

ISOLDE TISD 2024 year in review

Running period: 2 April – 8 December

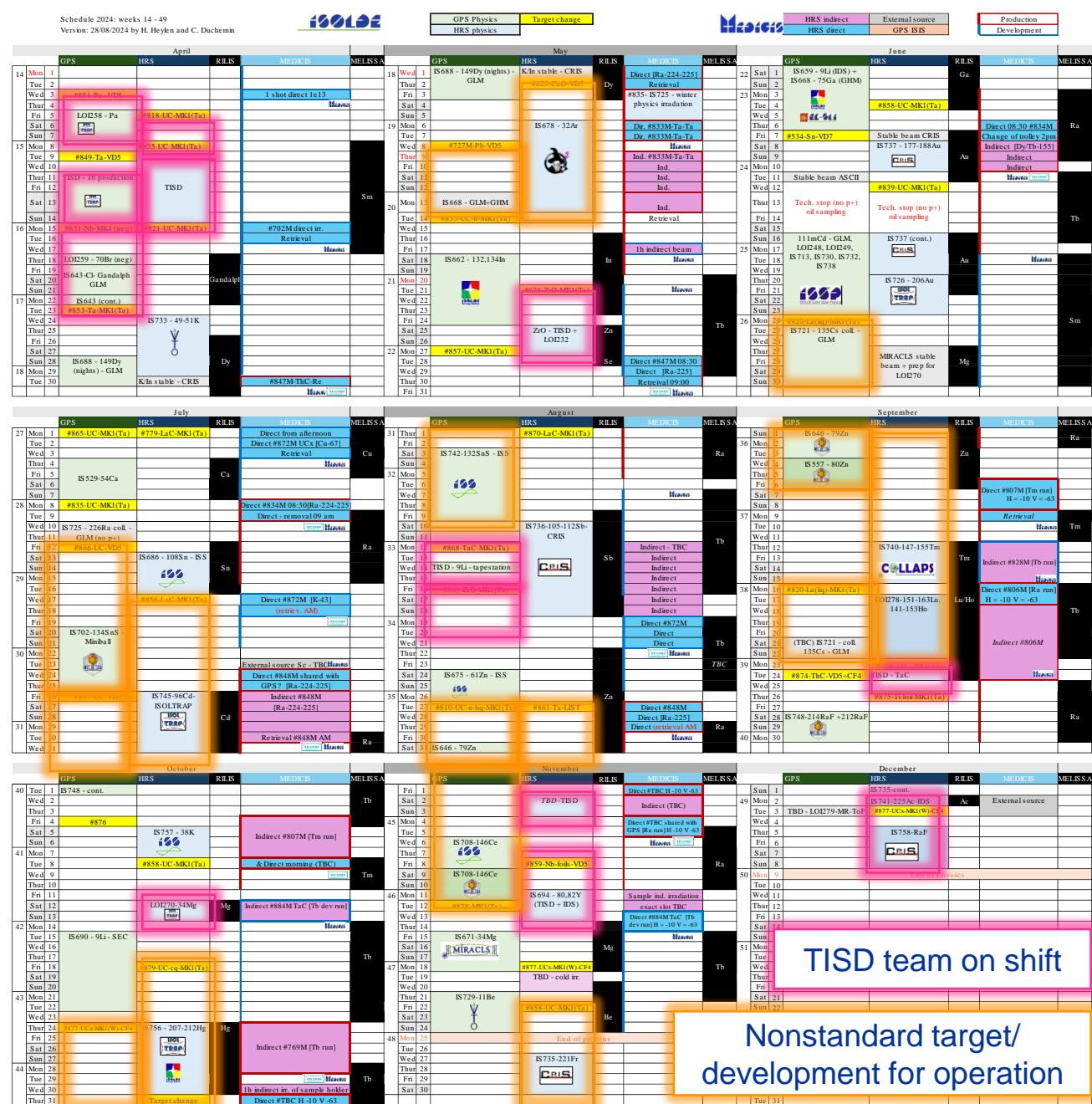
MD activities: HRS fast beamgate system, RP monitor proton scans, 2D proton scans

11 Target and Ion Source Development (TISD) beamtimes:

- Beam development: Pa, TbF_x, in-trap decay,
- New target materials: nano ZrO_x, TaC,

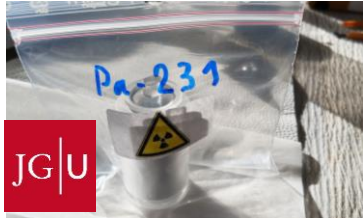
Beams for operation:

- First negative ions since LS2: Br⁻, Cl⁻
- Molecular beams: SnS, CeF_x, YF_x, RaF,
- Special target materials: Nb foils, Ti foils, nano CaO
- Special target units: #856 ΔT<20°C, #861 LIST, #813 LIST, #810 hq, #879 cq, #820 liquid La



ISOLDE TISD 2024: April-June

LOI258: External sample collaboration, first Pa beam at ISOLDE



Protactinium chemistry at ISOLDE from external sources

September 22, 2023

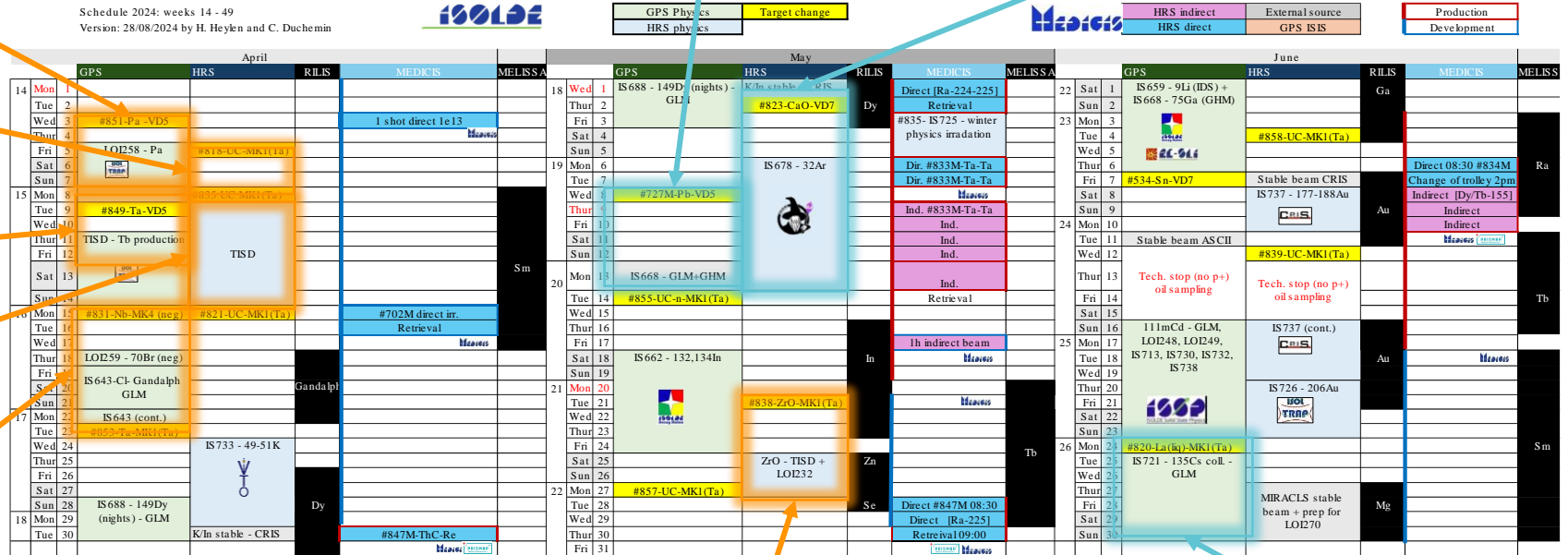
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Schedule 2024: weeks 14 - 49
Version: 28/08/2024 by H. Heylen and C. Duchemin



Liquid Pb

CaOx nano: One-day turnaround for backup target



HRS fast beamgates: Installation and commissioning

TISD TbF_x: Molecular Tb beams for medical applications

In-trap decay: MD and preliminary tests

GANDALPH: First (only) negative ion run since LS2

TISD team on shift

Nonstandard target/beam development for operation

TISD ZrOx nano: Target material development

Liquid La: #820

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ISOLDE TISD 2024: July-August

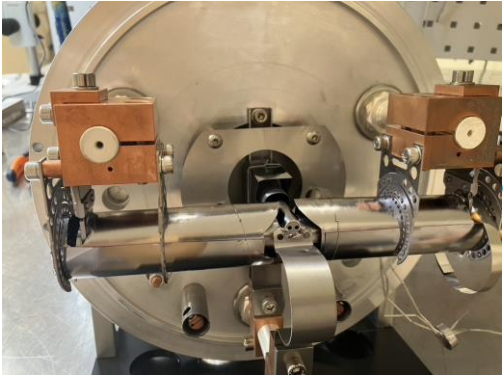
TISD TaCx: Target material development

LIST Ta: offline development target as backup ~1 day turnaround

SnS: sulphur oven development

July							August							September		
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Tue 2			Direct #872M UCx [Cu-67]		Fri 2					Mon 2						
Wed 3			Retrieval		Sat 3	IS 742-132SnS - ISS				Tue 3						
Thu 4					Sun 4					Wed 4	IS 557 - 80Zn					
Fri 5	IS 529-54Ca				Mon 5					Thu 5						
Sat 6					Tue 6					Fri 6						
Sun 7					Wed 7					Sat 7						
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Tue 9			Direct - removal 09 am		Fri 9					Mon 9						
Wed 10	IS 725 - 226Ra coll. - GLM (no p-)				Sat 10					Tue 10						
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#856 for IS745: $\Delta T < 17^\circ\text{C}$



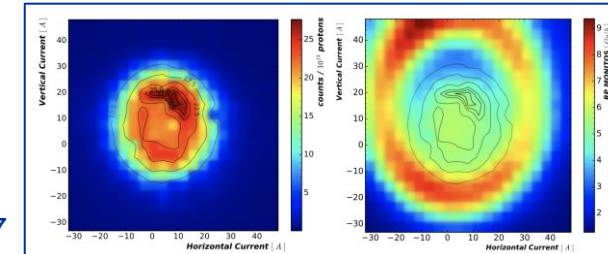
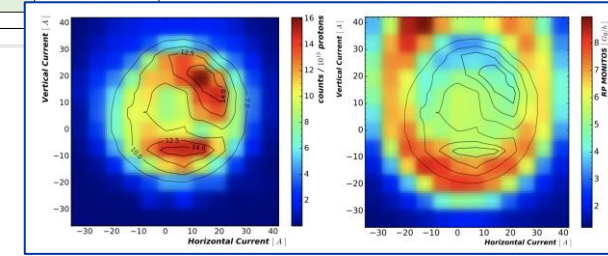
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TISD ZrOx: Target material development

Hot quartz

LIST Ta

TISD TaCx: Target material development



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RP monitor data and 2D proton scans
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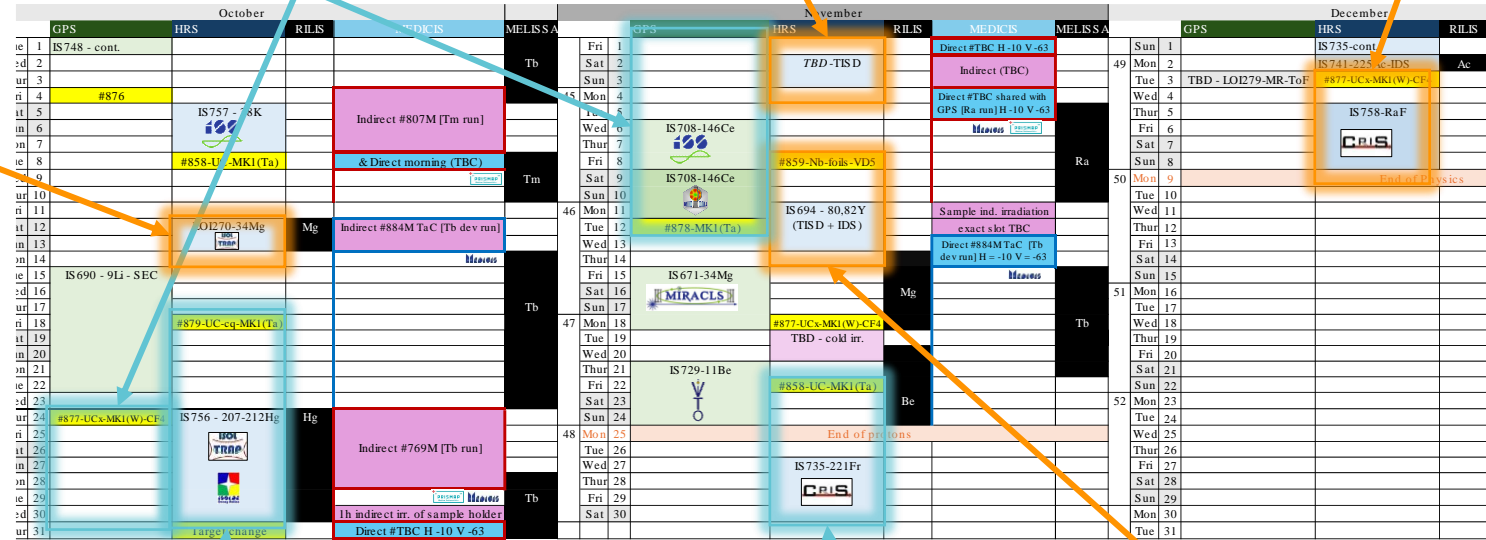
ISOLDE TISD 2024: October-December

RaF⁻: negative molecules through double charge-exchange

LOI270 in-trap decay: beam development

CeF_x: molecular beam development

TISD: TbF_x from tantalum foils



Cold quartz

Nb foil target: target material development, yields for users

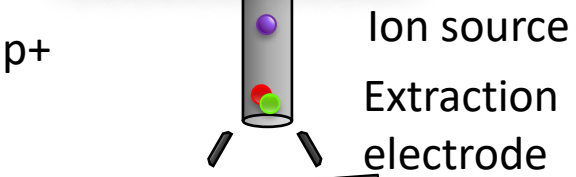
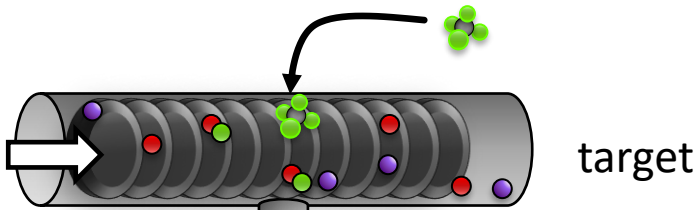
Winter physics: Fr from Ac decay

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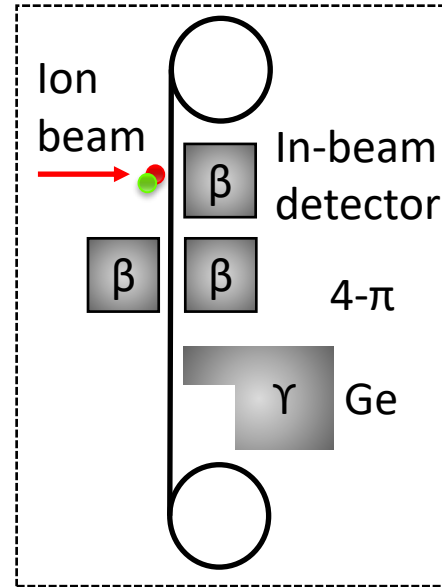
TISD online experiments



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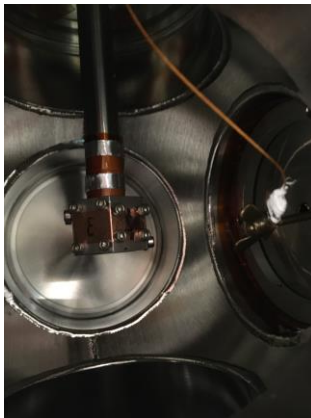


ISOLDE FTS



- Contaminant ions
- Contaminant neutrals
- Isotope of interest
- Neutral molecule of interest
- Molecular ion of interest
- Reactive gas
- Buffer gas

ISOLDE
HRS
Mass
separator



ISOLDE LA1
collections chamber

ISOLTRAP
RFQ-cb

ISOLTRAP
MR-ToF MS

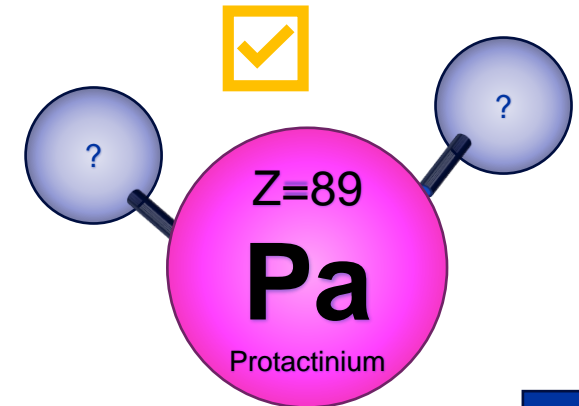
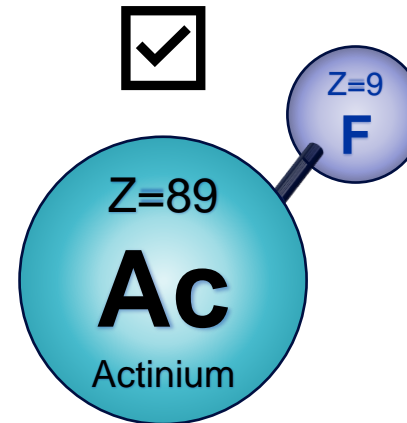
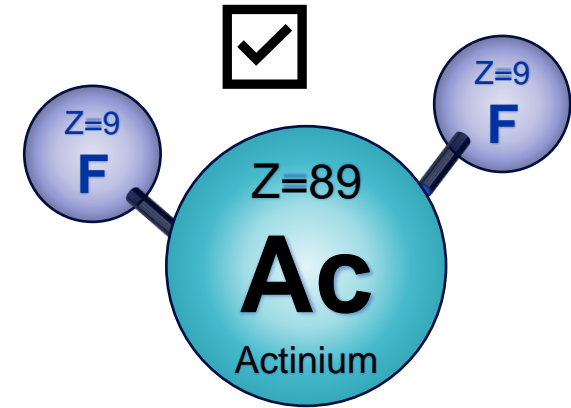
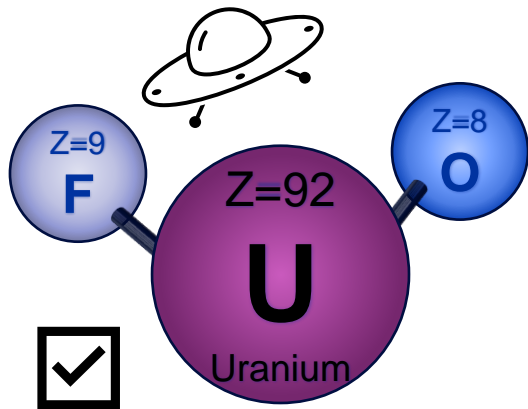
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Fluoride beams current status

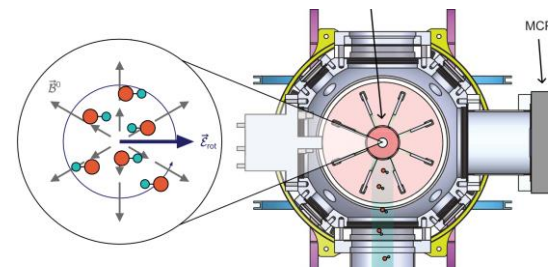
- RaF_x : developed, available*
- AcF_x : developed, available*
- NpF_x , PuF_x : observed
- PaF_x , PaO_x : external sources, development
- ThF_x , UF_x : long-lived only
- ScF_x , TbF_x : ongoing development
- VF_x : requested



Image published in EP Newsletter, CERN (2020)

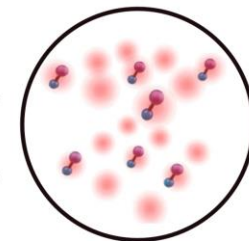


Fundamental Symmetries collaboration



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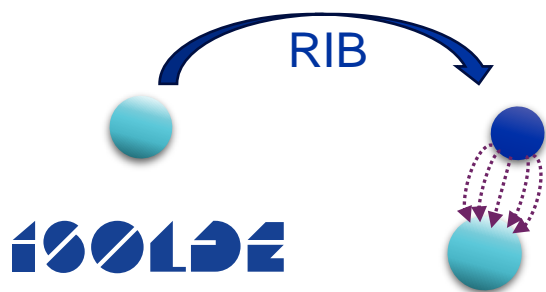
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Fundamental Physics Research with Radioactive Molecules

22 April 2024

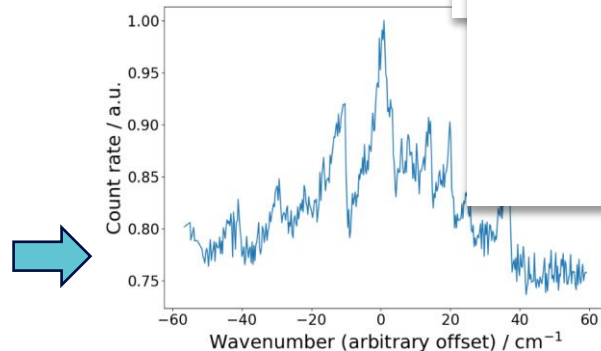
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Making radioactive molecules

- Beams, traps, targets



Characterizing radioactive molecules

- Spectroscopy, chemistry
- Properties and states

Work in progress

- Fellow position closed
- *collaboration*

Precision measurement

Techniques for bulk systems

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Developments in target materials

Sub-micron and nano materials development:
Valentina Berlin and Edgar Reis
CaO, ZrO₂, La₂O₃, UC_x, TaC, HfB, Ta foils...



Gas injection

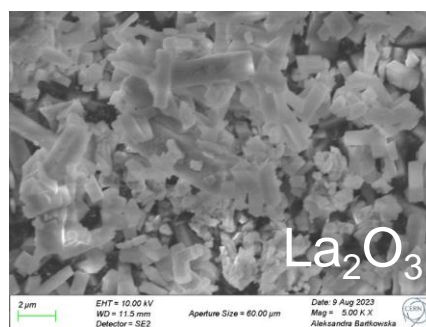
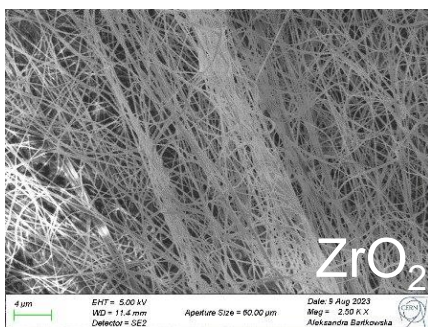
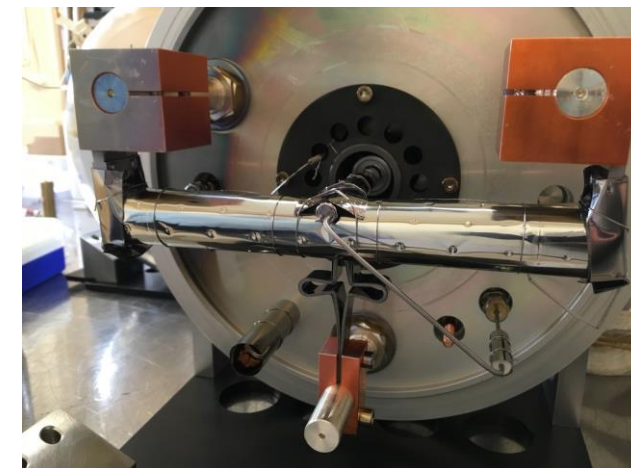
- Reactive/corrosive gases

Reactants

- Mass markers

Target materials

- Particle size
- Open porosity



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Ion source developments

Molecular breakup and characterization studies

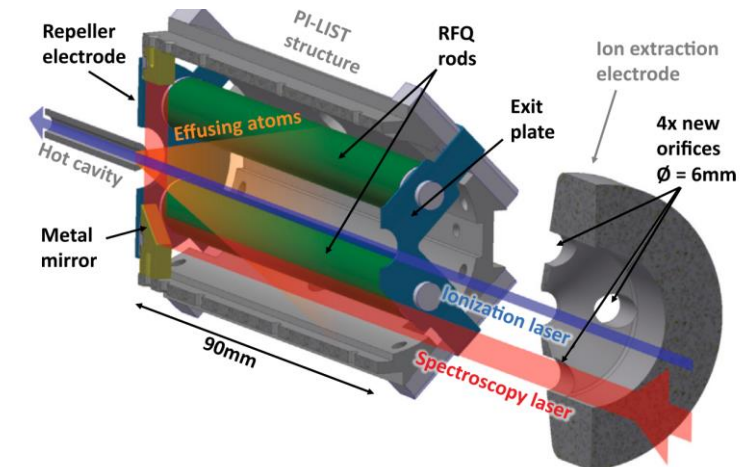
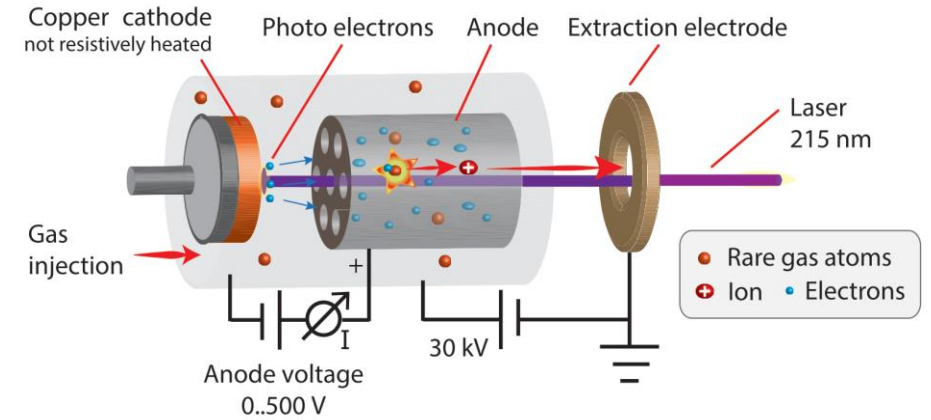
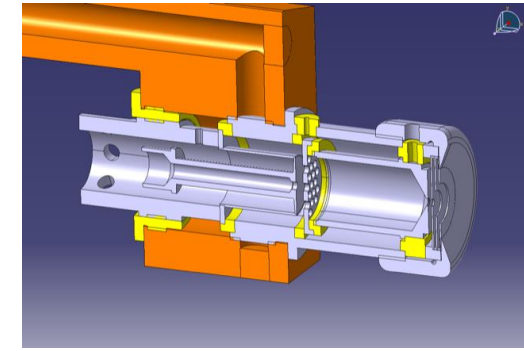
- FEBIAD-type ion sources [1,2]
- Electron energy and source optimization
- Ion source systematics

Photocathode ion sources [3]

- Cold (room-temperature) environments

In-source spectroscopy [4]

- PI-LIST: sub-Doppler hot-cavity in-source spectroscopy
- CERN-ISOLDE implementation



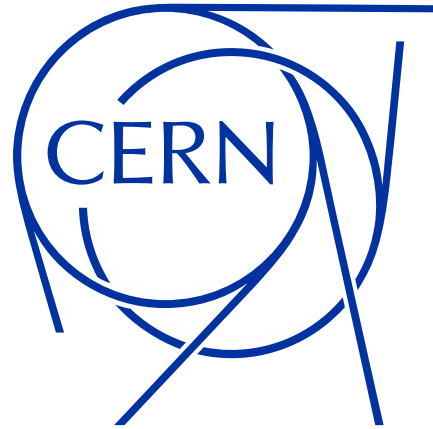
[1] Maldonado (2023) PhD thesis

[2] Martinez Palenzuela (2020) PhD thesis

[3] Ballof . et al., 2022) *J. Phys.: Conf. Ser.* **2244** 012072

[4] Heinke et al. (2023) *NIM B.* **541** (8-12)

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Molecular ion beam production

Update on ISOLDE Offline 2

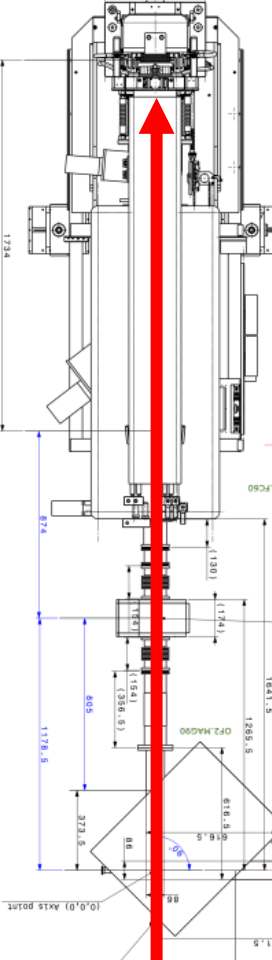
Justus Berbalk

CRIS Collaboration meeting 30-31 January 2025

Layout of OFFLINE 2

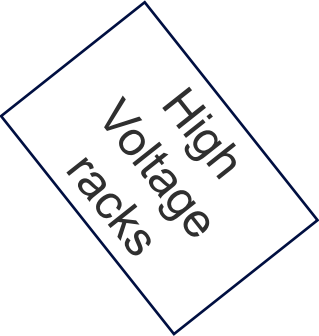
Ion source

Beamgate



90° Magnet

High Voltage racks



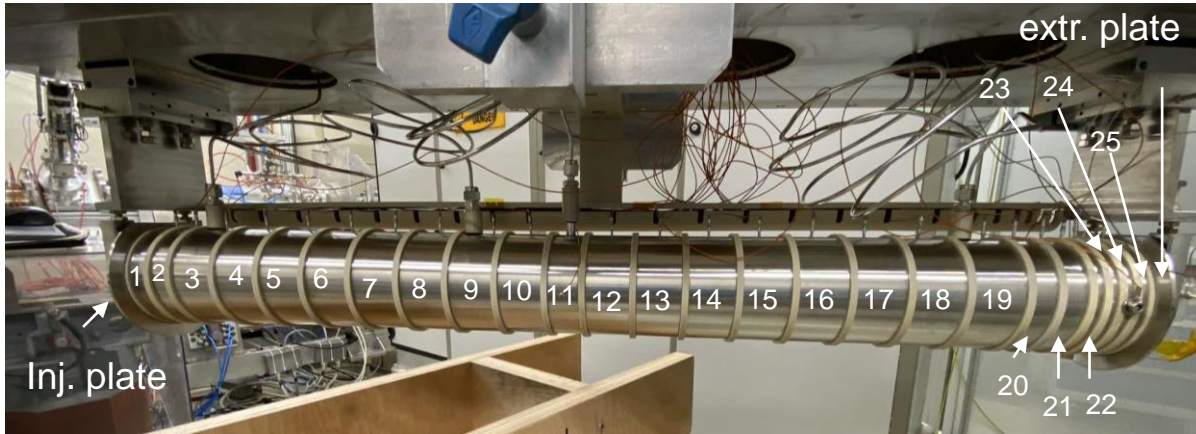
RFQcb
Radio-frequency
quadrupole cooler and
buncher

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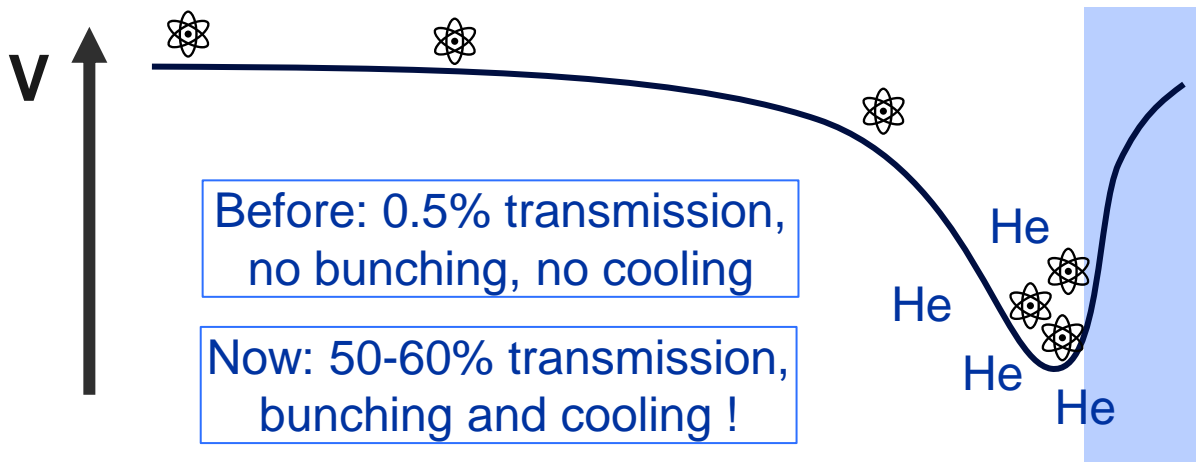
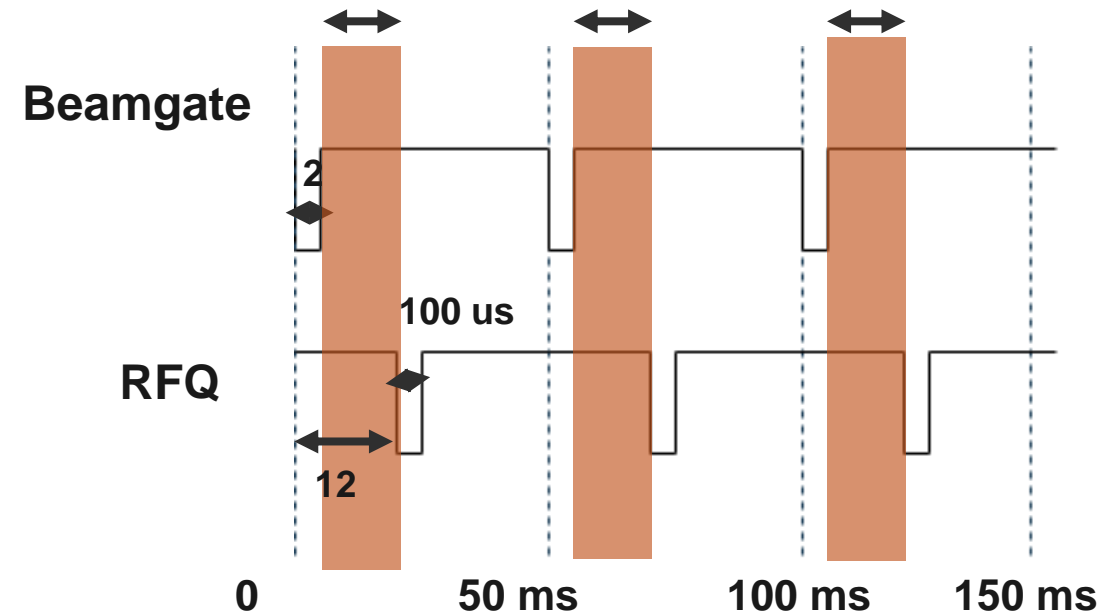
Magnetof



The radiofrequency quadrupole cooler-buncher (RFQcb)

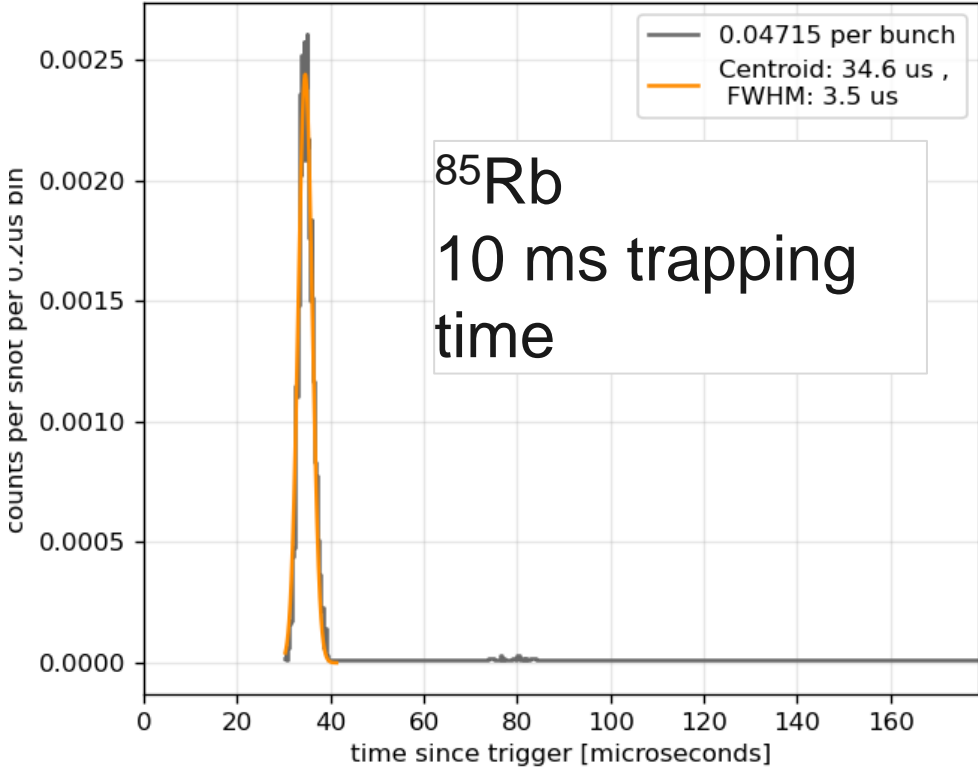
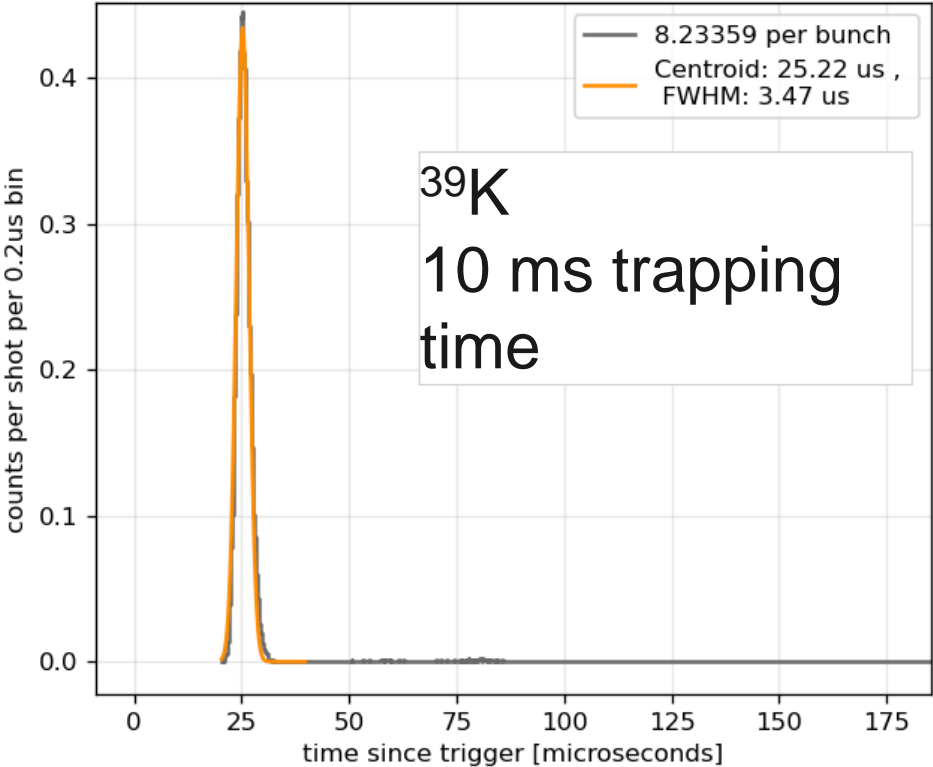


Example: 10 ms trapping

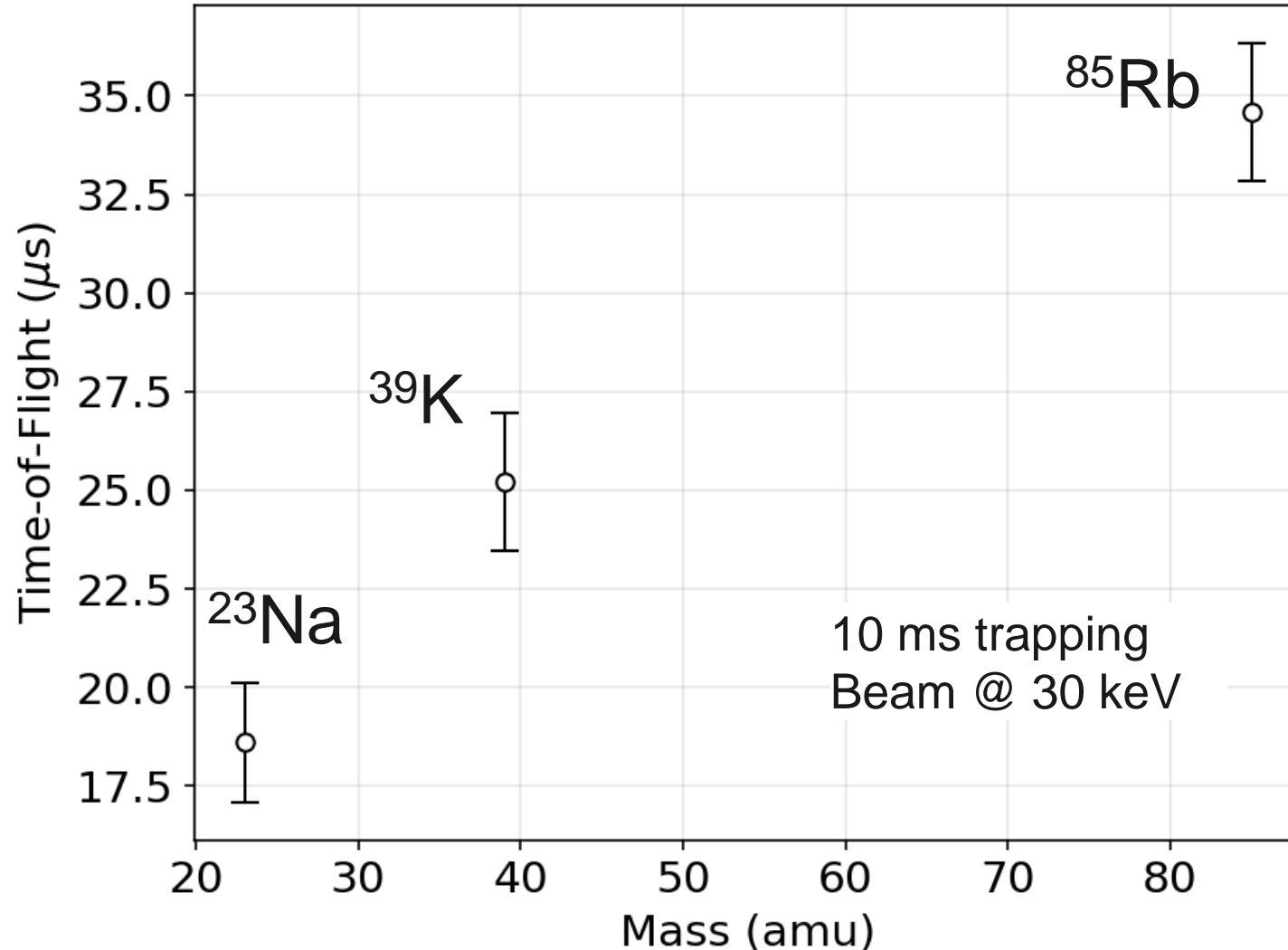


TTL signal of Quantum Composer switches endcap electrode potential via high-voltage, high-current Behlke switch

Different Time-of-Fight for different species



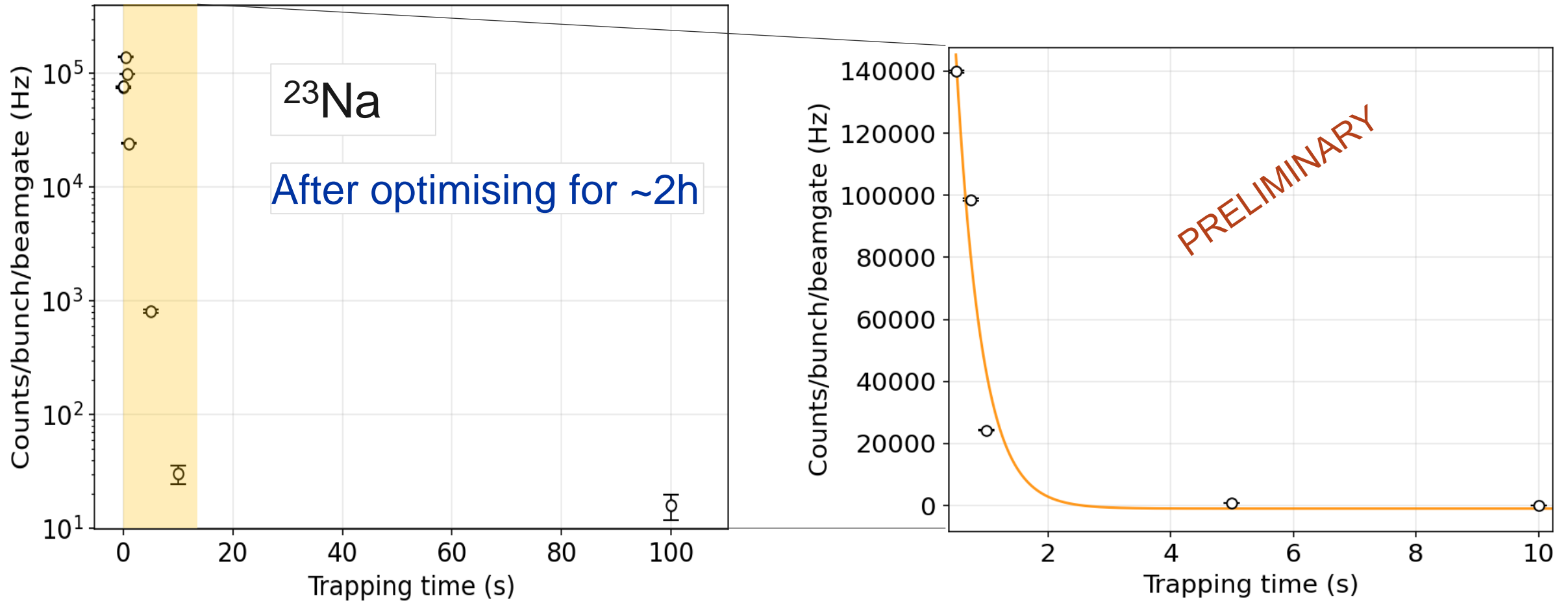
Time-of-Flight vs Mass



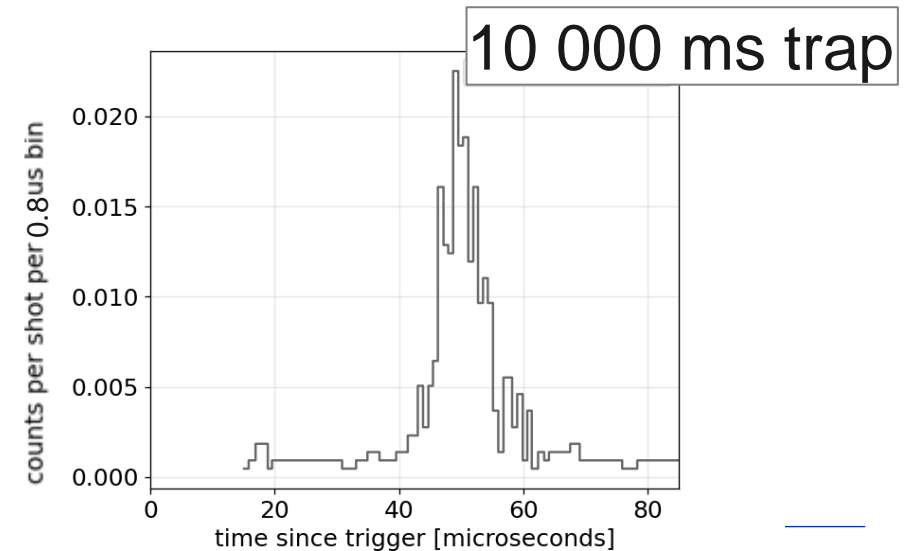
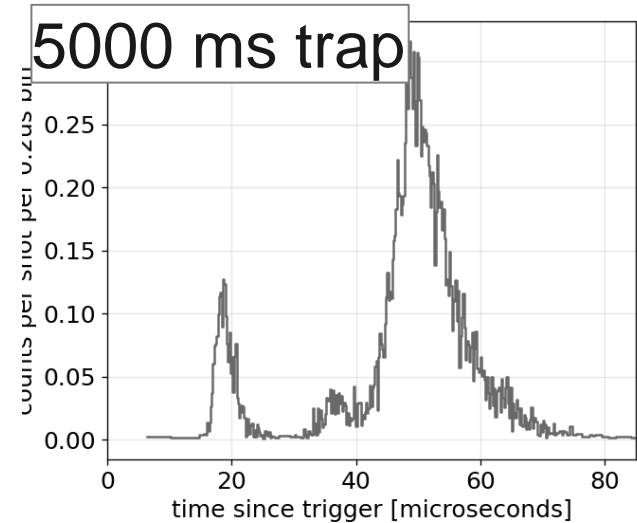
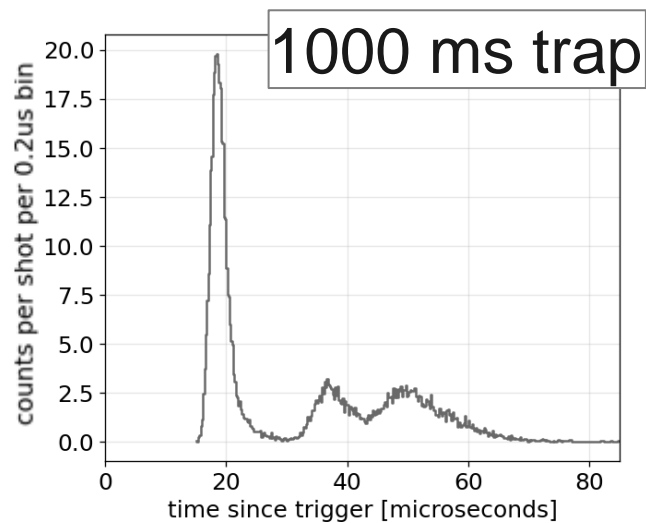
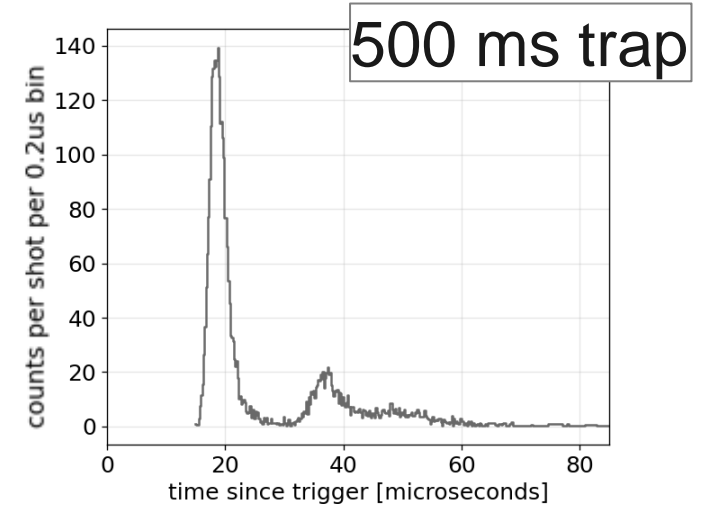
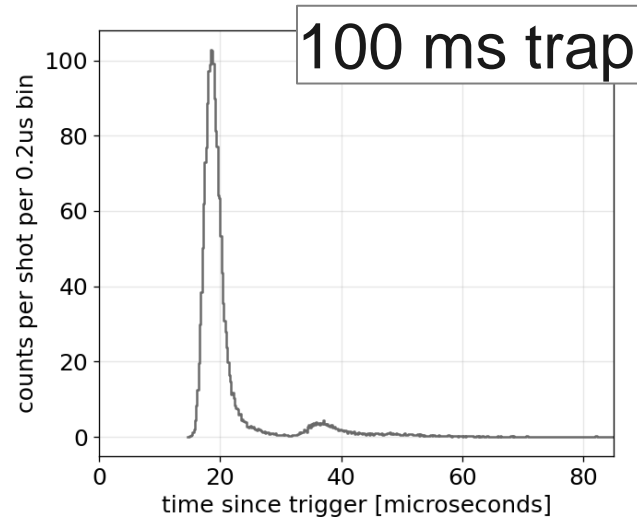
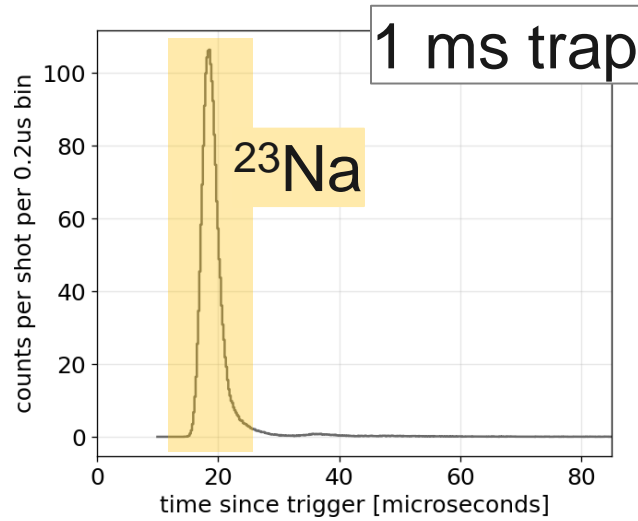
Time-of-flight calibration with hot plasma ion source ongoing at the moment

Trapping lifetime

Counts per bunch per beamgate vs trap time



Long trapping times: molecule formation ?



Under investigation

- Influence of the potential well shape on cooling-bunching
- Helium pressure
- Incoming beam and beam gate duty cycle: linearity tests for overflowing the trap

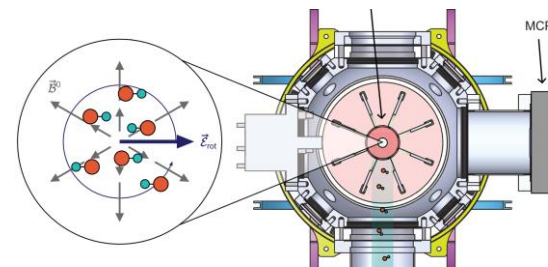
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32	37.0	0.642



Towards high-precision molecular experiment at RIB facilities

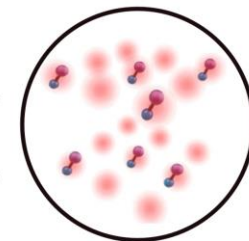
Fundamental symmetries, Physics beyond colliders framework

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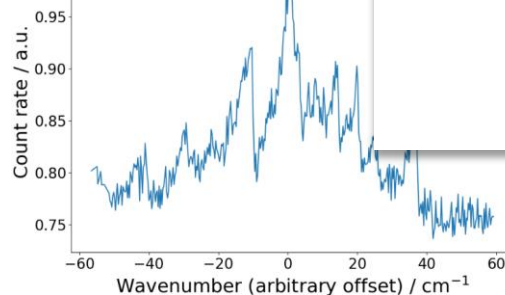
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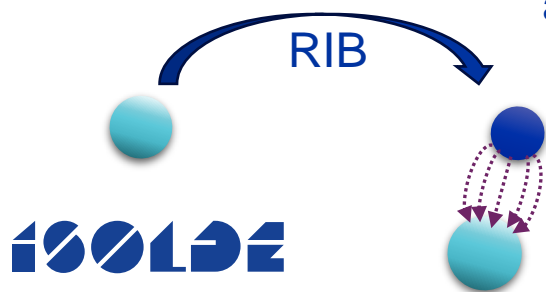
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March 24-25

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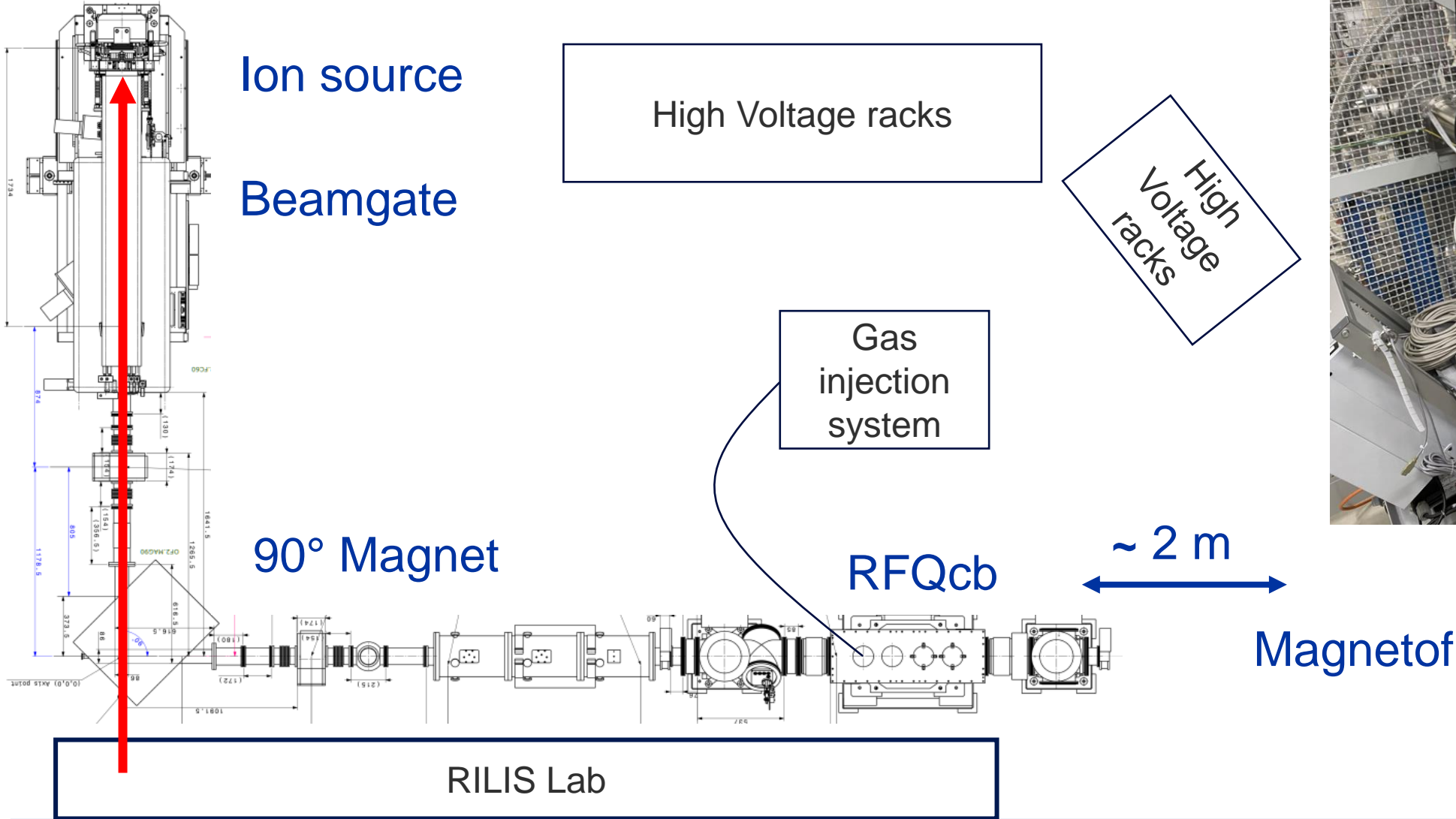
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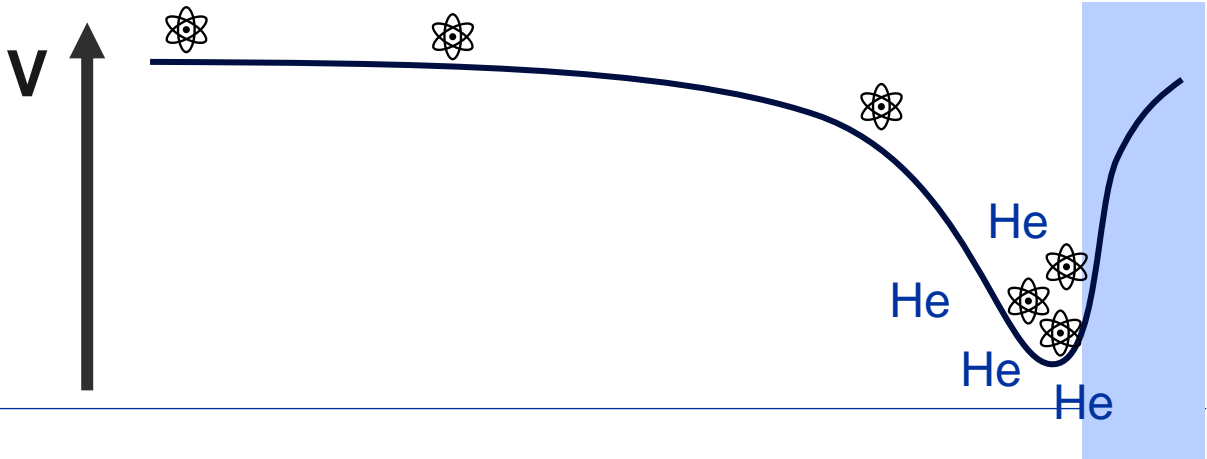
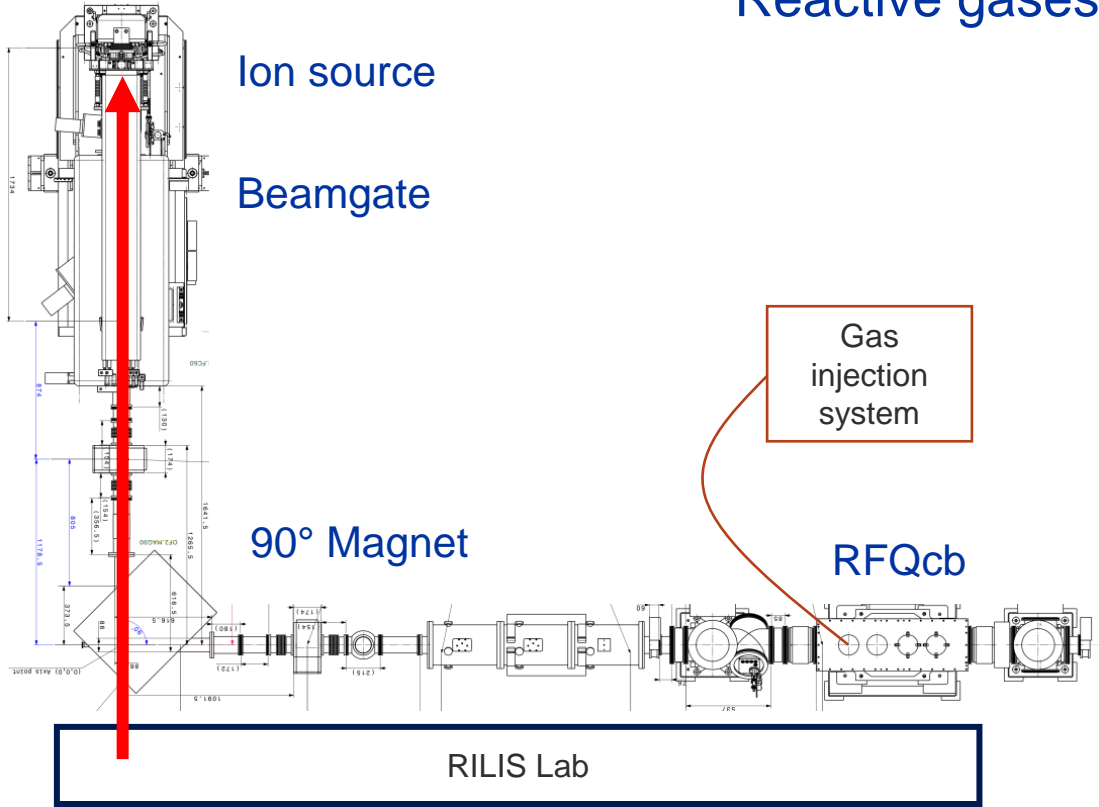
Current layout



In trap formation of molecules via atomic RIB

Bridging the gap between high precision and RIB facilities

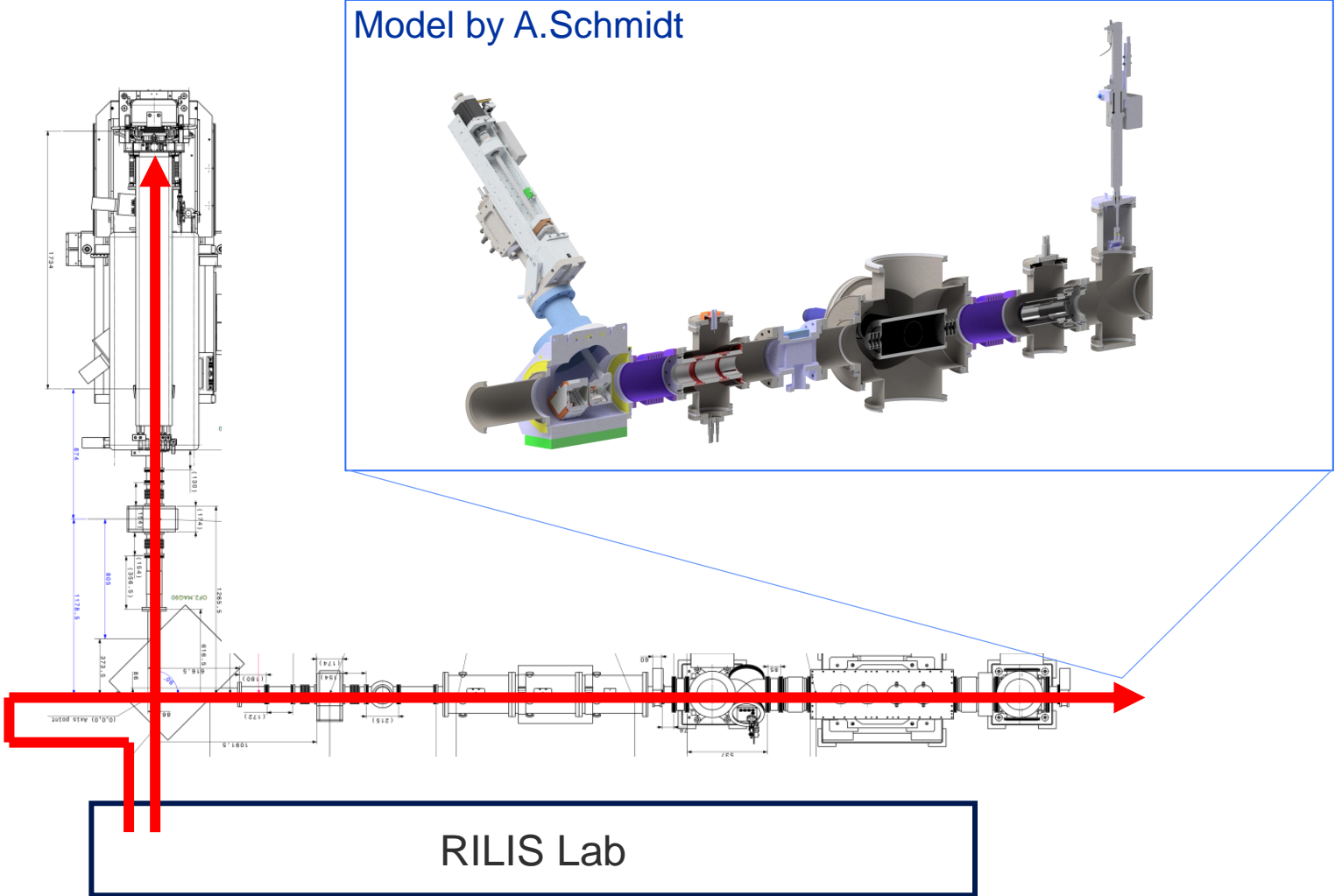
Reactive gases: CH_3OH , H_2O_2 , H_2O , NH_3



Projected new end of beamline



Hole in wall and second window through the magnet already exists !



New end of beamline: Phase one

Possible experiments:

Photodissociation of small molecules

- Molecular breakup of SrF^+ for n-deficient Sn and In
- Dissociation thresholds
- Ionisation of neutrals ?
- Limited by ToF resolution (mass resolving power)

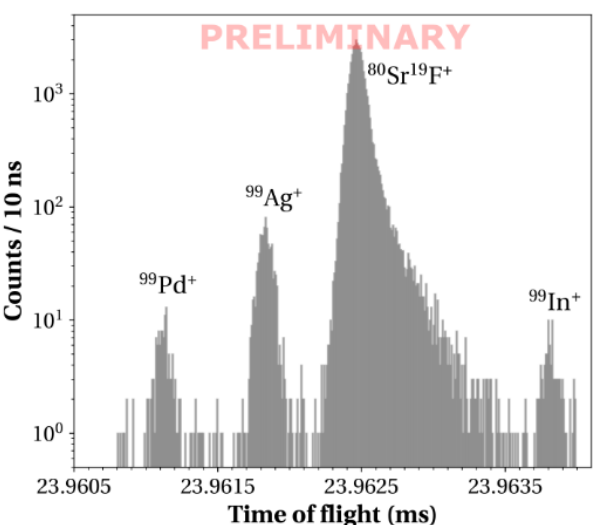
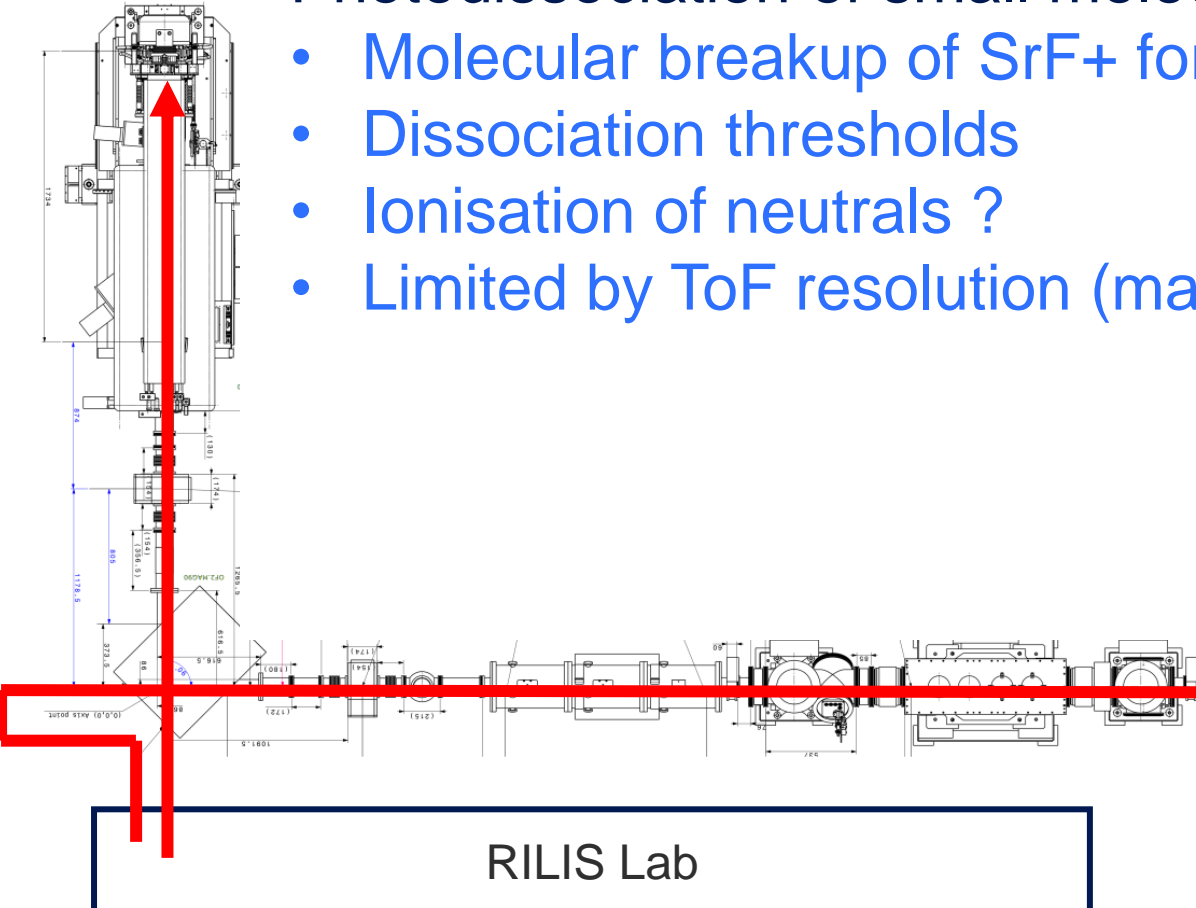


Image: Lukas Nies



ToF region

Magnetof installed

Deflector to be designed

New end of beamline: Phase two

Emittance meter available ✓

Magnetof installed ✓

Einzel lens to buy



Wien filter available ✓

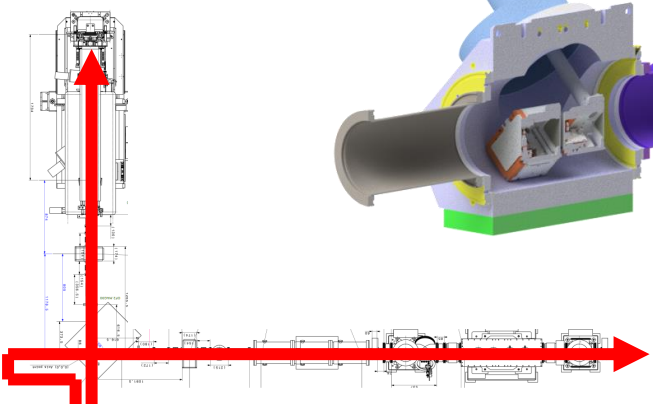
Deflectors Available/to buy ✓

Probing thermodynamics ensemble towards coherent state population for fundamental symmetry project

Funding refused by SY department

Discussions with REBEL Lab
PI: Agi Koszorus

Laser interaction region
Design phase 
PMT + collection optics
Design phase 



RILIS Lab



Fluorescence and resonance-ion detection capabilities for ion beam manipulation

M. Au, M. Athanasakis-Kaklamanakis, J. Berbalk, K. Chrysalidis, A. Koszorus, J. R. Reilly, S. Rothe, A. Schmidt
CERN

Abstract

We propose to implement fluorescence and resonance-ion detection capabilities for beam manipulation and cooling, molecular formation studies, and molecular scheme development and characterization. A light collection and ion detection region at ISOLDE's Offline 2 facility will enable studies of in-trap molecular formation and dissociation, ion beam internal temperature investigations, optical pumping and scheme development towards studies of physics Beyond the Standard Model using atoms and molecules at radioactive ion beam facilities.

Funding
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accessories and additional accessories and controls to be implemented in the first half of the second year.

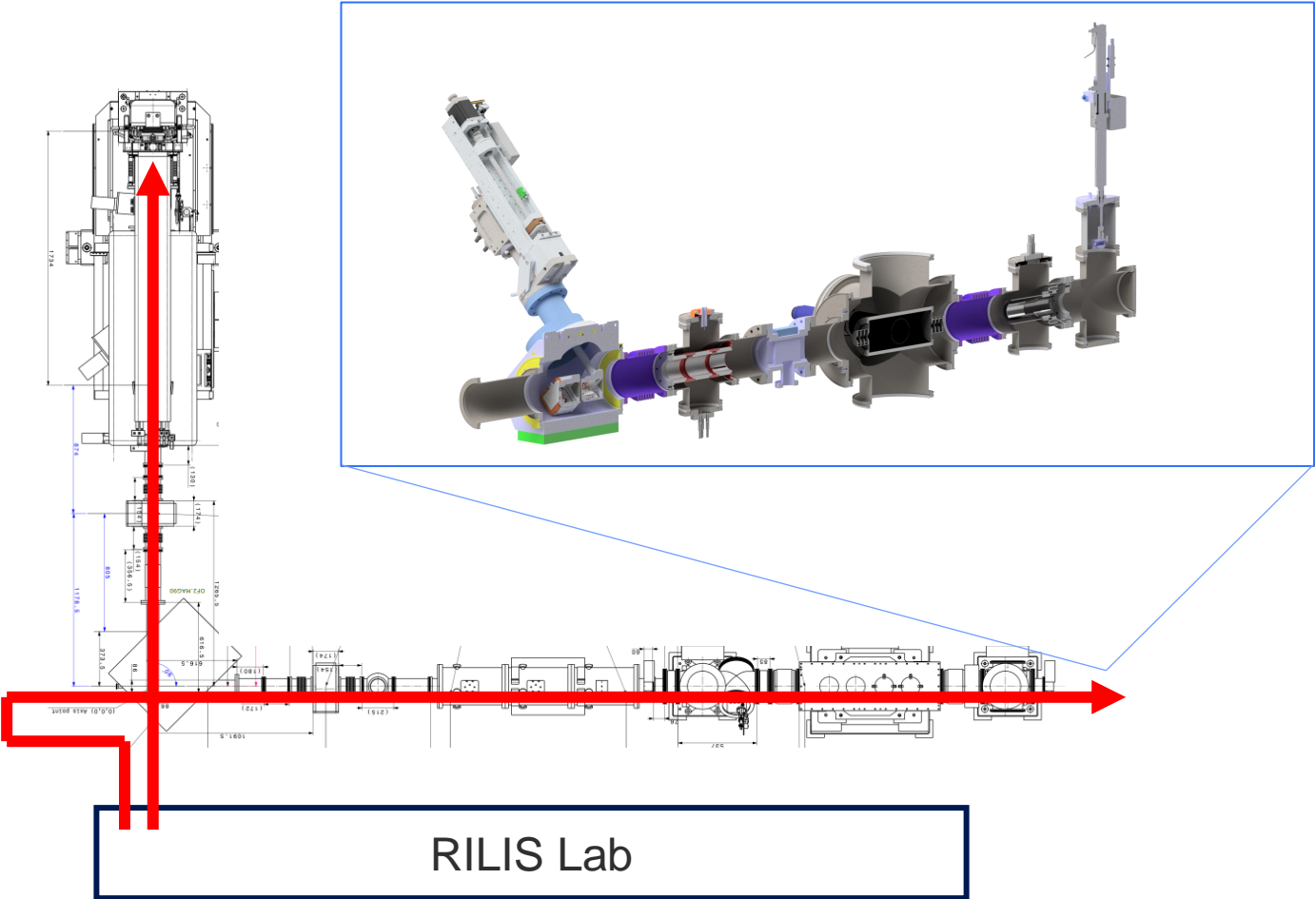
Table A.1: Budget items

Item	Description	Estimated price (kCHF)
Vacuum chamber	KF100 cross	0.5
Vacuum pump	TMP700 and controller	6
Vacuum internal components	mounting and isolation, in-house ^a	2
Linear feedthrough	Pneumatic actuated	2
Mounting structure	in-house ^a	1
Actuation system	in-house ^a	1
Cabling and adapters		1
Controls system	in-house	1
Data acquisition software	in-house ^b	-
Switchable bipolar 4-ch. power supply	ISEG, already acquired	-
High-current high-voltage switch	already acquired	-
Photomultiplier tubes (PMTs) (2x)	Hamamatsu PMT R669	3
PMT holders	3D printed, water cooled, in-house	1
Anti-reflection coating		0.5
Aspheric lenses for photon imaging		1
Diode laser and control electronics	TOPTICA laser and DLCPro	25
Wavemeter	High Finesse WS7	20
Sum		65

^a ISOLDE targets workshop and/or collaboration with TCD workshop.

^b collaboration CERN LabVIEW team.

New end of beamline: Phase three



Long term :

- Pulsing/ramping RFQ to ground
- Pulsed drift tube
- MR-ToF
- Cryogenic trap, MOT
- **Your ideas**



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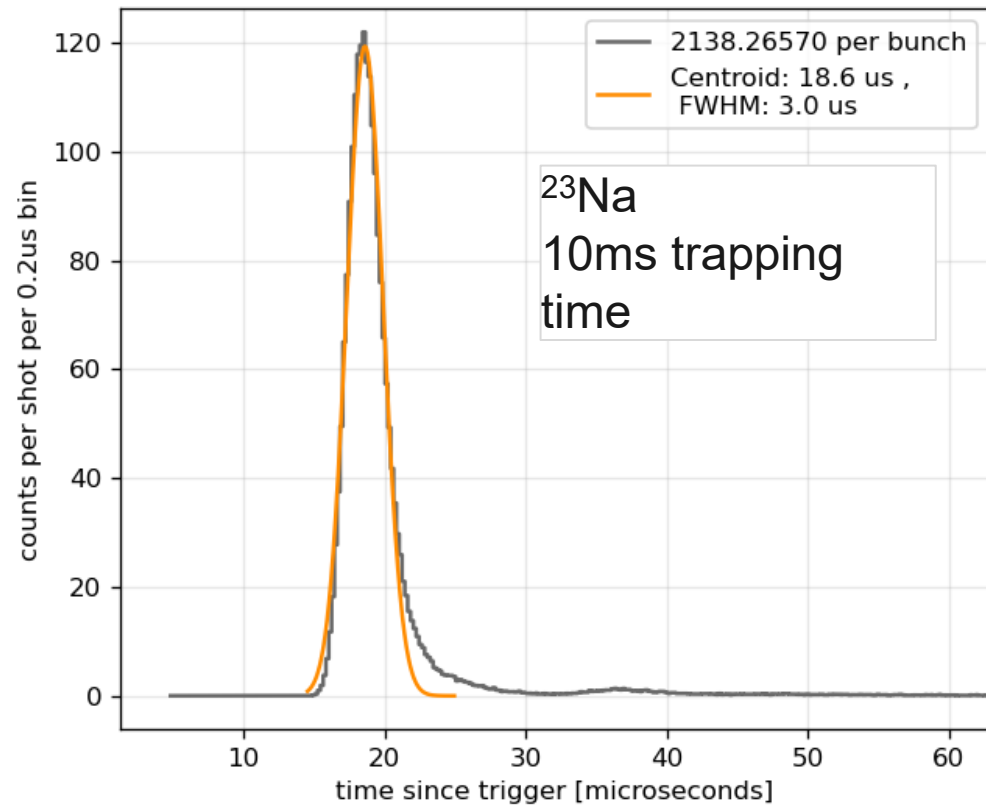
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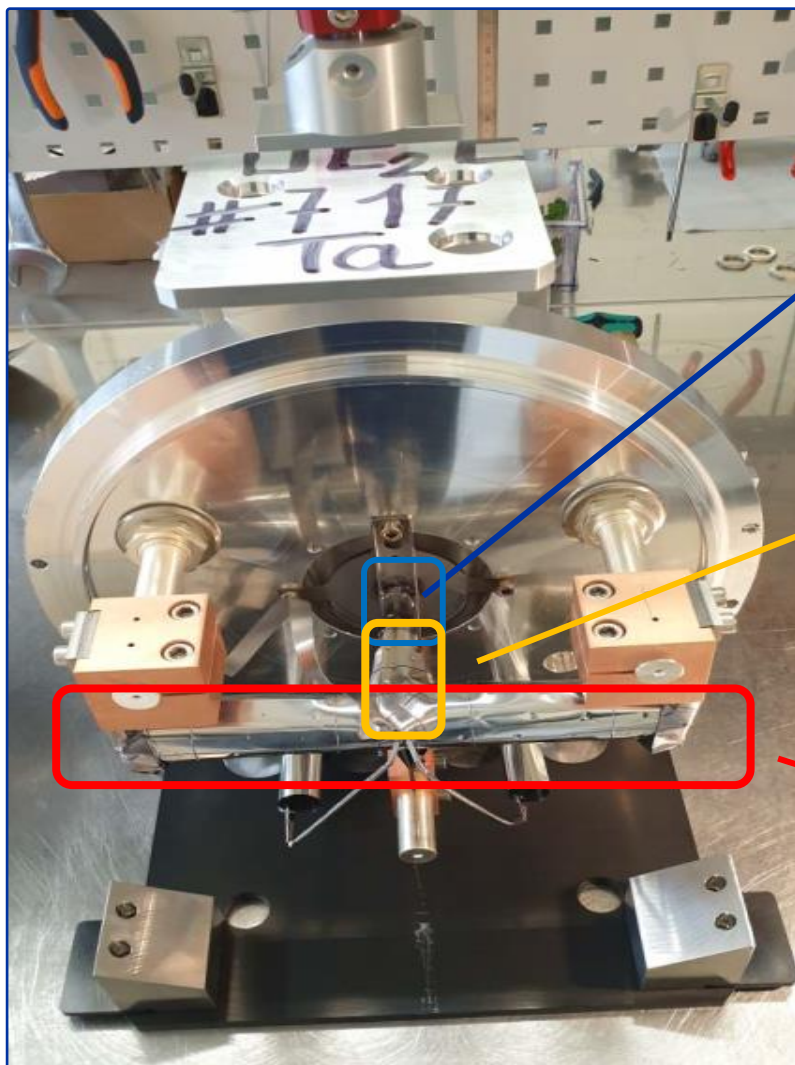


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Supplemental



Target unit



Ion source:
surface, laser,
plasma, ...

Transfer line
controls transport to
ion source, Ta, Cu
or quartz

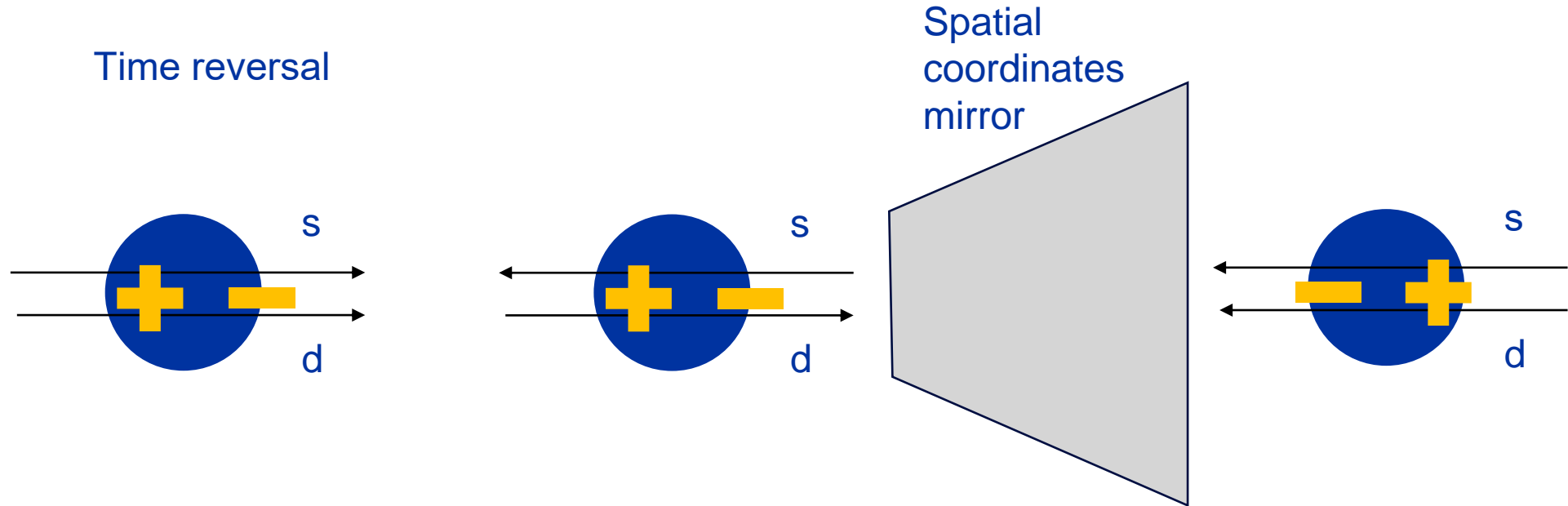
Target container
typically heated to
 $\sim 2000^\circ\text{C}$

Each target is custom-tailored to the physics experiment

30+ targets per year!

Slides and pictures from V. Berlin

eEDM is symmetry violating



The sensitivity of an eEDM measurement d scales with

$$\delta d = \hbar / \epsilon \tau \sqrt{N}$$

where ϵ is the effective electric field,

τ the coherence time and N the total measurements