

In-Gas Laser Ionization and Spectroscopy experiments at S³-GANIL

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**Low-Energy Radioactive Isotope Beam Production by
In-Gas Laser Ionization for Decay Spectroscopy at RIKEN**
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OUTLINE

- Motivation
- In-Gas-Cell Laser Spectroscopy @ LISOL
- Progress on the implementation of In-Gas-Jet Laser Spectroscopy
- Summary and Outlook



MOTIVATION

Strategic areas of chart of nuclides → understand nuclear structure effects

- **N = Z nuclei** - Study role of proton-neutron correlations -
- **Proton drip line** - rp process, nuclei far off stability -
- **Proximity doubly magic N = Z = 50** - strong shell correction effects -
- **SHE** - understanding of SHE and those at the limit of nuclear existence -

DAY 1 @ S3 → In Gas Laser Ionization and Spectroscopy experiments of:

☐ **⁹⁴Ag**

High-spin isomerism, β -delayed p, 1- and 2-p emission

☐ **⁸⁰Zr** (spk. person: B. Bastin)

Single particle behavior and effective interactions

☐ **¹⁰⁷⁻¹⁰¹Sn**

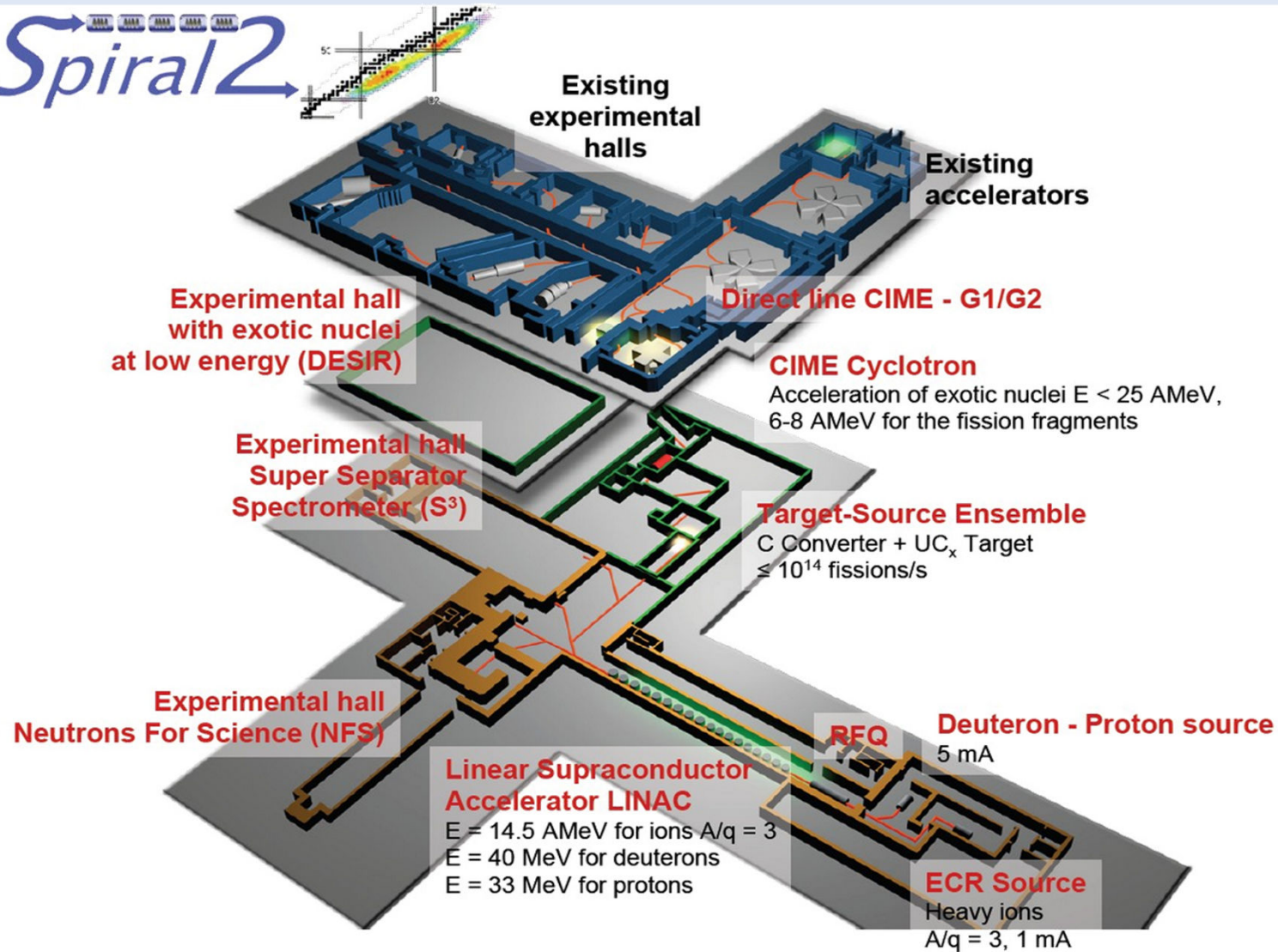
Test validity of shell-model predictions

☐ **VHE (Z ~ 89 - 102)**

Validate nuclear and atomic theory

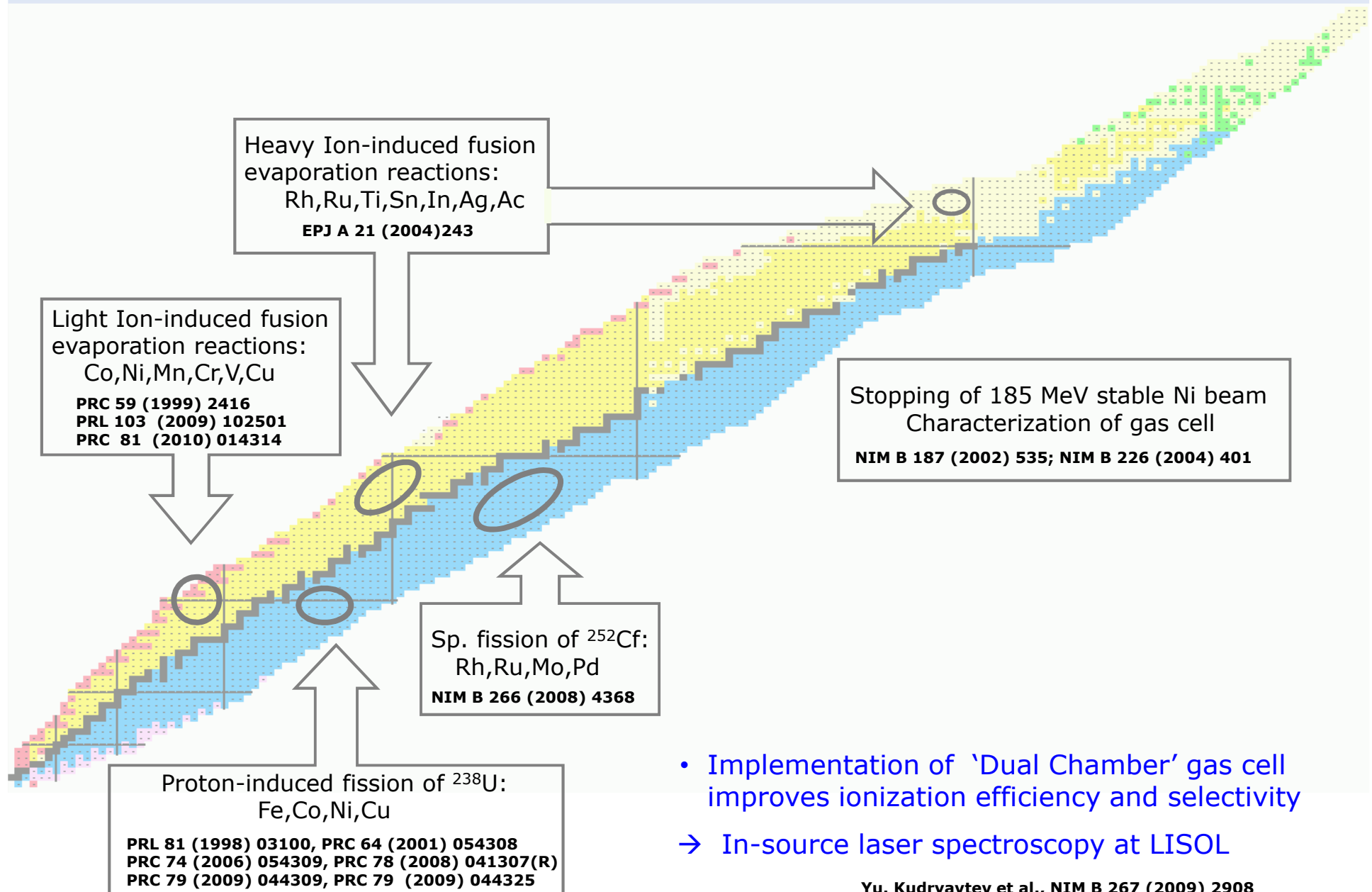
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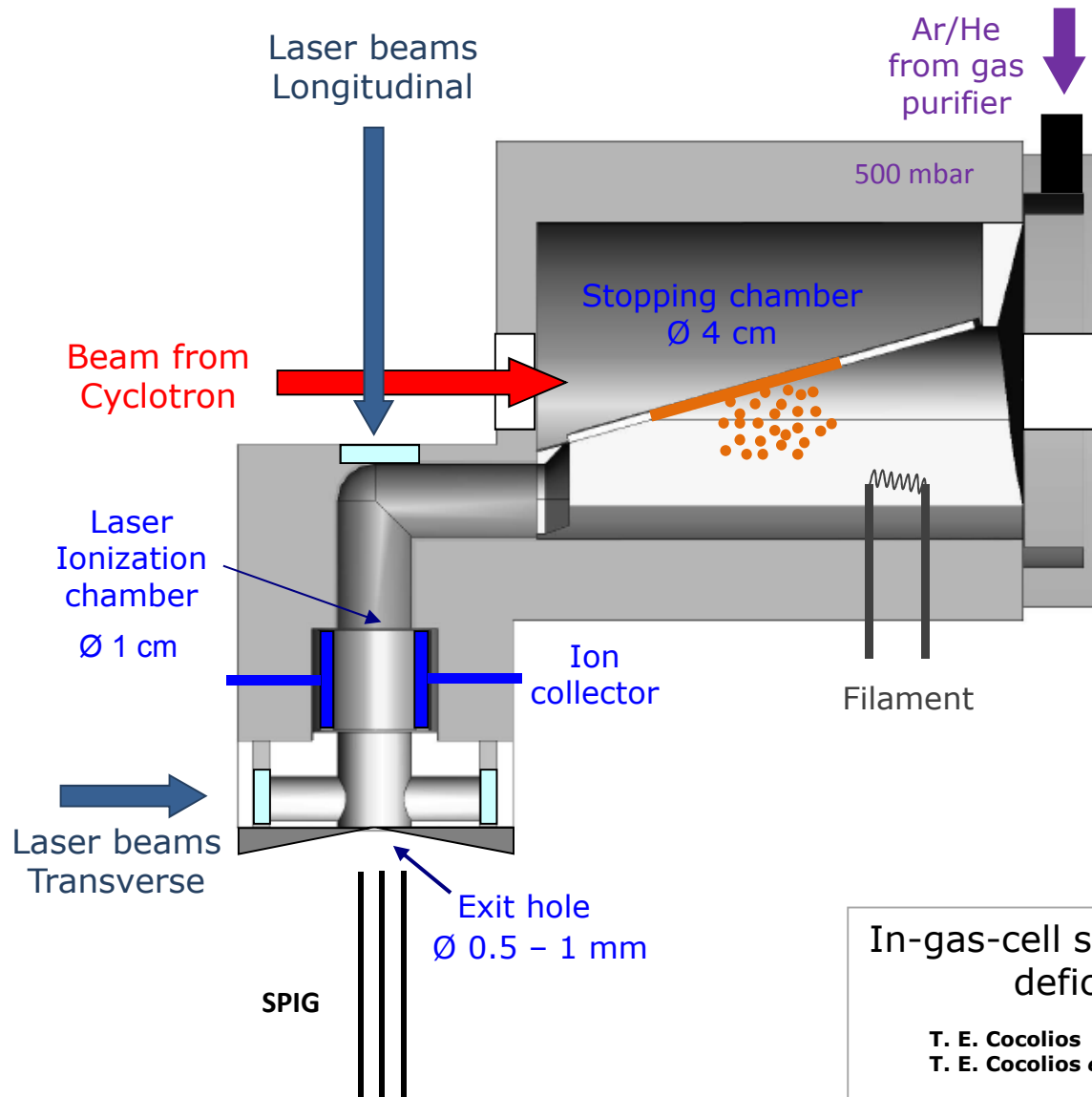


- Very high intensity primary beams
- Full range of primary beams (H to U)
- High primary beam rejection
- High acceptance spectrometer

LISOL Beams since 1994



Dual Chamber Gas Cell



Separation of stopping and laser ionization volumes improves:

- Laser ionization efficiency for high cyclotron beam current
- Ion selectivity

Production of ^{94}Rh

Selectivity:

[Laser(on)/Laser(off)]

Ion Collector OFF = 450

Ion Collector ON = 2200

In-gas-cell spectroscopy of neutron deficient Cu isotopes

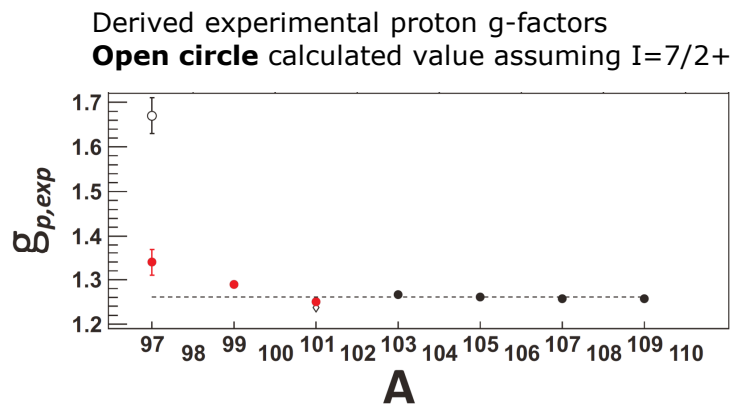
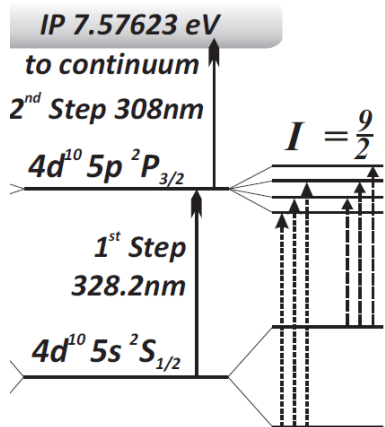
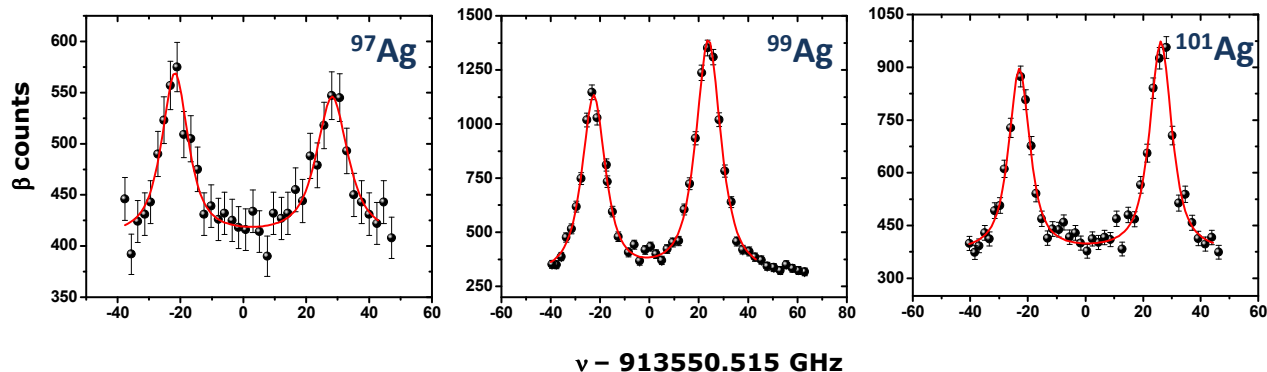
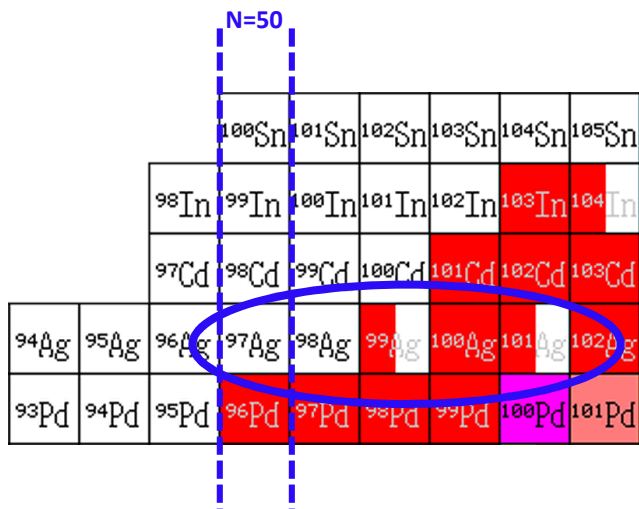
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In-Gas-Cell Laser Spectroscopy of Ag

$^{92}\text{Mo}(^{14}\text{N} - 130 \text{ MeV}, 2\text{pxn})^{104-x}\text{Ag}$

$^{64,\text{nat}}\text{Zn}(^{36}\text{Ar} - 125 \text{ MeV}, \text{pxn})^{101-97}\text{Ag}$



	Splitting (GHz)	I^π	$\mu_{\text{exp}}(\text{st+sys})$ (nm)	$\mu_{\text{exp}}^{\text{lit}}$ (nm)
100	36.2(2)	6^+	4.42(2)	--
98	38.3(6)	5^+	4.60(7)	--
	38.3(6)	6^+	4.67(7)	--
101	46.8(2)	$9/2^+$	5.57(2)	5.7(4)
99	48.7(3)	$9/2^+$	5.80(3)	--
	50.6(9)	$7/2^+$	5.9(1)	--
97	50.6(9)	$9/2^+$	6.0(1)	--

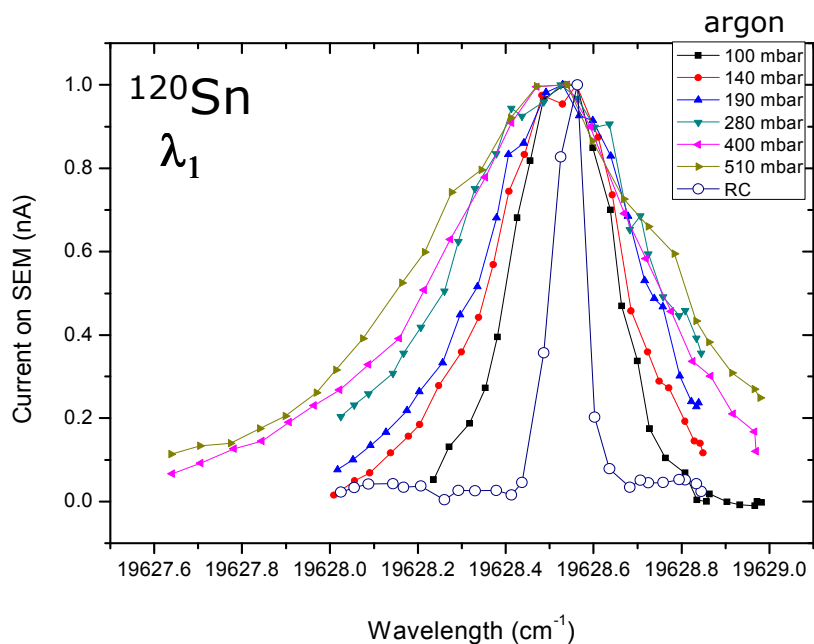
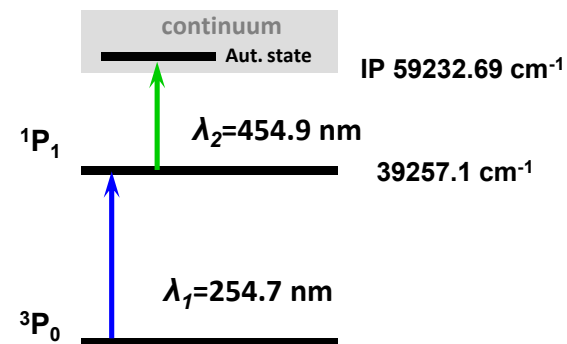
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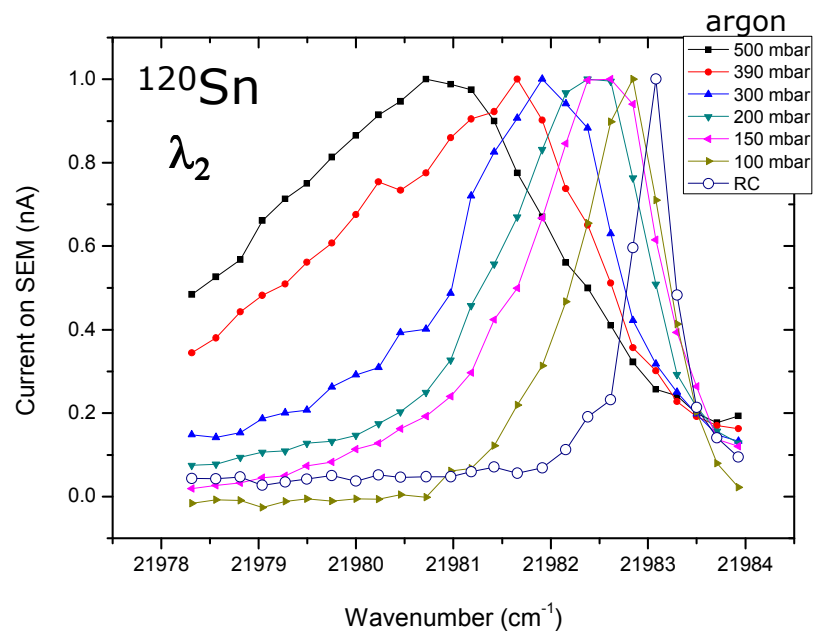
Attempt at Laser Spectroscopy of Sn

$^{92}\text{Mo}(^{16}\text{O}-100\text{ MeV},2-3n)^{105,106}\text{Sn}$

- Strong ν -dependence on gas cell pressure
- Not possible HFS measurements (FWHM \sim 15GHz)



Shift = $-4.0(0.3)\text{ MHz/mbar}$
Broadening = $32(4)\text{ MHz/mbar}$



Shift = $-150(10)\text{ MHz/mbar}$
Broadening = $210(25)\text{ MHz/mbar}$

Broadband Spectroscopy on Ac

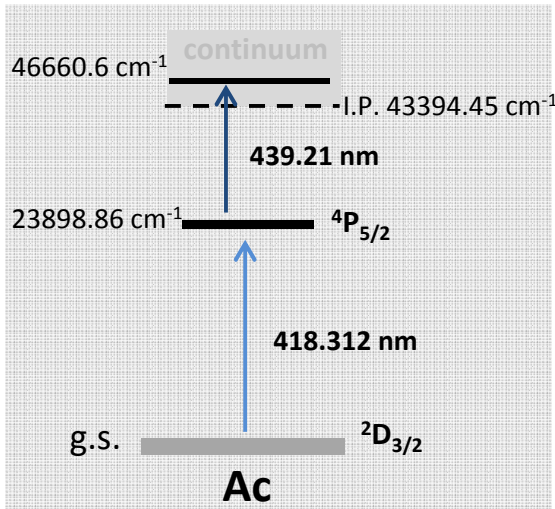


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$^{197}\text{Au}(^{20}\text{Ne}-145\text{ MeV},4-5n)^{212,213}\text{Ac}$

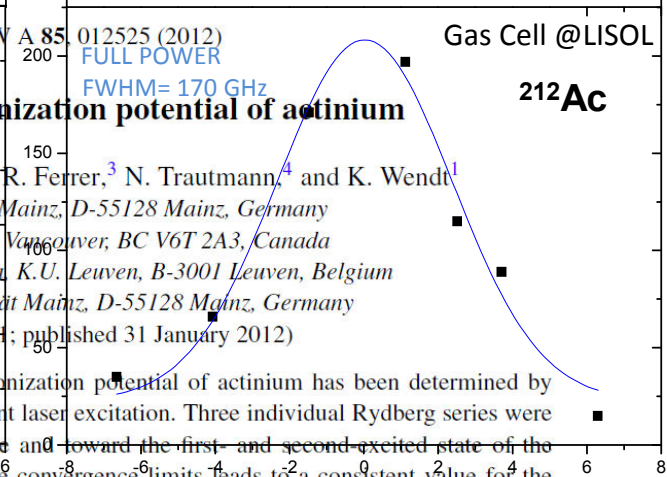
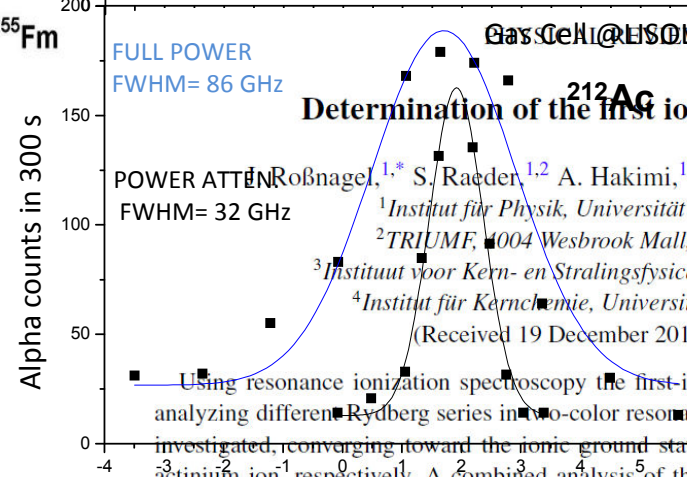
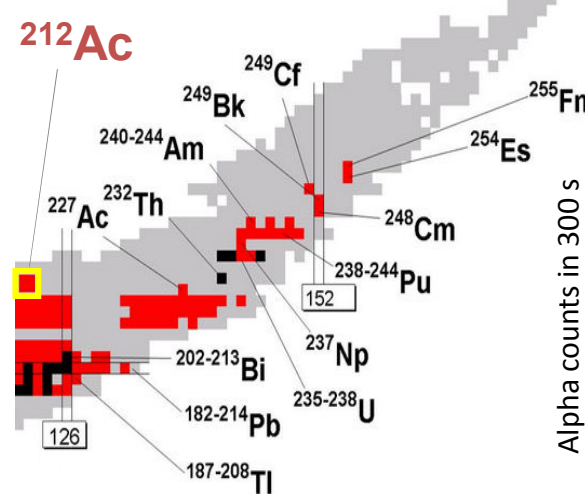
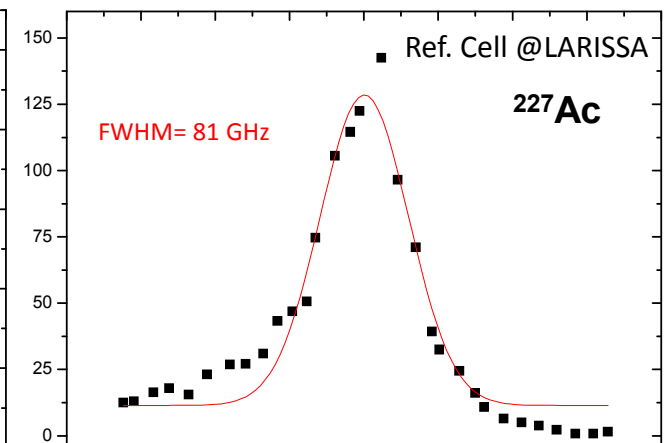
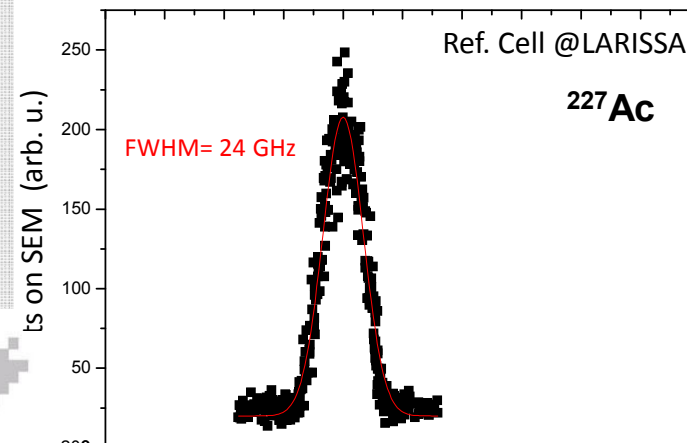
Cross section 2.3 mb for $^{212,213}\text{Ac}$

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1ST Step

2ND Step



Determination of the first ionization potential of actinium

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Using resonance ionization spectroscopy the first ionization potential of actinium has been determined by analyzing different Rydberg series in two-color resonant laser excitation. Three individual Rydberg series were investigated, converging toward the ionic ground state and toward the first- and second-excited state of the actinium ion, respectively. A combined analysis of the convergence limits leads to a consistent value for the first ionization potential of $23898.93(19)\text{ cm}^{-1}$, equivalent to $5780.236(24)\text{ eV}$.

<http://www.gsi.de/forschung/ap/projects/laser/survey.html>



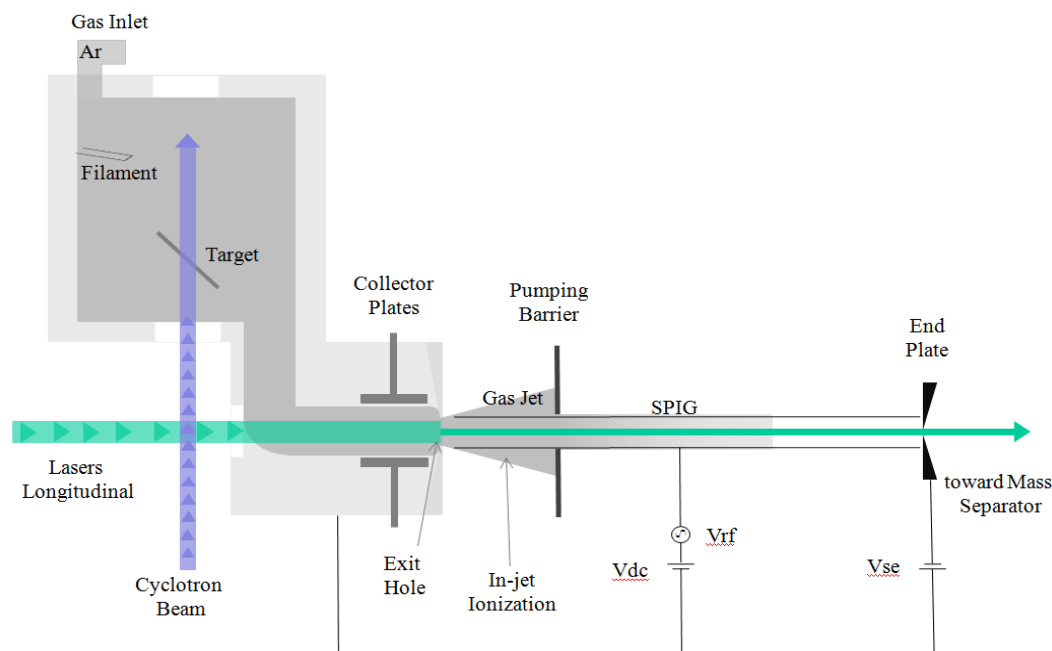
In-Gas-Jet Laser Spectroscopy

- Increase Resolution

- Ionization in cold jet expanding out of the gas cell

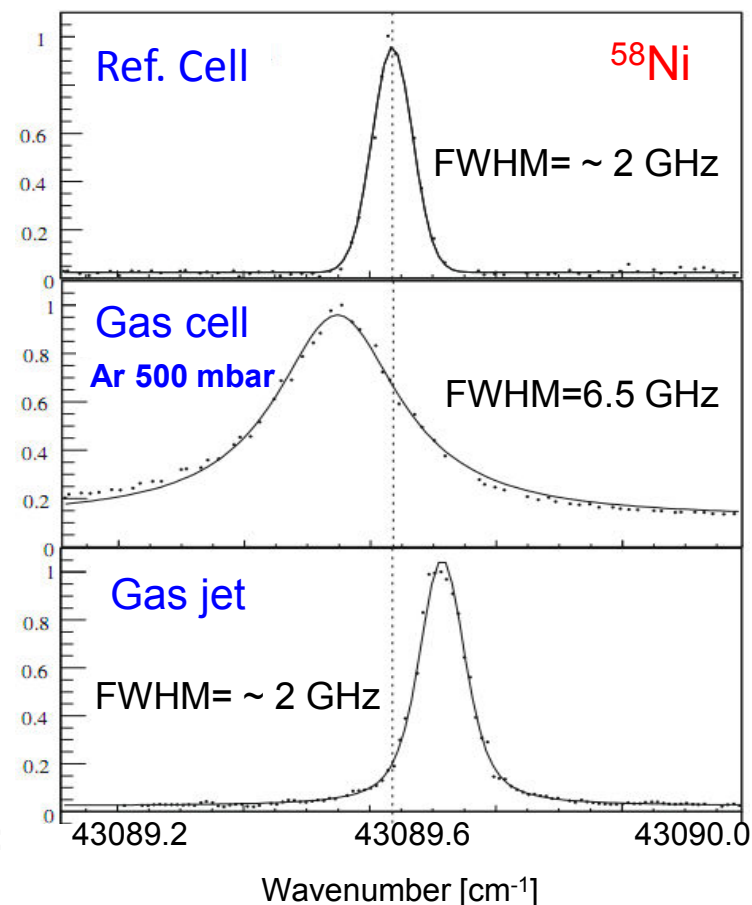
- and Selectivity

- Ionization in LIST mode K. Blaum *et al.*, NIM B204 (2003) 331



Demonstrated proof of principle
@ LISOL

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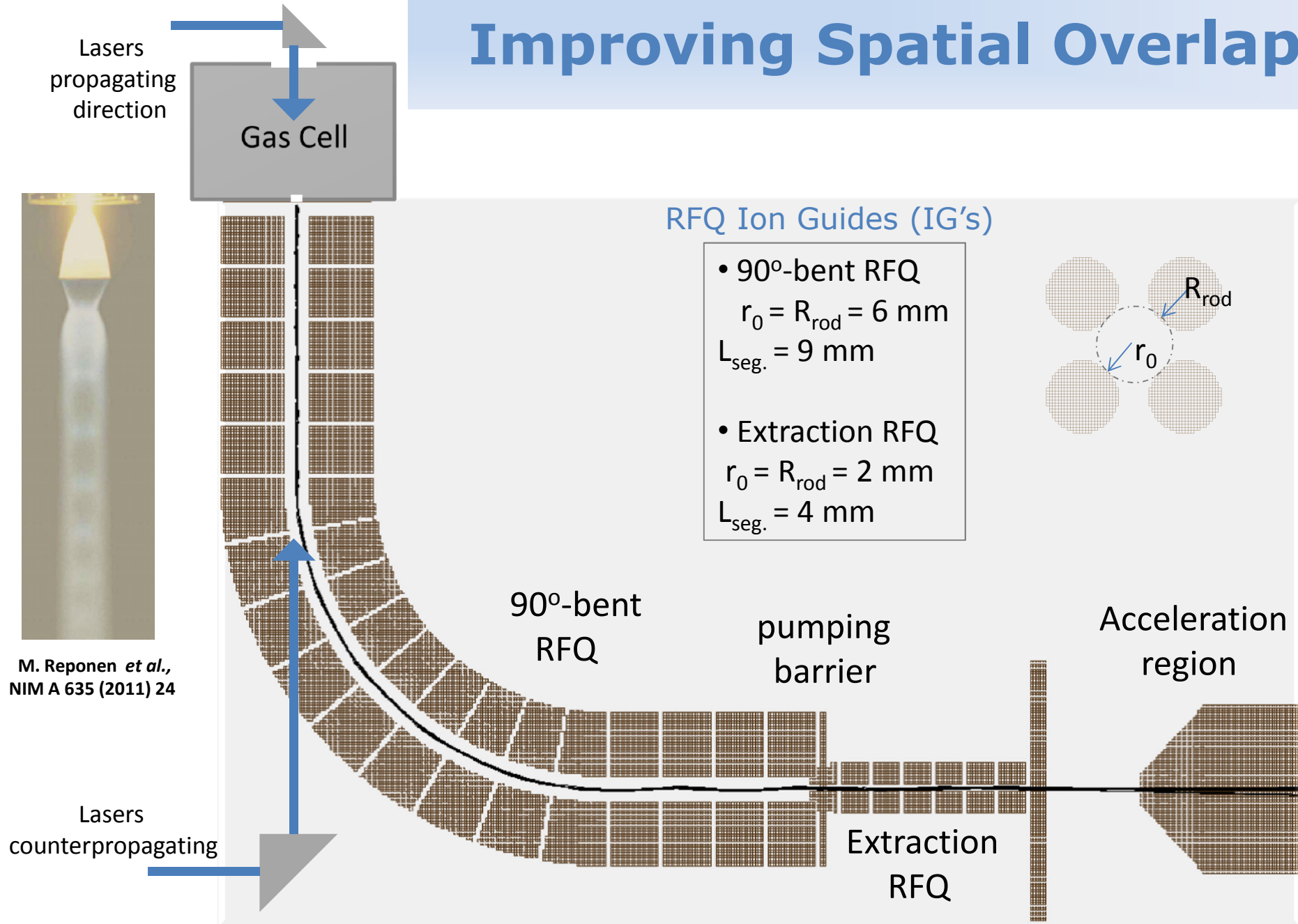


- Requirements to obtain maximum benefits:

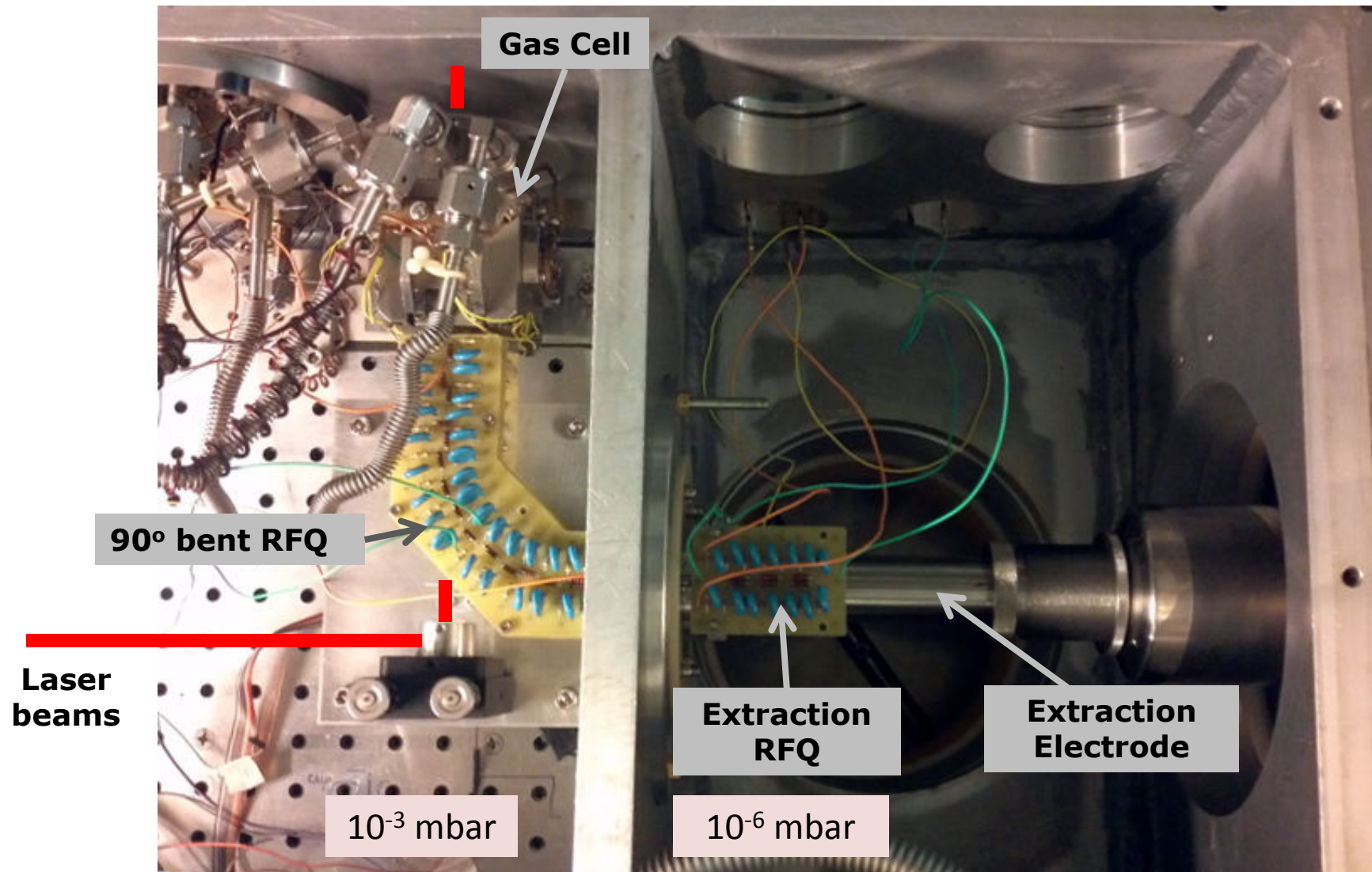
- Improve spatial overlap and temporal overlap

- Reduce laser bandwidth

Improving Spatial Overlap

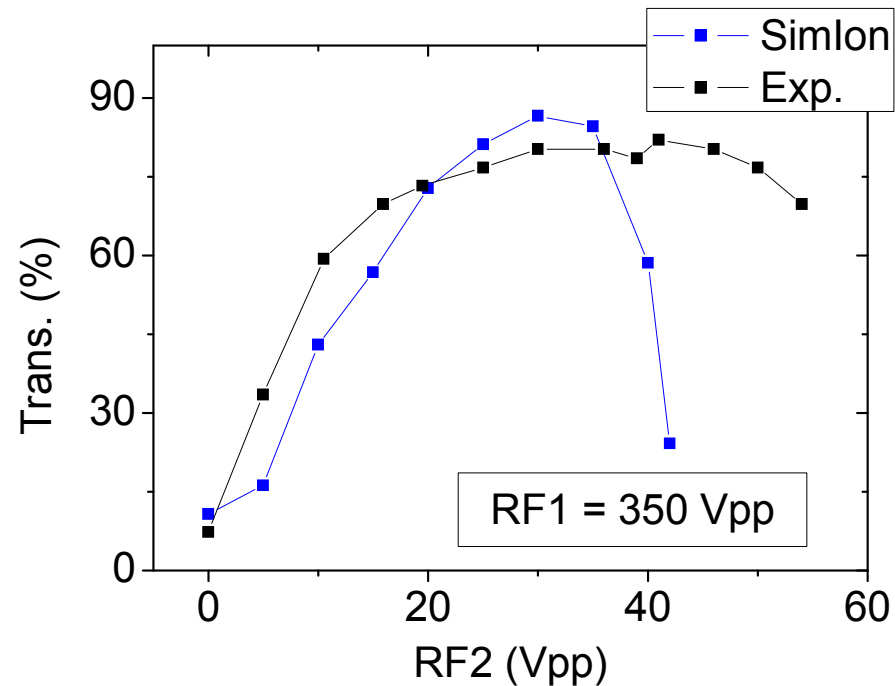


Commissioning of the RFQ IG's



Transmission through RFQ IG's

Comparison experiment vs. simulation (bkg p = 1e-3 mbar)

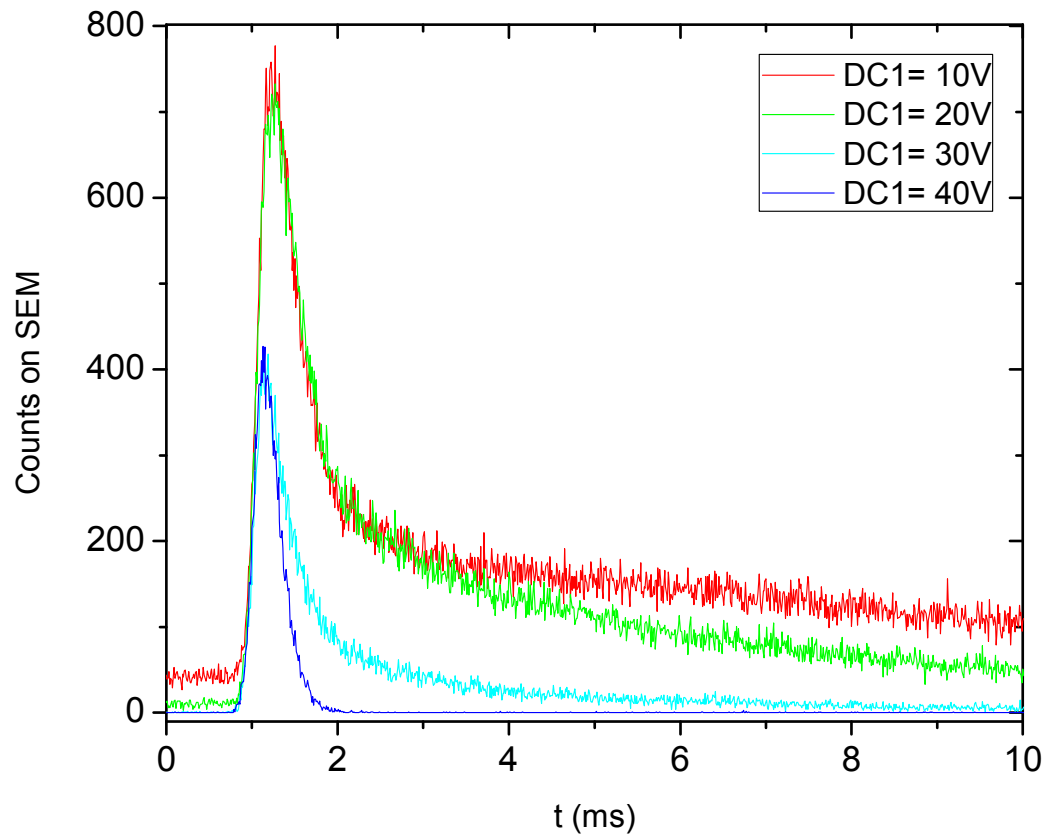


Copper filament:
A/Q= 63, 65,
81, 83,
99, 101

- Performance of ion guides found to be in agreement with expectation
- Transmission efficiency $\epsilon = 80\%$
- Similar transmission found for bkg p=0.1 mbar

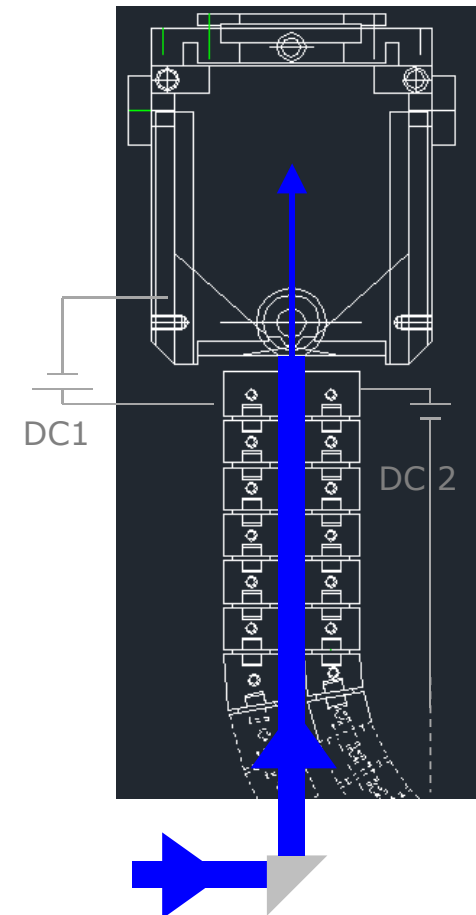
Selection of Ions from the Gas Jet

- Determine the blocking potential
- Time profiles with lasers in counterpropagating direction



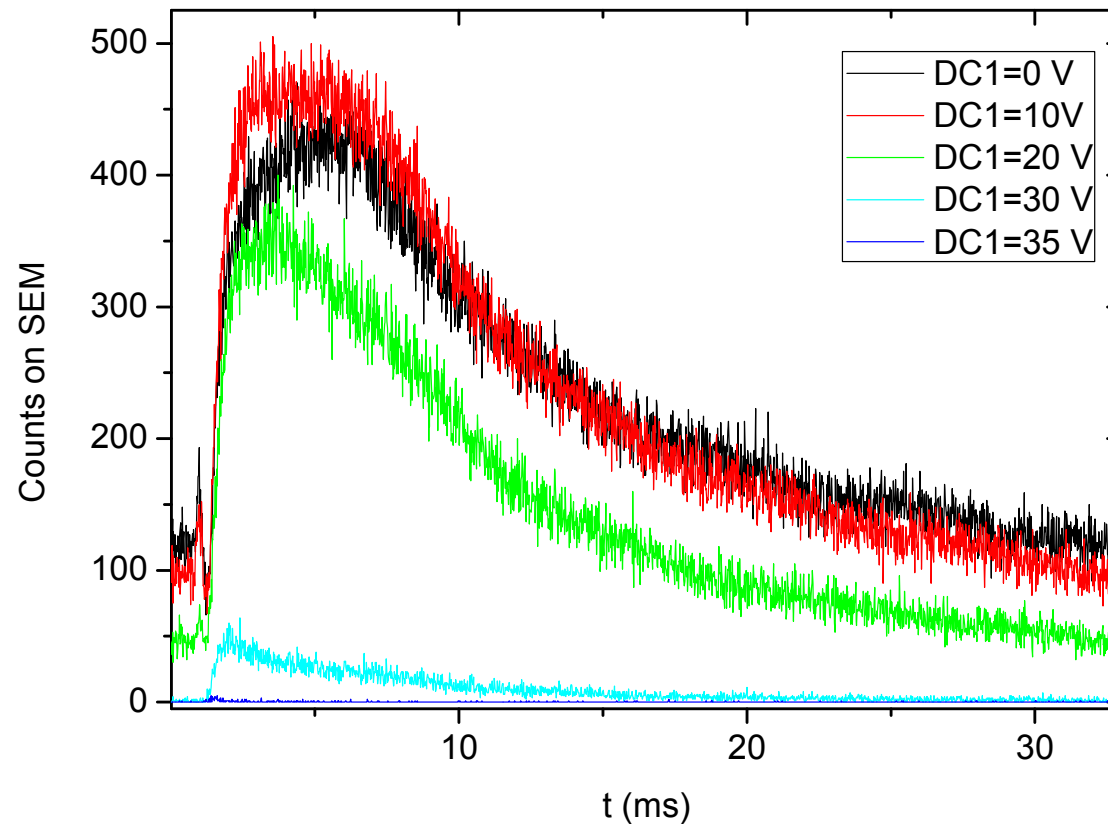
- Bias voltage of 40 V block all ions from gas cell

$A/Q = 63$
DC2 = -10 V
 $1 \cdot 10^{-1}$ mbar

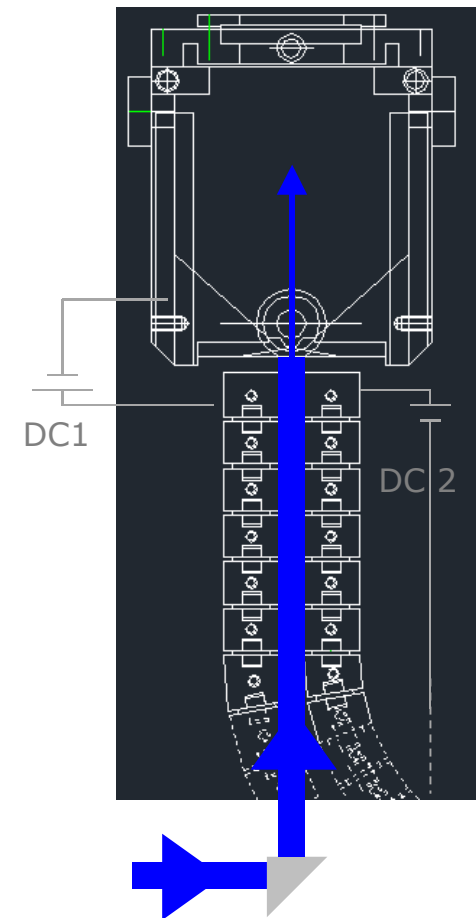


Sideband Formation

A/Q= 81 [$^{63}\text{Cu H}_2\text{O}$]⁺
DC2= -10 V
 $1 \cdot 10^{-1}$ mbar



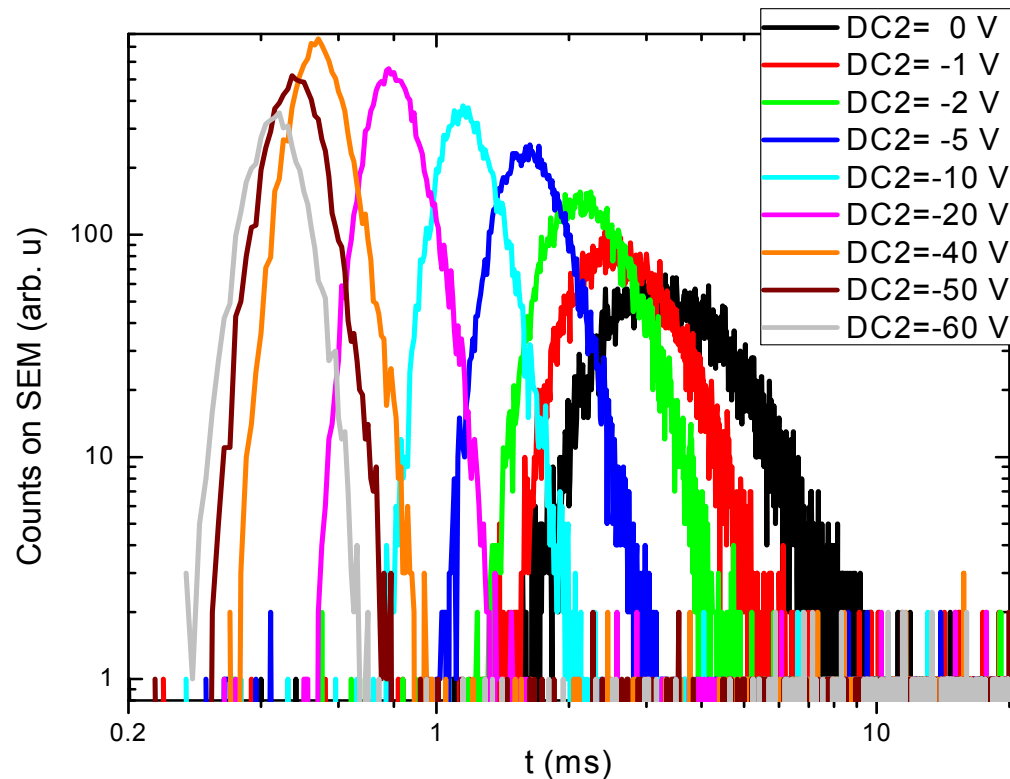
- Molecule formation occurs in the GC (short mfp) and not in the gas jet (long mfp)



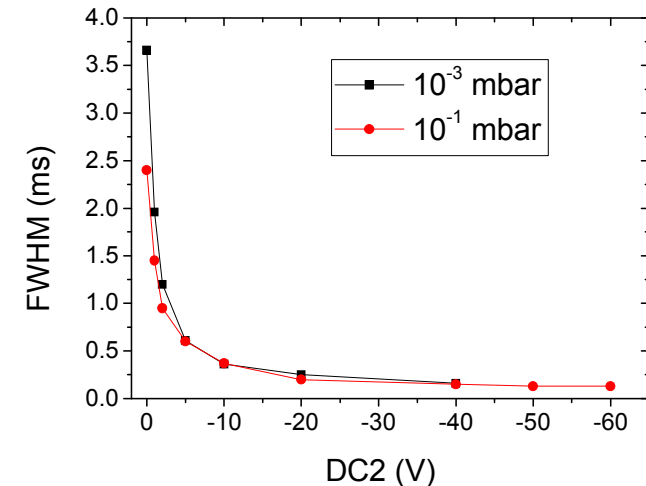
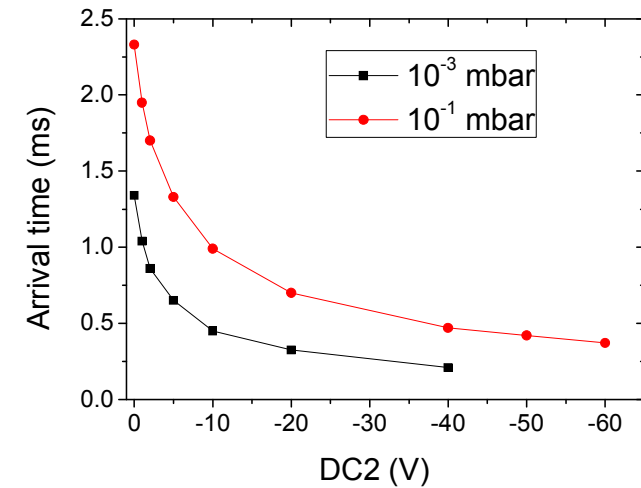
Effect of dc gradient on the Ion Beam

- Time profiles with lasers in counterpropagating direction

A/Q= 63
DC1= 40 V
 $1 \cdot 10^{-1}$ mbar

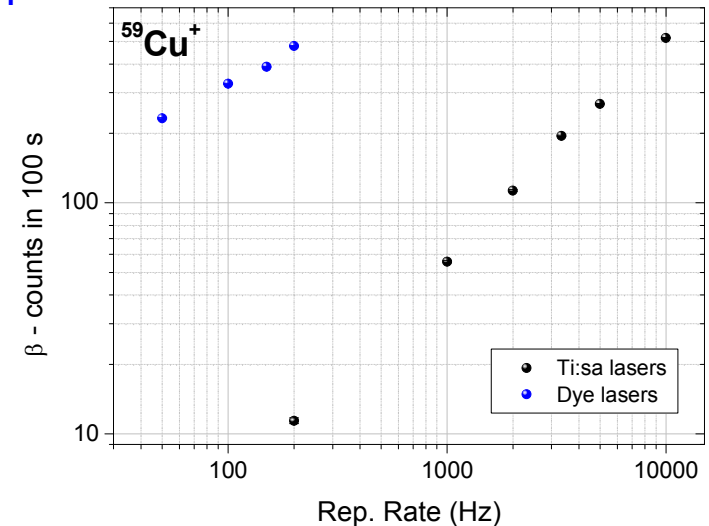
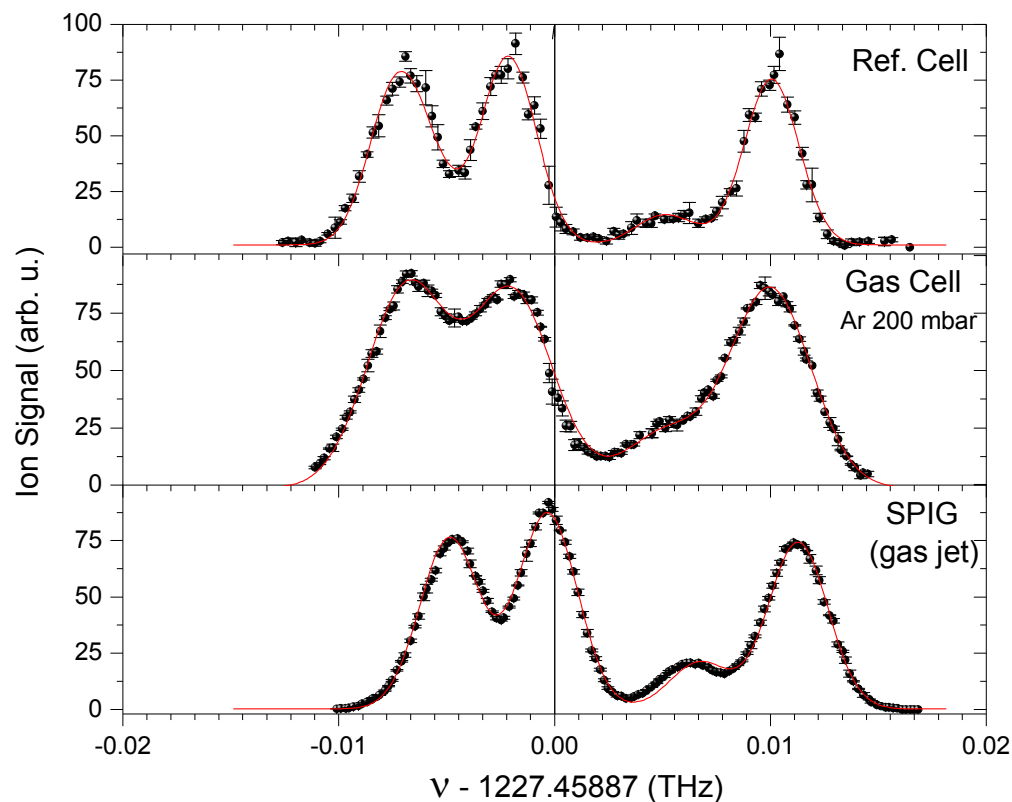


✓ Manipulation of ions by dc gradient



Improving Time Overlap

- Test of a high pulse repetition rate laser system (Uni-Mainz, GANIL, JYFL, RIKEN, IPNO, JINR)
 - Performance comparison between high repetition Ti:sa lasers and LISOL dye lasers
 - Comparable results for in-gas-cell ionization

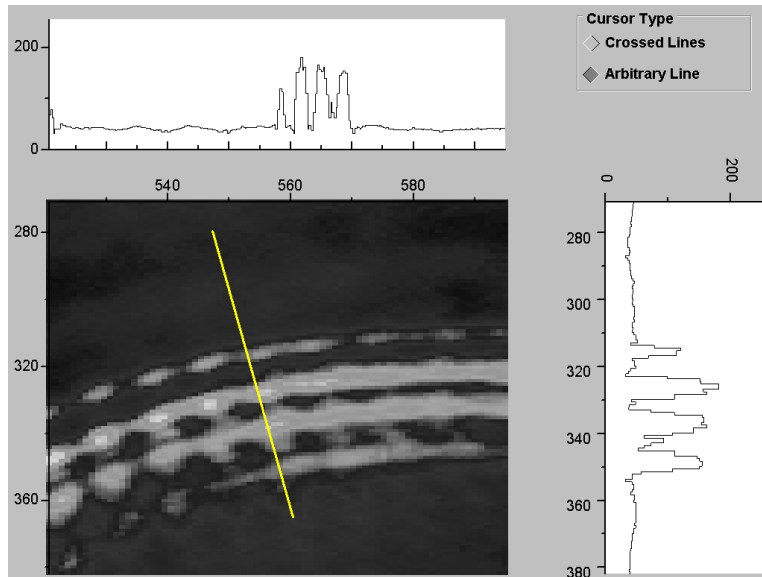


- Resolution of HFS of stable ^{63}Cu in the gas jet mainly limited by laser bandwidth

R. F., V. Sonnenschein *et al.*, NIM B 291 (2012) 29

Reduction of the Laser Bandwidth

- Study of typical LISOL narrow-band pulse using FP interferometer

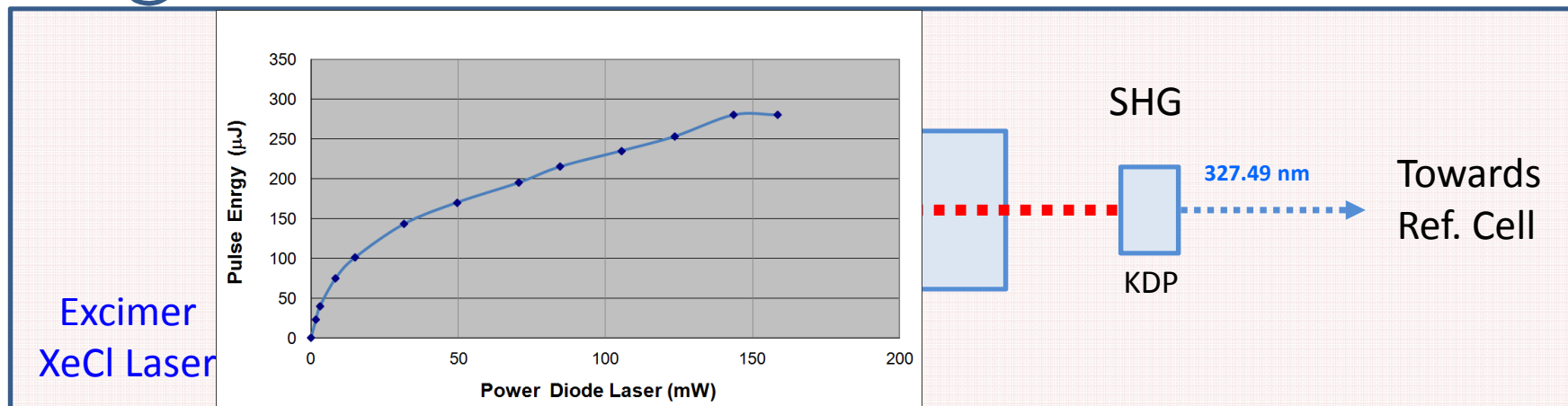


- Radial profile of interference ring shows four oscillation modes

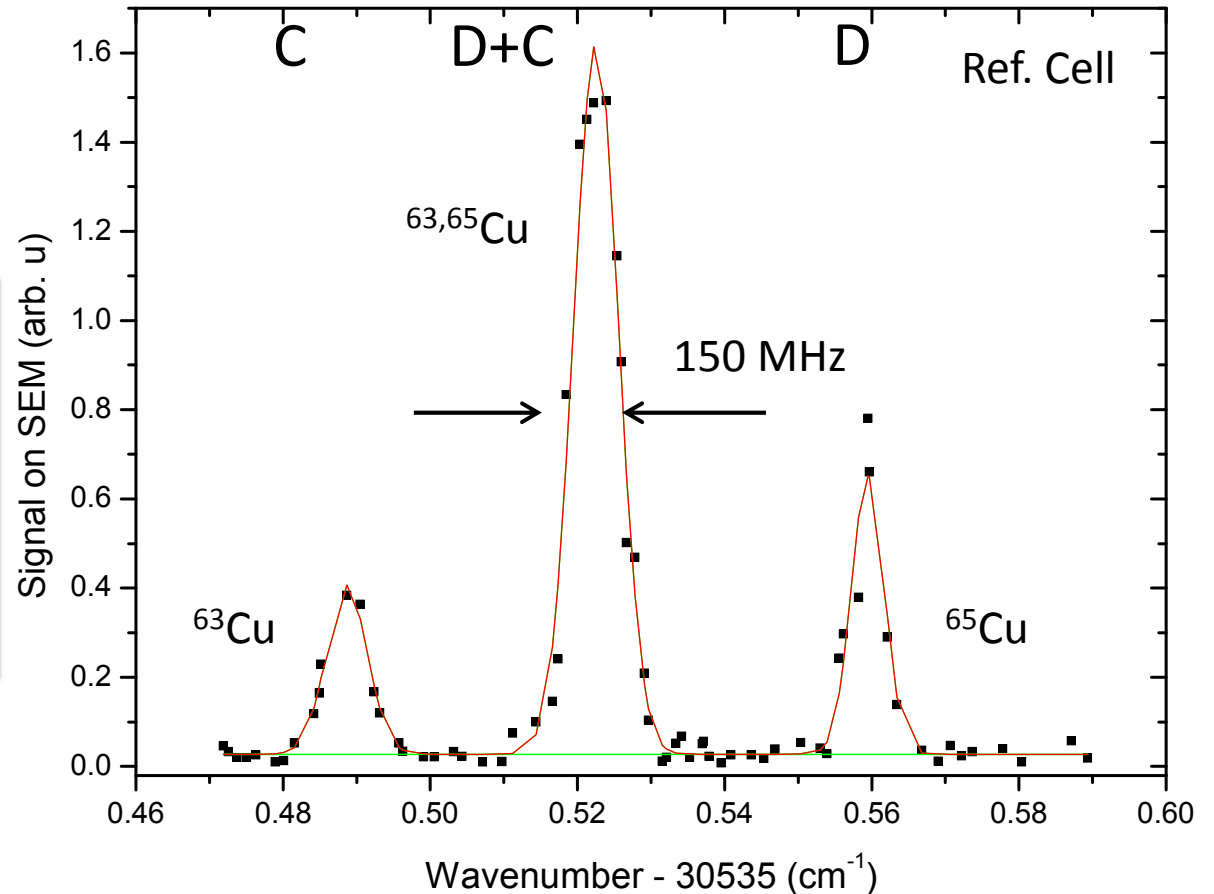
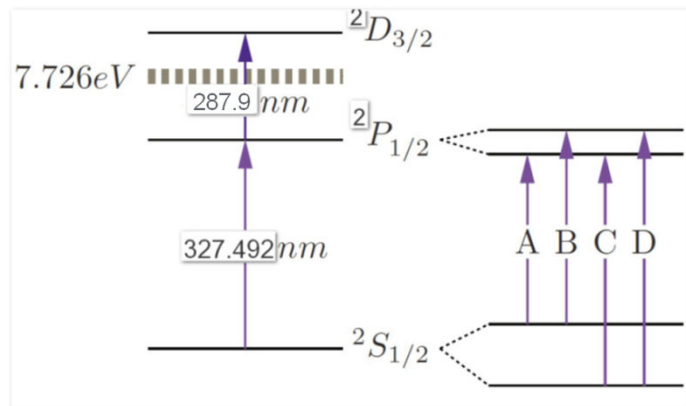
- Separation between modes is 400 MHz
→ mode FWHM= 150MHz
Laser bandwidth ~1.4 GHz (SHG)

1. Implementation of a thicker etalon (14 mm air spaced) allows selection of a single mode
→ 450 MHz FWHM (Doppler broad.)

2. Amplification of CW Single Mode Diode Laser in Pulsed Dye Amplifier



High energy HFS components of the 327 nm line in $^{63,65}\text{Cu}$



- Estimated 90 MHz Fourier-limited (5ns) laser bandwidth is affected by residual Doppler broadening resulting in a signal line width of 150 MHz

HELIOS @ KU Leuven



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Laser equipment for IGLIS @ HELIOS

Two step laser ionization spectroscopy in the gas cell

- Two high-repetition-high-power Nd:YAG pump Laser
 - Max. average power = 100 W (@ 532 nm)
40 W (@ 355 nm)
 - Max. repetition rate = 15 kHz
- Two high repetition rate dye lasers
 - Tunable wavelength from 215 to 900 nm
 - Linewidth $\sim 0.07 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (2 GHz)



Nd:YAG Laser



Dye Laser

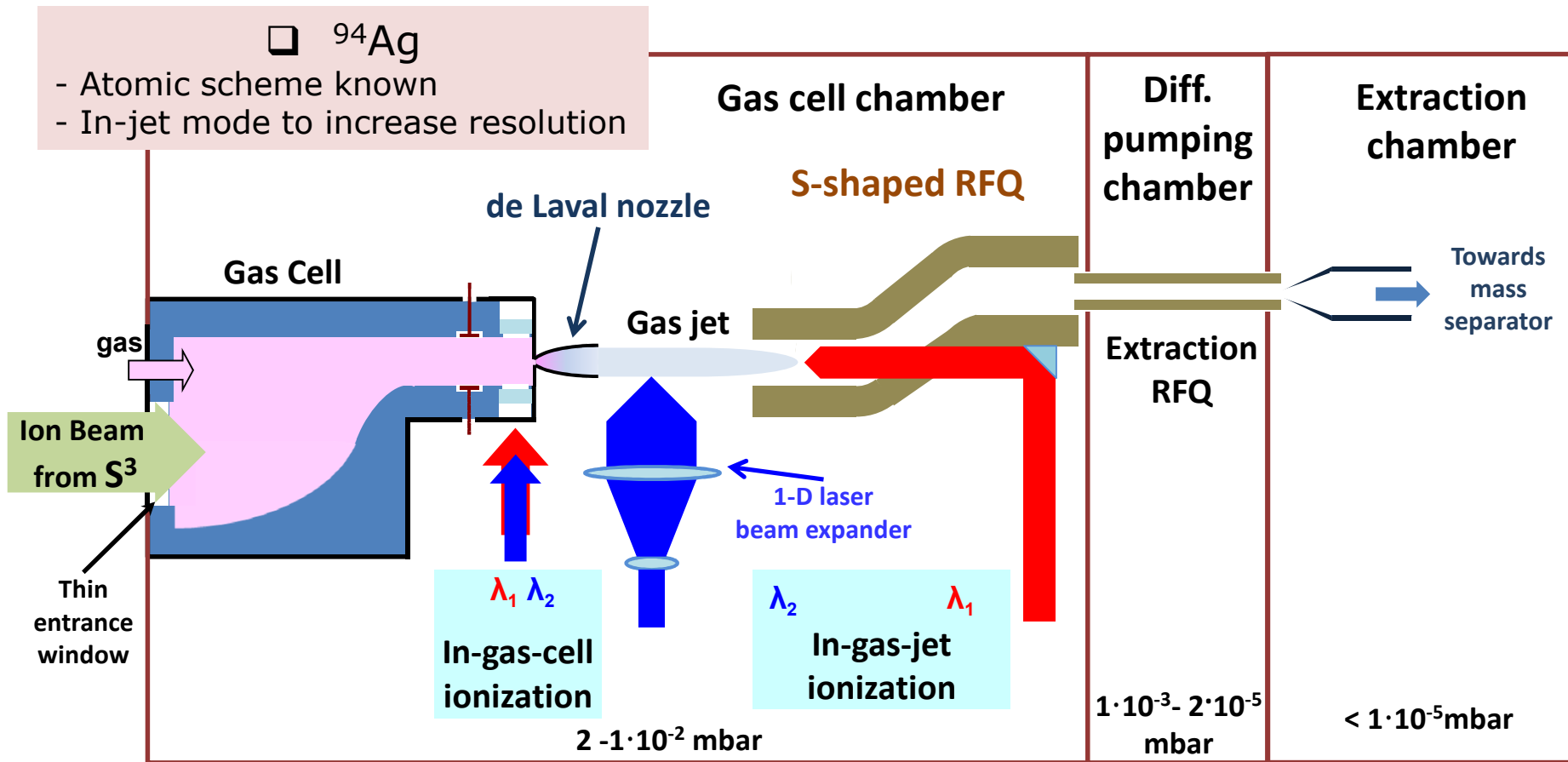
For high resolution spectroscopy in the gas jet first step will consist of

- A continuous wave (CW) single mode tunable diode laser
 - Linewidth = 1 MHz
 - Typical (mode-hop free) tuning range $\sim 20 \text{ nm}$
Suitable for only one element (requires change of diode depending on adopted ionization scheme)
- A pulsed dye amplifier with second harmonic generator



Diode Laser

IGLIS Setup @ S³



☐ ⁹⁴Ag

- Atomic scheme known
- In-jet mode to increase resolution

☐ ⁸⁰Zr

- Atomic scheme unknown
- In-gas cell/In-gas jet spectroscopy

☐ VHE (actinides)

- Atomic scheme known for Ac
- Develop Atomic schemes for other actinides
- In-gas cell/In-gas jet spectroscopy

☐ ¹⁰⁷⁻¹⁰¹Sn

- Atomic scheme known
- In-gas-jet spectroscopy required owing to p dependence

Summary & Outlook

- In-gas-cell laser spectroscopy of $^{57-59}\text{Cu}$ and $^{97-101}\text{Ag}$ performed at LISOL
- Similar results are being pursued for the Ac isotopes
- In-gas-jet laser spectroscopy will allow higher resolution & selectivity
→ More isotopes will be accessible
- First implementation @ LISOL → Bent RFQ + Narrow band laser + free jet
(de Laval Nozzle)
- RFQ IG's commissioned and tested → Performance according to expectations
- Start construction of HELIOS laboratory @ KU Leuven
- Commission new (high repetition) laser system
- Study gas jet formation and test new gas cell design
- Optimize high-resolution laser spectroscopy in the gas jet (see talk **Yuri**)
- Apply technique on radioactive beams @ S³

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