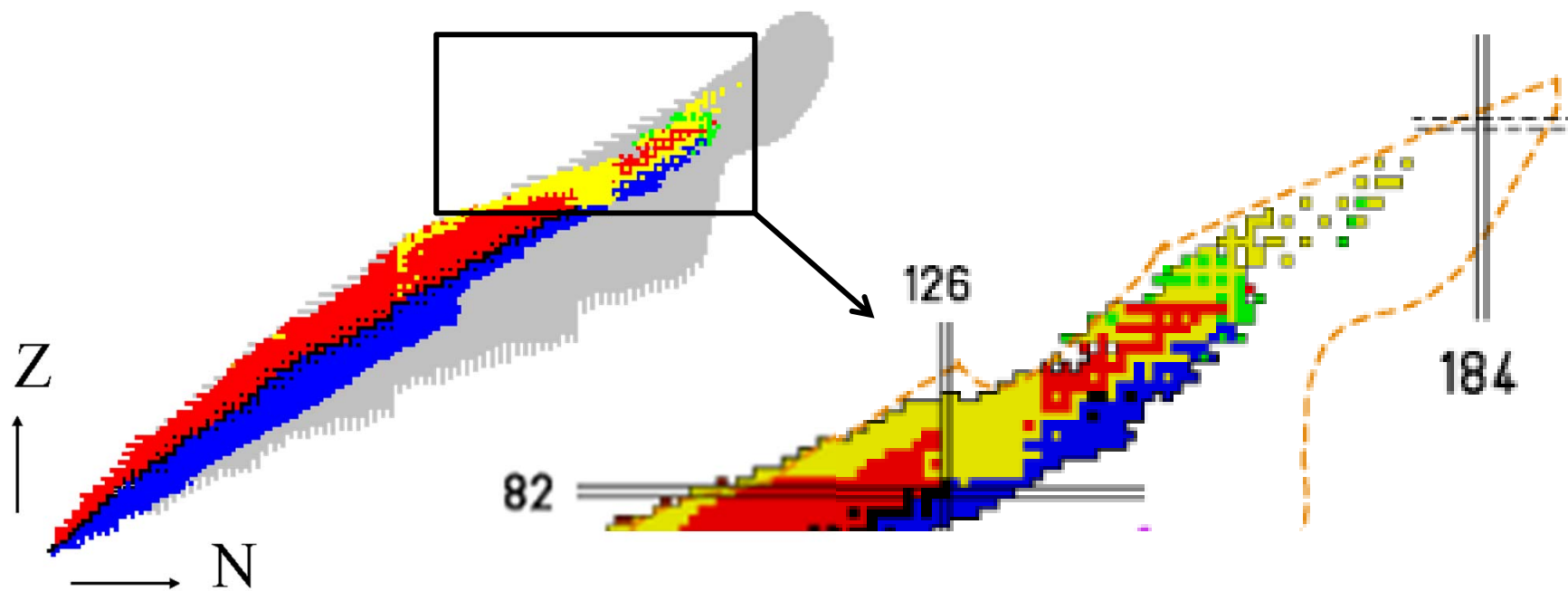


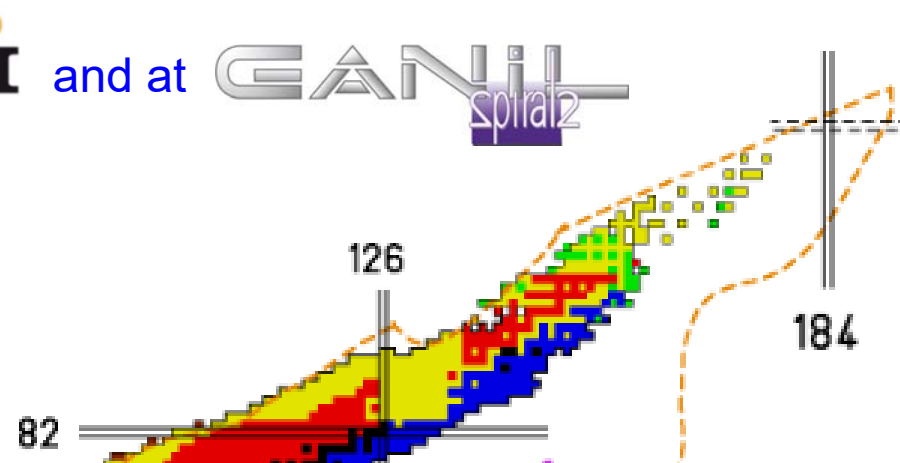
In-gas jet laser ionization spectroscopy of heavy elements

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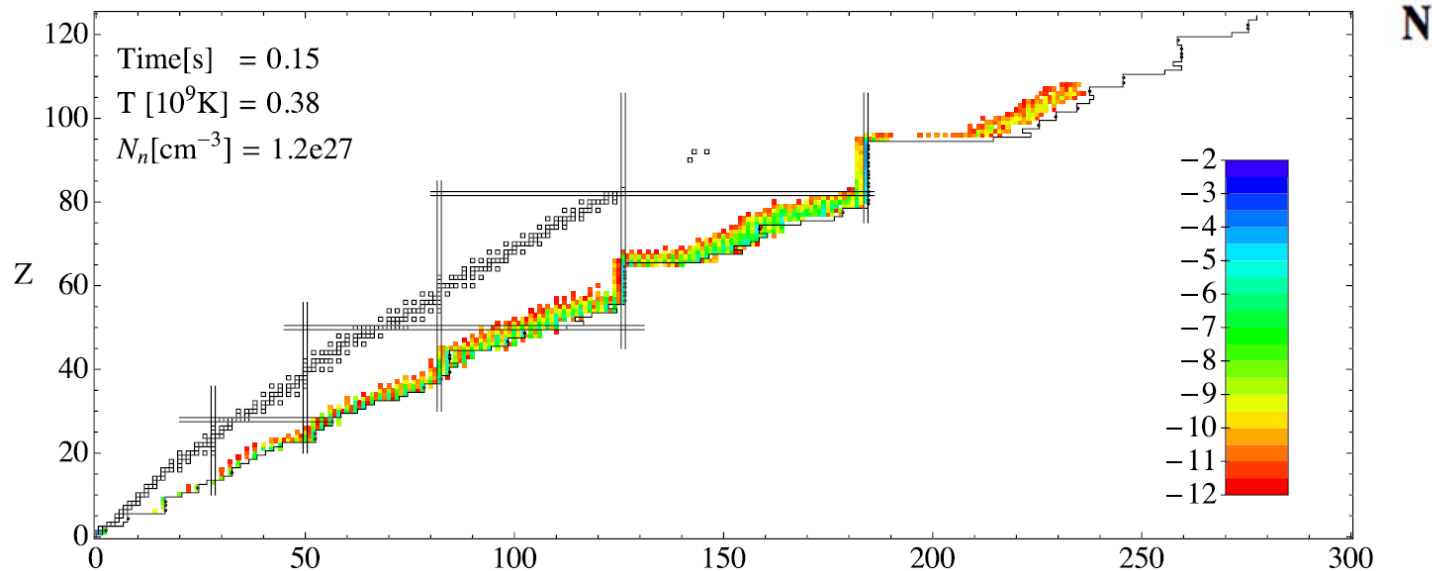
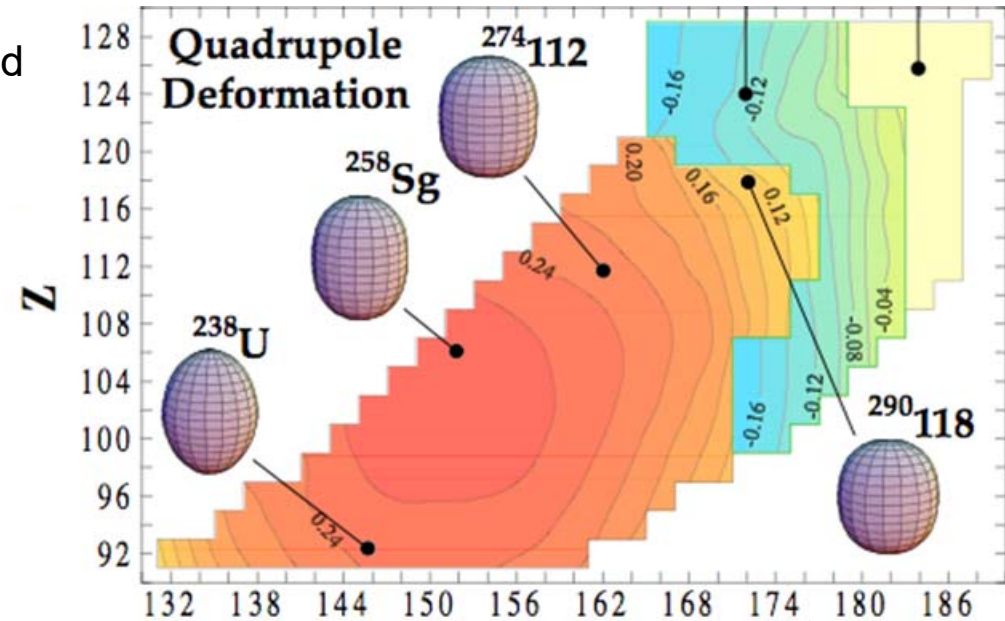
Outline

- Studying the heavy element region: motivation
- Basics of laser spectroscopy and the “In-Gas Laser Ionization Spectroscopy - IGLIS”
- Studies of the nobelium and neutron-deficient actinium isotopes
- Improvements of the IGLIS technique and expected performances
- Outlook using IGLIS at **GSI** and at **GANIL**

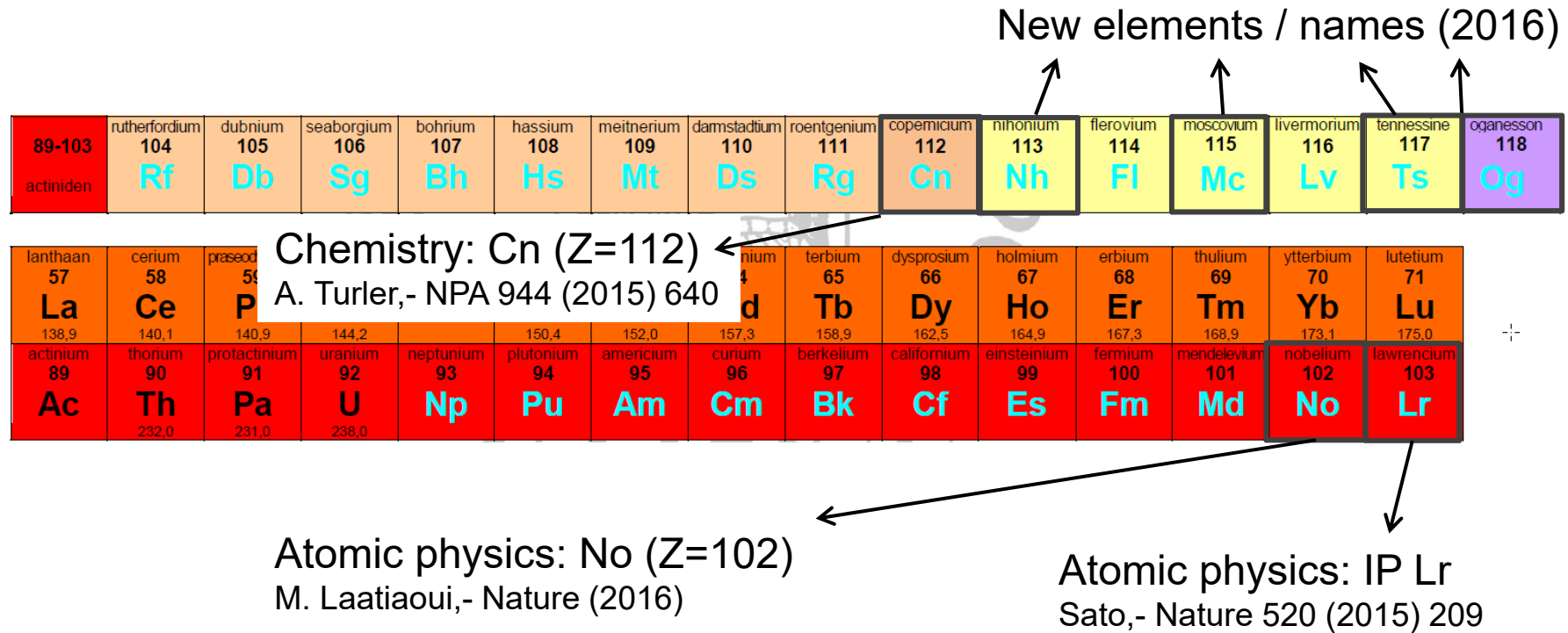


- Study of heavy and super-heavy elements

- Competition of the short-range nuclear and long-range Coulomb force
- Validate Energy Density Functionals
- End of the r-process nucleosynthesis
- Microscopic understanding of fission



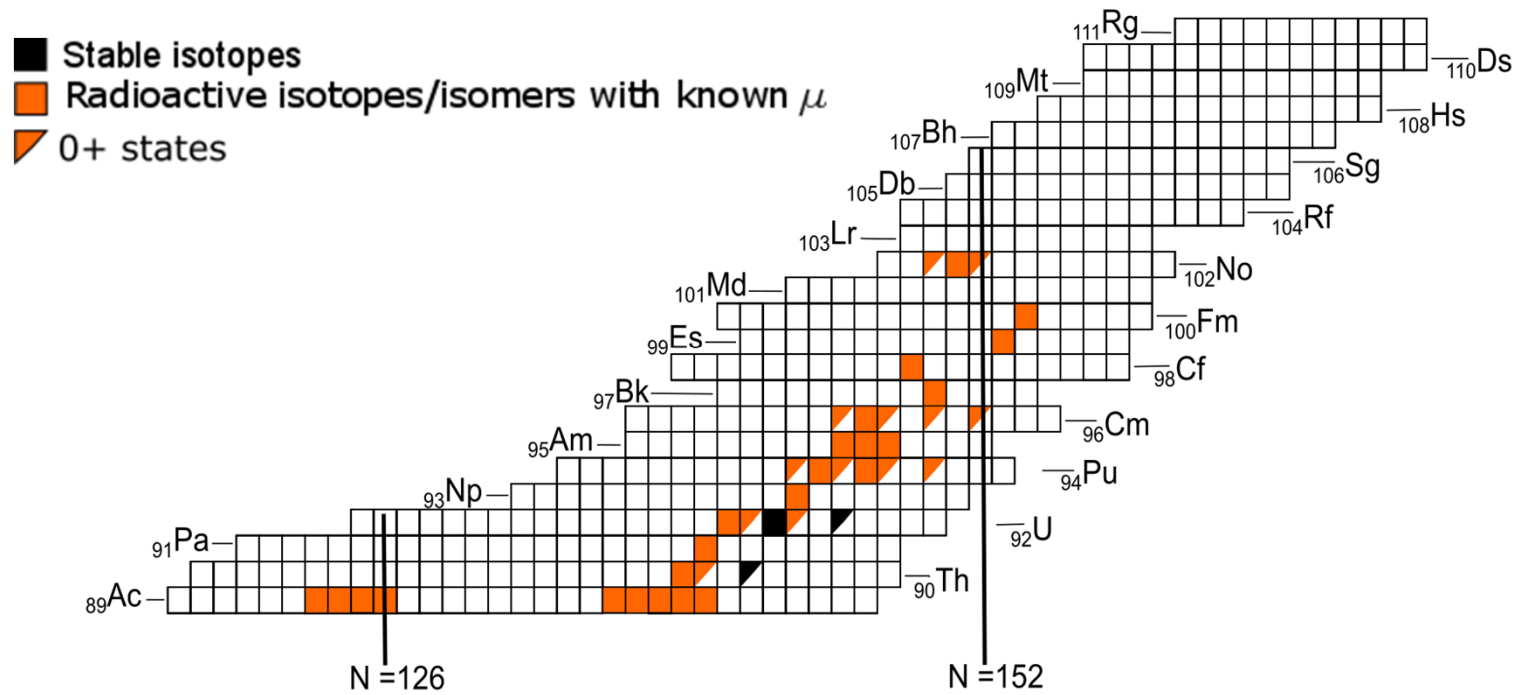
- What is known about the heaviest elements?



→ Laser spectroscopy in the heavy element region

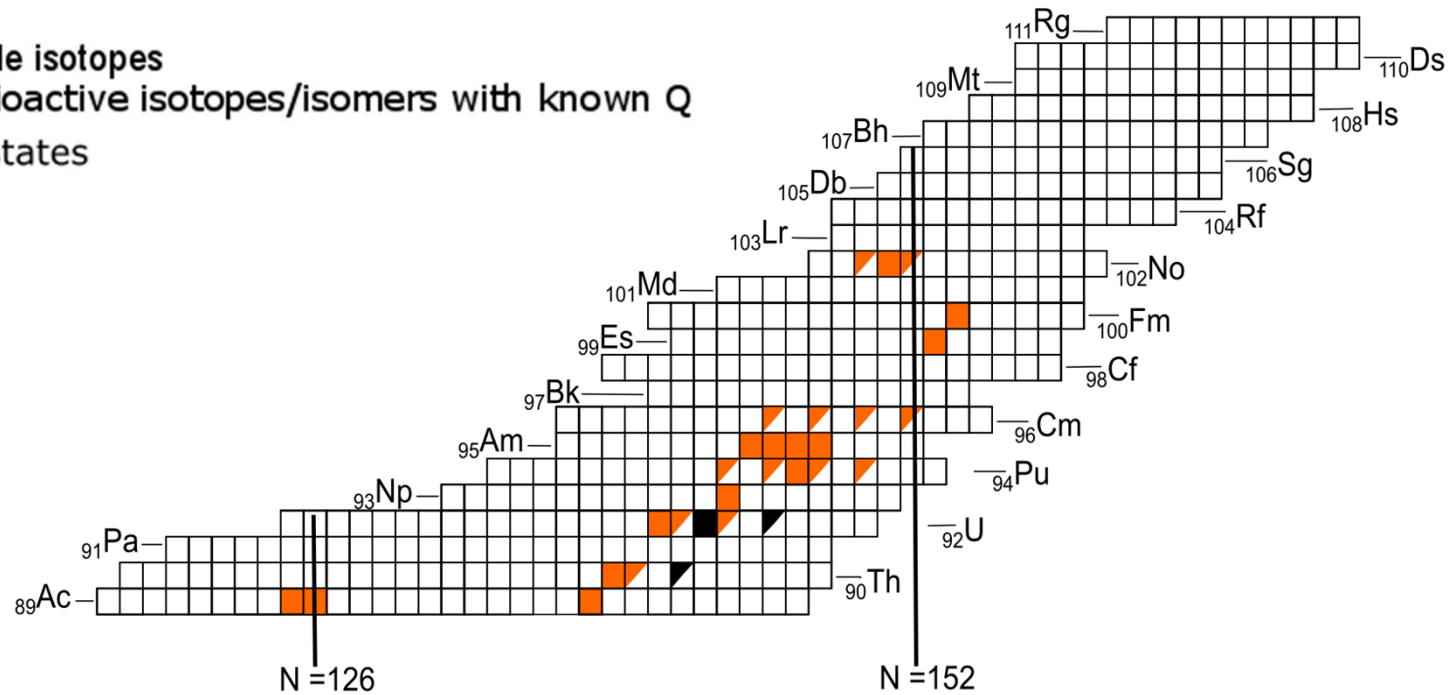
Nuclear observables: $I, \mu, Q, \text{Isotope Shift} \rightarrow \delta\langle r^2 \rangle$

Magnetic Moment



Quadrupole Moment

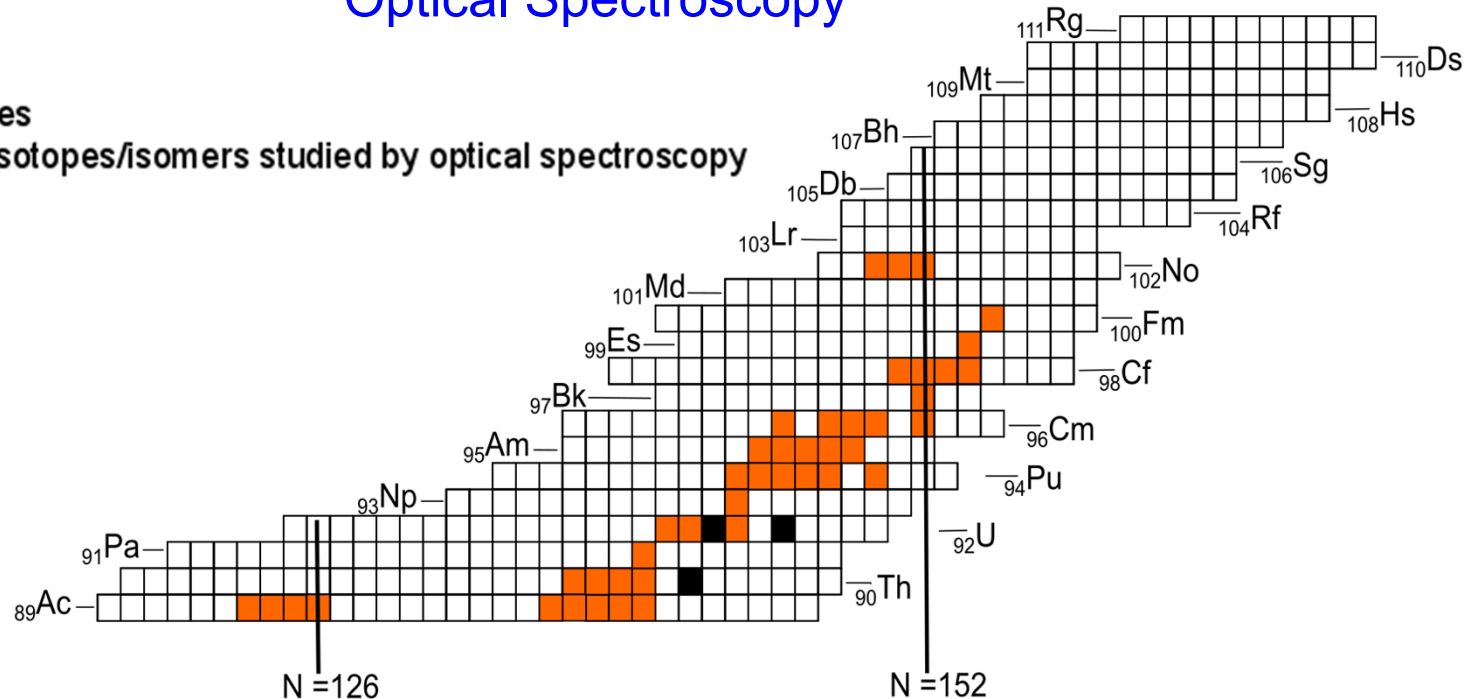
- Stable isotopes
- Radioactive isotopes/isomers with known Q
- ▤ 0+ states



Optical Spectroscopy

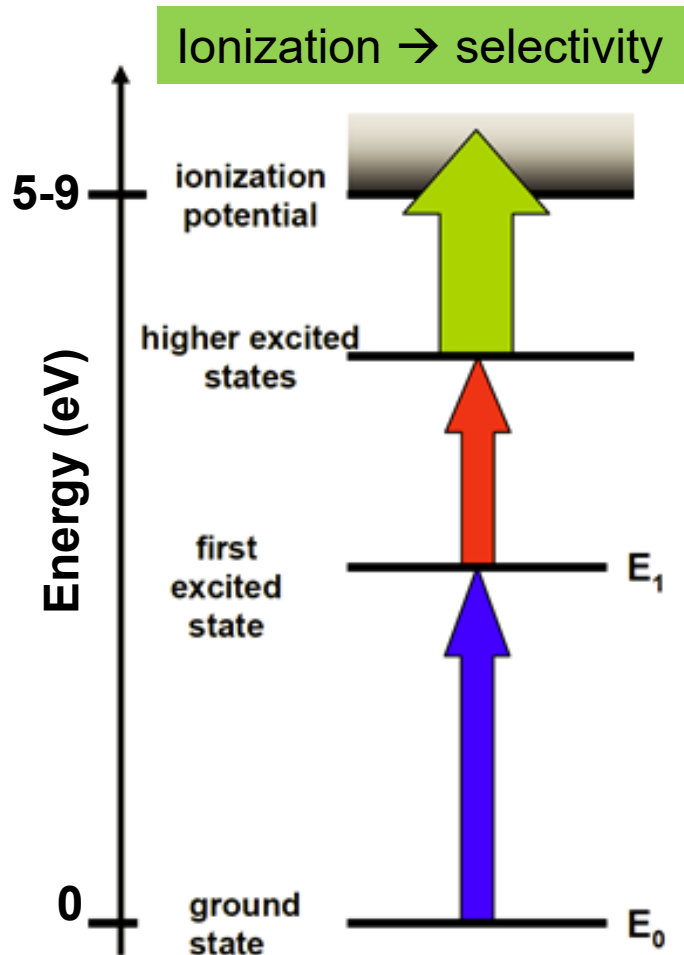
■ Stable isotopes

■ Radioactive isotopes/isomers studied by optical spectroscopy

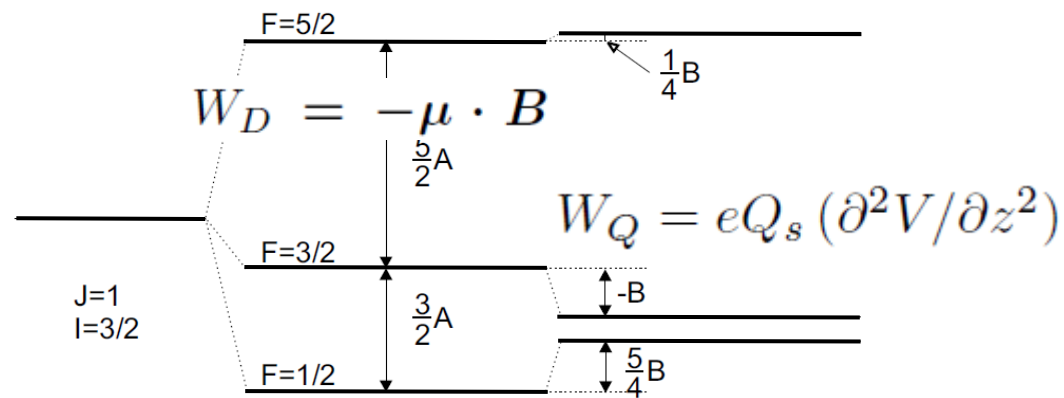


- Production mechanism:
 - [heavy-ion fusion evaporation reactions](#)
- Low production rates of actinides and trans-actinides:
 - highly [sensitive and efficient](#) laser spectroscopy technique
- Short half life:
 - [fast technique](#)
- Resolving the hyperfine structure:
 - High [spectral resolution](#) to resolve hyperfine structure

Laser Spectroscopy: basics



Hyperfine Splitting



$$W_F = \frac{1}{2}AC + B \frac{\frac{3}{4}C(C+1) - I(I+1)J(J+1)}{2I(2I-1)J(2J-1)}$$

$$C = F(F+1) - I(I+1) - J(J+1).$$

$$\vec{F} = \vec{I} + \vec{J} \quad (|I - J| \leq F \leq I + J)$$

$$A = \mu_I B_e(0) / (IJ)$$

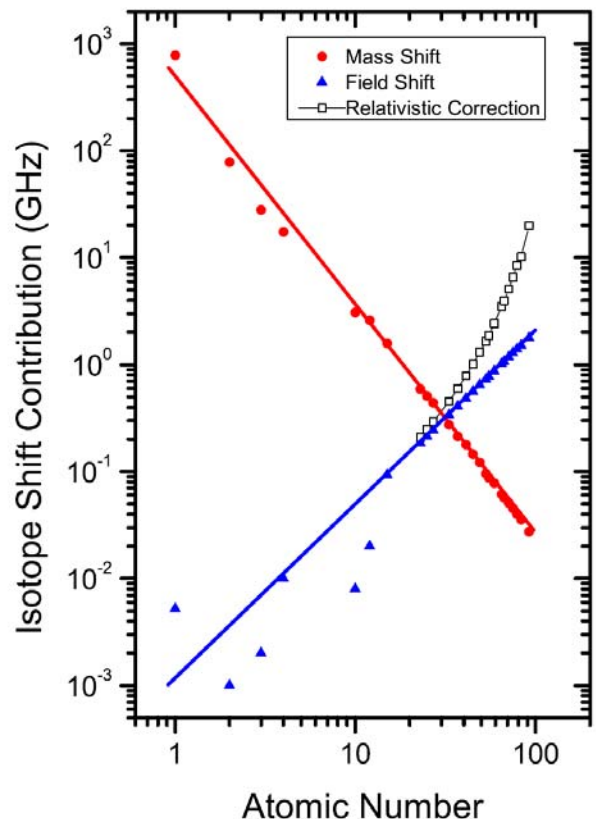
$$B = eQ_s V_{ZZ}(0)$$

Laser Spectroscopy: basics

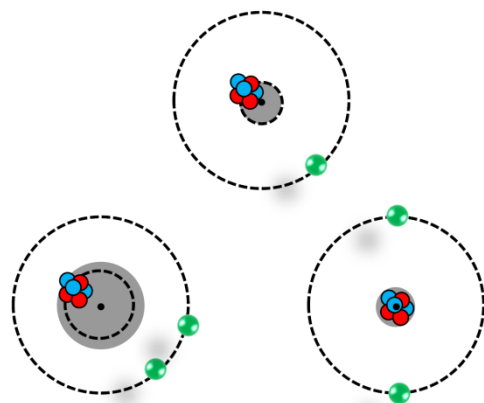
Isotope Shift



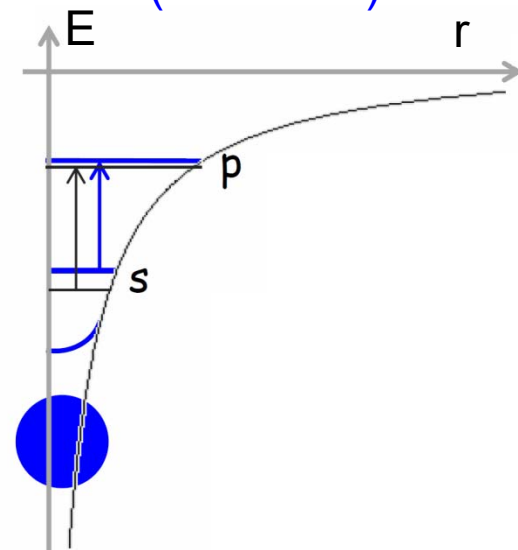
$$\delta\nu_{IS}^{AA'} = K_{MS} \cdot \frac{M_{A'} - M_A}{M_A M_{A'}} + \frac{2\pi Z e}{3} \Delta |\Psi(0)|^2 \delta \langle r^2 \rangle^{AA'}$$



Mass shift
(center of mass motion)

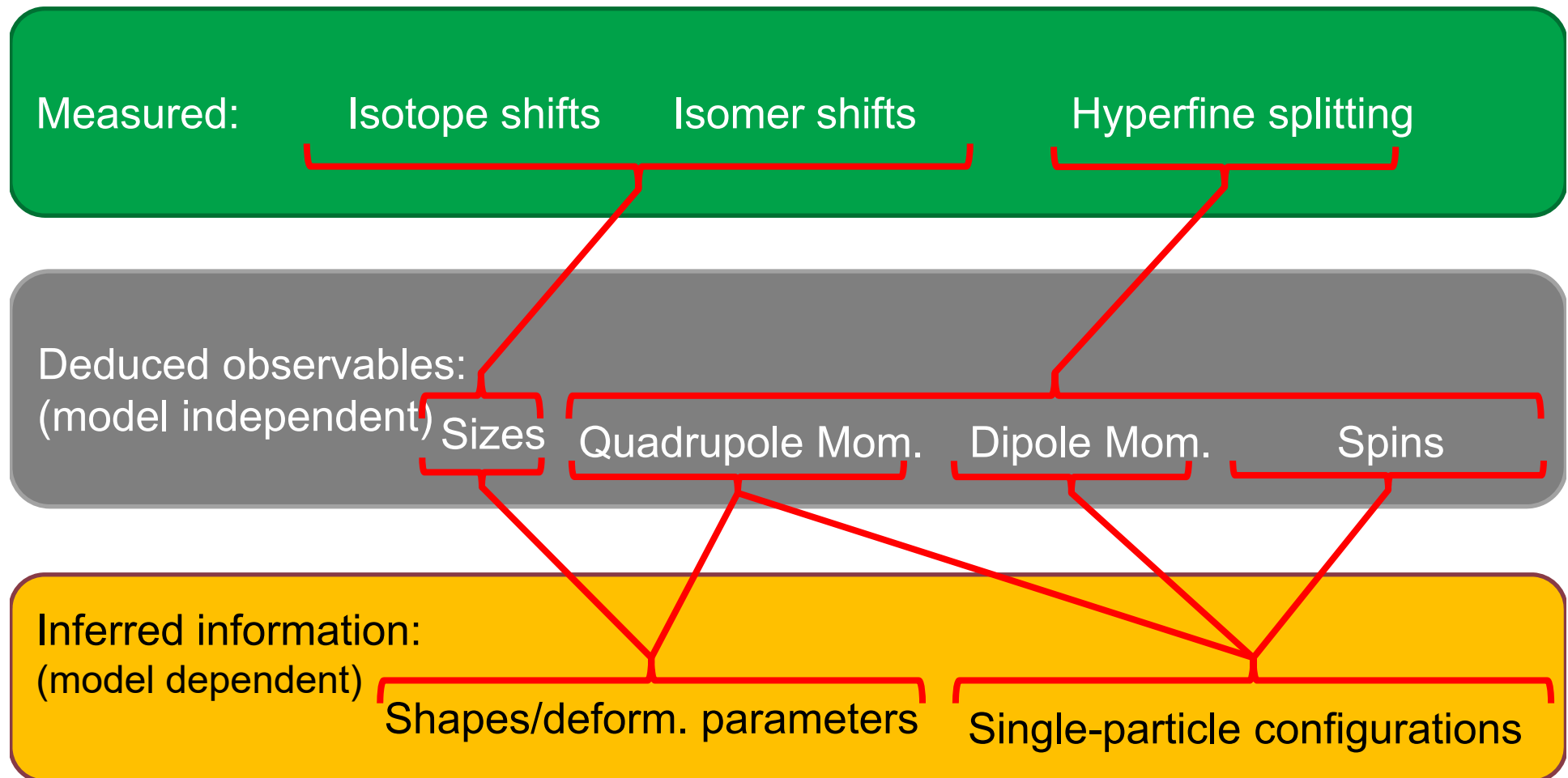


Field shift
(finite size)



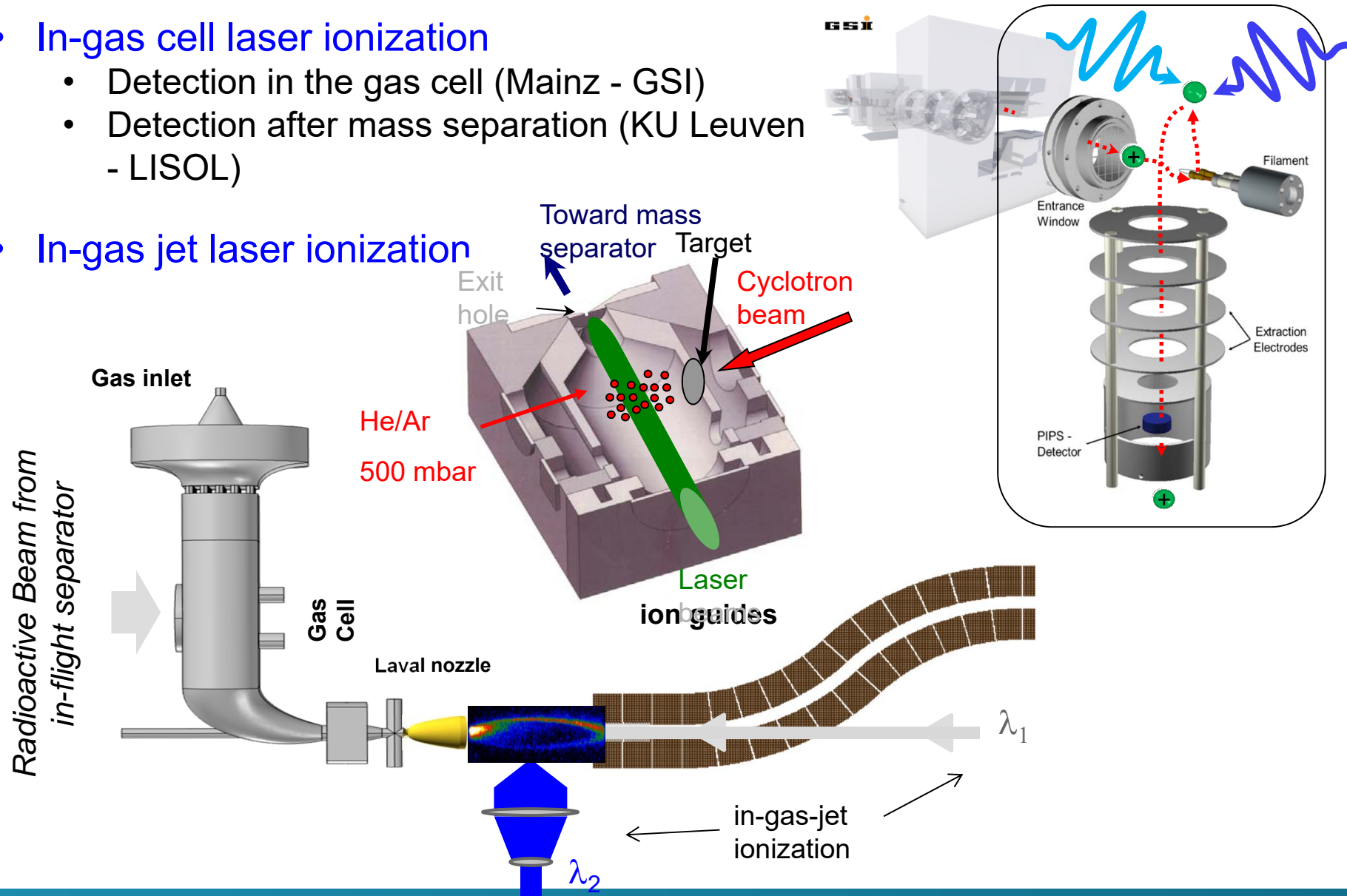
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Laser Spectroscopy: basics



In-Gas Laser Ionization and Spectroscopy - IGLIS

- In-gas cell laser ionization
 - Detection in the gas cell (Mainz - GSI)
 - Detection after mass separation (KU Leuven - LISOL)
- In-gas jet laser ionization



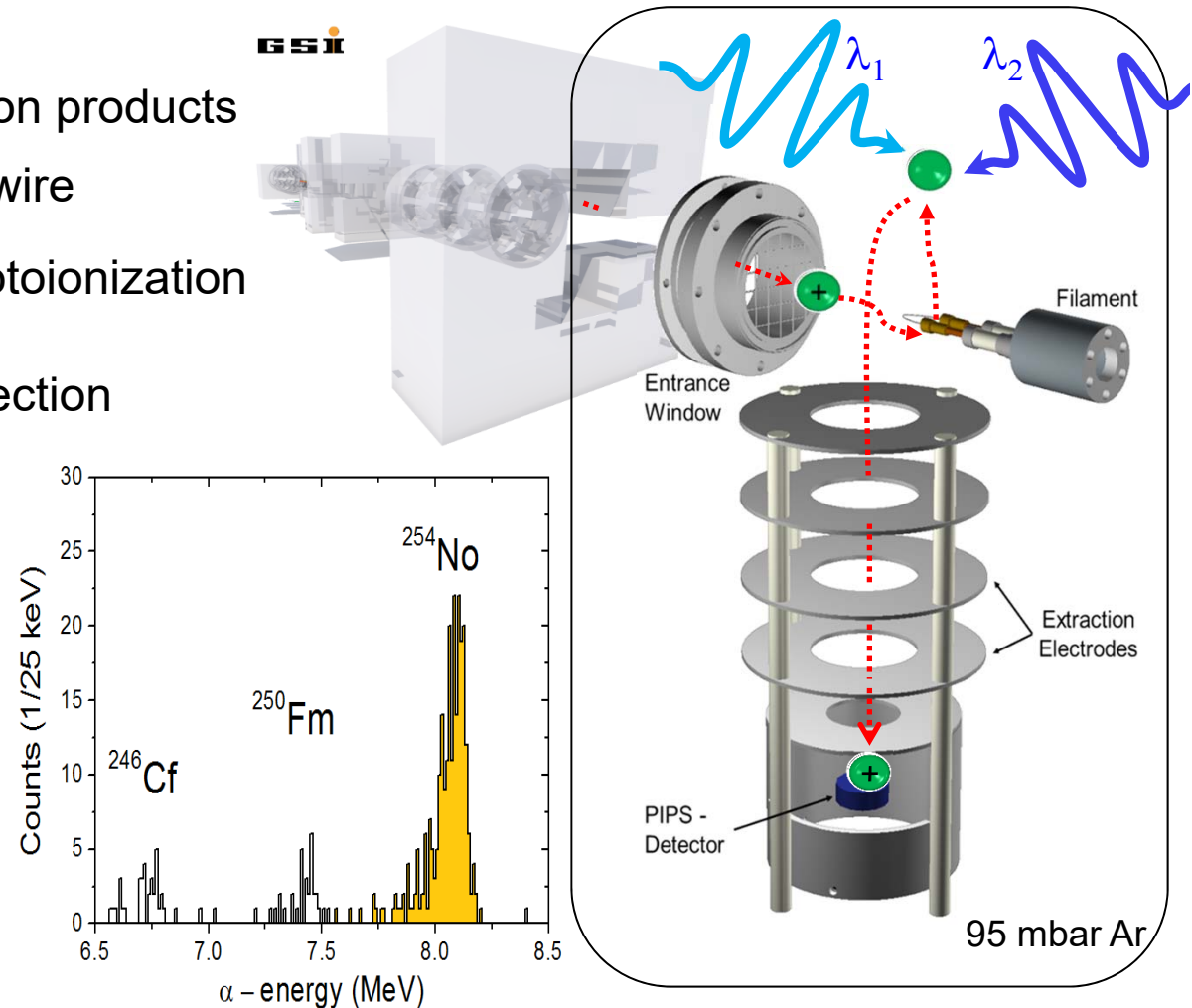
Radiation Detected Resonance Ionization Spectroscopy (RADRIS)

^{254}No ($T_{1/2} = 55$ s; $I=0$)

$^{208}\text{Pb}(^{48}\text{Ca}, 2n)^{254}\text{No}$ (SHIP at GSI)

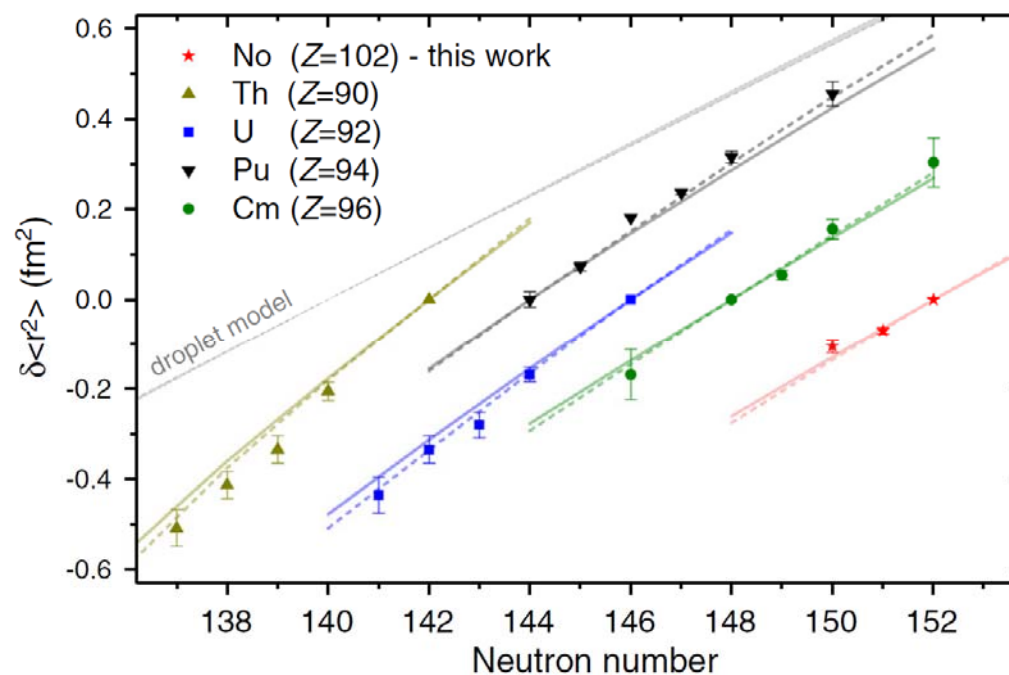
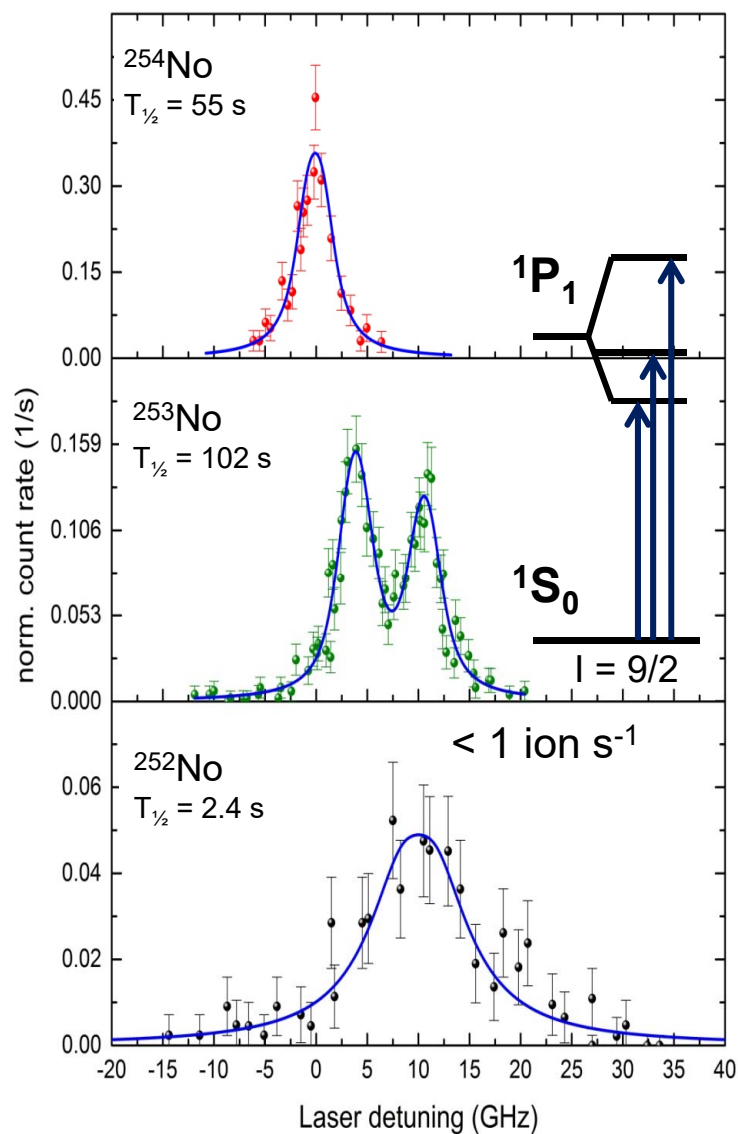
$\sigma = 2050$ nb $\rightarrow 4$ s $^{-1}$ @ gas cell

- Thermalizing of incoming fusion products
- Collecting onto thin tantalum wire
- Evaporation and two-step photoionization process
- Transport to detector and detection of alpha decay



Laser ionization spectroscopy of $^{252,253,254}\text{No}$

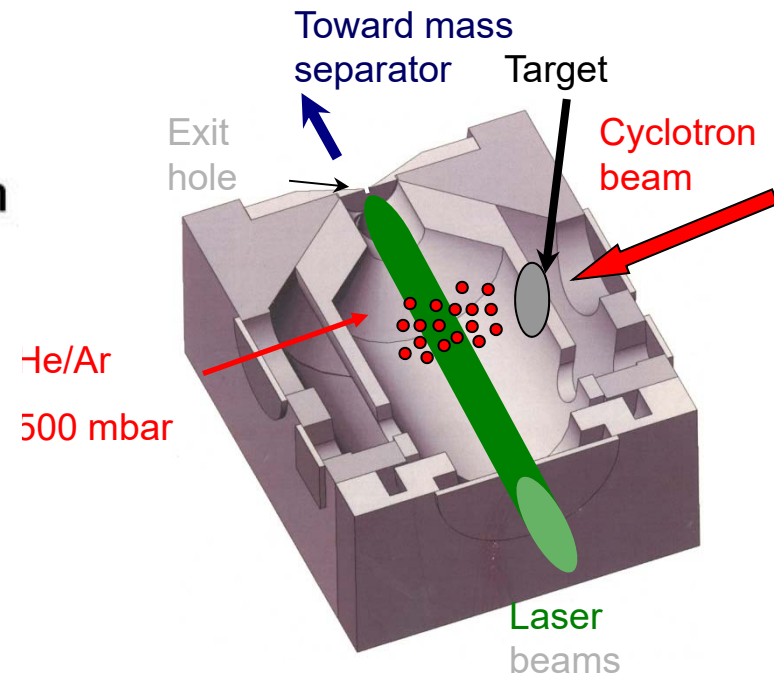
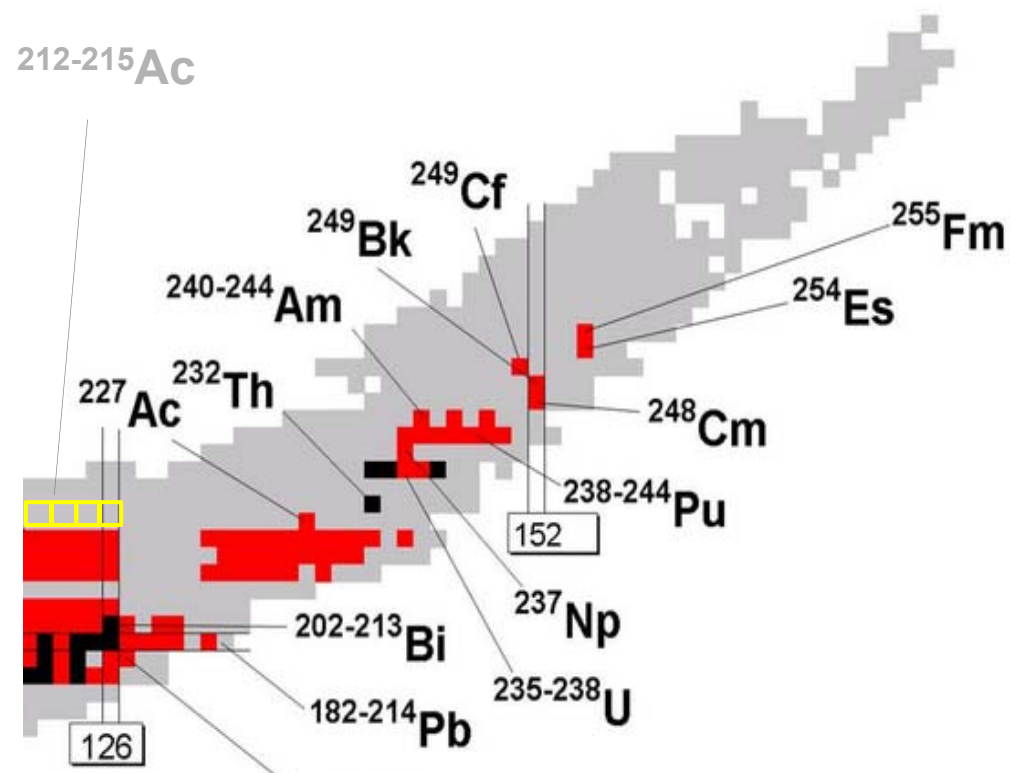
- Theory-guided search for the atomic transition
- Ionization potential
- Isotope shift for $^{252-254}\text{No}$ measured
- Change in charge radii: Input from atomic theory



- Nuclear moments of ^{253}No

	$\mu \text{ (}\mu_N\text{)}$	$Q_s \text{ (eb)}$
Laser spec. (this work)	-0.527(33)[75]	5.8(14)[8]

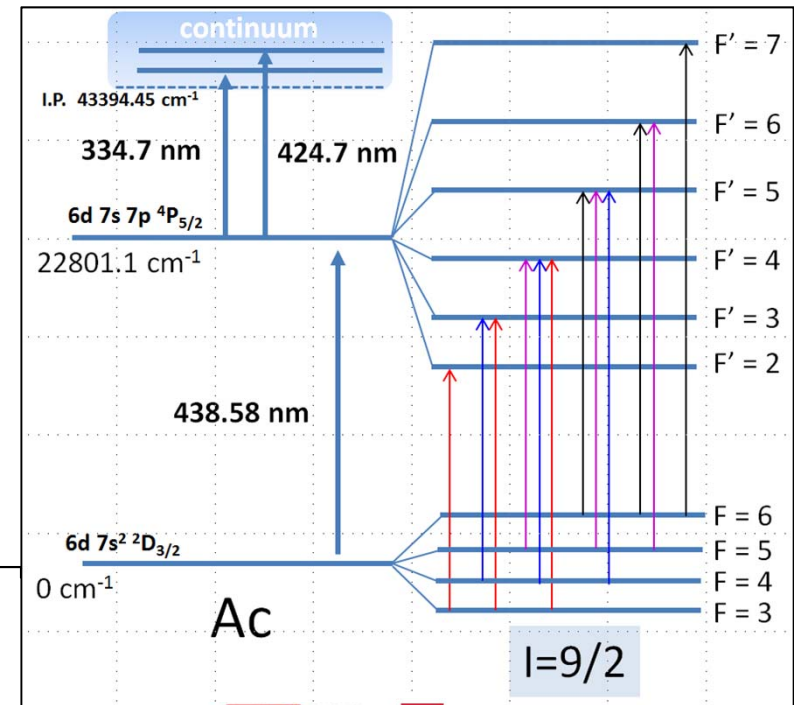
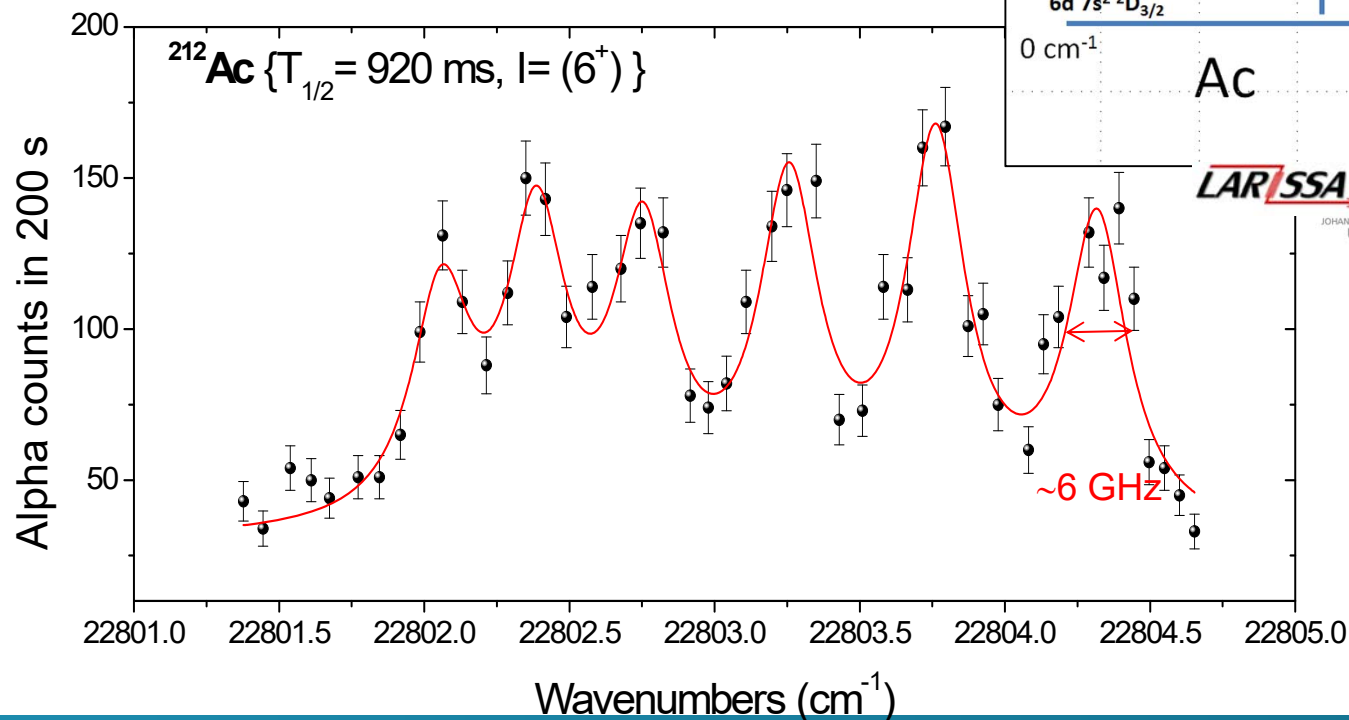
Leuven Isotope Separator On-Line (LISOL) facility: In-Gas Laser Ionization and Spectroscopy of RIBs (IGLIS)



Production & first laser spectroscopy tests of Ac

Limitations of in-gas cell laser spectroscopy:

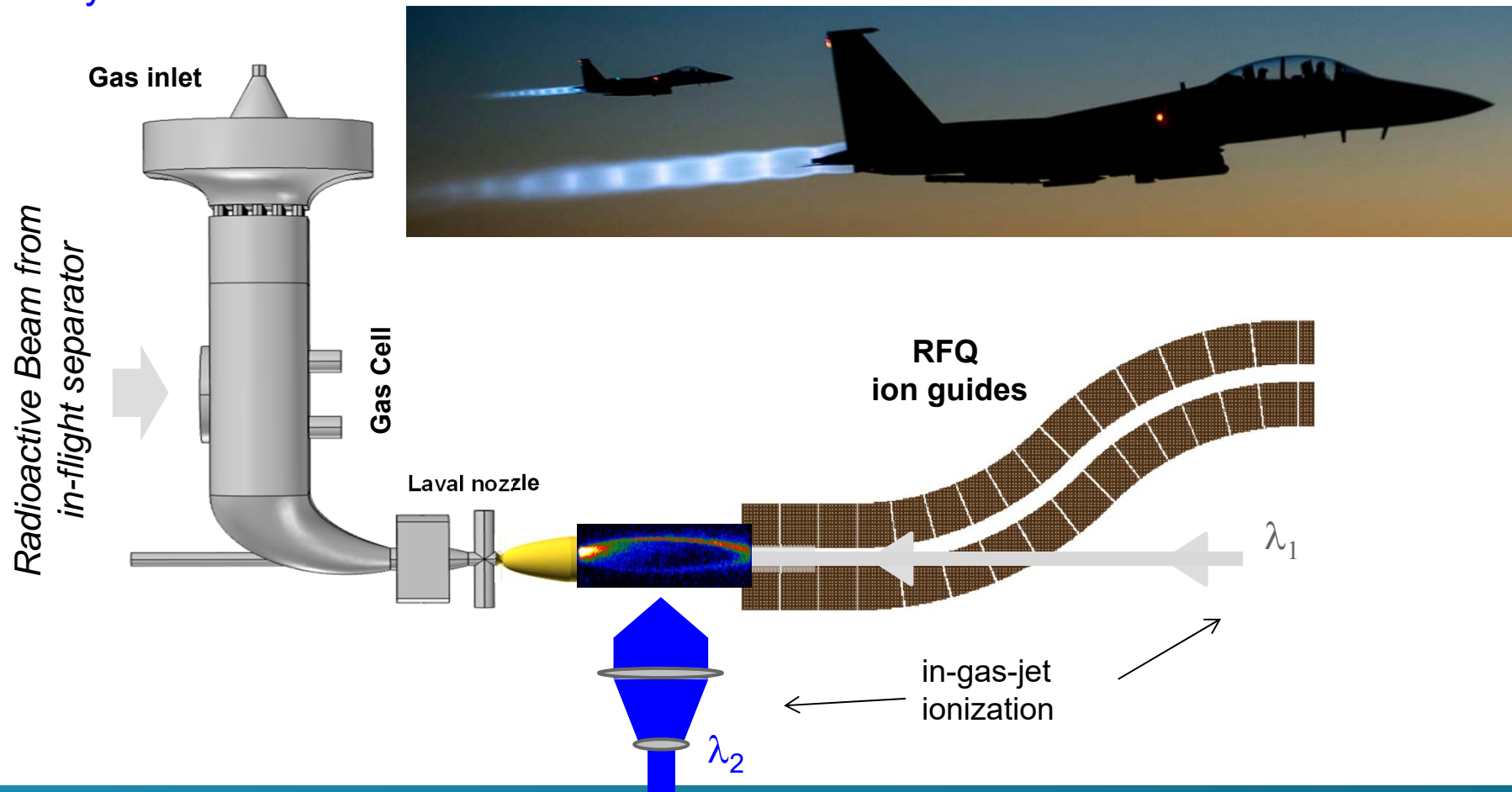
- Pressure shift and broadening
- Doppler broadening
- Ion-gas interactions



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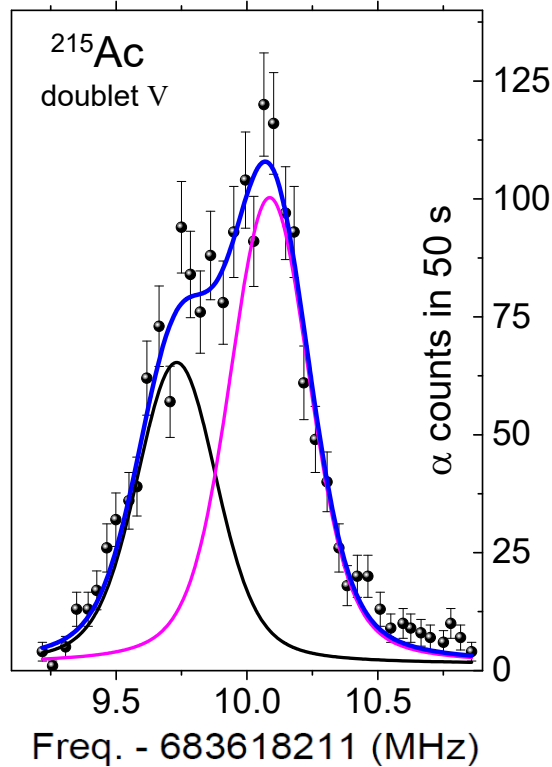
In-Gas Jet Laser Ionization Spectroscopy

- stopping in the buffer gas cell
- formation of a gas jet through a 'de Laval' nozzle
- homogenous, low-density, cold supersonic gas-jet
- transport of the ions in Radio Frequency Ion Guides \rightarrow purification/detection system

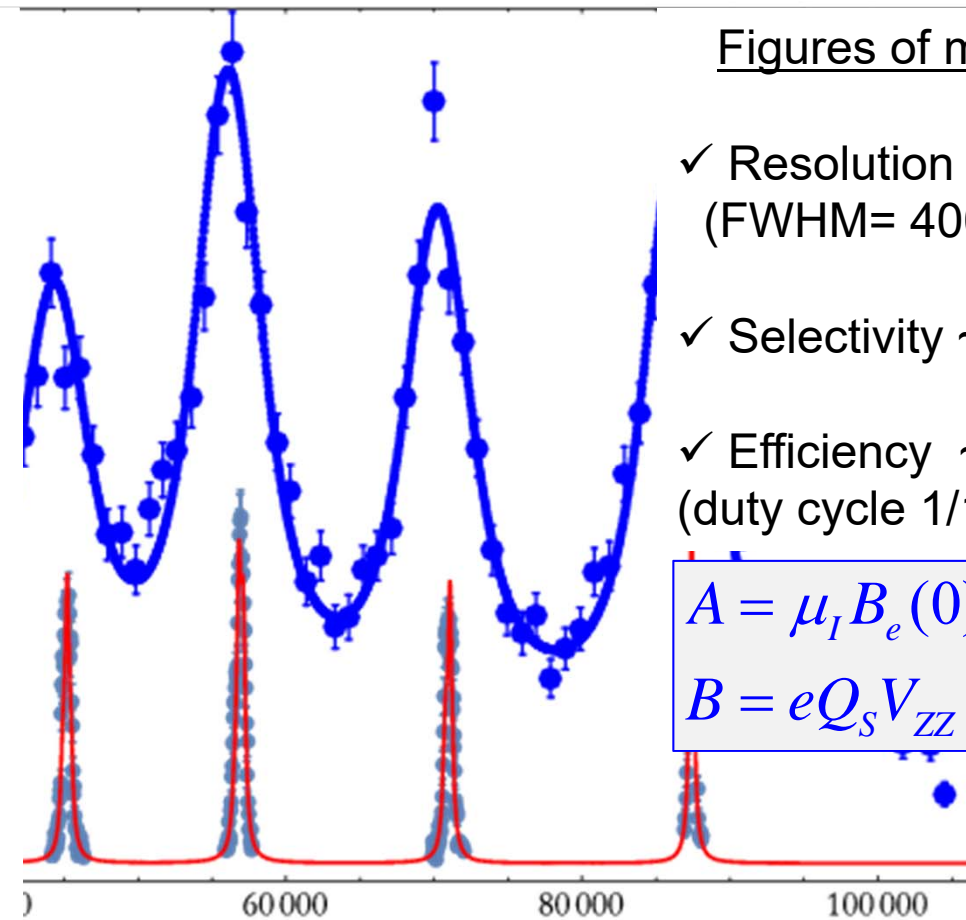


In-Gas Jet versus In-Gas Cell Laser Ionization Spectroscopy

^{215}Ac $T_{1/2} = 0.17 \text{ s}$ $J_{\pi} = (9/2^-)$



- in gas cell



- in gas jet

Figures of merit:

- ✓ Resolution $\sim 5 \cdot 10^{-7}$
(FWHM= 400 MHz)
- ✓ Selectivity ~ 200
- ✓ Efficiency $\sim 0.4\%$
(duty cycle 1/10)

$$A = \mu_I B_e(0) / (IJ)$$

$$B = eQ_S V_{ZZ}(0)$$

Nuclear Moments of $\text{Ac}^{227}\dagger$

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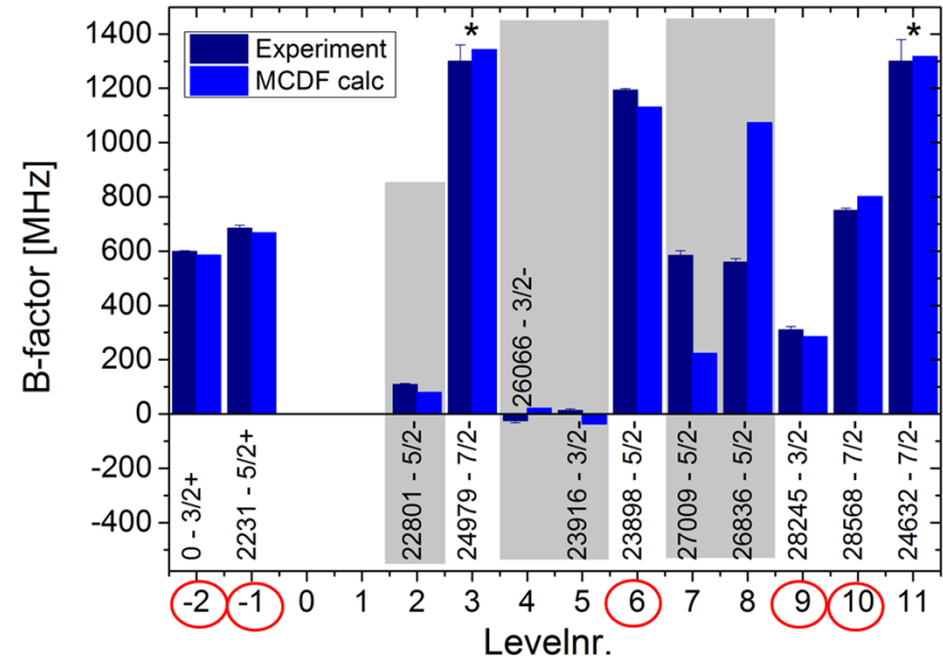
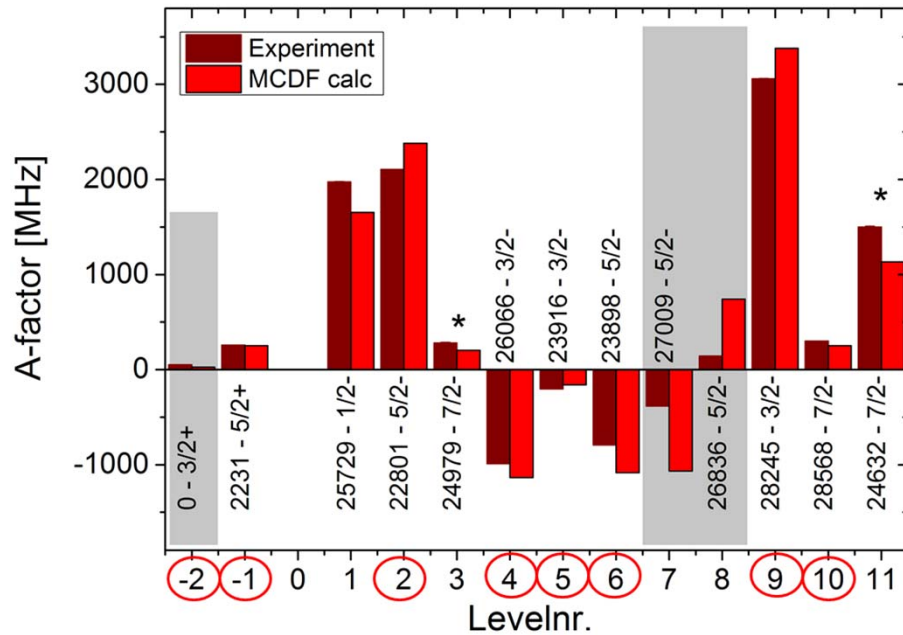
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The values derived for the moments from the conventional treatment of hfs in intermediate coupling are $+1.1 \text{ nm}$ and $-1.7 \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$. The experimental error is believed to be less than 10 percent, but it is difficult to estimate the total error because of the configuration interaction and the large relativity corrections. No correction for closed shell distortion was made.

It is hoped that improved values can be obtained, but meanwhile it appears useful to offer the present results. We should like to acknowledge helpful discussions with Dieter Kurath and R. E. Trees.

Multi-Configuration Dirac Fock atomic physics calculations: ^{227}Ac



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MCDF calculations +
experimental data on ^{227}Ac

$$\mu_{\text{lit.}} = 1.1(1) \mu_N$$

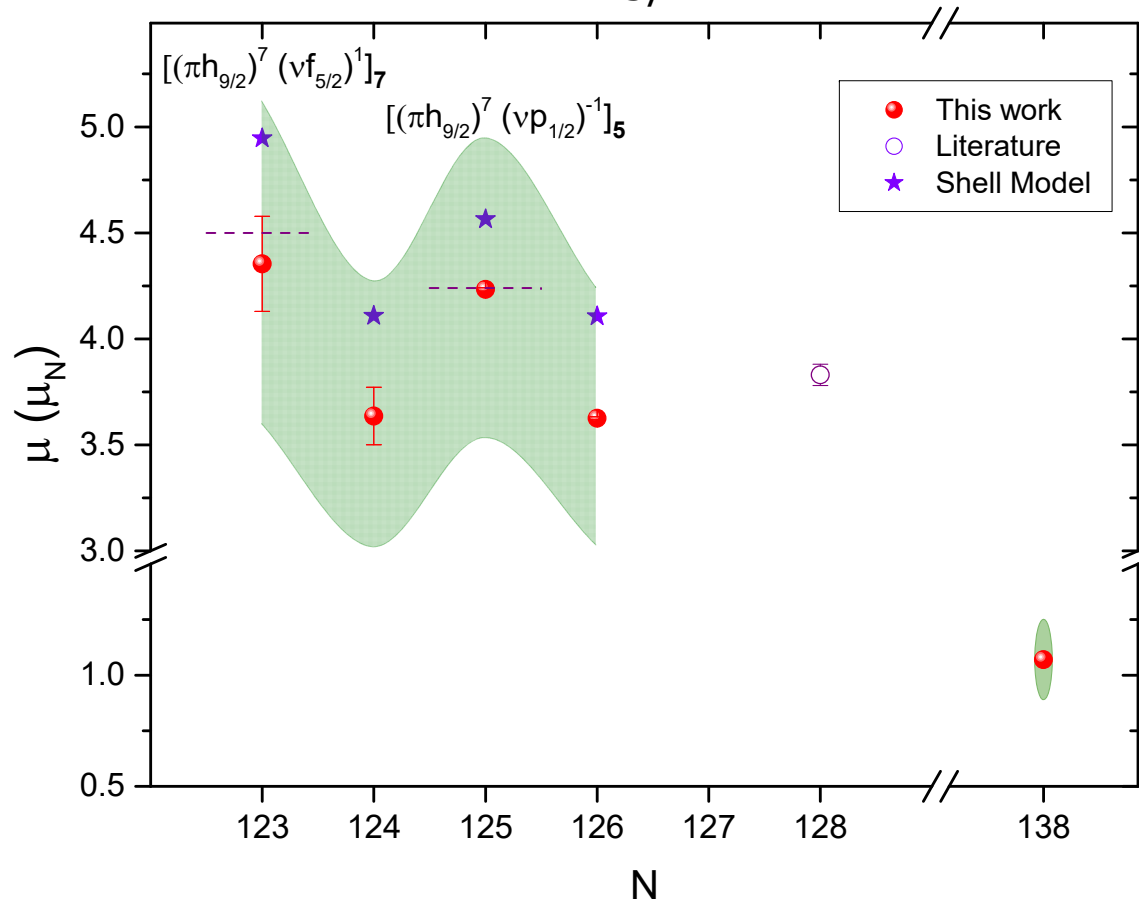
$$\mu_{\text{calc.}} = 1.07(18) \mu_N$$

$$Q_{\text{lit.}} = 1.7(2) \text{ eb}$$

$$Q_{\text{calc.}} = 1.74(10) \text{ eb}$$

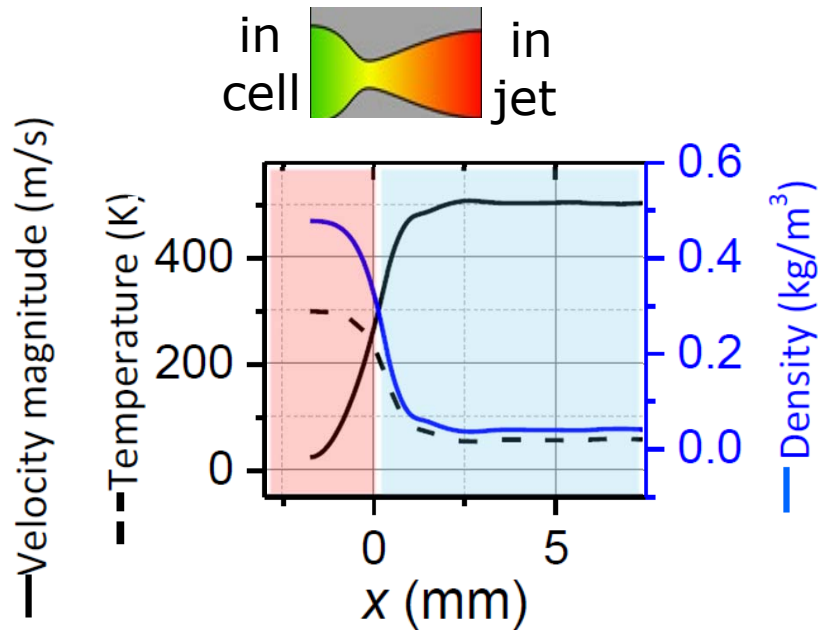
Magnetic dipole moments and electrical quadrupole moments

$$\mu_{\text{exp.}} = \frac{A^{\text{exp.}} \cdot I^{\text{exp.}}}{A^{227} \cdot 3/2} \cdot \mu_{\text{calc.}}^{227}$$



- Shell model calc. are in good agreement with experimental quadrupole moments (using atom. physics input) and magnetic dipole moments
- ^{208}Pb good core for shell model predictions (N=126)

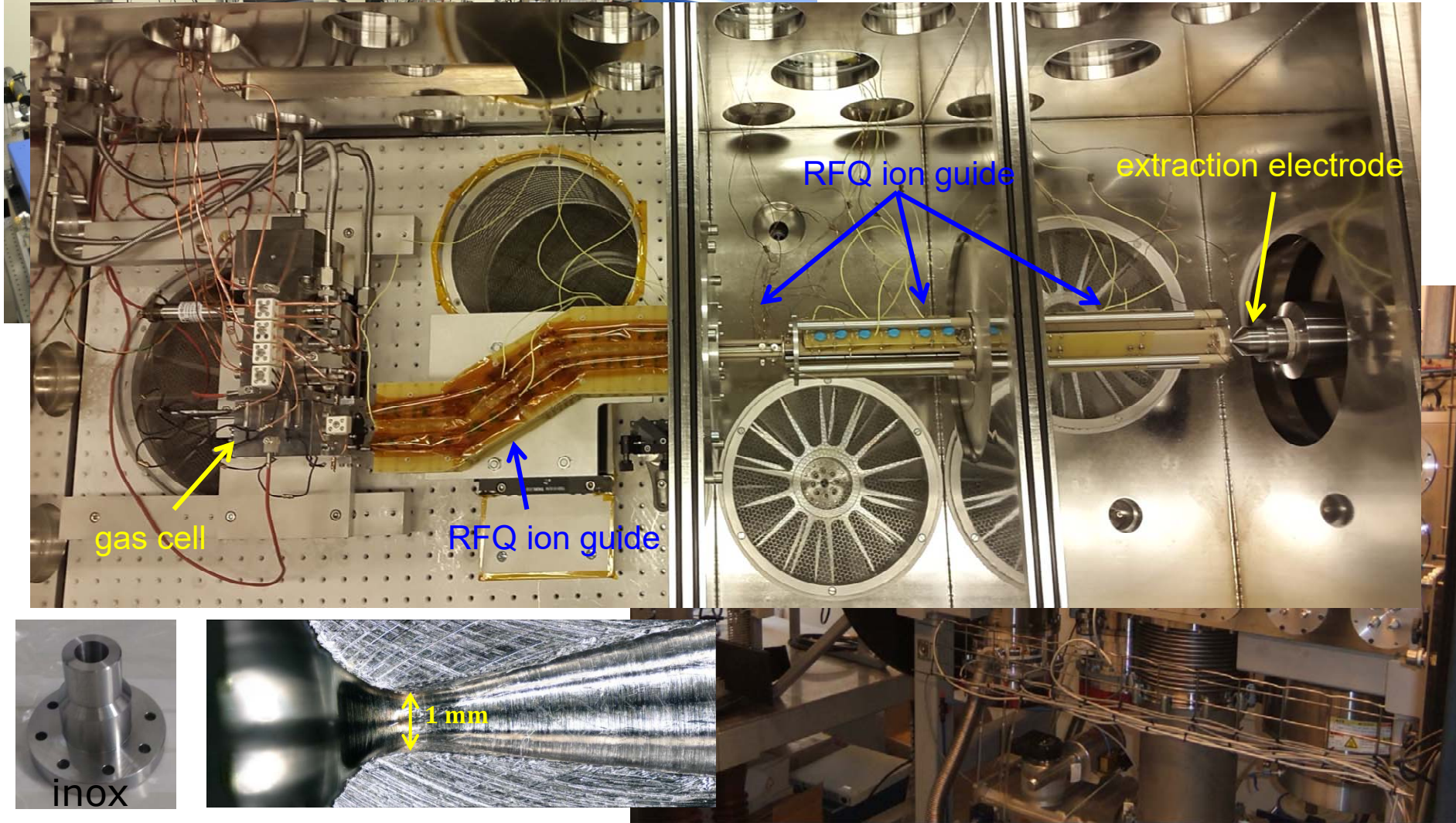
In-Gas Jet: Expected Performances



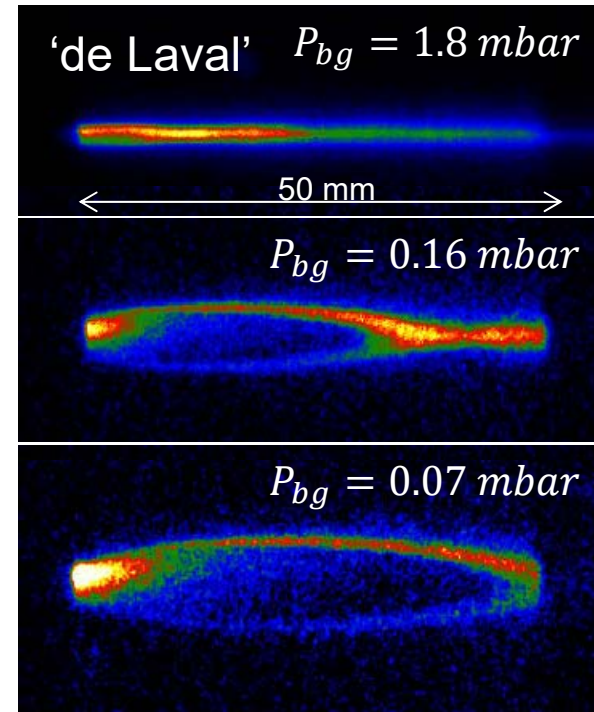
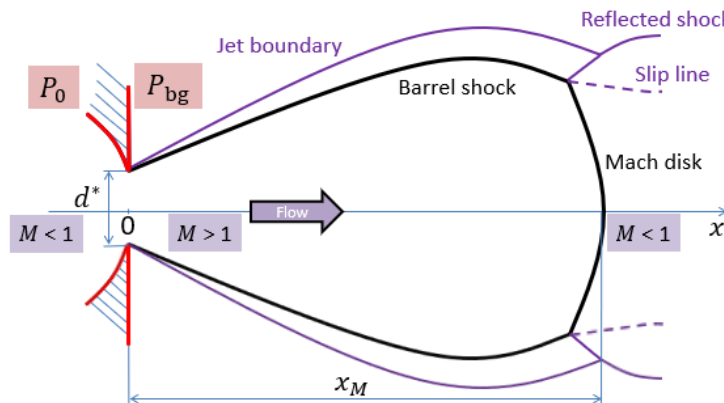
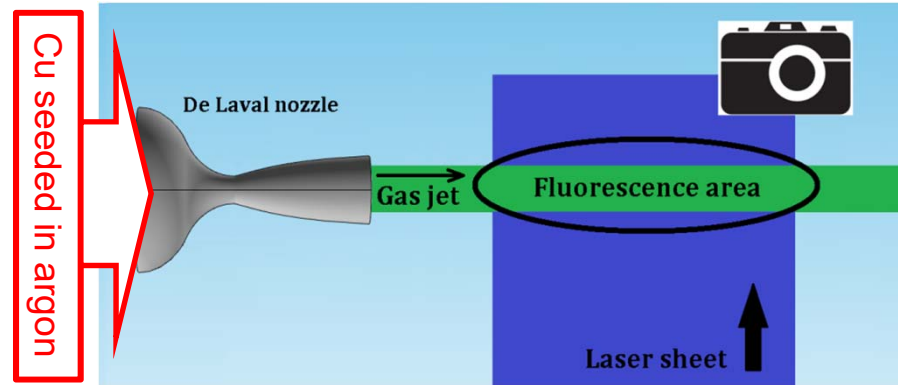
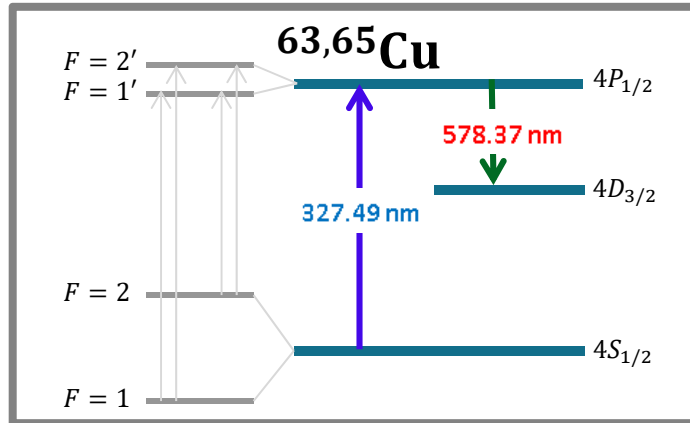
- collisions $\Delta\vartheta_{\rho} \sim \left(\frac{T_{jet}}{T_{293K}}\right)^{0.3} * \rho_{jet}$
- temperature $\Delta\vartheta_{Doppler} \sim \vartheta_0 \sqrt{T_{jet}/A}$

	Gas cell	Gas jet	Gas jet (projected)
Linewidth (FWHM), MHz	5800	394	~ 100
Efficiency, %	0.42	0.40	> 10

- ✓ Laser system (10 kHz rep. rate)
- ✓ New gas cell design
- ✓ Gas-jet properties with nozzles
- ✓ RFQ Ion Guides

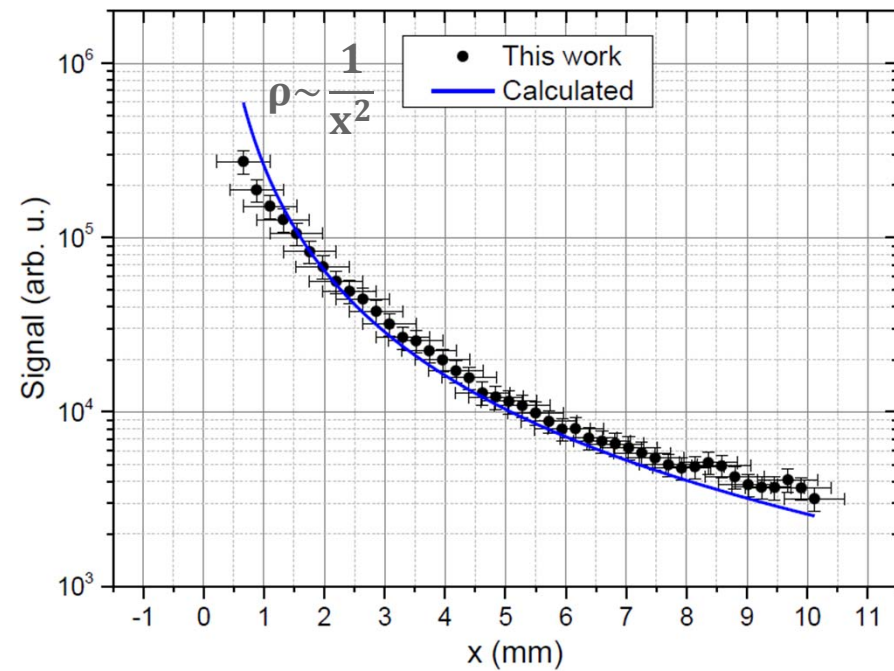
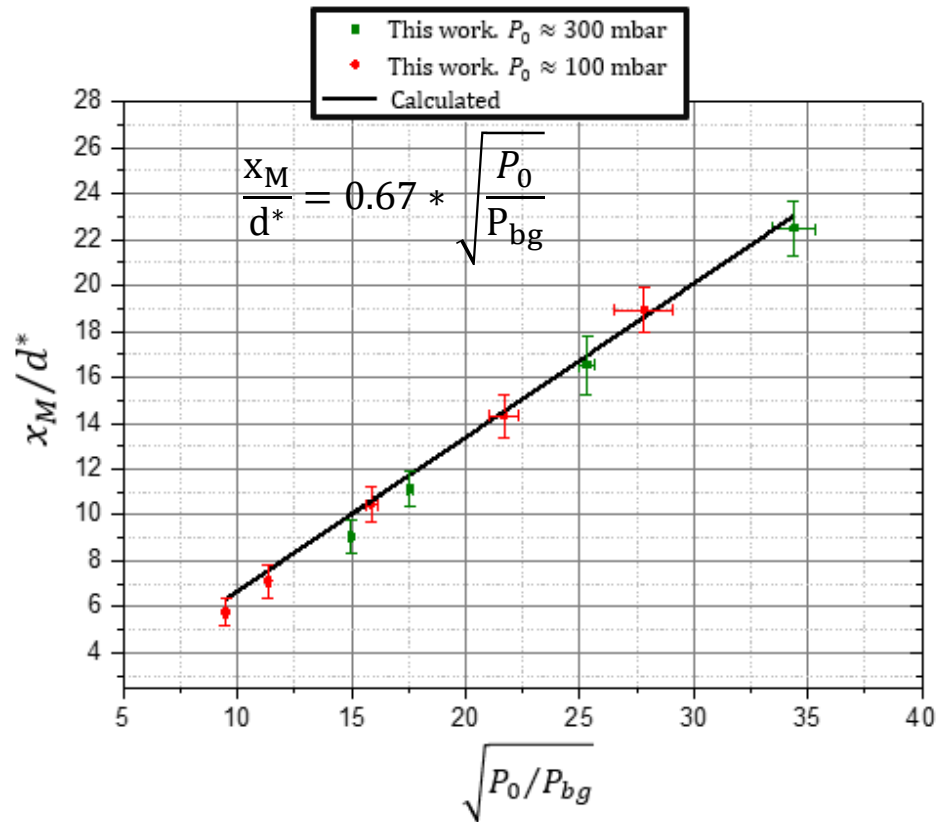


- Planar Laser Induced Fluorescence (PLIF) - technique
 → temperature, velocity and density jet 'maps'



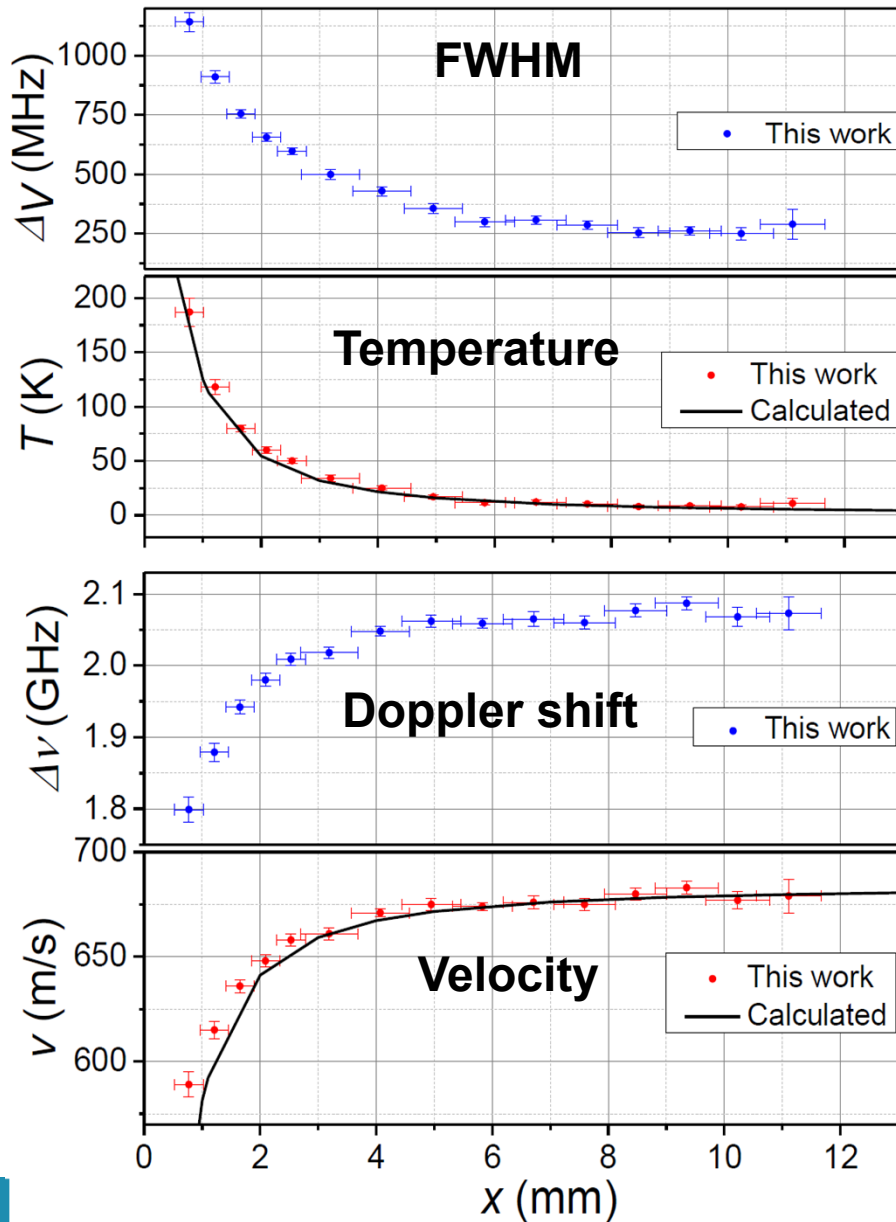
Validation of PLIF-spectroscopy – Free Gas Jet

Mach disk position and density drop in the expansion zone

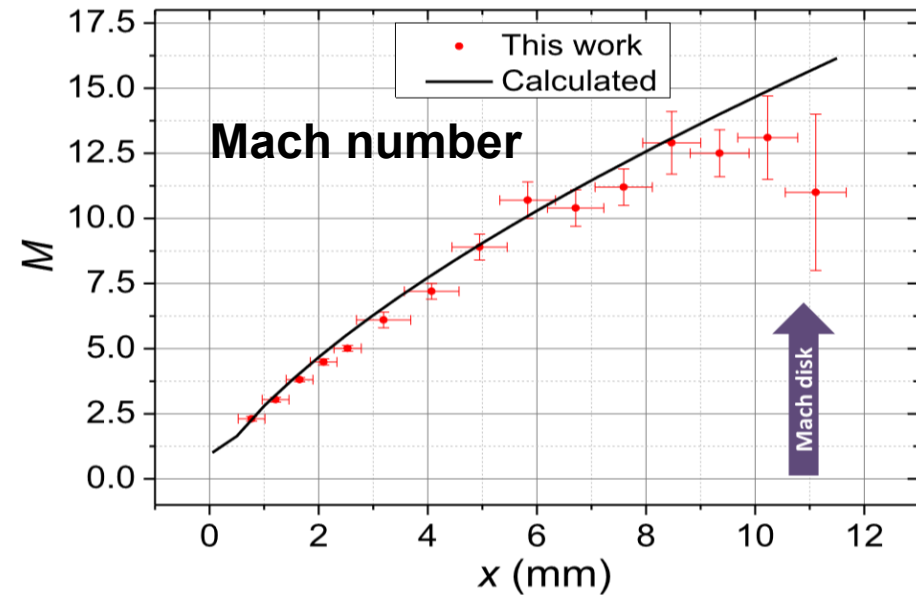


Validation of PLIF-spectroscopy – Free Gas Jet

Narrow-band laser spectroscopy on $^{63,65}\text{Cu}$

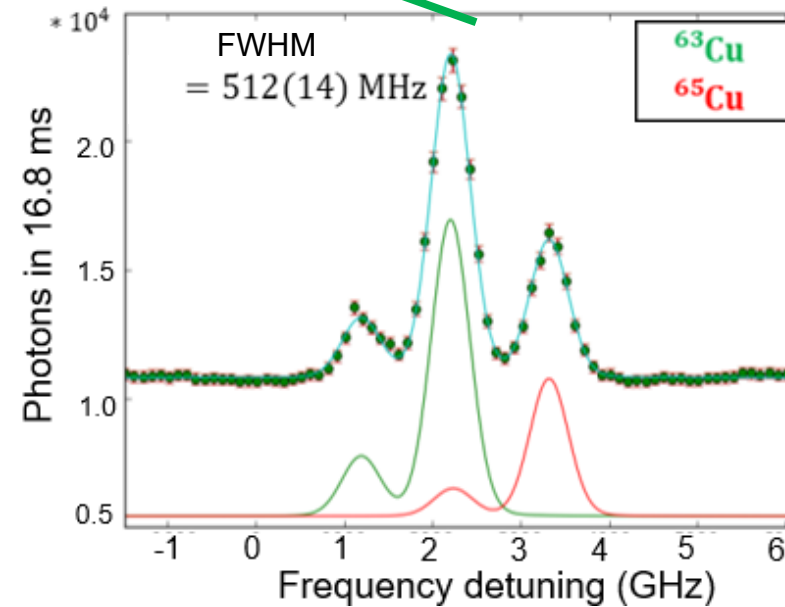
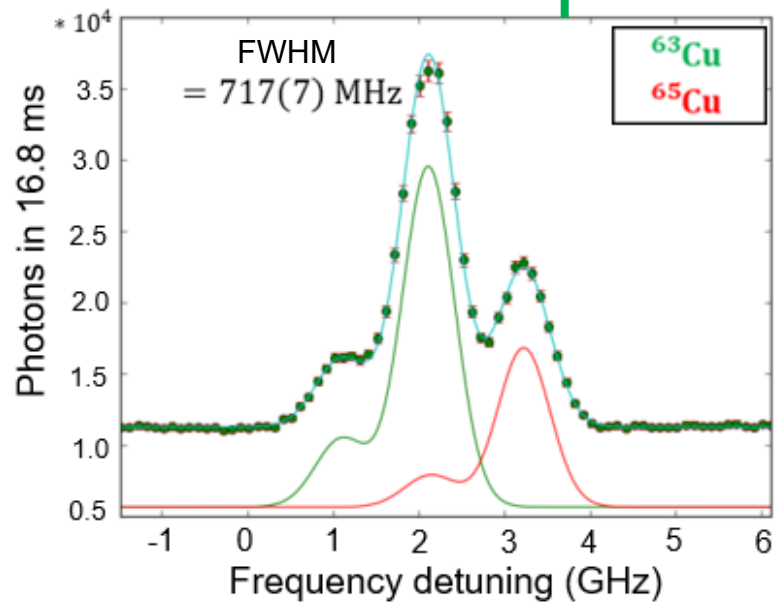
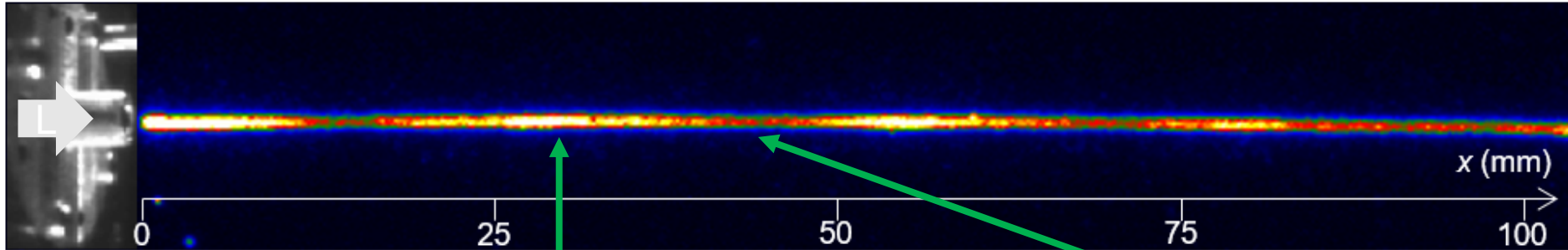


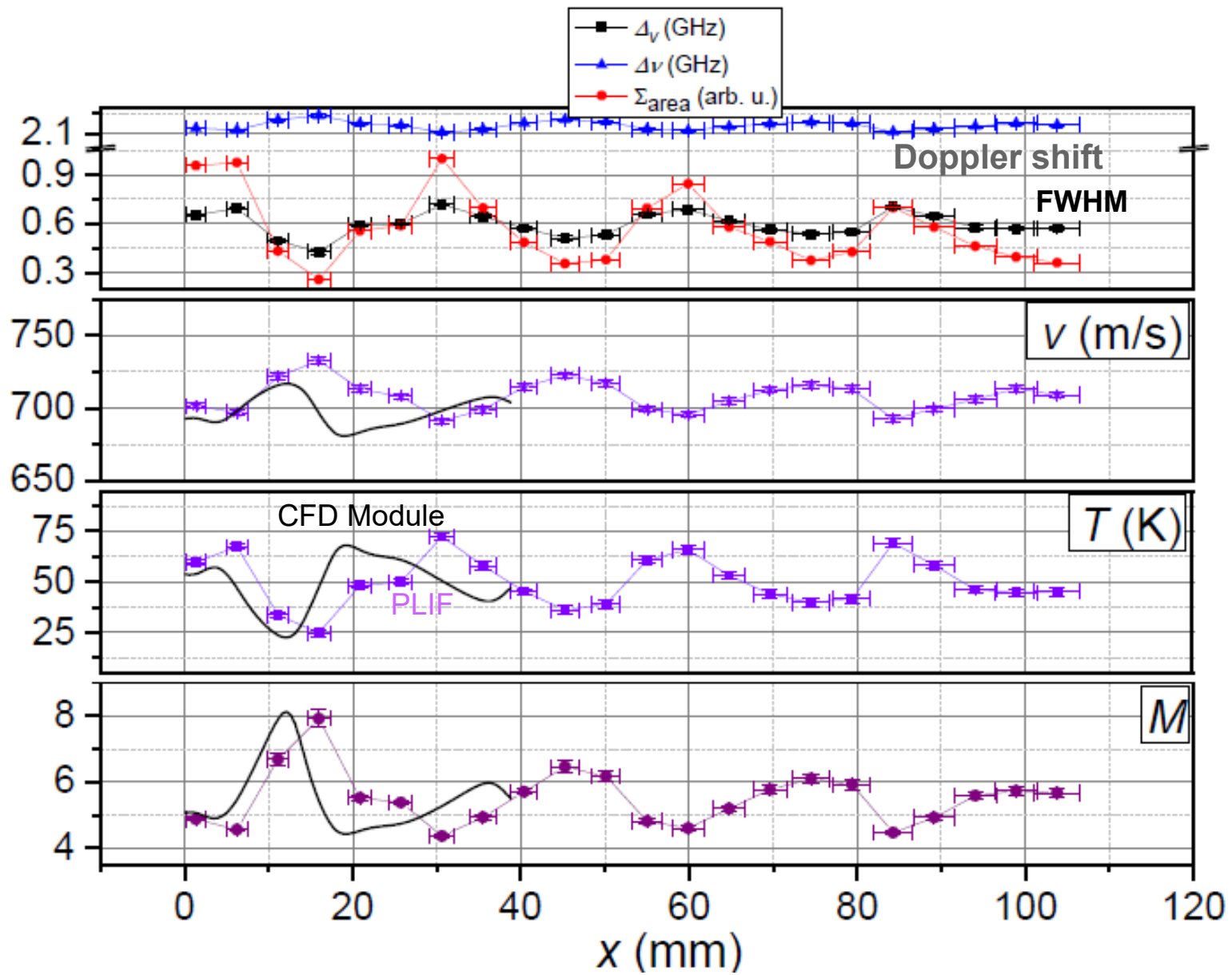
$$M = \frac{\text{flow velocity}}{\text{velocity of sound}(\leftarrow \text{temperature})}$$



Jets formed by de Laval nozzle

Narrowband PLIF-spectroscopy of $^{63,65}\text{Cu}$
Central line of underexpanded jet ($P_{\text{bg}} < P_{\text{opt}}$)

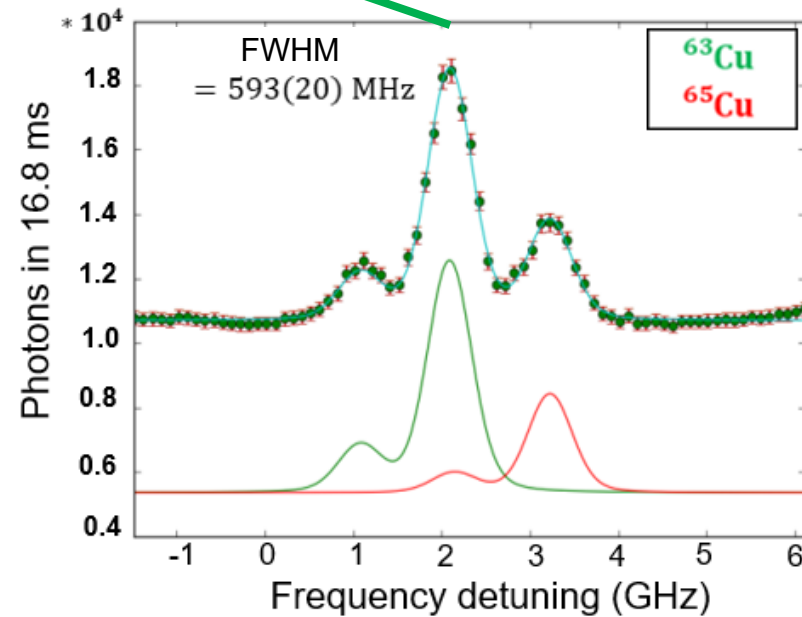
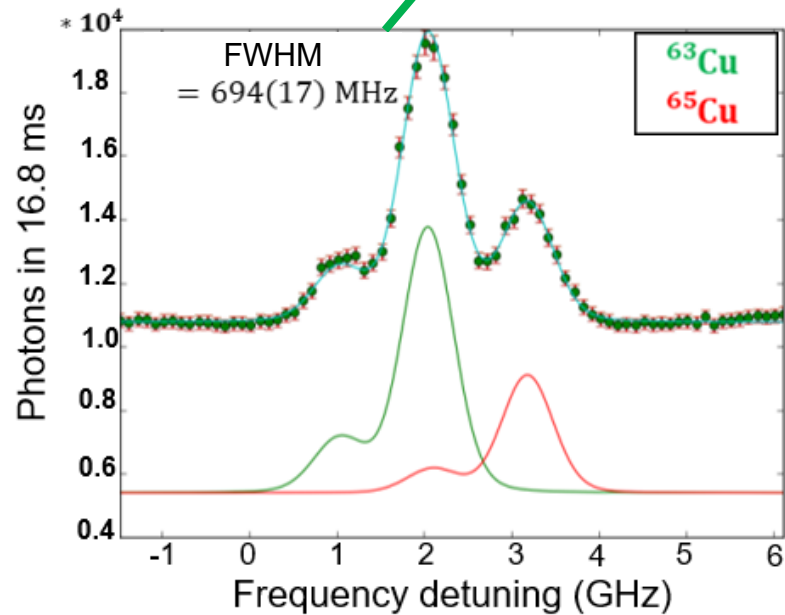
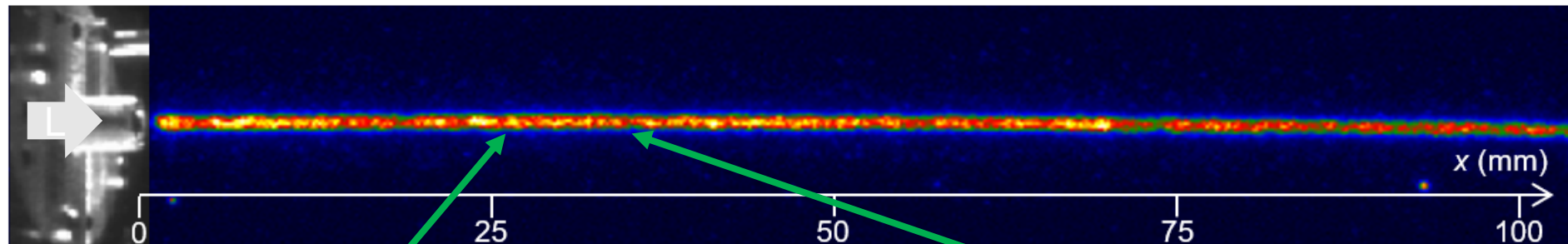


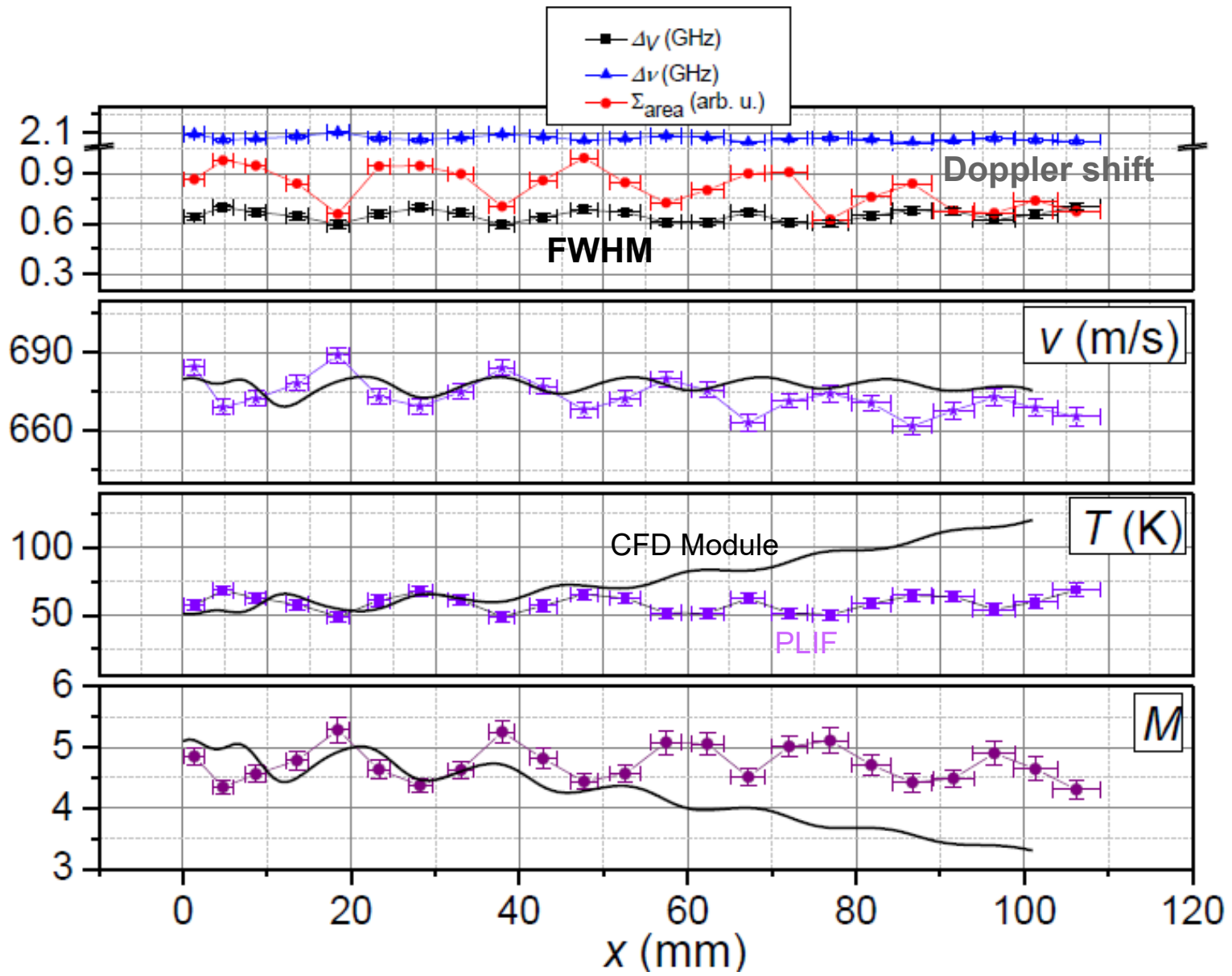


Jets formed by de Laval nozzle

Narrowband PLIF-spectroscopy of $^{63,65}\text{Cu}$

Central line of quasiuniform ($P_{\text{bg}} \sim P_{\text{opt}}$)





Expected performances

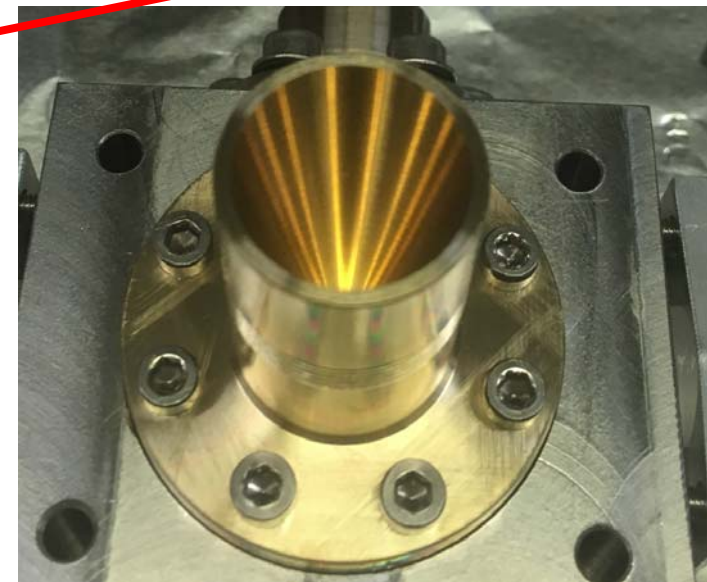
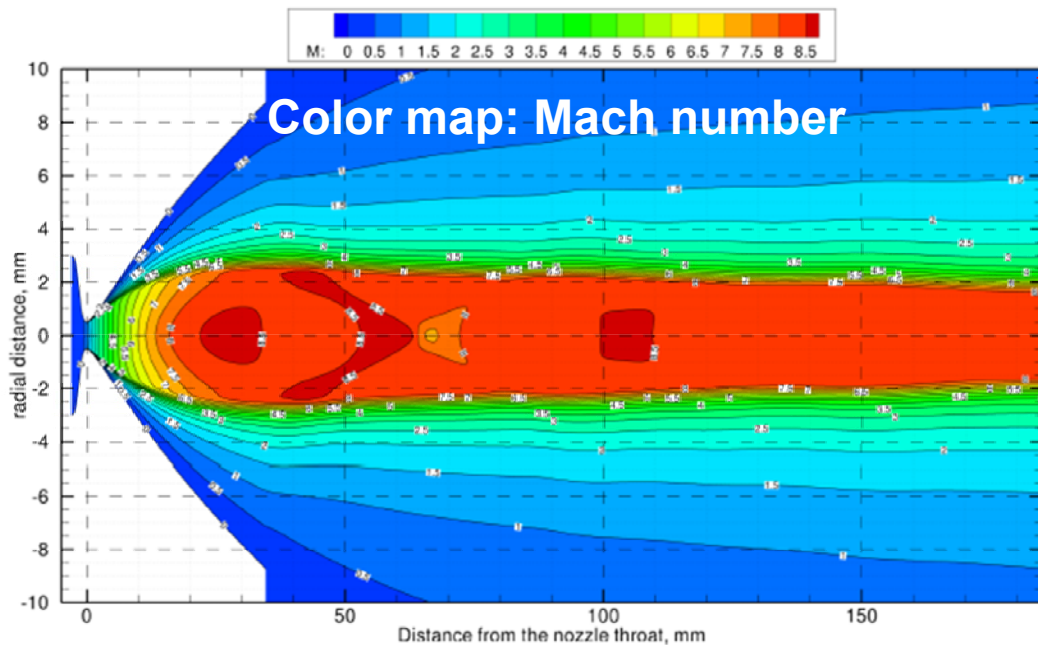
Isotope	Electronic transition	T_0 (K)	Mach	T (K)	$\Delta\nu_{\text{Doppler}}$ (MHz)
^{63}Cu	$4s^2 S_{1/2} \rightarrow 4p^2 P_{1/2}$ 327.40 nm	~ 465	6.7	29	450
^{63}Cu	$4s^2 S_{1/2} \rightarrow 4p^2 P_{1/2}$ 327.40 nm	300	6.7	19	360
^{253}No	$7s^2 \ ^1S_0 \rightarrow 7s7p \ ^1P_1$ 333.76 nm	300	6.7	19	175
^{253}No	$7s^2 \ ^1S_0 \rightarrow 7s7p \ ^1P_1$ 333.76 nm	300	8.5	12	140

2. Heavier elements

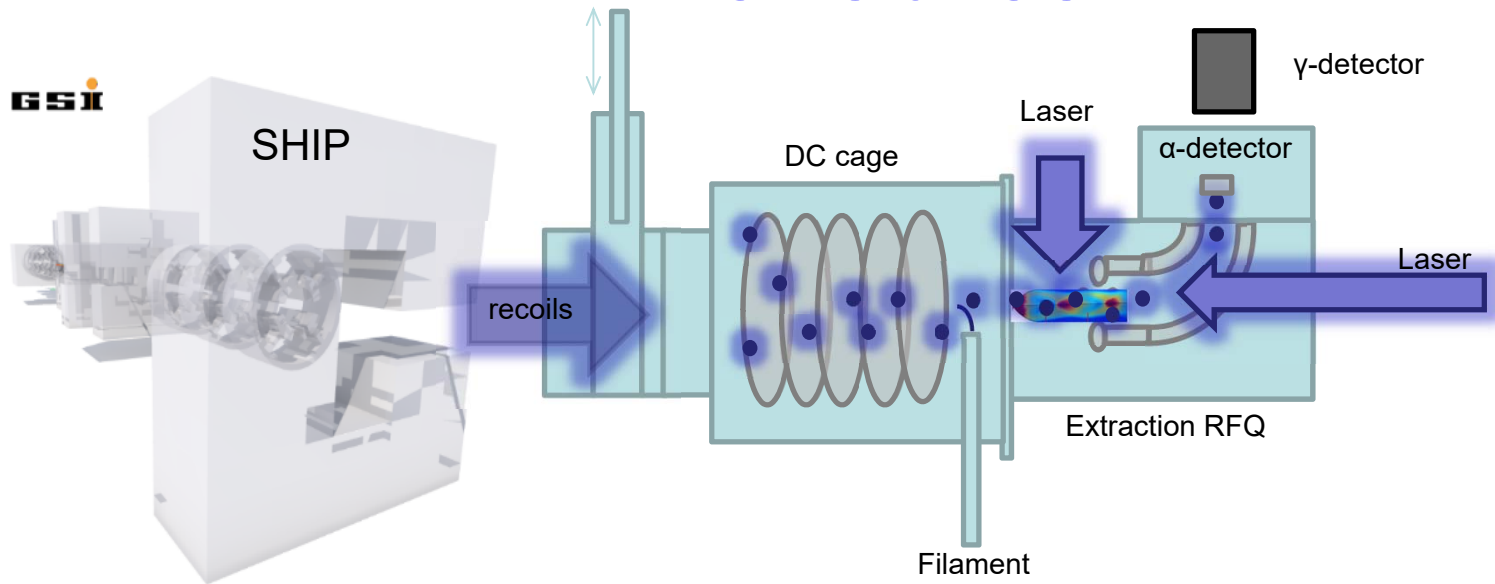
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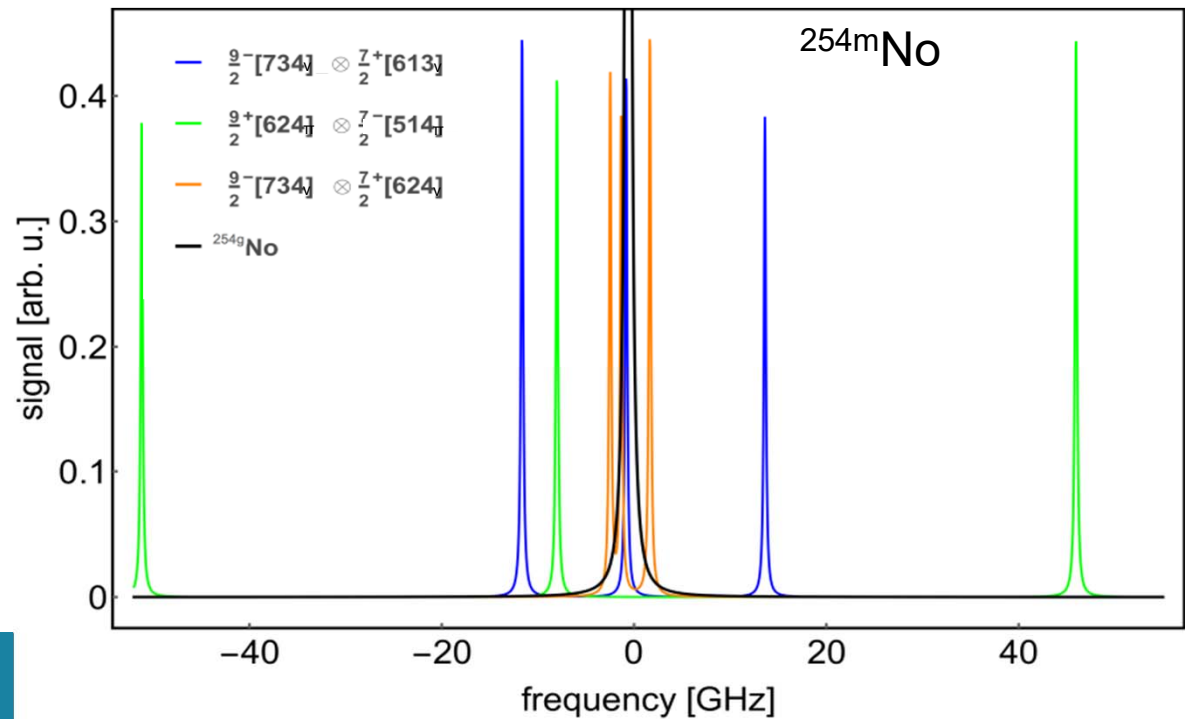
3. Higher Mach numbers



IGLIS at GSI

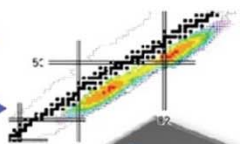


- In-Gas jet spectroscopy
 - filament neutralization for nobelium \rightarrow RADRIS



IGLIS at GANIL

Spiral2



Existing
experimental
halls

Experimental hall
with exotic nuclei
at low energy (DESIR)

Experimental hall
Super Separator
Spectrometer (S³)

Experimental hall
Neutrons For Science (NFS)

Linear Supraconductor
Accelerator LINAC

E = 14.5 A MeV for ions A/q = 3
E = 40 MeV for deuterons
E = 33 MeV for protons

RFQ

Deuteron - Proton source
5 mA

ECR Source

Heavy ions
A/q = 3, 1 mA

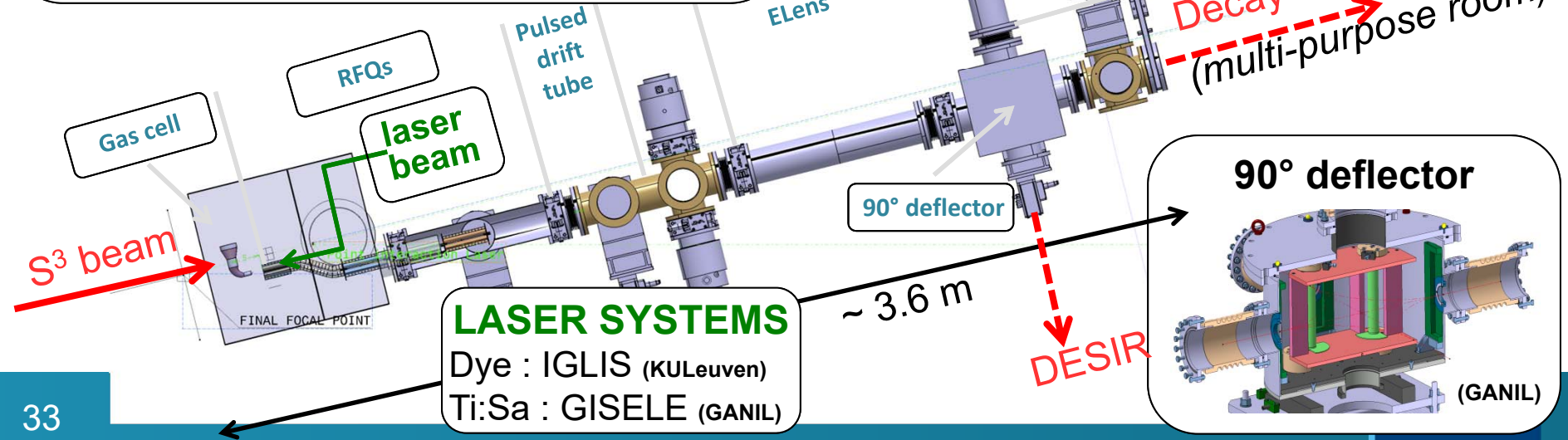
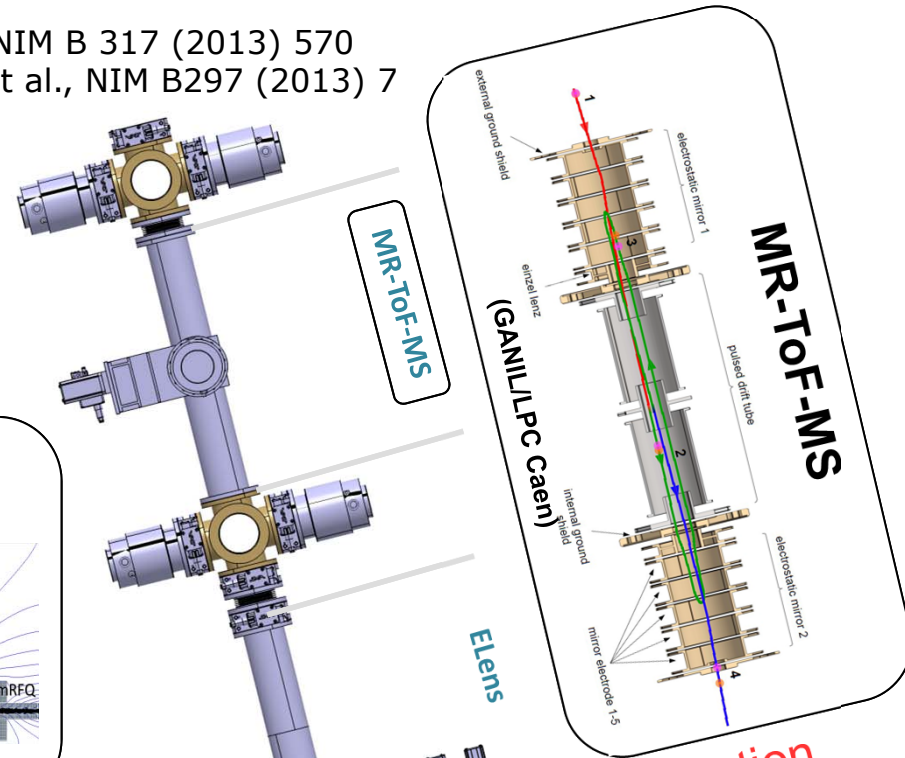
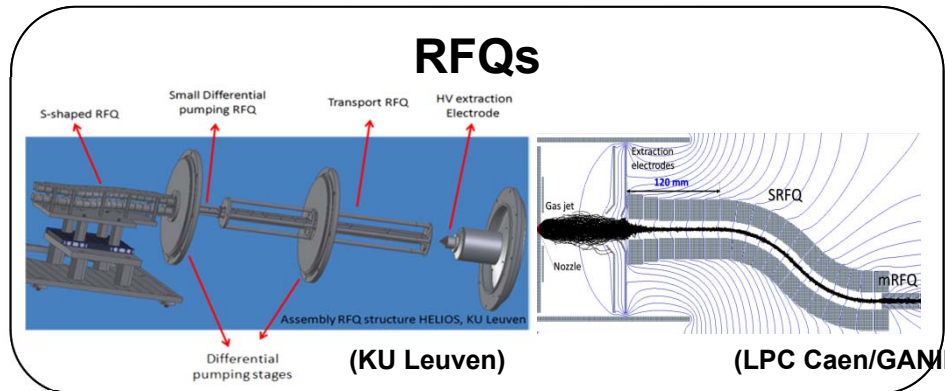
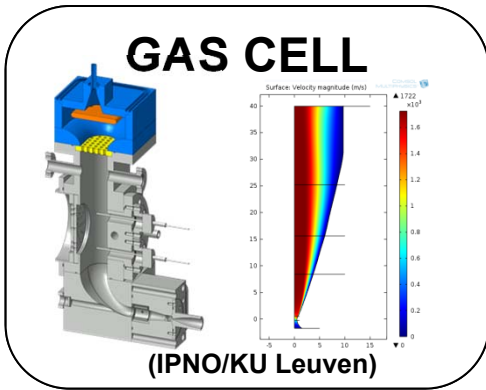
Target-Source Ensemble

C Converter + UC_x Target
≤ 10¹⁴ fissions/s

- High-intensity heavy ion beams:
e.g. ⁴⁸Ca: >10 pμA
- Production of exotic nuclei using heavy-ion fusion evaporation reactions
- Super Separator Spectrometer: S3
- Coupling with the In-Gas Laser Ionization Spectroscopy concept

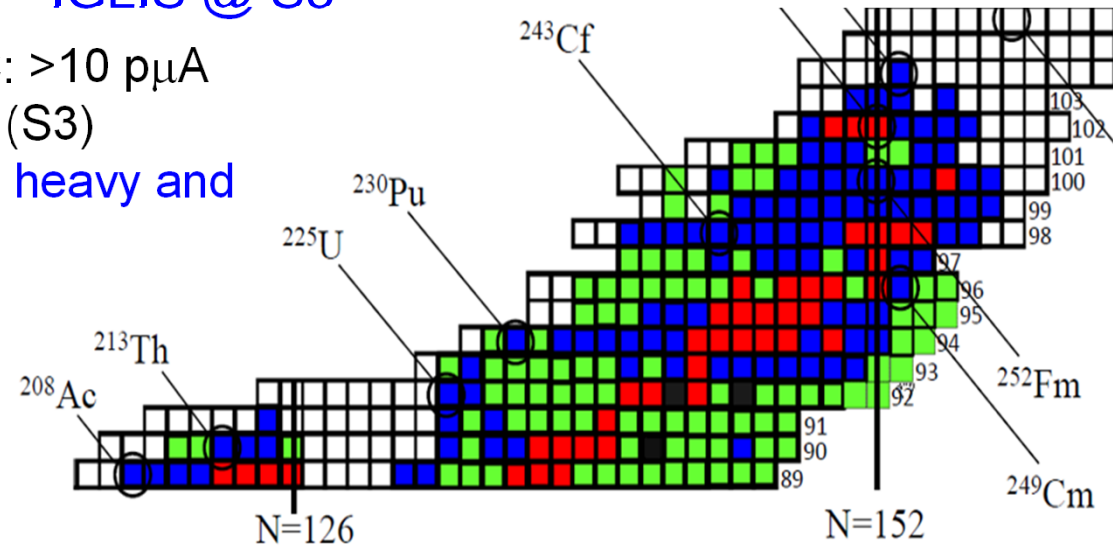
S³-Low Energy Branch - general layout

R. Ferrer et al., NIM B 317 (2013) 570
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IGLIS @ S3

- High intensity heavy-ion LINAC: $>10 \text{ p}\mu\text{A}$
- Super Separator Spectrometer (S3)
- $N=Z$ nuclei (towards ^{100}Sn) and heavy and Super Heavy Elements



Conclusion – Outlook

- In-gas jet Laser Ionization Spectroscopy: a new tool to study the heavy element region
 - improved spectral resolution and efficiency
- Production of pure (isomerically), heavy element beams for further studies
- Implementation of IGLIS at GSI and GANIL
 - new atomic and nuclear physics information of the heaviest elements

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