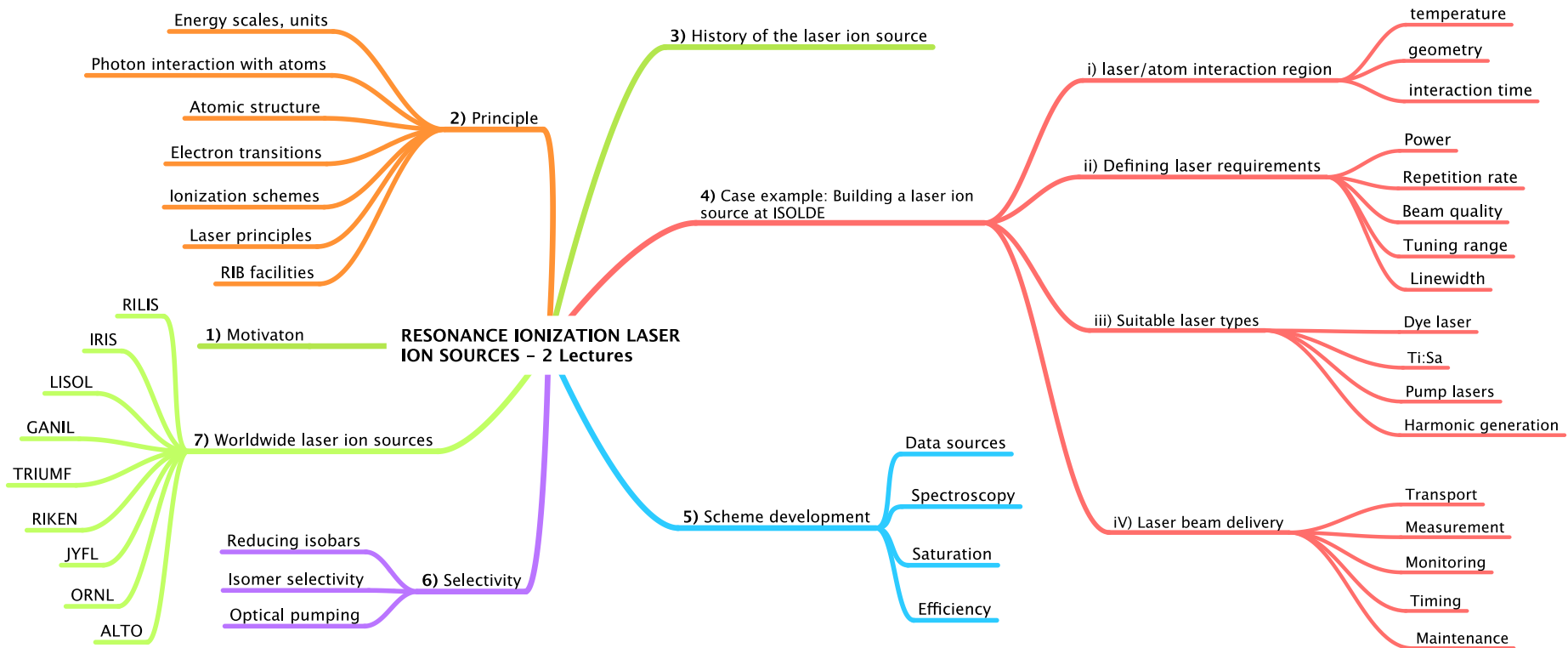


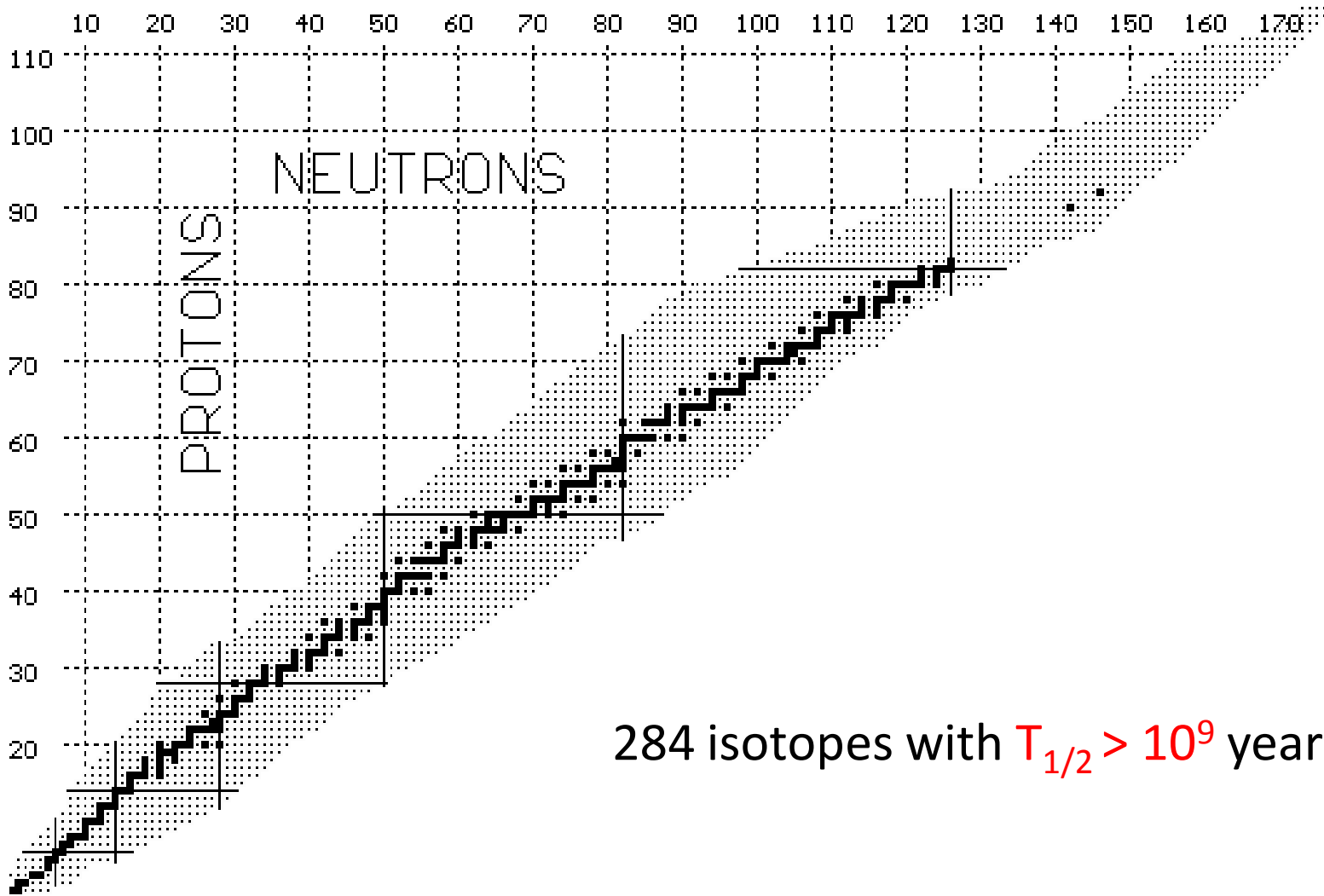
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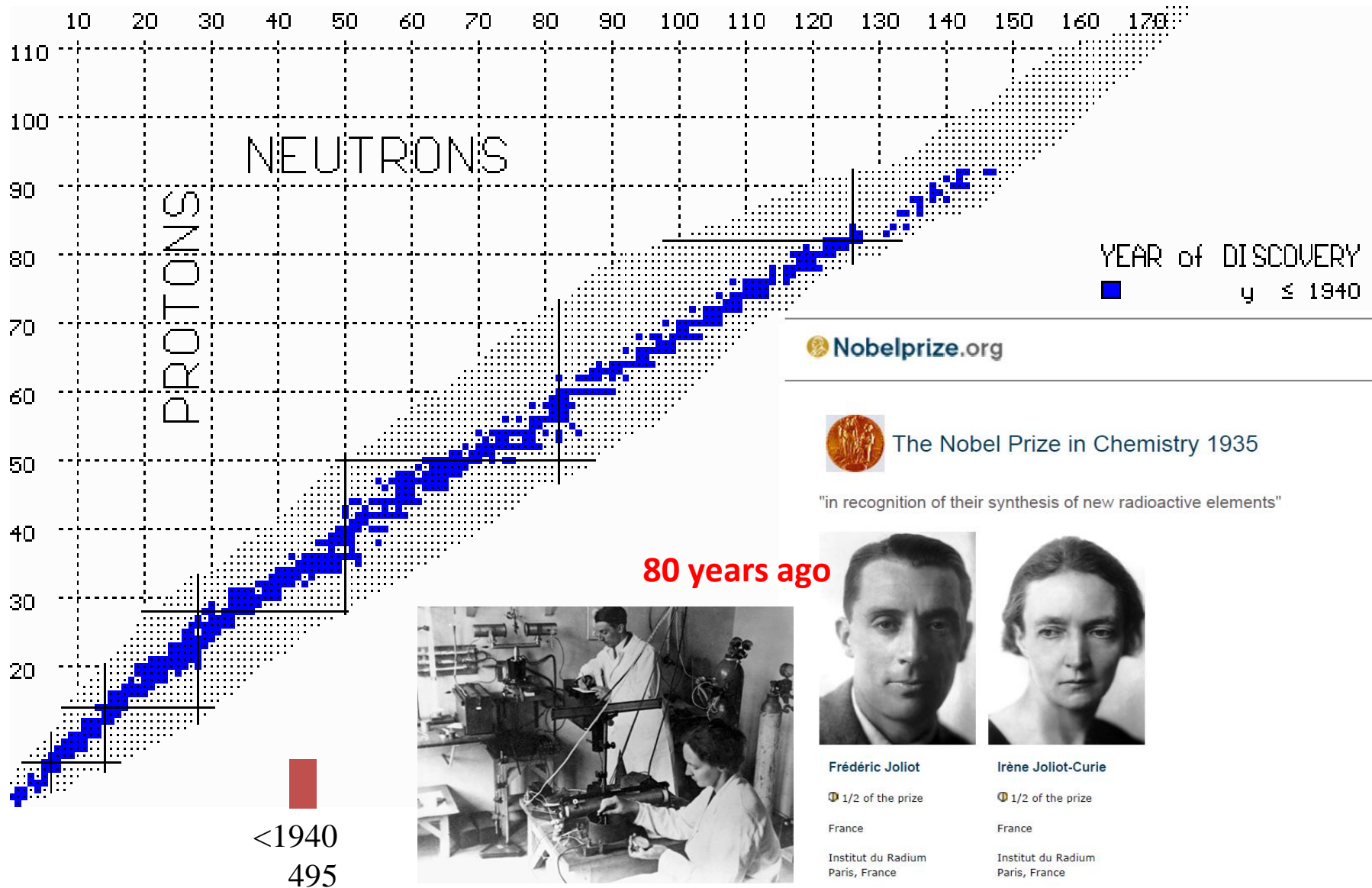
1) Motivaton

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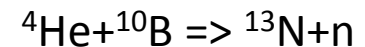
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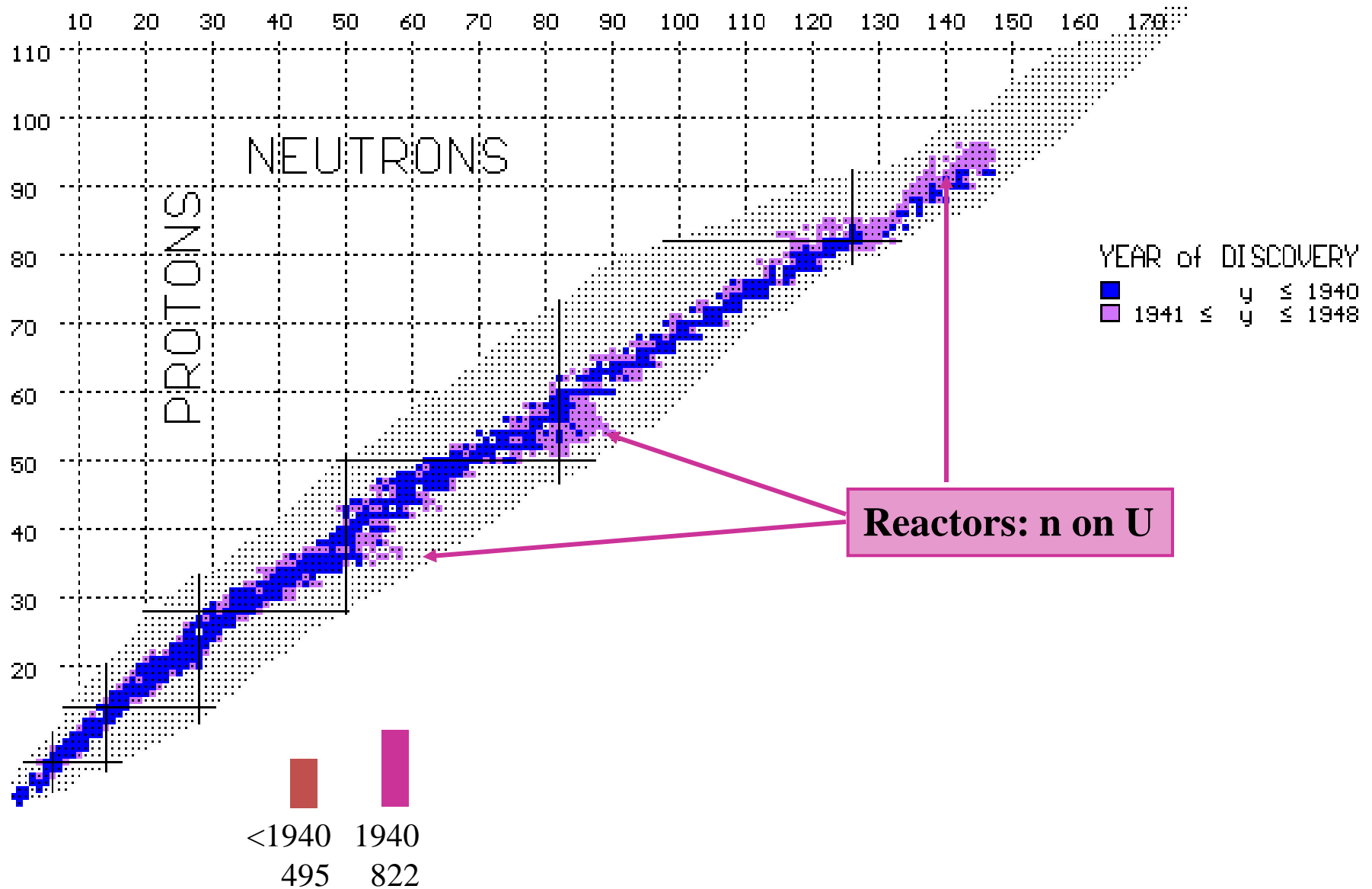
+ the discovery of radioactivity



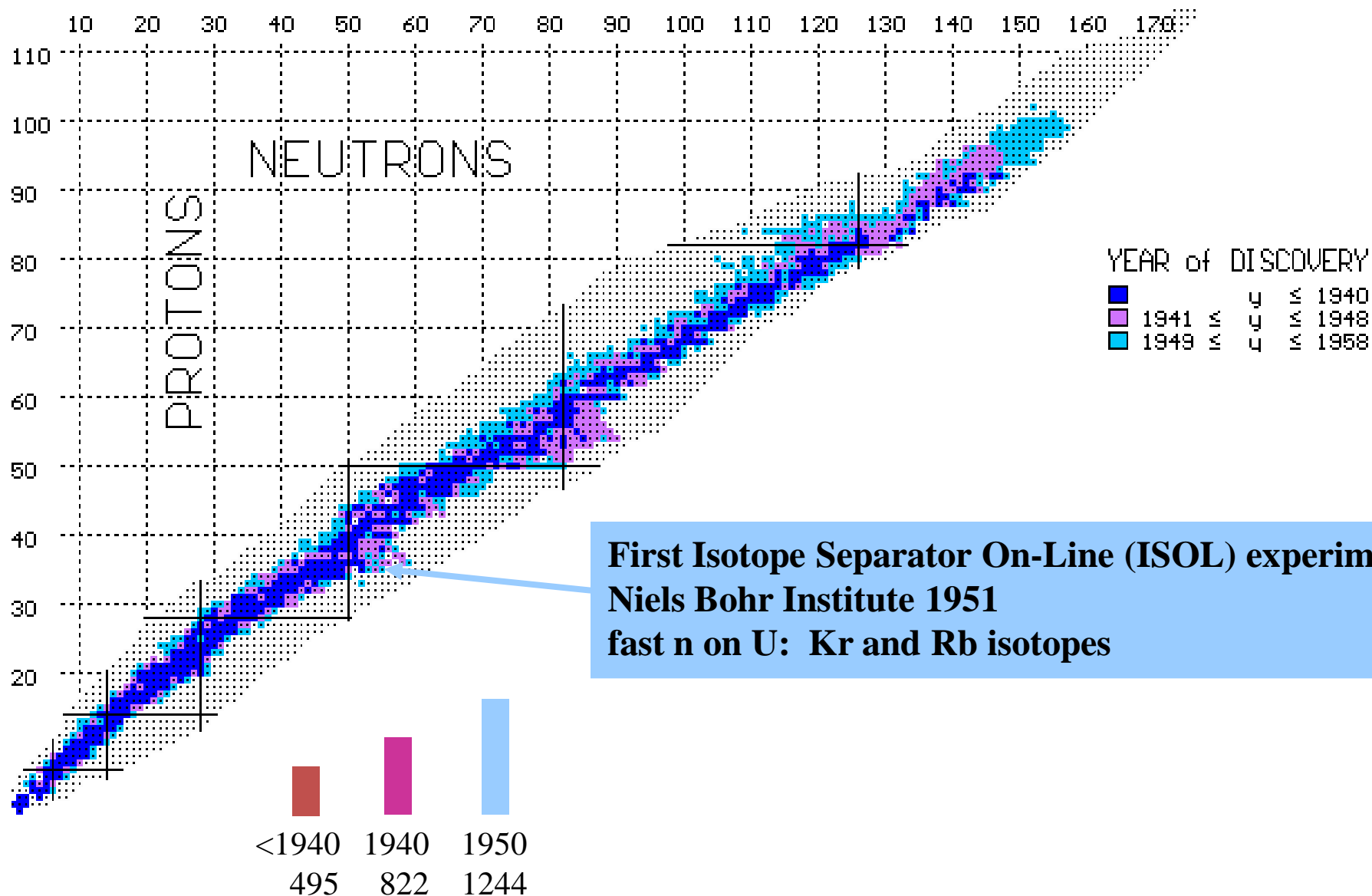
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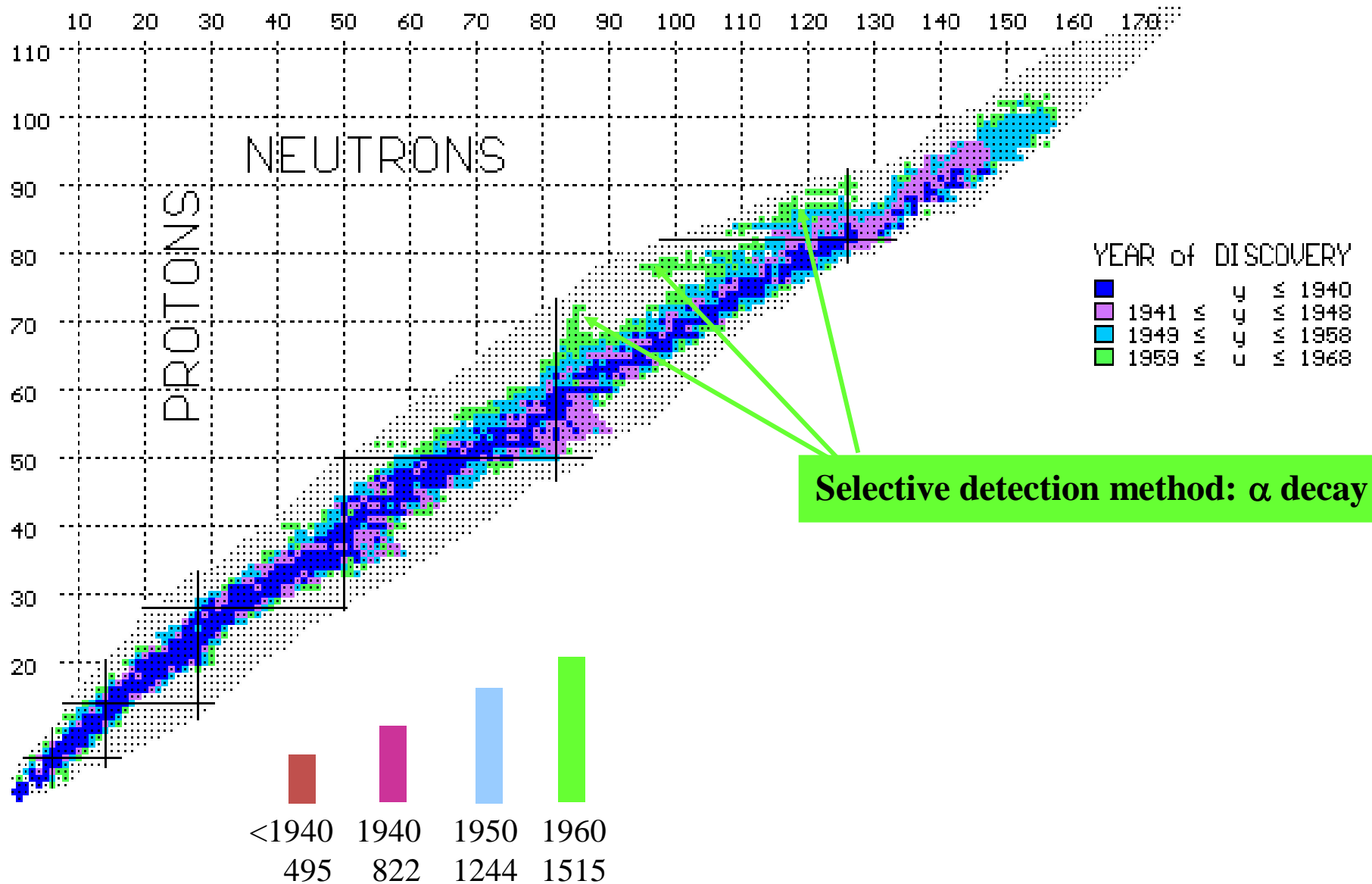
+ the advent of nuclear reactors



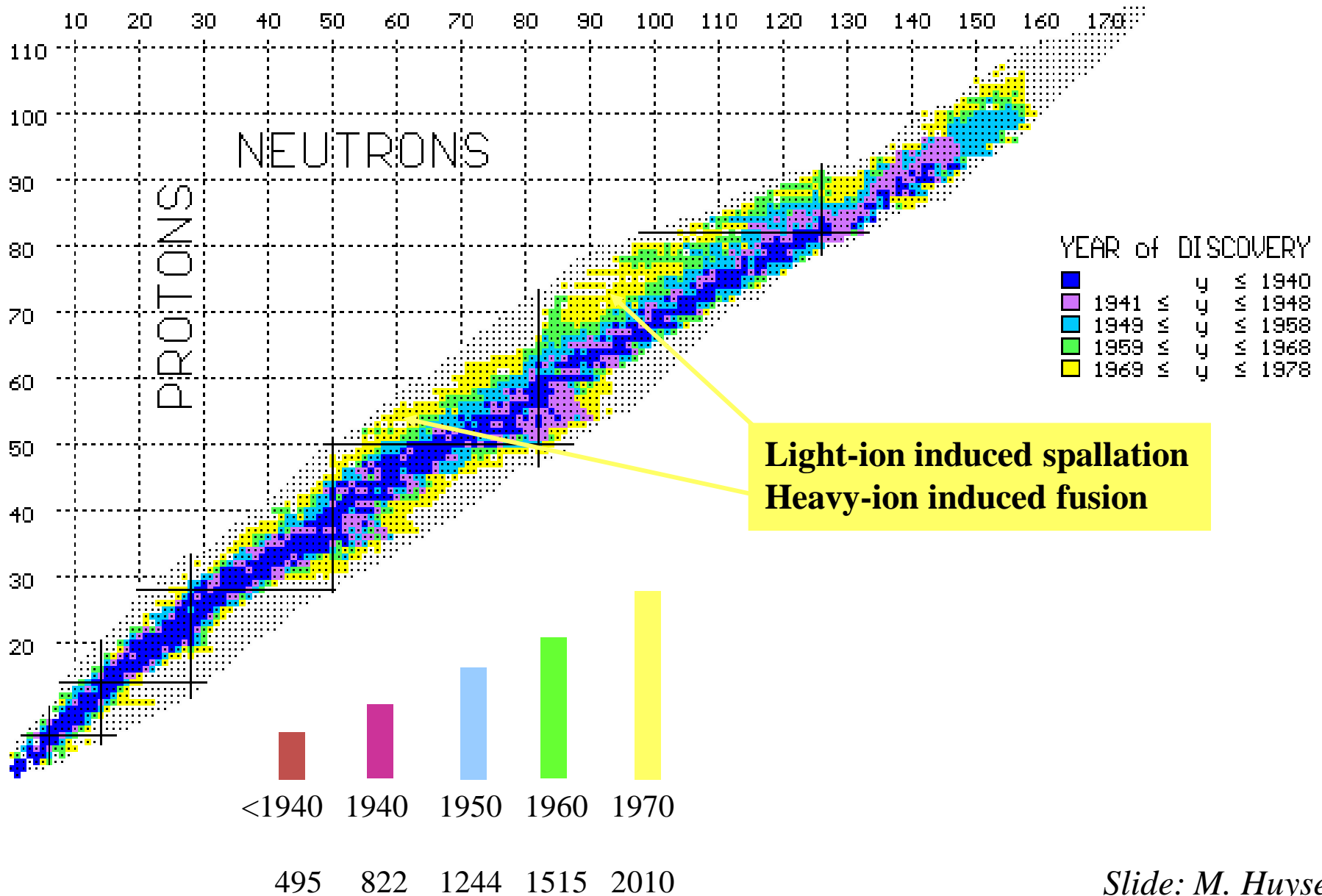
+ Early Isotope Separator On Line (ISOL) isotopes



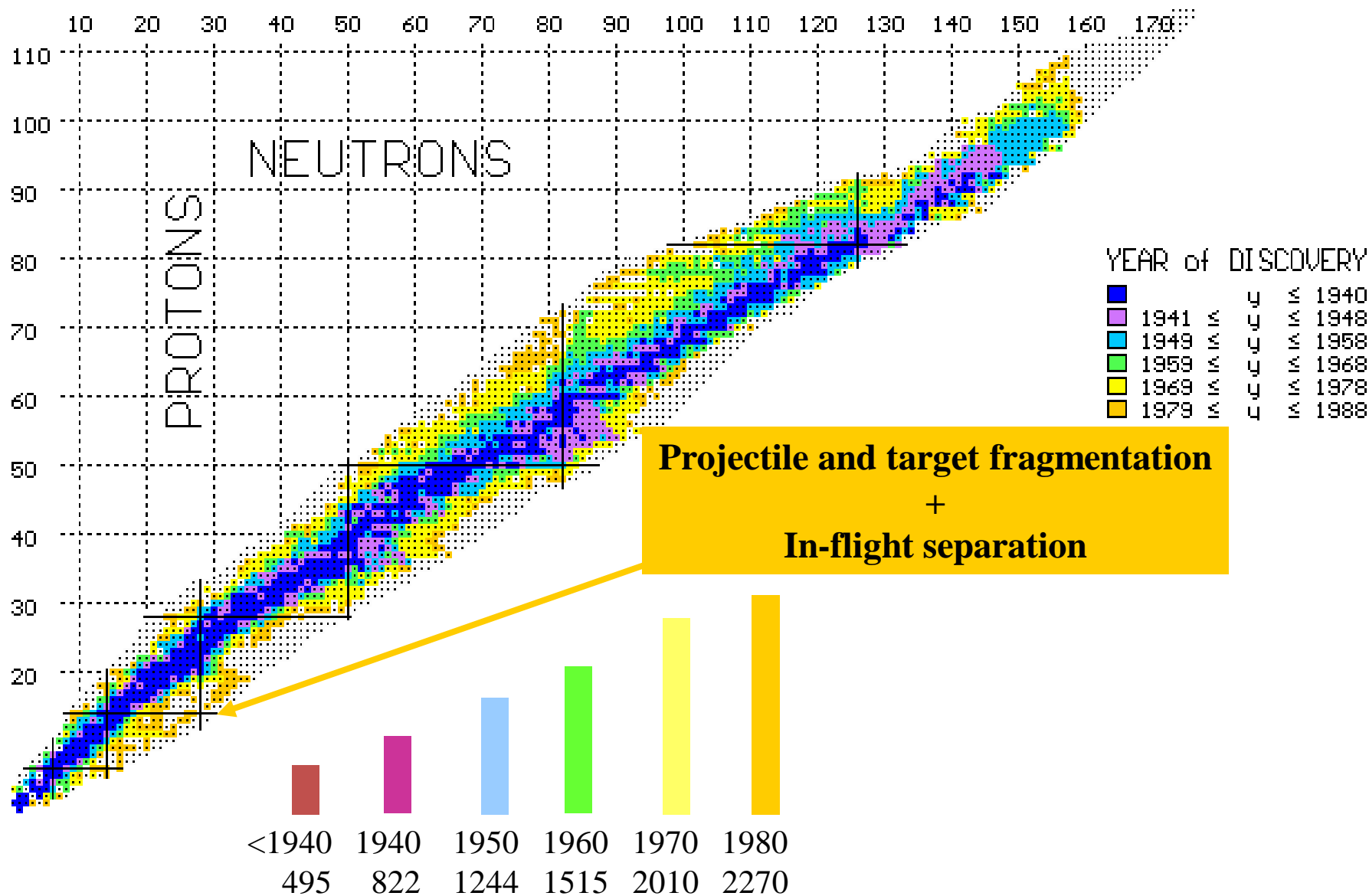
+ sensitive detection methods



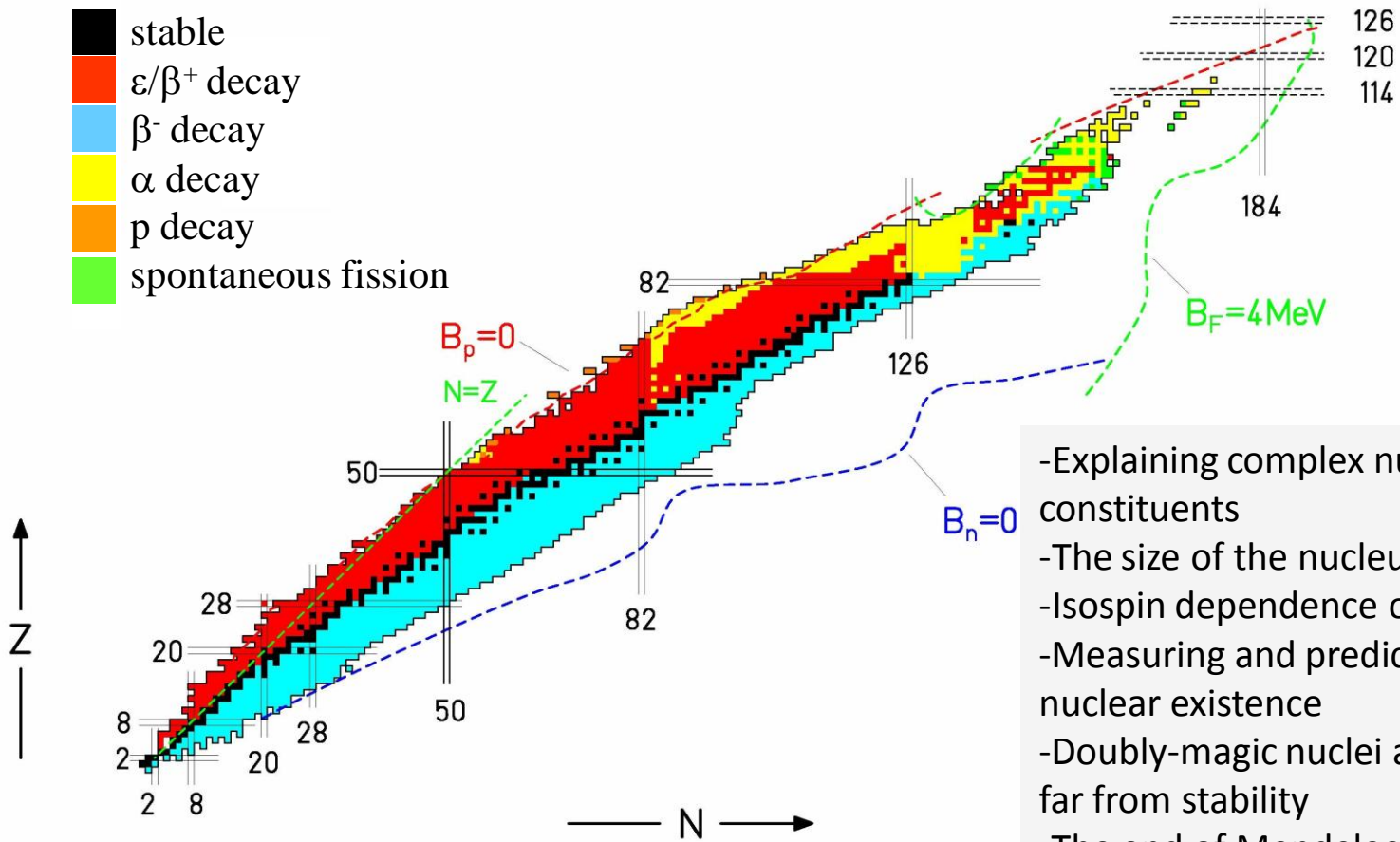
+ energy increases and driver beam upgrades



+ thin target and projectile fragmentation – shorter lifetimes



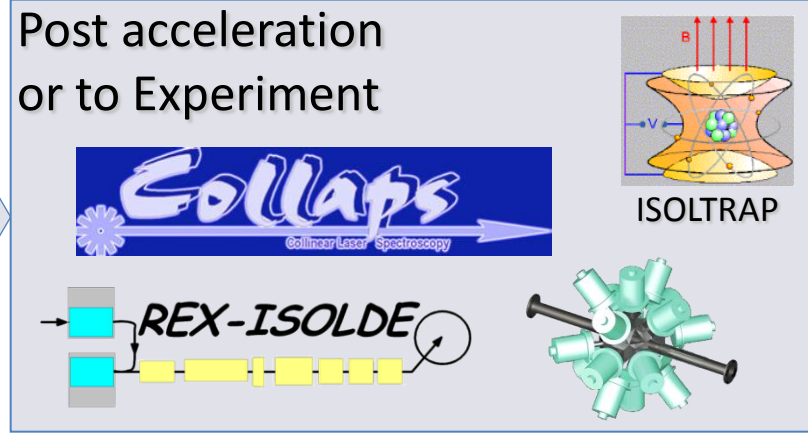
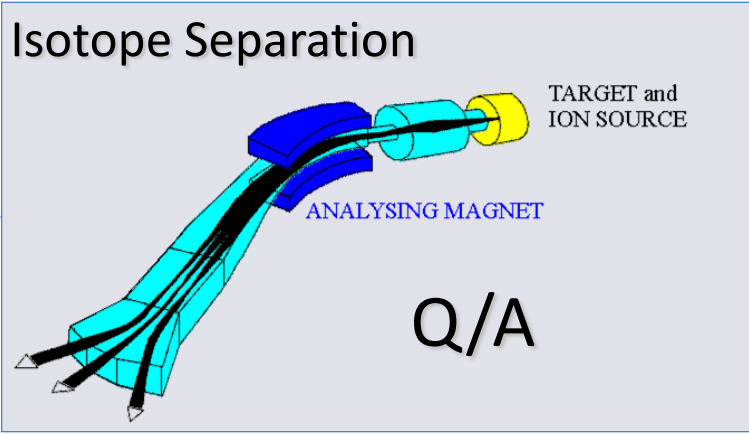
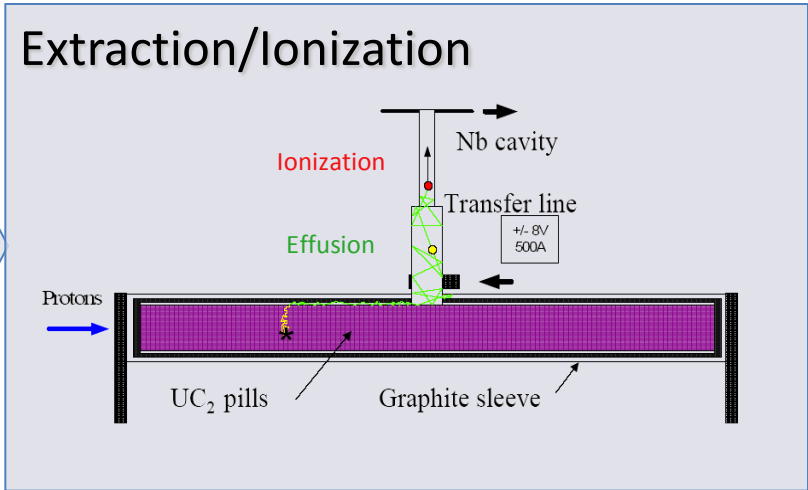
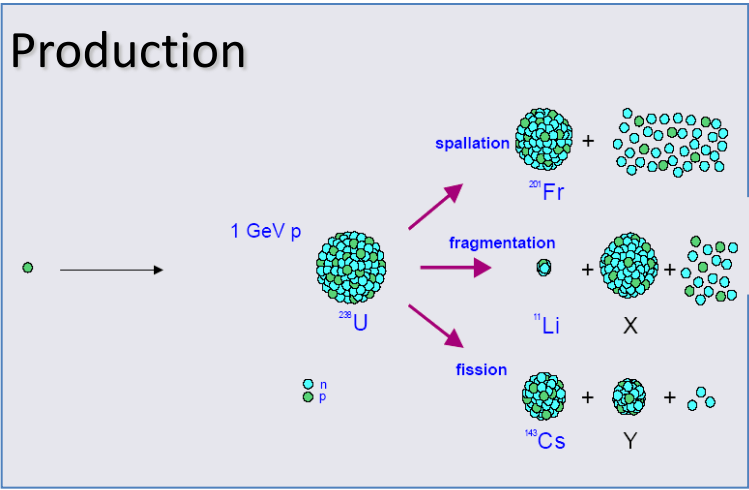
= The modern nuclear chart



- 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

$$I = \int_0^{\infty} S(E) F(E, x) r(x) \frac{N}{A} dx e_{diff+eff} e_{ion}$$

Reaction cross
section [cm²]

Target mass [g]

Ionization
efficiency

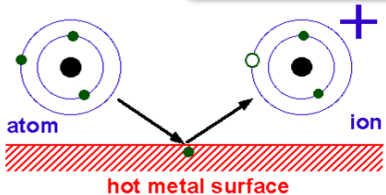
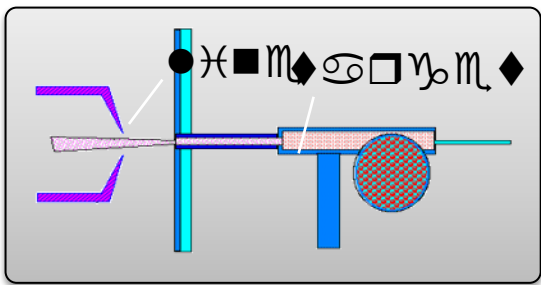


ISOL ion source and beam requirements are very broad !

- Energy range 10^{-6} eV (10 mK) to $> \text{MeV/u}$
- Intensity $0.01 - 10^{10}$ ions/s
- Selectivity, efficiency, universality!
- Particle type : ${}^6\text{He}$ to ${}^{232}\text{R}$ (Z: 2-88, N:4-144), and molecules!
- Lifetimes: stable \rightarrow micro seconds
- Charge state: mainly $1+$ or $1-$, or $n+$ for post acceleration

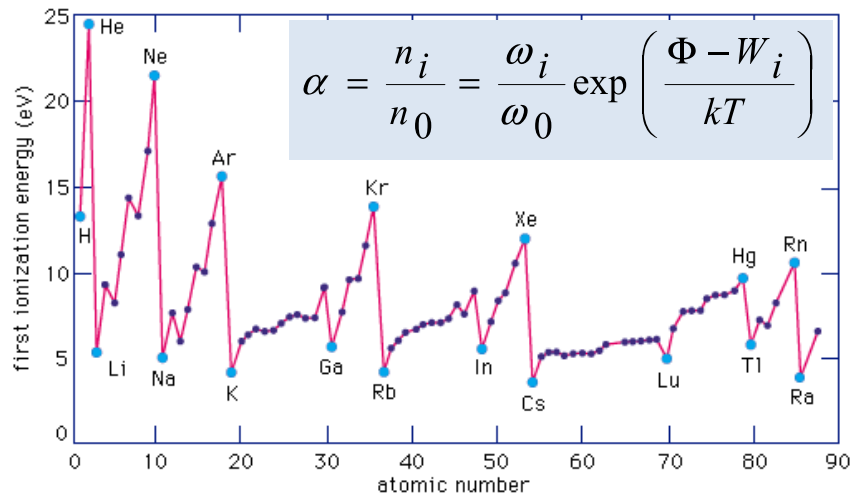
Clearly, not all of these requirements are fulfilled by a single ion source, we need to have many options and choose the optimal one depending on the requested case and priorities for the beam characteristics.

SURFACE ION SOURCE

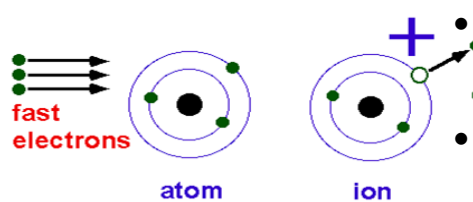
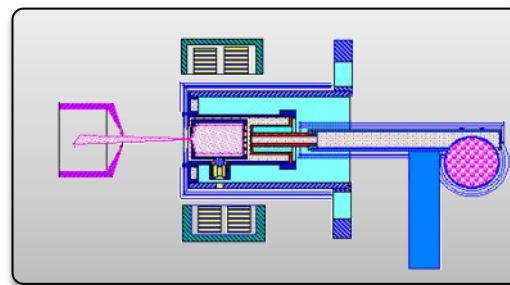


- Very simple: metal tube (line) from Ta or W
- Heated up to 2400 °C

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

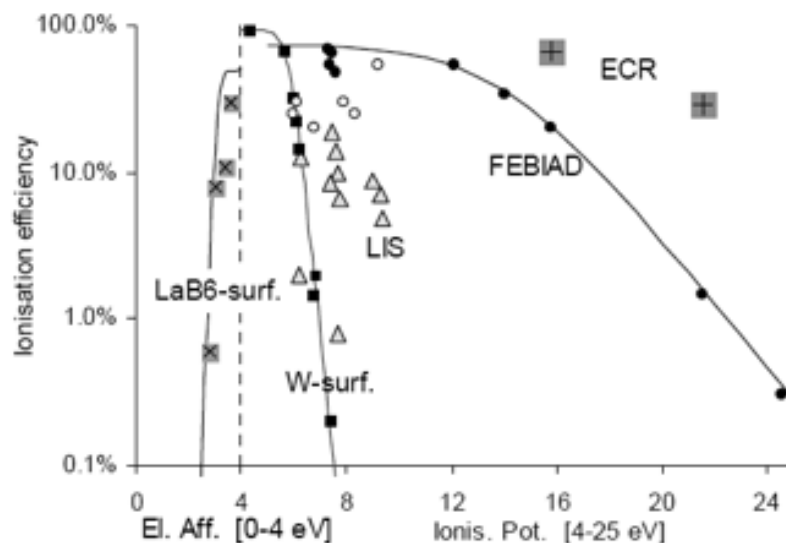


PLASMA ION SOURCE



- Used for non surface-ionizing elements
- Ar or Xe plasma with 130 eV electrons

Very efficient, even for high IP elements. Chemically unselective

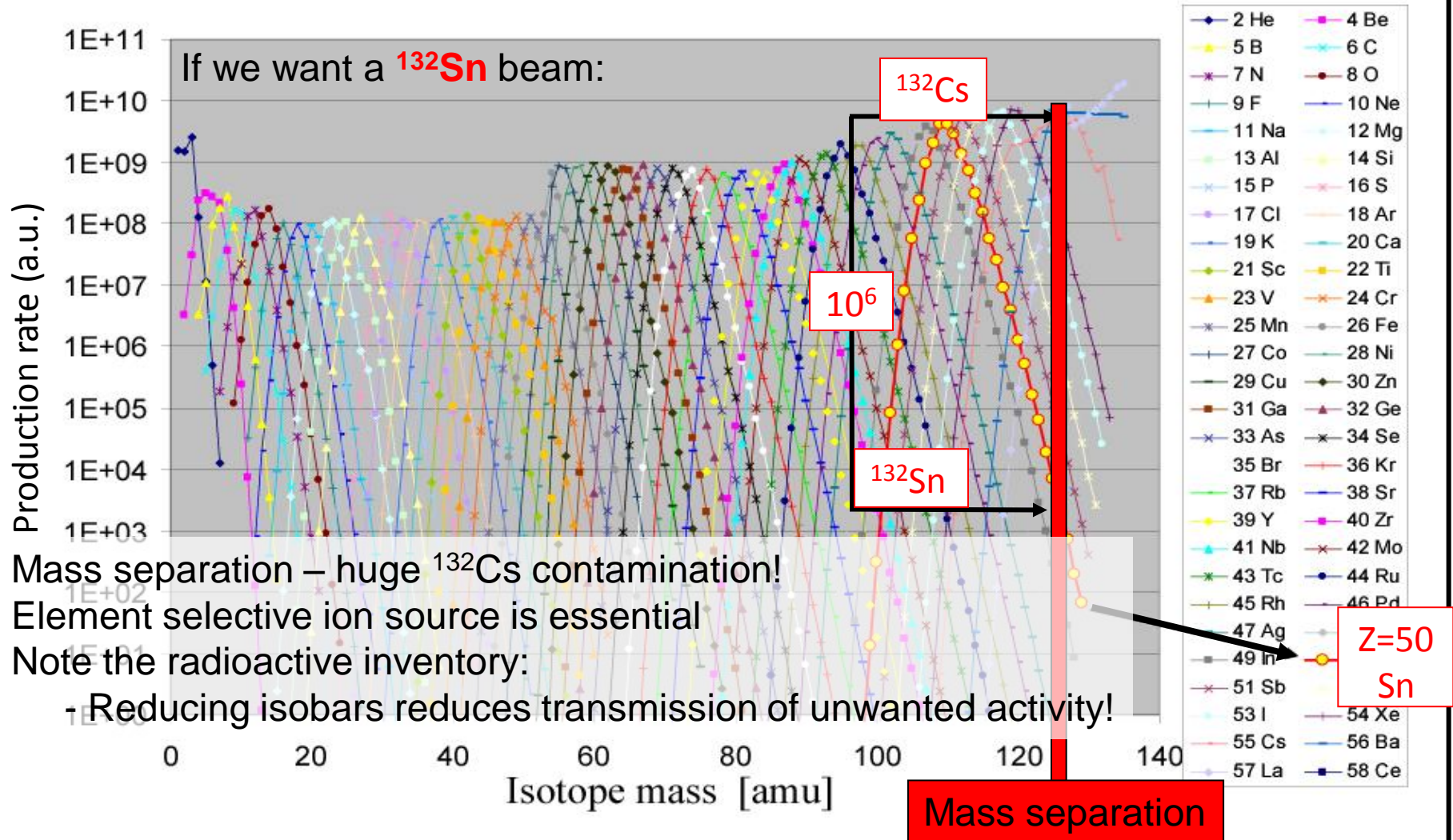


Surface Ionization Process:

R. Kirchner: Nucl. Instr. Meth. 186, 275 (1981)

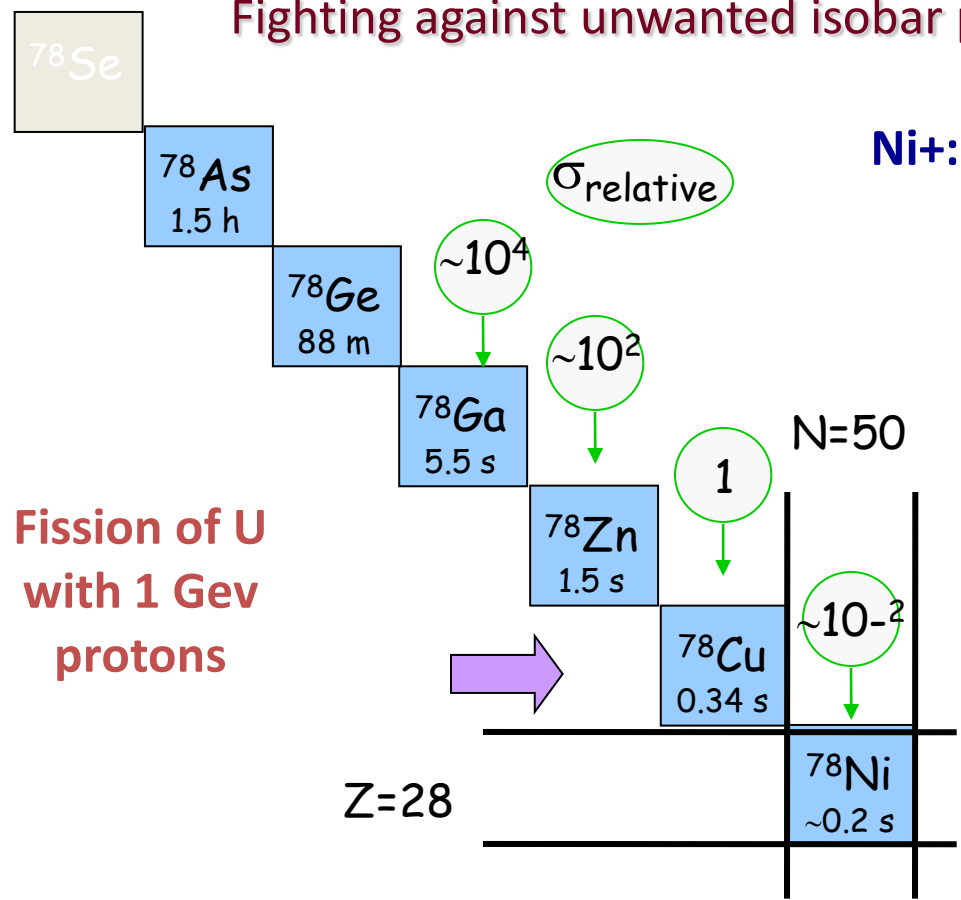
Production of Exotic Nuclei: Beam purity requires element selectivity

Isotope production for a 1 GeV proton beam on a lanthanum (La) target



- Mass separation – huge ^{132}Cs contamination!
- Element selective ion source is essential
- Note the radioactive inventory:
 - Reducing isobars reduces transmission of unwanted activity!

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:

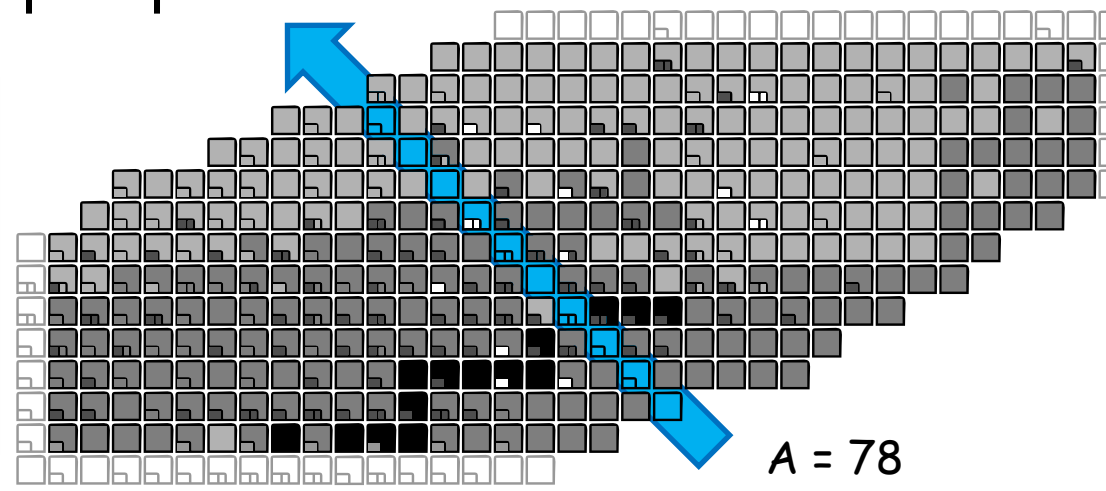
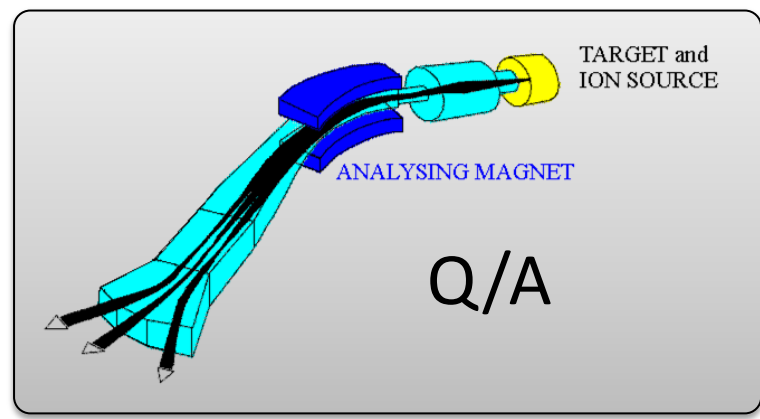
IP (Ga) = 5.99 eV IP (Ni) = 7.63 eV

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

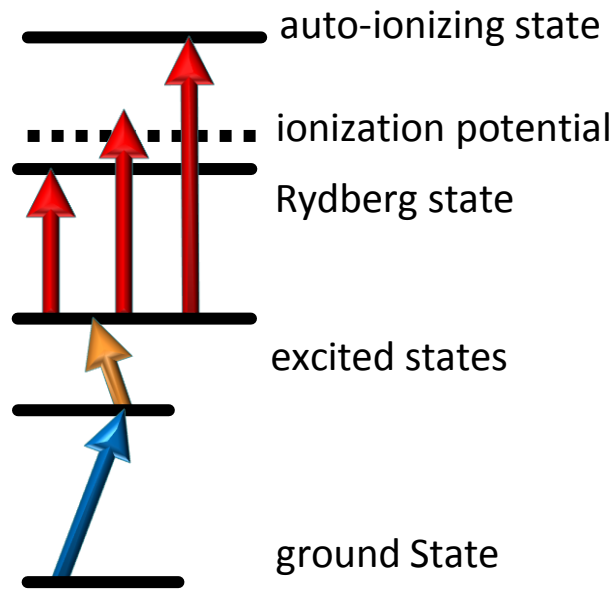
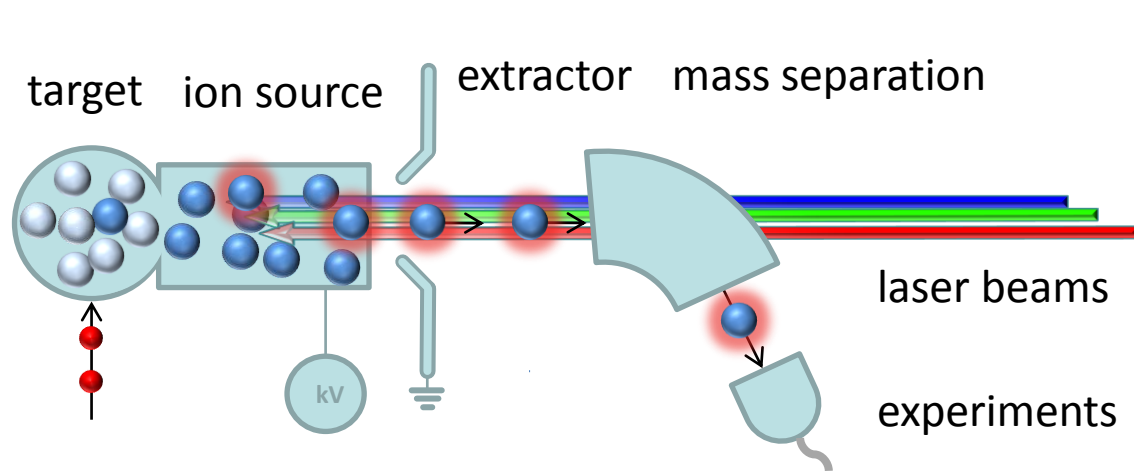
Ga+:Ni+ > 10⁶!

Need to selectively increase Ni ionization efficiency

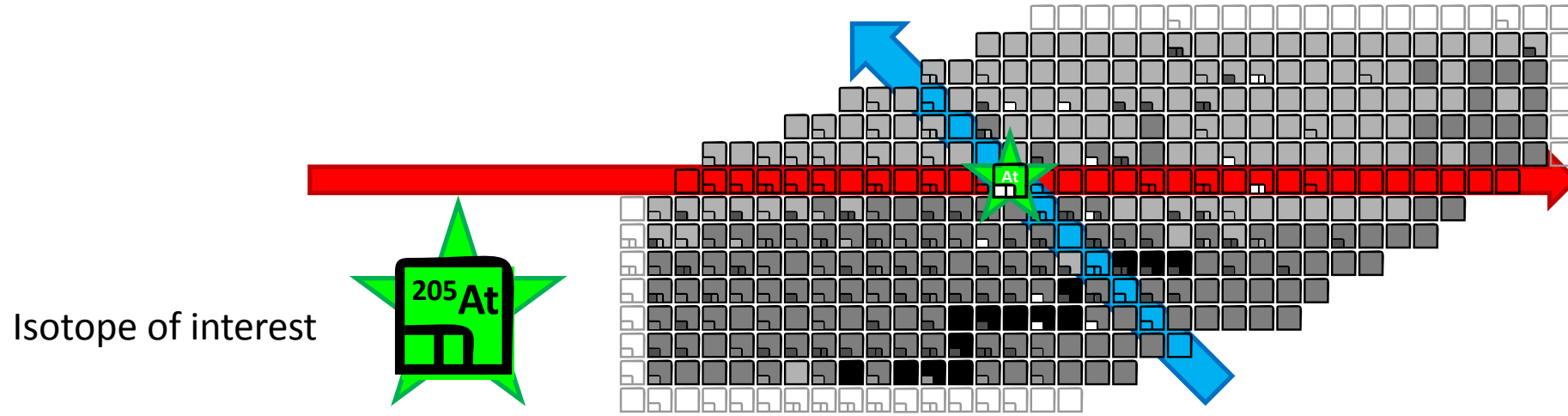
And/or suppress isobar (Cu, Zn, Ga) ionization efficiency.

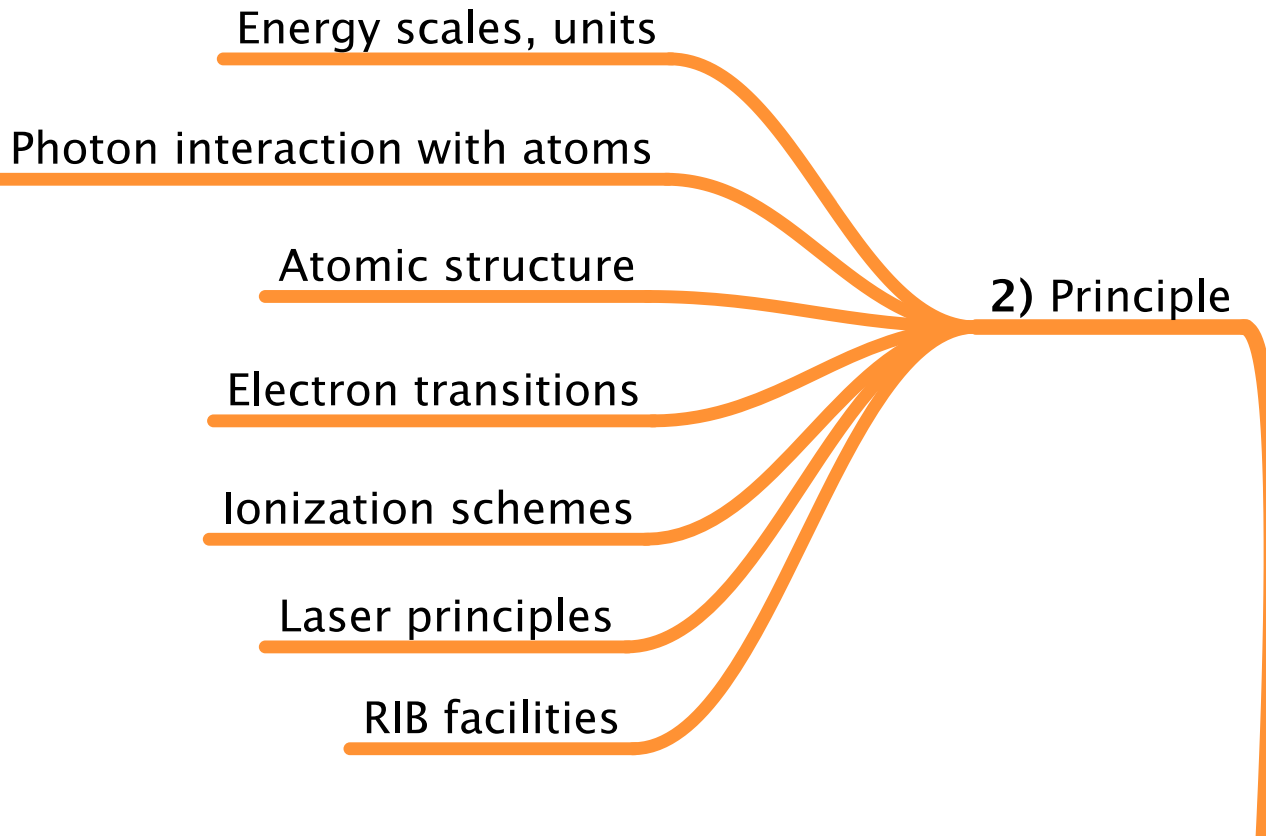


The Resonance Ionization Laser Ion Source



● projectiles ● target material ● neutrals ● ions





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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)

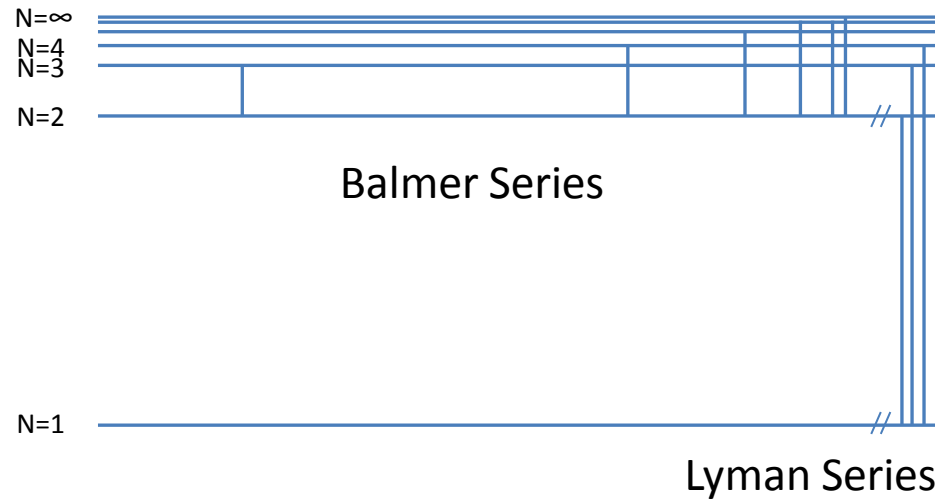
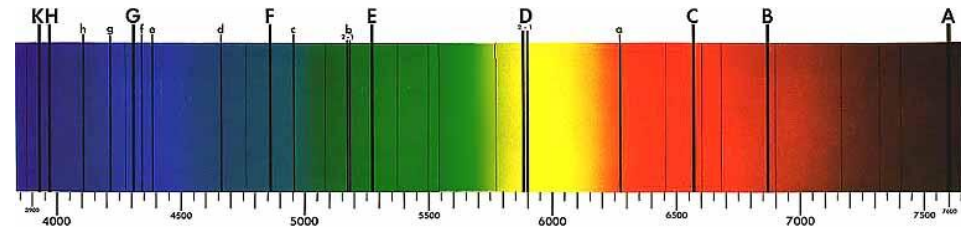
A Prelude to Atomic Spectroscopy

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.

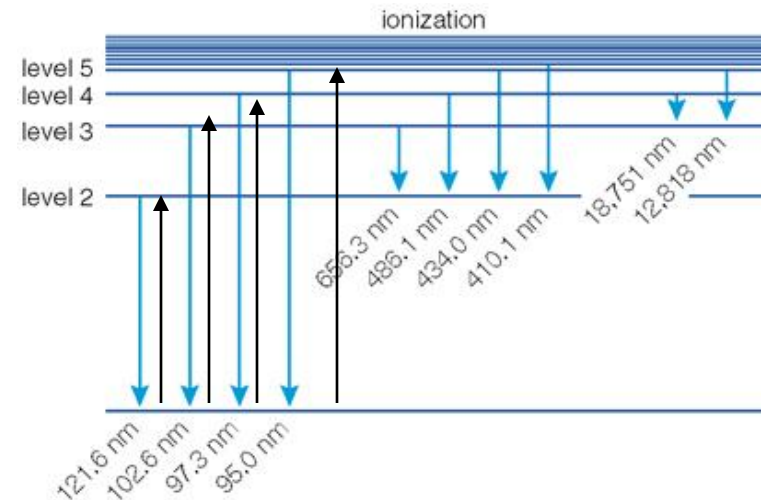
1859: Kirchhoff & Bunsen explain the dark lines in the solar spectrum in terms of absorption by elements in the Sun's surface.
1885: J. Balmer describes the series of lines atomic hydrogen.

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



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.



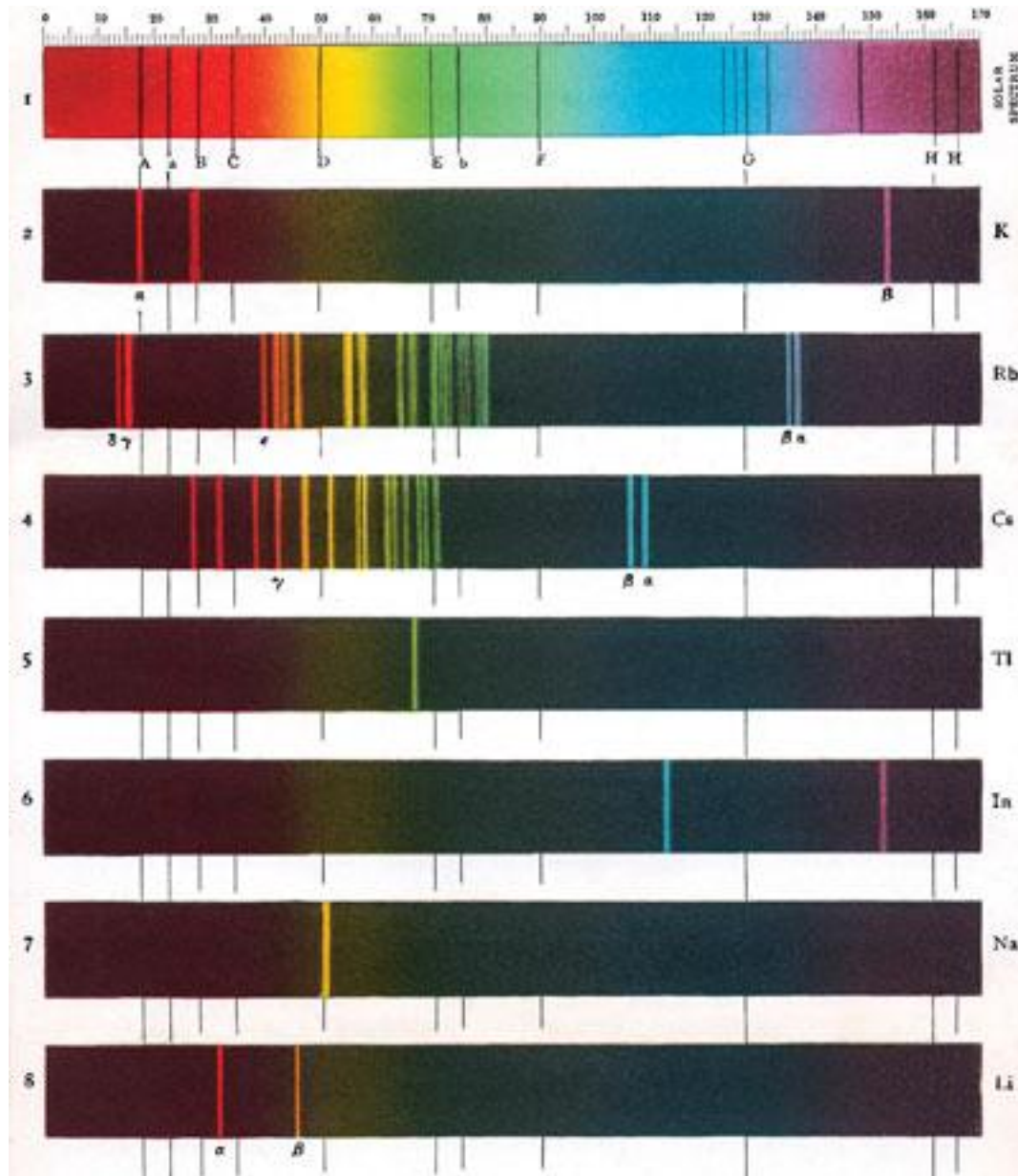
Emission spectrum of Hydrogen



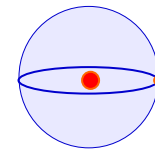
Absorption spectrum of Hydrogen



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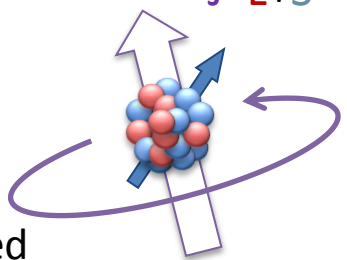
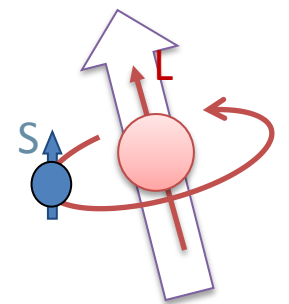
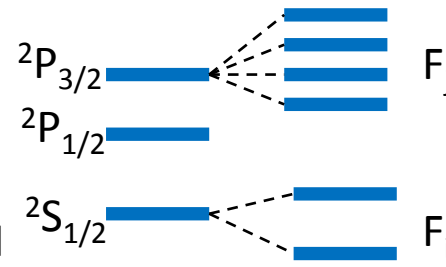
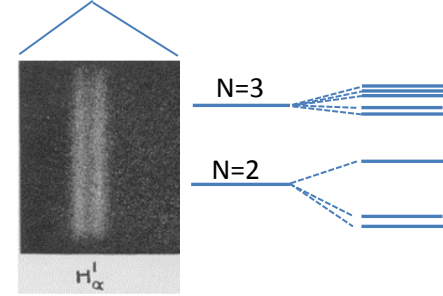
Higher Resolution



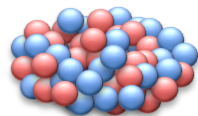
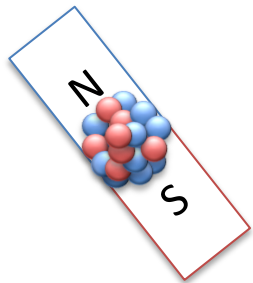
- By increasing the resolution by a factor of ~ 5000 a fine structure splitting of the hydrogen is observed: key evidence for the spin of the electron.

- 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.

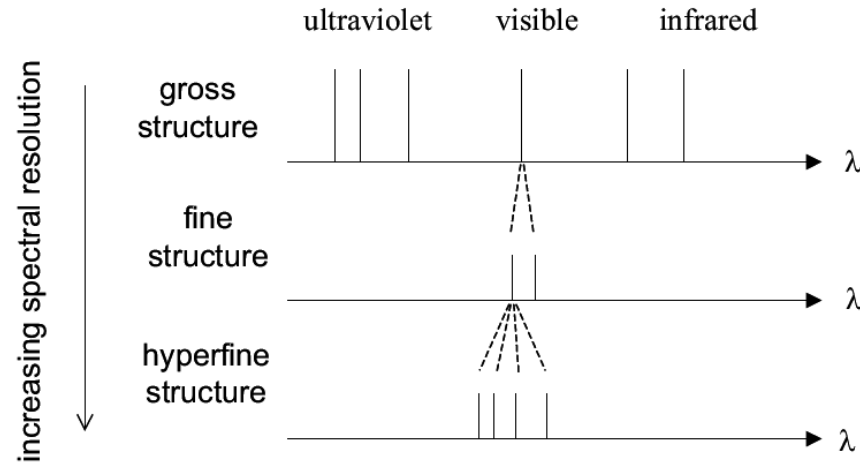


$$F=J+I$$



Note – Relevant for part 5 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.

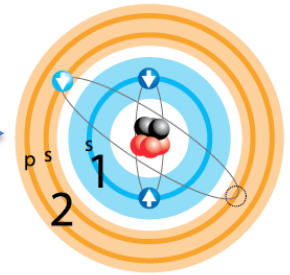
Atomic Energy Scales



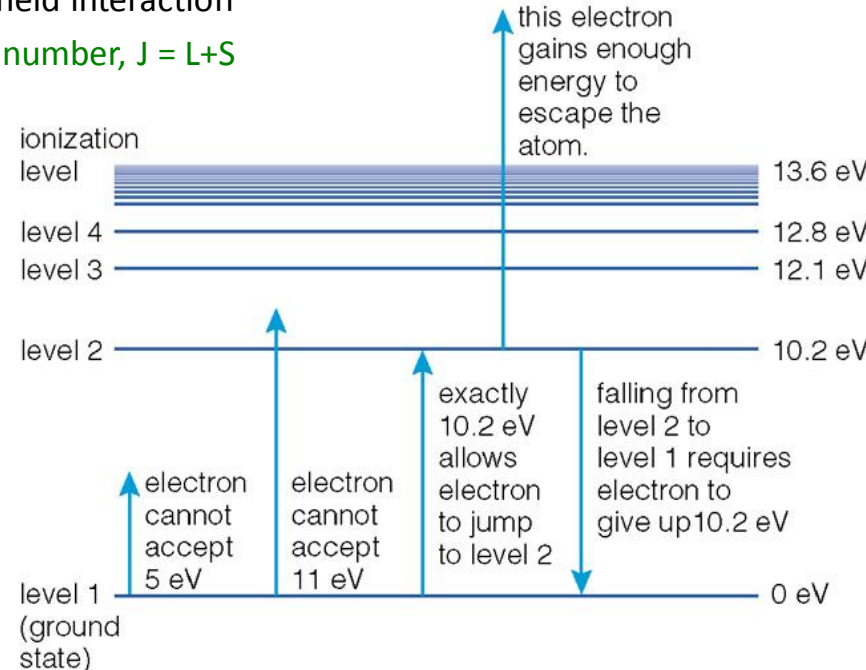
Energy scale	Energy (eV)	Effects
Gross structure	1-10	electron-nuclear attraction Electron kinetic energy Electron-electron repulsion
Fine structure	0.001 - 0.01	Spin-orbit interaction Relativistic corrections
Hyperfine structure	10^{-6} - 10^{-5}	Nuclear interactions

How can a photon affect the electron configuration?

- 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 excited state in an atom?
 - Nuclear charge (coulomb): potential energy: inversely proportional to distance from nucleus
 → **Principal quantum number, n** (1, 2, 3...)
 - Electron-electron interactions → (spin alignment $s=\pm 1/2$; multiplicity: $2S+1$)
 - Electron orbital angular momentum → **L** (labelled, S, P, D, F for 0,1,2,3)
 - Spin-orbit interaction: electron spin/induced magnetic field interaction
 → **Total (orbital + spin) angular momentum quantum number, $J = L+S$**



- 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)



Describing an electronic energy level

- The Term Symbol for LS coupling

$$S=0, 2S+1 = 1$$

$$S=0; L=1; J=|L+S, \dots, L-S|=1$$

1P *Antiparallel*

1P₁

Multiplicity = $2S+1$

3P

L, total orbital angular momentum

S, P, D, F = 0, 1, 2, 3

J = total angular momentum (coupling of L and S)

Term symbol

2

1s 2p

3P *Parallel*

3P₂

3P₁

3P₀



Electron configuration

Electronic spin Correlation $2S+1$

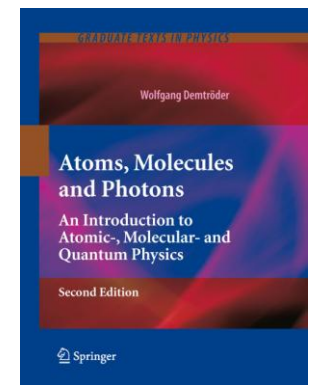
Different L, S combinations

Magnetic coupling of L and S

Spin-Orbit coupling, unique J

States $(2J+1)$
Degenerate without external field

Selection rules for atomic transitions



It is not enough to ensure only energy conservation:

- Conservation of angular momentum
- Obey symmetry rules.

The origins of the selection rules are described in most atomic physics textbooks

Singlet

Triplet

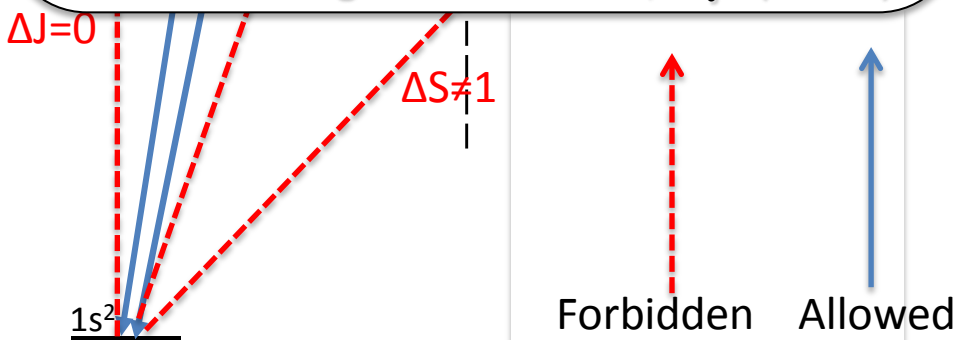
1S 1P 1D | 3S 3P 3D

Choosing a strong transition from literature:

$$S \mu / ^2 A_{ik}$$

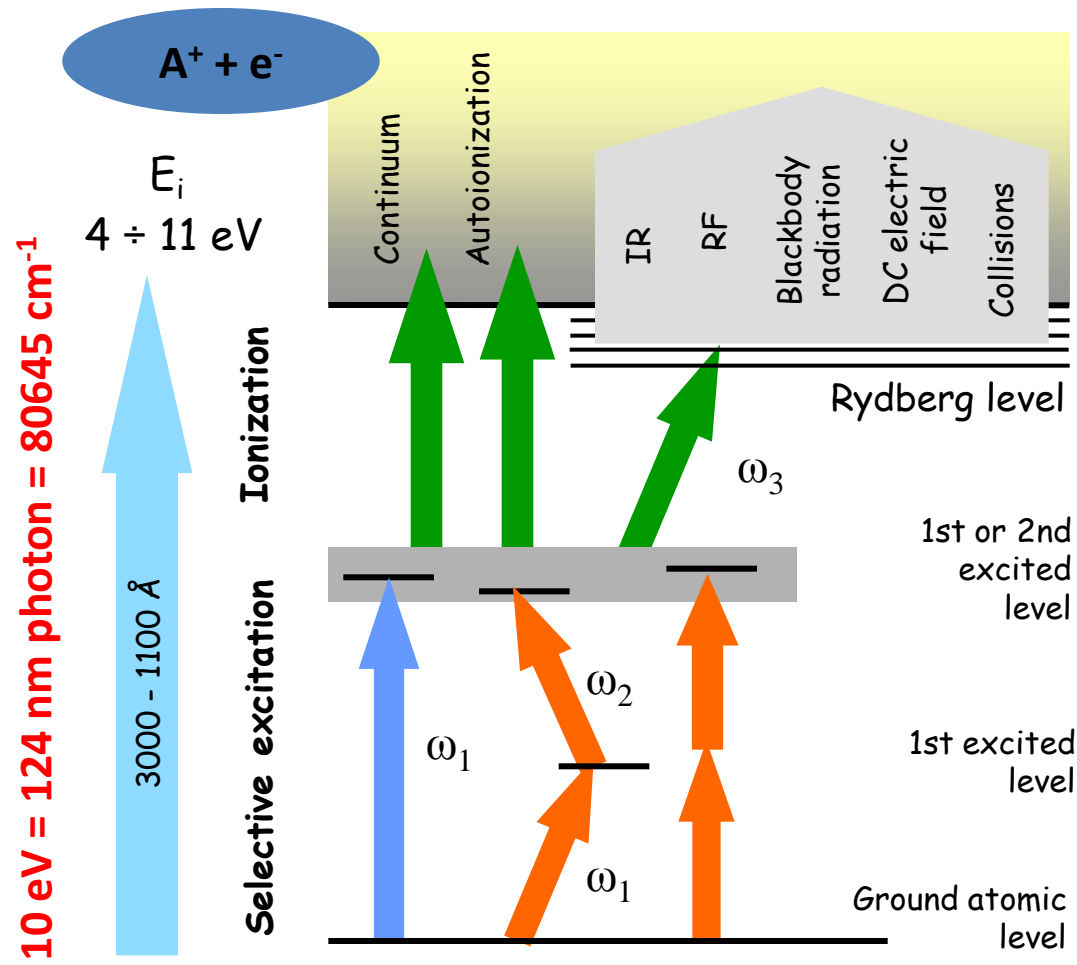
- A good guide is the quoted A_{ik} -value
- For saturated transitions, consider the statistical weights:

number of magnetic substates, m_j : $(2J + 1)$

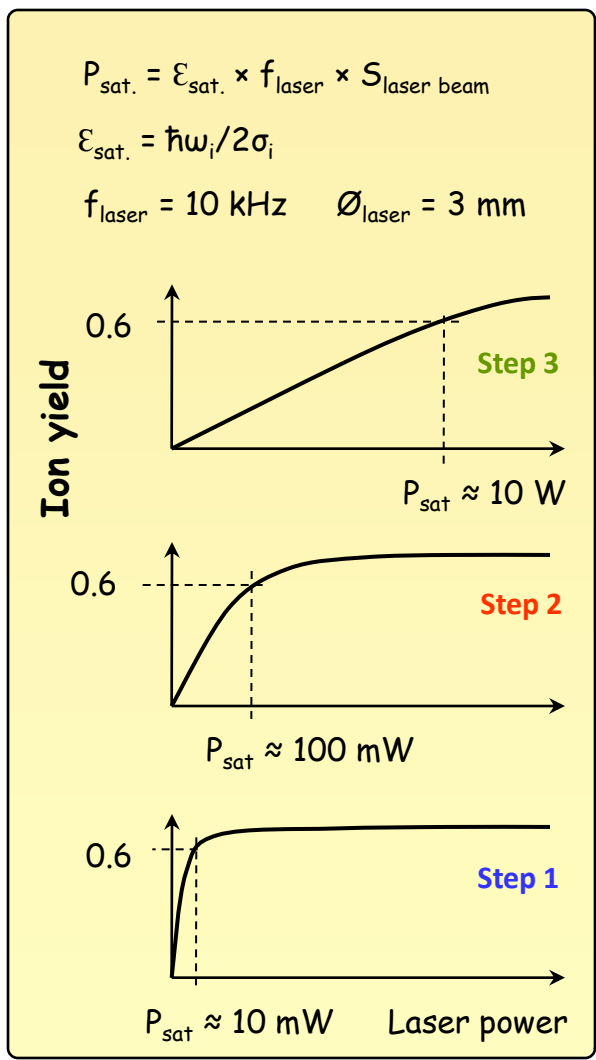


Selection rule	Remark
$\Delta l = \pm 1$ for one-electron systems	Strictly valid
$\Delta L = \pm 1$ for multi electron systems with L - S -coupling	Gerade levels are solely combined with ungerade levels
$\Delta M = 0, \pm 1$	$\Delta M = 0$: linear polarized light $\Delta M = \pm 1$: σ^+ or σ^- circularly polarized light
$\Delta S = 0$	Valid for light atoms. Exceptions for heavy atoms with large spin- orbit coupling (weak Intercombination lines)
$\Delta J = 0, \pm 1$	$J = 0 \rightarrow J = 0$ is forbidden

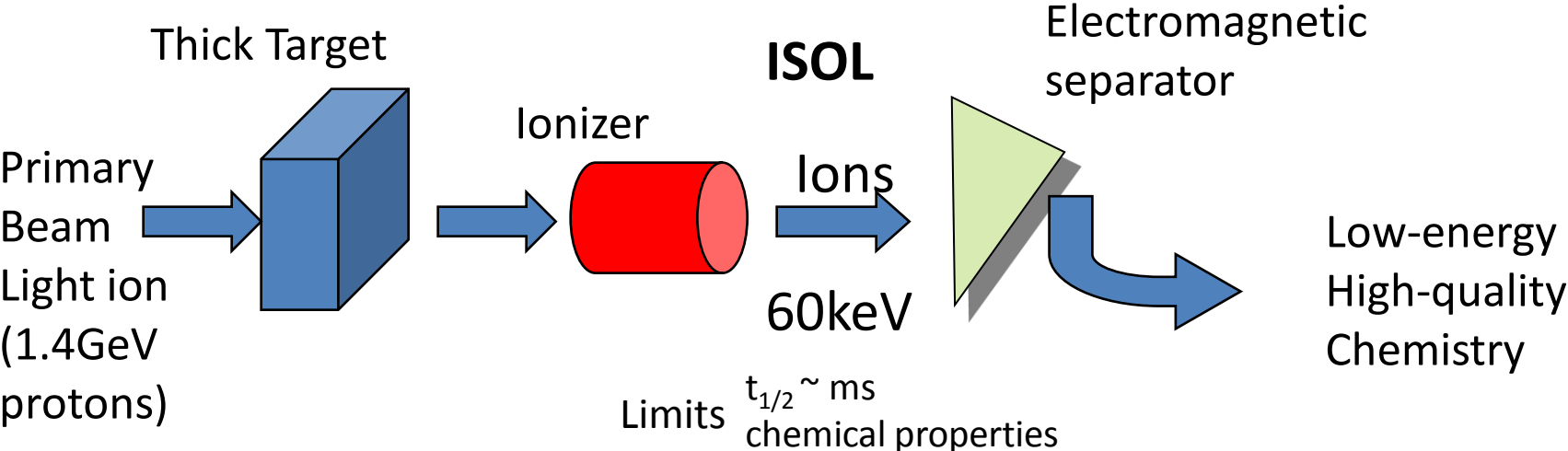
Laser ion source – using this fingerprint for selective ionization



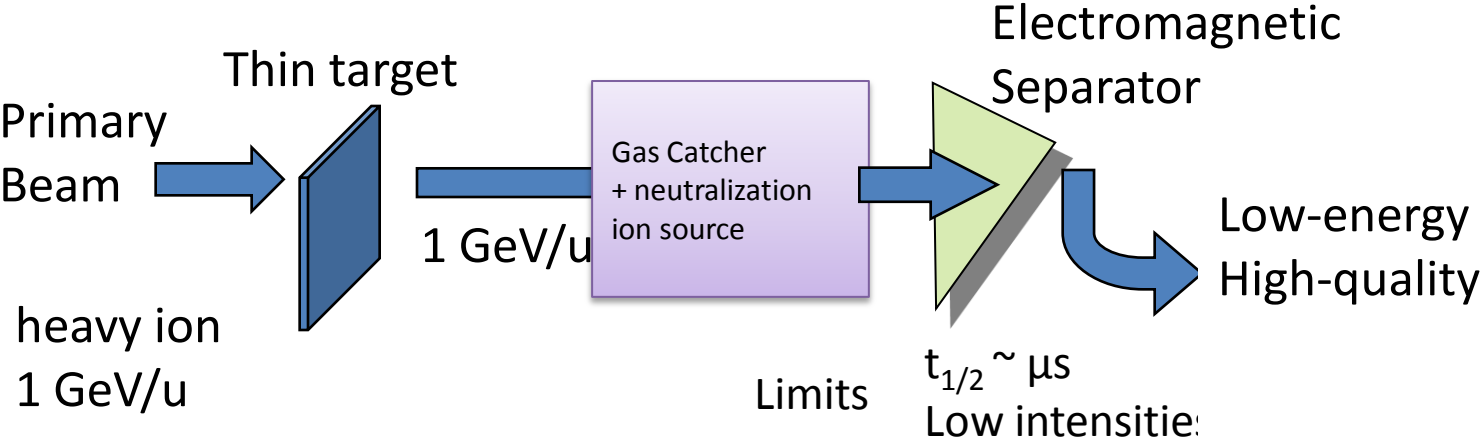
$$\omega_i(\text{laser}) = \omega_i(\text{atom}); \quad P_i(\text{laser}) \geq P_i(\text{saturation})$$



Rare isotope production methods compatible with laser ion sources



In-Flight Fragmentation (GSI)



3) History of the laser ion source



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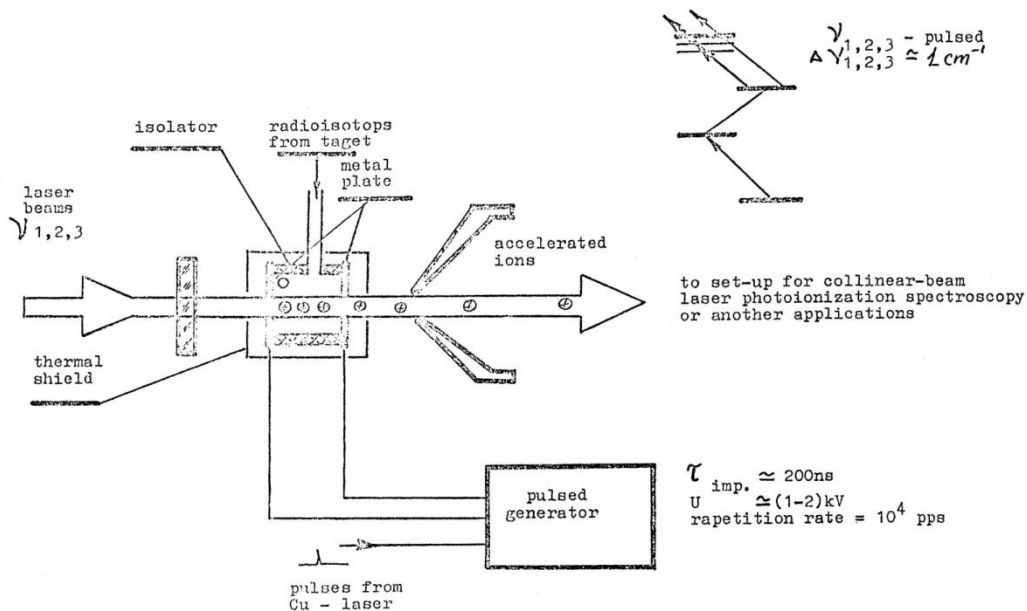
Early proposals: 1984

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.



ZINAL
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

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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.

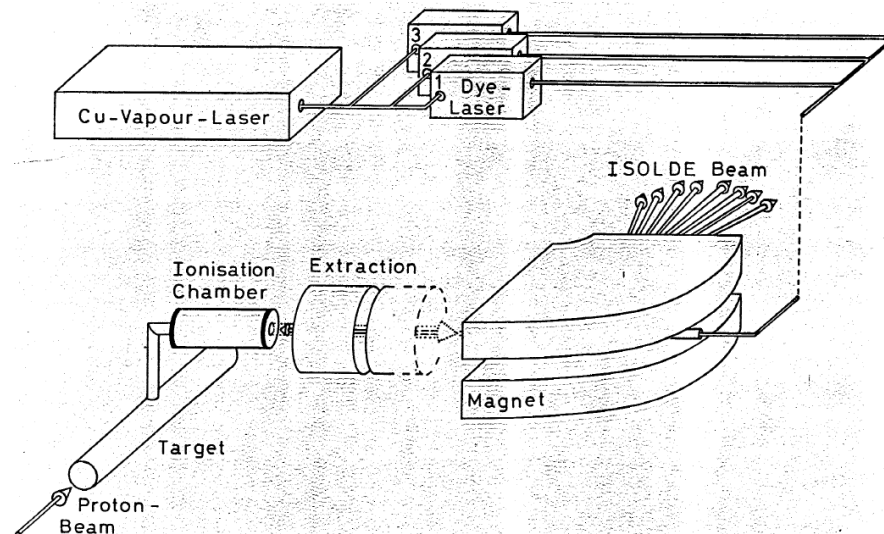
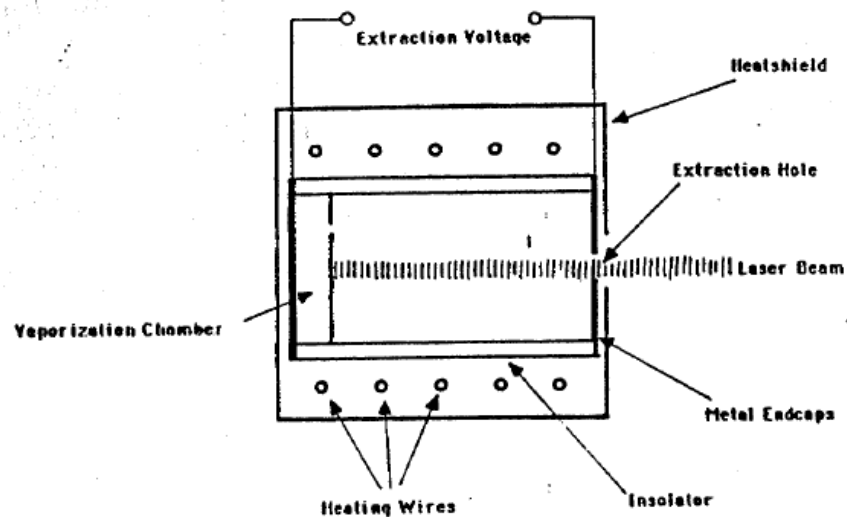


Fig. 5: General layout of the experimental set-up at the off-line separator



Ionization in a hot metal cavity

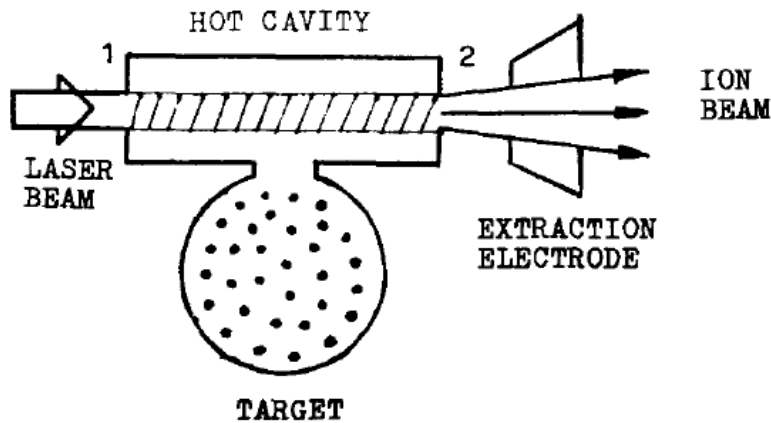
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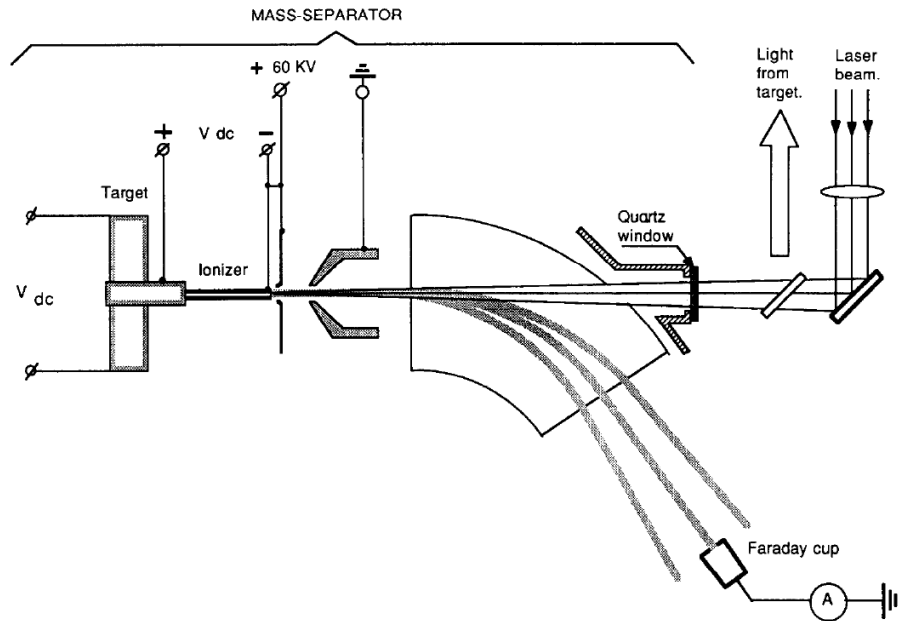
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Chemically selective laser ion-source for the CERN–ISOLDE on-line mass separator facility

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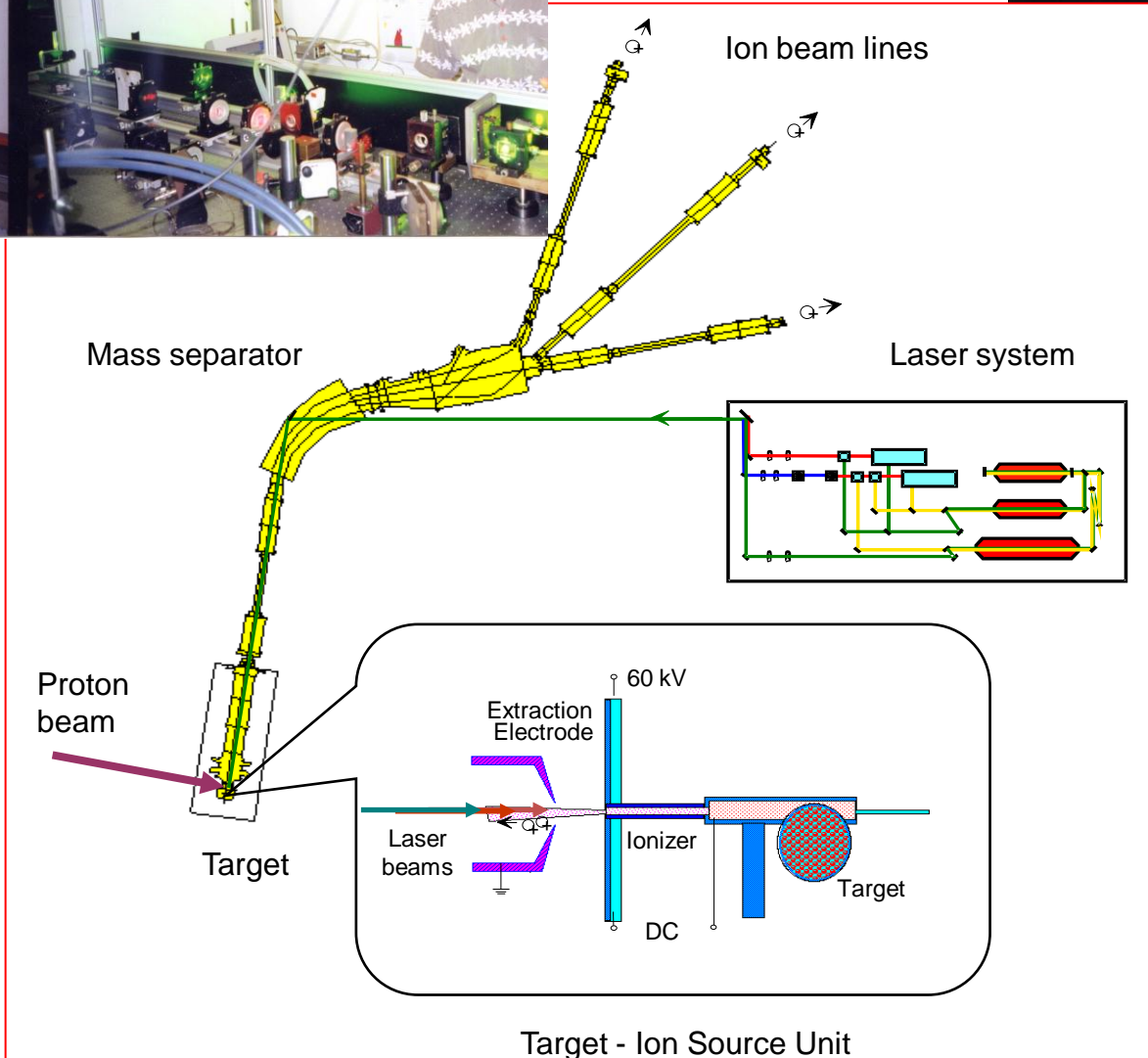
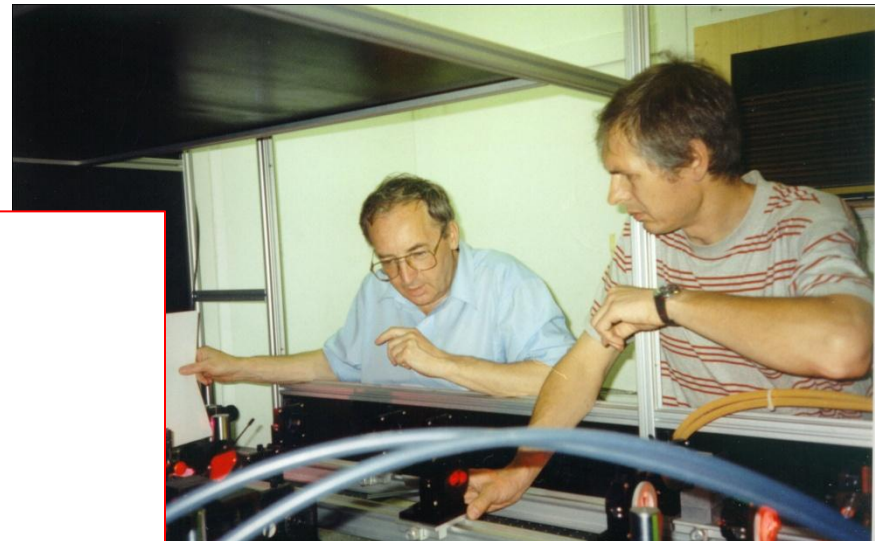
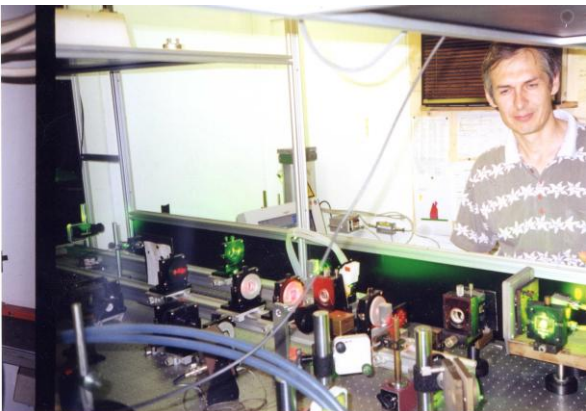
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Yb, Tm, Sn, Li - off-line
Yb - on-line

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:

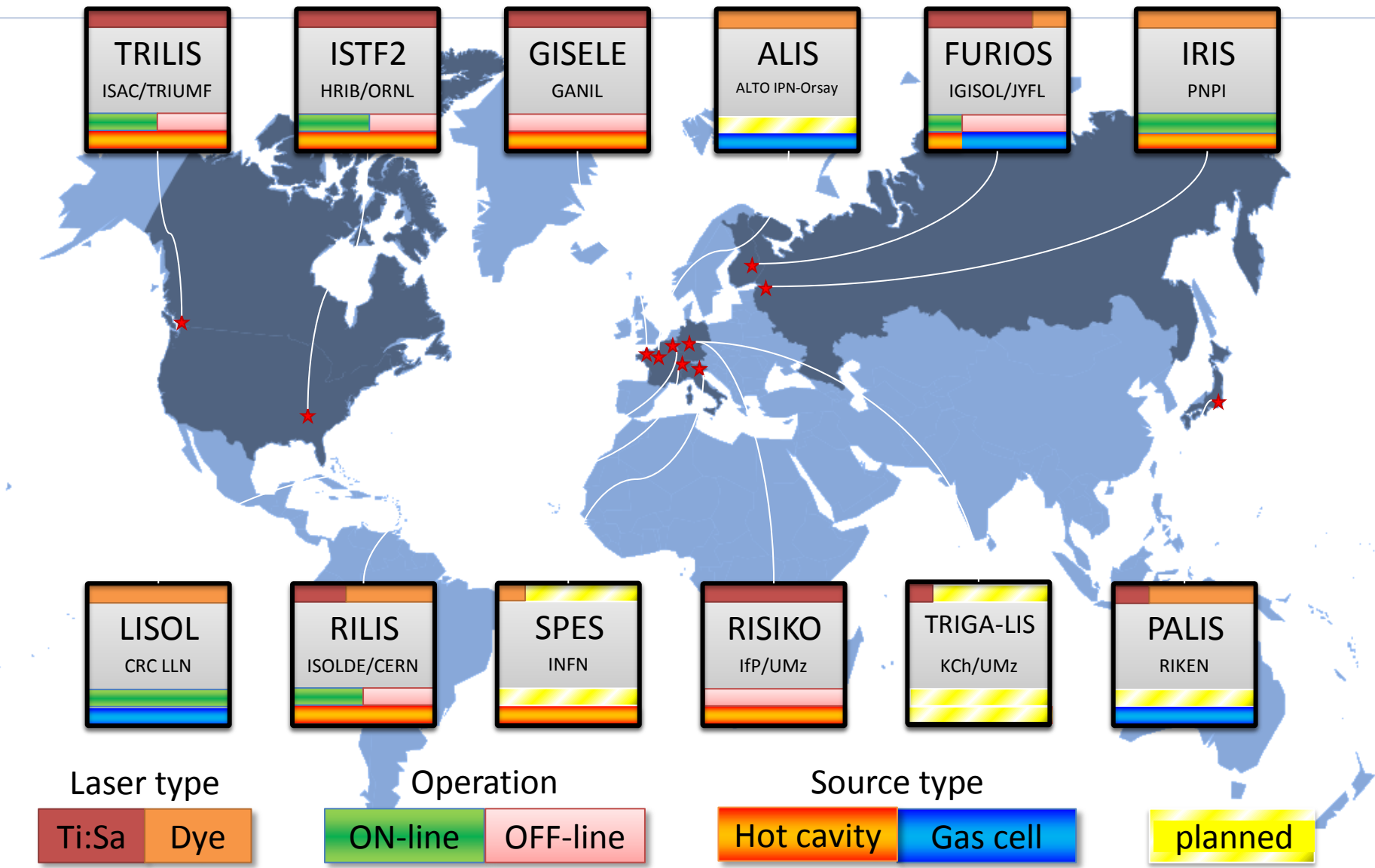
$$P_{\text{Cu}}^{\text{total}} \leq 75 \text{ W}$$

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

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

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

Resonance Ionization Laser Ion Sources Worldwide



Projection: Van der Grinten

RESONANCE IONIZATION LASER ION SOURCES - 2 Lectures

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

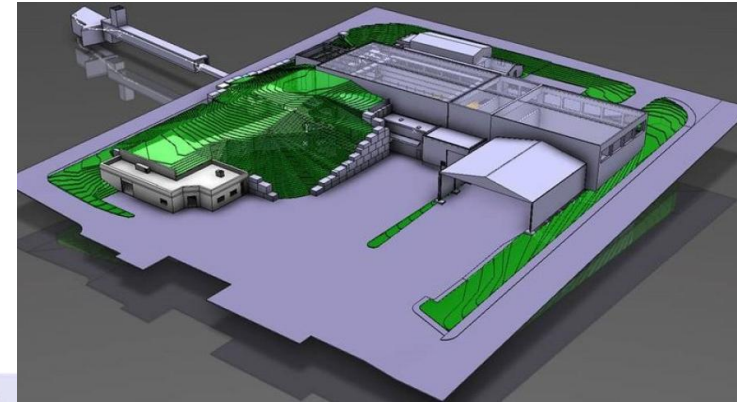
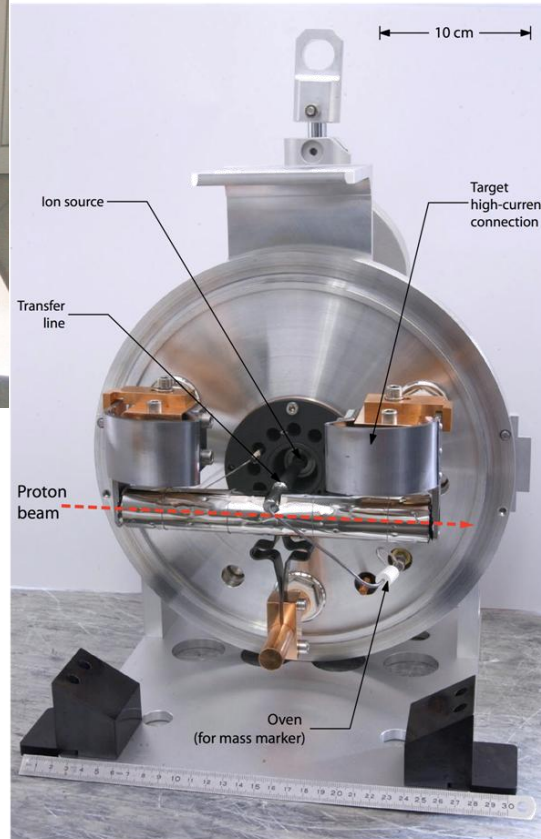
iv) Laser beam delivery

- Transport
- Measurement
- Monitoring
- Timing
- Maintenance

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

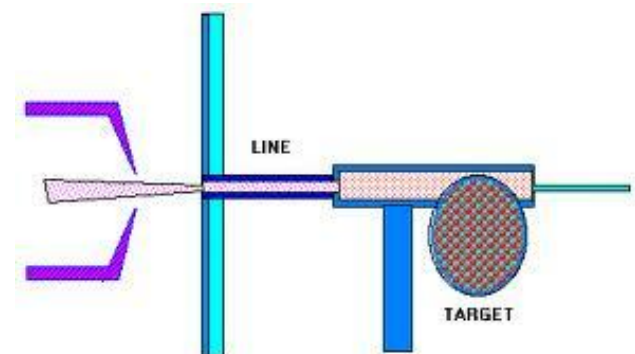


What is the optimal laser ion source configuration for ISOLDE?



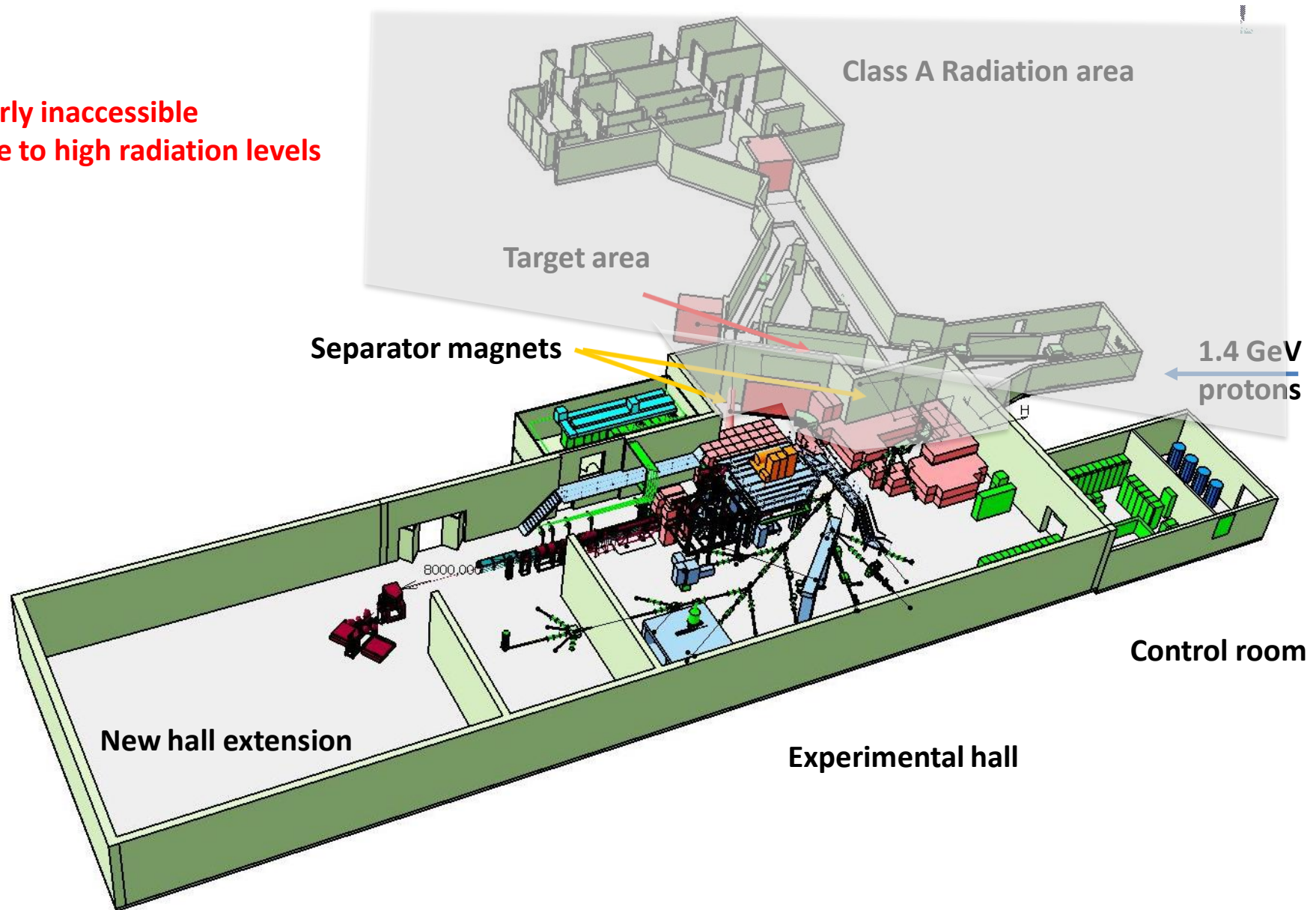
Requested features:

- Universal
- Selective
- Efficient
- Reliable
- Fast



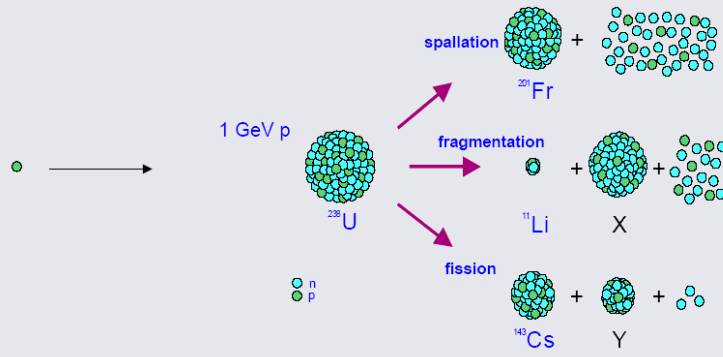
The ISOLDE Laboratory

Fairly inaccessible
due to high radiation levels

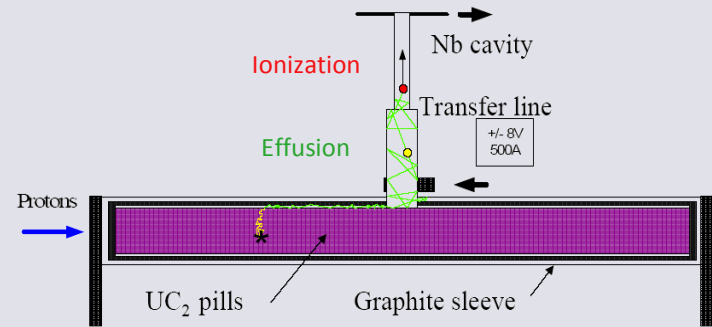


What are we trying to achieve:

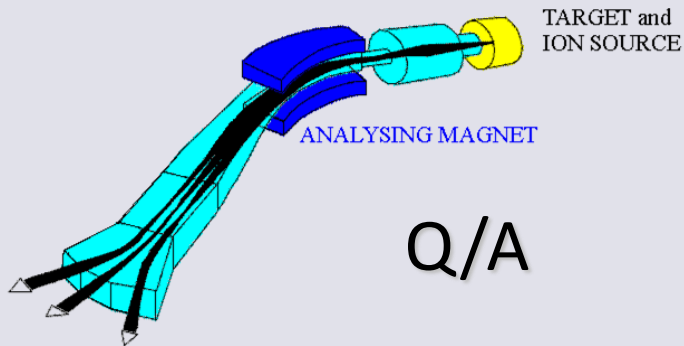
Production



Extraction/Ionization



Isotope Separation



Post acceleration or to Experiment

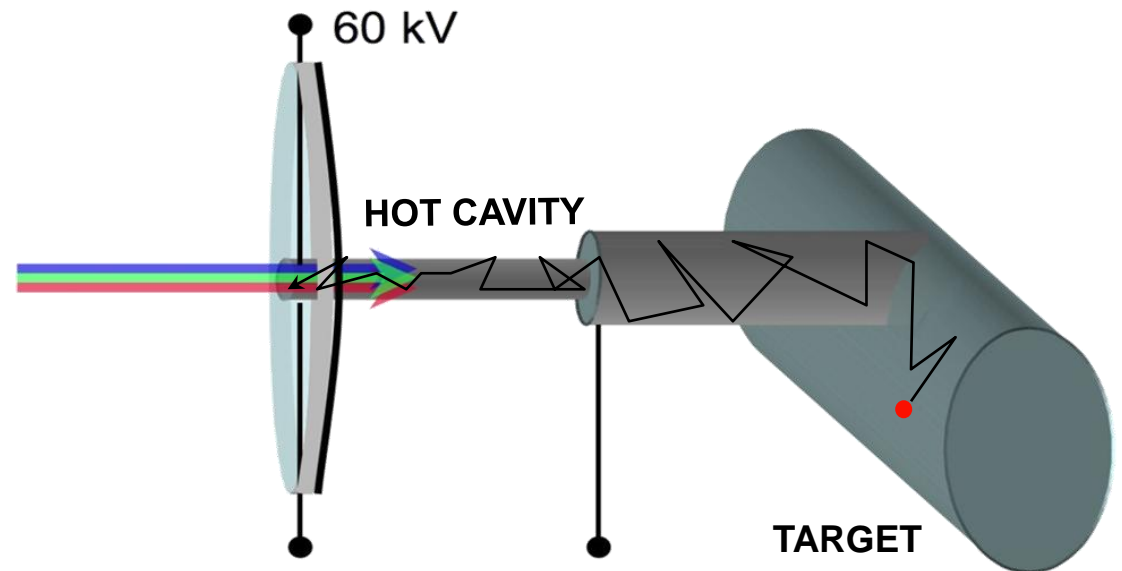


Fast, Efficient, Universal and Selective!

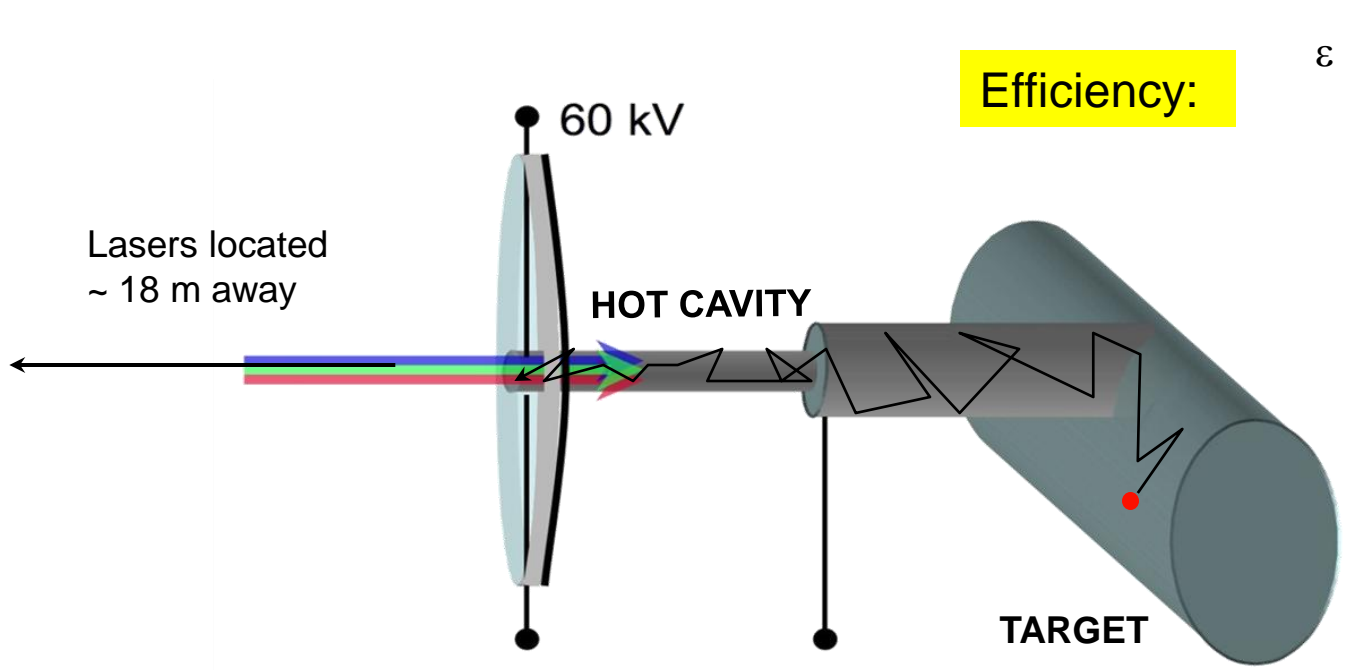
What are the considerations based on what we already know about the laser ionization principle and the ISOLDE target/ion source unit:

- Harsh radiation environment (Mgray!) → Simplicity near target unit
- High efficiency → Good geometric and temporal laser/atom overlap
- Exotic, short lived isotopes → Fast – no delay w.r.t standard ion source
- Universality → Applicable to many elements
- Reliability and stability → Ability to maintain optimal laser conditions for long periods
- Selectivity → High purity ion beam, no isobars

The hot surface ion source cavity
- A good laser /atom interaction region?



The Hot Cavity Laser Ion Source



Efficiency:

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

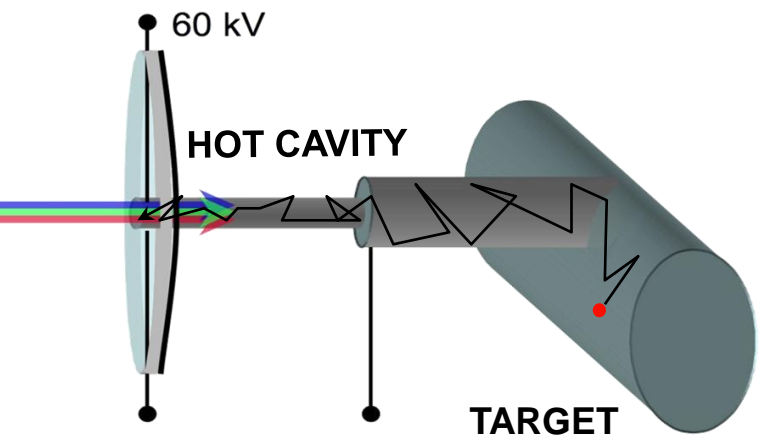
$\epsilon_{\text{laser}} = 2\% - 30\%$

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

=> depends on the ionization potentials of isobar atoms

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

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



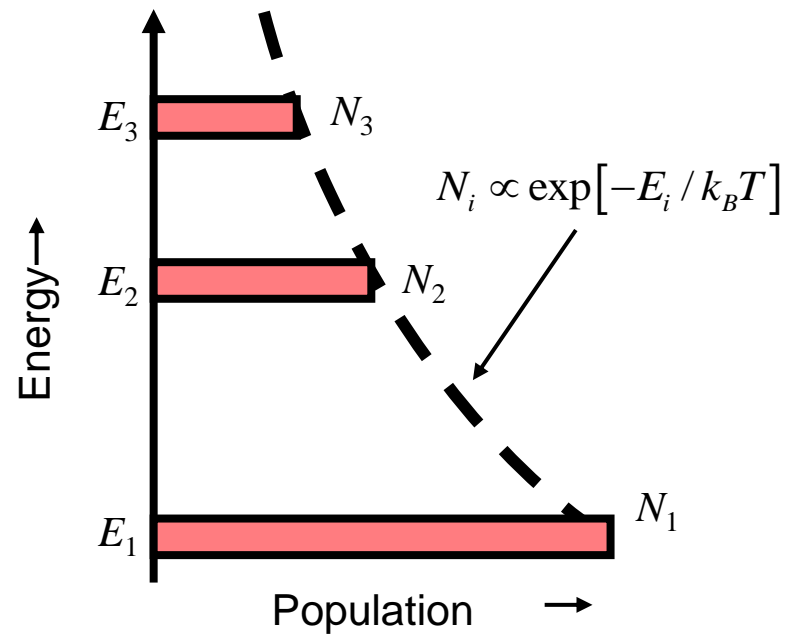
- Effusion time → Laser repetition rate
- High temperature → Laser linewidth atomic transitions
- Electron emission → Extraction efficiency
- Surface ionization → Selectivity

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



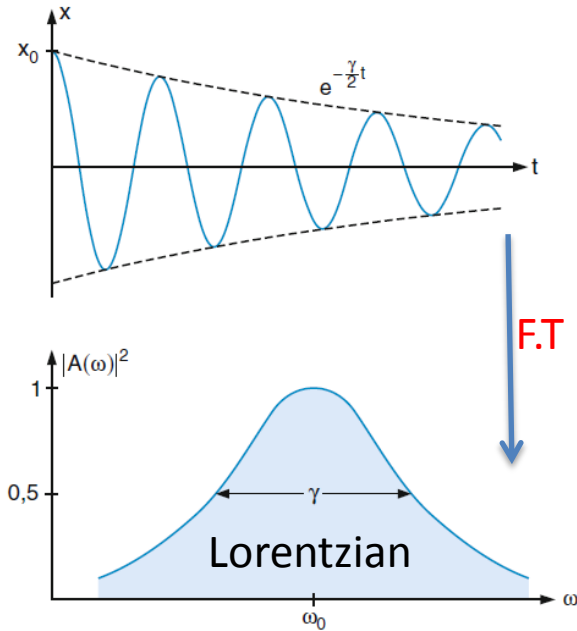
Broadening mechanisms: Natural Linewidth

Uncertainty principle:

Determined by the *spontaneous emission* lifetime of the state

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

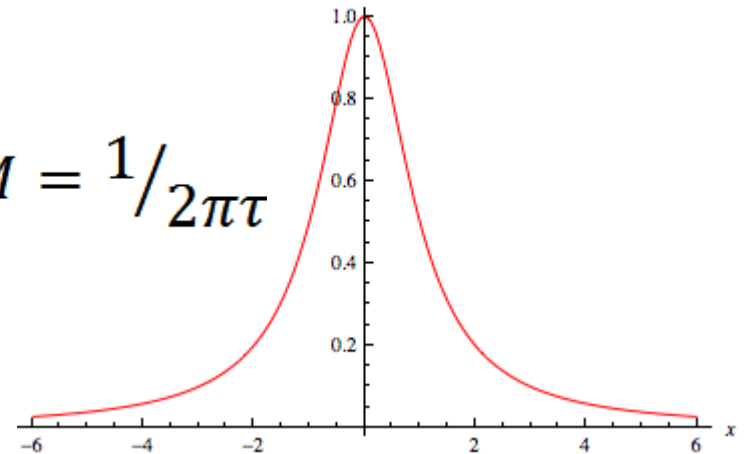
Classical analogy: treat the excited electron as a damped harmonic oscillator



Natural linewidth has Lorentzian shape:

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

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



EXAMPLE

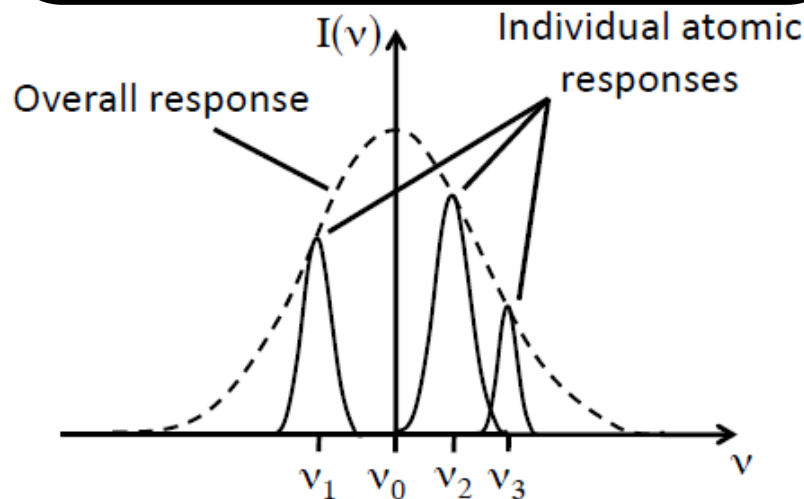
Na D-line $3P_{1/2} \rightarrow 3S_{1/2}$ transition with a spontaneous emission lifetime of 16 ns

$$\text{Natural linewidth, } d_n = \frac{10^{-9}}{16 \cdot 2\pi} \gg 10 \text{ MHz}$$

Doppler broadening

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

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



$\delta\nu_D$ is proportional to v_0 , $T^{1/2}$, $m^{-1/2}$

The velocity of the atoms Doppler shifts the absorption frequency to:

$$\nu = \nu_0 \left(1 \pm \frac{v_x}{c}\right)$$

The velocity spread therefore leads to a broadening:

$$\Delta\nu_D = \nu_0 \frac{\Delta v}{c}$$

The result is a Gaussian distribution with

$$FWHM = \sqrt{8kT \ln 2 / mc^2} \nu_0$$

or

$$\delta\nu_D = 7.16 \times 10^{-7} n_0 \sqrt{T/m} \text{ (Hz)}$$

EXAMPLE

Na ($m = 23\text{g/mol}$) D-line $3P_{1/2} \rightarrow 3S_{1/2}$ transition with a spontaneous emission lifetime of 16 ns;
 $\lambda = 589.1 \text{ nm}$; $T = 500 \text{ K}$; $\delta\nu_n = 10 \text{ MHz}$

$$\delta\nu_D = 7.16 \times 10^{-7} \times (c / (589.1 \times 10^{-9})) \times \sqrt{500 / 23} = 1.7 \text{ GHz}$$

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

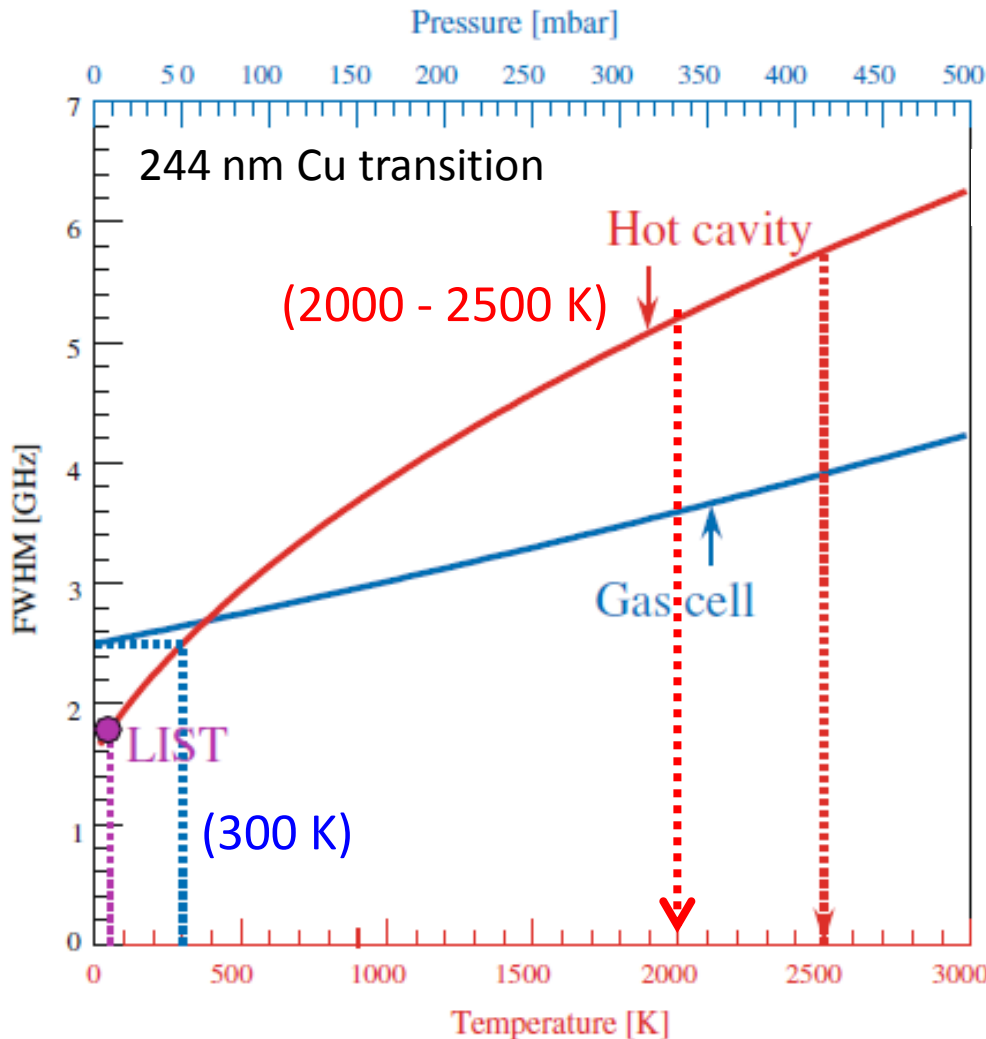
Pressure or collisional broadening: Hot cavity vs Gas cell

At high pressure both **elastic** and **inelastic** collisions occur

Phase changes
Frequency shift $\delta\nu_s$

energy loss (damping)
Shorter lifetime
Broadening, $\delta\nu_b$

Atomic Transition	Collision partner					
	He		Ar		Xe	
	$\delta\nu_b$	$\Delta\nu_s$	$\delta\nu_b$	$\Delta\nu_s$	$\delta\nu_b$	$\Delta\nu_s$
Na: $3S_{1/2} \leftrightarrow 3P_{1/2}$ $\lambda = 589.6 \text{ nm}$	0.07	0.0	0.1	-0.05	0.13	-0.07



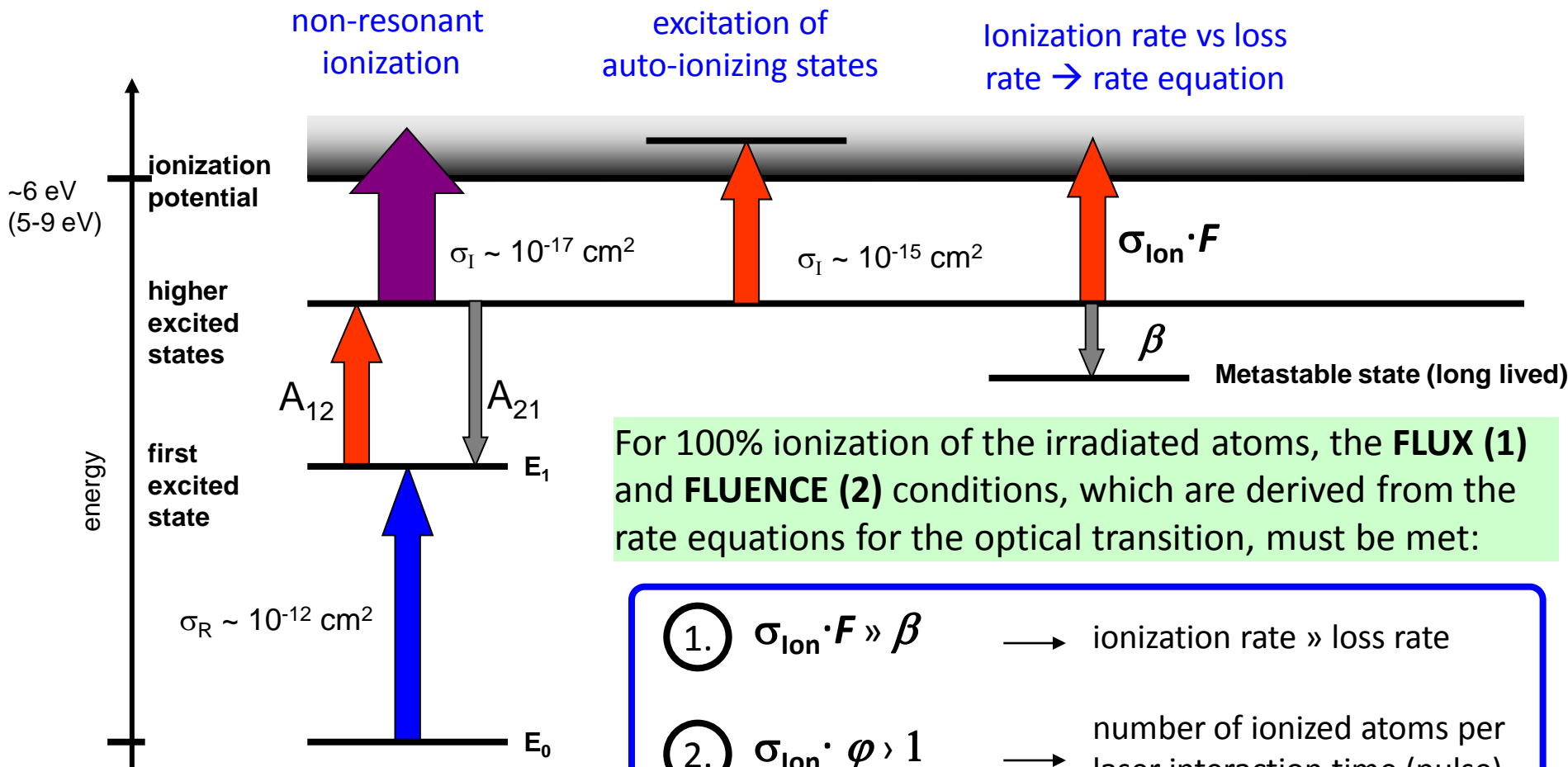
Doppler broadening

Pressure broadening

Ionization outside the gas cell:

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)

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

- σ_{ion} ionization cross section (non-resonant) (cm^2)
- β loss rates to (metastable) states etc, state dependent
- F photon flux ($\text{cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$) (*photons per unit area per second*)
- φ Fluence = Flux x interaction time (*photons per unit area*)

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 $F \gg 10^{24} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
→ # photons required $\gg 10^{22} / \text{s}$

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

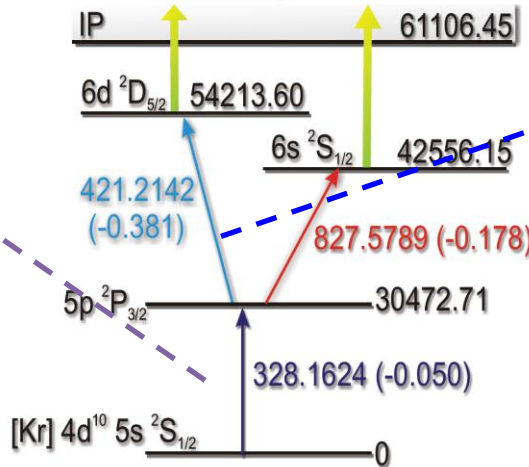
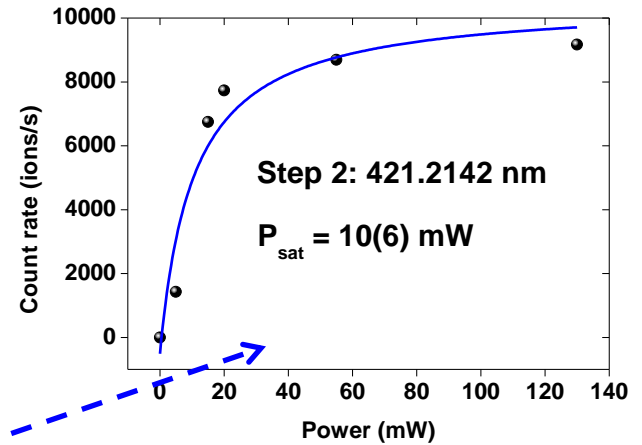
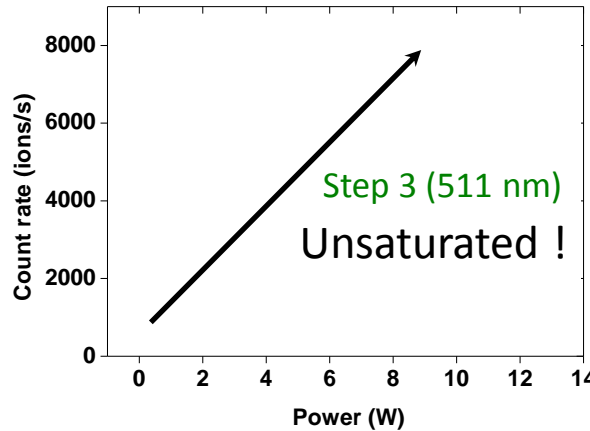
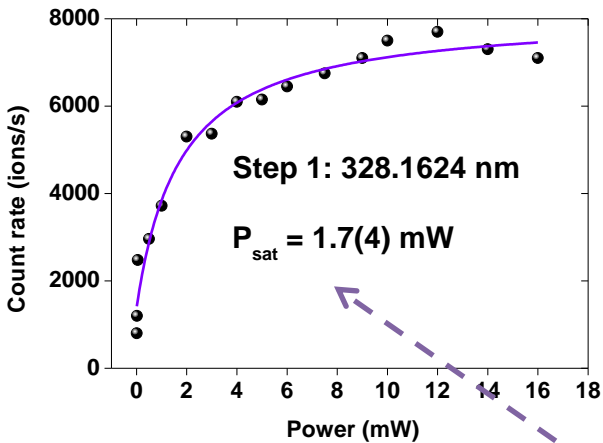
But with a pulsed laser system:
Typical pulse length is 10 ns.

$\gg 50 \mu\text{J}/\text{pulse}$
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:

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

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

For Doppler free laser spectroscopy

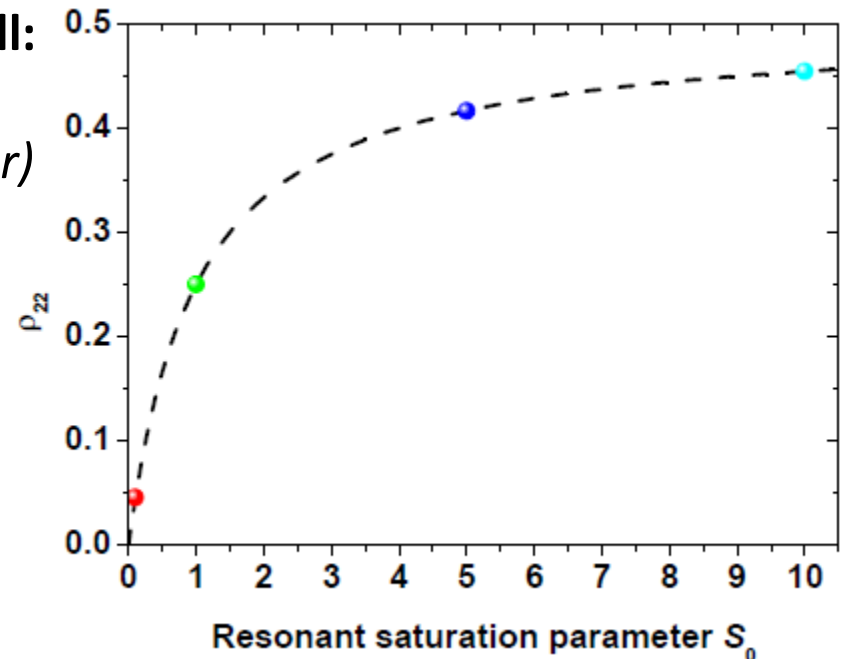
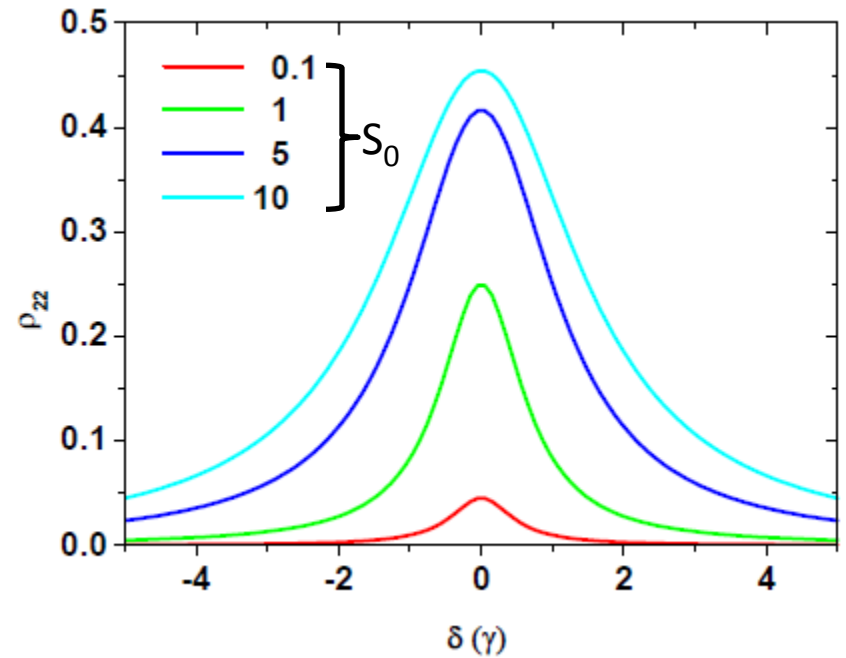
(Lecture by J. Billowes):

Saturation/efficiency trade off

For RILIS efficiency in Hot Cavity or Gas cell:

Saturation is preferred

(unless we aim for isomer separation – later)



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

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

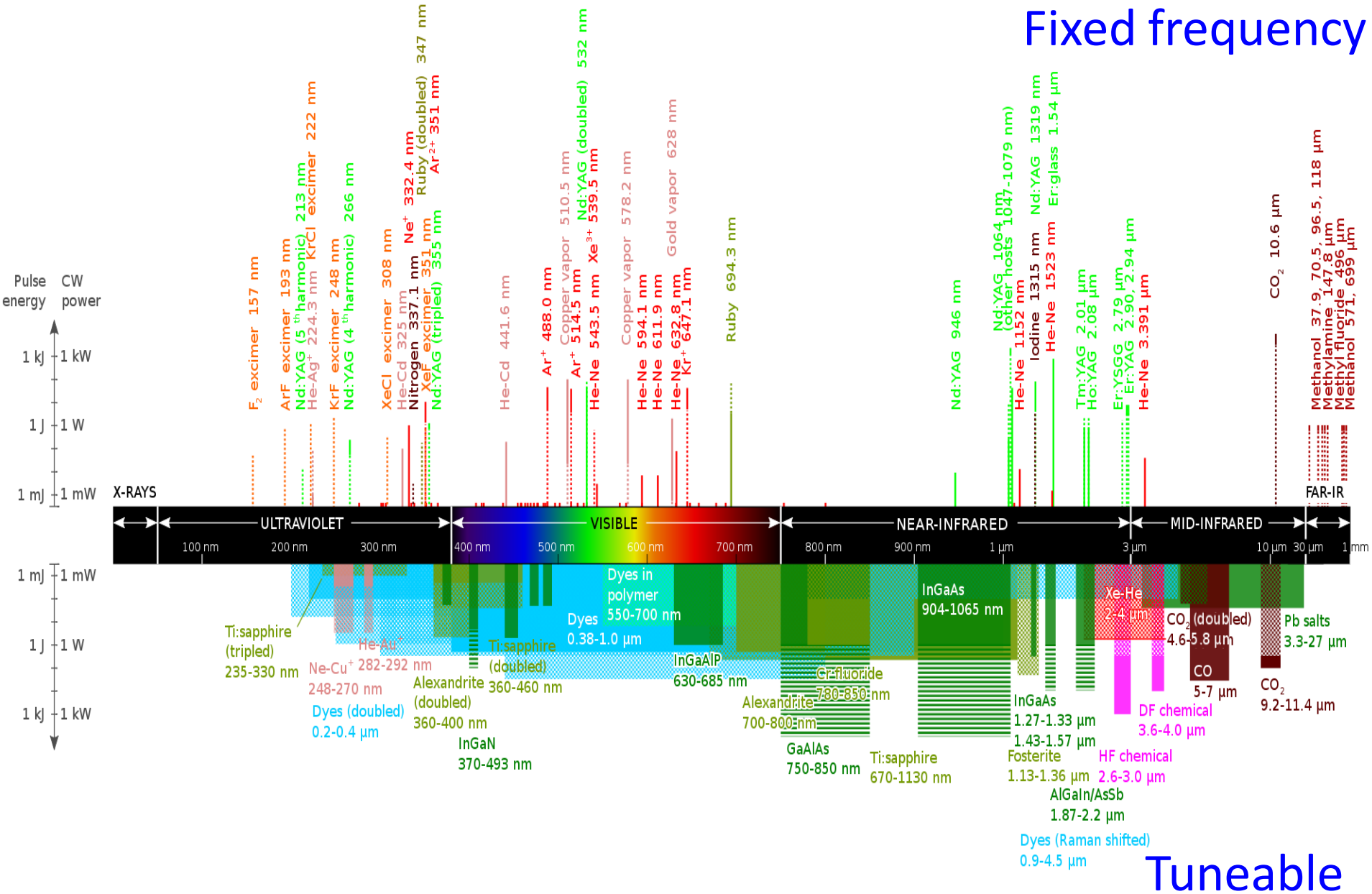
and multi-step excitation: $S = S_1 \cdot S_2 \dots \cdot S_n$. But in reality S is less due to broadening ☹️

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

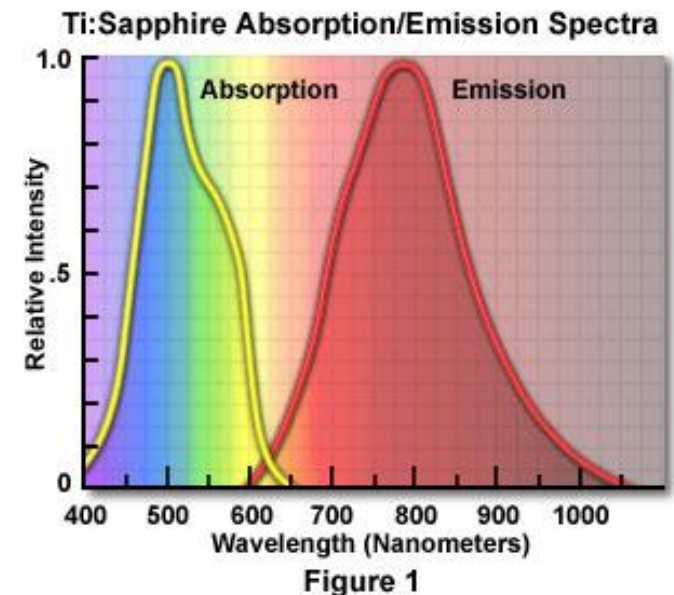
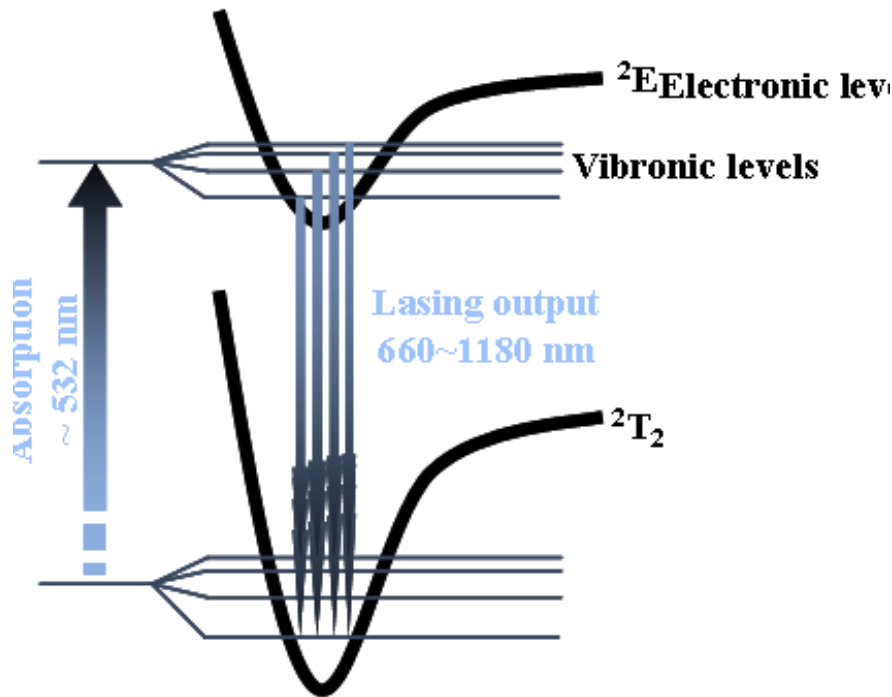
Fixed frequency



Tunable

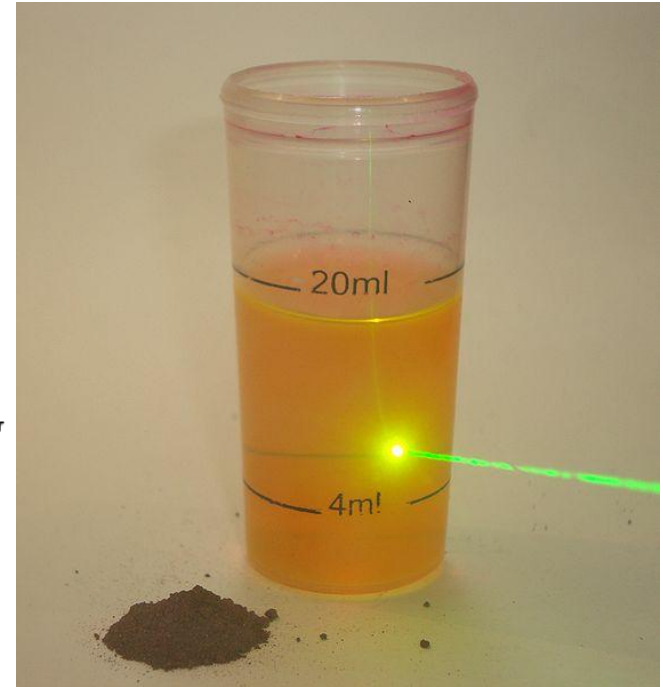
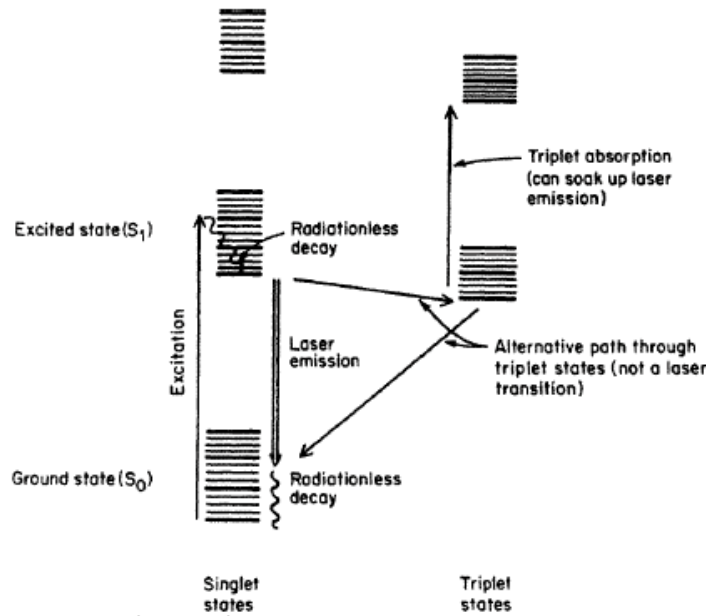
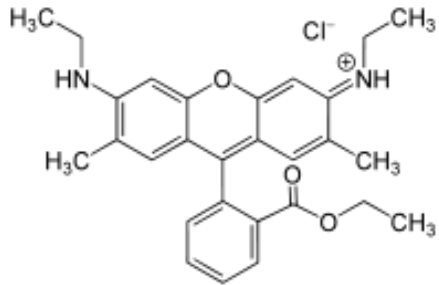
Ti:Sapphire laser

- 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*)



Dye laser

Rhodamine 6G

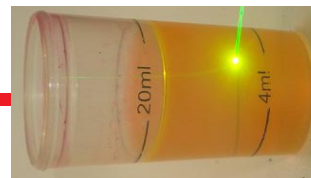
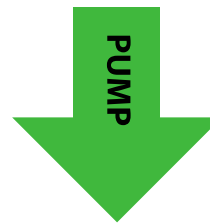
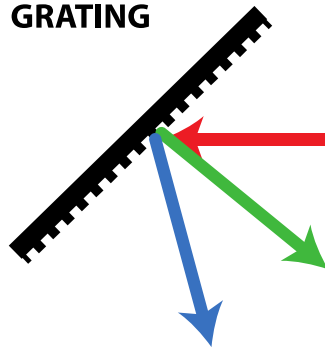


Diffraction grating as a laser cavity mirror:

Reflection maxima on axis with cavity is wavelength dependent \rightarrow wavelength selective oscillation

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

DIFFRACTION GRATING

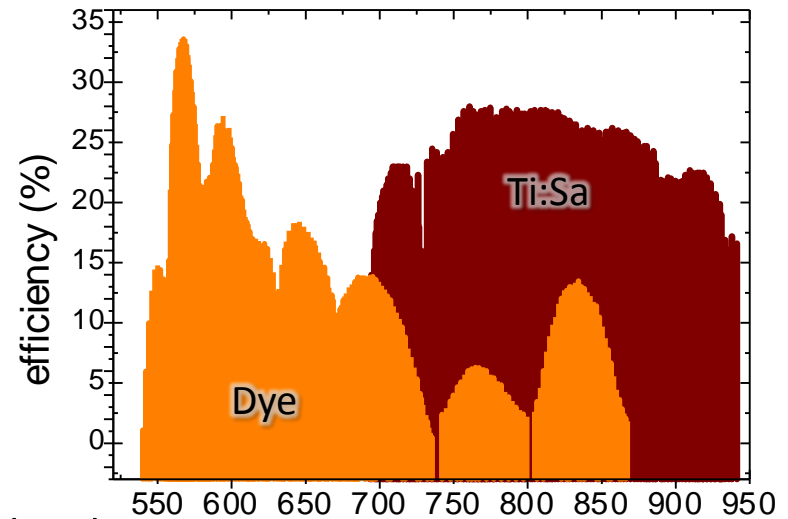
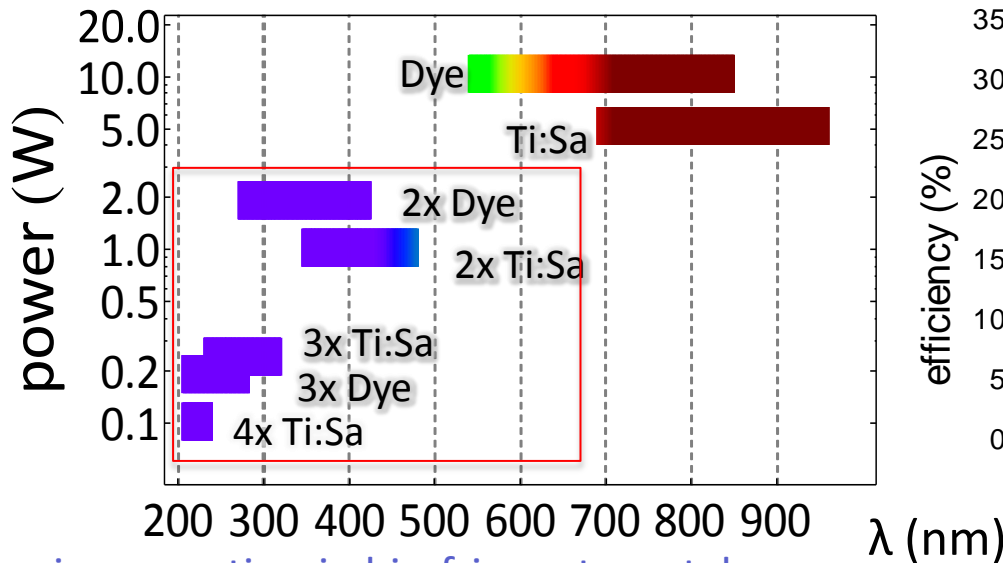


OUTPUT COUPLER



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 😊



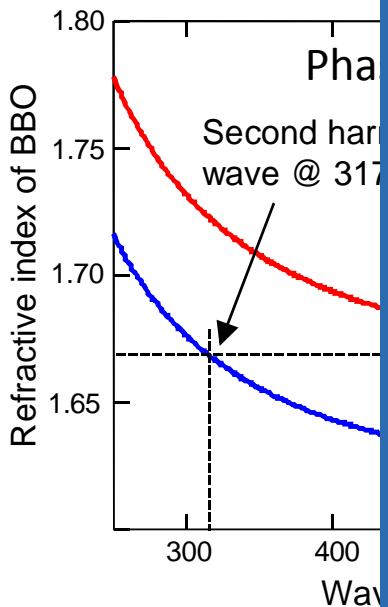
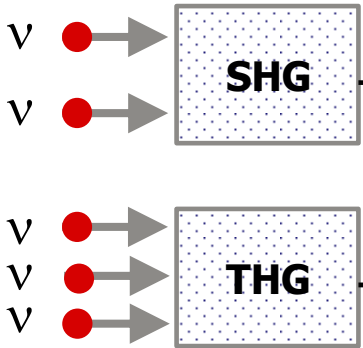
Harmonic generation in birefringent crystals:

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

Multiple harmonic

Most first excited steps req

Harmonic gene



Photonics

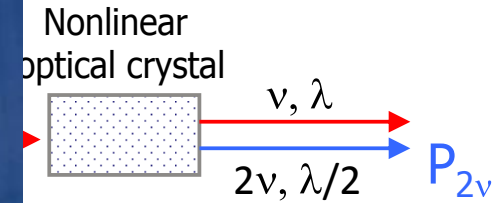
Linear and Nonlinear Interactions of Laser Light and Matter

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tuning range

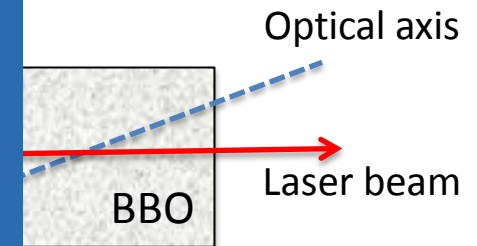
possible with 532 nm pumping



$$h(L)$$

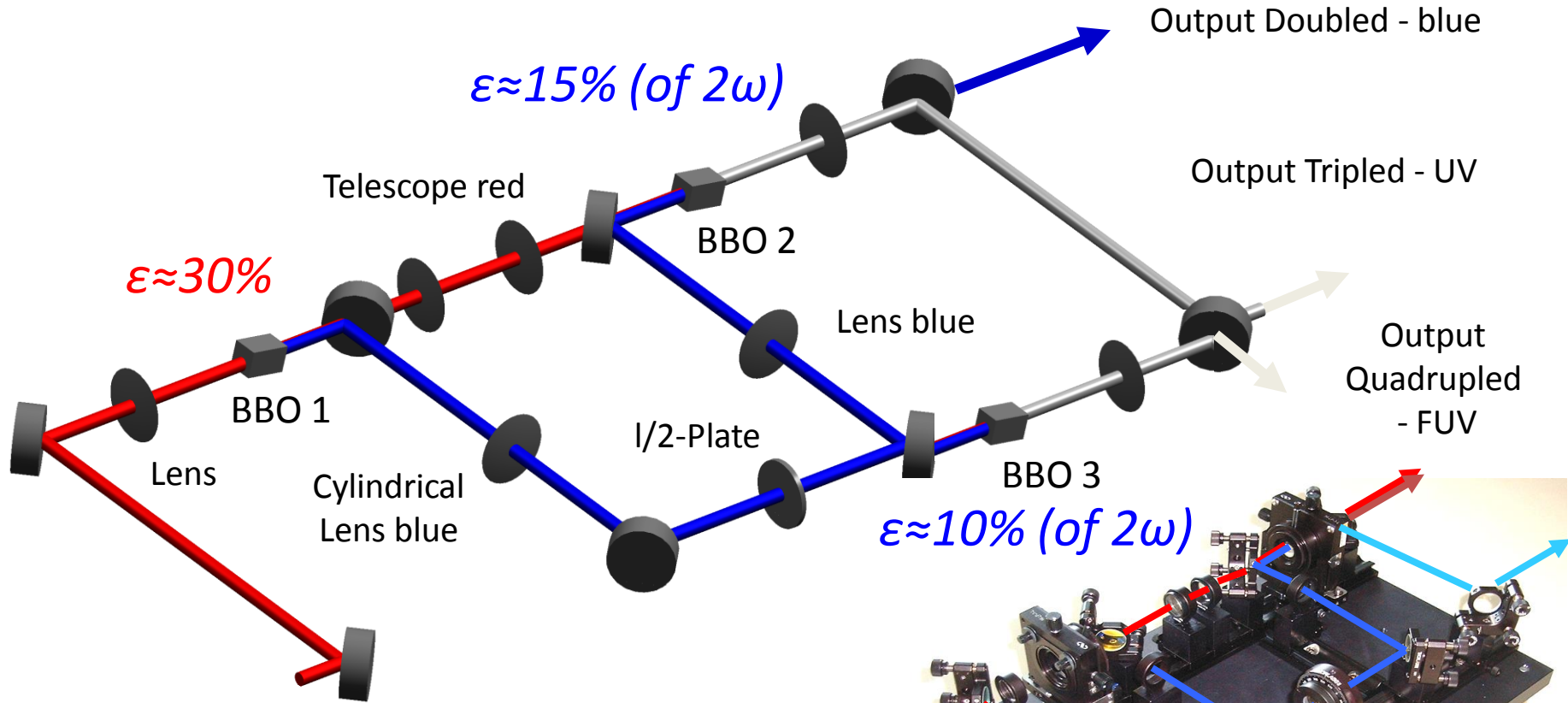
↑ Parameter related to fundamental beam focusing

crystal length
 fundamental power in crystal
 nonlinear coefficient

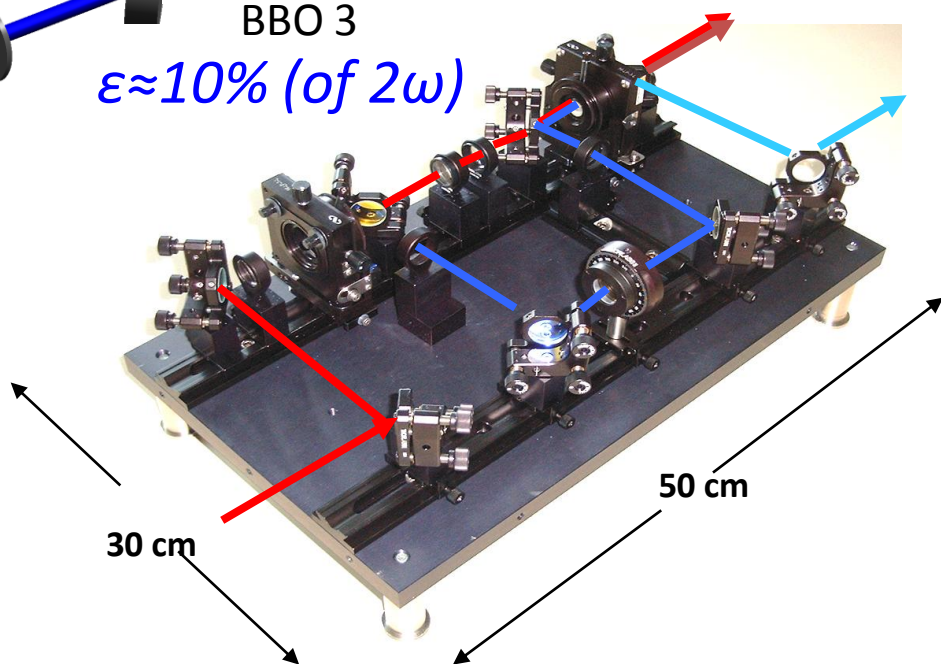
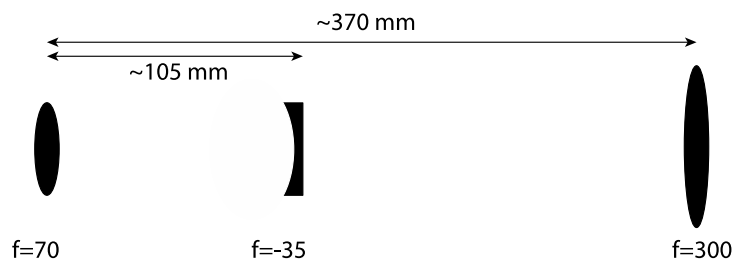


materials have different angular acceptances

Frequency conversion unit – Mainz University design

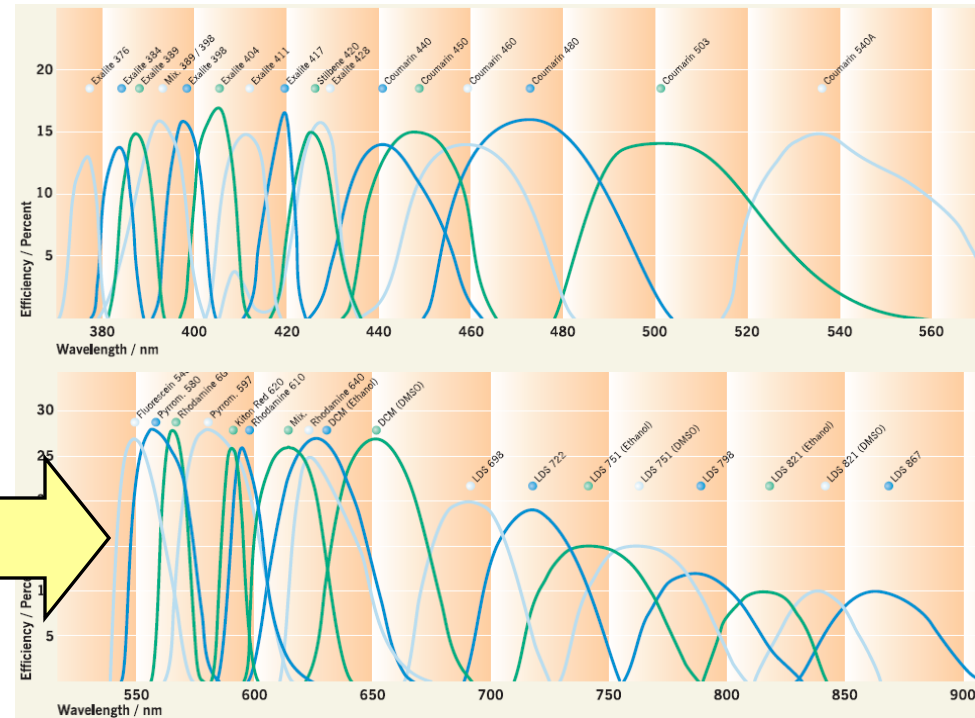


Cylindrical lens telescope is required:



For short wavelengths (<240 nm) try to avoid small spot sizes on optics : Negative lens

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

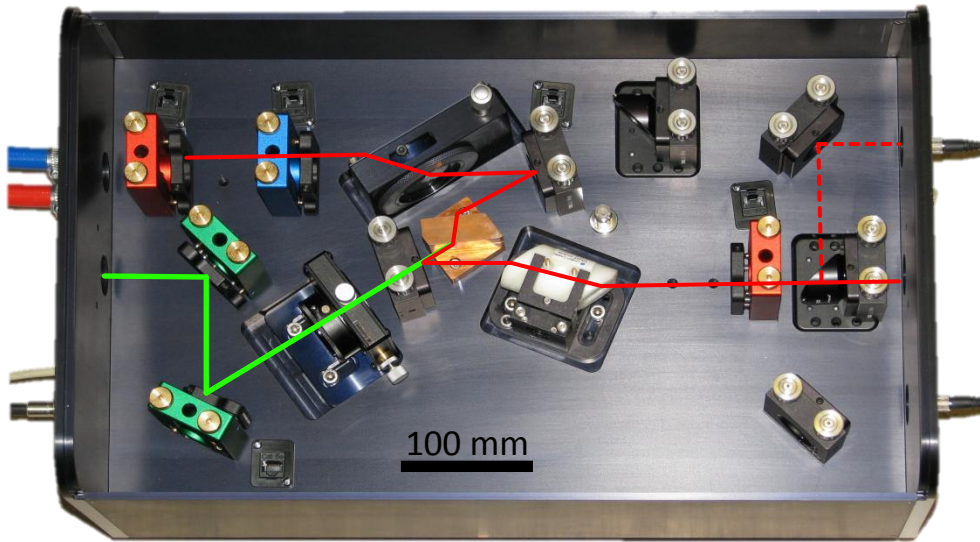


- Optimized for 10 kHz EdgeWave pump
- Accept both 355 and 532 pumping beams
- Equipped with FCU (up to 2W of UV)

“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

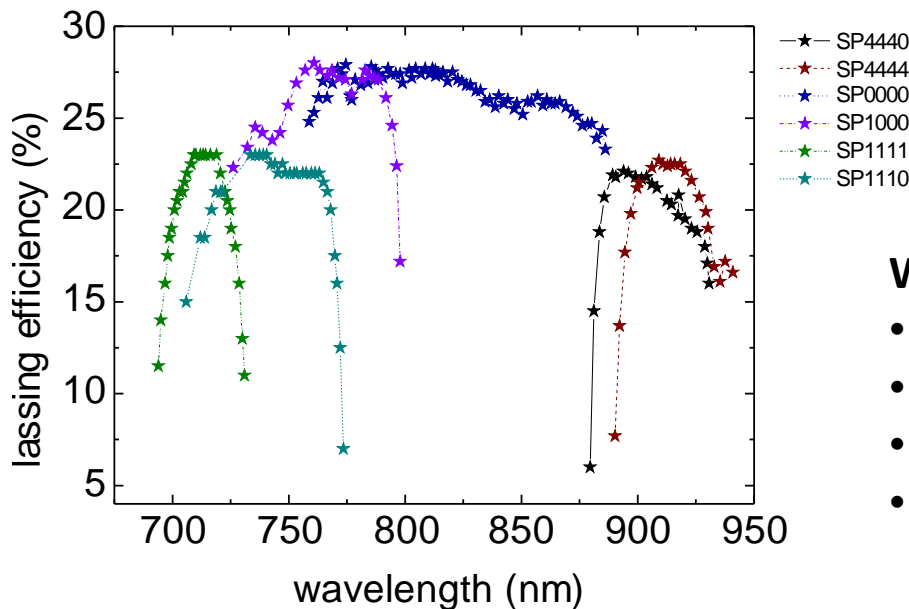
Pulse length: 180 ns

Power: 60 W

Ti:Sa lasers:

Line width: 5 GHz

Pulse length: 30-50 ns



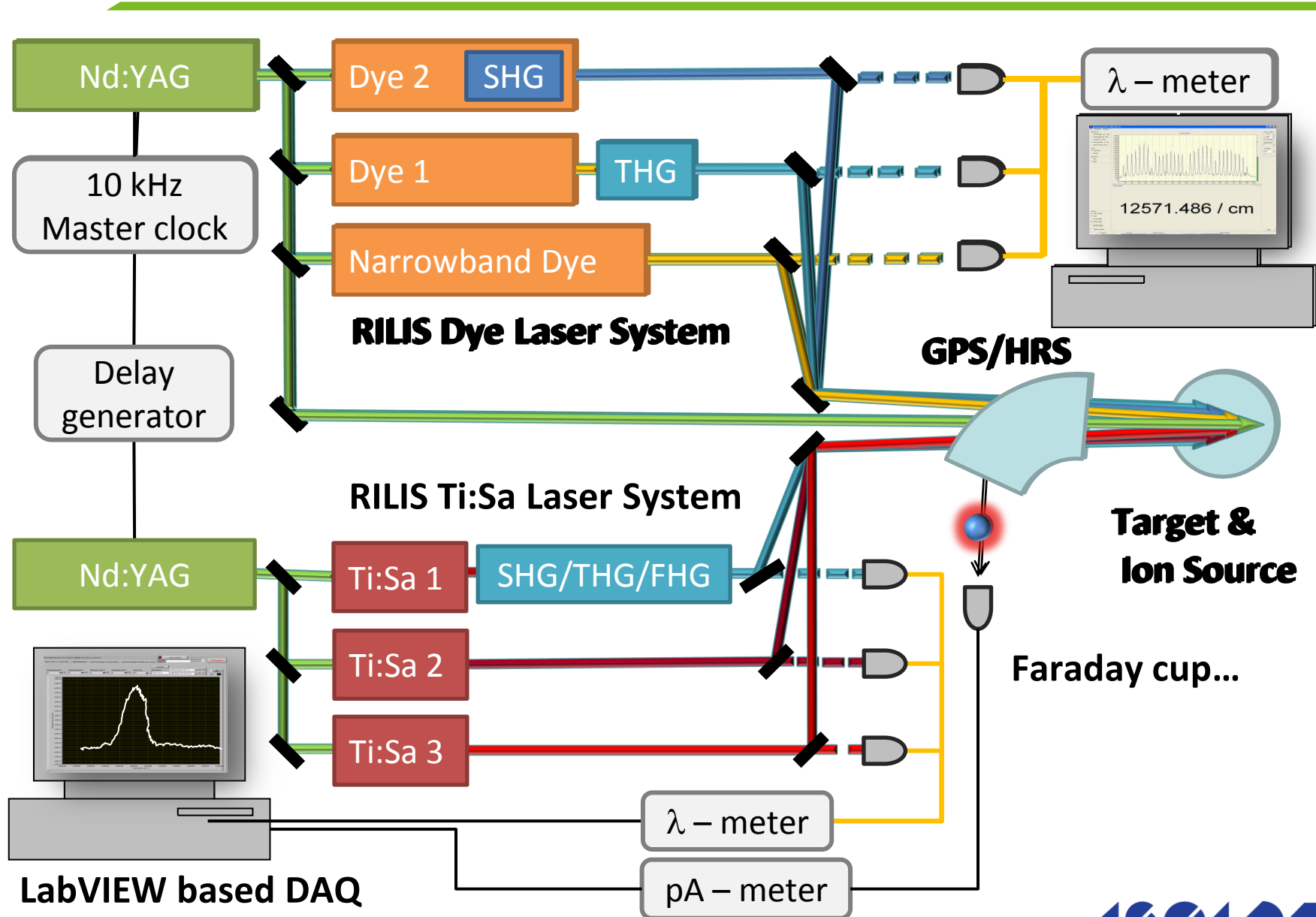
Wavelength tuning range (6 mirror sets):

- Fundamental (ω) **690 - 940** nm (5 W)
- 2nd harmonic (2ω) **345 - 470** nm (1 W)
- 3rd harmonic (3ω) **230 - 310** nm (120 mW)
- 4th harmonic (4ω) **205 - 235** nm (120 mW)

“A complementary laser system for ISOLDE RILIS”

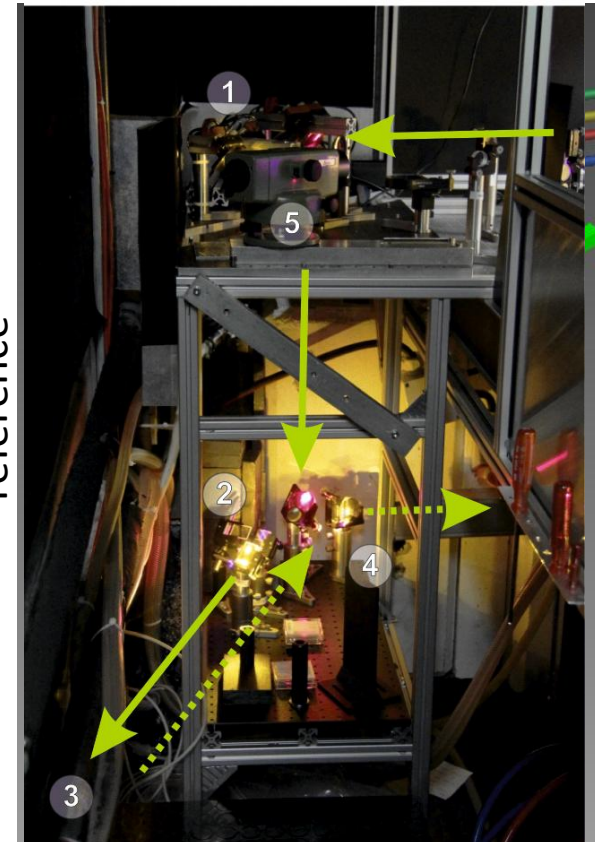
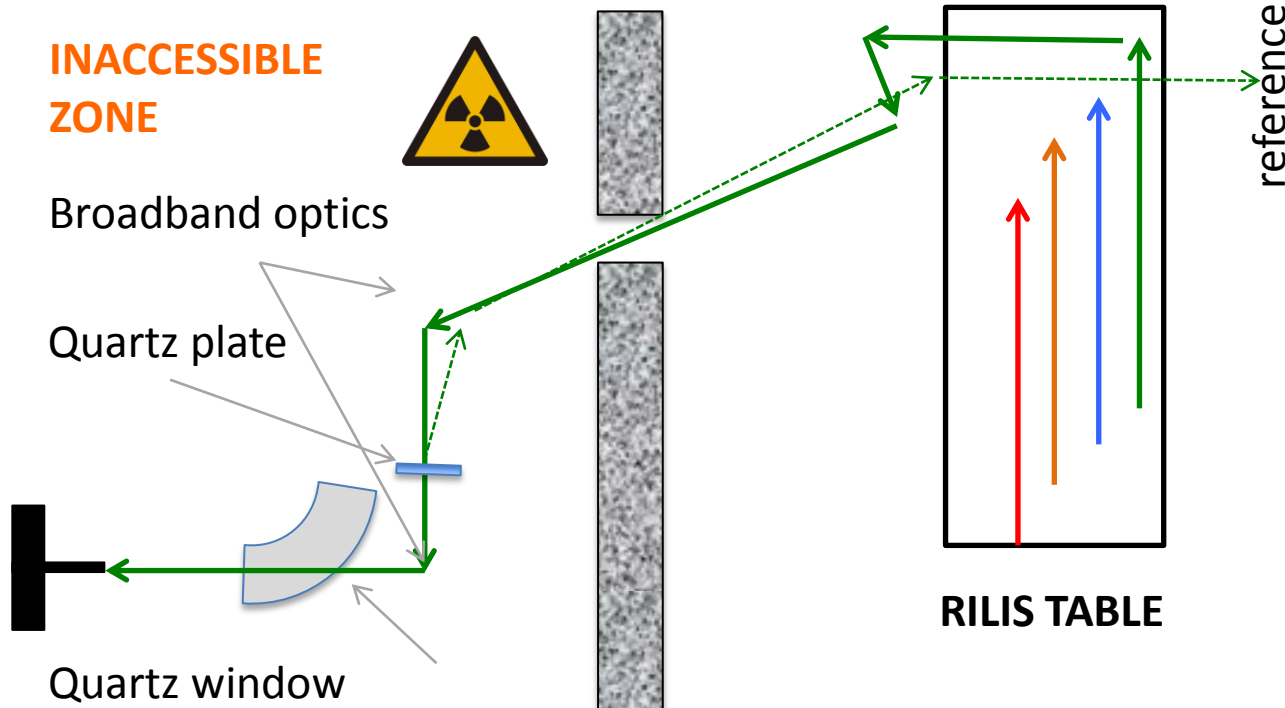
S Rothe et al: *Journal of Physics: Conference Series* 312 (2011) 052020

Dual RILIS Concept



Practical issues for beam transport

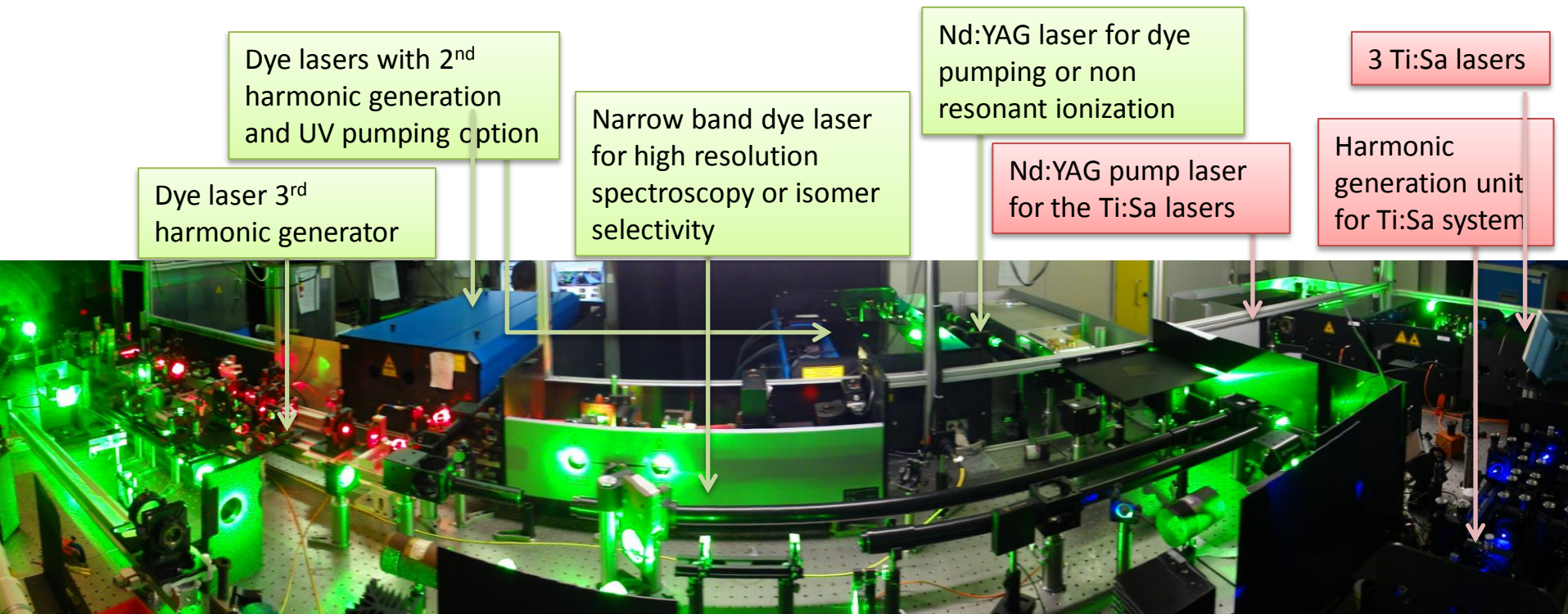
- Up to 4 laser beams to transport to the target (through bending magnet of mass separator)
- 2 different targets located ~20m away through considerable concrete shielding
- Air flow / temperature changes
- No access to mass separator or target area
- Small laser interaction region (3mm) – tube diameter
- Timing issues – optical delay lines



Upgraded HRS launch system for ISOLDE
RILIS (PhD thesis of S. Rothe)

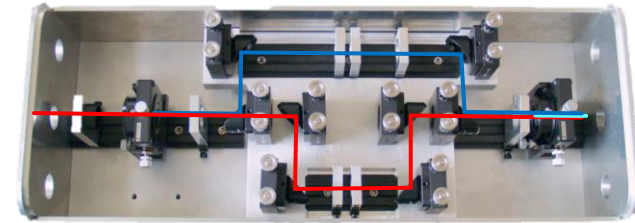
The actual ISOLDE RILIS setup

- 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

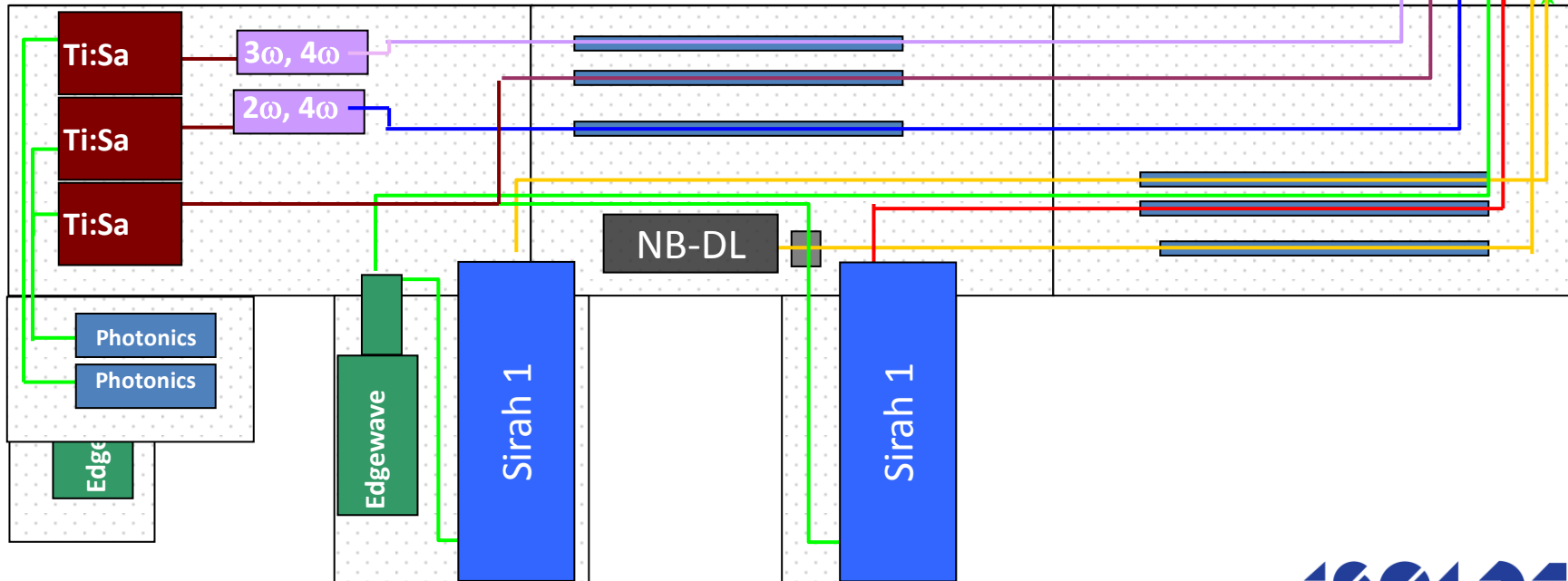


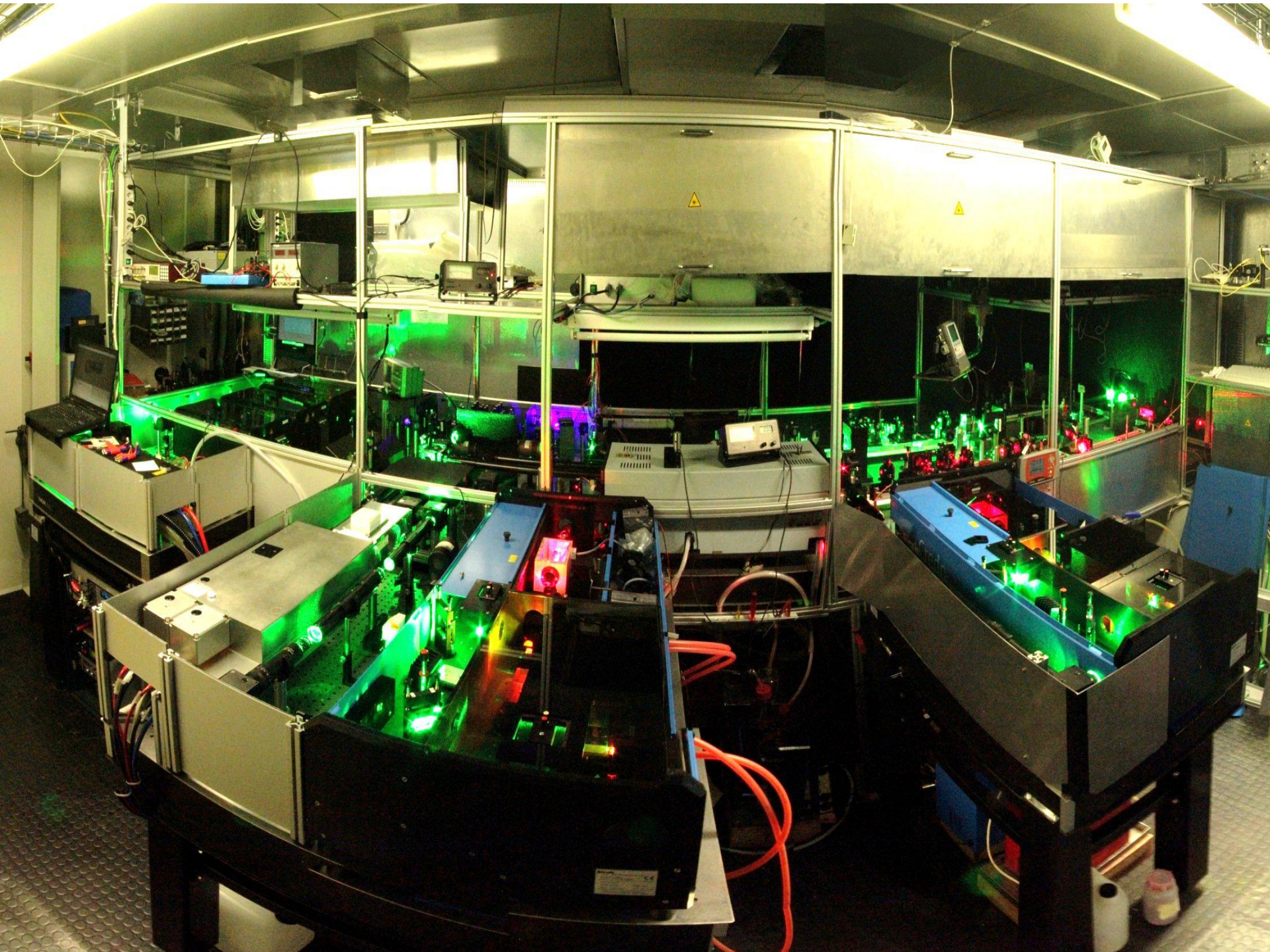
Arranging the Ti:Sas alongside the dye lasers

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



Frequency conversion unit







Available elements so far

Periodic Table of RILIS Elements

1 H																	2 He						
3 Li	4 Be 3 > 7																	5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne
11 Na	12 Mg 10																	13 Al 13	14 Si 0.1	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
19 K	20 Ca 0.45	21 Sc 15	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn 0.9 19	26 Fe	27 Co > 18 > 4	28 Ni > 2 > 6	29 Cu > 3 > 7	30 Zn	31 Ga 5 > 60 21	32 Ge 3	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr						
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc 6	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag 14	48 Cd 10	49 In	50 Sn 22 9	51 Sb 2.7	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe						
55 Cs	56 Ba			72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au > 3	80 Hg 0.1	81 Tl 27	82 Pb 3	83 Bi 6	84 Po > 0.4	85 At	86 Rn					
87 Fr	88 Ra			104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113 Uut	114 Uuq	115 Uup	116 Uuh	117 Uus	118 Uuo					

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Efficiency (%)
Ti:Sa Dye

57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy 20	67 Ho 40	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu
89 Ac	90 Th 0.6	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np 0.4	94 Pu > 1	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr

Yellow box: Dye schemes tested

Pink box: Ti:Sa schemes tested

Red box: Ti:Sa and Dye schemes tested

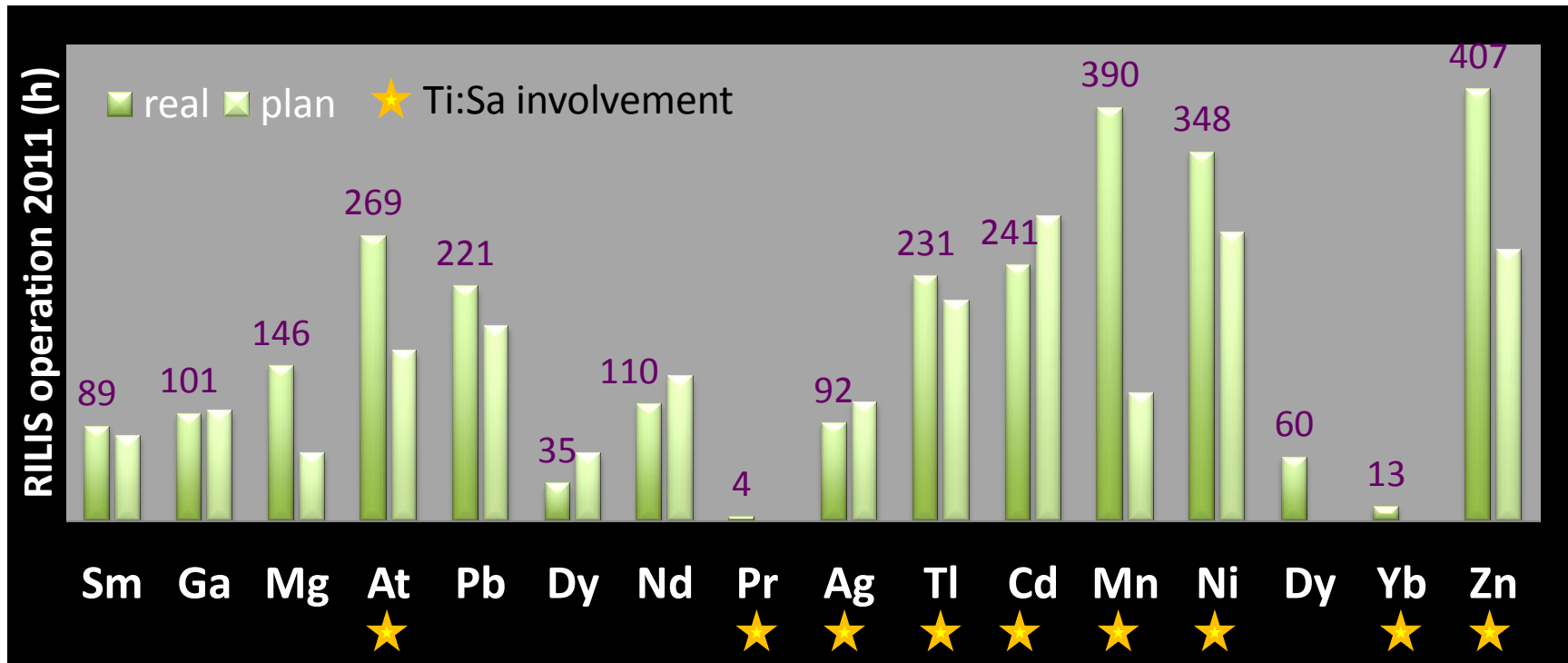
Grey box: Feasible

Released

Not released

from ISOLDE target

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

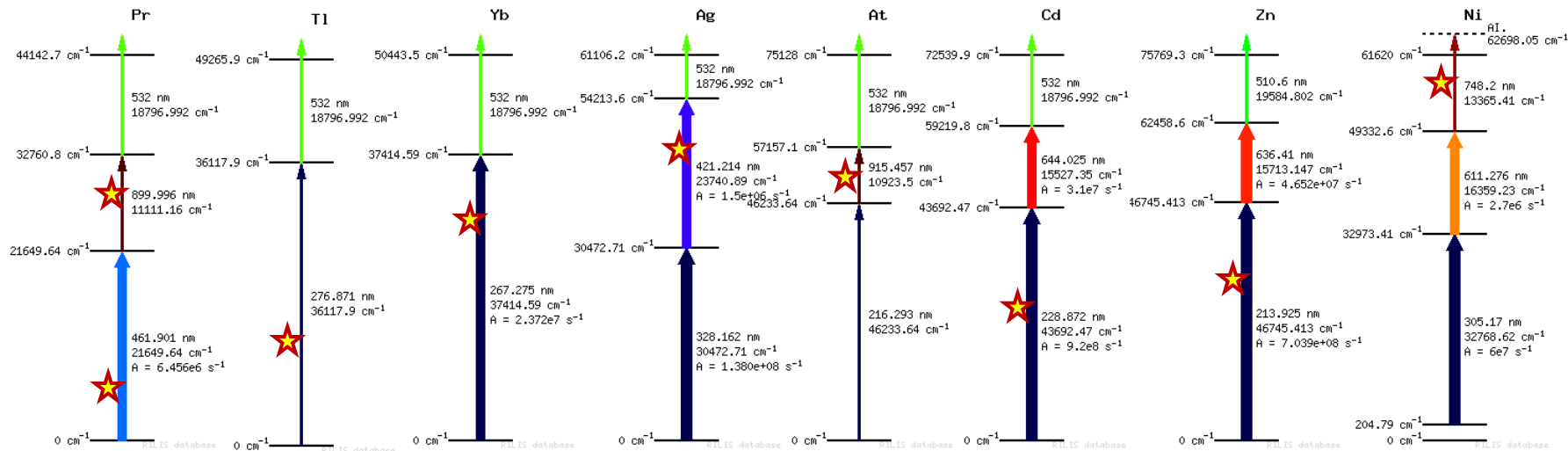
50 W Nd:YAG laser available for non-resonant ionization

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

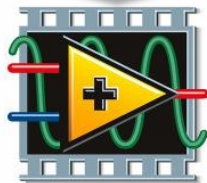
RILIS status monitoring

Essential RILIS parameters are published to a Labview DSM.

All values are accessible from the CERN technical network

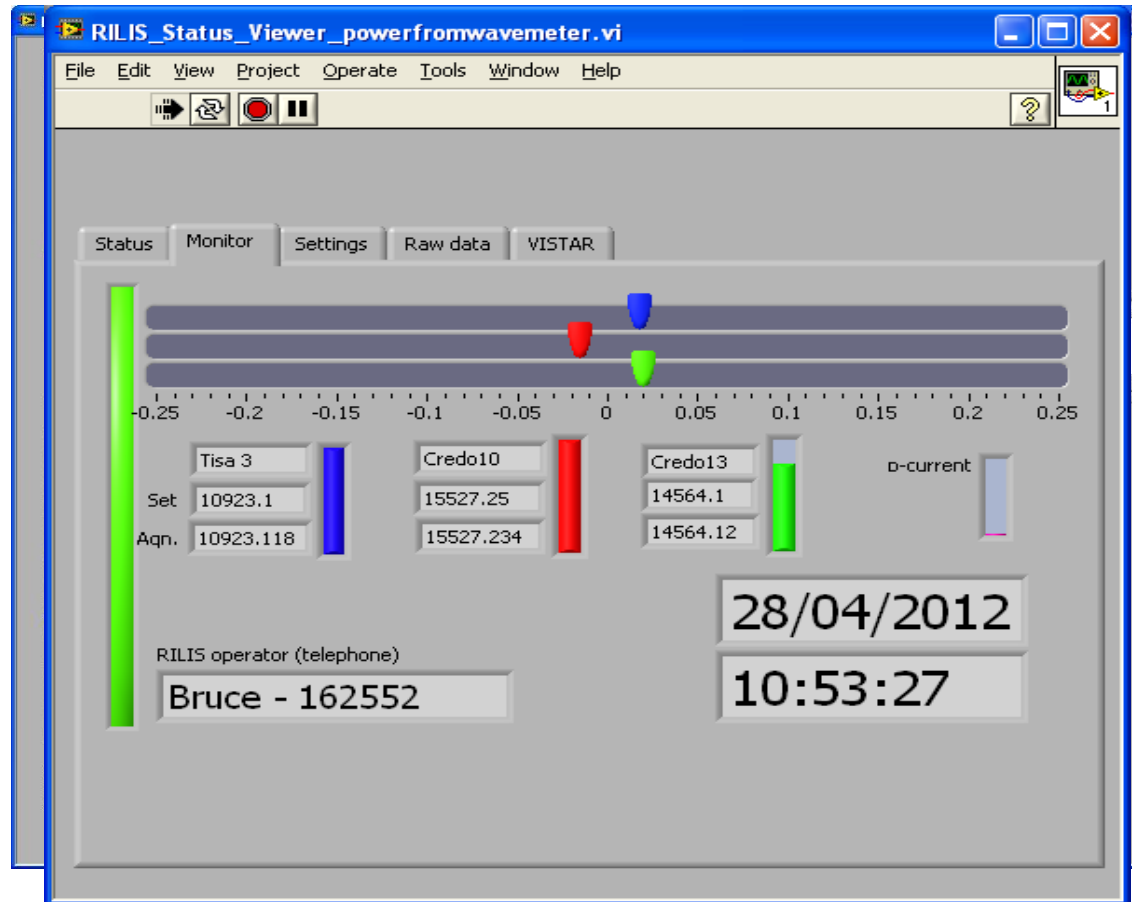
RILIS monitor display is published to a website for remote monitoring

- Power
- Wavelength
- Proton current
- Reference beam images



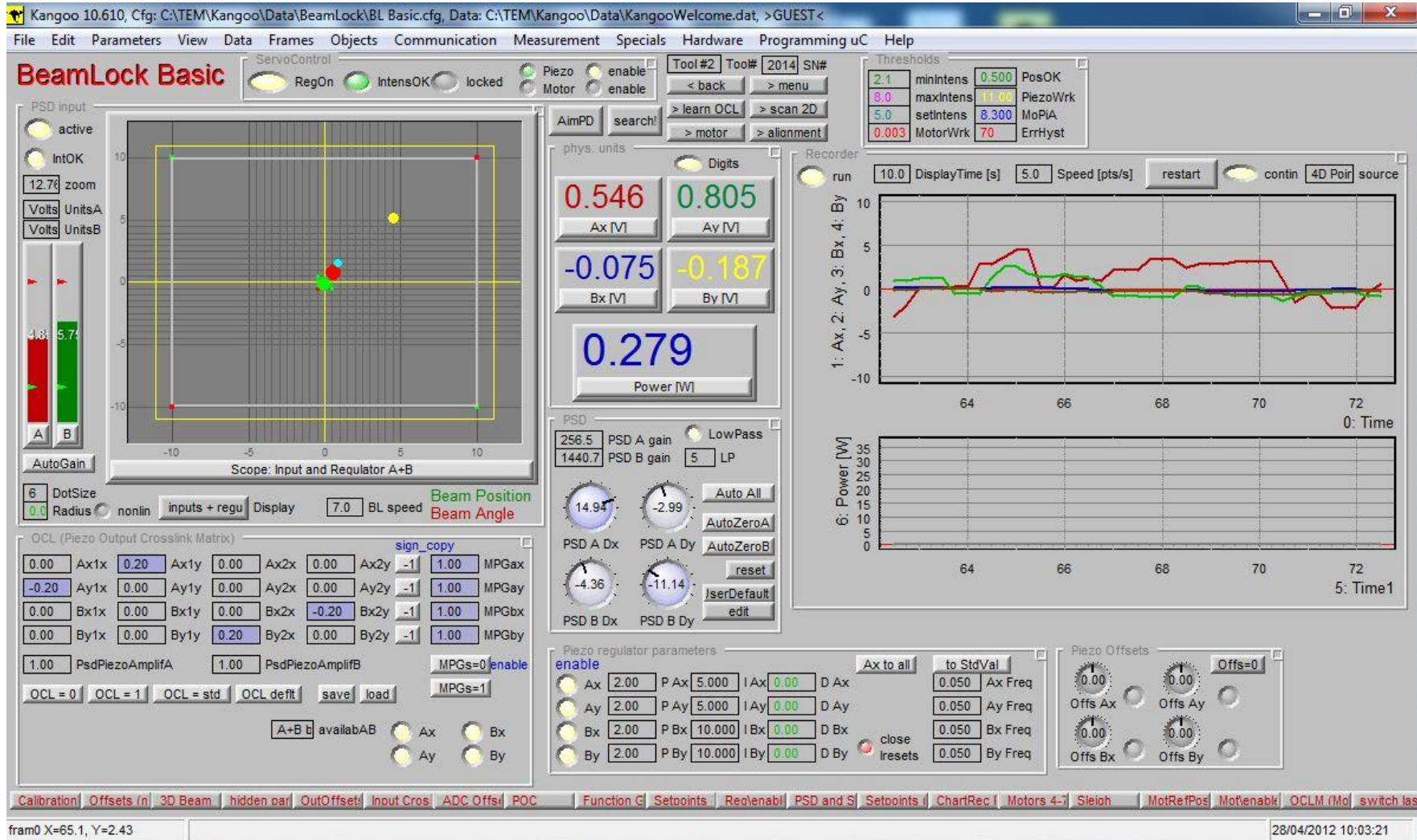
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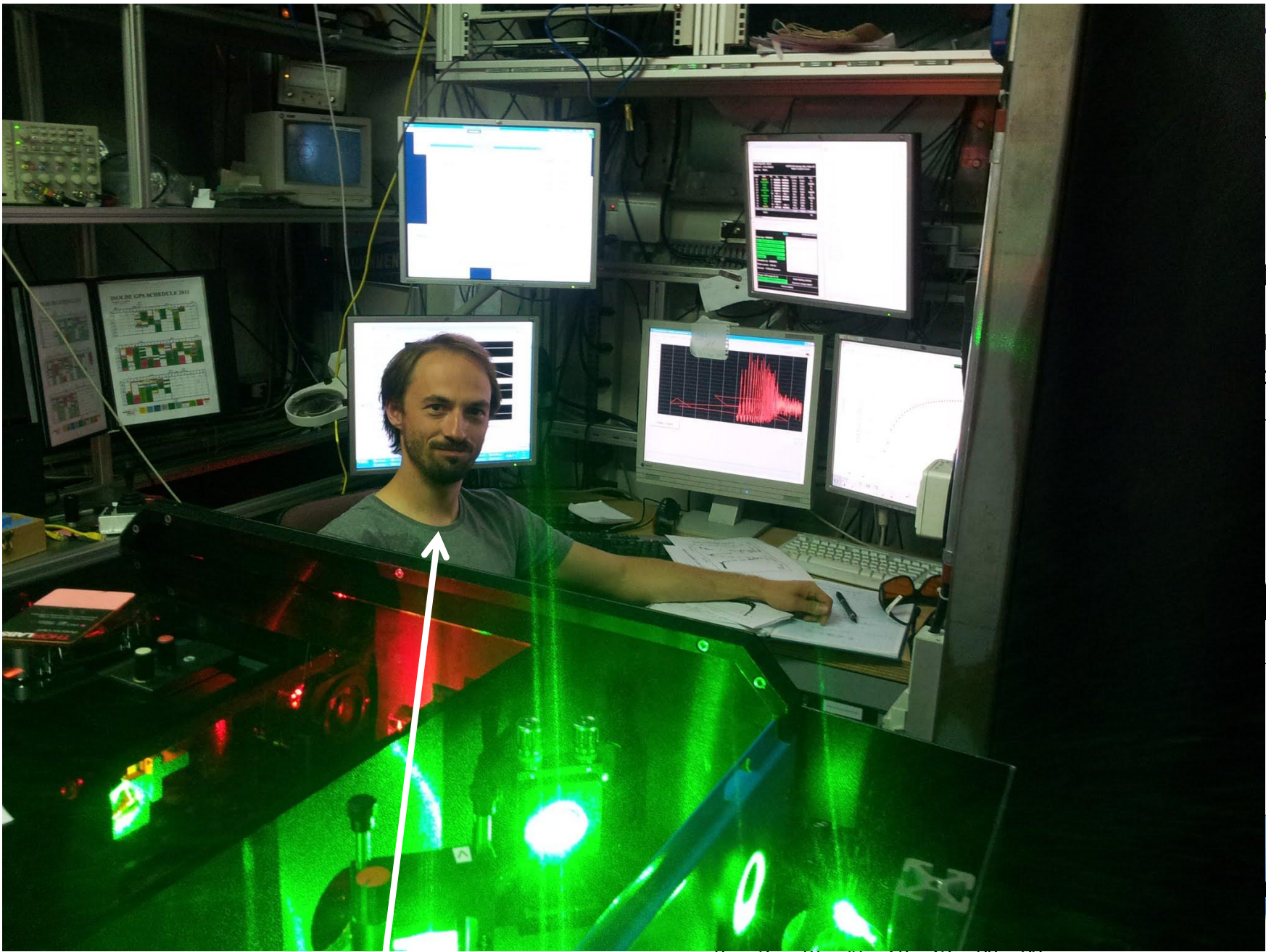
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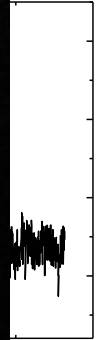
Beam monitoring and stabilization

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





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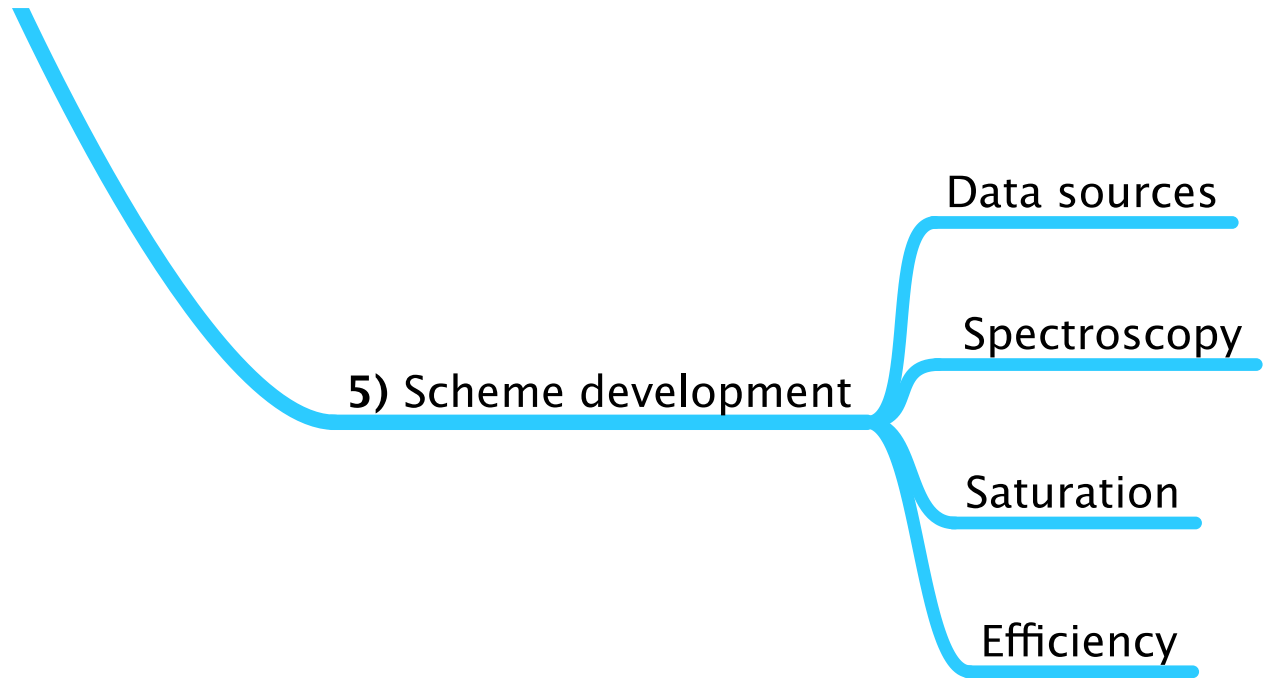


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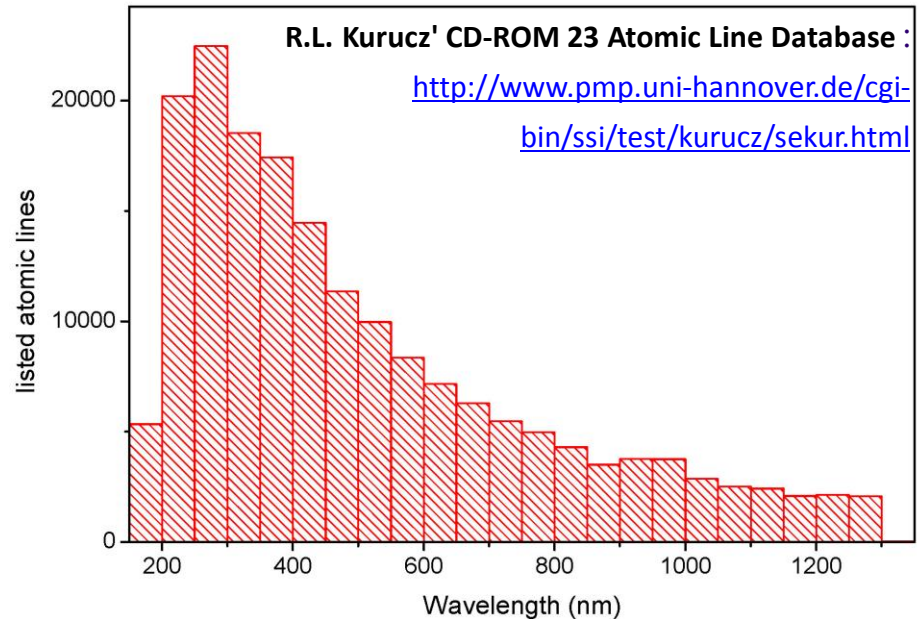
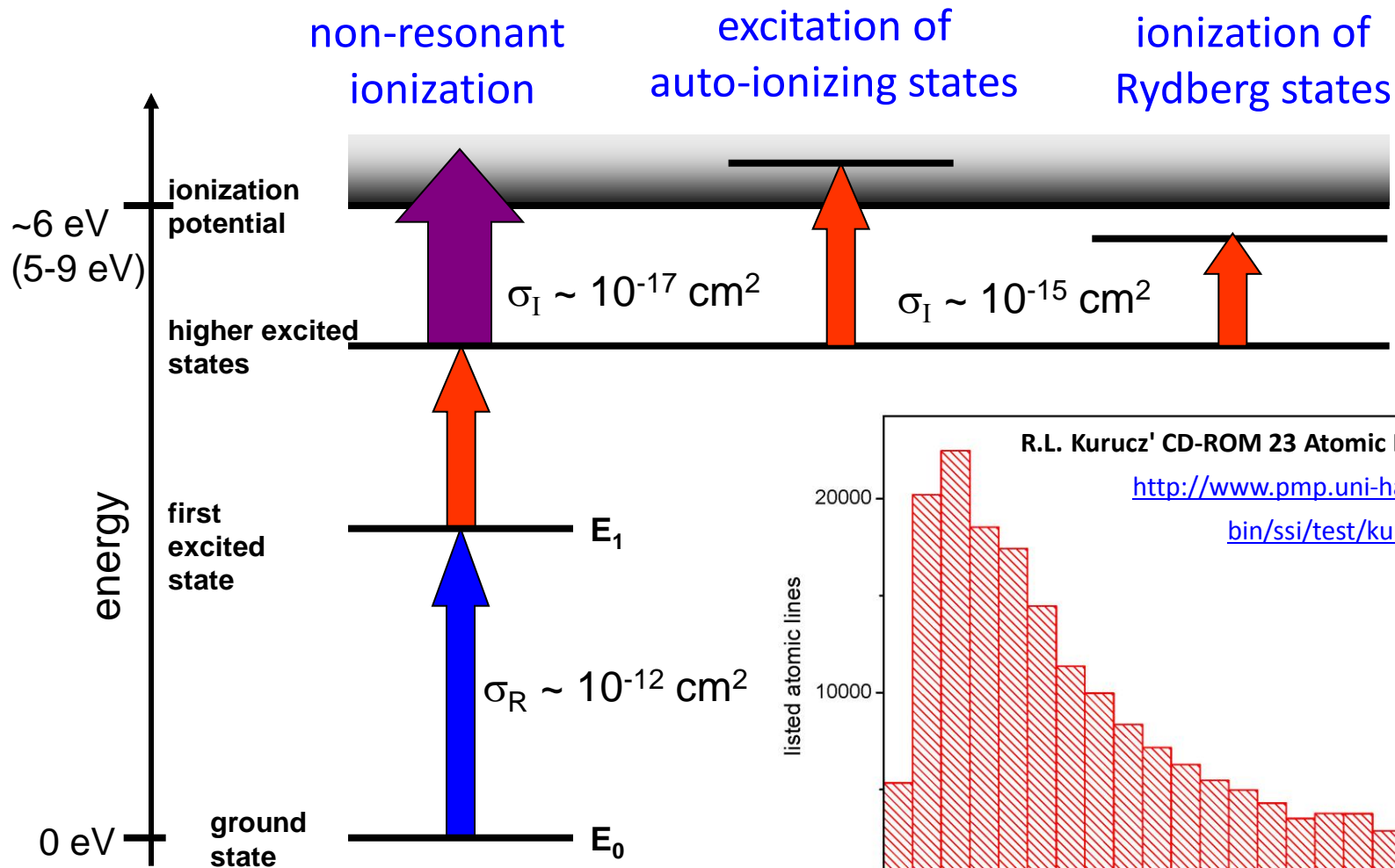


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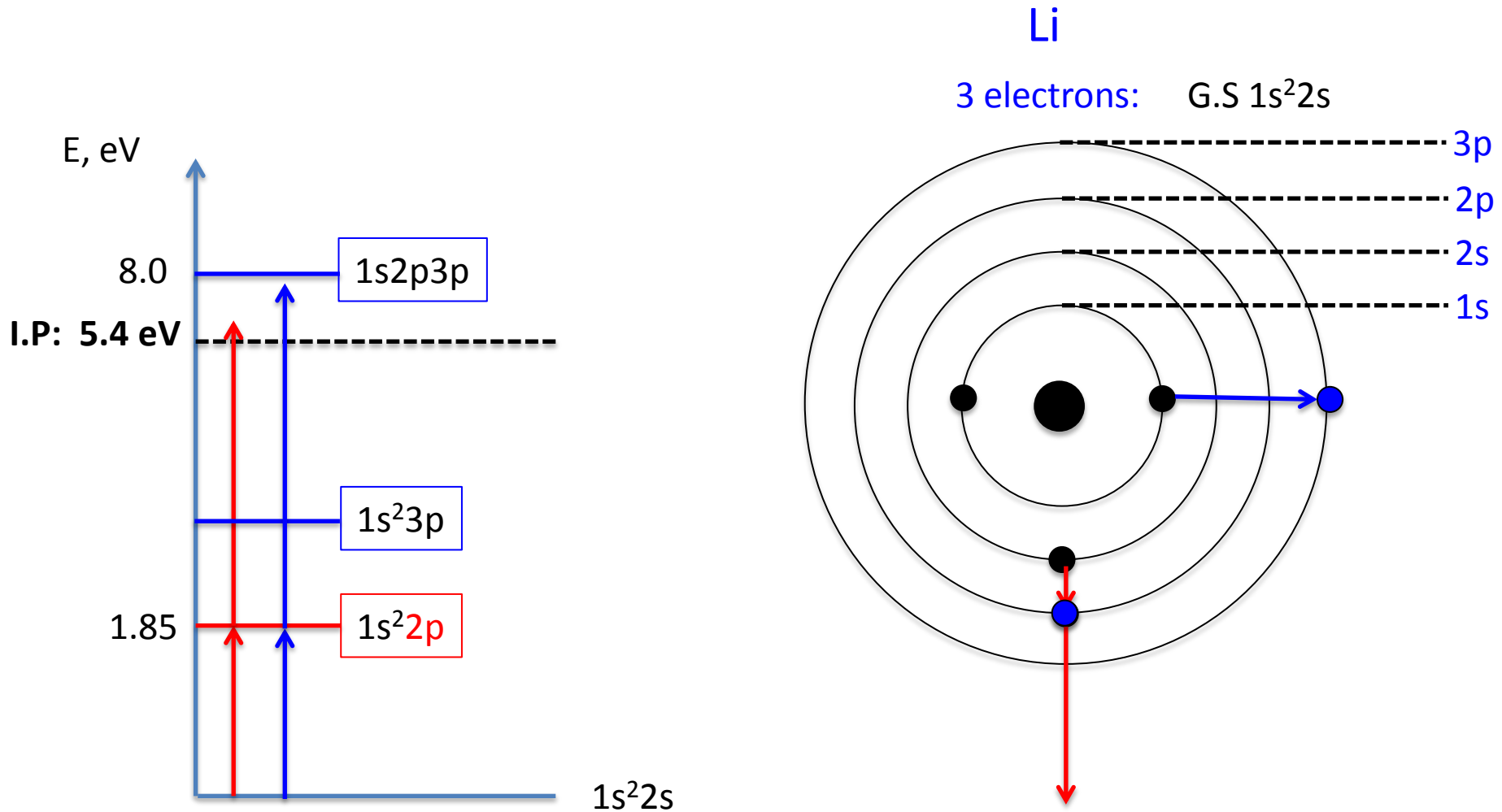


Ionization scheme development

What are our options for ionization schemes?



Auto-ionizing states – simplified concept



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**

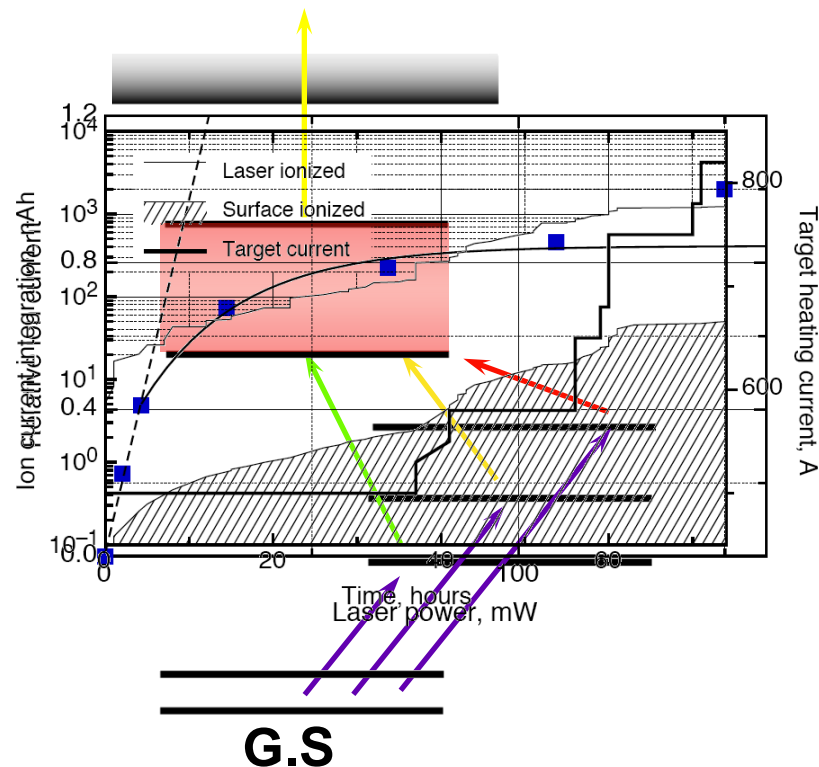
Laser frequency scans across regions of interest whilst observing the ion current as the sample is evaporated in the target or oven.

- **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.



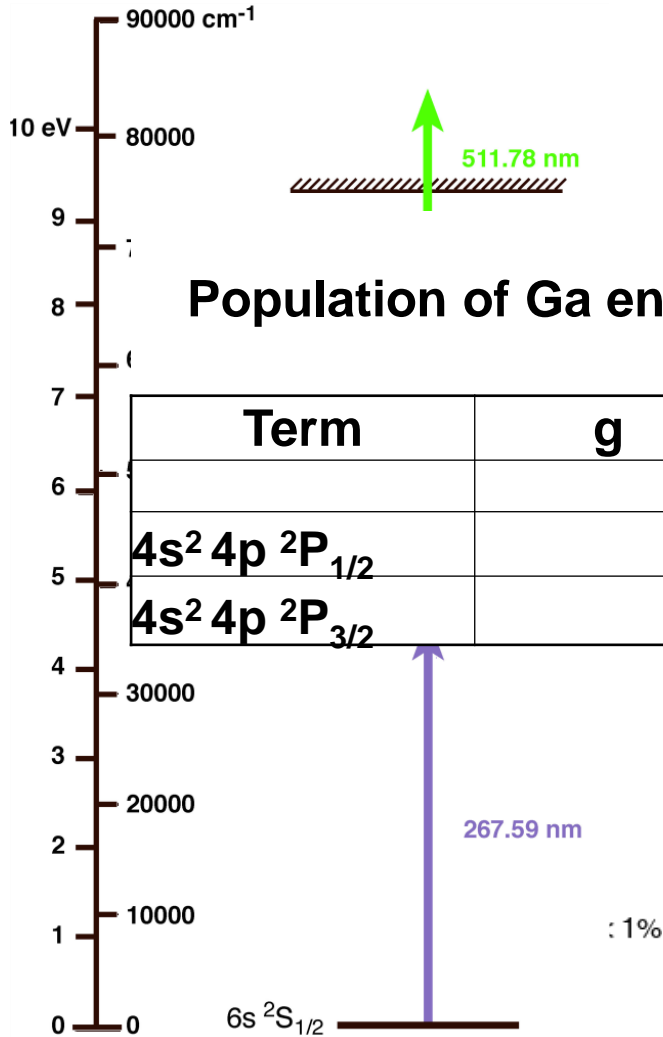
1 week for a simple case
2 weeks for AIS search

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 (~ 1 x 182 nm photon). Therefore Min 3 steps are required.

3) Search Kurucz database for 1st step transitions:



Term	g	E, cm-1	ge ^{-E/kT}	Population
4s ² 4p ² P _{1/2}	2	0	2	45.6%
4s ² 4p ² P _{3/2}	4	826	2.385860659	54.4%

Wl / nm	Wa
vac<200nm<air	/
201.2061	4
202.1364	4
235.2649	4
238.7747	4
242.7944	4
264.1482	3
267.5937	3
270.0894	3
274.8251	3
302.9205	3
312.2783	3

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(-1):
 Lower limit: cm⁻¹ Upper limit: cm⁻¹

Energy of upper level of transition in cm⁻¹(-1):
 Lower limit: cm⁻¹ Upper limit: cm⁻¹

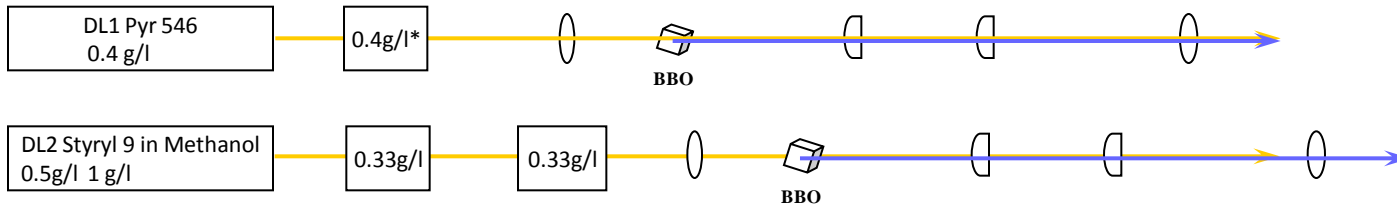
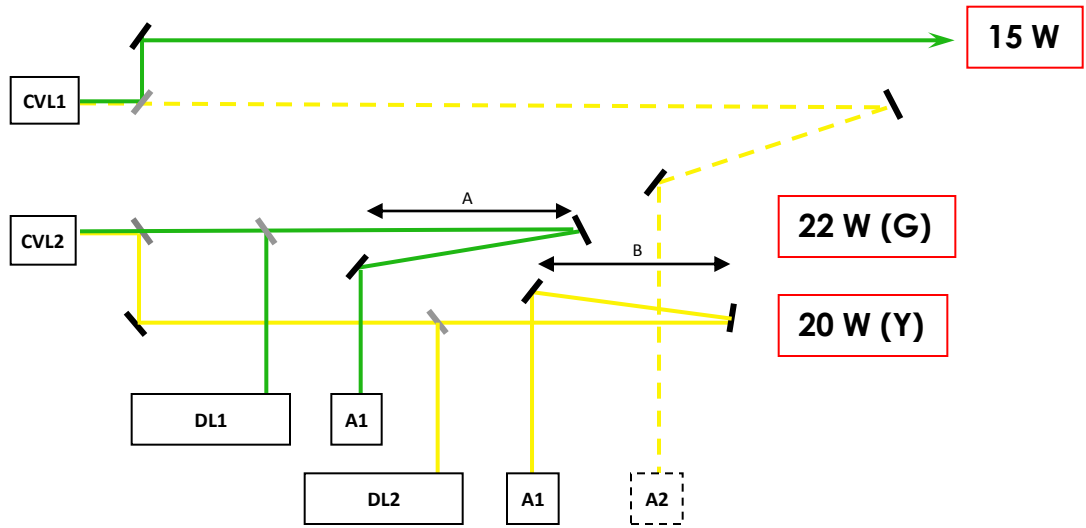
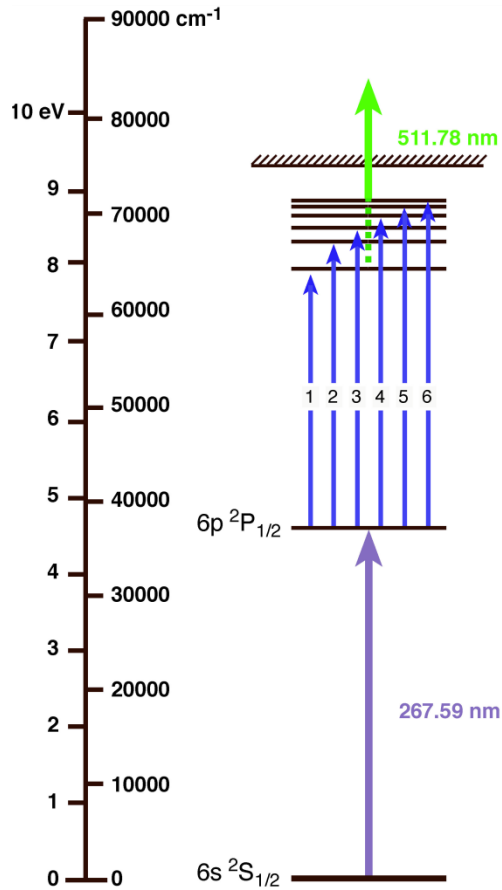
Select one or more elements to search for:

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

Config.	Ref.
5p *16	CB
5p *15	CB
5p *10	CB
5p *8	CB
5 *2P	HL
5p *6	CB
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5p *5	CB
5p *4	CB
5p *3	CB
5 *2P	HL

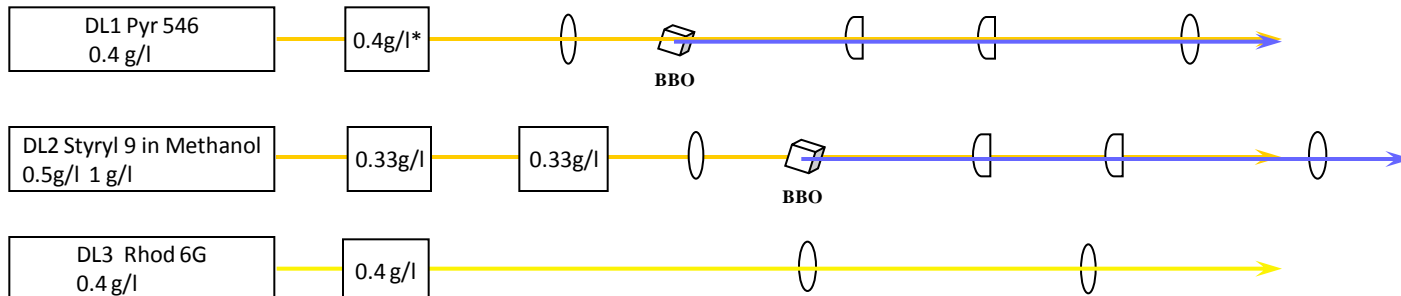
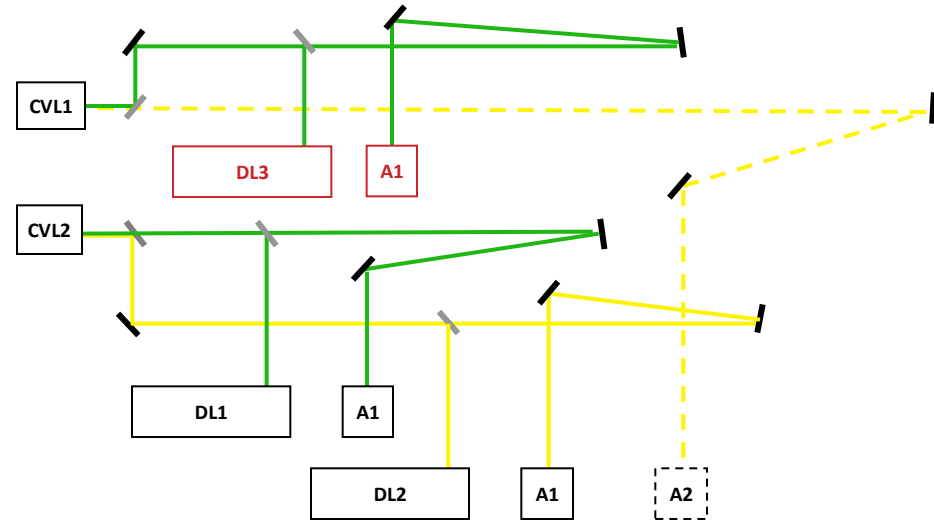
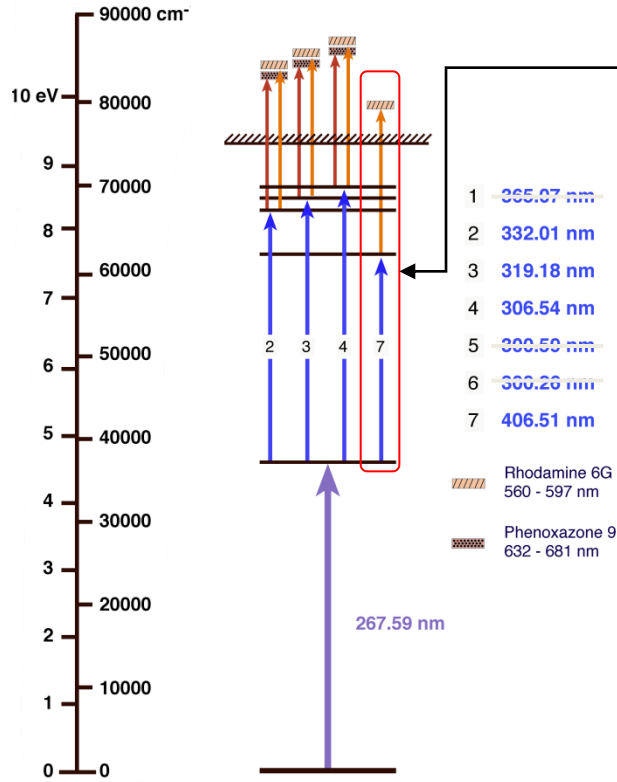
Laser setup for testing 2nd steps

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



Laser setup for AIS search

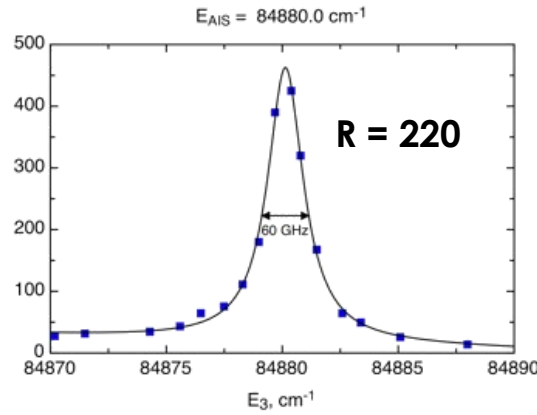
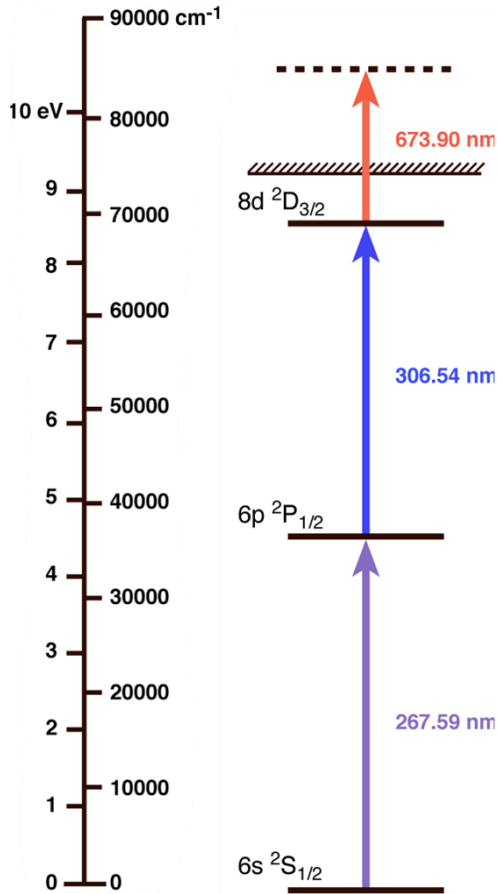
- Include a 3rd dye laser
- Scan 2 dye ranges for AIS from 3 strongest 2nd steps.
- Test ionization scheme used by E.B Saloman



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

Scheme figure of merit:

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

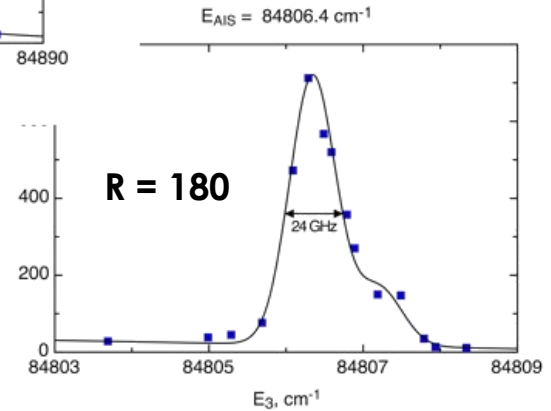


Overall RILIS Efficiency:

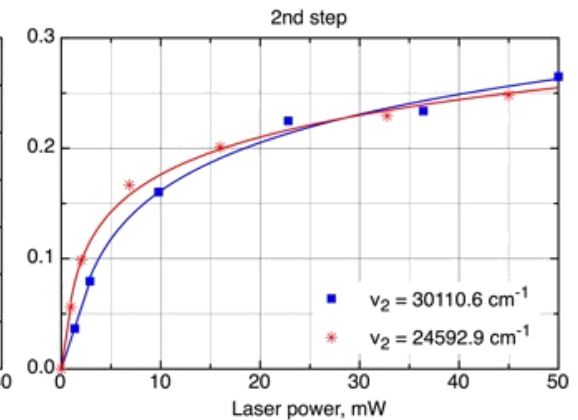
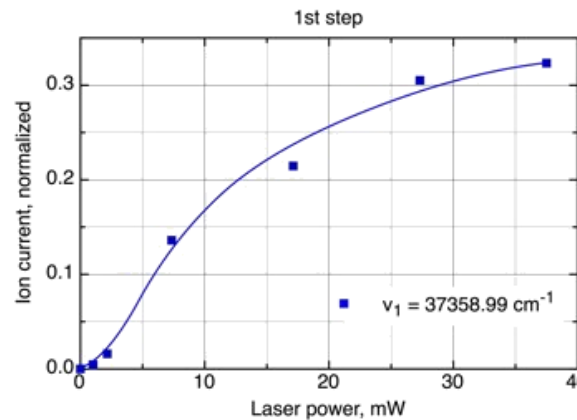
$$E \approx 3\%^*$$

Estimated from evaporation of 3000 nAh mass marker

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

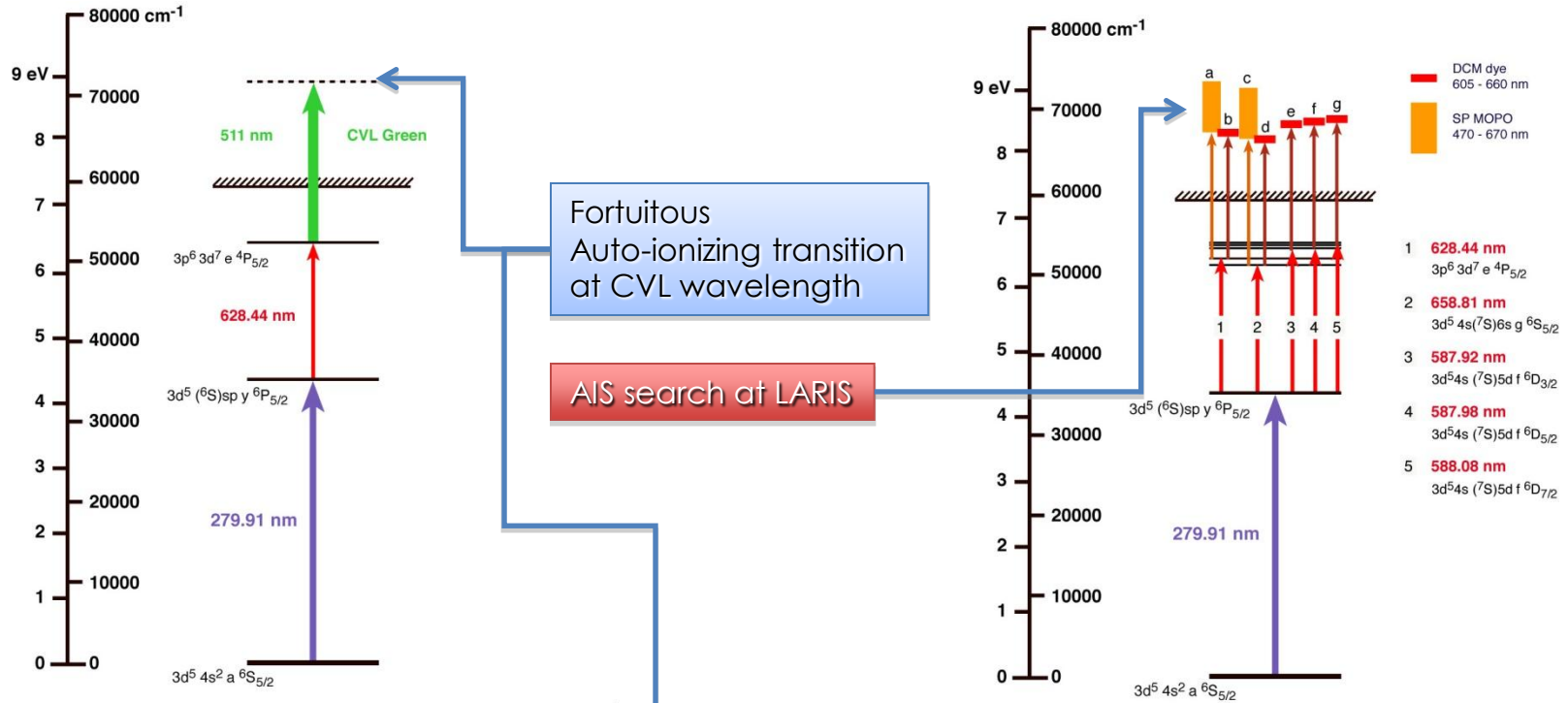


4x improvement on scheme used by E.B Saloman ($R = 55$)



Change of laser system → A new RILIS scheme for manganese

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



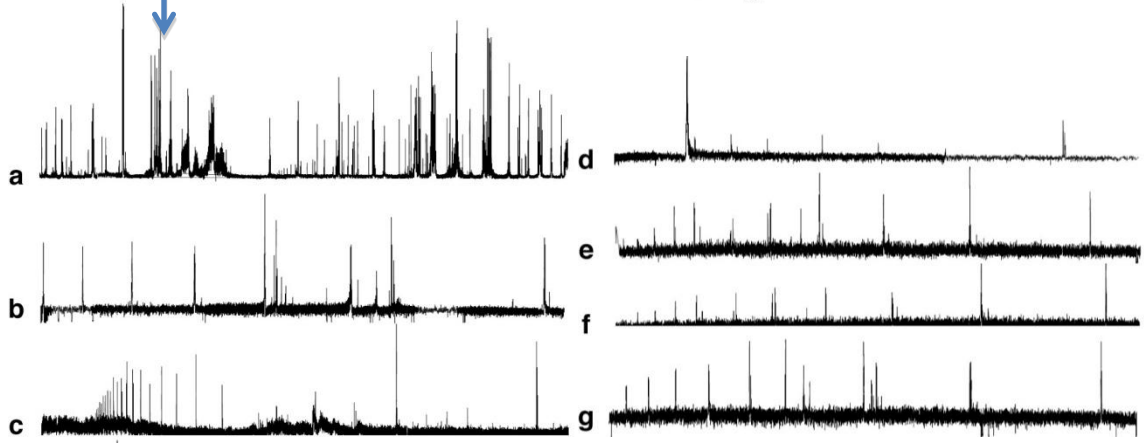
Fortuitous Auto-ionizing transition at CVL wavelength

AIS search at LARIS

Outcome of RIS study of Mn at LARIS:

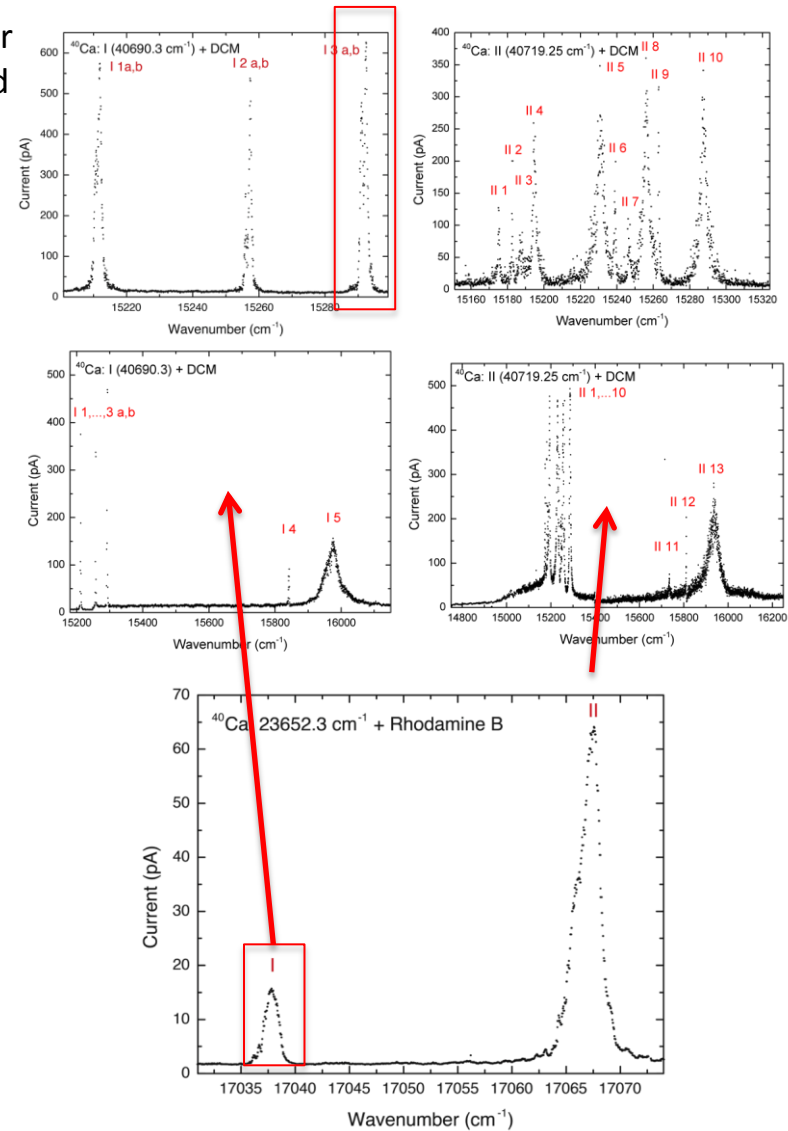
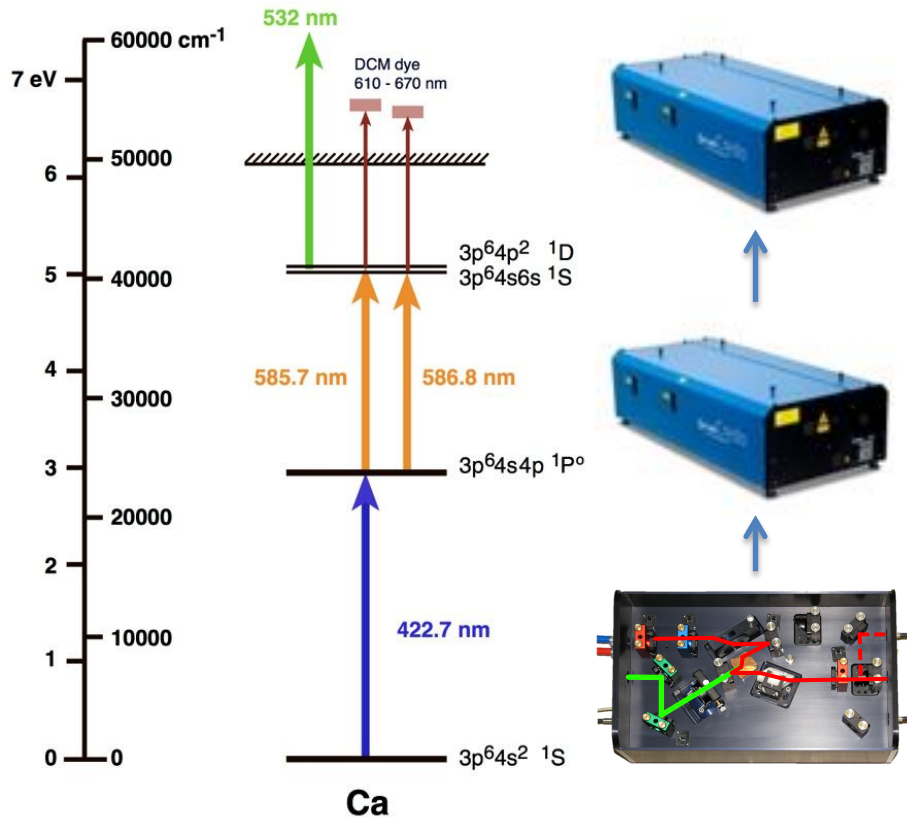
Many new auto-ionizing states found

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

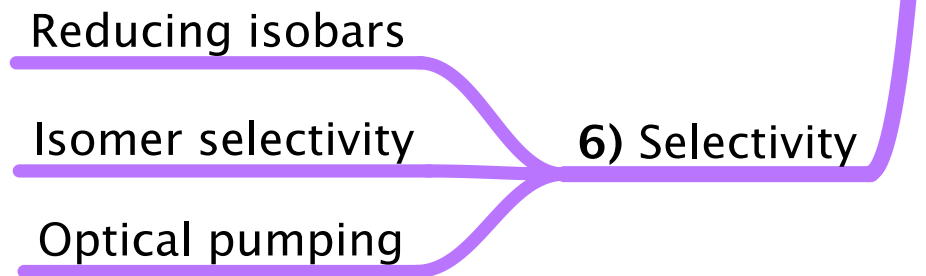


Calcium scheme development

- 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



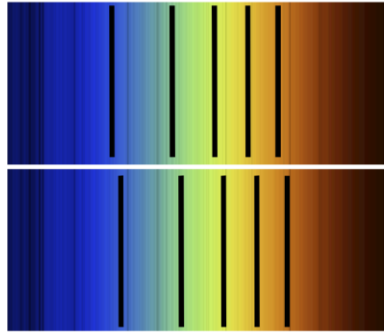
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How do nuclear properties influence the selectivity of the laser ion source?

ISOTOPE SHIFT

Isotope 1



Isotope 2

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

CAUSED BY
these
nuclear
properties:

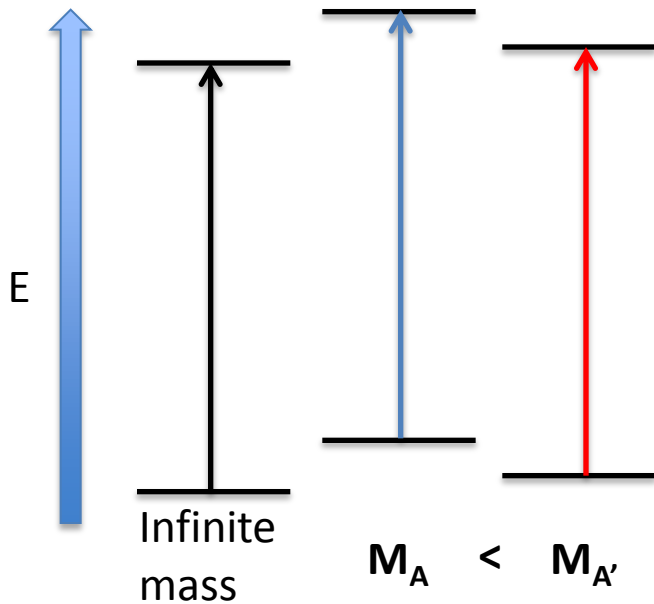
Finite nuclear mass

MASS SHIFT

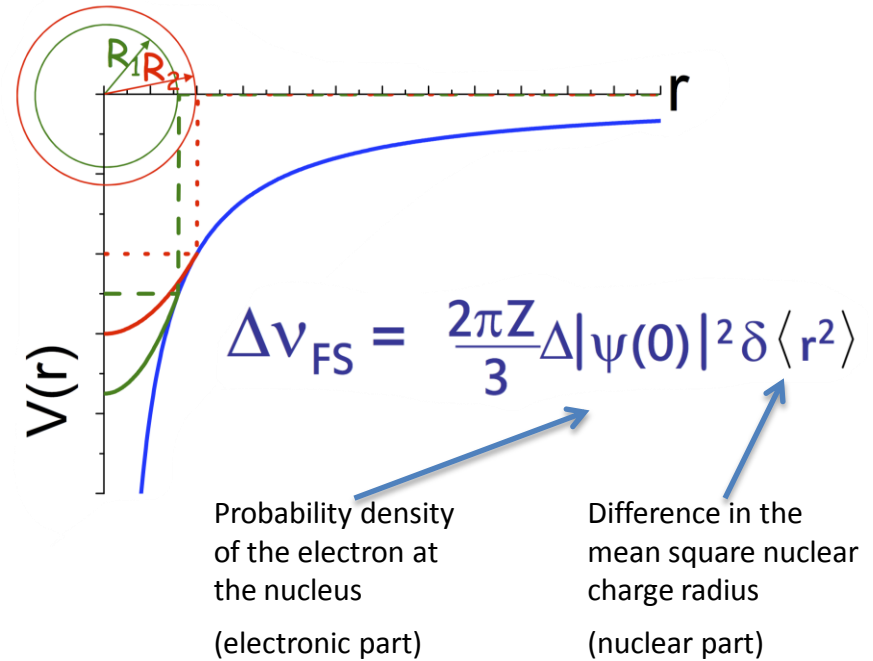
Nuclear Volume (not point-like)

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

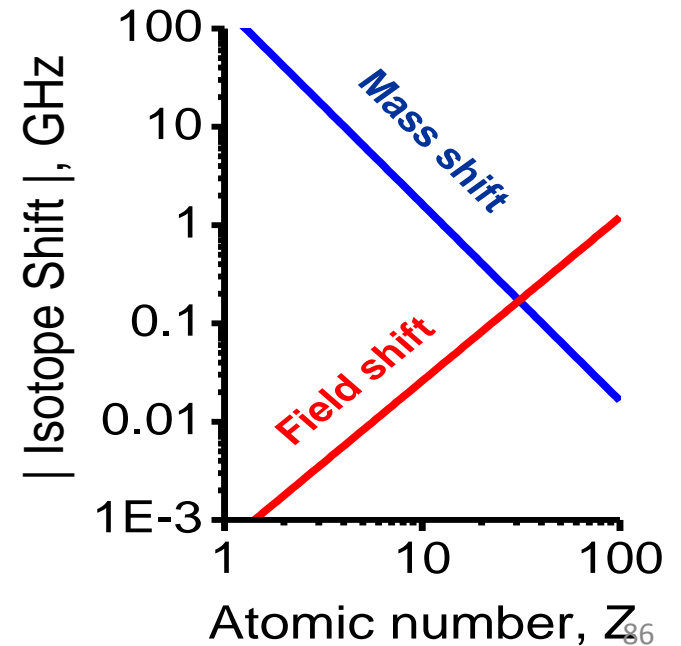
$$\delta v_{IS} = \delta v_{MS} + \delta v_{FS}$$

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

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



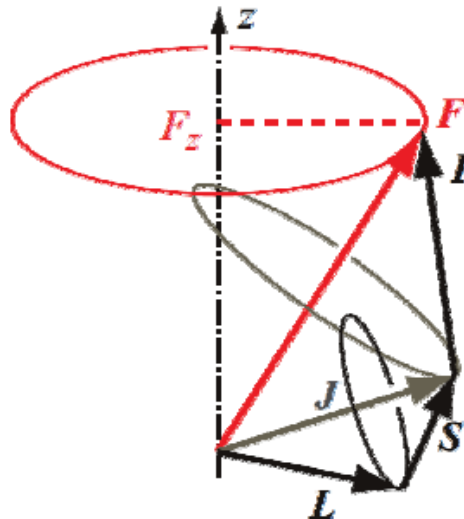
HYPERFINE STRUCTURE

- 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.

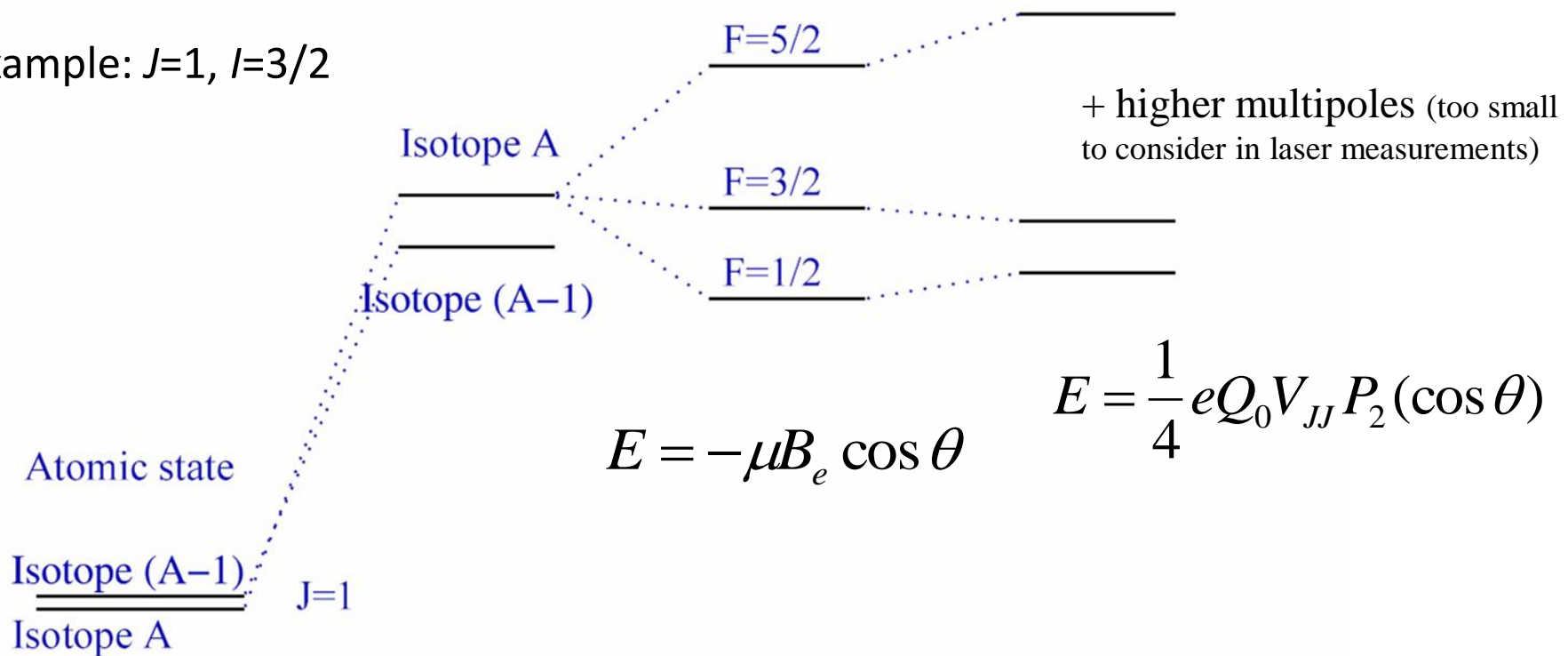
$$\vec{F} = \vec{I} + \vec{J}$$

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

Summarizing the effects:

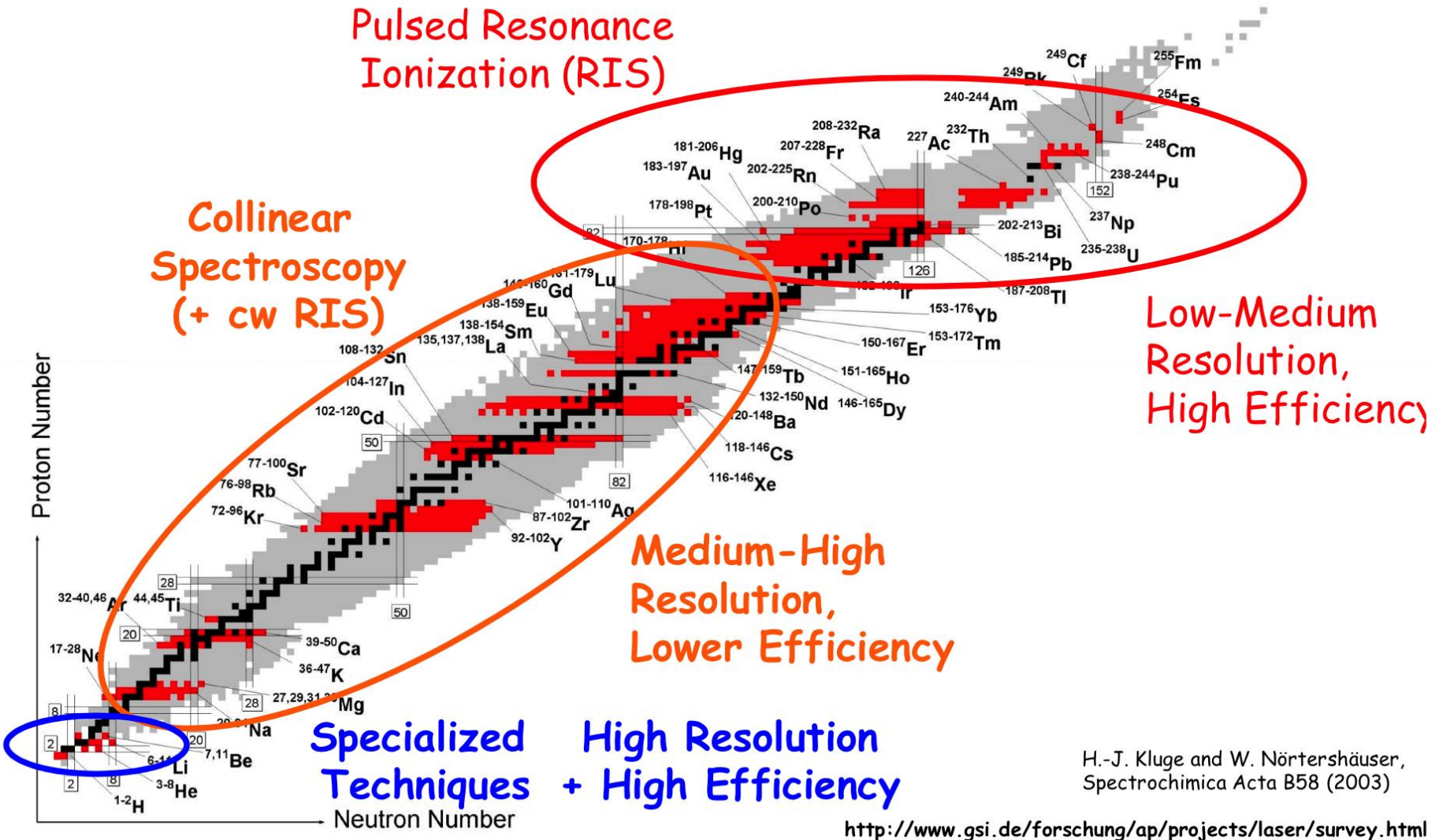
Point nucleus + Finite size of nucleus + Magnetic dipole + Electric quadrupole

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



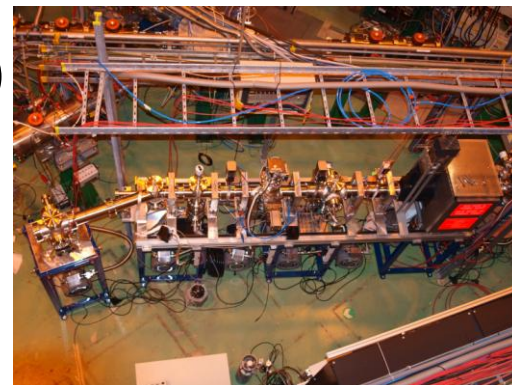
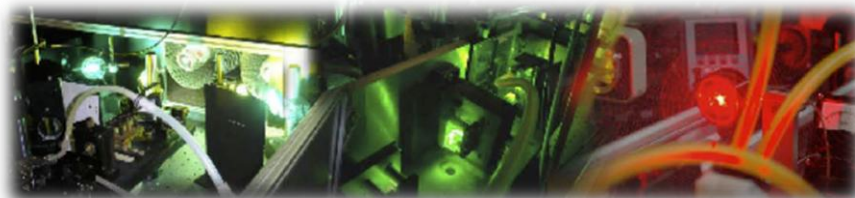
These energy shifts of may be only a **few parts per million** of the energy of an optical atomic transition. Optical techniques provide the sensitivity and precision required to measure these effects.

Various techniques for different parts of the nuclear chart

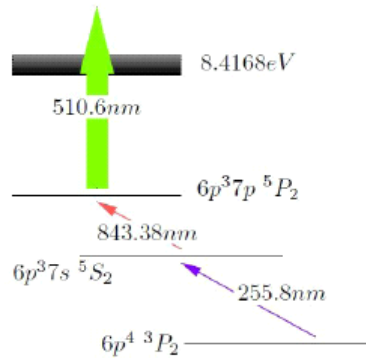
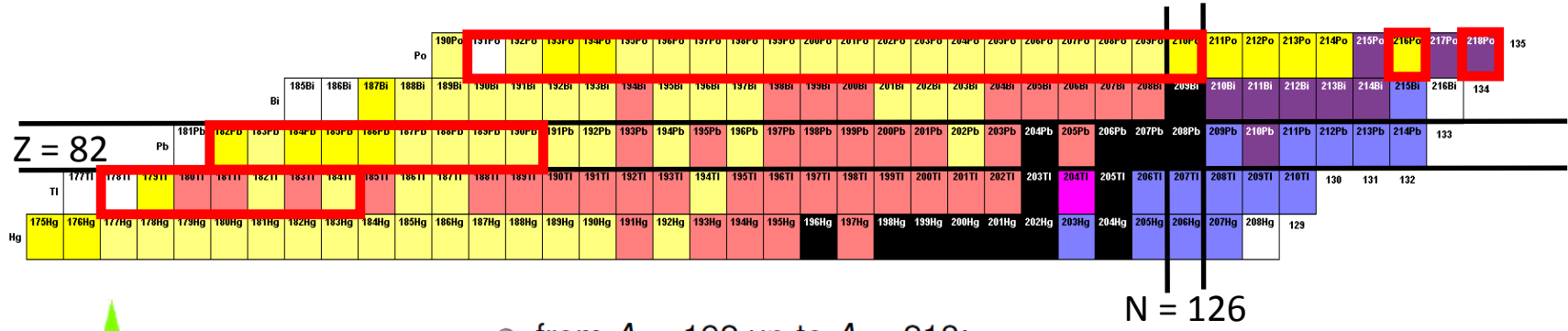


European Laser Spectroscopy Options

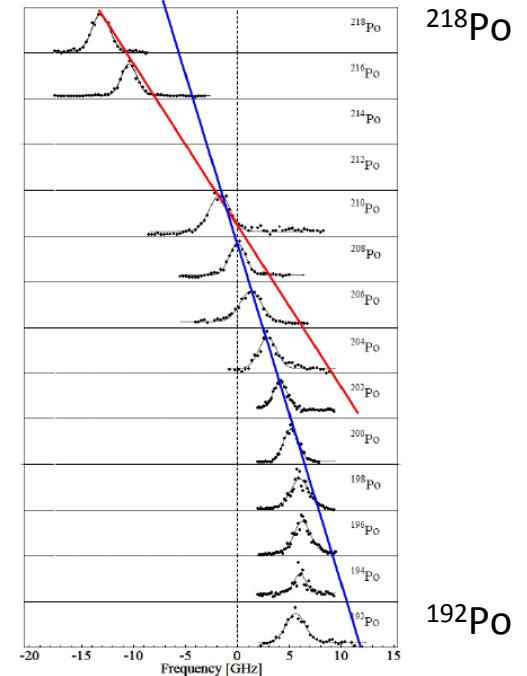
- In-source: RILIS, ALTO
 - Sub 1 atom/s sensitivity
 - Wide range of elements studied (~30 currently accessible)
 - Hot Cavity and associated Doppler broadening
 - Target chemistry and release time dependence
- In-gas cell laser spectroscopy: LISOL, IGISOL
 - Relatively insensitive to chemistry
 - Access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



RILIS laser spectroscopy in the Pb region

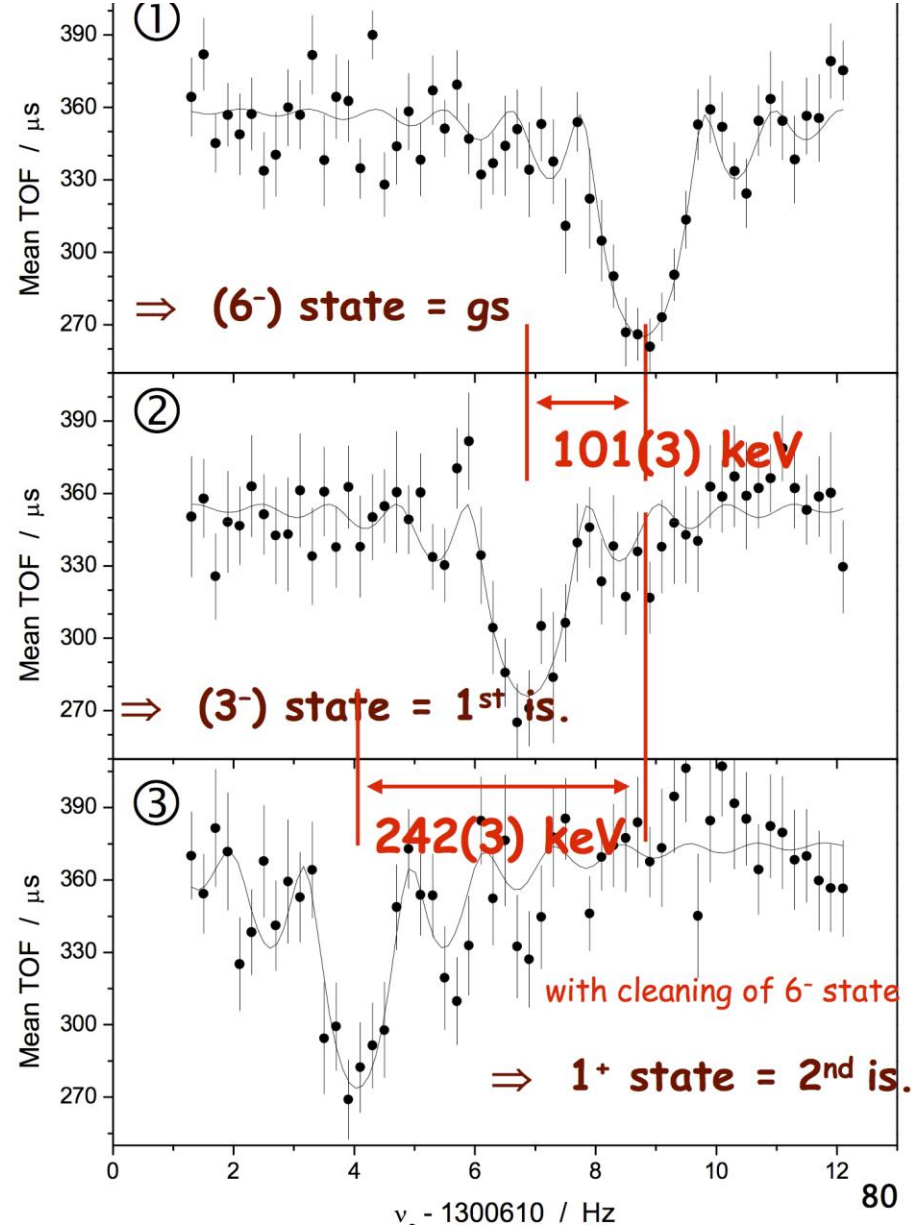
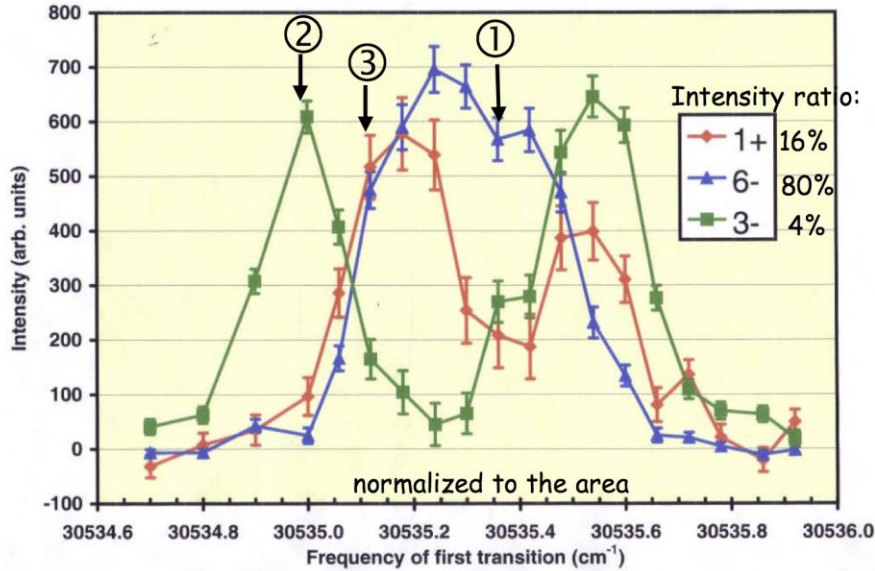


- from $A = 192$ up to $A = 218$;
- from $T_{1/2} = 33$ ms up to $T_{1/2} = 3$ yr;
- from $0.3 \text{ ion}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ to over $10^7 \text{ ion}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$;
- using α , β , γ and ion (FC) counting.

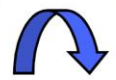


Recent developments for the spectroscopy of At isotopes

Using the Cu HFS for isomer selective ionization



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



Unambiguous state assignment!



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

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

How to improve the isotope 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

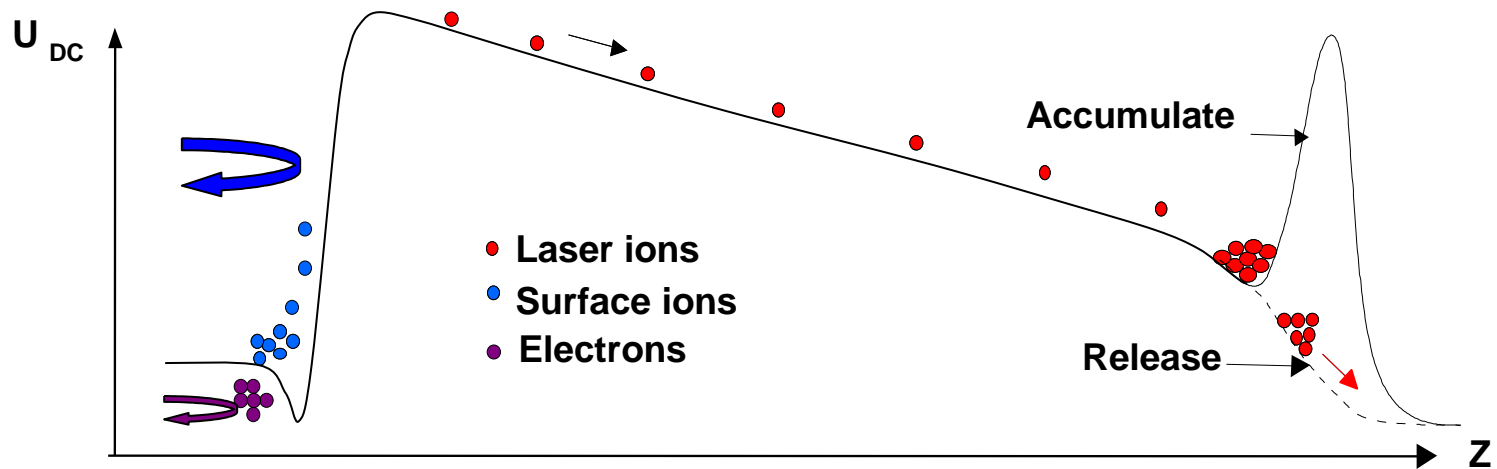
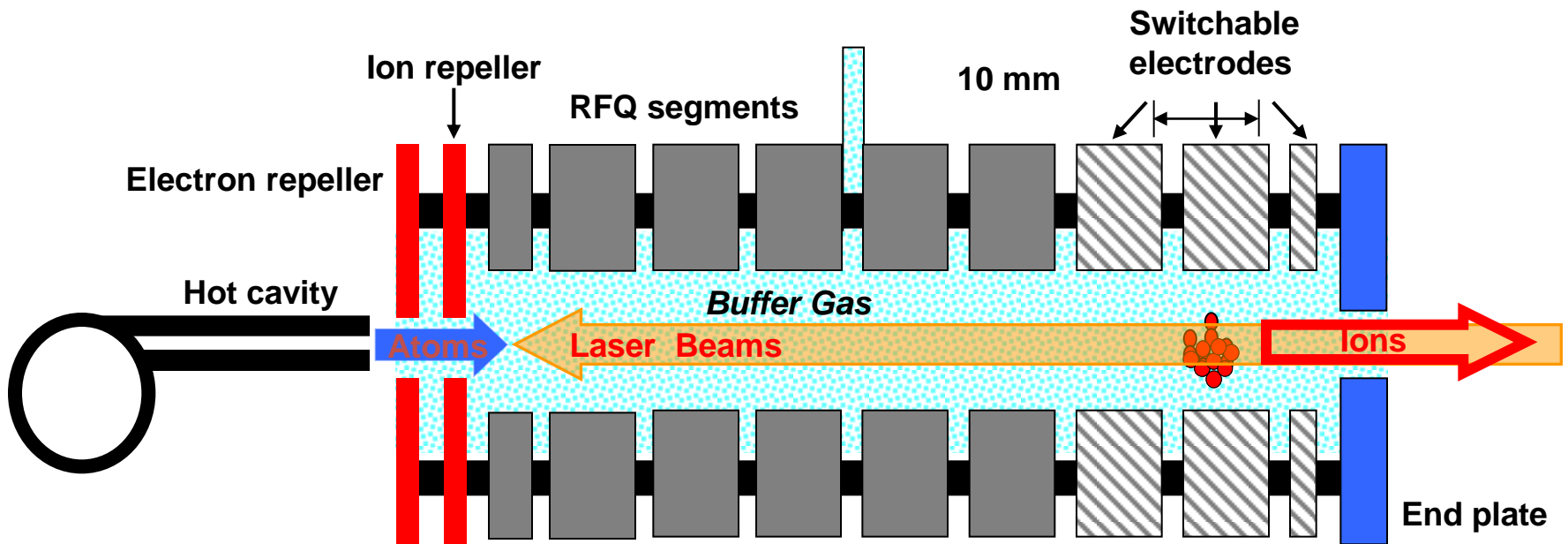
(add chemical selectivity to the effusion process)

Solution 2 – Separate surface ions from laser ions

Repel surface ions before laser ionization

Temporal separation of laser and surface ions

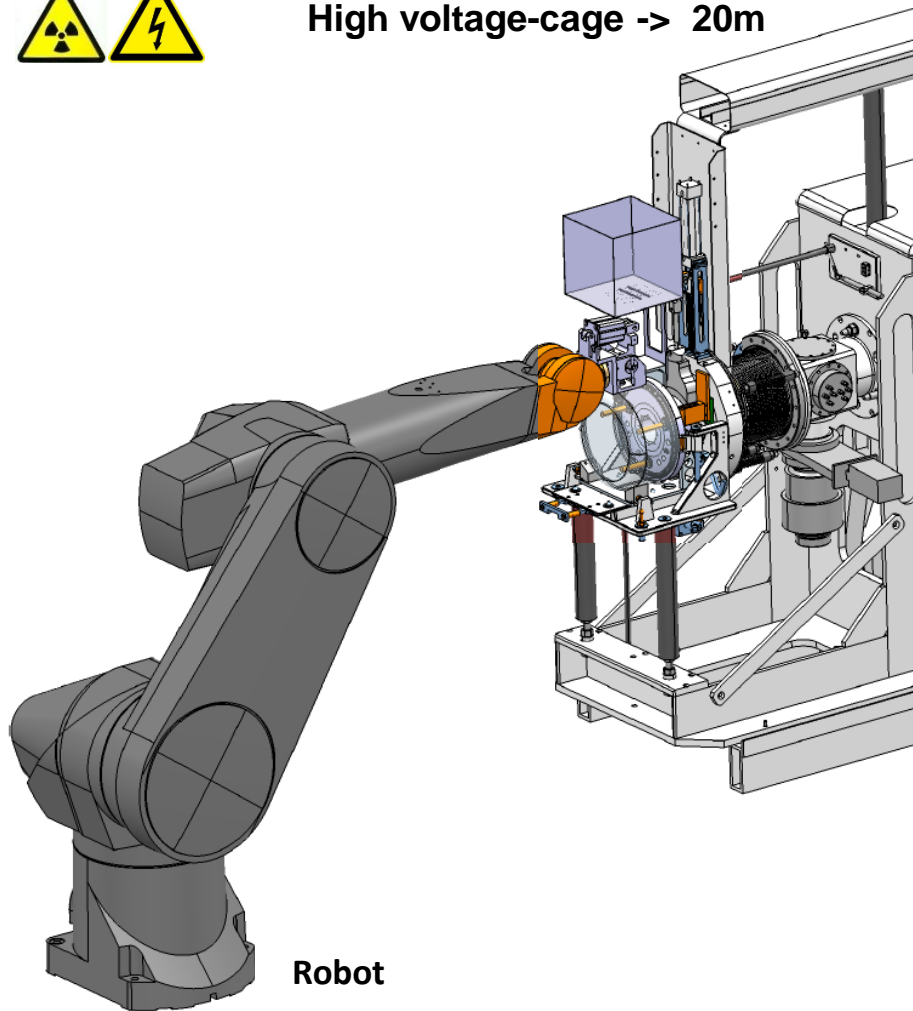
Ideal selective laser ion source? Repeller and trap



Implementation of such a device



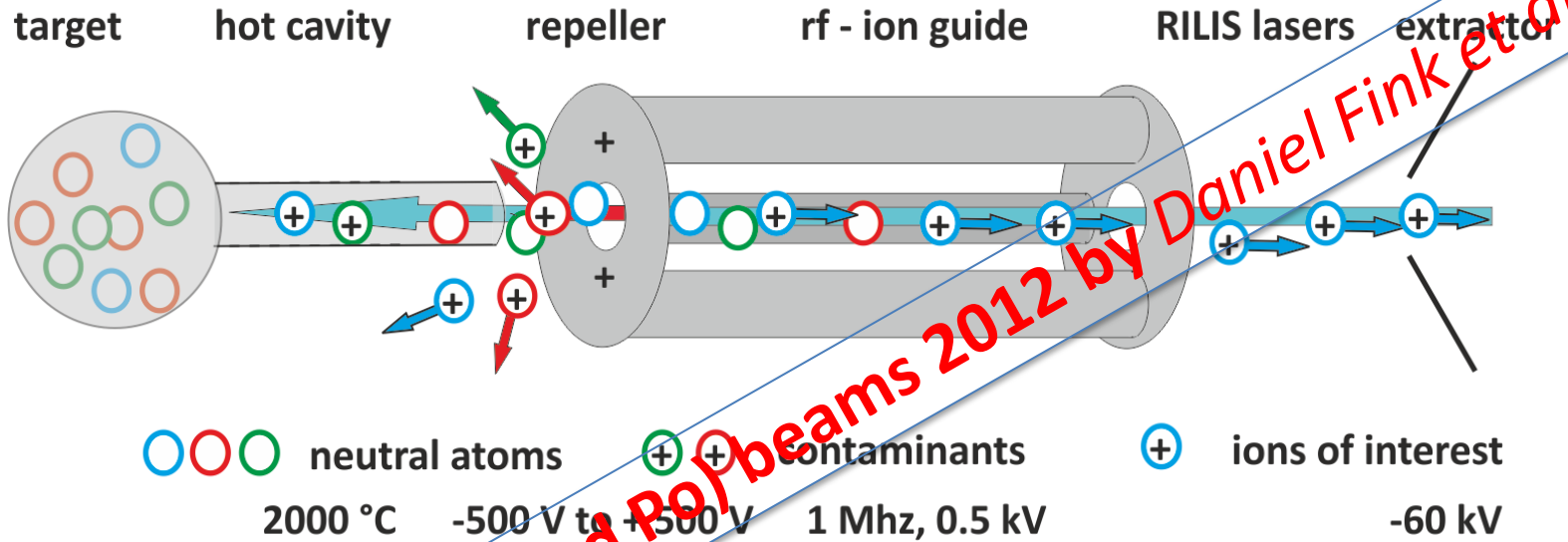
High voltage-cage -> 20m



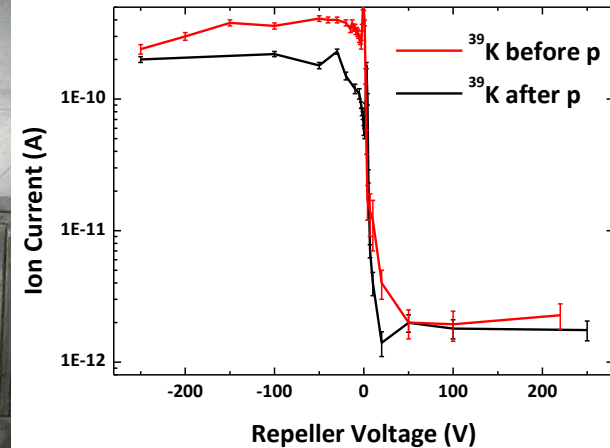
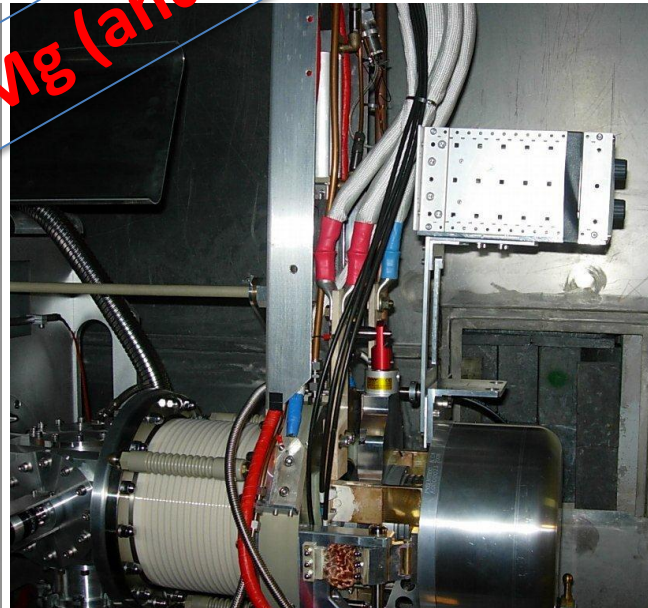
Challenges:

- **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!

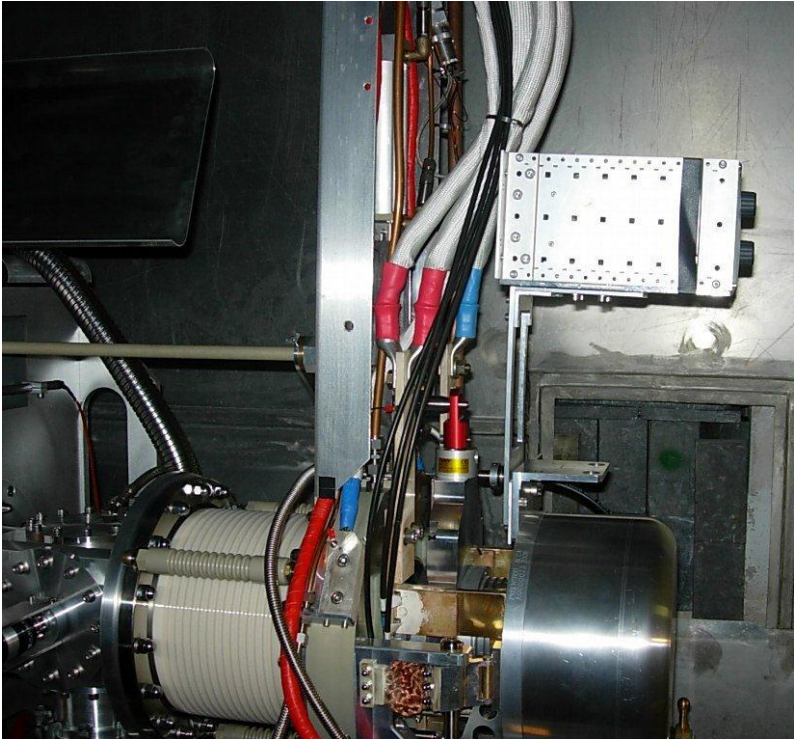
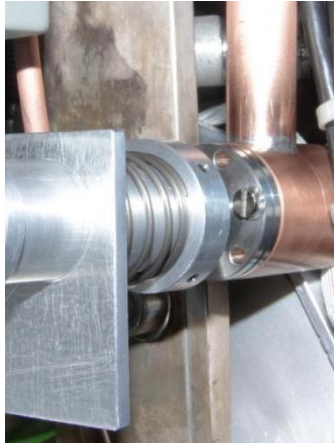
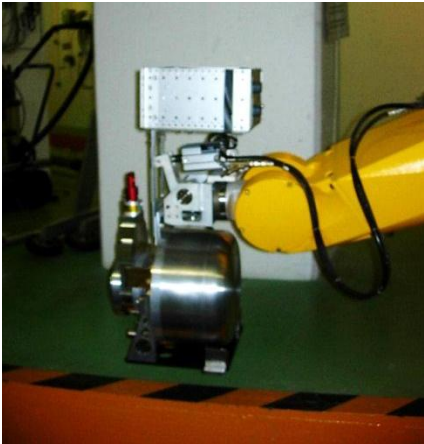


On-line LIST run for Mg (and Po) beams 2012 by Daniel Fink et al!



Daniel Fink - Poster

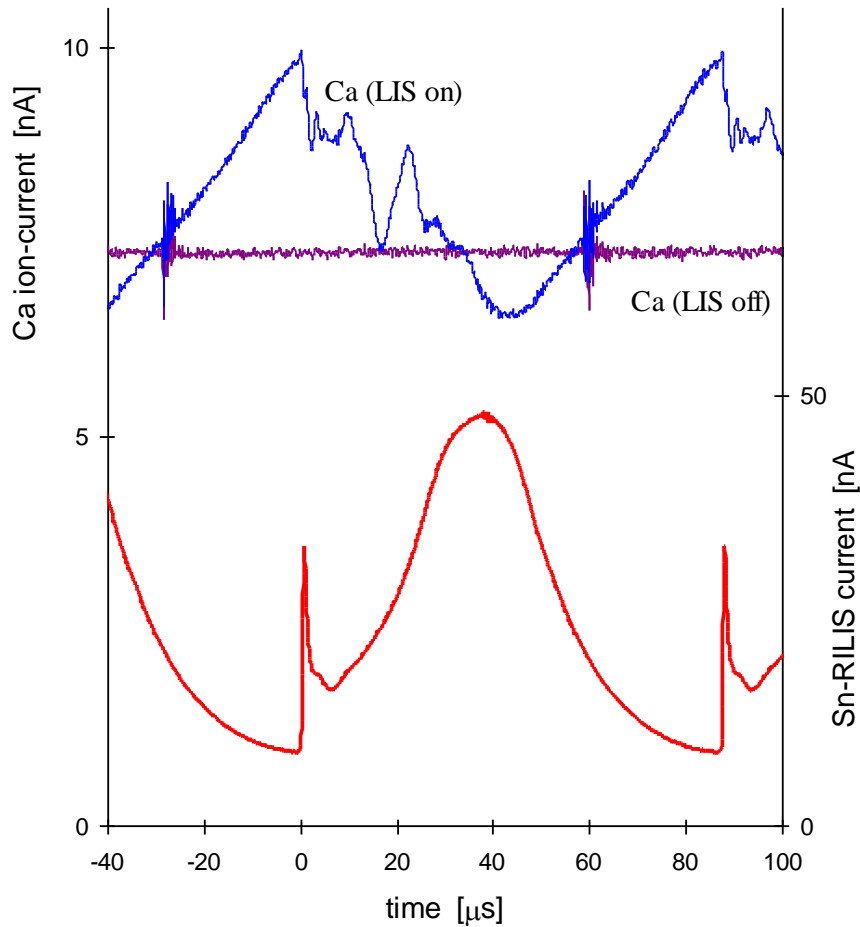
Robot coupling



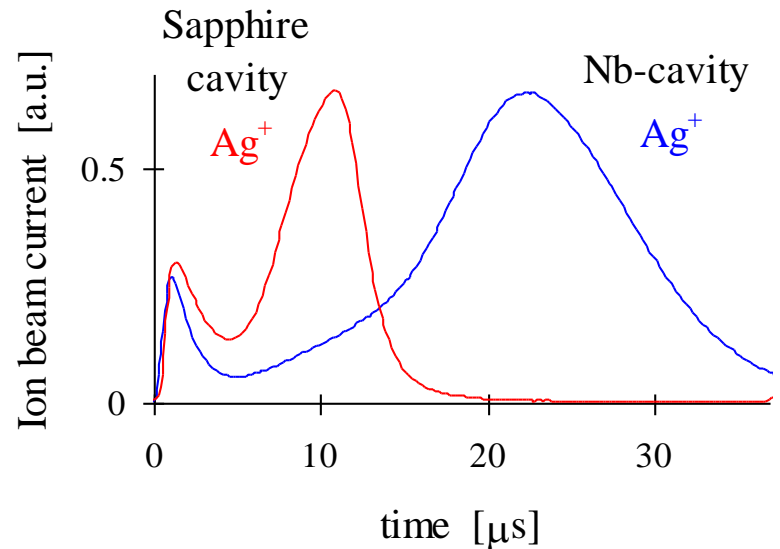
Micro beam gating – selectivity using the laser ion pulse structure

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 → 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

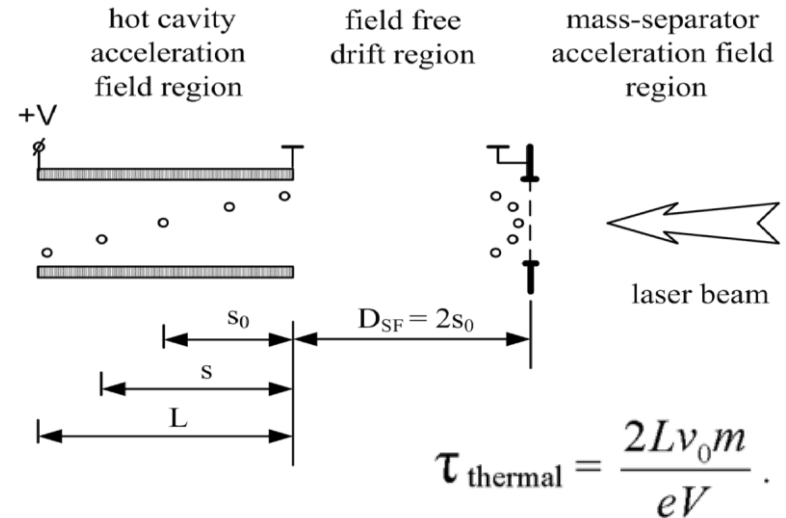
Achieved By Ion Pulse Compression

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 μs half-height duration are detected and 1 μs 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.

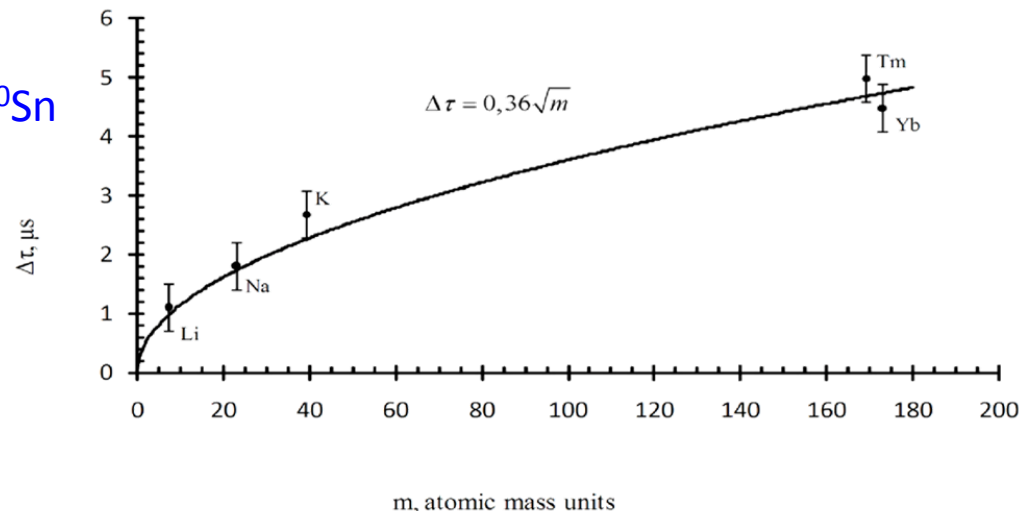


For a 15V cavity potential, $\Delta\tau \approx 3.5 \mu\text{s}$ for ^{100}Sn

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

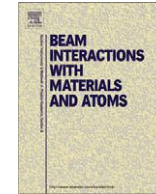
Optimizing the hot cavity materials or transfer line:



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

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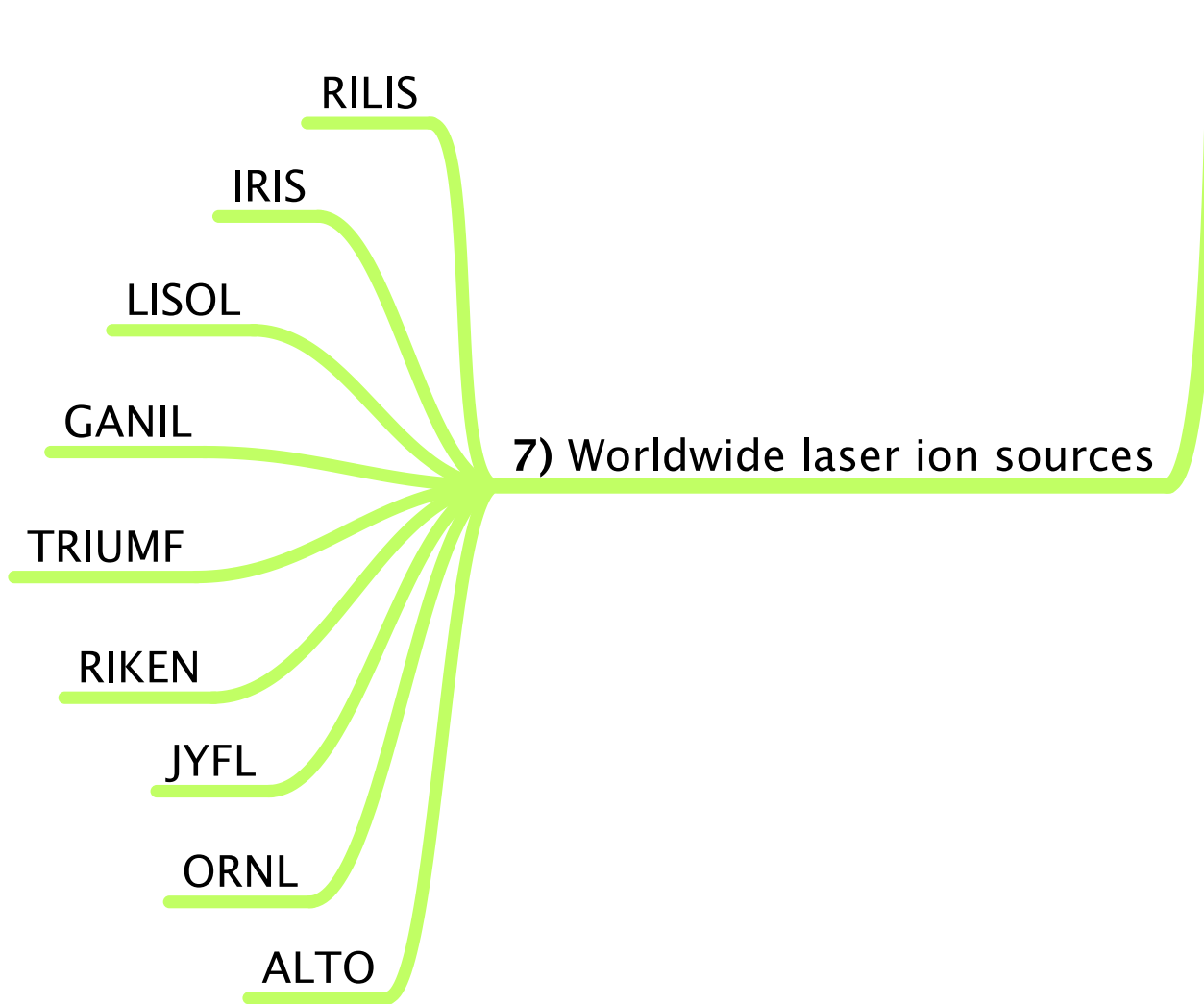
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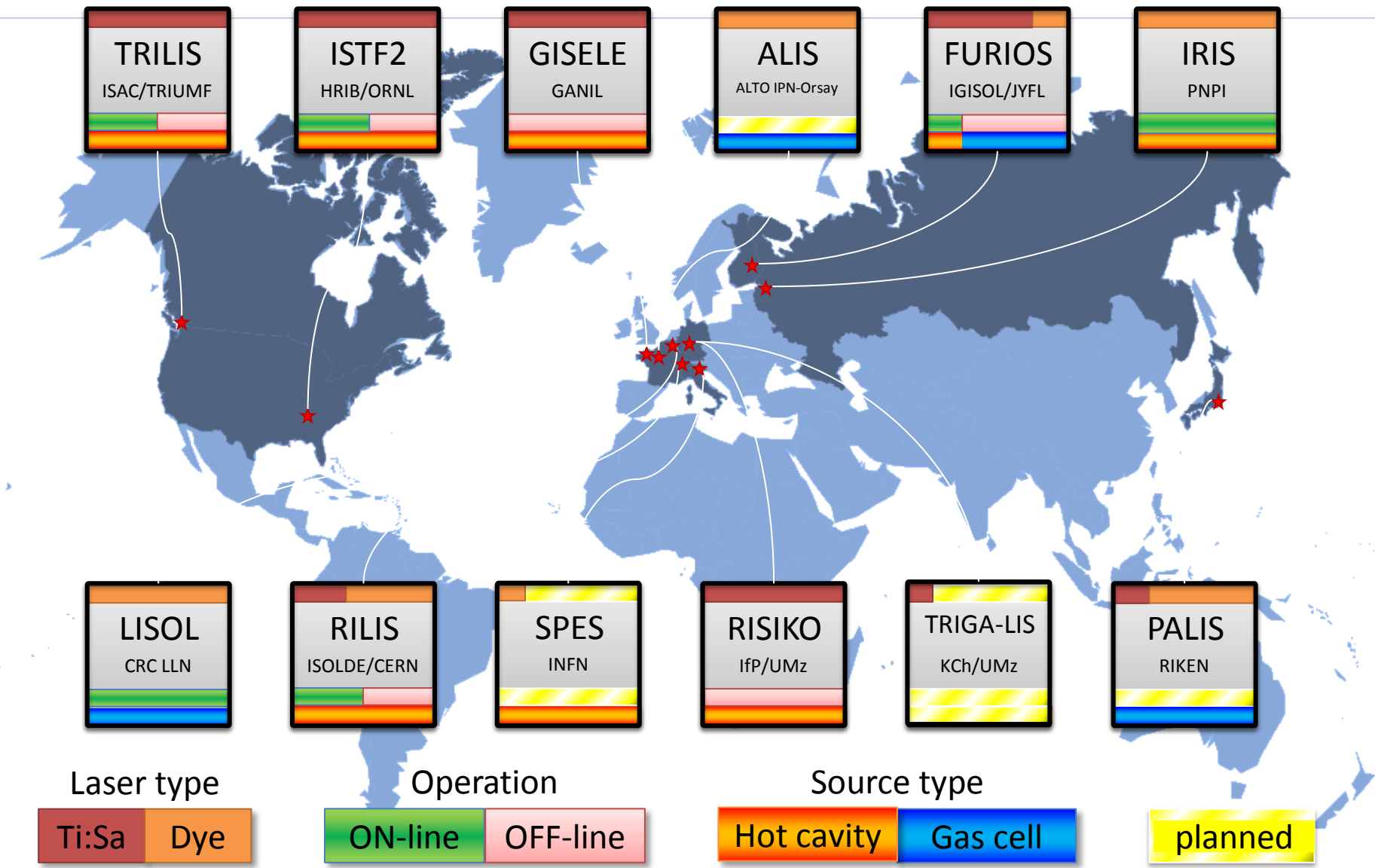
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A) RESONANCE IONIZATION LASER ION SOURCES



Laser Ion Sources Worldwide



Z	Scheme	A	Technique	Facility	Reference	Z	Scheme	A	Technique	Facility	Reference
Li	3 Four-step-C	8, 9 8–11	ABT	UNILAC/GSI ISAC/TRIUMF	Ewald <i>et al</i> 2004 Sánchez <i>et al</i> 2006	Sb	51 Three-step-C	128–138 137–139	HC RILIS	ISOLDE/CERN	Fedosseev <i>et al</i> 2008 Arndt <i>et al</i> 2012
Be	4 Two-step-A Three-step-C Two-step-A	7, 10–12, 14 10–12 9–12	HC RILIS	ISOLDE/CERN ISAC/TRIUMF	Köster <i>et al</i> 1998 Prime <i>et al</i> 2006 Lassen 2011	Te	52 Three-step-C	120, 122–136	ABPL	ISOLDE/CERN	Sifi <i>et al</i> 2006
Mg	12 Three-step-C	23, 27–34 22 21	HC RILIS	ISOLDE/CERN	Köster <i>et al</i> 2003b Mukherjee <i>et al</i> 2004 Krämer <i>et al</i> 2009	Pr	59 Three-step-C	136, 140	HC RILIS	ISOLDE/CERN	Gottberg 2011
Al	13 Three-step-C Three-step-A Two-step-C Two-step-C	21, 23, 27, 28 20, 21, 23–35 26, 28–34 26 26, 28, 29 30–31	HC RILIS	ISOLDE/CERN ISAC/TRIUMF	Lassen <i>et al</i> 2009 Lassen 2011 Köster <i>et al</i> 2003b Prime <i>et al</i> 2006 Lassen <i>et al</i> 2009 Lassen 2011	Nd	60 Three-step-C	132, 134–141 138, 139, 140 138–143, 145 140–143	ABT	IRIS/PNPI	Letokhov <i>et al</i> 1992
Ca	20 Three-step-C	40–42	HC RILIS	ISAC/TRIUMF	Lassen <i>et al</i> 2009 Lassen 2011	Sm	62 Three-step-A	145–150 141–144 155–159 138–145	HC RILIS	ISOLDE/CERN	Gottberg 2011
Mn	25 Three-step-C	40–42	HC RILIS	ISAC/TRIUMF	Lassen <i>et al</i> 2009 Lassen 2011	Eu	63 Three-step-A	145–150 141–144 155–159 138–145	ABT	IRIS/PNPI	Alkhazov <i>et al</i> 1983 Fedoseyev <i>et al</i> 1984 Alkhazov <i>et al</i> 1990a Letokhov <i>et al</i> 1992
Fe	26 Two-step-C	40–42	HC RILIS	ISAC/TRIUMF	Lassen <i>et al</i> 2009 Lassen 2011	Gd	64 Three-step-A	146, 148, 150 143, 145, 146	HC RILIS ABT HC RILIS	IRIS/PNPI	Barzakh <i>et al</i> 2004 Alkhazov <i>et al</i> 1988 Barzakh <i>et al</i> 2005
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Resonance laser ionization of atoms for nuclear physics

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		107m, 122–129 101–108, 110–129	HC RILIS	ISAC/TRIUMF	Kratz <i>et al</i> 1998 Fedoseyev <i>et al</i> 2000			184–203, 205, 209–215 183, 203, 215			Köster 2002b Köster <i>et al</i> 2003b
	Three-step-C	129–130 98–107, 109–117			Kratz <i>et al</i> 2005 Lassen <i>et al</i> 2009	Bi	83 Three-step-C	182–190 188–208, 210–218	HC RILIS	ISOLDE/CERN	Seliverstov <i>et al</i> 2006
	Two-step-C	97–101	GC RILIS	LISOL/LLN	Darby (to be published)	Po	84 Three-step-C	193–198, 200, 202, 204 192–210, 216, 218 (even) 191–203, 209, 211 (odd)	HC RILIS	ISOLDE/CERN	Köster <i>et al</i> 2003b Cocolios <i>et al</i> 2008 Cocolios <i>et al</i> 2011
Cd	48 Three-step-C	131, 132 98–105, 107, 109, 111, 115, 117–132 129–133	HC RILIS	ISOLDE/CERN	Hannawald <i>et al</i> 2000 Köster <i>et al</i> 2003b Kratz <i>et al</i> 2005	At	85 Three-step-C Two-step-C Three-step-C Three-step-R	197–202 193–205, 217 205	HC RILIS	ISAC/TRIUMF ISOLDE/CERN	Seliverstov <i>et al</i> 2012 Lassen 2011 Rothe <i>et al</i> 2012
In	49 Two-step-C	100–108 132–135	HC RILIS	ISOLDE/CERN	Köster 2002a Dillmann <i>et al</i> 2002 Lassen 2011	Fr	87 Two-step-C Two-step-R	221 221	HC RILIS	ISAS ^a , Troitsk	Andreev <i>et al</i> 1986b Andreev <i>et al</i> 1987
Sn	50 Three-step-A	101–103, 108 109–111, 113, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125–137 136–138 105–110, 113, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 128–138 125–132	HC RILIS	ISOLDE/CERN	Fedoseyev <i>et al</i> 1995a Fedoseyev <i>et al</i> 2000 Walters <i>et al</i> 2005 Köster <i>et al</i> 2008 Le Blanc <i>et al</i> 2002	Ac	89 Two-step-A	212, 213 225	GC RILIS HC RILIS	LISOL/LLN ISAC/TRIUMF	to be published Lassen 2011
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IRIS (Investigation of Radioactive Isotopes on Synchrocyclotron) at
PNPI (Petersburg Nuclear Physics Institute)

Gatchina, Russia

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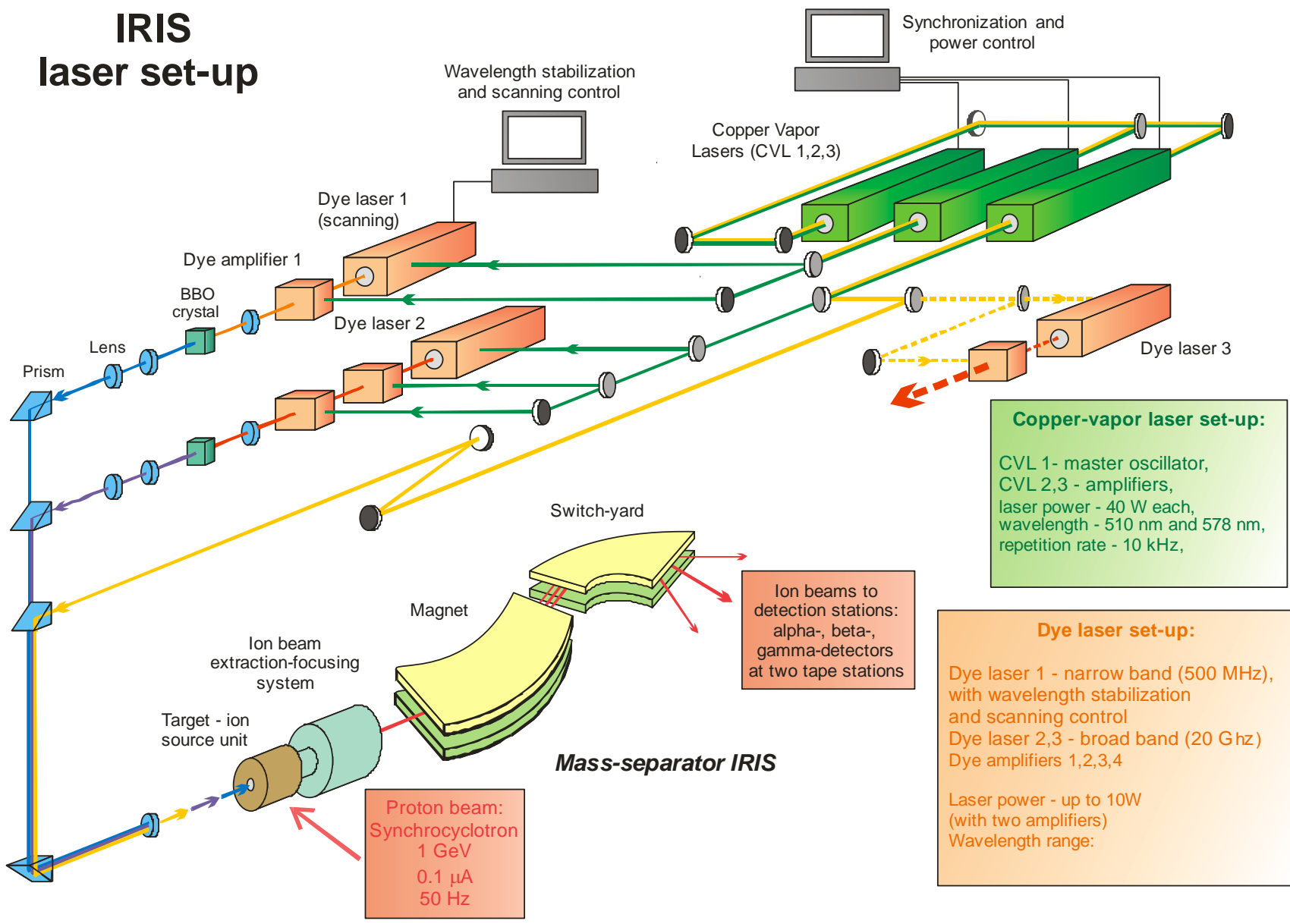
LIS (Laser Ion Source) – method of laser ionization in a hot metal cavity - invented and firstly applied at IRIS [1,2]

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

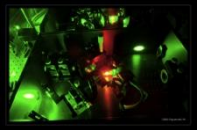


Copper-vapor laser set-up:
 CVL 1- master oscillator,
 CVL 2,3 - amplifiers,
 laser power - 40 W each,
 wavelength - 510 nm and 578 nm,
 repetition rate - 10 kHz,

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:

Proton beam:
 Synchrocyclotron
 1 GeV
 0.1 μ A
 50 Hz

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

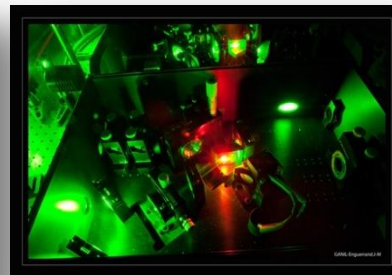
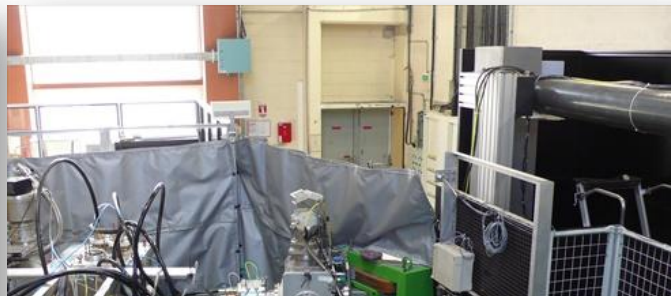
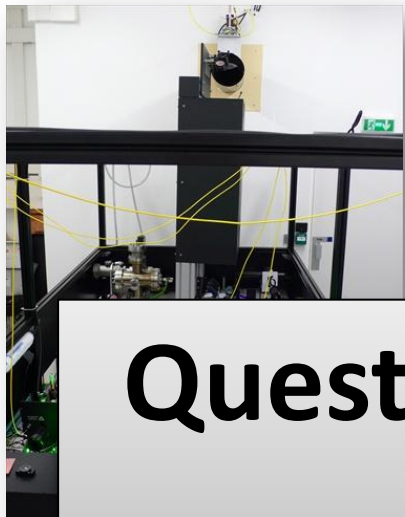


NEW GISELE @ GANIL



GANIL Ion Source using Electron Laser Excitation

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

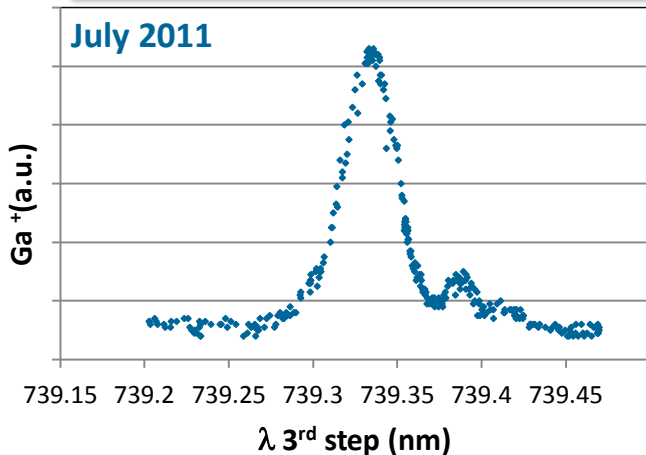


3 TiSa cavities from TRIUMF

Questions? Ask Nathalie Lecesne or Marica Sjodin!

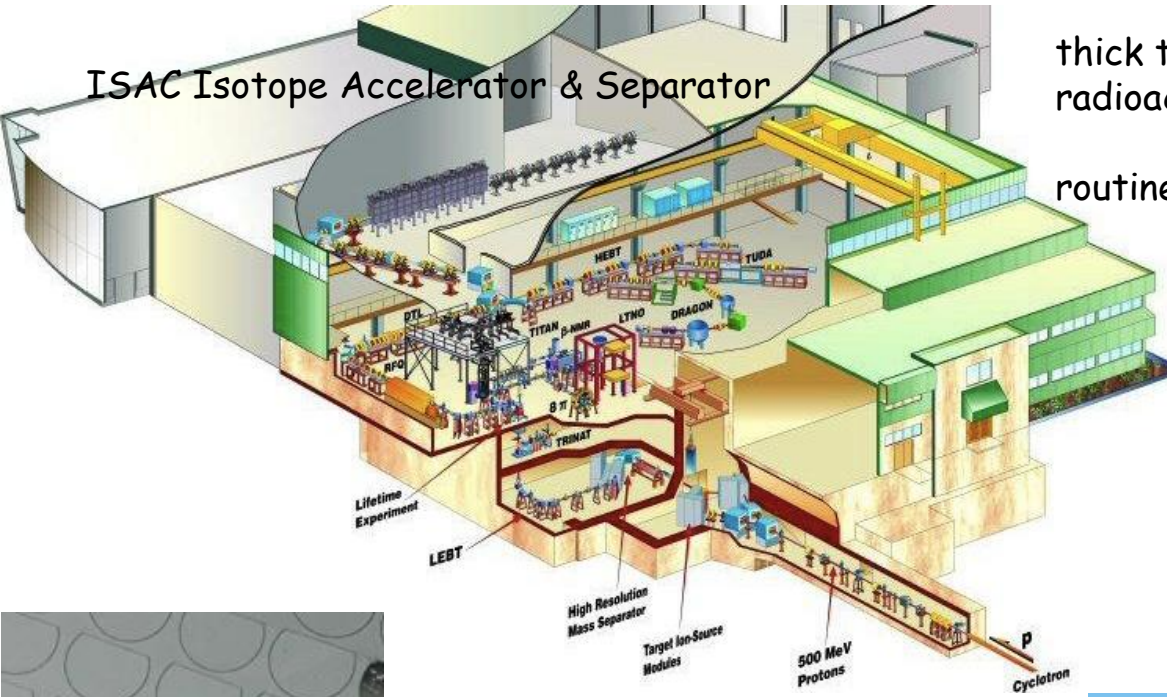
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July 2011



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

ISAC Isotope Accelerator & Separator



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)

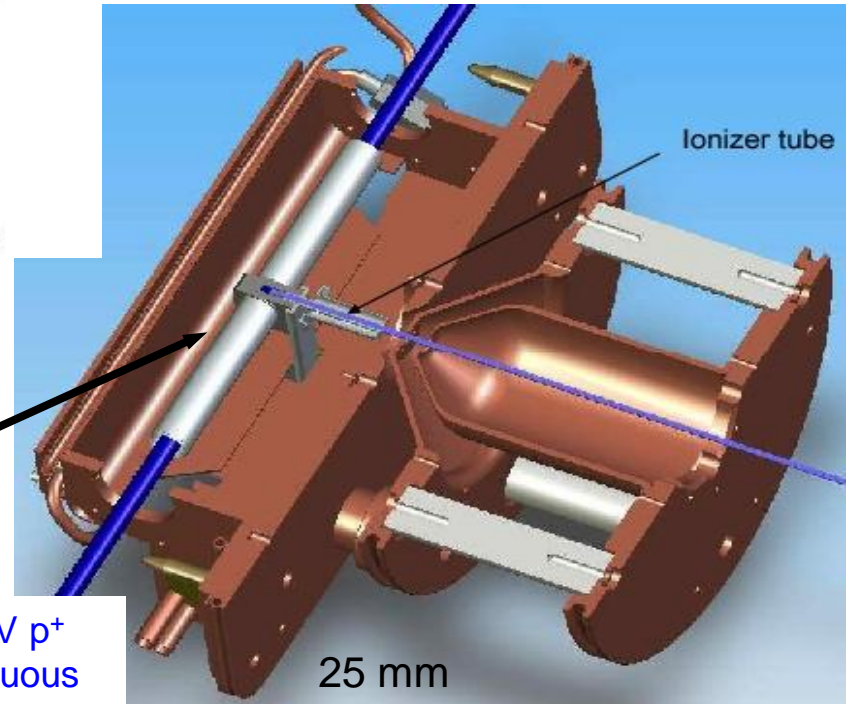


carbide etc. targets

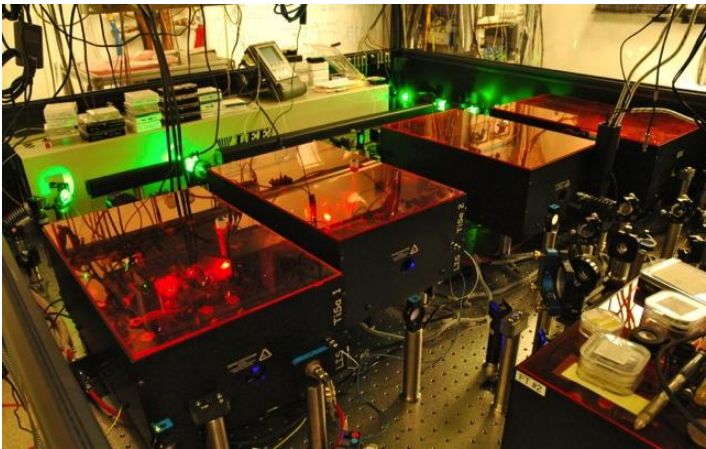


metal foil targets

target



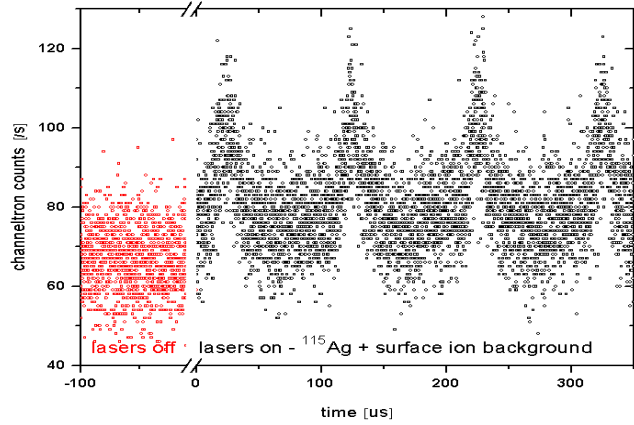
500 MeV p^+
continuous



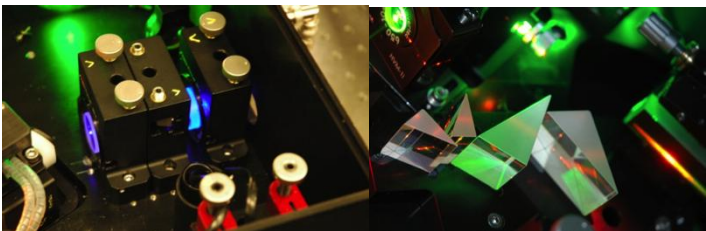
TiSa laser specifications:
Repetition rate 10 kHz

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

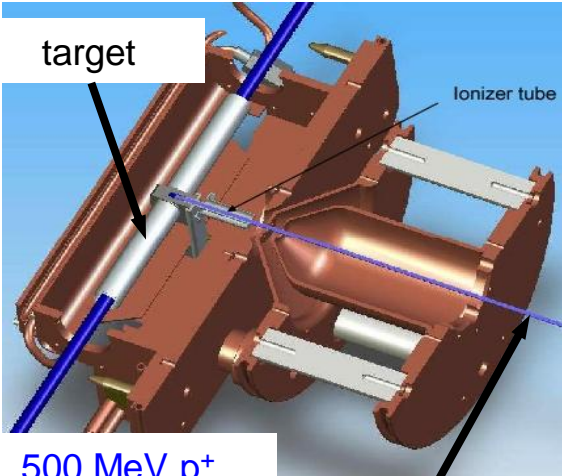
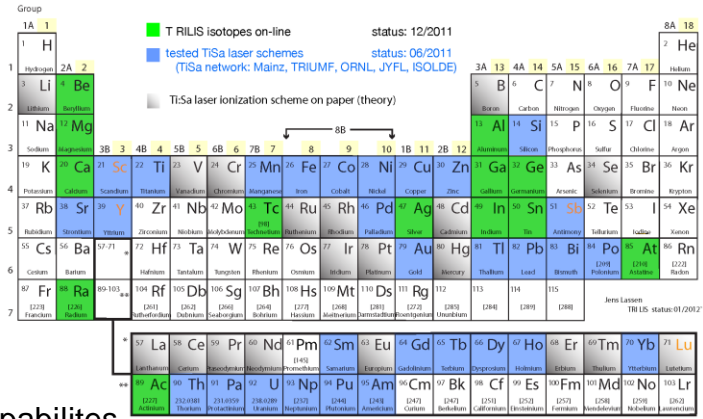
- Tuning range
- BRF TiSa 300 GHz
 - Grating TiSa 135 THz



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



- Spatial beam quality $M^2 < 1.2$
- Spectral bandwidth 3–5 GHz
- Temporal pulse duration 30–50 ns

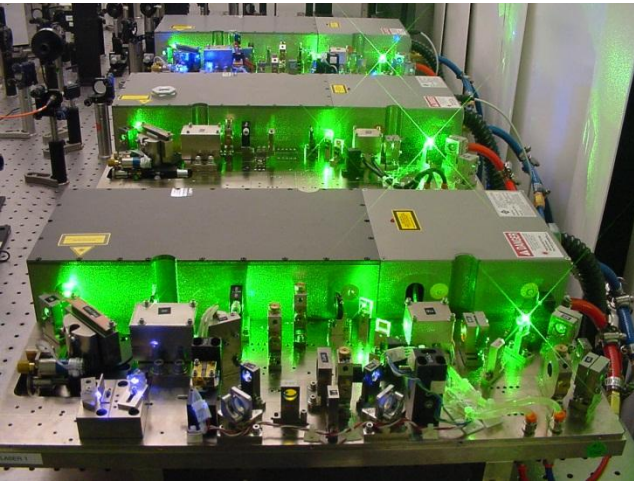


- Operational:**
- (2004) TiSa laser based RILIS: 1st on-line beams
 - (2009) full off-line beam development capabilities
 - (2010) NSERC funded “in-source laser spectroscopy program”
 - (2011) 1st schedule with above 50% beamtime by T RILIS
 - T RILIS laser operation with GHz/wk stability
- Development:**
- (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

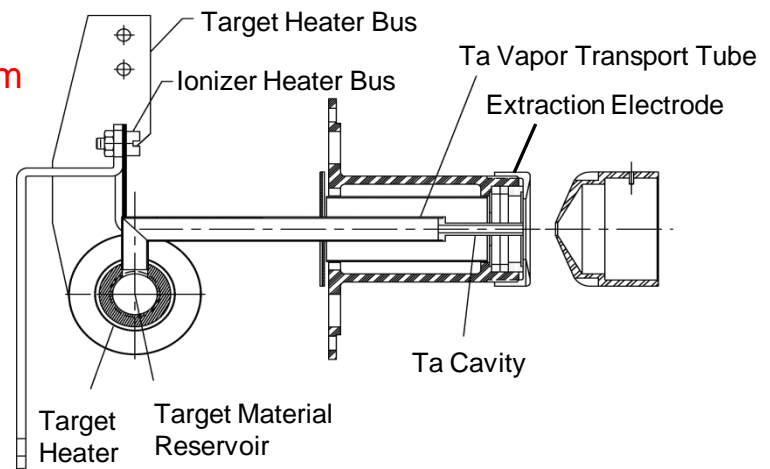


Ti:Sapphire Laser System



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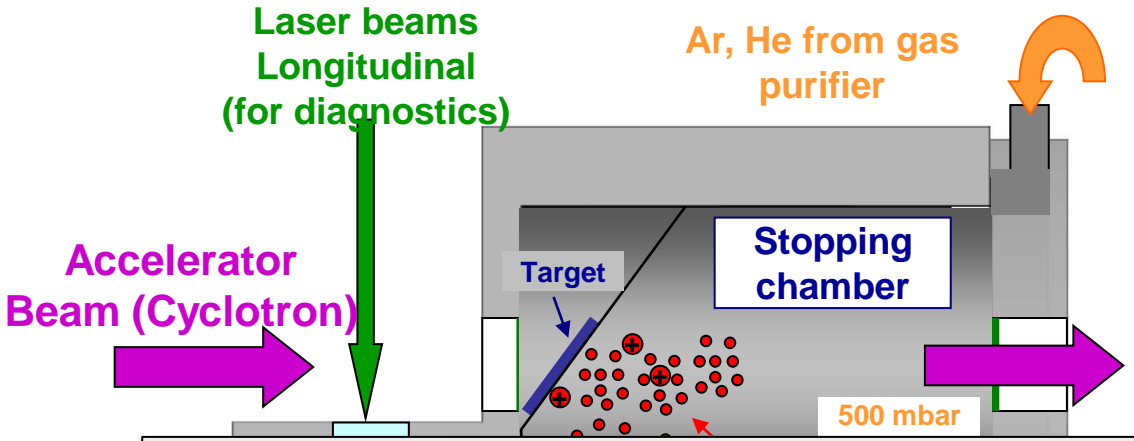
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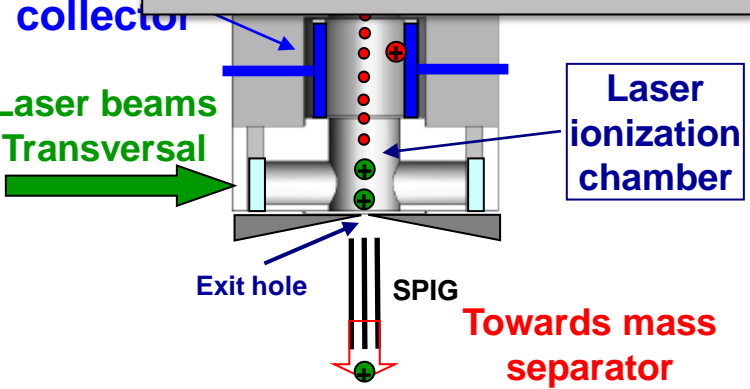
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Leuven Isotope Separator On-Line (LISOL) Laser Ion Source



- 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

Questions? Ask Rafael Ferrer!



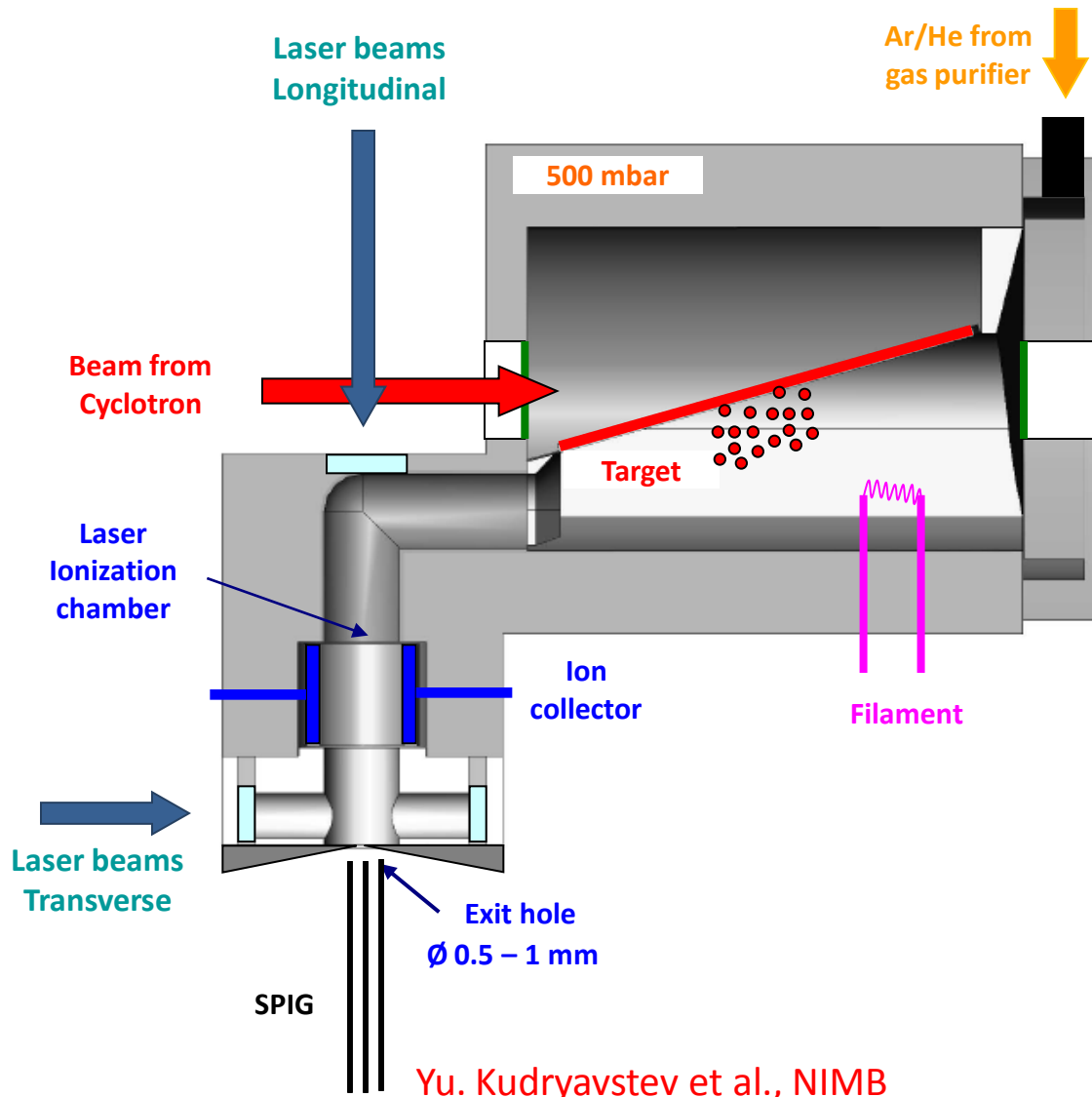
Laser system consists of two excimer-pumped dye lasers
 Tunable range: 205 - 900 nm
 Repetition rate: 200 Hz
 80% of all elements can be ionized using LISOL laser system

- 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)

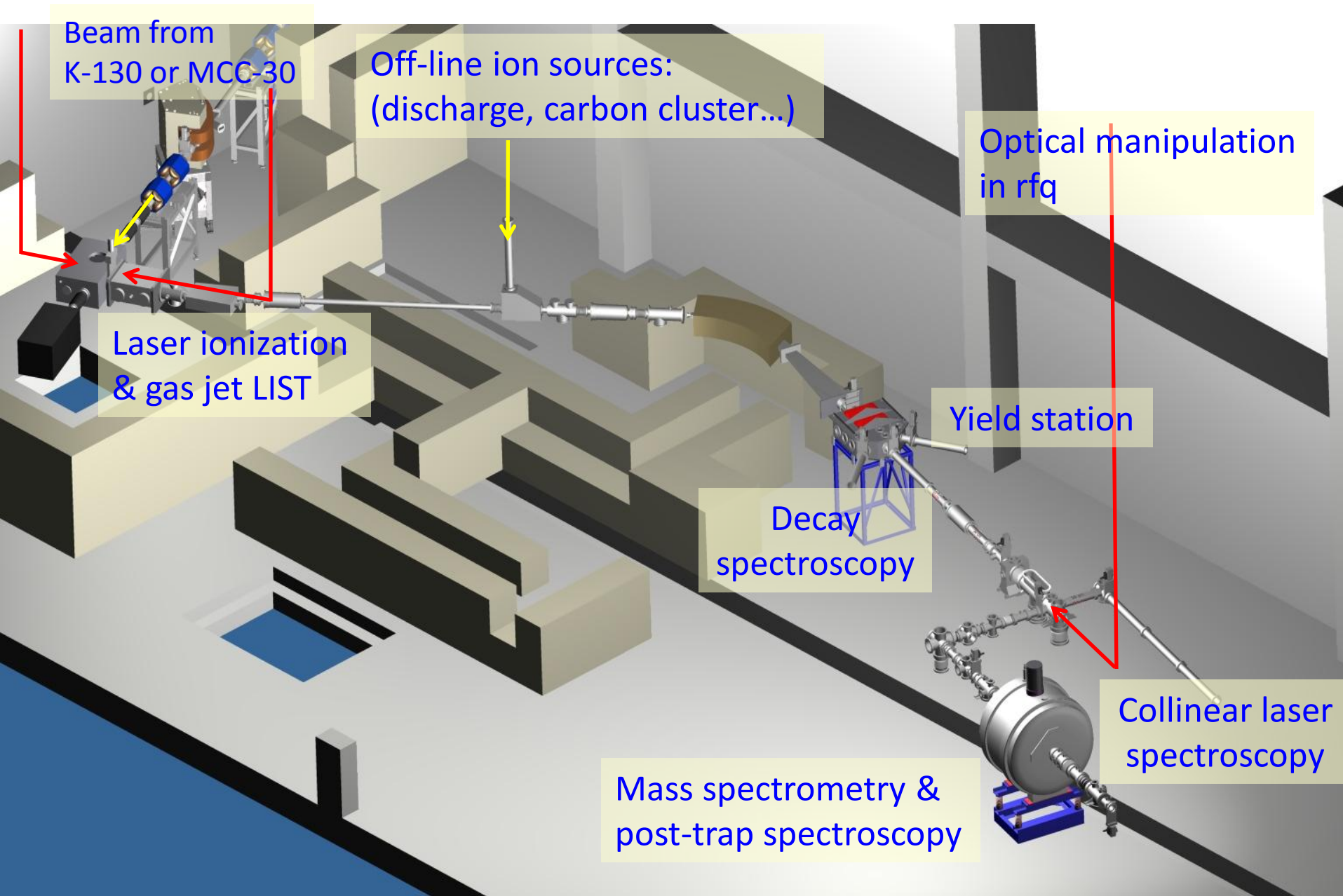
Selectivity (^{94}Rh):

Laser(ON)/Laser(OFF)

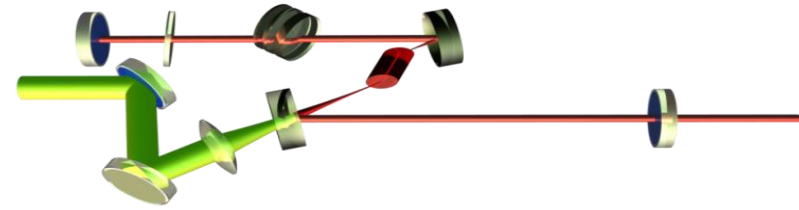
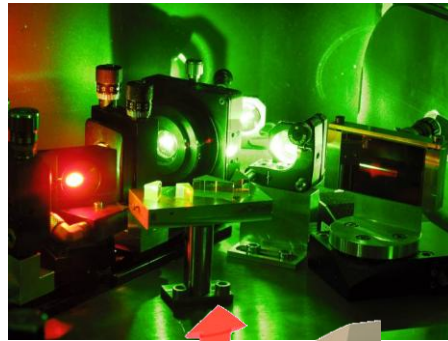
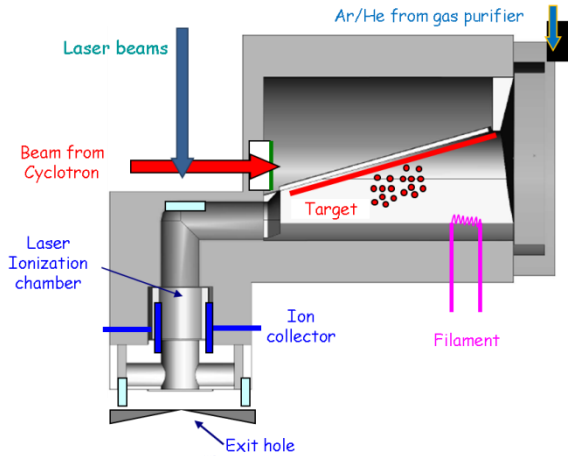
Ion Collector OFF = 450

Ion Collector ON = 2200

IGISOL-4: overview of facility in 2012



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

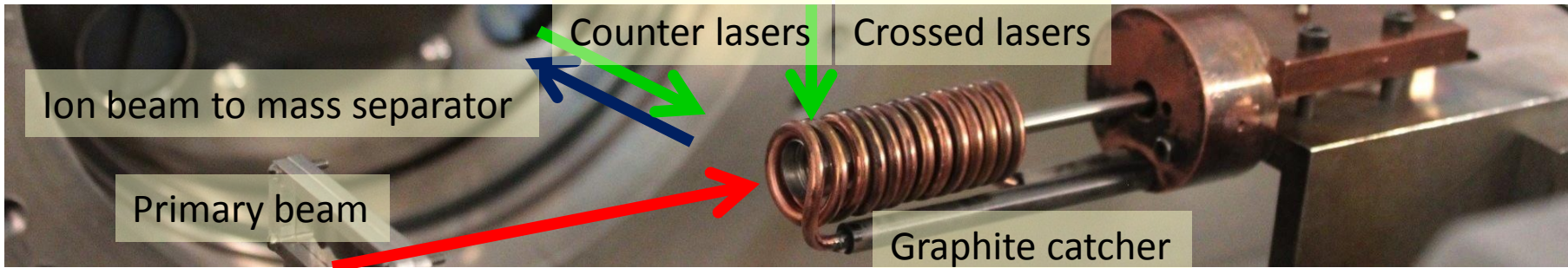


- 3 × Ti:Sa lasers pumped by Nd:YAG (10 kHz)
- 1 × grating based Ti:sa laser (for continuous wavelength selection)
- 1 × pulsed dye laser pumped by copper vapour laser
- In 2012: development of narrow-bandwidth Ti:Sa system

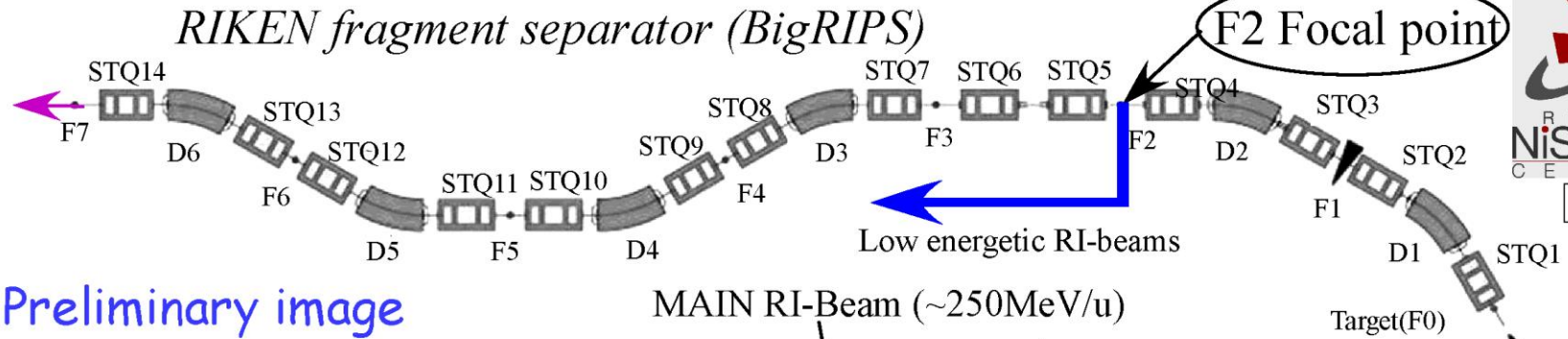
Laser Ion Source (Trap)

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

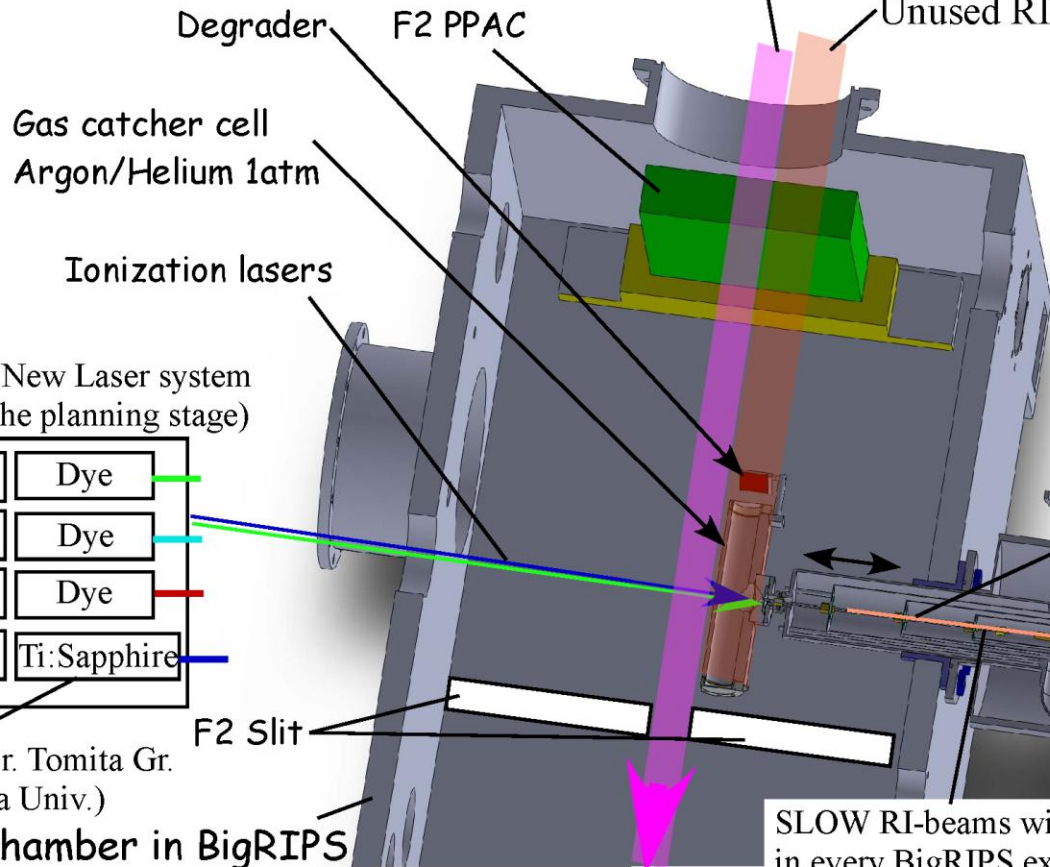
RF hot cavity • Developments towards ^{94m}Ag (21^+)



PARasitic Laser Ion-Source (PALIS) at SLOWRI RIKEN



Preliminary image

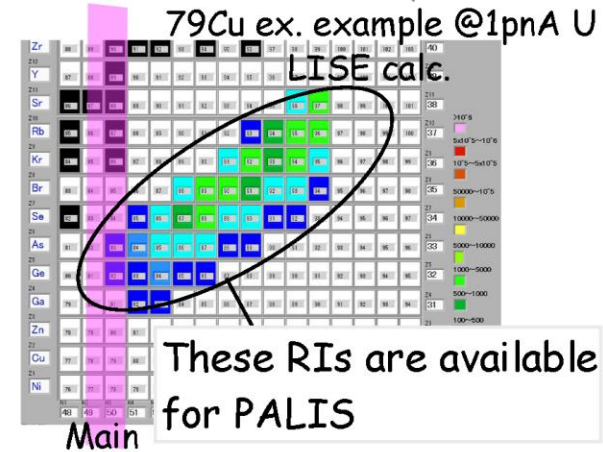


PALIS New Laser system (be in the planning stage)

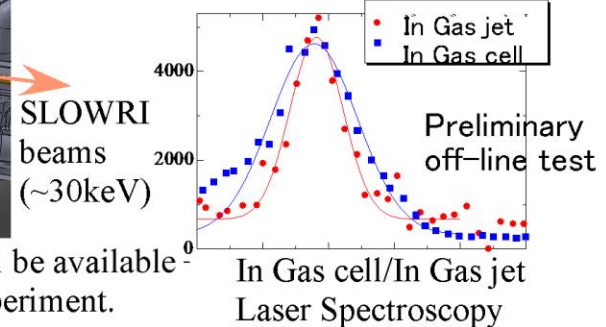
308	Dye	—
355	Dye	—
532	Dye	—
YLF	Ti:Sapphire	—

From Dr. Tomita Gr. (Nagoya Univ.)

F2 chamber in BigRIPS

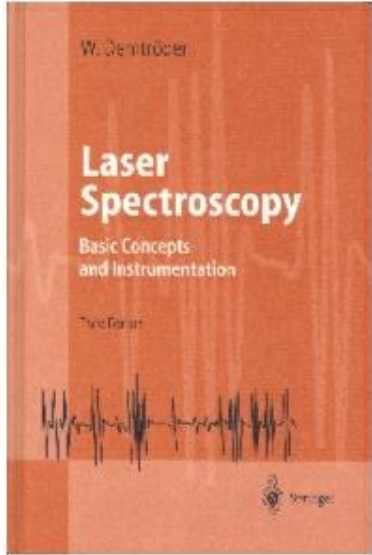


New differential pumping method (fast evacuation & extraction for short-lived nuclei)



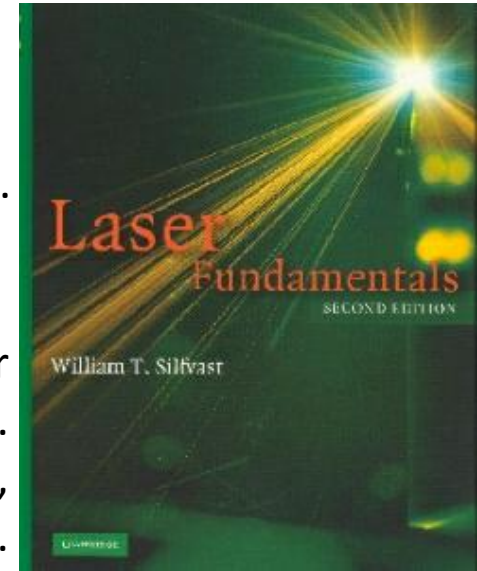
SLOW RI-beams will be available in every BigRIPS experiment.

Recommended reading for further information



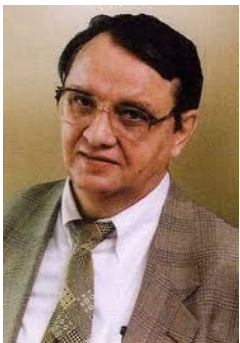
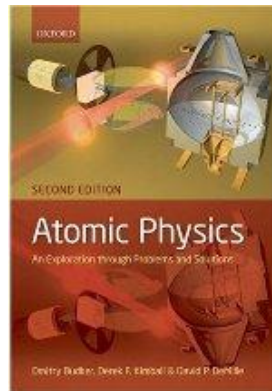
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Introduction to study task: *Ionization scheme development*

Consider two RILIS laser installations (**A** and **B**) located at different RIB facilities. For each installation choose a suitable element from the list provided and build up a feasible (preferably optimal) laser ionization scheme using the atomic spectral line databases that are available online:

R. L. Kurucz database: <http://www.cfa.harvard.edu/amp/ampdata/kurucz23/sekur.html>

NIST database: http://physics.nist.gov/PhysRefData/ASD/lines_form.html

Hf, Re, Kr, Rn, Rb, Na, Gd, Cr, Ge, Pd

Choose **2 different** elements (one for each facility).

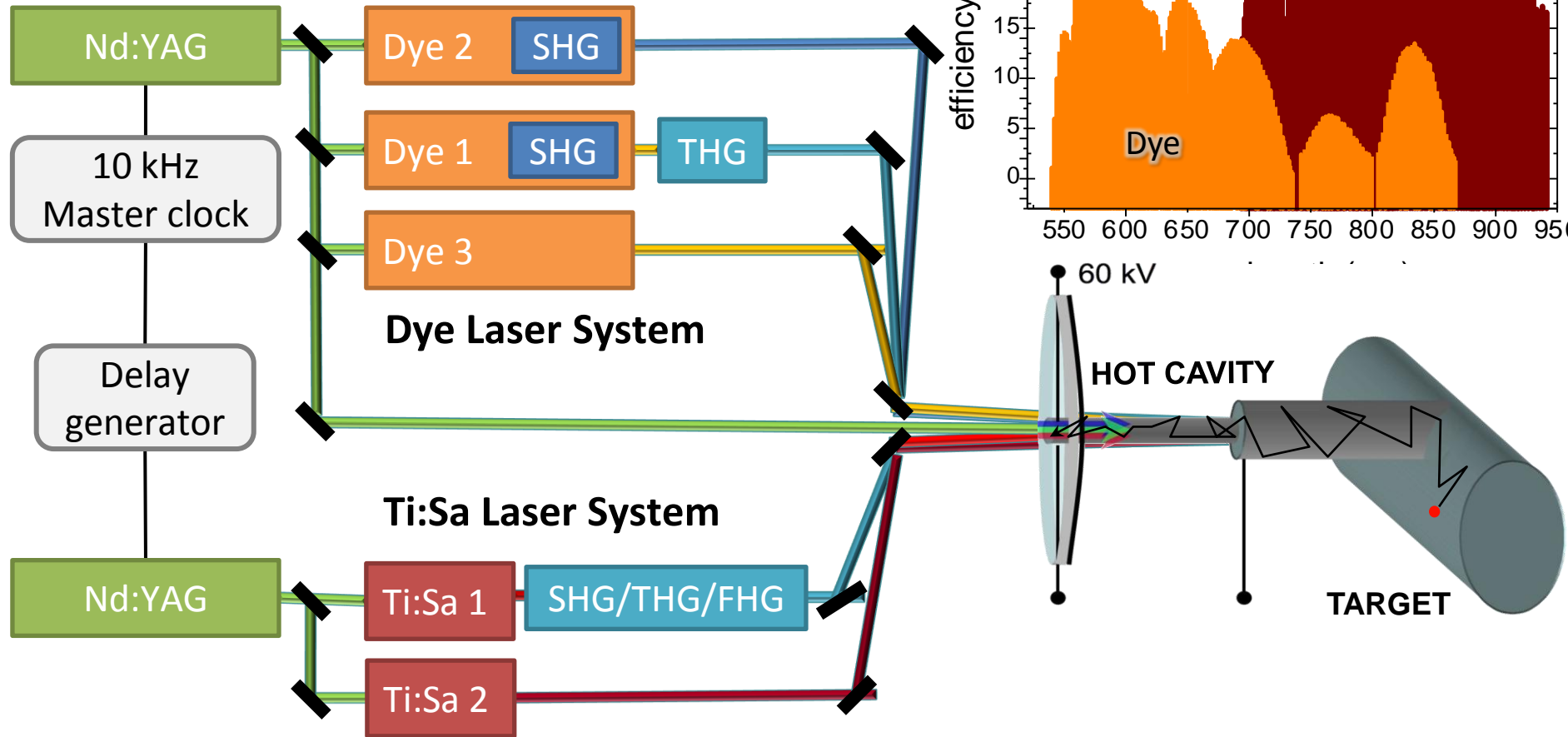
You need to choose a suitable element for the particular facility and laser capabilities:

Vapor pressures; release from target?; other ionization mechanisms; ionization potentials

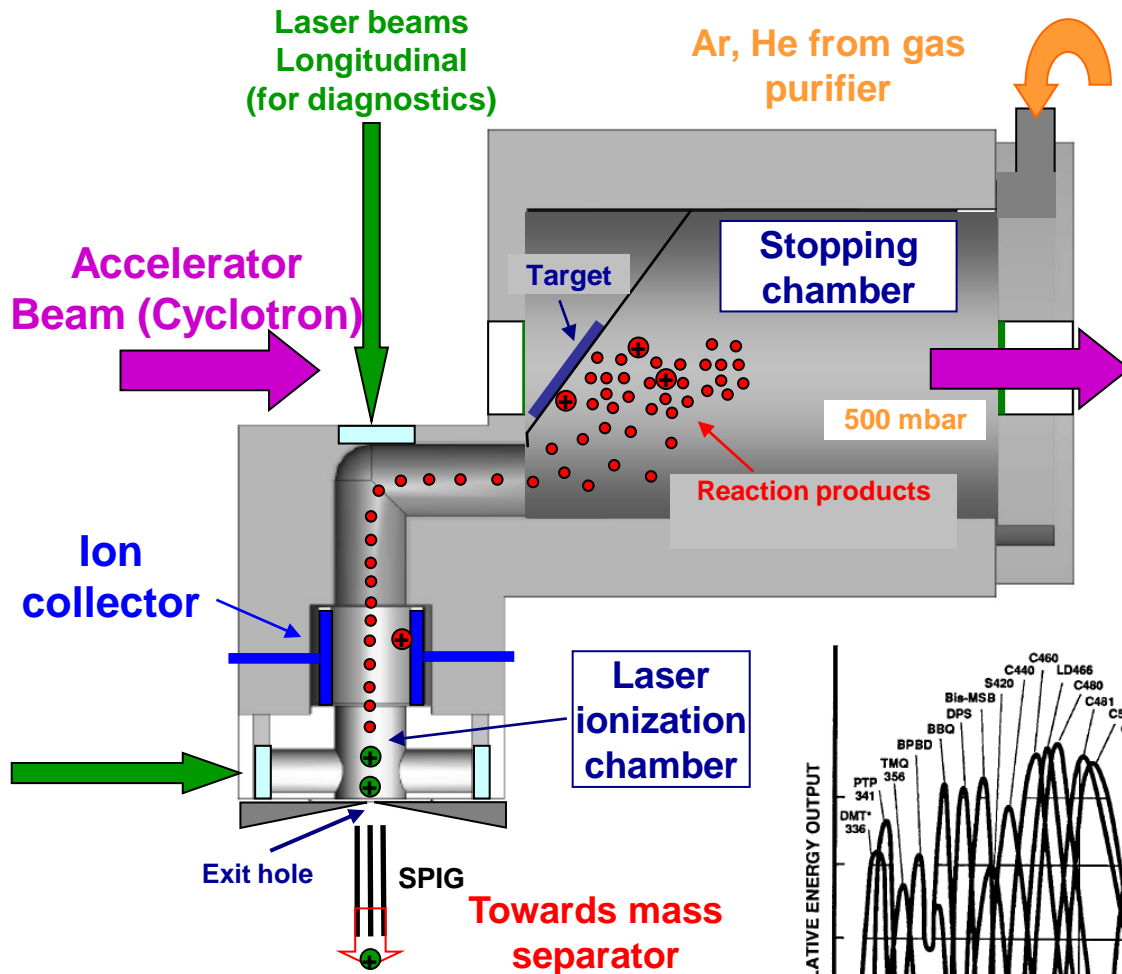
Try to create a suitable scheme based on laser capabilities and ionization conditions:

Low lying excited states; laser efficiencies; tuning range; harmonic generation issues

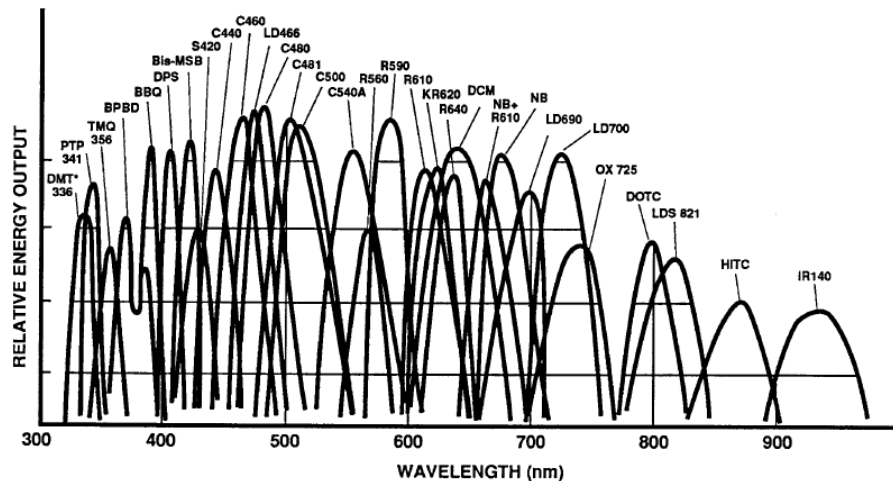
Facility A - Thick Target & hot cavity tungsten ion source

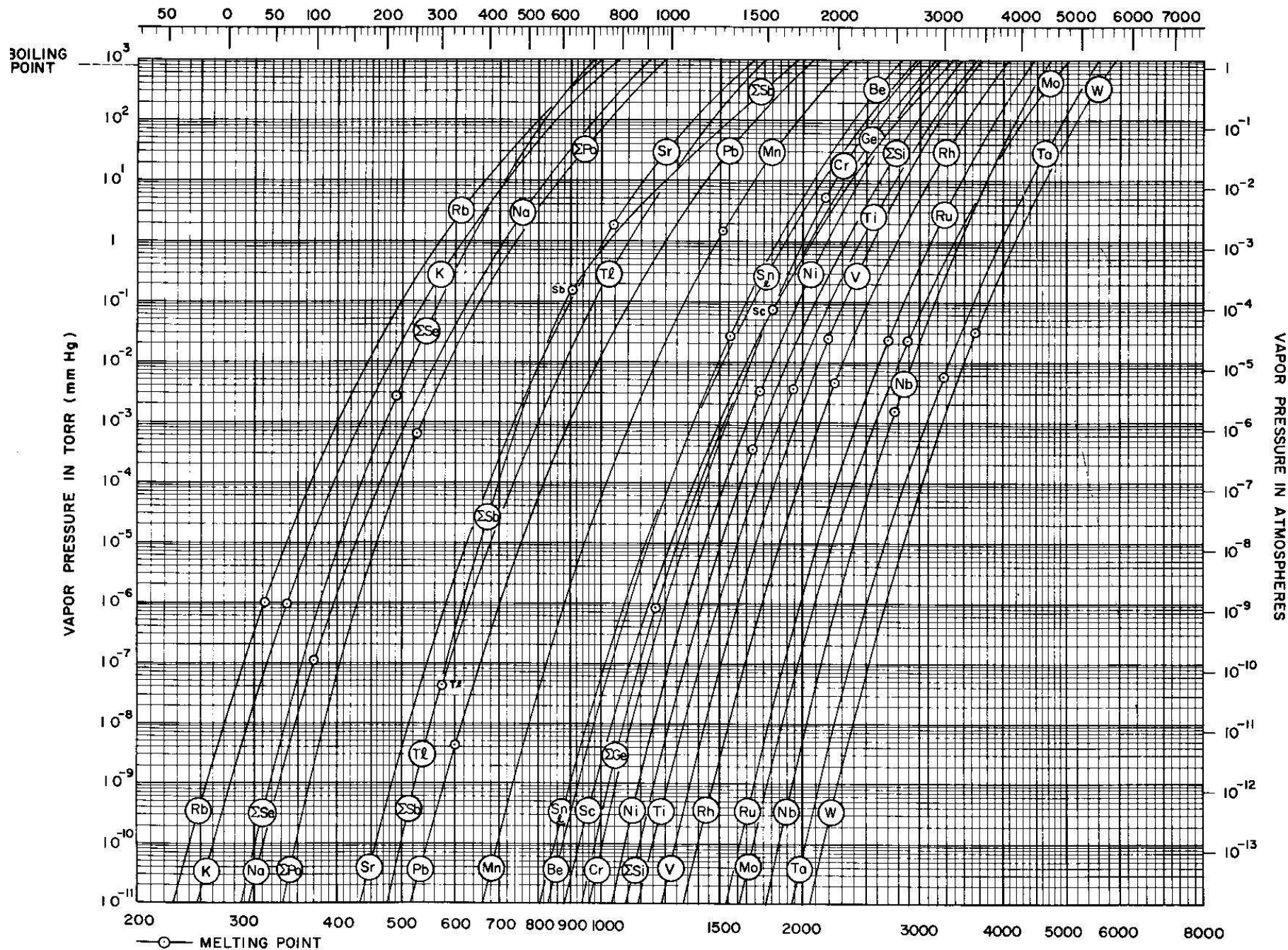


Facility B - Thin Target & gas cell ion source



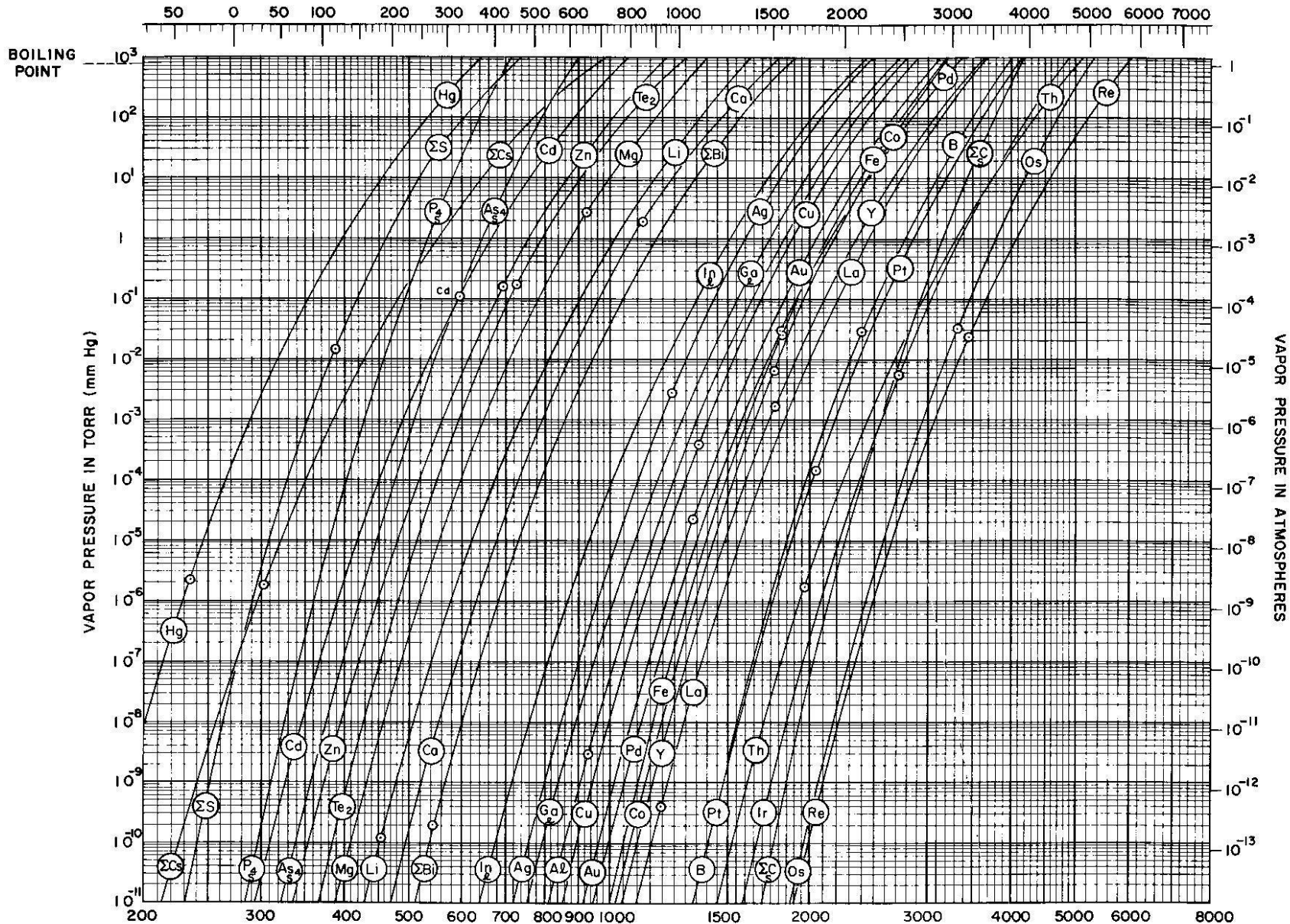
Laser system consists of 2 excimer-pumped dye lasers
 Fundamental range: 310 - 900 nm
 Optional 2nd harmonics
 Using nonlinear crystals
 Repetition rate: 200 Hz





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Bonus task: *Harmonic generation configuration*

If your ionization scheme requires harmonic generation, suggest a suitable nonlinear crystal type and configuration for your laser configuration.

If possible download and use the free SNLO software for crystal selection:

<http://www.as-photonics.com/snlo>