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# Mass measurements of N = Z nuclei (from Zr to Ag)

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## Outline

- ✓ Motivation of mass measurements of  $N \sim Z$  nuclei
- ✓ Mass measurements with the **JYFLTRAP&MR-TOF @ IGISOL**
- ✓ Mass measurements with the **Bro-TOF and storage ring (R3) at RIKEN (Brief)**
- ✓ Mass measurements with the **FRS Ion Catcher MR-TOF @ GSI (Brief)**
- ✓ Opportunities of  $N=Z$  nuclei mass measurements at **GANIL-SPIRAL2-DESIR (from Zr to Ag)**
- ✓ Summary and Outlook

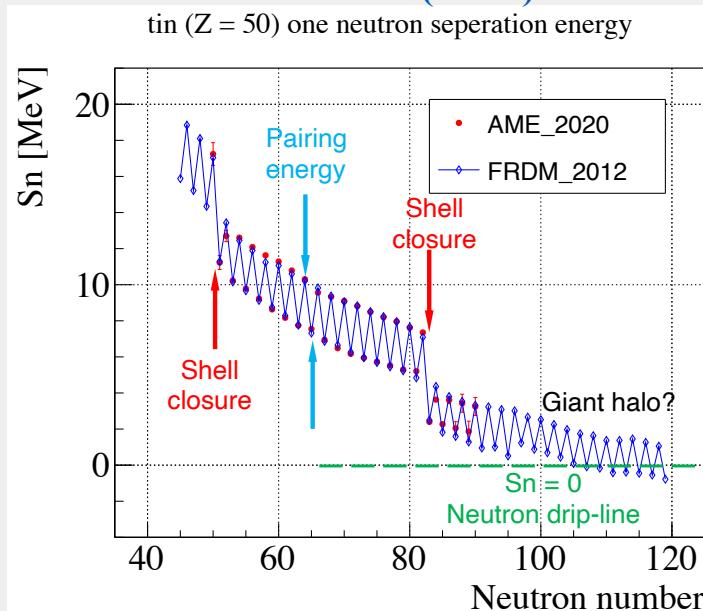


# Motivation of mass measurements of N~Z nuclei



## Nuclear structure&fundamental physics

1. Wigner energy/ np pairing
2. Mapping proton drip-line
3.  $^{94}\text{Ag}(21^+)$  2p/p decay puzzle
4. Isospin symmetry breaking/IMME
5. Deformation/Doubly-magic ( $\text{N}=\text{Z}=40, 50$ )
6. Test of mass models
7. Shell closures and evolution
8. New isomers
9. Standard model tests (CVC)



## Nuclear Astrophysics

- vp-, rp-process
- (waiting point, Zr-Nb cycle)
- abundance of P-nuclei
- ( $^{92,94}\text{Mo}$  and  $^{96,98}\text{Ru}, ^{84}\text{Sr}$  isotopes)



For example:  
Rp process

### X-ray burst

J. Grindlay et al., *Astrophys. J.* 205 (1976) L127.

time-scale  $\propto e^{(Q/kT)} / A(Q)$   
isotope production  $\propto A(Q) \cdot e^{(Q/kT)}$   
energy production  $\propto A(Q) \cdot Q \cdot e^{(Q/kT)}$   
**Common parameter: Q (mass difference)**

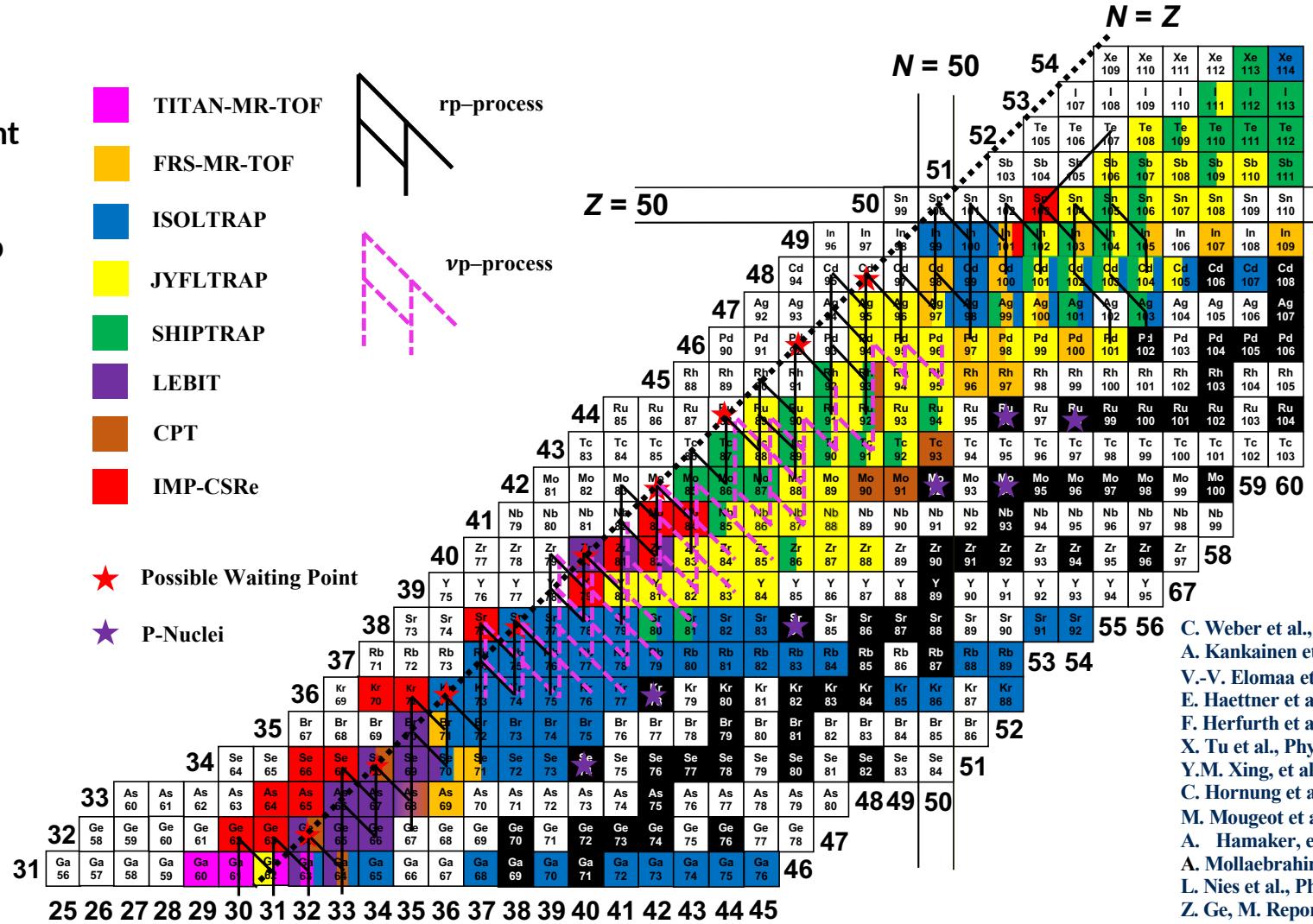
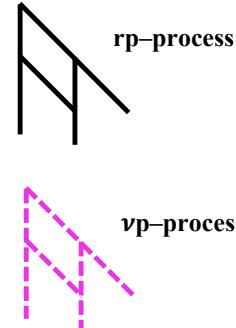


# Status of masses measurements along N=Z line

Measurement techniques:

- █ TITAN-MR-TOF
- █ FRS-MR-TOF
- █ ISOLTRAP
- █ JYFLTRAP
- █ SHIPTRAP
- █ LEBIT
- █ CPT
- █ IMP-CSRe

Penning trap MR-TOF  
Storage ring



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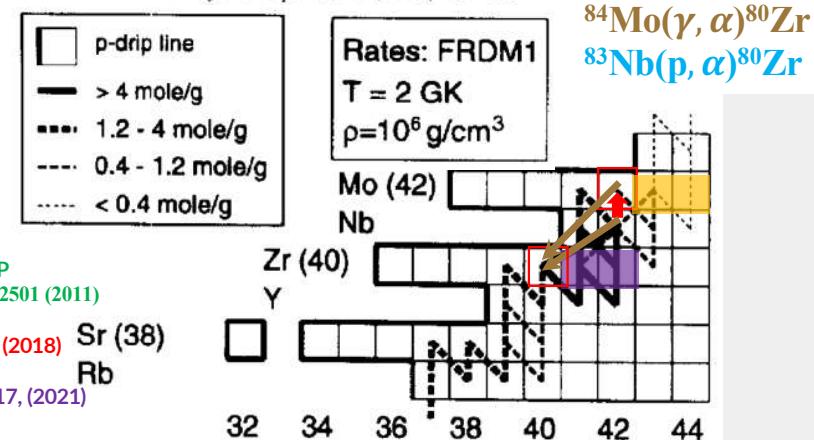
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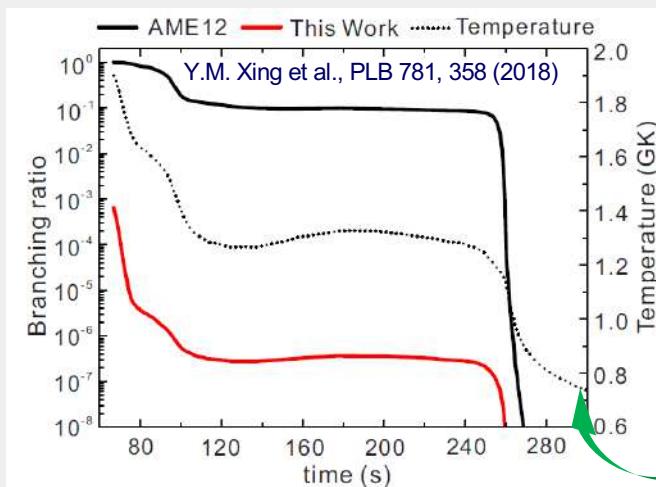
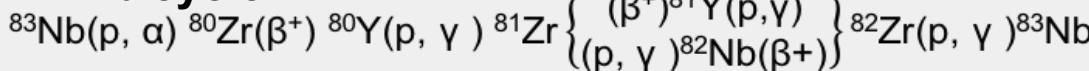
# Impact on rp-process

H. Schatz et al. / Physics Reports 294 (1998) 167–263



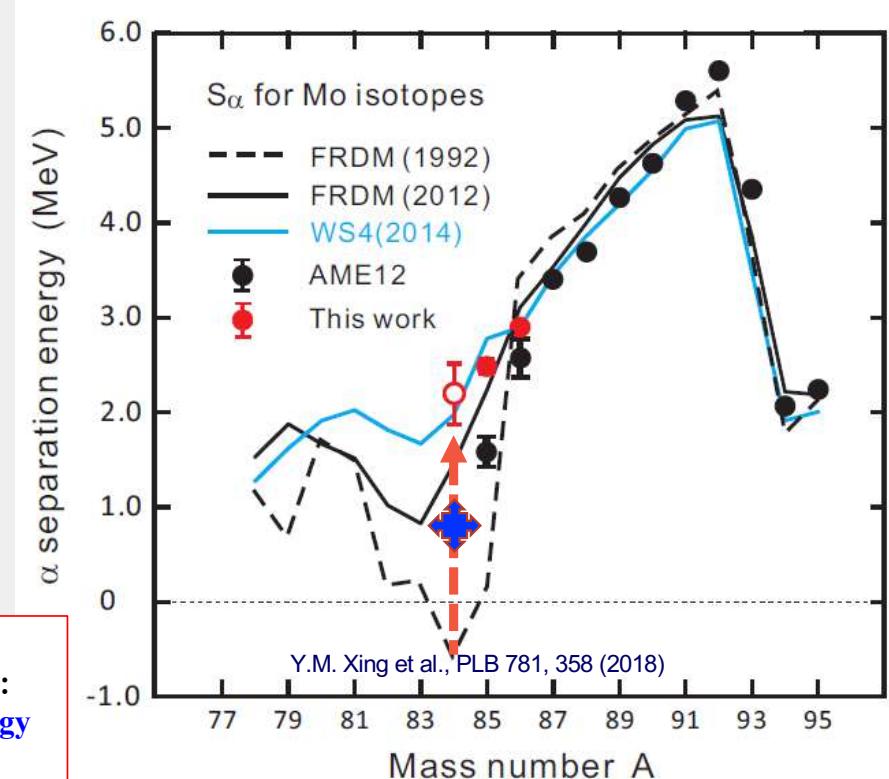
$^{85}\text{Mo}$ : By SHIPTRAP  
E. Haettner et al., PRL 106, 122501 (2011)  
 $^{81-82}\text{Zr}$ : By CSR/IMP  
Y.M. Xing et al., PLB 781, 358 (2018)  
 $^{80}\text{Zr}$ : LEBIT/MSU,  
A. Hamaker, et al., Nat. Phys. 17, (2021)

## Zr-Nb cycle:



low alpha separation island:  
α separation energy of  $^{84}\text{Mo}$

## Mass of $^{84}\text{Mo}$ needed for determination of α separation energy of $^{84}\text{Mo}$

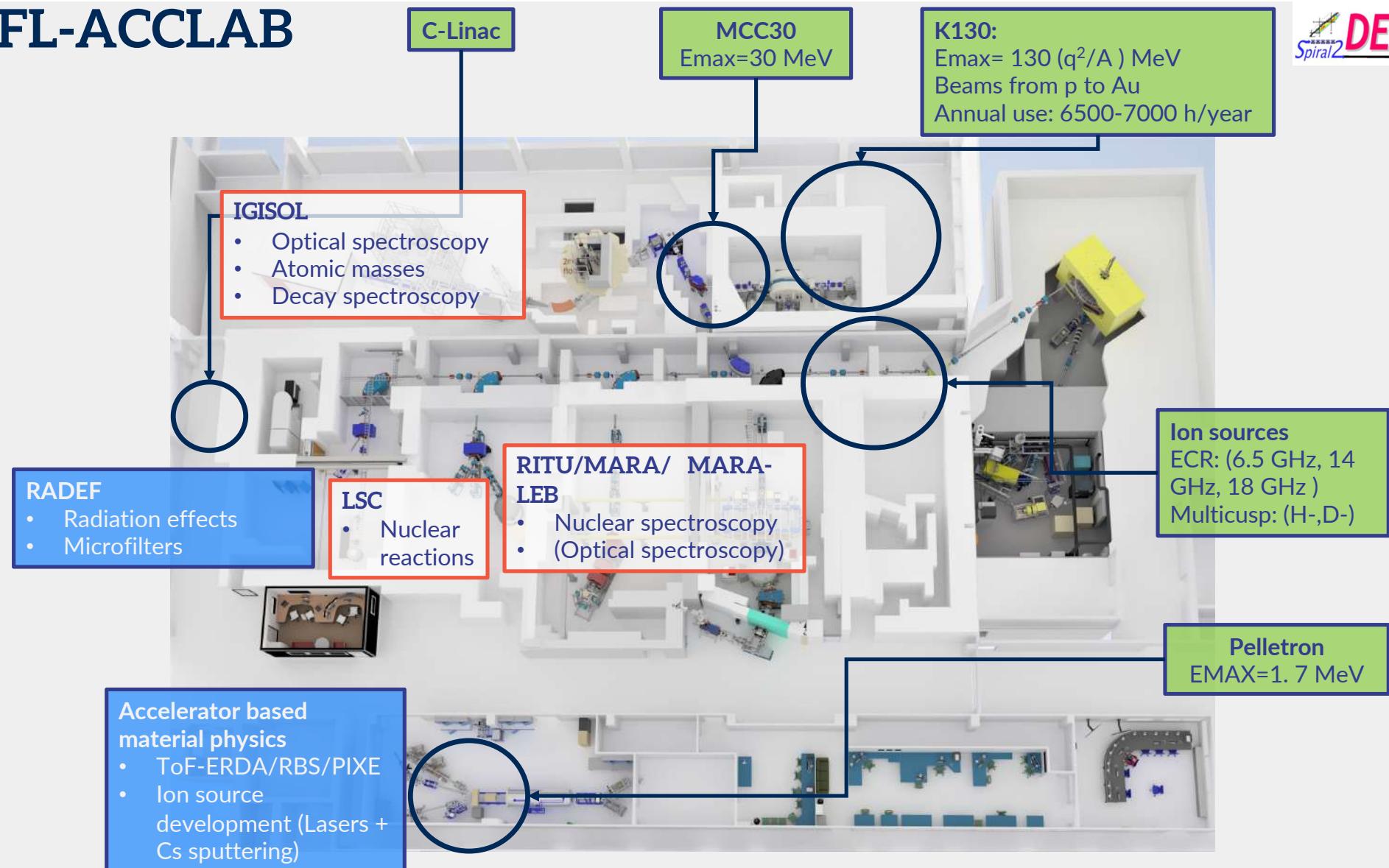


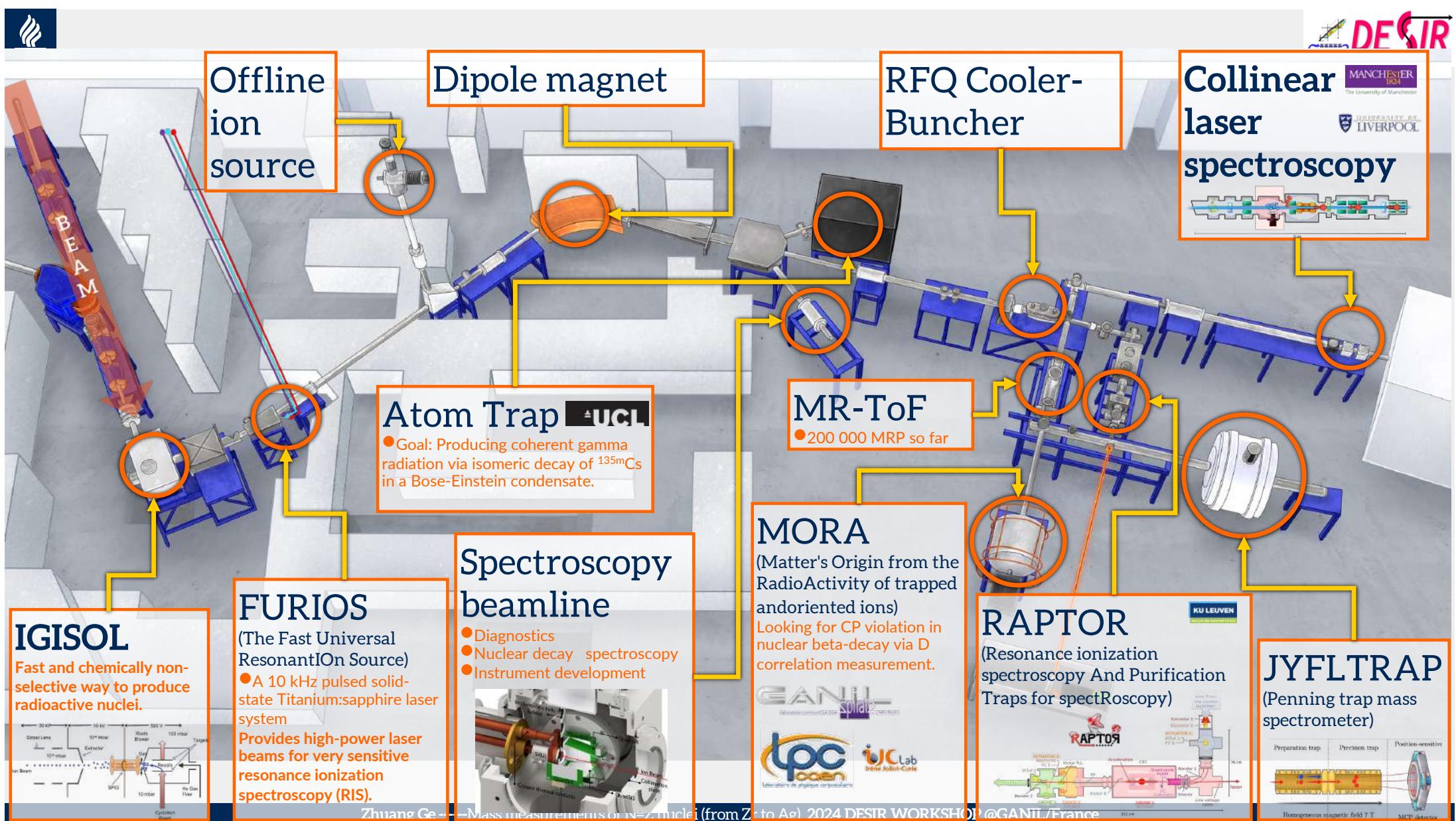
masses of  $^{83,84}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{82}\text{Nb}$ ,  $^{83}\text{Nb}$ , would redefine fraction of the reaction flow branching into the Zr–Nb cycle



# JYFL-ACCLAB

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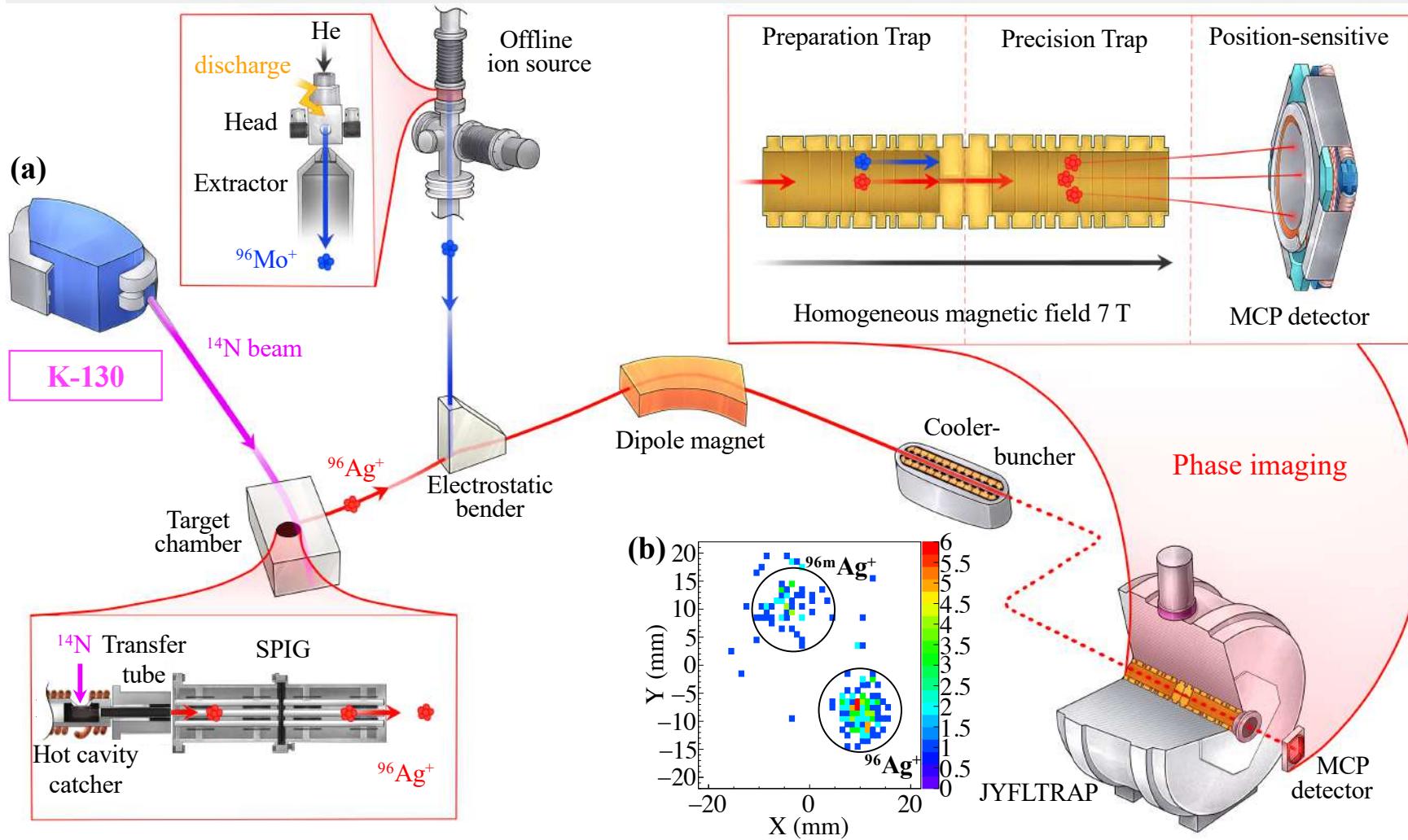






# The Ion Guide Isotope Separator On-Line facility (IGISOL)

Spiral2 DESIR



- ❖ Production of N=Z nuclei and the vicinity:
  - Heavy ion induced fusion-evaporation
  - MNT
- ❖ Extraction technique:
  - HIGISOL
  - MNT
  - Hot cavity
- ❖ Production of reference nucleus:
  - Co-produced in Target chamber
  - Sparking ion source
  - Surface ion source



# Inductively Heated Hot Cavity Laser Ion Source

Ver 6.

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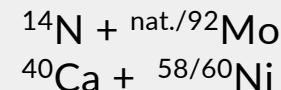
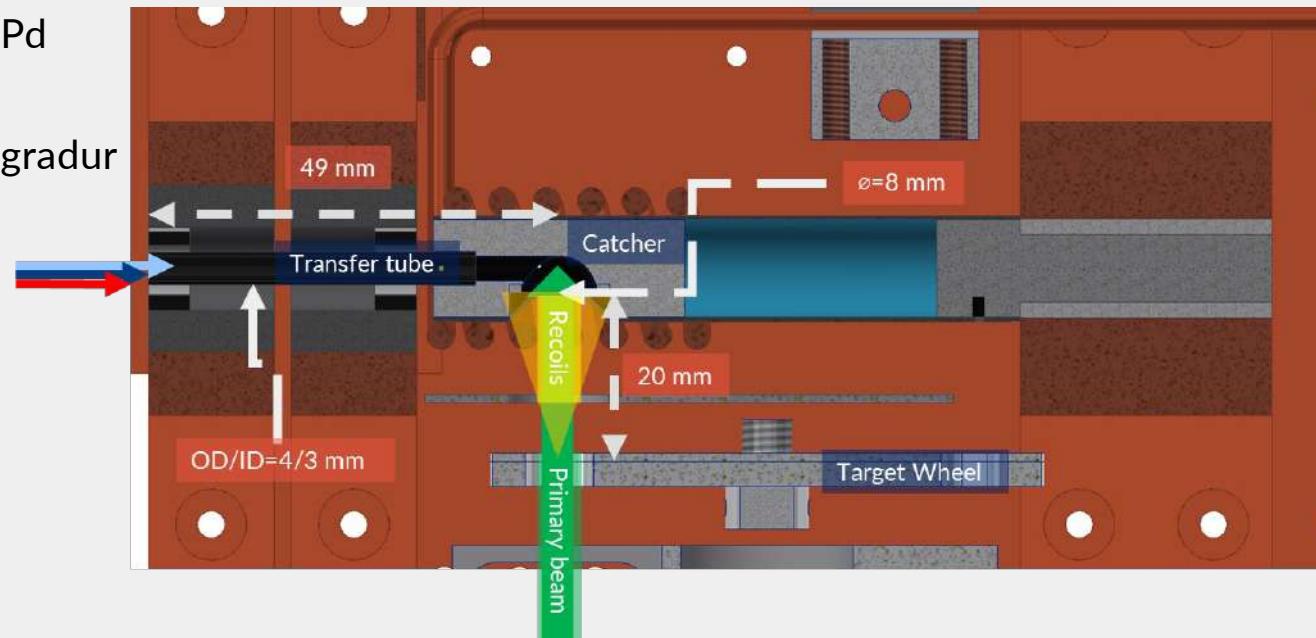
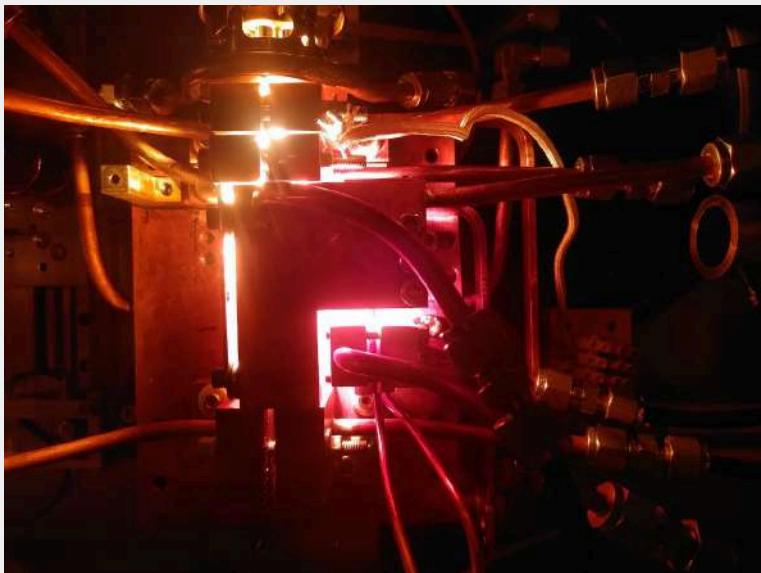
- A target ion source system for fusion-evaporation products
  - Efficient: 10 % for Ag (most recent test)
  - Fast: <20 ms for Ag, less than 90 ms for Pd

- The hot cavity project (Ver 1.) at IGISOL started in 2007.
  - First iterations were primary-beam heated catchers

M. Reponen et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 42, 509–515 (2009)

M. Reponen et al., Rev. Sci. Instrum 86 (2015) 123501

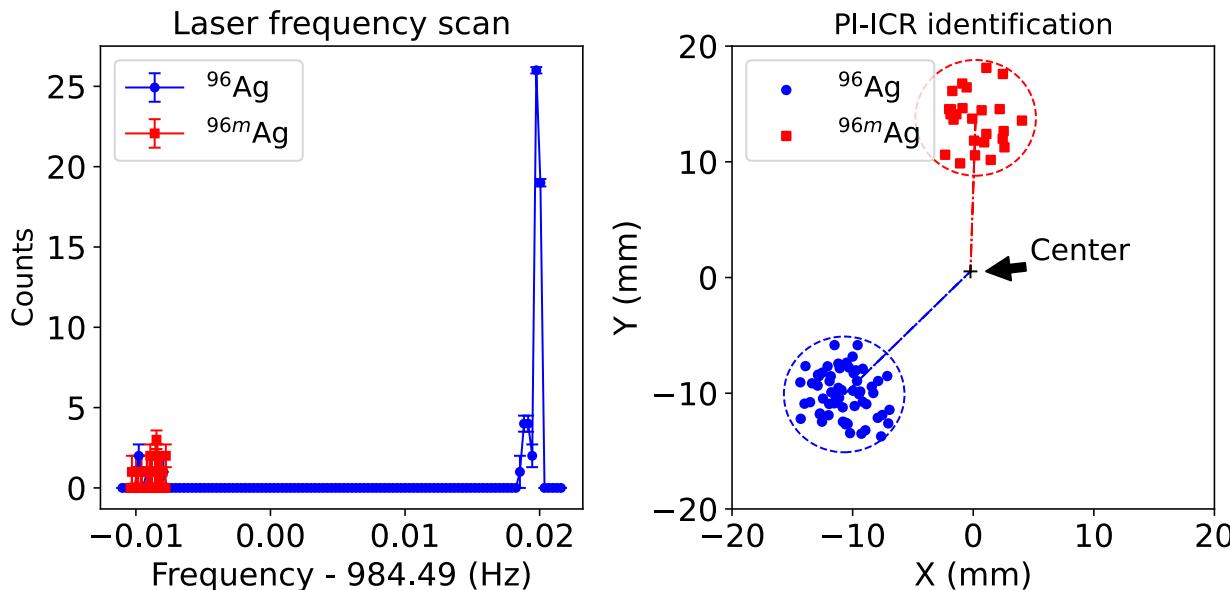
The graphite transfer tube was replaced with sigradur





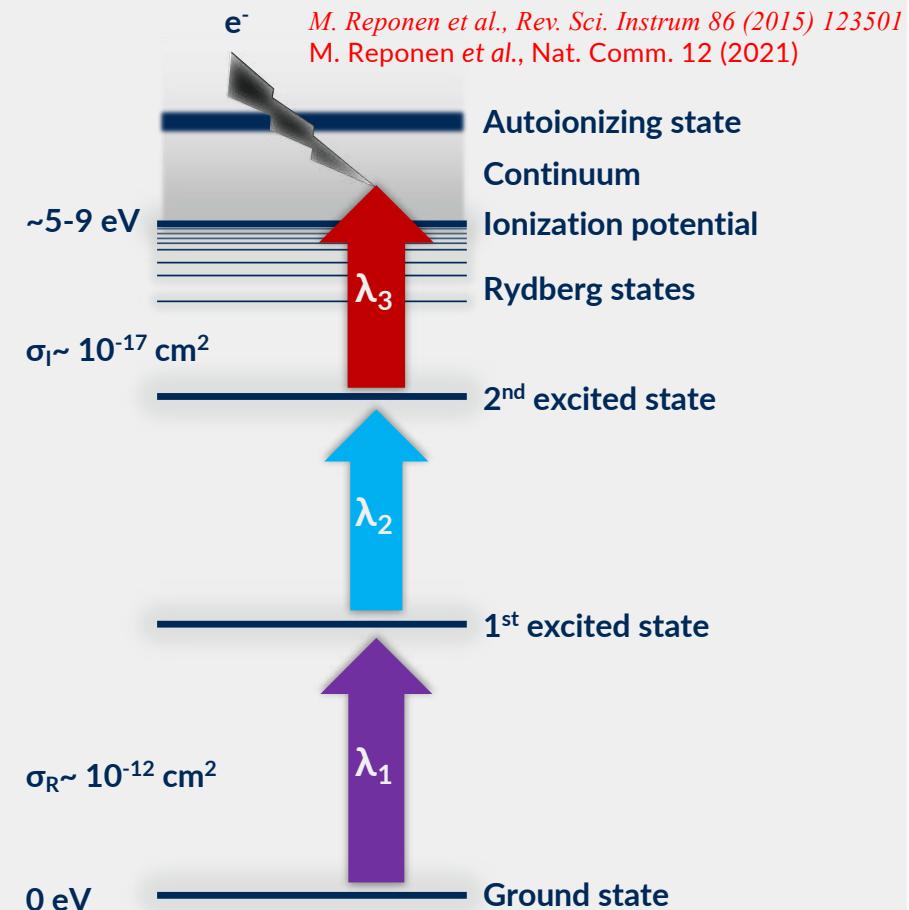
# Ionization method: Laser resonance ionization

- Each element have their unique atomic structure - “fingerprint”.
- Multiple laser beams overlapped with atoms to stepwise excite and ionize
  - Efficient! As high as >50%, typically a few %
- A great method for sensitive laser spectroscopy
  - Resolution highly environment dependent.



We chose resonance ionization to gain a huge improvement in selectivity!

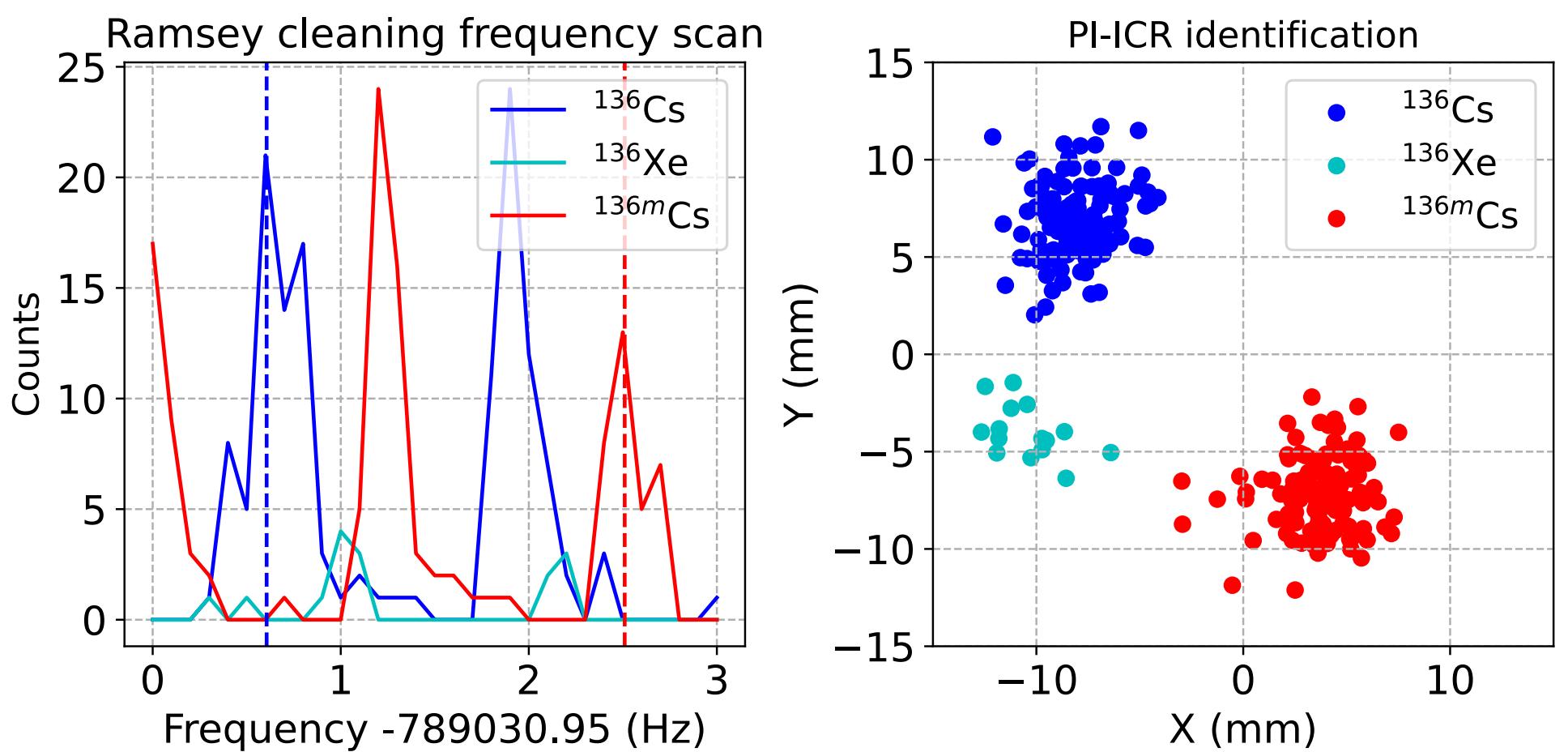
~16 years of developments!



## Schematic of PI-ICR for $^{159}\text{Dy}$ - $^{159}\text{Tb}$ Q-value measurements



Coupling of Ramsey and PI-ICR method for cleaning, Z. Ge, T. Eronen, A. de Roubin et al., Phys. Rev. C 108, 045502 (2023)  
contaminants of 90 keV away from ion of interest easy to clean, more than  $10^6$  resolving power



Recent developments: 1. A novel phase dependent cleaning method, 2 new scheme of PI-ICR method is realized at IGISOL

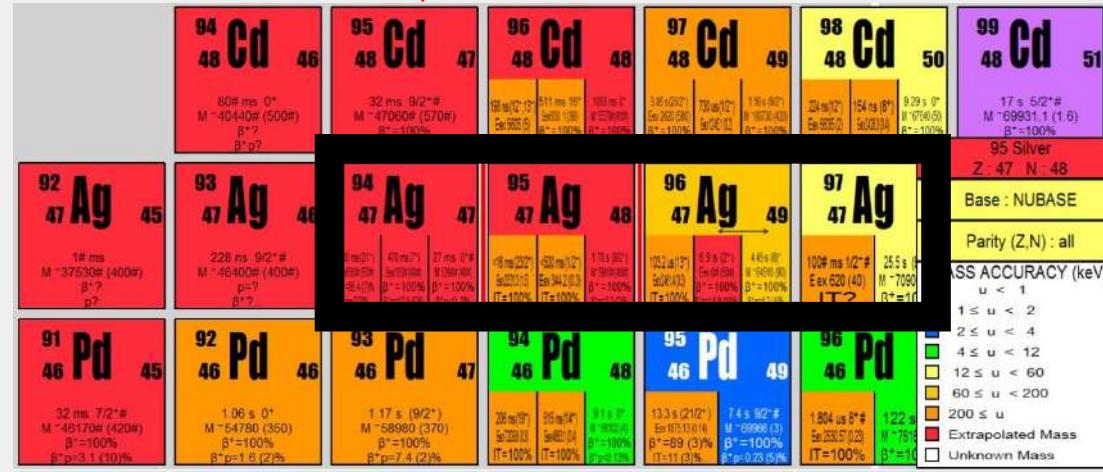


# 94-97 Ag mass measurements at IGISOL

*Mass measurements: ground-state nuclei 95–97Ag and an isomeric state of  $^{96m}\text{Ag}$  with JYFLTRAP*



Uncertainty of around 1 keV

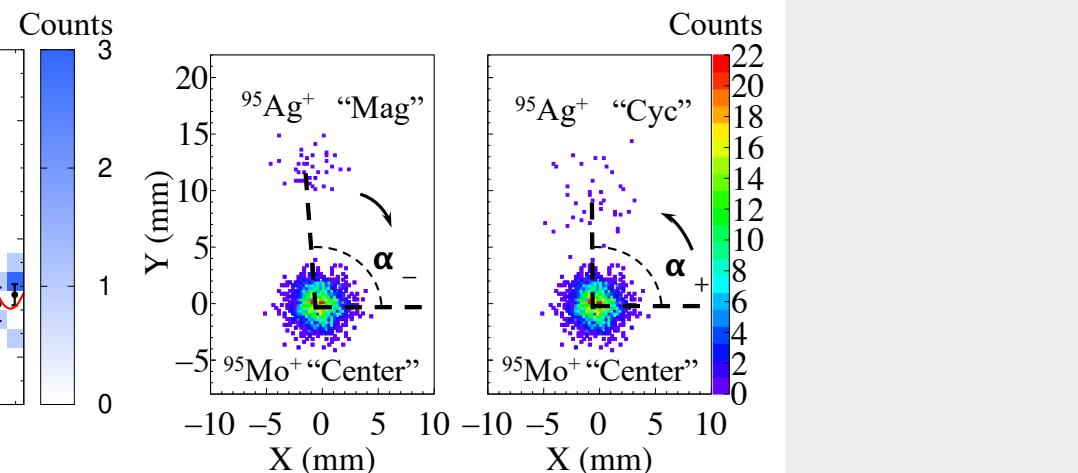
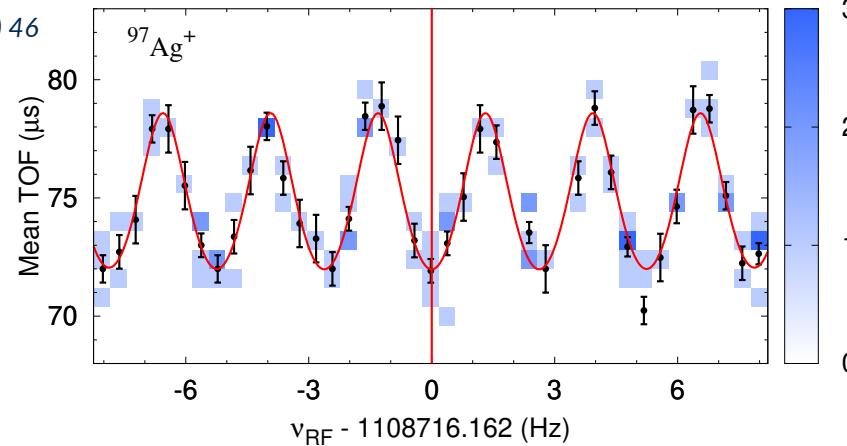


Time-of-Flight Ion-Cyclotron-Resonance (TOF-ICR)

Phase-imaging Ion-Cyclotron-Resonance (PI-ICR)

Z. Ge, M. Reponen, T. Eronen et al., arXiv:2401.07976

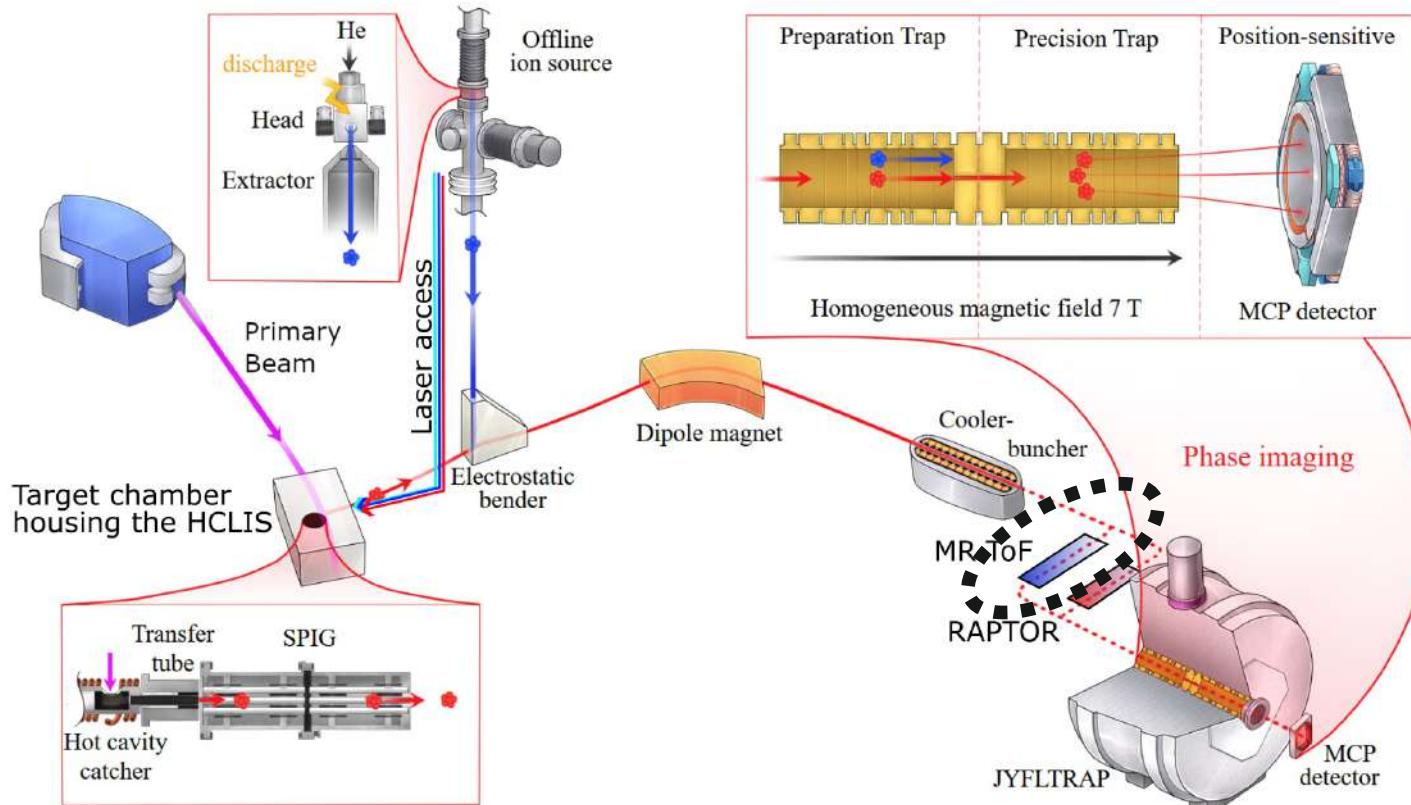
Eronen et al., EPJA 48 (2012) 46



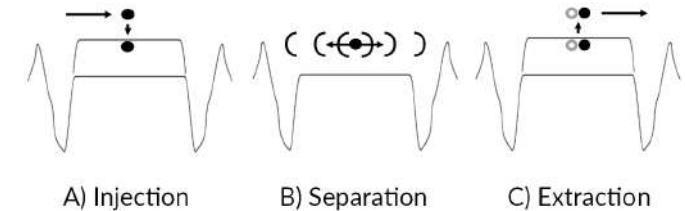


# The new MR-TOF spectrometer at JYU

Isobaric purification of RIB & direct mass measurements  
Fast (~ 10 ms separation cycle), sensitive, broadband and non-scanning



$$R = \frac{m}{\Delta m} = \frac{t}{2\Delta t}$$

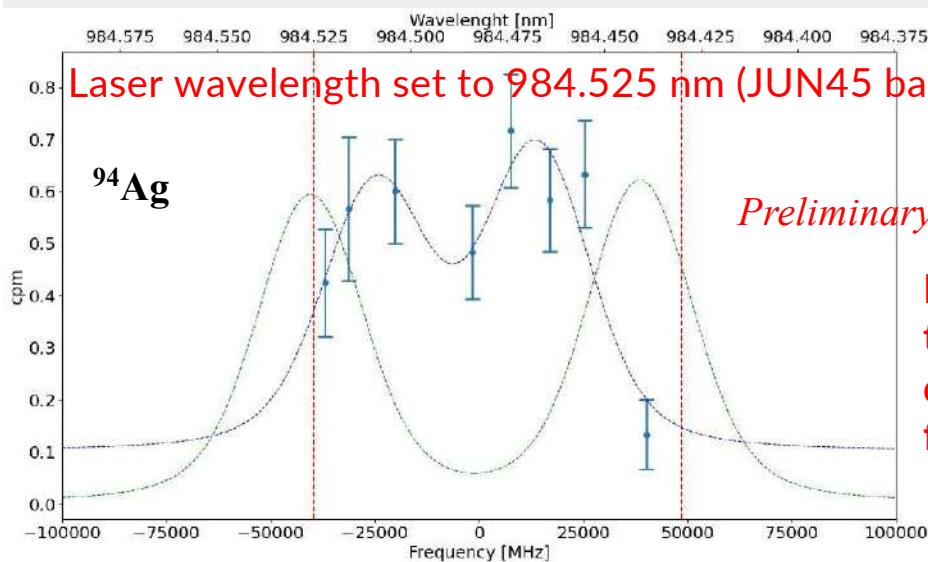


PhD: V. Vertanen



# Latest results on $^{94}\text{Ag}$

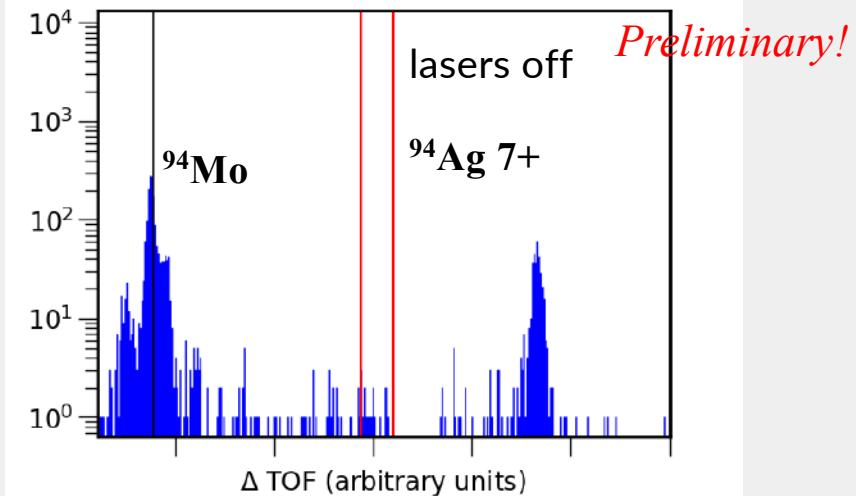
- mass measurements of  $^{94}\text{Ag}$ 
  - 205 MeV  $^{40}\text{Ca}$
  - 2.2 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>  $^{58}\text{Ni}$  rotating target
  - 1, 2, 3, 4  $\mu\text{m}$  Mo degrader set
- $^{95}\text{Ag}$  clearly seen with MR-ToF
- Two states clearly observed at mass 94



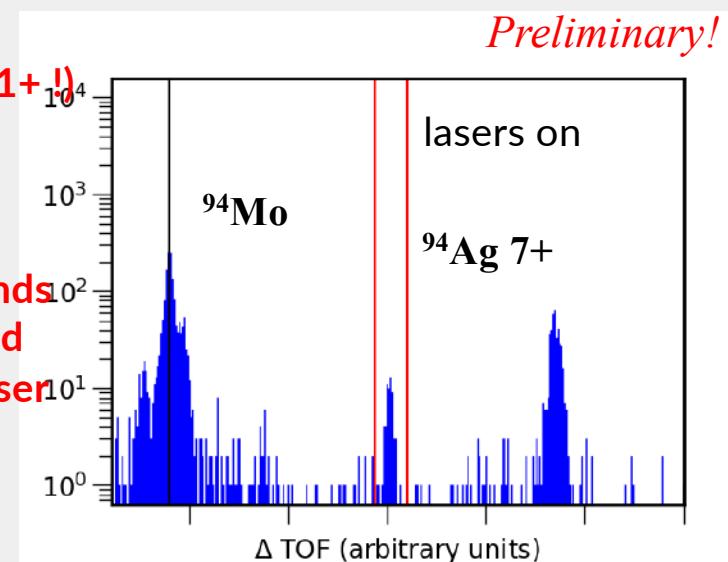
Mass peaks responds  
to lasers on/off and  
delays first step laser  
frequency.

Laser wavelength set to 984.494 nm  
(JUN45 based estimate for 7+!)

~1/2 DESIR



Preliminary!

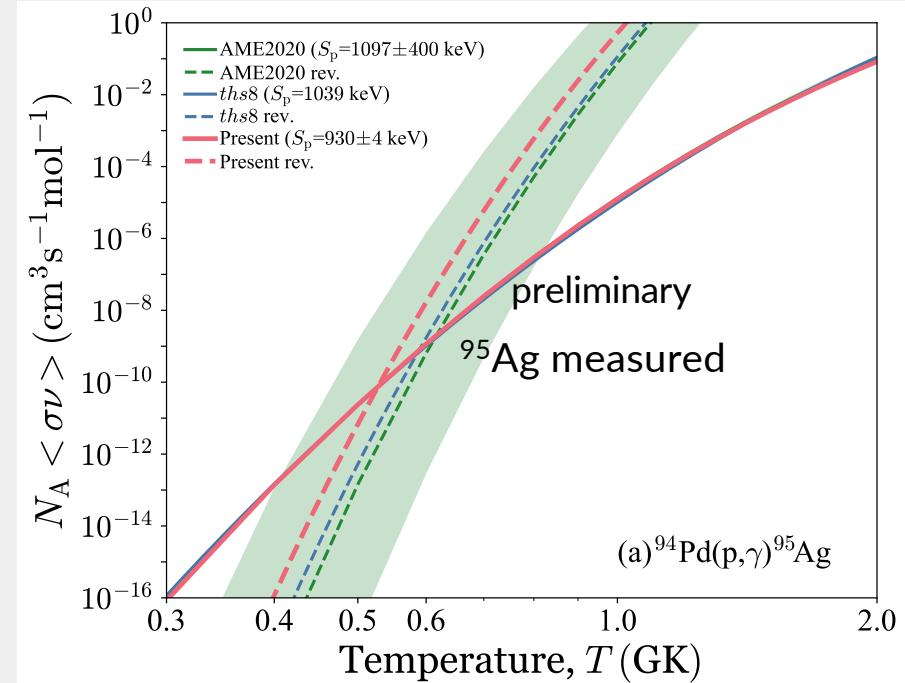
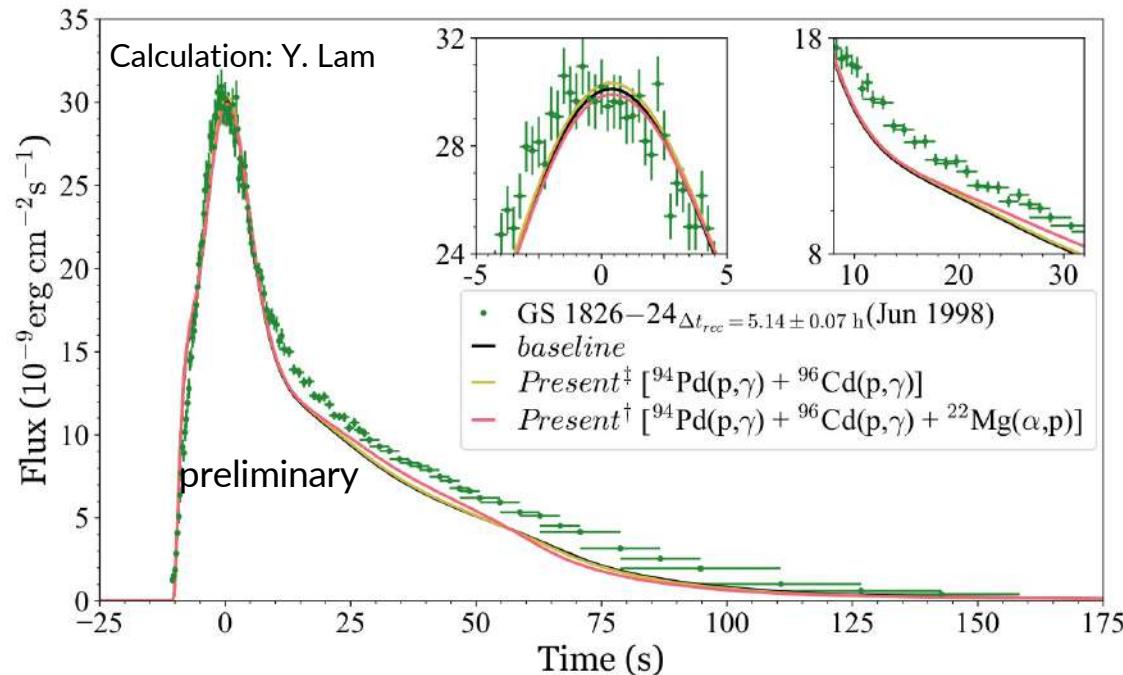




# Impacts on astrophysics modelling



## Timescale, isotope&energy production: Exponential dependence on masses!



### rp process:

1. Finalize flow branching into the Zr–Nb cycle (exist or not ?)
2. Waiting point: Degree of waiting? Light curve – $^{84}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{88}\text{Ru}$ ,  $^{92}\text{Pd}$
3. Final composition/time scale/energy production or light curve shape of X-ray burst ashes

### vp-process:

1. finalize the path/flow
2. source of p-nuclei ( $^{84}\text{Sr}$ ,  $^{92,94}\text{Mo}$ )
3.  $^{84}\text{Mo}$  :precursor of  $^{84}\text{Sr}$

**Key masses:**  
 $^{84}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{82,83}\text{Nb}$ ,  
 $^{88}\text{Ru}$ ,  $^{92}\text{Pd}$ ,  $^{93}\text{Pd}$ ,  $^{94}\text{Ag}$   
And other N=Z nuclei



# Benchmark theoretical models and related physics

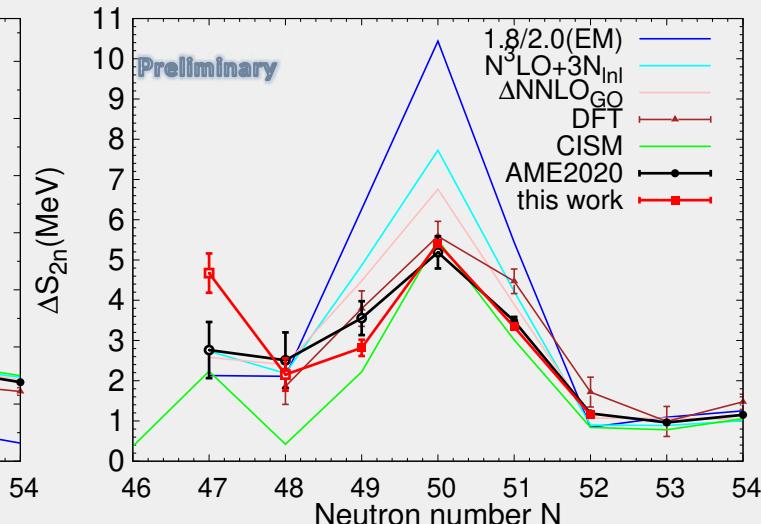
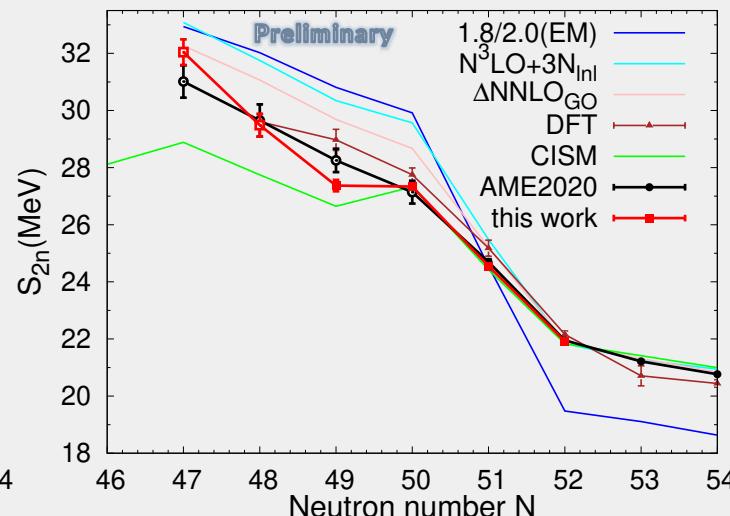
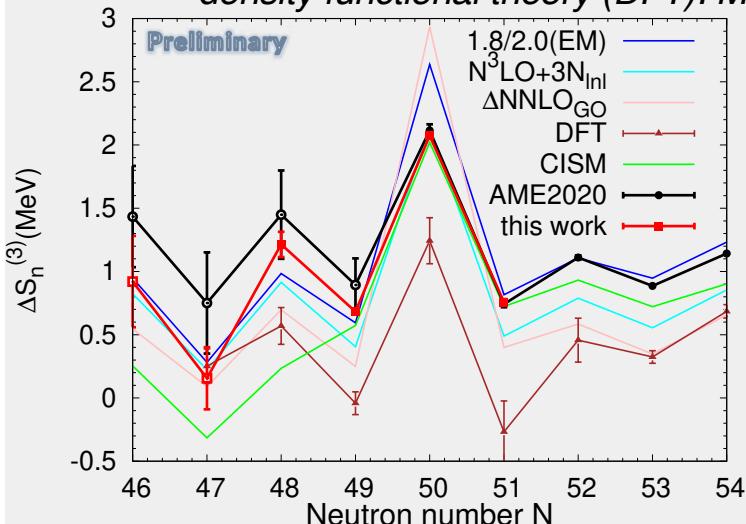


*ab initio*: Baishan Hu; Jason Holt

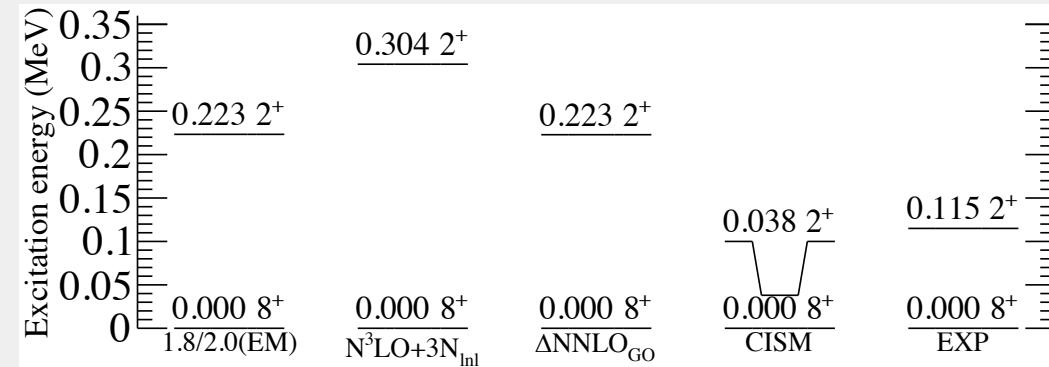
configuration-interaction shell-model (CISM): Chenxi Yuan

density functional theory (DFT): Markus Kortelainen

Z. Ge, M. Reponen, T. Eronen et al., arXiv:2401.07976



- Identification of **nuclear isomer of  $^{96m}\text{Ag}$**
- understanding of the **nuclear structure at  $N=50$  shell**
- **Benchmark** nuclear models  
and shell model calculations
- **Solve the  $^{94}\text{Ag}(21^+)$  2p/p decay puzzle---in process**
- **Wigner energy, np-pairing--- other  $N=Z$  masses 82Nb-92Pd?**  
Ask Piet for helps?



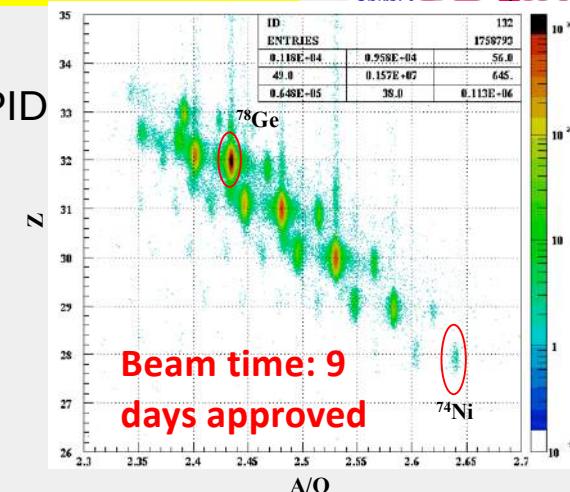
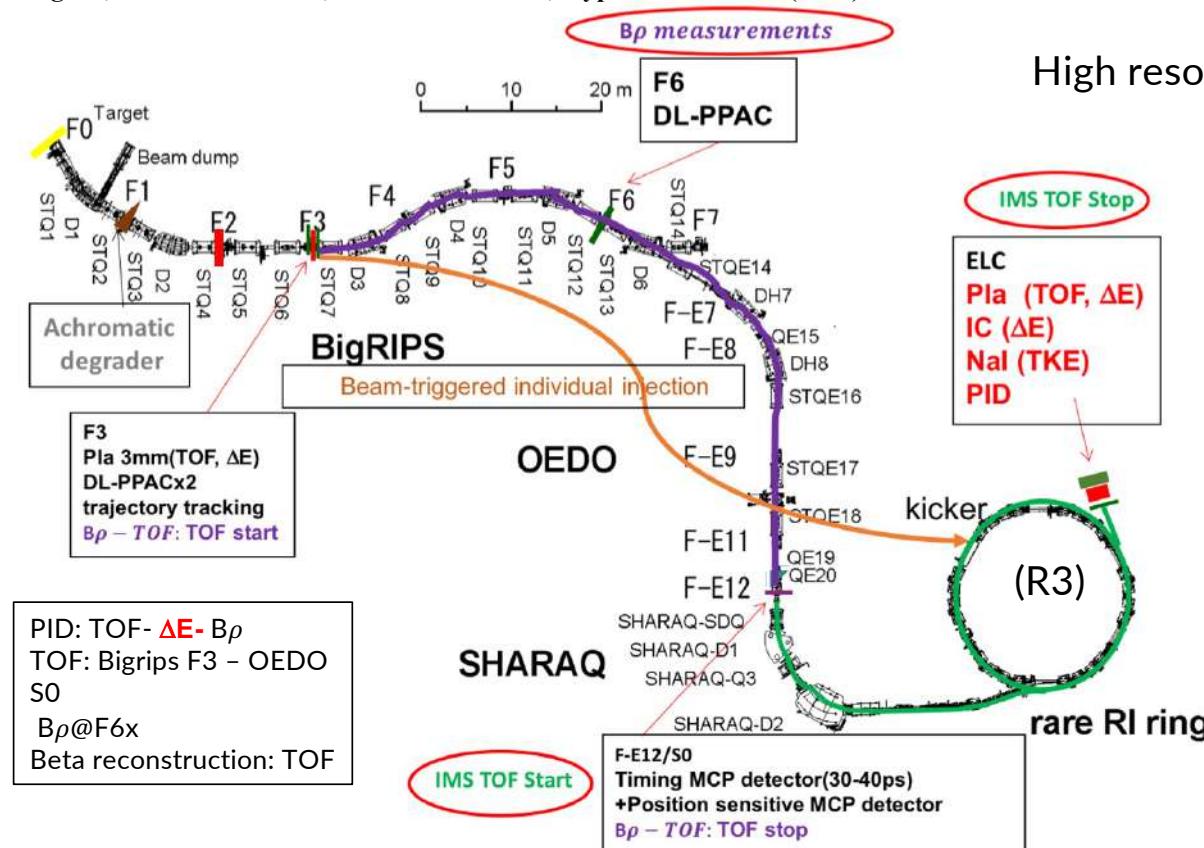
energy level of  $^{96}\text{Ag}$  isomeric state



## Setup for Mass measurements by $B\rho$ – TOF & IMS (Isochronous mass spectrometry)

Zhuang Ge, Tomohiro Uesaka, Sarah Naimi et al., Hyperfine Interact (2019) 240: 92

**DESIR**



**$B\rho$  – TOF mass:**  
By-product part of IMS runs

F3-S0:  
Efficiency 70-90%  
Momentum acceptance  $\pm 0.5\%$   
Rare-RI Ring:  
Efficiency 1 %  
Momentum acceptance  $\pm 0.3\%$

**IMS (Isochronous mass spectrometry) method.**  
Revolution time Correction by beta/  $B\rho$  measurements:

$$\left(\frac{m}{q}\right)_1 = \left(\frac{m}{q}\right)_0 \frac{T_1}{T_0} \frac{\gamma_0}{\gamma_1} = \left(\frac{m}{q}\right)_0 \frac{T_1}{T_0} \sqrt{\frac{1 - \beta_1^2}{1 - \left(\frac{T_1}{T_0}\right)^2 \beta_1^2}}$$

$$\frac{m_0}{q} = \frac{B\rho}{\gamma L/t} = B\rho \sqrt{\left(\frac{t}{L}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{c}\right)^2}$$



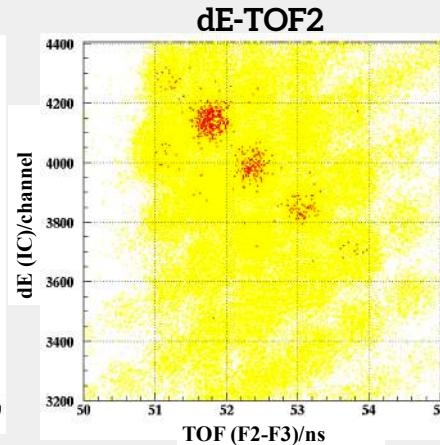
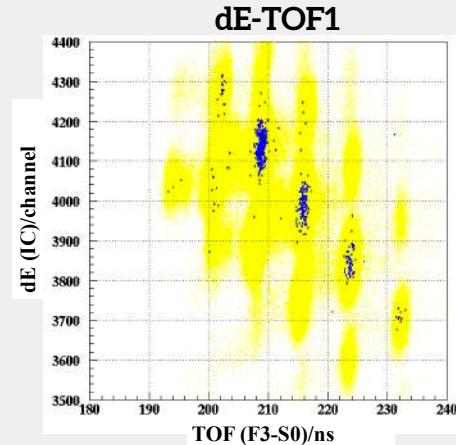
# Event-by-event PID with TOF(beamline)-B $\rho$ -dE-E-TOF(in-Ring)



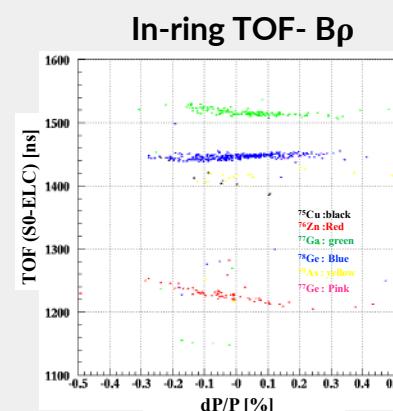
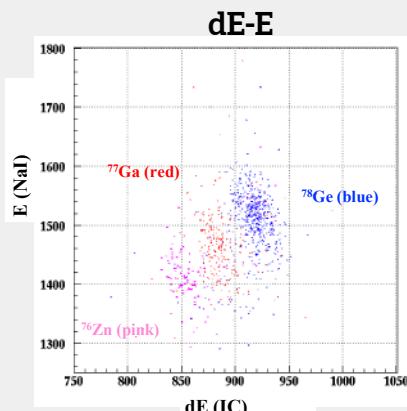
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Unambiguously identification with single ion sensitivity

TOF: beamline (F2-F3 and F3-S0), dE: beamline IC



Yellow: all ions detected at S0  
Blue: extracted from R3



dE: IC, E: ring-extraction NaI

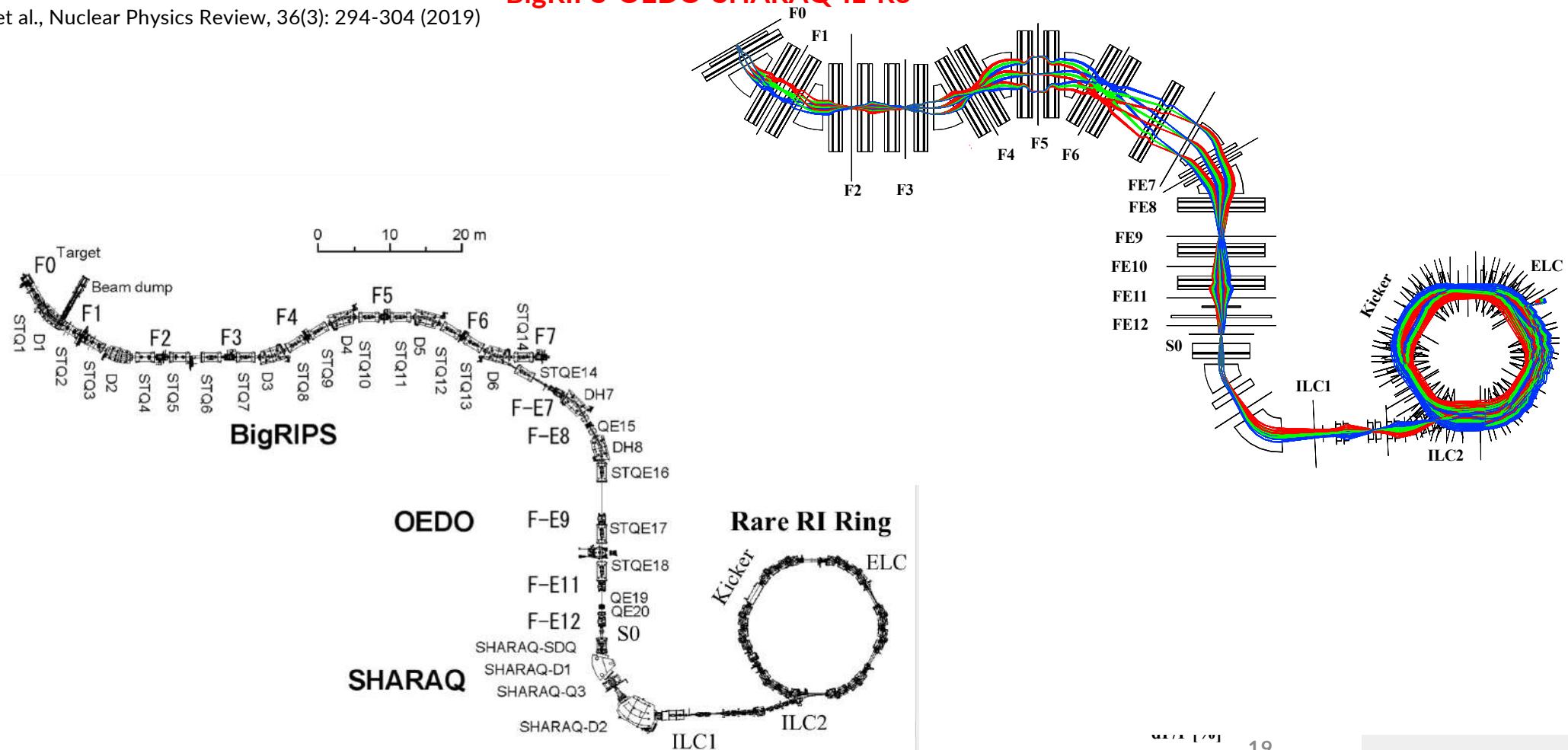
B $\rho$ : beamline, TOF: in ring



# Optics design with high momentum resolving power and ion transportation simulation

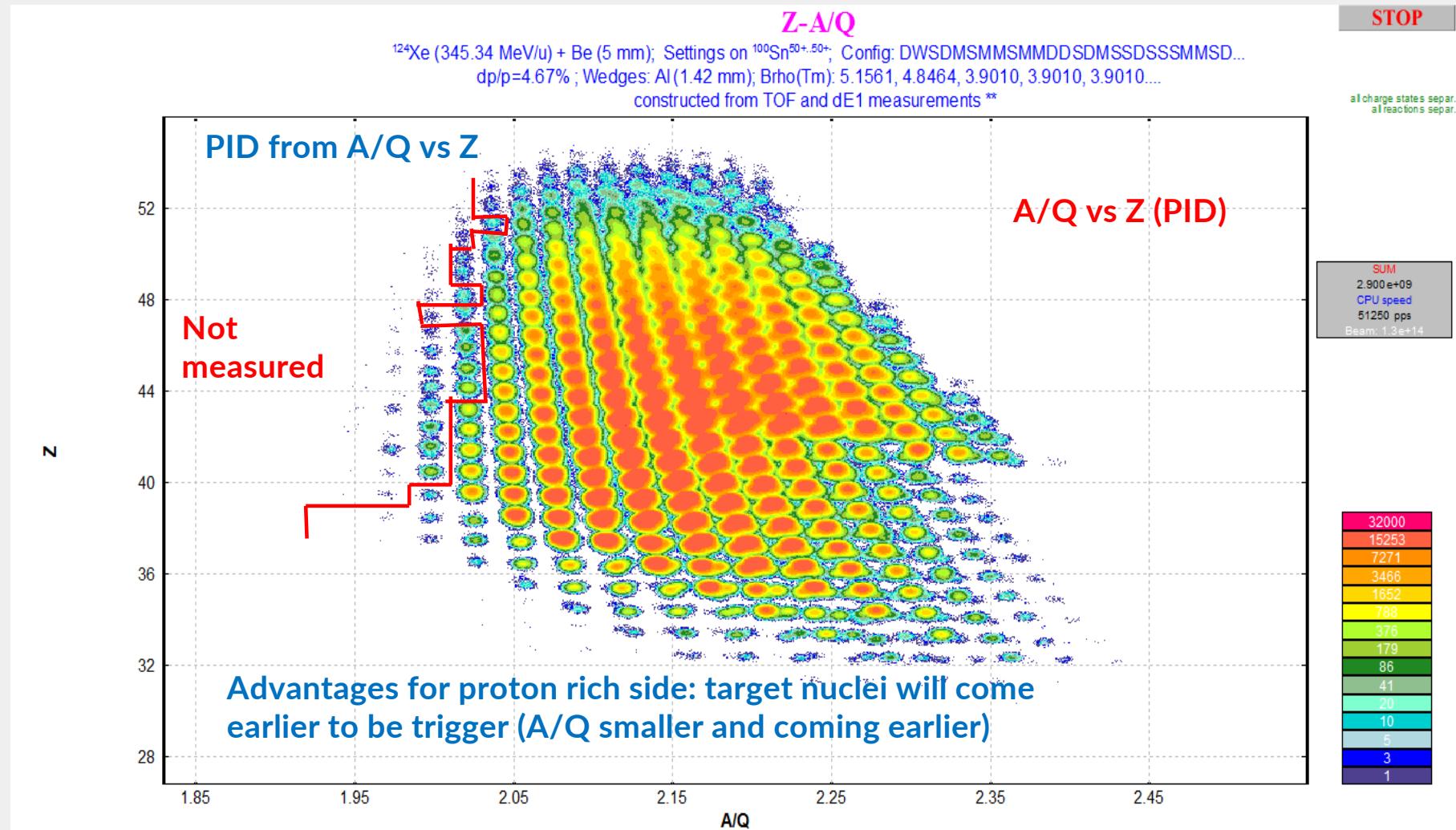


Z.Ge et al., Nuclear Physics Review, 36(3): 294-304 (2019)



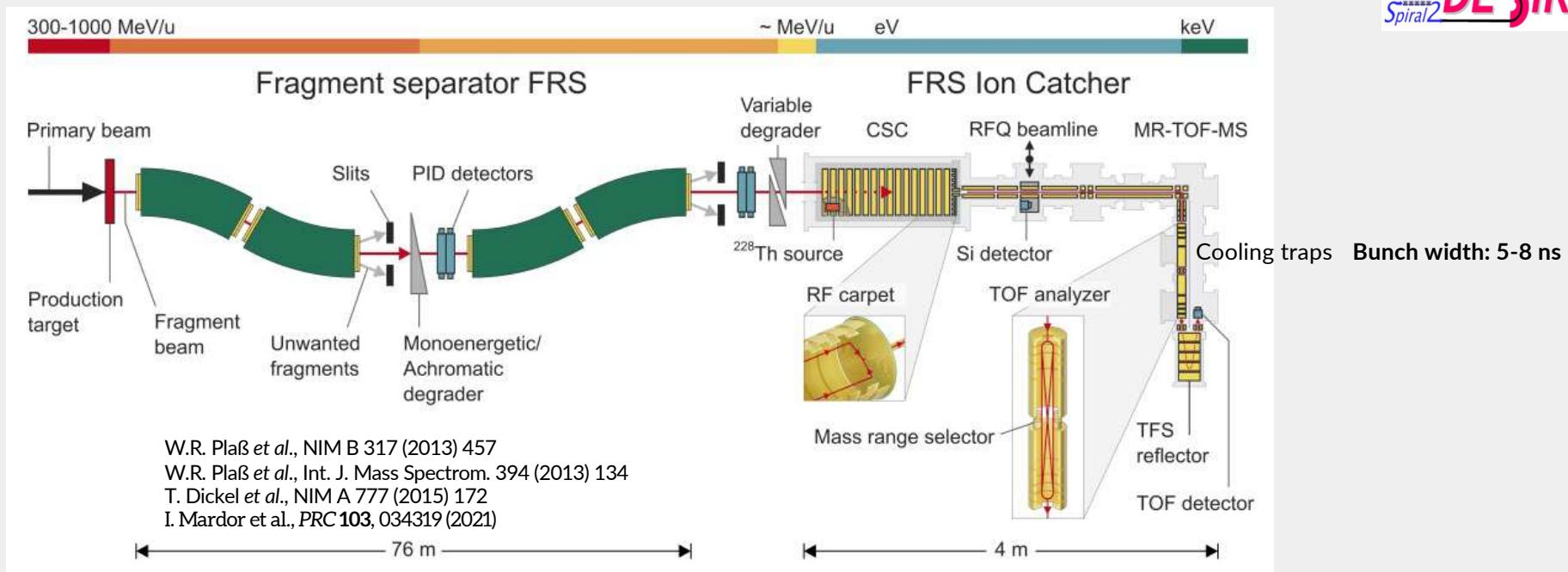


# Scanning method for mass measurements using N=Z as reference for future IMS





# The FRS Ion Catcher at GSI



- ❖ **Fragment separator FRS:**
  - Production & separation of exotic nuclei via projectile fragmentation/fission
- ❖ **Cryogenic Stopping cell (CSC):**
  - universal, fast, efficient stopping and extraction
  - cooled short-lived ( $T_{1/2} \sim \text{ms}$ ) exotic nuclei
- ❖ **RF Quadrupole beamline:**
  - for low-energy ion transport
  - Operate as a mass filter
  - Background Suppression (molecular and ions)
- ❖ **MR-TOF-MS**
  - fast, sensitive, broadband and non-scanning
  - Resolving power: 1,000,000-2,000,000
  - resolve isomers (hundreds of keV)
  - Mass accuracy:  $1.7 \times 10^{-8}$
  - Sensitivity: a few detected ions
  - Rate capacity:  $10^6$  ions/s
  - Cycle times: a few ms



# Isomer (low statistics) searching with MR-TOF



## Long-lived isomers in this region

### ❖ State-of-art theoretical calculations

for odd-even nuclei on N=50 isotonic chain and Z=49 isotopic chain

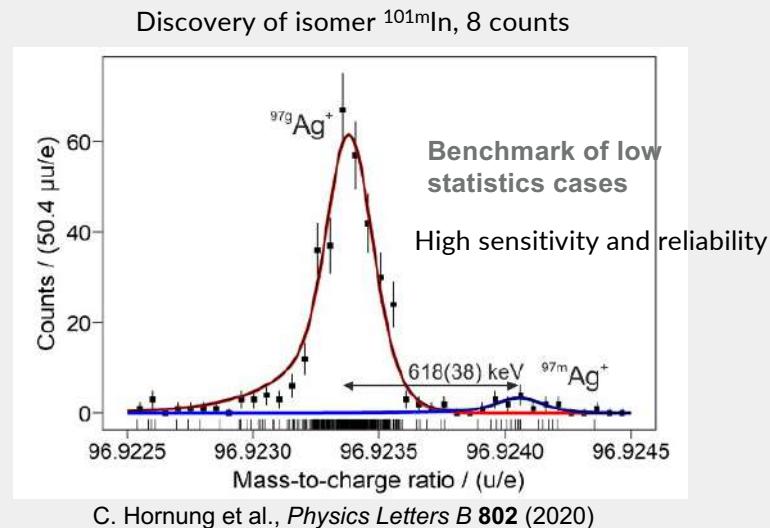
### ❖ Core excitation for the $^{99m}$ In excitation energy

1. extrapolation: (Exc.=600-700 keV)

2. 1/2<sup>-</sup> isomer in  $^{99}$ In at N = 50 is measured to be 671(37) keV by L. Nies et al.

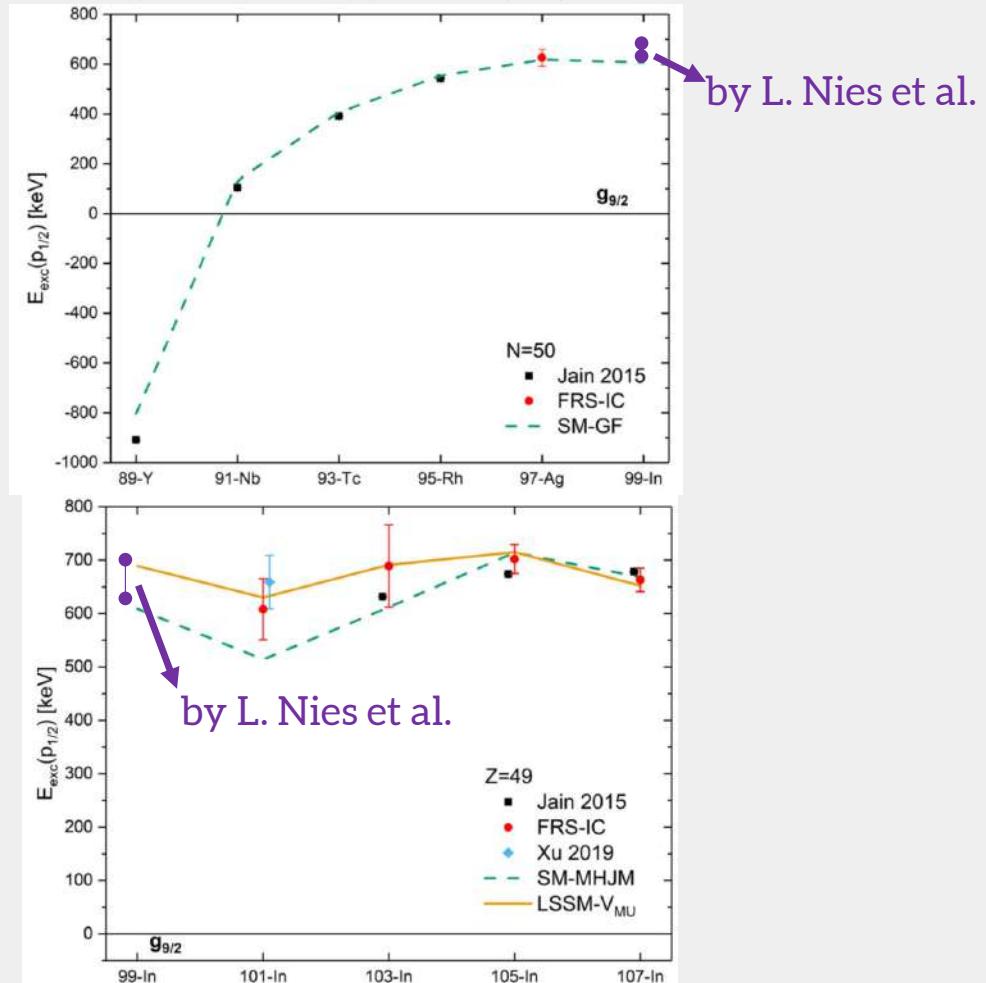
L. Nies et al., PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS 131, 022502 (2023)

See talk of L. Nies



C. Hornung et al., Physics Letters B 802 (2020)

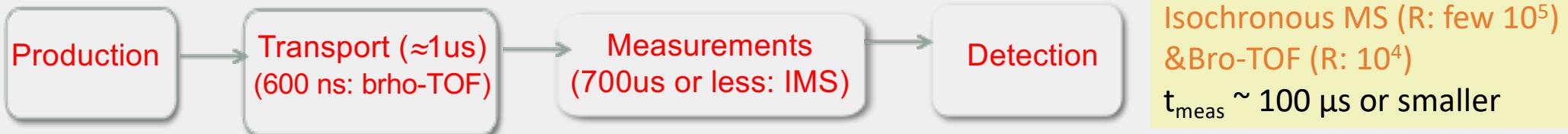
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## Low energy beam VS accelerated beam

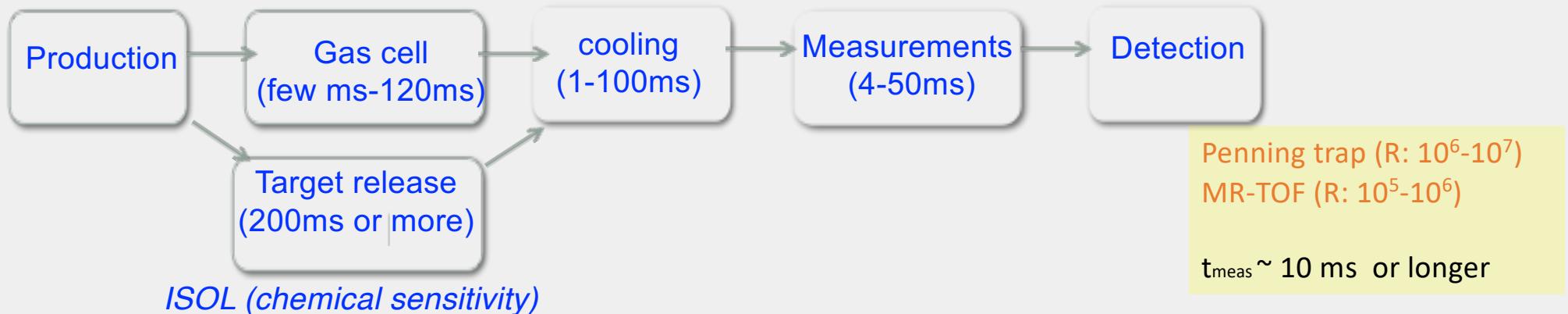
### BigRIPS&Rare-RI Ring @RIBF



➤ ***background free and single ion sensitivity (event by even PID) of highly charged ions***

by-product: mass of 93Ag (from brho-TOF)

### MROF/Penning-trap @ In-flight/ISOL- facilities

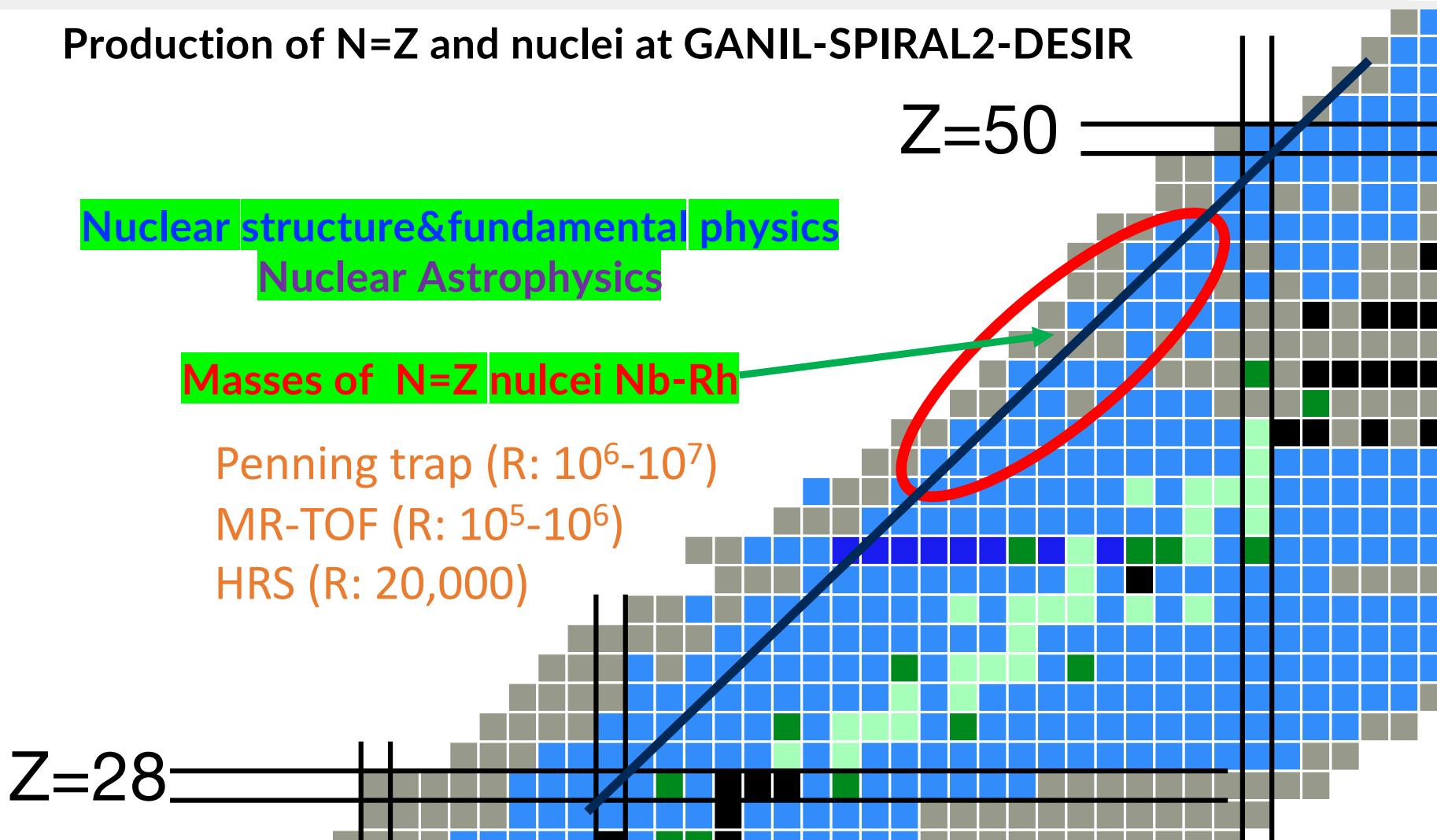


➤ ***Cooled and bunched ion beam with backgrounds of molecules and adduct ions***

# Opportunity at GANIL-DESIR



## Production of N=Z and nuclei at GANIL-SPIRAL2-DESIR

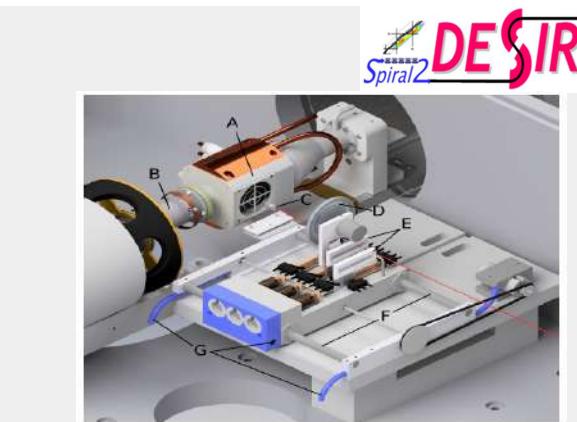
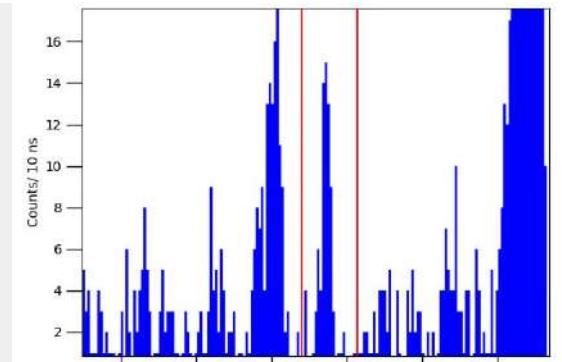




# Summary and Outlook

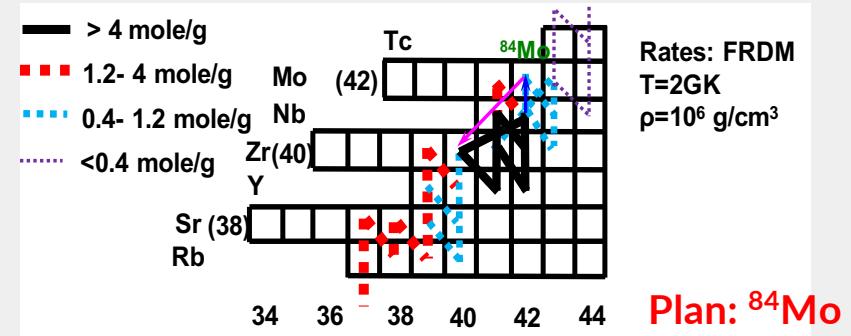
## Mass range: Zr-Ag

- ❖ Hot cavity + mass spectrometer @IGISOL
  - Access to  $N=Z$  line!
    - $^{94}\text{Ag}$  produced via  $^{40}\text{Ca} + ^{58}\text{Ni}$ !
  - $^{94-97}\text{Ag}$  measured with PT and MR-TOF
  - Further mass measurements
    - 1 % HCLIS efficiency shown for Pd!
- ❖ Hot cavity future activities @IGISOL
  - Characterized the latest catcher properly!
  - Improved efficiency
    - Now factor close to GSI
- ❖ HIGISOL&MNT @IGISOL
  - Characterize the gas cell
  - Measurements of  $^{84}\text{Mo}$  and the vicinity
  - Further to pursue  $^{80}\text{Zr}$ - $^{90}\text{Rh}$  and above
- ❖ Mass measurements at RIKEN with IMS and Bro-TOF
  - Approved proposal for the mass from Mo-Ag
  - Unique technique advances
- ❖ Possible Mass measurements at DESIR with PT, MR-TOF and HRS
  - $N=Z$  nuclei Tc-Rh



Ag 92	Ag 93	Ag 94 37 ms	Ag 95 1.76 s	Ag 96 4.44 s	Ag 97 25.5 s	Ag 98 47.5 s	Ag 99 2.07 m	Ag 100 2.01 m	Ag 101 11.1 m	Ag 102 12.9 m
Pd 91	Pd 92 1.1 s	Pd 93 1.15 s	Pd 94 9.0 s	Pd 95 7.5 s	Pd 96 122 s	Pd 97 3.10 m	Pd 98 17.7 m	Pd 99 21.4 m	Pd 100 3.63 d	Pd 101 8.47 h

Production method	$N=50$		Mass precision	Lit. Optical Data
MNT FUS	Plan: $^{92}\text{Pd}$		>100 keV	Low-res. High-res.





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