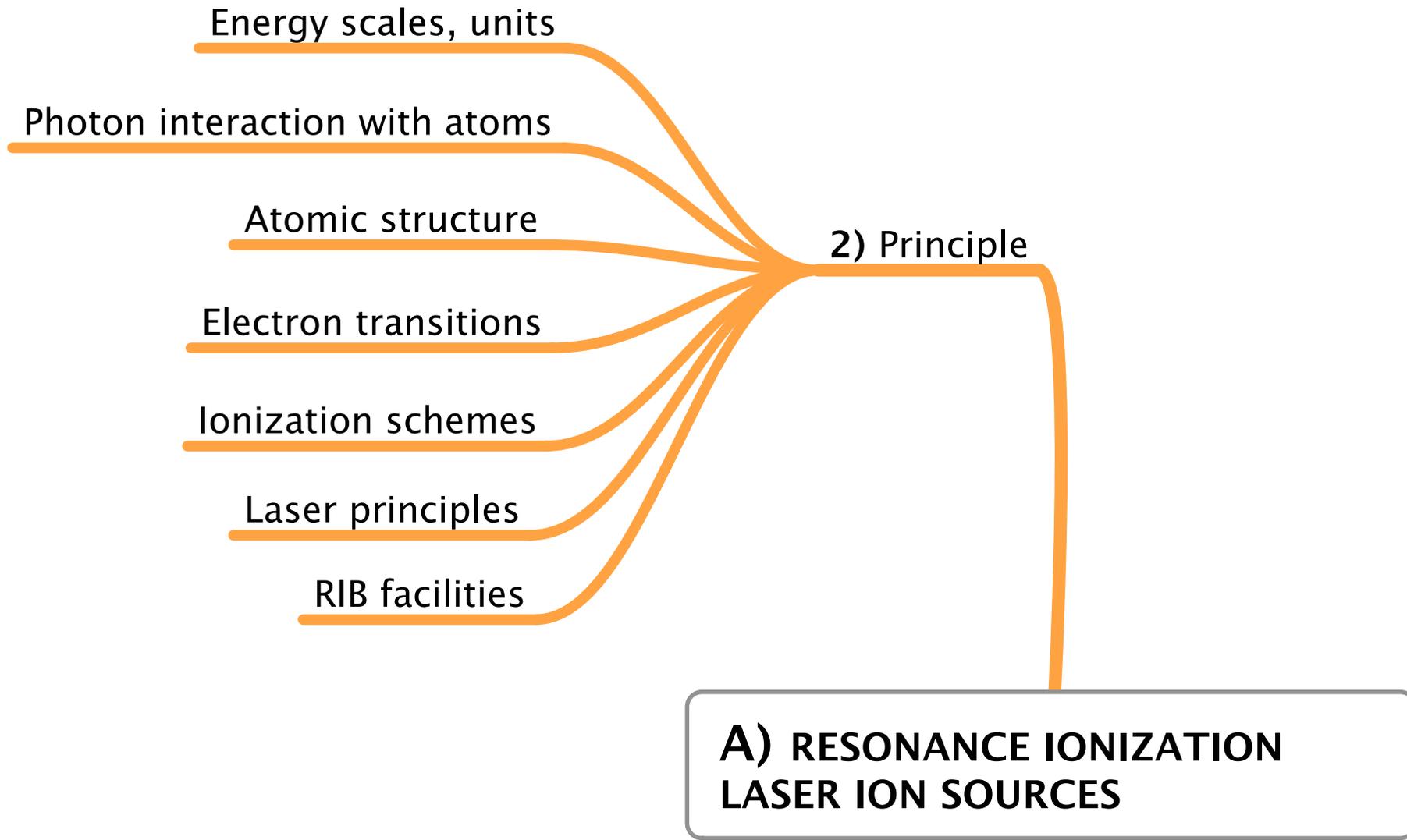
Need to selectively increase Ni
ionization efficiency

And/or suppress isobar (Cu, Zn,
Ga) ionization efficiency.



The Resonance Ionization Laser Ion Source





Energy scales and units that will be used

Wavelength, λ : SI unit = m [or μm , nm or Angström, $1 \text{ \AA} = 10^{-10} \text{ m}$]

λ is *dependent* on the (refractive index of the) medium in which the wave travels

Frequency, ν : SI unit = Hz (i.e., cycles s^{-1}) [or MHz = 10^6 Hz, GHz = 10^9 Hz]

frequency is *independent* of the medium

Energy, E : SI unit = J,

BUT : It is hard to measure energy directly. Spectra are recorded as line intensities as a function of **frequency** or **wavelength**.

The conversion to energy *appears* simple: **$E = h\nu = hc/\lambda$**

But h is only known to 8 significant figures. Hence, it is convenient to introduce

Wavenumber, a *property* defined as reciprocal of the vacuum wavelength:
and whose units are universally quoted as **cm^{-1}** (*n.b.* not m^{-1})

$$\bar{\nu} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{vac}}$$

Wavenumber is directly proportional to **energy**, **$E = hc\bar{\nu}$** and thus we commonly quote “energies” in units of cm^{-1} .

How to describe photons

It will usually be convenient to consider light as a stream of zero rest mass particles or packages of radiation called **photons** with the following properties:

- **Energy, $E = h\nu$**

in which h is **Planck's constant, $h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34}$ Js**



Max Planck
(1855-1947)

- **Linear momentum, $p = E/c = h\nu/c = h/\lambda$ (de Broglie)**

Louis de Broglie
(1892-1987)



- **(spin) Angular momentum** equivalent to a quantum number of 1:

$$j_{ph} = 1 \quad i.e., \quad |\underline{j}_{ph}| = \sqrt{2}\hbar$$

n.b., 1) photons are Bosons (*i.e.*, obey Bose-Einstein statistics)

2) photons have *helicity* (projection of angular momentum on the direction of travel) of ± 1 only (*i.e.*, not 0)

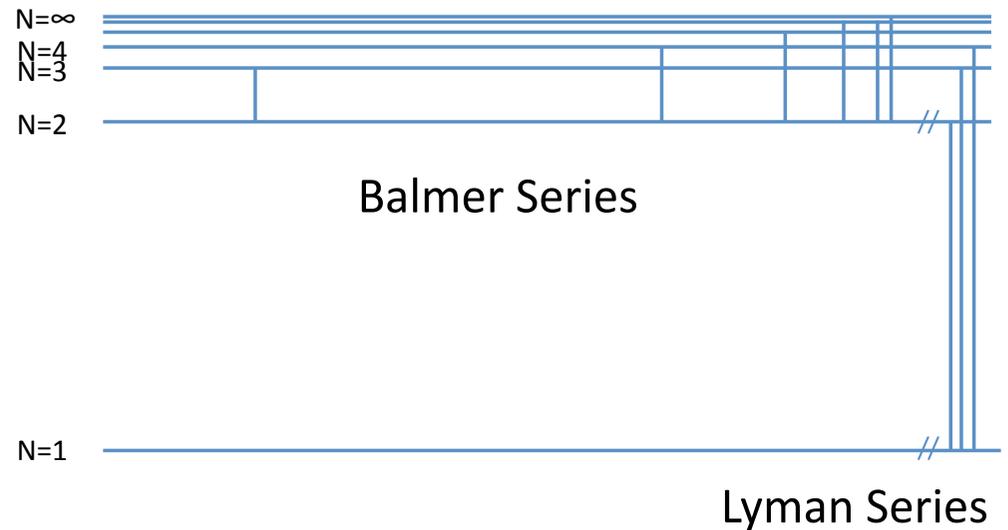
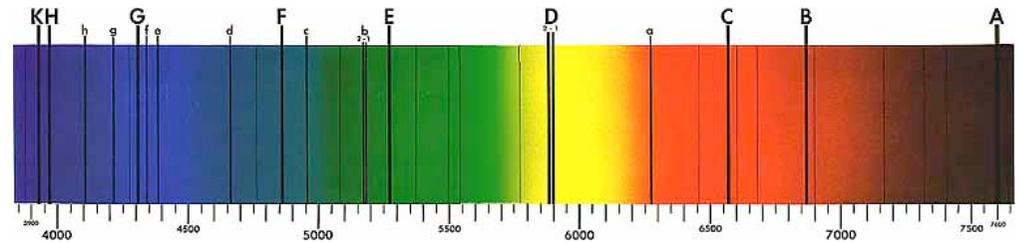
• A Prelude to Atomic Spectroscopy

17th Century: Newton demonstrates that the Sun's white light can be dispersed into a "spectrum" of colours

19th Century (1814) J. Fraunhofer measures dark lines in the Sun's spectrum.

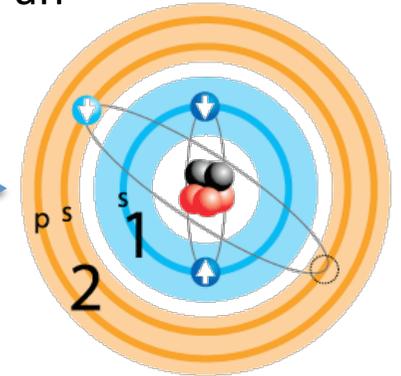
1859: Kirchhoff & Bunsen explain the dark lines in the solar spectrum in terms of absorption by elements in the Sun's surface.
1885: J. Balmer describes the series of lines atomic hydrogen.

This discrete structure required quantum mechanics and Neils Bohr (1913)

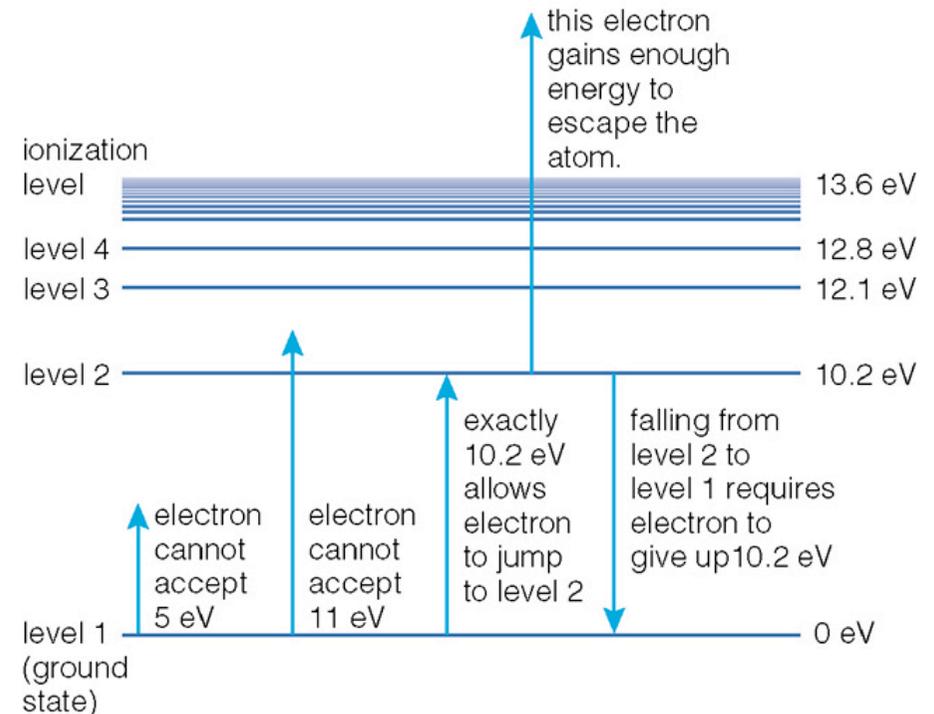


Prerequisites for understanding how the photon interacts with atoms:

- The emission or absorption of a photon is the principal means by which an electron in an atom can increase or decrease its energy
- An atom with all its electrons in the lowest energy configuration is said to be in the **ground state**.
- Any other electron configuration is an **excited state** of the atom.
- What factors determine the energy of the electrons in an atom?
 - Nuclear charge (coulomb): potential energy: inversely proportional to distance from nucleus
 - Electron-electron interactions
 - Spin-orbit interaction: electron spin/induced magnetic field interaction
 - Understand that for a particular electron, these factors sum up to give the potential

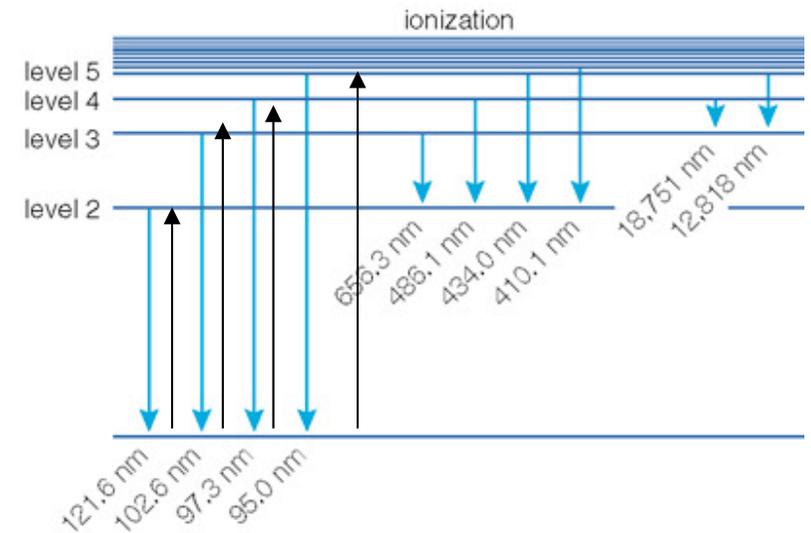


- How can an electron move between states?
 - Increasing or decreasing the energy of a given electron requires the absorption or the emission of a photon
 - Energy can only be increased or decreased in **discrete** amounts which match the energy differences between one electron state (*state = combination of the factors listed above*) and the next.
 - Not all transitions between electron states are possible through the emission of a single photon, some transitions are more likely than others and some are forbidden altogether (conservation of momentum)



The atomic line spectra is an element's fingerprint

- Electron transitions between *energy levels* result in emission or absorption lines.
- The spectral position of these lines are determined by the structure of the atom.
- Every chemical element therefore has its own unique spectral *fingerprint*.
- **Example:** In astronomy the chemical composition of an astronomical object is determined by observing its *absorption or emission spectrum*.
- The spectral lines are not absolutely monochromatic! They are actually an intensity distribution around a specific central wavelength. The width of this intensity distribution is the '**line-width**' of the transition.
- This line-width depends various factors that will be discussed.



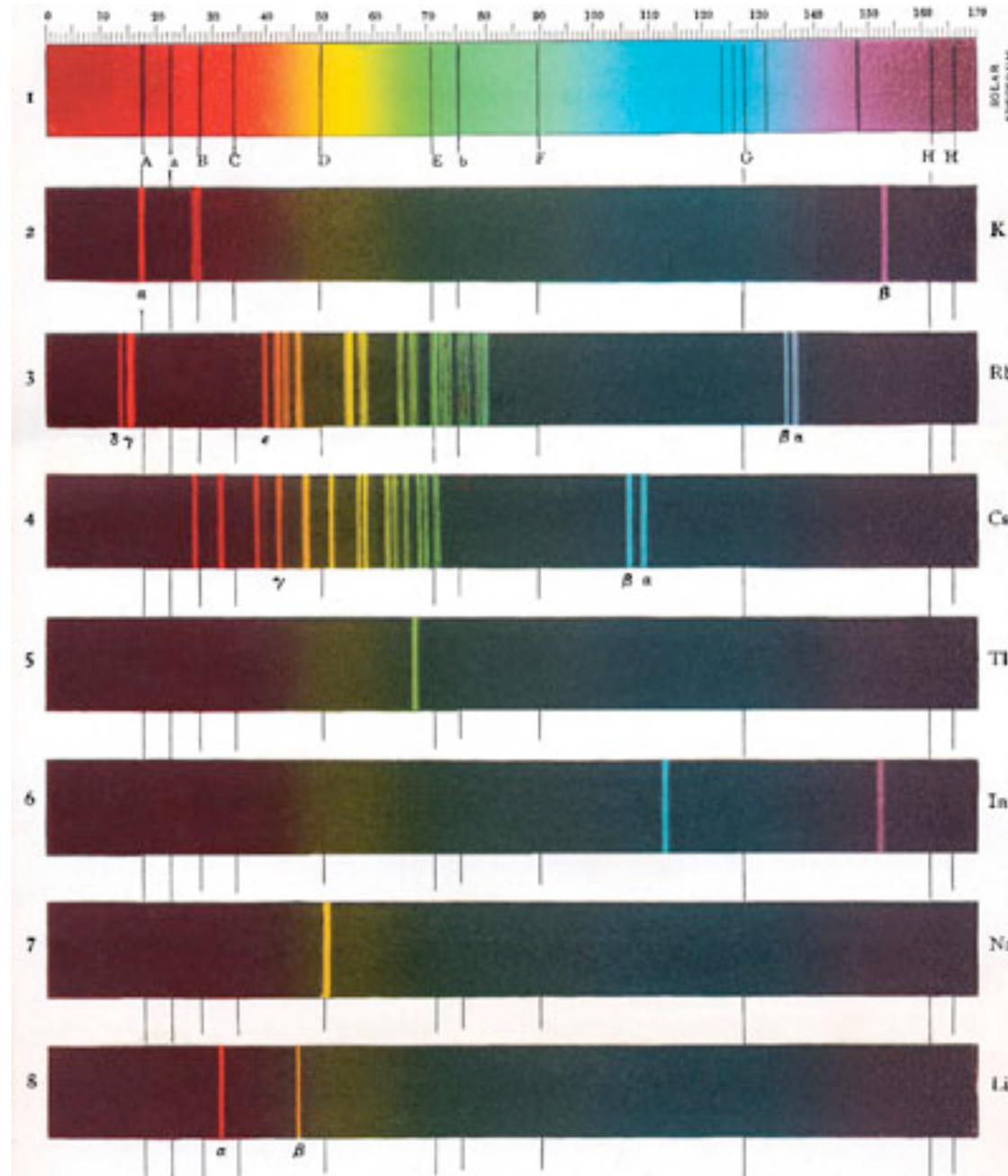
Emission spectrum of Hydrogen



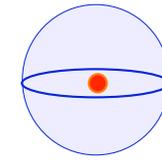
Absorption spectrum of Hydrogen



The atomic line spectra is an element's fingerprint



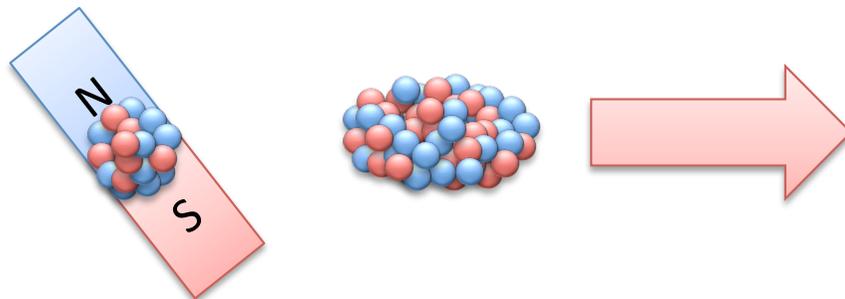
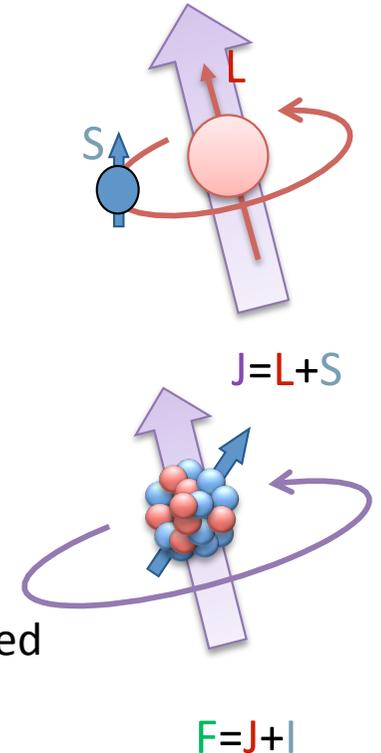
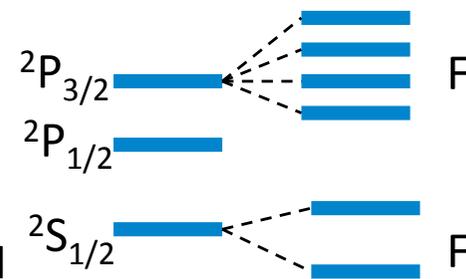
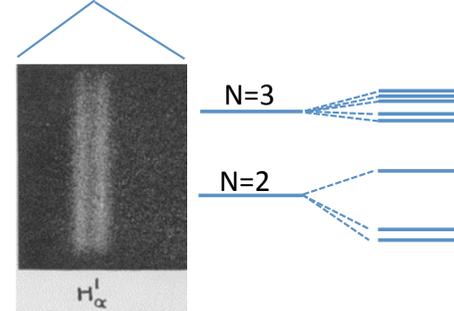
Higher Resolution



- By increasing the resolution by a factor of ~ 5000 a fine structure splitting of the hydrogen is observed: key evidence for the spin of the electron.

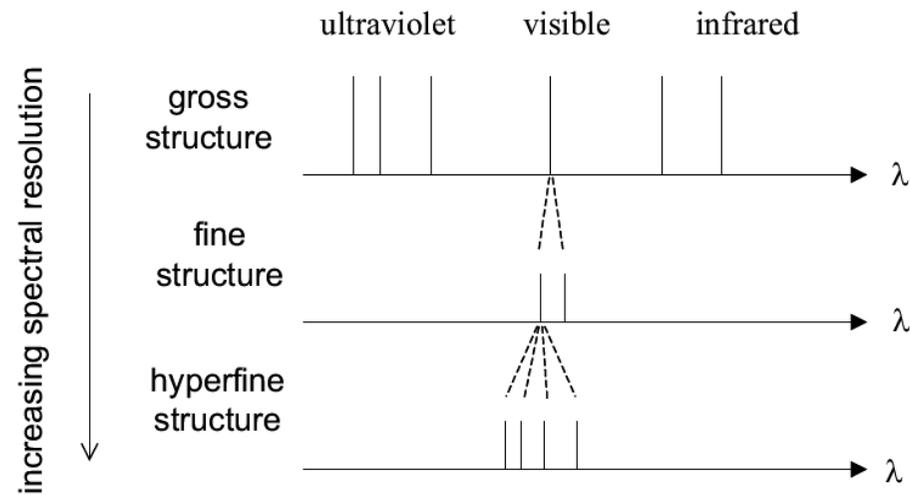
- A further factor of 1000 zoom into the structure reveals finer splitting due to the coupling of the nucleus with the electronic orbital: the hyperfine structure.

- The splitting of the hyperfine structure results from the presence of a permanent magnetic field associated with the nucleus and/or a non-symmetric electric field associated with a deformed nuclear charge distribution.



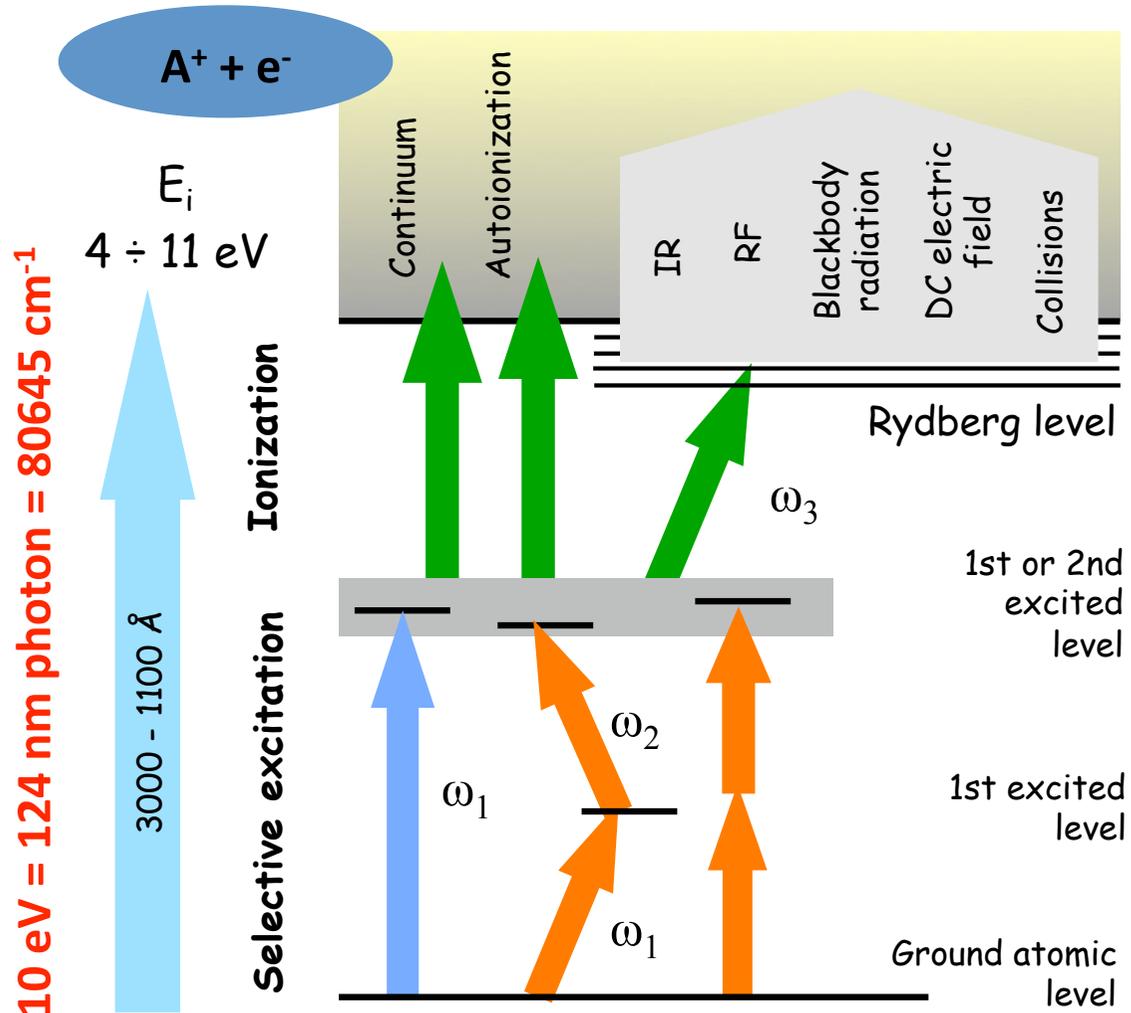
Note – Relevant for part 6 of this course: If we can measure the splitting of the atomic transitions with sufficient resolution it is possible to deduce the nuclear observables (magnetic and electric moments, spin and size) without any model (nuclear) dependence.

Atomic Energy Scales

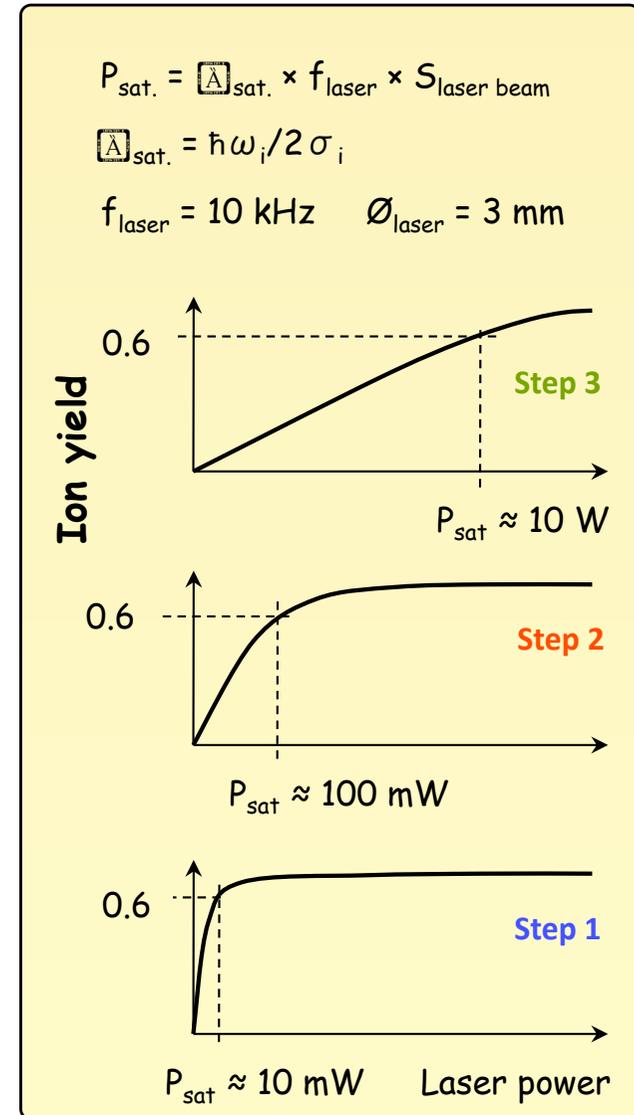


Energy scale	Energy (eV)	Effects
Gross structure	1-10	electron-nuclear attraction Electron kinetic energy Electron-electron repulsion
Fine structure	0.001 - 0.01	Spin-orbit interaction Relativistic corrections
Hyperfine structure	10^{-6} - 10^{-5}	Nuclear interactions

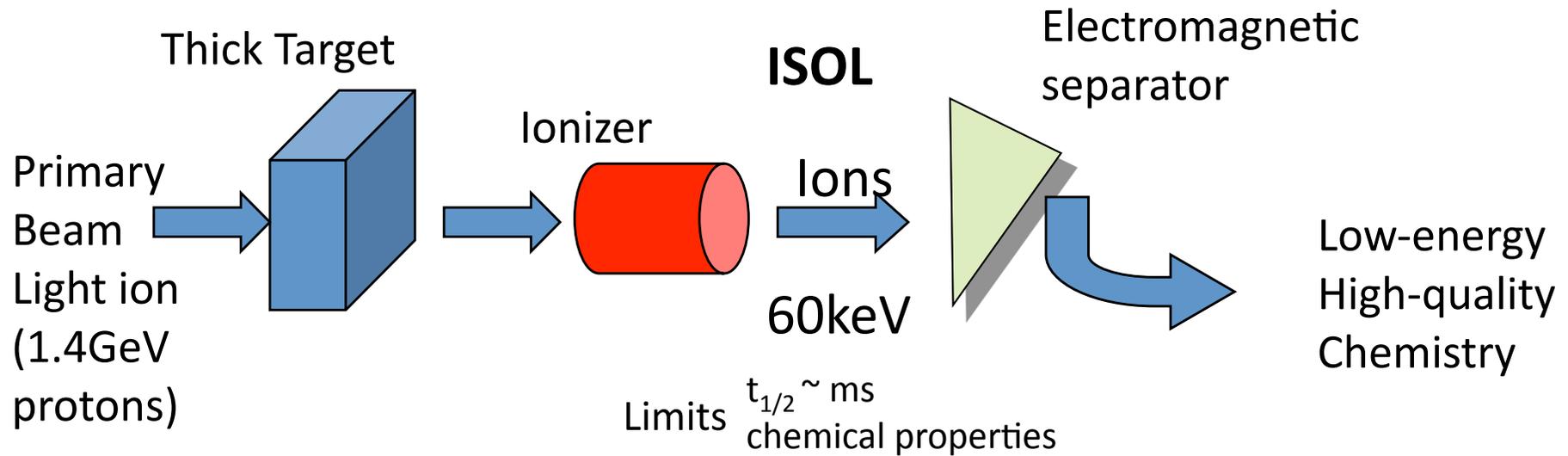
Laser ion source – using this fingerprint for selective ionization



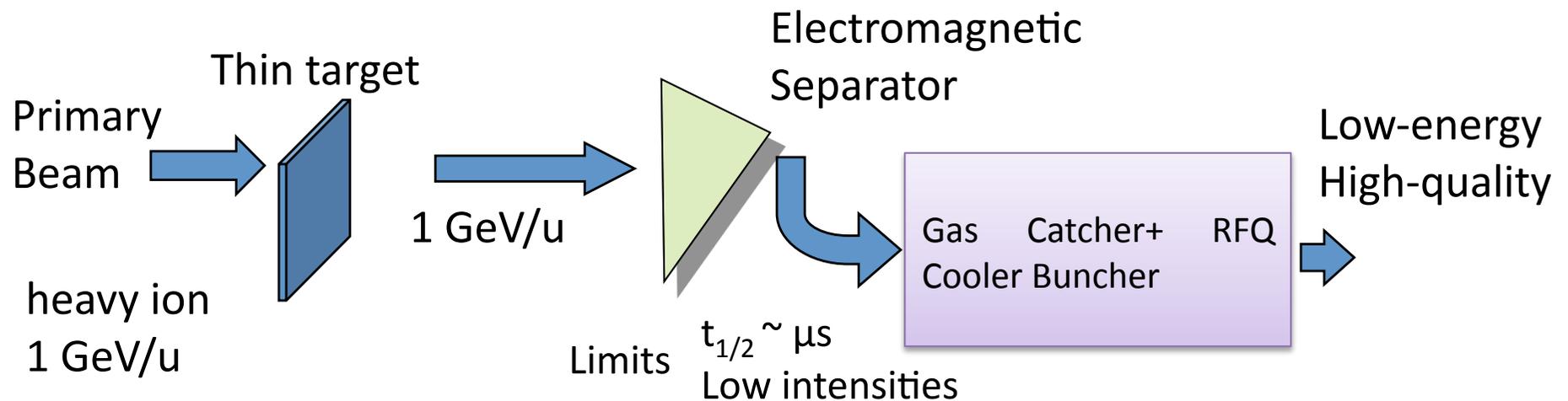
$$\omega_i(\text{laser}) = \omega_i(\text{atom}); \quad P_i(\text{laser}) \geq P_i(\text{saturation})$$



Rare isotope production methods compatible with laser ion sources



In-Flight Fragmentation (GSI)



3) History of the laser ion source



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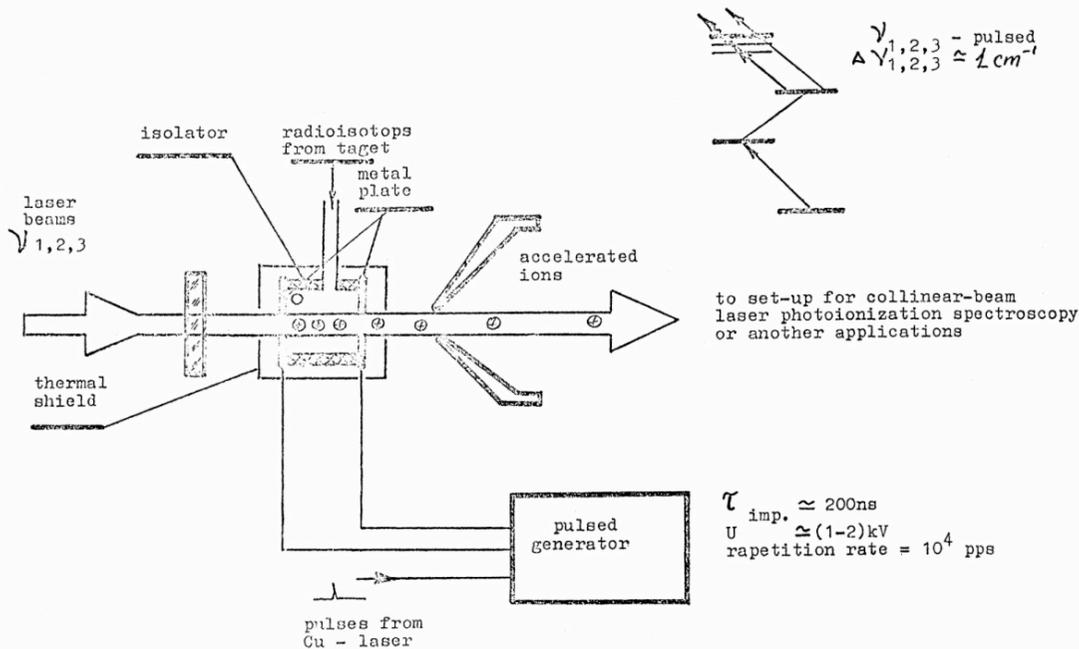
Early proposals: 1984

P R O P O S A L
of the Institute of Spectroscopy, Acad.Sci. USSR
for experiments with ISOLDE-CERN Facility

(V. S. Letokhov and V. I. Mishin)

LASER PHOTOIONIZATION PULSED SOURCE OF
RADIOACTIVE ATOMS

I. Purpose The development of a pulsed isobar-selective effective source of ions at the mass-separator inlet on the basis of the method of laser resonant atomic photoionization.



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1984

On-line in 1985 and beyond
A workshop on the
ISOLDE programme
— ABSTRACTS —

Early proposals: 1988

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PROPOSAL TO THE ISOLDE COMMITTEE

DEVELOPMENT OF A LASER ION SOURCE

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Spokesman: K. Wendt
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SUMMARY

Test experiments at Troitzk and Mainz have demonstrated the feasibility of step-wise multi-photon excitation and final ionisation by pulsed lasers as a selective and efficient tool for the production of isobarically pure ion beams. The development of a new type of ion source based on this concept is proposed. In combination with existing targets, this will open up the way to a further extension in respect to purity and availability for a number of elements at on-line mass separator facilities. The collaboration proposes to use the CERN-ISOLDE off-line separator for tests of appropriate target ion source configurations with respect to efficiency and purity. After successful development the laser ion source shall be installed as an additional facility at the IS-3 separator.

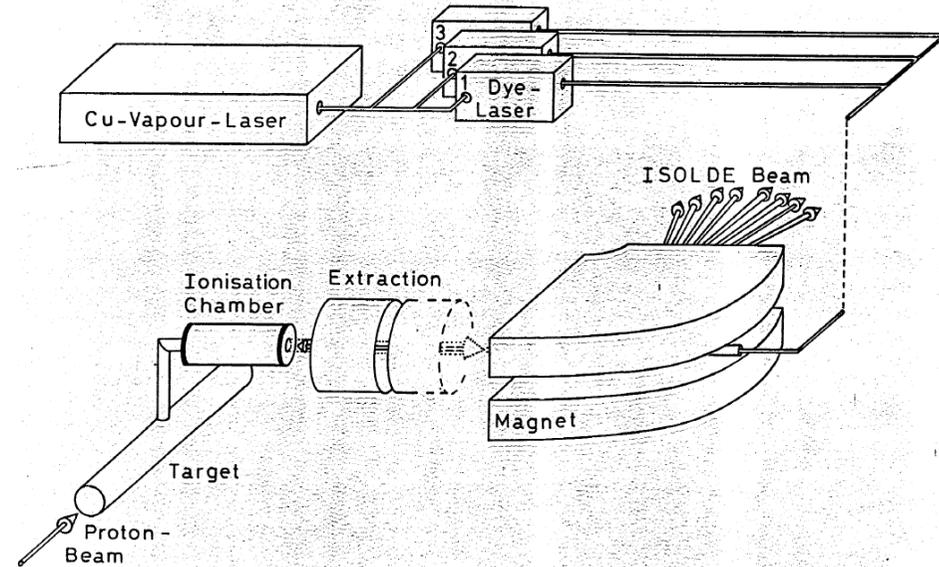
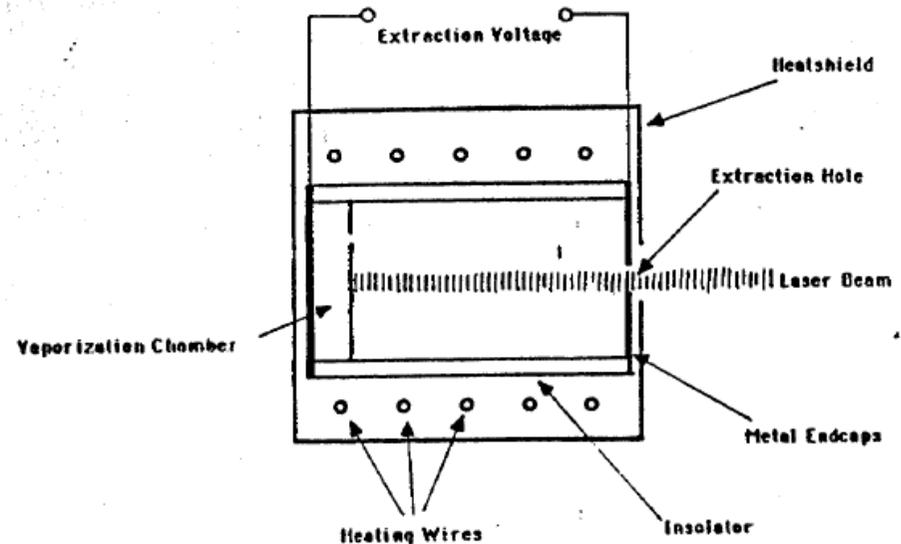


Fig. 5: General layout of the experimental set-up at the off-line separator



Ionization in a hot metal cavity

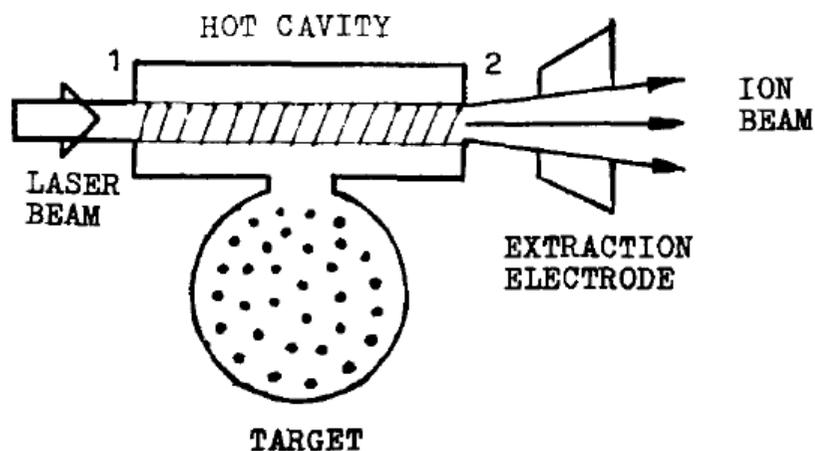
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Application of a high efficiency selective laser ion source at the IRIS facility

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Demonstrated:

Yb, Nd, Ho - off-line

Ho - on-line

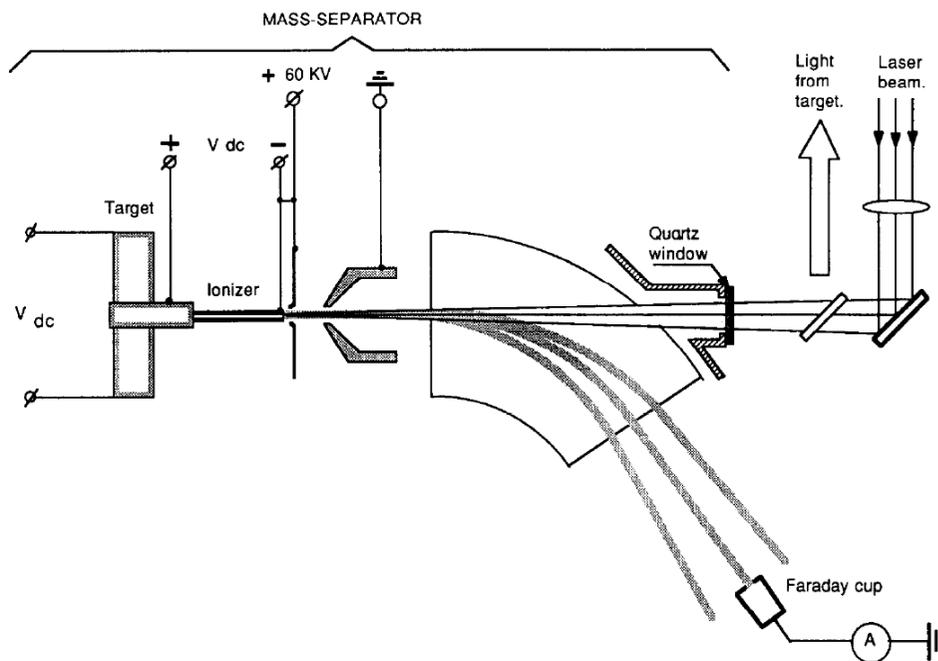
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Chemically selective laser ion-source for the CERN–ISOLDE on-line mass separator facility

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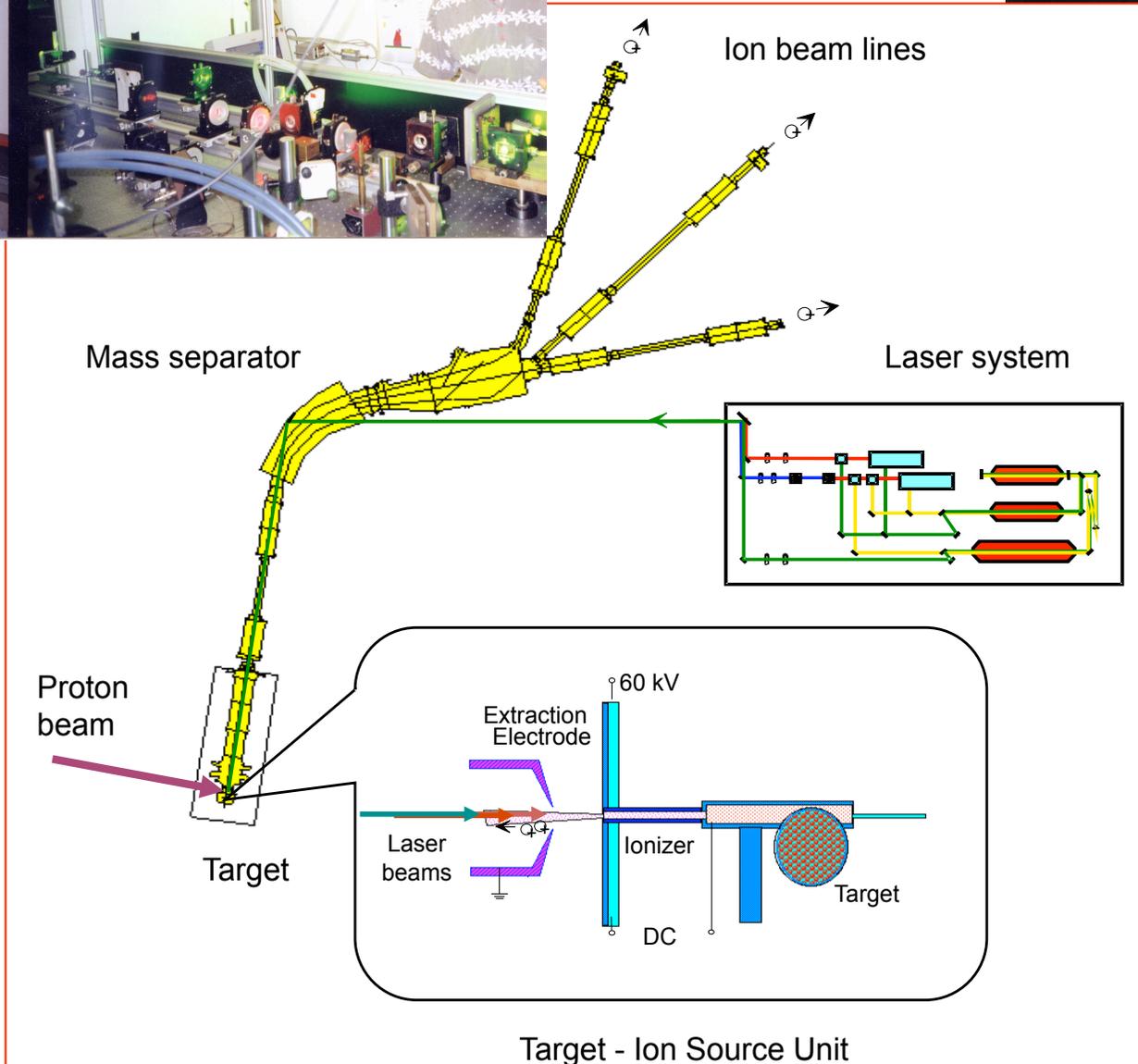
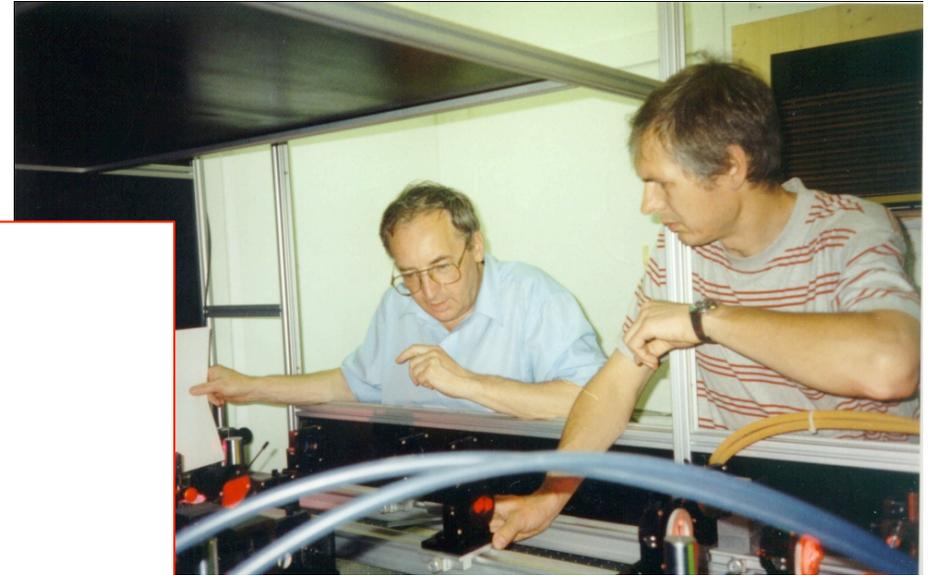
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Yb, Tm, Sn, Li - off-line

Yb - on-line

RILIS at ISOLDE-PSB



CVL lasers: $\nu_{\text{rep}} = 11.000 \text{ Hz}$
 Oscillator + 2 amplifiers
 2-3 dye lasers with amplifiers,
 nonlinear crystals BBO:

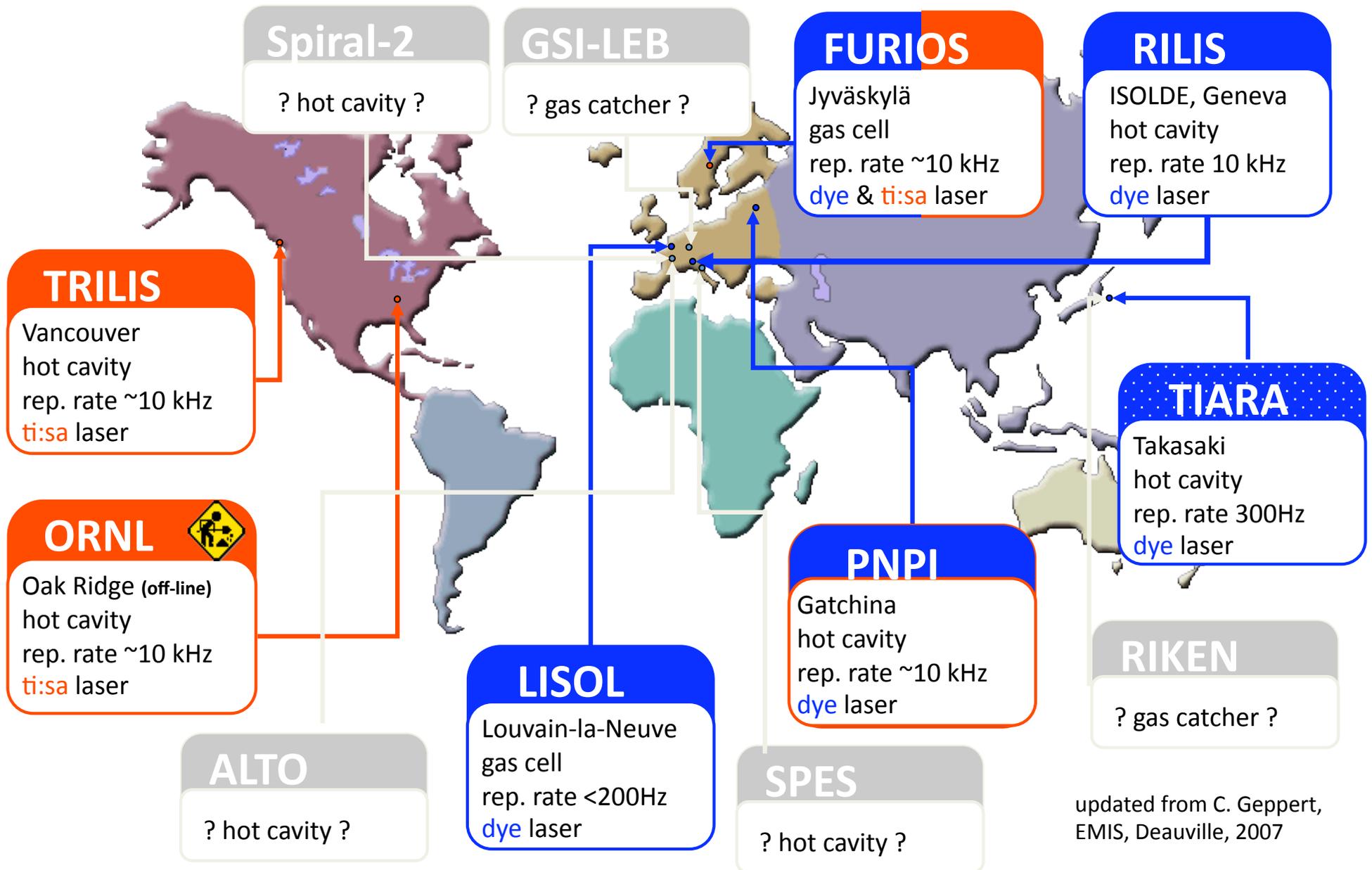
$$P_{\text{Cu}}^{\text{total}} \leq 75 \text{ W}$$

$$P_{\text{dye}} \leq 8 \text{ W}$$

$$P_{2\omega} \leq 2 \text{ W}$$

$$P_{3\omega} \leq 0.2 \text{ W}$$

Resonance laser ion sources worldwide



updated from C. Geppert, EMIS, Deauville, 2007

**A) RESONANCE IONIZATION
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4) Case example: Building a laser ion source at ISOLDE

i) laser/atom interaction region

- temperature
- geometry
- interaction time

ii) Defining laser requirements

- Power
- Repetition rate
- Beam quality
- Tuning range
- Linewidth

iii) Suitable laser types

- Dye laser
- Ti:Sa
- Pump lasers
- Harmonic generation

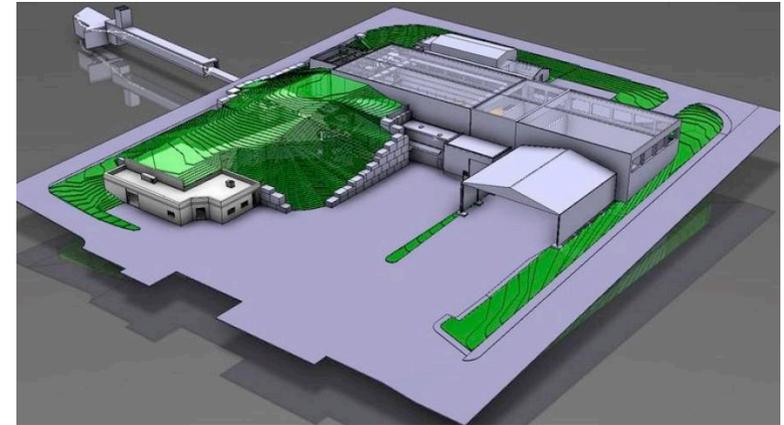
iv) Laser beam delivery

- Transport
- Measurement
- Monitoring
- Timing
- Maintenance

Building a laser ion source at an ISOL facility such as ISOLDE



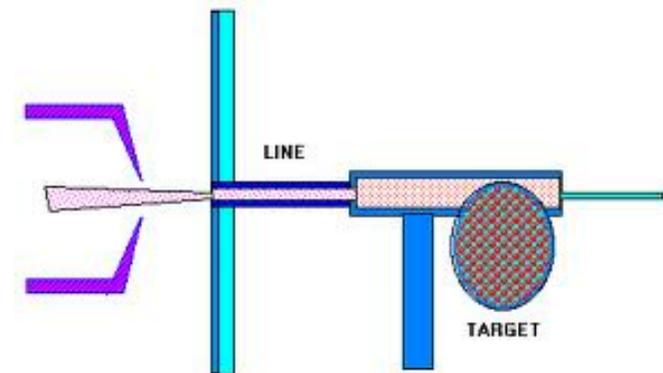
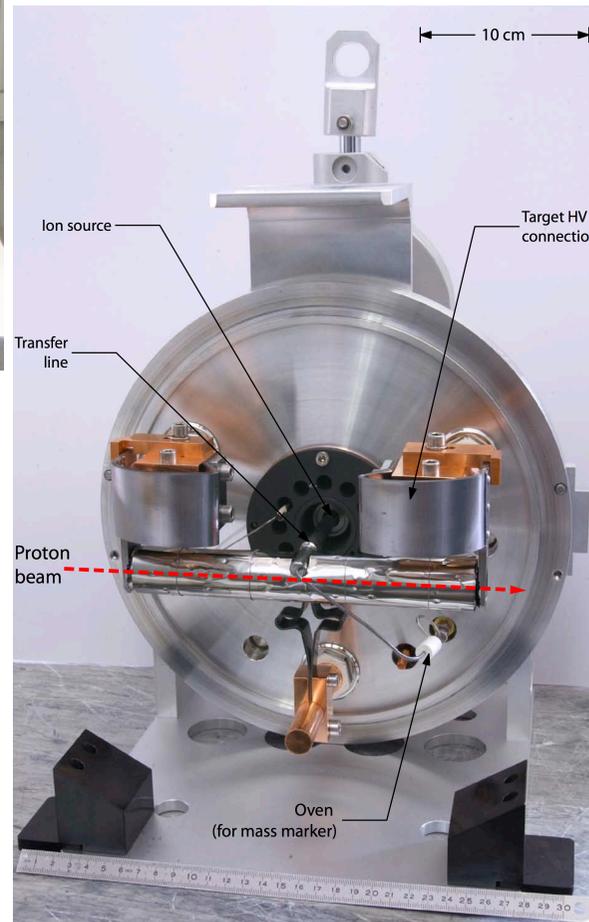
Where do we put the laser ion source?



Requested features:

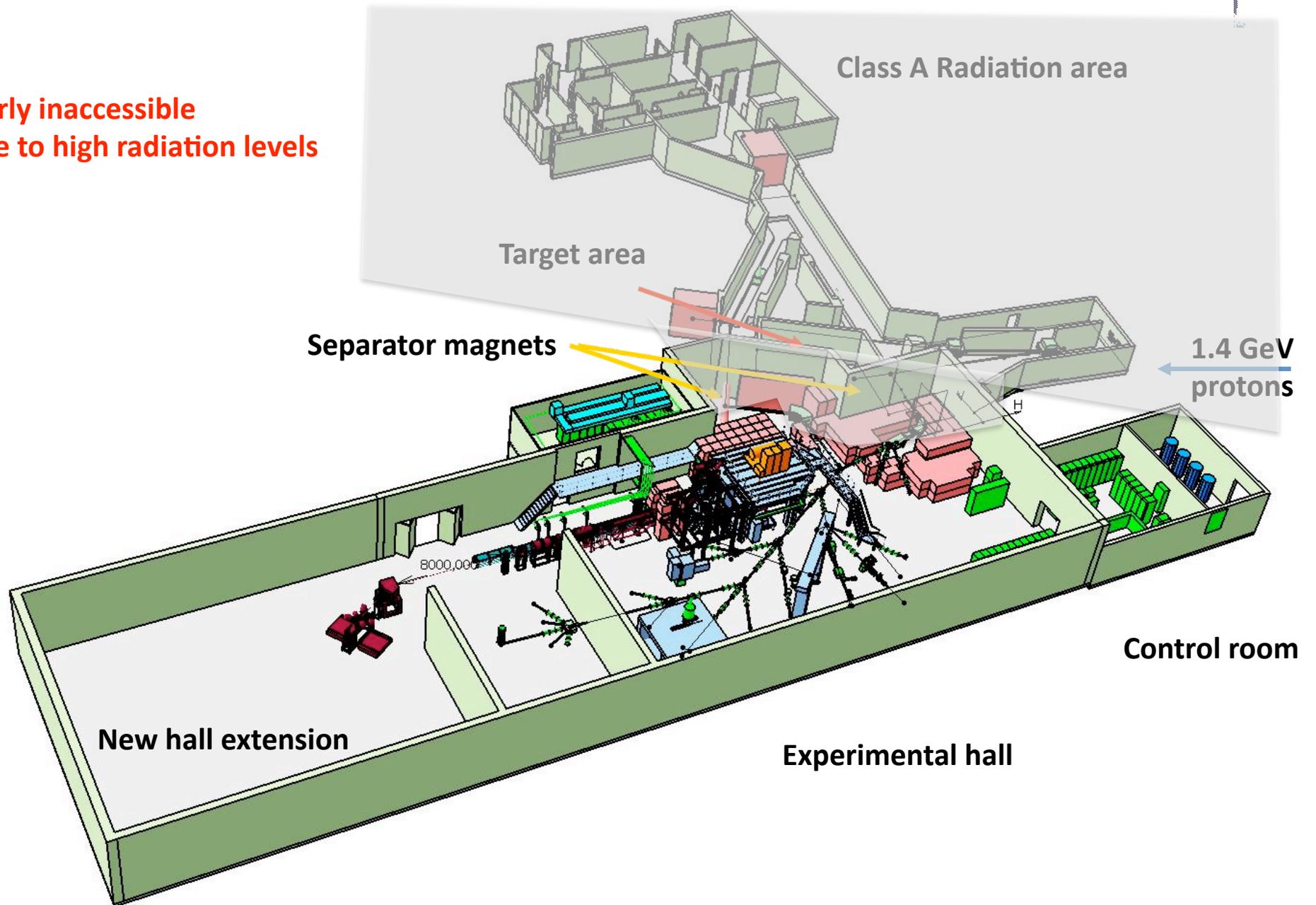
- Universal
- Selective
- Efficient
- Reliable
- Fast

What is the optimal laser ion source configuration for ISOLDE?

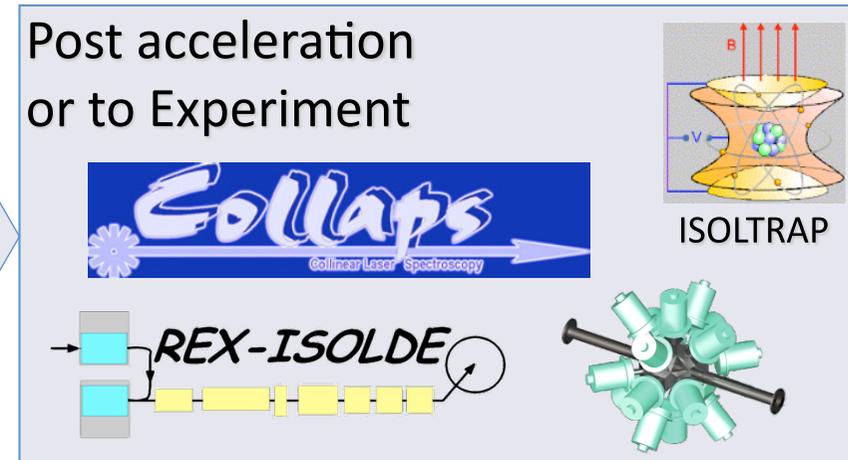
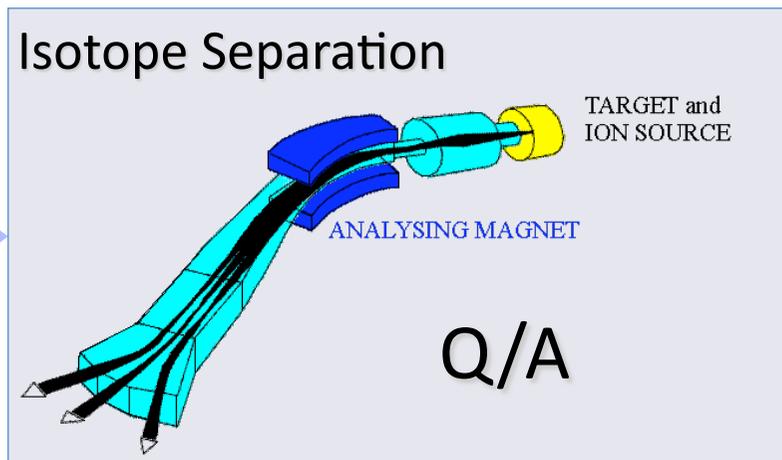
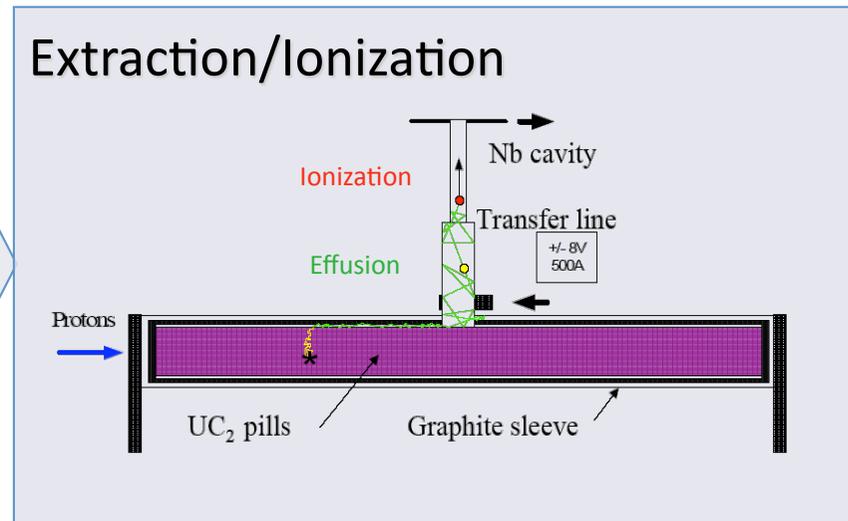
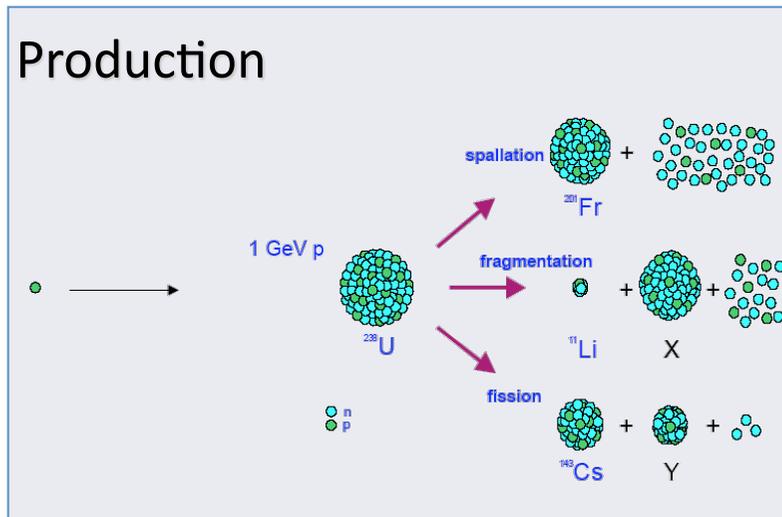


The ISOLDE Laboratory

Fairly inaccessible
due to high radiation levels

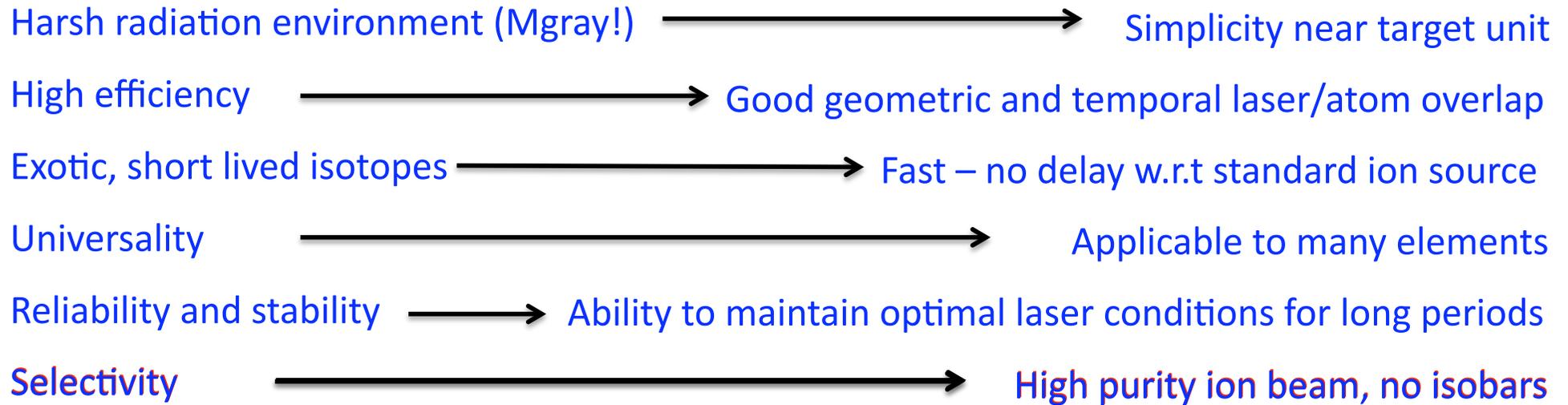


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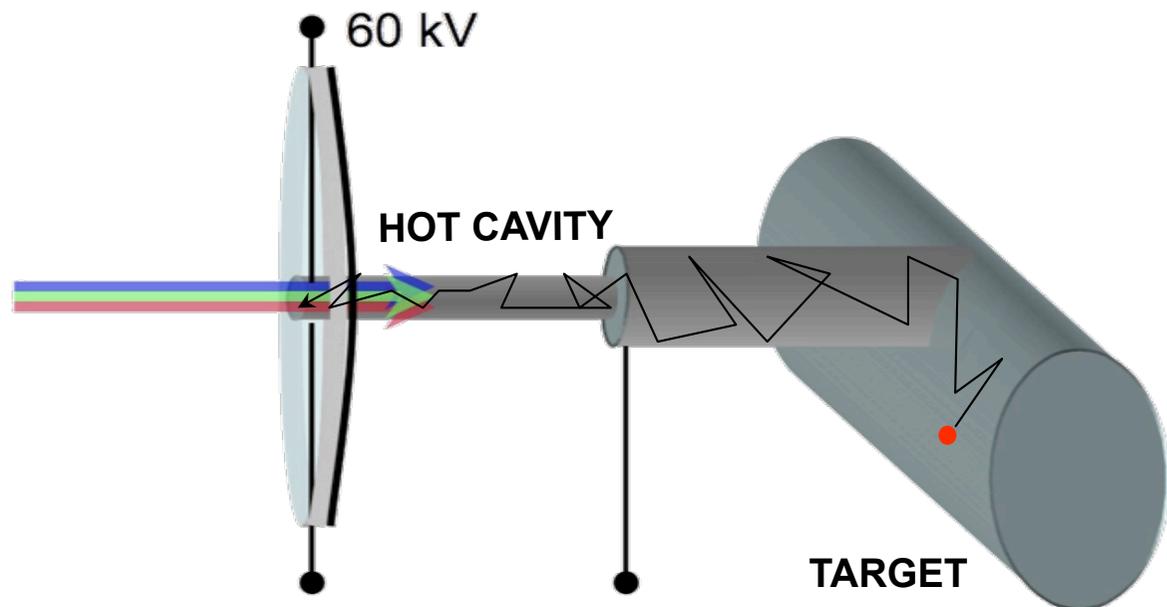
Fast, Efficient, Universal and Selective!

What are the considerations based on what we already know about the laser ionization principle and the ISOLDE target/ion source unit:

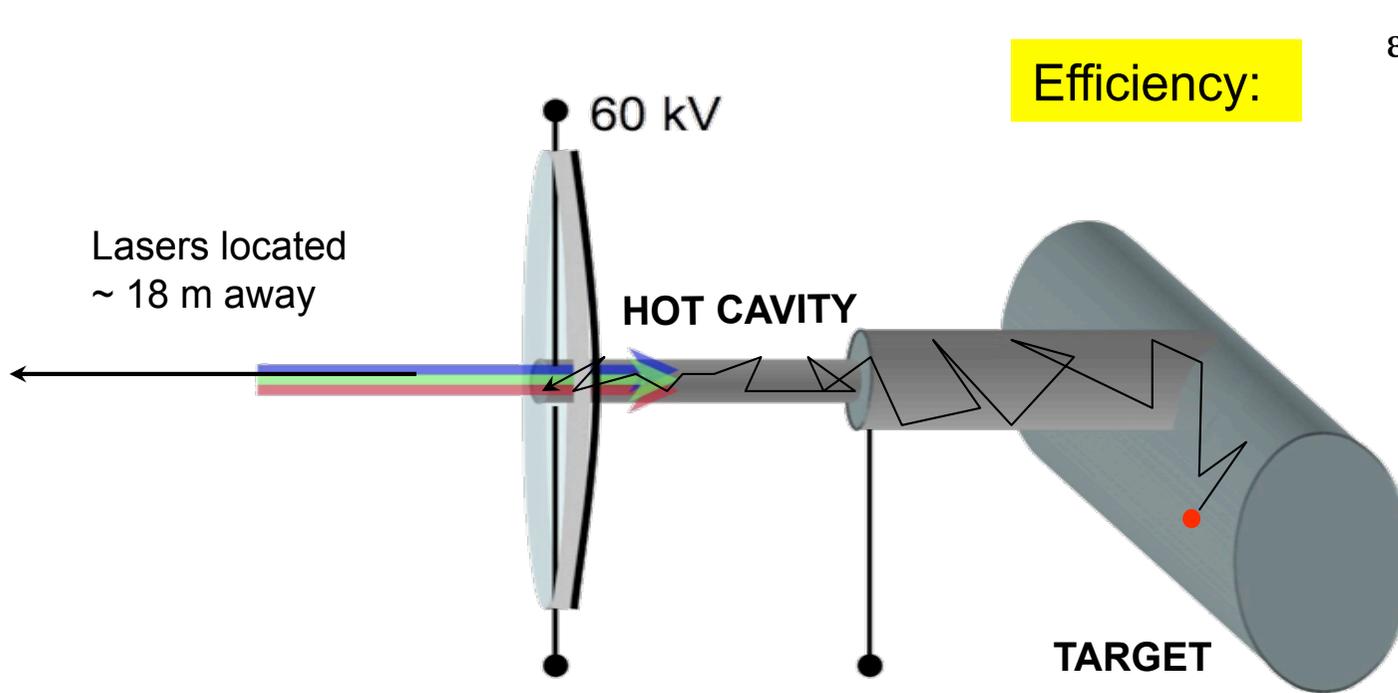


The hot surface ion source cavity

- A good laser /atom interaction region?



The Hot Cavity Laser Ion Source



Efficiency:

$$\epsilon = \frac{P_{\text{Ionisation}}}{P_{\text{Ionisation}} + P_{\text{Effusion}}}$$

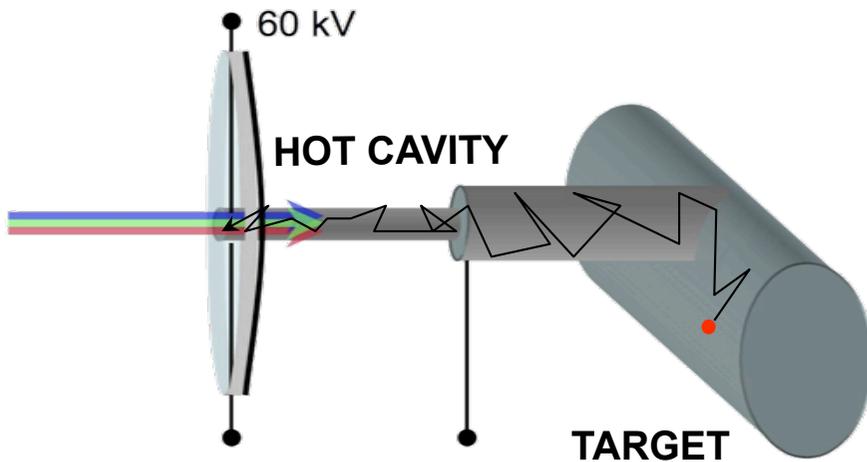
$$\text{Selectivity} = \frac{\text{Laser Ionization Efficiency}}{\text{Surface Ionization Efficiency}}$$

=> depends on the ionization potentials of isobar atoms

$$\epsilon_{\text{laser}} = 2\% - 30\%$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{surface}} \begin{cases} > 5\% & \text{- alkalis} \\ = 0.1\% - 2\% & \text{- In, Ga, Ba, lanthanides} \\ < 0.1\% & \text{- others} \end{cases}$$

Features of the hot cavity that influence the application of RILIS:



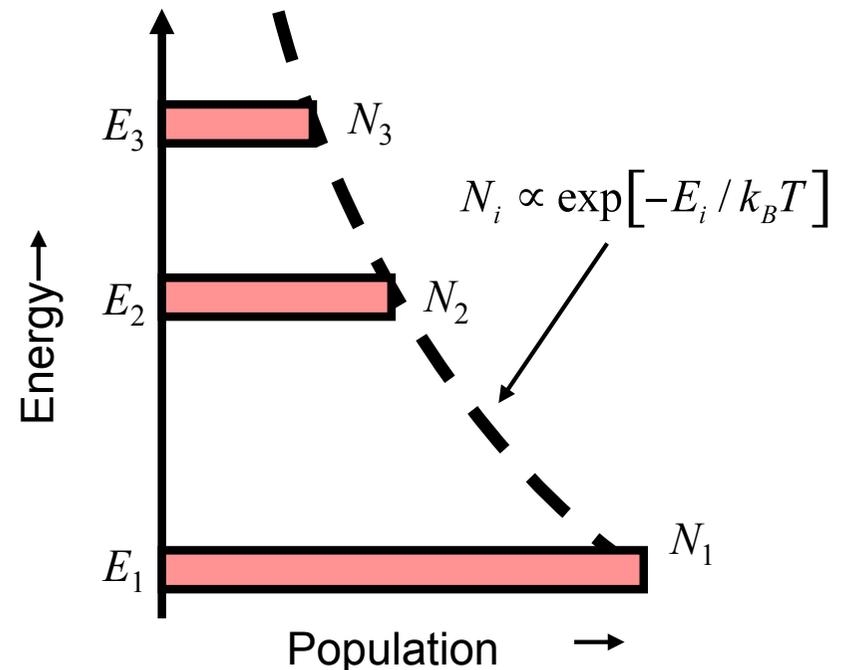
- Effusion time → Laser repetition rate
- High temperature → Laser linewidth
atomic transitions
- Electron emission → Extraction efficiency
- Surface ionization → Selectivity

Chemistry dependant : wall sticking is greater for less volatile elements but typical effusion times through the hot cavity is **100-200 μs**

Thermal population of low lying excited atomic states

Surface ionization

Doppler broadening

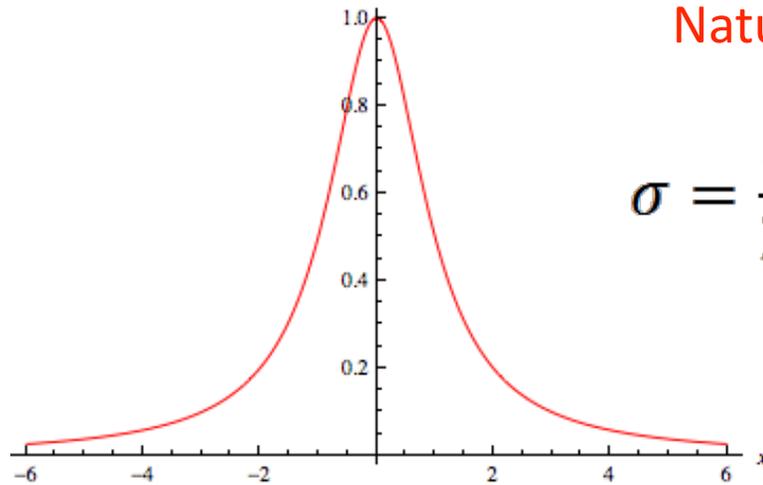


Line broadening mechanisms:

Natural linewidth determined by the *spontaneous emission* lifetime of the state

Uncertainty principle:

$$\Delta E \Delta t = \frac{\hbar}{2}$$



Natural linewidth has Lorentzian shape:

$$\sigma = \frac{\lambda^2}{2\pi} \left\{ \frac{1}{1 + [4\pi\tau(\nu - \nu_0)]^2} \right\}$$

$$FWHM = 1/2\pi\tau$$

For upper state lifetime of 10 ns, $\Delta\nu = 16$ MHz

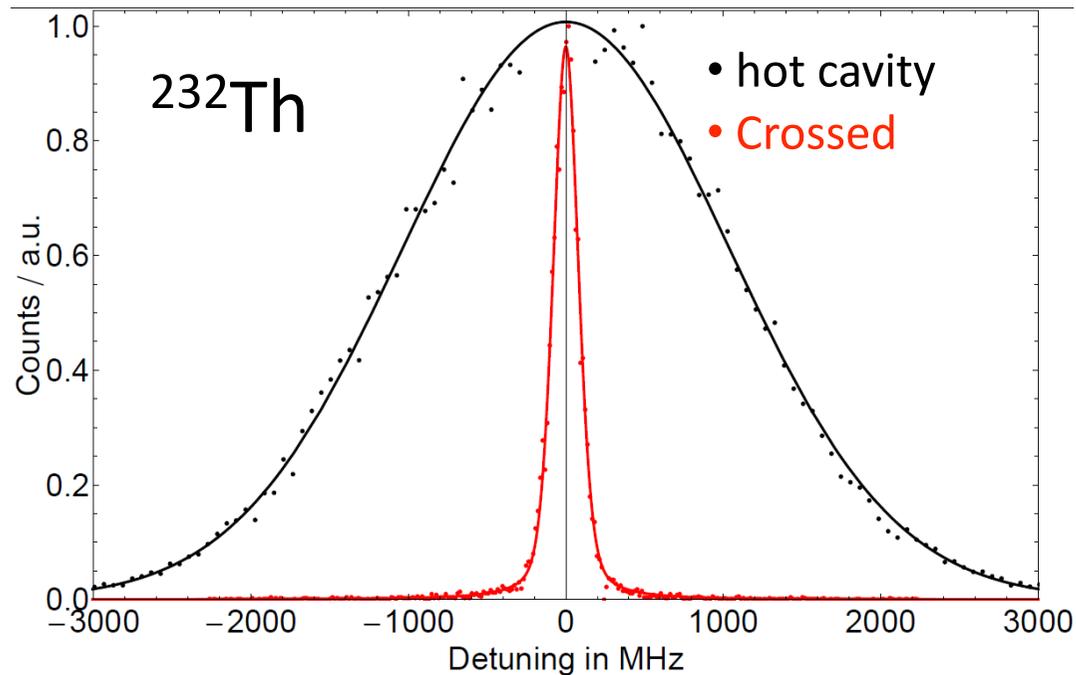
When an atom is in thermal motion we get **Doppler broadening**. An atomic vapour has a Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution of velocities:

$$P(v_x) \propto \exp\left(-mv_x^2/2kT\right)$$

The velocity of the atoms Doppler shifts the absorption frequency to

$$v = v_0 \left(1 \pm \frac{v_x}{c} \right)$$

The velocity spread leads to a Doppler broadening: $\Delta\nu_D = v_0 \frac{\Delta v}{c}$



$$FWHM = \sqrt{8kT \ln 2 / mc^2} v_0$$

Example: $0 \rightarrow 38278 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ transition

Natural linewidth: 35 MHz

Spectral linewidth:

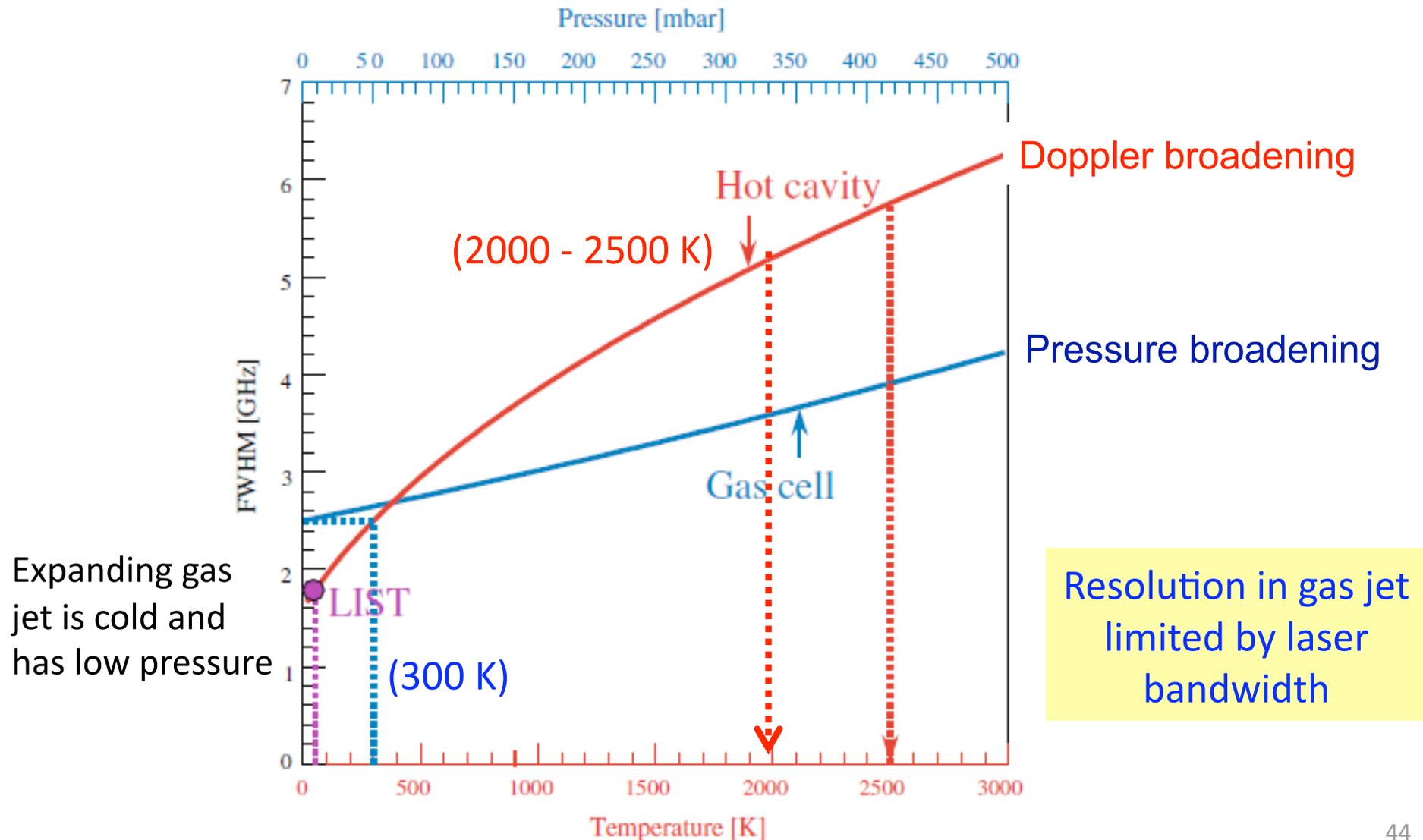
2.4 GHz (hot cavity)

~170 MHz (crossed)

The Doppler broadening is often comparable to or greater than HFS or IS effects!

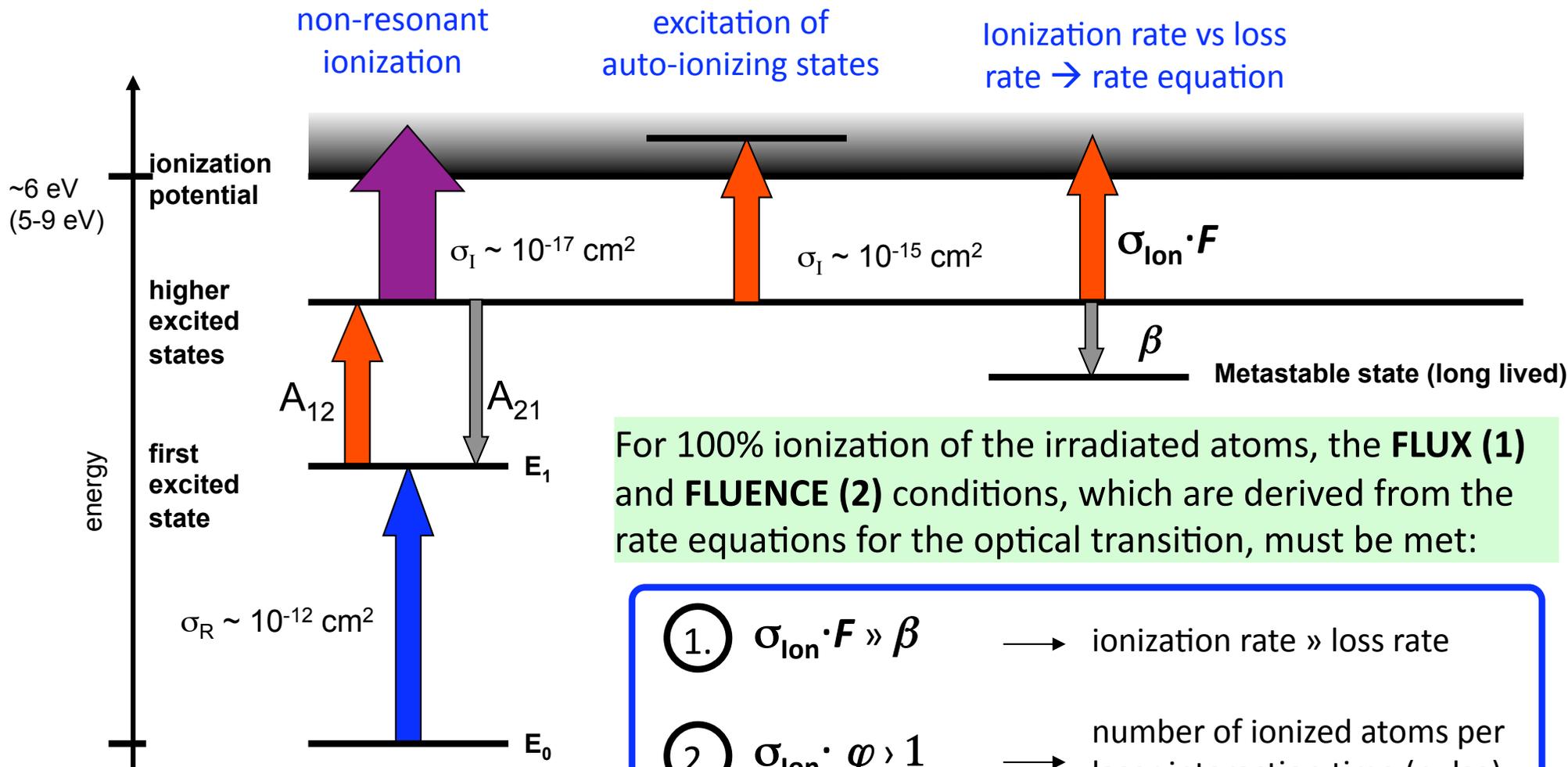
Broadening: Hot cavity vs Gas cell

By simulating the spectral linewidth of the 244 nm Cu transition, assuming a laser linewidth of 1.6 GHz, we can compare the effect of environmental conditions:



Expanding gas jet is cold and has low pressure

Resolution in gas jet limited by laser bandwidth



For 100% ionization of the irradiated atoms, the **FLUX (1)** and **FLUENCE (2)** conditions, which are derived from the rate equations for the optical transition, must be met:

- 1. $\sigma_{\text{ion}} \cdot F \gg \beta$ \rightarrow ionization rate \gg loss rate
- 2. $\sigma_{\text{ion}} \cdot \varphi > 1$ \rightarrow number of ionized atoms per laser interaction time (pulse)

σ_{ion} ionization cross section (non-resonant) (cm^2)
 β loss rates to (metastable) states etc, state dependent
 F photon flux ($\text{cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)
 φ photon fluence (=photon flux \cdot laser interaction time)

What do these conditions mean for the **laser power** for a non resonant ionization step?

typical values: $\sigma_{\text{ion}} \rightarrow 10^{-17} \text{ cm}^2$
 $\beta \rightarrow 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$

For simplicity and to have a safe margin lets assume a laser beam area of 10 mm^2 and a photon energy of 3 eV .

3 eV photons (2.33 eV = 532 nm)

From (1): Flux $F \gg 10^{24} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
 \rightarrow # photons required $\gg 10^{22} / \text{s}$

$\gg 5000 \text{ W}$
 Impossible with CW laser !!

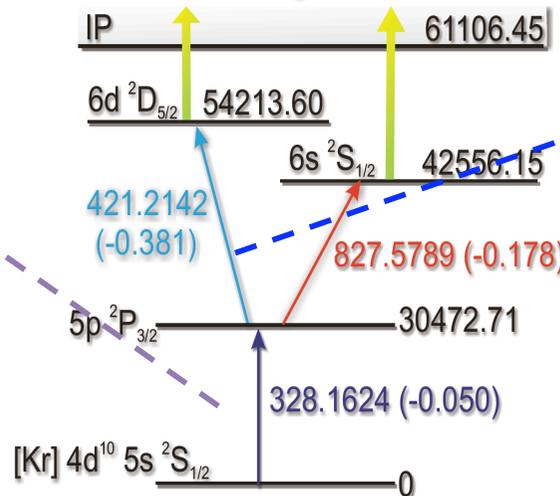
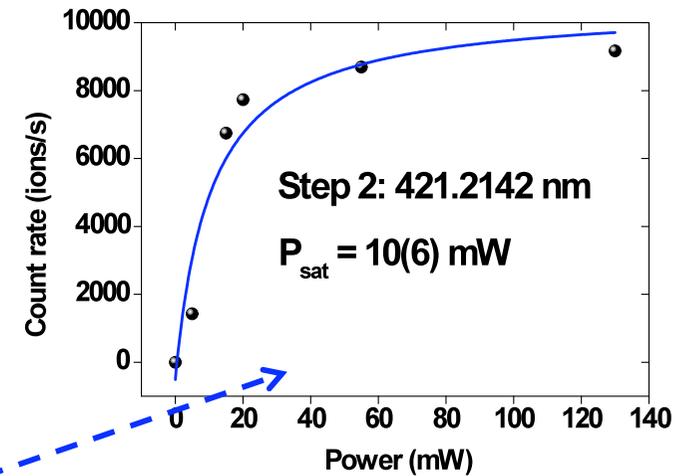
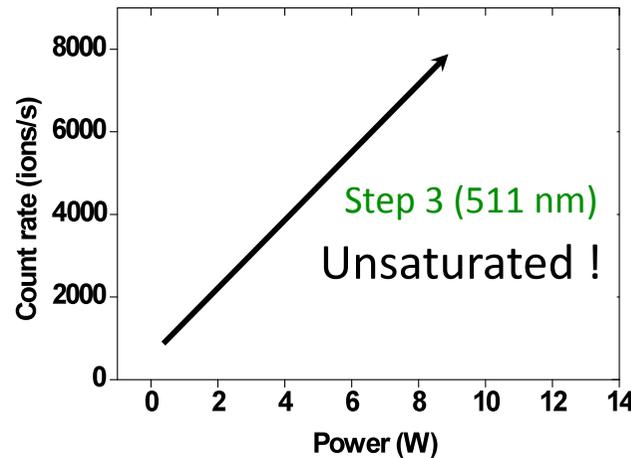
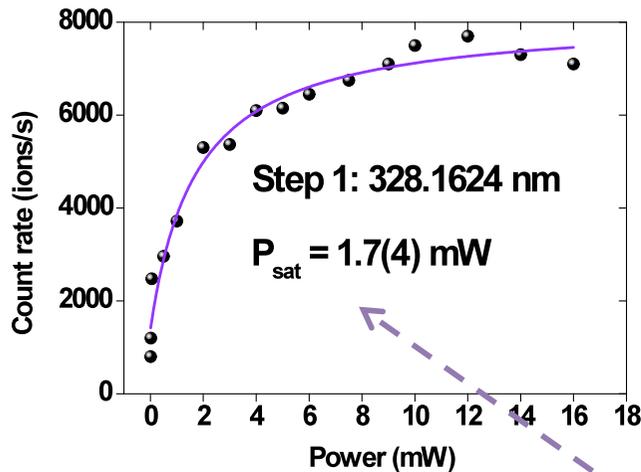
But with a **pulsed** laser system:
 Typical pulse length is 10 ns.

$\gg 50 \mu\text{J}/\text{pulse}$
 No problem !!

But with the limited laser
 interaction time **Fluence (2)**
 condition becomes more difficult

$> 5 \text{ mJ}/\text{pulse}$
 ($> 50 \text{ W}$ at 10kHz!)

Ex.: Ag ionization



How does the degree of saturation influence the efficiency or required precision of laser tuning ?

Resonant saturation parameter:

$$S_0 = I/I_{sat}$$

$$I_{sat} = \frac{\pi \hbar c}{3\lambda^3 \tau}$$

The population of the excited state:

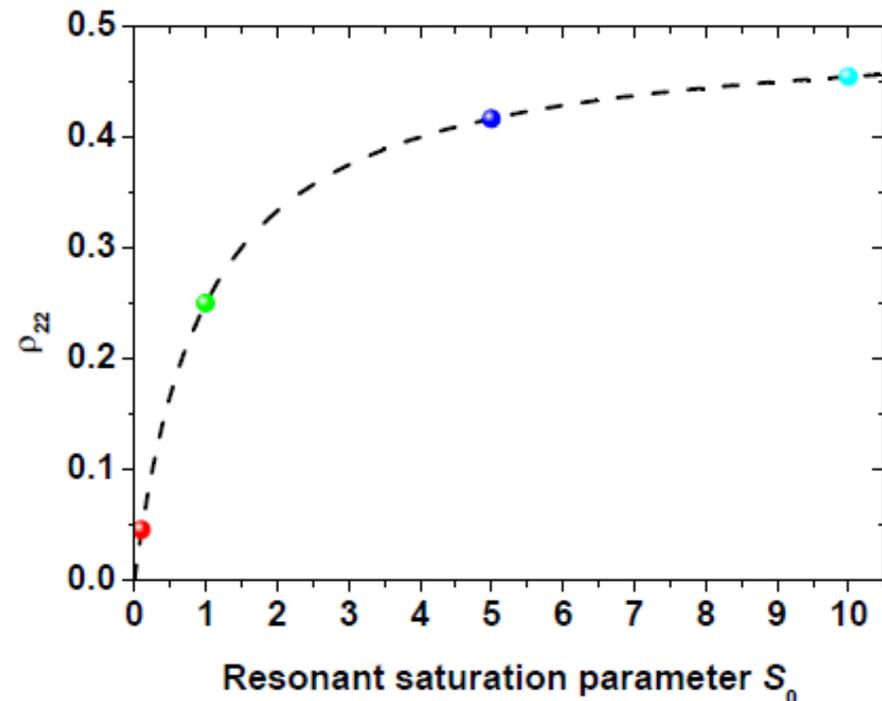
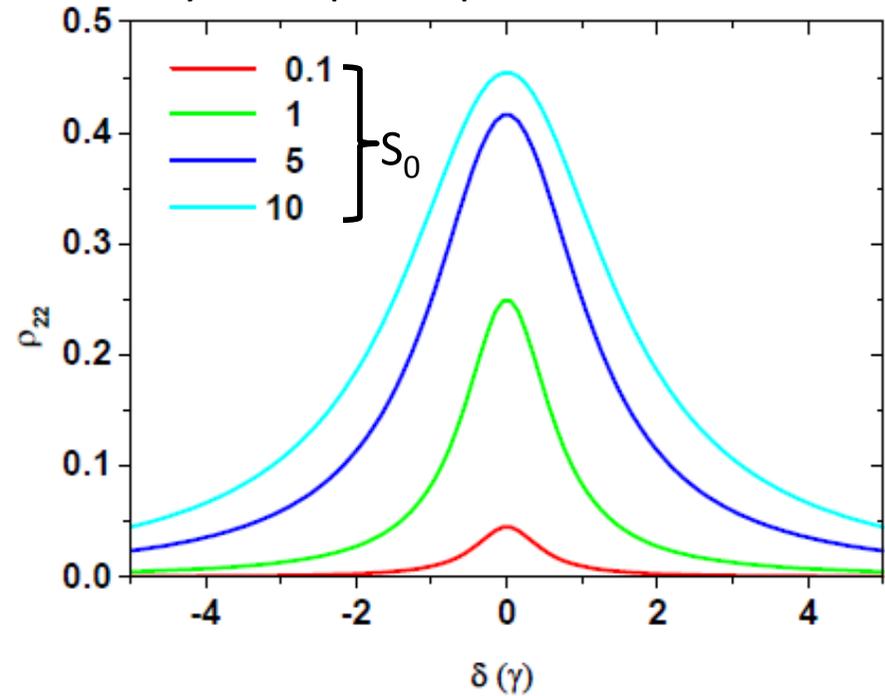
$$\rho = \frac{S}{2(S + 1)}$$

where S , the saturation parameter, is a Lorentzian function with FWHM Γ :

$$S = \frac{S_0}{1 + 4\delta^2/\Gamma^2}$$

When the laser frequency is on resonance, i.e. when $\delta=0$:

$$\rho = \frac{S_0}{2(S_0 + 1)} = \frac{I/I_{sat}}{2(I/I_{sat} + 1)}$$



So we now understand that for efficient laser ionization we need pulsed, tunable lasers, preferably with Al or Rydberg ionization, and that each transition should be “saturated”. *The duty cycle is also something to bear in mind.*

However, for a **laser ion source** the ionization efficiency is not the only important requirement, what about the **optical selectivity**? This is defined as the ratio of the probability of exciting the selected isotope to the probability of exciting other isotopes or elements.

Excitation probability of an atom in a laser beam whose frequency is tuned near resonance:

$$P \propto \frac{1}{\delta^2 + \frac{\Gamma^2}{4}}$$

When the laser is in resonance with a selected isotope and $\Delta \gg \Gamma$,

$$S \sim 4 \times \frac{\Delta^2}{\Gamma^2} \quad (\Delta \text{ is the atomic resonance difference between isotope of interest and a "contaminating" isotope/element).)$$

eg. Kr isotopes, $\Gamma \sim 6$ MHz, $\Delta \sim 100$ MHz (neighbouring isotopes): $S \sim 1000$

$\Delta \sim 10^{15}$ Hz (krypton to bromine): $S \sim 10^{17}$!!!

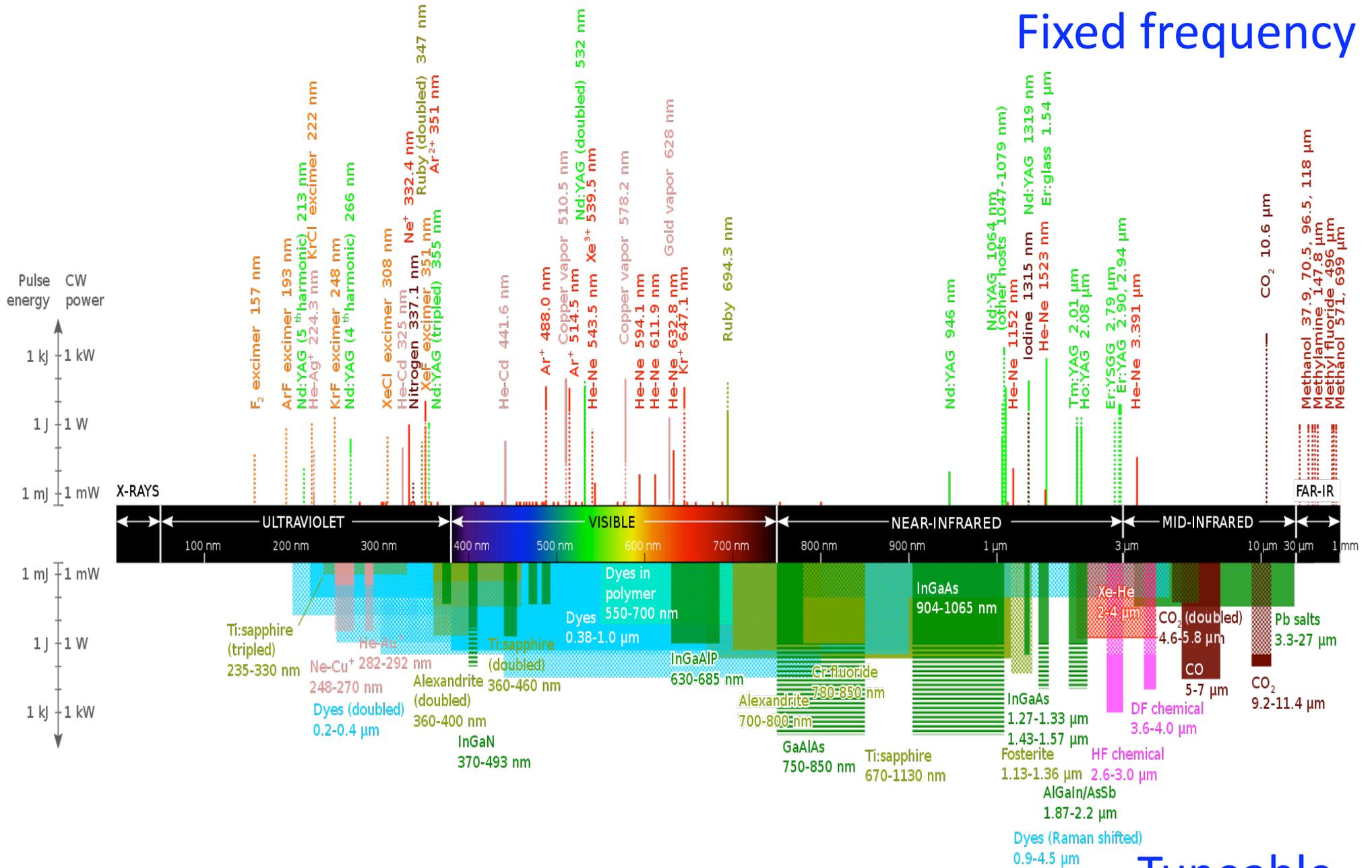
and multi-step excitation: $S = S_1 \cdot S_2 \dots \cdot S_n$. But in reality S is less due to broadening ☹️

Summary of laser parameters that are required:

- Difficult to saturate transitions, especially ionization step
 - pulsed lasers with high energy per pulse (mJ).
- Broadening in hot cavity
 - laser linewidth to match broadening for resonant transitions (1-10 GHz)
- Finite residence time of atoms (~ 100 us)
 - High repetition rate (> 10 kHz)
- Large range of elements required
 - broad wavelength tuning range
- Multi step ionization
 - > 2 tunable lasers required
- Heavy reliance on laser ion source and large demand
 - Reliability and flexibility, ease of use for quick element switching
- Long distance of transmission of beams and inaccessible areas
 - good beam quality, broadband optics, reference points, monitoring

What laser types meet these requirements

Fixed frequency



Tuneable

Ti:Sapphire laser

- Optically active component is Ti^{3+} *<1% by weight*
- Host solid is sapphire (Al_2O_3)
- Ti interacts with solid so the E_2 , E_1 broadened significantly. The atoms in the solid vibrate and interact with the Ti atoms.
- Gain bandwidth huge (100 THz): this enables either:
 - **tunable laser (if you add frequency selective elements)**
 - ultra short pulse laser (*uncertainty principle*)

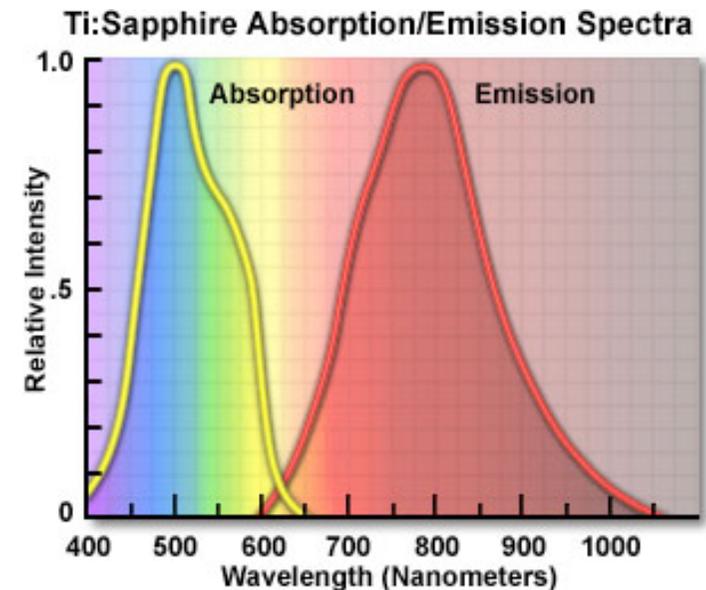
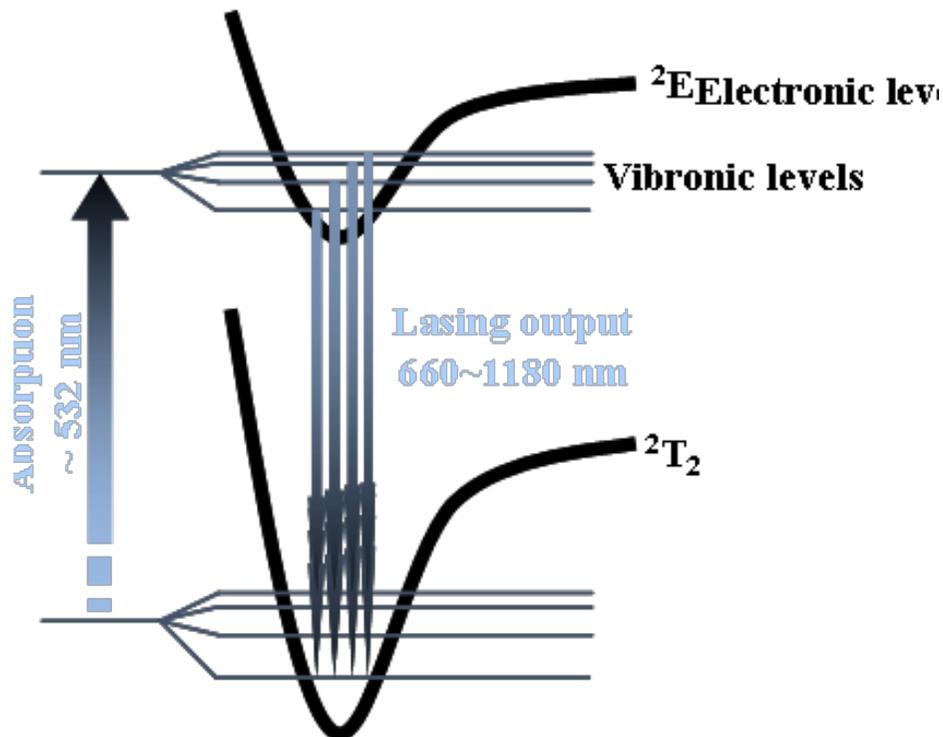
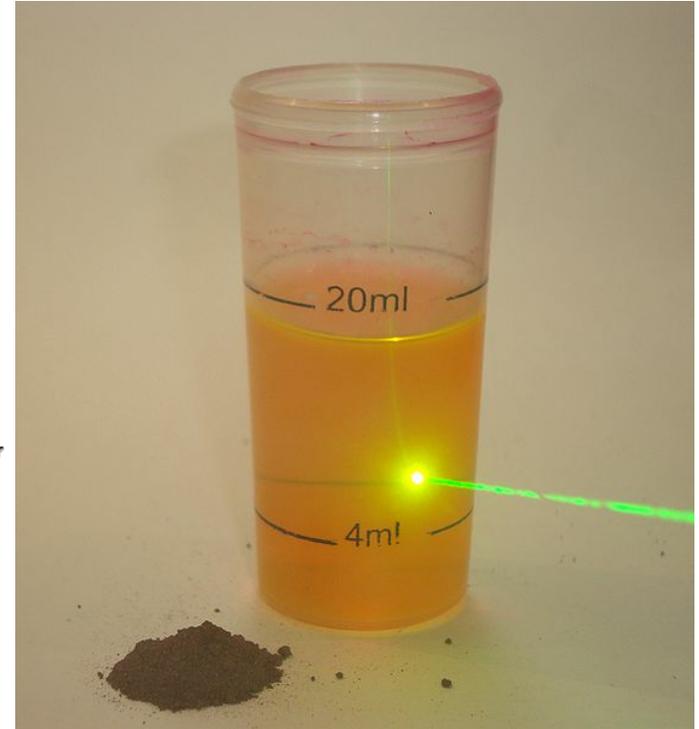
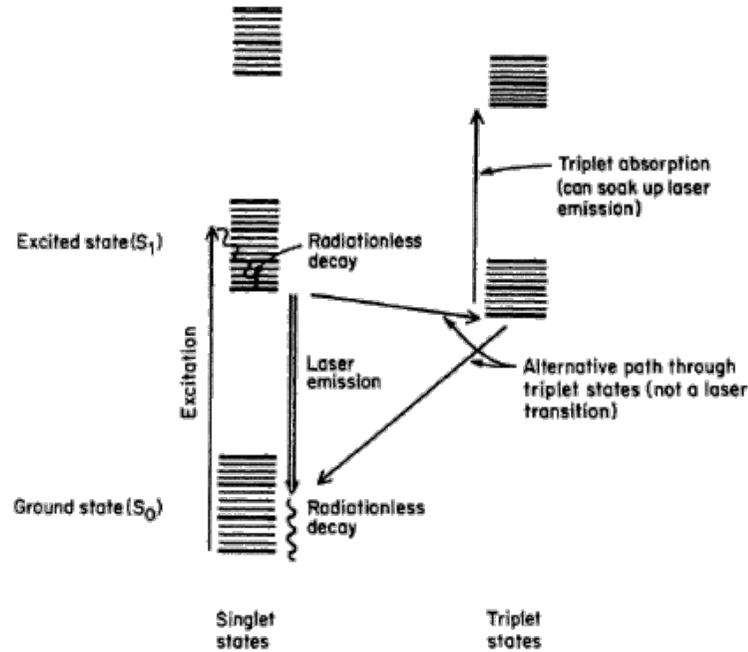
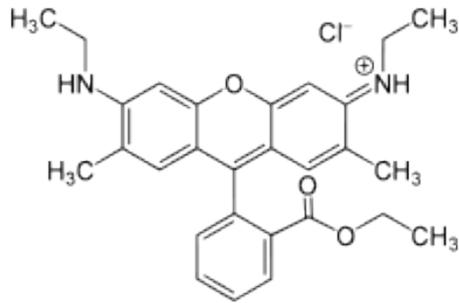


Figure 1

Dye laser

Rhodamine 6G

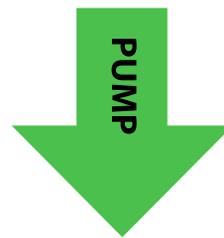
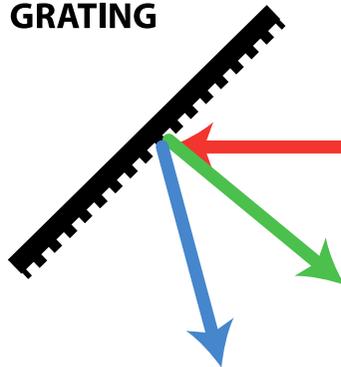


Diffraction grating as a laser cavity mirror:

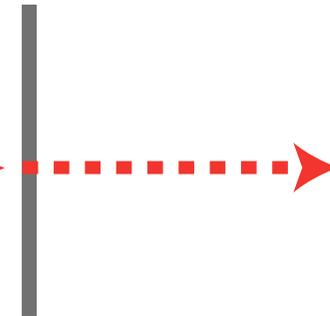
Reflection maxima on axis with cavity is wavelength dependent → wavelength selective oscillation

$$d \sin \theta_m = m\lambda$$

DIFFRACTION GRATING

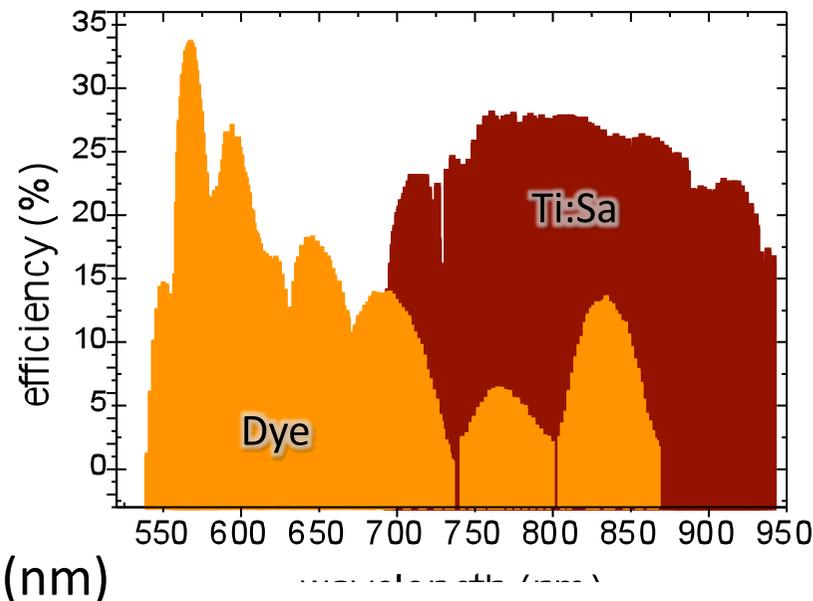
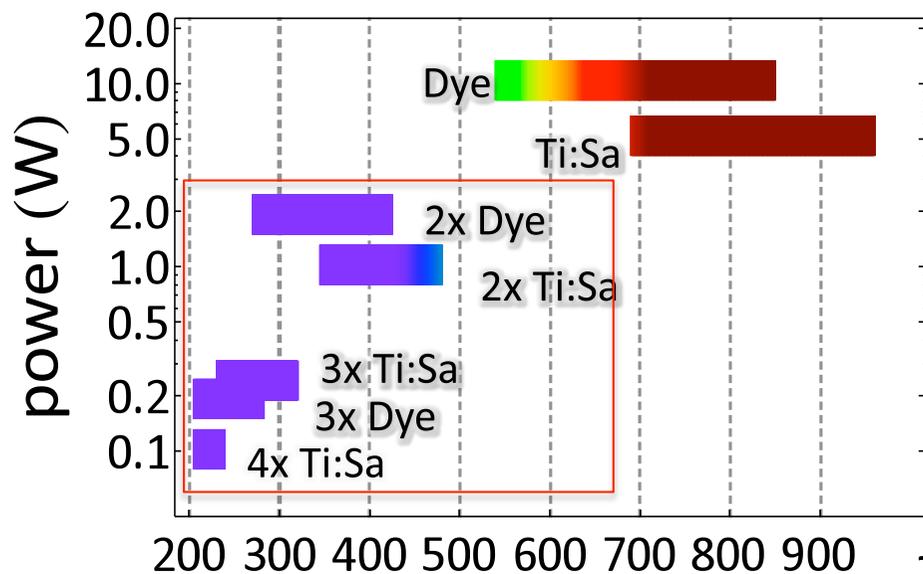


OUTPUT COUPLER



Comparing dye and Ti:Sa lasers

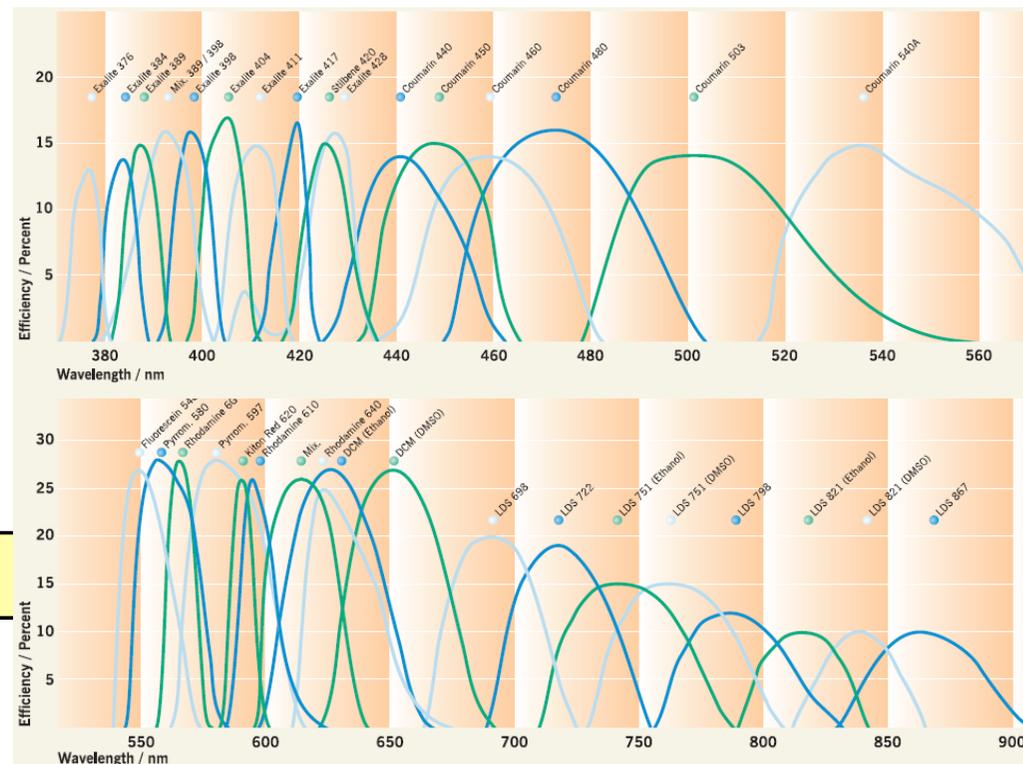
	Dye	Ti:Sa
Gain Medium:	> 10 different dyes liquid (org. solvents)	=1 Ti:sapphire crystal 😊
Tuning range	540 – 850 nm	680 – 980 nm 😊
Power	< 12 W 😊	< 5 W
Pulse duration	~8 ns 😊	~50 ns
Synchronization	optical delay lines	q-switch, pump power 😊
# of schemes developed	47 😊	37
Maintenance	renew dye solutions	~ none 😊



Harmonic generation in birefringent crystals:

Due to nonlinear response of materials to high EM field of focused lasers

Sirah Dye laser – an example of a modern commercial dye laser

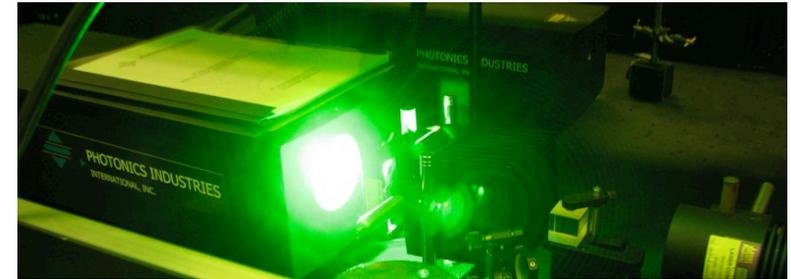
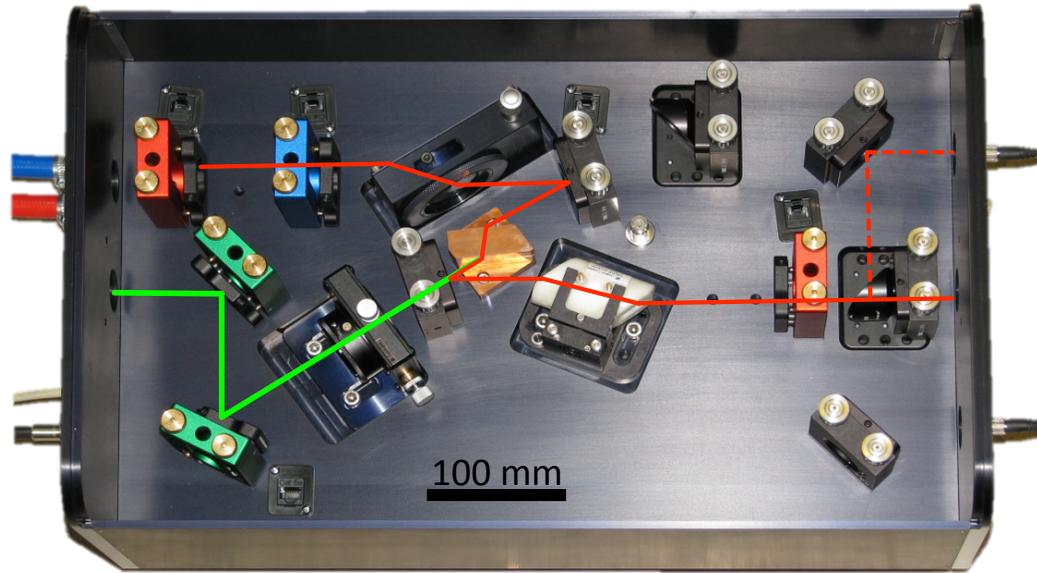


- Optimized for 10 kHz EdgeWave pump
- Accept both 355 and 532 pumping beams
- Equipped with FCU (up to 2W of UV)

“Upgrade of the RILIS at ISOLDE: New lasers and new ion beams”

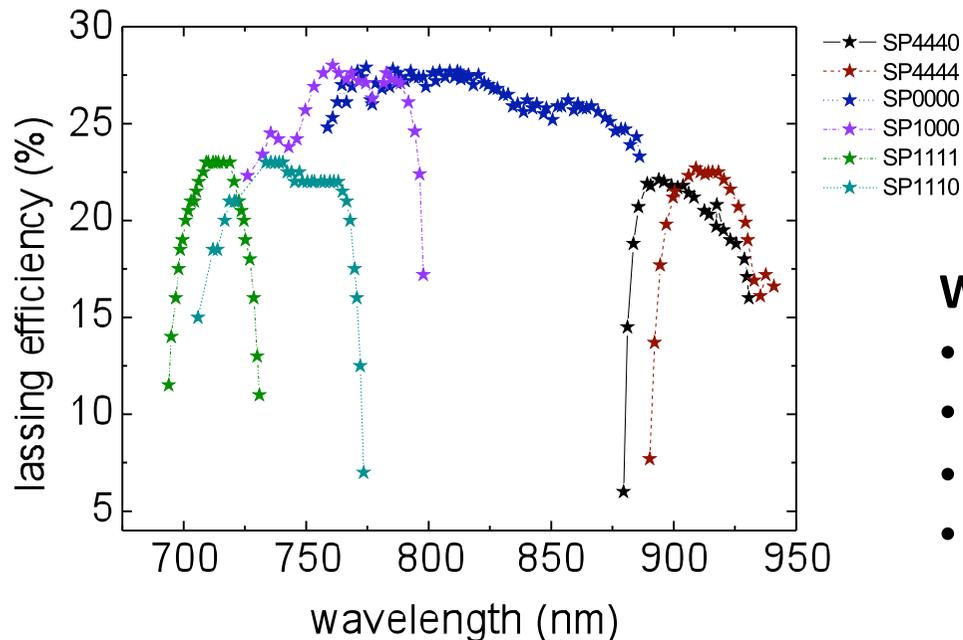
V. Fedosseev et al: Rev. Sci. Instrum. 83, 02A903 (2012)

The RILIS Ti:Sa lasers



Pump laser: Nd:YAG (532 nm),
Photonics
Repetition rate: 10 kHz
Pulse length: 180 ns
Power: 60 W

Ti:Sa lasers:
Line width: 5 GHz
Pulse length: 30-50 ns



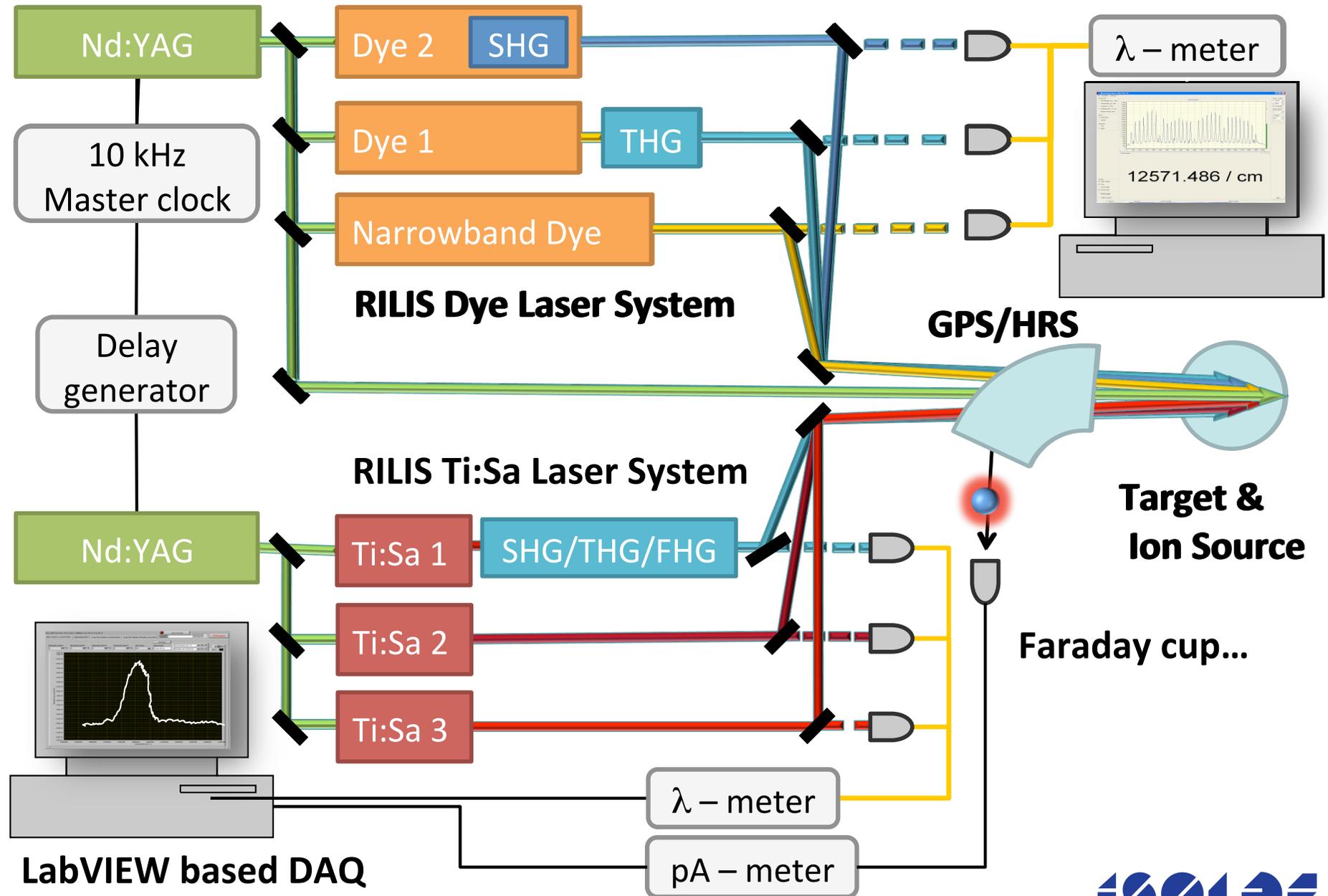
Wavelength tuning range (6 mirror sets):

- Fundamental (ω) **690 - 940** nm (5 W)
- 2nd harmonic (2ω) **345 - 470** nm (1 W)
- 3rd harmonic (3ω) **230 - 310** nm (150 mW)
- 4th harmonic (4ω) **205 - 235** nm (50 mW)

“A complementary laser system for ISOLDE RILIS”

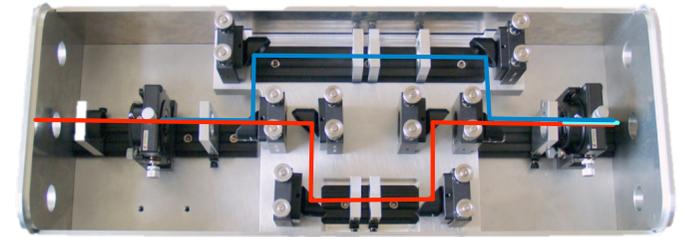
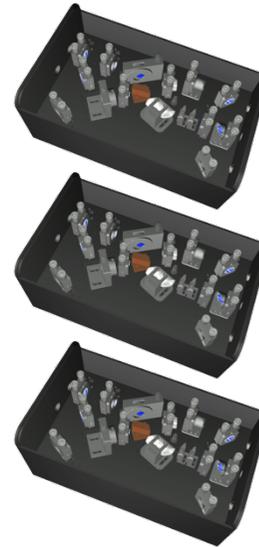
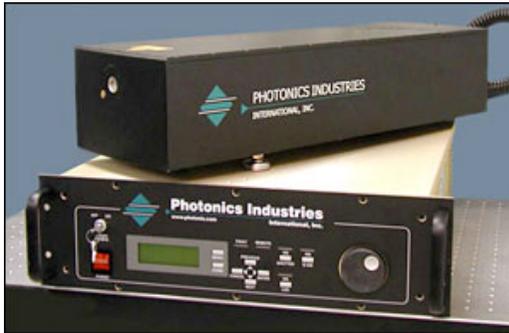
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Dual RILIS Concept

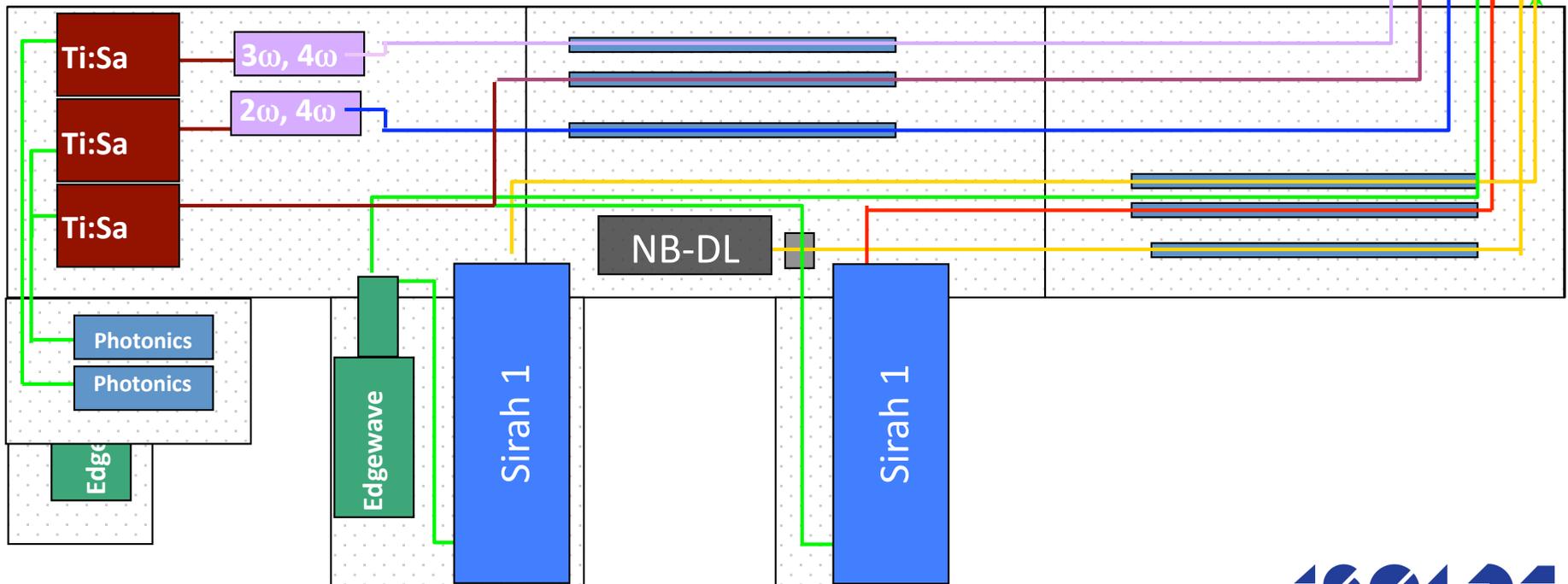


Installing the Ti:Sa alongside the dye lasers

Finding space for pump laser +
3 Ti:Sa + FCUs

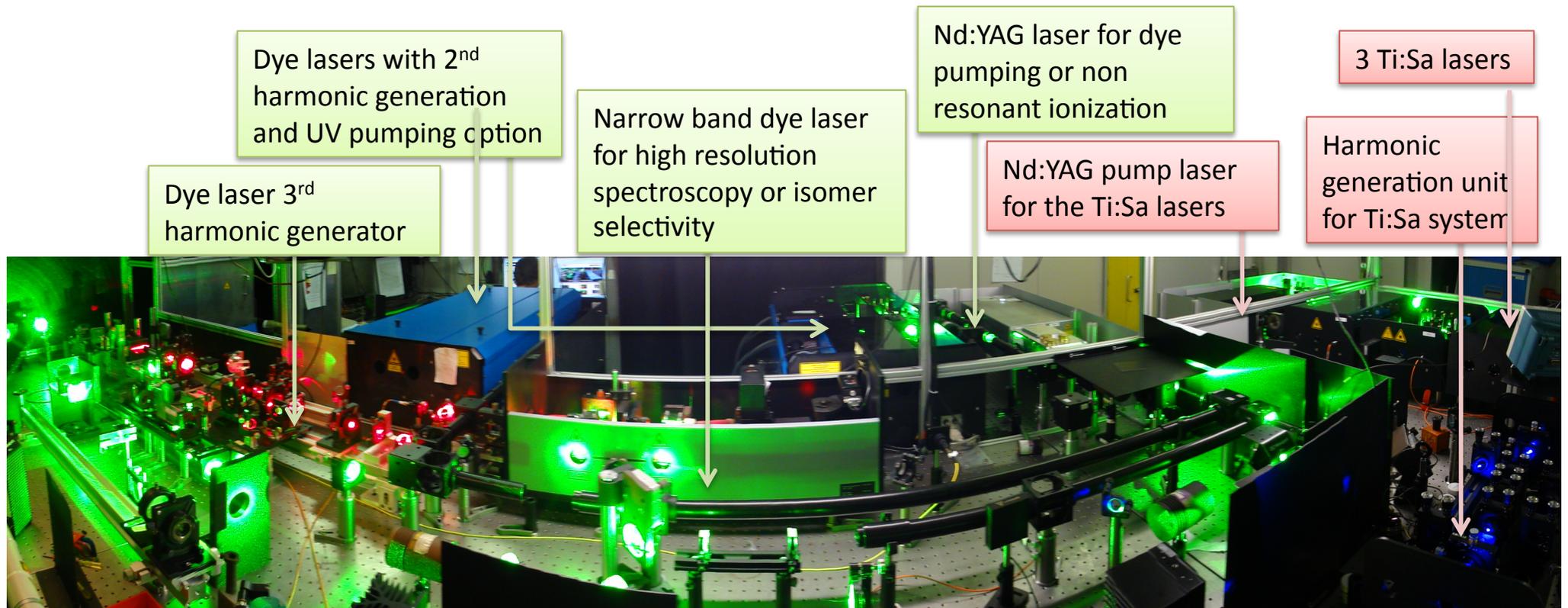


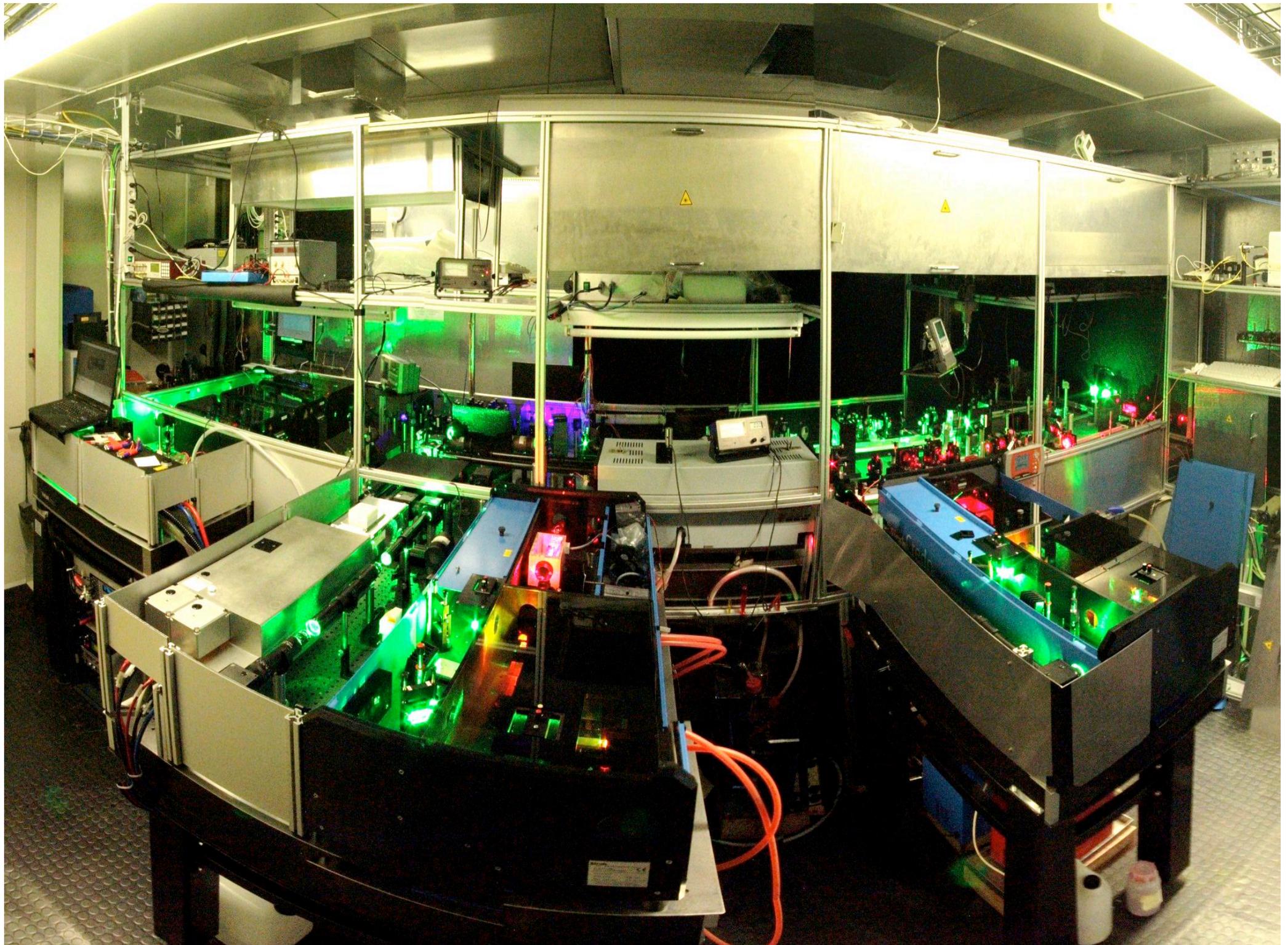
Frequency conversion unit



The actual ISOLDE RILIS setup

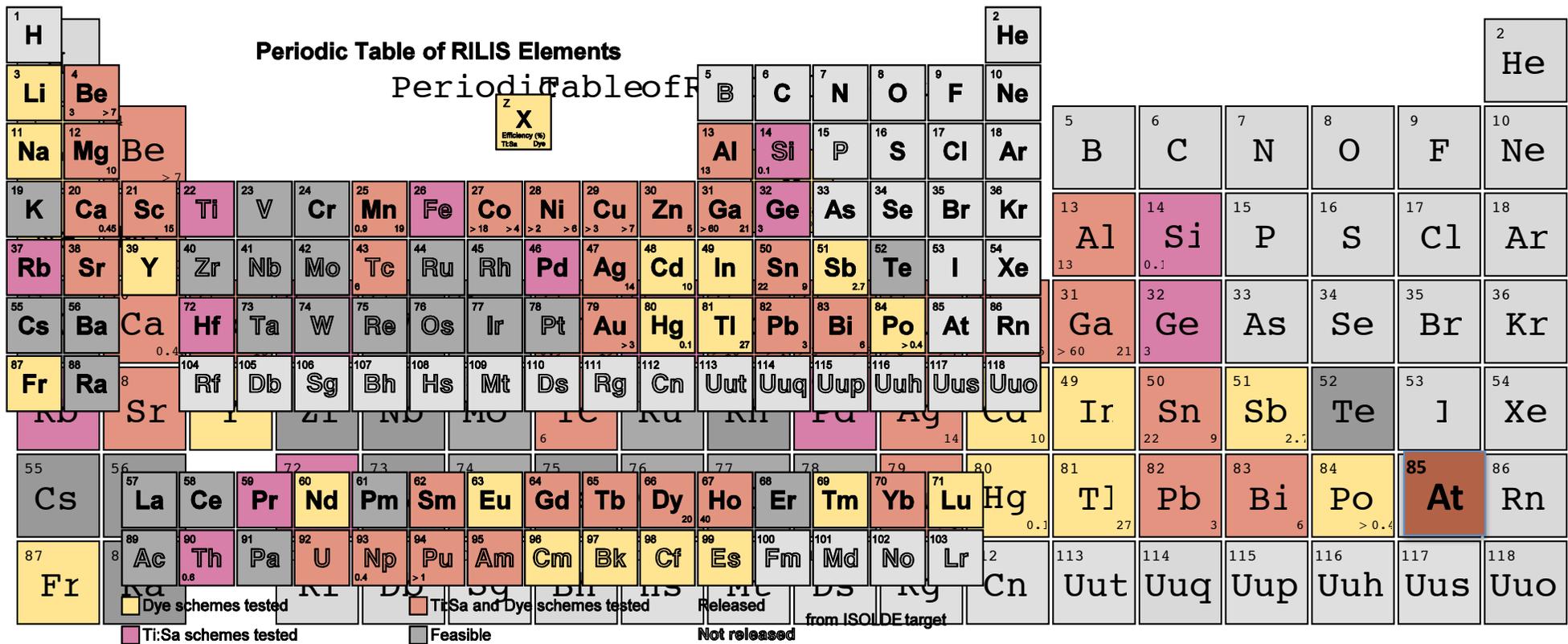
- 6 tunable lasers + 50 W @ 532 nm for ionization step, 10 kHz rep rate
- Nd: YAG pumping dye or Ti:Sa lasers, with possibility of doubling to quadrupling
- Atomic physics: Used to determine ionization schemes and I.P of chemical elements with no stable isotopes (e.g. polonium, astatine)
- Nuclear physics: laser spectroscopy -> electromagnetic ground state properties







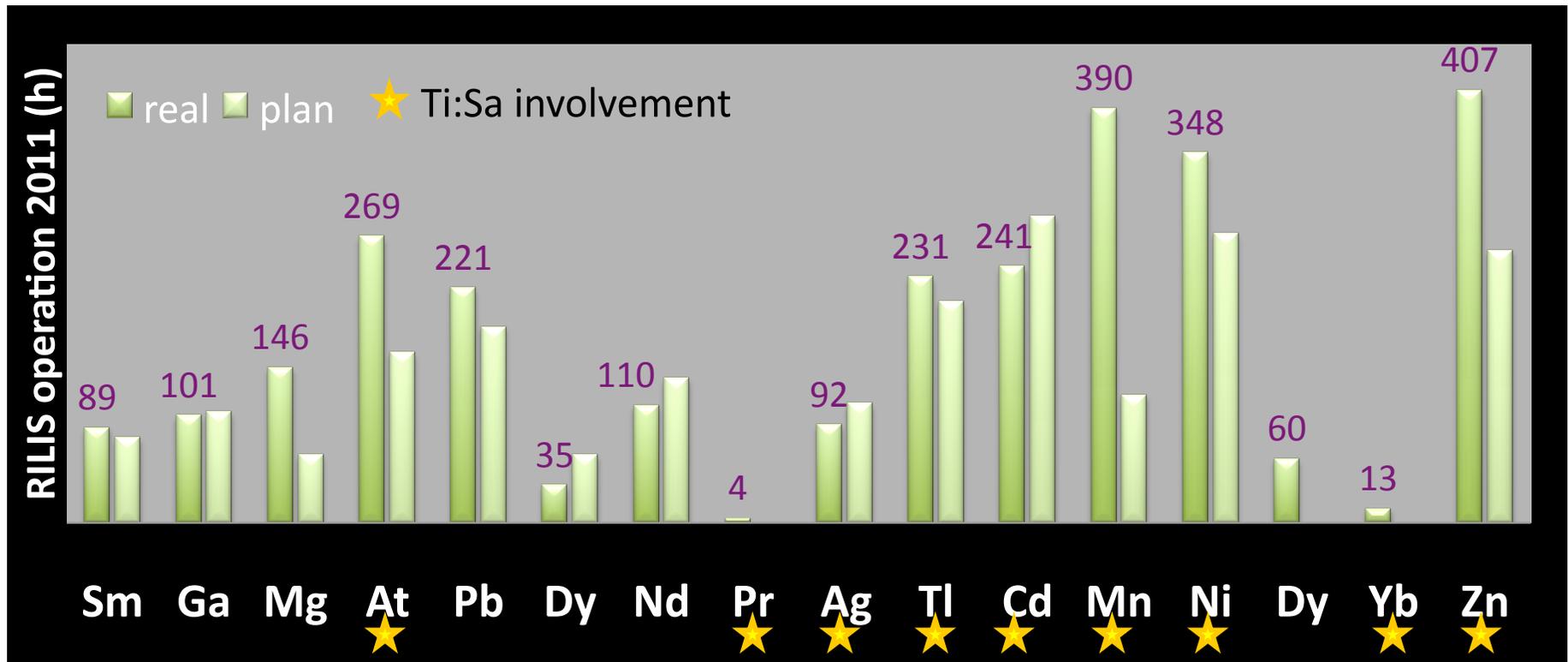
Available elements so far



57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71
La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu
89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103
Ac	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr

Dye schemes tested
 Ti:Sa and Dye schemes tested
 Release from ISOLDE target
 Ti:Sa schemes tested
 Feasible
 Not released

Recent RILIS operation



Ion beams of 16 elements were produced during 2011 :

- **2573 h for on-line experiments**
- Ti:Sa system used already with 9 elements
- Some additional tests only feasible because of the 'spare' laser system
- Significant Ti:Sa use despite 1st year of operation and still in 'implementation/testing phase'

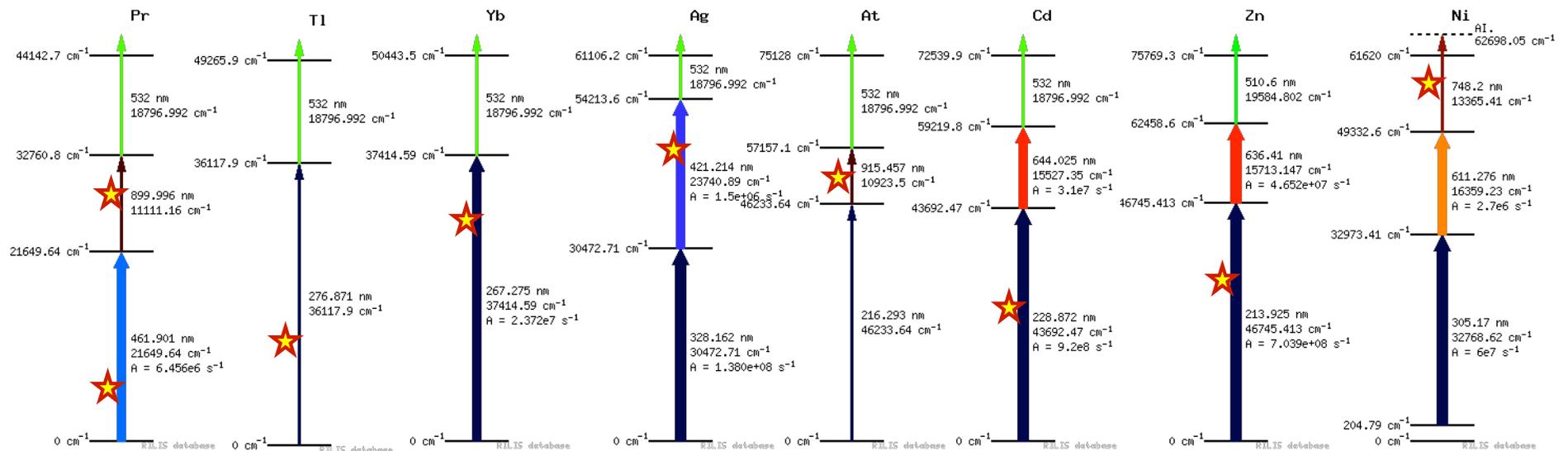
Modes of RILIS operation: Dual RILIS

Condition for dual operation: Temporal synchronization of the two laser systems

Ti:Sa only mode
50 W Nd:YAG laser available for non-resonant ionization

Mixed mode
Combination of dye and Ti:Sa

Backup mode
dye and Ti:Sa are exchangeable



- Increased efficiency due to higher laser power or optimal scheme
- Improved reliability due to redundancy / backup
- More elements are accessible due to greater tuning range/scheme database

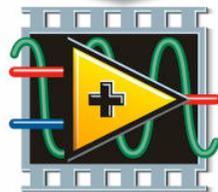
RILIS status monitoring

Essential RILIS parameters are published to a Labview DSM.

All values are accessible from the CERN technical network

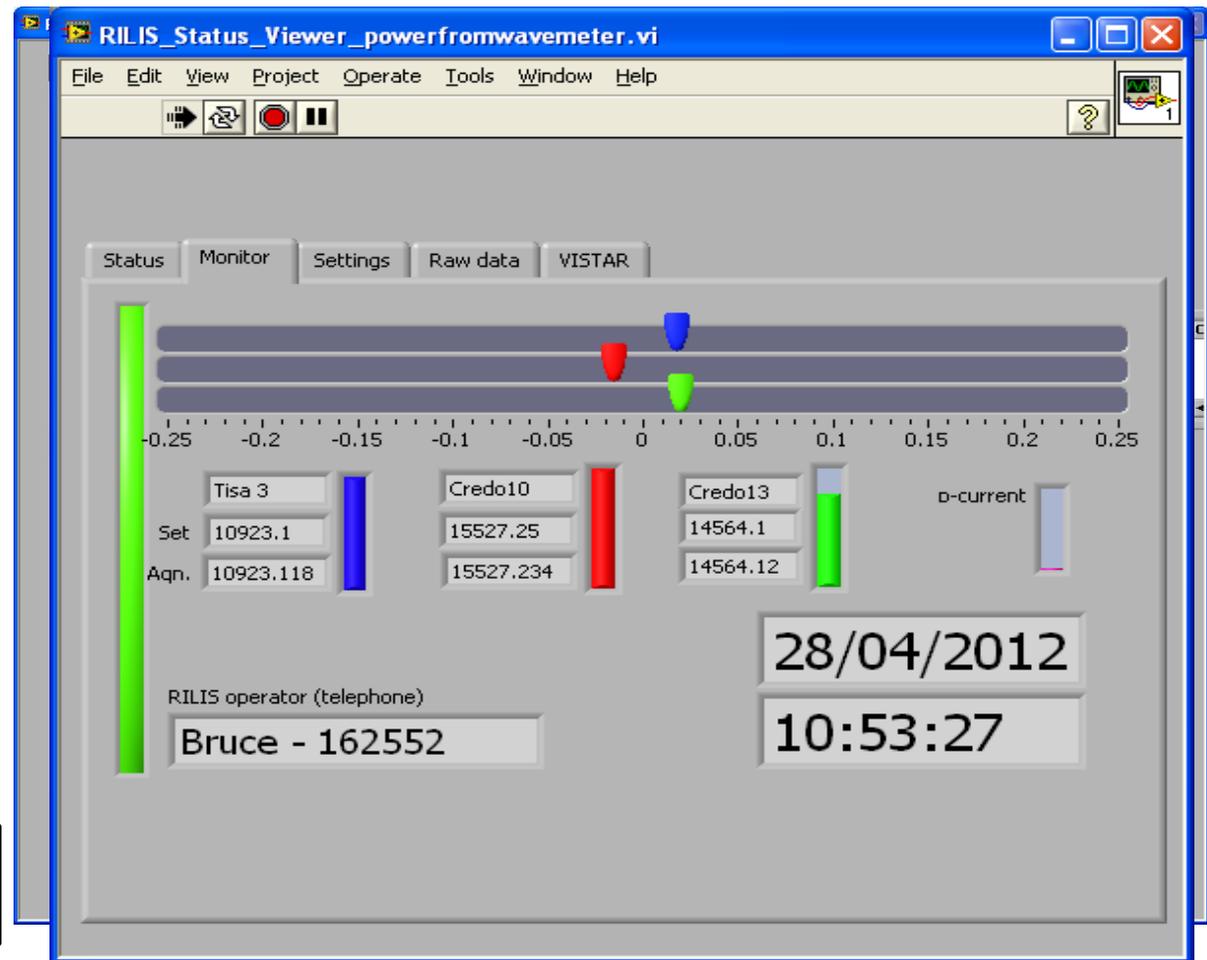
RILIS monitor display is published to a website for remote monitoring

- Power
- Wavelength
- Proton current
- Reference beam images



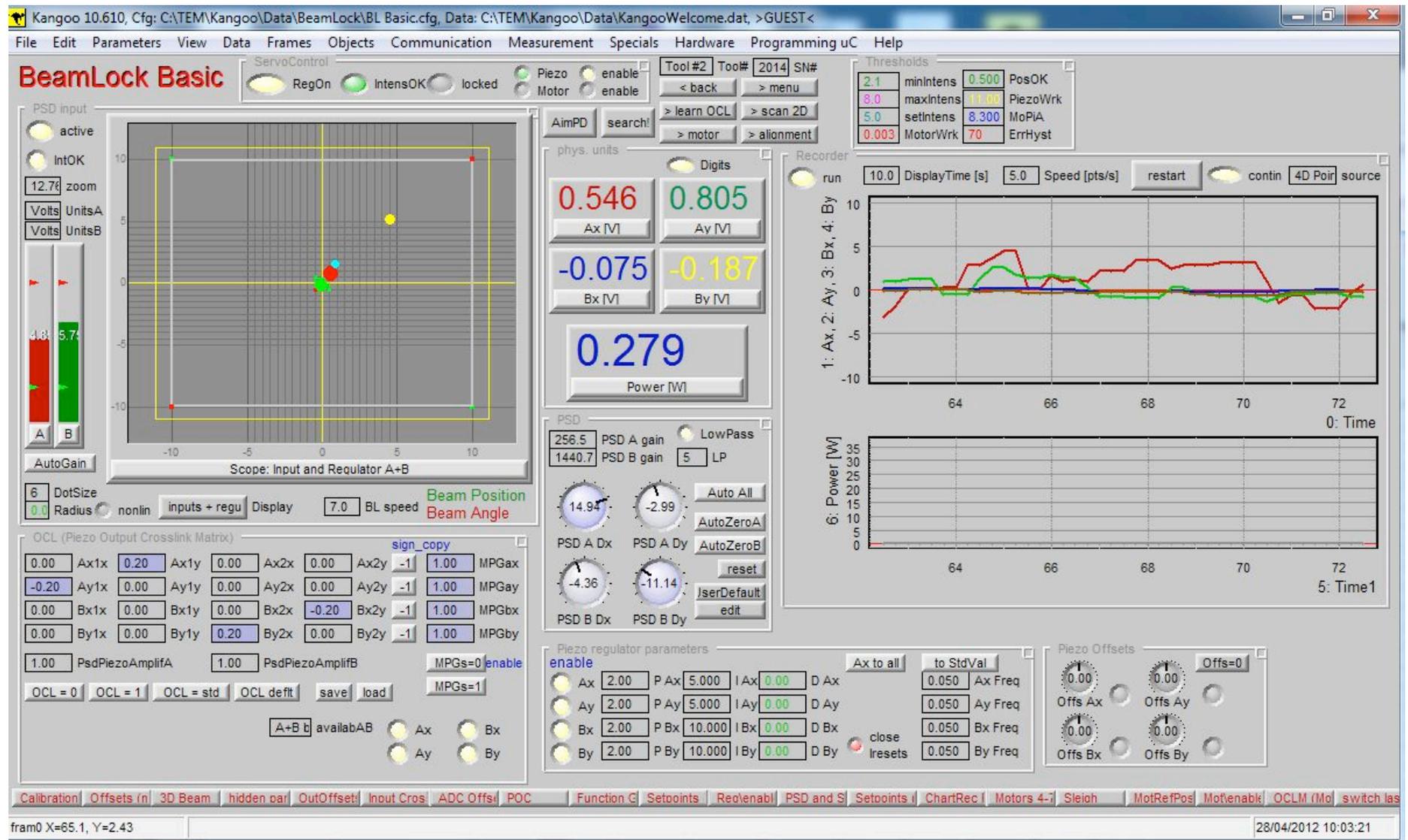
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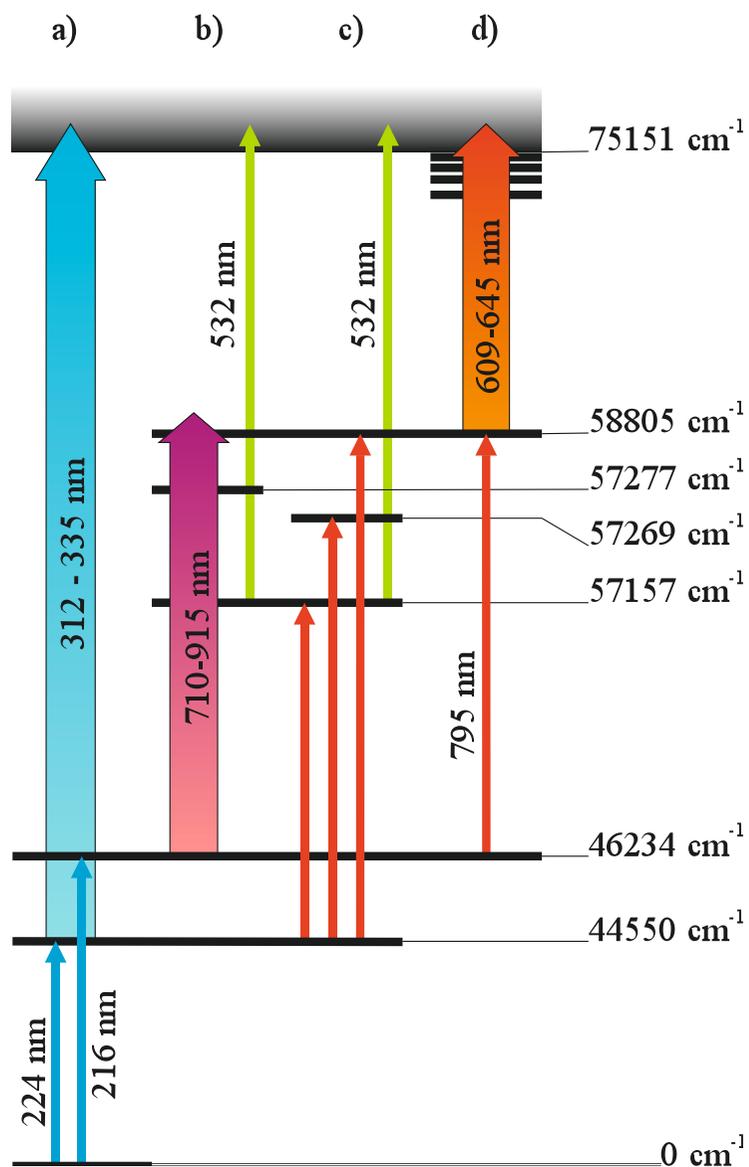


Beam stabilization

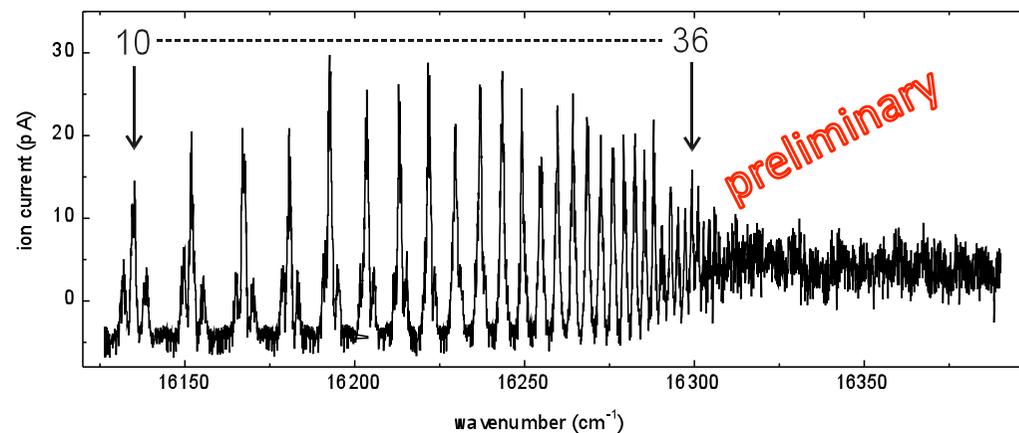
Stabilization of high and low frequency beam fluctuations, essential for ON-CALL RILIS



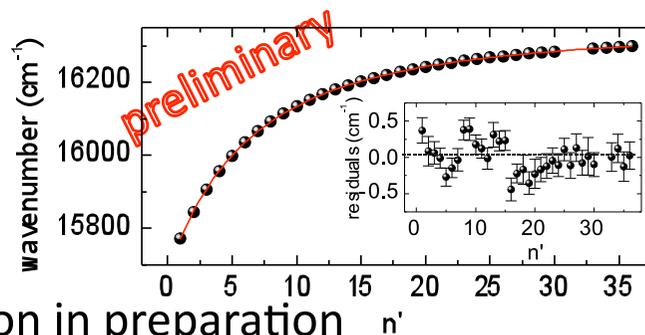
In-source spectroscopy of Astatine



- a) Photoionization threshold : 75129(95) cm⁻¹
- b) Scan for 2nd step transitions (at TRIUMF)
- c) Verification of levels, yield measurements
- d) Scan of ionizing laser: converging Rydberg levels allow precise determination of the IP



Rydberg-Ritz formula $E_{\downarrow n} = IP - R_{\downarrow M} / (n - \delta)$



$E_{IP}(At) = 75151(1) \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Poster to visit! : S Rothe et al. Publication in preparation



**A) RESONANCE IONIZATION
LASER ION SOURCES**

5) Scheme development

Data sources

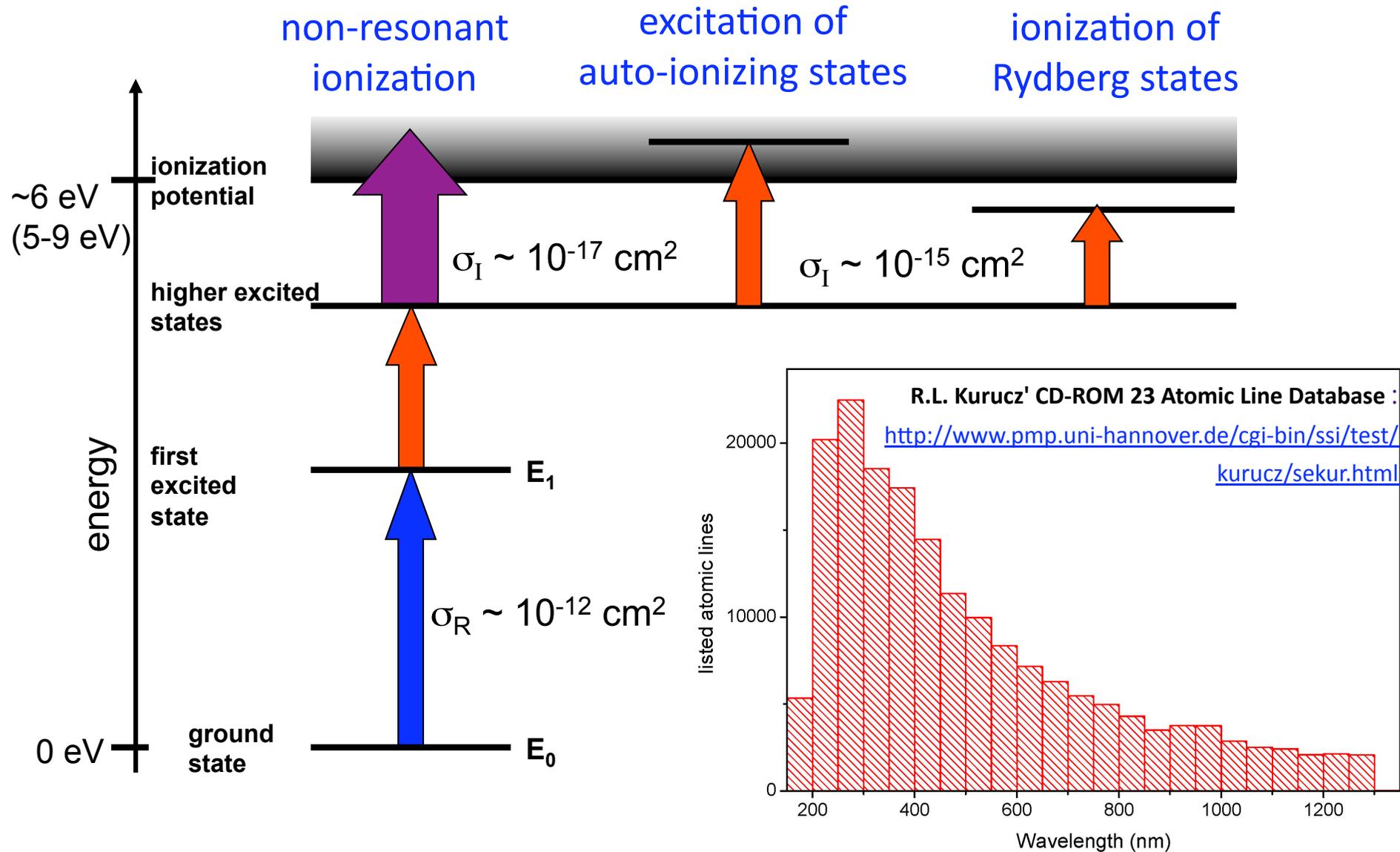
Spectroscopy

Saturation

Efficiency

Ionization scheme development

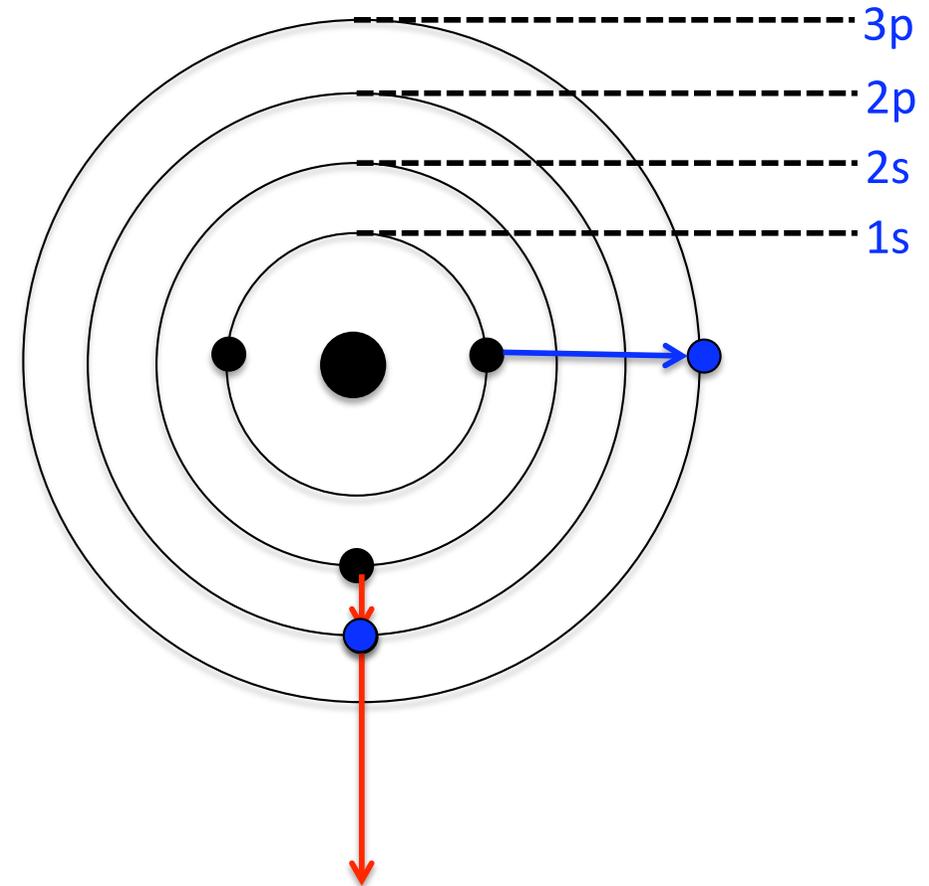
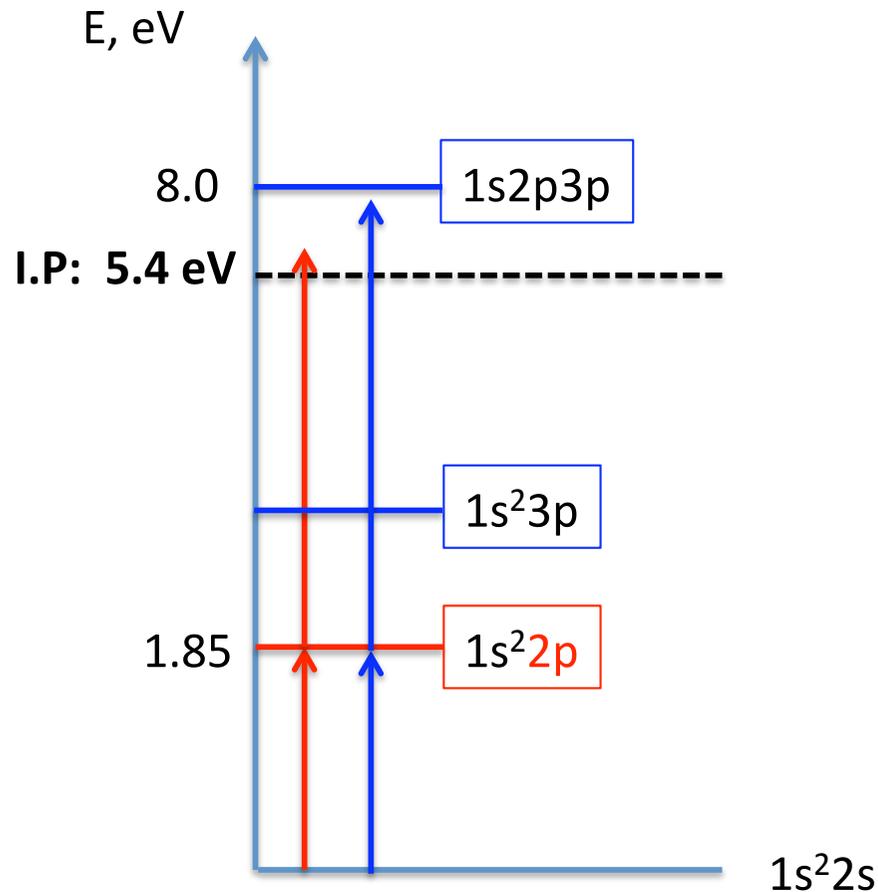
What are our options for ionization schemes?



Auto-ionizing states – simplified concept

Li

3 electrons: G.S $1s^2 2s$



Decay from the AIS is either by photon emission or by electron-electron energy transfer via the coulomb interaction: more likely if the 2 electrons share similar shaped orbits (temporal overlap) and if the energy transfer does not have to be to a discrete state - *continuum*

Extra loss channel \rightarrow reduced lifetime of state \rightarrow broader resonance

How to develop an ionization scheme

- **Literature Search**

On-line atomic spectral line databases, published spectroscopy work.

R.L. Kurucz' CD-ROM 23 Atomic Line Database : <http://www.pmp.uni-hannover.de/cgi-bin/ssi/test/kurucz/sekur.html>

NIST atomic spectral line database : <http://www.nist.gov/pml/data/asd.cfm>

- **In-source resonance ionization spectroscopy**

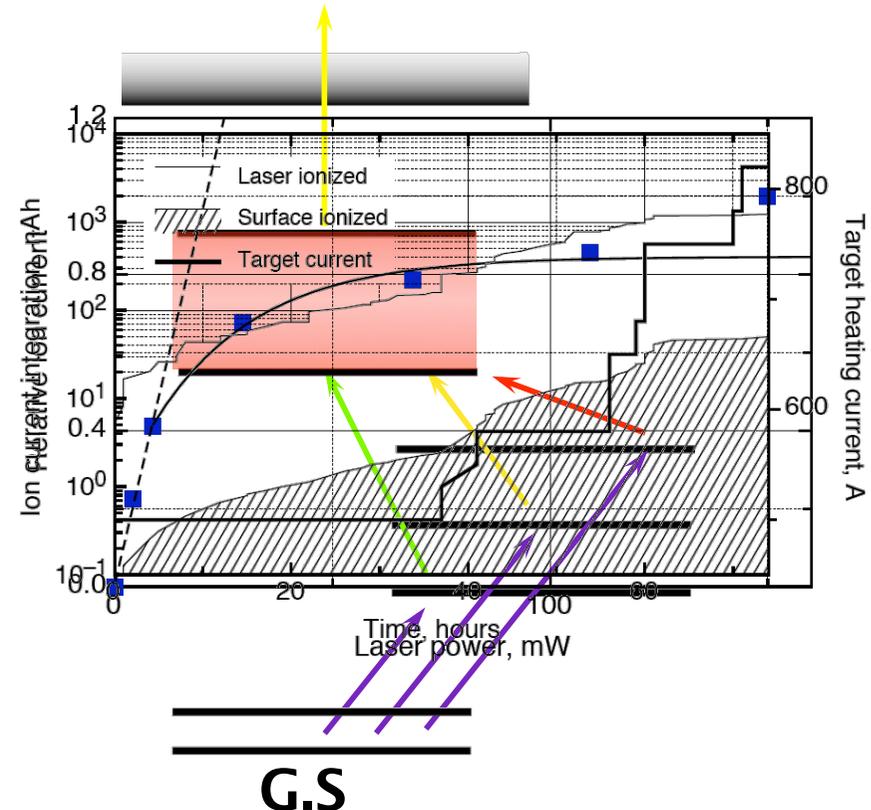
Laser frequency scans across regions of interest whilst observing the ion current as the sample is evaporated in the target or oven.

- **Saturation measurements**

Determine whether or not efficiency gains can be achieved from an increase of power. (e.g by optimizing the distribution of the CVL pump power).

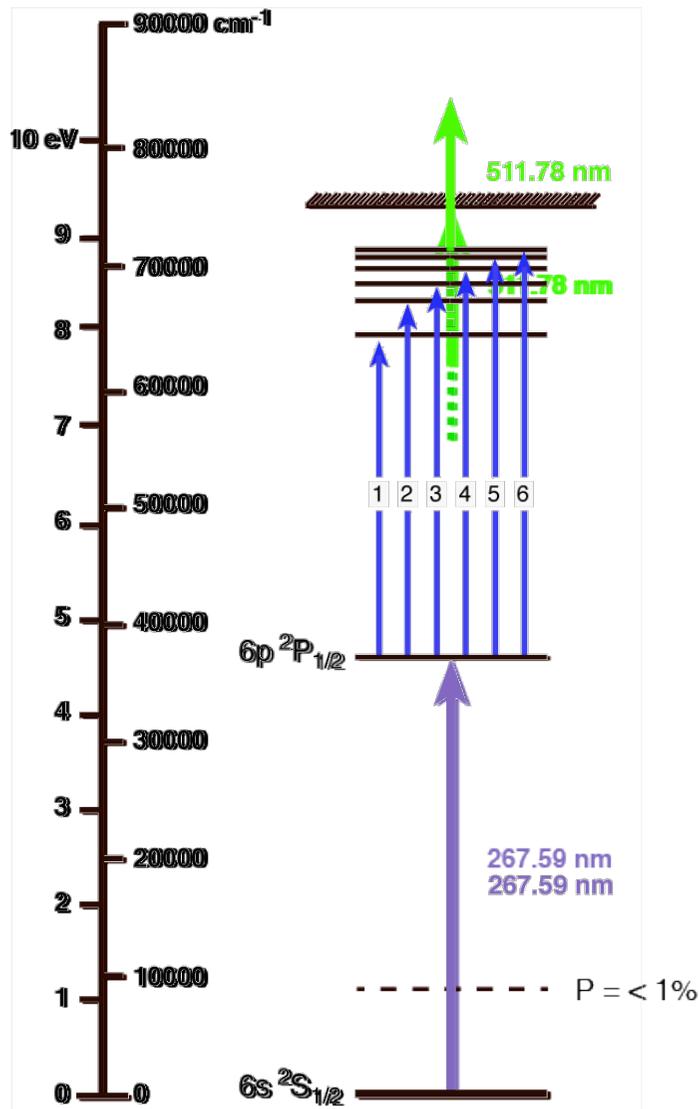
- **Efficiency measurement**

Total evaporation of the sample (of known mass) and integration of the ion current.



1 week for a simple case
2 weeks for AIS search

Case Example: Finding a new Au Ionization scheme for ISOLDE RILIS using the CVL pumped Dye laser



1) We know that the ionization potential is **9.23 eV** or **74408.88 cm^{-1}** (this corresponds to the energy of 134 nm photon!)

2) We have a pump laser with both **511 nm** or **578 nm** output:
 - Choose 511 nm (highest photon energy) – 19570 cm^{-1}
 - Any excited state higher than 74409- 19570 = 54659 cm^{-1} will be within reach of the ionization potential ($\sim 1 \times 182$ nm photon). Therefore Min 3 steps are required.

3) Search Kurucz database for 1st step transitions:
 - 2 transitions from ground state, population of level at ~ 9161 cm^{-1} is $< 1\%$ at 2300 K
 - roughly equal transition strength, select most convenient wavelength: 267.6 nm (requires only SHG, not THG)

4) Search Kurucz database for 2nd step transitions from this 1st excited state to a state with a minimum energy of 54659 cm^{-1} .
 - choose 6 most convenient transitions (**578 nm pump beam**)

5) Test these 6 transitions and select, depending on the time available select the best ones as a basis for the search for AIS.

Configure your search:

Wavelength in nm (vacuum wavelength below 200 nm, air wavelength above):
 Lower limit: nm Upper limit: nm

Absorption oscillator strength log gf:
 Minimum log gf: Maximum log gf:

Energy of lower level of transition in cm^{-1} :
 Lower limit: cm^{-1} Upper limit: cm^{-1}

Energy of upper level of transition in cm^{-1} :
 Lower limit: cm^{-1} Upper limit: cm^{-1}

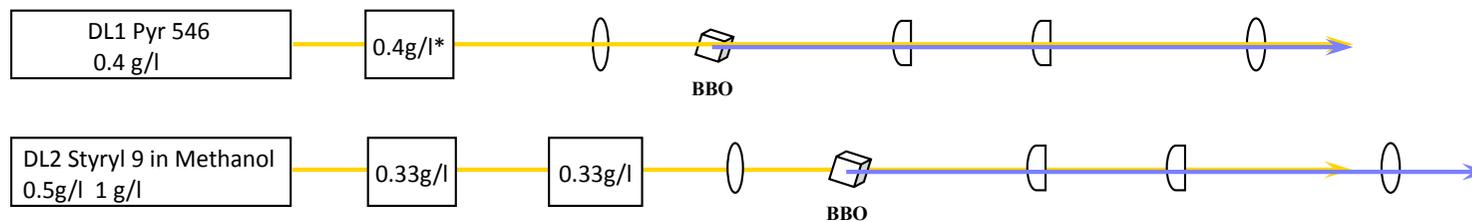
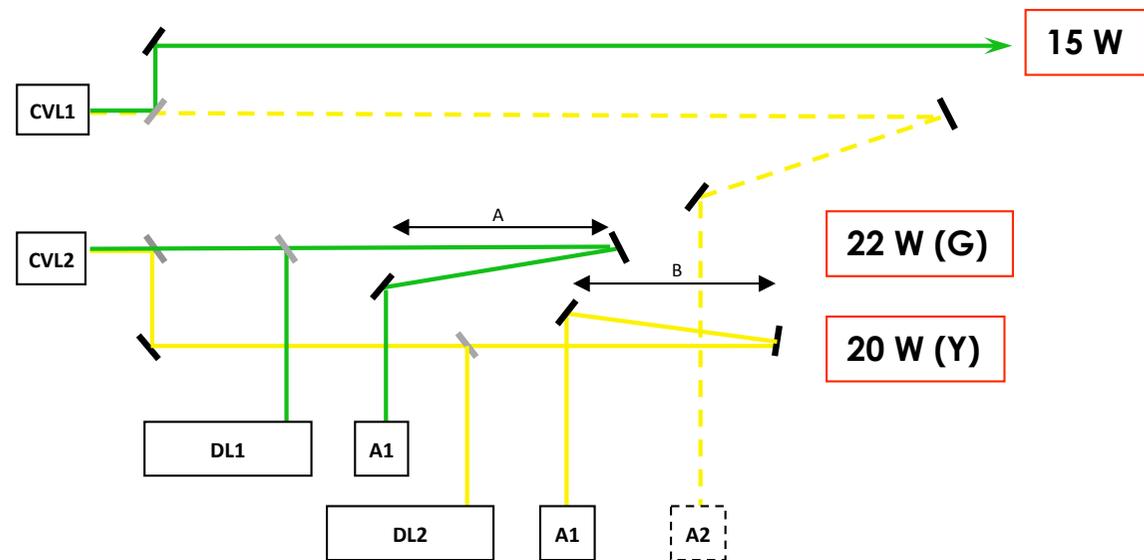
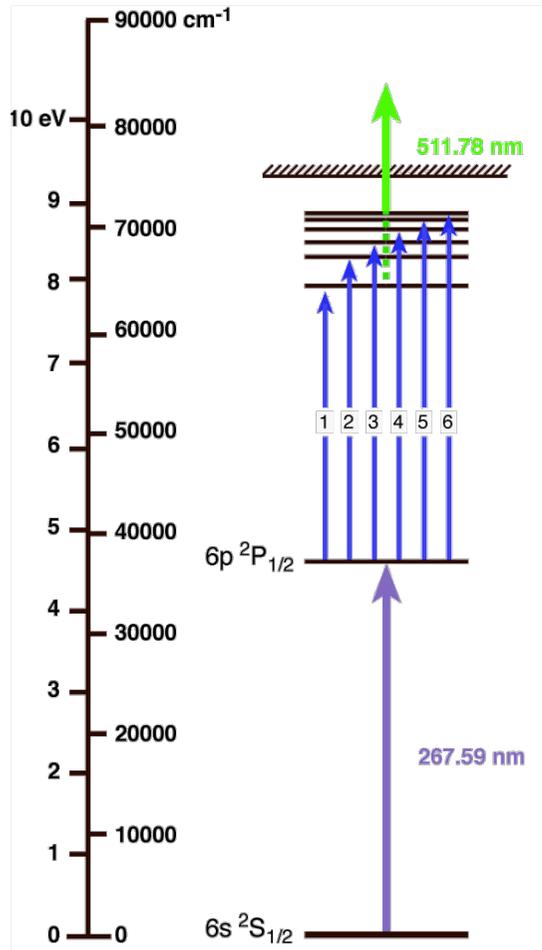
Select one or more elements to search for:

H I	Ca I	Pt I
He I	Ca II	Au I
He II	Ca III	Hg I
Li I	Ca IV	Hg II
Li II	Ca V	Tl I
Be I	Ca VI	Pb I
Be II	Ca VII	Pb II
B I	Ca VIII	Bi I
B II	Ca IX	Th I
B III	Sc I	Th II

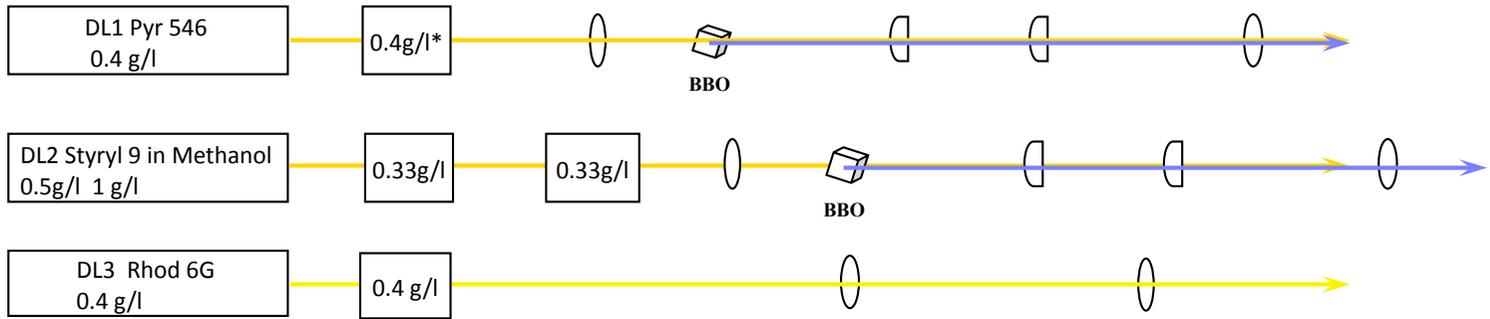
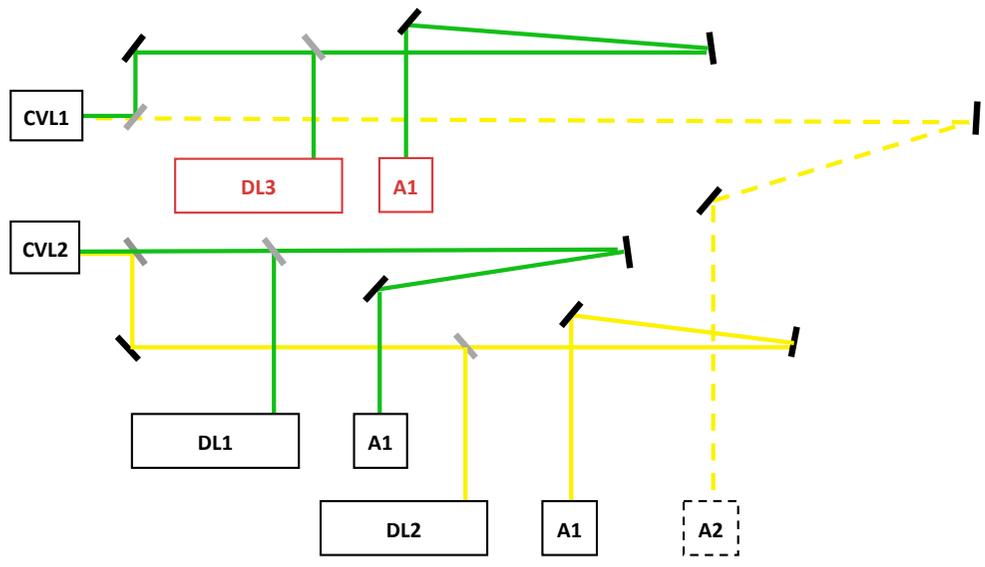
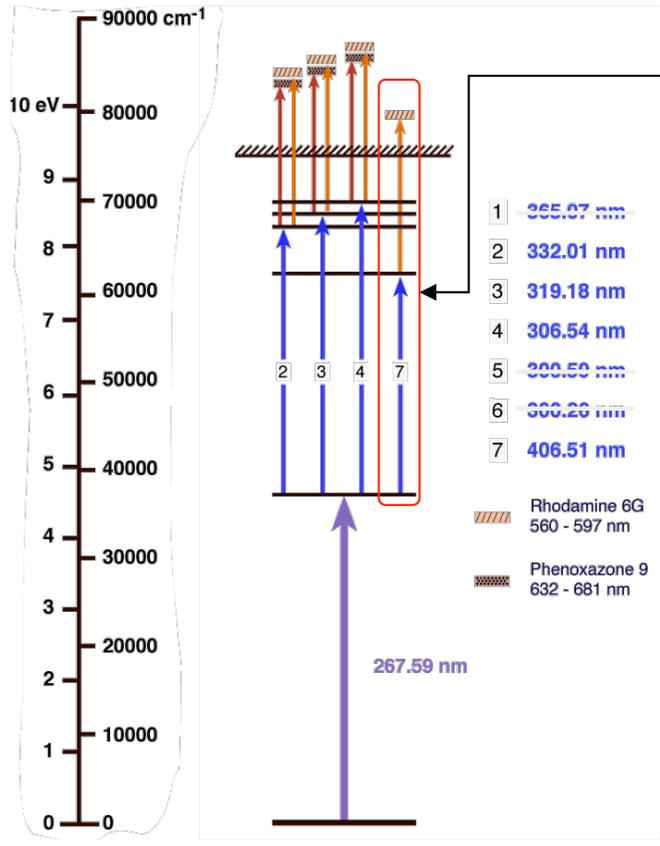
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238.7747	4	ip *8	CB
242.7944	4	*2P	HL
264.1482	3	ip *6	CB
267.5937	3	*2P	HL
270.0894	3	ip *5	CB
274.8251	3	ip *4	CB
302.9205	3	ip *3	CB
312.2783	3	*2P	HL
287.2361	2		
294.0666	3	2D	MIG
300.5853	3	2D	MIG
306.5425	3	2S	MIG
319.1758	3	2D	MIG
332.0124	3	2S	MIG
365.0740	2	2D	JMG
406.5067	2	2S	JMG
		2D	JMG

Laser setup for testing 2nd steps

- 6 of 10 known 2nd step transitions chosen: **YELLOW CVL pumping**
- Non resonant ionization stage with green CVL beam



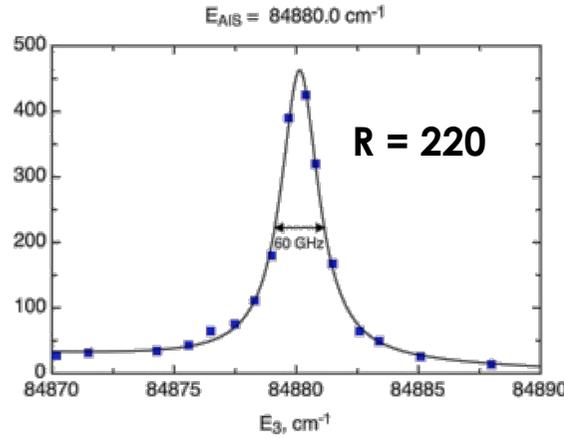
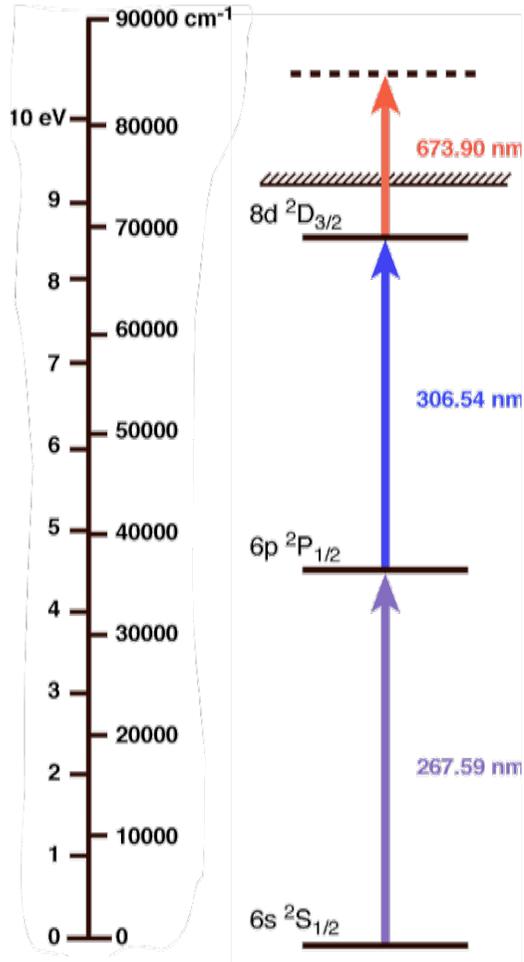
- Include a 3rd dye laser
- Scan 2 dye ranges for AIS from 3 strongest 2nd steps.
- Test ionization scheme used by E.B Saloman



Compare good schemes and study the optimal scheme: Saturation curves, efficiency measurements etc.

Scheme figure of merit:

$$R = I_{1+2+3}/I_3$$

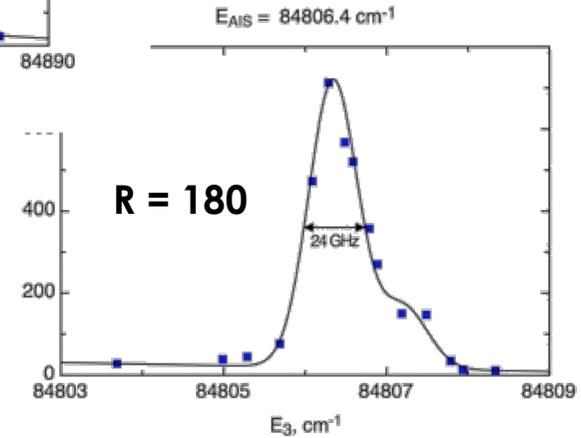


Overall RILIS Efficiency:

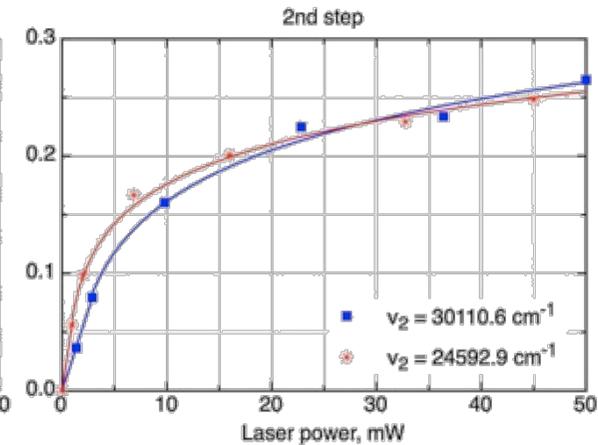
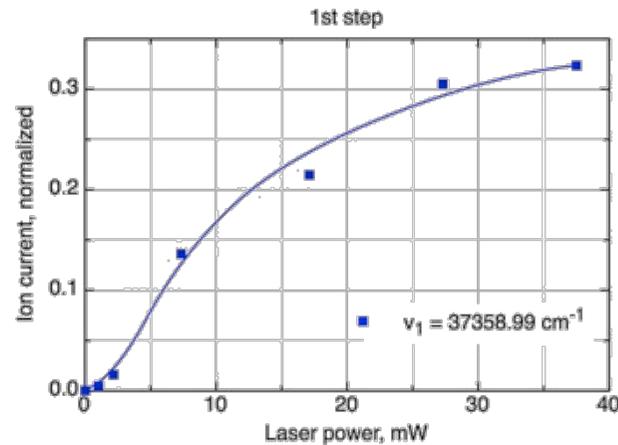
$$E \approx 3\%^*$$

Estimated from evaporation of 3000 nAh mass marker

- 5 AIS known in range
- 3 known AIS observed
- 27 new AIS

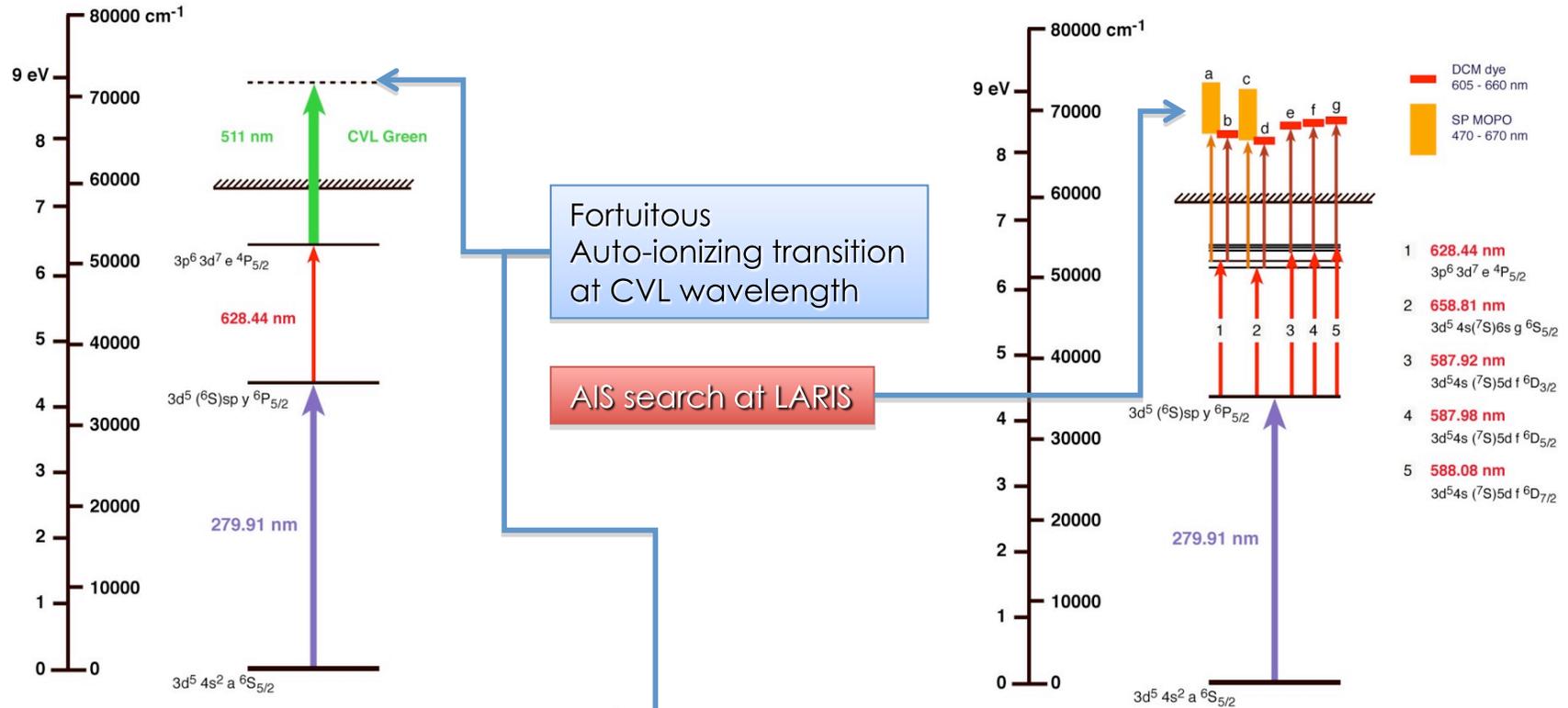


4x improvement on scheme used by E.B Saloman ($R = 55$)



LARIS results – A new RILIS scheme for manganese

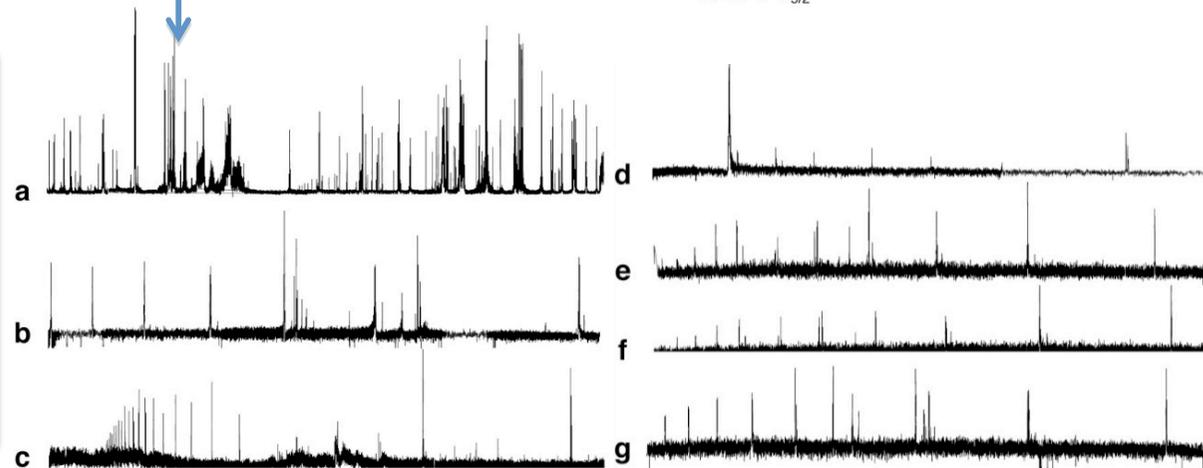
- Replacement of current scheme which uses the CVL green beam.



Outcome of RIS study of Mn at LARIS:

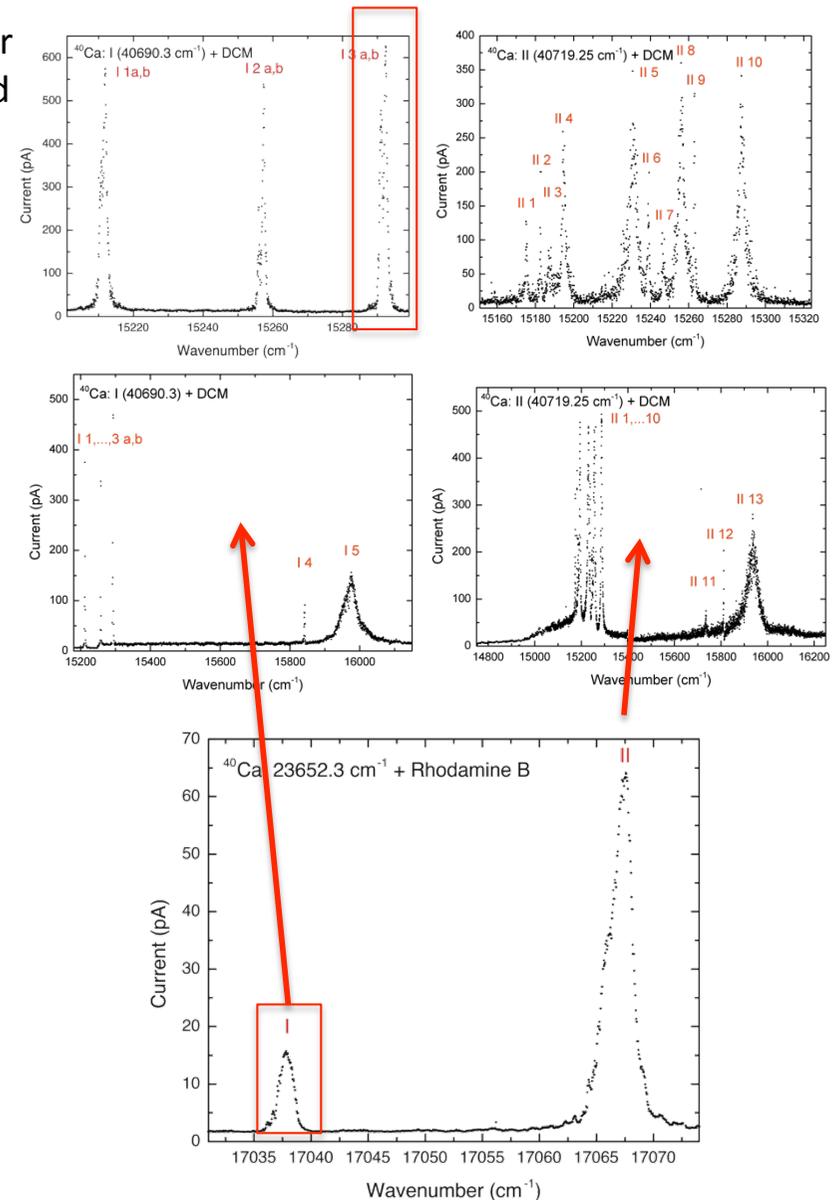
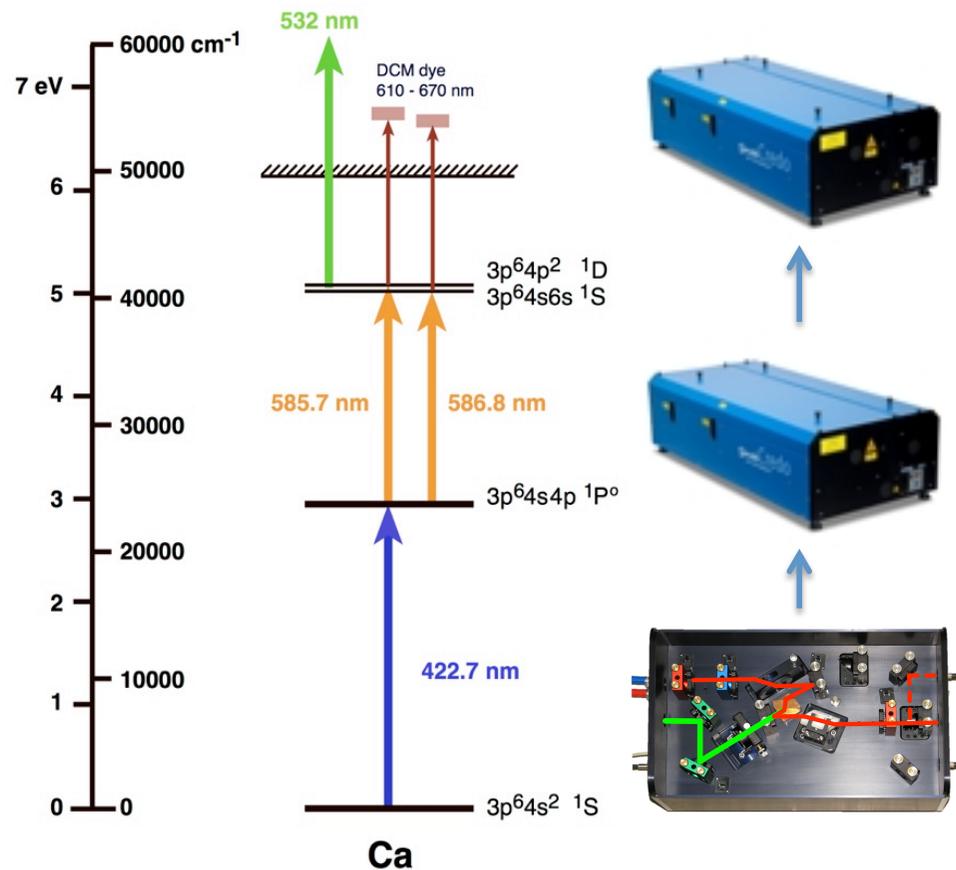
Many new auto-ionizing states found

Various promising Nd:YAG based schemes tested and ready for efficiency measurement at RILIS



Calcium scheme development

- Scans for Auto-ionization states using spare Sirah Dye laser
- AI Transitions from two intermediate levels were observed
- Enhancement of ionization efficiency of a **factor of 4** w.r.t 50 W green beam for non resonant ionization!
- Only possible due to the use of a TiSa for 1st step



**A) RESONANCE IONIZATION
LASER ION SOURCES**

6) In-Source RIS

Sensitivity

Isotope shift

Hyperfine structure

How does the nuclear structure influence the atomic spectra?

The earlier discussion on atomic energy levels mainly assumed that the nucleus is POINT-LIKE and INFINITELY heavy!

The **ISOTOPE SHIFT** and **HYPERFINE STRUCTURE** are a consequence of this being untrue.

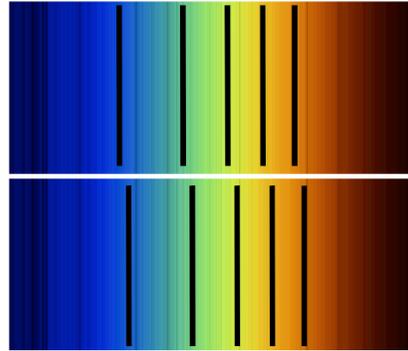
For a given element, if we examine the influence of the nucleus on the electron energy levels as we add or remove neutrons, we can determine nuclear structure changes along an isotope chain.

QUESTION:

What are the observables and how do we extract useful information from measuring them?

ISOTOPE SHIFT

Isotope 1



Isotope 2

The frequency difference in the electron transition between 2 isotopes of an element

CAUSED BY
these
properties:

Finite nuclear mass

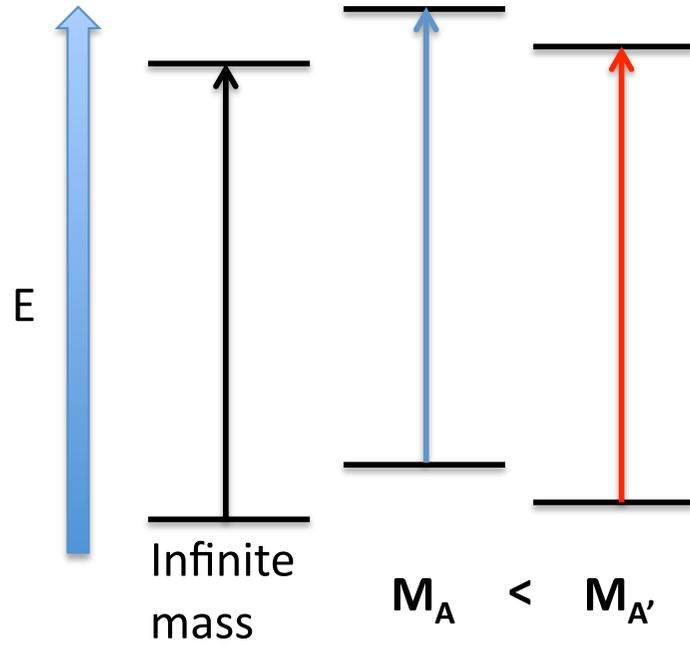
MASS SHIFT

Nuclear Volume (not point-like)

FIELD SHIFT

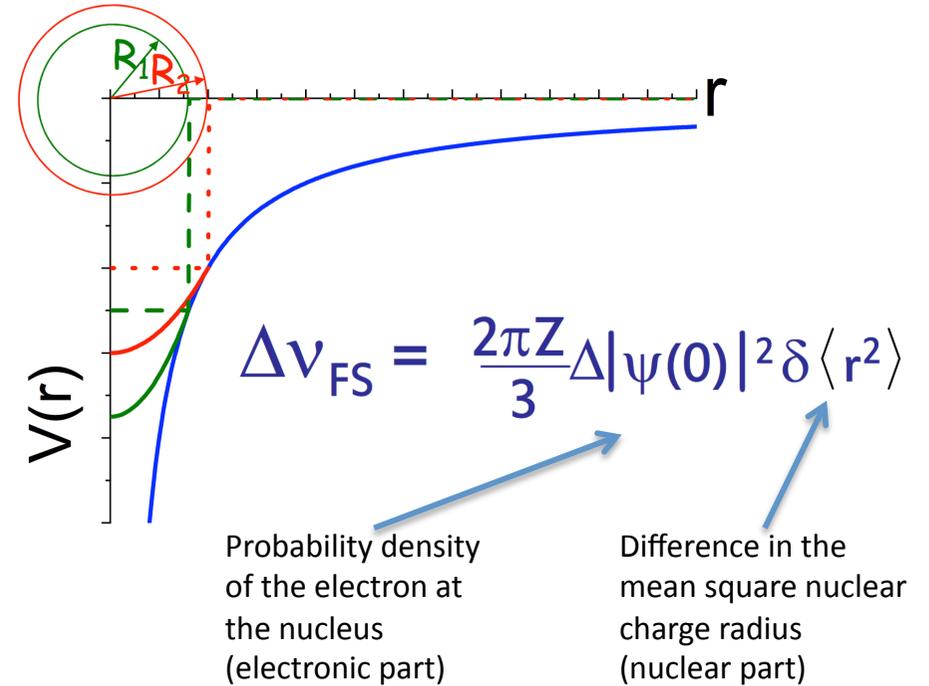
Finite nuclear mass

MASS SHIFT



Nuclear Volume

FIELD SHIFT



Heavy Nuclei

$$\Delta v/v \approx 10^{-5}$$

Light Nuclei:

$$\Delta v/v \approx 10^{-8}$$

Isotope shifts in practise

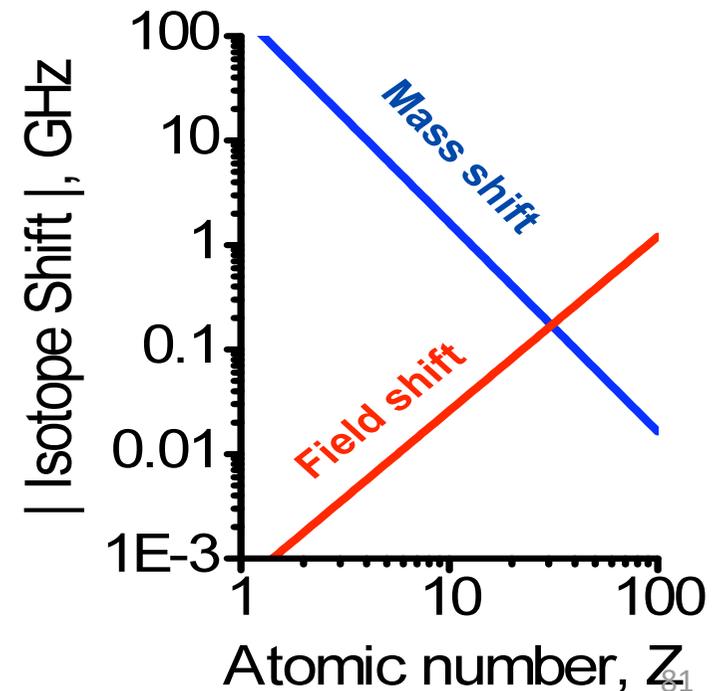
$$\delta\nu_{IS} = \delta\nu_{MS} + \delta\nu_{FS}$$

$$\frac{2\pi Z}{3} \Delta|\psi(0)|^2 \delta\langle r^2 \rangle$$

EXPERIMENT

THEORY

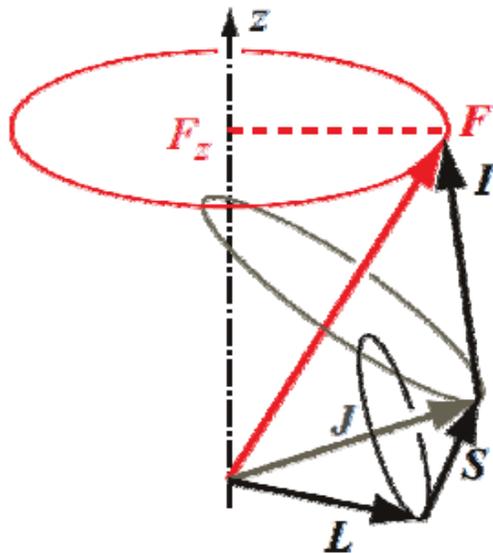
Transition	Z	Element	NMS (MHz)	SMS (MHz)	FS (MHz)
3s-3p	11	Na	550	200	-10
5s-5p	37	Rb	70	<20	-100
(6s) ² -6s6p	70	Yb	20	<20	-1500



HYPERFINE STRUCTURE

- Magnetic dipole interaction
 - Electric quadrupole interaction
- } Splitting of atomic spectral lines into multiplets with separation 10^{-6} of total transition energy.

Interaction	$1/\lambda$ (cm ⁻¹)	eV	ν (Hz)
Central coulomb	30000	4	10^{15}
Fine structure	1-1000	10^{-4} - 10^{-1}	$3 \cdot 10^{10}$ - $3 \cdot 10^{13}$
Hyperfine structure	10^{-3} -1	10^{-7} - 10^{-4}	$3 \cdot 10^7$ - $3 \cdot 10^{10}$



Hyperfine structure arises from interaction of nuclear moments with electric and magnetic fields produced at nucleus by orbiting electrons.

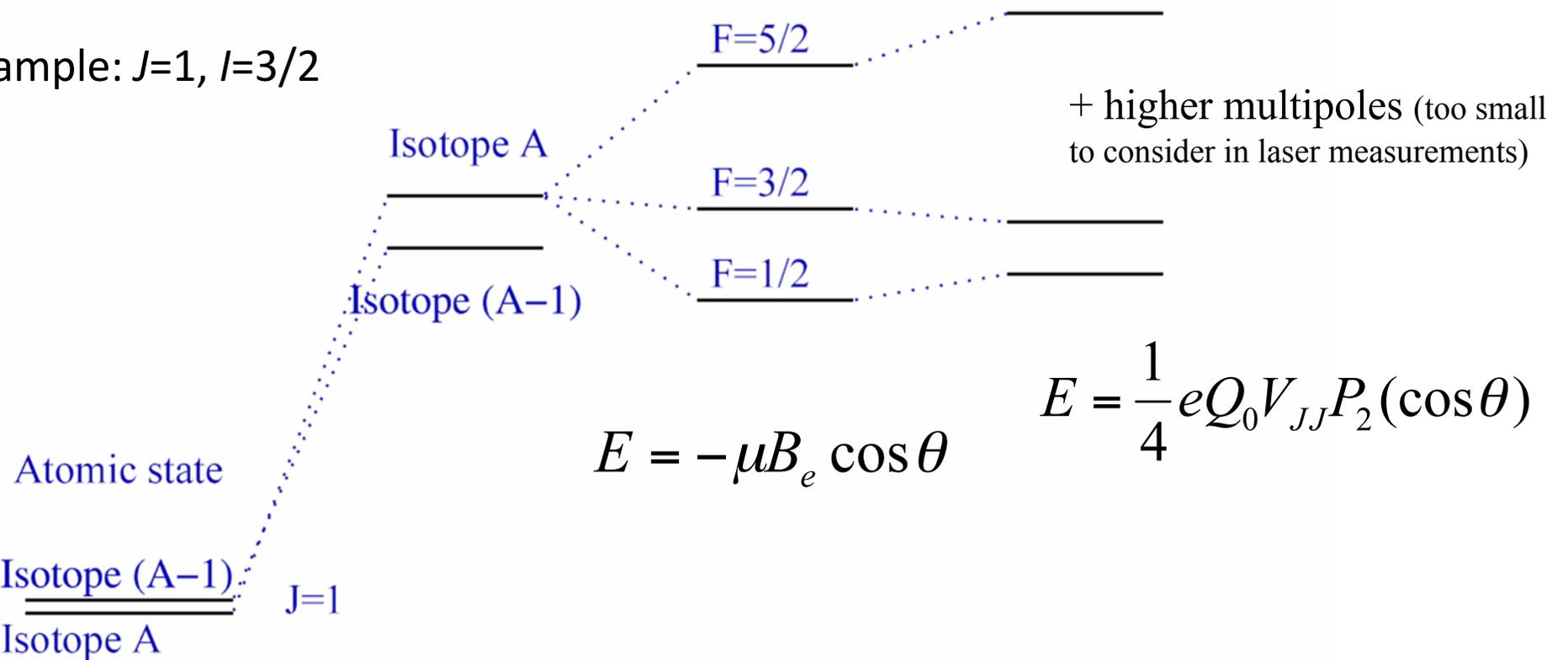
$$\vec{F} = \vec{I} + \vec{J}$$

$$F = I + J, I + J - 1, \dots, |I - J|$$

Summarizing the effects:

Point nucleus + Finite size of nucleus + Magnetic dipole + Electric quadrupole

Example: $J=1, I=3/2$

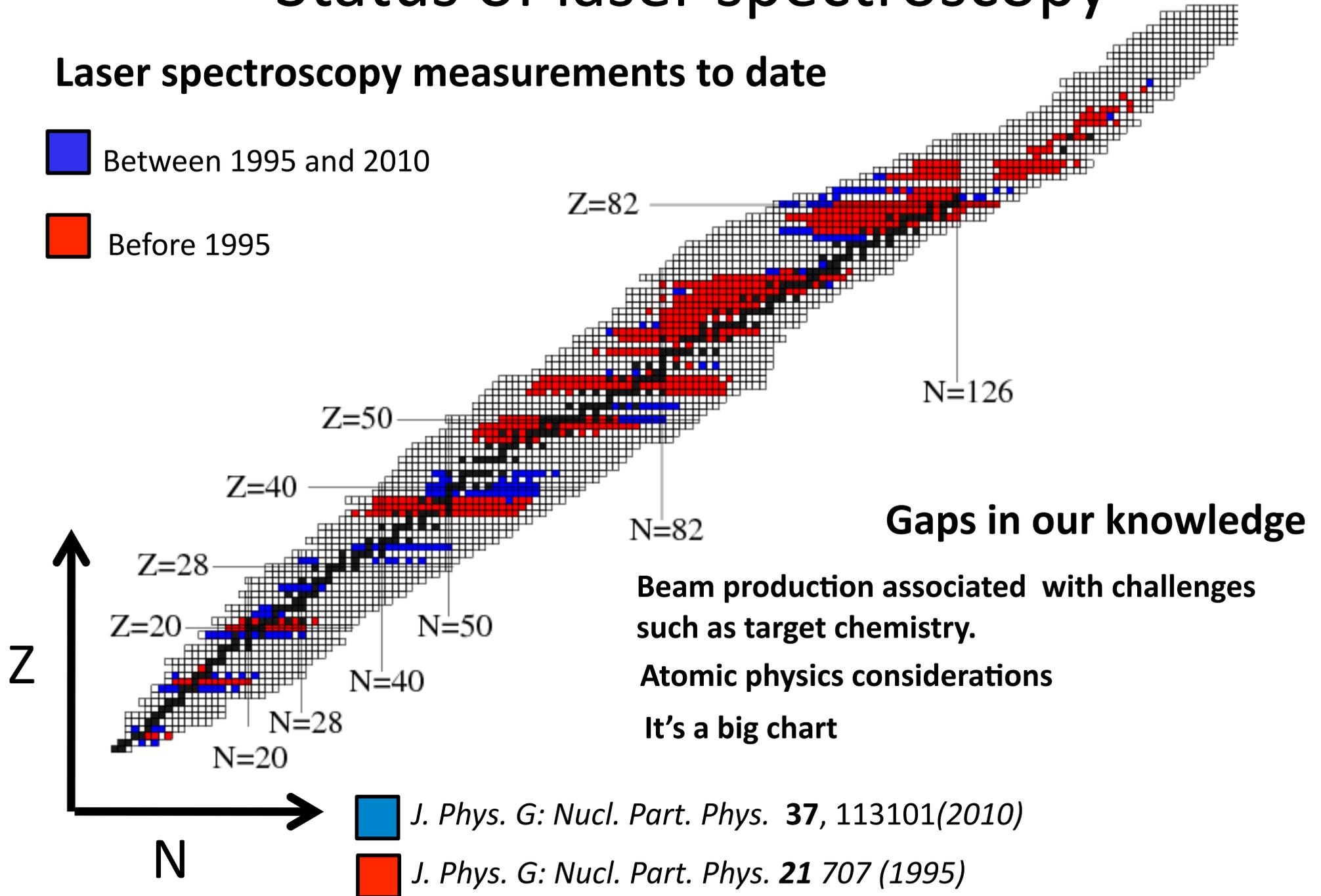


These energy shifts of may be only a **few parts per million** of the energy of an optical atomic transition. Optical techniques provide the sensitivity and precision required to measure these effects.

Status of laser spectroscopy

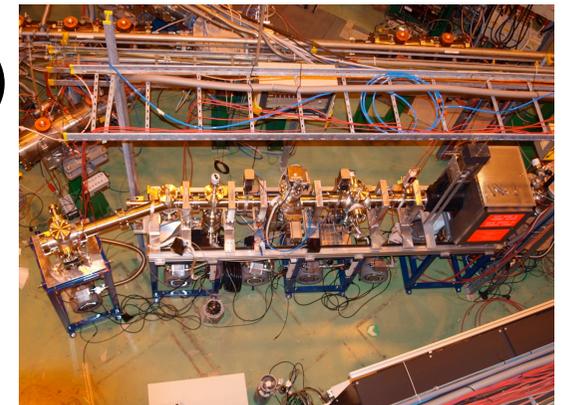
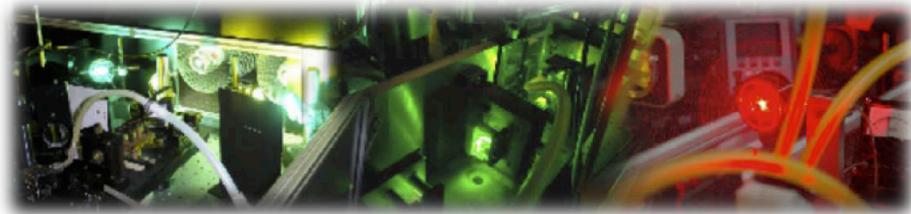
Laser spectroscopy measurements to date

- Between 1995 and 2010
- Before 1995

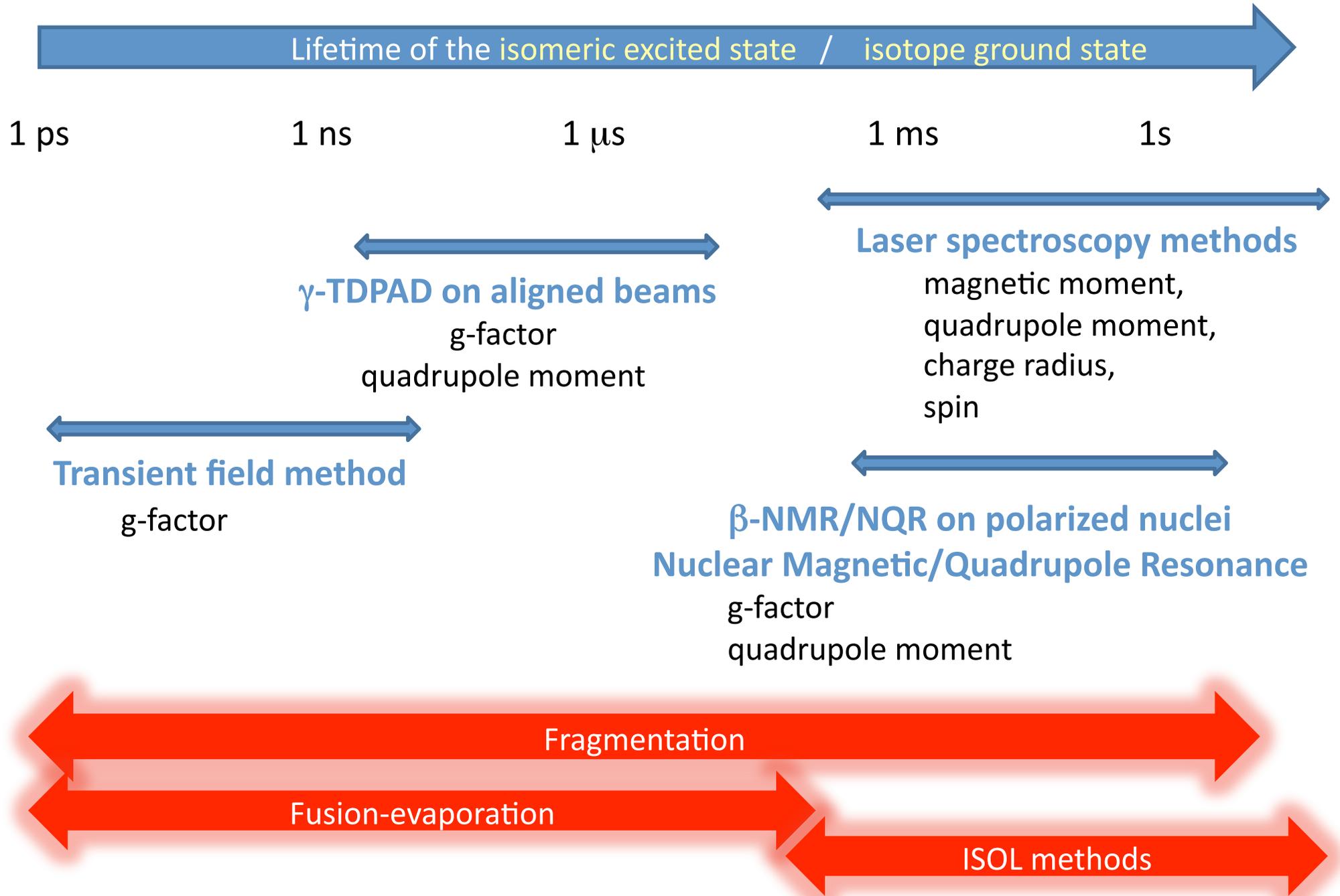


European Laser Spectroscopy Options

- In-source: RILIS, ALTO
 - Sub 1 atom/s sensitivity
 - Wide range of elements studied (~30 currently accessible)
 - Hot Cavity and associated Doppler broadening
 - Target chemistry and release time dependence
- In-gas cell laser spectroscopy: LISOL, IGISOL
 - Relatively insensitive to chemistry
 - Access to short half-lives
 - Pressure broadening and shifts
- Collinear: COLLAPS, IGISOL, CRIS
 - High resolution (typically limited by natural linewidth)
 - Highly adaptable



Methods to measure moments, radii, spin



Gas cell laser spectroscopy

- JYFL, Leuven

- $^{57,58,59}\text{Cu}$, $^{97,99,101}\text{Ag}$

- T. E. Cocolios et al., PRL 103, 102501 (2009)

- T. E. Cocolios et al., PRC 81, 014314 (2010)

- Iain Darby Phys. Lett. B (in preparation)

- Future S3 work on stopped beams

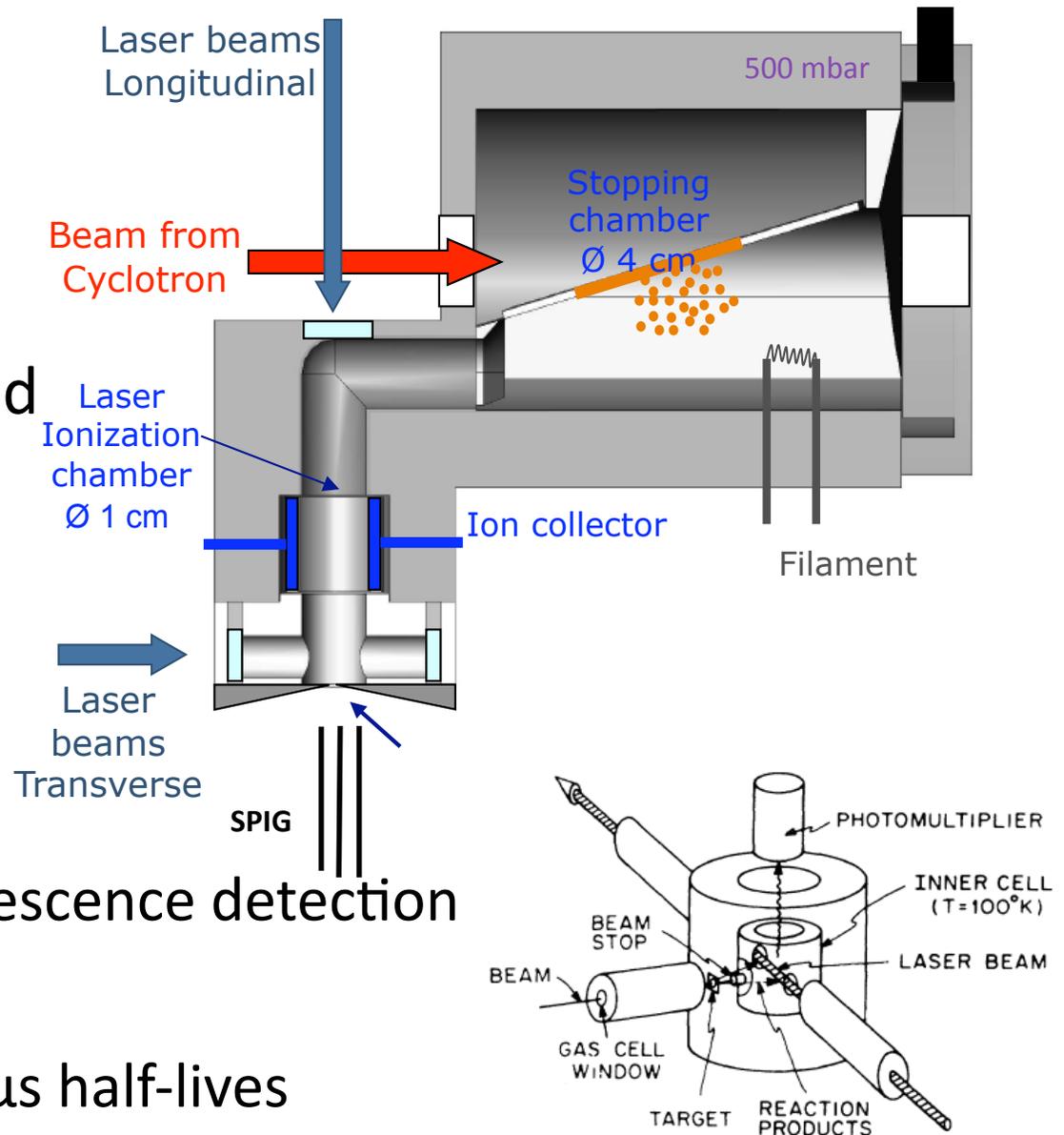
- N=Z line: ^{94}Ag , $^{101,103}\text{Sn}$,

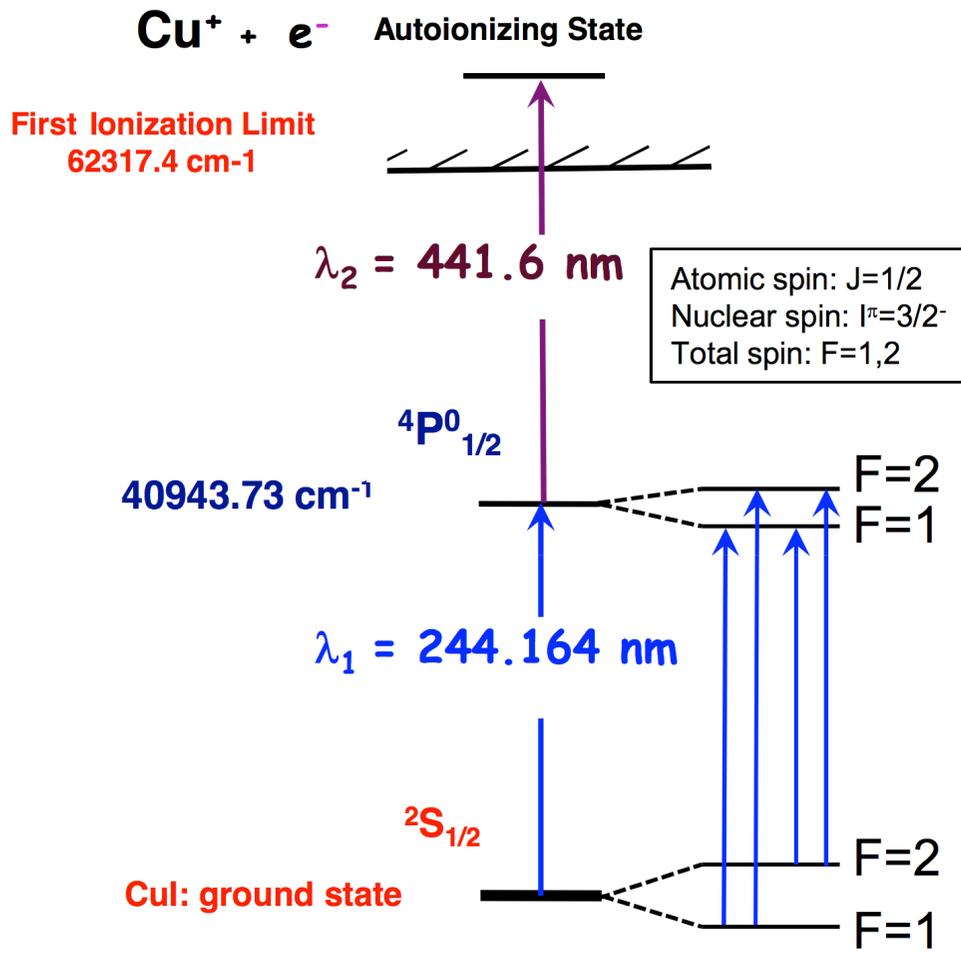
- SHE region $>\text{Ac}$

- Cryogenic gas cell and fluorescence detection

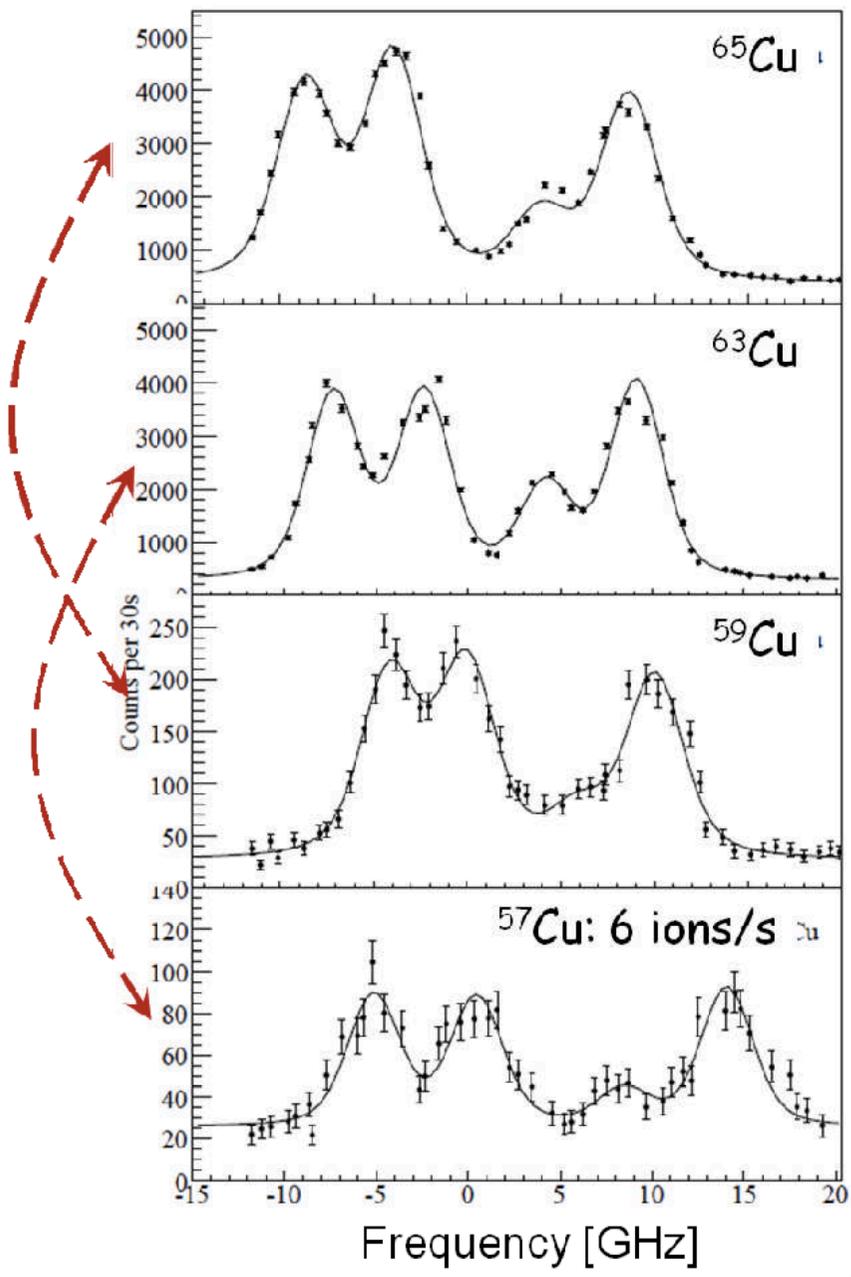
- 900/s yields, $\Gamma \sim 300\text{MHz}$

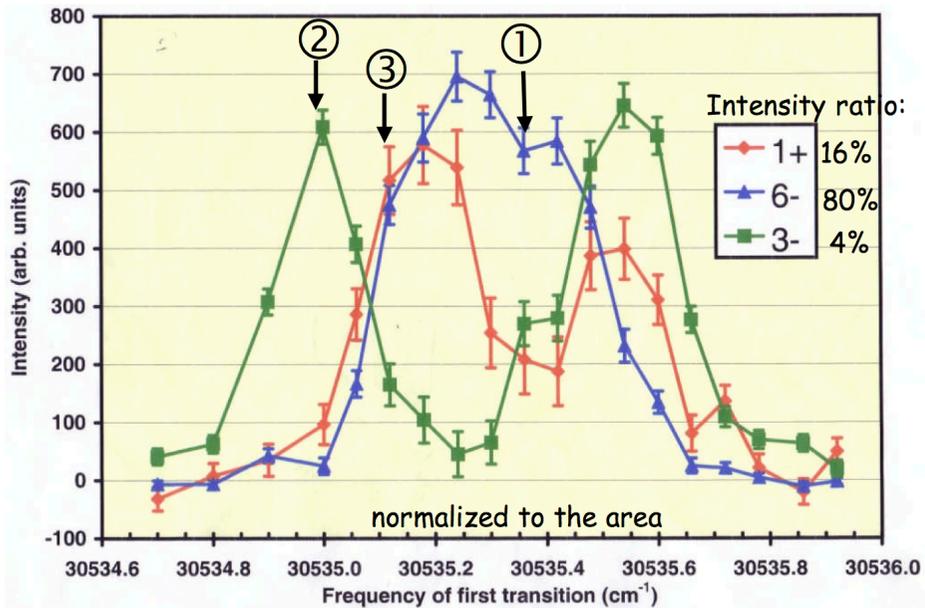
- Possible route to probe μs half-lives





$$\mu(^A\text{Cu}) = \frac{A_{hf} (^A\text{Cu})}{A_{hf} (^{63}\text{Cu})} \mu(^{63}\text{Cu})$$





$$\omega_c = \frac{q}{m} \cdot B$$



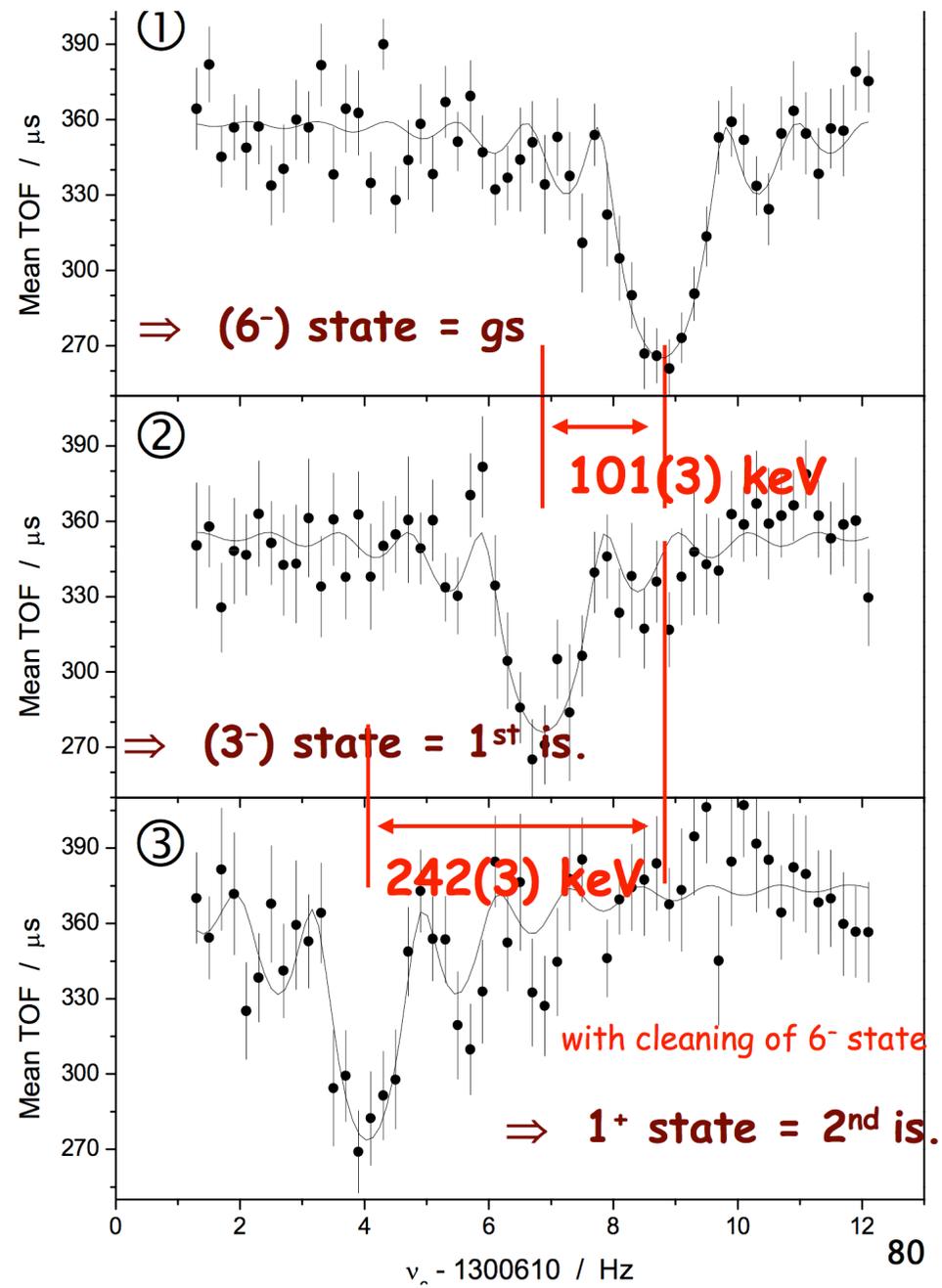
Unambiguous state assignment!



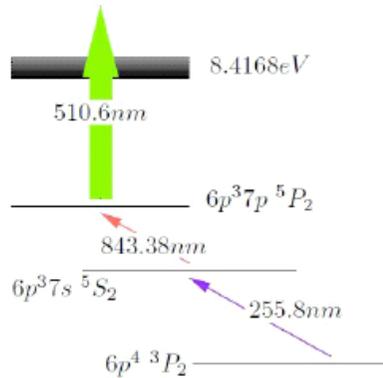
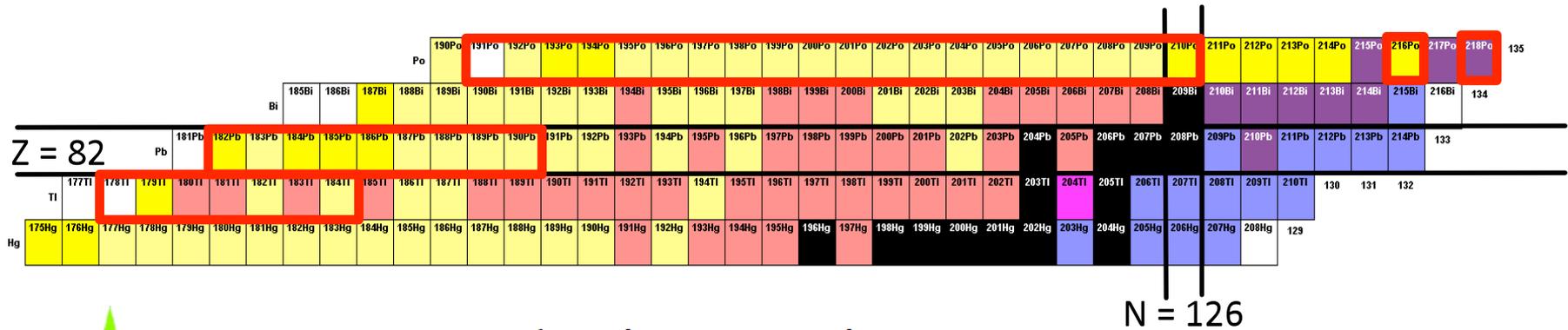
ME of ground state is 240 keV higher than literature value!

$$R \approx 1 \cdot 10^7, \delta m/m \approx 4 \cdot 10^{-8}$$

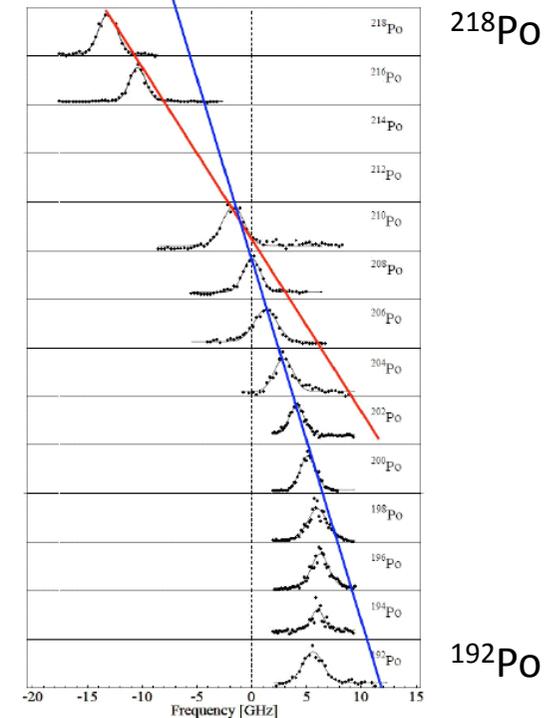
J. Van Roosbroeck et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 92, 112501 (2004).



RILIS laser spectroscopy in the Pb region



- from $A = 192$ up to $A = 218$;
- from $T_{1/2} = 33$ ms up to $T_{1/2} = 3$ yr;
- from 0.3 ion \cdot s $^{-1}$ to over 10^7 ion \cdot s $^{-1}$;
- using α , β , γ and ion (FC) counting.



Recent developments for the spectroscopy of At isotopes

A) RESONANCE IONIZATION LASER ION SOURCES

Reducing isobars

Isomer selectivity

Optical pumping

7) Selectivity

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graph LR; A["A) RESONANCE IONIZATION LASER ION SOURCES"] --- B["7) Selectivity"]; B --- C["Reducing isobars"]; B --- D["Isomer selectivity"]; B --- E["Optical pumping"];
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How to improve the selectivity of the laser ion source?

Problem – unselective ionization of isobars on hot metal surfaces.

Solution 1 – Reduce the surface ionization

Reduce temperature

Use low work function materials

Trap unwanted elements

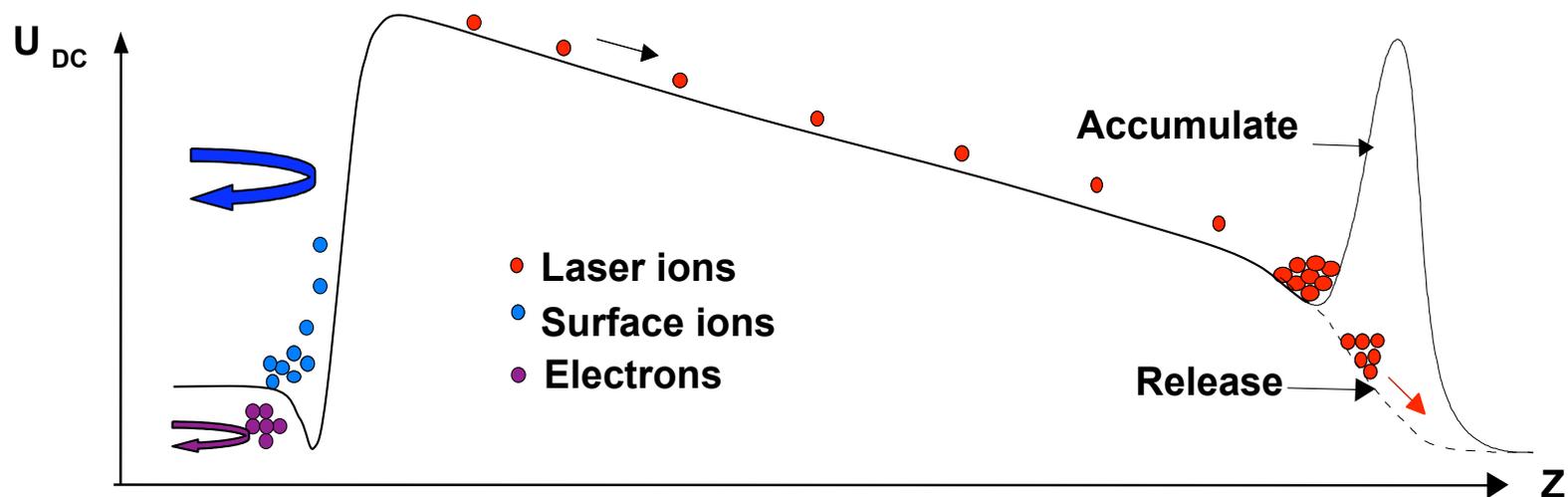
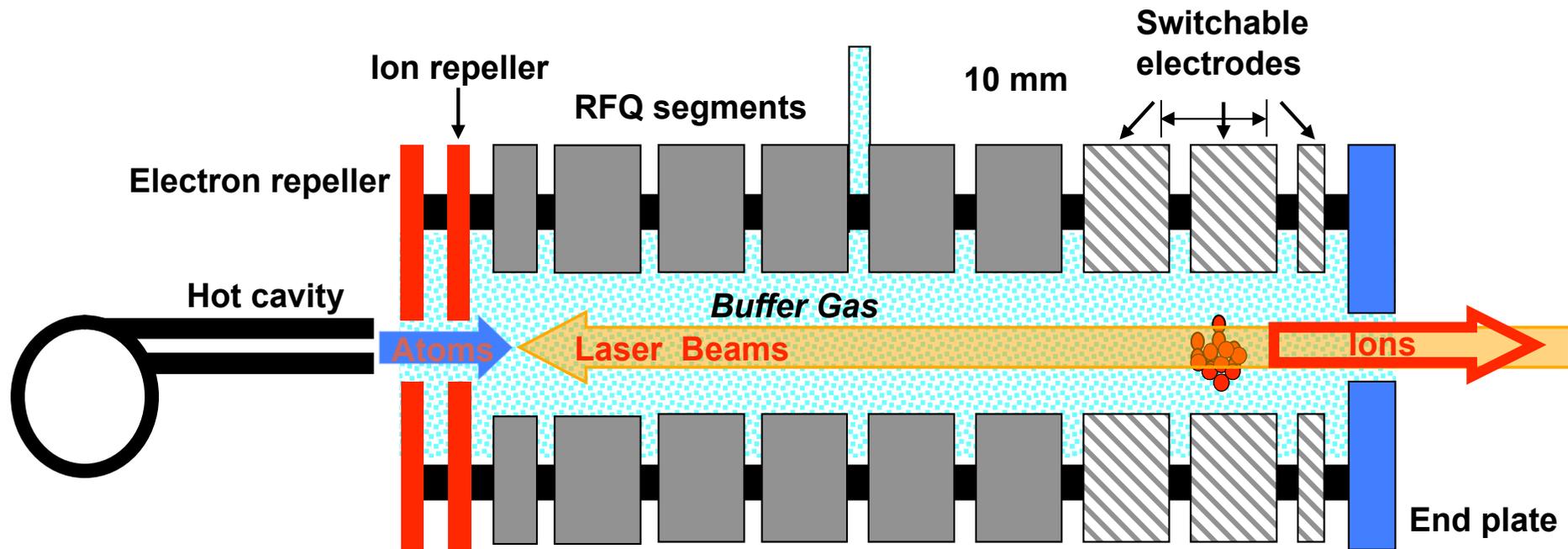
(add chemical selectivity to the effusion process)

Solution 2 – Separate surface ions from laser ions

Repel surface ions before laser ionization

Temporal separation of laser and surface ions

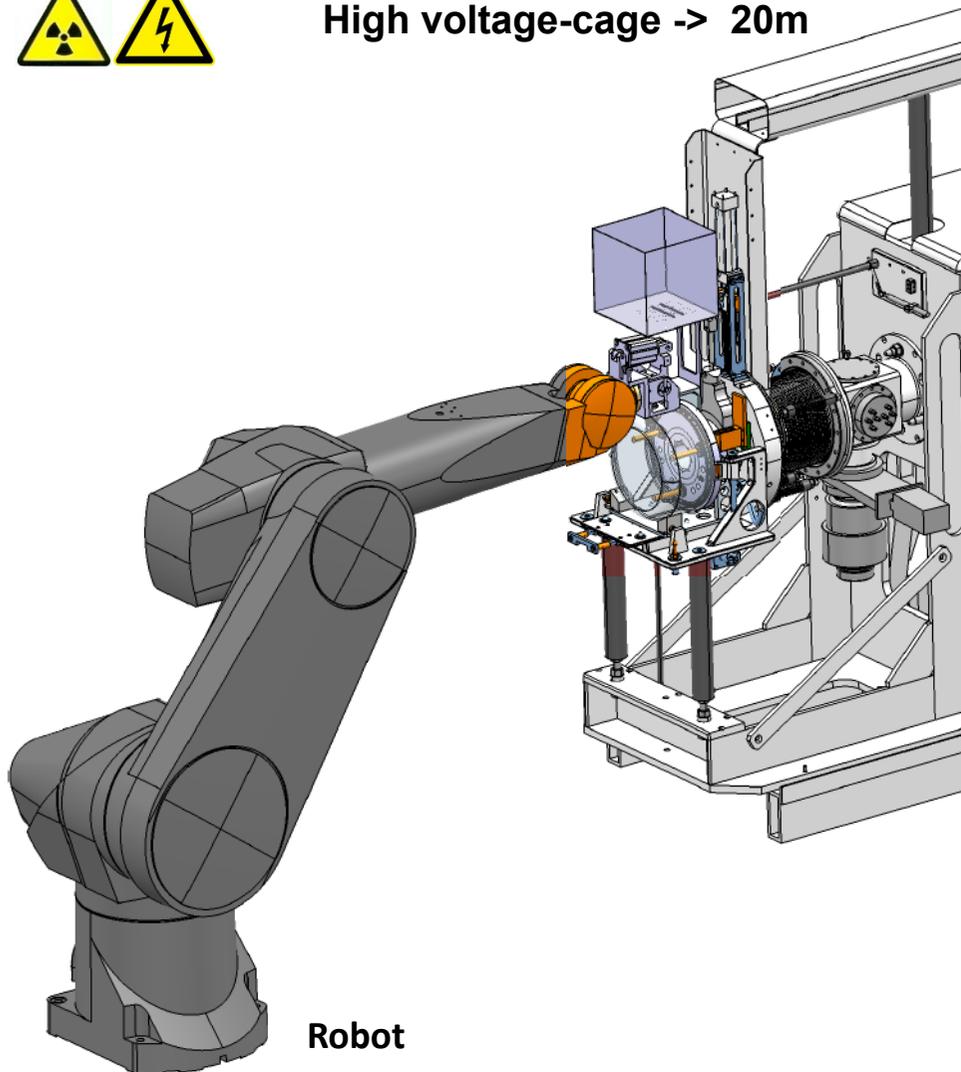
Ideal selective laser ion source? Repeller and trap



Implementation of such a device



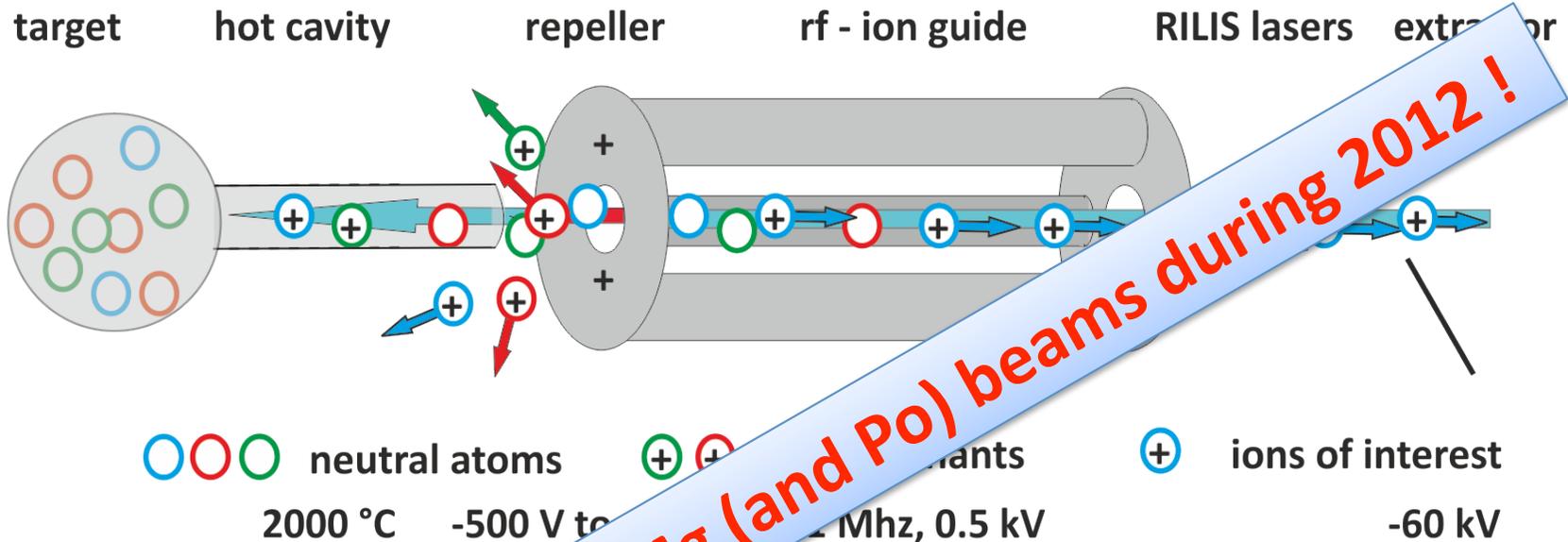
High voltage-cage -> 20m



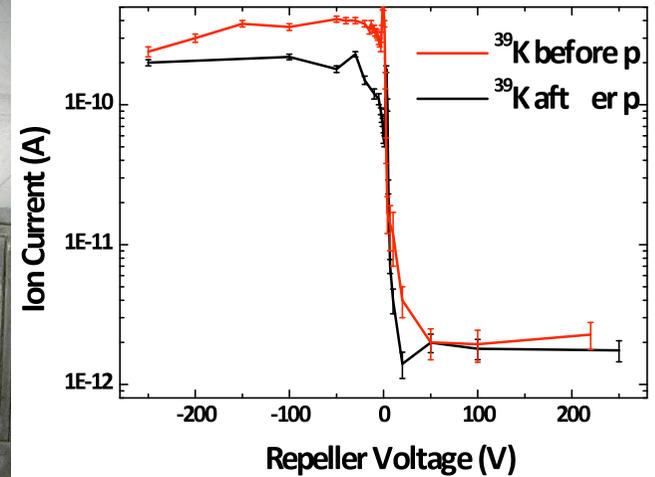
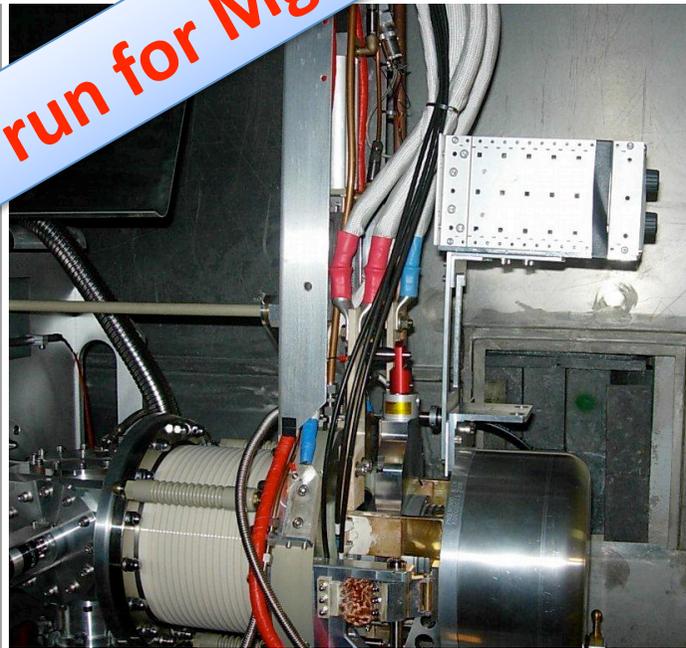
Challenges:

- **High radiation**
 - radiation hard material
 - Gas extraction
- **High tension**
 - electronics in HV-cage
 - remote control
 - Amplification of rf at target
 - Feedthroughs
- **Robot**
 - Connectors
 - Stability
 - Size limitations

A feasible Laser Ion Source Trap design!

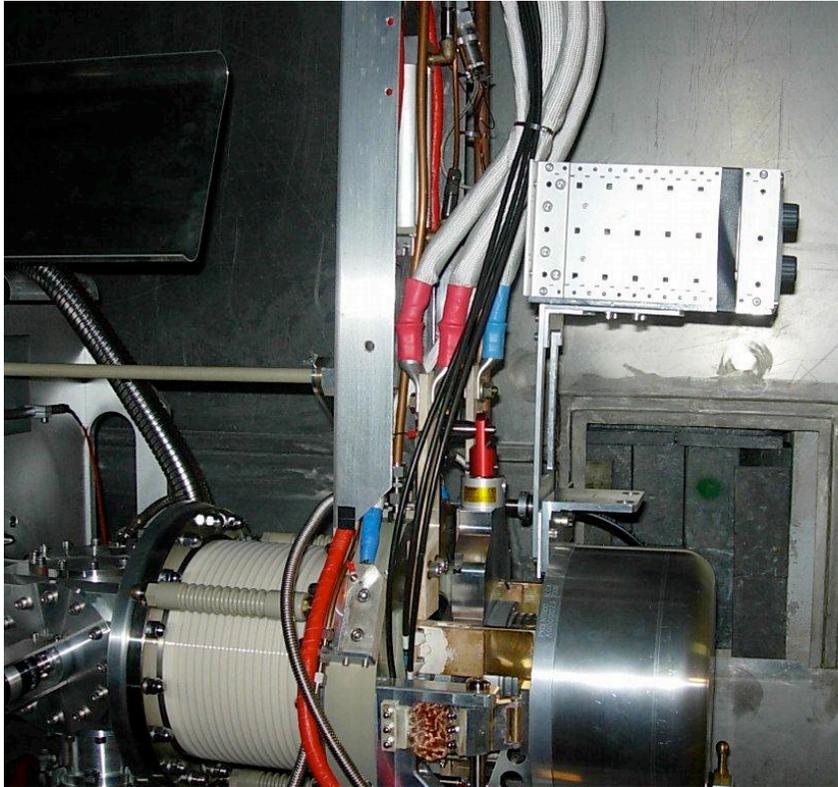
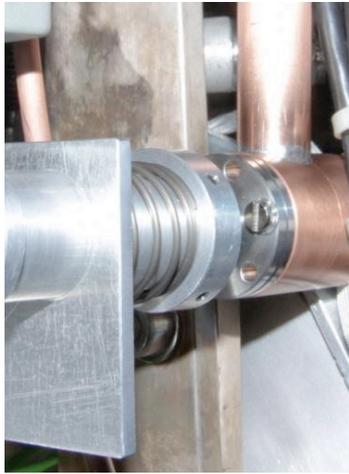
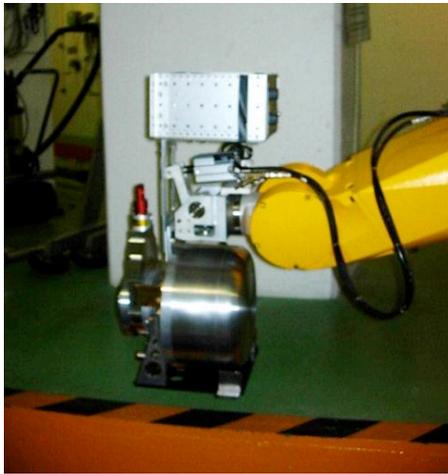


On-line LIST run for Mg (and Po) beams during 2012!



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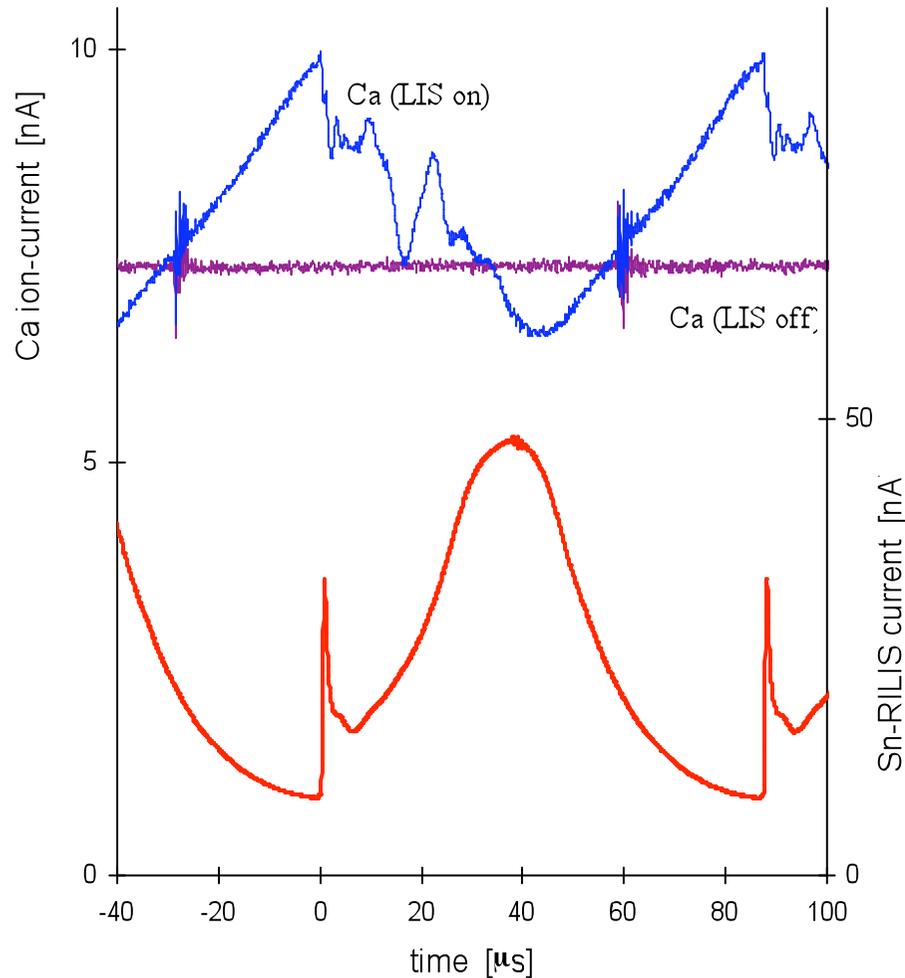
Robot coupling



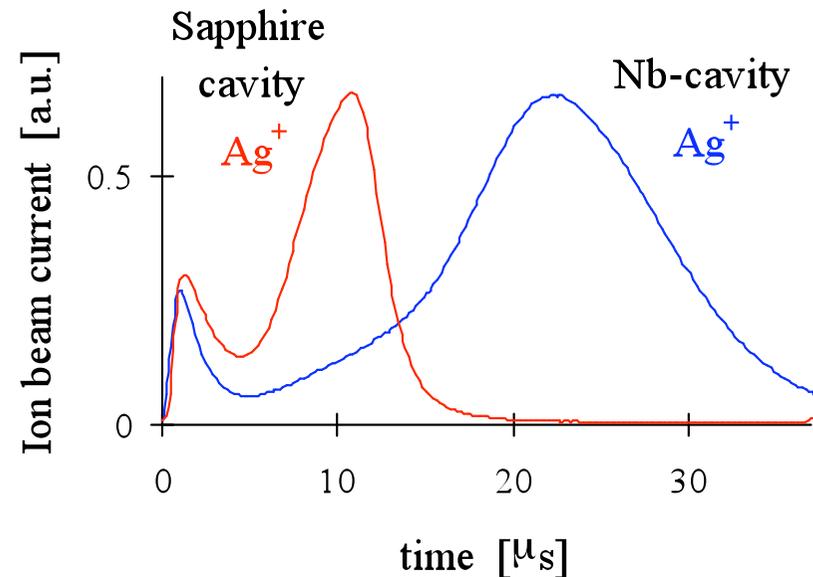
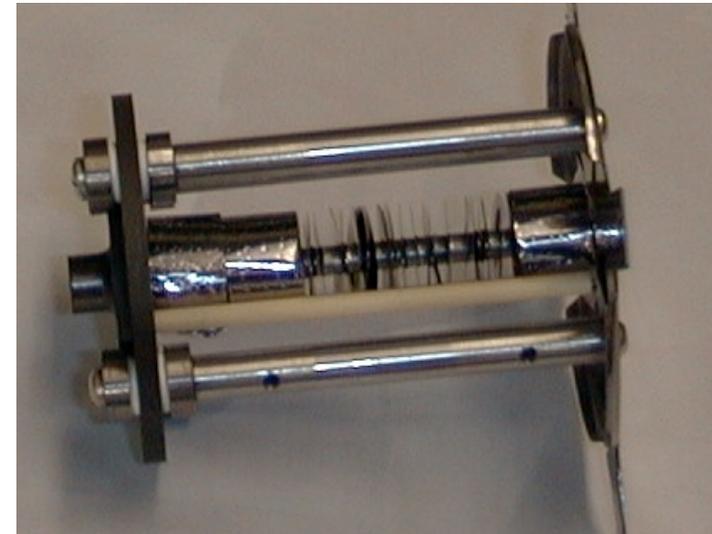
Micro beam gating – selectivity using the laser ion pulse structure

Thinner cavity walls -> more electrical resistance -> higher voltage -> shorter bunch length of laser ions

Standard W cavity:



Thin Nb cavity:



Data presented by J.Letry at CERN Sept 2007

Problem: increased complexity, reliability issues, limited gain in selectivity \rightarrow How can this concept be improved?

One step further: create a temporal focus and gate at this point

High voltage hot cavity + Field free drift region -> Temporal focus downstream with width

Resonant Ionization Laser Ion Source (RILIS) al distribution of atoms

With Improved Selectivity

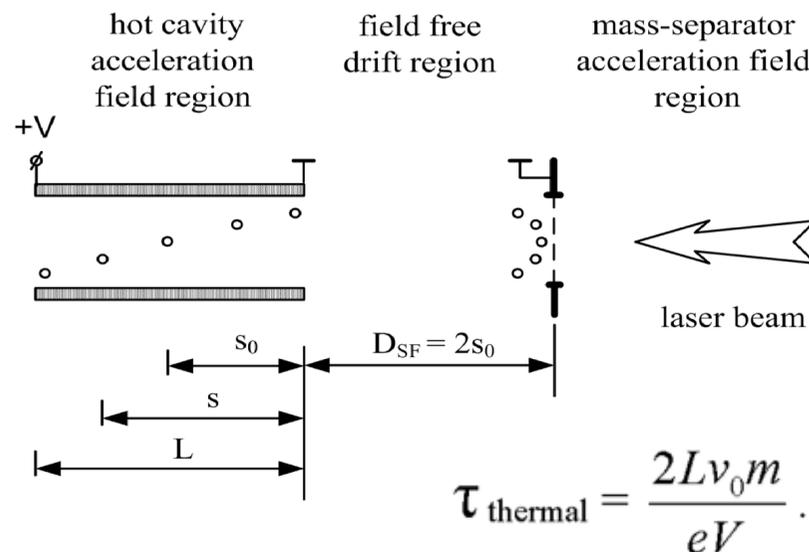
Achieved By Ion Pulse Compression

Using In-Source Time-of-flight Technique

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Abstract. This paper describes for the first time the improved selectivity of the RILIS made possible by the time-of-flight (TOF) ion bunch compression. Brief description of the compression principles and some preliminary experimental results are presented. In the off-line experiments short ion peaks of natural Li, Na, K, Tm and Yb are observed as ions leave the RILIS-TOF structure. For Tm the ion peaks of 5 μ s half-height duration are detected and 1 μ s peaks for Sn are predicted. In view of the repetition rate of the ISOLDE-RILIS lasers it is hoped that the selectivity of Sn isotopes production may be improved as much as 100 employing the RILIS with the TOF ion bunch compression and a gating technique.

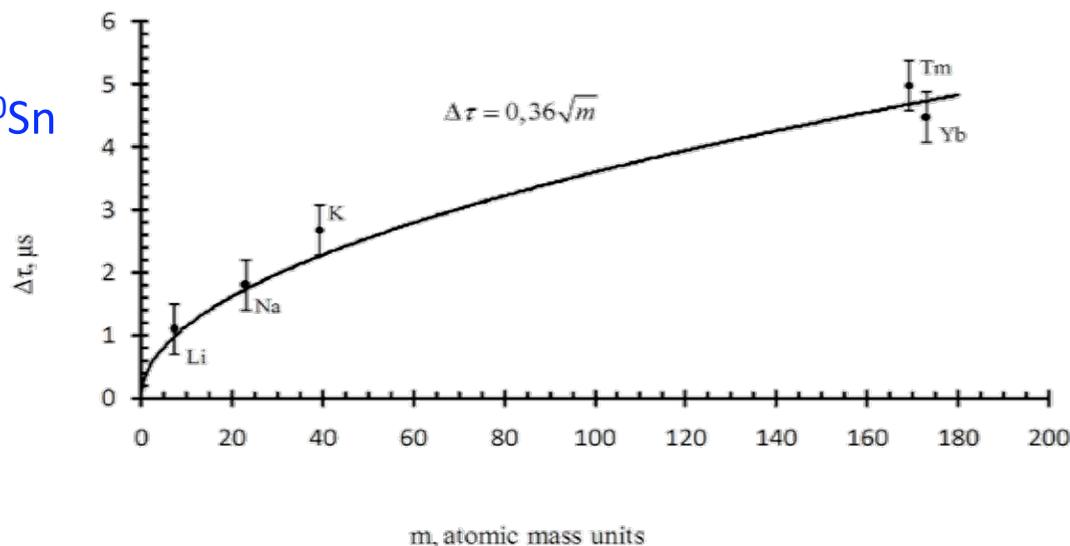


For a 15V cavity potential, $\Delta\tau \approx 3.5 \mu$ s for ^{100}Sn

Selectivity = $1/(\text{laser repetition rate} \times \Delta\tau)$

≈ 28

With no loss of ionization efficiency!



This technique is under development by V. Mishin, at the Institute of Spectroscopy, Troitsk

Optimizing the hot cavity materials or transfer line:

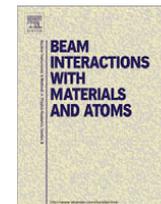


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Study of low work function materials for hot cavity resonance ionization laser ion sources

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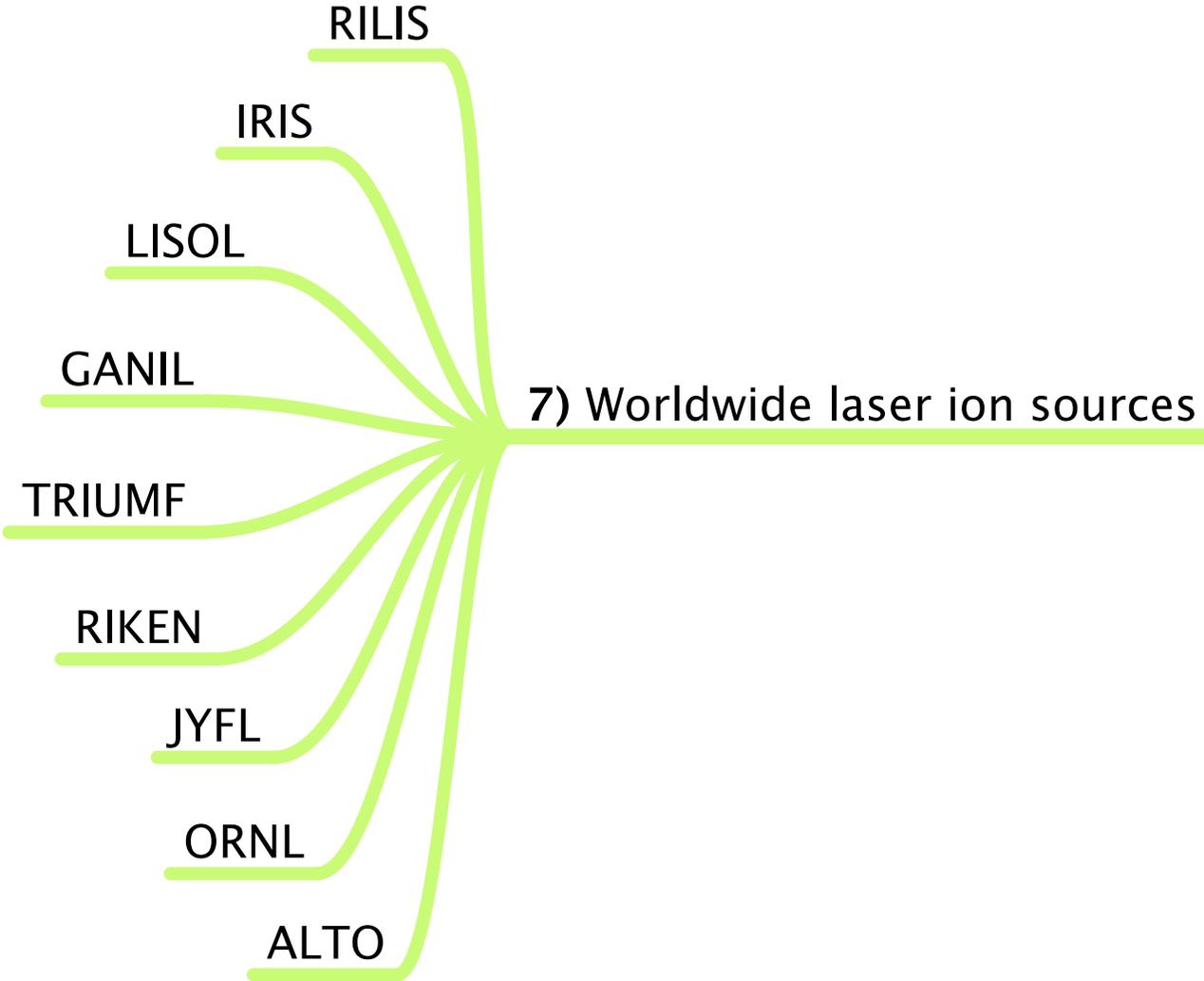
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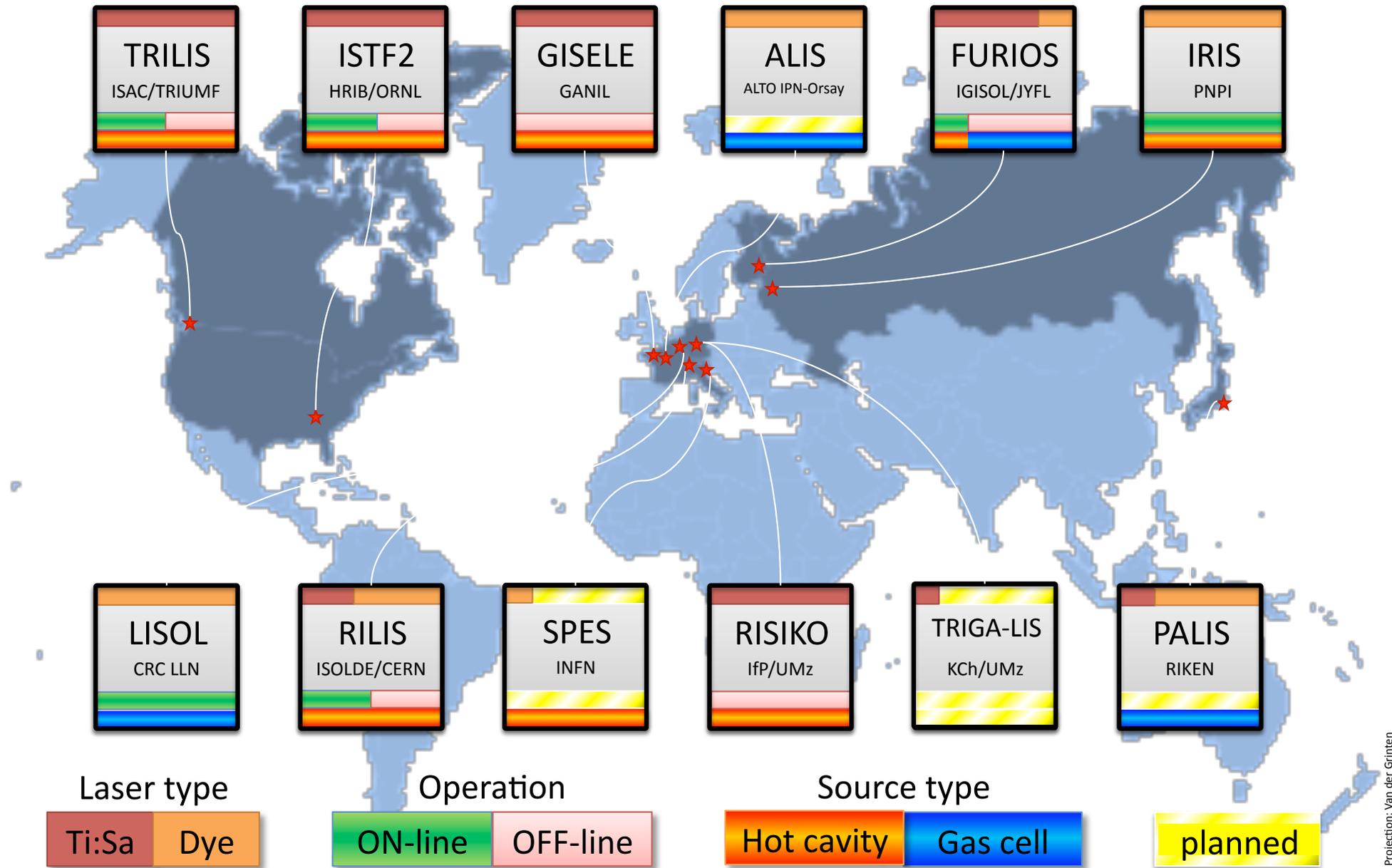
Beam purification by selective trapping in the transfer line of an ISOL target unit
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CERN, CH-1211, Geneva, Switzerland

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**A) RESONANCE IONIZATION
LASER ION SOURCES**



Laser Ion Sources Worldwide



IRIS (Investigation of Radioactive Isotopes on Synchrocyclotron) at
PNPI (Petersburg Nuclear Physics Institute)

Gatchina, Russia

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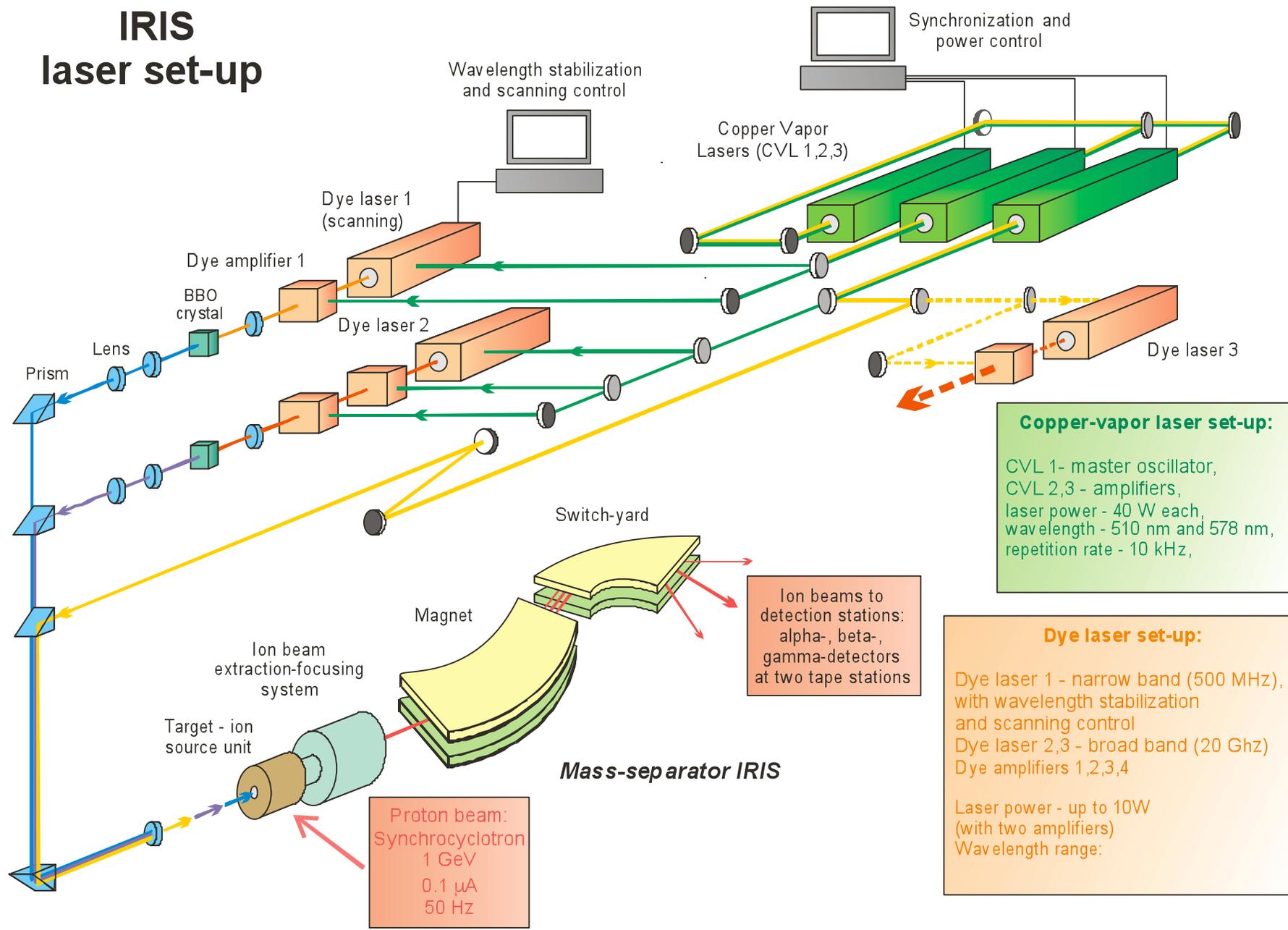
LIS (Laser Ion Source) – method of laser ionization in a hot metal cavity - invented and firstly applied at IRIS [1,2]

RIS/LIS (Resonance Ionization Spectroscopy inside a Laser Ion Source) of mass-separator of IRIS facility – in operation since 1991 at 1 GeV Synchrocyclotron of PNPI [2,3]

Targets of mass-separator: UC thick targets (from 5 g/cm² up to 150 g/m²) and refractory metal targets

Isotope shifts (IS) and Hyperfine structure (HFS) for very far from beta stability isotopes of Yb, Tm, Eu, Gd and Tl have been measured at IRIS using this method [4,5,6,7]

IRIS laser set-up

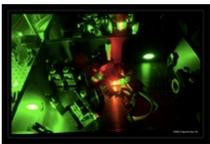


Proton beam:
 Synchrotron
 1 GeV
 0.1 μ A
 50 Hz

Ion beams to detection stations:
 alpha-, beta-, gamma-detectors
 at two tape stations

Copper-vapor laser set-up:
 CVL 1- master oscillator,
 CVL 2,3 - amplifiers,
 laser power - 40 W each,
 wavelength - 510 nm and 578 nm,
 repetition rate - 10 kHz,

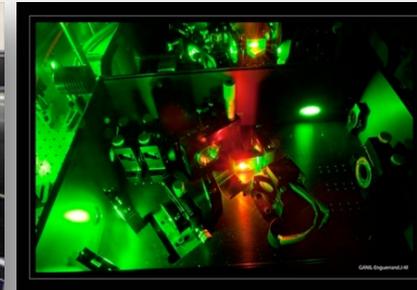
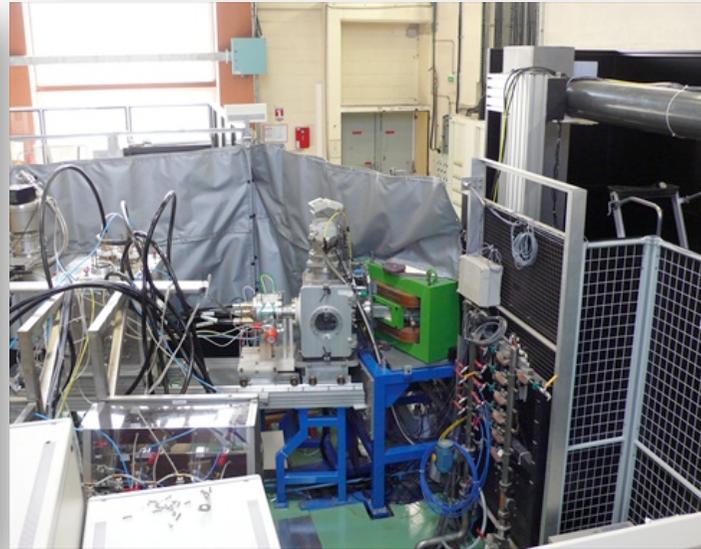
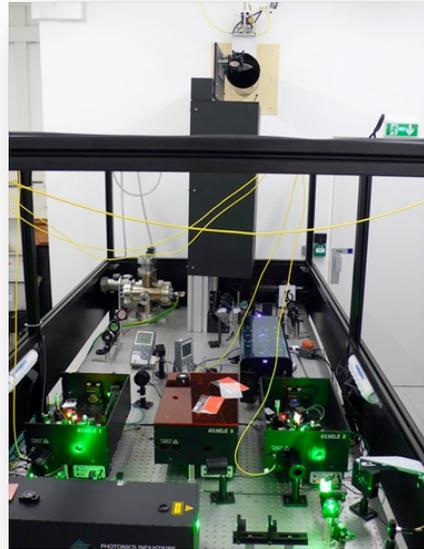
Dye laser set-up:
 Dye laser 1 - narrow band (500 MHz),
 with wavelength stabilization
 and scanning control
 Dye laser 2,3 - broad band (20 GHz)
 Dye amplifiers 1,2,3,4
 Laser power - up to 10W
 (with two amplifiers)
 Wavelength range:



NEW GISELE @ GANIL

GANIL Ion Source using Electron Laser Excitation

- Off line prototype for SPIRAL2
- TiSa laser, 20m transport path and hot cavity: June 2010 – July 2011

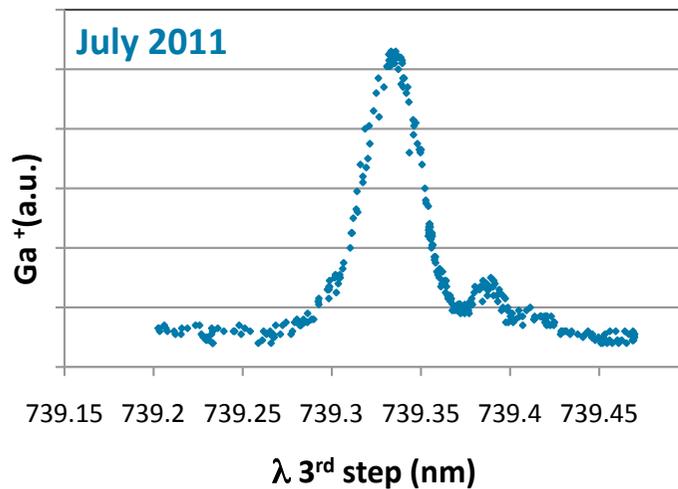


3 TiSa cavities from TRIUMF



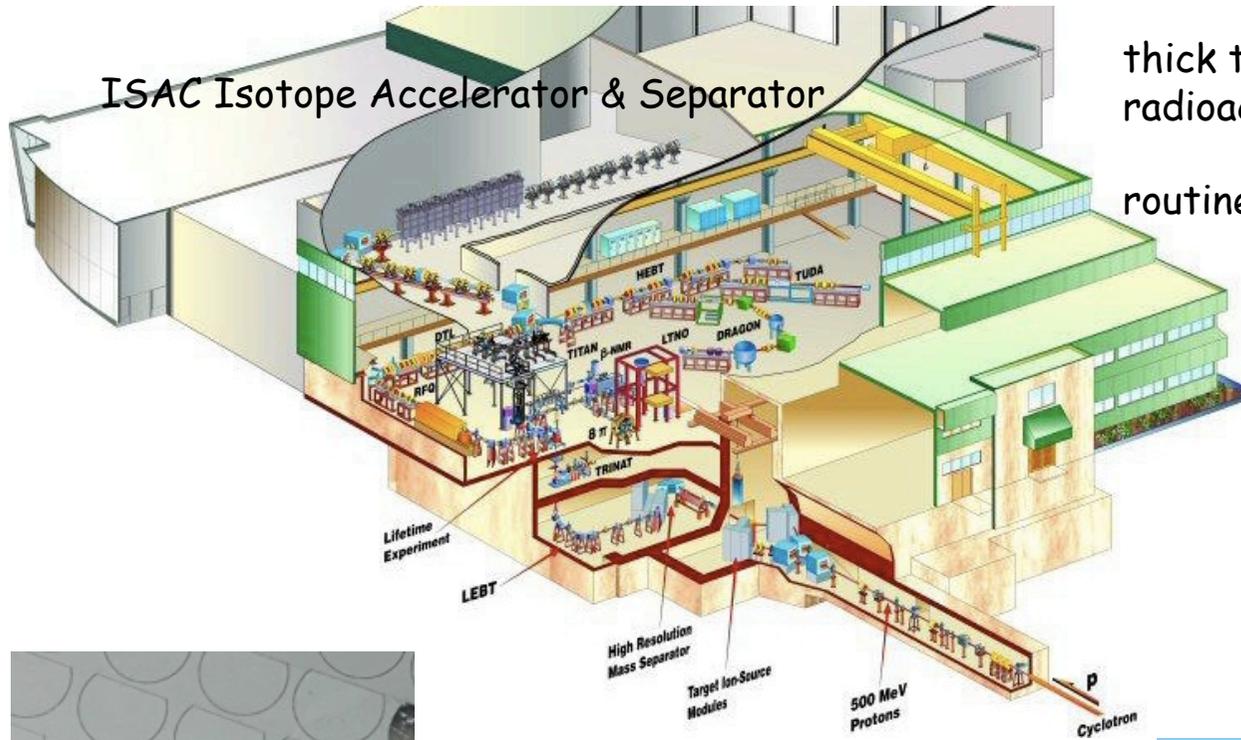
2 Tripler cavities from Mainz U.

Rydberg state of Ga



Lecesne et al, RSI 81 (2008) 02A910

- ✓ First Ga⁺ ion beam (+ Mainz U.)
- ✓ Target and Ion Source for SPIRAL2: UCx + RILIS
- ✓ Next beams: Sn, Zn, Y, In



thick target - hot cavity ISOL based radioactive ion beam facility

routine operation at the licensing limit:

100 μA p^+ on $A < 81$ targets (up to 50kW)

10 μA p^+ on UC_x targets

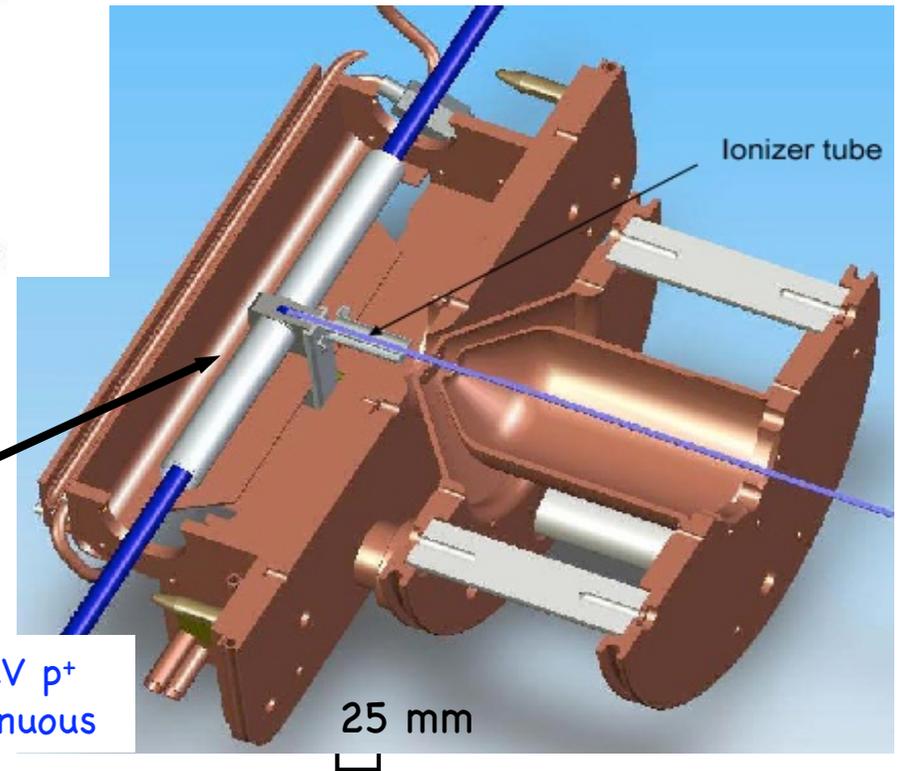
RIB beam schedule: Apr.-Dec. (24/7)

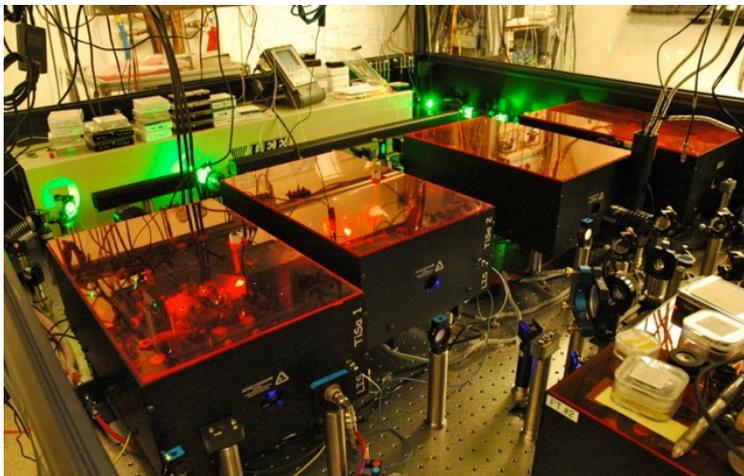


carbide etc. targets



metal foil targets





TiSa laser specifications:
Repetition rate 10 kHz

Wavelength range

- fund. 3W, 690 – 990 nm
- 2v 500mW, 350 – 490 nm
- 3v 100mW, 233 – 320 nm
- 4v 100mW, 205 – 232 nm

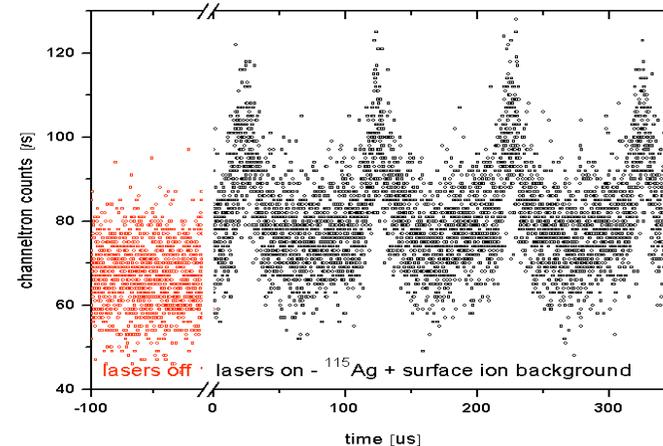
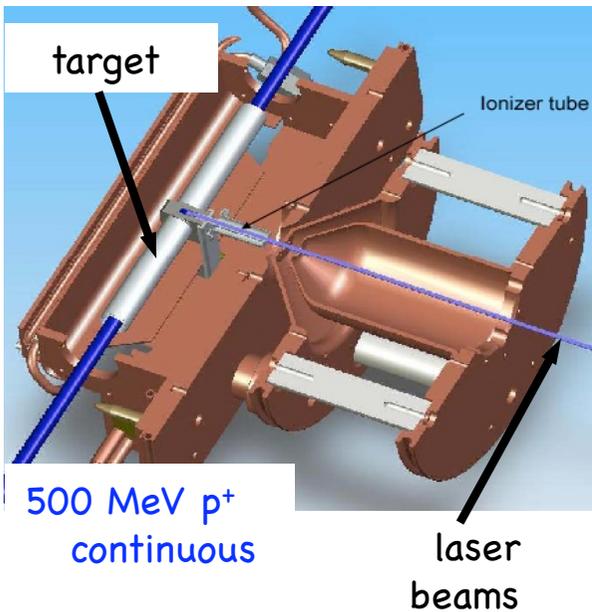
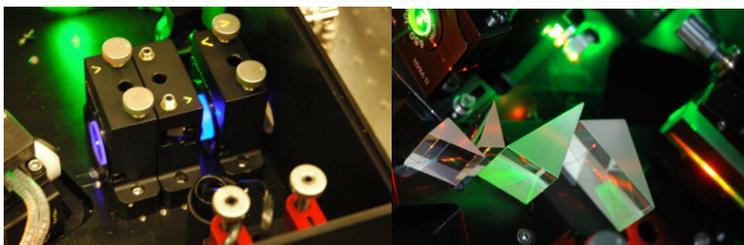
Tuning range

- BRF TiSa 300 GHz
- Grating TiSa 135 THz

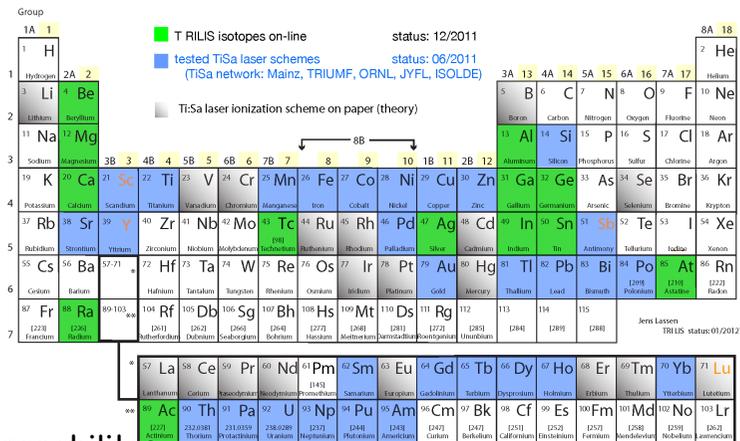
Spatial beam quality $M^2 < 1.2$

Spectral bandwidth 3–5 GHz

Temporal pulse duration 30–50 ns



yield database: http://www.triumf.info/facility/research_fac/yield.php



Operational:

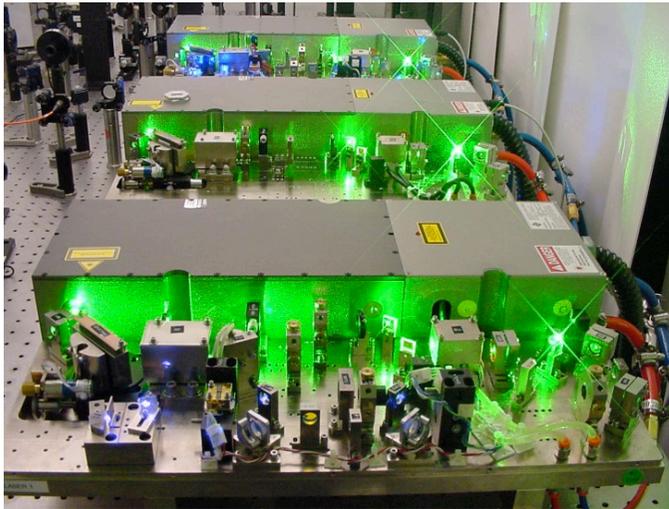
- (2004) TiSa laser based RILIS:
 1st on-line beams
- (2009) full off-line beam development capabilities
- (2010) NSERC funded “in-source laser spectroscopy program”
- (2013) 1st schedule with above 50% beamtime by T RILIS
 T RILIS laser operation with GHz/wk stability

Development:

- (2012–14) enhanced beam purity via (i) RFQ-LIS, (ii) pulse structure
- (2012–2015) continued laser development
 - in-source laser spectroscopy
 - development of TiSa RILIS schemes

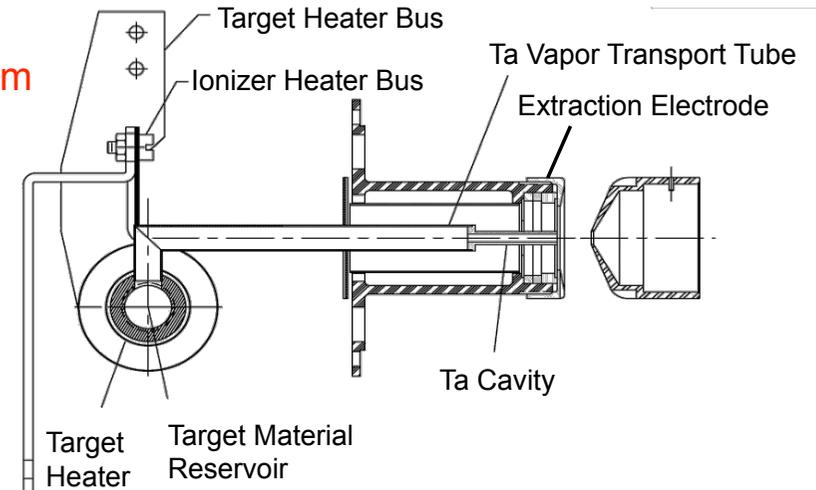
Hot-Cavity Laser Ion Source at HRIBF-ORNL

Ti:Sapphire Laser System



- Pulse repetition rate: 10 kHz
- Wavelength tuning range:
 - fundamental 715 - 960 nm
 - SHG 359 - 470 nm
 - THG 240 - 310 nm
 - FHG 208 - 230 nm
- Peak laser power:
 - 2.5 Watt (fundamental)
 - 0.8 W (SHG)
 - 0.12 W (THG)
 - 30 mW (FHG @ 215nm)

Hot cavity ionizer



- Three Ti:Sapphire lasers upgraded with individual pump lasers in 2011
 - Synchronizing the pump lasers
 - Eliminating the Pockels cells
- Continuous wavelength tuning thru the fundamental spectral range
- One mirror set covers the full fundamental wavelength range

- Ionization schemes for 14 elements obtained in off-line studies

Sn, Ni, Ge, Cu, Co, Ga, Sr, Mn, Fe, Al, Ho, Tb, Dy, Te

- Ionization efficiency for eight elements evaluated in off-line studies

Element	Sn	Ni	Ge	Cu	Co	Ga	Mn	Ho
Efficiency (%)	22	2.7	3.3	2.4	>20	9	0.9	40

- The LIS has been installed on-line for production of RIBs

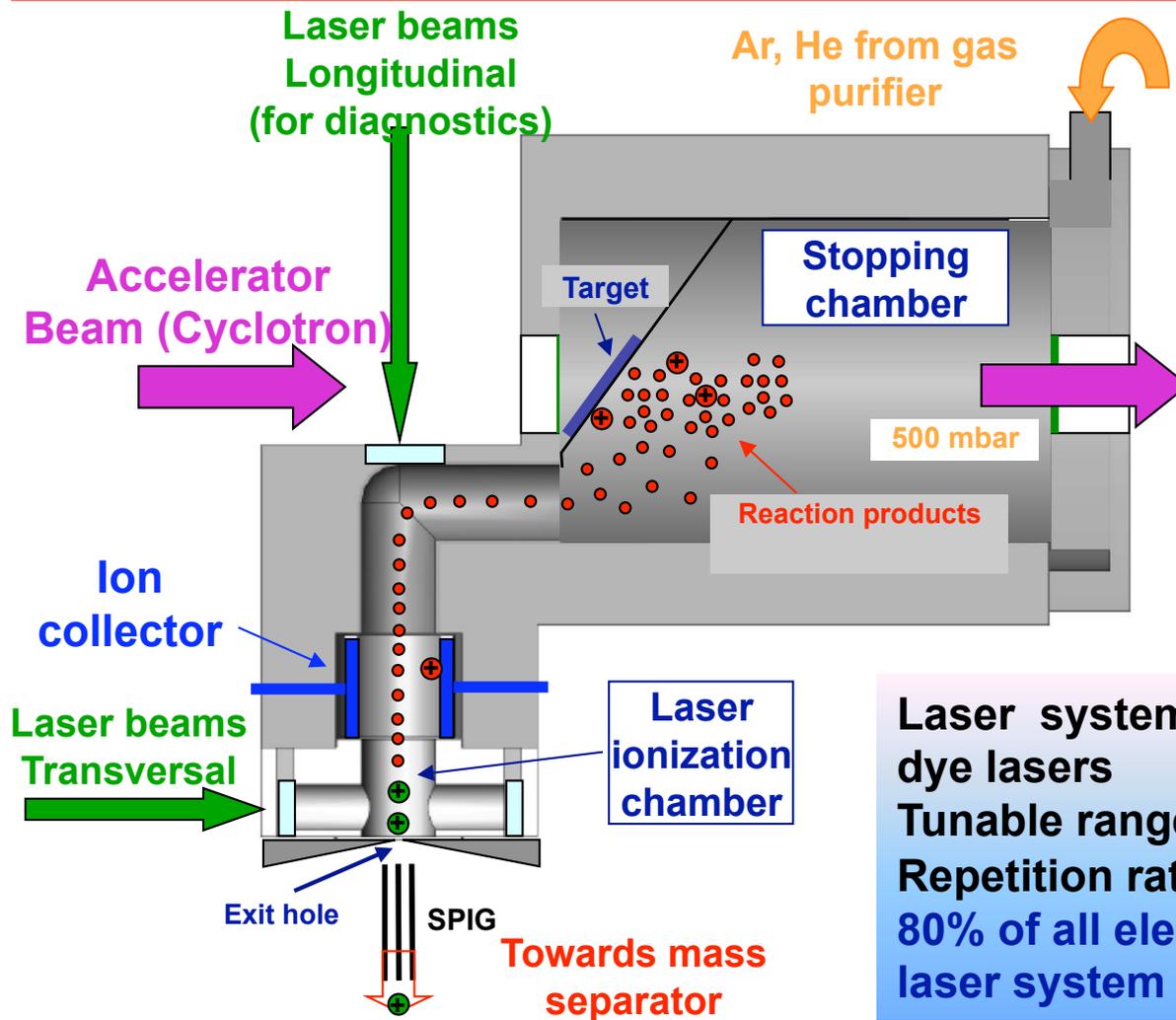
Current Status of HRIBF-ORNL

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Leuven Isotope Separator On-Line (LISOL) Laser Ion Source



- Light ion-induced fusion evaporation reactions
Co, Ni, Mn, Cr, V, Cu
- Heavy ion-induced fusion evaporation reactions
Rh, Ru, Ti, Sn, In, Ag, Ac
- Proton-induced fission reactions
Fe, Co, Ni, Cu
- Spontaneous fission of ^{252}Cf
Rh, Ru, Mo, Pd

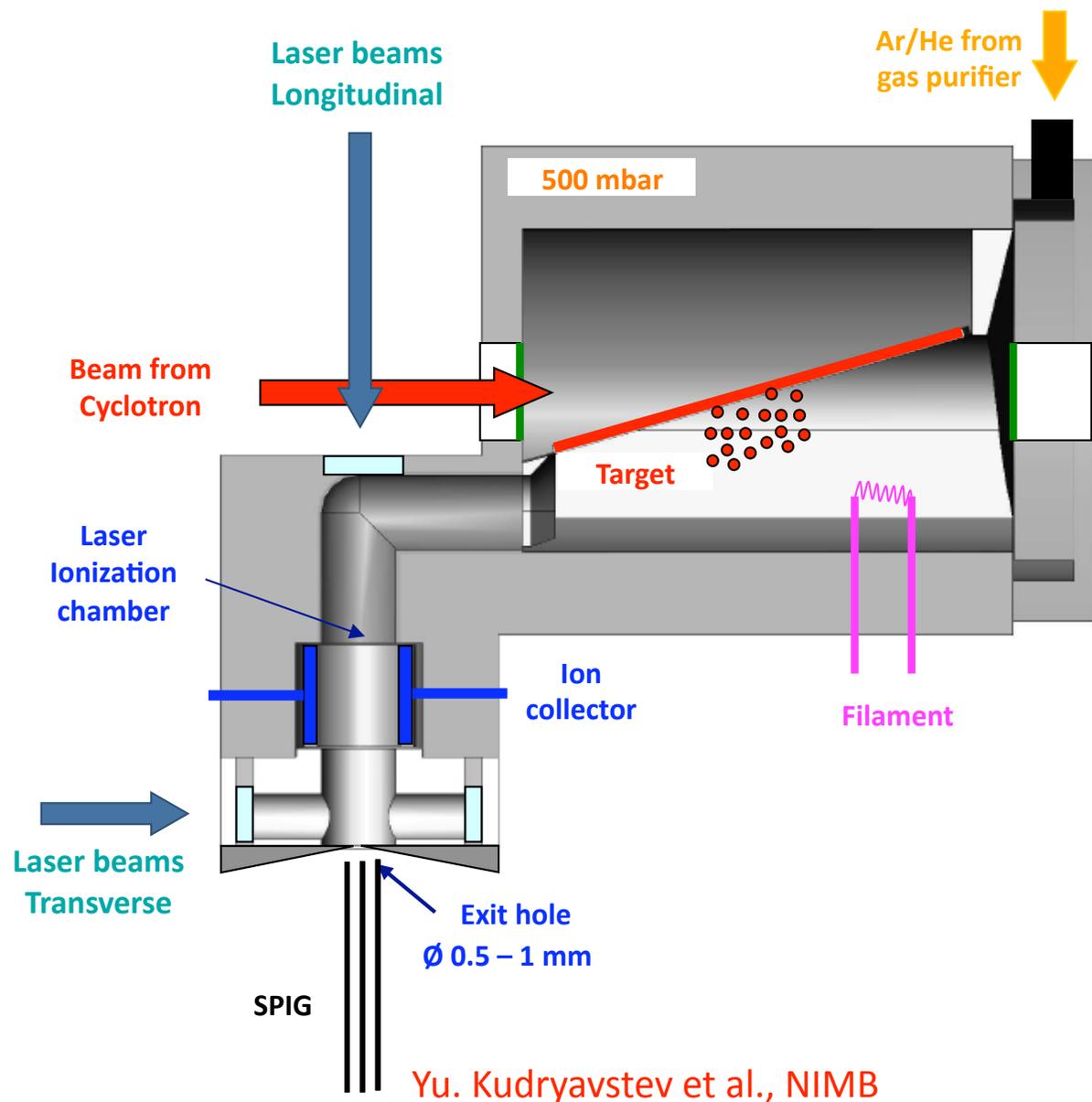
Laser system consists of two excimer-pumped dye lasers
 Tunable range: 205 - 900 nm
 Repetition rate: 200 Hz
 80% of all elements can be ionized using LISOL laser system

- Delay time: 10 - 300 ms
(the same for refractory atoms)
- Efficiency: up to 6 %
- Selectivity: up to 2200

The operational principle of the laser ion source is based on an element-selective resonance multi-step laser ionization of neutral atoms that after production in a nuclear reaction are thermalized and neutralized in a buffer gas.

The dual-chamber laser ion guide

A novel concept was required to overcome losses in efficiency due to recombination of photo-ions in the buffer gas plasma caused by the cyclotron beam.



By separating stopping and laser ionization volumes

- Increased laser ionization efficiency at high cyclotron beam current
- Increased selectivity (collection of survival ions)

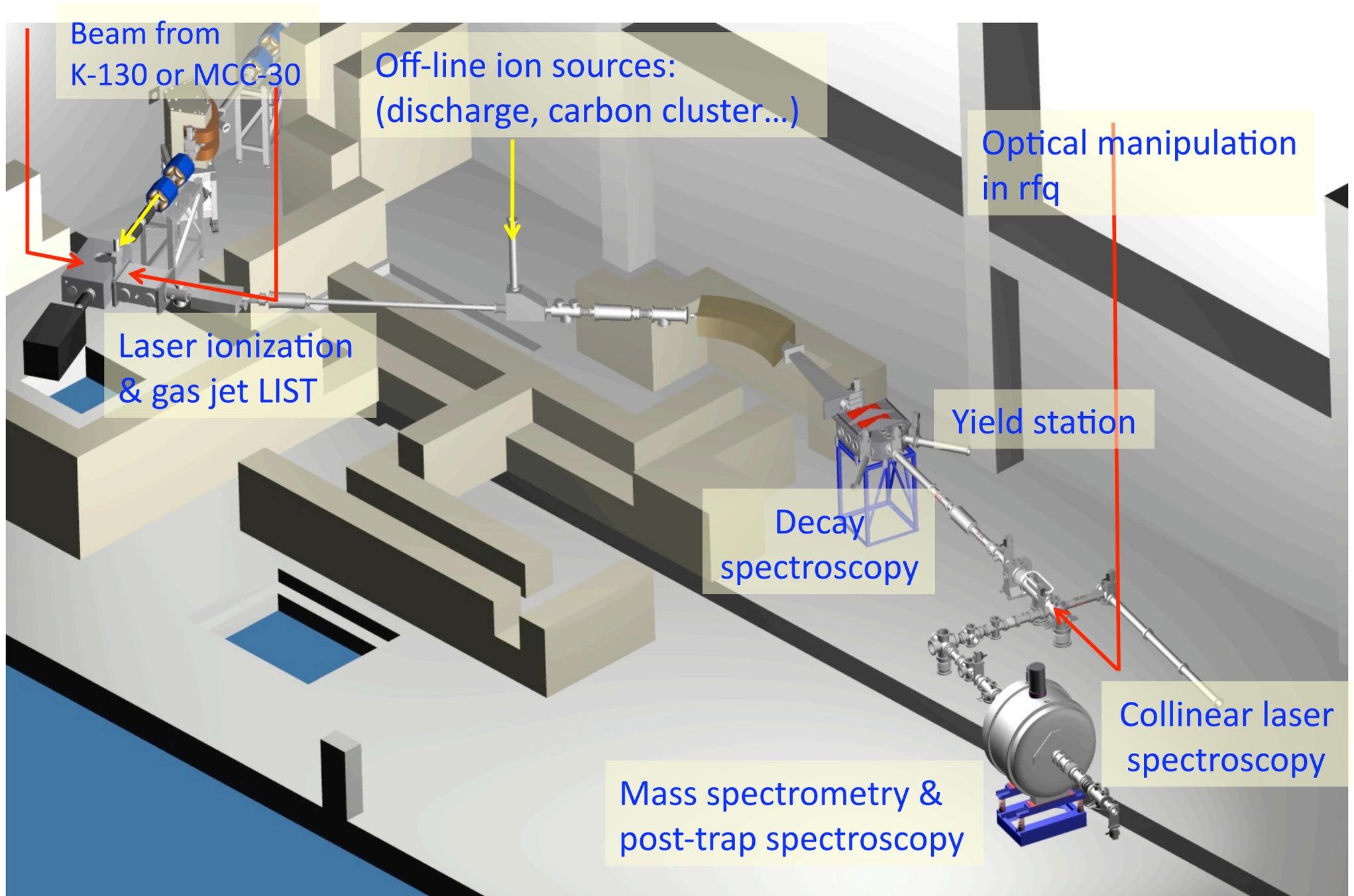
Selectivity (^{94}Rh):

Laser(ON)/Laser(OFF)

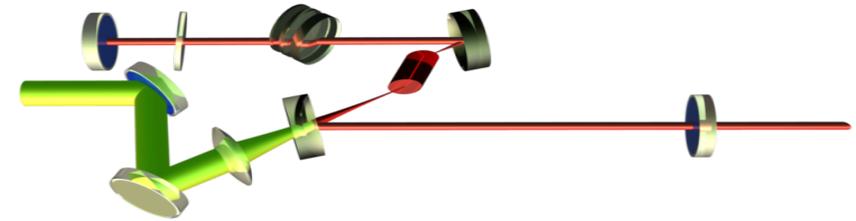
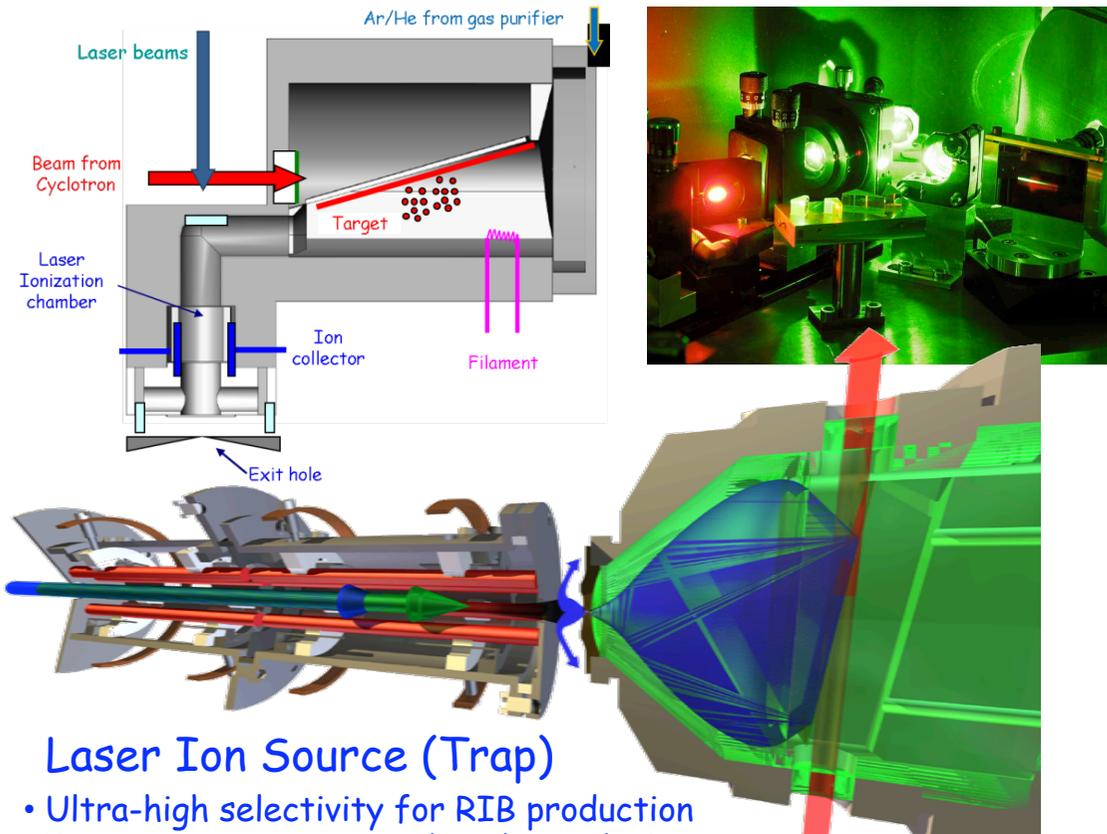
Ion Collector OFF = 450

Ion Collector ON = 2200

IGISOL-4: overview of facility in 2012



Fast Universal Resonant laser IOn Source (FURIOS) @IGISOL-4, JYFL.

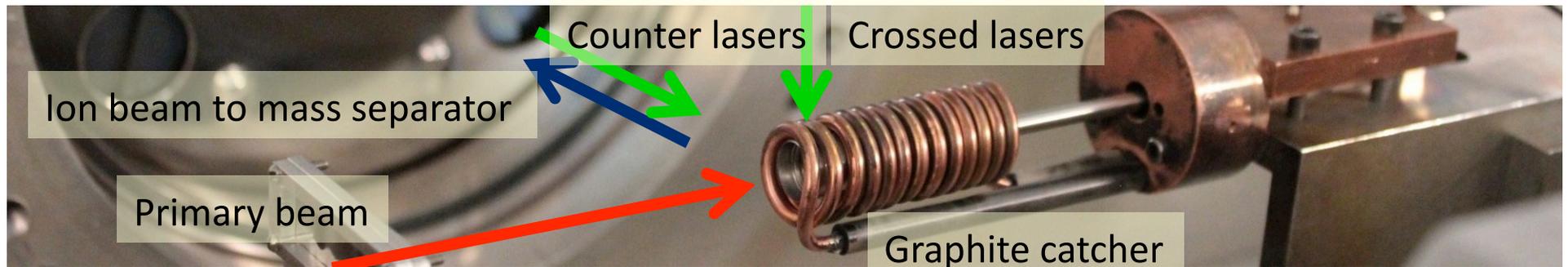


- 3 × Ti:Sa lasers pumped by Nd:YAG (10 kHz)
- 1 × grating based Ti:sa laser (for continuous wavelength selection)
- 1 × pulsed dye laser pumped by copper vapour laser
- In 2012: development of narrow-bandwidth Ti:Sa system

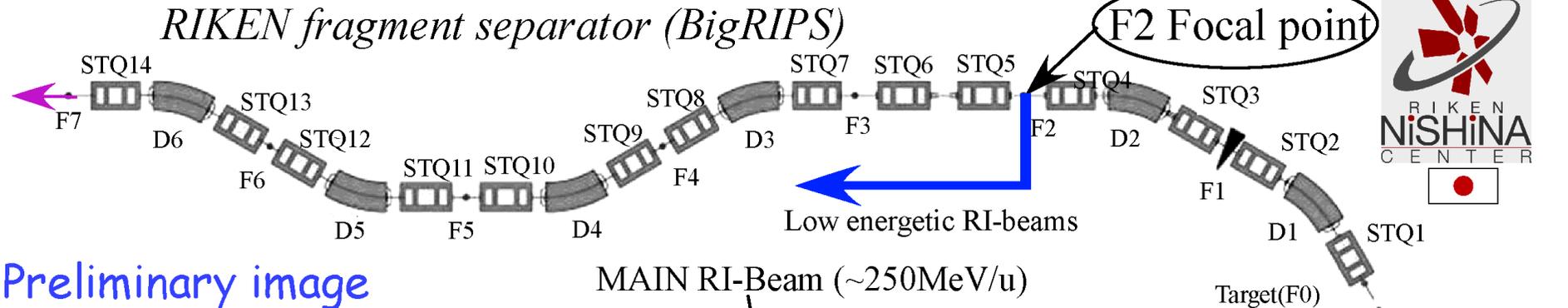
Laser Ion Source (Trap)

- Ultra-high selectivity for RIB production
- In-jet spectroscopy: reduced broadening

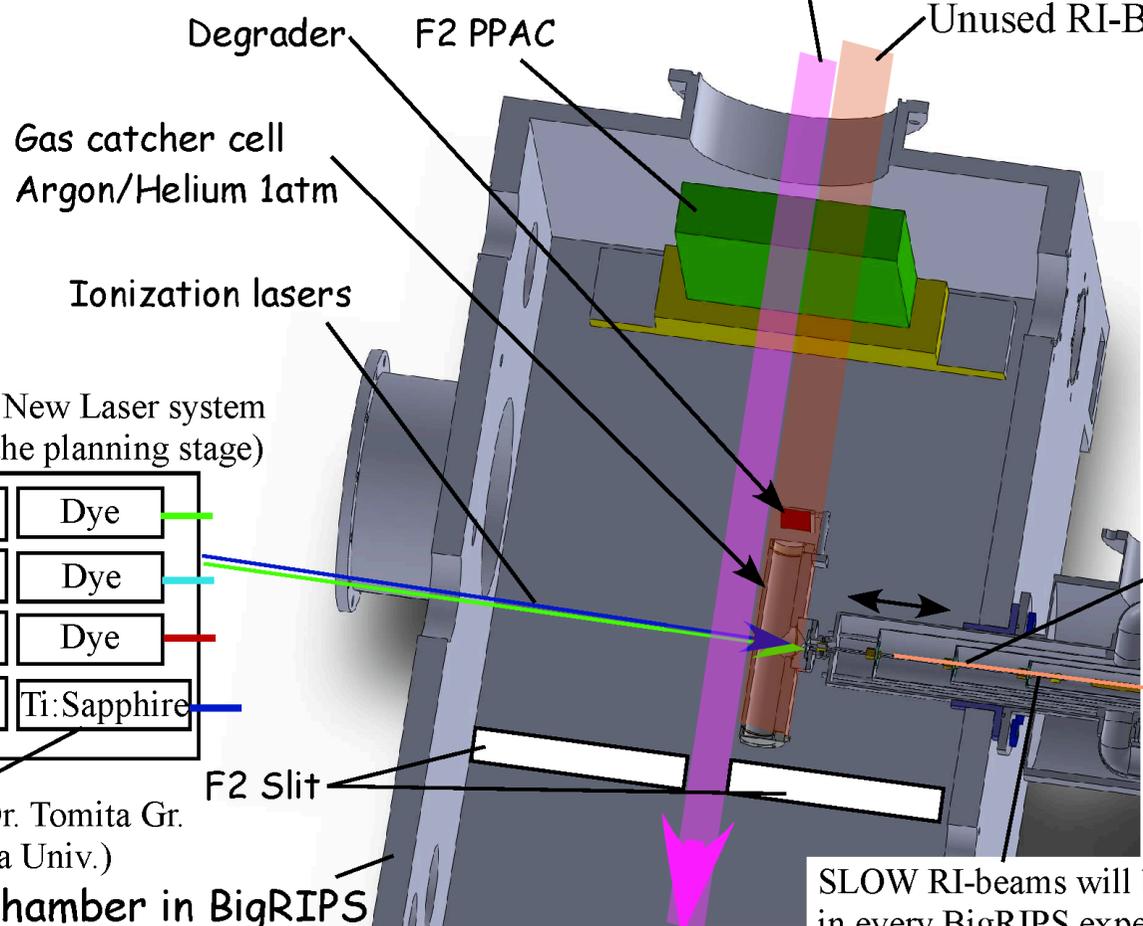
RF hot cavity • Developments towards ^{94m}Ag (21^+)



PARasitic Laser Ion-Source (PALIS) at SLOWRI RIKEN



Preliminary image

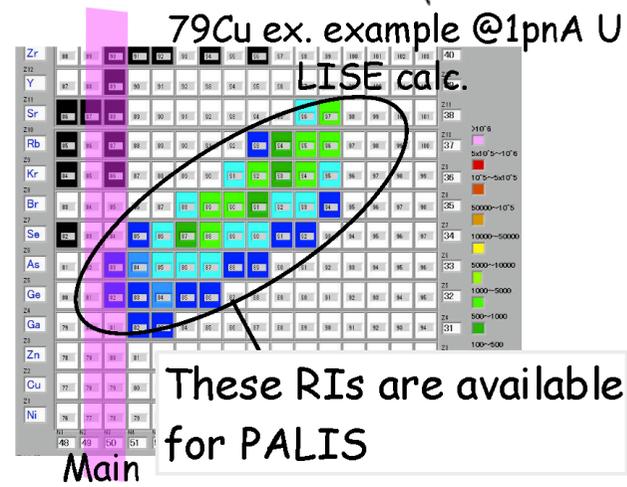


PALIS New Laser system (be in the planning stage)

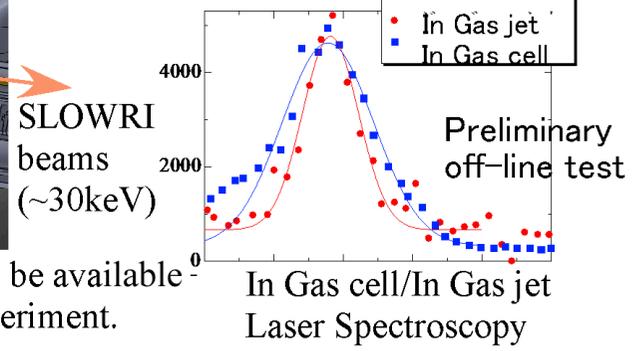
308	Dye
355	Dye
532	Dye
YLF	Ti:Sapphire

From Dr. Tomita Gr. (Nagoya Univ.)

F2 chamber in BigRIPS

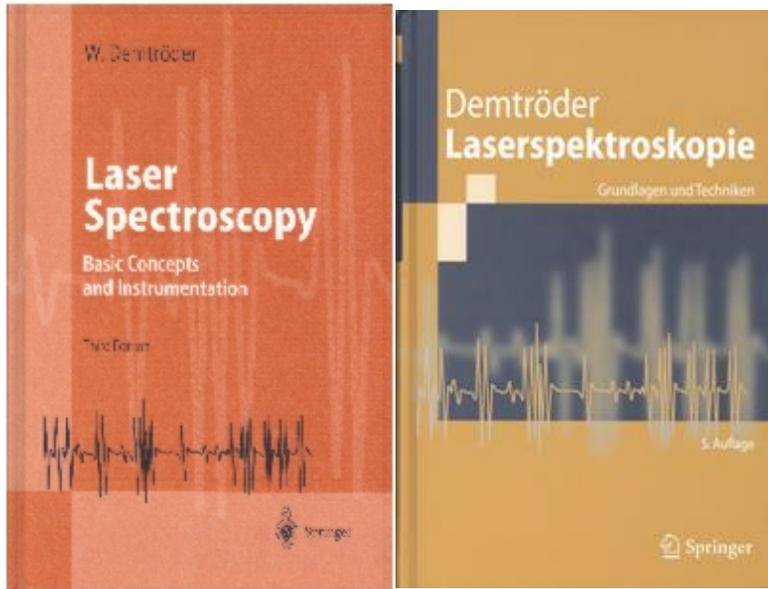


New differential pumping method (fast evacuation & extraction for short-lived nuclei)

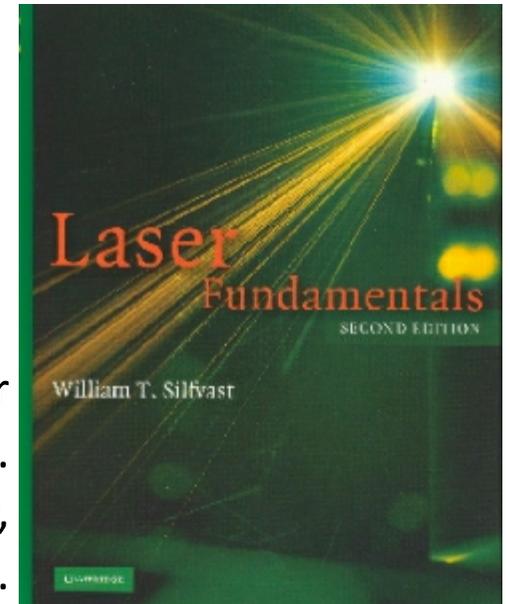


SLOW RI-beams will be available in every BigRIPS experiment.

Recommended reading for further information

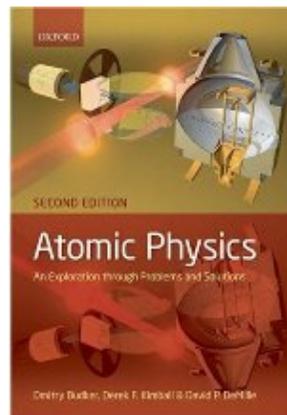


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Atomic Physics.
Exploration through
Problems and Solutions.
D. Budker, D. F. Kimball,
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Laser
Photoionization
Spectroscopy



Laser photoionization spectroscopy
Letokhov, Vladilen Stepanovich
Moscow, Izdatel'stvo Nauka, 1987



*The scientific career of **V S Letokhov** (10 November 1939–21 March 2009)*
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Laser Stripping of H- beams

Laser particle acceleration

B) Other laser based particle sources

High charge laser ion source

Photoinjector electron source

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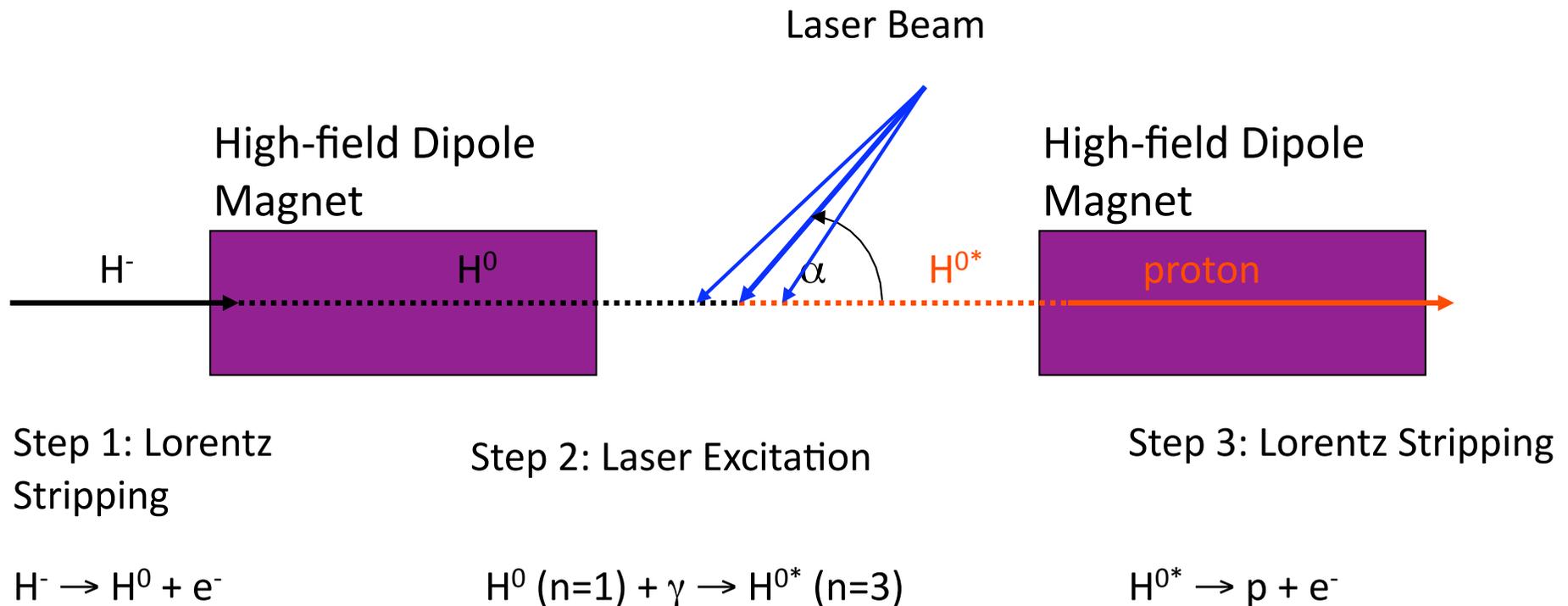
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Three-Step Stripping Scheme

- A novel approach for laser-stripping which uses a three-step method employing a narrowband laser [V. Danilov et. al., *Physical Review Special topics – Accelerators and Beams* 6, 053501]



Laser stripping (for PS2)

Summary of the workshop at SNS, 18th/19th Feb. 09

W. Bartmann, B. Goddard

PS2 Meeting, 12th March 09

<https://wiki.ornl.gov/events/lahbsa/default.aspx>.

Summary of the PS2-specific issues (1)

- PS2 H-Injection allowing either foil or laser stripping, using SNS concept of Adiabatic Rapid Passage (relies on frequency sweep across resonance)
- ~50 kW injected power → foil stripping still feasible but
 - laser stripping may be already advantageous with respect to losses and activation
 - also testbed for a 4 or 5 GeV multi-MW proton driver accumulator ring
- Insertion concept is still being worked on
 - if neutralising the H⁻ with a laser is possible at 4 GeV → very elegant scheme
 - calculations of photodissociation by CERN and SNS
- Dispersion angle tailoring seems impossible for PS2 due to resulting emittance blowup from mismatch.

Summary of the PS2-specific issues (2)

- Excitation of the $n=3$ state gives 8 degrees incidence angle \rightarrow difficult geometry
 $N=2$ has much easier geometry with 47 degrees but large angular spread due to the long stripping lengths
- Compromise between micro-bunch length and momentum spread needs to be defined at the injection point depending on laser limitations
 - average laser power scales linearly with microbunch length
 - peak laser power scales linearly with momentum spread. Some work on buncher cavities in the TL is needed
- Laser requirements were presented in a table for different excitation schemes and wavelengths – it was clear that using as long a wavelength as possible gives a shallower incidence angle with the big advantage of increasing the effective laser intensity from the Doppler effect.

Characteristics relevant for the laser system

Parameter		n=2	n=3	n=3	n=4
Wavelength	nm	1064	1064	532	532
Laser/H- angle	deg	47.50	8.39	99.84	87.69
Angular spread	deg	±0.10	±0.42	±0.06	±0.07
Peak power (single pass)	MW	4.5	1.3	13.9	43.3
Average power (single pass CW)	kW	2.25	0.6	7	22
Average power (mode-locking only)	W	71	20	220	681
Average power ($Q_c=1000$ CW only)	W	2.25	0.6	7	22
Average power (mode-locking, $Q_c = 1000$)	mW	71	20	220	681
Vertical laser beam height (1σ rms)	mm	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Horizontal laser beam width	mm	?	?	?	?
Laser stability	%	<20	<20	<20	<20
Laser availability	%	~99	~99	~99	~99
Laser repetition rate (max)	Hz	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

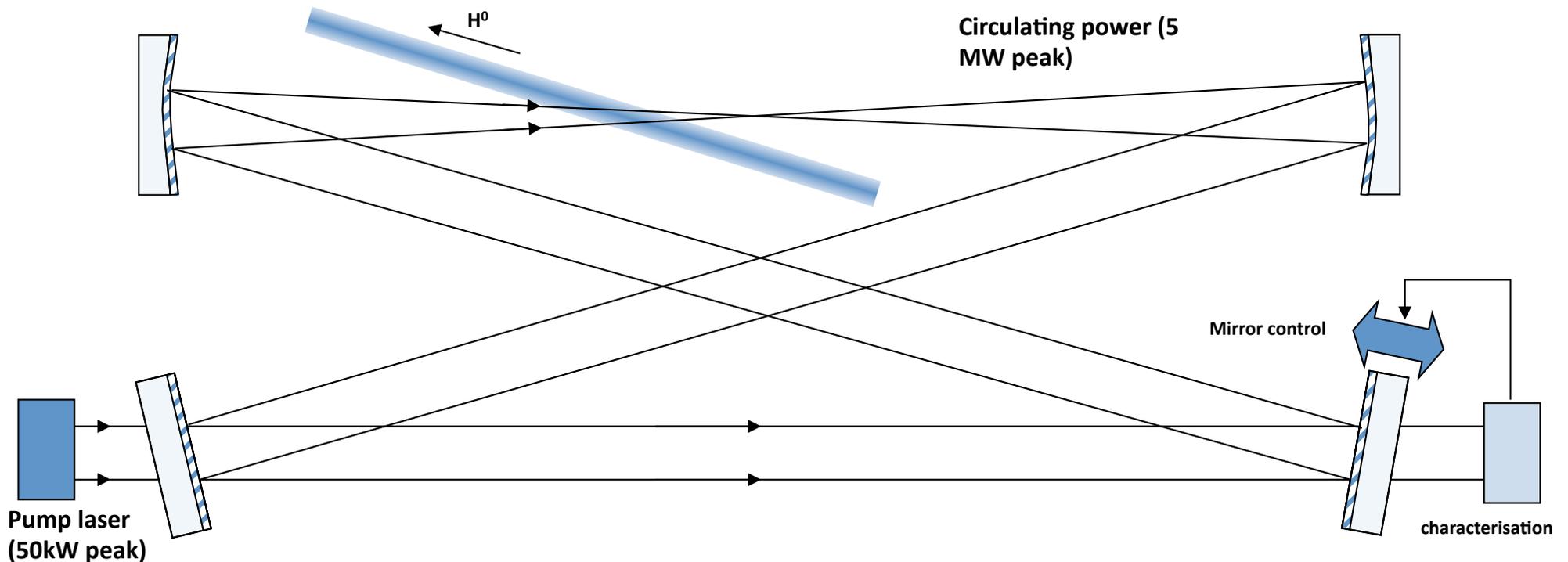
Includes factor 3 margin in laser power

WS outputs: laser possibilities

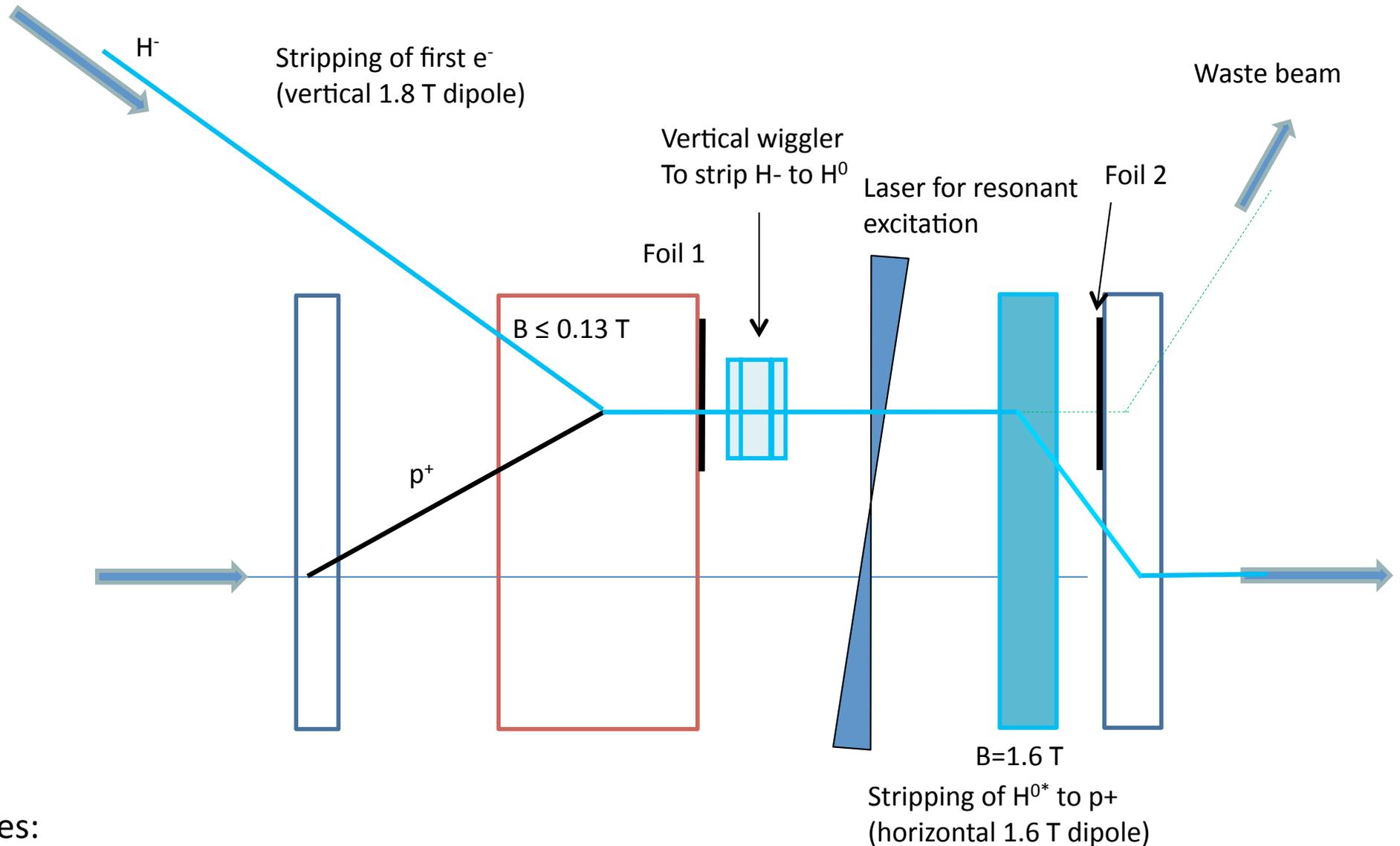
- KEK (Yamane):
 - Laser-H- IP is brought into B-field
 - compensation of Doppler broadening by broadening of Stark-states in the magnetic field
 - single laser frequency can excite full distribution
 - no spontaneous decay worries (direct stripping of excited H^0)
- Continuum (Laha):
 - “Stitching” ~10 laser together to reach 1 ms macropulse
 - issues: synchronisation, overlap, cost, complexity, reliability
- LBNL (Wilcox):
 - Commercial components, where mode locked, diode pumped Nd:YAG laser with 1064 nm is used to create a 1.2ms burst with 352 MHz micro-bunch frequency
 - Amplification stages are pumped continuously for 1.2 ms, laser operating in saturation
 - The peak laser output power is 10 kW for a micro pulse of 50 ps, the average power 200 W.
 - Four mirror cavity (independent control of focus and cavity length) with a conservative build up factor of 100 is assumed, to give 1 MW circulating peak power (compare to the ~4 MW quoted for PS2, which includes a factor 3 margin)
 - issues: coupling to the cavity, radiation hardness of optical elements, thermal perturbation
 - proposed system could meet requ. of CERN and FNAL, not SNS

Laser / photon recycling issues

- Laser parameters (assuming factor 100 from recycling cavity)
 - Wavelength OK - 1064 nm easiest (Nd:YAG technology)
 - 50 ps long pulse OK (see laser characteristics)
 - 352 MHz micropulse structure OK (mode-locked pulse train)
 - Micropulse energy OK (2.5 μJ)
 - 1.2 ms macropulse **not OK** (fluorescence lifetime of gain medium $\sim 270 \mu\text{s}$)...
 - Macropulse energy and average power not impossible (1 J at 0.5 Hz for PS2)
- Recycling cavity – many issues (high power, stability, radiation, incorporation, ...)



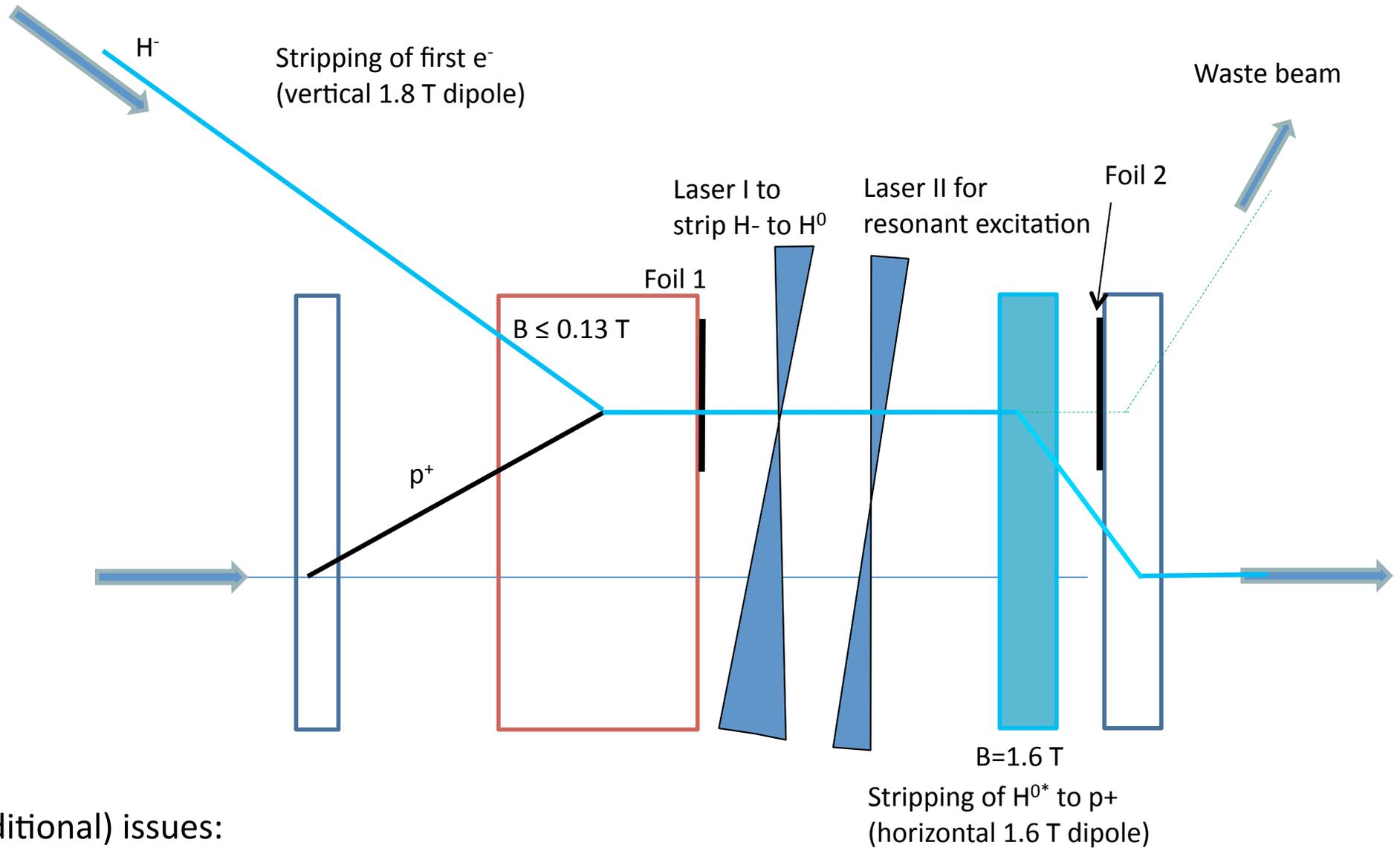
Laser-assisted stripping schemes I: magnet-laser-magnet



Issues:

Wiggler design, IR geometry, spontaneous decay, fringe fields,
laser power, laser time structure, beam parameters, stripping efficiency...

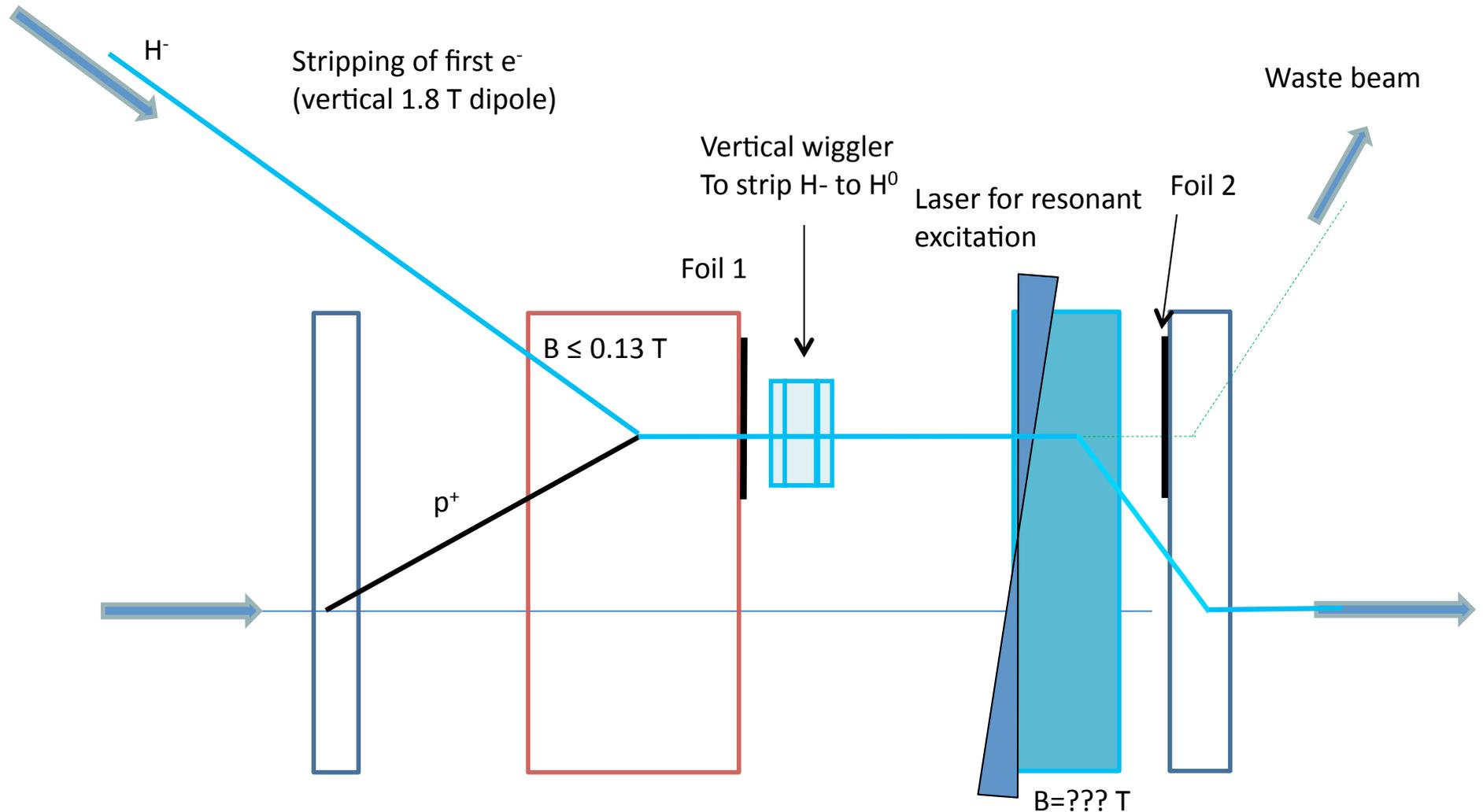
Laser-assisted stripping schemes II: laser-laser-magnet



(additional) issues:

Photodetachment cross-sections, laser cavities,
reuse of same laser beam

Laser-assisted stripping schemes III: magnet-laser+magnet



(additional) issues:

Atomic physics in strong dipole/laser fields, Stark shifts and broadening, stripping efficiencies, IR geometry, laser power...

Excitation by laser and stripping of H^{0*} to p^+ in strong dipole field

Conclusions

- For PS2 the possibility of laser stripping remains interesting
- High beam energy gives a variety of resonance schemes to be envisaged with optimization of laser parameters and injection geometry
- Three alternative basic schemes need further investigation and quantification
 - Magnet → laser → magnet
 - Laser → laser → magnet
 - Magnet → laser+magnet
- The workshop was extremely useful technically, in addition links were formed / strengthened with the accelerator labs, laser labs and laser industry experts; technical collaborations and common areas of work were defined
- The action plan needs follow-up (to be done by J. Galambos) and a synthesis of the outcomes and progress should be made at some time in the future
- Will arrange a first follow-up meeting with those present at PAC (SNS, FNAL, CERN)

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“Options for the next-generation collider with different levels of risk and different costs:

ILC: most developed, lowest risk but high cost

High gradient klystron: medium risk with significant cost savings

Drive-beam microwave: higher risk with probably greater savings

Dielectric or Plasma acceleration: much higher risk but with vast cost saving potential”

- Laser capability improving rapidly
 - Billion \$ industrial development effort
 - Two acceleration approaches using lasers:
 - Laser wakefield (plasma) acceleration, i.e BELLA (10 GV/m)
 - Direct laser (dielectric) acceleration, i.e. E-163 (1 GV/m)
 - Real challenges for both approaches
 - Very different laser requirements
 - Both require high average power → must generate beam power
 - Laser-wakefield acceleration requires high peak laser power
 - Lasers are most efficient and cost effective near CW operation
 - CW operation is best use of expensive amplification medium
- SLAC is pursuing direct laser acceleration with ~10,000 times lower peak power requirements ⇒ more favorable cost scaling

Laser Stripping of H- beams

Laser particle acceleration

B) Other laser based particle sources

High charge laser ion source

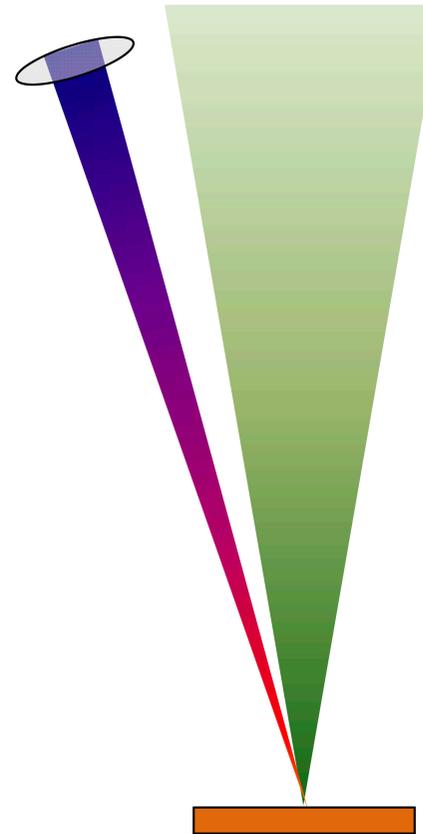
Photoinjector electron source

Laser *Plasma* ion sources

- A pulsed laser beam is focused onto a target.
- At some position the laser frequency couples to the free electron plasma frequency (either in the material, or the formed plasma).
- In the dense plasma, ions of the target material are formed through electron impact ionization.

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi c}{e} \sqrt{\frac{m_e \epsilon_0}{n_e}}$$

- $n_e = 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ corresponds to $1 \mu\text{m}$.
- Laser power density needs to be above 10^6 W/cm^2 , which is easily available with pulsed lasers.

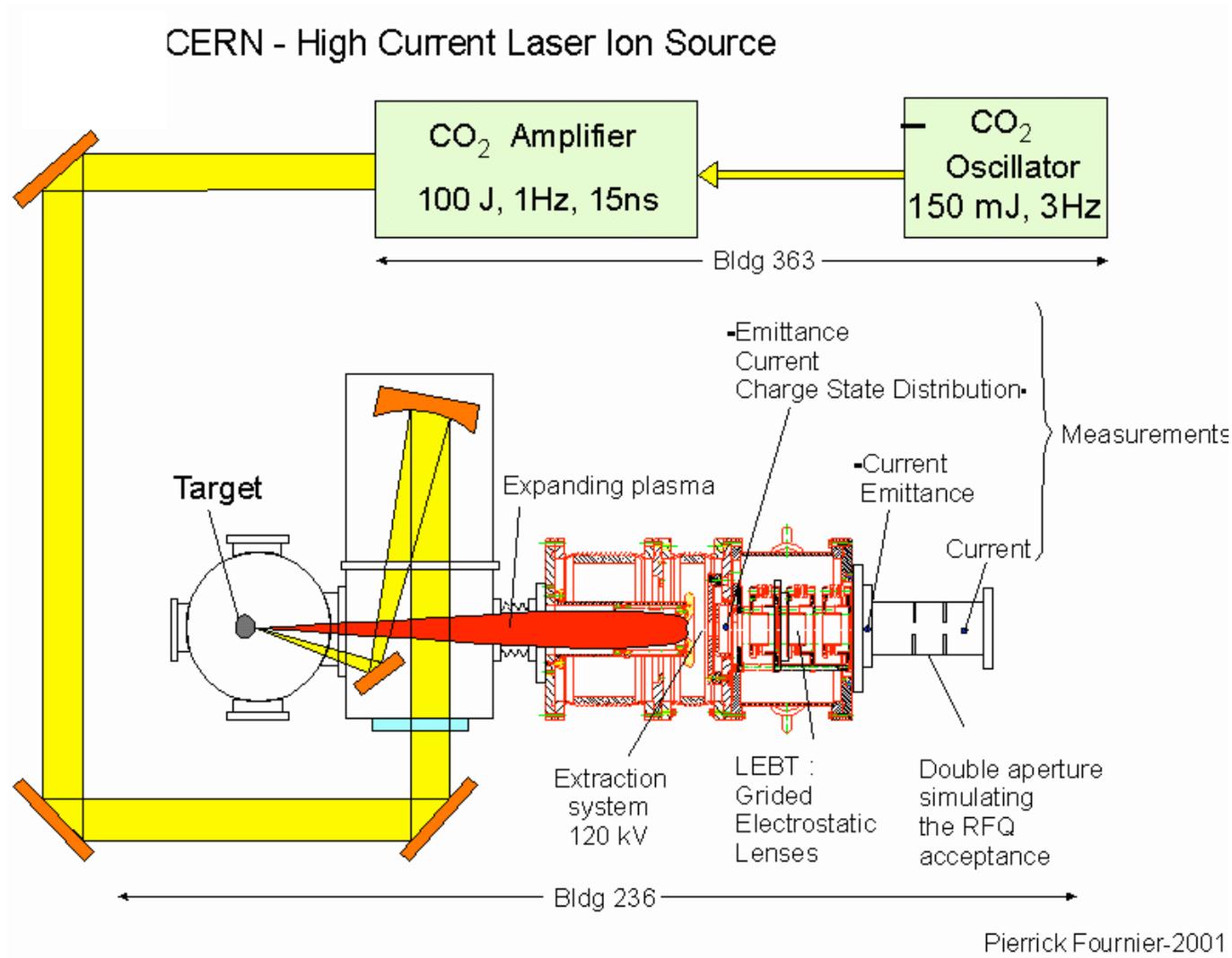


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Ion Source lecture

Laser ion source for the LHC injector chain

- An alternative and potentially favorable route for producing ions for the LHC
- Abandoned due to reliability concerns of unproven technique

Laser Ion Source (LIS) – an Alternative?



LIS Power Laser and Source



The Russian 100 J, 1 Hz CO₂ Laser Amplifier in building 363 (“Farady Cage”), being commissioned



The prototype Laser Ion Source in building 236 on a HV platform (~100 kV) to decrease space charge

Could we go the LIS Route? It's still R&D!

With Pb25+ from LIS, one could use the PS Booster instead of LEIR if:

- ◆ Current > **5mA** during $\sim 5\mu\text{s}$
- ◆ Norm. transverse rms emittance $\epsilon^*_{\text{rms}} < \mathbf{0.15 \mu\text{m}}$
- ◆ Source stable, reliable, small jitter....

Needs other major investments

- ◆ Make an operational laser (spare parts...) + installation in Linac 3;
- ◆ A new RFQ;
- ◆ Upgrading of PSB injection and vacuum systems;
- ◆ (list not exhaustive) summing up to 10...14 MCHF

😊 A few millions cheaper than LEIR

😊 Much less exploitation cost compared to LEIR

😞 Laser will (hopefully) work this summer, but then R&D starts!

😞 We cannot afford to go the LEIR and LIS routes in parallel

😞 Even if conclusive results by end 2002, **Pb to LHC not before 2009**

😞 Lighter ions: speculations, needs more R&D (e.g. for gaseous elements)

Not enough time to decide!

“Conclusions on Sources and Linac 3”

ECR Sources:

- ◆ The **present 14 GHz source** could **(just) do the job** for Pb, In, Kr, and easily do it for Ar, O, He. Due to uncertainty of extrapolation, an upgrading to
- ◆ **18 GHz** (+ proportional field increase) is envisaged: potential increase of ~1.5
- ◆ Collaboration with outside labs to achieve **28 GHz (a factor > 4 in intensity?)**
- ◆ Even a factor 10 increase would not be sufficient for the PS Booster route

Laser Ion Source:

- ◆ Still a **prototype in the R&D phase**
- ◆ implementation of an operational source and other hardware **would cost at least 10 MCHF**, but would **save resources for exploitation of LEIR**
- ◆ Lighter ions? Much more R&D needed (which also costs scarce resources)
- ◆ **Pb ions not ready for LHC before 2009**

Conclusion: If we want to have Pb ions ready for LHC in 2008 with a reasonable confidence level, decide NOW for LEIR + (upgraded) ECR source

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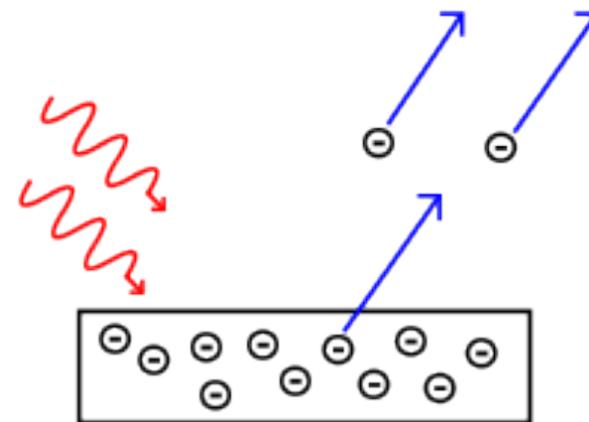
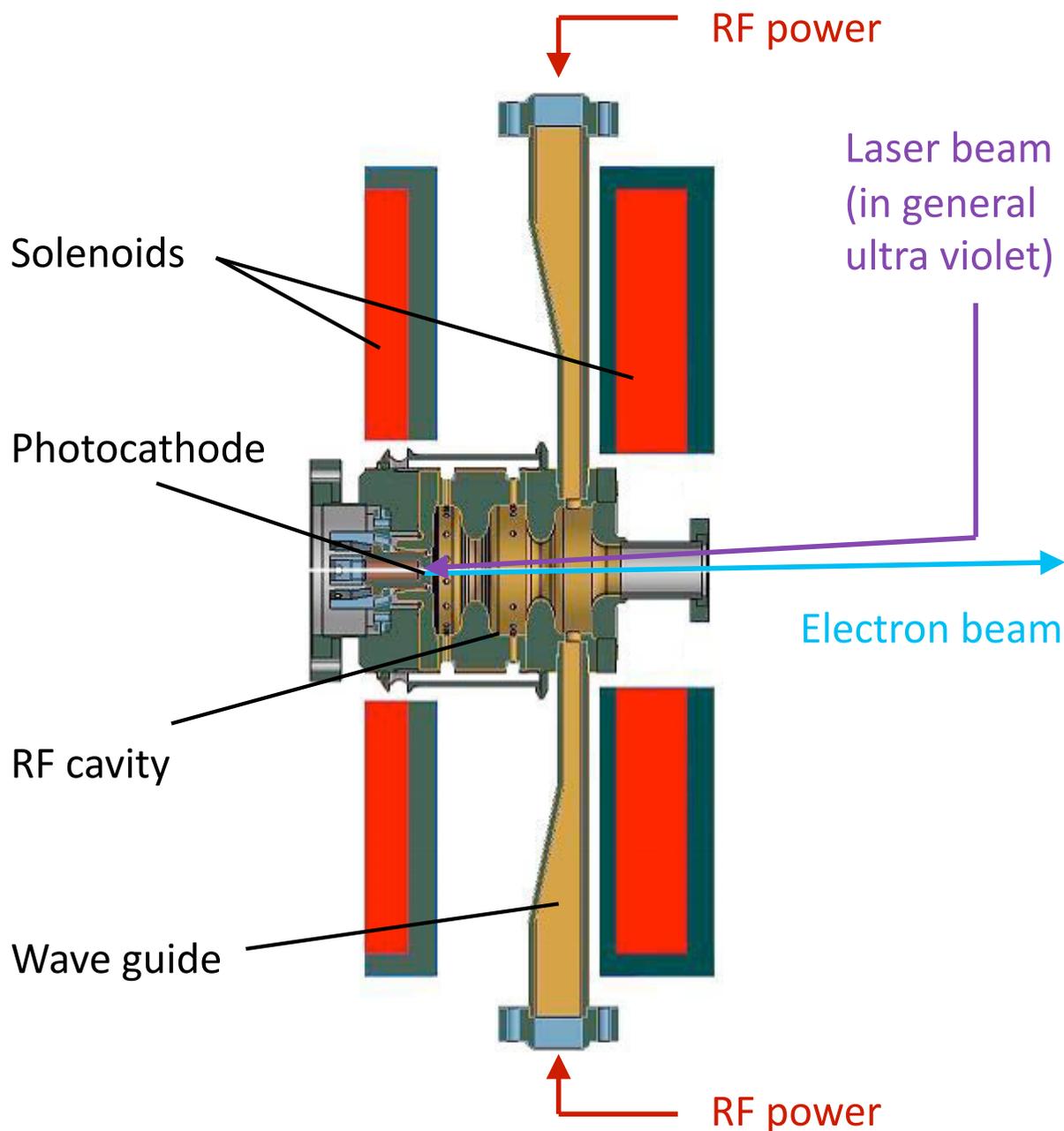
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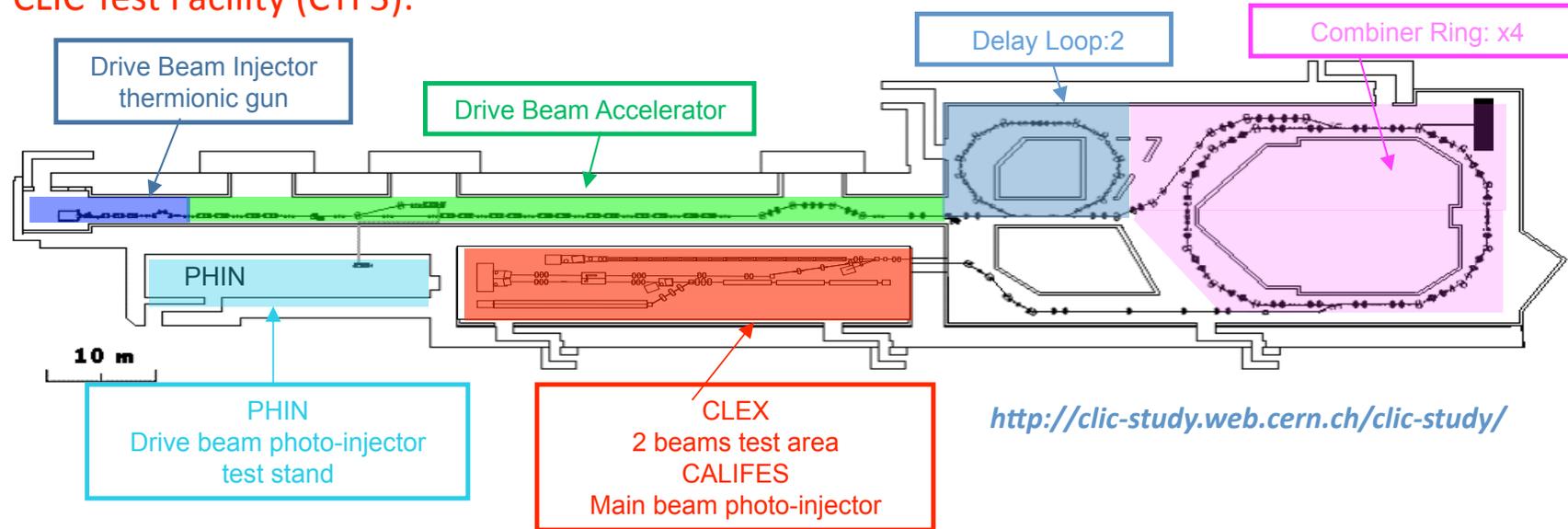
RF Photoinjectors: Operation Principle



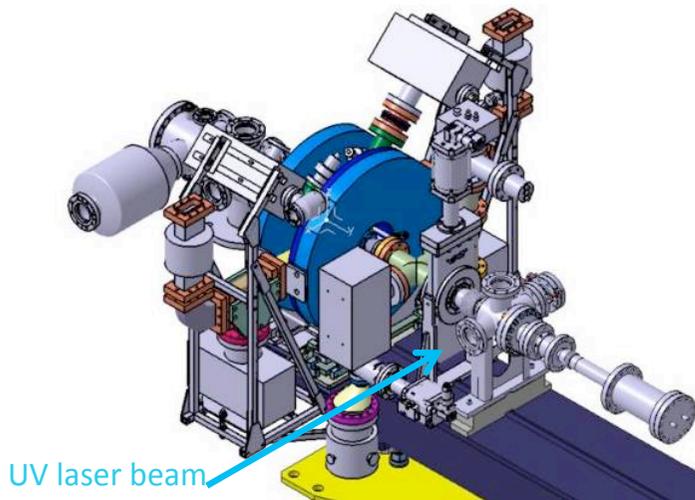
- Production of electrons by photoemission
- Acceleration of electron beam in electric field of microwave cavity
- High field gradients possible
- High bunch charges
- Low emittance
- Short electron bunch lengths

Photoinjectors at CERN

CLIC Test Facility (CTF3):



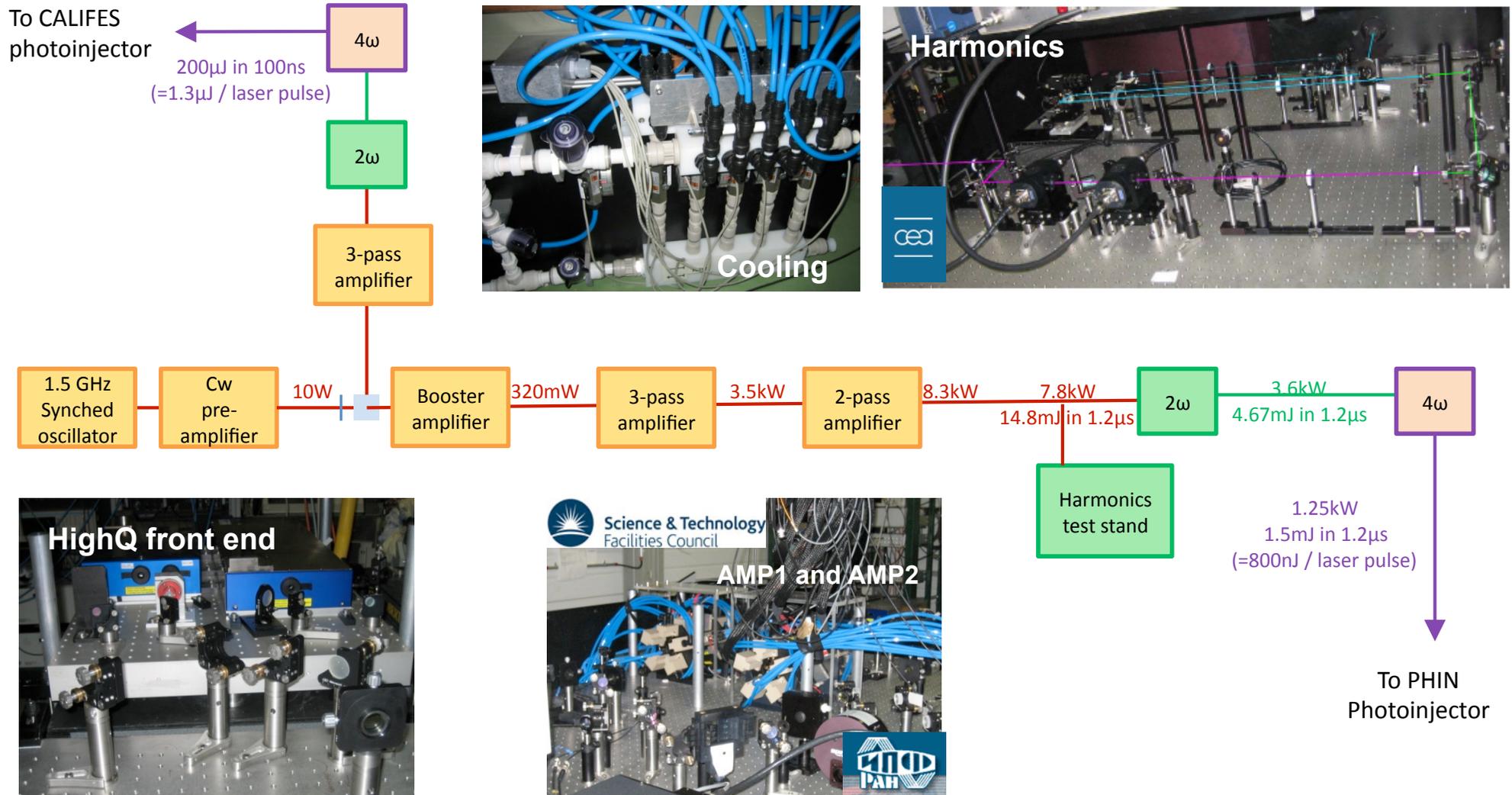
PHIN Photoinjector:



	DRIVE beam	MAIN beam
	PHIN	CALIFES
Charge/bunch (nC)	2.3	0.6
Macro-pulse length (ns)	1200	19.2
Bunch spacing(ns)	0.666	0.666
Bunch length (ps)	10	10
Bunch rep. rate (GHz)	1.5	1.5
Number of bunches	1802	32
Macro-pulse rep. rate (Hz)	5	5
Margin for the laser	1.5	1.5
Charge stability	<0.25%	<3%
QE(%) of Cs2Te cathode	3	0.3

Machine parameters set the requirement for the laser

Laser System

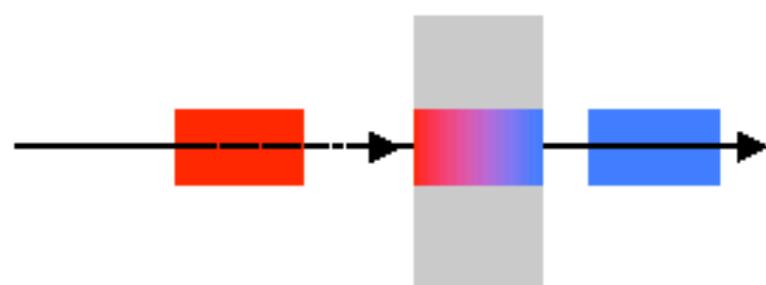


- Most optical phenomena (reflection, refraction,..) are *linear*, i.e. the frequency of light remains unchanged.
 - Note that wavelength may change depending on the refractive index n ($\lambda = \lambda_0/n$) of the material, but the frequency (ν) does not change
 - $c = \lambda \nu = c_0/n$, where $c_0 = 299\,792\,458$ m/s (speed of light in vacuum) is a *physical constant*

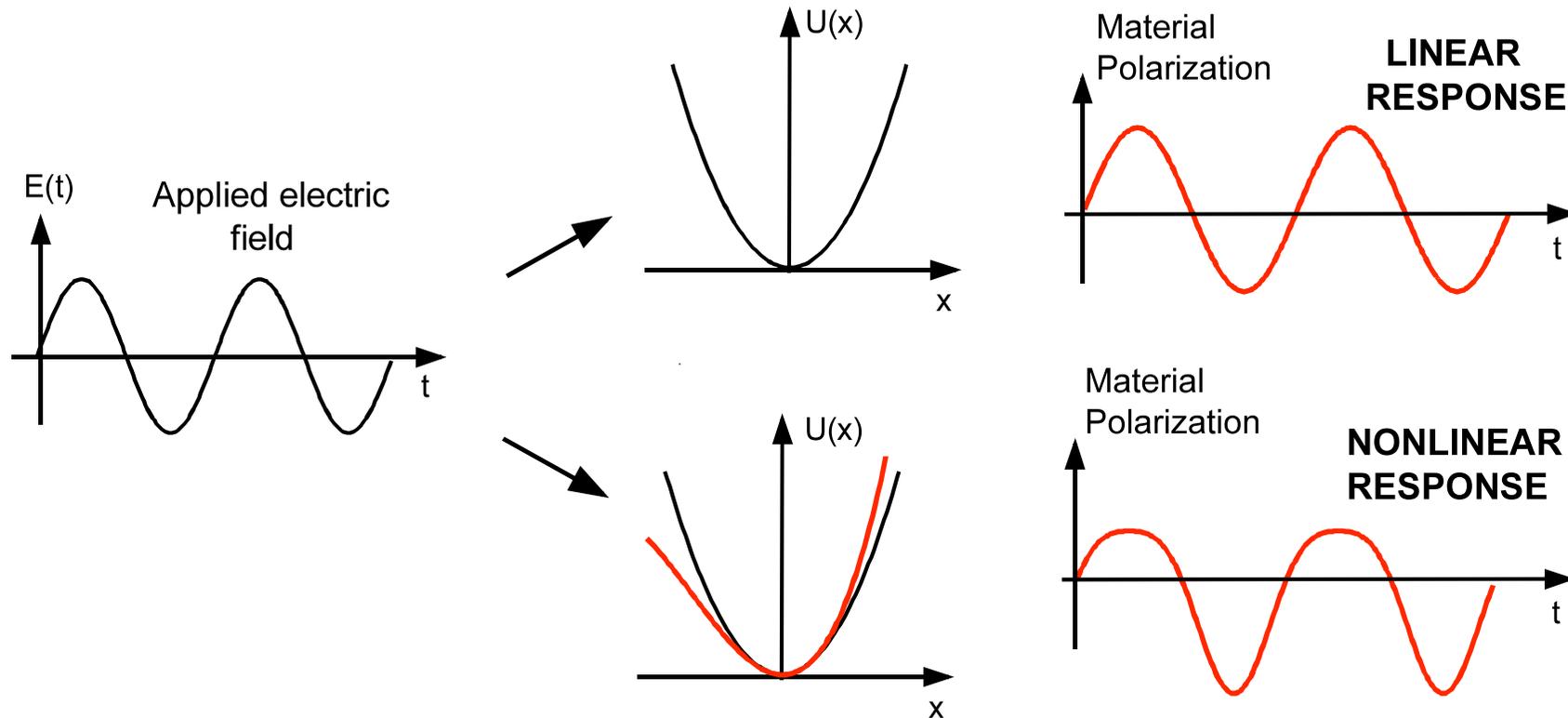


Linear optics: Color of white light, for instance, may change due to absorption of some of the spectral components. However, there is no frequency conversion – the frequency of each component remains unchanged, although the amplitude may change.

- In *nonlinear optics*: frequency conversion through material nonlinearity. Requires high optical intensity (large electric field amplitude)



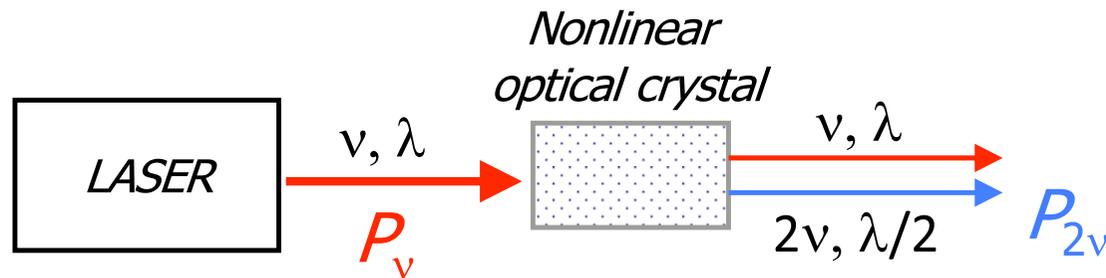
Nonlinear optics



- At high intensity and with a nonlinear material, the emitted wave gets distorted
→ harmonic frequencies are generated

Second harmonic generation

- *Second harmonic generation (SHG), also known as frequency doubling*



- A special case of sum frequency generation (SFG)

$$\nu_3 = \nu_1 + \nu_2, \text{ with } \nu_1 = \nu_2 = \nu, \text{ and } \nu_3 = 2\nu$$

- Generated second harmonic power

$$P_{2\nu} \propto d_{\text{eff}}^2 P_\nu^2 L h(L)$$

- d_{eff} = effective nonlinear coefficient of the material
- P_ν = fundamental power in the crystal
- L = length of the crystal
- h = parameter that depends on the focusing of the fundamental beam (also depends on the crystal length L)

Commonly used nonlinear crystals

- KTiOPO₄ (KTP) Visible, NIR
- LiNbO₃ Visible, NIR, short MIR
- LiTaO₃ Visible, NIR, short MIR
- β -BaB₂O₄ (BBO) UV generation
- ZnGeP₂ (ZGP) MIR