

Nuclear Physics @ TRIUMF

Overview, recent science
highlights and ARIEL

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An aerial photograph of the TRIUMF research facility. The facility consists of several large, interconnected industrial-style buildings with flat roofs, surrounded by parking lots filled with cars and trucks. The facility is situated on a hillside, with a dense forest of green trees to the left and bottom-left. In the background, there are more buildings and a large, light-colored area that appears to be a construction site or a large open lot. The overall scene is a mix of industrial infrastructure and natural greenery.

TRIUMF is one of Canada's major investments in large-scale research infrastructure

Founded in 1968, the laboratory is centered around the world's largest cyclotron and its secondary beams.



Our Mission is to serve as Canada's particle accelerator centre:

To advance isotope science and technology, both fundamental and applied. We collaborate across communities and disciplines.

To operate major user infrastructure and participate in research and innovation together with our partners.

Outer Space

Inner Space

Cosmology & Dark Matter

Nuclear Astrophysics

Particle Physics

Accelerators
Detectors
Data Science

Electronics & Radiation Testing

Nuclear Physics

Nuclear Medicine

Molecular & Materials Science



TRIUMF's accelerator complex

40 MV SRF
Heavy Ion Linac

Advanced Rare Isotope
Laboratory
(ARIEL)

e-LINAC
30-100 kW
photo-fission
driver

ISAC-II
>10 AMeV

ISAC-I
60 keV,
1.7 AMeV

Cyclotron
500 MeV
400 μ A

Nuclear Physics

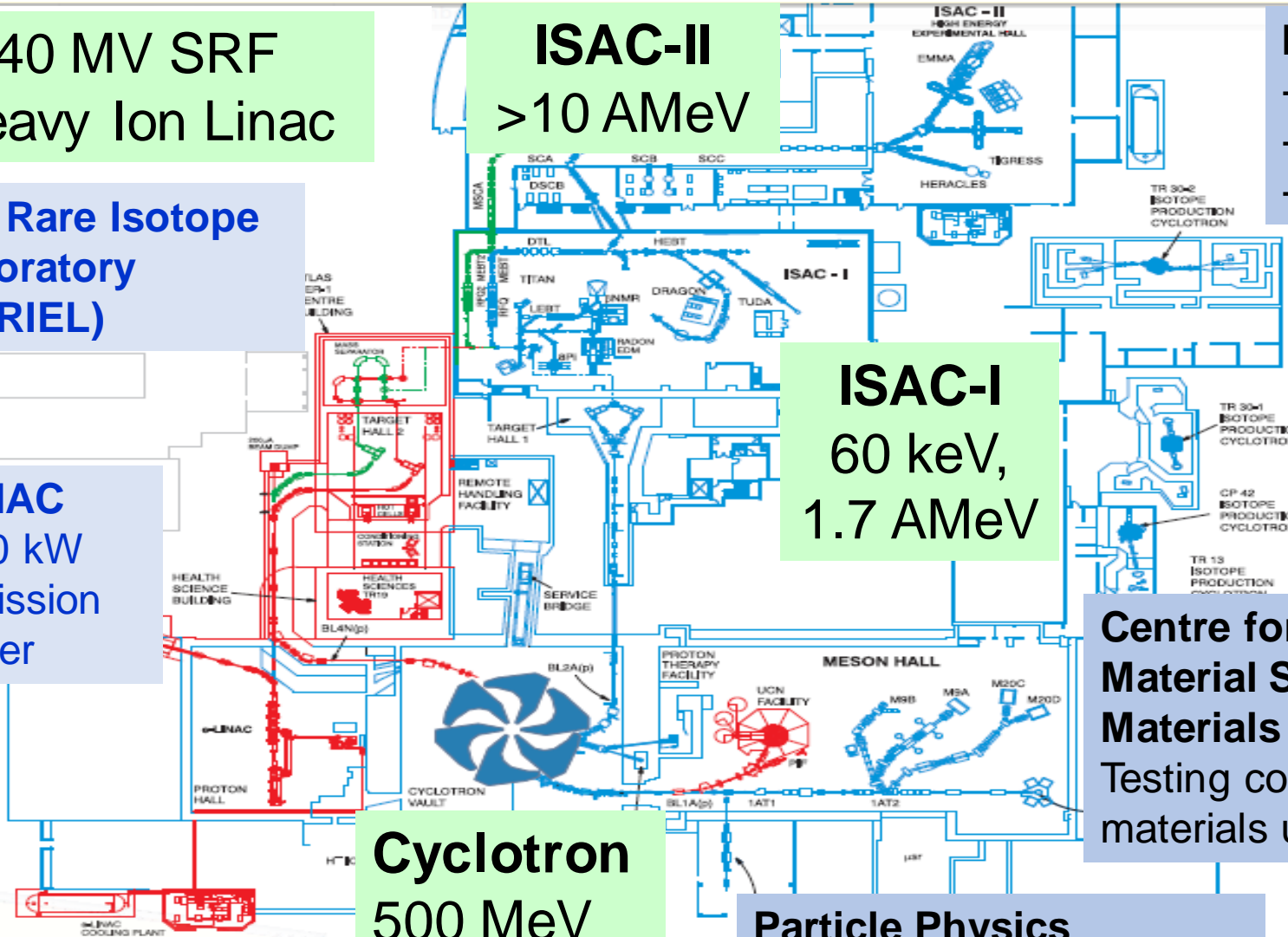
- Nuclear Structure
- Nuclear Astrophysics
- Fund. Symmetries

**Centre for Molecular and
Material Science & Quantum
Materials**

Testing condensed matter and
materials using radioactive probes

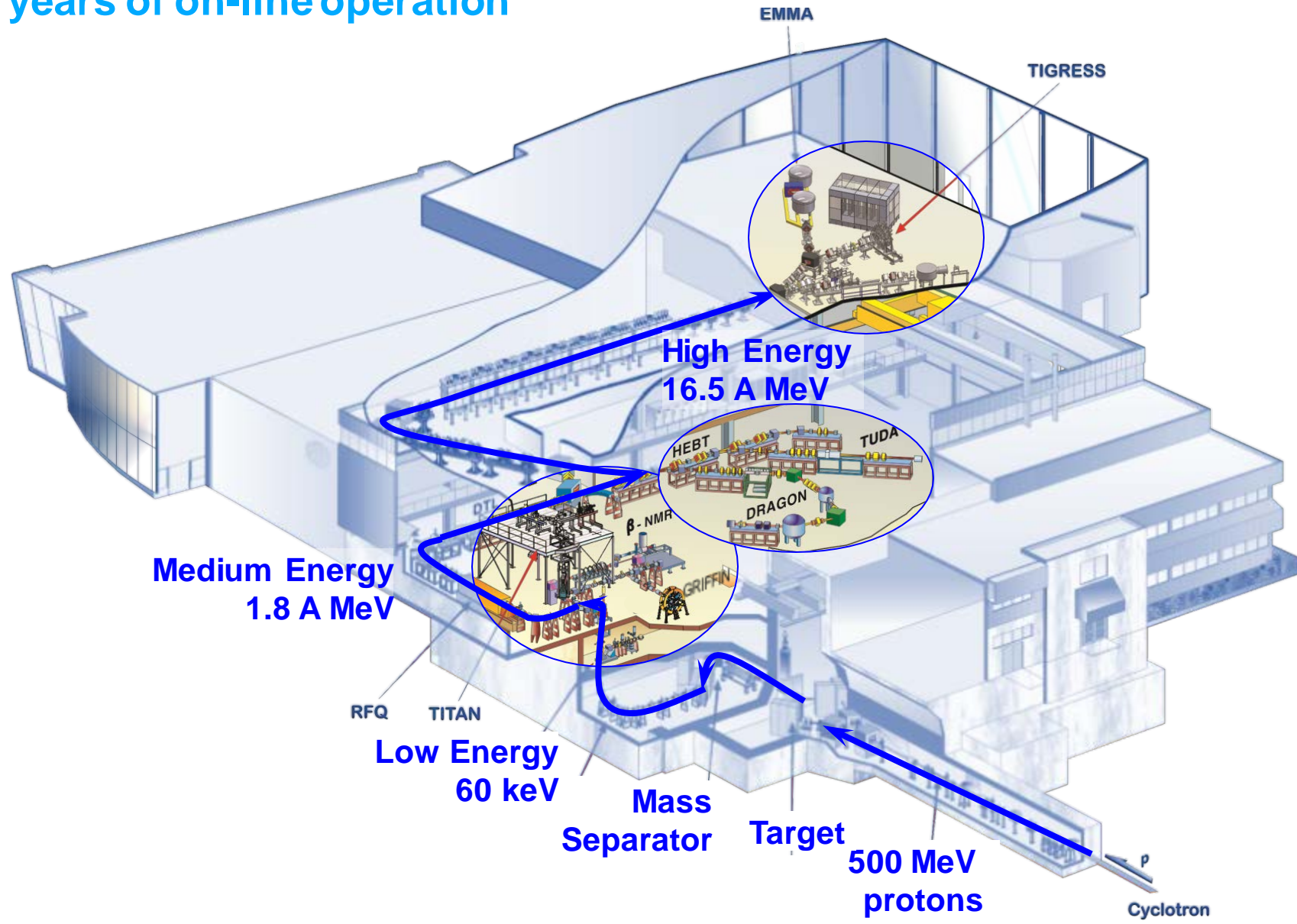
Particle Physics

Ultra Cold Neutrons:
towards a nEDM



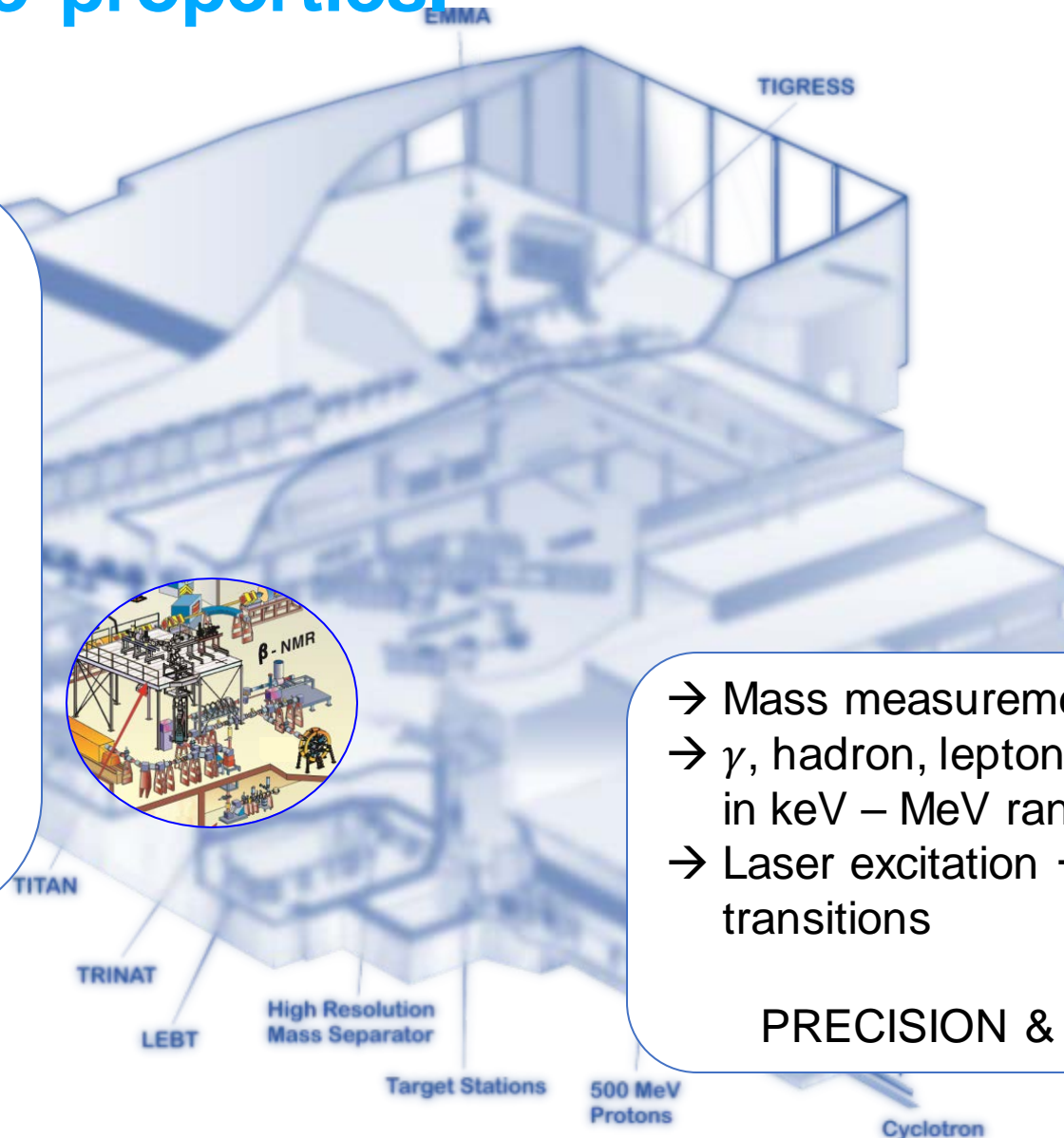
ISAC-TRIUMF ISOL facility for rare isotope beams

ISAC20- 20 years of on-line operation



Low-energy RIB experiments (≤ 60 keV) access ground-state properties.

- Slow beams travelling for few μs per meter
 - Stop after nanometers in solids
 - Decelerate to a stop relatively easily with modest DC fields or using gas RFQ
- **Stopped Beams** that can be manipulated, rapped, re-ionized, neutralized, polarized, allowed to decay



- Mass measurements
- γ , hadron, lepton decay products in keV – MeV range
- Laser excitation → atomic transitions

PRECISION & SENSITIVITY

Medium-energy RIB experiments: tuned for astrophysics (0.15-1.8 A MeV)

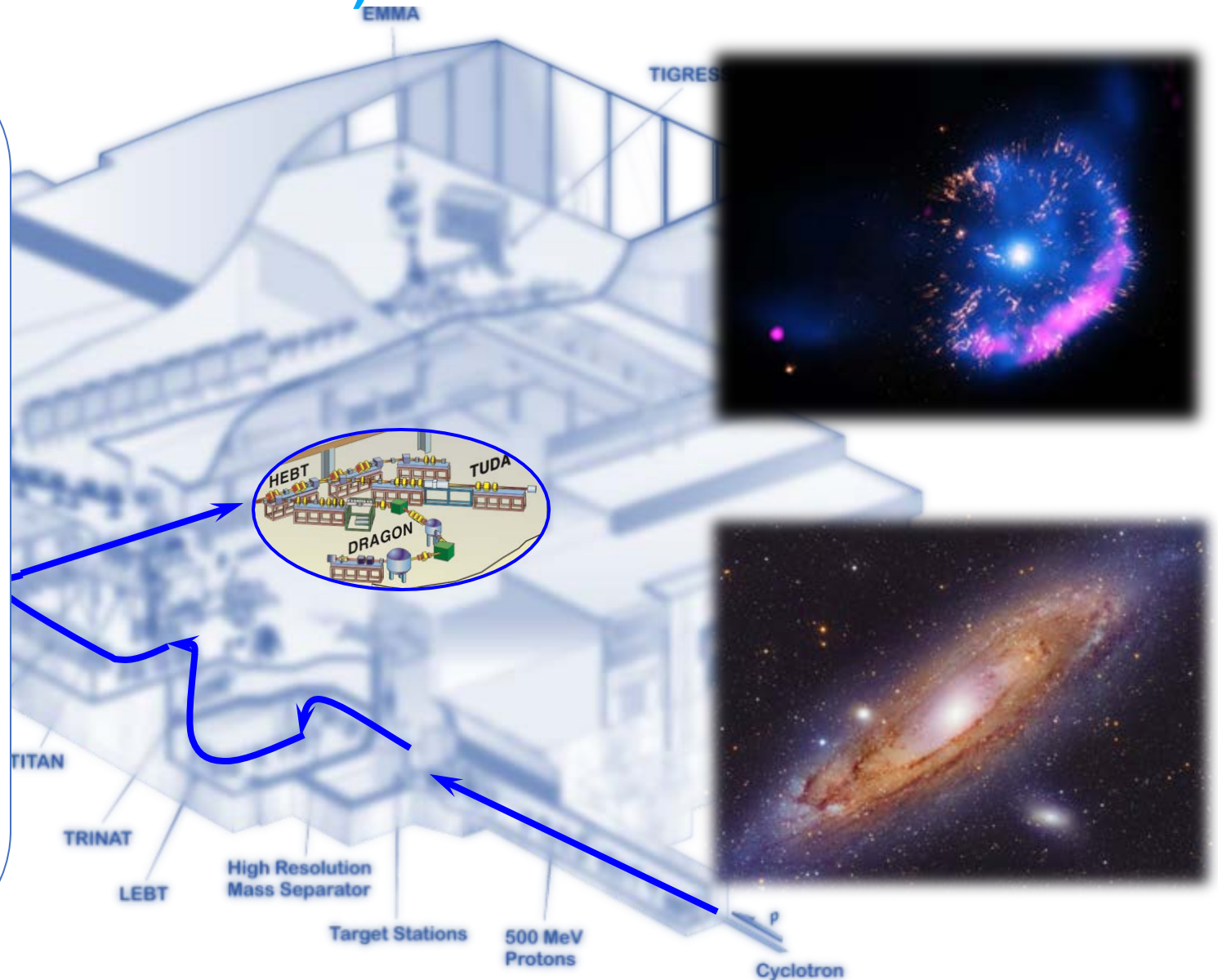
$v=0.01c$ beams

→ Sub Coulomb Barrier fusion reactions
Compound Nucleus and Direct mechanisms
Nuclear Resonances

Tuned to stellar energies for range of scenarios, from AGB stars to X-ray bursters to supernovae
+ tests of *ab initio* via scattering states

→ Largest beam intensities needed

PIONEERING DIRECT and
INDIRECT MEASUREMENTS



High-energy RIB Experiments (10-16.5 A MeV)

$v=0.1c$ beams

→ Highly peripheral, direct reactions
+ fusion evaporation

Single or multi-nucleon transfers
Coulomb Excitation

Accessing excited states of exotic nuclei at higher energies, spins through specific reaction mechanisms.

→ Nuclear shapes & deformations
→ Single particle structure
→ Testing nuclear models
→ Indirect measurements for astrophysics

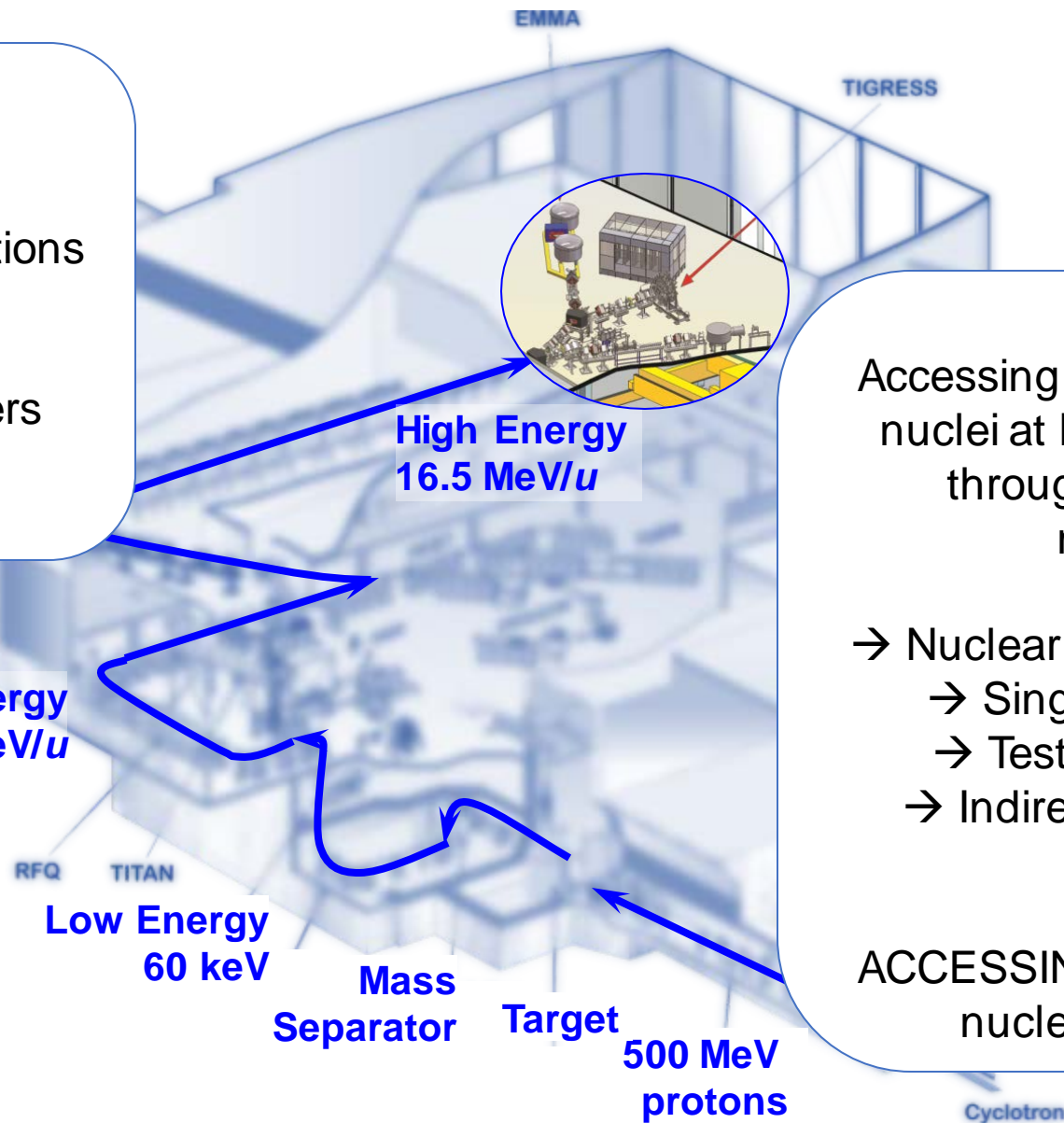
ACCESSING properties of exotic nuclei via *REACTIONS*

Medium Energy
1.8 MeV/u

High Energy
16.5 MeV/u

Low Energy
60 keV

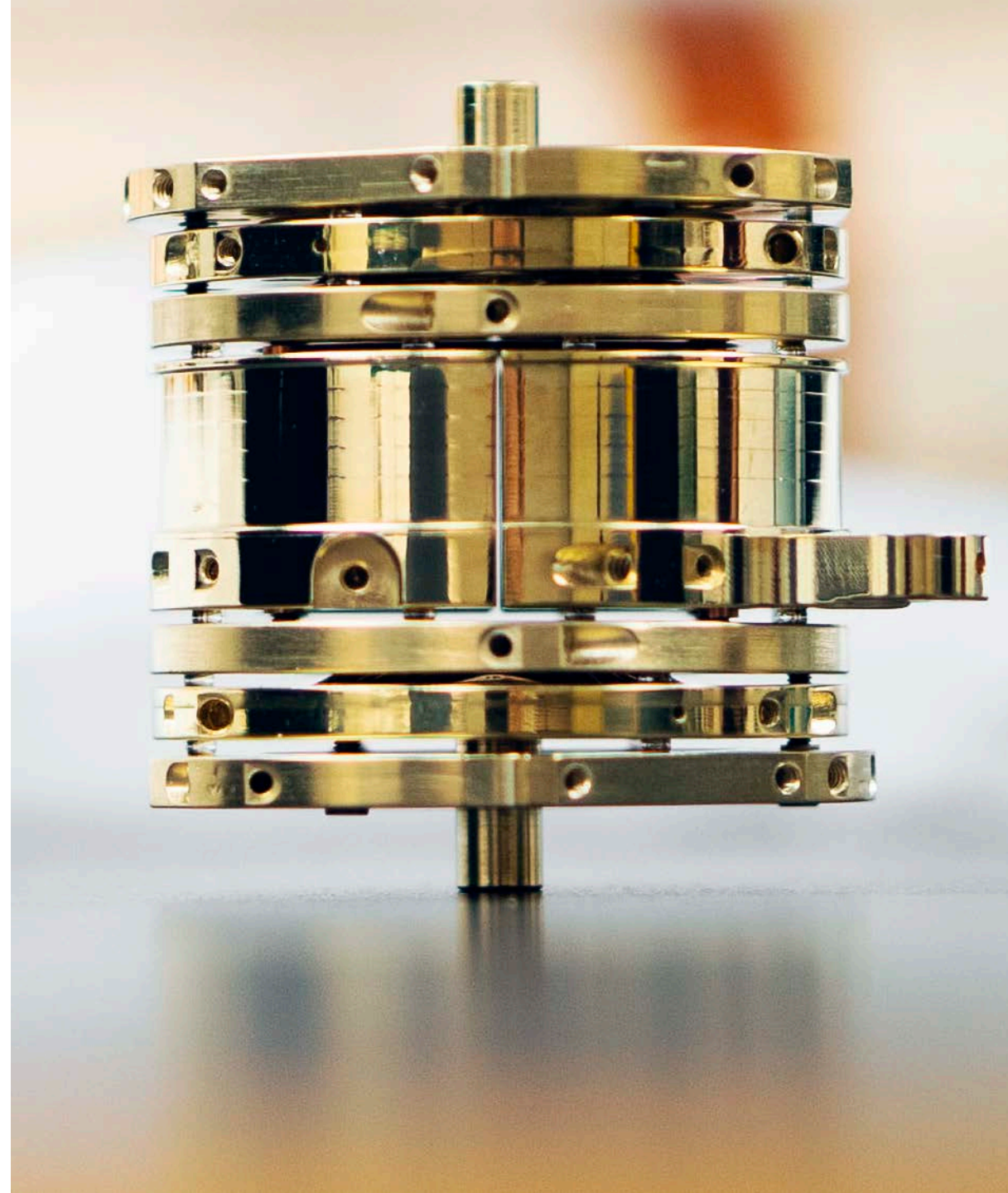
500 MeV
protons



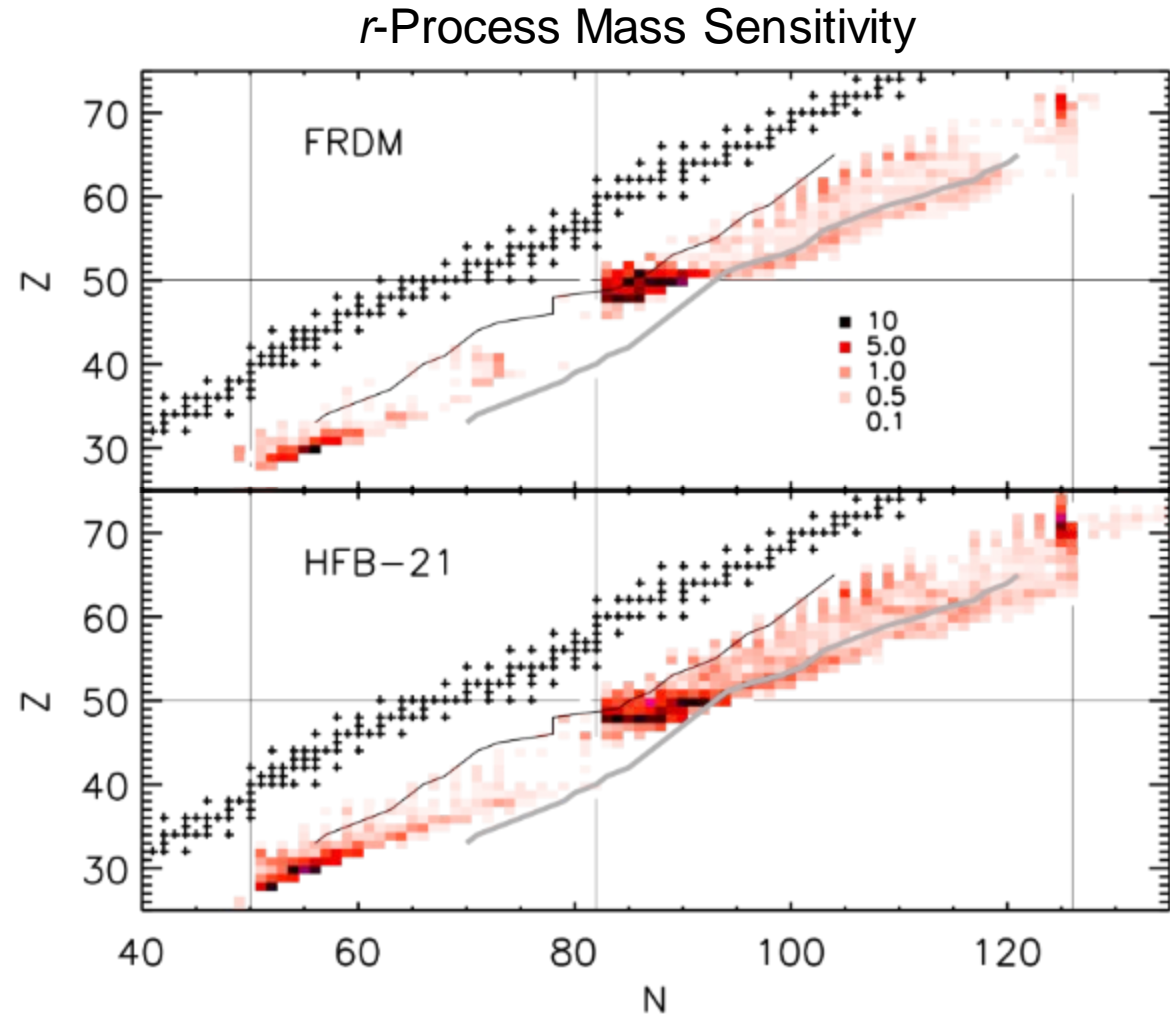
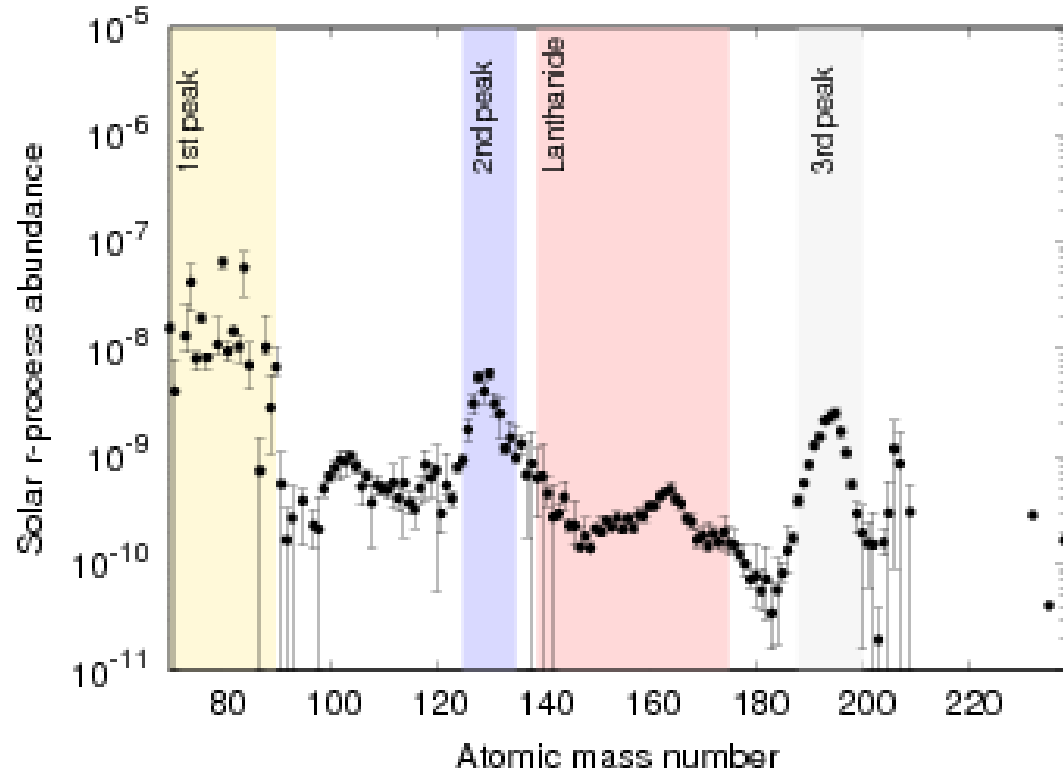


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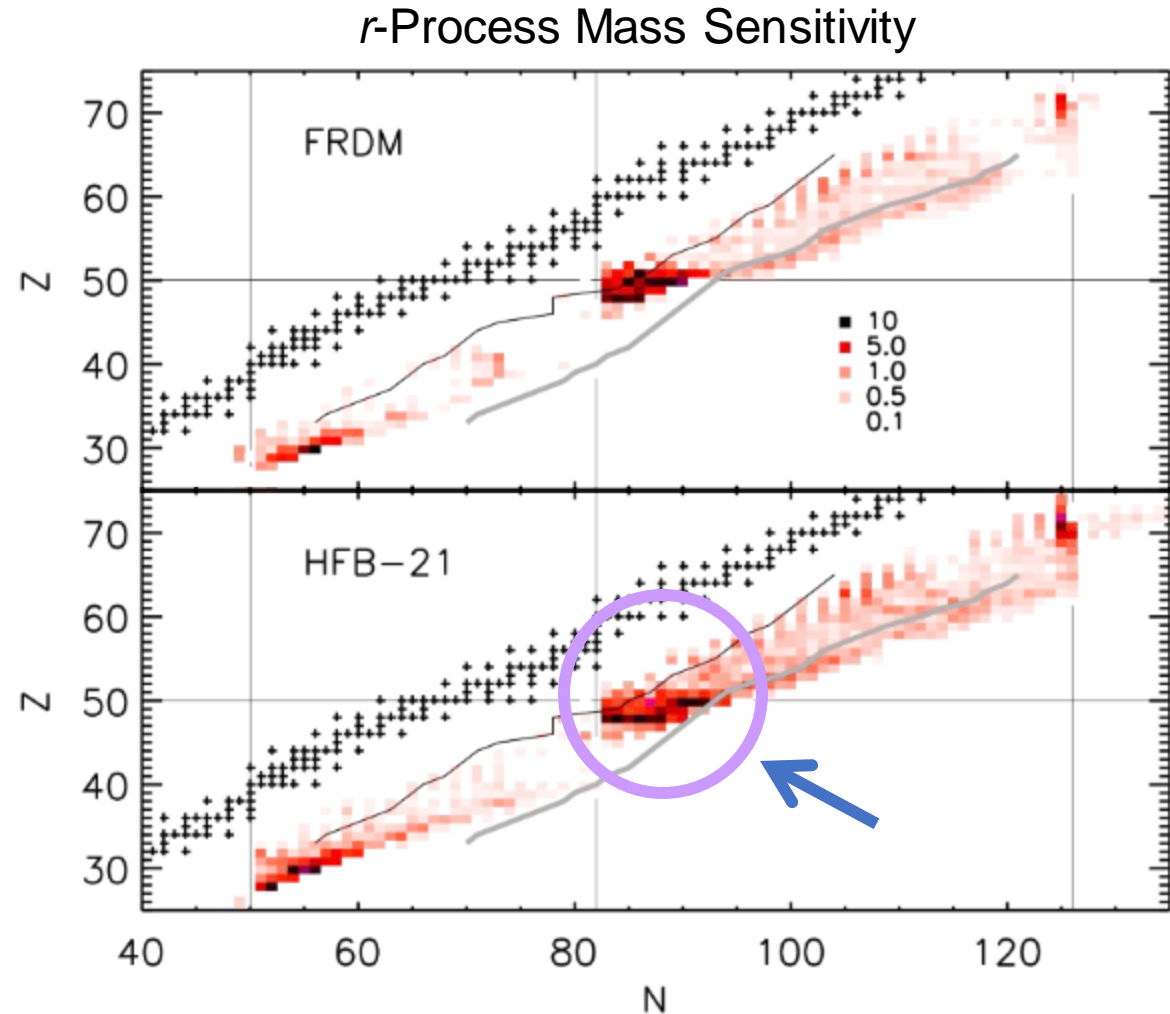
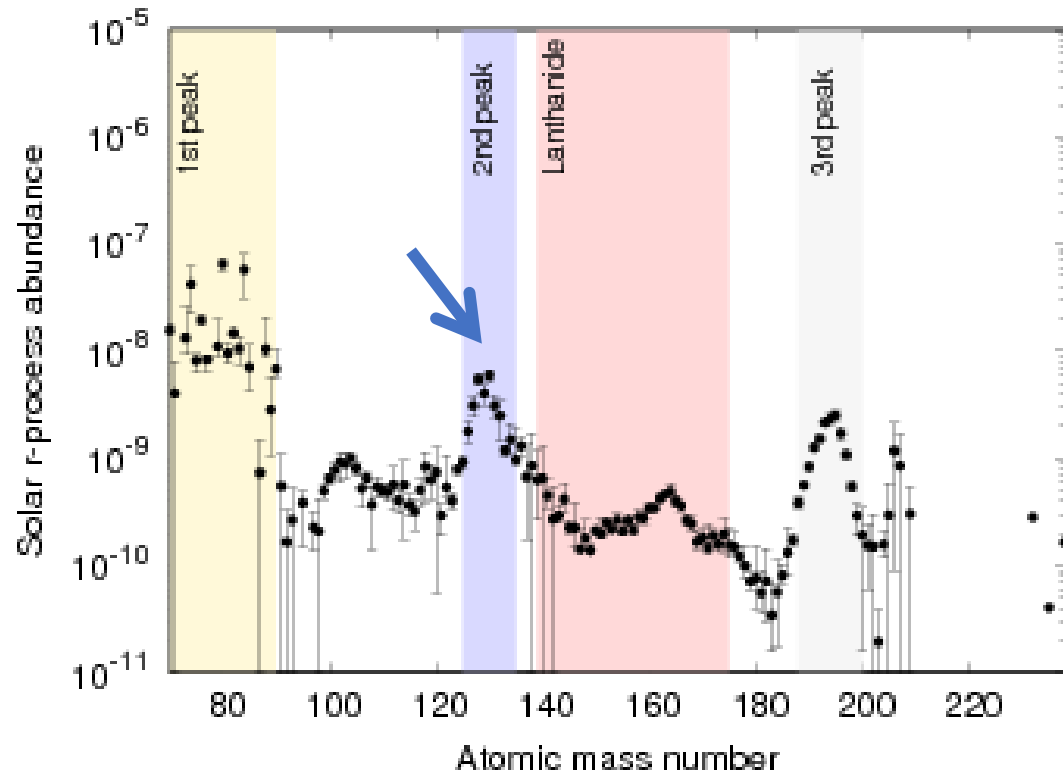
- TITAN mass measurements



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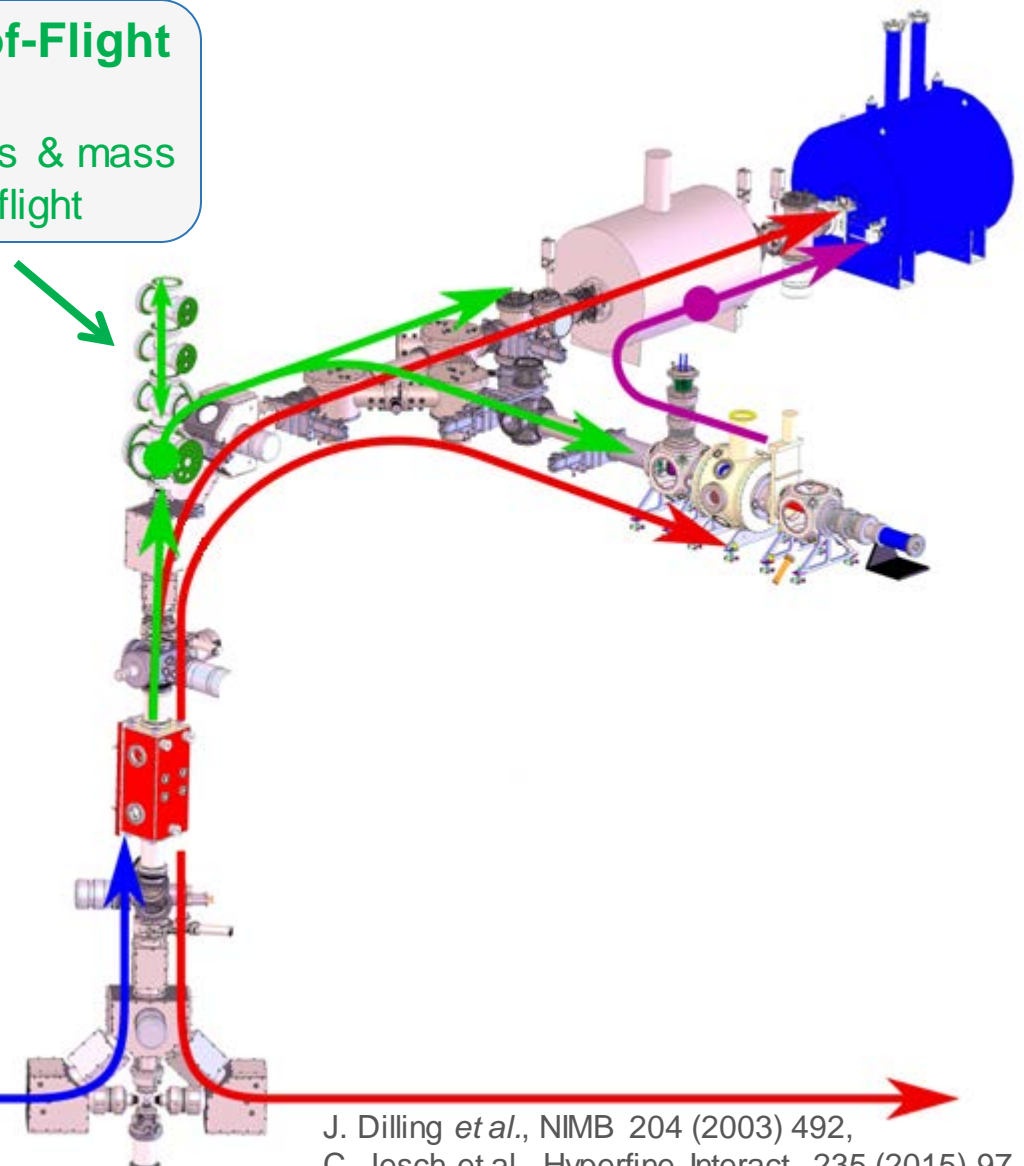


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Multiple-Reflection Time-of-Flight (MR-TOF):
removal of isobaric contaminants & mass measurements via time-of-flight



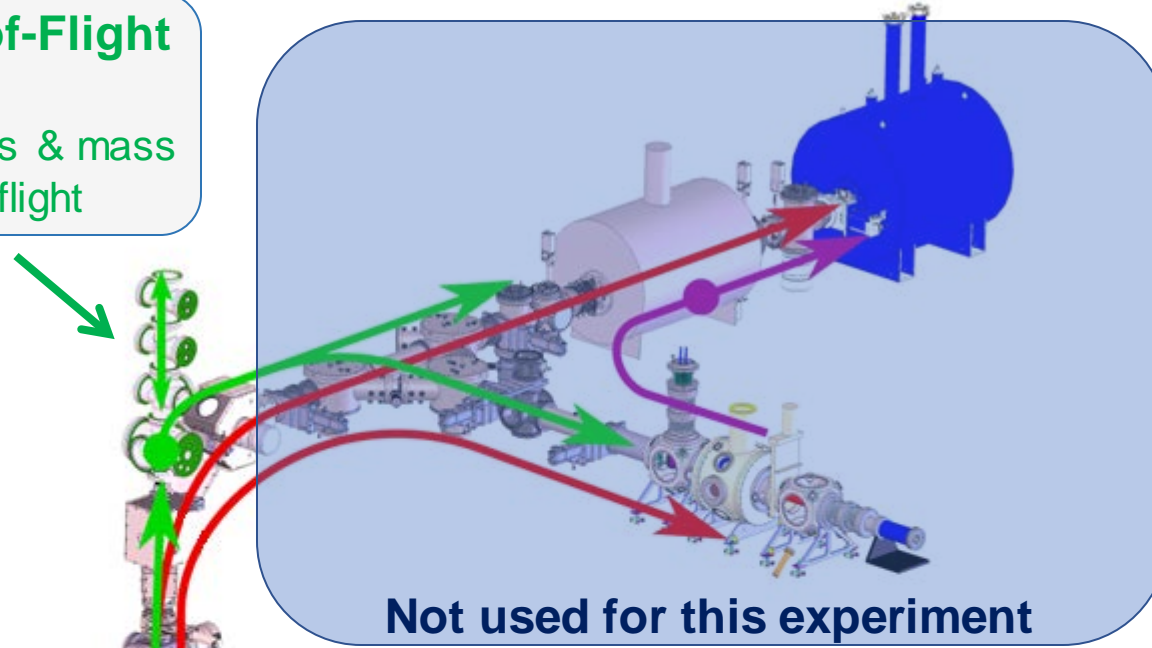
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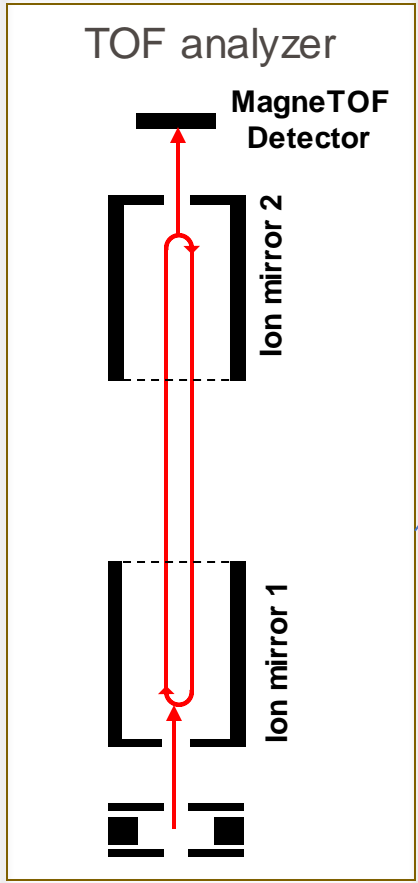
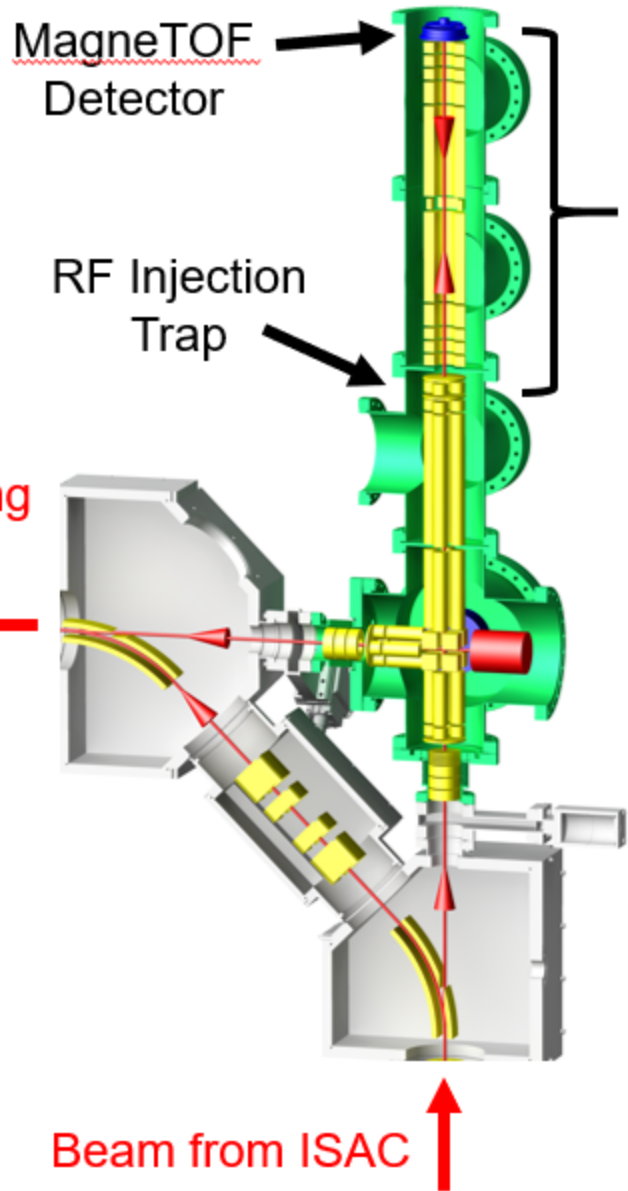
Not used for this experiment

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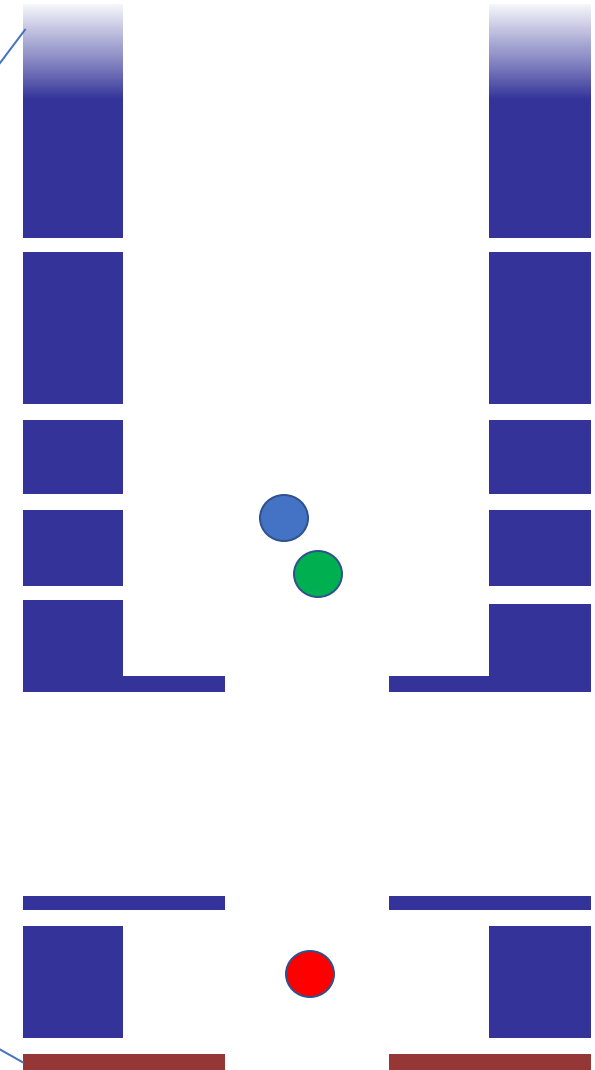
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TITAN's MR-TOF MS



Isobar separation with mass-selective re-trapping

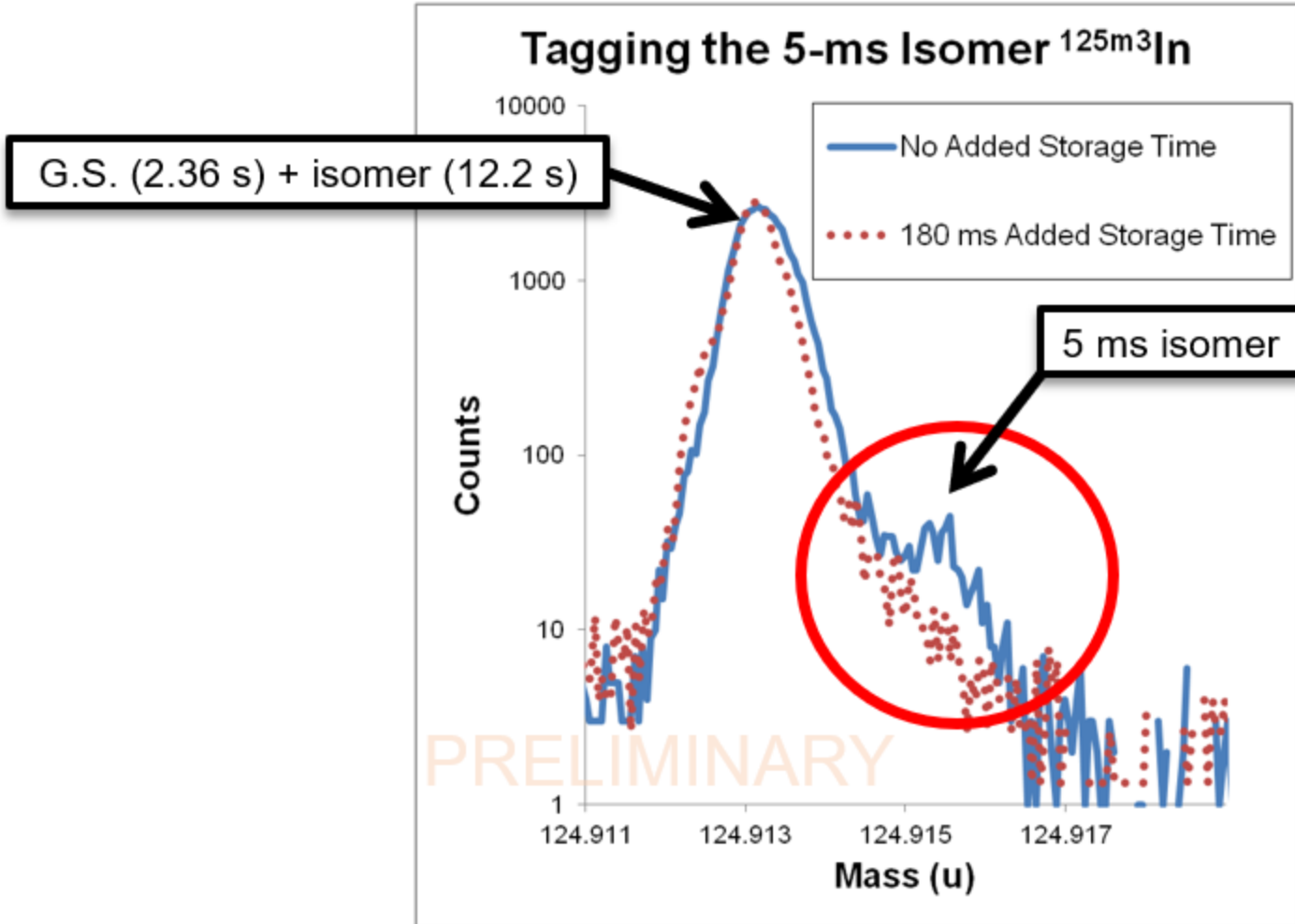


Mass-Selective Re-Trapping

- Rate capability up to $\sim 10^5$ pps
- Suppression $\sim 10^4$
- Separation power 80k

Pushing the limits with MR-TOF

1. New **shortest lived** ion measured at TITAN!



$^{125m3}\text{In}$
 $T_{1/2} = 5.0 \text{ ms}$

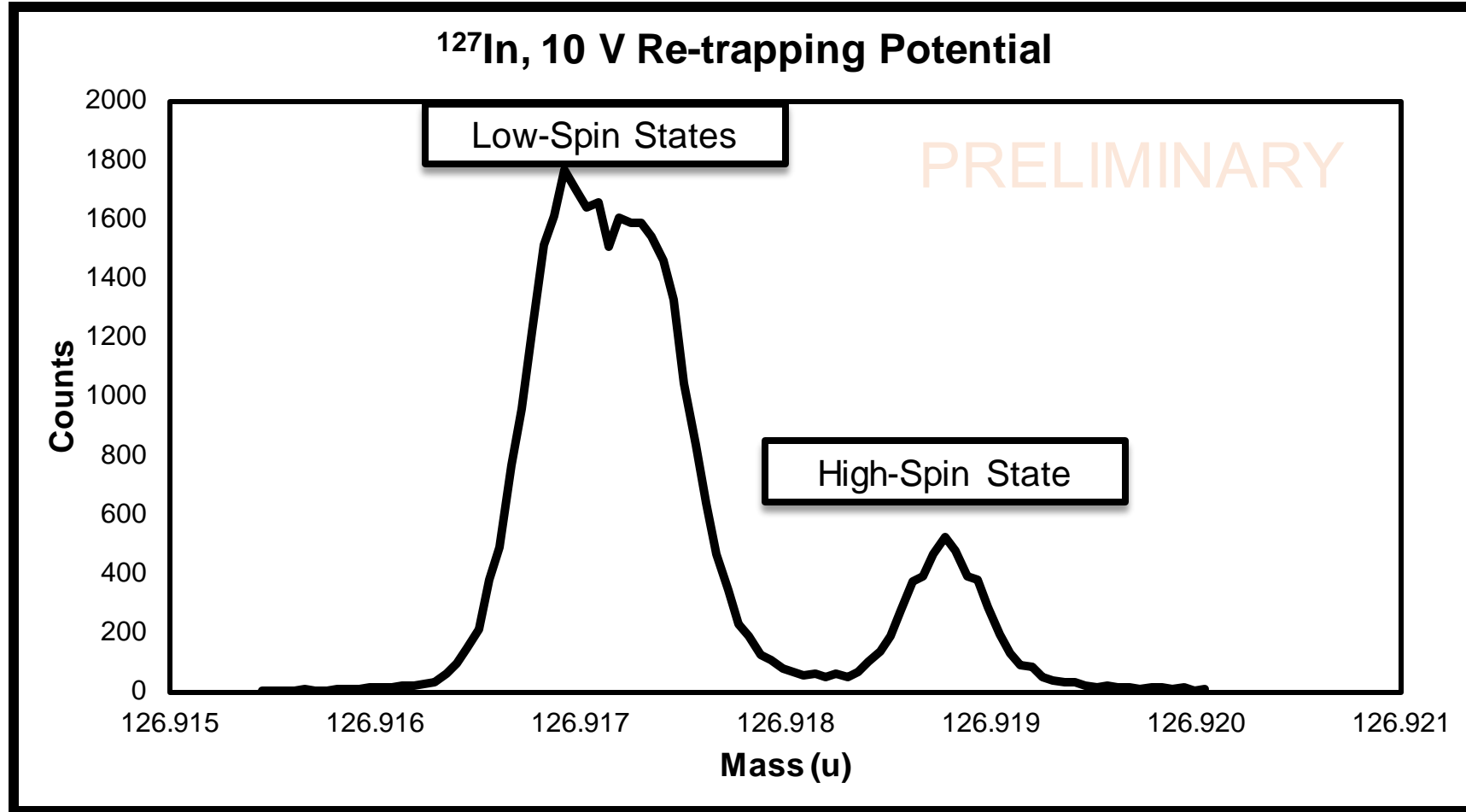


Good outlook for future measurements far from stability!

Pushing the limits with MR-TOF

2. Achieved **isomeric separation** with re-trapping

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=
Narrower Re-trapping
Window**

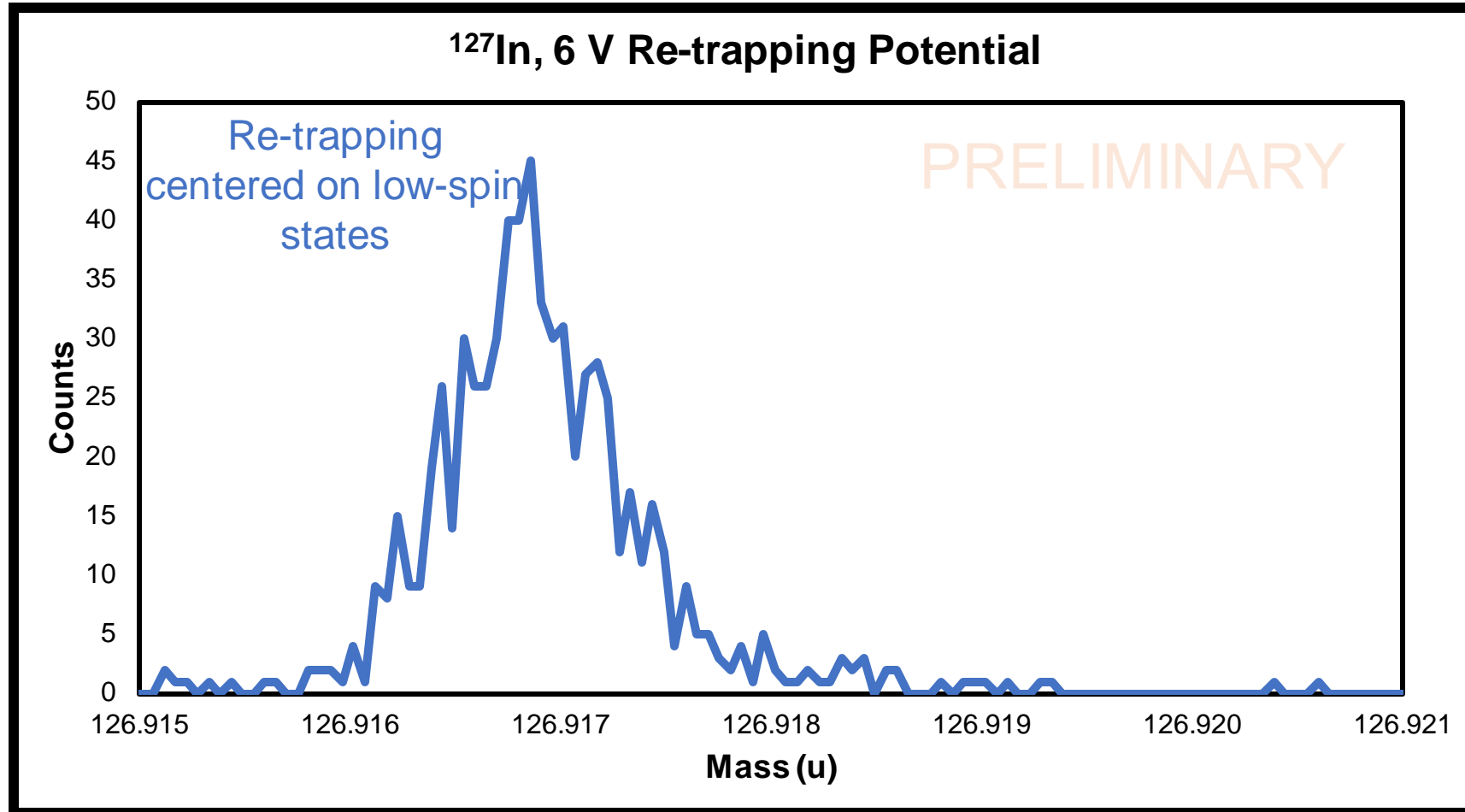
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- **Re-center to select only low-spin or high-spin states**

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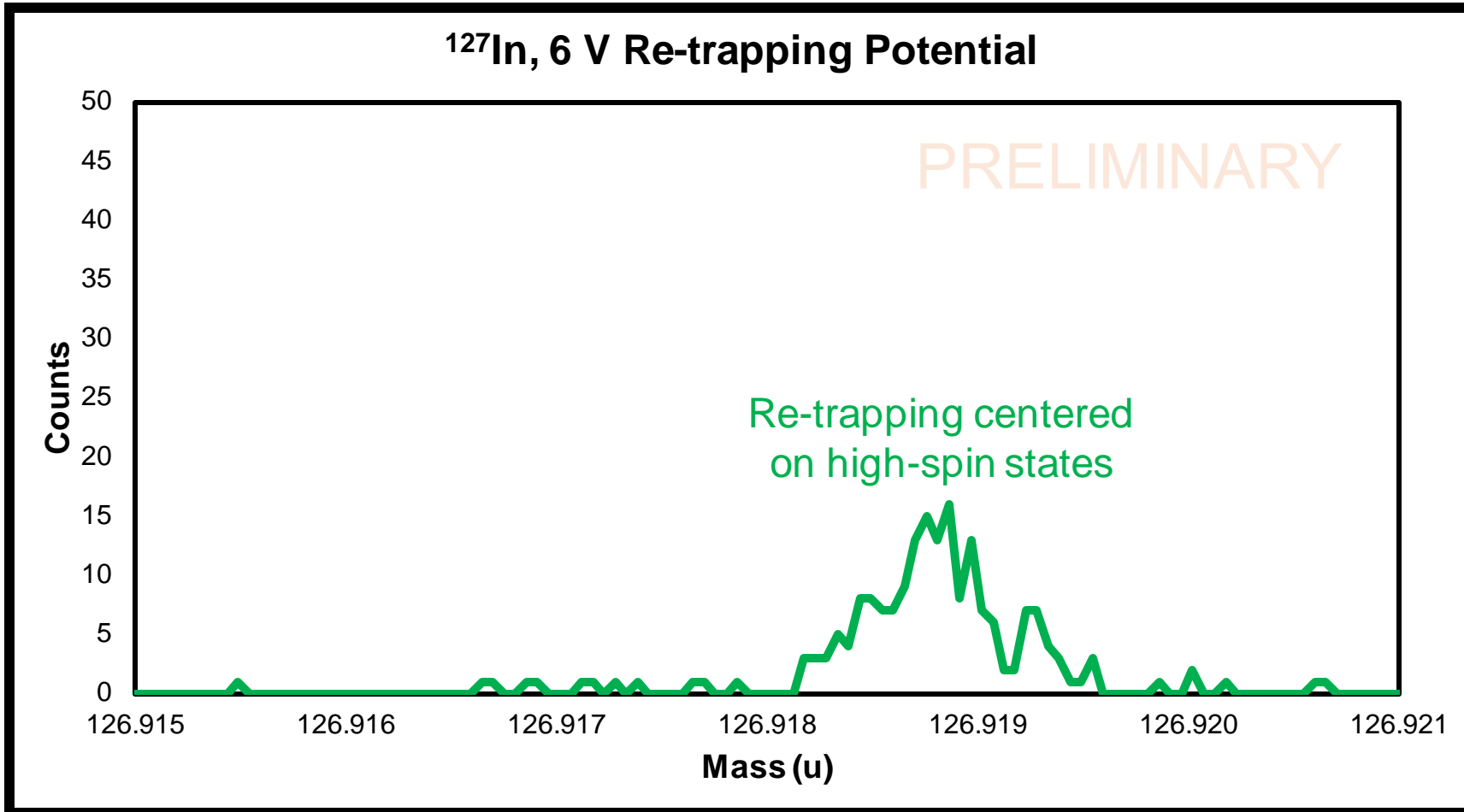
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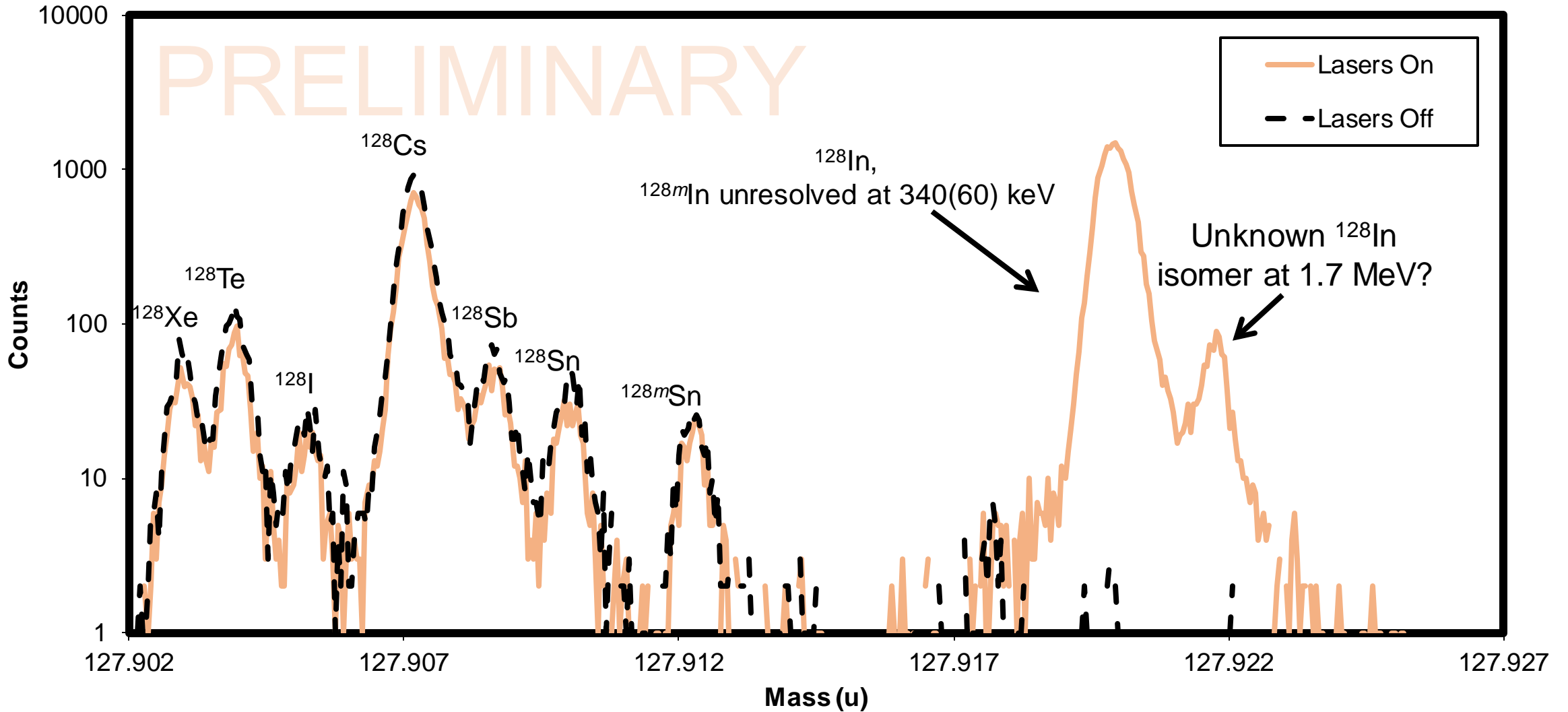


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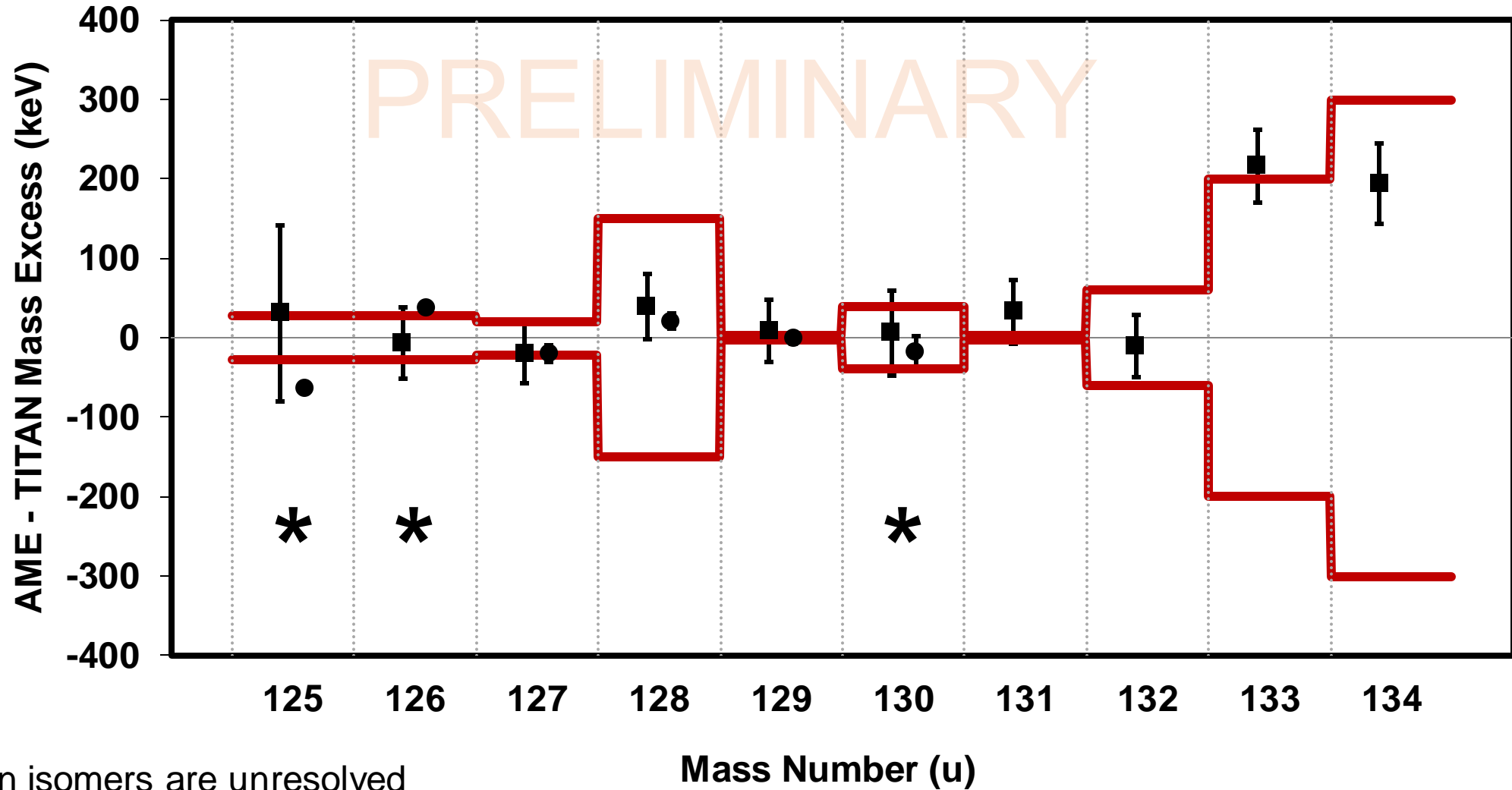
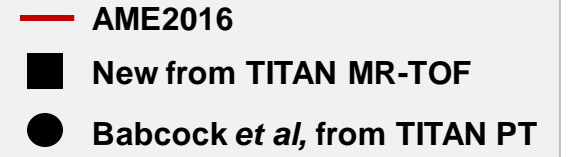
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3. Potential to identify **new isomers**

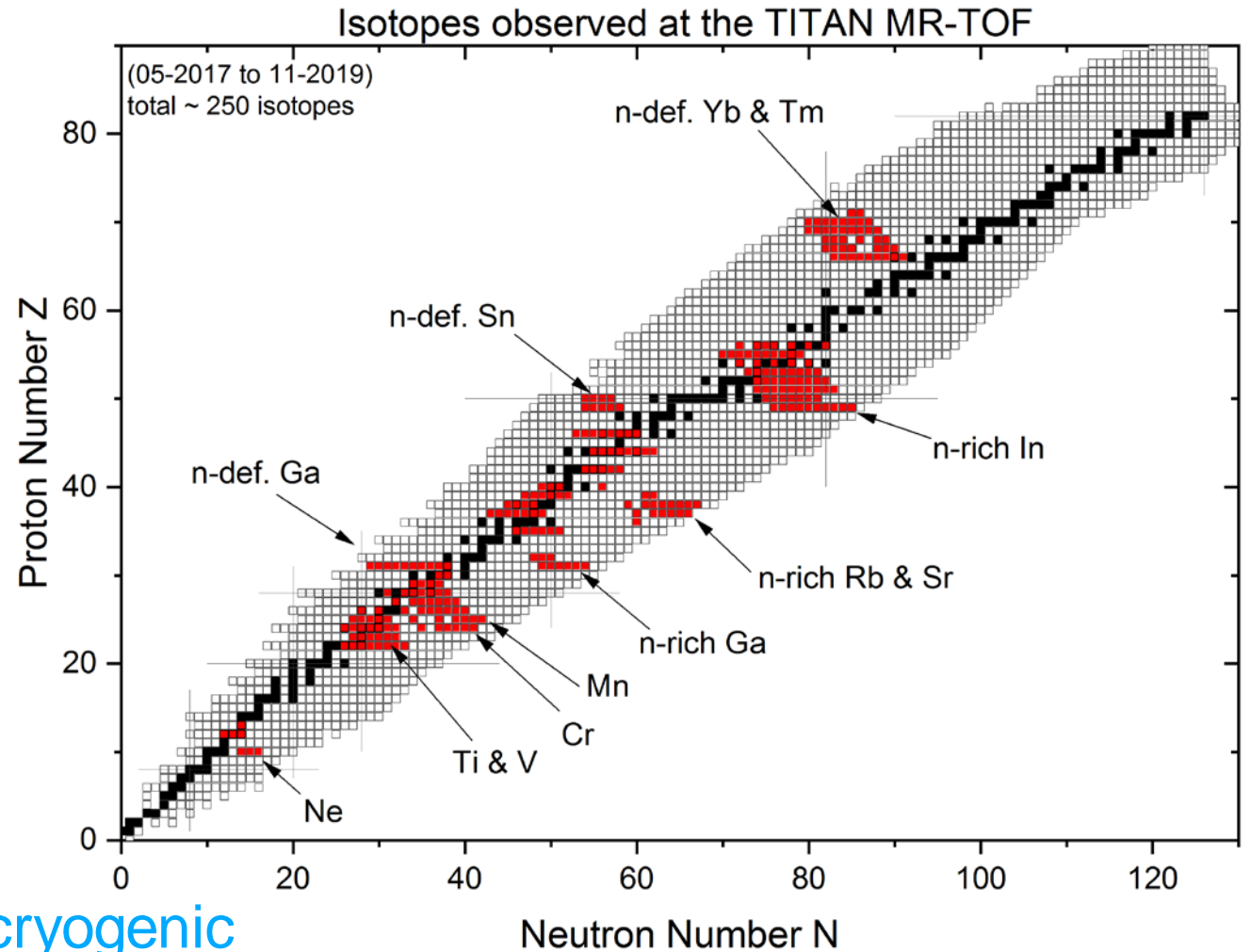
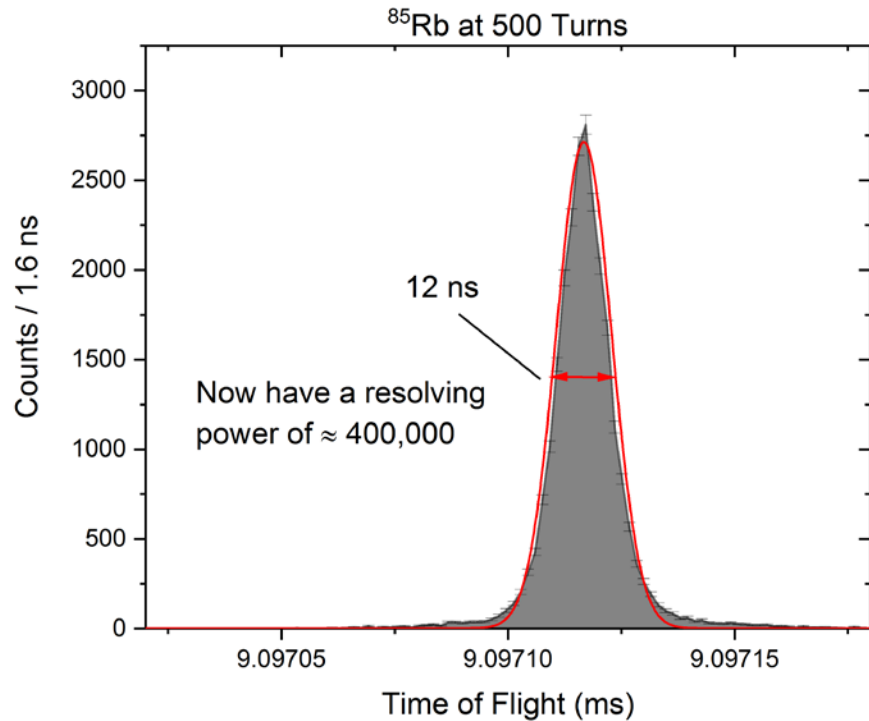


Preliminary Results

Indium Ground State Masses



TITAN Status

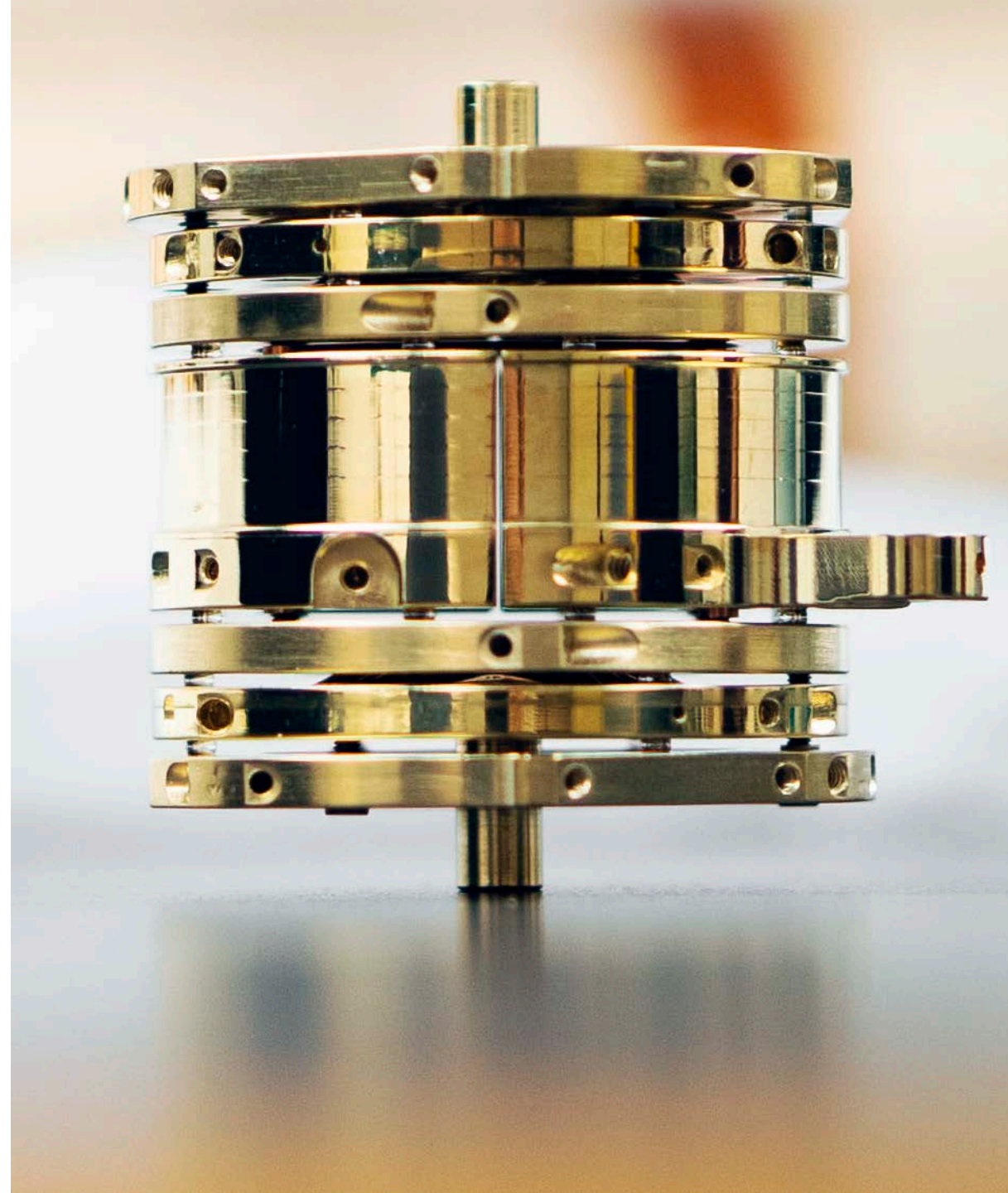


- MR-TOF: improved resolution
- Penning trap upgrade: going cryogenic
- EBIT upgrade: 60kV



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Nuclear Astrophysics: DRAGON



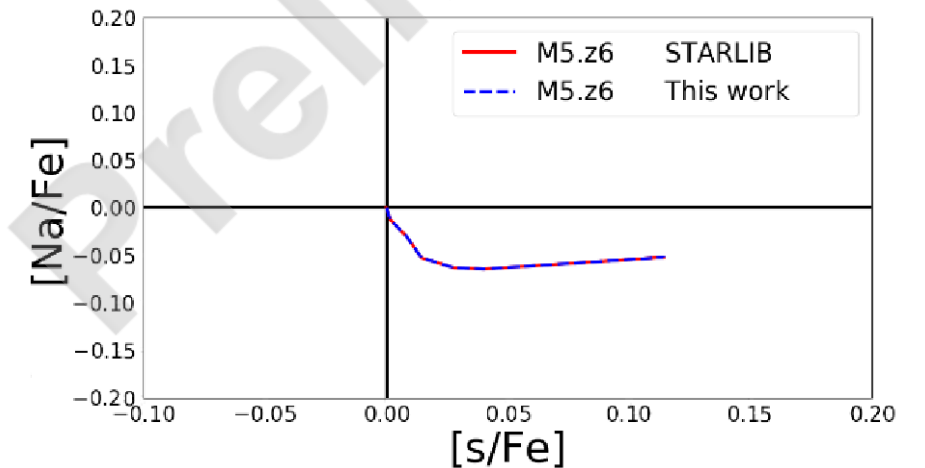
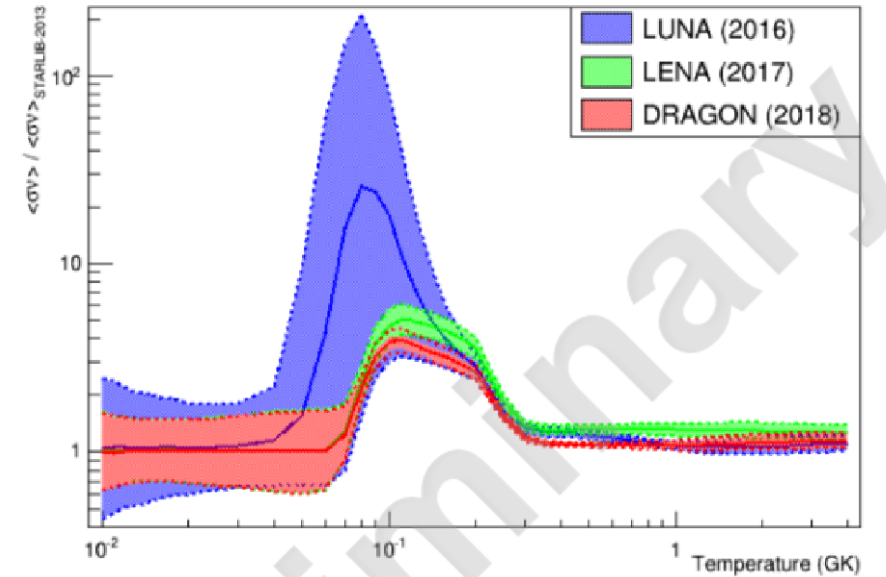
Affects Na-O formation in Globular Cluster



- Renormalization keeps other measurements in agreement with this work for low resonances
- Omitting LUNA 100, 68 keV resonances, new calculation has smaller uncertainties than LENA calculated rate

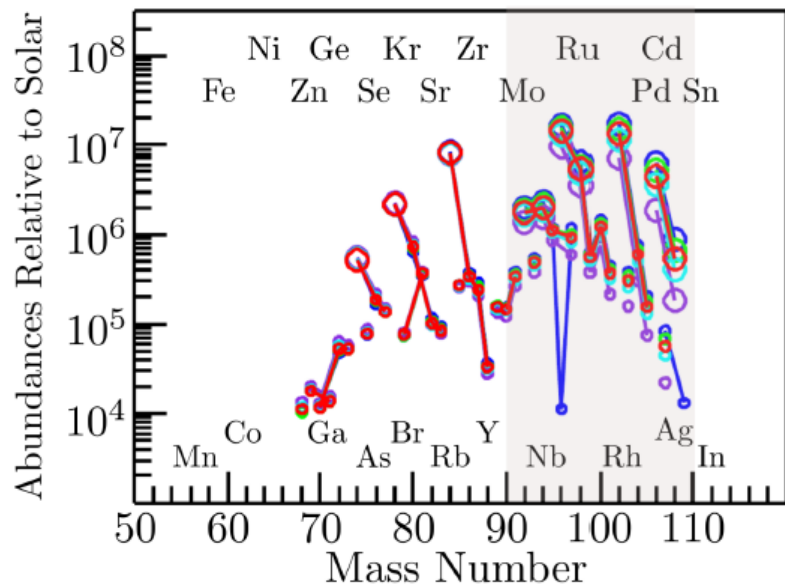


Reaction Rate Relative to STARLIB-2013



Calculation by U. Battino

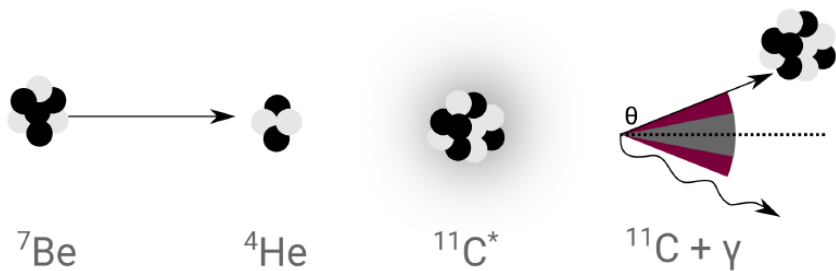
DRAGON experiment: effect on A=90-110 in CCSN from



${}^7\text{Be}(\alpha, \gamma){}^{11}\text{C}$
reaction rate:

$$\times \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 10 \\ \div & 2 & 10 \end{matrix}$$

Inverse Kinematics Reactions - Momentum Cone



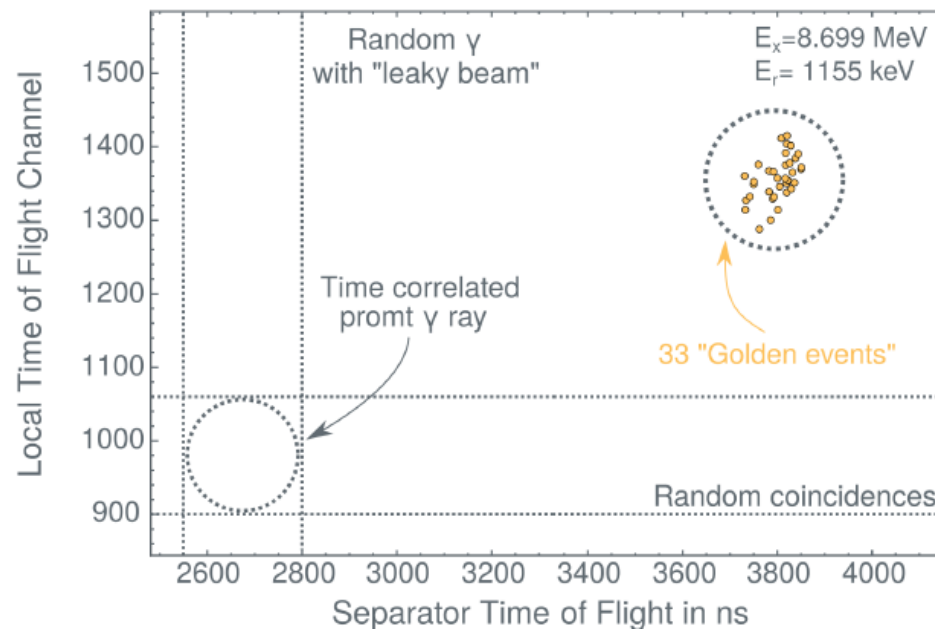
DRAGON's acceptance - $\theta_{\text{DRAGON}} \sim 21 \text{ mrad}$

${}^7\text{Be}(\alpha, \gamma){}^{11}\text{C} - \theta_{\text{max}} \sim 43 \text{ mrad}$



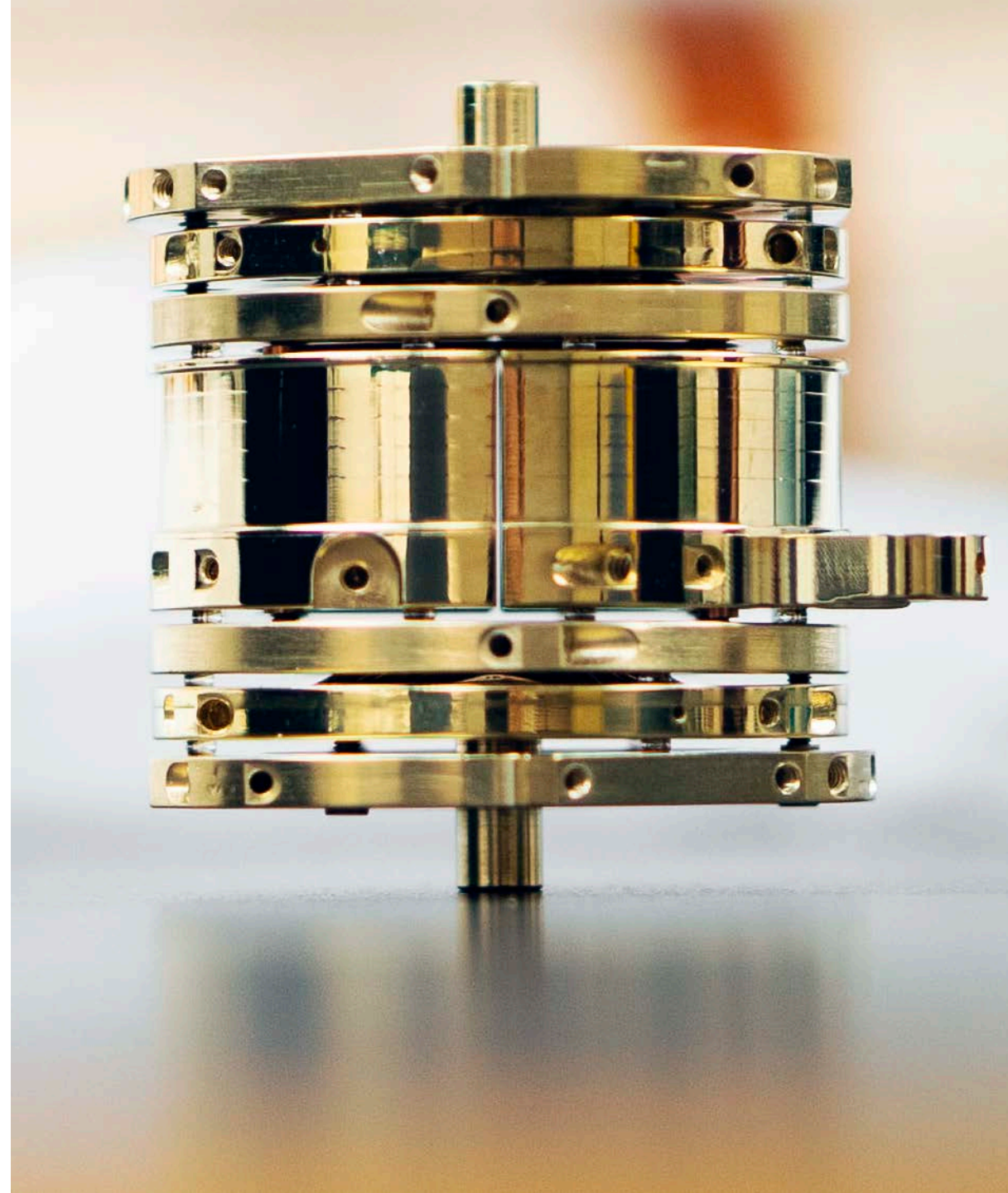
$$\Delta t = t_{\text{DSSSD}} - t_{\text{BGO}}$$

${}^7\text{Be}(\alpha, \gamma){}^{11}\text{C}$ Particle Identification Plot



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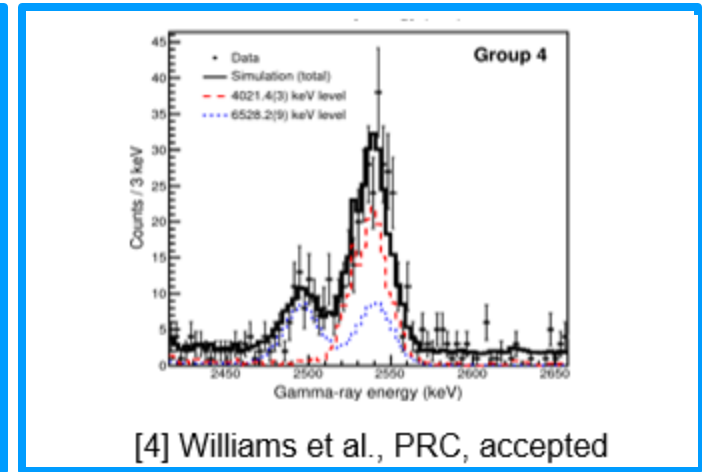
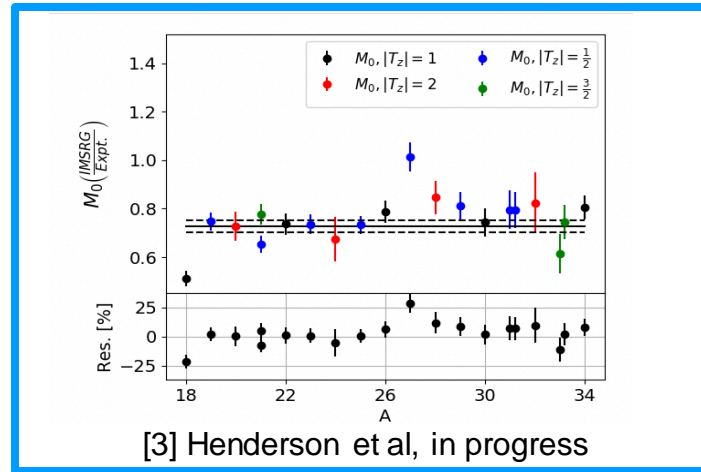
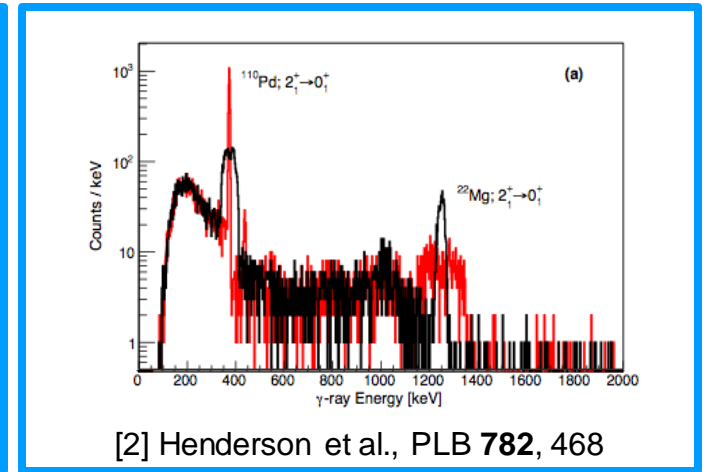
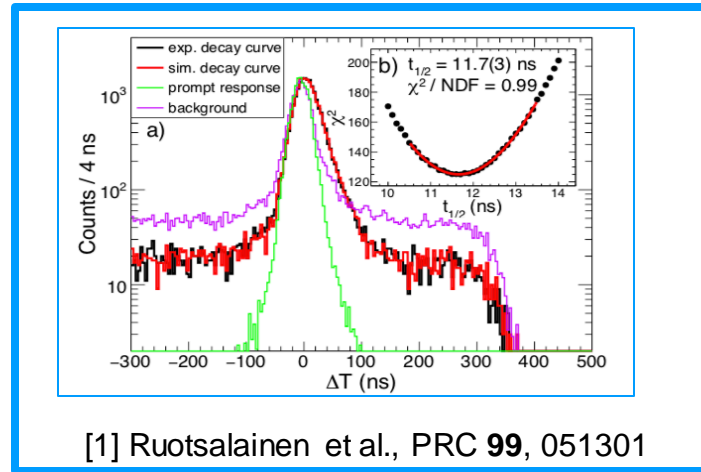


Nuclear Physics: Structure

TIGRESS: Electromagnetic transition rates in Mg isotopes

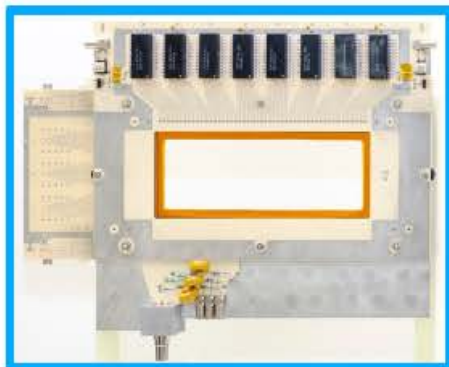
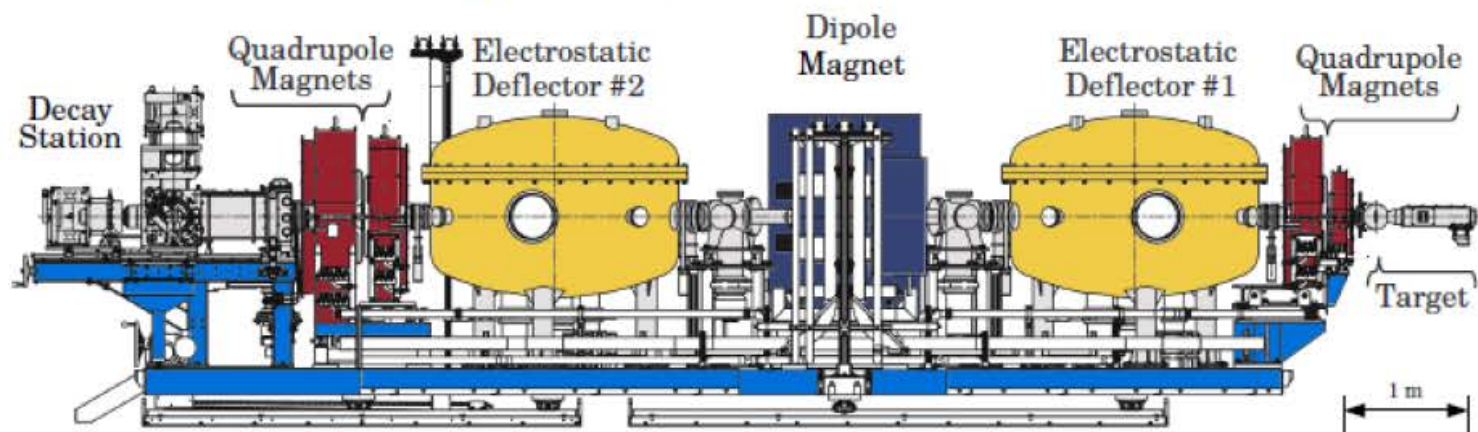
Motivation: accurate measurements of $B(E2)$ transition matrix elements for comparison to effective-charge-free *ab initio* calculations, especially IM-SRG and SA-NCSM.

- ^{21}Mg electronic timing and Coulex: first gamma-ray detection from first excited state; first observation of $9/2^+$ excited state [1]
- ^{22}Mg Coulex: resolved long-standing disagreement between previous measurements [2]
- ^{23}Mg Coulex: Systematics of mirrors indicate SA-NCSM reproduces isoscalar $B(E2)$ strength well, IM-SRG reproduces isovector part [3]
- ^{28}Mg DSAM [4] also measured & compared to theory



EMMA & TIGRESS: first combined experiment with radioactive beam

- Use EMMA to select the recoils of interest by m/q .
- Correlate focal plane events with prompt γ -rays detected by TIGRESS.
- 12 TIGRESS HPGe clovers in the high-suppression mode for better background rejection.

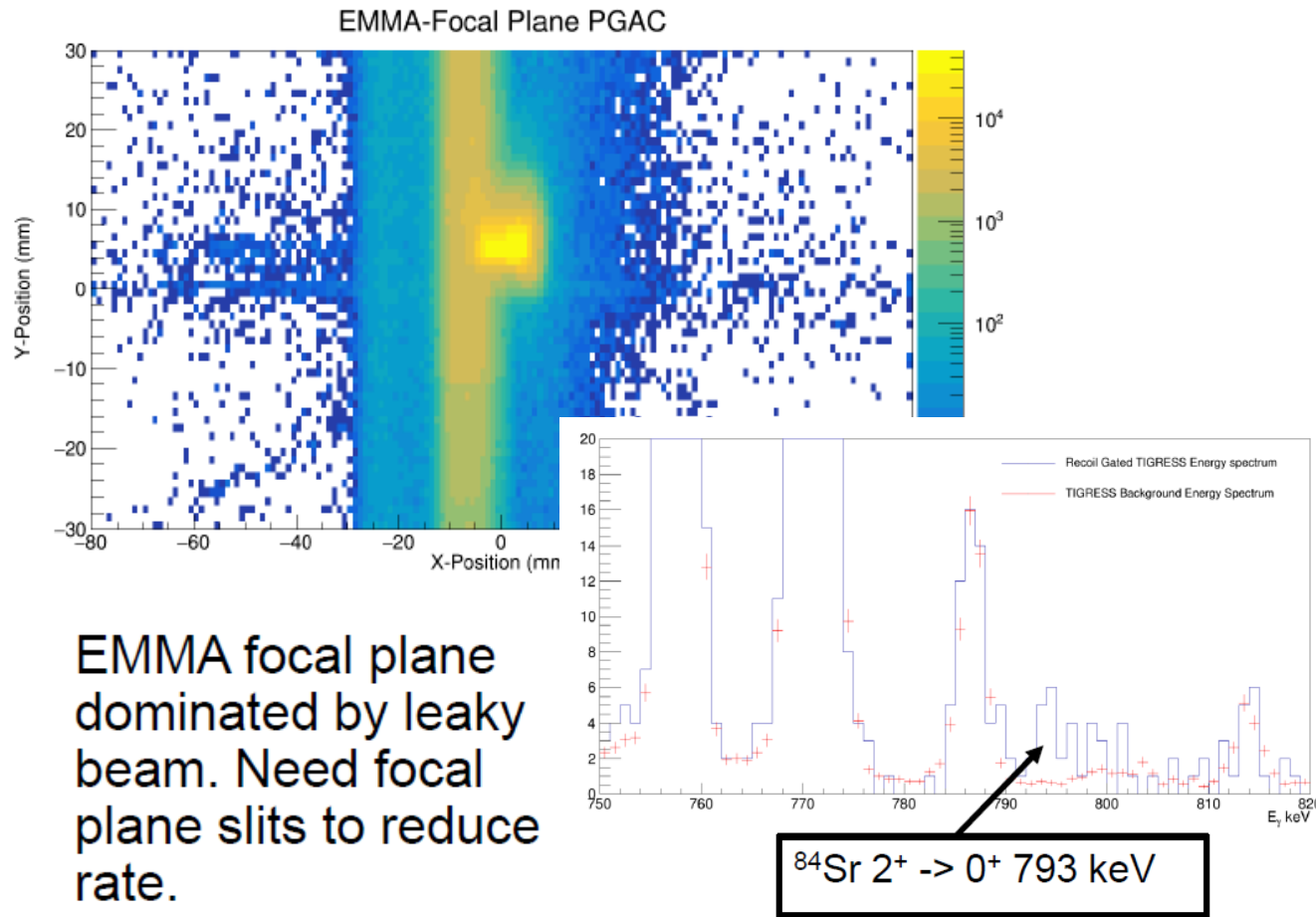


Focal plane detectors:

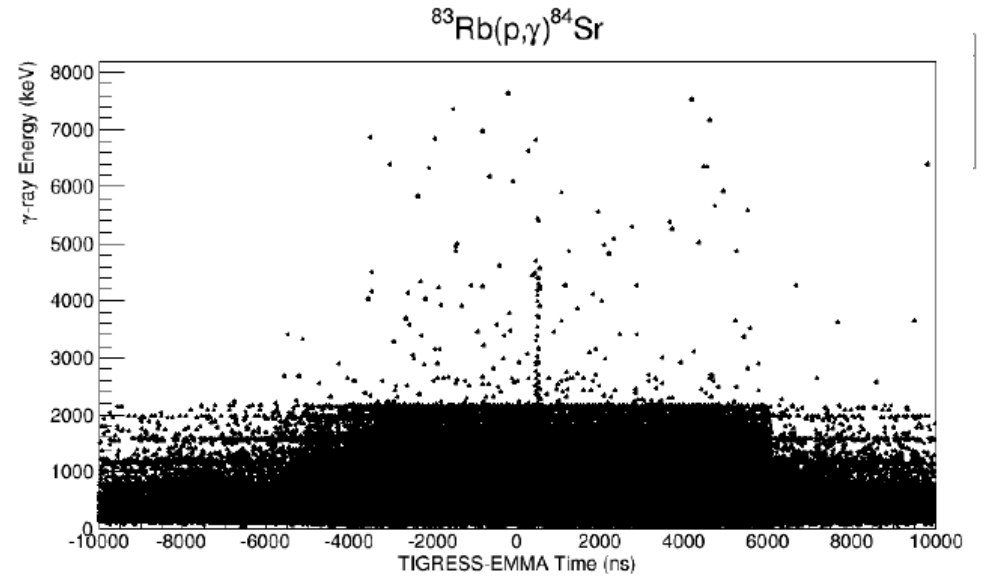
- 1) Position sensitive PGAC.
- 2) Ionization Chamber.
- 3) Ion-implanted silicon.

EMMA & TIGRESS: the power of two!

Excellent suppression and selection of beam



EMMA focal plane dominated by leaky beam. Need focal plane slits to reduce rate.



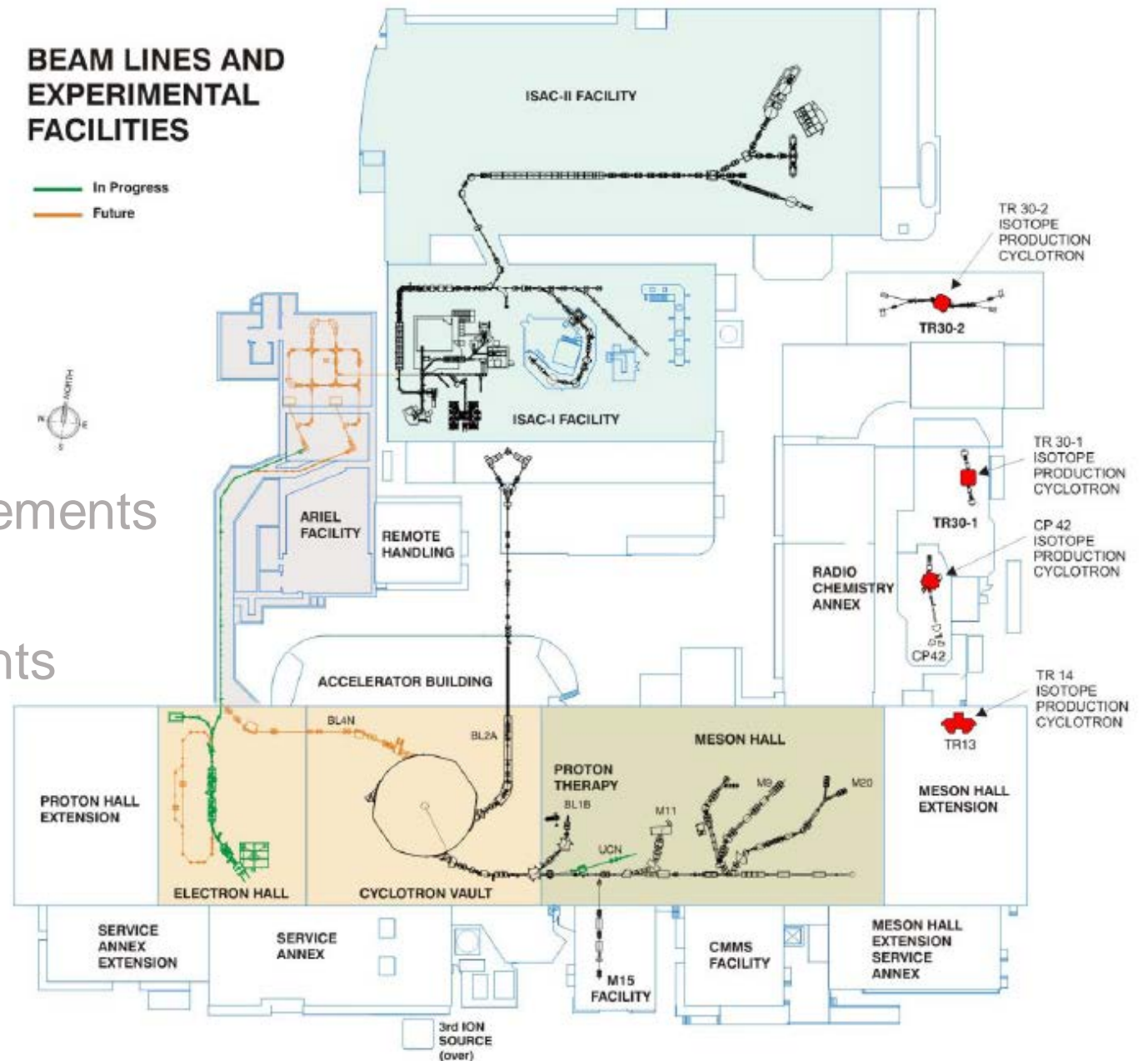
See clear peak in time difference between EMMA and TIGRESS events.

$^{83}\text{Rb}(p,\gamma)^{84}\text{Sr}$

First Radioactive Beam Experiment for a Supernova Reaction!

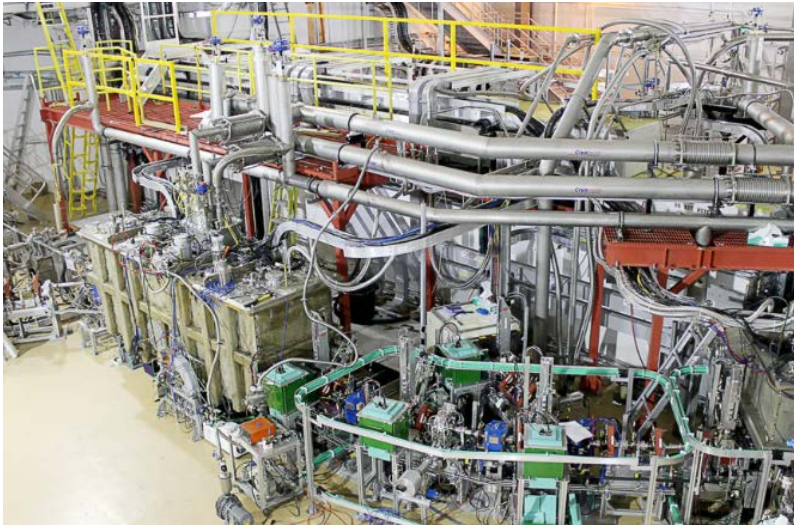
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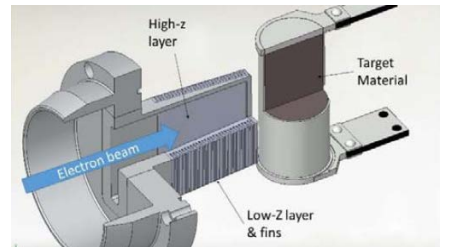
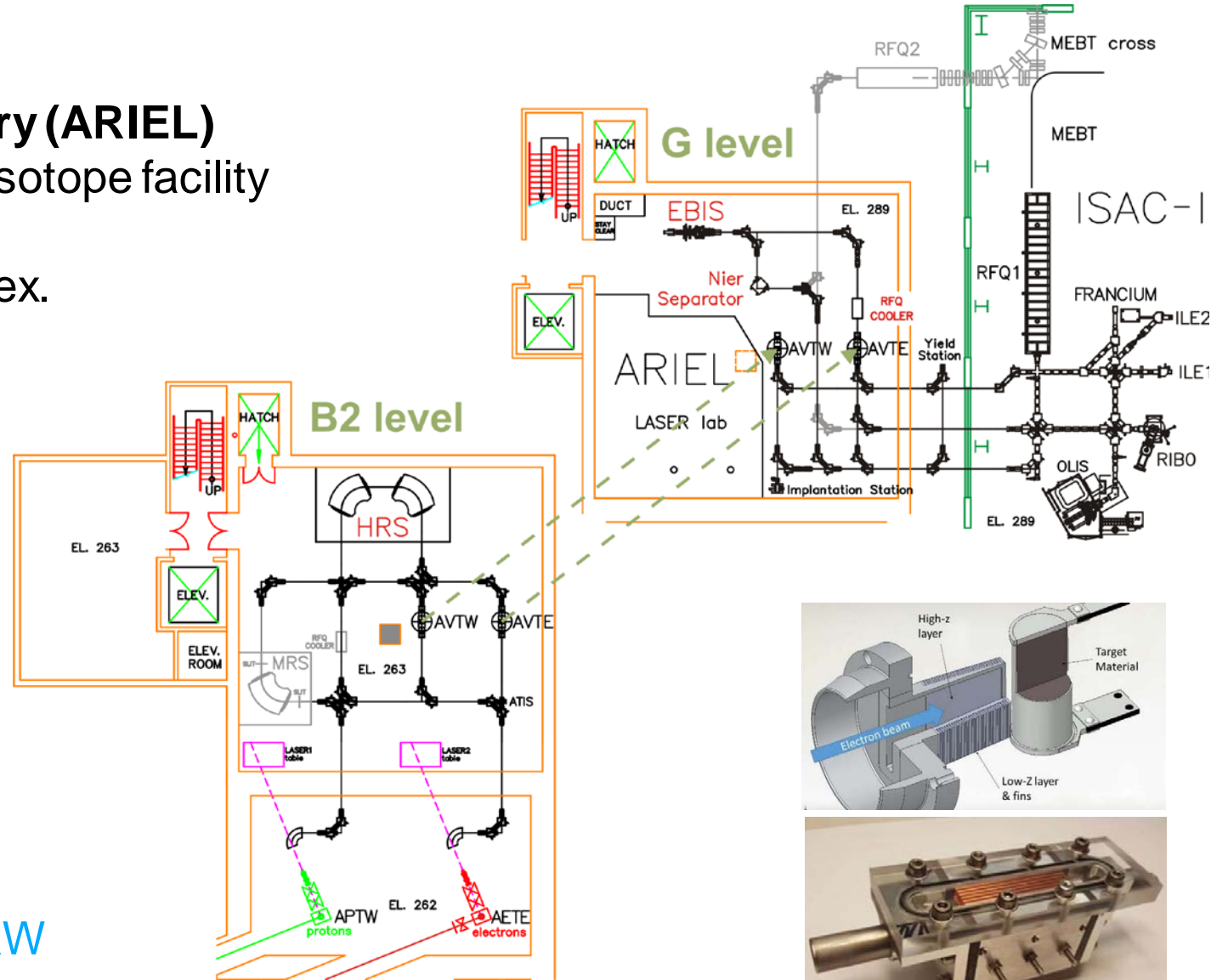
Overview

The **Advanced Rare Isotope Laboratory (ARIEL)** is the only purpose-built multi-user rare isotope facility as well as the world's most powerful Isotope Separation Online (ISOL) complex.



ARIEL:

- superconducting e-linac 30MeV -100kW
- new proton beam line
- 2 target station with beam preparation
- triple the beam availability

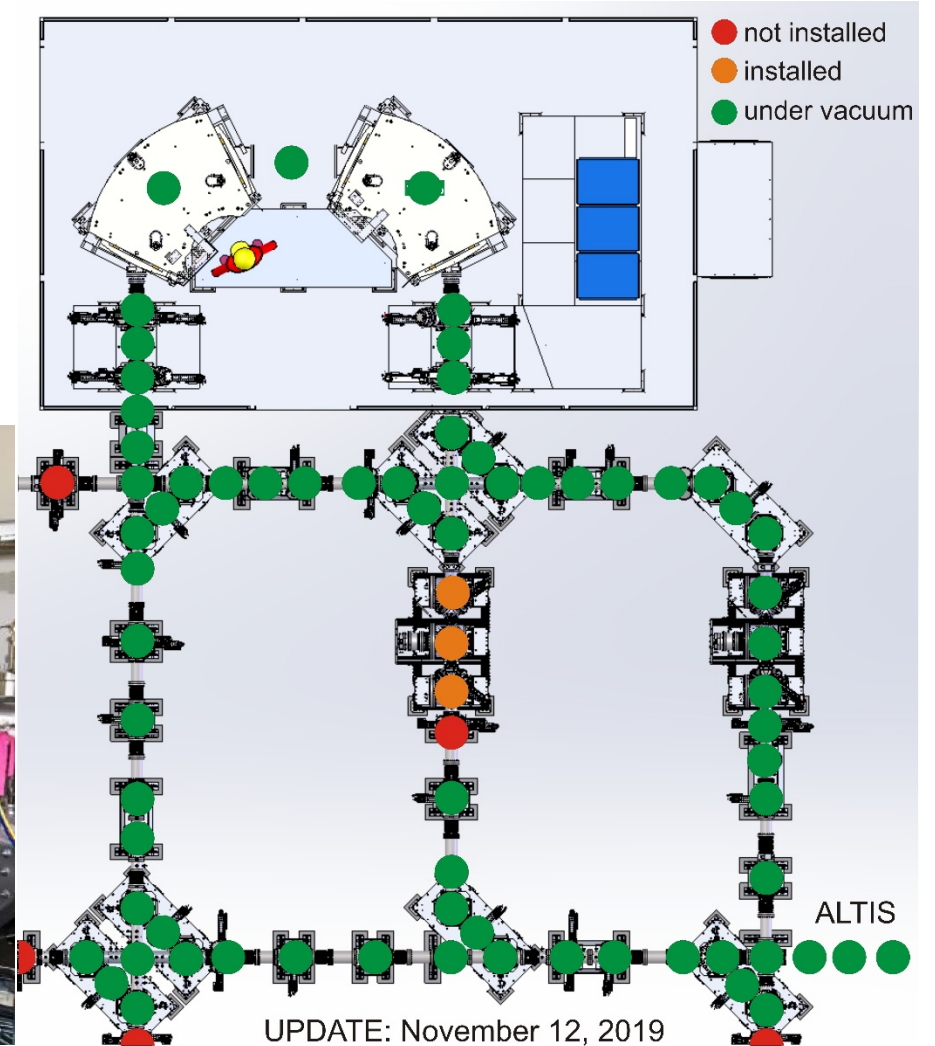
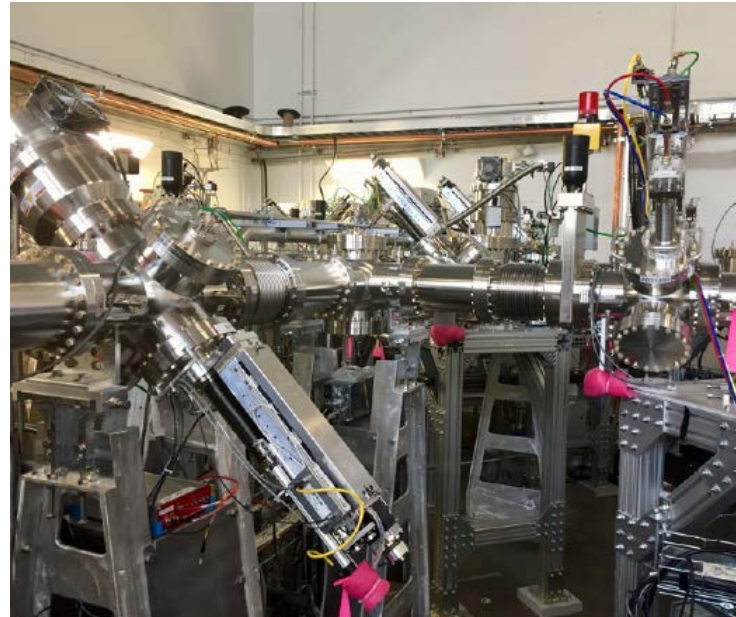
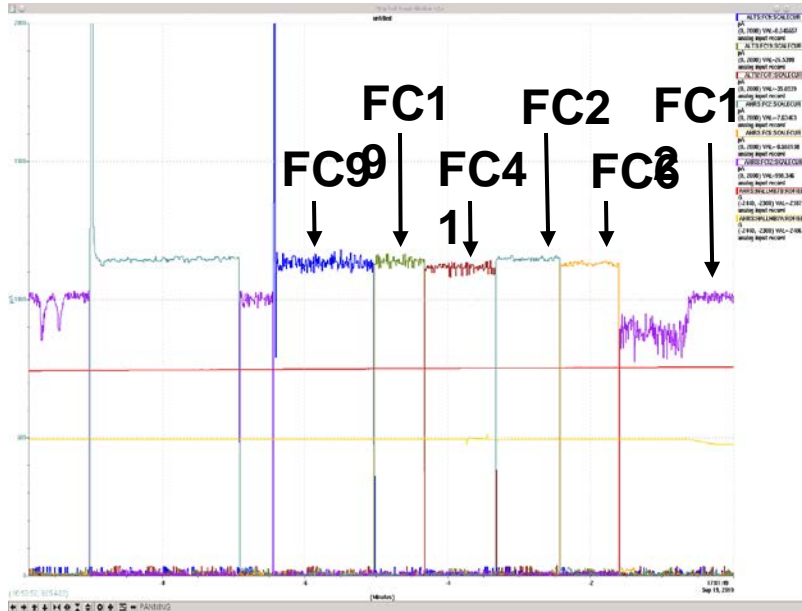


100 kW prototype converter
A. Gottberg et al.

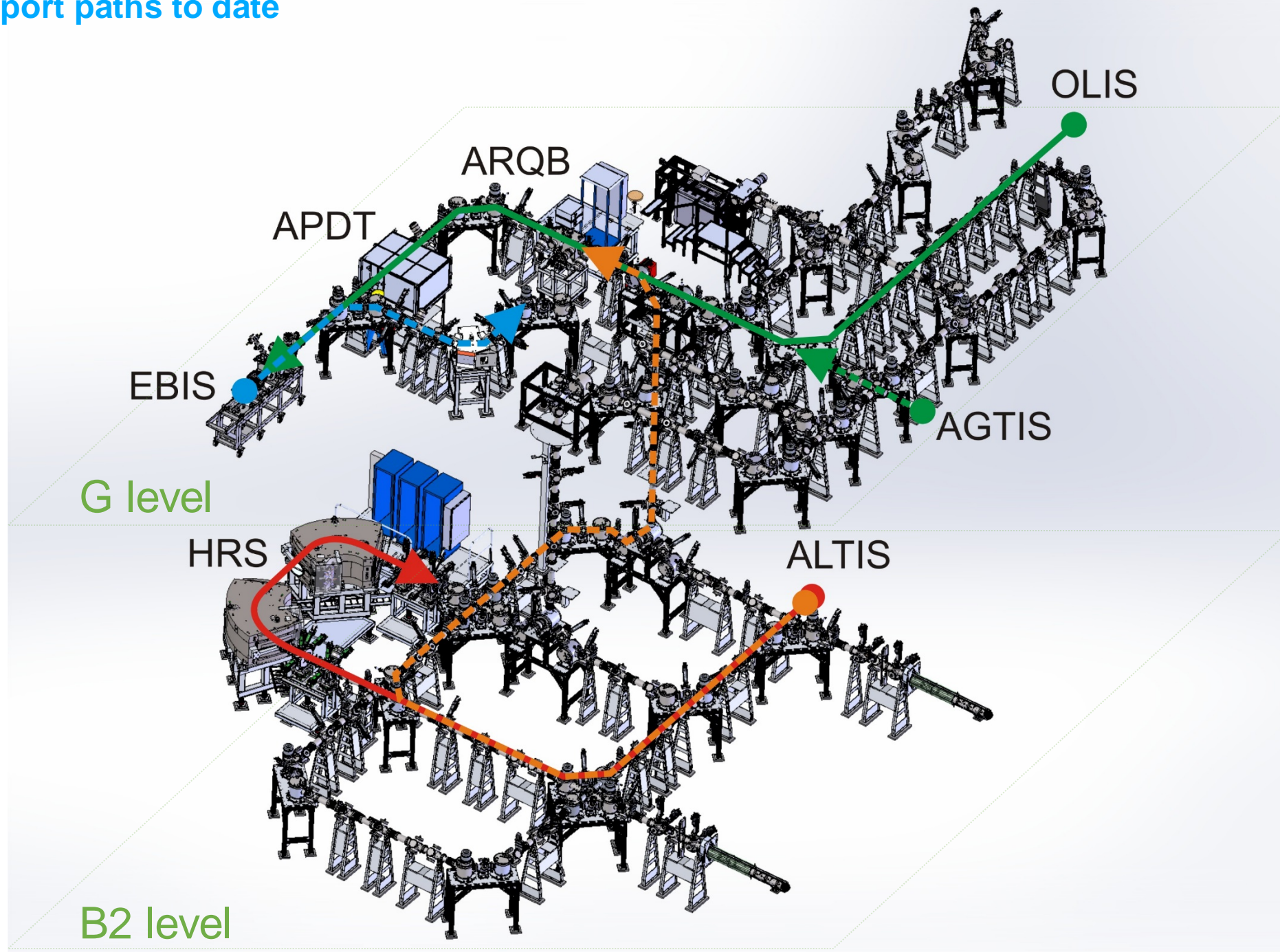
Installation status at B2 and verticals

- LE beam lines installation completed
- Vertical section installation completed
- All section well below $3 \cdot 10^{-8}$ Torr
- Overall about 200 m of beam line
- Optics performs according to design
- 90% transmission reached within minutes with optics calculated values

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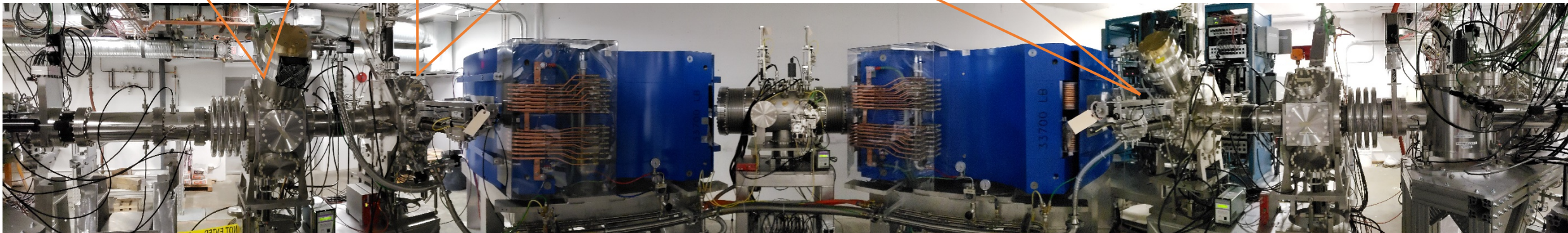
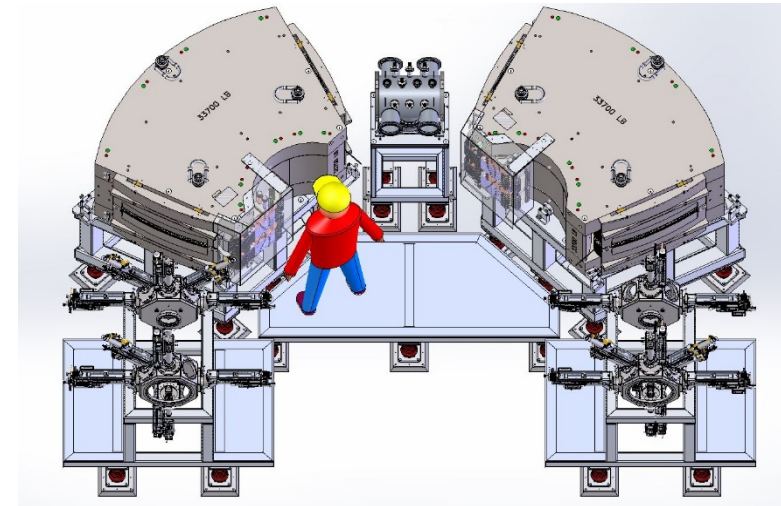
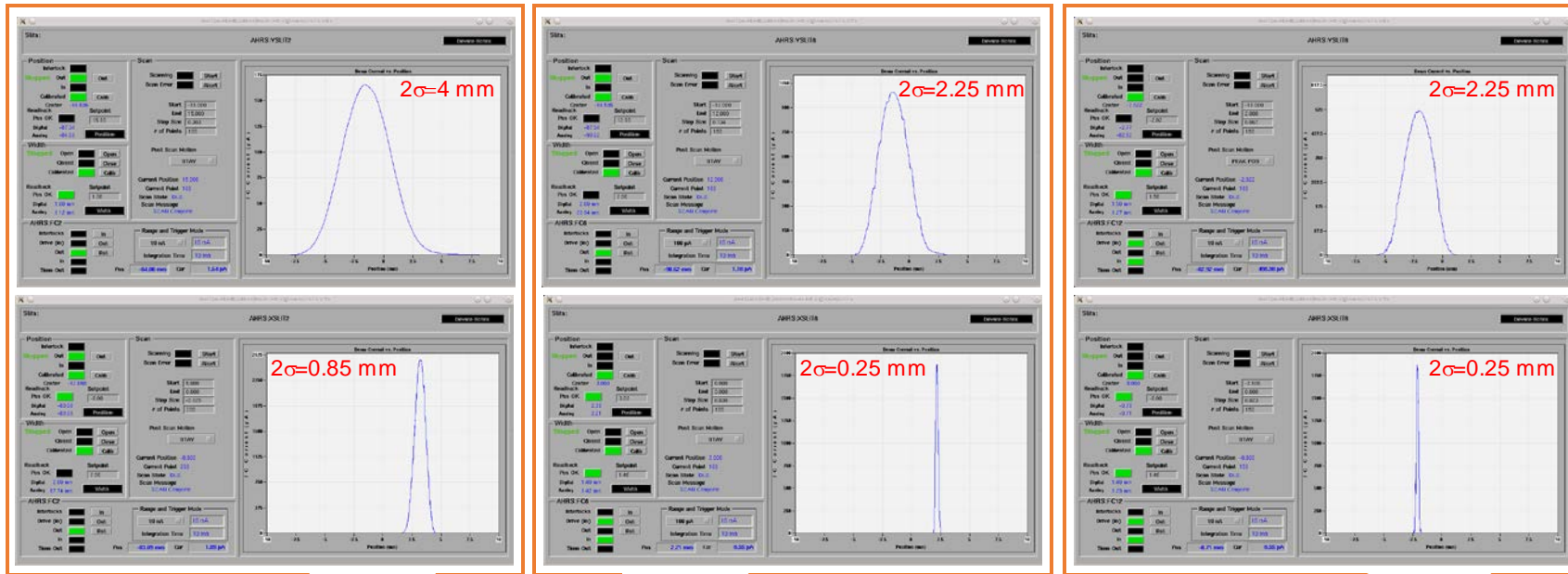


Beam transport paths to date

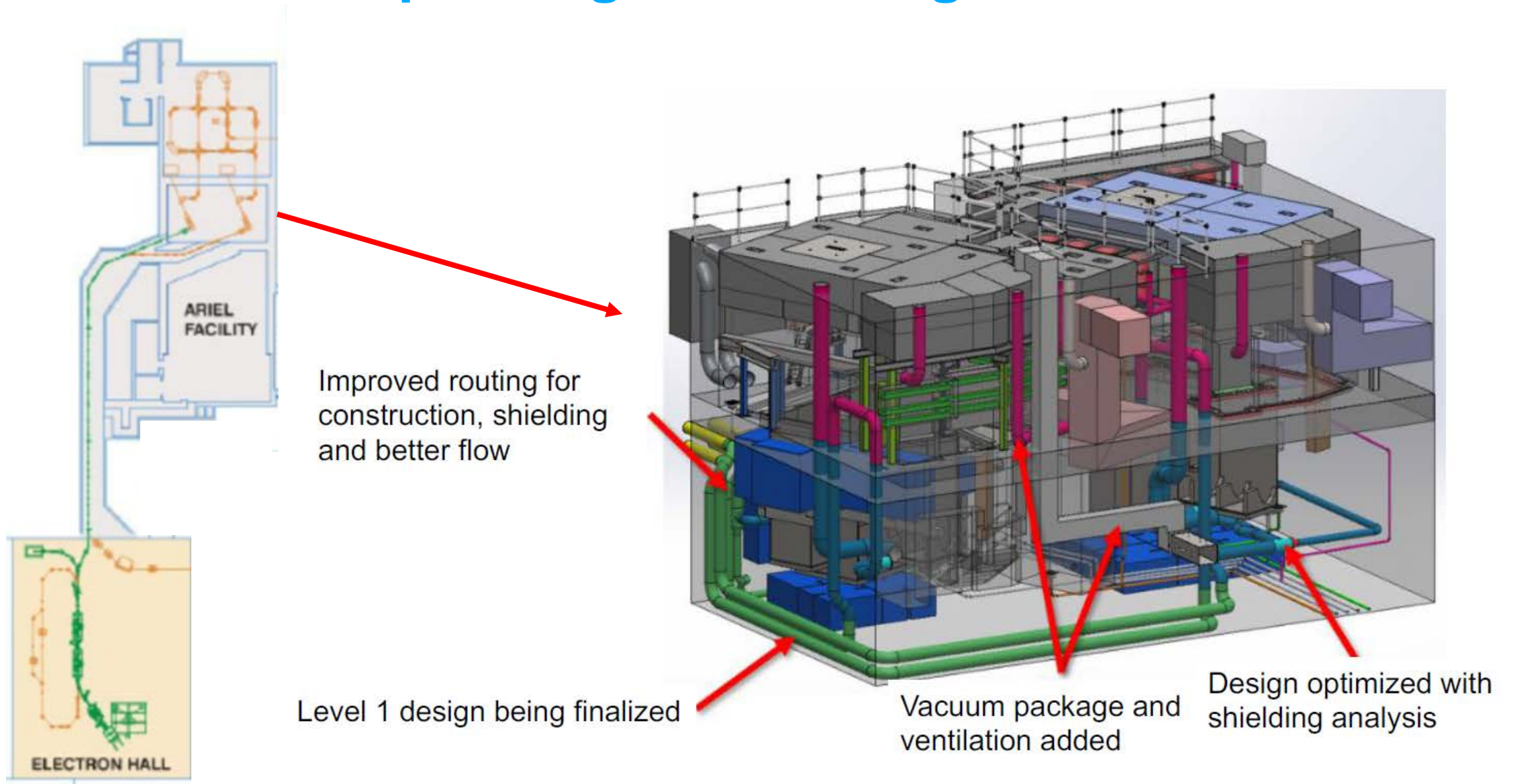


High Resolution Separator (HRS) commissioning

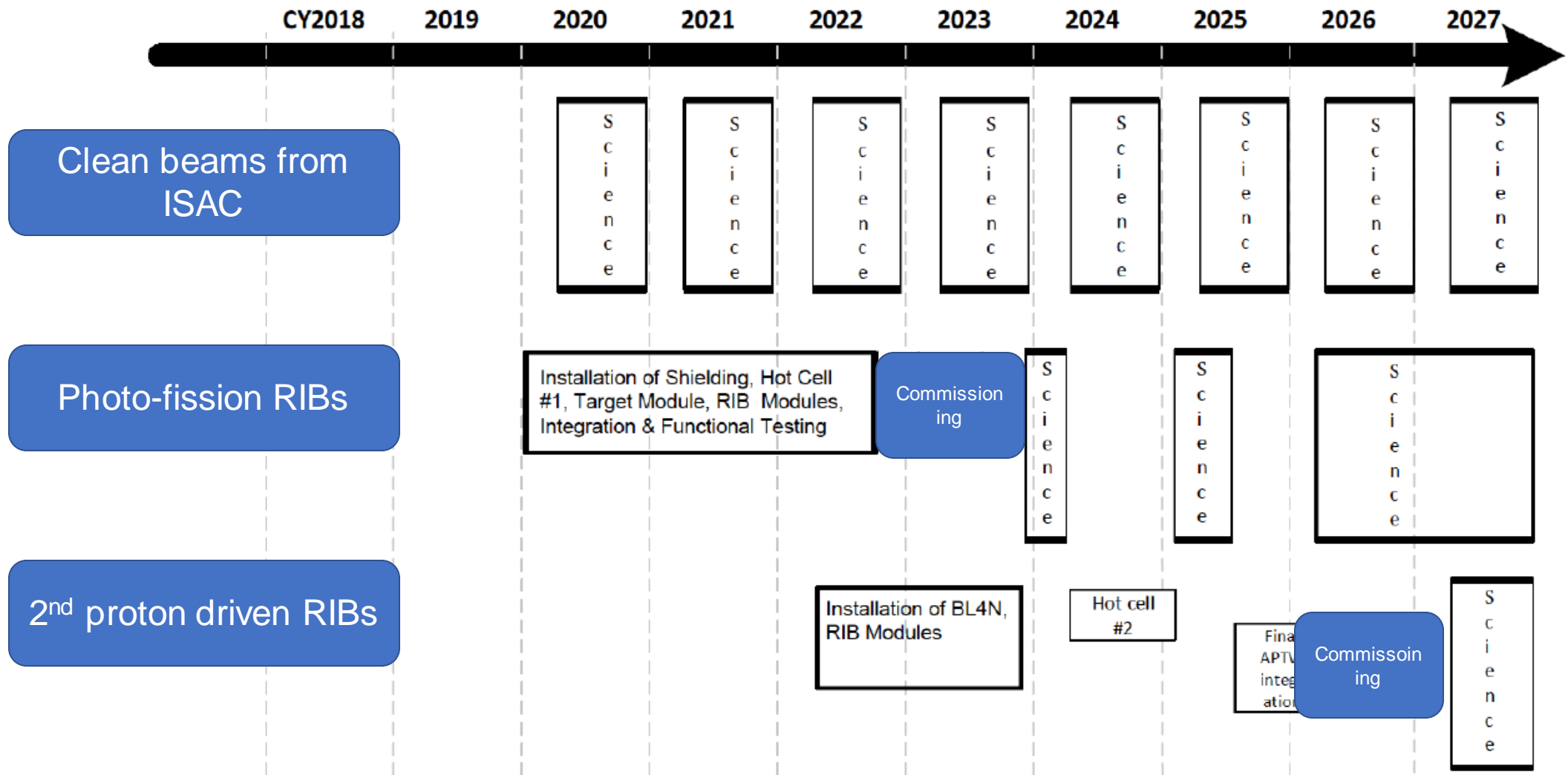
- HRS installation completed
- Beam profiles are consistent the calculated optics envelope
- Resolving power of 4000 with full transmission 3 μm emittance



ARIEL next steps: Target Hall Design



High-Level Strategy for ARIEL Science Delivery



ISAC will continue to operate at full capacity during construction and commissioning

Thank you
Merci

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