A novel method for isomeric beam production

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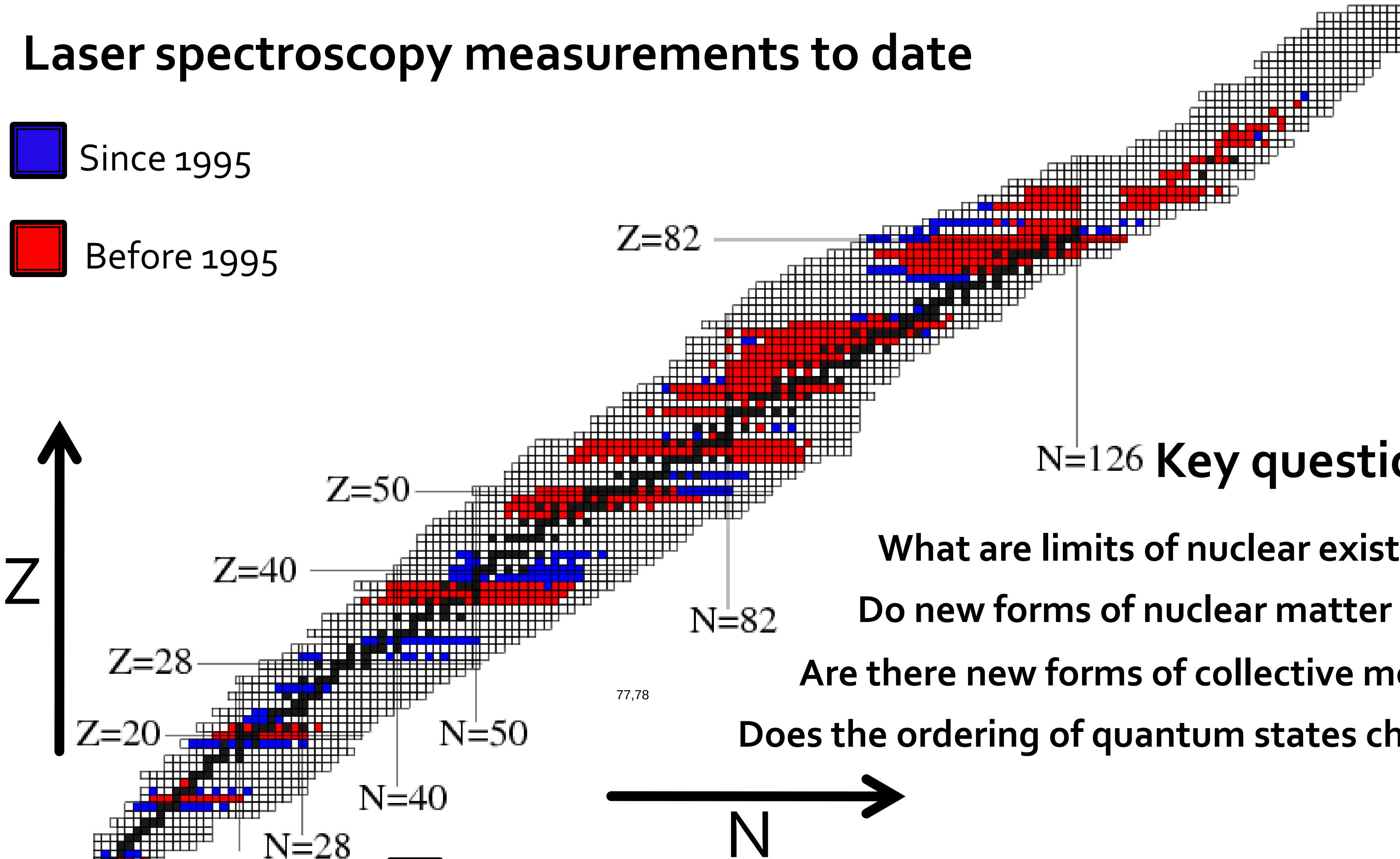
Status of laser spectroscopy

Laser spectroscopy measurements to date



Key questions

What are limits of nuclear existence?

Do new forms of nuclear matter exist?

Are there new forms of collective motion?

Does the ordering of quantum states change?

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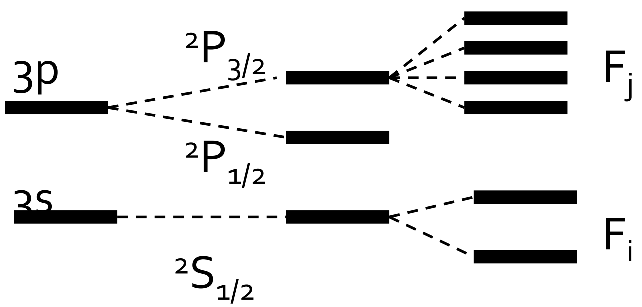
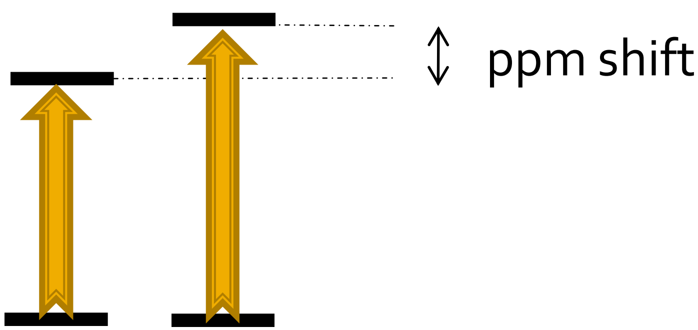
Nuclear moment and radii measurements with laser spectroscopy

Hyperfine Structure



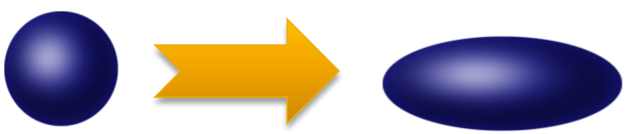
Spin, magnetic and electric moments , all nuclear observables are extracted without model dependence.

Isotope Shift



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

Changes in nuclear charge radii and sensitive to changes in dynamic nature and deformation as well as volume.



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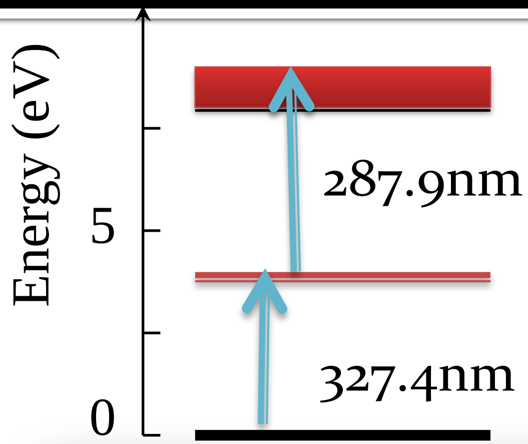

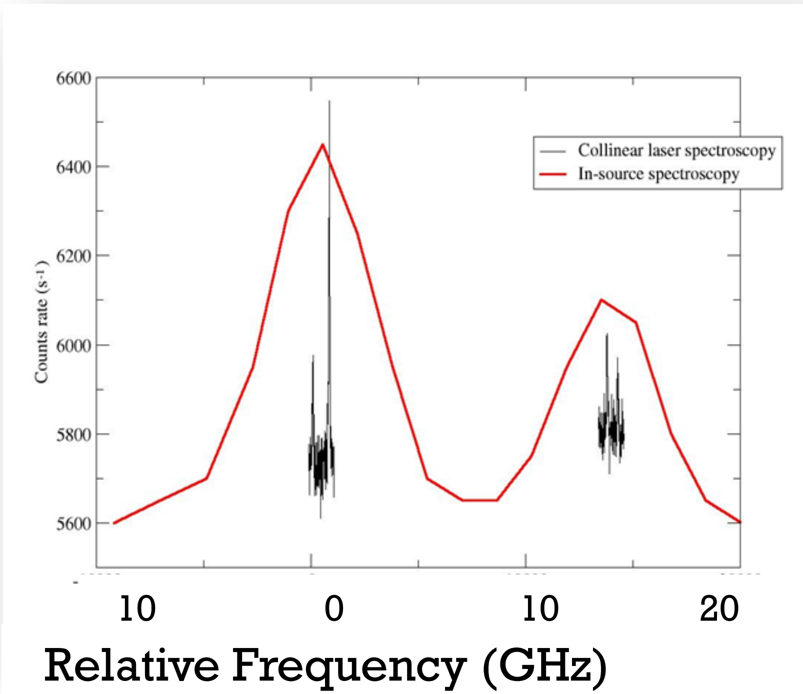

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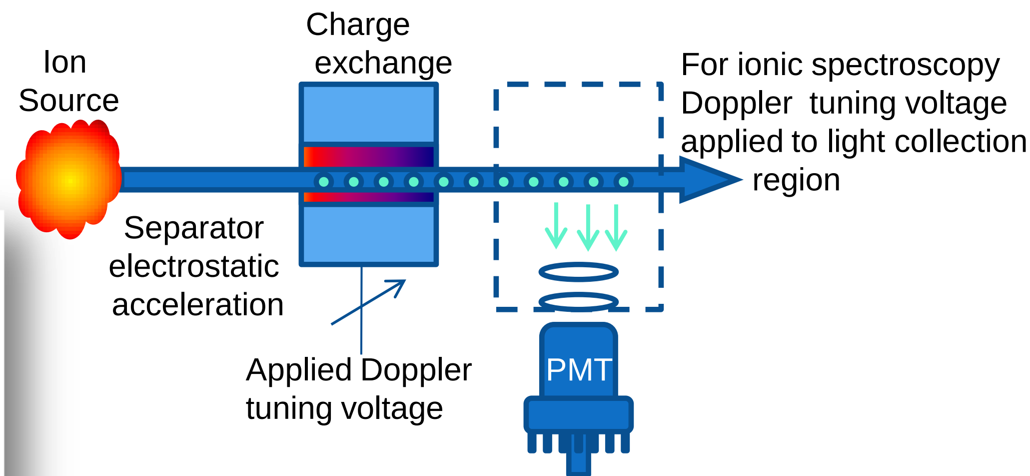

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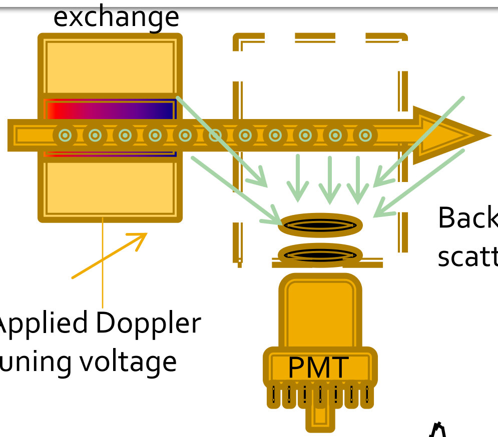
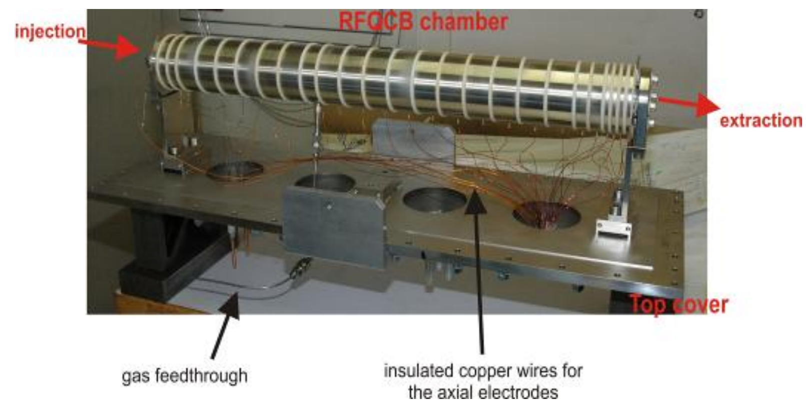
Innovations in fluorescence detection

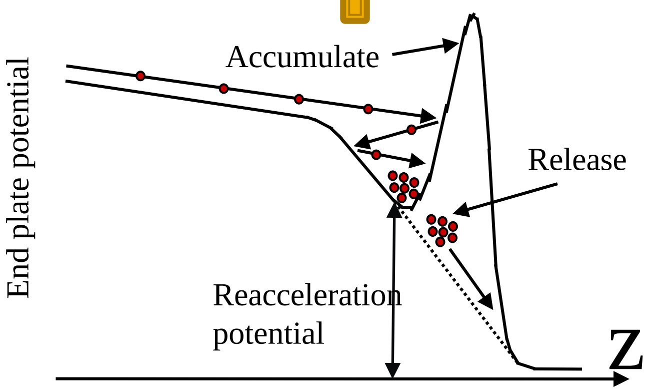


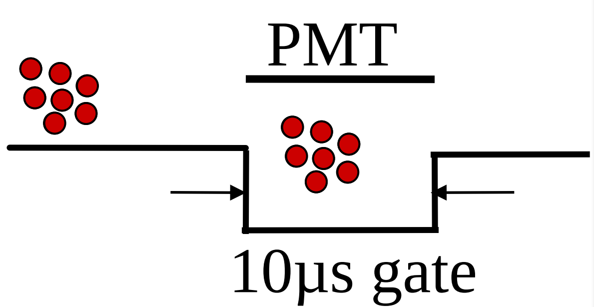
Large background due to scattered light 1000-5000/s

Typical lower limit on yield is 10^6/s (with a couple of exceptions)

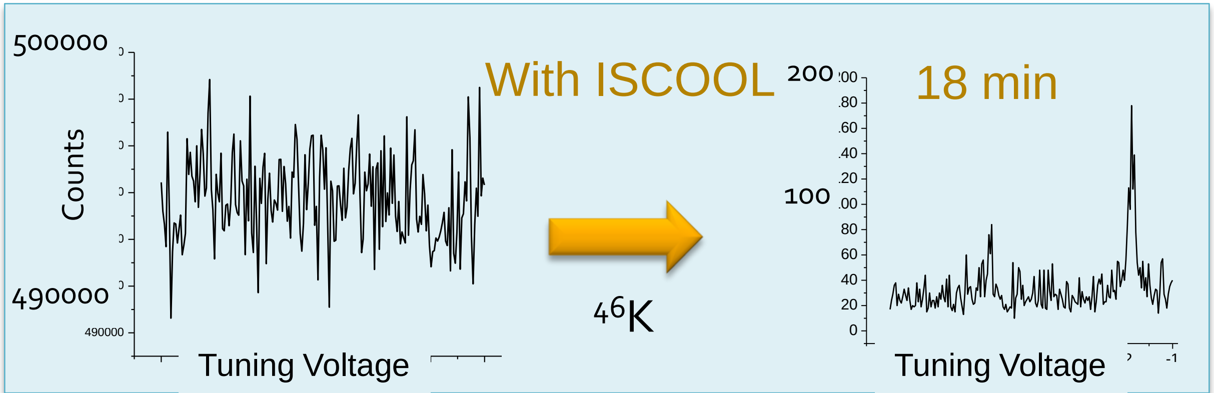
ISCOOL







$$\text{Background suppression} = \frac{\text{eg. 200ms accumulation}}{10\mu\text{s gate width}} \sim 10^4$$



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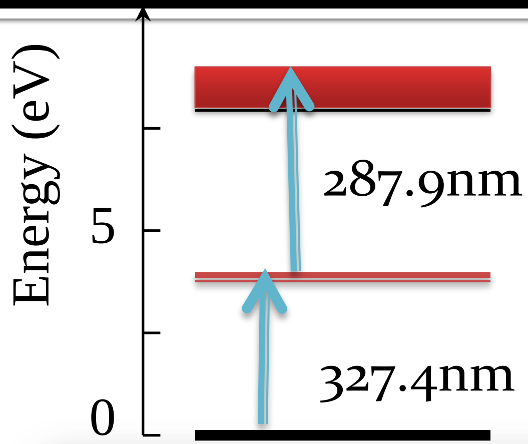

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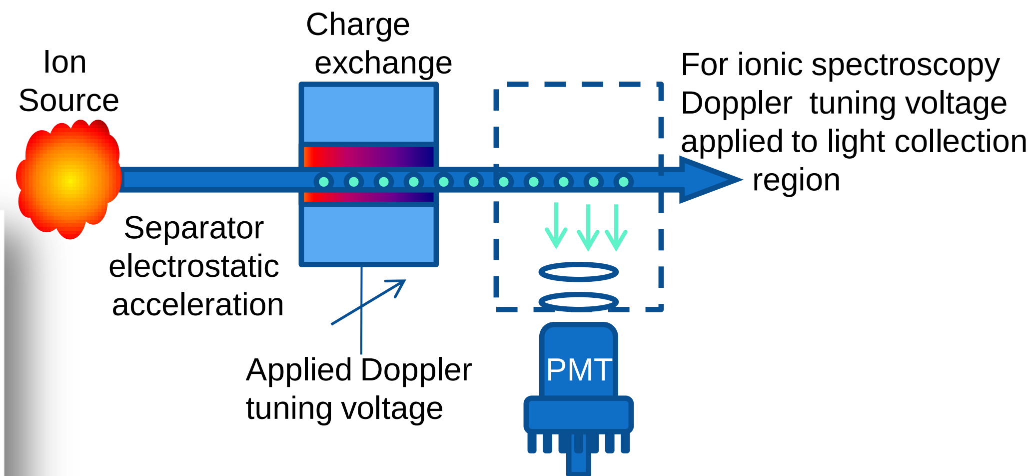

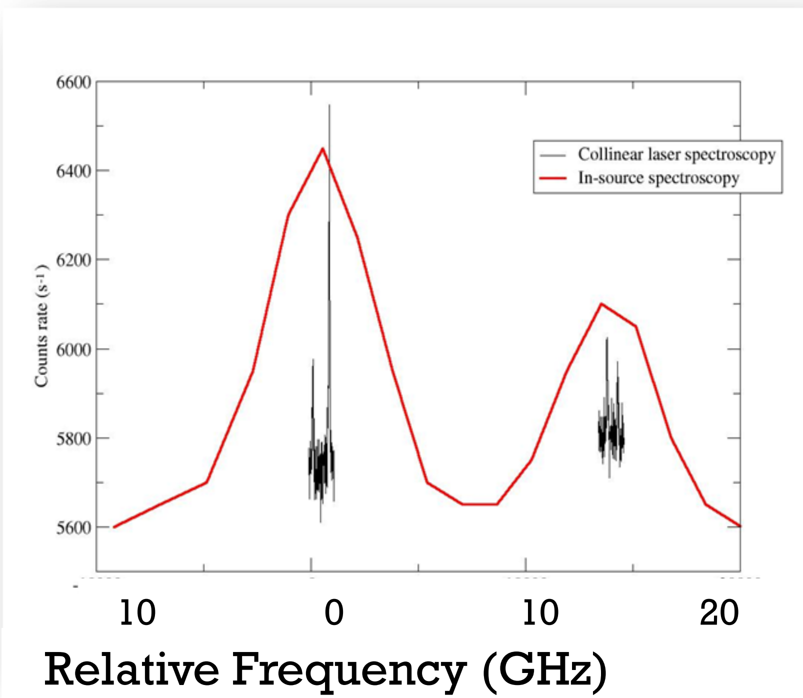

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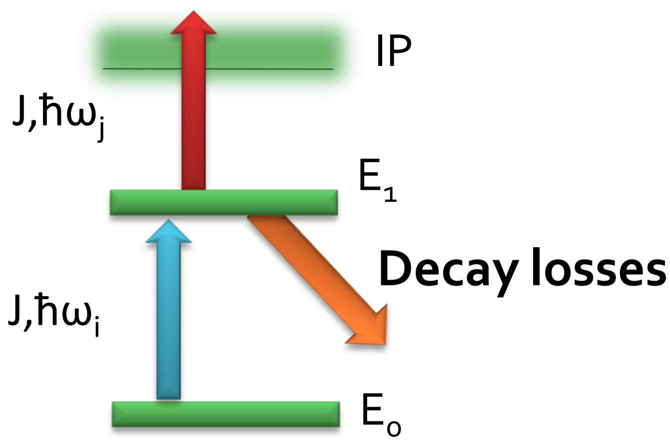
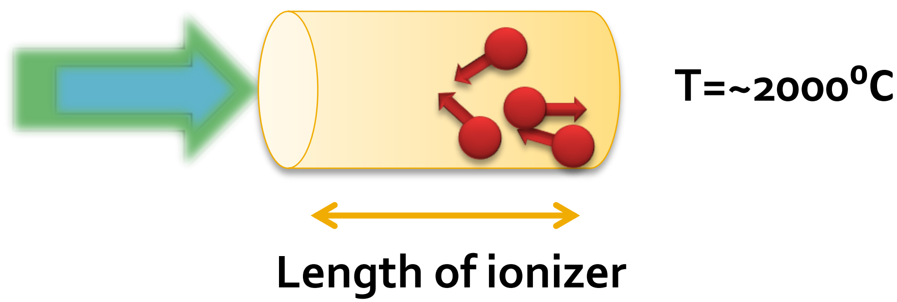
Considerations for in-source laser spectroscopy





Evacuation time ~100μs
Therefore a repetition rate of 10kHz is required for maximum efficiency.

- Need to satisfy the Flux and Fluence conditions in order to saturate transitions and maximise efficiency.
- Short duration pulsed lasers (10-20ns) with ~1-10mJ per pulse.
- CW Laser> 500W (and tight focus) just to saturate the first step!

~100mW at 10kHz for resonant steps
~1-5W at 10kHz for quasi resonant steps
~10-20W at 10kHz for non-resonant steps

Collinear Resonant Ionization Spectroscopy (CRIS) @ ISOLDE

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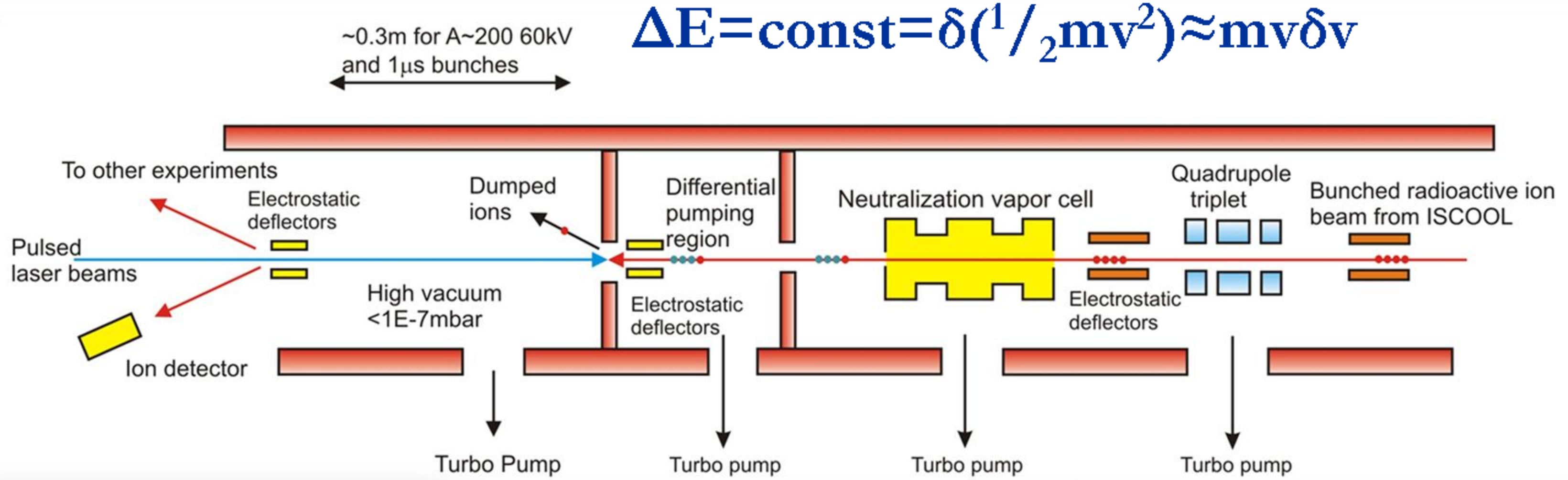

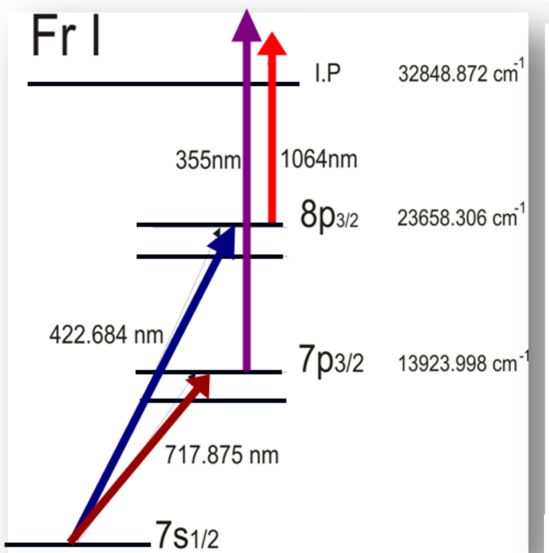

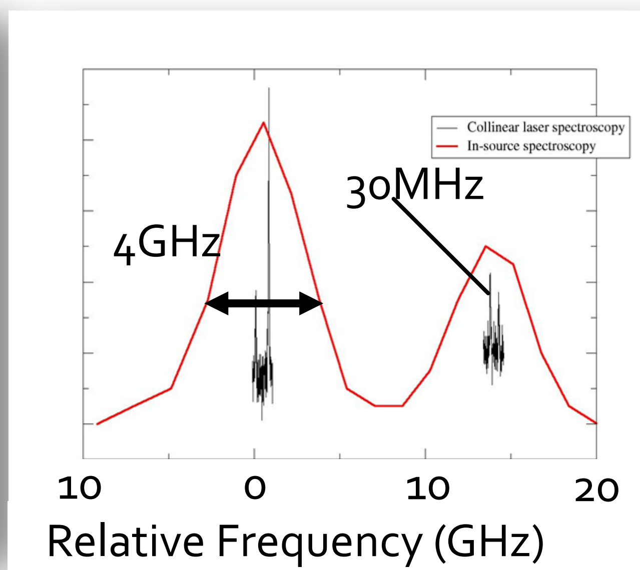

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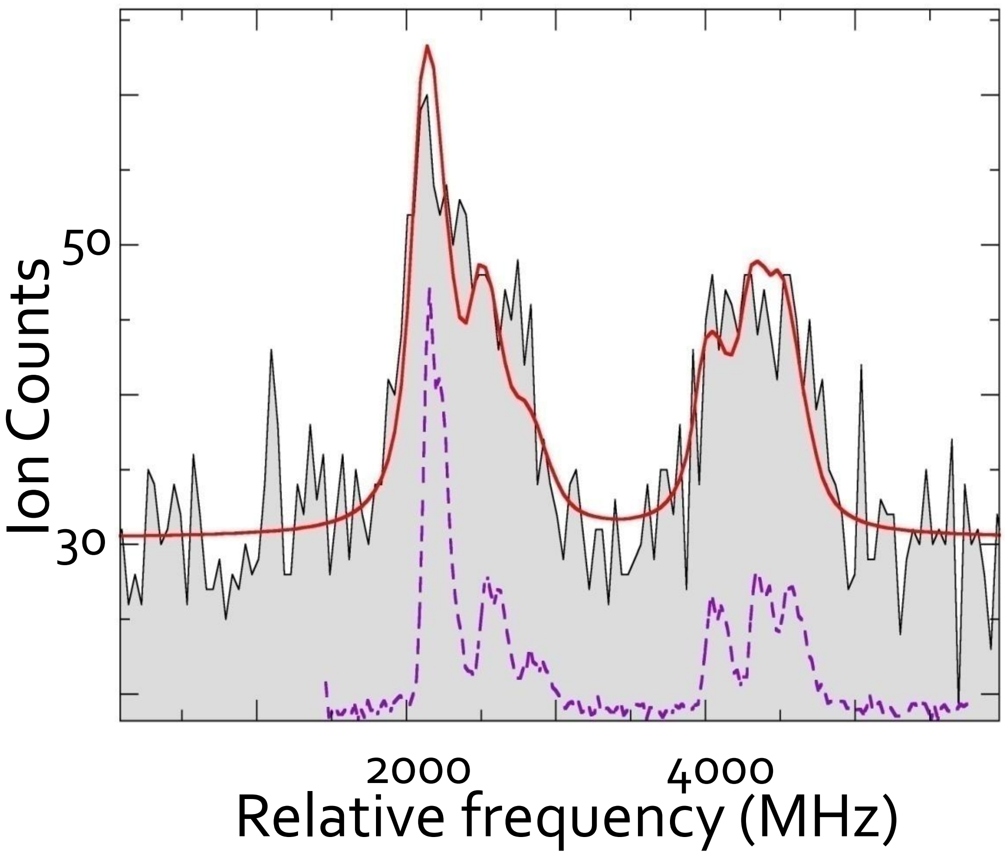
Collinear resonant ionization laser spectroscopy (CRIS)

- RIS performed on a fast atomic bunched beam.
- Pulsed Amplified CW laser has a resolution which is Fourier limited.
- Background events are due to non-resonant collisonal ionization, which is directly related to the vacuum
- Very high total experimental efficiency
  - Neutralization (element dependent)
  - Ionization efficiency 50-100% (no HFS)
  - Detection efficiency almost 100%
  - Transport through ISCOOL 70%
  - Transport to experiment 80-90%

1:30 From Jyvaskyla off-line tests
(K. Flanagan, PhD)

Off-line CRIS test at the IGISOL



- 200 ions per bunch
- 6 scans
- 1:30 efficiency
- Factor of 1000 increase in detection efficiency.

Background due to non-resonant collisional ionization in poor vacuum (10^{-5} mbar)

~5 non-resonant ions per bunch

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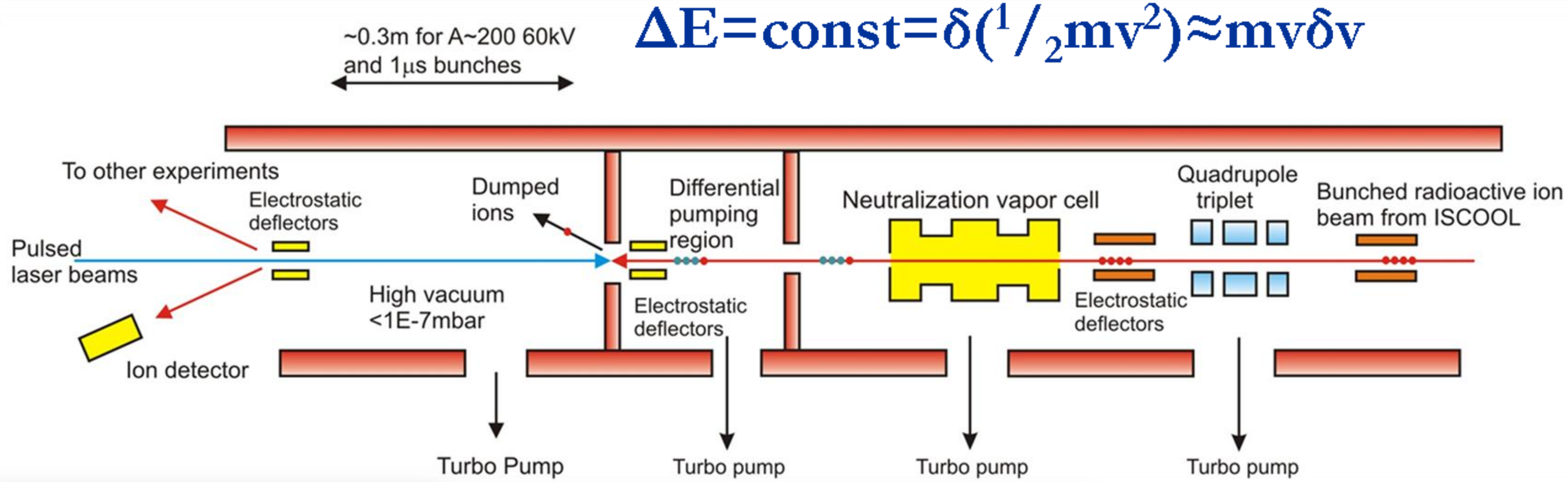

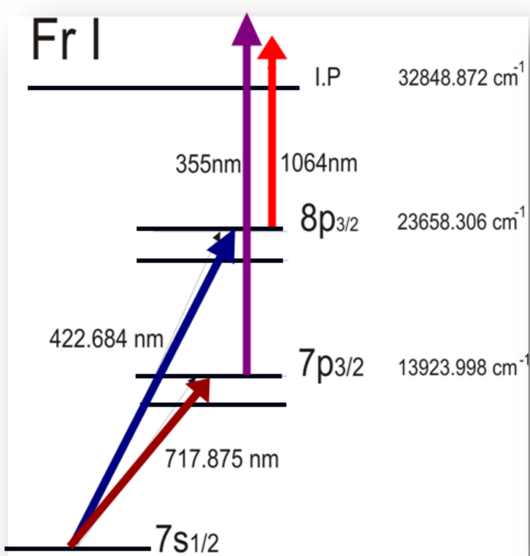

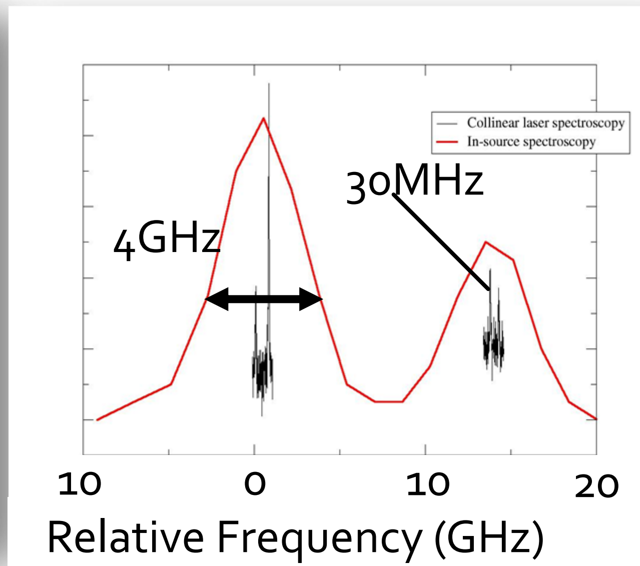

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Background suppression:
Pressure 10^{-9} mbar = 1:200 000
Detection of secondary electrons by MCP

Limited to > 100pps

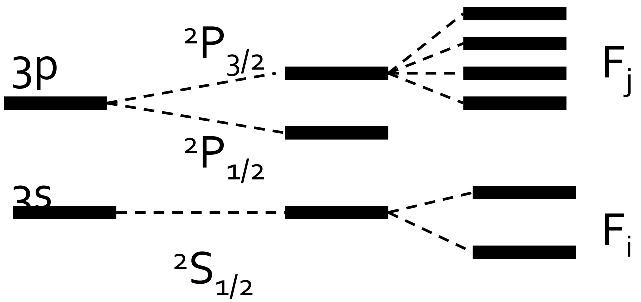
Alpha decay detection allows discrimination of isobaric contamination (50-100cts/s)

Limited >5pps

With 50% efficiency and signal limited noise regime = 0.3pps

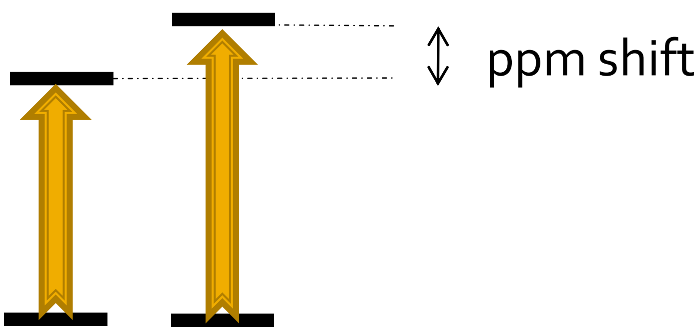
Isomer Selection

Hyperfine Structure

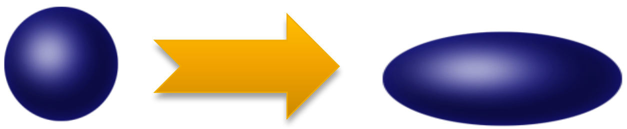


Spin, magnetic and electric moments can dramatically change for the isomeric state.

Isotope Shift



large shift in the transition frequency for the isomeric state compared to the ground state



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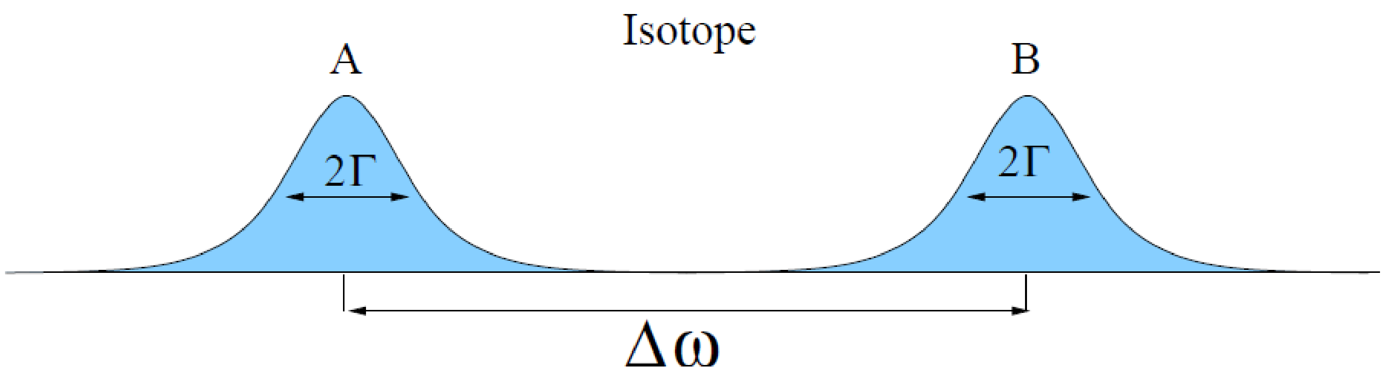
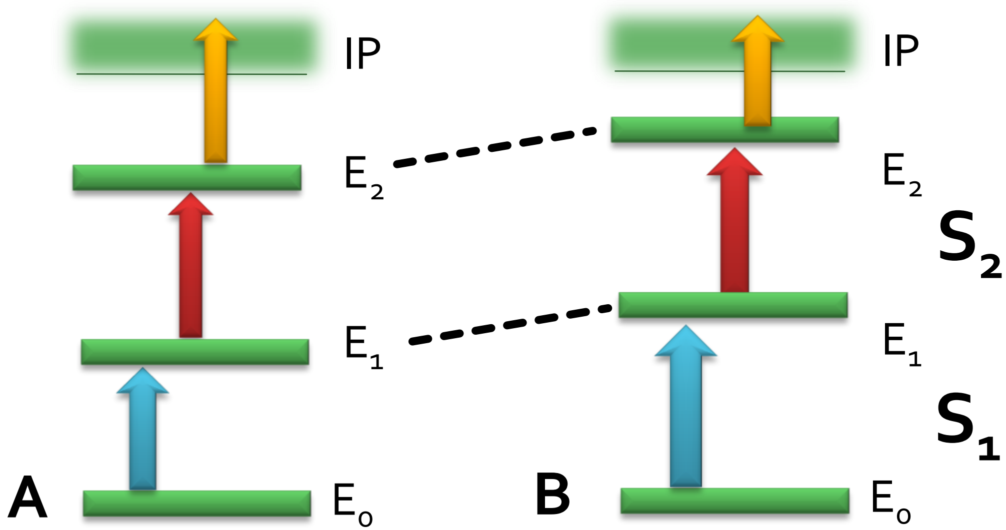
Selectivity



$$S = (\Delta\omega_{AB}/\Gamma)^2$$

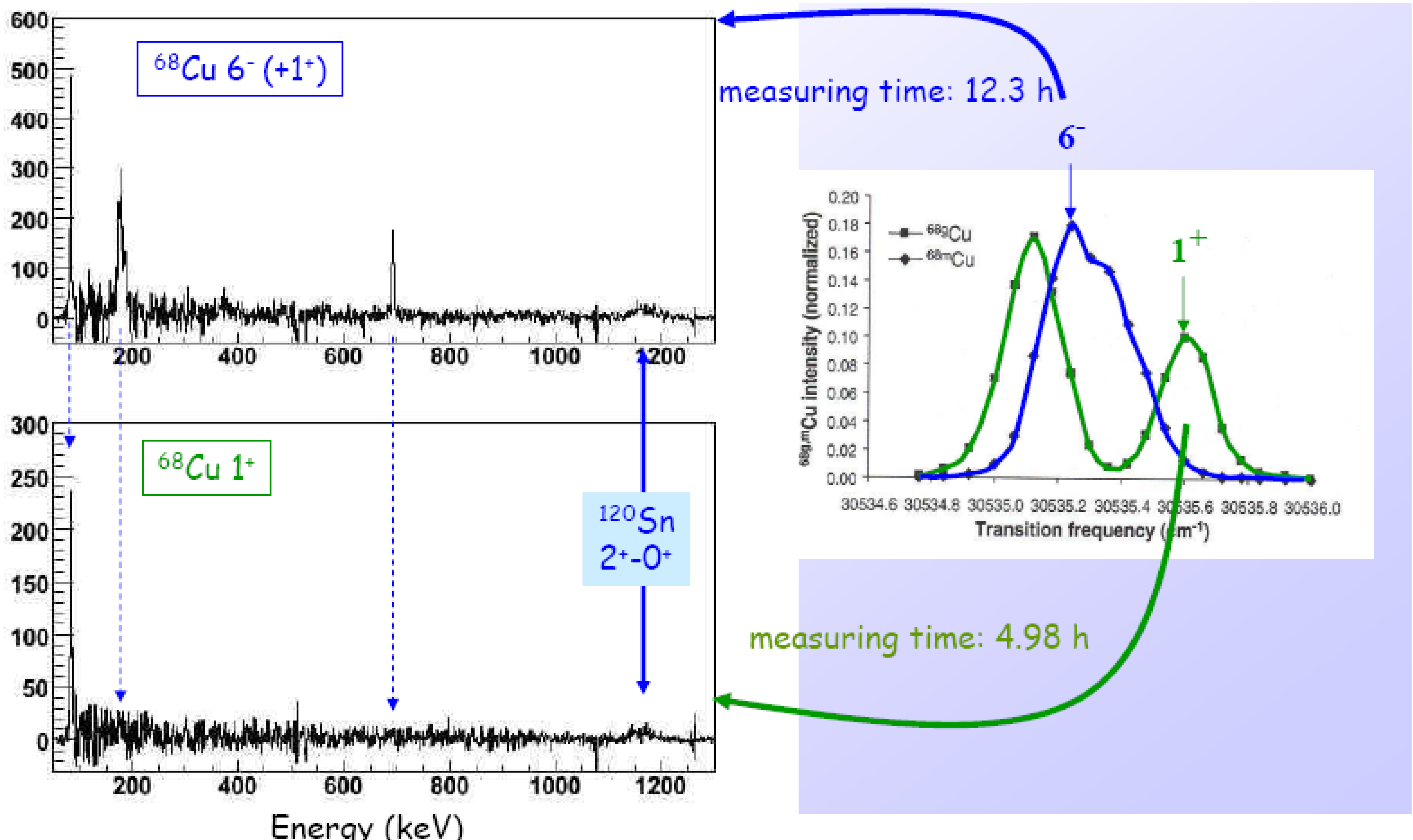


$$S = \Pi S_i = S_1 * S_2$$

S_i of 10^4 is possible

With more than three steps S can reach 10^{14}

Post accelerated Isomeric Beams at ISOLDE: ^{68}Cu



- $^{68m,g}Cu$ (2.83 MeV/u, 3 10^5 pps, 74% pure) @ ^{120}Sn (2.3 mg/cm^2)

Isomeric beams (^{68,70}Cu) from REX-Isolde

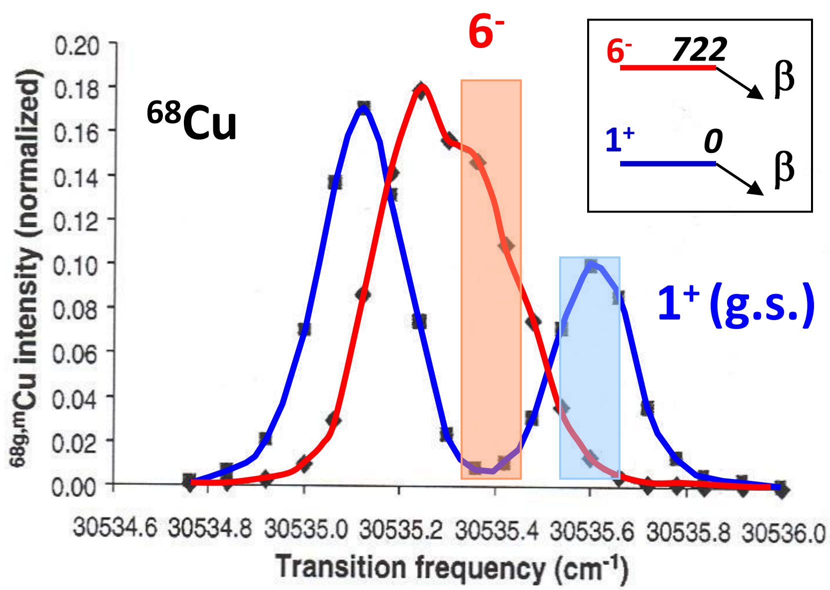
^{70}Cu/^{70}Ga = **50**%/**50**% → lasers ON vs. lasers OFF

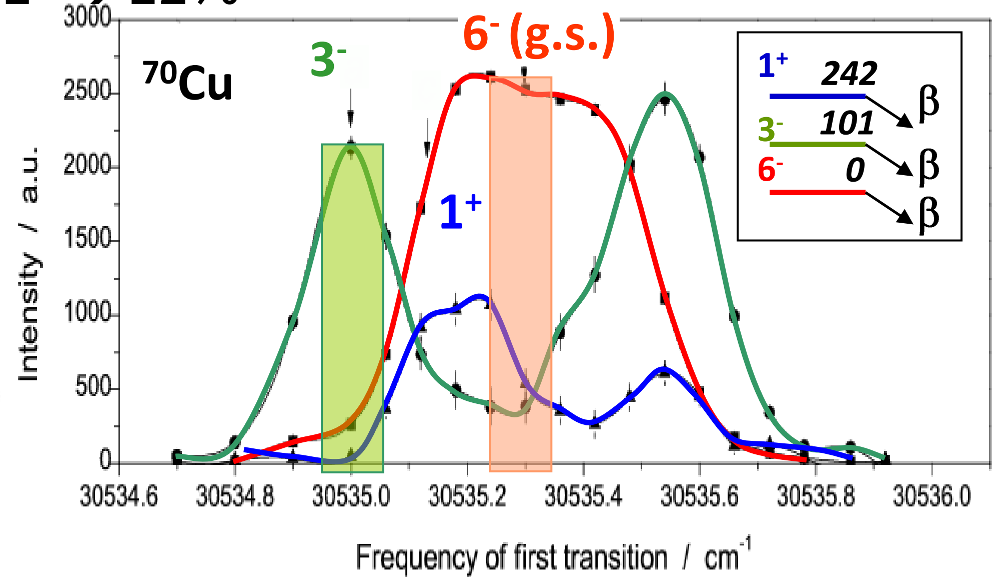
^{70}Cu:

6^- → 65%

3^- → 23% →~12% of the total beam

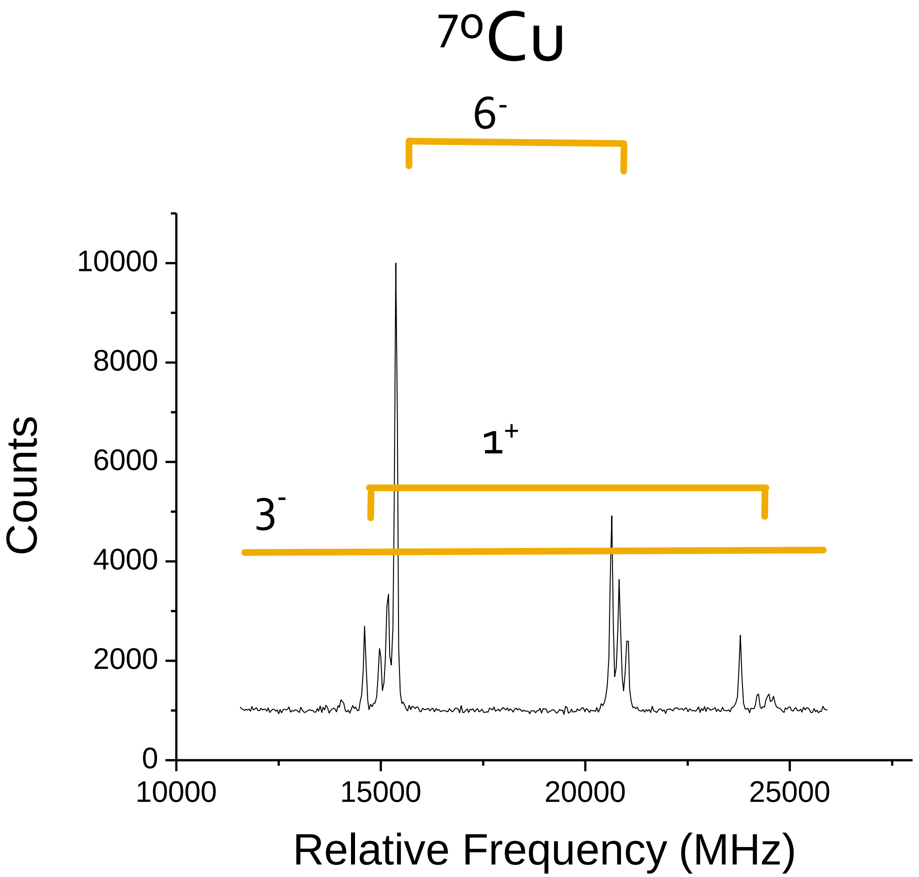
1^+ →12%

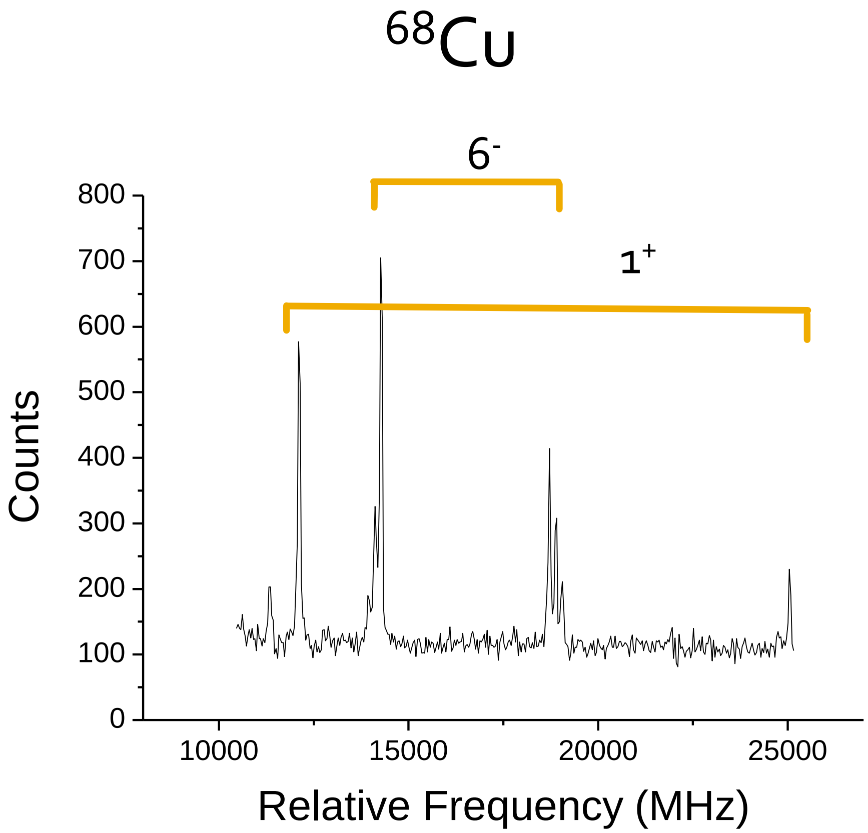




(Ü. Köster et al., NIM B, 160, 528(2000); L. Weissman et al., PRC65, 024315(2000)), I. Stefanescu PRL 98, 122701 (2007))

Collinear ^{68}Cu and ^{70}Cu (2008 data)





P. Vingerhoets in preparation

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Isobar suppression:
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10^7 ppb reduces to less than 100ppb

Isomer selection per transition:
$S_i = 10^3 - 10^4$

For two resonant steps $S_i \sim 10^7$

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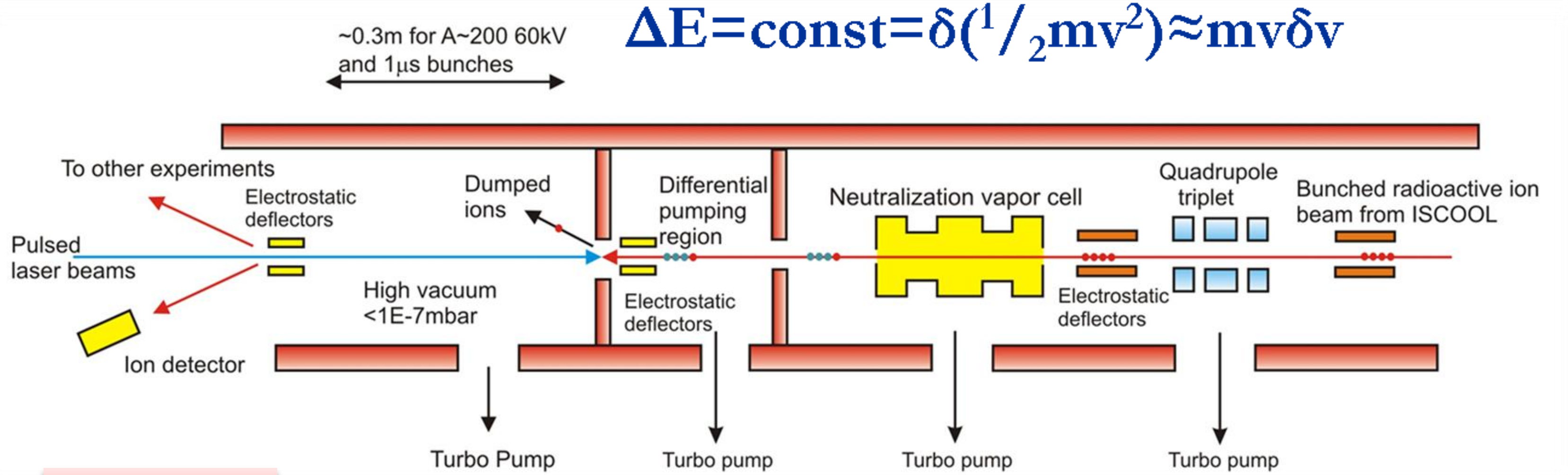

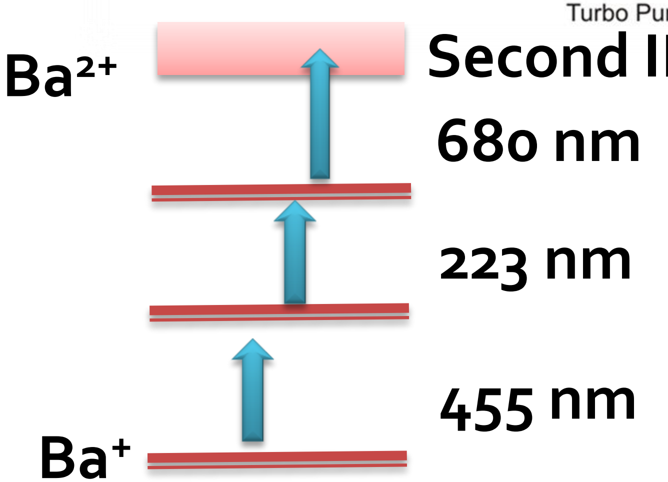

No need to neutralise and therefore more efficient.

Non-resonant 2+ production rate should be very low

Many step schemes possible (2 step scheme shown here would have S_i ~10^7

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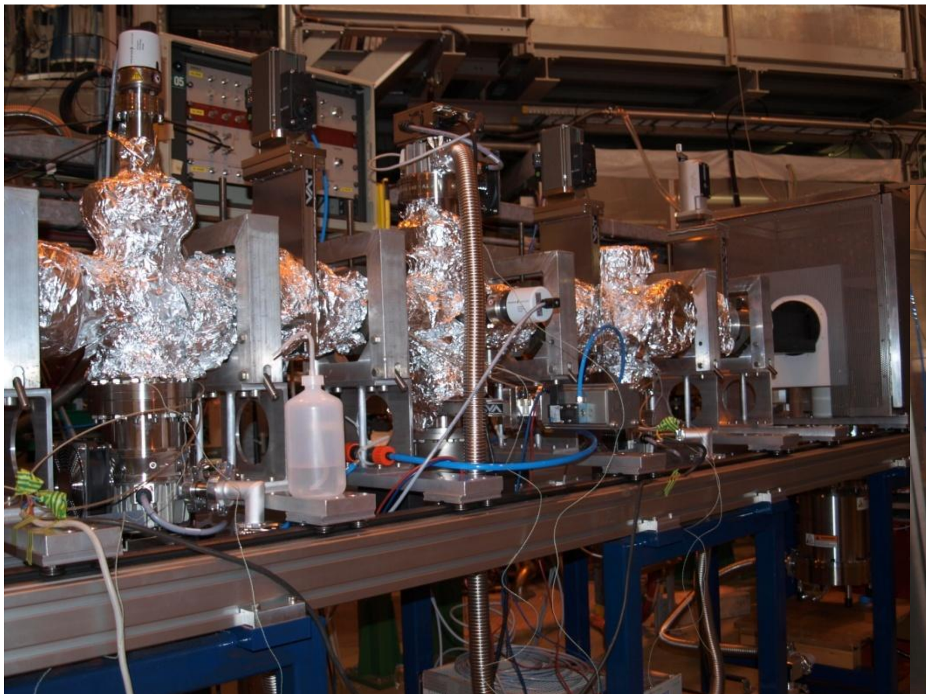

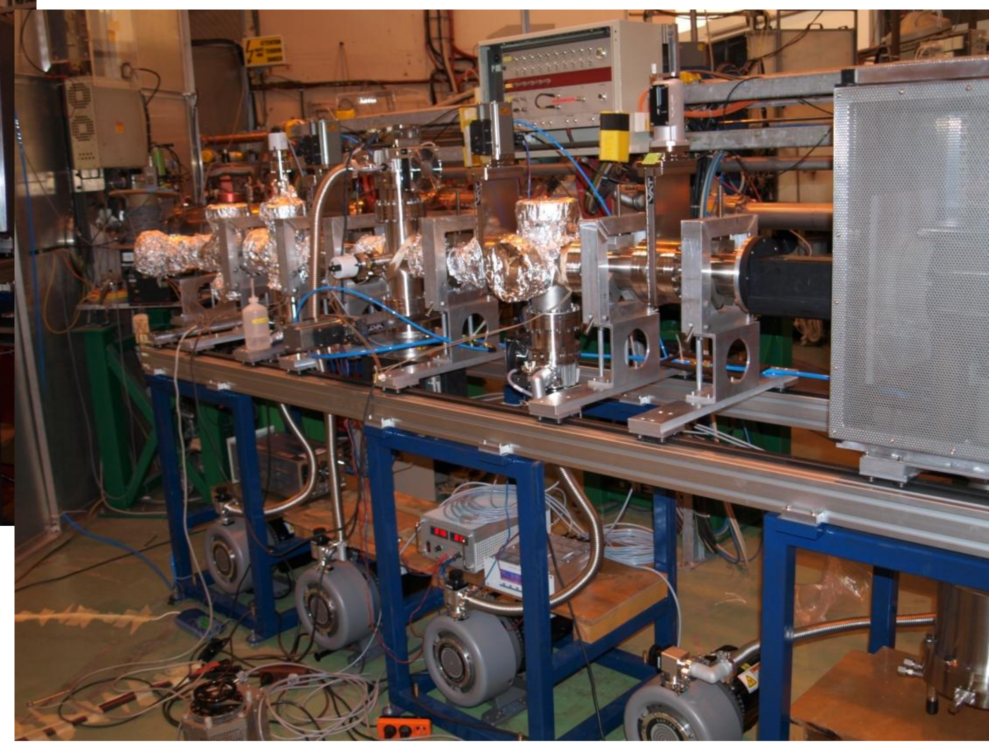

Vacuum testing, initial bake-out of UHV section reached <5e-9mbar (limit of the gauge) in the interaction region.

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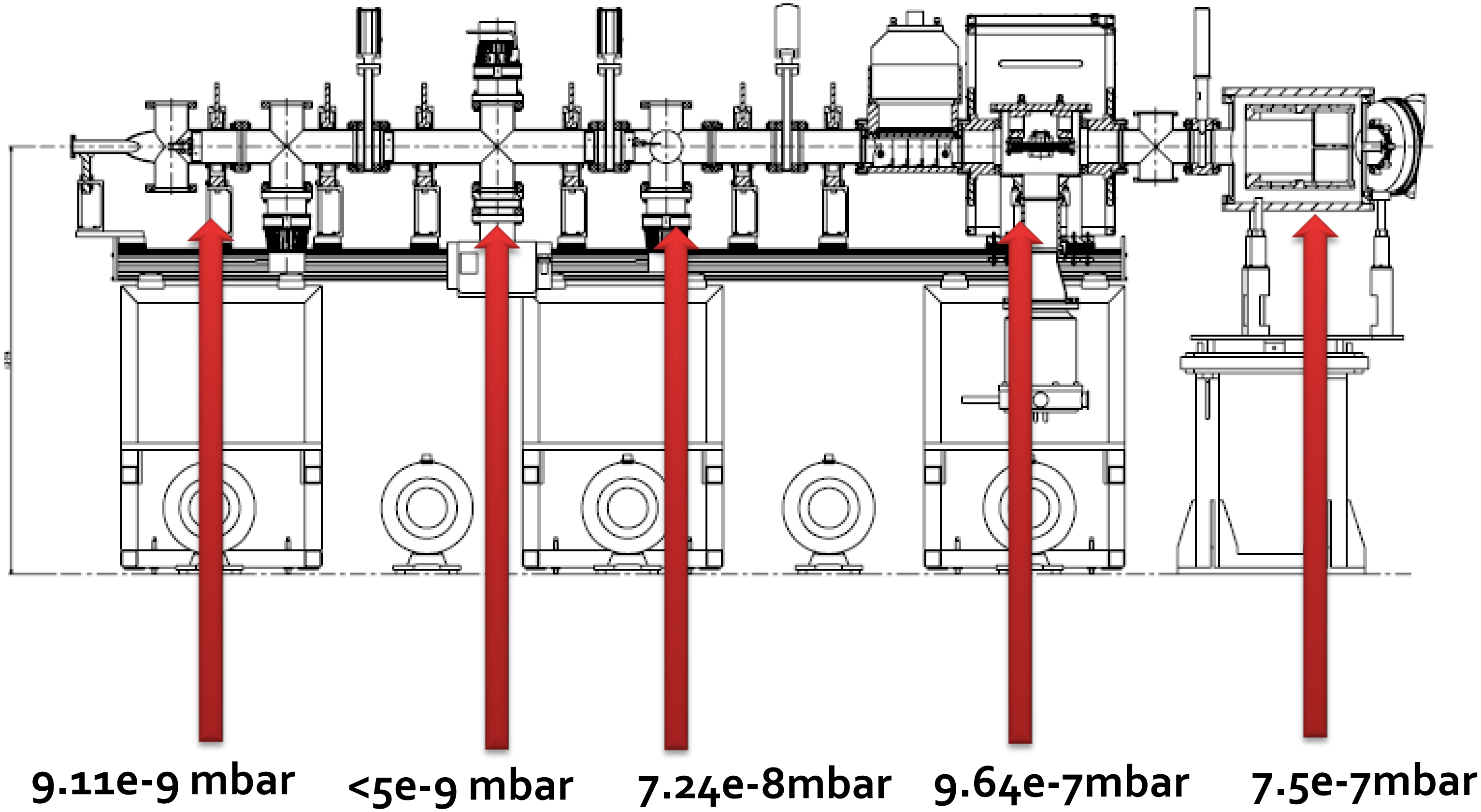
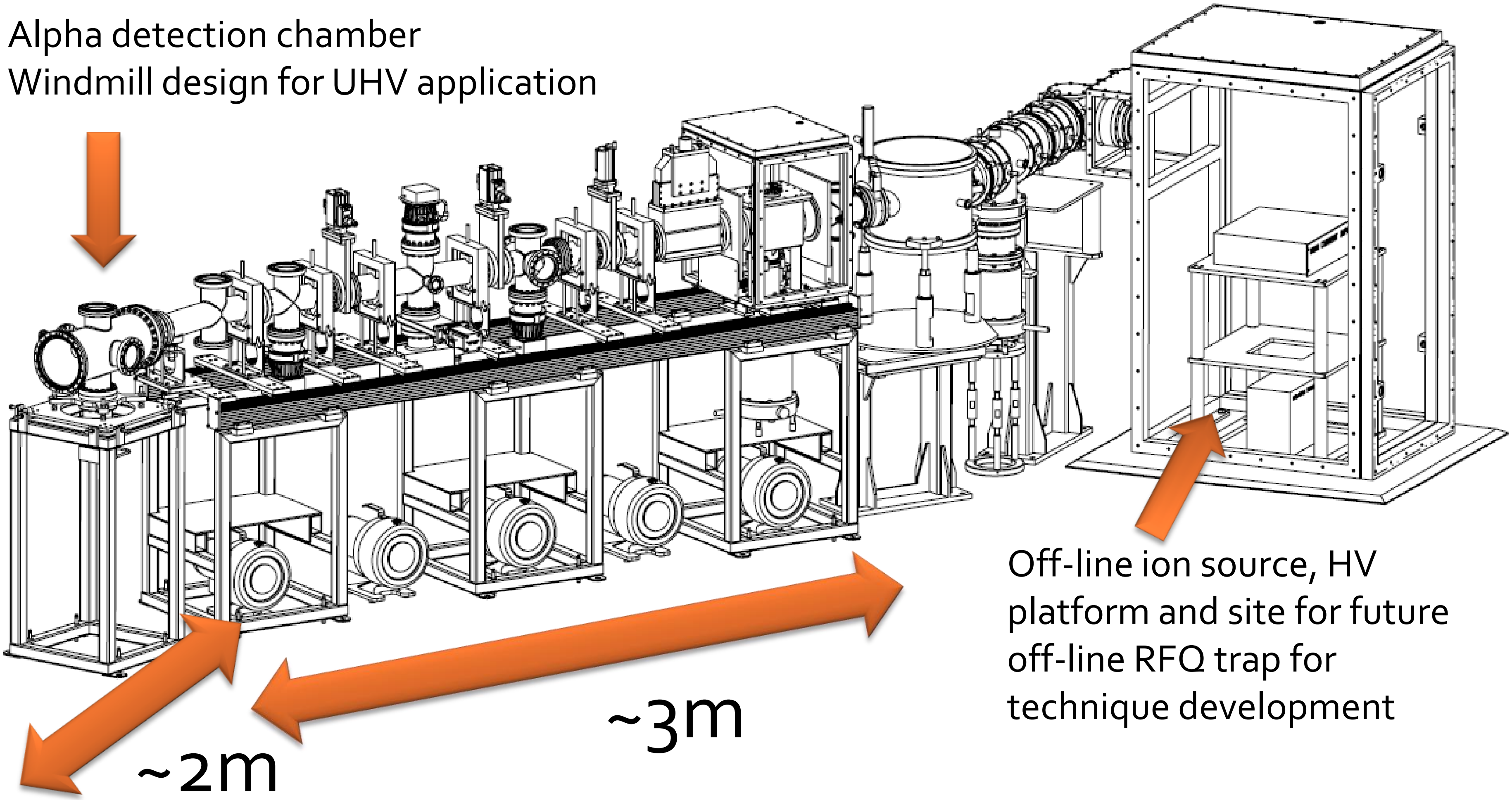


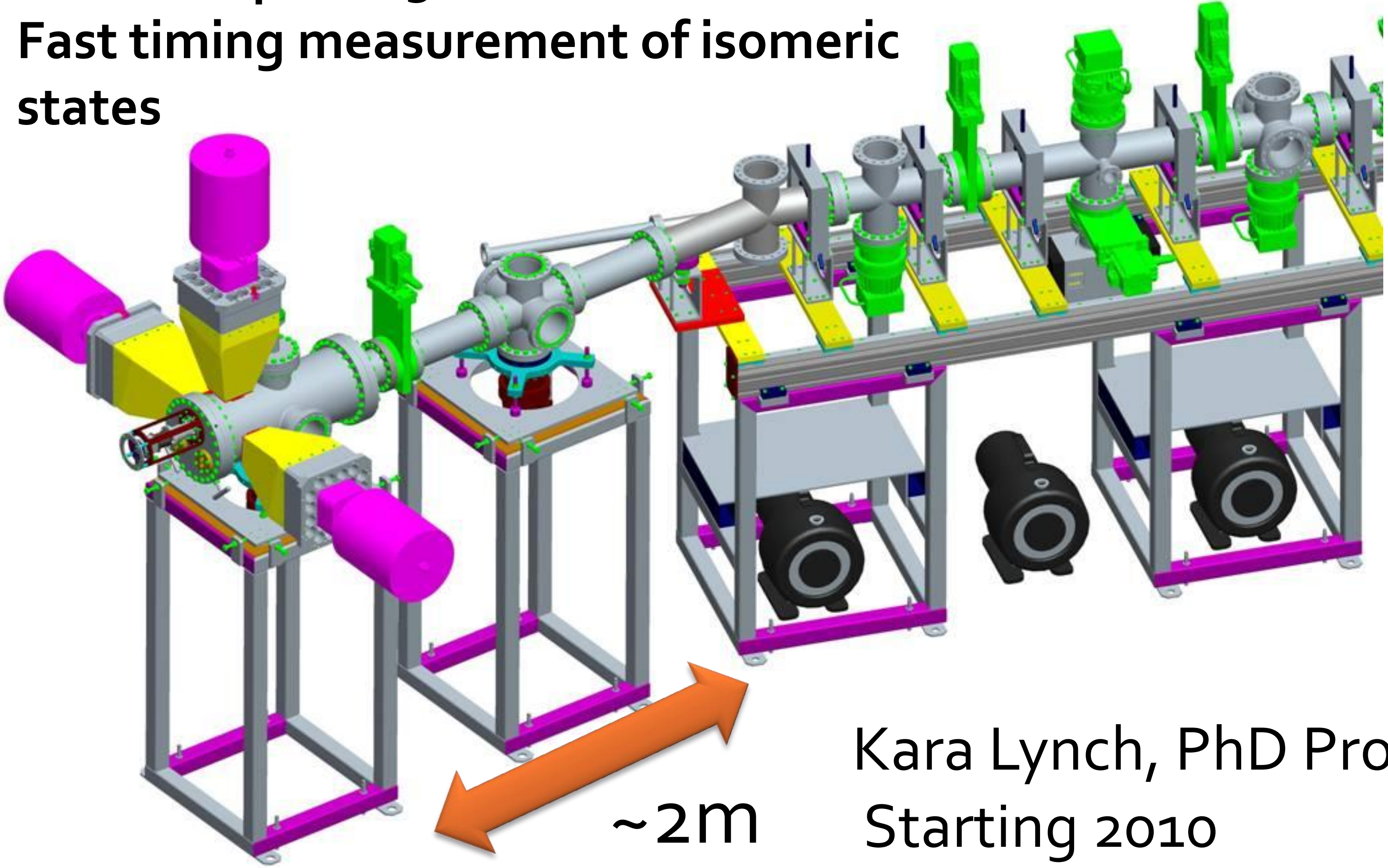
Results from ISOLDE

Future: 2010-2011



Laser Assisted Decay Spectroscopy:LADS

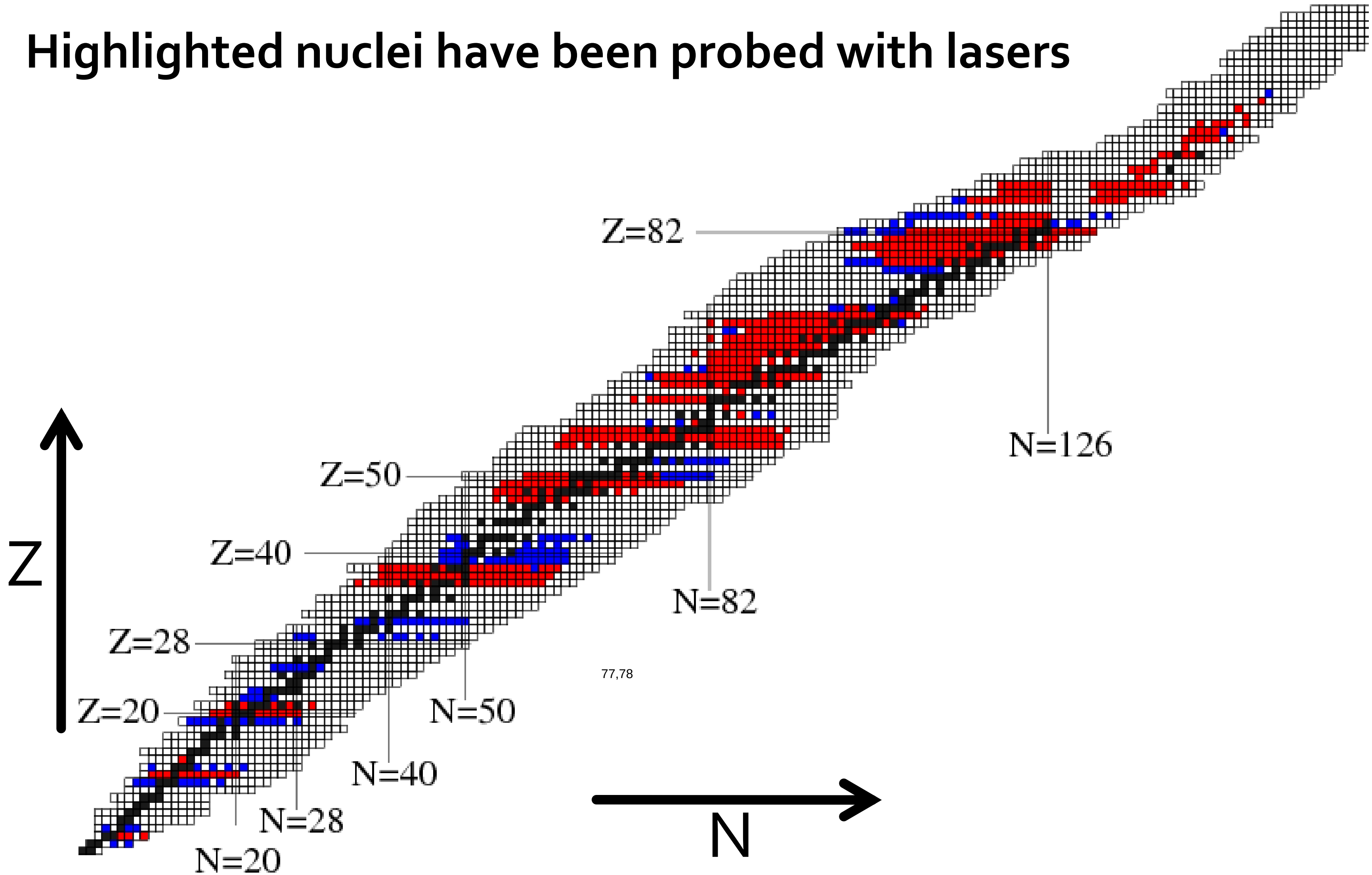
Possible option: 3 EUROGAM / EUROBALL detectors
Fast timing measurement of isomeric states



Kara Lynch, PhD Project
Starting 2010

LADS: Possible cases

Highlighted nuclei have been probed with lasers



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