

Nuclear physics: the ISOLDE facility

Lecture 3: Physics of ISOLDE

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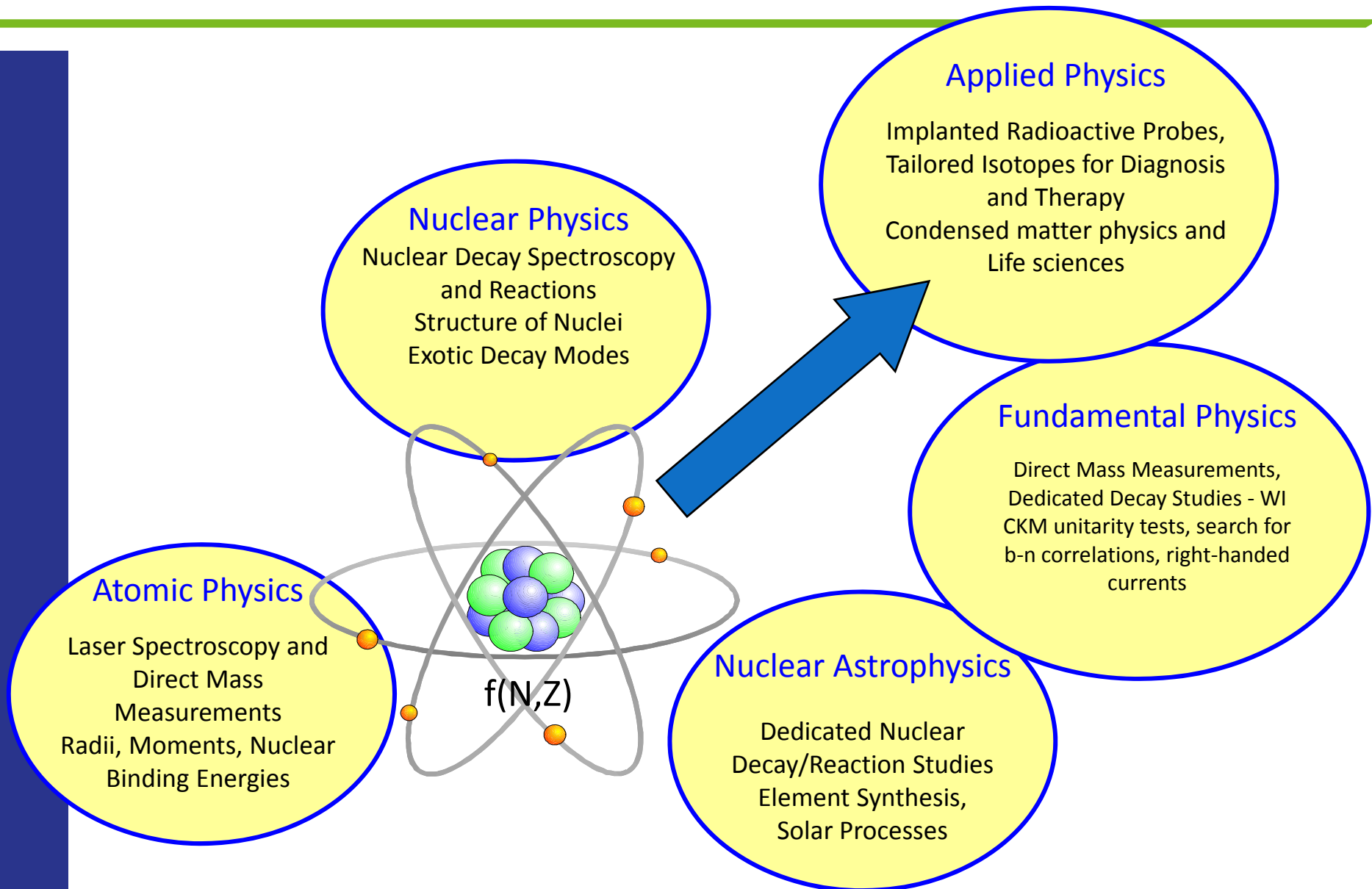


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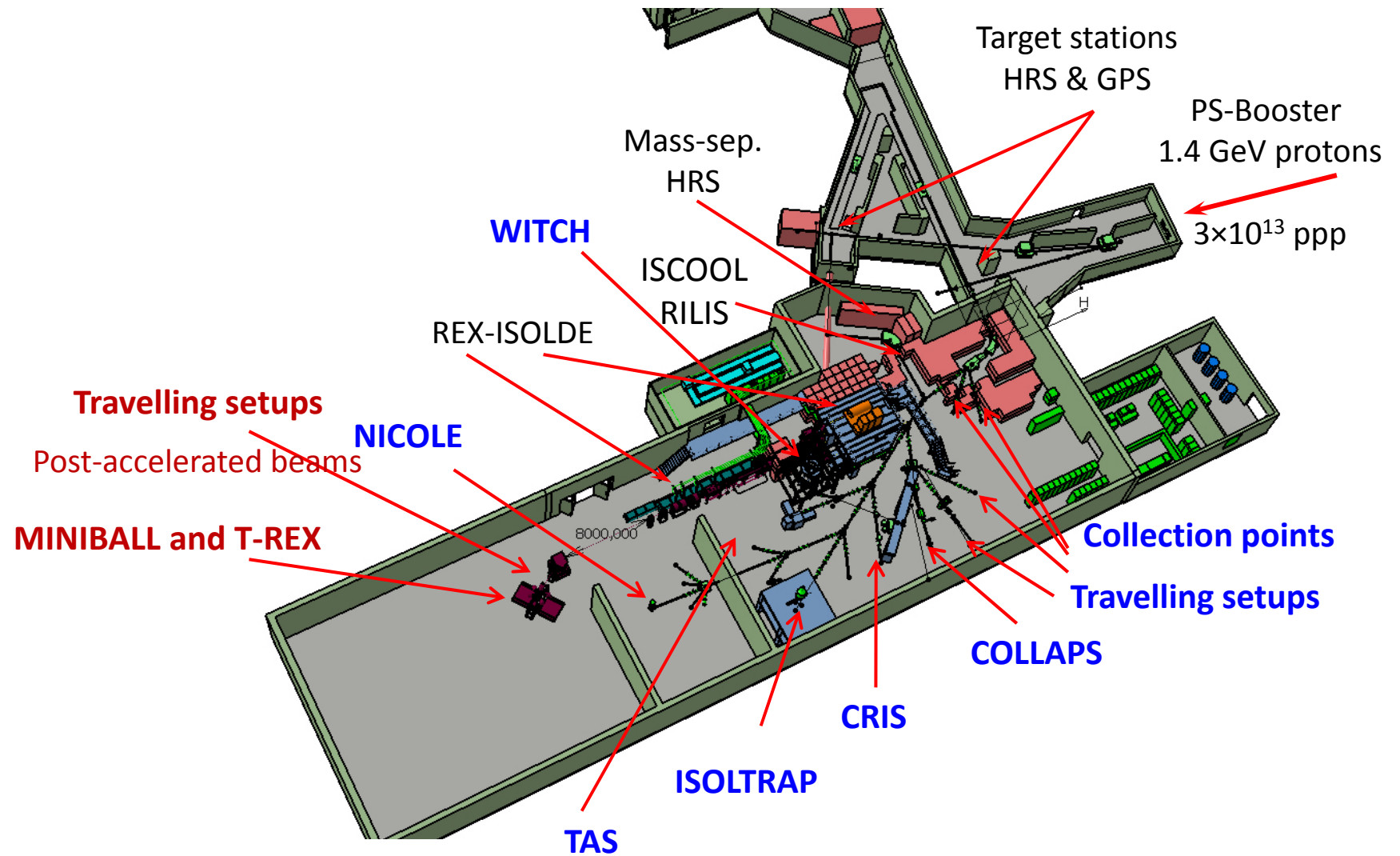
Aimed at both physics and non-physics students

- Lecture 1: Introduction to nuclear physics
- Lecture 2: CERN-ISOLDE facility
- **This lecture:** Physics of ISOLDE
 - Measured properties
 - Used techniques
 - Recent results

ISOLDE physics topics

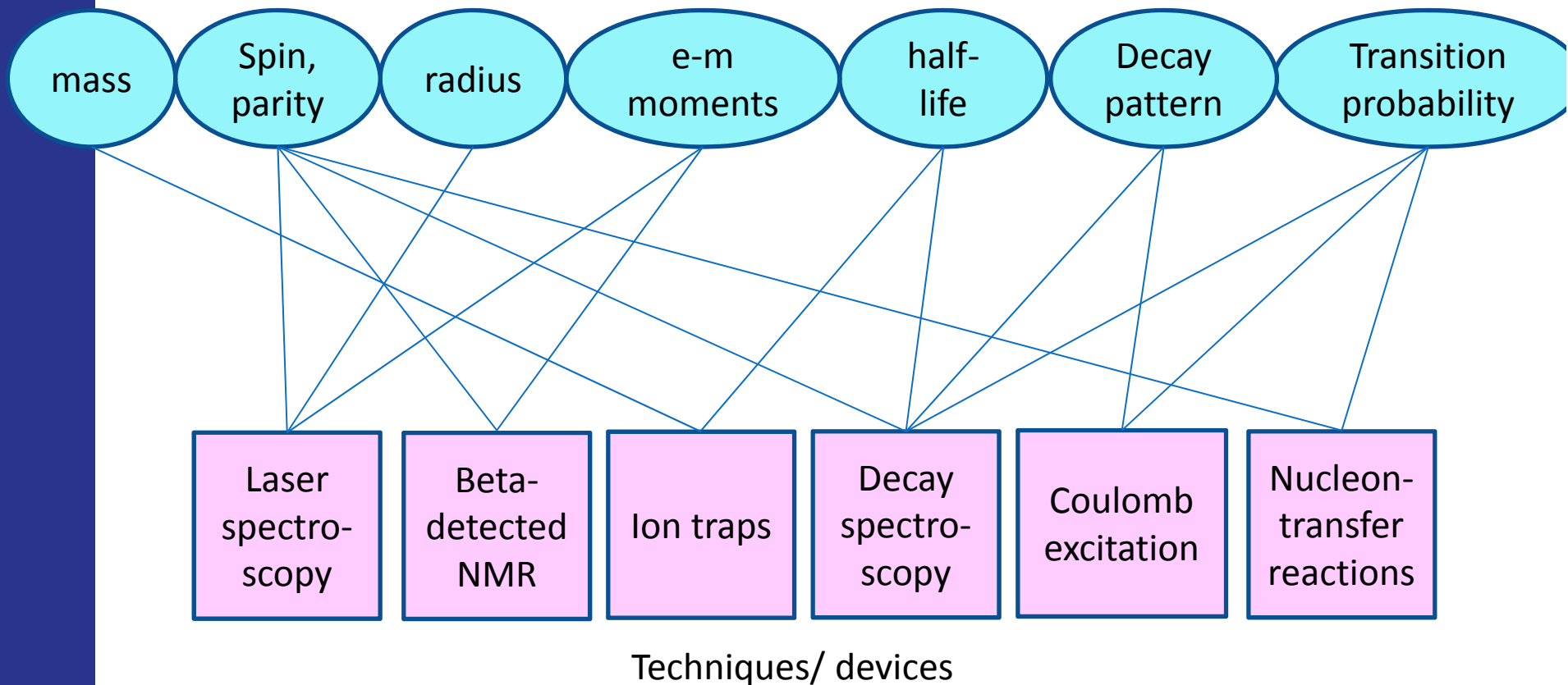


Experimental setups



Studies of radioactive nuclides

Properties/observables (for ground states and isomers – long-lived excited states)



To obtain the full picture: need to study several properties and use several techniques

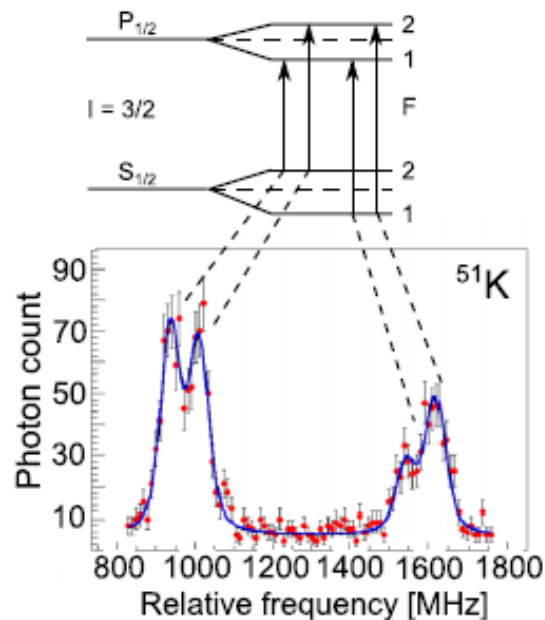
Laser spectroscopy and nuclear properties

Lasers allow studying **ground-state (and isomeric) properties of nuclei**, based on:

Atomic **hyperfine structure (HFS)**

(interaction of nuclear and atomic spins)

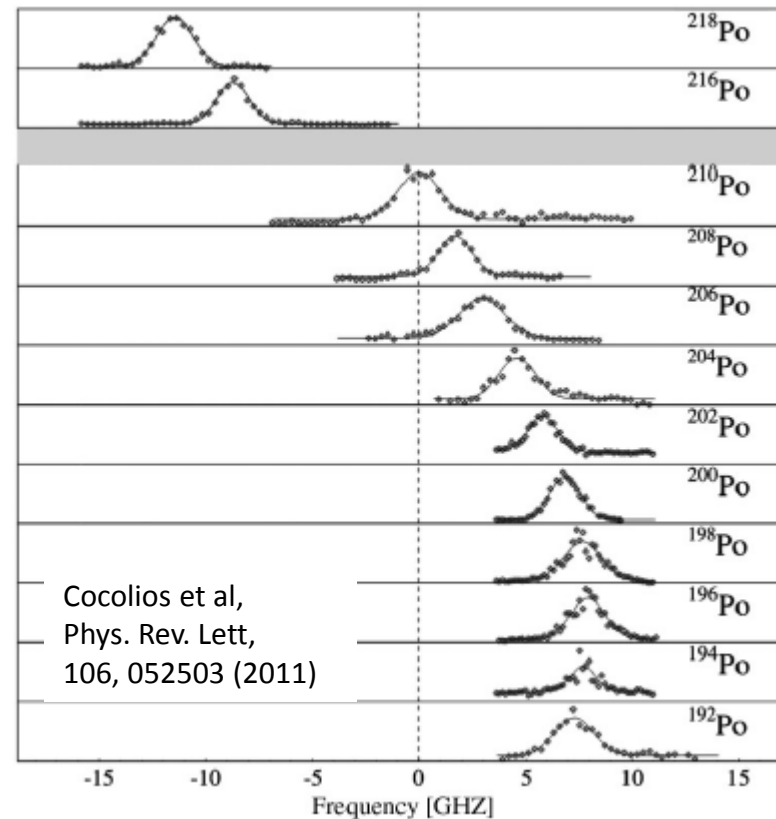
- HFS details depend on:
 - Spin -> orbit of last proton&neutron
 - Magnetic dipole moment -> orbits occupied by p&n
 - Electric quadrupole moment -> deformations



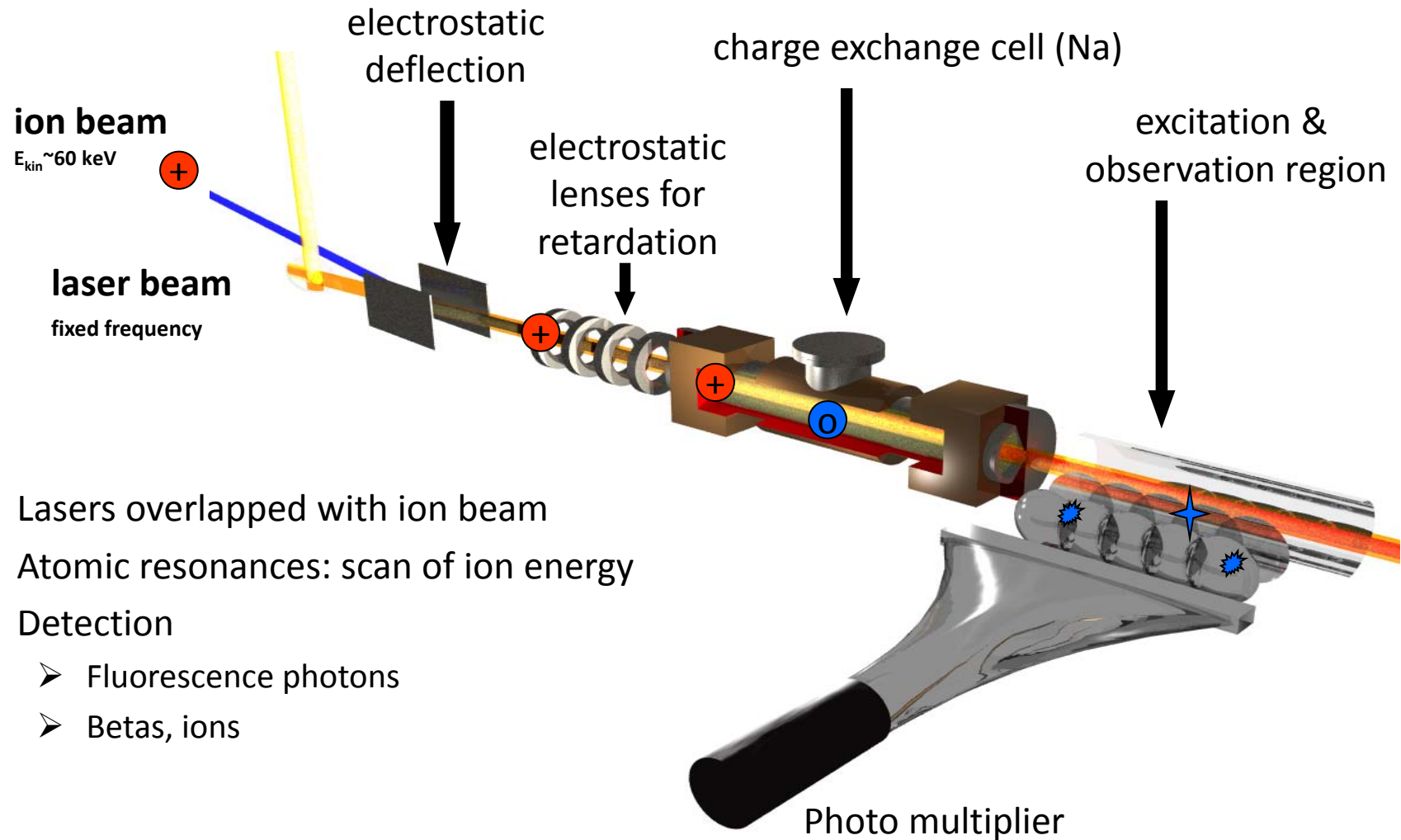
Isotope shifts (IS) in atomic transitions

(change in mass and size of different isotopes of the same chemical element)

- IS between 2 isotopes depends on:
 - difference in their masses & charge radii

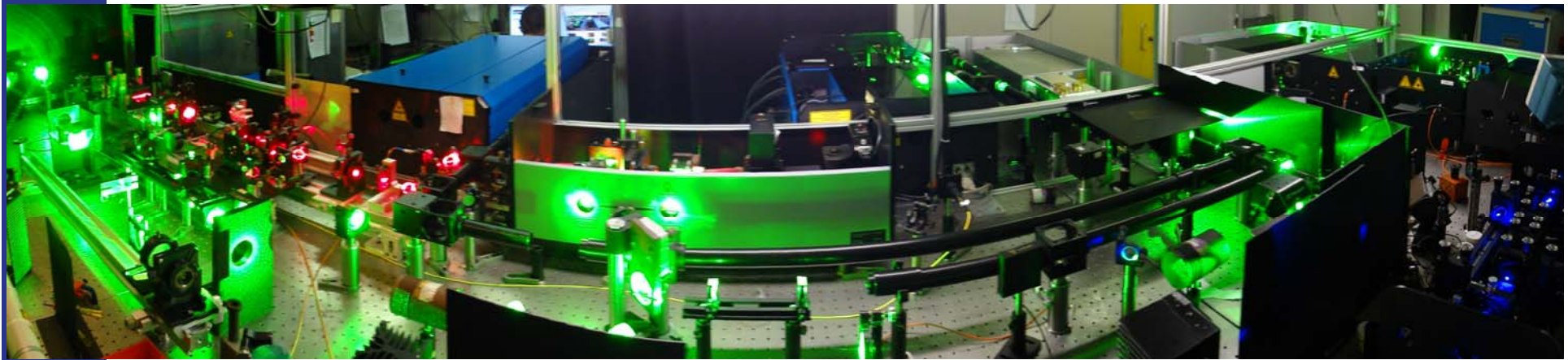
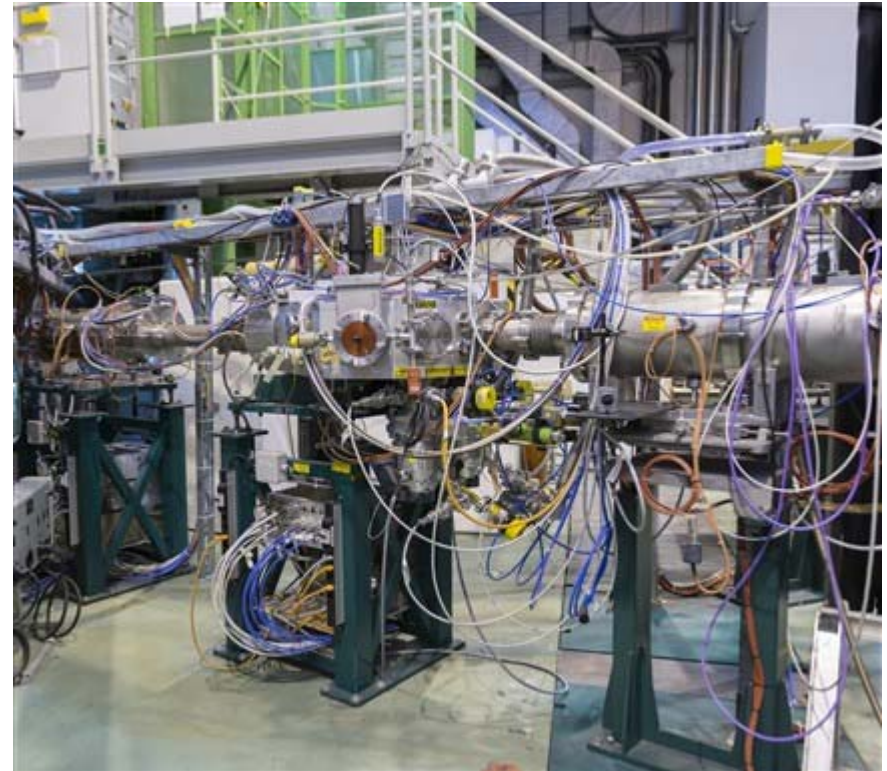
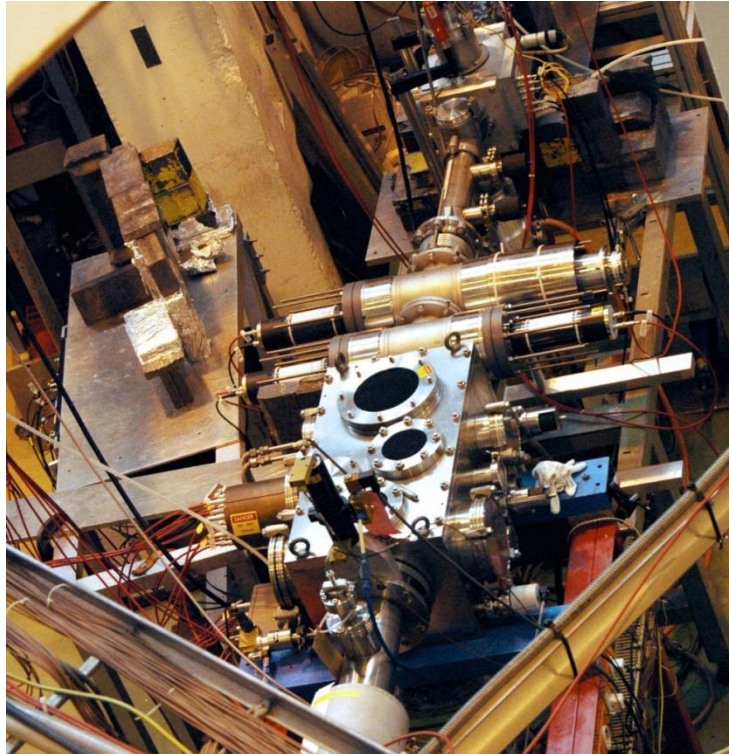


Collinear laser spectroscopy



- Lasers overlapped with ion beam
- Atomic resonances: scan of ion energy
- Detection
 - Fluorescence photons
 - Betas, ions

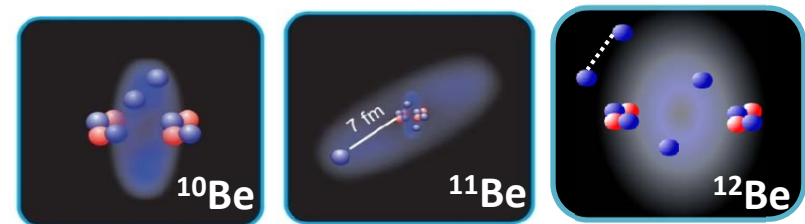
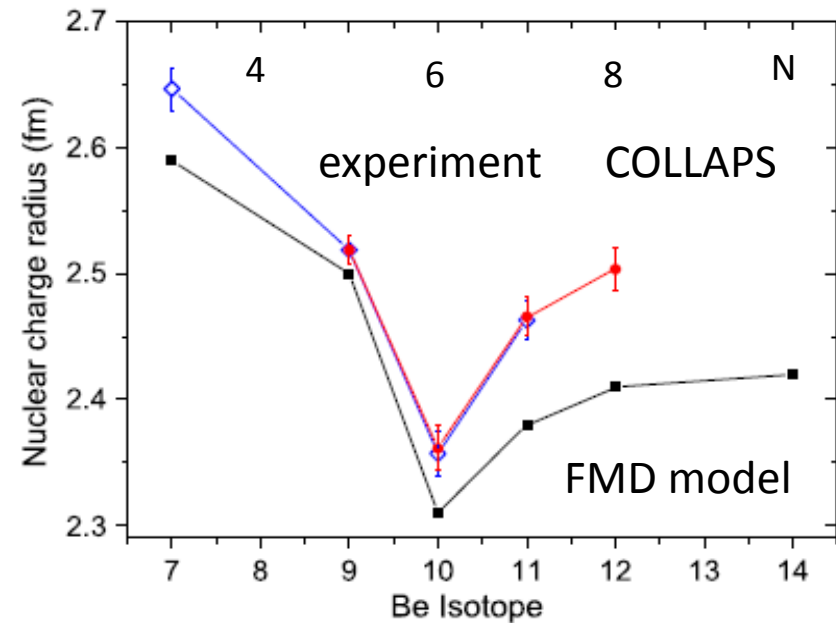
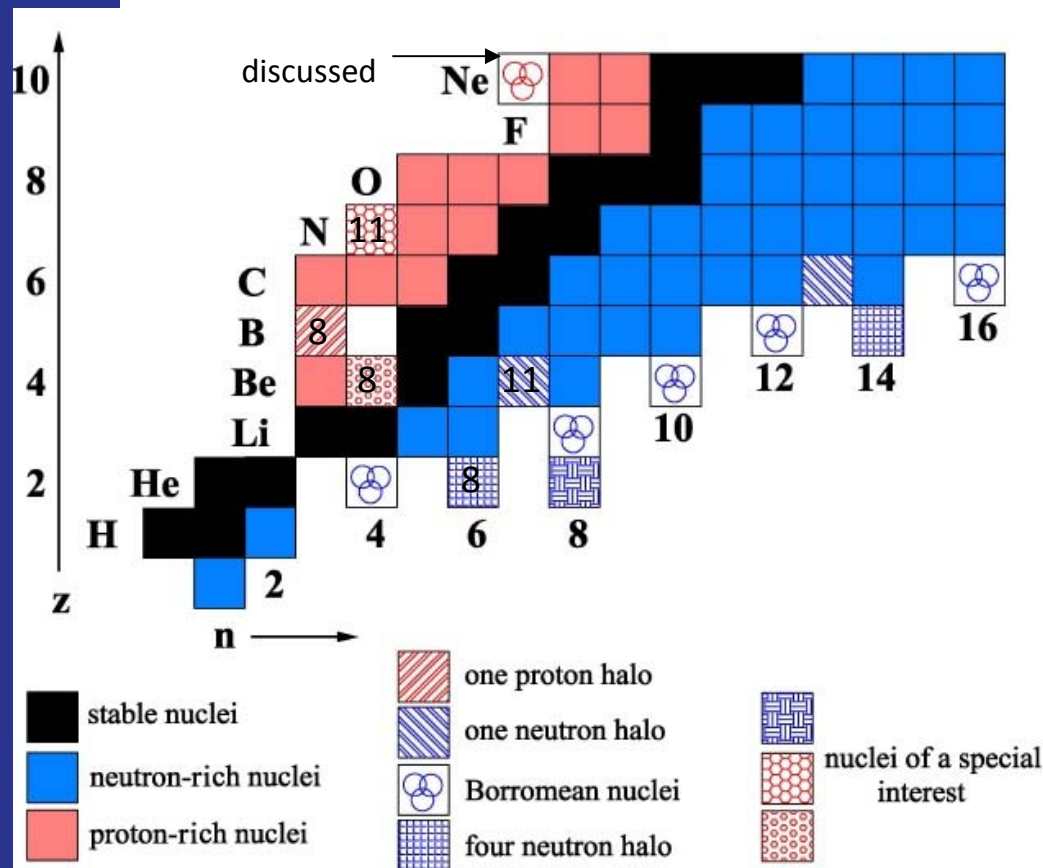
COLLAPS, CRIS, RILIS



Charge radii of Be isotopes

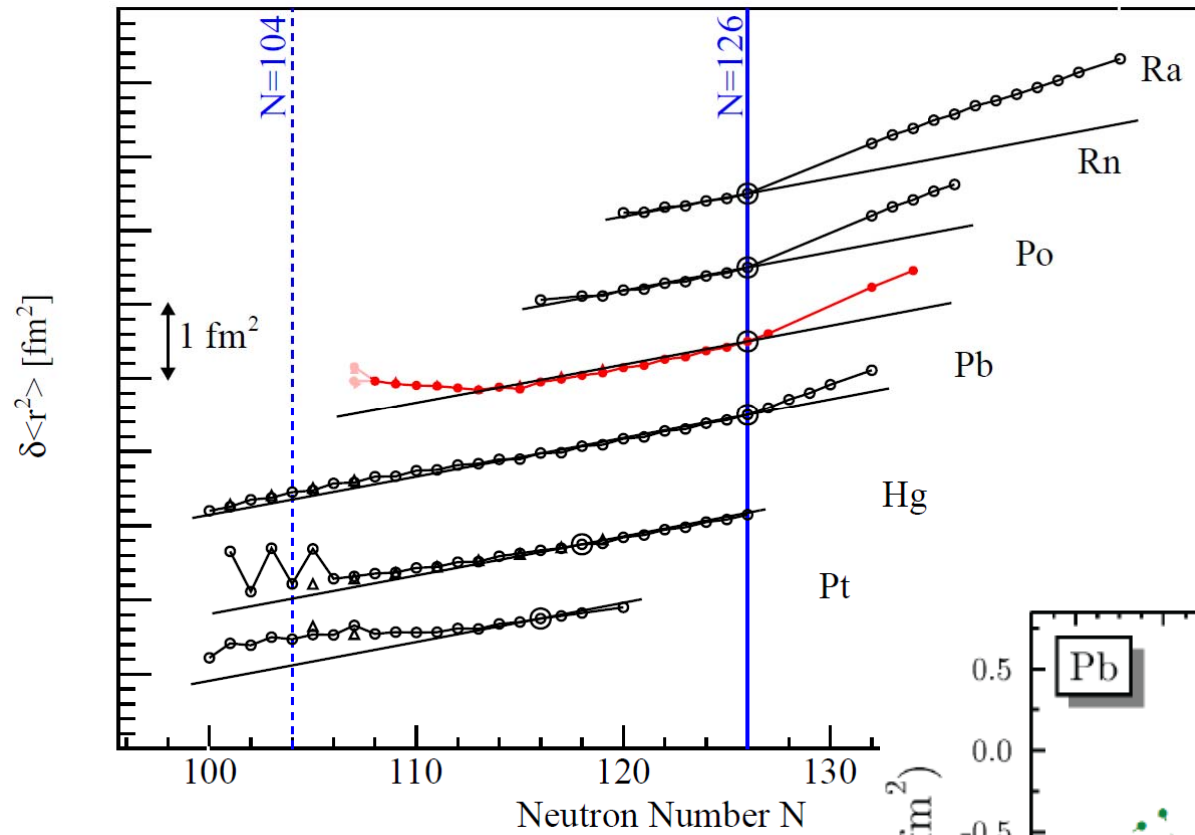
● **Halo:** nucleus built from a core and at least one neutron/proton with spatial distribution much larger than that of the core

➤ Interaction of the core and halo nucleons not well understood



A. Krieger et al,
Phys. Ref. Lett. 108 (2012) 142501

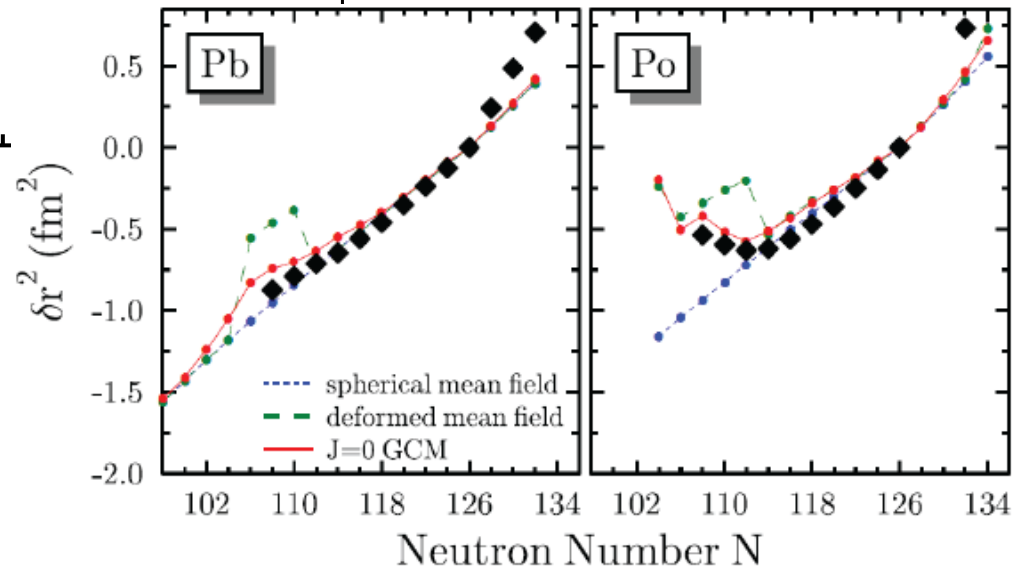
Charge radii around lead



Radii described well with mean field models

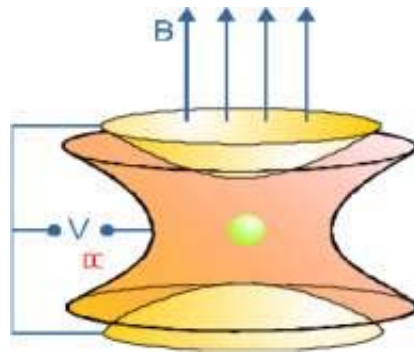
Isotope shifts measured with RILIS setup (part of data shown):
Regions of deformation visible

T.E. Cocolios et al., PRL 106 (2011) 052503
M. Seliverstov et al., EPJ A41(2009) 315
H. De Witte et al., PRL 98 (2007) 112502

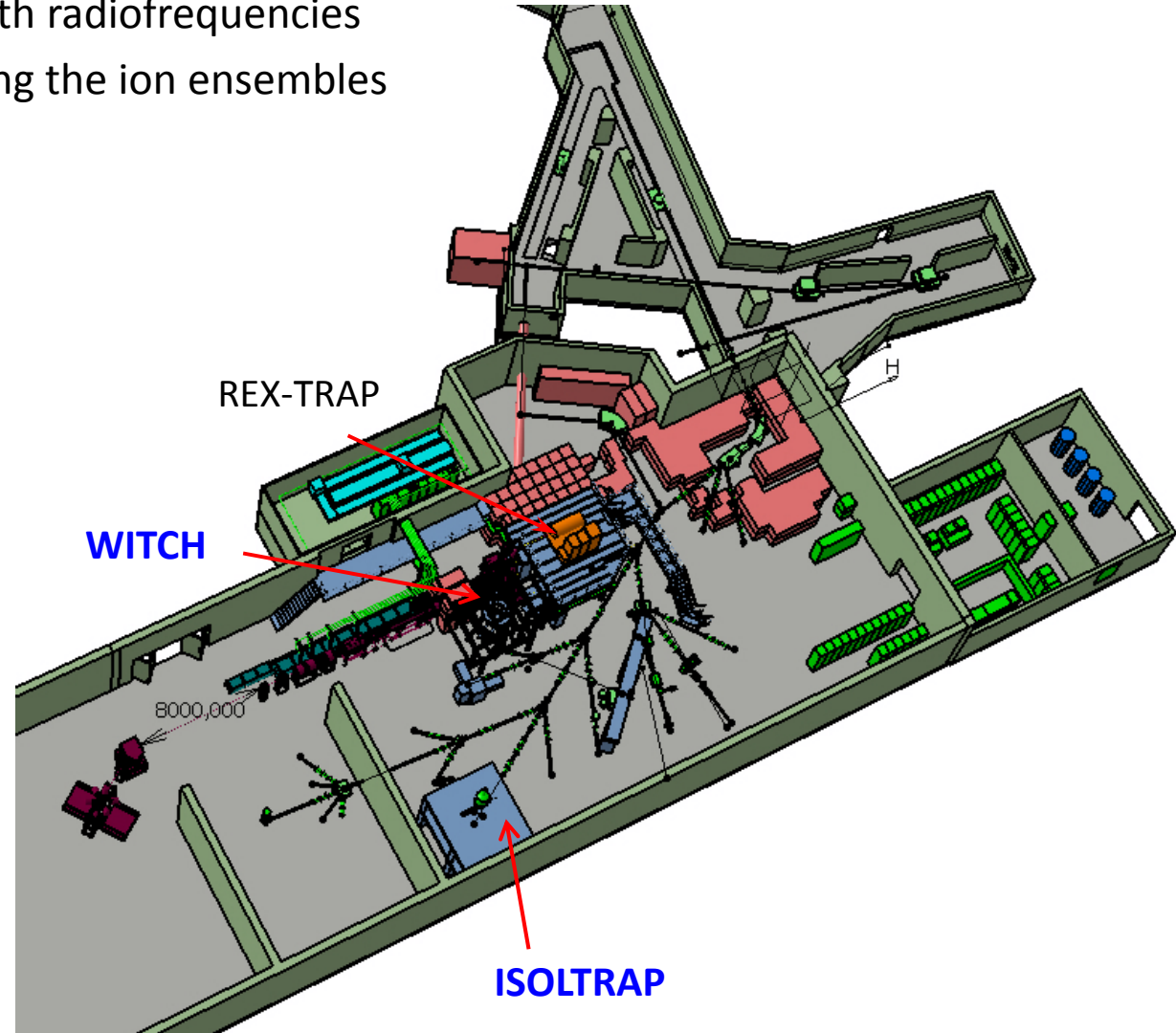
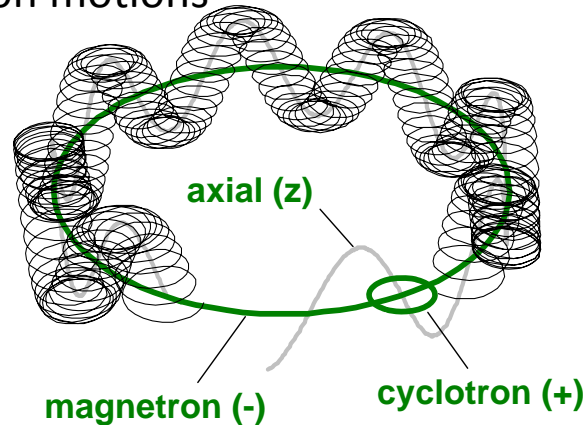


Studies with ion traps

- Penning trap = cross of magnetic and electric field
- Ion manipulation with radiofrequencies
- Possibility of purifying the ion ensembles



Ion motions



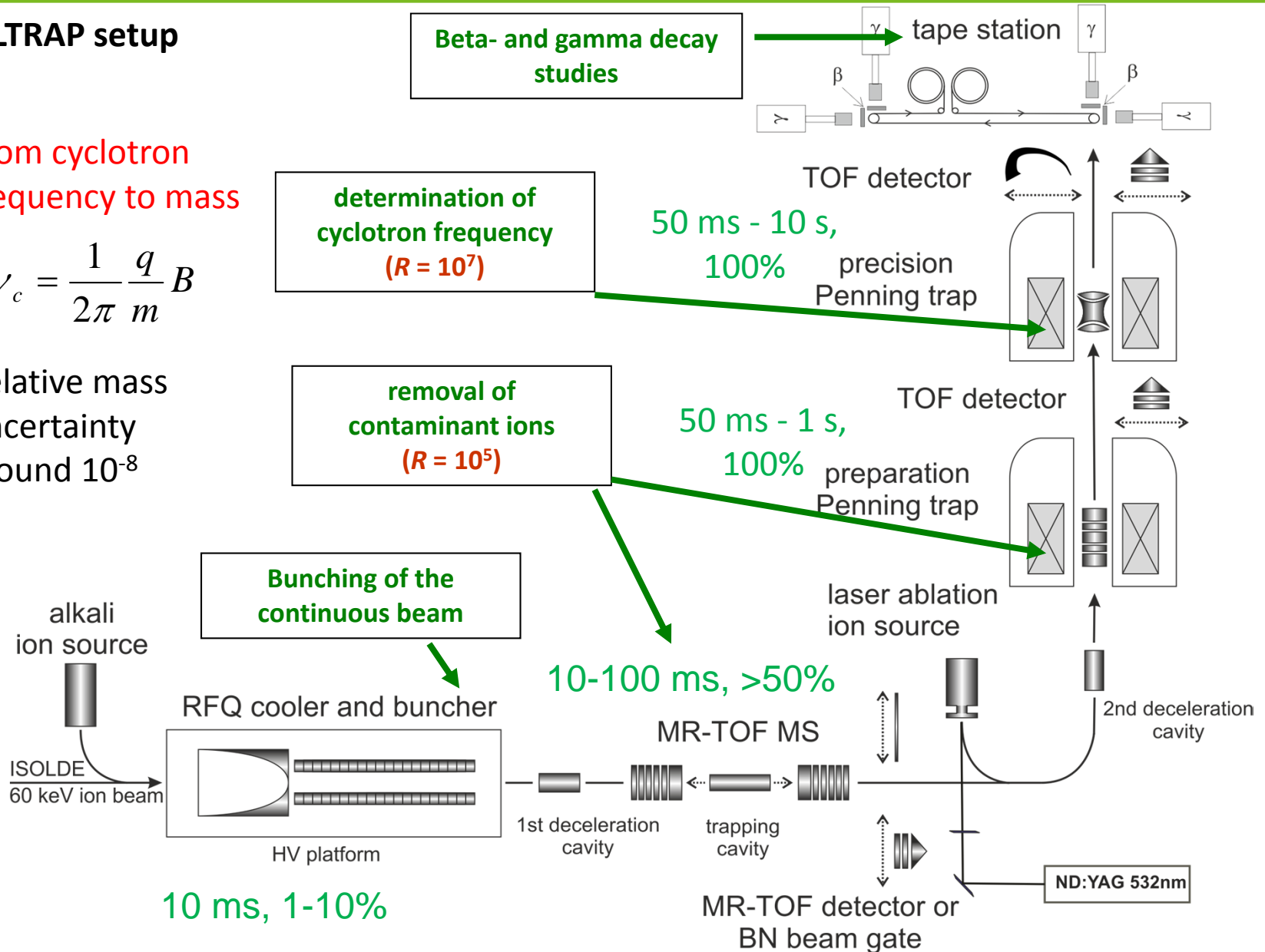
Penning-trap mass spectrometry

ISOLTRAP setup

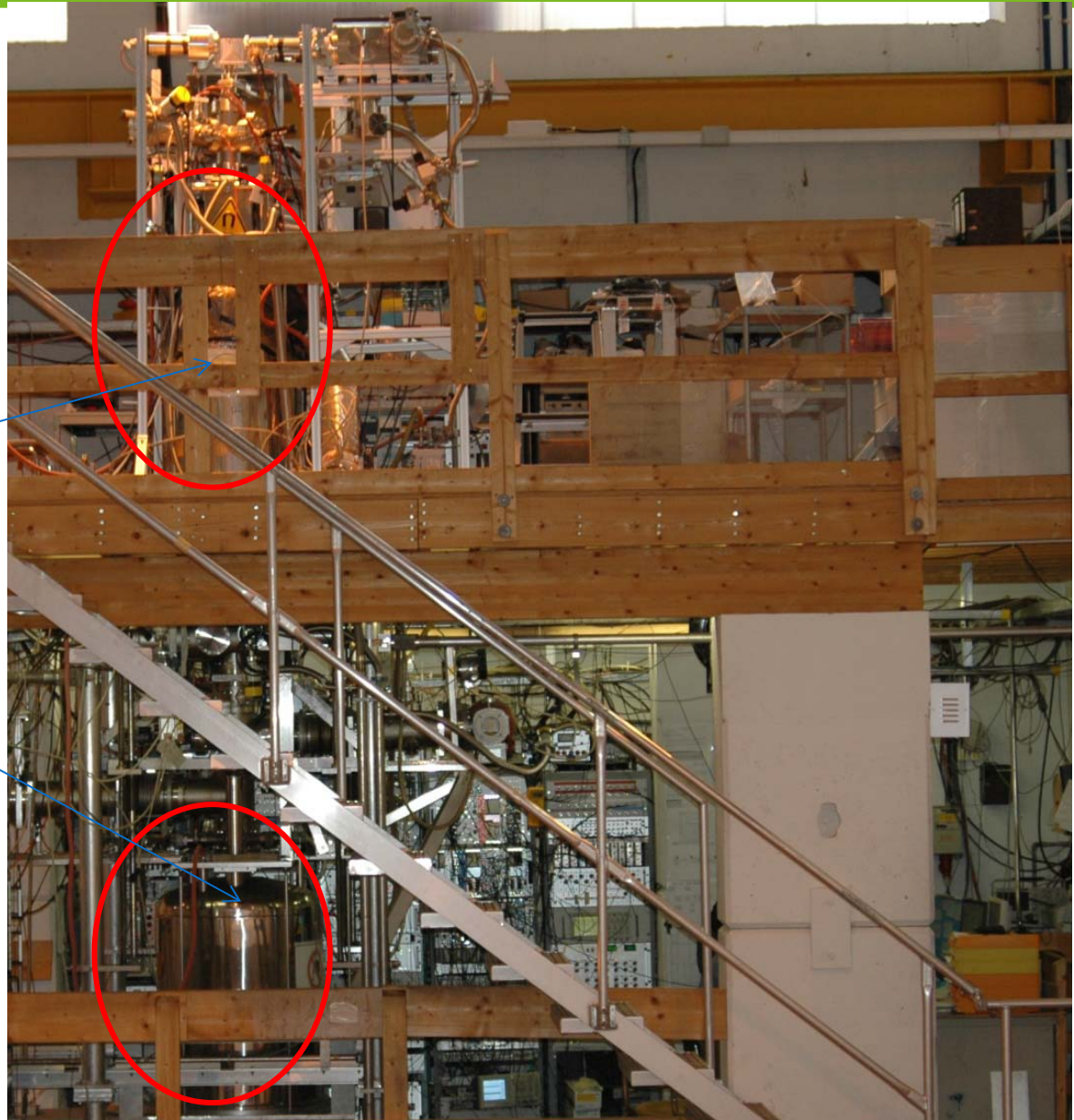
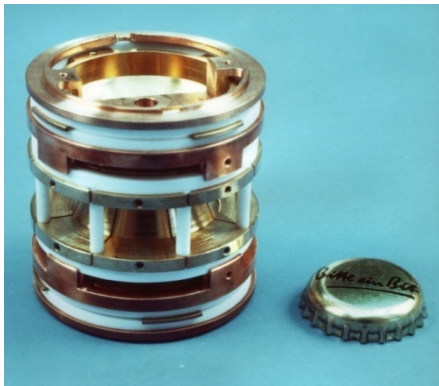
From cyclotron frequency to mass

$$\nu_c = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{q}{m} B$$

Relative mass uncertainty around 10^{-8}



ISOLTRAP



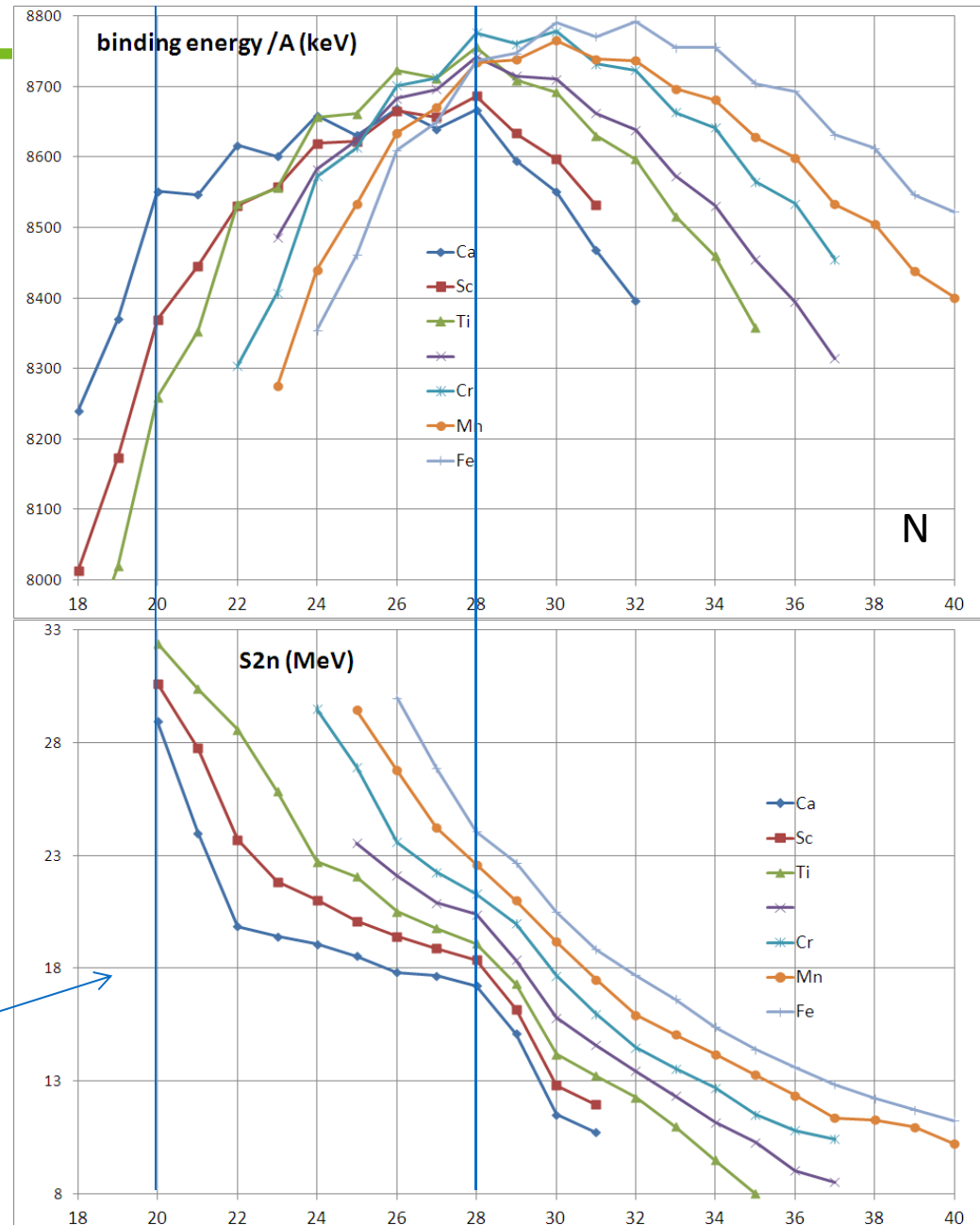
Masses and nuclear structure

- Mass filters (mass differences) to “filter out” specific effects, e.g.
 - Differences in binding energies (one- or two-neutron/proton separation energies)

Two-neutron separation energy

$$S_{2n} = B(N - 2, Z) - B(N, Z),$$

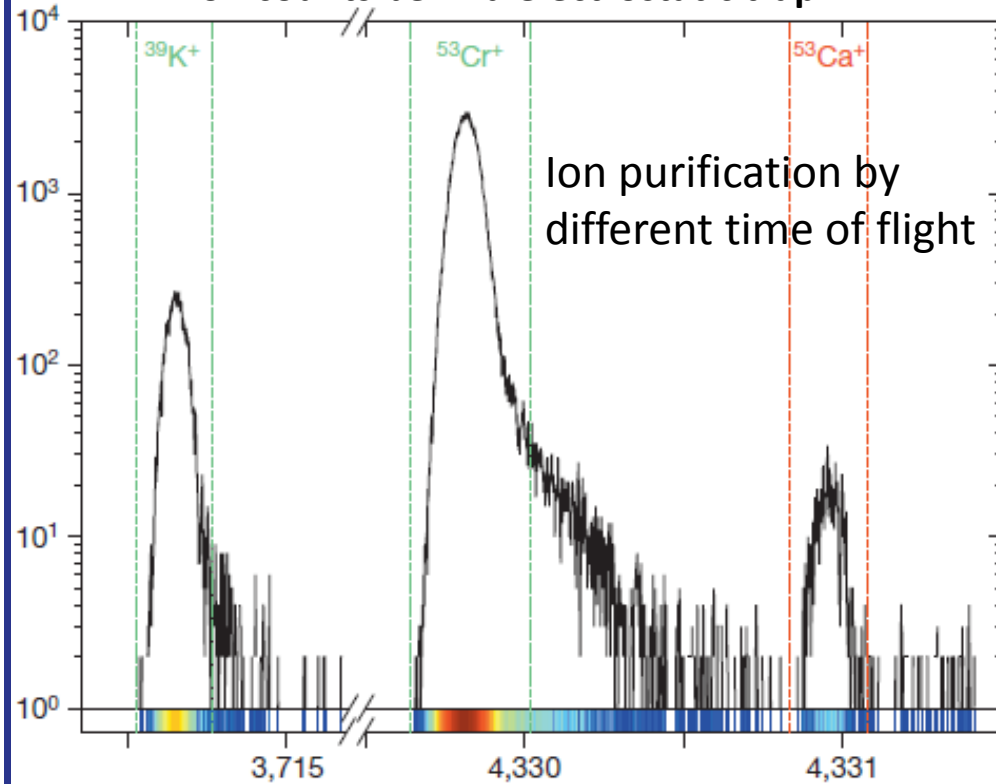
Closed shells visible as a sudden drop after the magic number (N=20 and 28)



Calcium-54 and nuclear forces

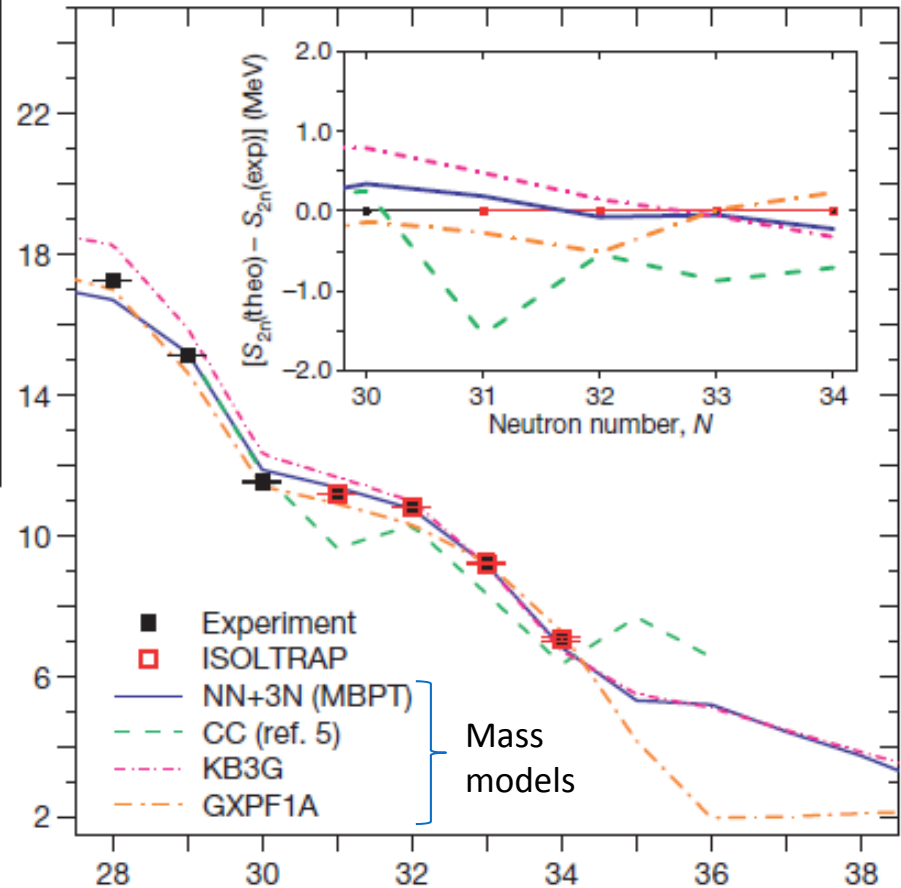
F. Wienholtz et al, Nature 498 (2013), 346

Ion counts behind electrostatic trap



$p_{1/2}$	_____	38
$f_{5/2}$	_____	32
$p_{3/2}$	_____	28
$f_{7/2}$	_____	20
$d_{3/2}$	_____	N

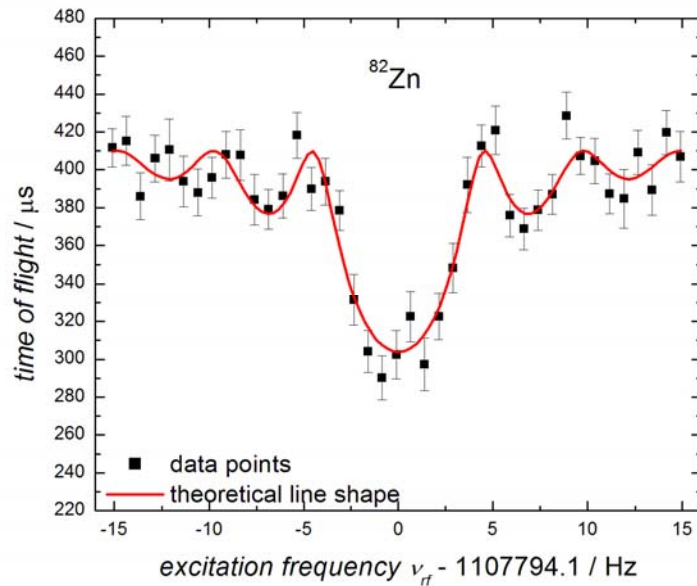
Two-neutron separation energy (MeV):
Sudden drop points to a shell closure



Mass of zinc-82

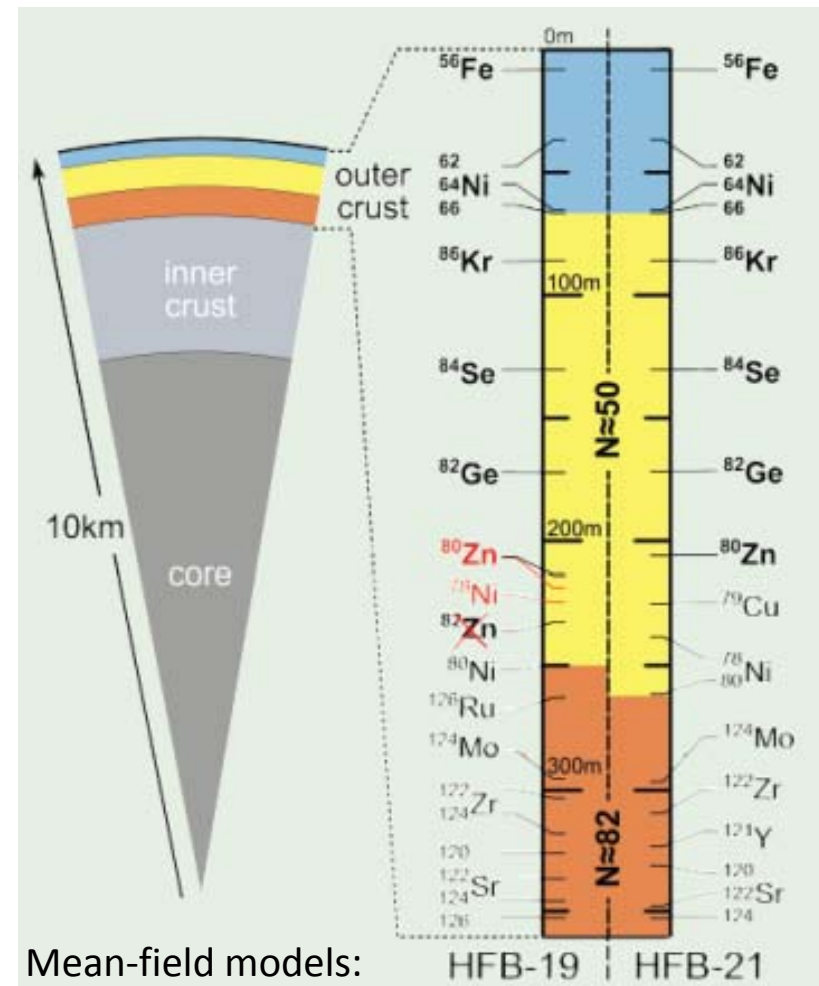
After several attempts at ISOLTRAP
and elsewhere

- Combined ISOLDE technical know-how:
 - neutron-converter and quartz transfer line (contaminant suppression)
 - laser ionisation (beam enhancement)



R.N. Wolf et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 041101 (2013)

Neutron-star composition:
- Test of models
- ^{82}Zn is not in the crust



16 Mean-field models:

HFB-19 | HFB-21

Decay spectroscopy

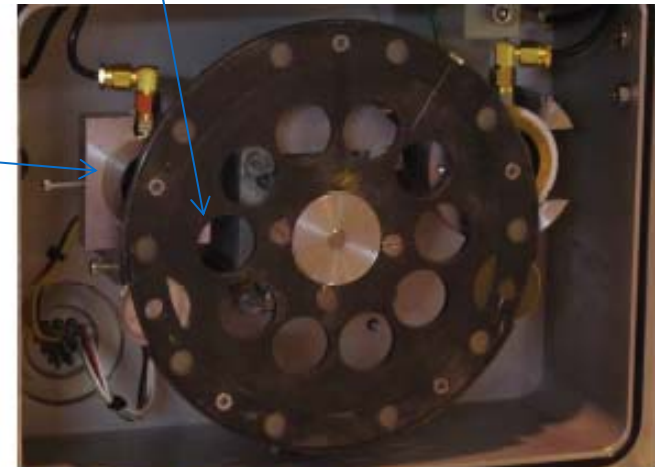
● Different detectors to sensitive to emitted:

- Alpha particles
- Beta particles
- Gamma rays
- Protons or neutrons

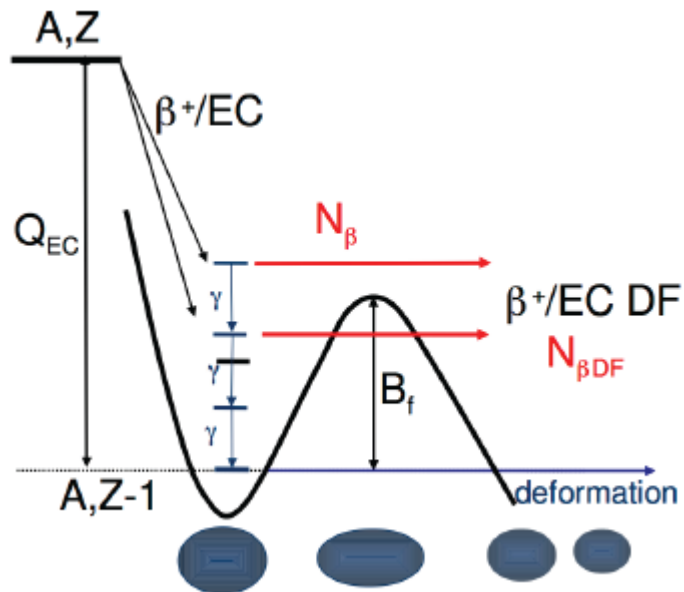
● For example WINDMILL setup:

- Alpha and gamma detectors
- Used for studies of beta-delayed fission (i.e. fission following a beta decay)

C foil for implantation

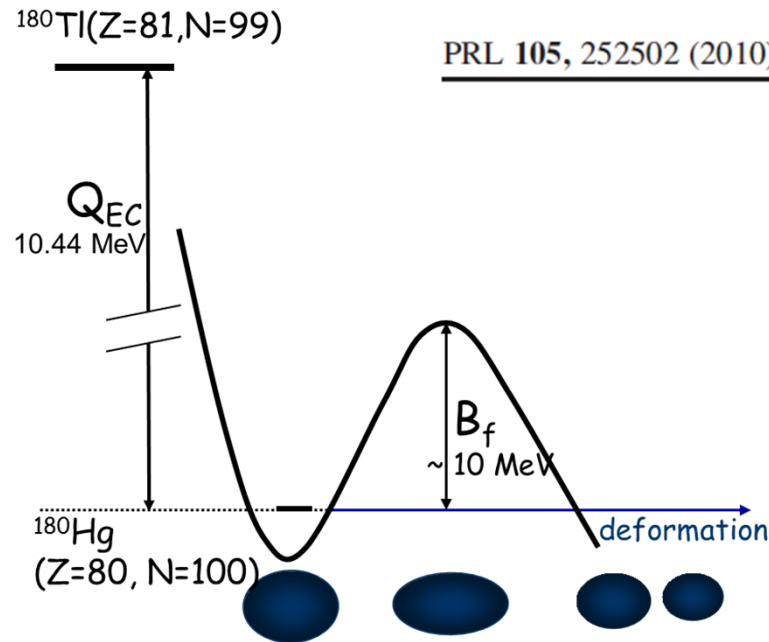


Si detector
for alphas



Beta-delayed fission of mercury-180

WINDMILL setup

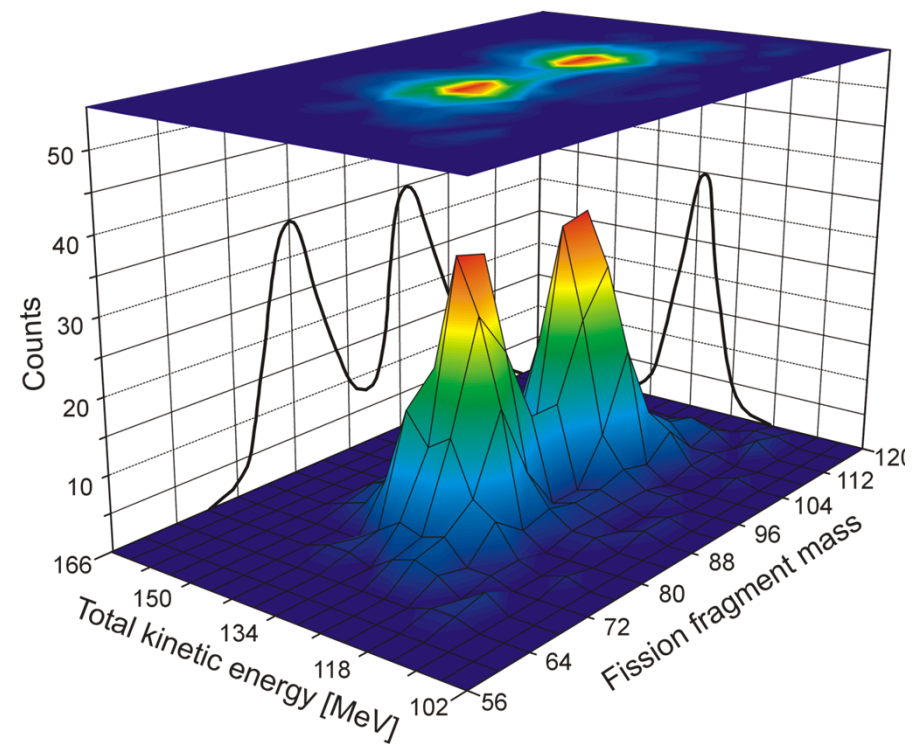


PRL 105, 252502 (2010)

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS



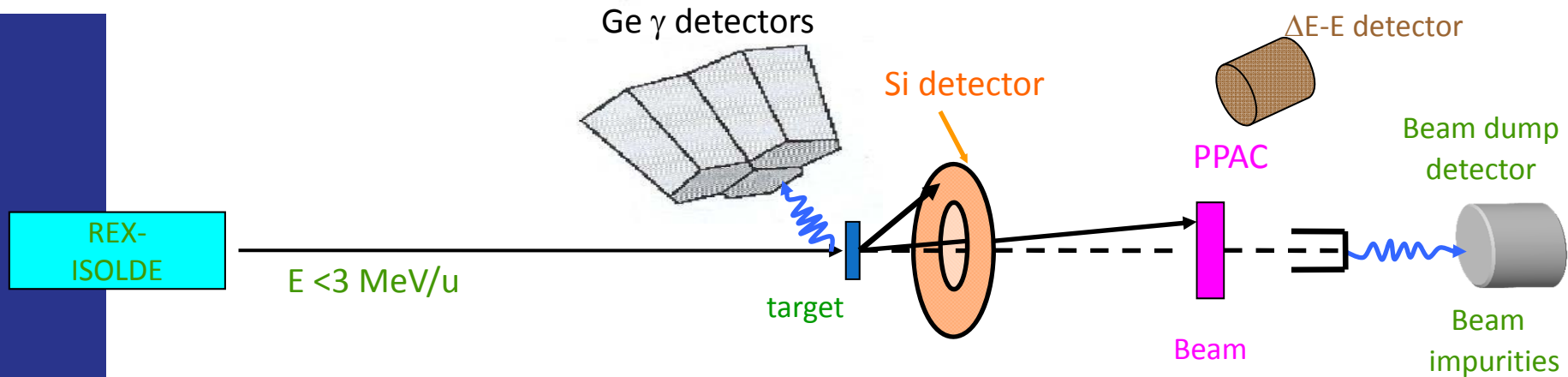
New Type of Asymmetric Fission in Proton-Rich Nuclei



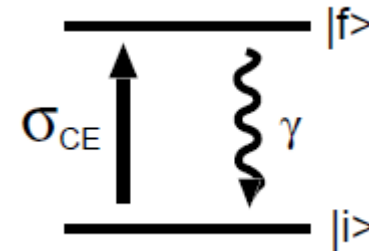
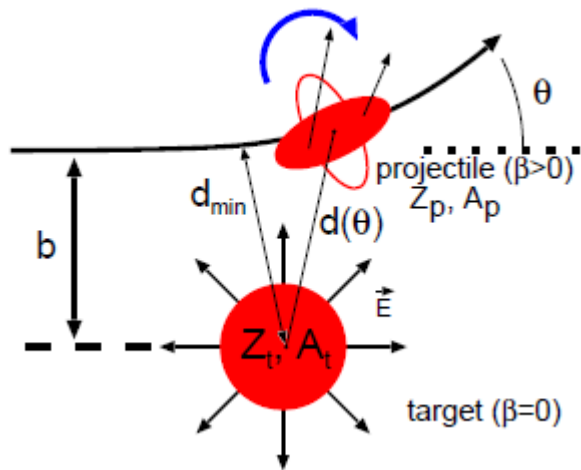
● Nuclear shell effects are important in fission, but:

- Unexpectedly ^{180}Hg does not fission in two semi-magic $90\text{Zr}(Z=40, N=50)$
- Fission theories do not predict the results correctly

Coulomb excitation

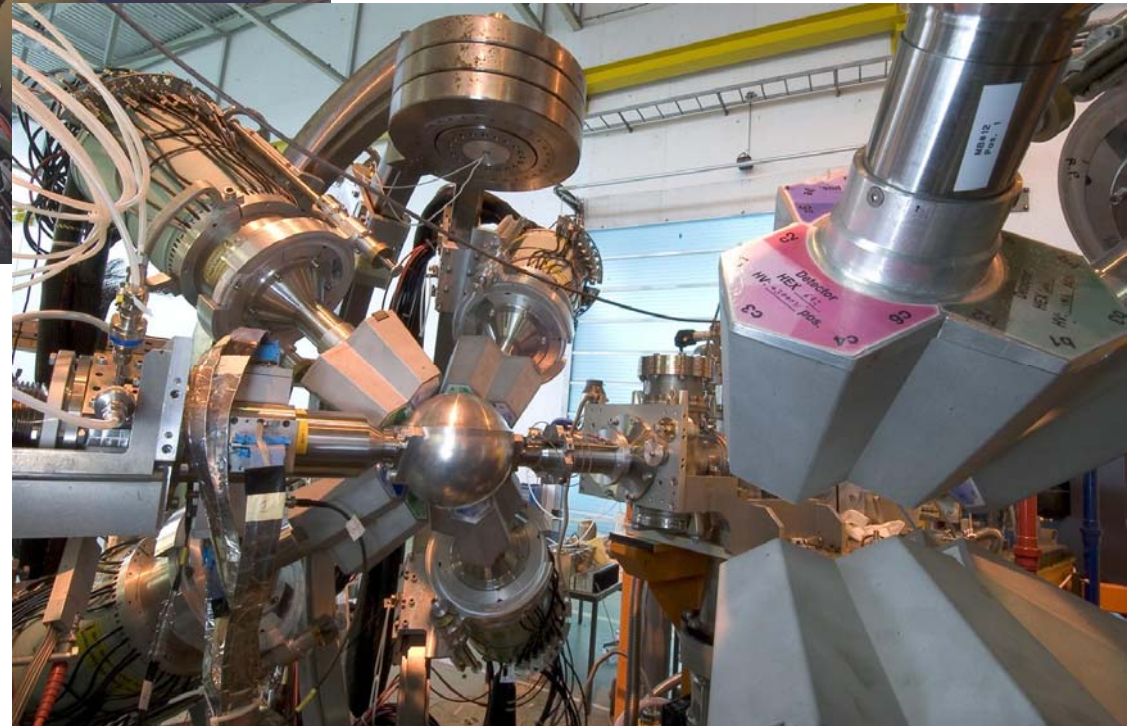
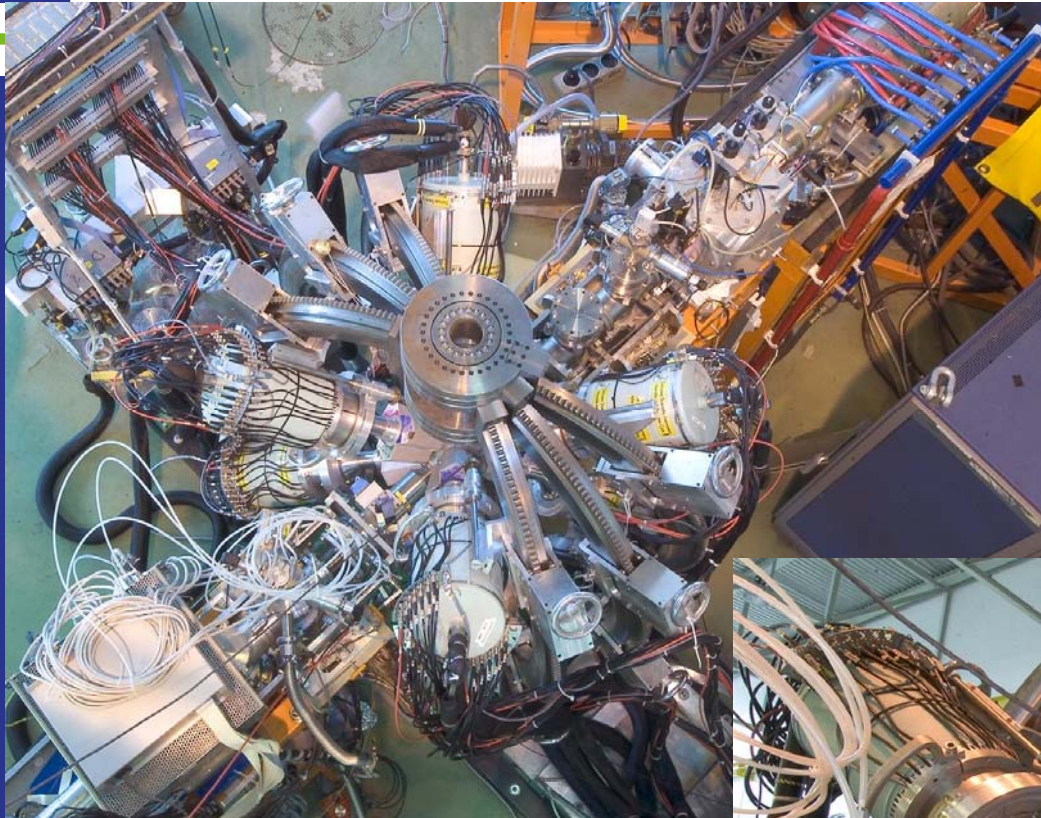


Excitation of a projectile nucleus (radioactive) by the electromagnetic field of the target (made of stable nuclei)



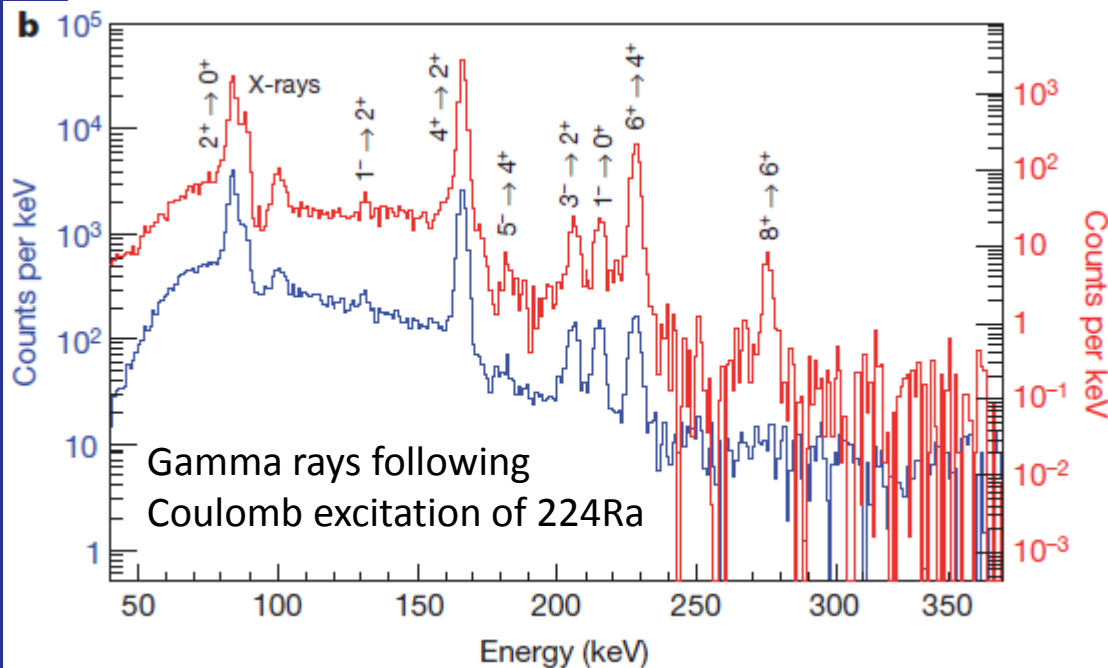
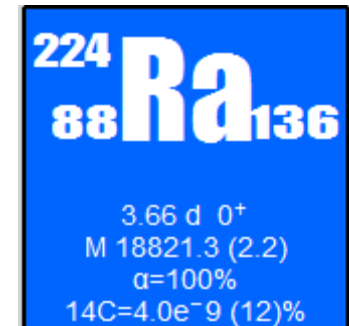
Observables: Transition energies and intensities
=> Determine new excited levels and study deformations

MINIBALL

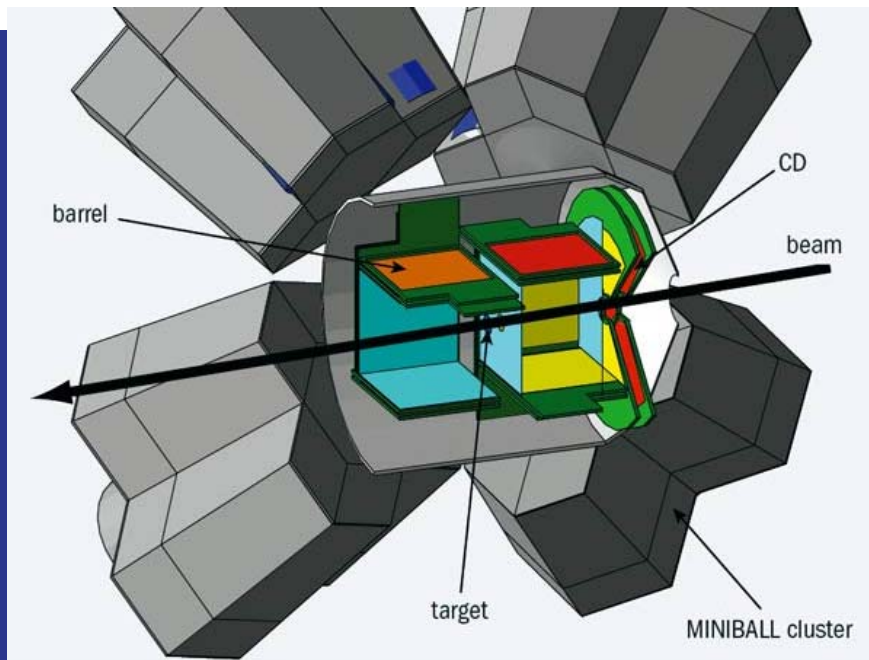


Pear shape in radium-224

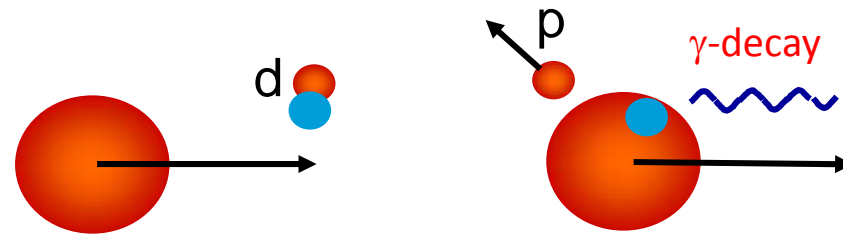
- Pear shape - octupole deformation
 - Very rare nuclear shape
- Coulomb excitation with MINIBALL
 - determine electric octupole transition strengths (direct measure of octupole correlations)
- Pear shape shown for the 1st time experimentally
 - Test of nuclear models
 - Important in searches for permanent atomic electric-dipole moments (EDMs)



Nucleon-transfer reactions



Miniball + T-REX setup (Si detector barrel):
gamma detectors and particle identification



Typical reactions: one or two-nucleon transfer (d,p), (t,p)

Information:

Observables

- energies of protons (+ E_g)
- angular distributions of protons (+ γ -rays)
- (relative) spectroscopic factors

(single-particle) level energies
spin/parity assignments
particle configurations

study single-particle properties of nuclei

= > **Similar configurations = large overlap of wave functions =**

Large probability of transfer reaction

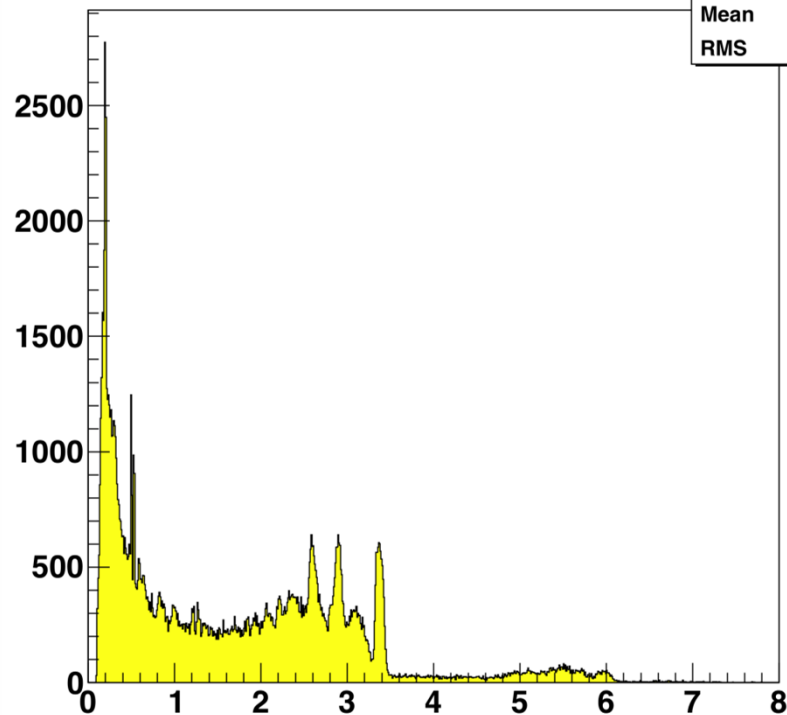
Transfer reactions on beryllium-11



^{11}Be :

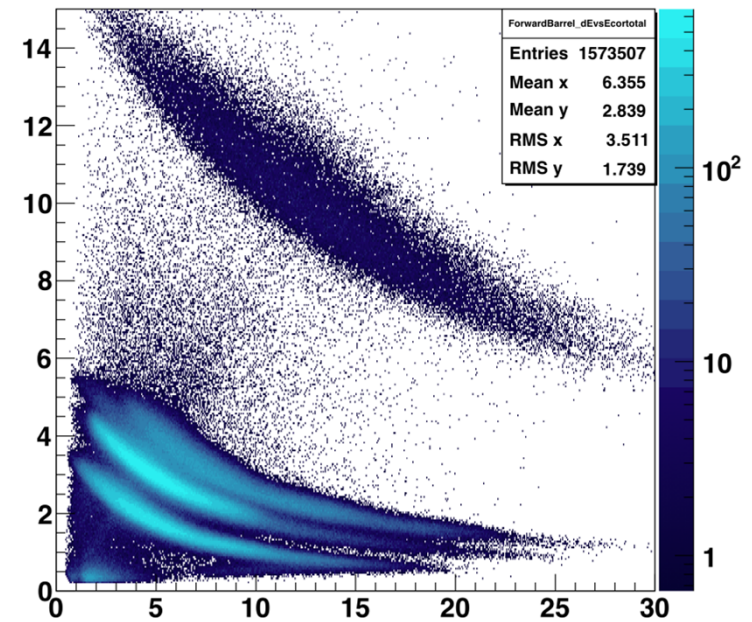
- Halo nucleus
- Cluster structures in neighbours
- $N=8$ broken in ^{12}Be

Doppler shifted gamma energies in coincidence with tritons



Triton_EDS	
Entries	145677
Mean	1.709
RMS	1.391

dE vs Eback corrected for all fordet



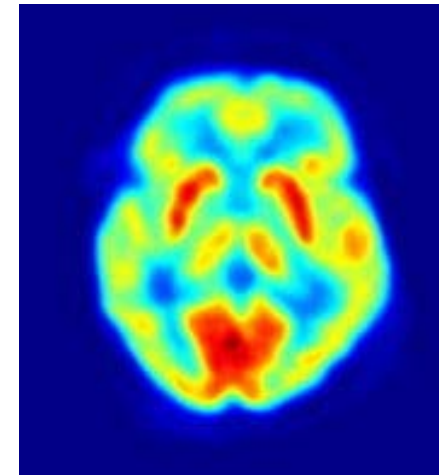
ForwardBarrel_dEvsEcorrtotal	
Entries	1573507
Mean x	6.355
Mean y	2.839
RMS x	3.511
RMS y	1.739

Applications

- Use known radiation from not totally exotic radioisotopes
- Profit from radionuclides:
 - Pure samples of radioisotopes (offline studies)
 - High detection efficiency for radiation (online studies)
- Techniques:
 - Emission Channeling
 - PAC (Perturbed Angular Correlations)
 - Diffusion
 - Photoluminescence

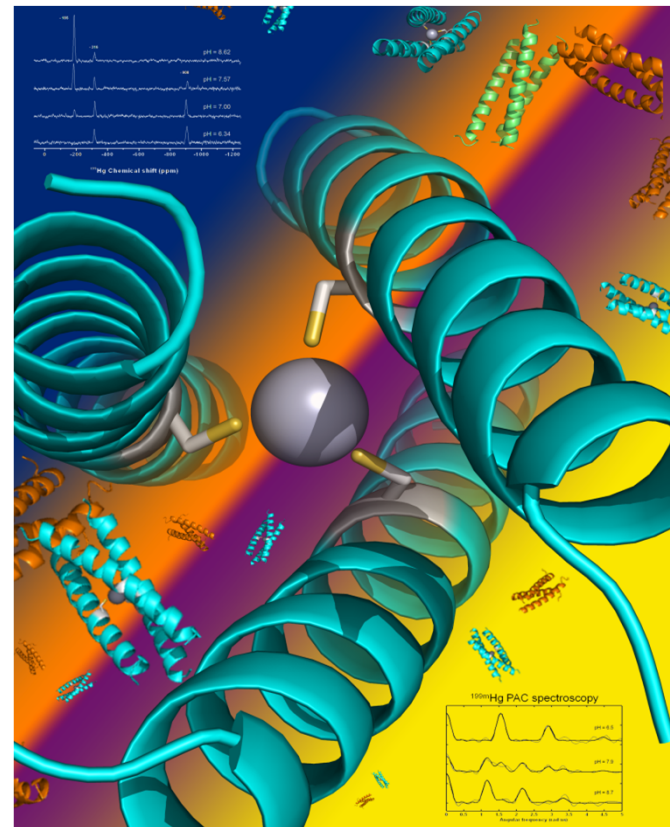
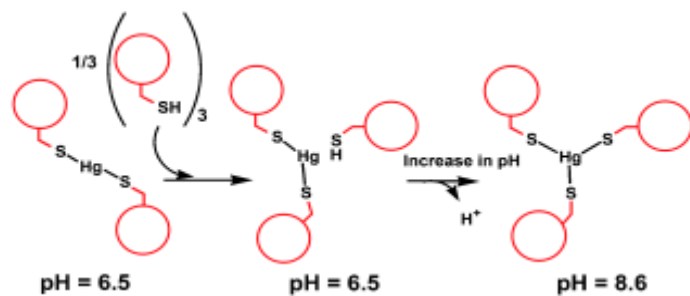
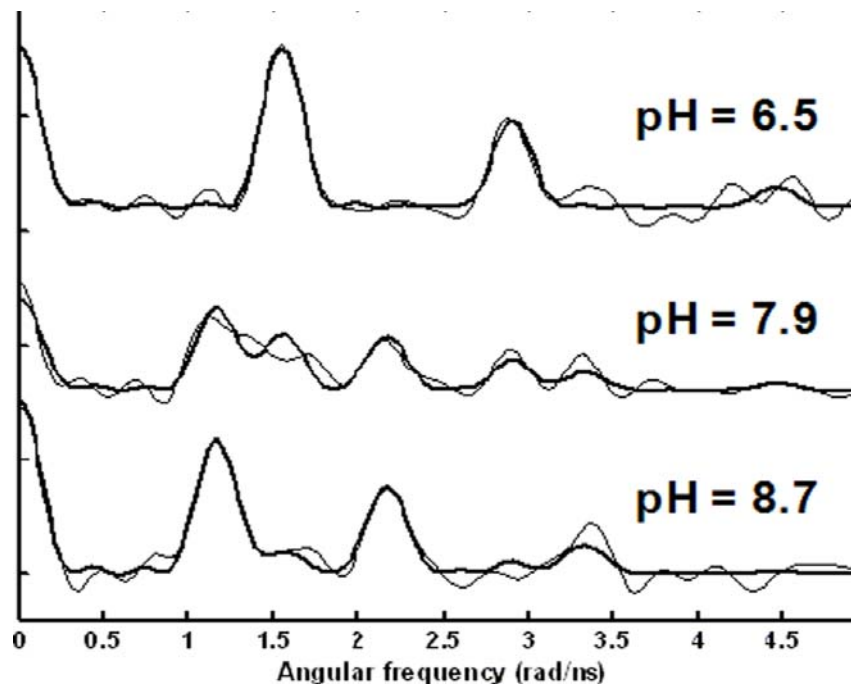
PET isotopes

- PET (positron emission tomography) – uses β^+ emitting nuclei and their annihilation inside the body in diagnosis and therapy
- Produced at ISOLDE and later investigated together with the creators of the PET technique at the Geneva Hospital



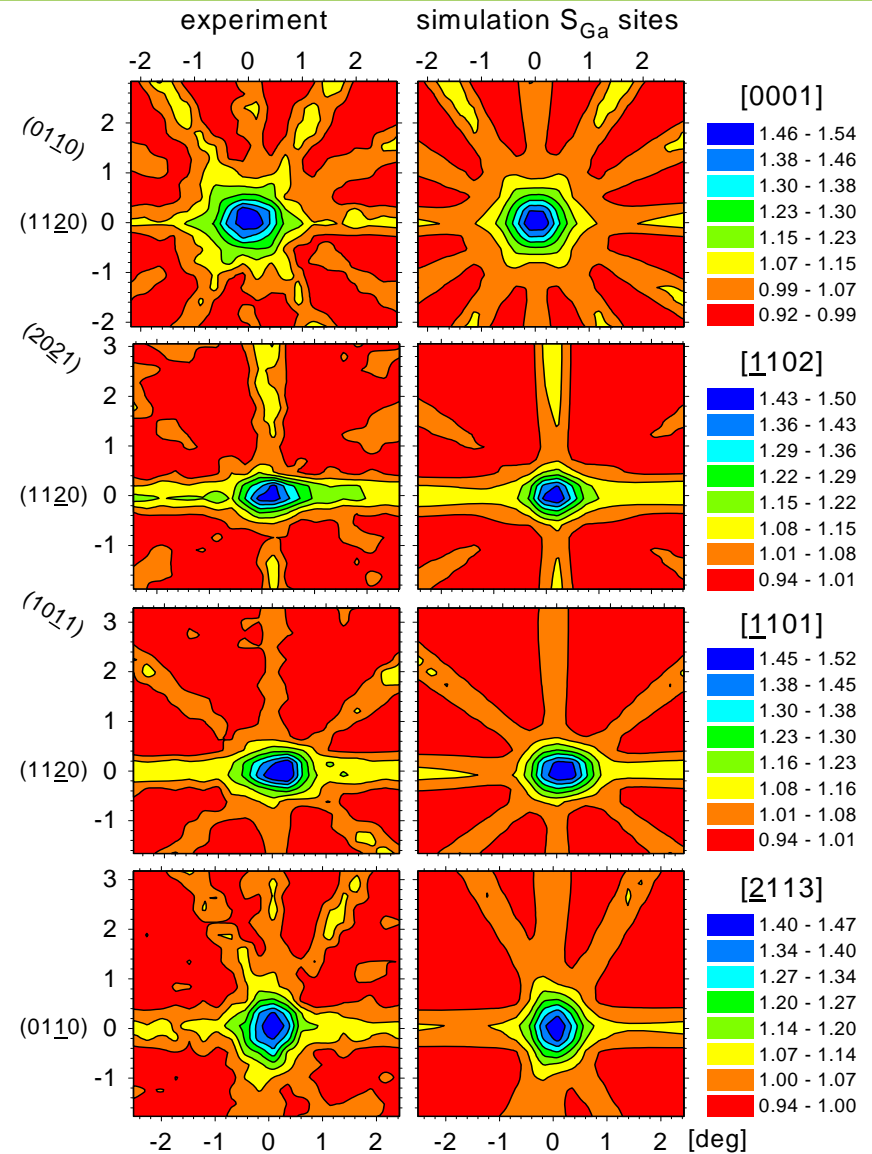
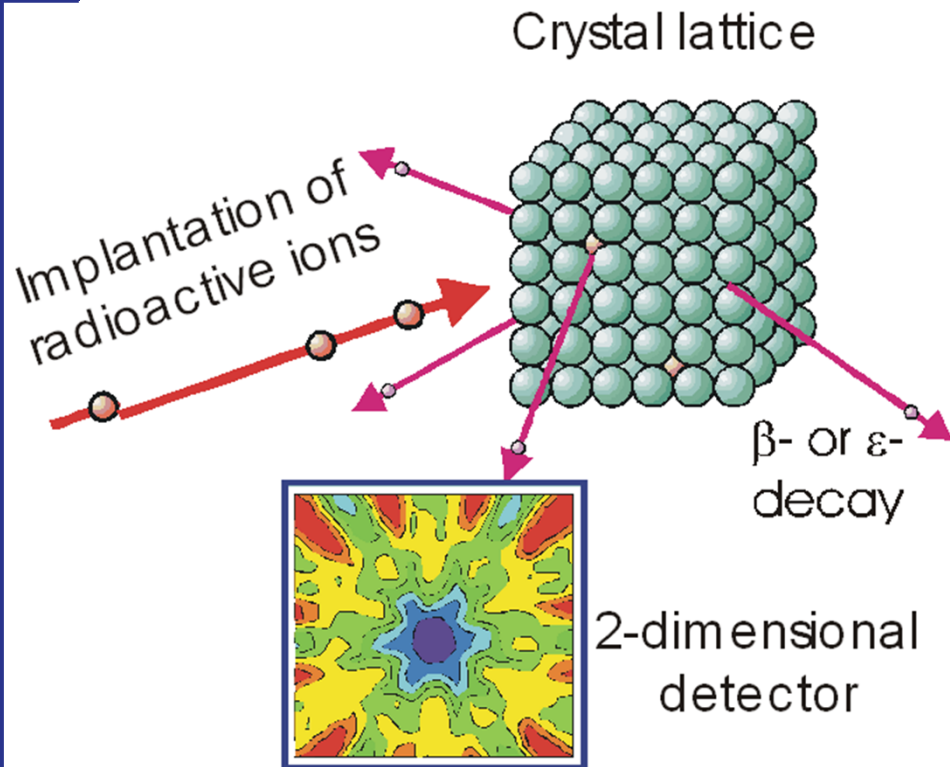
Metal binding to proteins

● Studied with Perturbed Angular Correlation method



Material science

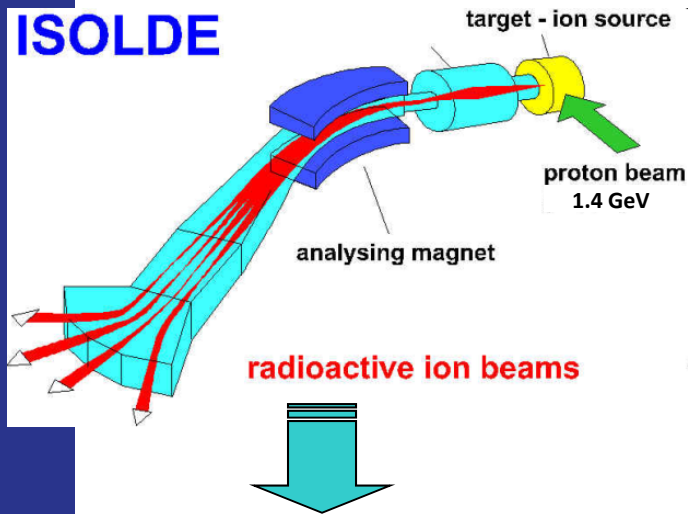
- Emission channelling
 - Position of implanted ions



Emission channelling pattern

New medical isotopes

i. Collection at ISOLDE



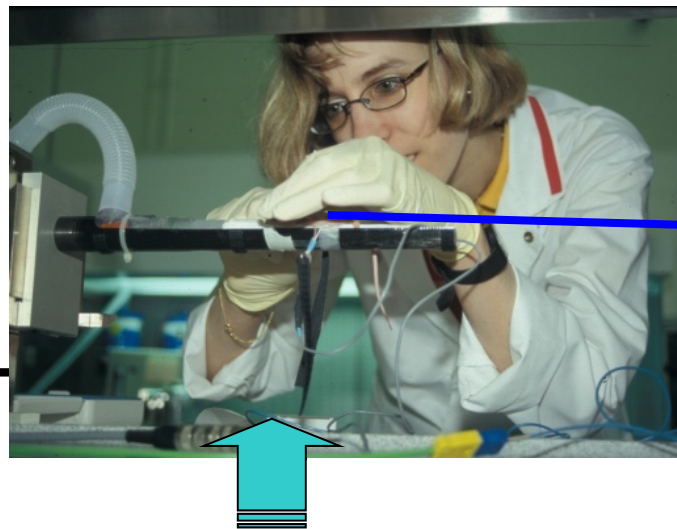
ii. Shipping to PSI



After U. Koster

C Müller et al. 2012 J. Nucl. Med. 53 1951

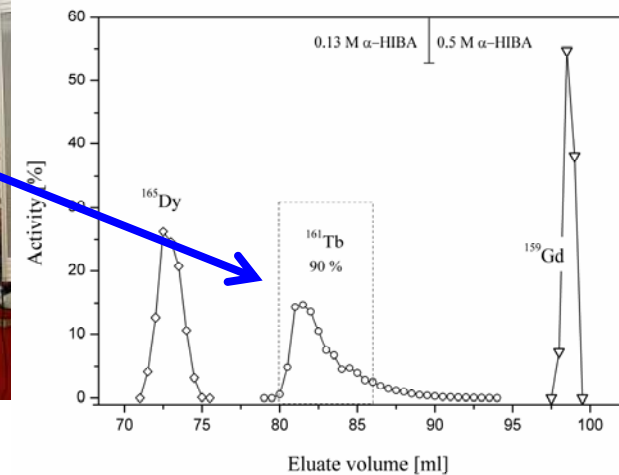
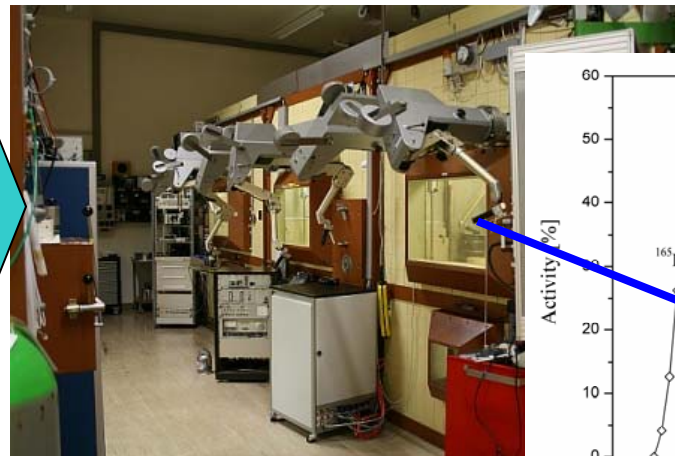
iv. Injection into mouse



v. PET/SPECT imaging and tumor treatment



iii. Radiochemical purification and labeling



Summary

- Research topics with radionuclides:
 - Nuclear and atomic physics
 - Astrophysics
 - Fundamental studies
 - Applications
- Studied properties:
 - mass, radius, spin, moments, half-life, decay pattern, transition probabilities
- Examples of ISOLDE experimental techniques
 - Laser spectroscopy
 - Ion traps
 - Decay spectroscopy
 - Coulomb excitation
 - Nucleon-transfer reactions
- Applications
 - Material science
 - Life sciences: bio- and medical

Fundamental studies with traps

determine beta-neutrino ($\beta\nu$) correlation in β decay of ^{35}Ar with $(\Delta a/a)_{\text{stat}} \leq 0.5\%$
 \Rightarrow test the Standard Model

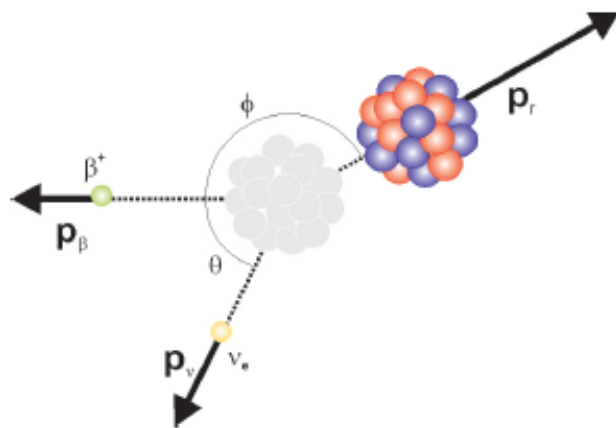
$$H_\beta = H_S + H_V + H_T + H_A + H_P$$

e.g: Fermi β decay ($0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$)

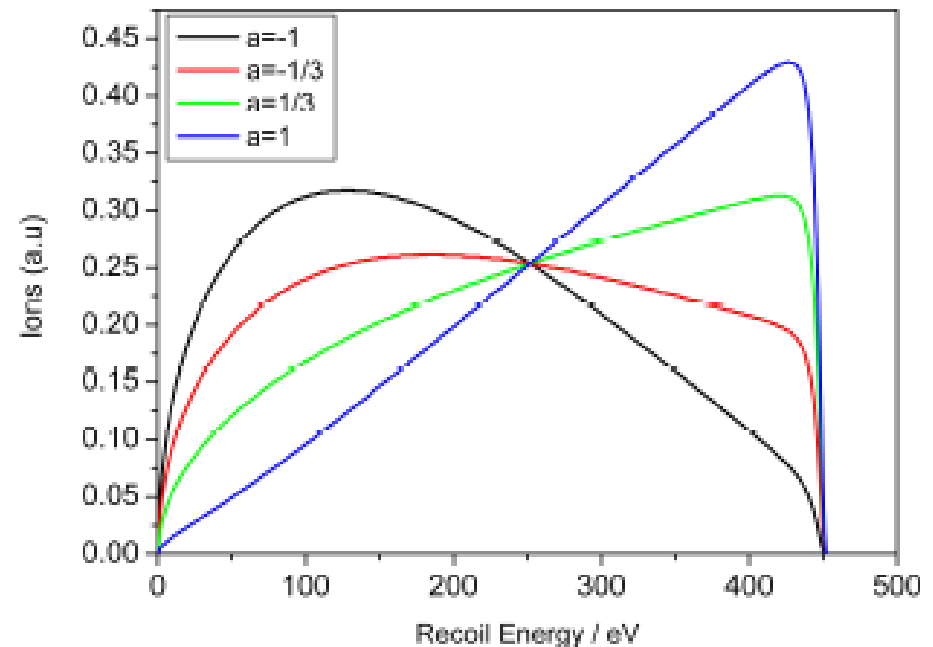
Angular distribution of β radiation

$$W(\theta) \approx 1 + a \frac{v}{c} \cos\theta$$

$$a \approx 1 - \frac{|C_S|^2 + |C_S'|^2}{|C_V|^2}$$



Simulated ion recoil for different a

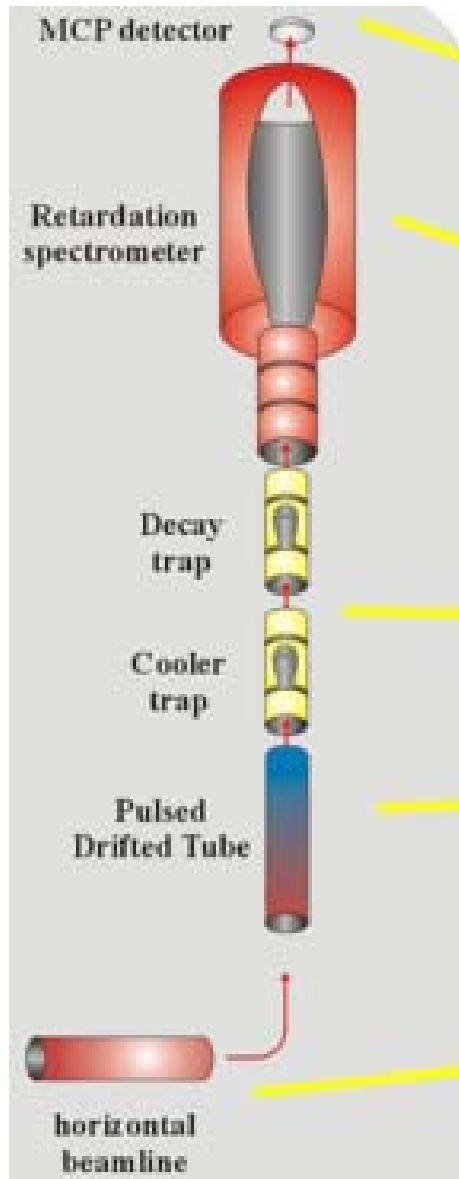


Current experimental limits:
 (from nuclear & neutron β decay)

$$\frac{C_S}{C_V} < 7\%, \quad \frac{C_T}{C_A} < 9\%$$

WITCH

Weak Interaction Trap for Charged particles



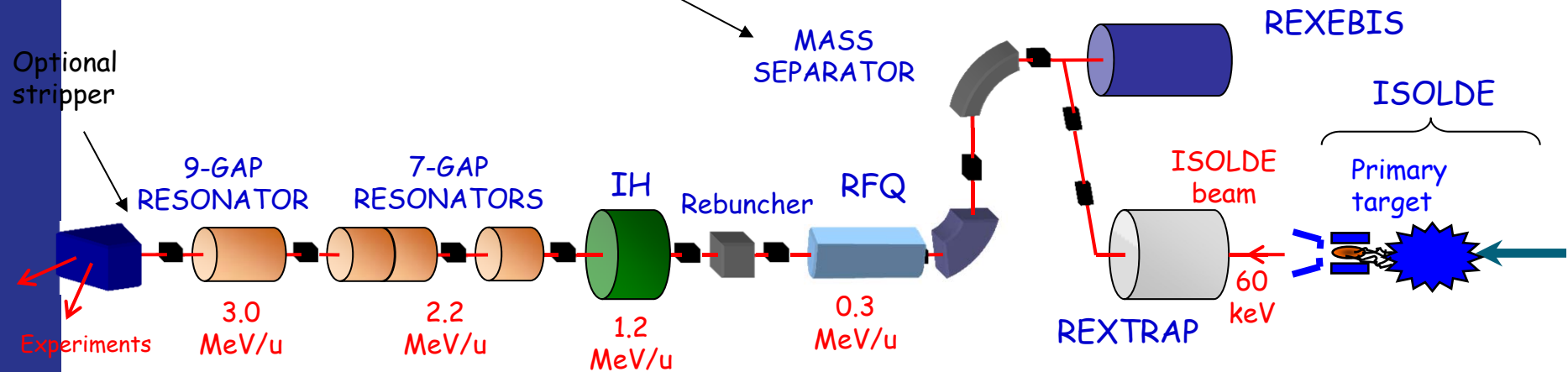
REX post-accelerator

Nier-spectrometer

- Select the correct A/q and separate the radioactive ions from the residual gases.
- A/q resolution ~ 150

EBIS

- Super conducting solenoid, 2 T
- Electron beam $< 0.4A$ 3-6 keV
- Breeding time 3 to >200 ms
- Total capacity $6 \cdot 10^{10}$ charges
- $A/q < 4.5$



Linac

Length	11 m
Freq.	101MHz (202MHz for the 9GP)
Duty cycle	1ms 100Hz (10%)
Energy	300keV/u, 1.2-3MeV/u
A/q max.	4.5 (2.2MeV/u), 3.5 (3MeV/u)

REX-trap

- Cooling (10-20 ms)
Buffer gas + RF
- (He), Li, ..., U
- 10^8 ions/pulse
(Space charge effects $>10^5$)

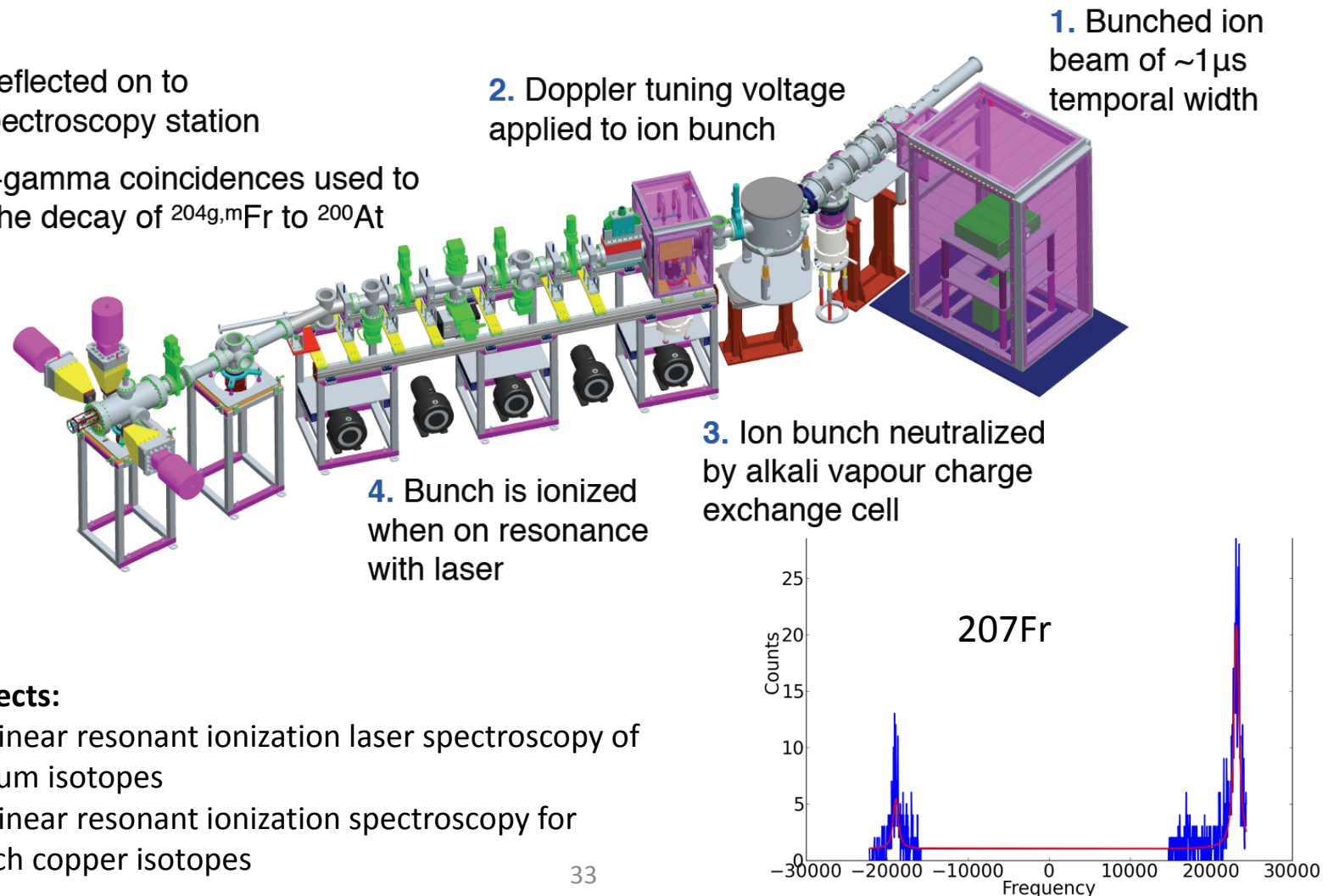
Total efficiency : 1 -10 %

CRIS

- Collinear Resonant Ionisation Spectroscopy
- High sensitivity, lower resolution -> perfect for heavy ions

5. Ions deflected on to decay spectroscopy station

6. Alpha-gamma coincidences used to identify the decay of $^{204g,m}\text{Fr}$ to ^{200}At



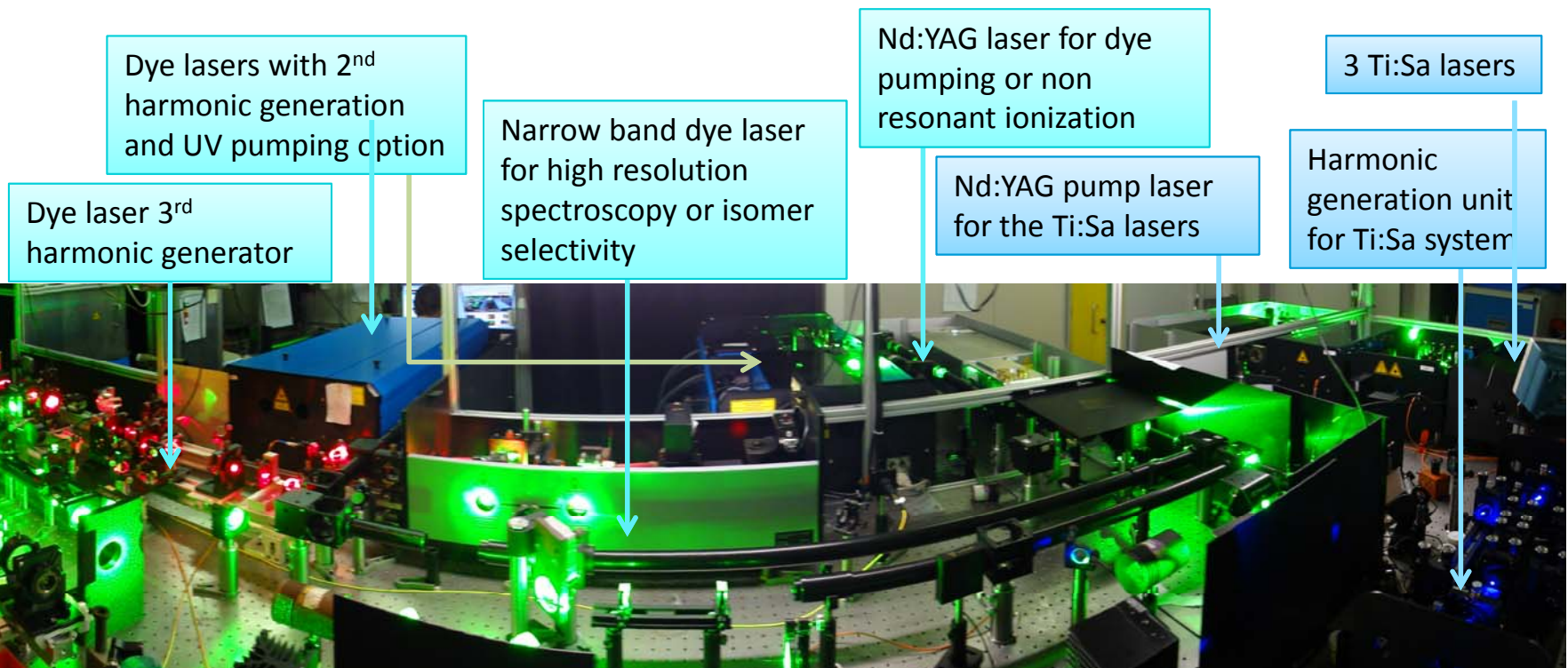
Open projects:

IS471: Collinear resonant ionization laser spectroscopy of rare francium isotopes

IS531: Collinear resonant ionization spectroscopy for neutron rich copper isotopes

RILIS

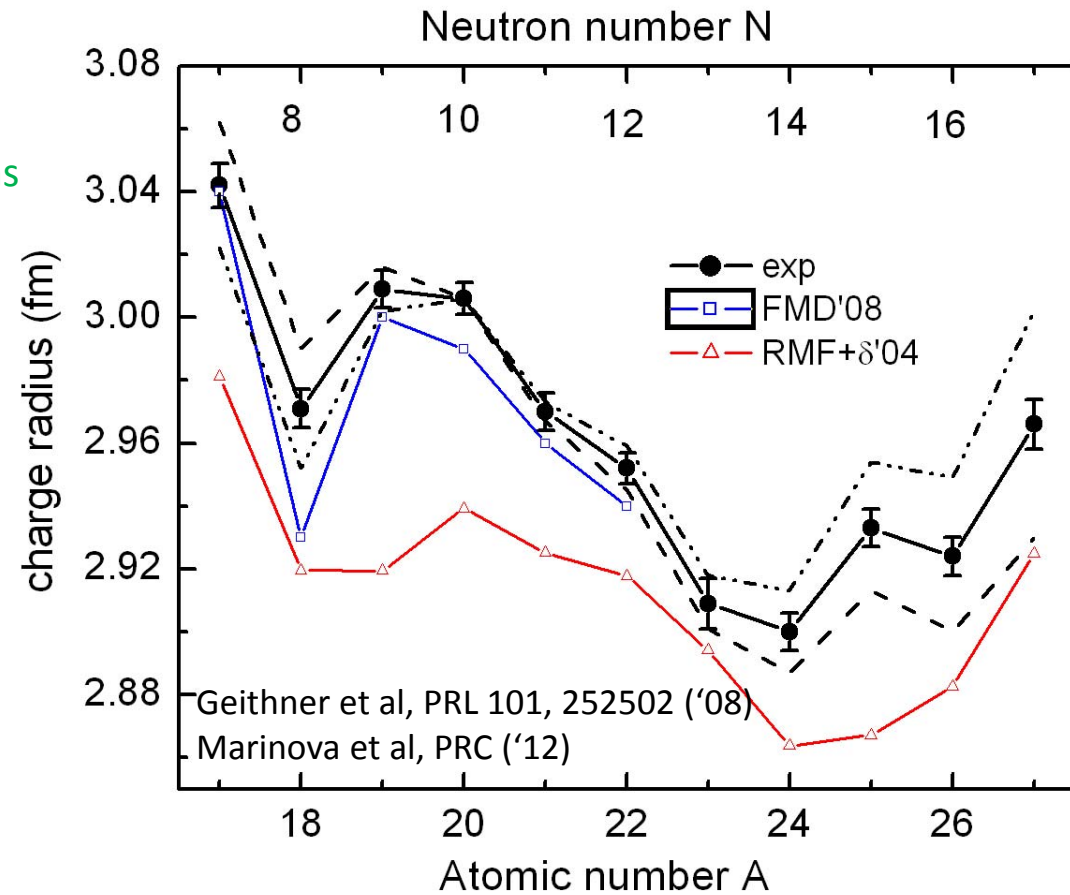
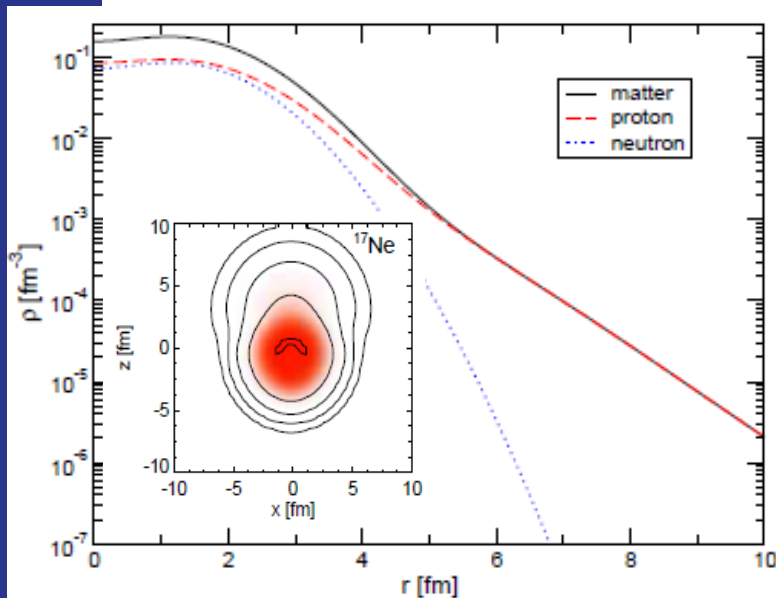
● Resonant Ionization Laser Ion Source



COLLAPS – Ne charge radii

Laser spectroscopy

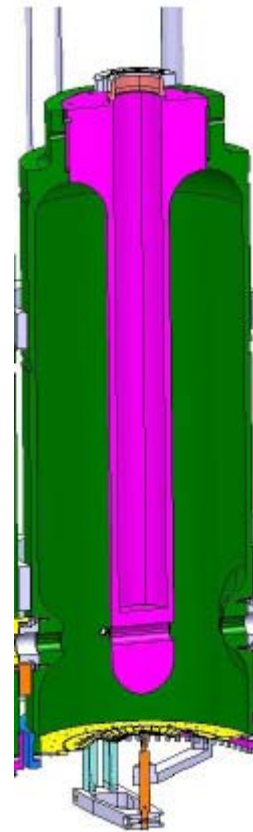
Intrinsic density distributions of dominant proton FMD configurations



HIE-ISOLDE

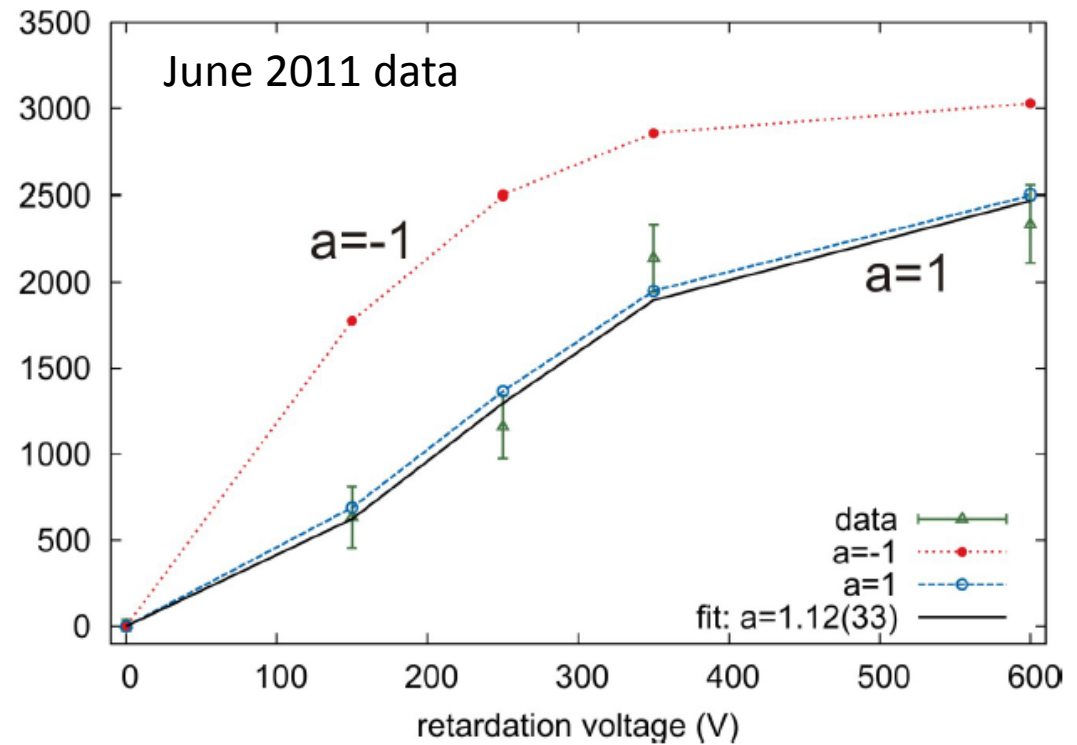
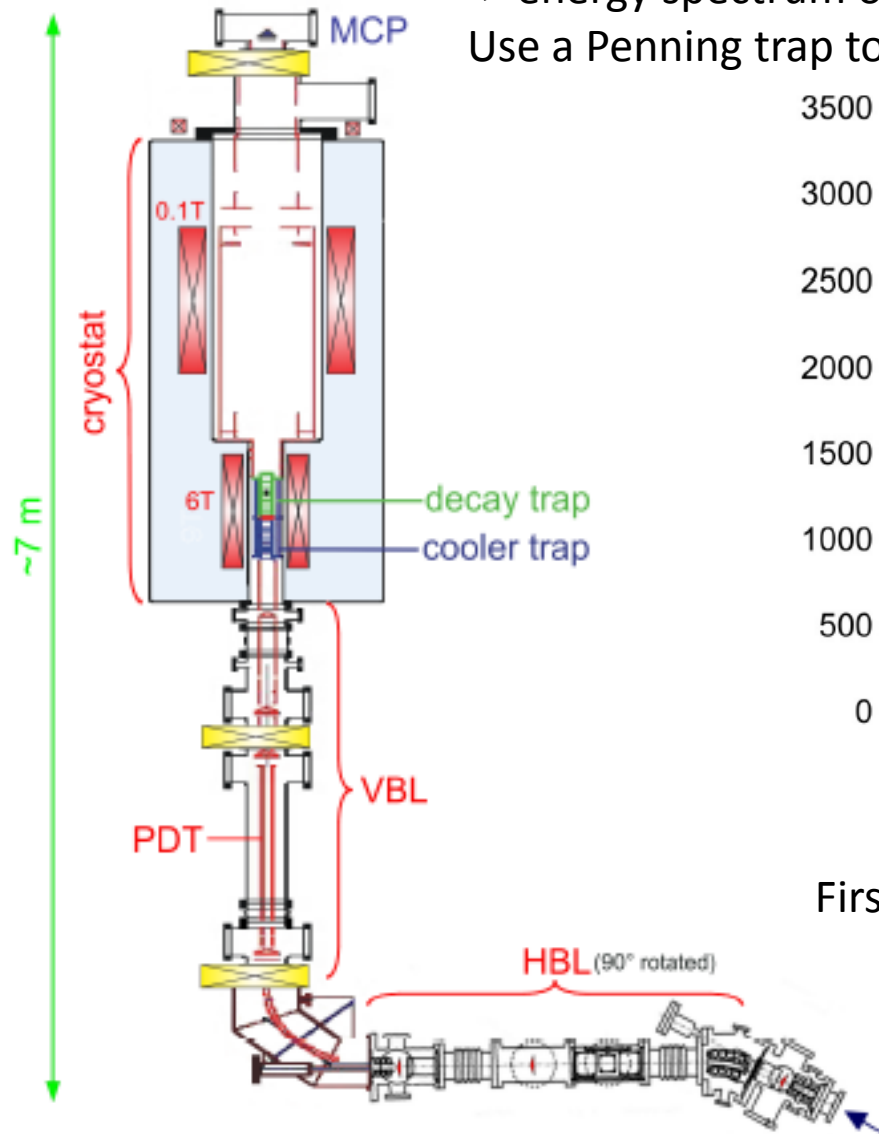
- SC-linac between 1.2 and 10 MeV/u
- 32 SC QWR (20 @ $\beta_0=10.3\%$ and 12 @ $\beta_0=6.3\%$)
- Energy fully variable; energy spread and bunch length are tunable. Average synchronous phase $\phi_s = -20$ deg
- $2.5 < A/q < 4.5$ limited by the room temperature cavity
- 16.02 m length (without matching section)
- No ad-hoc longitudinal matching section (incorporated in the lattice)
- New beam transfer line to the experimental stations

Quarter-wave resonators
(Nb sputtered)



WITCH

-> energy spectrum of recoiling ions with a retardation spectrometer
Use a Penning trap to create a small, cold ion bunch

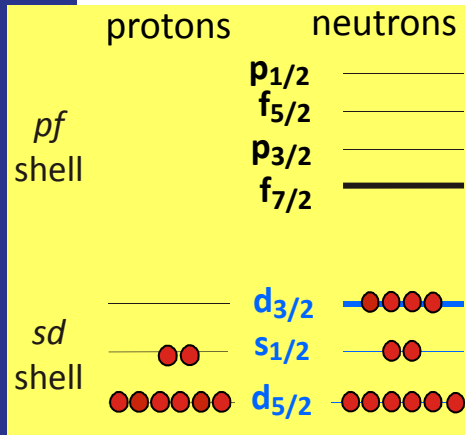


First high-statistics run in Nov 2011: under analysis

- M. Beck et al., Eur. Phys. J. A47 (2011) 45
- M. Tandecki et al., NIM A629 (2011) 396
- S. Van Gorp et al., NIM A638 (2011) 192

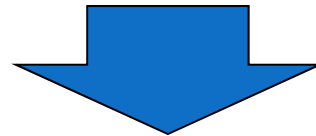
Island of inversion: explanation

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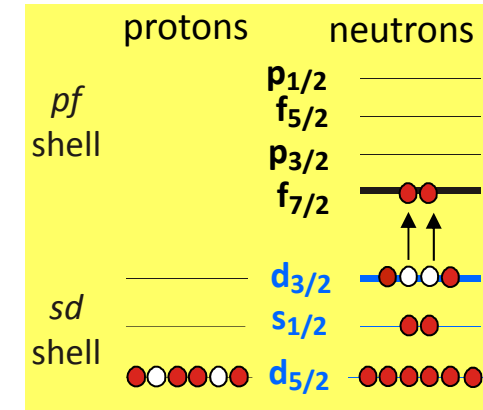


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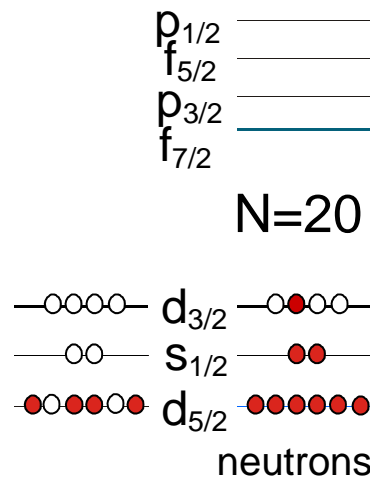
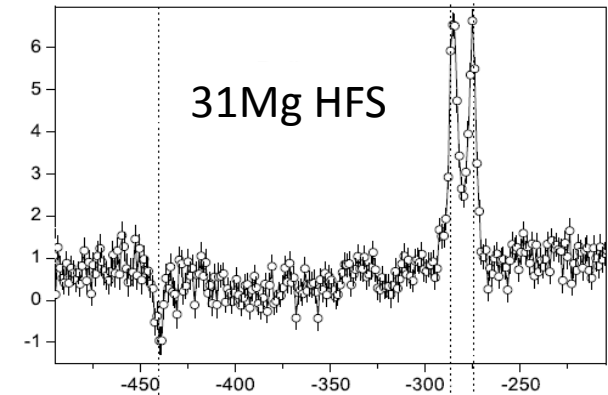
Name: island of inversion

This hypothesis has to be tested/⁸confirmed experimentally

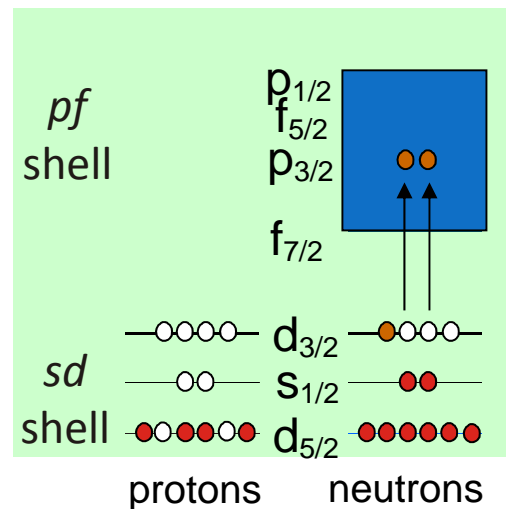
Mg spins and moments

Spins, parities and magnetic moments =>
single-particle nature

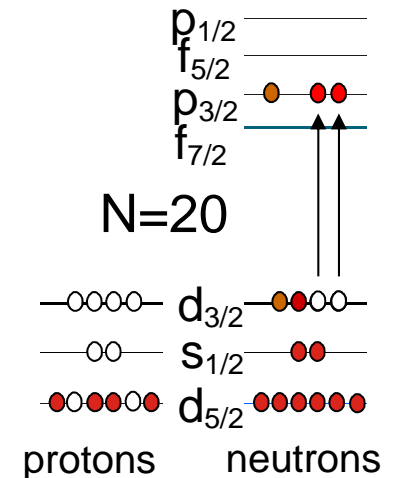
Laser and beta-NMR
spectroscopy on 29-33Mg
With COLLAPS setup



29Mg



31Mg



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29Mg outside the "island"

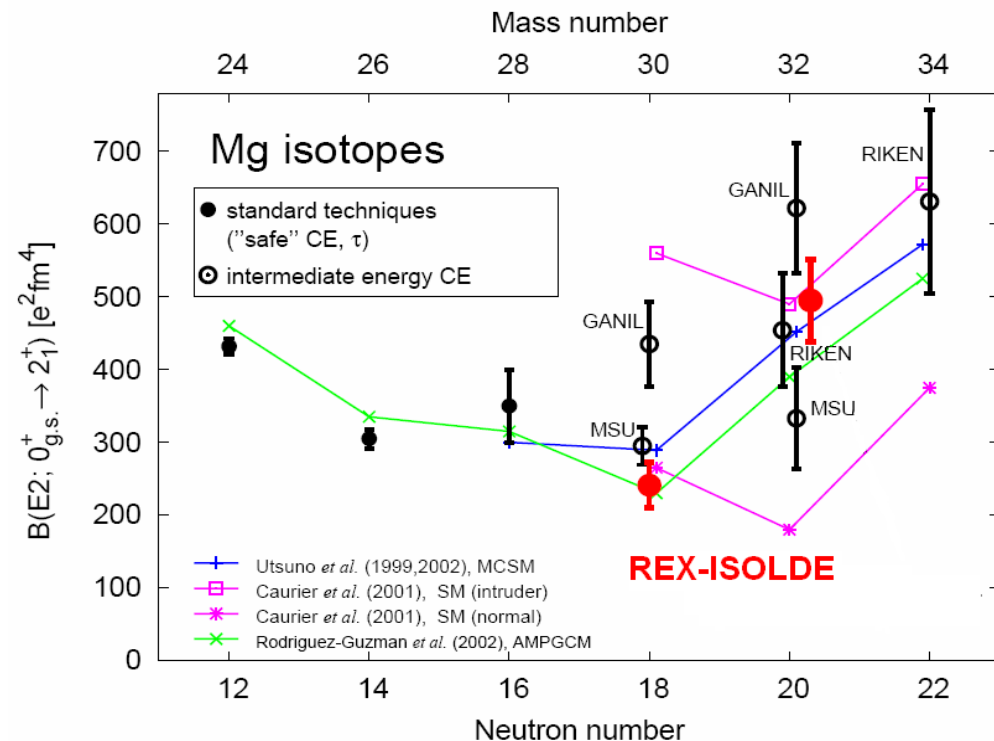
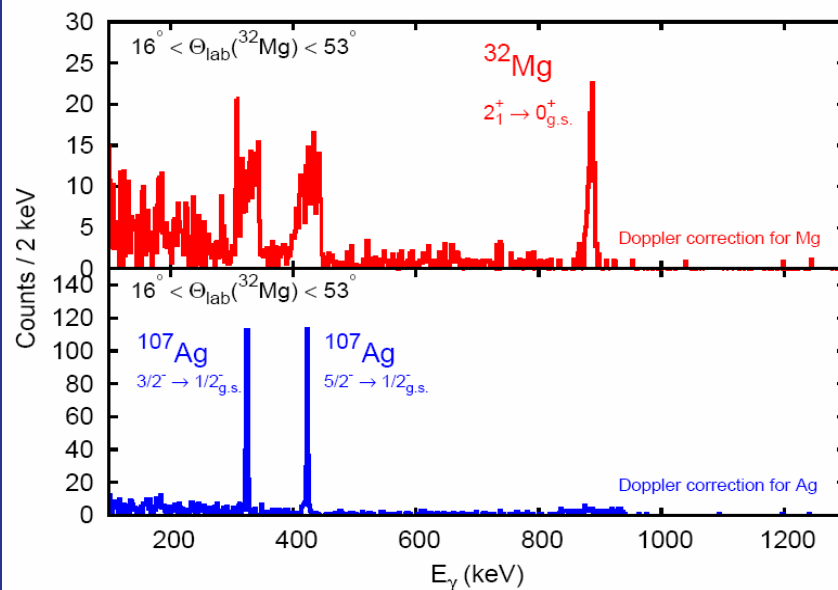
31,33Mg inside; with 2 nucleons across N=20

Mg Coulomb excitation

Coulomb excitation on 30,32Mg with MINIBALL setup

Excitations across N=20 will increase collectivity, due to more active nucleons and thus more correlations

World results for Mg Coulomb excitation:
only ISOLDE can provide pure e.m. excitation ("safe Coulex")



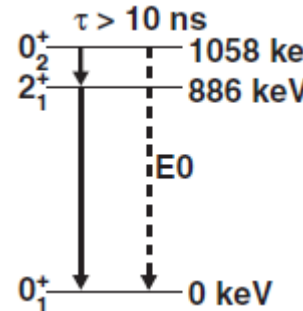
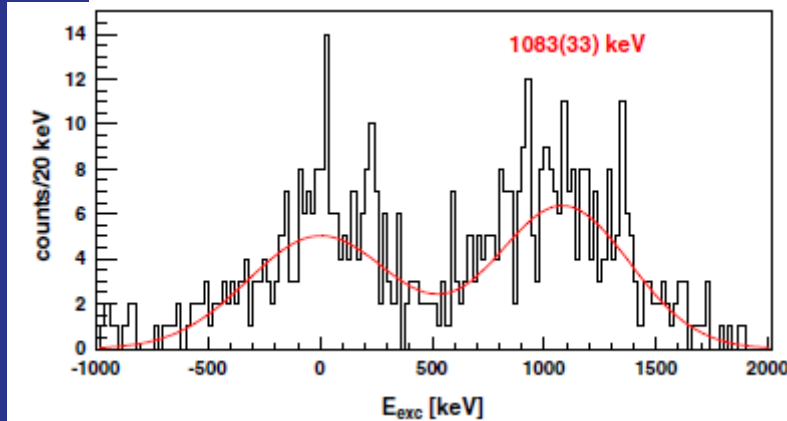
Increase in collectivity from 30Mg to 32Mg (N=20)

O. Niedermaier et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 94 (2005) 172501
 M. Seidlitz et al, Phys.Lett. B 700 (2011) 181

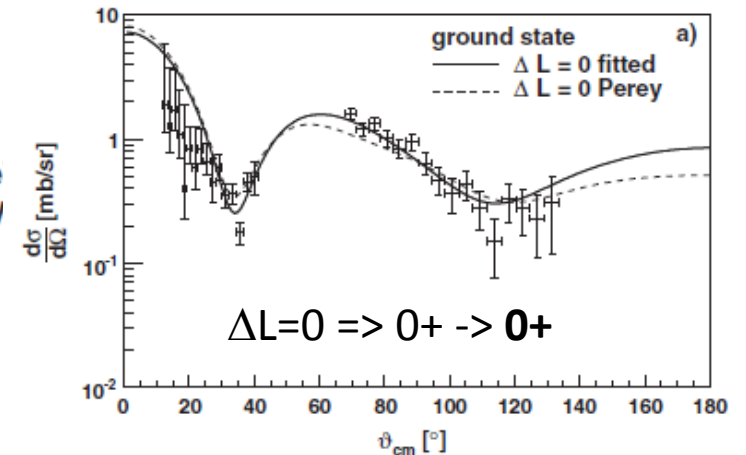
32Mg, transfer reaction

Two-neutron (t,p) transfer reactions on 30,32Mg

Allow finding 1st excited 0⁺ state and probing its nature: “normal” spherical structure or deformed structure based on 2 neutrons excited across N=20

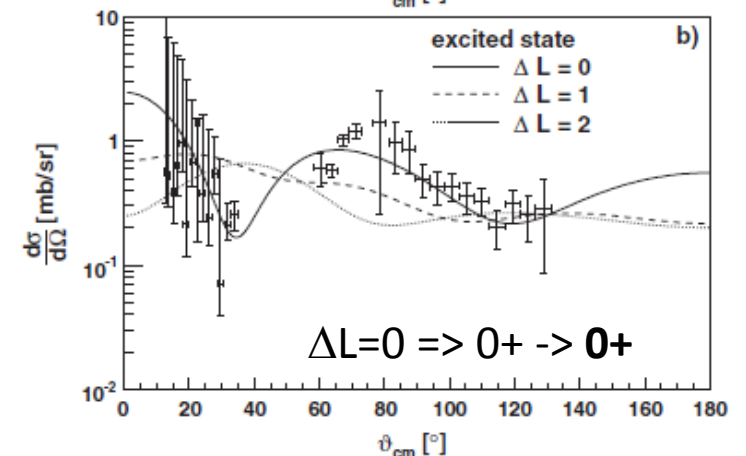


proton angular distributions



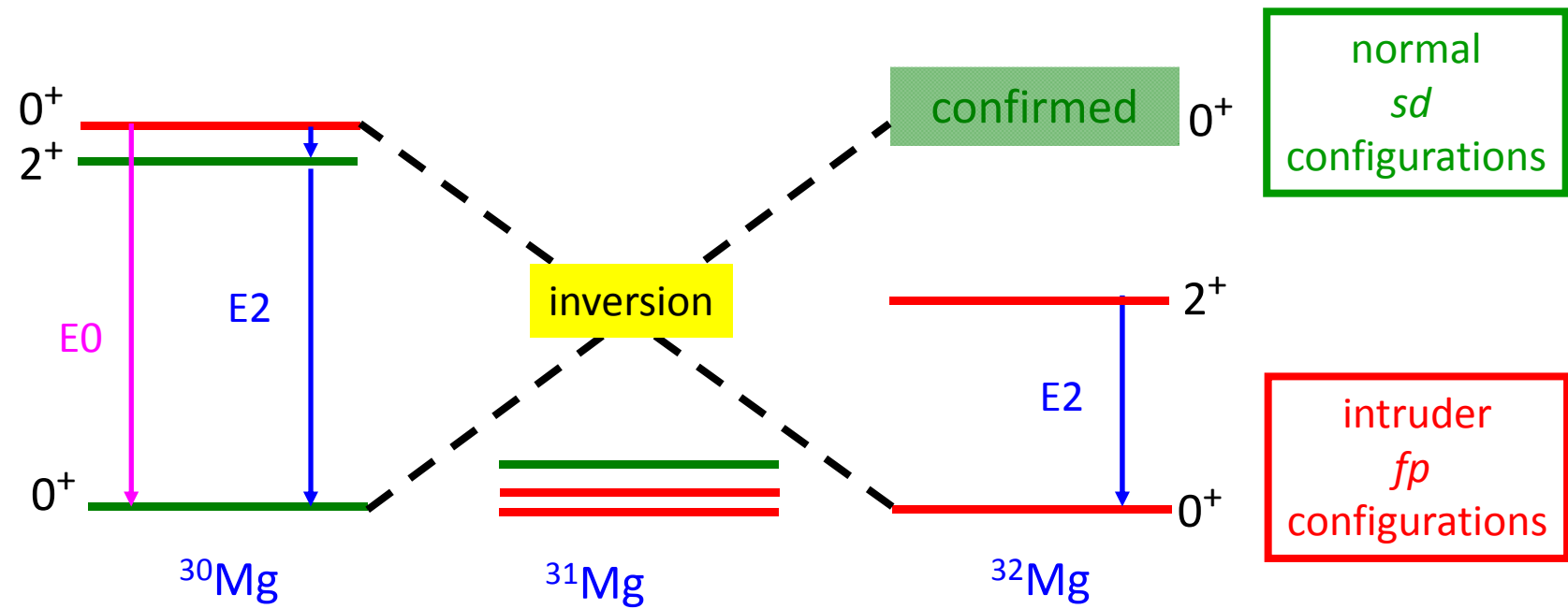
existence of excited 0⁺ state in ^{32}Mg at 1058 keV

cross section to populate ^{32}Mg excited 0⁺ state points to its similarity to ^{30}Mg ground-state, i.e. **spherical structure made of orbitals below N=20**



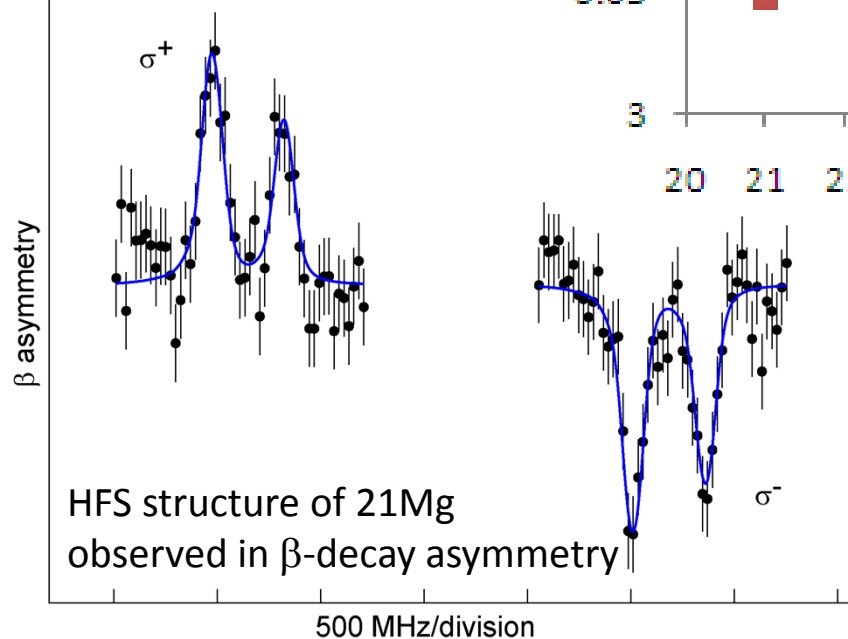
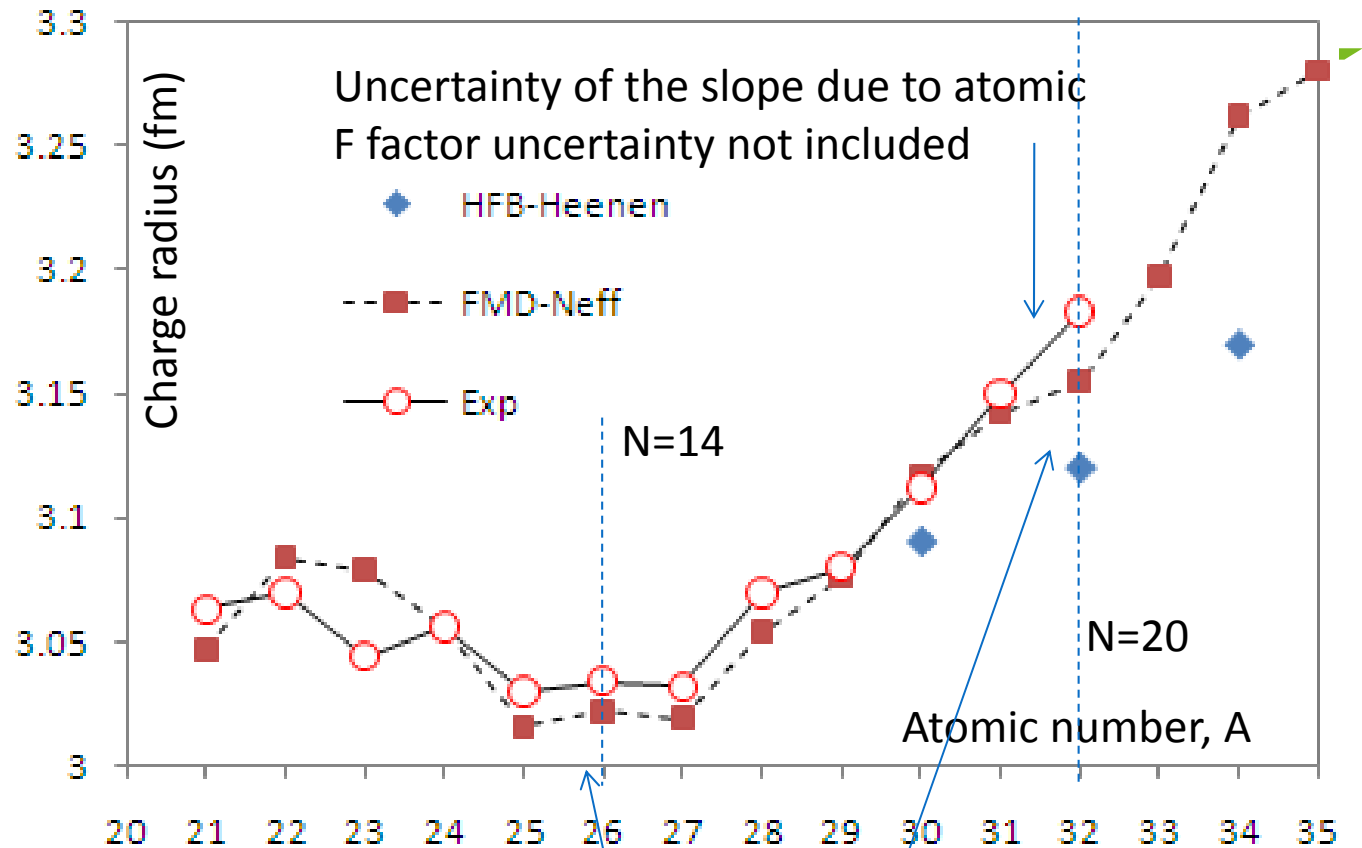
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Coexistence of spherical and deformed states



Mg: laser spectroscopy

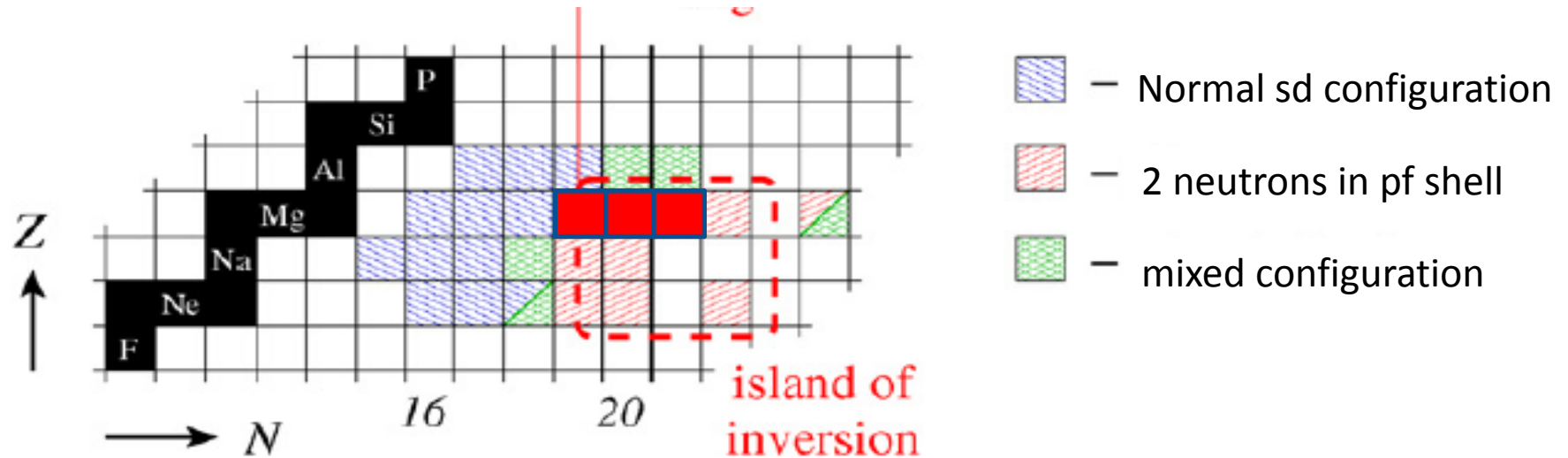
Laser spectroscopy with COLLAPS



**Smallest radius at N=14, not N=20:
Migration of the shell closure**

D. Yordanov et al,
in preparation

What did we learn?



- Already at $N=19$ neutrons occupy higher orbits
- Transition to island of inversion is sudden
- Spherical and deformed shapes coexist at low energies
- Deformed ground states show mainly 2 neutrons across $N=20$ (in pf shell)
- New magic number ($N=14$ or $N=16$) appears
- Theories start agreeing with experiment

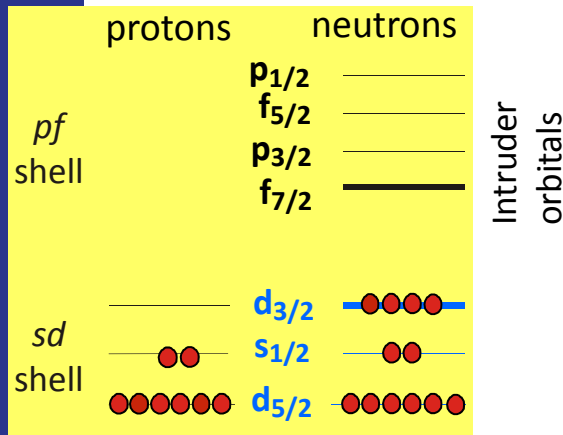
=> Mechanism driving the island connected to tensor part of nuclear interaction

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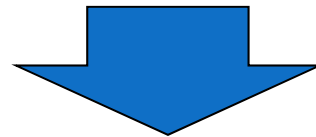
Example – island of inversion

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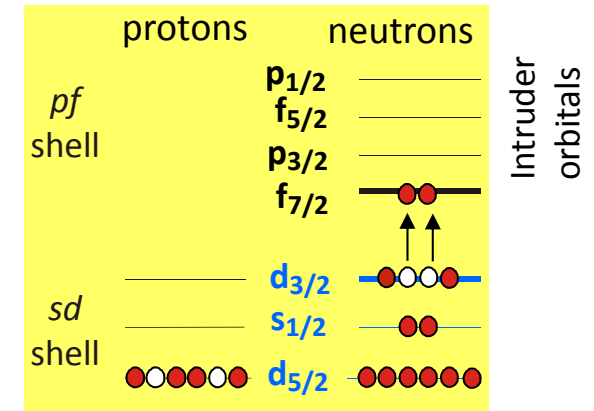


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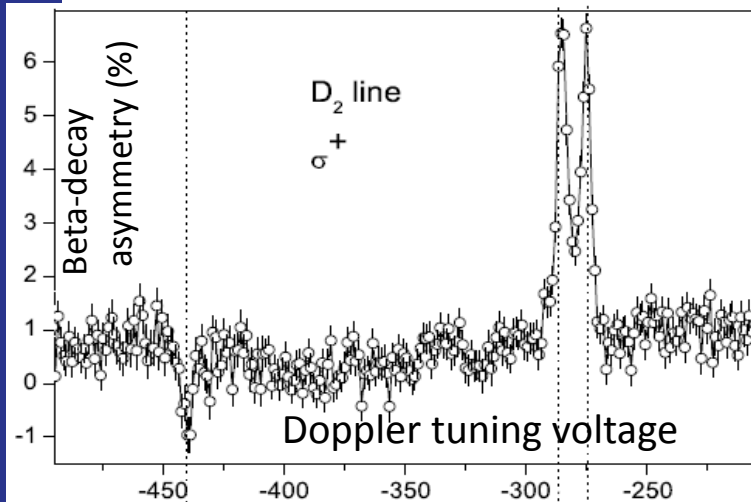


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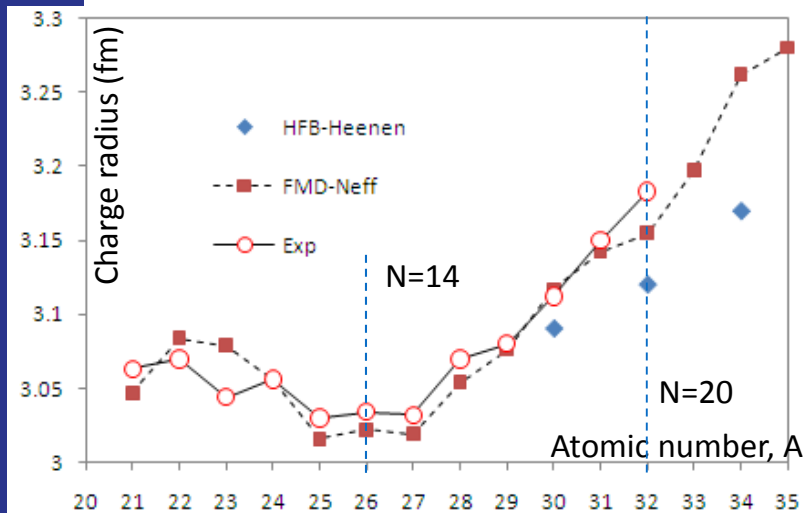
This hypothesis has to be investigated experimentally

Results – island of inversion

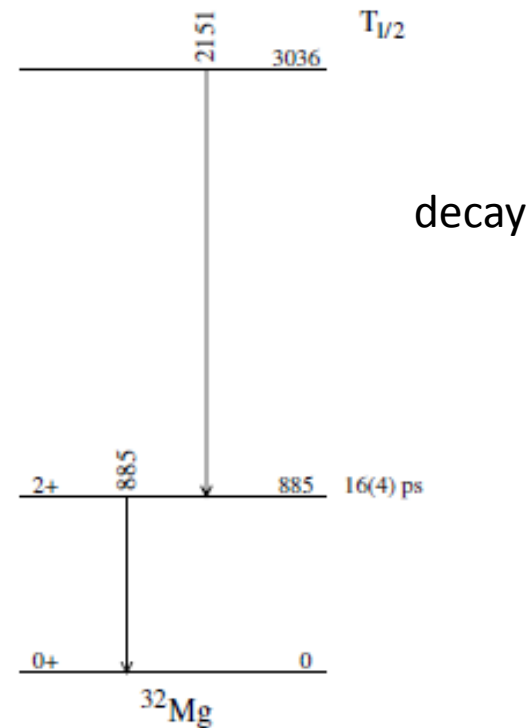
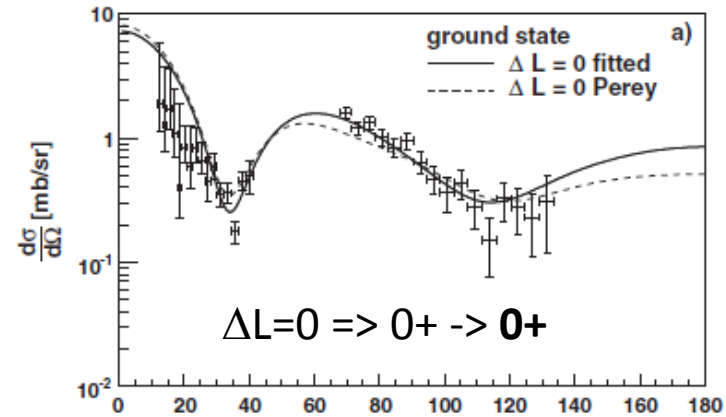
Laser and NMR spectroscopy



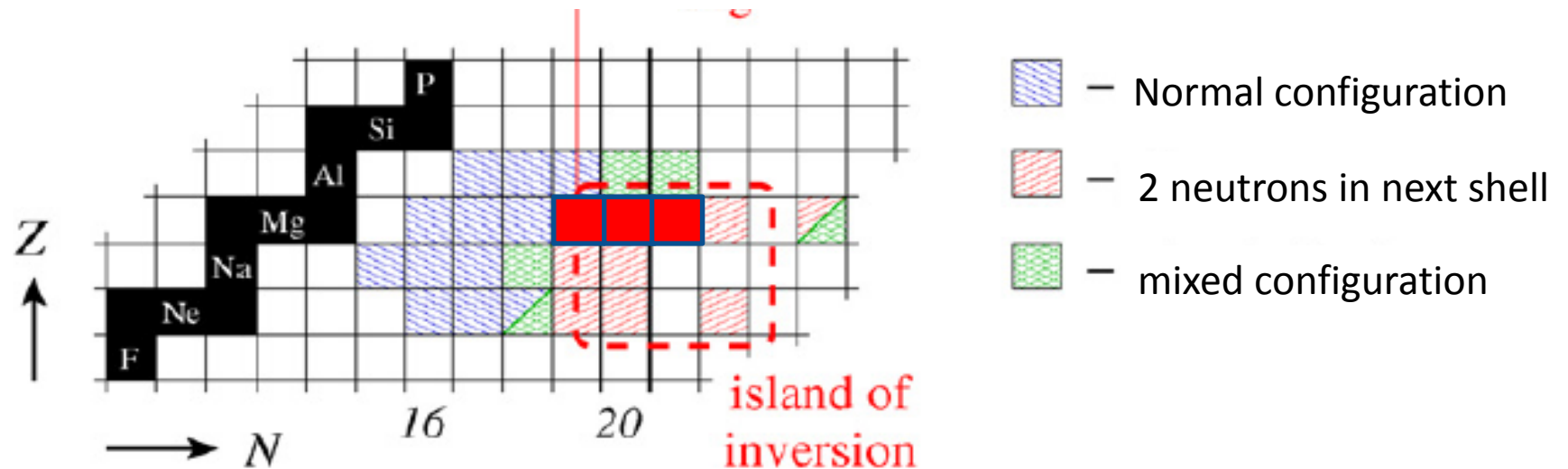
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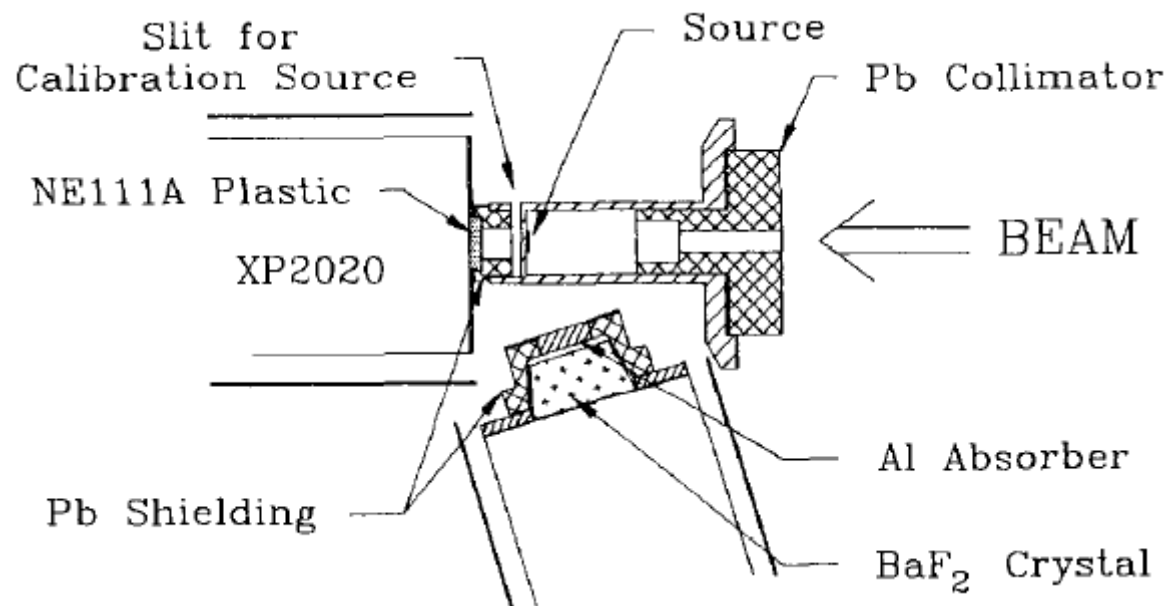
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Fast-timing gamma spectroscopy

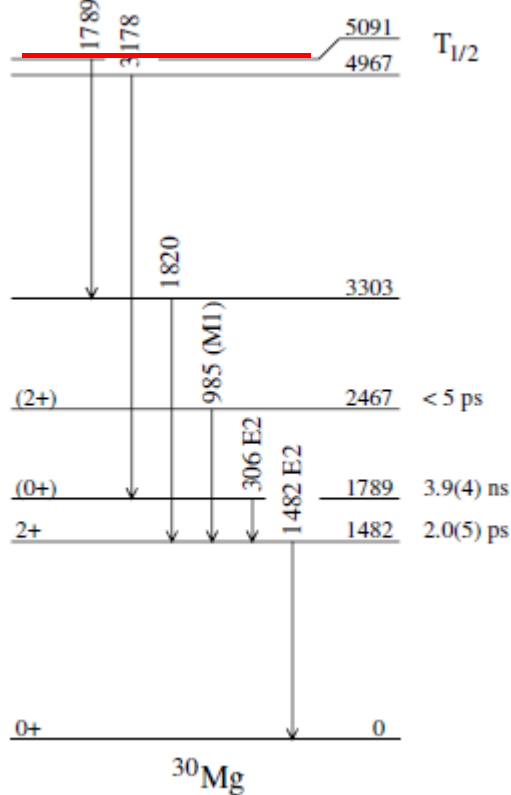
Gamma spectroscopy with BaF₂ crystals
(very fast response, <ps lifetime studies)

=> Transition energies and probabilities,
deformations



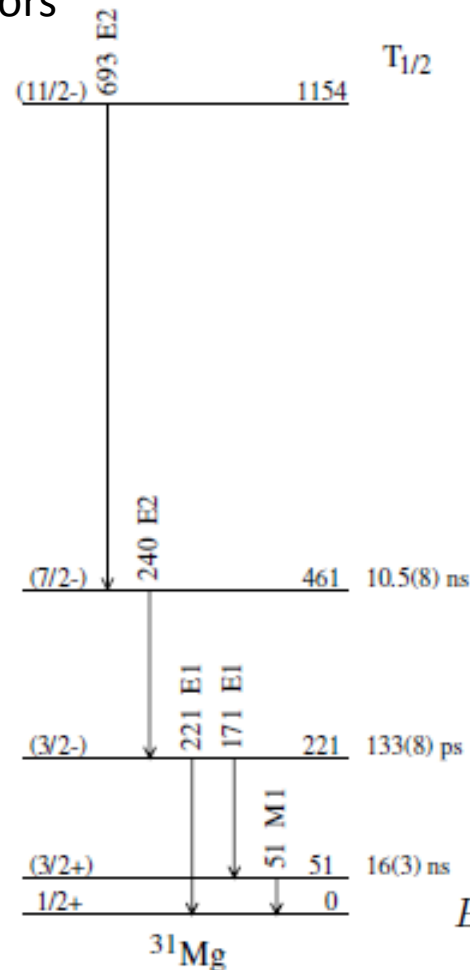
Mg: fast-timing

fast timing $\beta\gamma\gamma(t)$ using BaF₂ detectors
 => level lifetimes in 30,31,32Mg
 (transition probabilities)



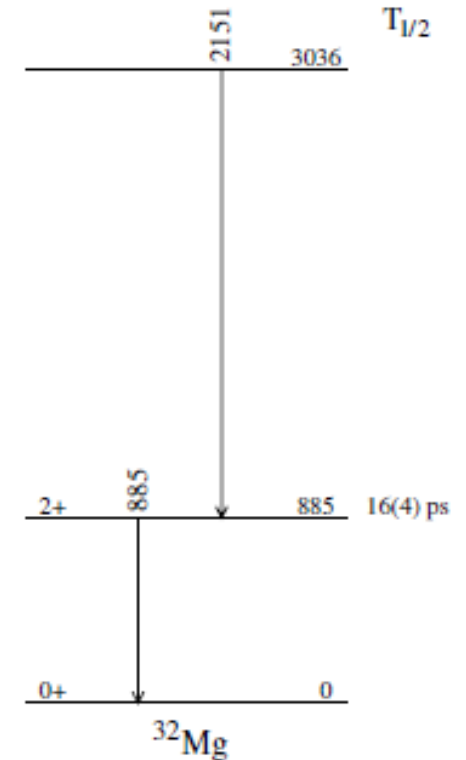
Spherical ground state

1789 keV level established : candidate for deformed 0+ configuration in 30Mg



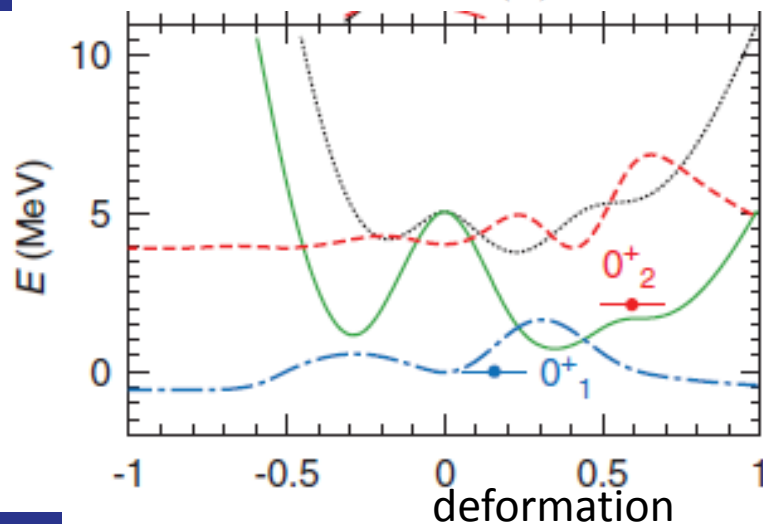
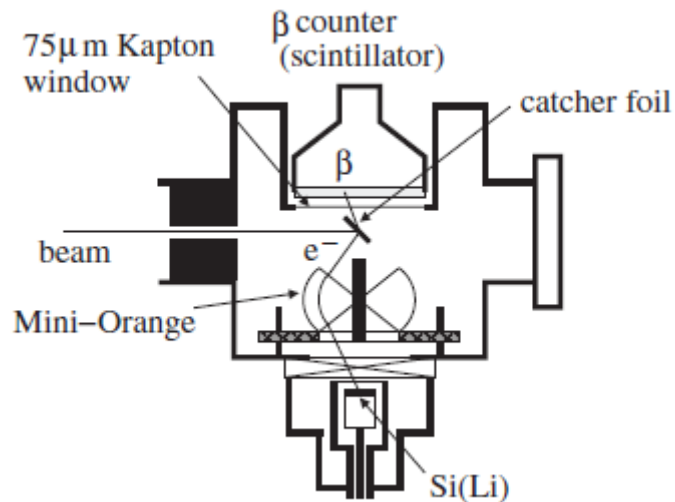
Deformed ground state

2+ state lifetime:
 $B(E2; 0^+ \rightarrow 2^+) = 327(87) e^2 \text{fm}^4,$

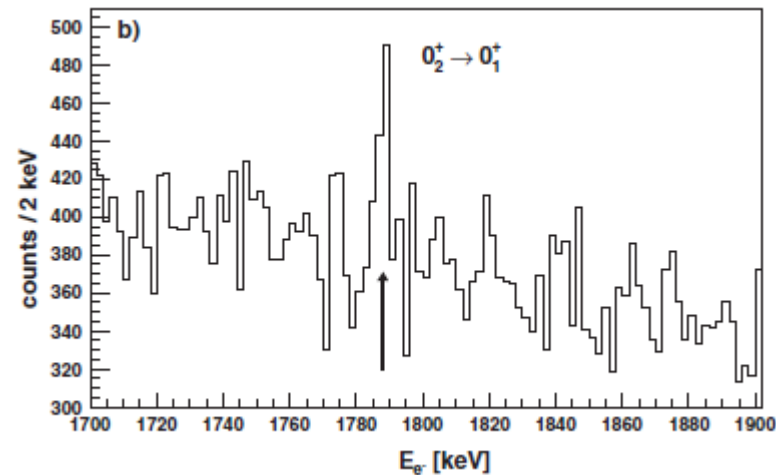


30Mg: E0 transition

E0 decay of 30Mg
electron spectrometer



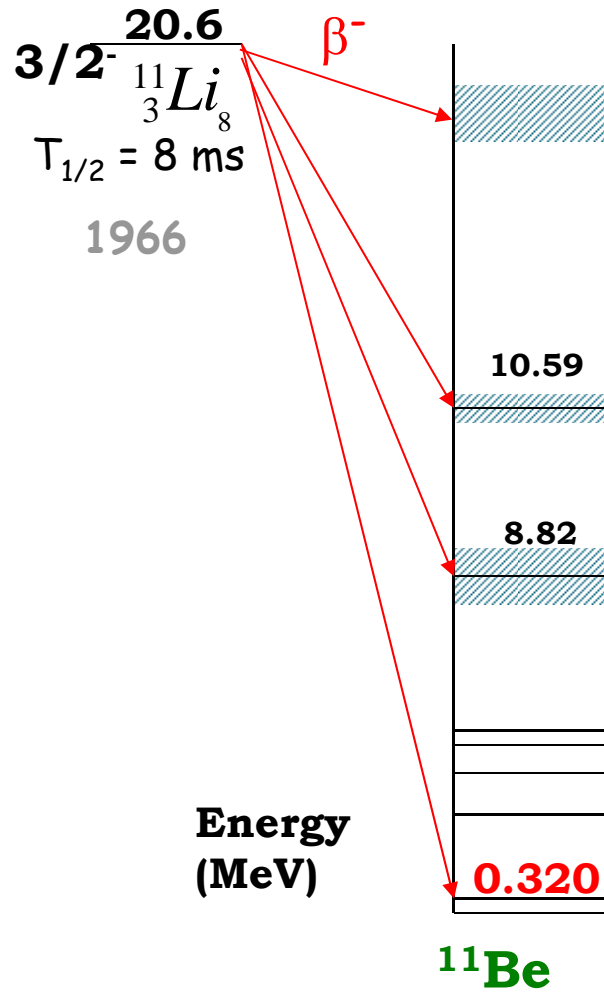
Identification of 0^+ state at 1789 keV ; small mixing amplitude with spherical ground state
=> deformed state



30Mg: spherical 0^+ -ground-state, deformed 1^{st} 0^+ state (2 neutrons across $N=20$) => shape coexistence

W. Schwerdtfeger et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 012501 (2009)

Results – decay of light nuclei

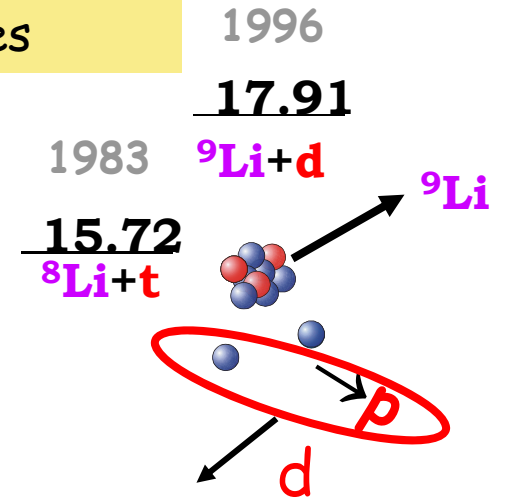


Even a neutron rich-nucleus emits charged particles

1974
0.504
 $^{10}\text{Be} + n$

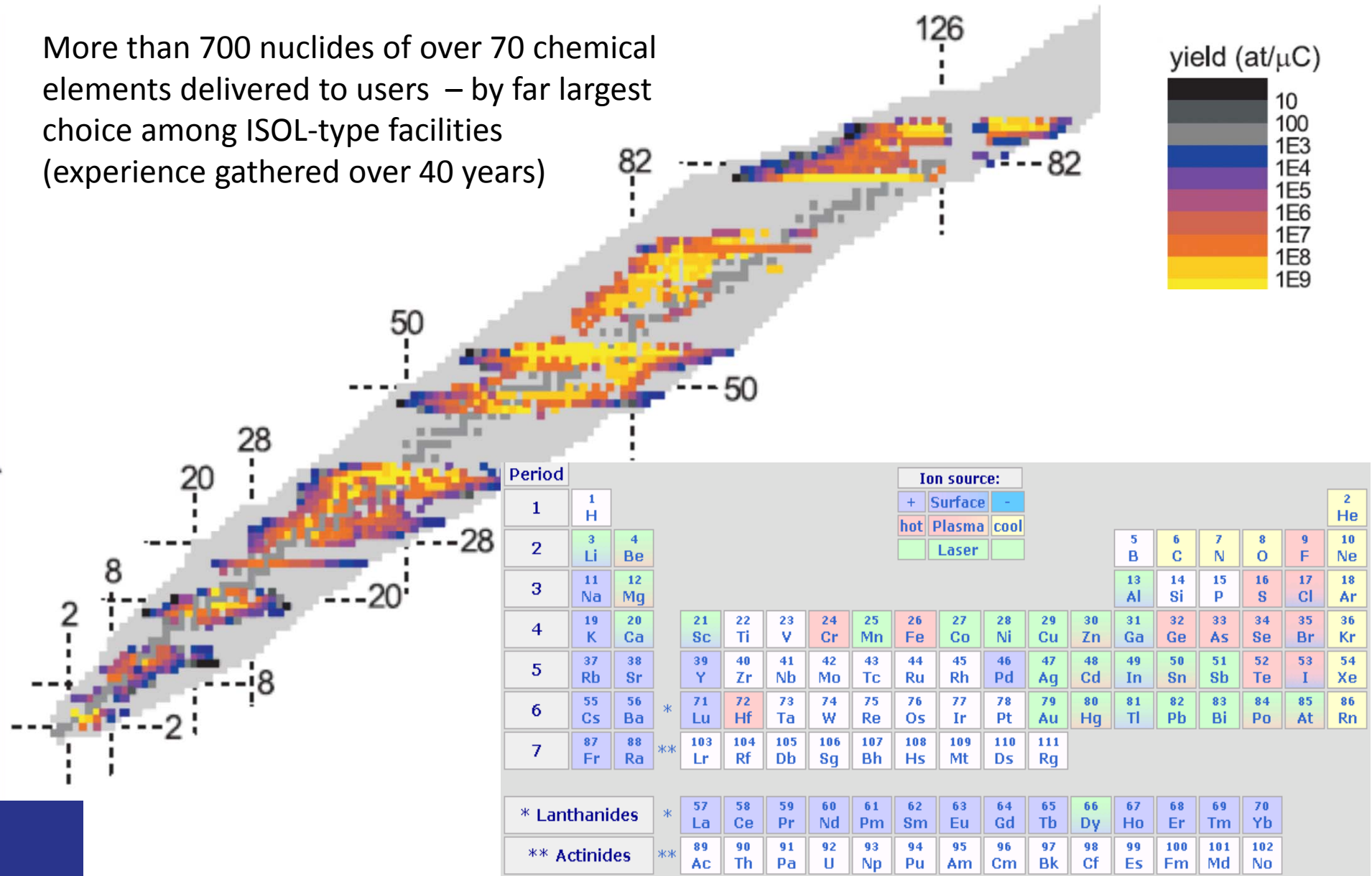
1979
7.315
 $^9\text{Be} + 2n$

1980
8.982
 $2\alpha + 3n$

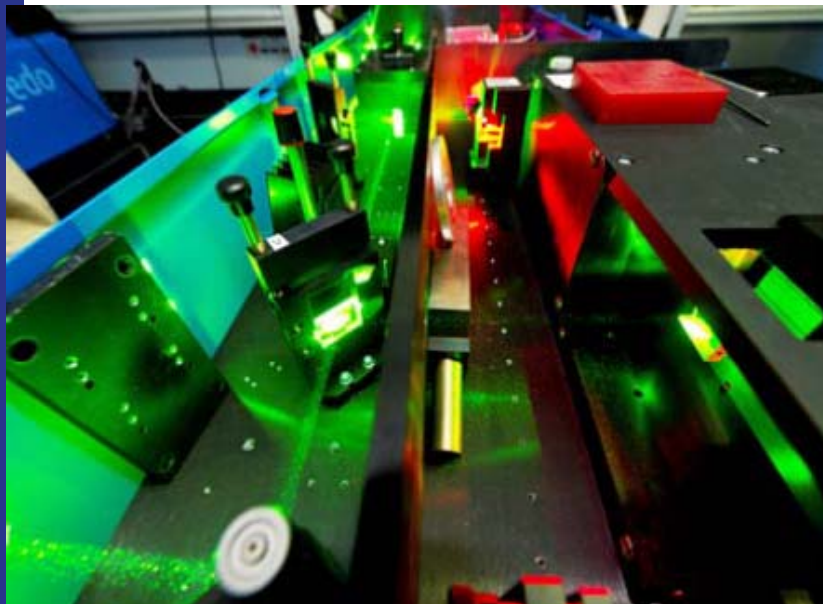


Extracted nuclides

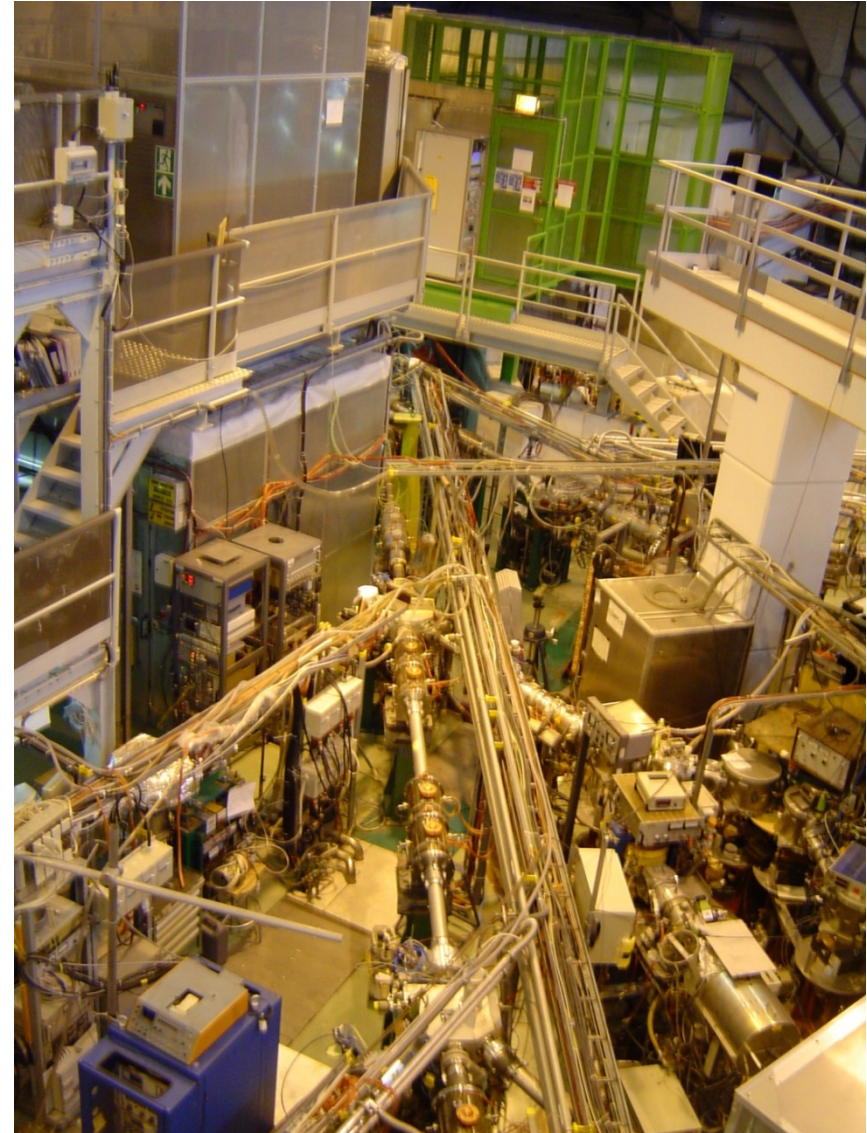
More than 700 nuclides of over 70 chemical elements delivered to users – by far largest choice among ISOL-type facilities (experience gathered over 40 years)



Facility photos



Experimental beamlines

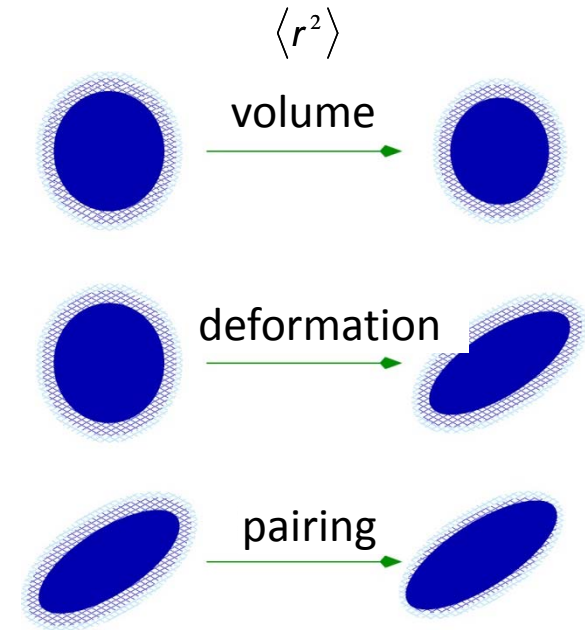
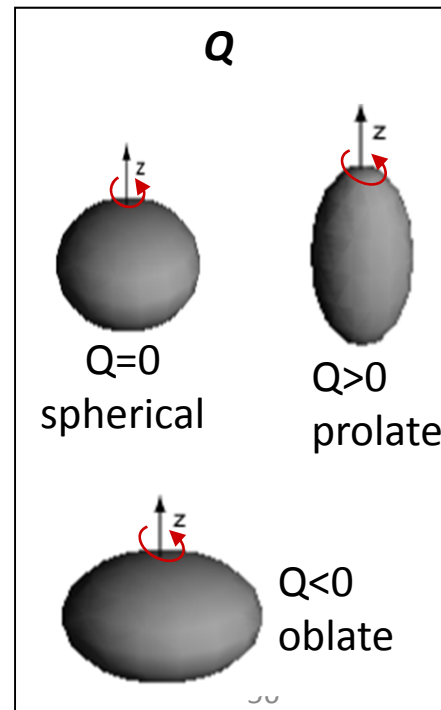
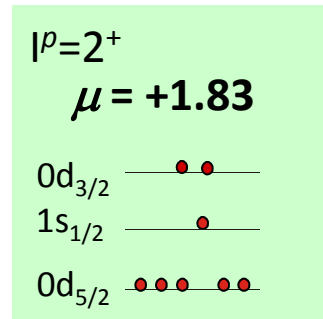
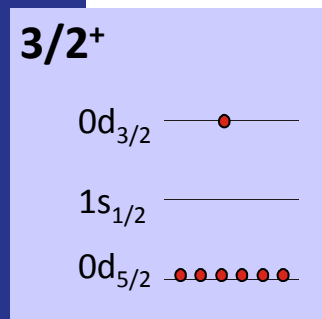
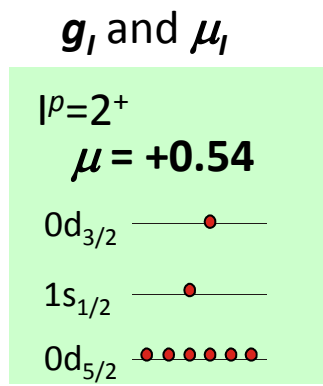
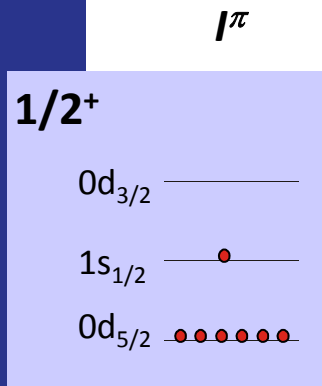


Laser spectroscopy and nuclear physics

- **Spin** (orbital+intrinsic angular momentum), **parity** (I^π)
- Nuclear ***g*-factor** and **magnetic dipole moment** (g_I and μ_I)
 - Electric quadrupole moment (Q)
 - **Charge radius** ($\langle r^2 \rangle$)

Give information on:

- Configuration of neutrons and protons in the nucleus
- Size and form of the nucleus



Laser spectroscopy

Atomic hyperfine structure

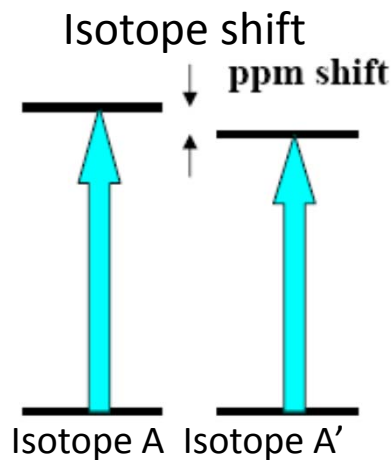
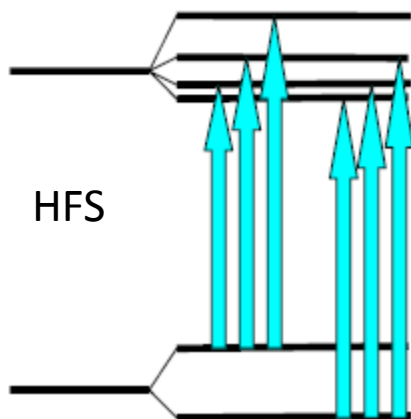
(interaction of nuclear and atomic spins)

$$\Delta E_{HFS} = \frac{A}{2}K + B \frac{\frac{3}{4}K(K+1) - I(I+1)J(J+1)}{2(2I-1)(2J-1)I \cdot J}$$

where $K = F(F+1) - I(I+1) - J(J+1)$

$$A = \frac{\mu_I H_e(0)}{I \cdot J}$$

$$B = eQV_{zz}(0)$$



Isotope shifts in atomic transitions

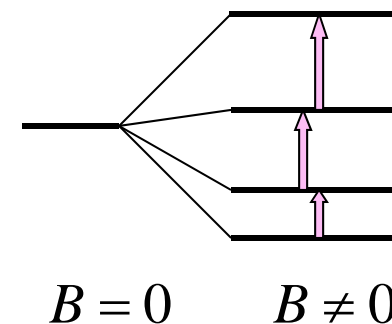
(change in mass and size of different isotopes of the same chemical element)

$$\delta\nu^{A,A'} = (K_{NMS} + K_{SMS}) \times \frac{A'-A}{A'A} + F \times \delta\langle r^2 \rangle^{A,A'}$$

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance – NMR

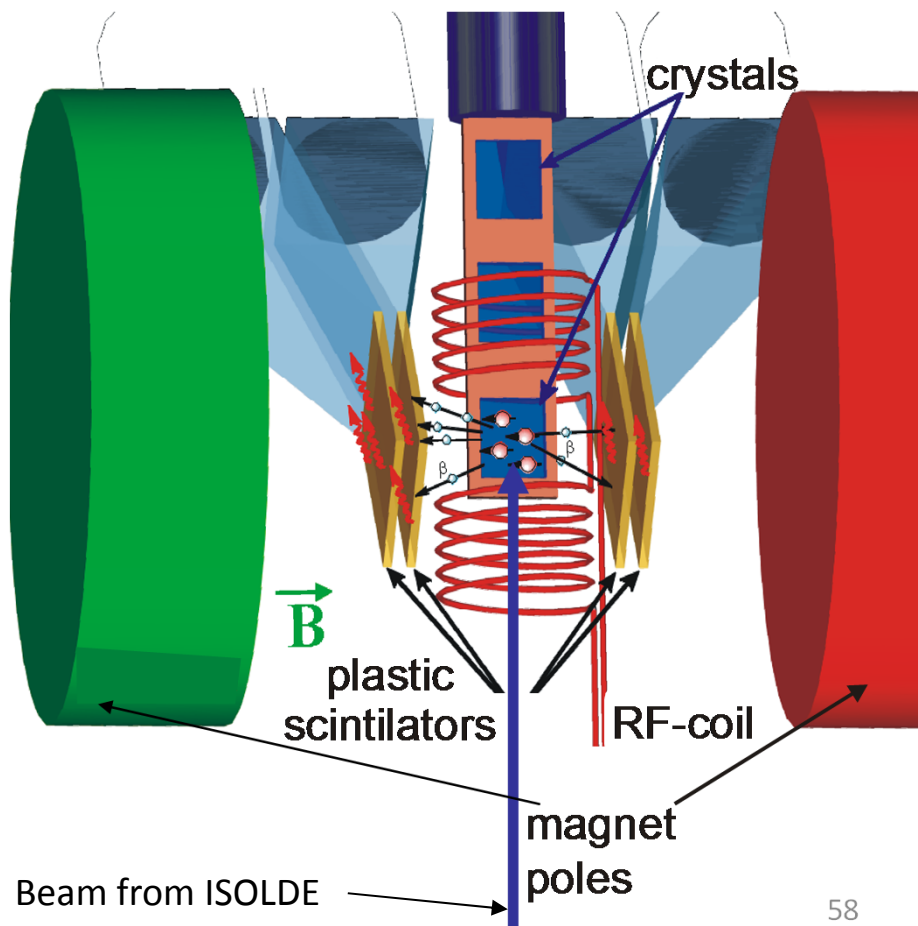
(Zeeman splitting of nuclear levels)

$$\Delta E_{mag} = |g_I| \cdot \mu_N \cdot B + \frac{1}{2} Q \cdot V_{zz}$$



Beta-detected NMR

Beta particles (e-,e+) can be used as a detection tool, instead of rf absorption
(beams down to 1000 ions/s can be studied)

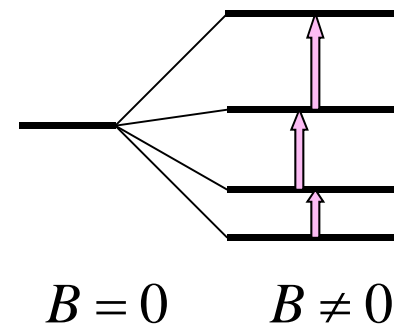


Measured asymmetry:

$$A = \frac{N(0^\circ) - N(180^\circ)}{N(0^\circ) + N(180^\circ)}$$

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance – NMR
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Results:
Magnetic and electric moments of nuclei
(position of last nucleons, shapes)