

# The ISOLDE RILIS in 2018

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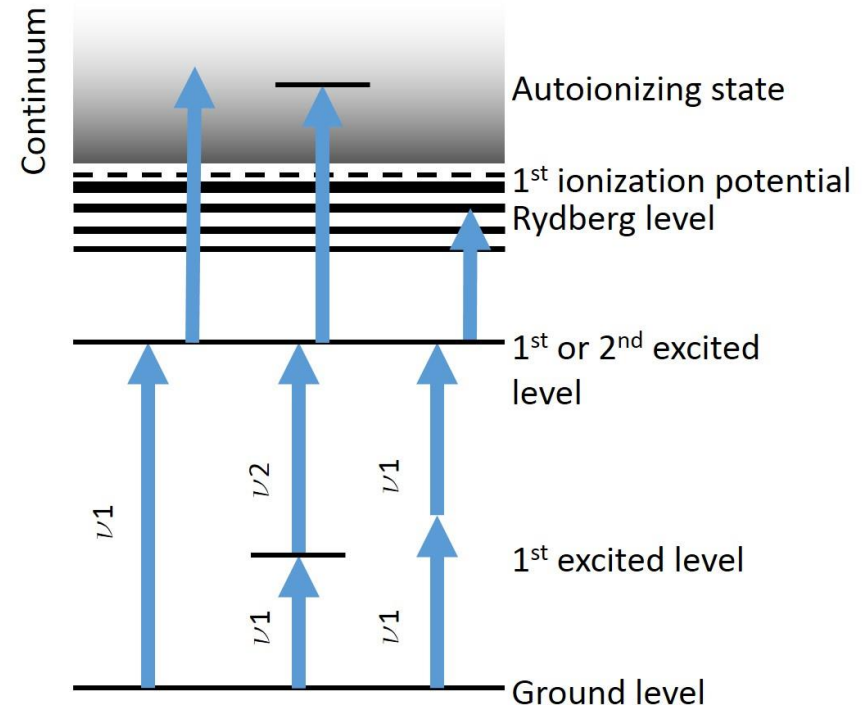


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# The ISOLDE RILIS



- Utilizes resonance ionization to ionize atoms of interest inside hot cavity.
- Each element has a unique 'fingerprint'.
- High efficiency and selectivity.
  - Isotope selectivity in combination with mass separator.
  - Isomer selectivity in exceptional cases.



# RILIS team in 2018



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Staff member EN-STI-LP



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Apr. 2017

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CERN fellow since  
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Pavel Molkanov, Maxim Seliverstov

Rizwan Ahmed, Associate (NCP,  
Pakistan) since April 2018



Eduardo Granados (new Staff member STI-LP)

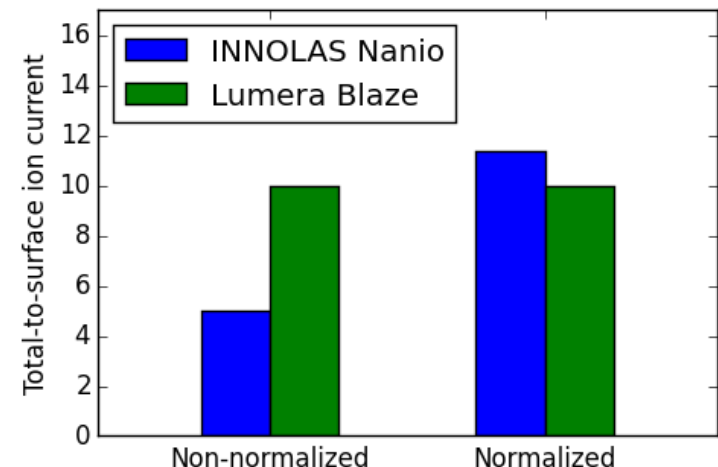
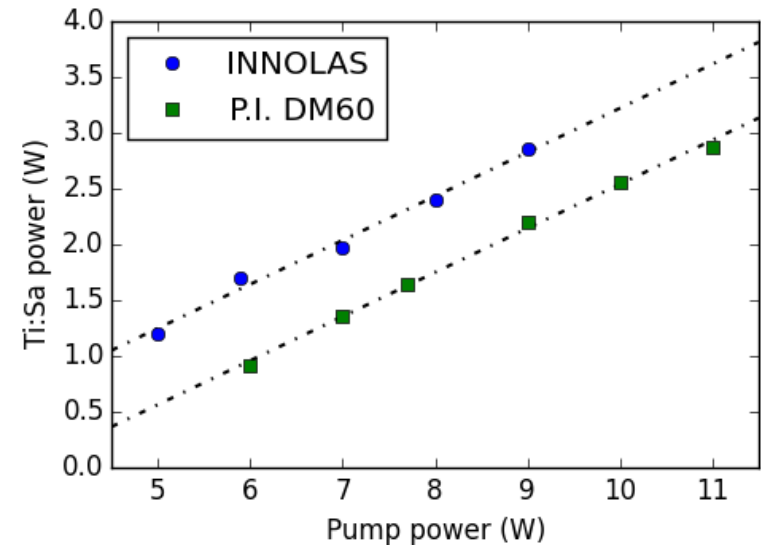
- Looking for alternative Ti:Sa pump lasers.
  - Continued issues with current lasers and chillers.
- Tested a loan laser from InnoLas.
- Model: 532-18-Y
- Power: 18 W.
- TEM<sub>00</sub> beam,  $M^2 < 1.3$ .
- <40-ns pulse width at 10 kHz.
- Modular design.
- 'In-field' maintenance/repair.



# InnoLas Nanio



- Z-cavity Ti:Sa pumping:
- Better per-watt performance compared to Photonics Industries DM60.
- Non-resonant ionization:
- Similar performance compared to Blaze (when power normalized).
- Confirms excellent beam quality.
- System is versatile.
- Loan laser system purchased as part of combined deal with MEDICIS pump laser acquisition.





# Laser failures

- Photonics DM-60:
- PX3 self-immolated in **Nov 17** – sent to Nexlase for post mortem.
- Replacement (PX4) arrived **May 18**.
- PX4 broke after Q-switch malfunction in **Jun 18** – occurred during IDS Cu run.
- Sent for repair and received system back in **Aug 18**.
- Not tested due to missing key and interlock connector.



# Laser failures

- Edgewave INNOSLAB:
- Installed in **2017**.
- 30% loss in power measured in **Apr 18** – hotspot inside resonator killed Nd:YAG crystal.
- System sent for repair and returned in **Jul 18**.
- Total failure in **Sep 18** – during ISS Hg run.
- Replaced with old Edgewave system.
- System at company – no news on cause of failure or return date.





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- INNOLAS Nanio:
- Loan system (Nanio 1) laser cavity flooded **Jun 18**.
- Replacement system (Nanio 2) arrived a week later.
- Nanio 2 failed **Oct 18** – due to some electrical failure.
- System sent for repair.



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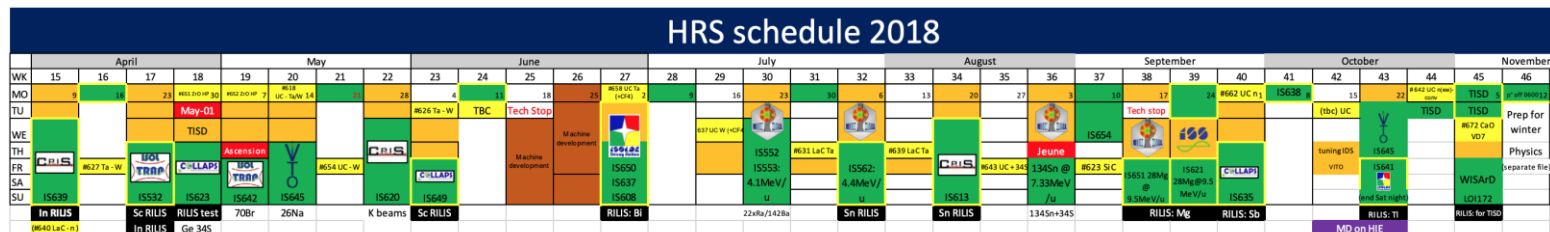
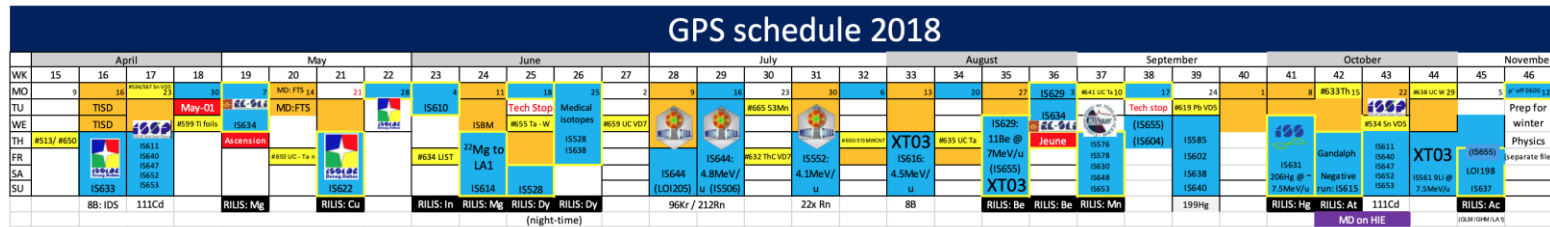
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# 2018 On-line period statistics



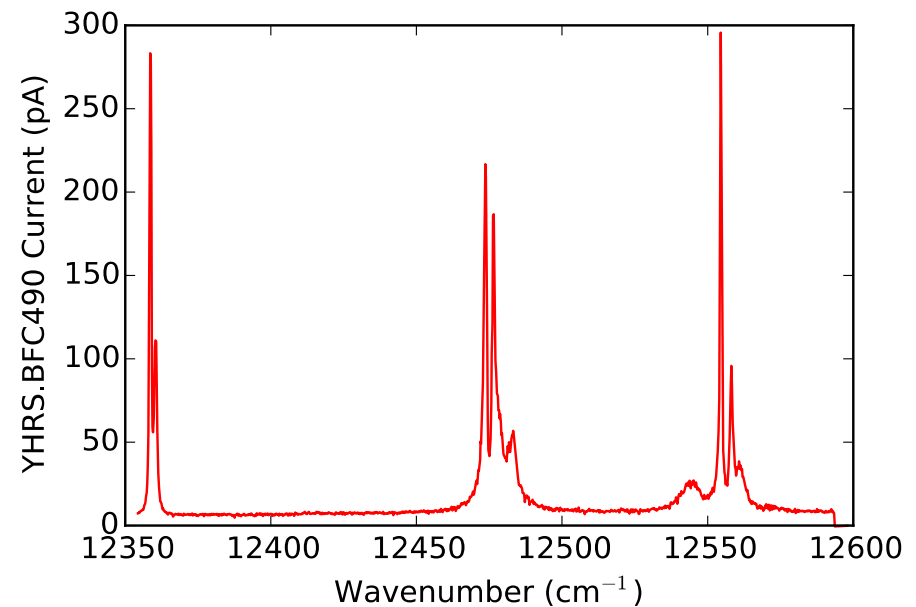
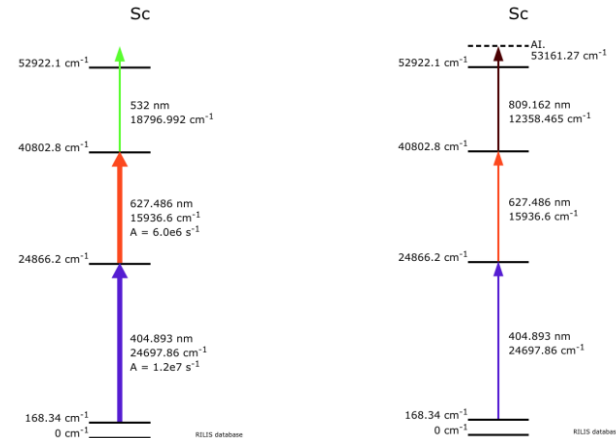
- **14** elements:
  - In, Sc, Mg, Cu, Dy, Bi, Sn, Be, Mn, Mg, Sb, Hg, Tl, Ac, Al.
- **21** separate on-line runs (not including TISD).
- **3** elements for TISD over 2 days:
  - Ga, In, Zn.
- **>50 %** of ISOLDE beams in 2018.



# Sc scheme development

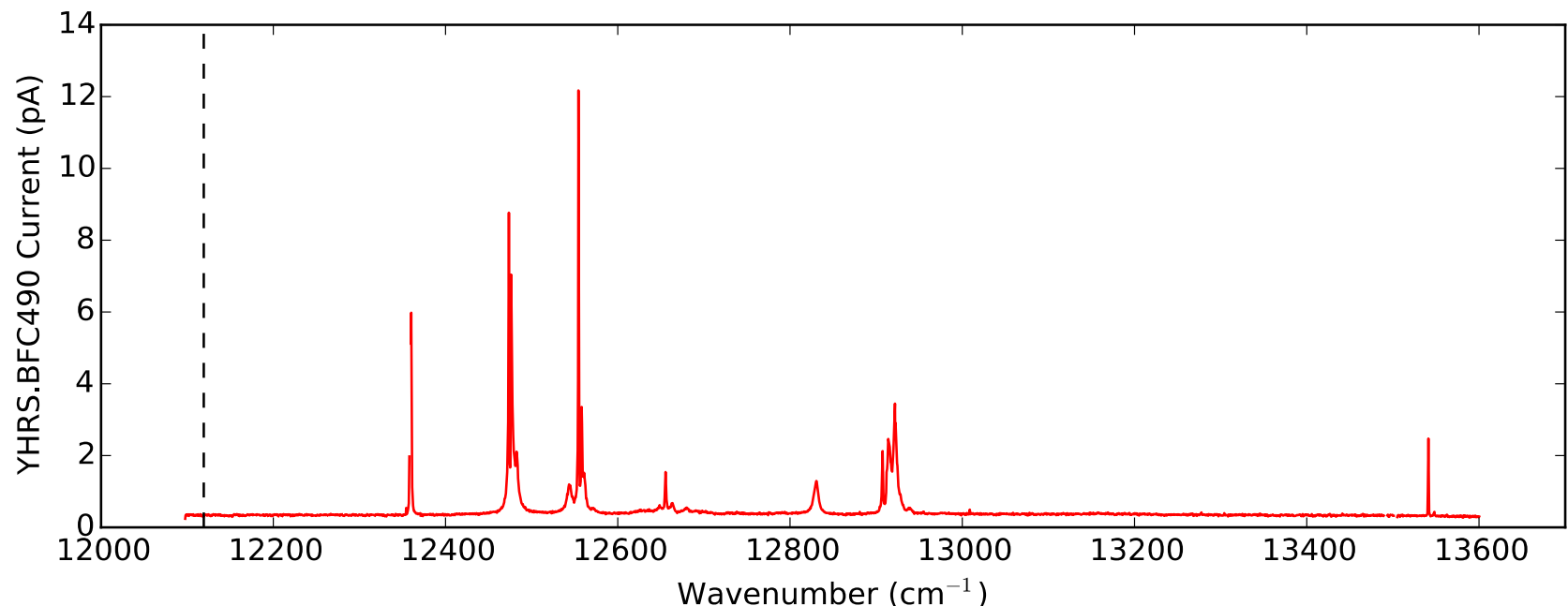


- First Sc runs in 2018 for ISOLTRAP and COLLAPS.
- Compare 2 previously used schemes.
  - Non-resonant final step vs transition to auto-ionizing state (AI).
- AI scheme **3x** more efficient.
- Found a slightly more efficient AI at  $12554.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .
- Search stopped after target vent.



# Sc scheme development

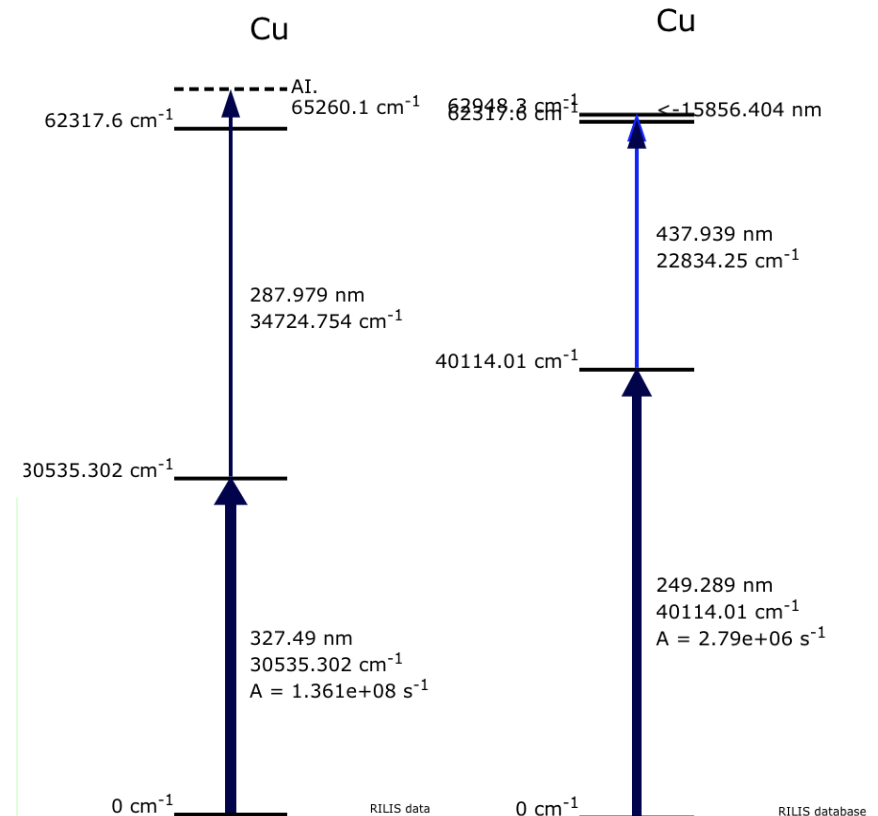
- Before COLLAPS beamtime:
- More time to search for AIs.
- Scanned from IP – using grating Ti:Sa.
- Found 1 new AI – not as efficient as previously used transition.



# Ti:Sa-only Cu scheme



- Usual scheme uses 2 dye lasers.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> step requires high-power UV step.
  - Requires frequent maintenance.
  - Dye changes, cleaning of optics after UV generation.
- TRILIS scheme avoids high-power UV step and dye lasers altogether.
  - J. Lassen (private communication).
- Ti:Sa scheme **2.5x** efficient.
- Used for IDS experiment until pump laser failure forced a switch back to the dye scheme.





# Ti:Sa-only Sb scheme



- Original scheme developed a long time ago.
- Non-resonant ionization forces excited atoms far above continuum.
- Tested TRILIS scheme.
- ~2x as efficient as dye scheme.
- Ti:Sa scheme used in successful COLLAPS beamtime.



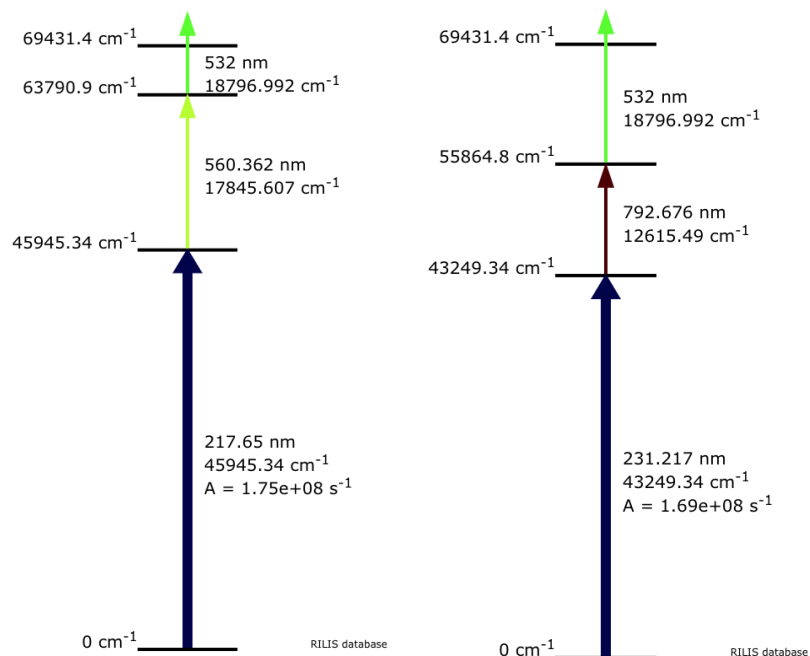
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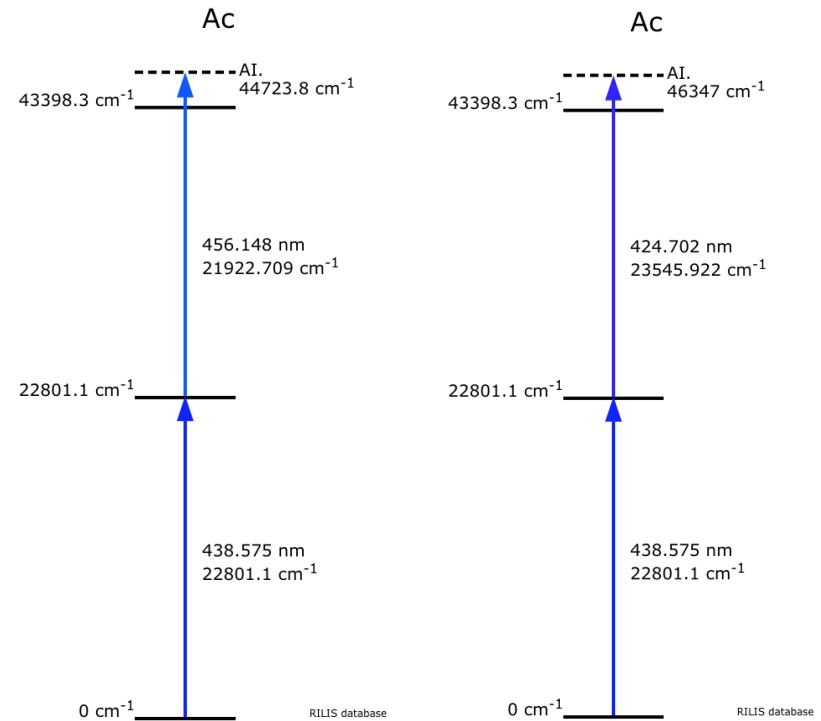
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# First laser-ionized Ac at ISOLDE



- New RILIS element at ISOLDE.
- Ac experiments during last week of protons.
- Tested two schemes – transitions to different AIs.
  - Hot-cavity scheme (TRIUMF).
  - Gas-cell/jet scheme (LISOL).
- Schemes equally efficient.



## Hyperfine Interactions

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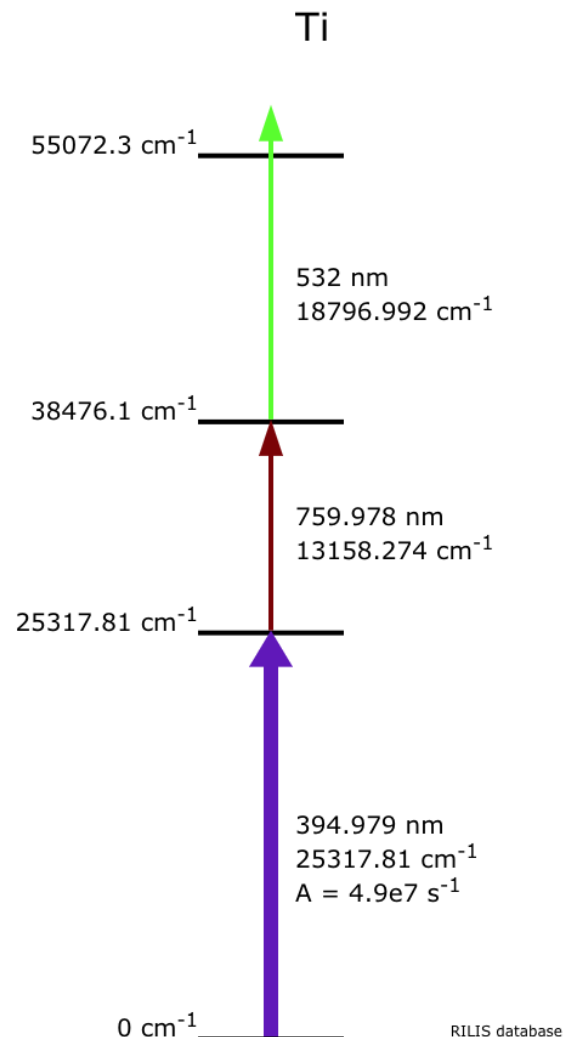
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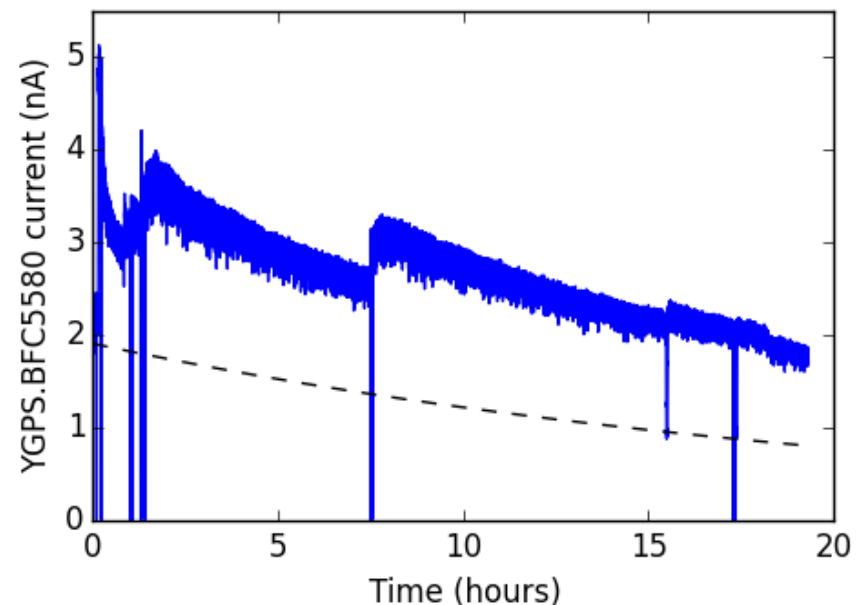
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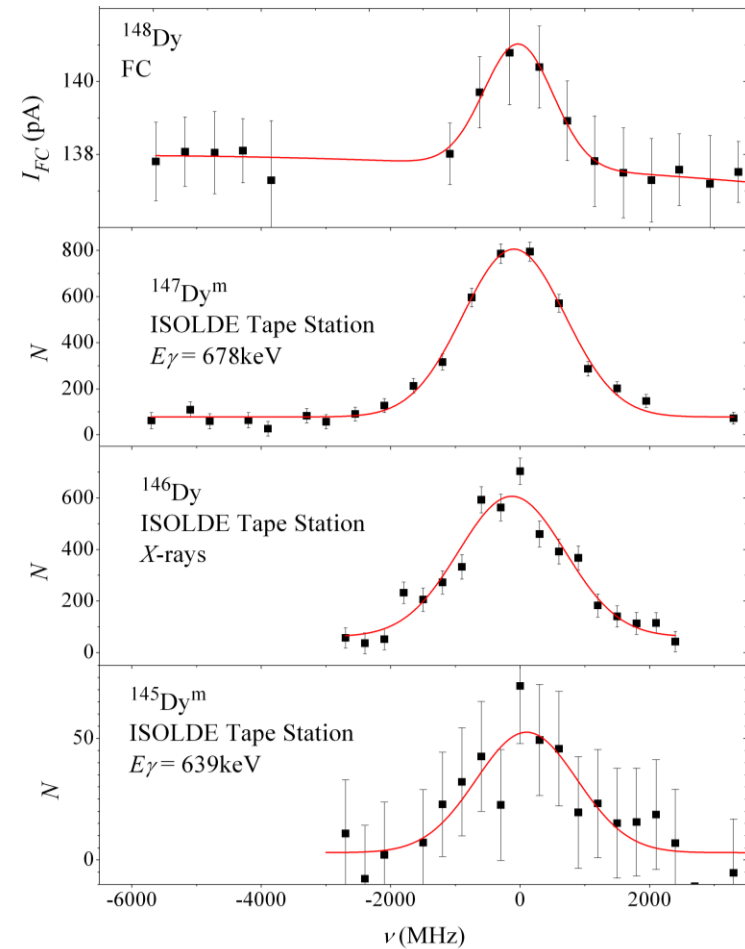
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- Motivation: to measure changes in mean-square charge radii below  $N=82$ .
- Combination of Faraday cup/tape station scans.
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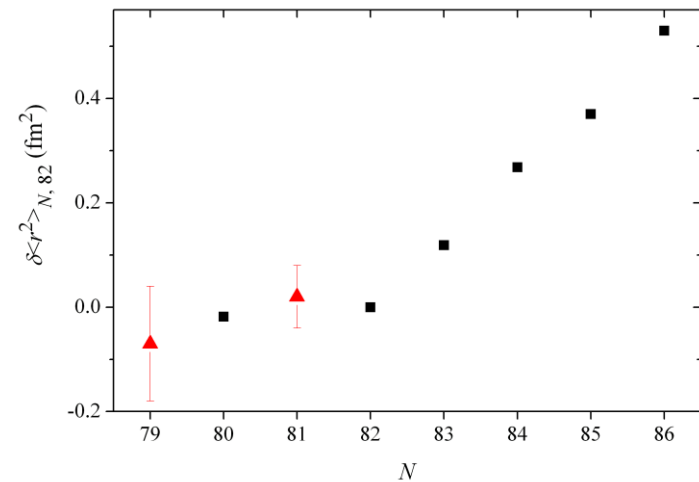
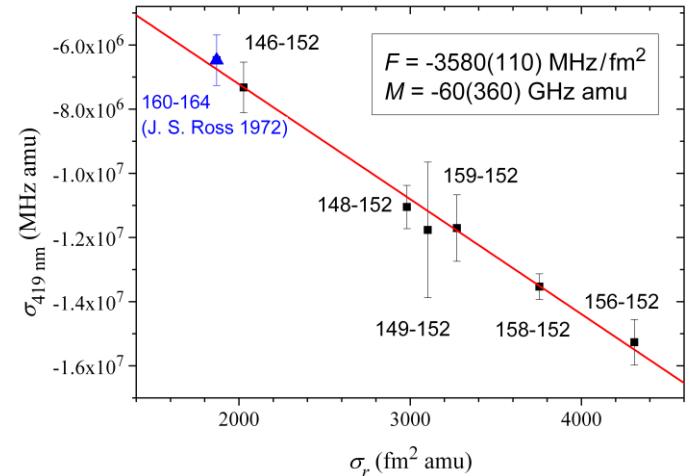


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# Lasers for GANDALPH

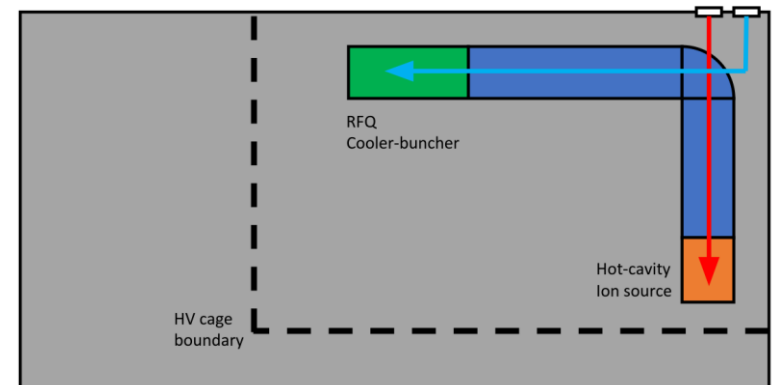
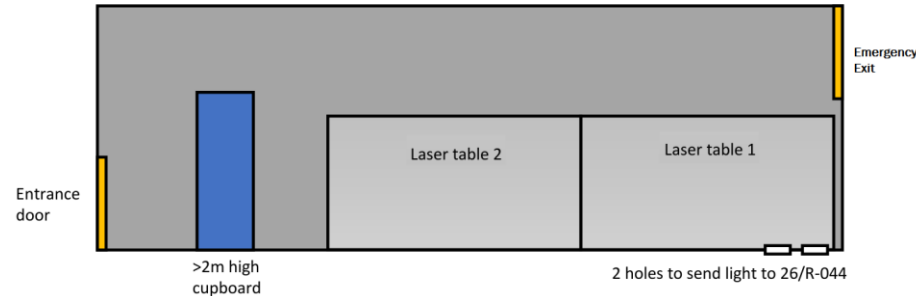
- Collaboration with GANDALPH for electron photodetachment of negative ions.
- Laser light sent to GLM for I, At, Cl experiments.
- See talk by D. Leimbach (directly after this talk!).



# Offline 2



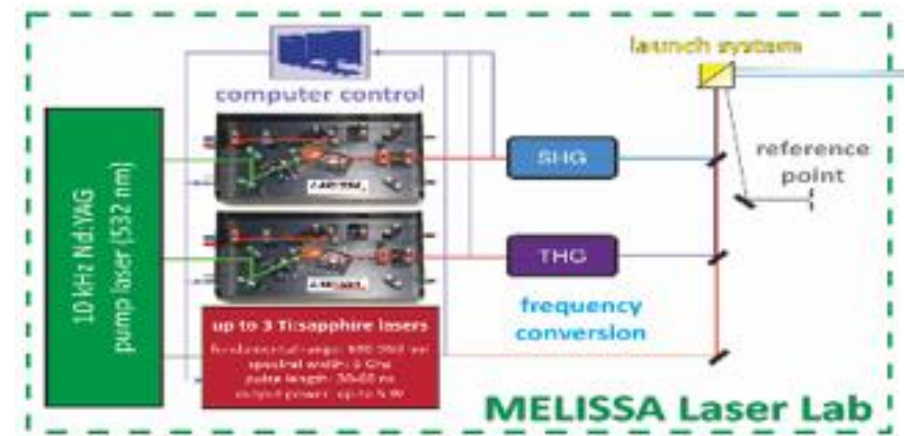
- New offline lab for research and development.
  - Home for RILIS developments during LS2.
- Completed:
  - Laser interlock design and installation (BE-ICS).
  - Laser tables installed.
  - Optical table layout designed.
- To be completed:
  - Air-conditioning and water cooling circuit installation (EN-CV) - **Ongoing.**
  - Move and install spare RILIS hardware – **Jan-Feb 19.**



# MELISSA at MEDICIS



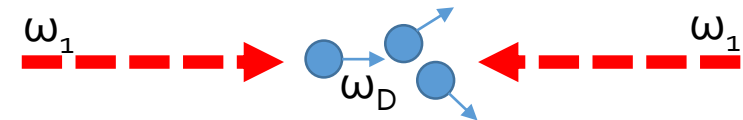
- Completed:
- AC installation.
- Laser tables moved in.
- To be completed:
- Install lasers - **Jan 19**.
  - 2x InnoLas Nanio arrived and tested at CERN.
  - Ti:Sa cavities assembling.
- Laser interlock installation - **Jan 19**.
- Beam path to MEDICIS - **Jan 19**.
- Ready for commissioning in **Jan/Feb 19** – Sm.
- Laser operation for **Tb Mar 19**.



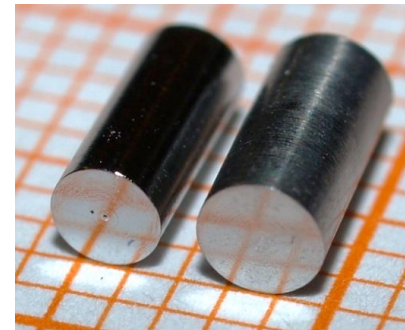
V. Gadelshin and K. Dockx

# Two-photon in-source spectroscopy

- Doppler broadening limits applicability of in-source spectroscopy to heavy elements.
- Doppler-free two-photon spectroscopy offers route to high-resolution in-source spectroscopy.
- Developments required:
  - Narrowband pulsed laser (< 100 MHz).
  - Reflective surface inside ion source.
  - Examples of Mo surface on right.

$$(\omega_1 + \omega_D) + (\omega_1 - \omega_D) = 2\omega_1$$


The diagram illustrates the two-photon spectroscopy process. Two red dashed arrows, each labeled  $\omega_1$ , point towards a central blue dot. From this dot, two blue arrows labeled  $\omega_D$  point away in opposite directions. The equation above shows that the sum of the two photon frequencies, accounting for the Doppler shift, equals twice the laser frequency.

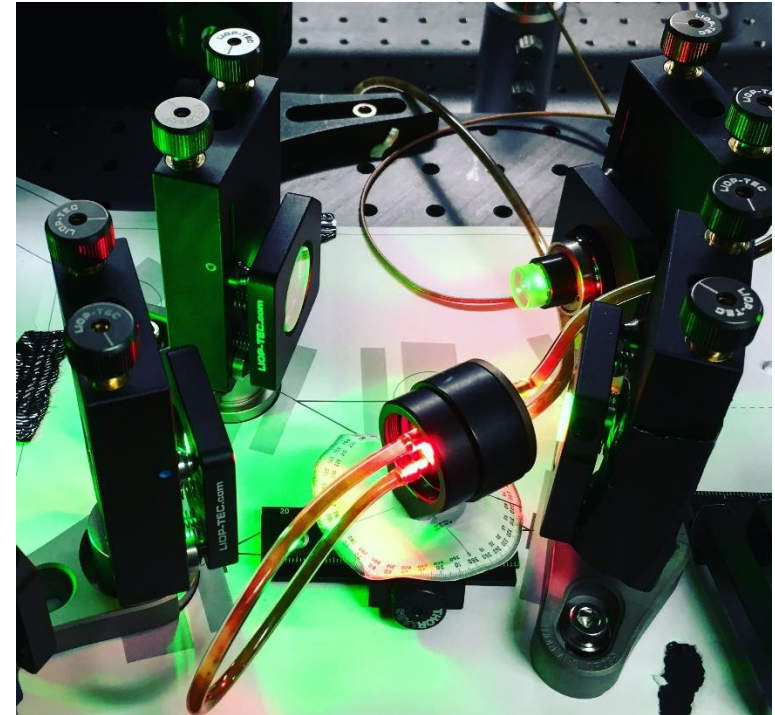


K. Chrysalidis



# Injection-seeded Ti:Sa

- Bow-tie cavity geometry designed and 'printed' onto breadboard.
  - Design made by D. Studer (Mainz).
- Compatible with current Z-cavity Ti:Sa mirrors.
- Seed laser light provided by CRIS (SolsTiS/Matisse) through 50-m fibre.
- Piezo-actuated mirror locks cavity to seed.
- Commissioned and operational.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> system built and installed in CRIS lab.

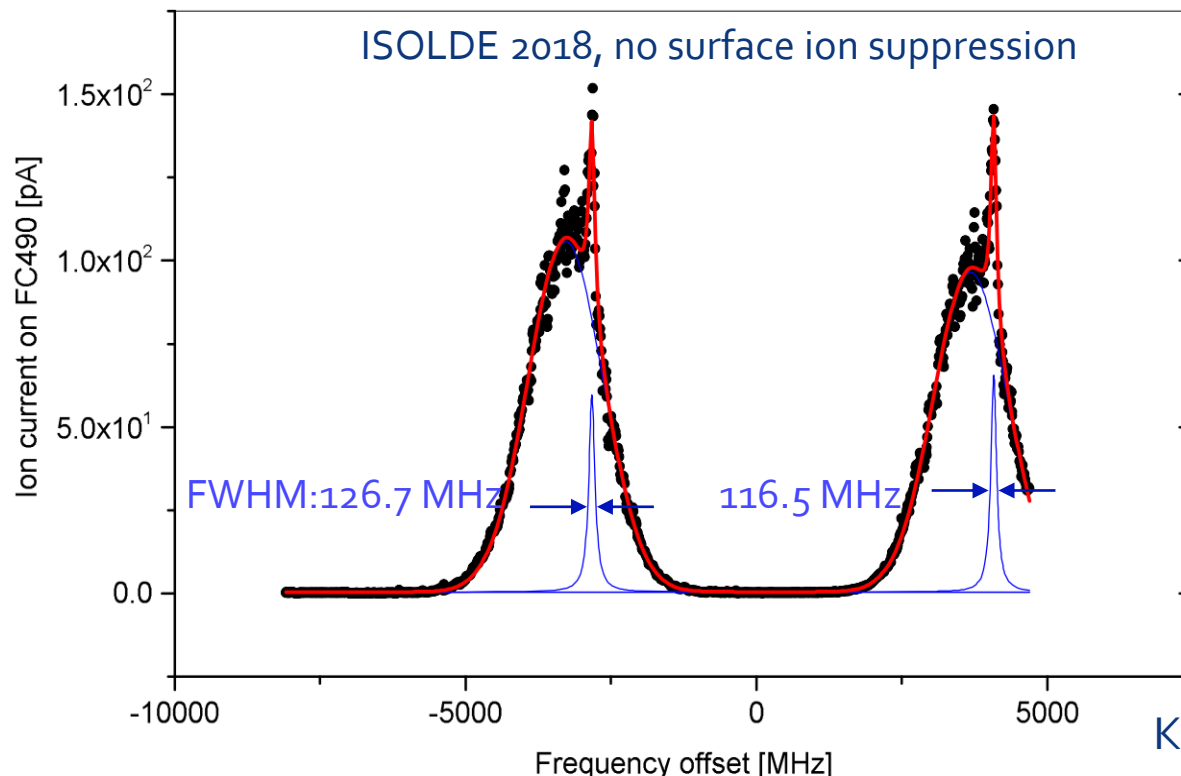


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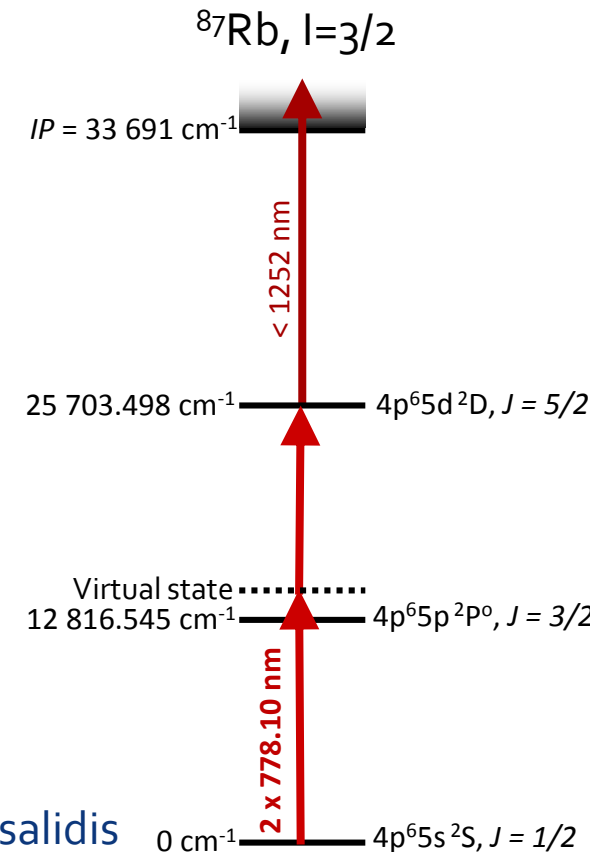
# First measurements at ISOLDE



- Measurement of 5s-5d transition in  $^{87}\text{Rb}$ .
- Results will be published in EMIS proceedings by K. Chrysalidis.
- Optimization of mirror geometry during LS2.



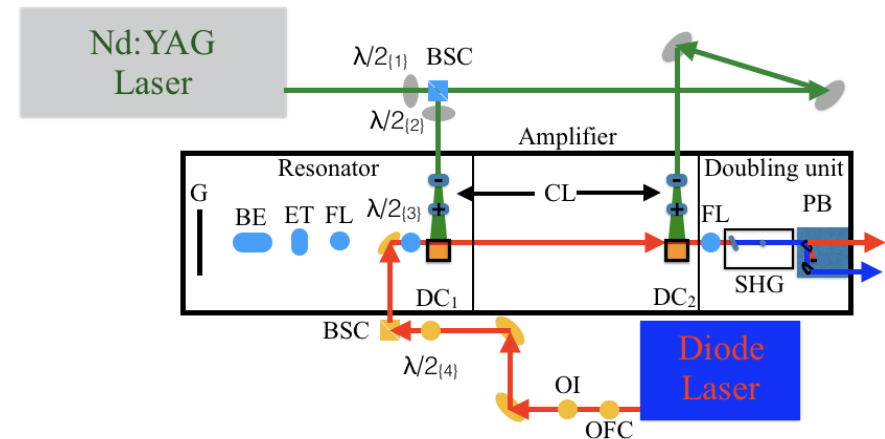
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# Pulsed-dye amplifier

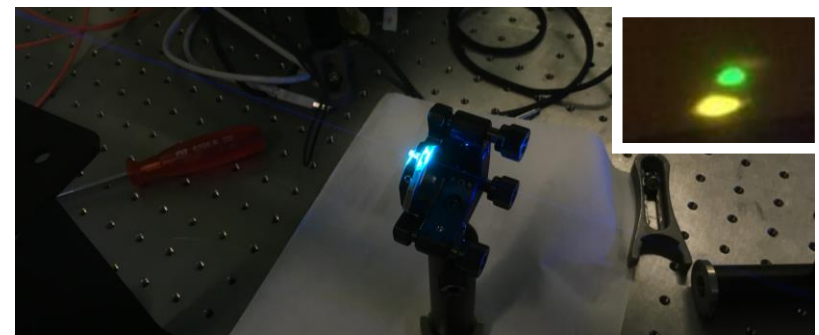
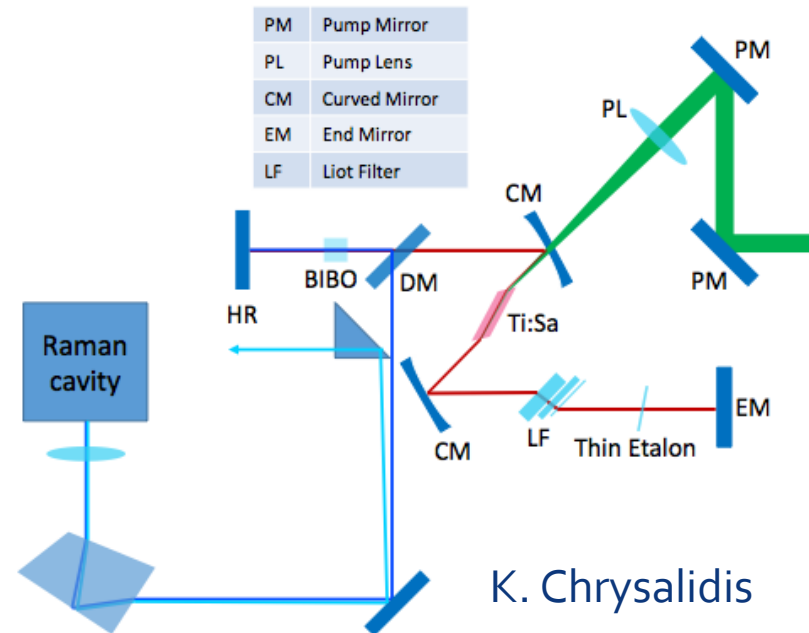
- Complementary system to injection-seeded Ti:Sa.
- Seed laser light provided by continuous-wave dye laser.
- Narrowband amplified light produced.
- Characterization of system through offline spectroscopy in reference cell in coming months (PISA).



C. Granados

# Solid-state Raman laser for RILIS

- Attempt to bridge gap between blue Ti:Sa and dye range.
- Collaboration with E. Granados (EN-STI-LP), R. Mildren (Macquarie University).
- Use blue Ti:Sa to pump diamond Raman laser.
- Promising results already obtained.
- Additional funding under discussion with Knowledge Transfer.
  - Dedicated student(s) during LS2.



# RILIS hardware consolidation

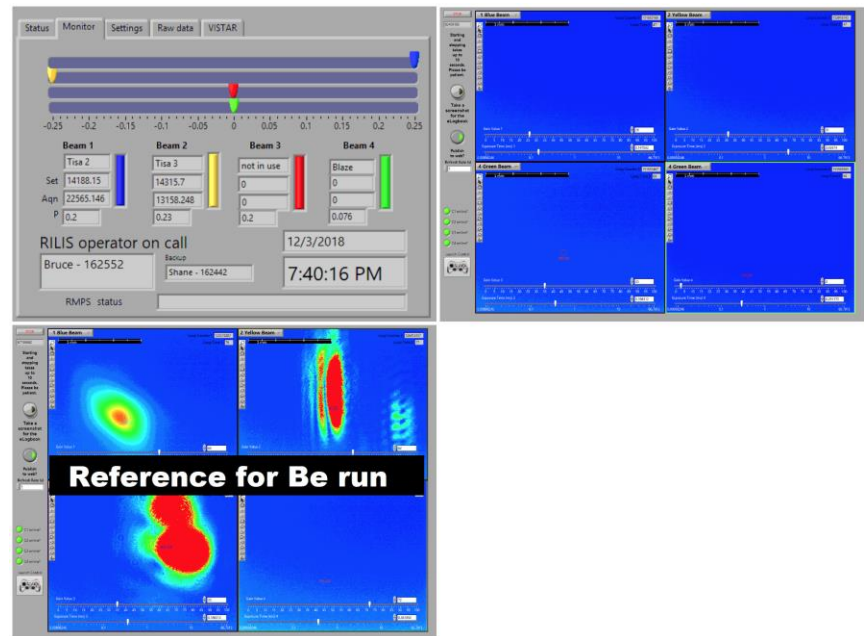
- Completed:
  - Dye pump laser replacement.
  - New Ti:Sa cavities.
  - Alternative Ti:Sa pump laser.
  - High-resolution laser systems.
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- Planned:
  - ~~Spare Blaze laser.~~
  - Test/purchase replacement Blaze laser.
  - Test picosecond laser for molecular breakup.
  - Replace dye lasers.



# Dual-separator RILIS operation



- Upgraded laser beam observation and stabilization system.
  - Allow beams from both separators to be stabilized.
- Reduced setup time and faster switching between elements and separators.
- Re-arrange optical layout with compact telescopes and additional optics/optomechanics to facilitate dual-separator operation.



# Summary

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- 14 elements for 21 separate on-line runs + TISD week, >50% of ISOLDE beams in 2018.
- Scheme development/testing on Sc, Cu, Sb.
- Ti RILIS efficiency: <6.4 %.
- Ac established as a new RILIS element.
- First 2-photon in-source measurements at ISOLDE.
- Development and commissioning of high-resolution systems.
- Progress on constructing and equipping new lasers labs at Offline 2 and MEDICIS.
- Outlook for LS2.

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The RILIS team

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In-source spectroscopy collaboration

ISOLDE technical teams:

Target group, operators, workshop technicians

CRIS, COLLAPS

LARISSA group, Mainz





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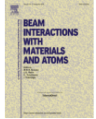
# Ion source developments

- VADLIS:
  - Variable extraction voltage as standard for on-line operation.
    - 3x increase in RILIS efficiency.
- Further optimization for RILIS-mode operation.
- LIST:
  - Compatibility with HRS and GPS.
- ToF-LIS:
  - Fast beam gate at time focus of laser ion bunches.
  - Improvement in selectivity.



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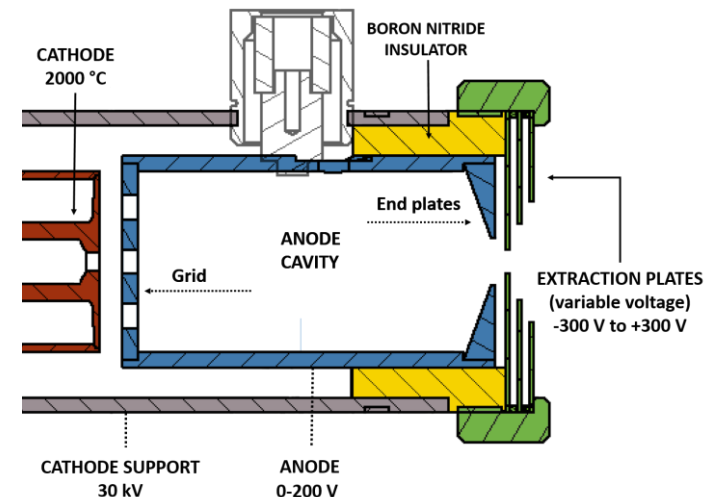
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# High-resolution in-source techniques

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- 2-photon:
- Optimization of mirror geometry.
- PI-LIST:
- Isomer selectivity for
- 2-photon ionization for new RILIS elements.
  - Phosphorus,

# Molecular breakup

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- Could provide access to atomic form of refractory elements.
- Extract as volatile element, breakup and then ionize element.
  - VADIS ionization of molecule not selective.
- Breakup requires multiple photons.
- Need very high peak powers for this to be efficient.
- Systems to test:
- Lumera Blaze – **0.2 MW**
- InnoLas FEMTO – **4 – 30 MW**.
- Edgewave FX - **>800 MW**.