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## MIRACLS at ISOLDE:

# The Charge Radii of Exotic Magnesium Isotopes

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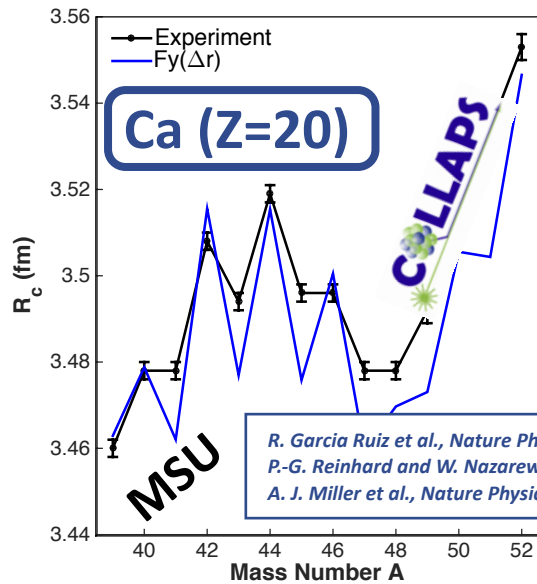
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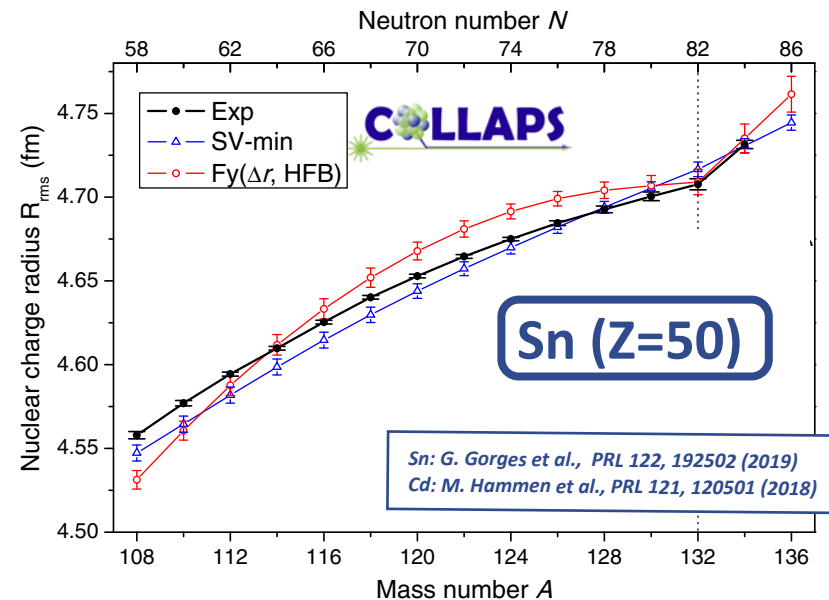
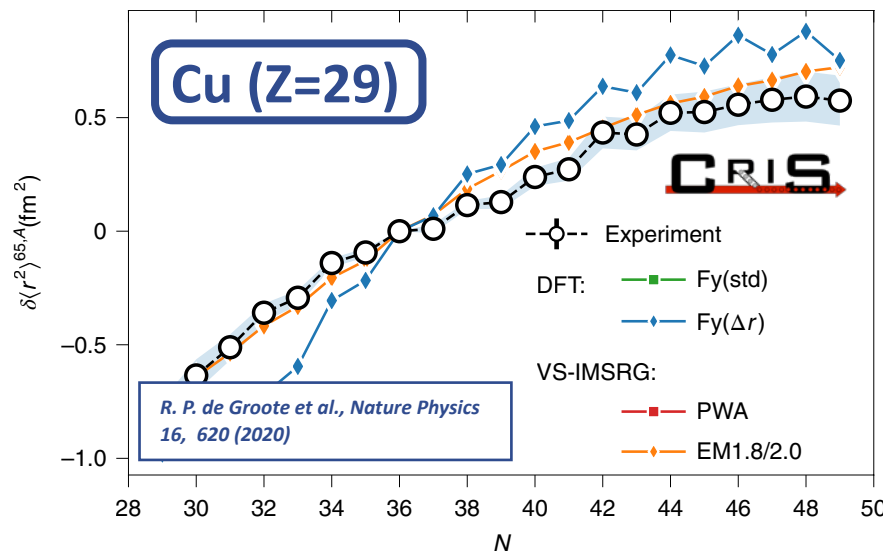
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# Towards a 'universal' description of charge radii

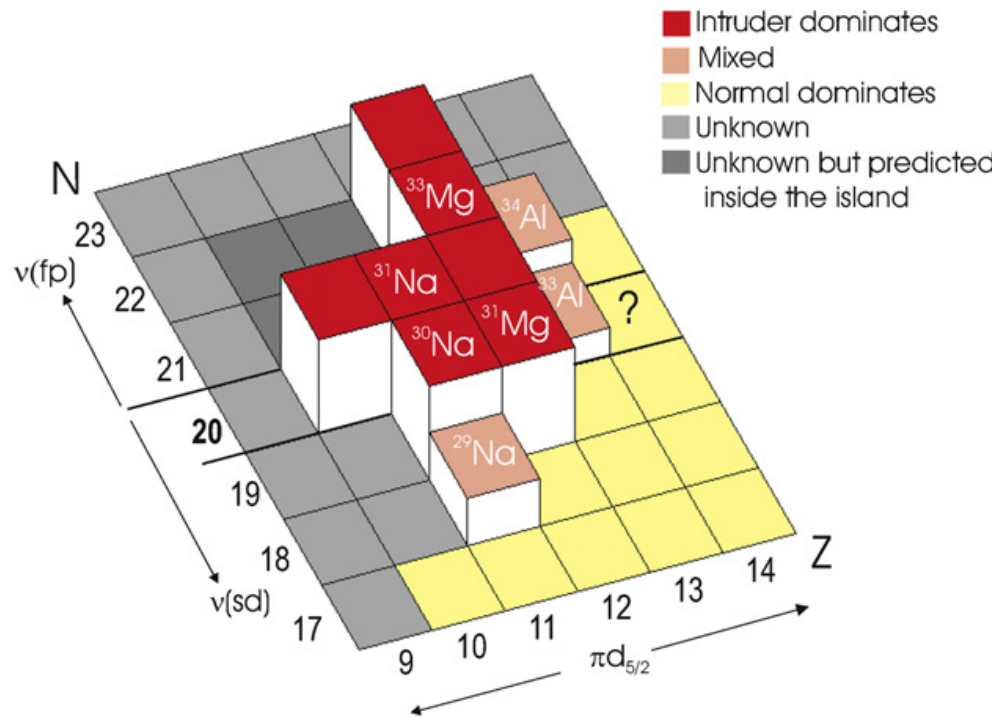


- remarkable progress in theory and experiment
- theoretical models:
  - ➔ applicable over wider mass range
  - ➔ including DFT and ab-initio methods
  - ➔ excellent agreement to experiment
- 'kink' at shell closures
- odd-even staggering

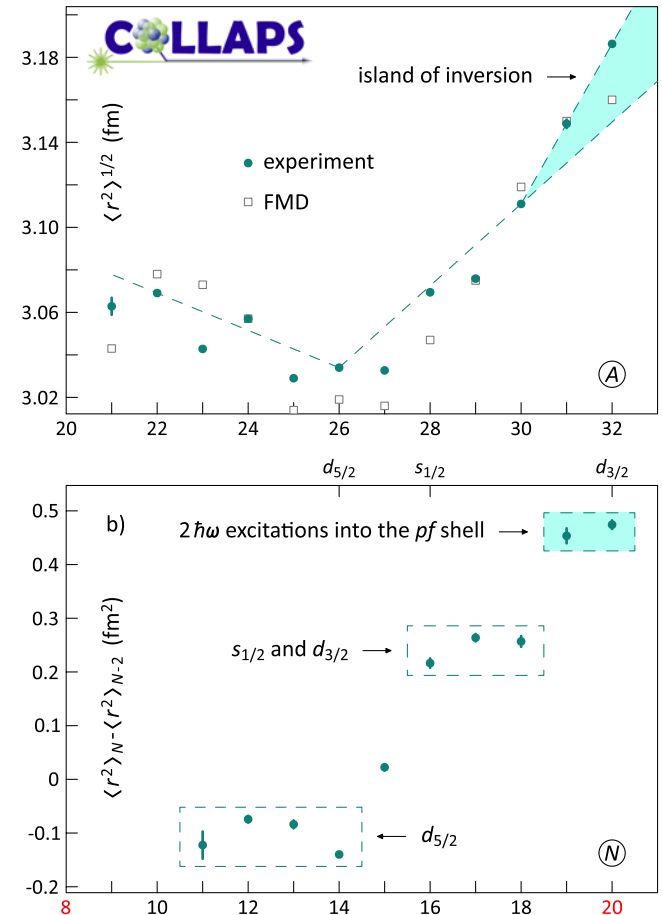


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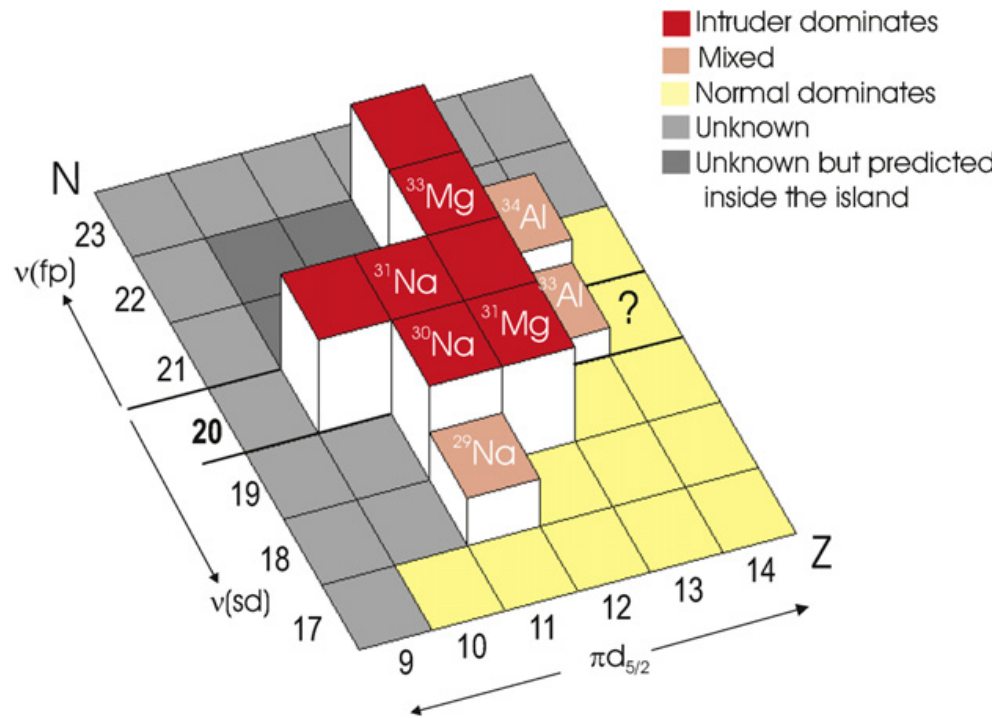


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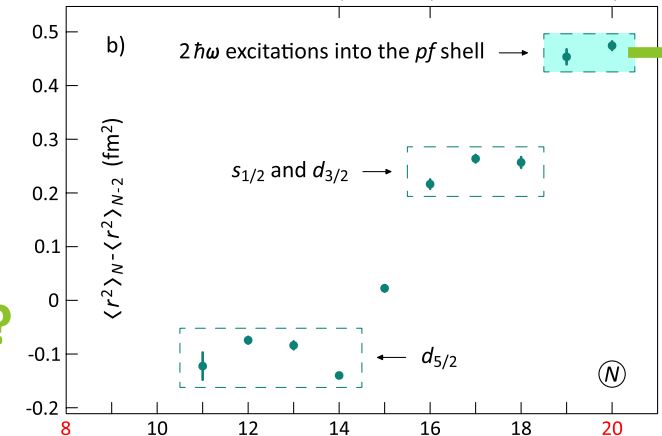
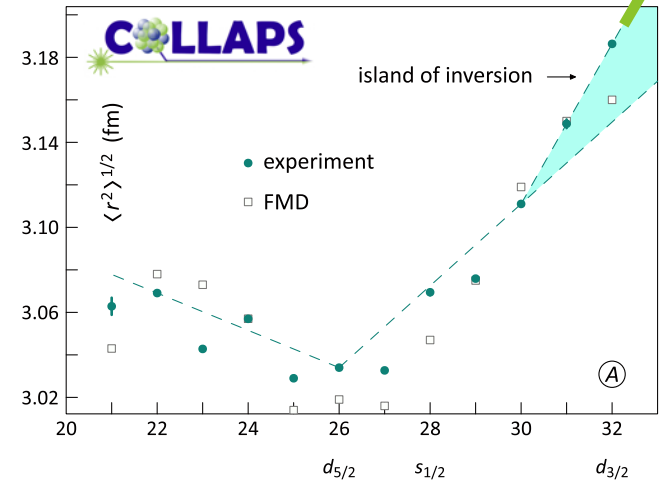
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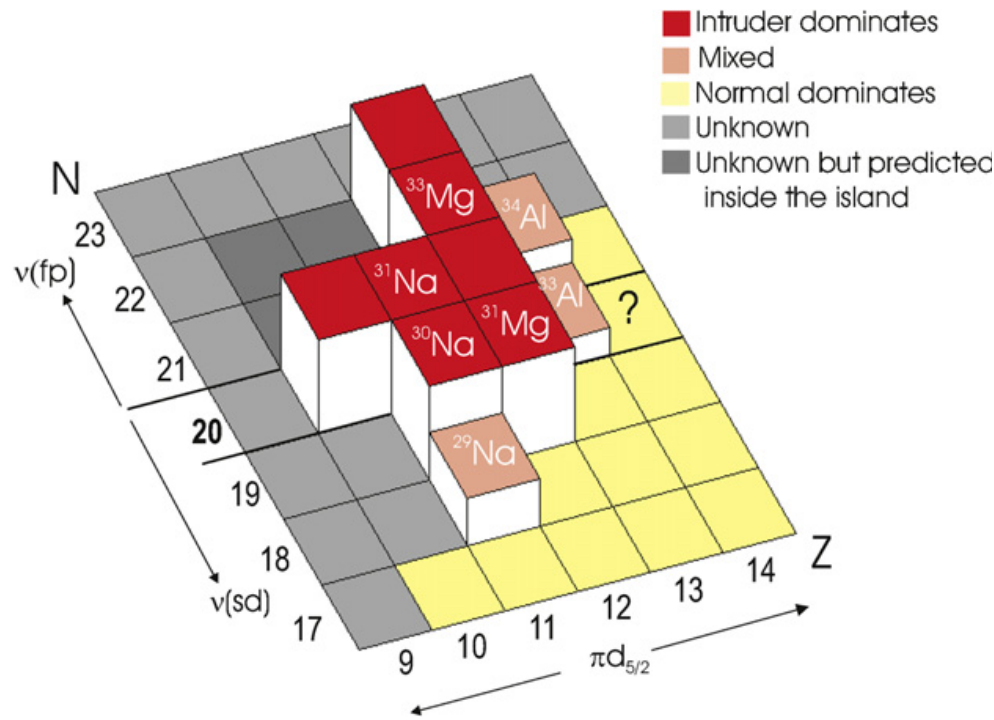
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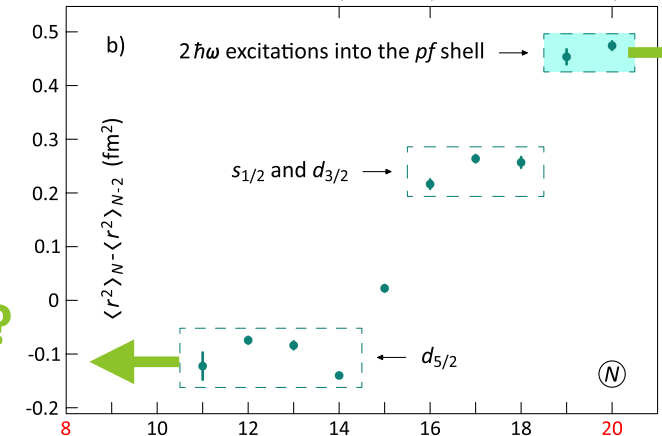
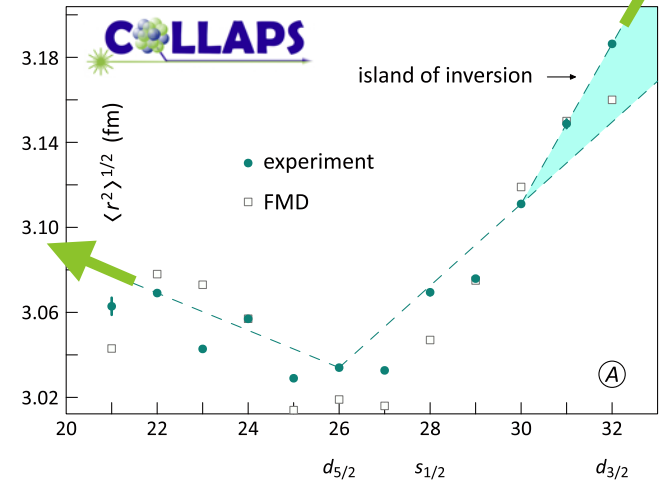
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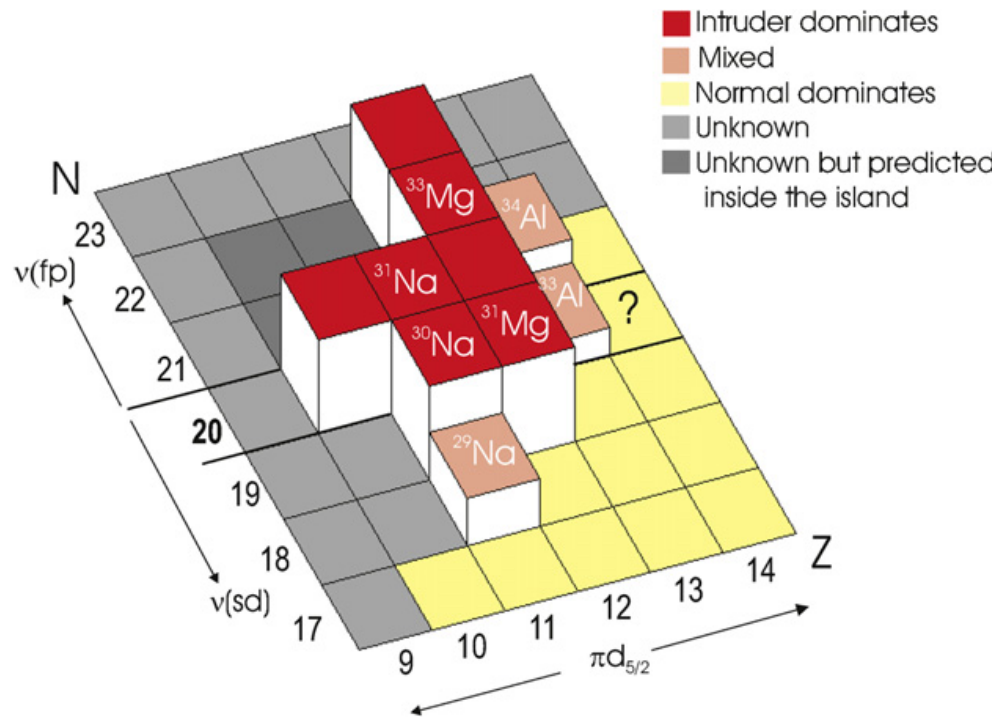
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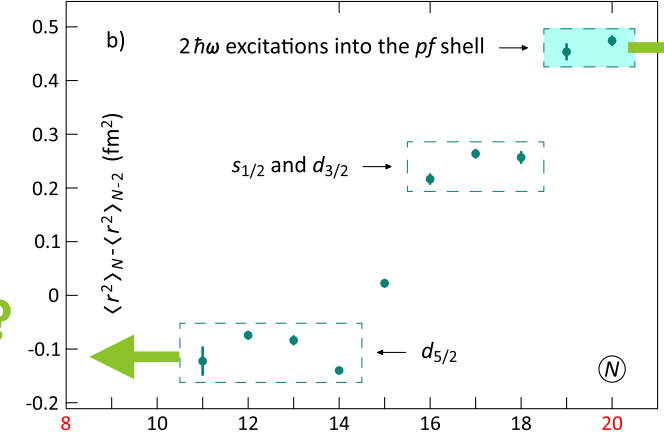
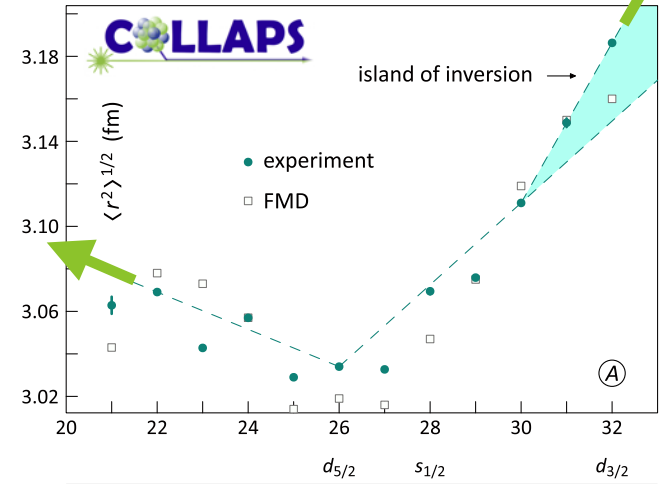


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validate trends in more 'exotic' Mg isotopes!

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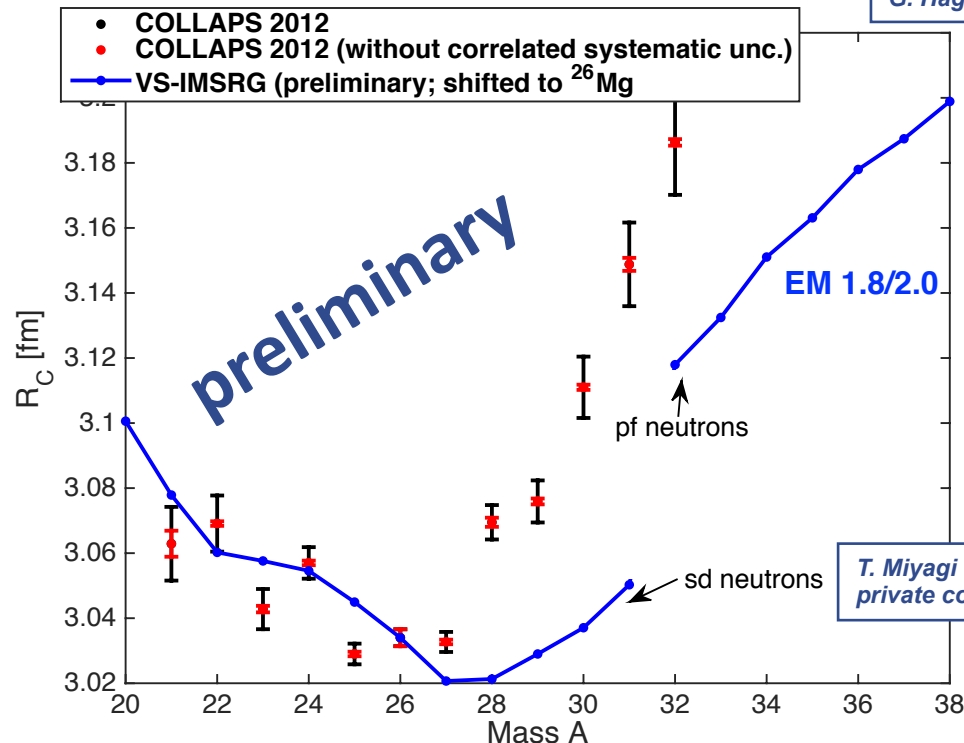
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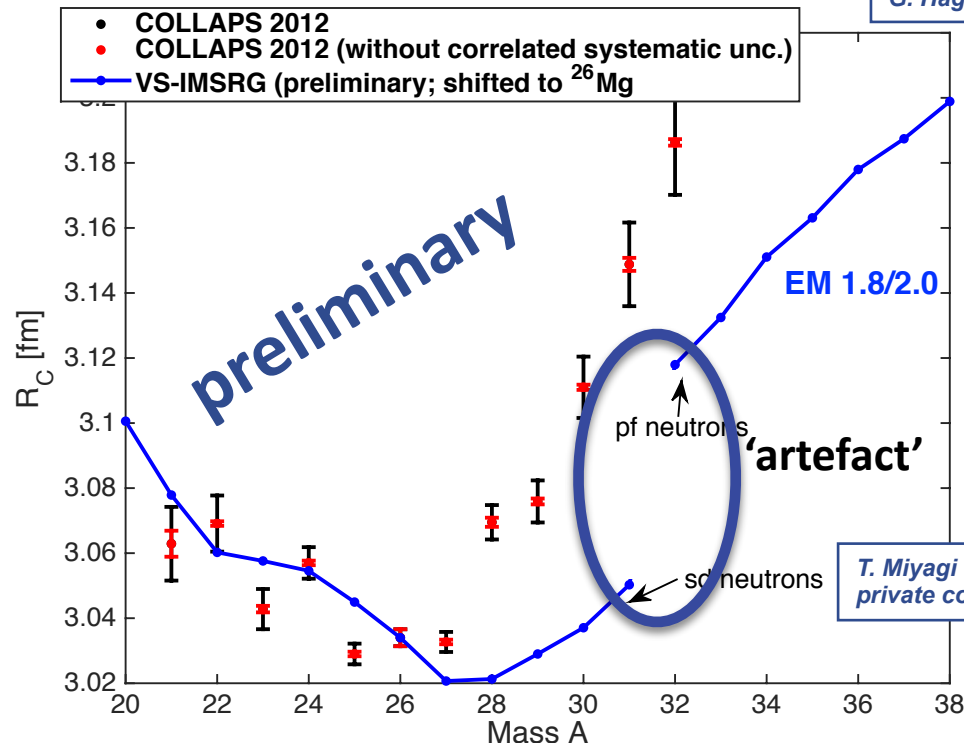
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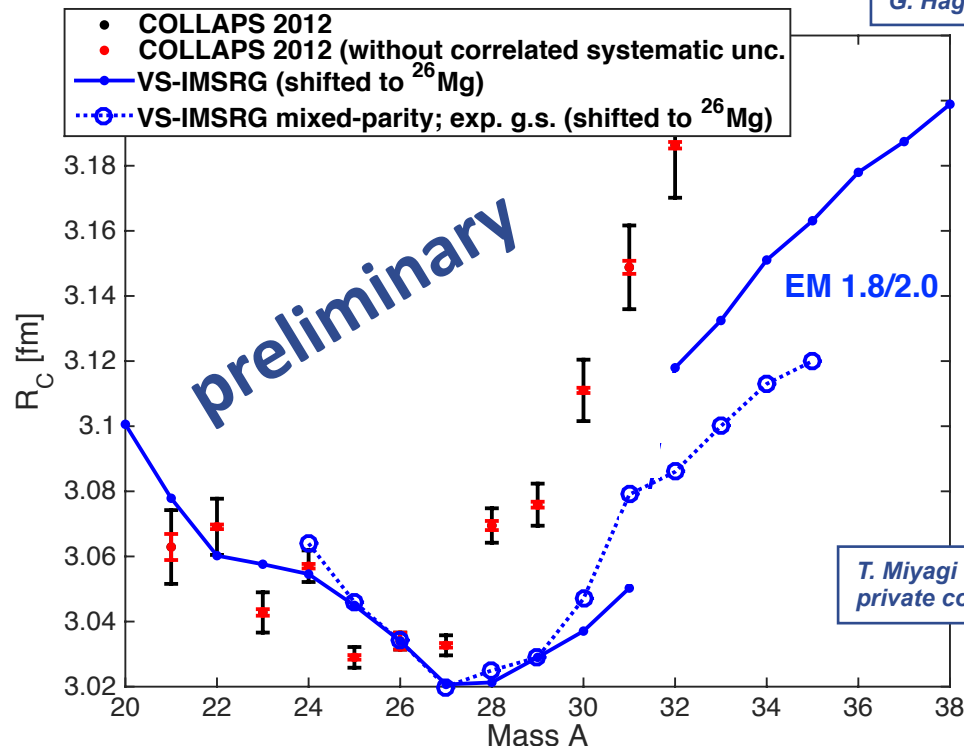
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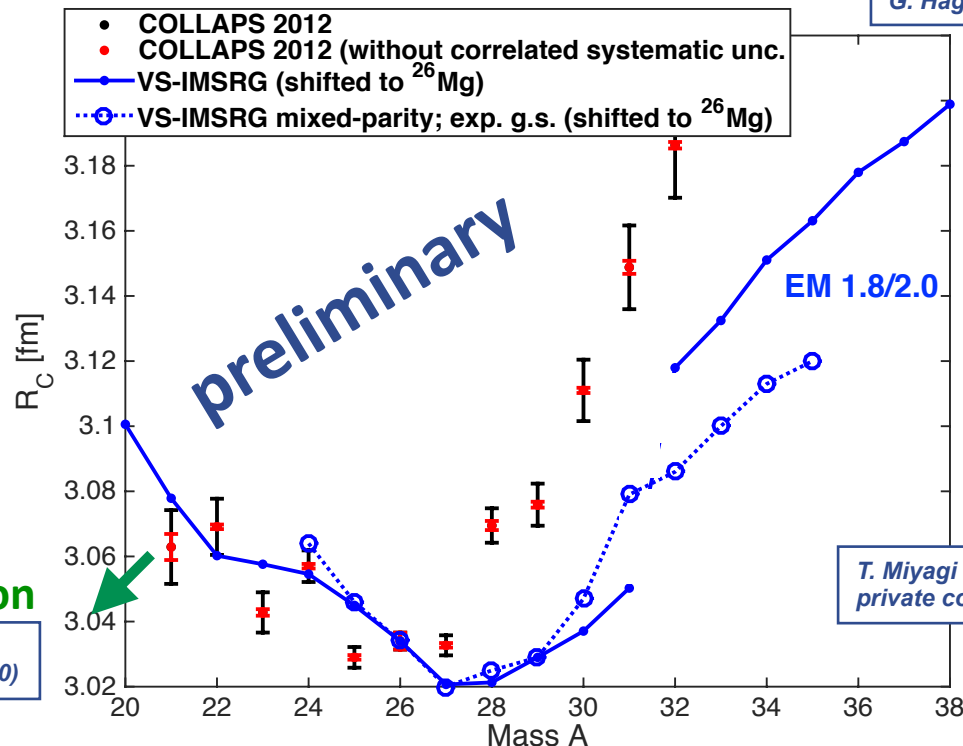
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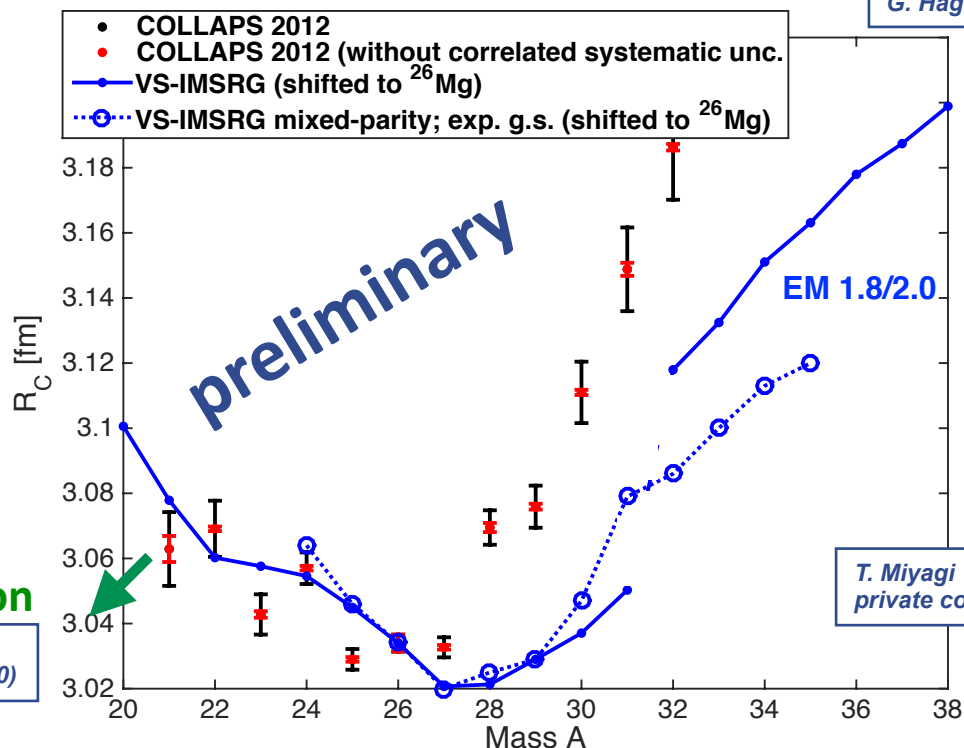
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- new experimental data to benchmark new nuclear models
- requires a new, more sensitive experimental technique

# the Multi Ion Reflection Apparatus for Collinear Laser Spectroscopy

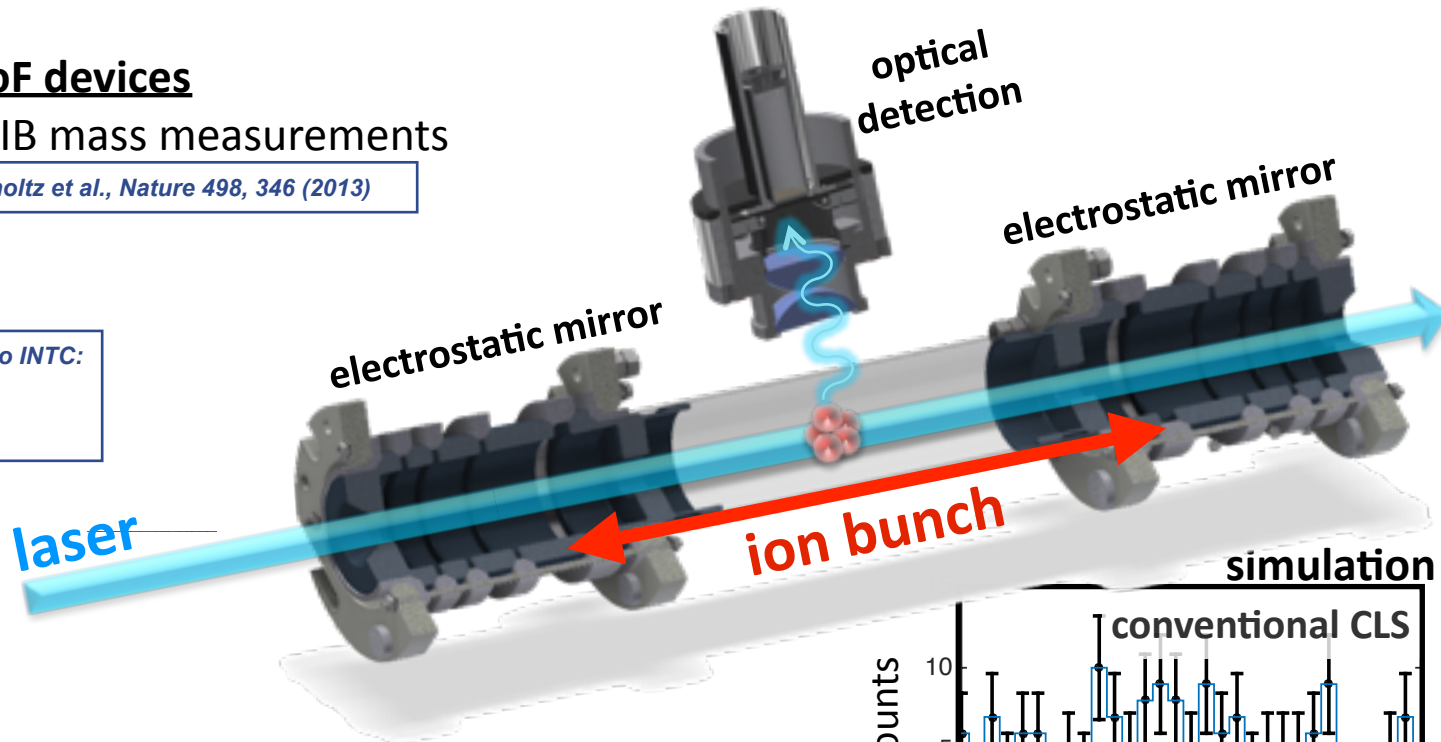
**trap**  $\Rightarrow$  long observation time  $\Rightarrow$  higher sensitivity  $\Rightarrow$  more exotic nuclides accessible

## MR-ToF devices

first RIB mass measurements

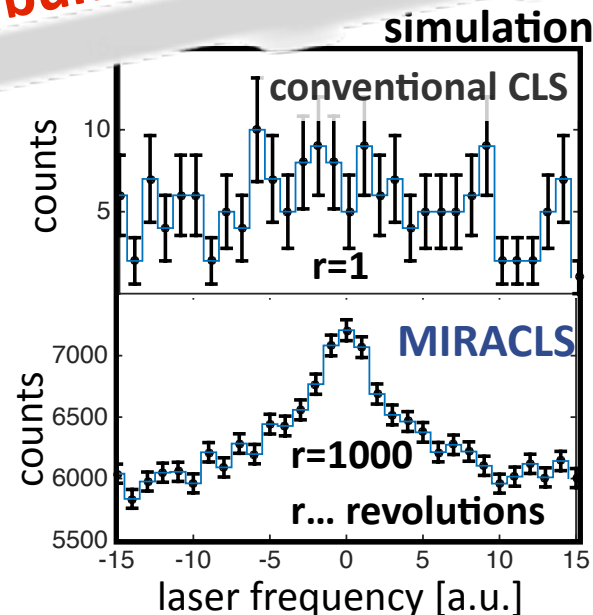
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## novel approach for collinear laser spectroscopy:

- ion trap  $\Rightarrow$  long observation time
- 30 keV beam  $\Rightarrow$  high resolution



# proof-of-principle experiment

- modified existing MR-ToF (low beam energy)

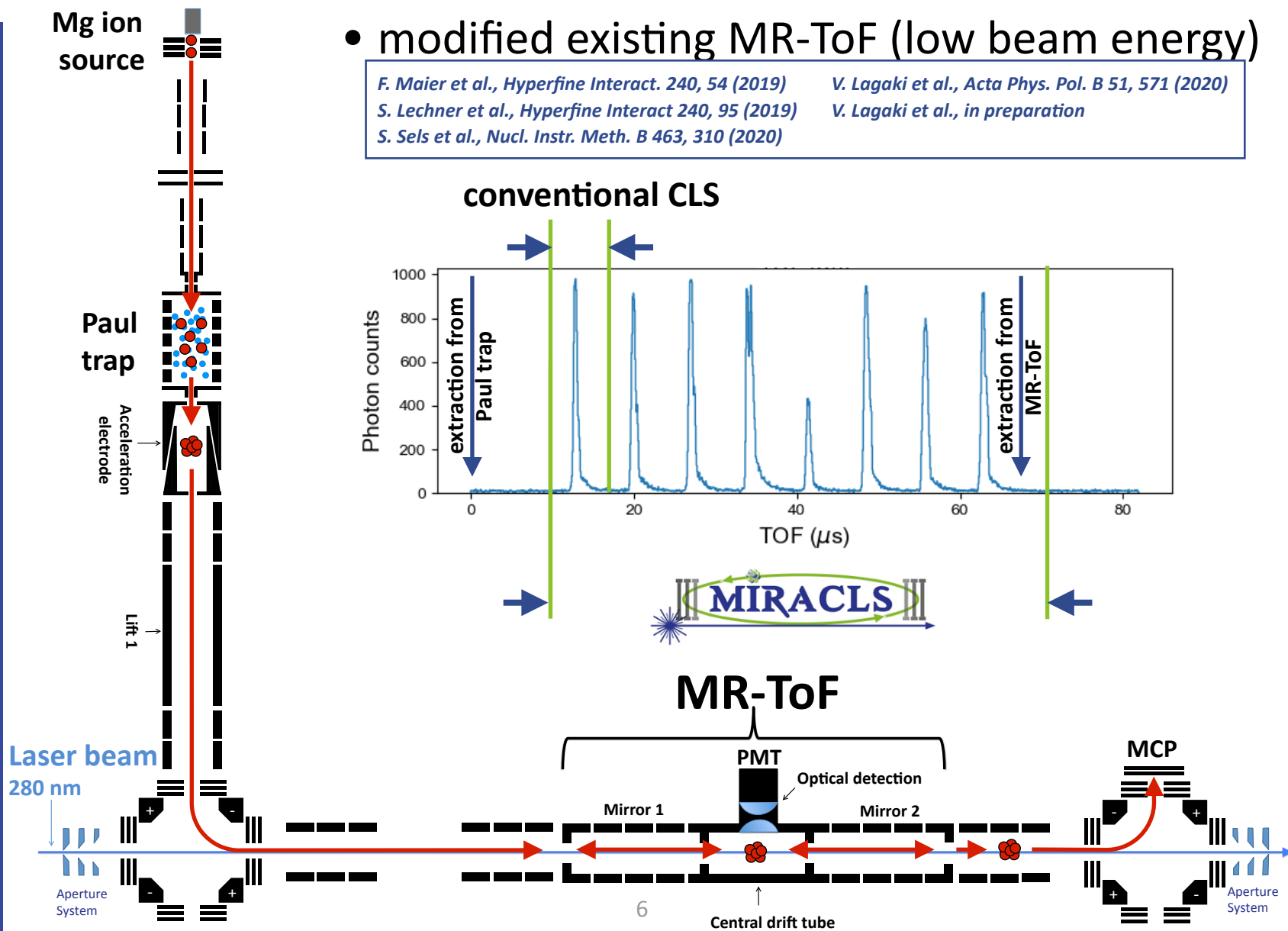
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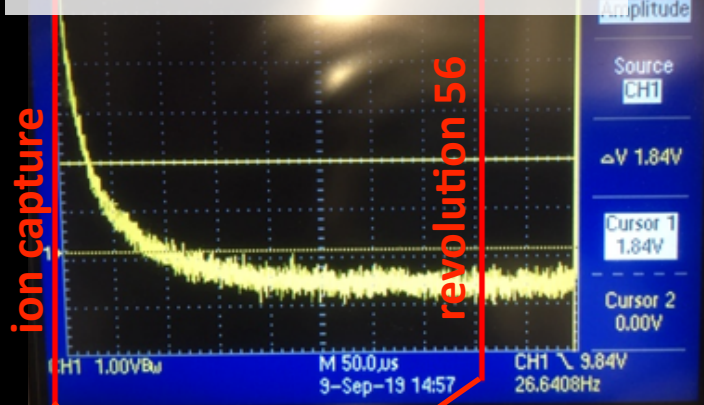
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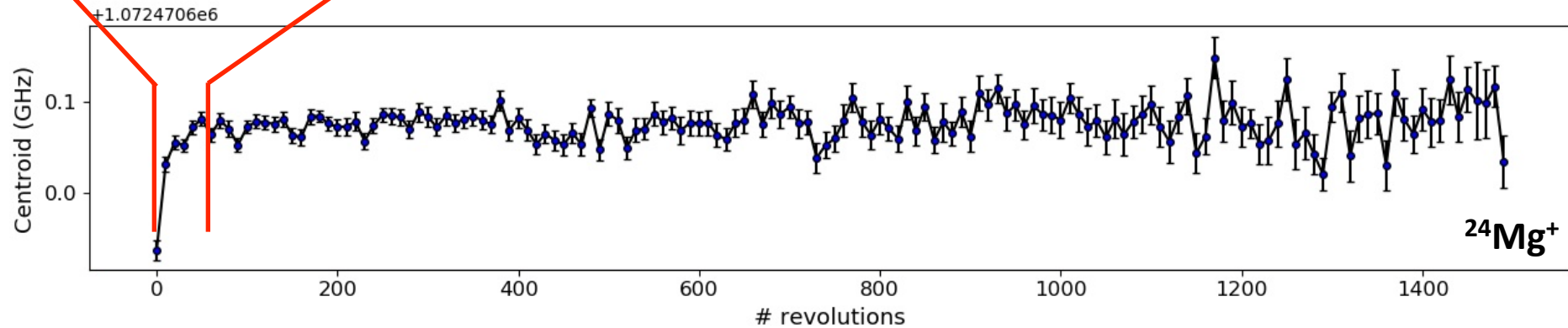


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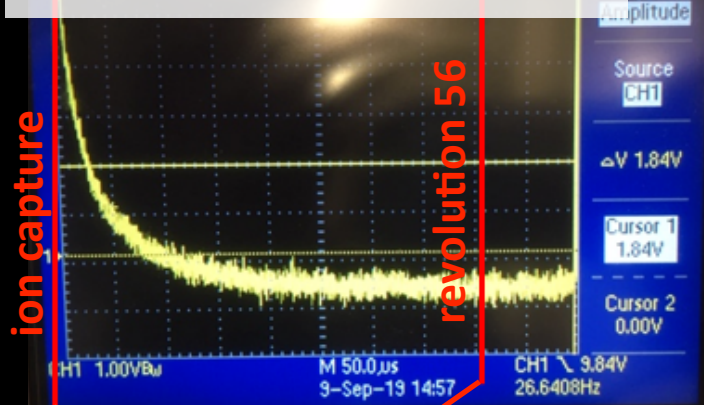


# CLS performance

- excellent centroid stability after revolution  $\approx 60$
- initial drift due to HV switch

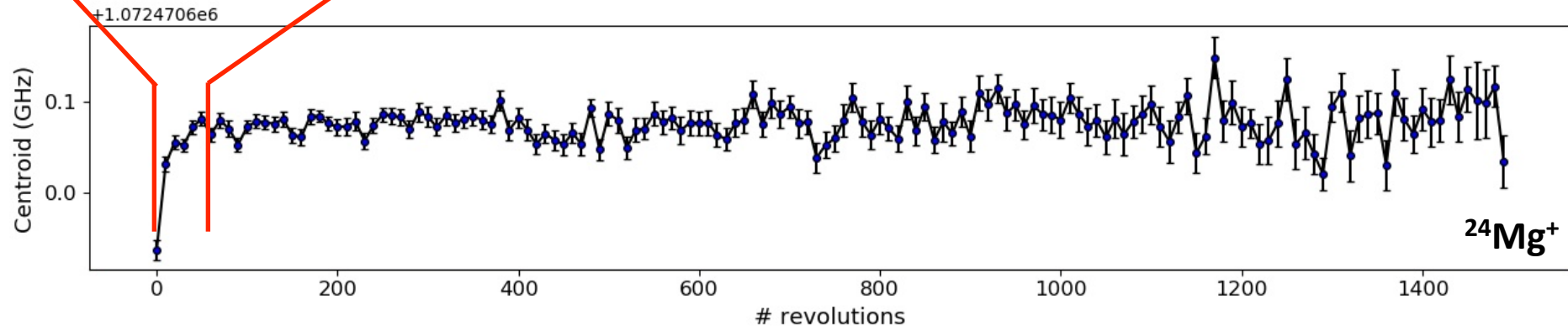


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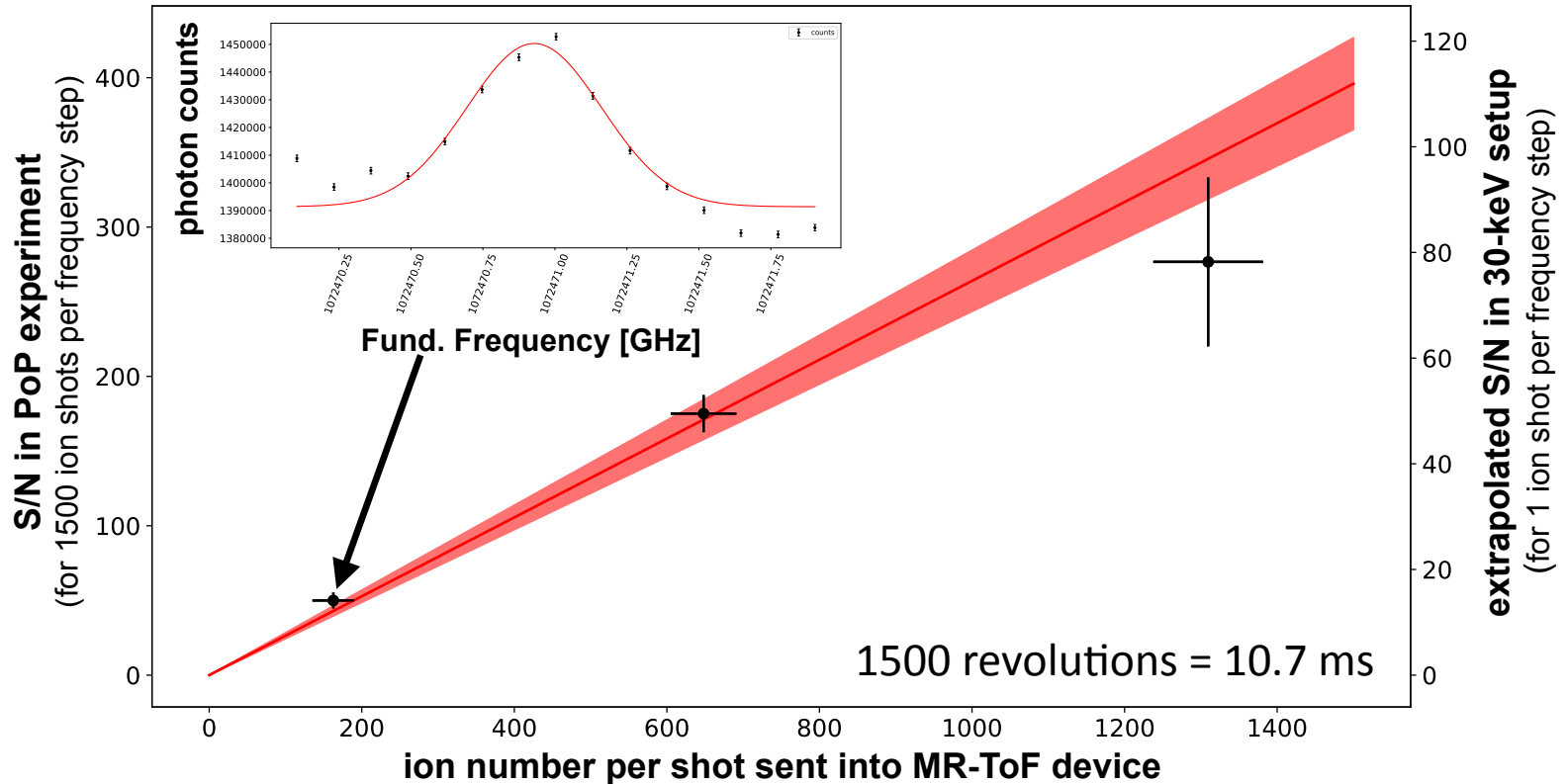


### Achieved milestones

- CLS over 5000 revolutions
- 'quasi-simultaneous' anti/collinear laser spectroscopy
- optical re-pumping in  $^{40}\text{Ca}^+$



# MIRACLS sensitivity in $^{24}\text{Mg}^+$

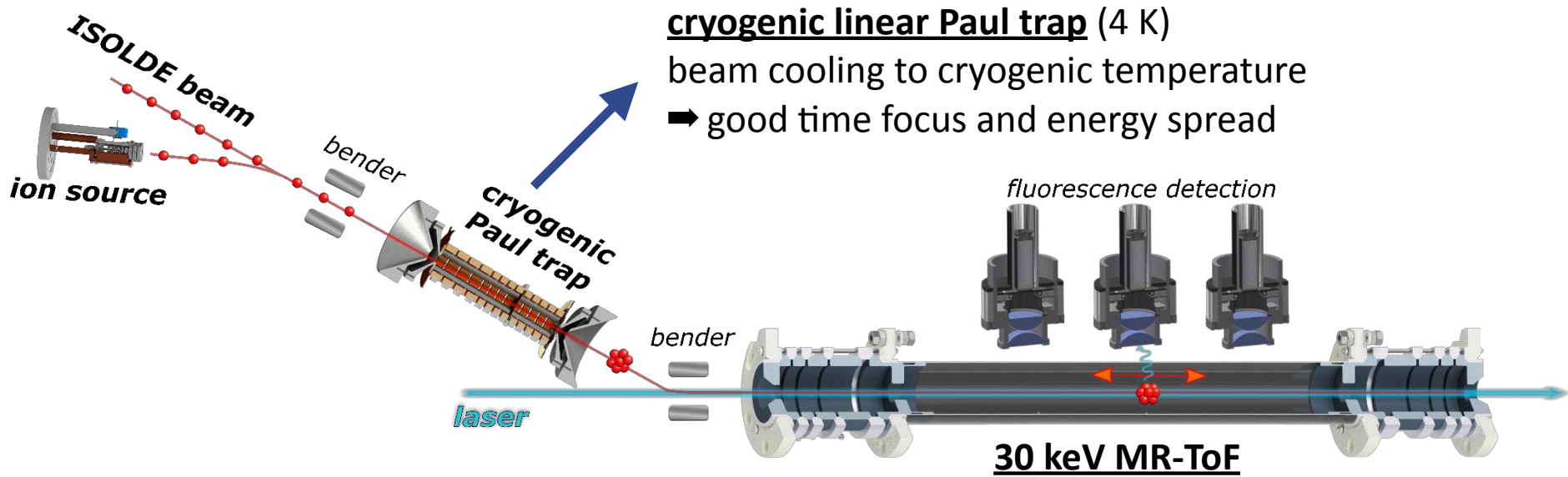


**online measurements with  $O(10)$  ions/sec possible**

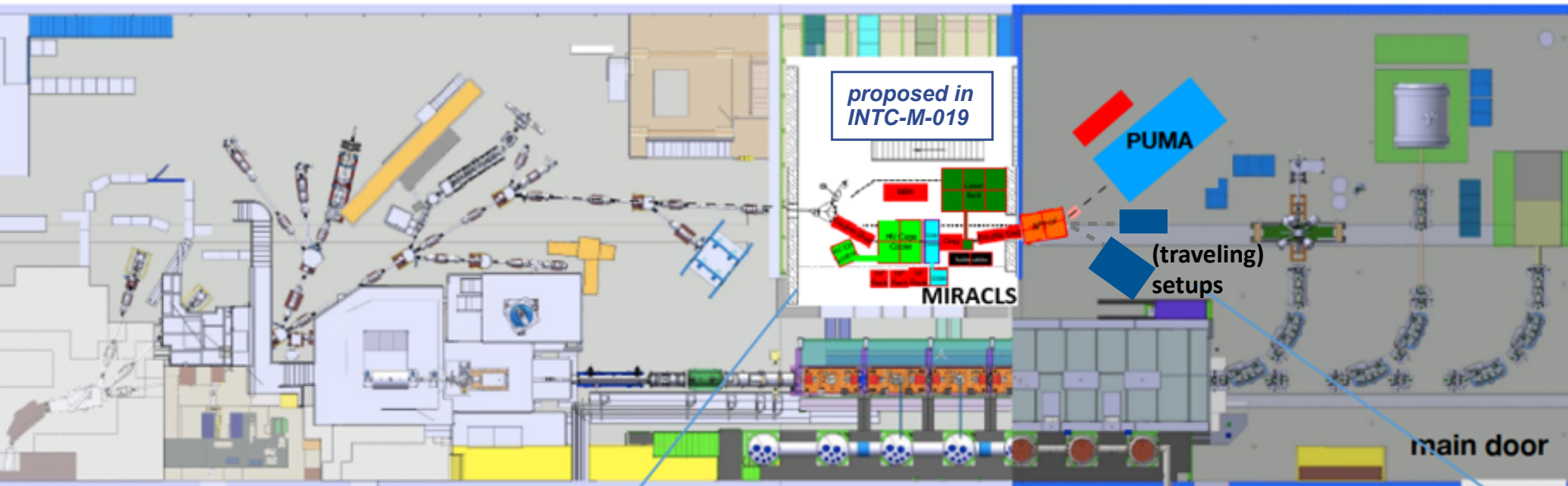
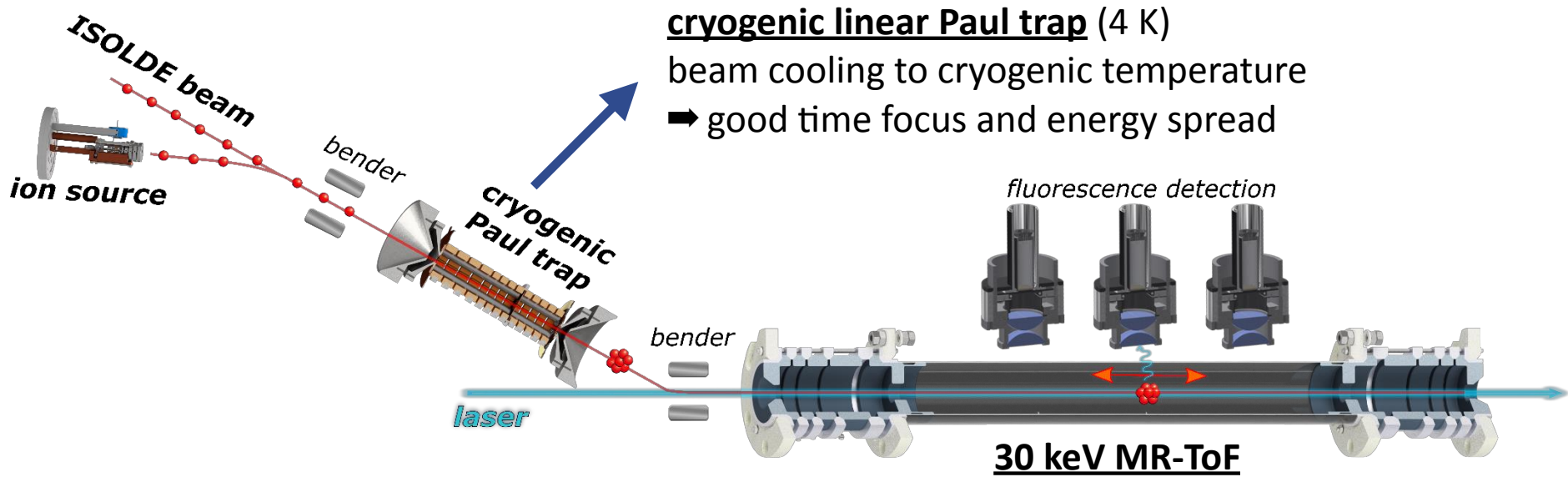




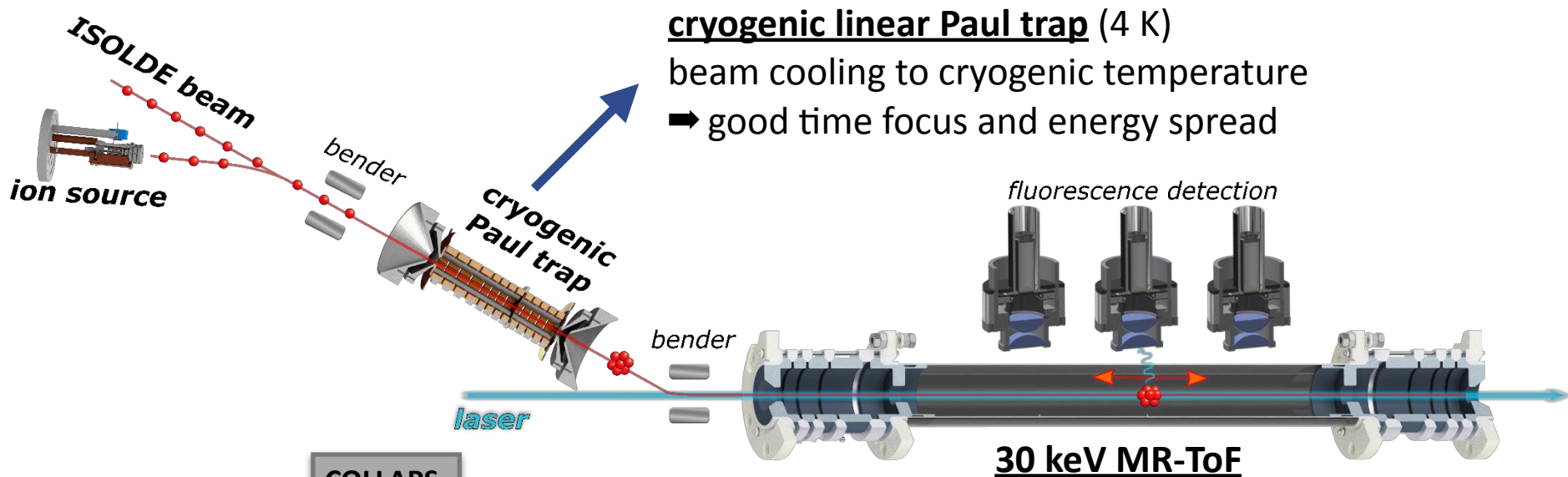
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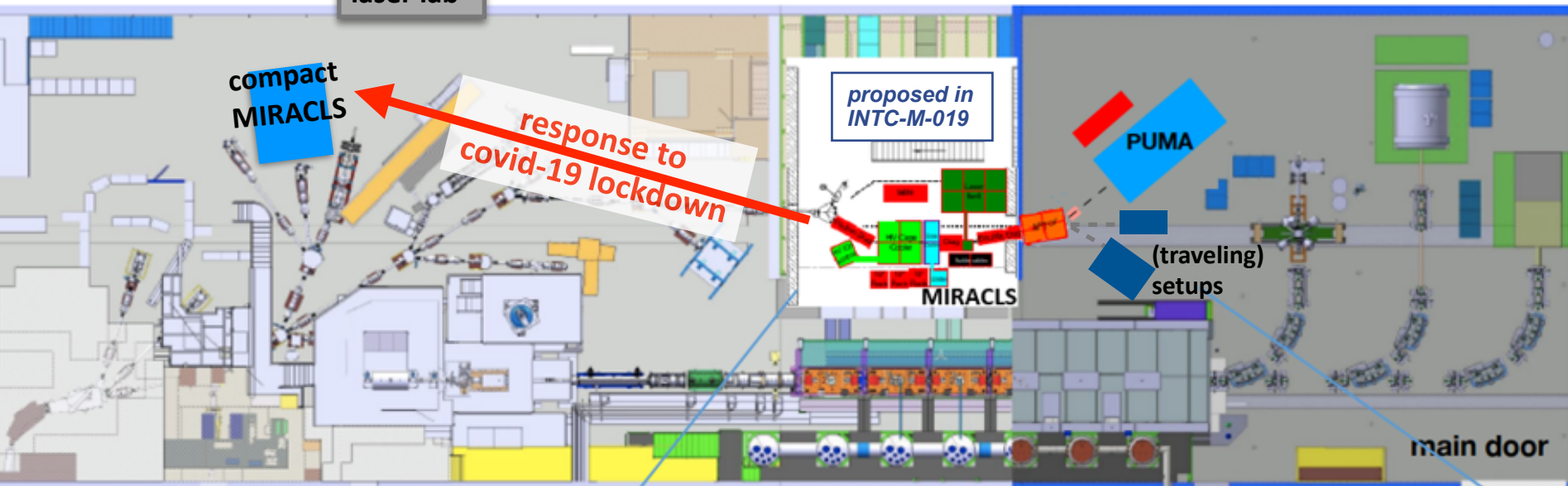
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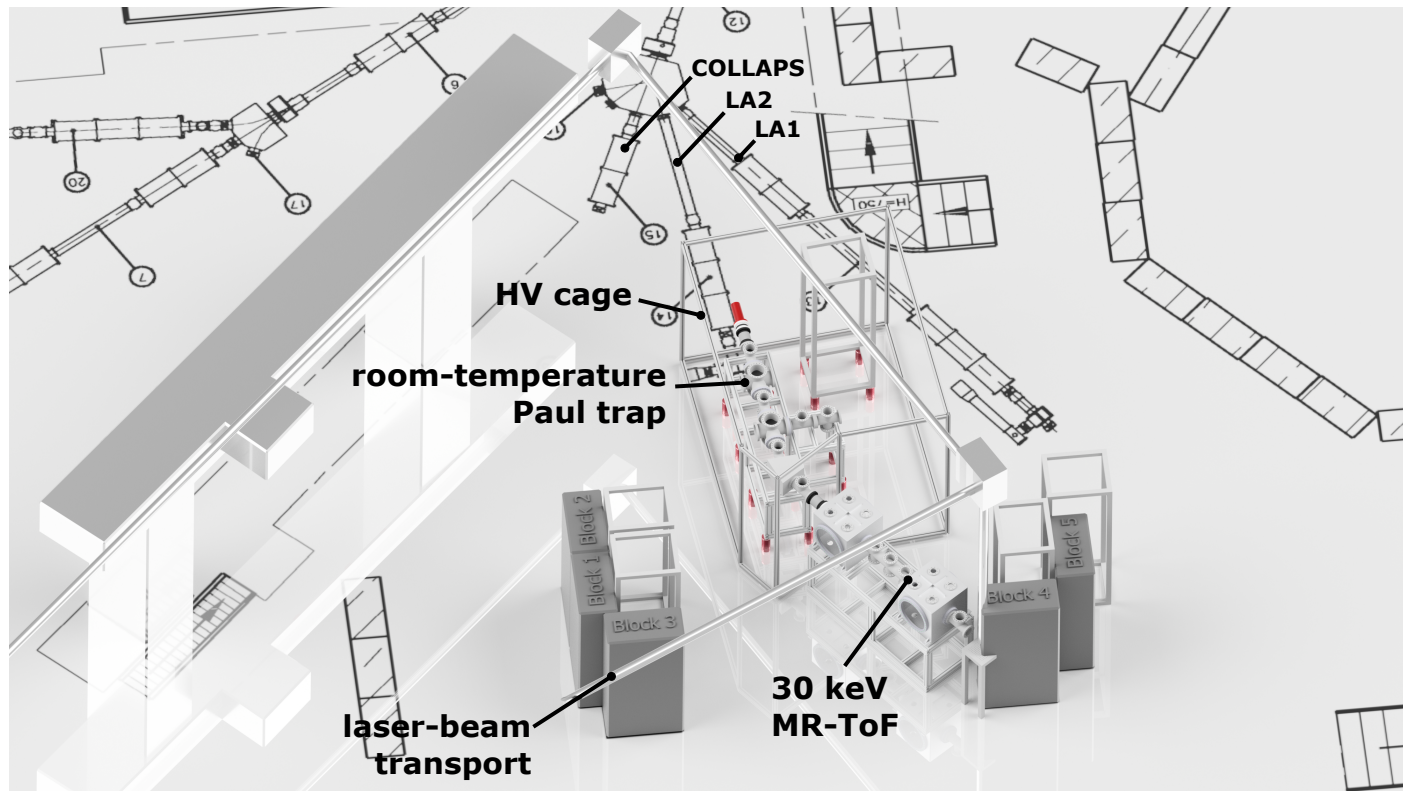
# MIRACLs 30-keV setup



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laser lab



# compact MIRACLs at LA2



- ➔ setup with reduced complexity (and capabilities)
- ➔ commissioning of 30-keV MR-ToF device
- ➔ addresses ERC science goals within funding period
- ➔ requires infrastructure at LA2 (see proposal & ISCC discussion)



# Beamtime estimate

- sensitivity extrapolated from proof-of-principle experiment

Nuclide	$T_{1/2}$ [ms]	Target	ion source	Yield [ions/ $\mu\text{C}$ ]	Contaminaton & Yield [ions/ $\mu\text{C}$ ]	$m/\Delta m$	Requested Shifts	Comments
$^{34}\text{Mg}$	20	UC <sub>x</sub>	RILIS	140	$^{34}\text{Al}$ : 15 (surface)	2'800	2	} contamination rate acceptable
$^{33}\text{Mg}$	89	UC <sub>x</sub>	RILIS	3'000	$^{33}\text{Al}$ : <490 (RILIS)	2'300	3	
$^{21}\text{Mg}$	122	SiC	RILIS	15'000			-	
$^{20}\text{Mg}$	91	SiC	RILIS	≈500	$^{20}\text{Na}$ : 1.1E6	1'750	-	Estimate
		SiC	LIST	≈17	$^{20}\text{Na}$ : ≈1		5	Estimate
Systematics							2+1	
Setup							2+2	with stable Mg

**Total: 17 8-h shifts split in 2 runs**

**IMPORTANT: offline beam during LS2!!!**

- establish ion transfer from ISOLDE to MIRACLs
- 3x 4 days

# Summary

- novel developments in nuclear theory
  - ➔ excellent agreement to recent experiments for charge radii  $R_c$
  - ➔ "towards universal description of  $R_c$ "
  - ➔ ab-initio theory: new developments for mid-shell nuclei
    - island of inversion around  $^{32}\text{Mg}$  now in reach (especially  $R_c$ )
- exotic Mg require new experimental technique



- successful proof-of-principle experiment
  - ➔ sensitivity estimate:  $^{20,33,34}\text{Mg}$  accessible
- compact MIRACLS@LA2
  - ➔ response to COVID-19 lockdown
  - ➔ addresses ERC science goals within funding period
- request 17 shifts (split in to runs)

common effort on the forefronts of  
nuclear theory and experiment

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