

# Ion Catcher & MR-TOF-MS for NUSTAR Experiments

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**FRS Ion Catcher Collaboration**

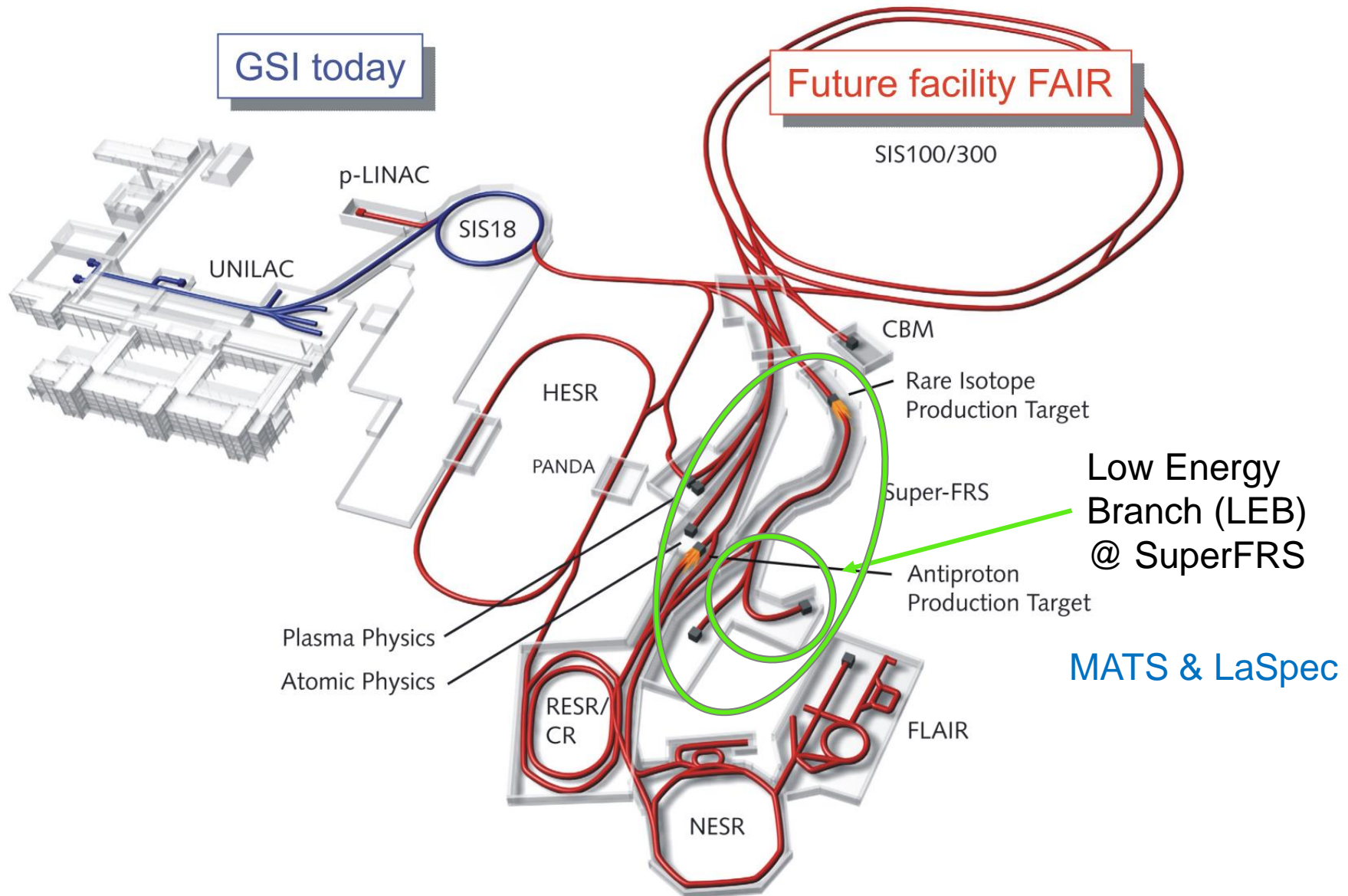
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NUSTAR and Low Energy Branch  
FRS Ion Catcher  
Developments and Results

# NUSTAR @ FAIR

## *N*uclear *S*tructure, *A*strophysics and *R*eactions



# MATS

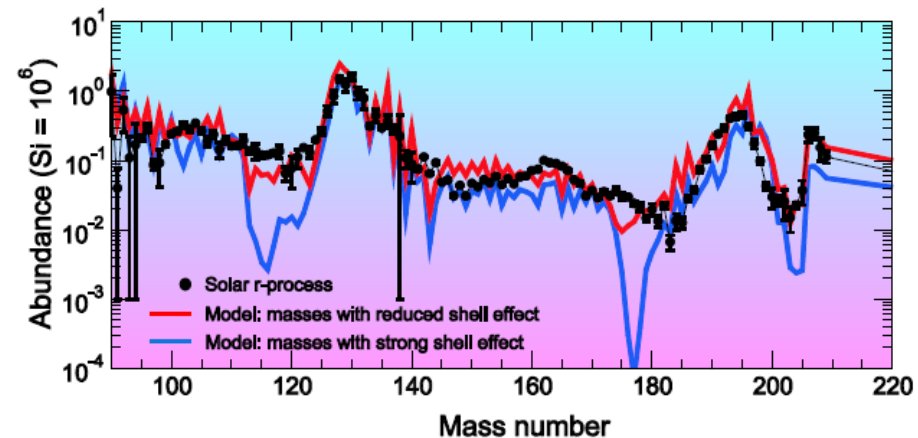
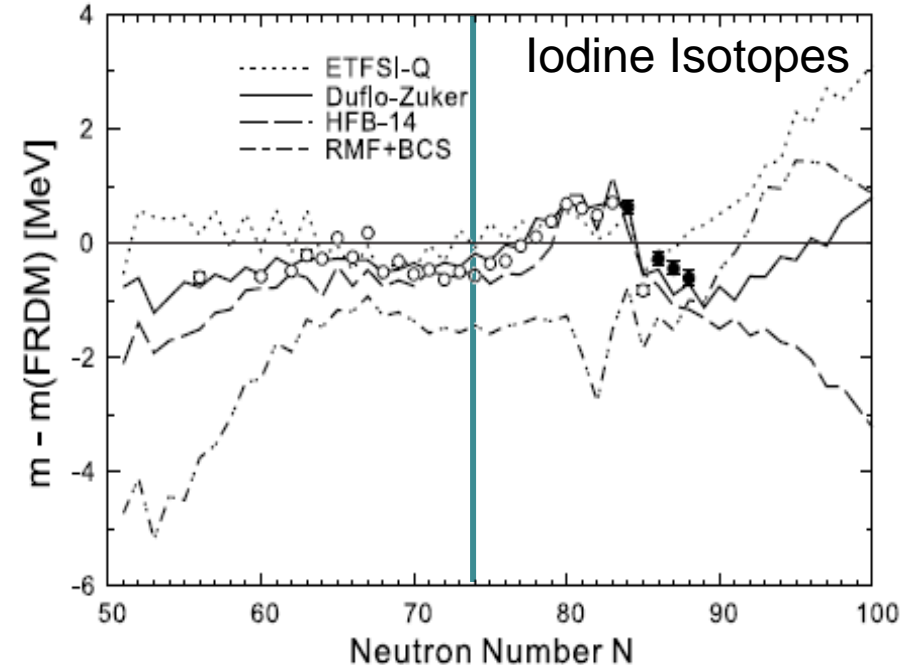
MATS (Precision Measurements of very short-lived nuclei using an Advanced Trapping System for highly charged ions)

D. Rodriguez et al., Eur. Phys. J. Special Topics 183 (2010) 1

- High precision mass measurements
- Spectroscopy on highly-charged ions
- In trap spectroscopy



- Nuclear structure
- Test of mass models far from stability
  
- Nuclear astrophysics
  - Explain nuclear abundances
  - Nucleosynthesis
    - e.g. r-process

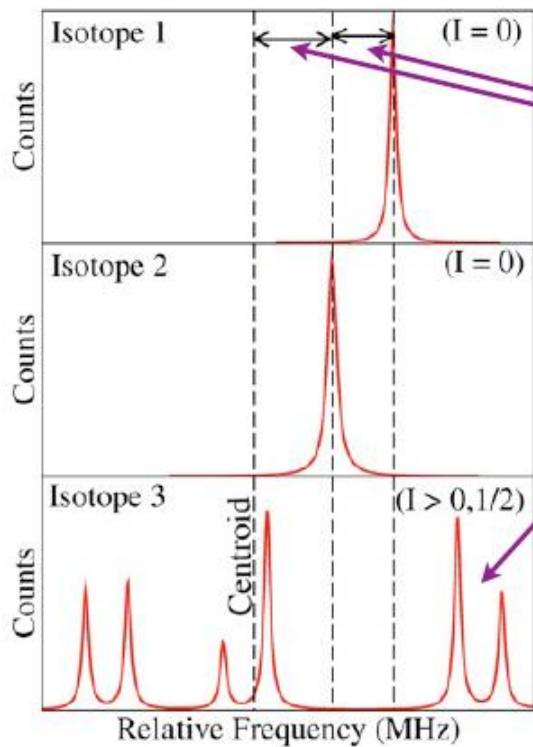


## LaSpec (LAsER SPEcTroscopy)

- Collinear laser spectroscopy on ions
- Optical pumping and collinear laser spectroscopy on atoms



Isotope shift, hyperfine structure,  
charge radii and nuclear moments



### Isotope Shifts

→  $\delta\langle r^2 \rangle$

### Hyperfine Structure

→  $\mu$   
→  $Q_s \rightarrow \langle \beta_2 \rangle$   
→ Nuclear Spin

shape of the nucleus

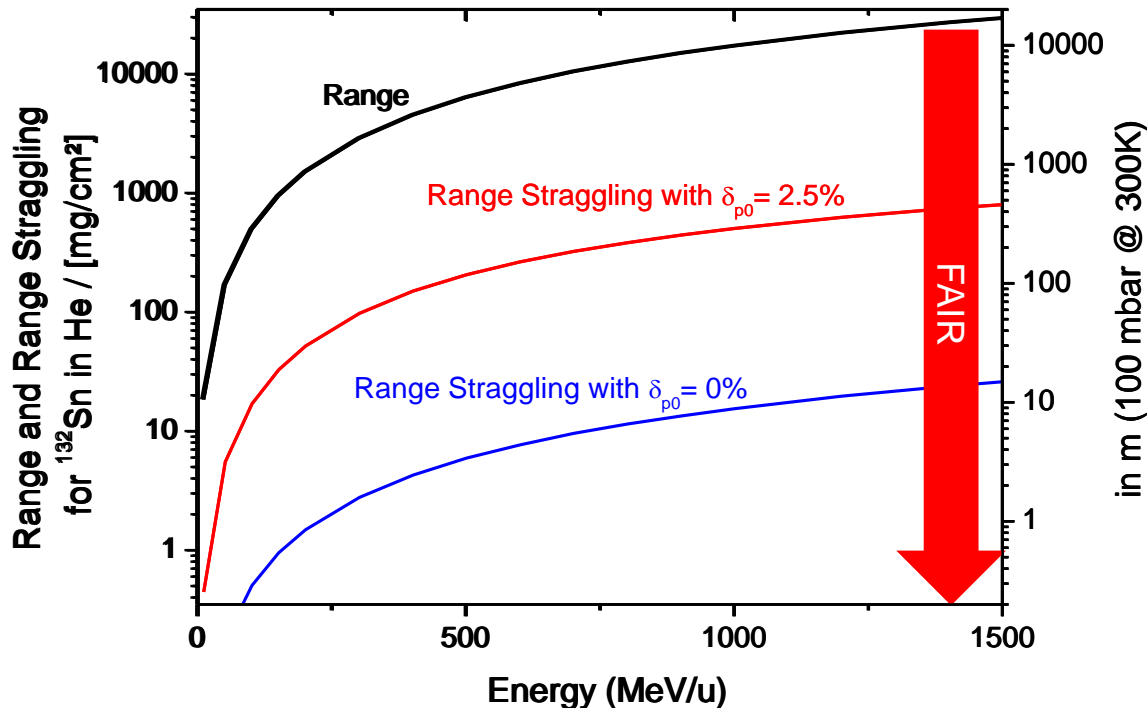
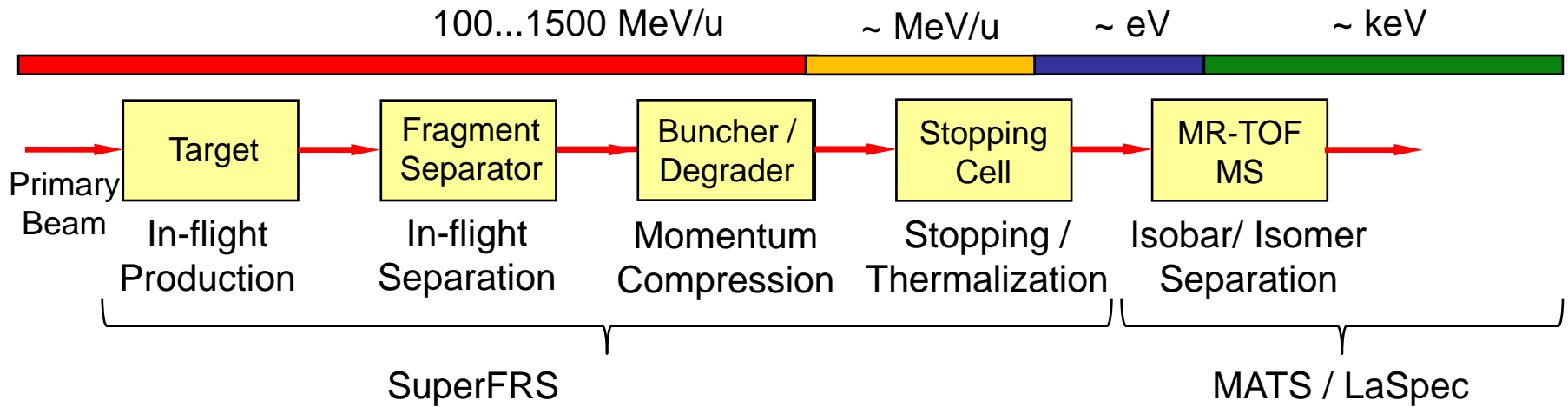


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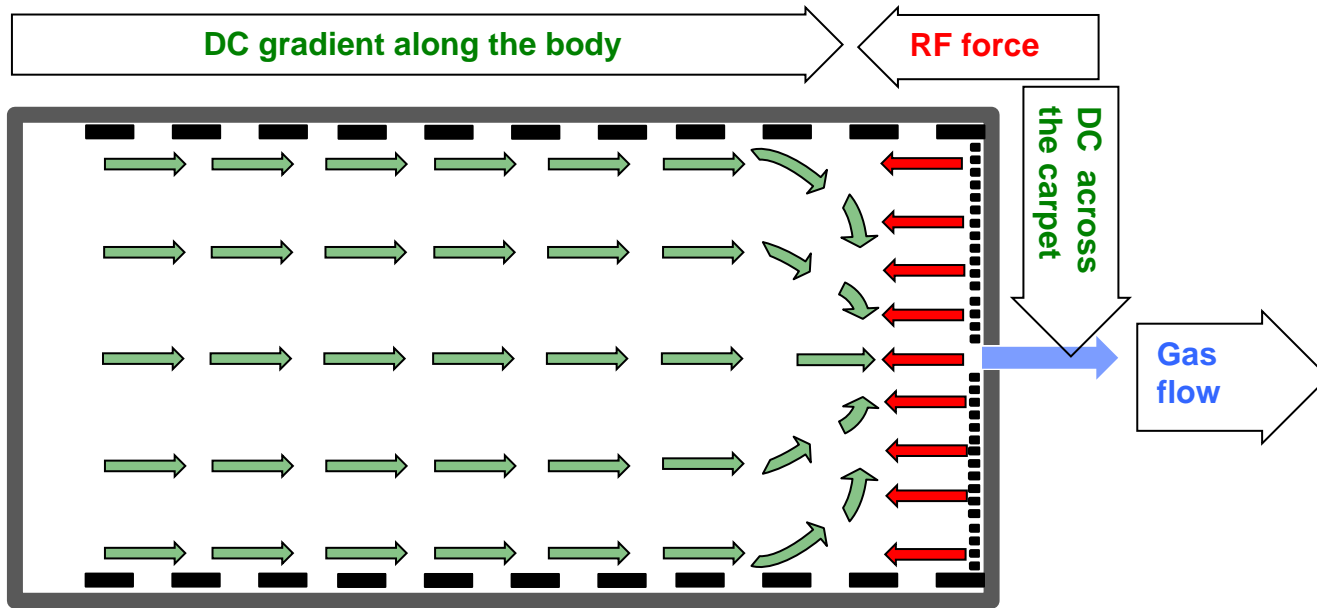
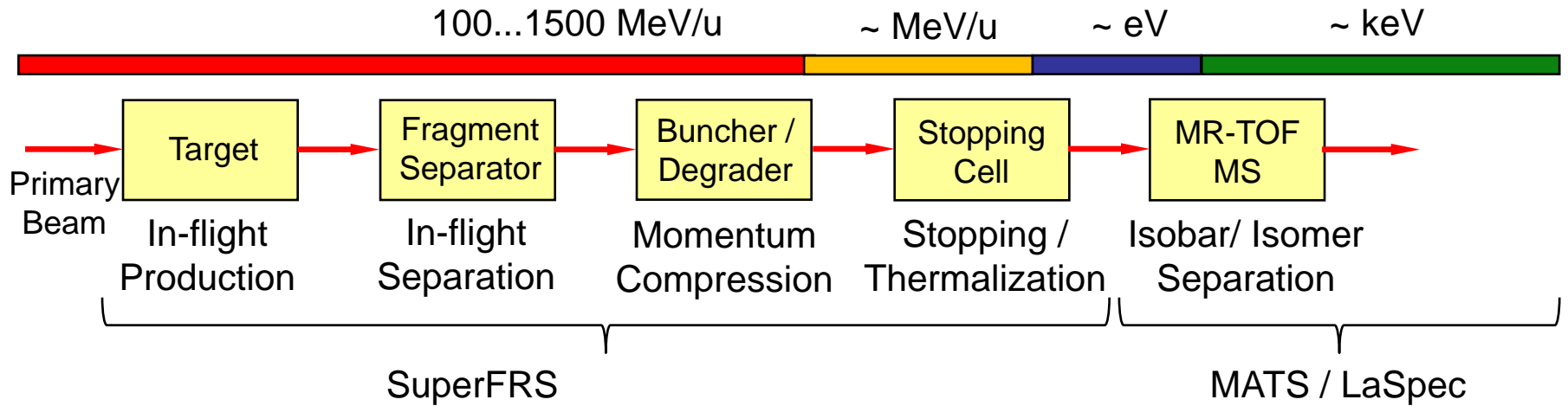


prolate (cigar shape)

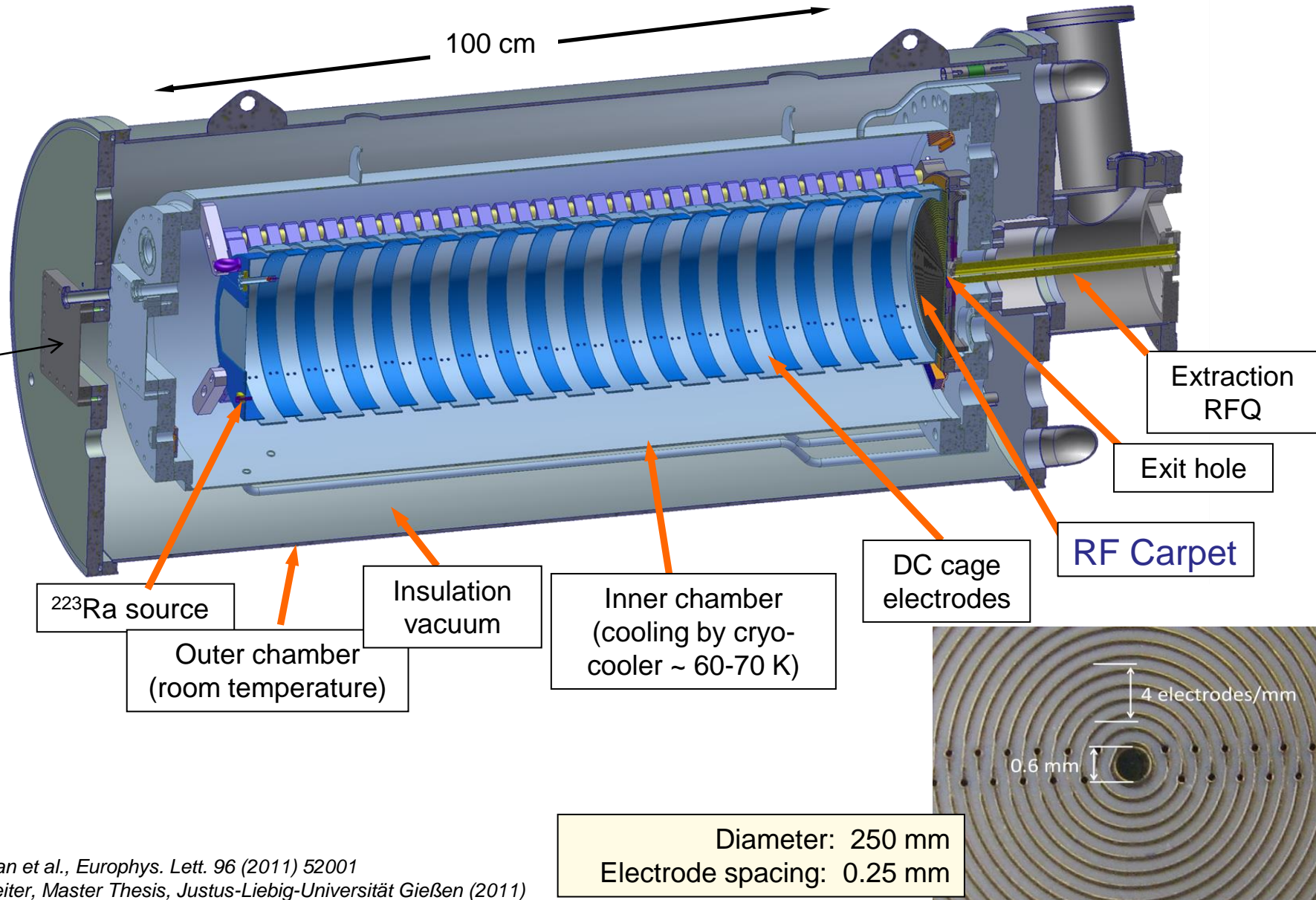
# LEB – from GeV to keV



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# Cryogenic Stopping Cell



M. Ranjan et al., *Europhys. Lett.* 96 (2011) 52001

M. P. Reiter, Master Thesis, Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen (2011)

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A.-K. Rink, Ion Catcher and MR-TOF-MS for NUSTAR Experiments

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# TOF Mass Spectrometry in Nuclear Physics

## Enables high performance

Fast → access to very short-lived ions ( $T_{1/2} \sim \text{ms}$ )

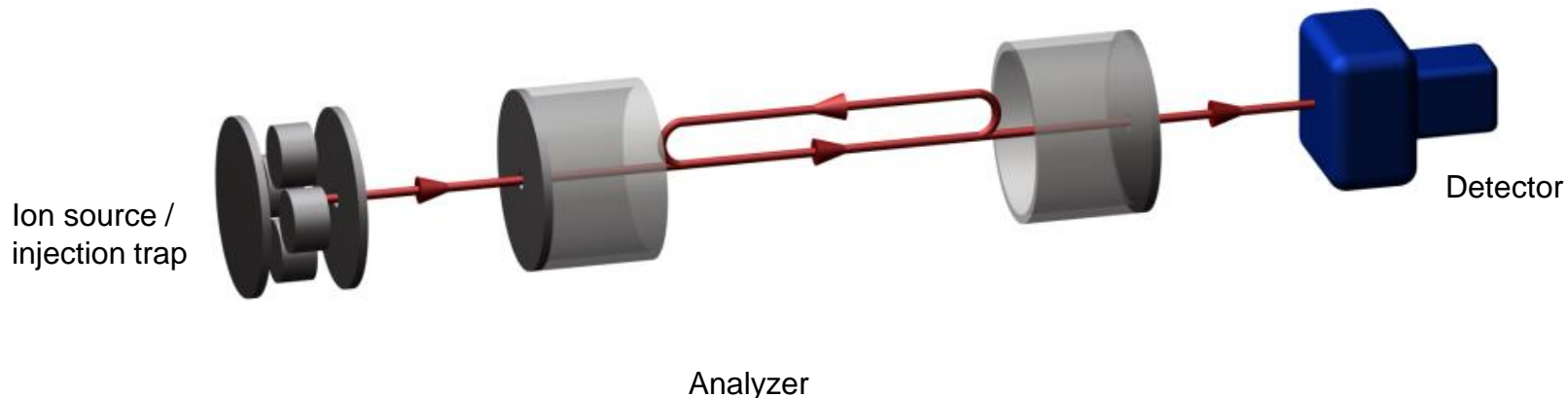
Sensitive, broadband, non-scanning → efficient, access to rare ions

Mass resolving power and accuracy almost mass-independent

Conventional TOF-MS achieve medium mass resolving power only

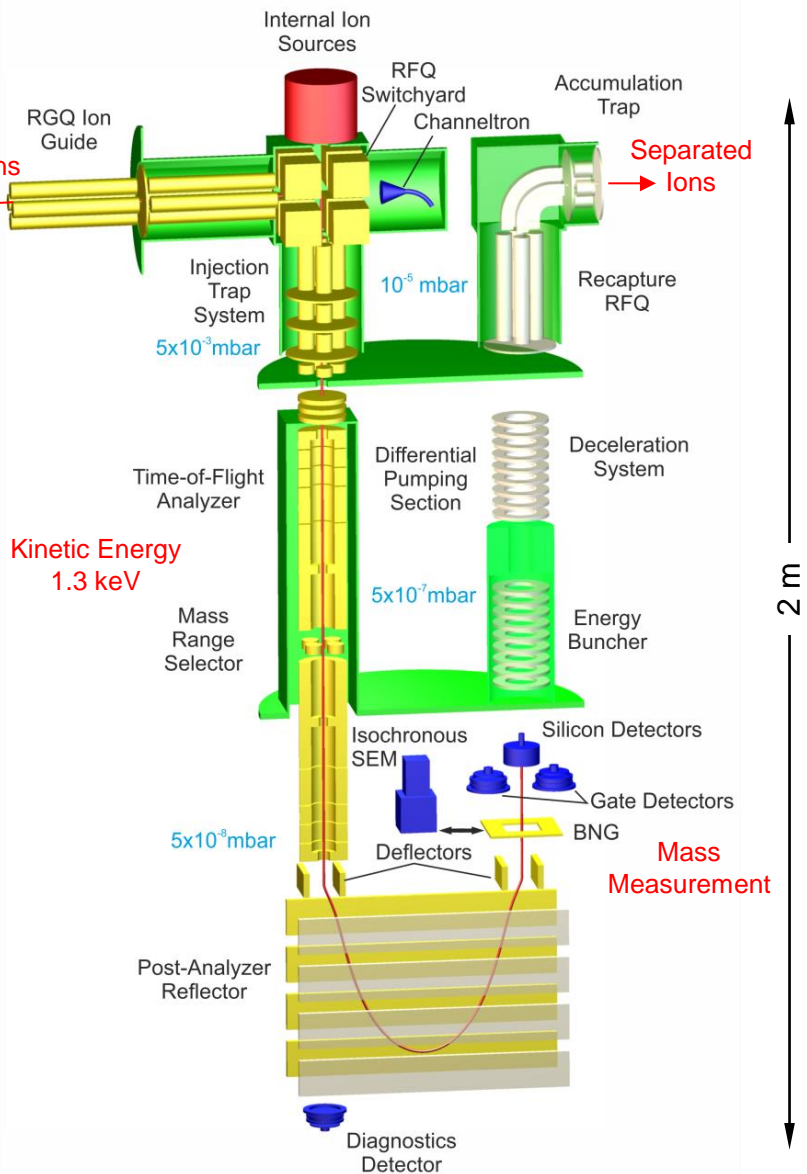
→ Solution to achieve high mass resolving power and accuracy:

## Multiple-reflection time-of-flight mass spectrometer (MR-TOF-MS)

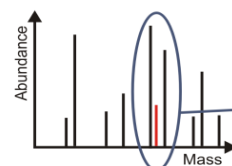




# Multiple-Reflection Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometer

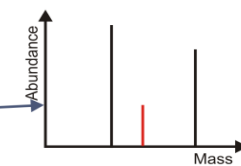
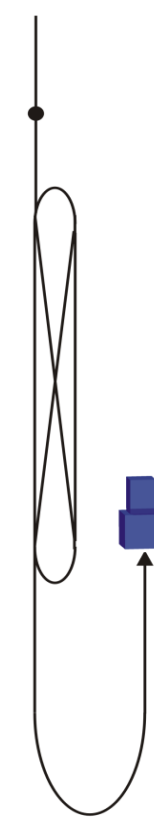


**Broadband Mass Measurements**



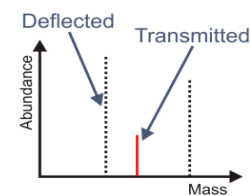
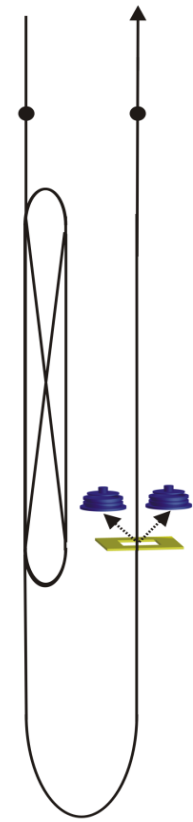
Full Mass Range,  
 $m/\Delta m \sim 10^3-10^4$

**High-Resolution Mass Measurements**



$m/\Delta m \sim 10^5-10^6$ ,  
Mass Accuracy  $\sim 10^{-6}-10^{-7}$

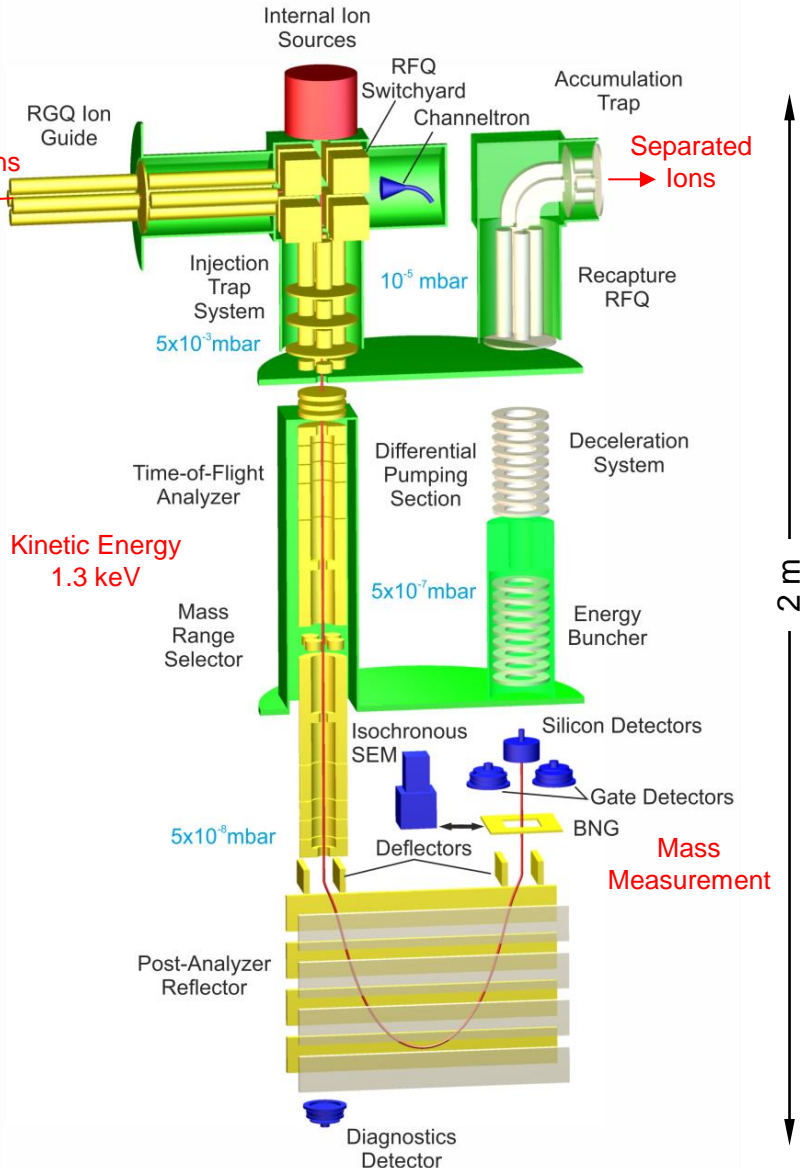
**Isobar Separator**



$m/\Delta m > 10^5$

W.R. Plaß et al., *Int. J. Mass Spectrom.* 394 (2013) 134  
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 M.I. Yavor, et al., *Int. J. Mass Spectrom.* (2015), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ijms.2015.01.002>

# Multiple-Reflection Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometer



Mass Measurement Accuracy

$\sim 10^{-7}$

Transmission efficiency

up to 70%

Sensitivity

$\sim 10$  ions

Isobar separator with high ion capacity

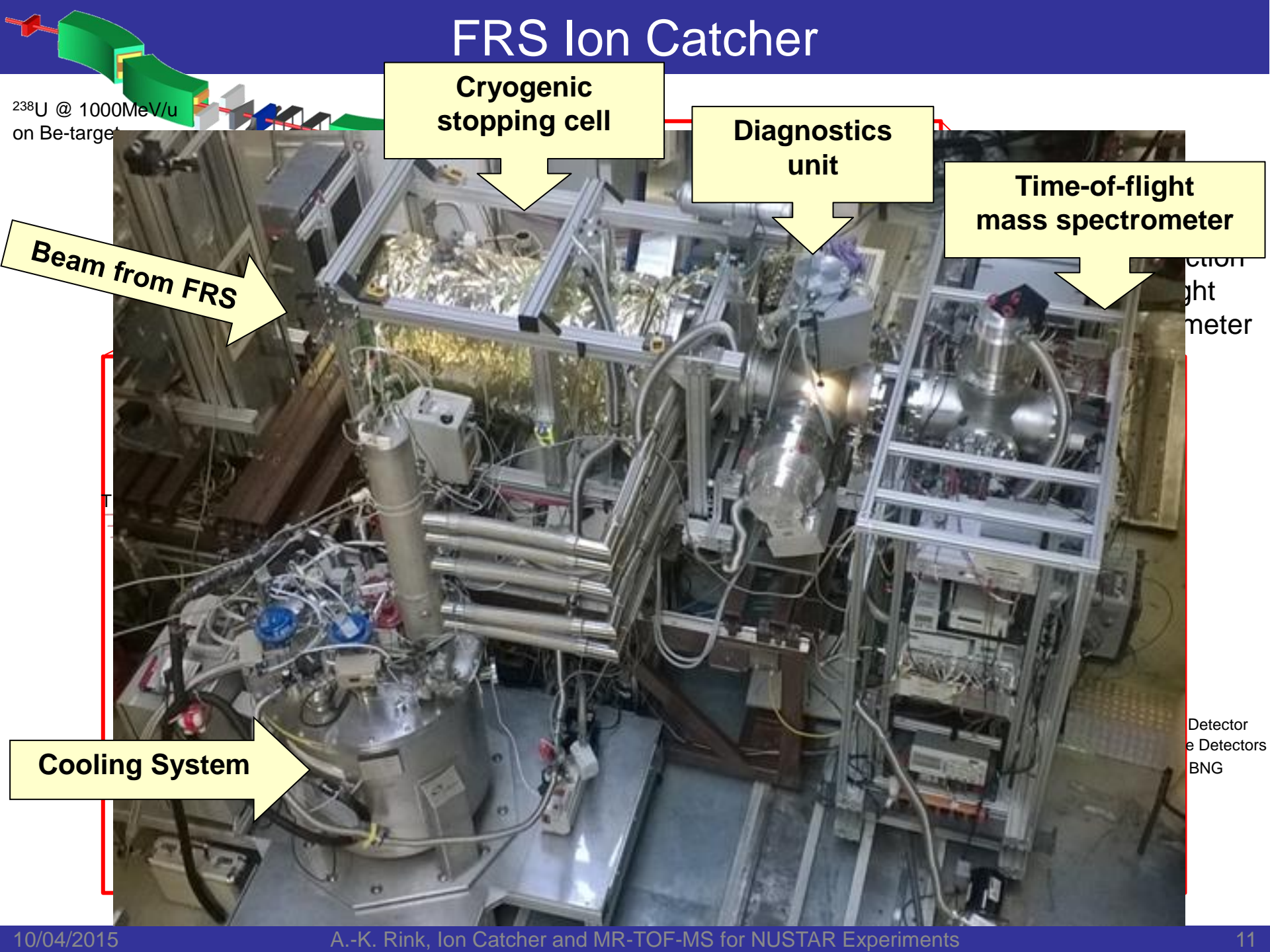
$> 10^6$  ions/s

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# FRS Ion Catcher



$^{238}\text{U}$  @ 1000MeV/u  
on Be-target

**Cryogenic  
stopping cell**

**Diagnostics  
unit**

**Time-of-flight  
mass spectrometer**

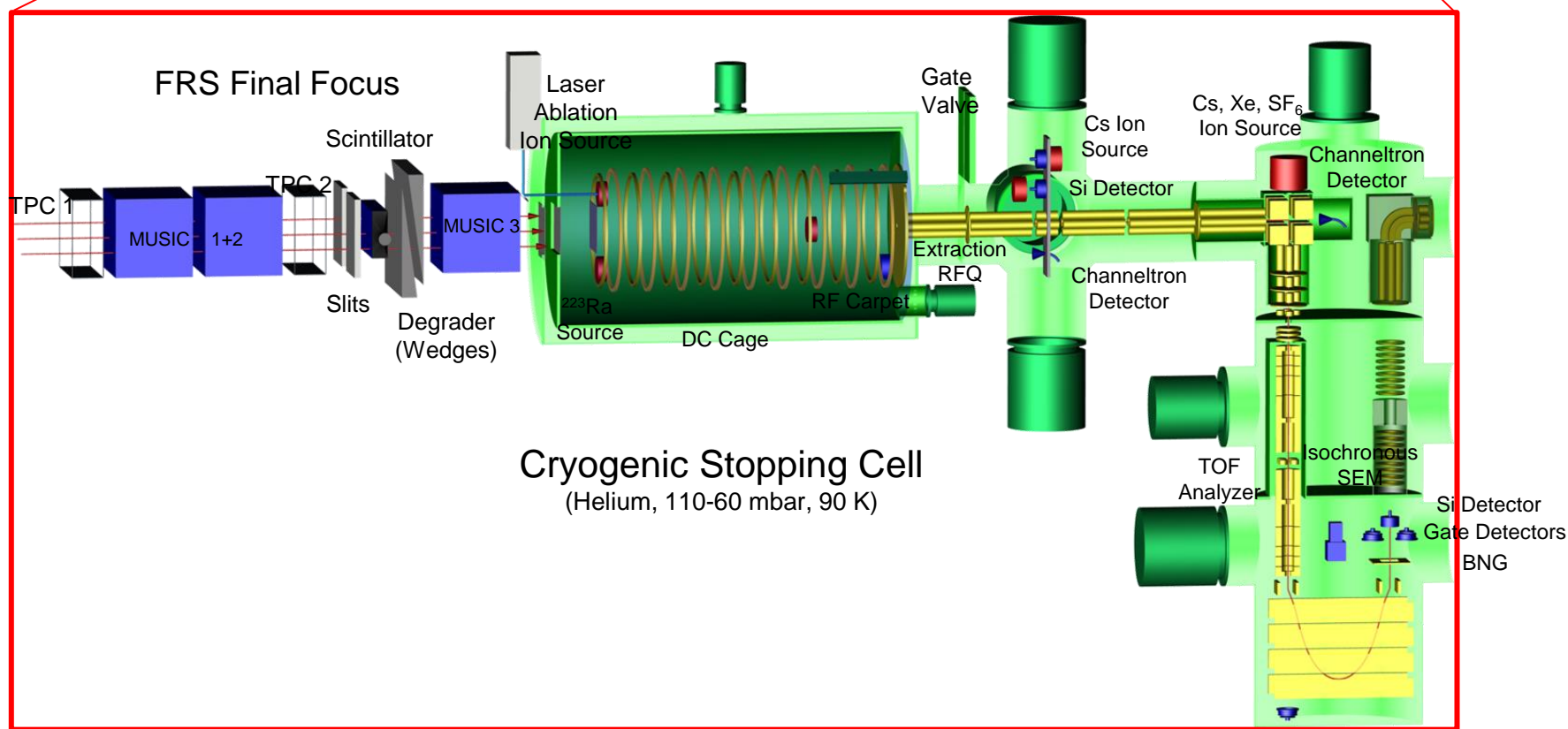
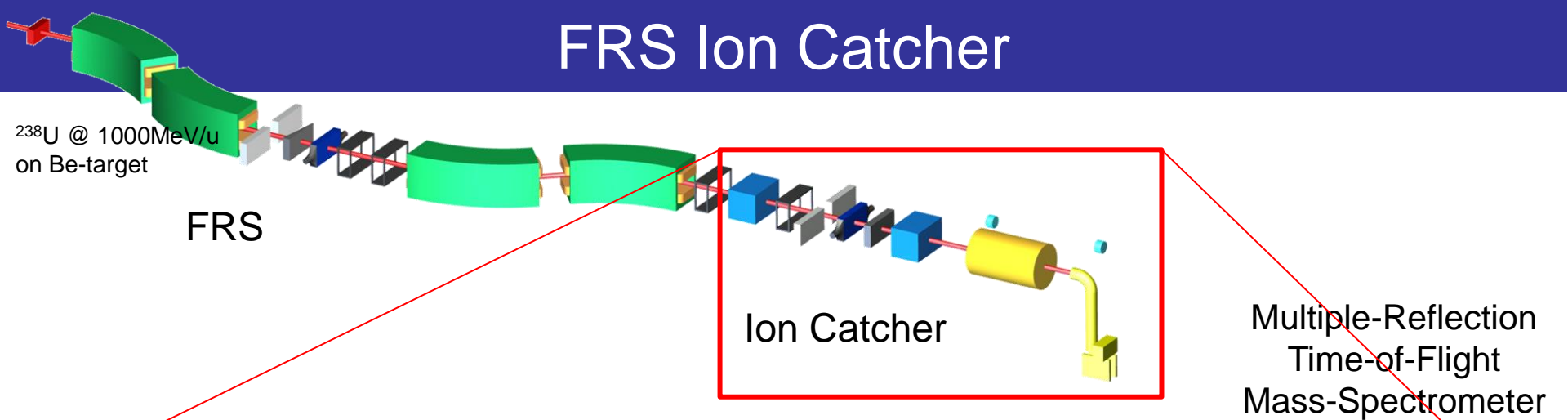
**Beam from FRS**

**Cooling System**

ion  
ht  
meter

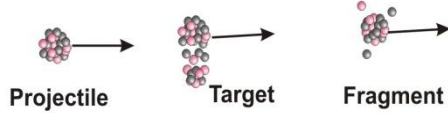
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BNG

# FRS Ion Catcher



# Commissioning Experiments

## $^{238}\text{U}$ Projectile fragments



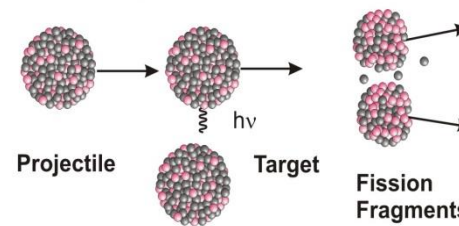
Nucleon-nucleon collisions, abrasion, ablation

$B_p=0$

$B_F=4\text{MeV}$

$B_n=0$

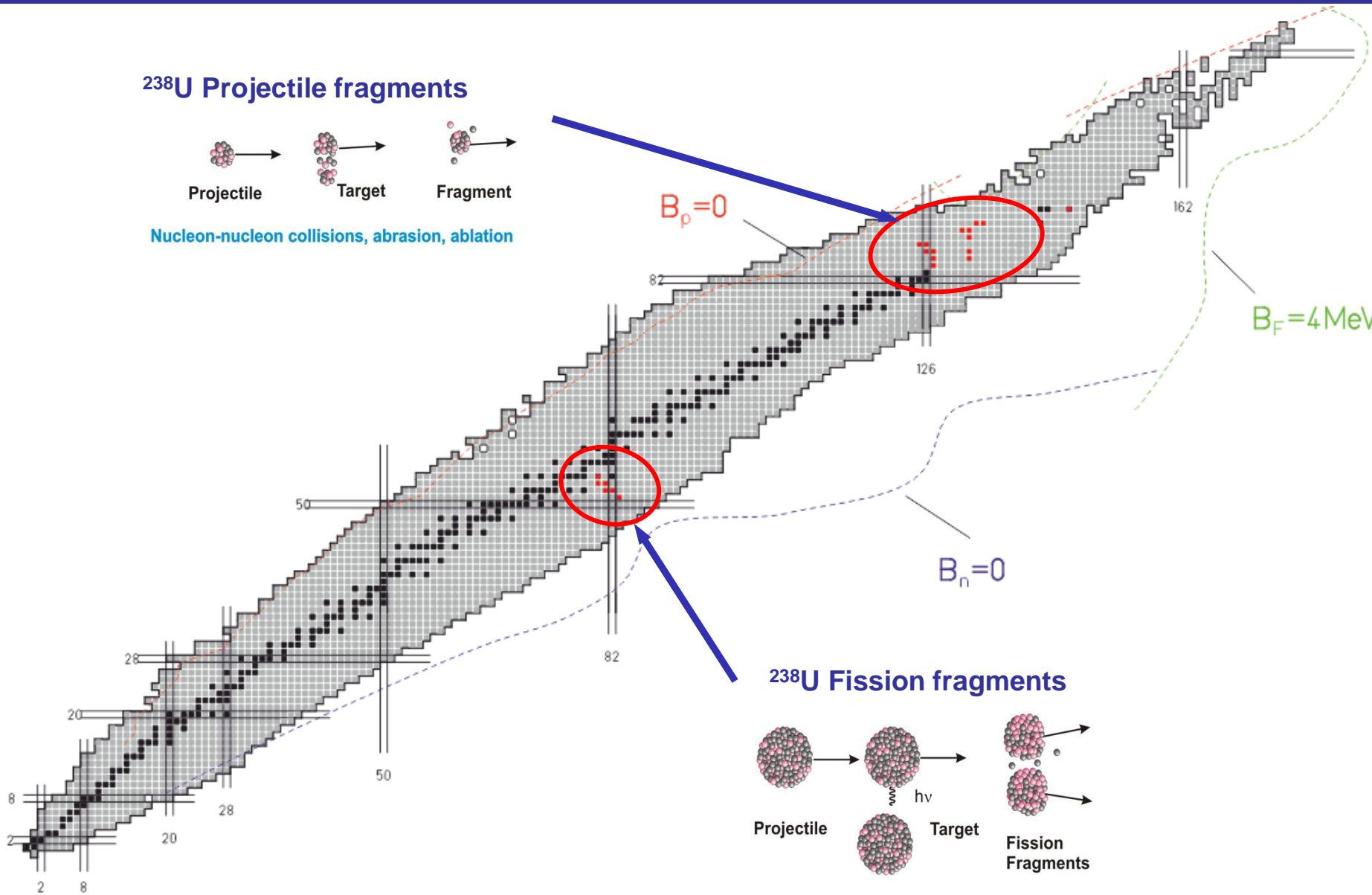
## $^{238}\text{U}$ Fission fragments



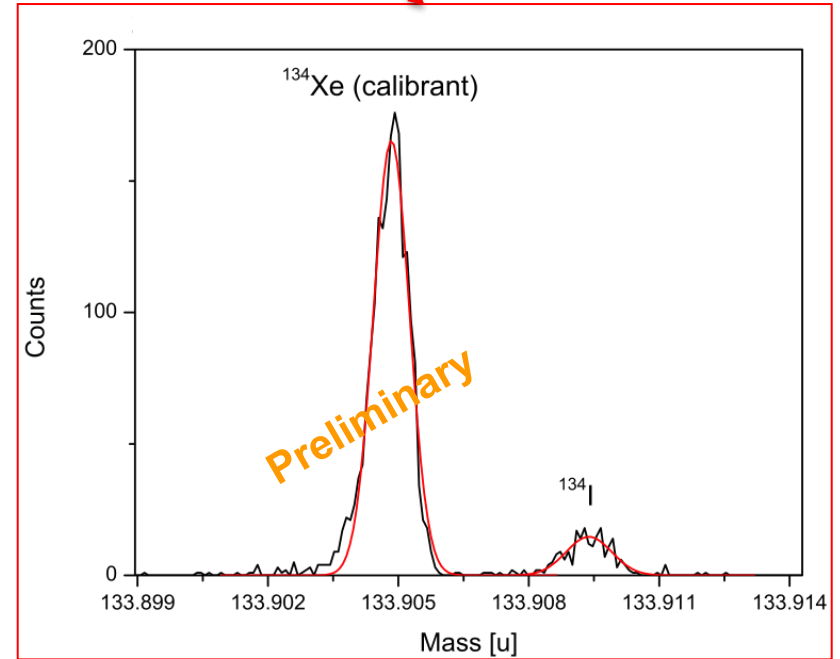
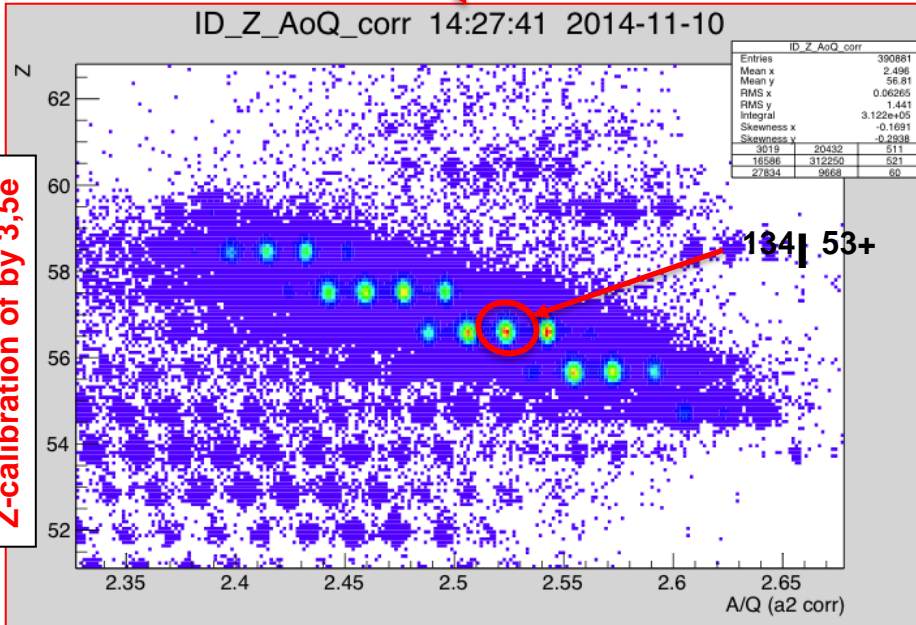
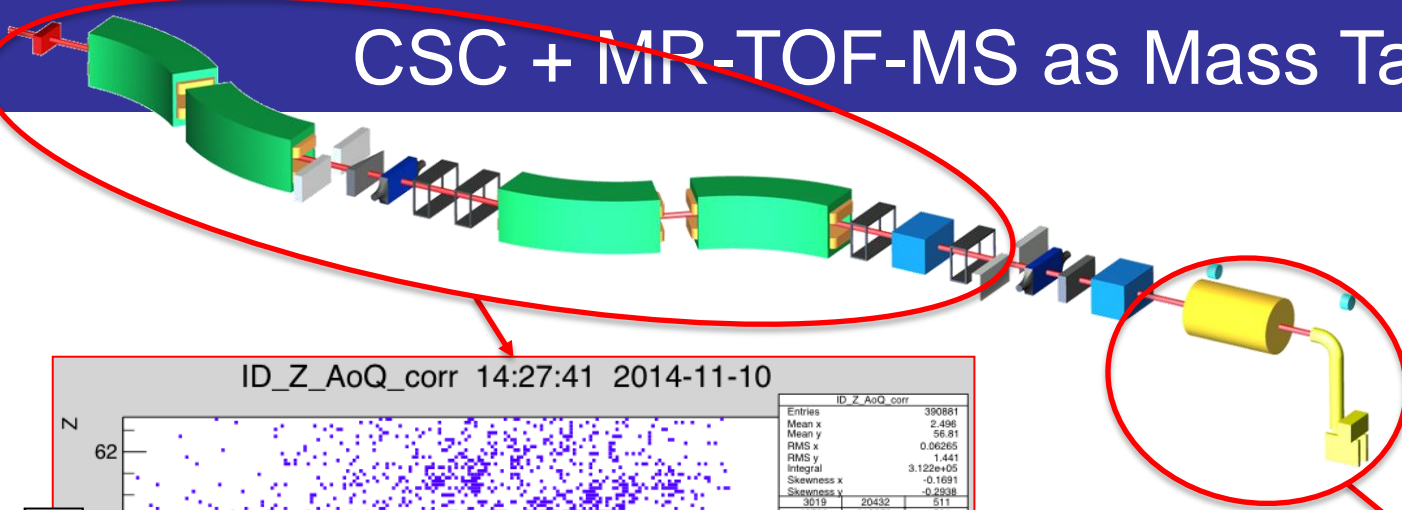
Electromagnetic excitation, fission in flight

Z ↑

N →



# CSC + MR-TOF-MS as Mass Tagger



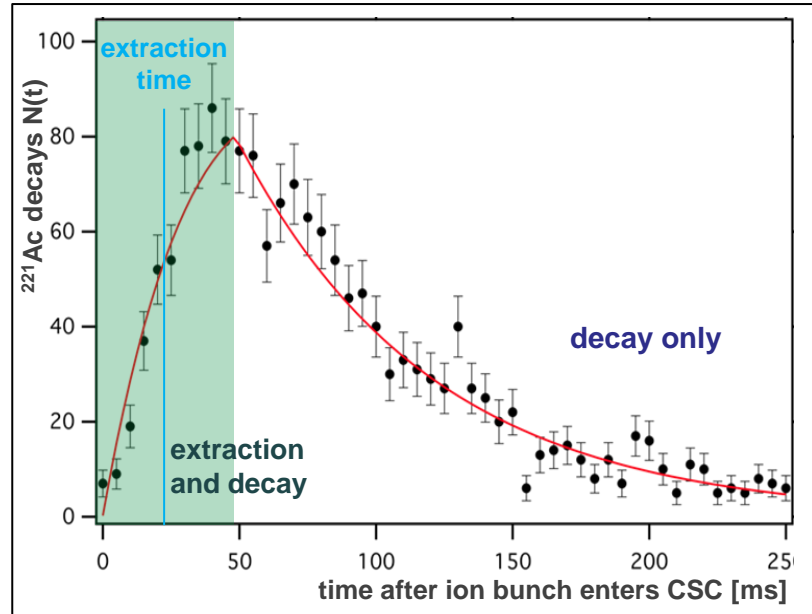
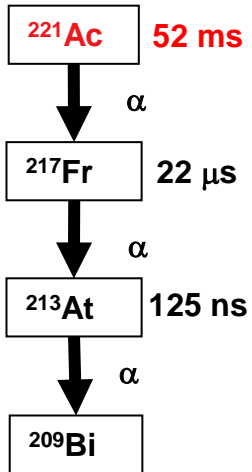
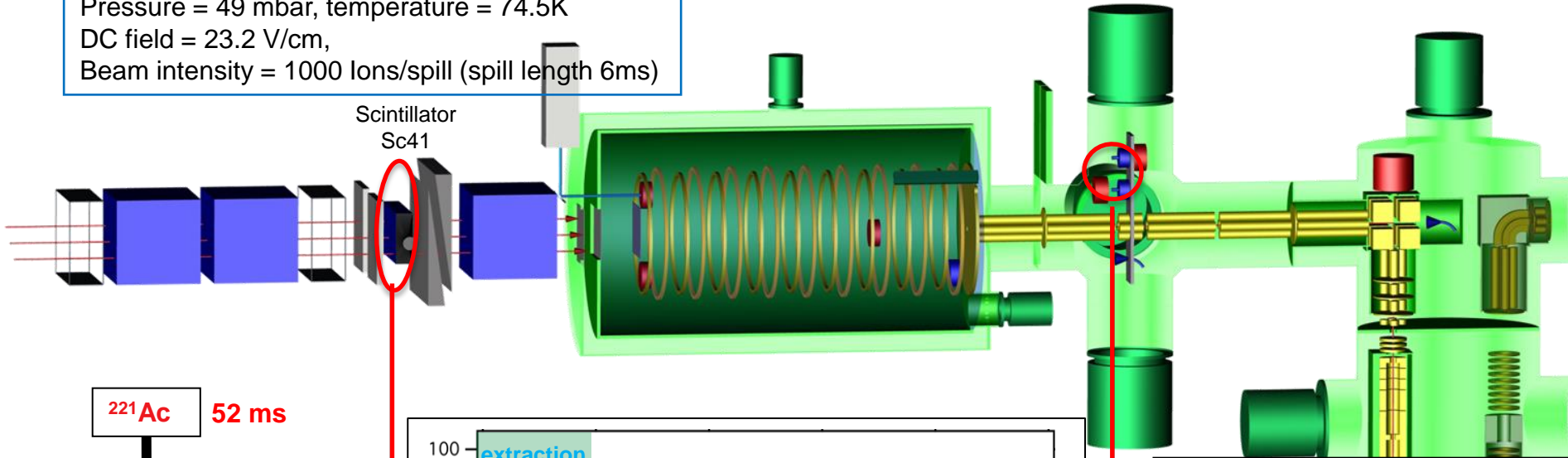
FRS identification may not always be accurate



MR-TOF-MS as mass tagger  
Universal and fast technique (~20 min)

# FRS Ion Catcher Results: Extraction Time ( $^{221}\text{Ac}$ )

Pressure = 49 mbar, temperature = 74.5K  
 DC field = 23.2 V/cm,  
 Beam intensity = 1000 ions/spill (spill length 6ms)



**extraction time**

- off-line: ~ 25 ms
- on-line: ~ 24 ms
- Theory ( $K_0=17.5 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ ): ~ 27.5 ms

Scintillator time stamps

time after ion bunch enters CSC [ms]

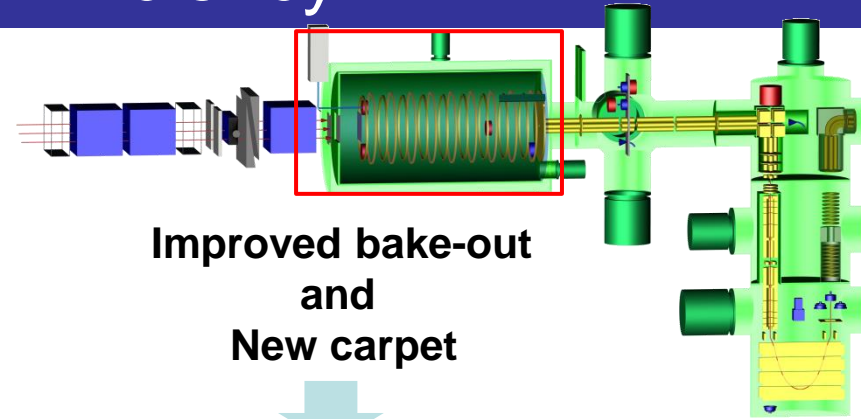
Si detector timing output

Purushothaman S. et al, EPL 104 (2013) 42001

# Improved Total Efficiency

## Carpet with improved electrical design

**Now:** Higher RF-amplitude possible and lower temperatures



Improved bake-out  
and  
New carpet

better  
cleanliness

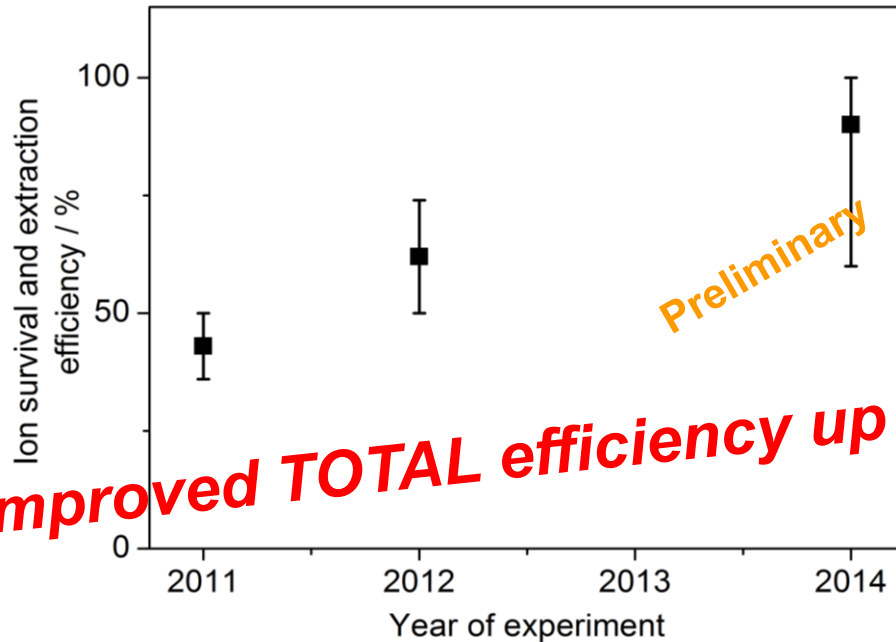
Higher ion survival and  
extraction efficiency  
(eg.  $^{223}\text{Th}$ )

Higher differential pumping

Higher areal density  
Higher stopping efficiency

2012: 3.1 mg / cm<sup>2</sup>

2014: 6.3 mg / cm<sup>2</sup>

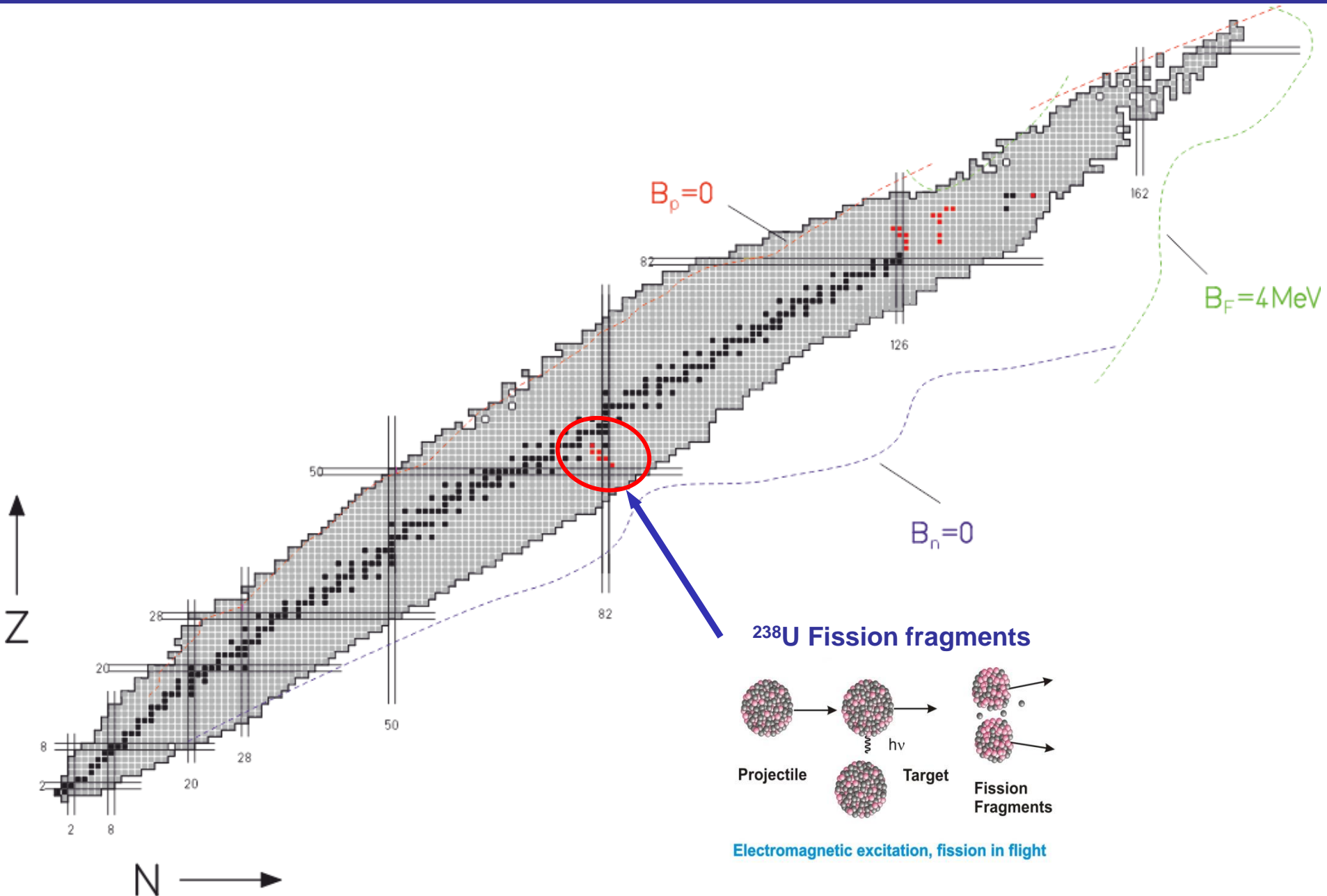


Improved TOTAL efficiency up to 30%

Preliminary

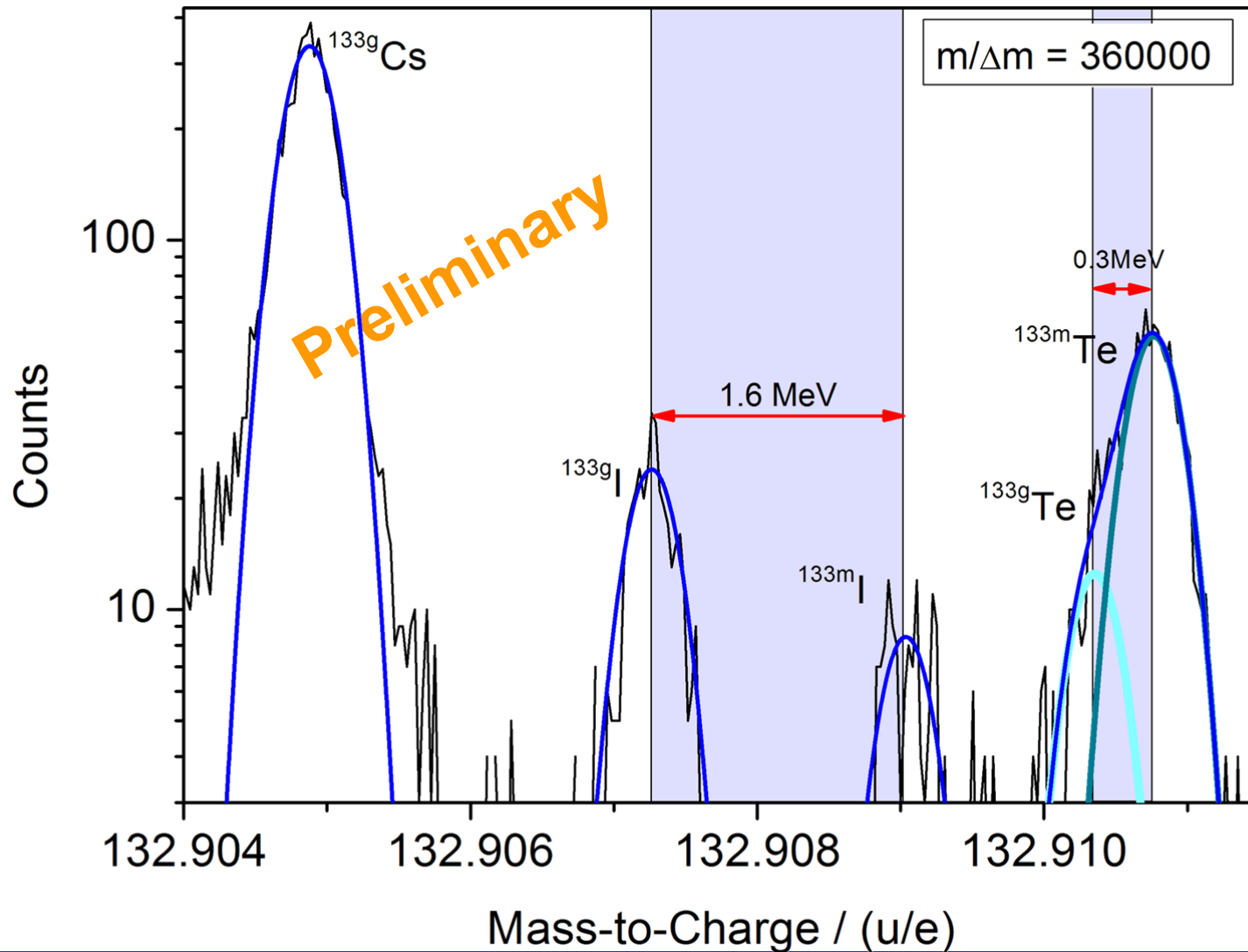
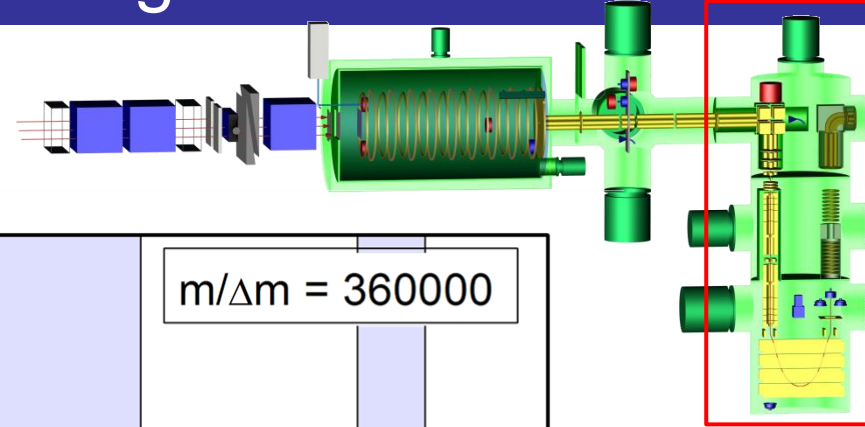


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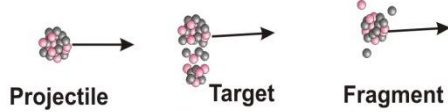
# Uranium Fission Fragments

Thermalising and extracting fission fragments the first time

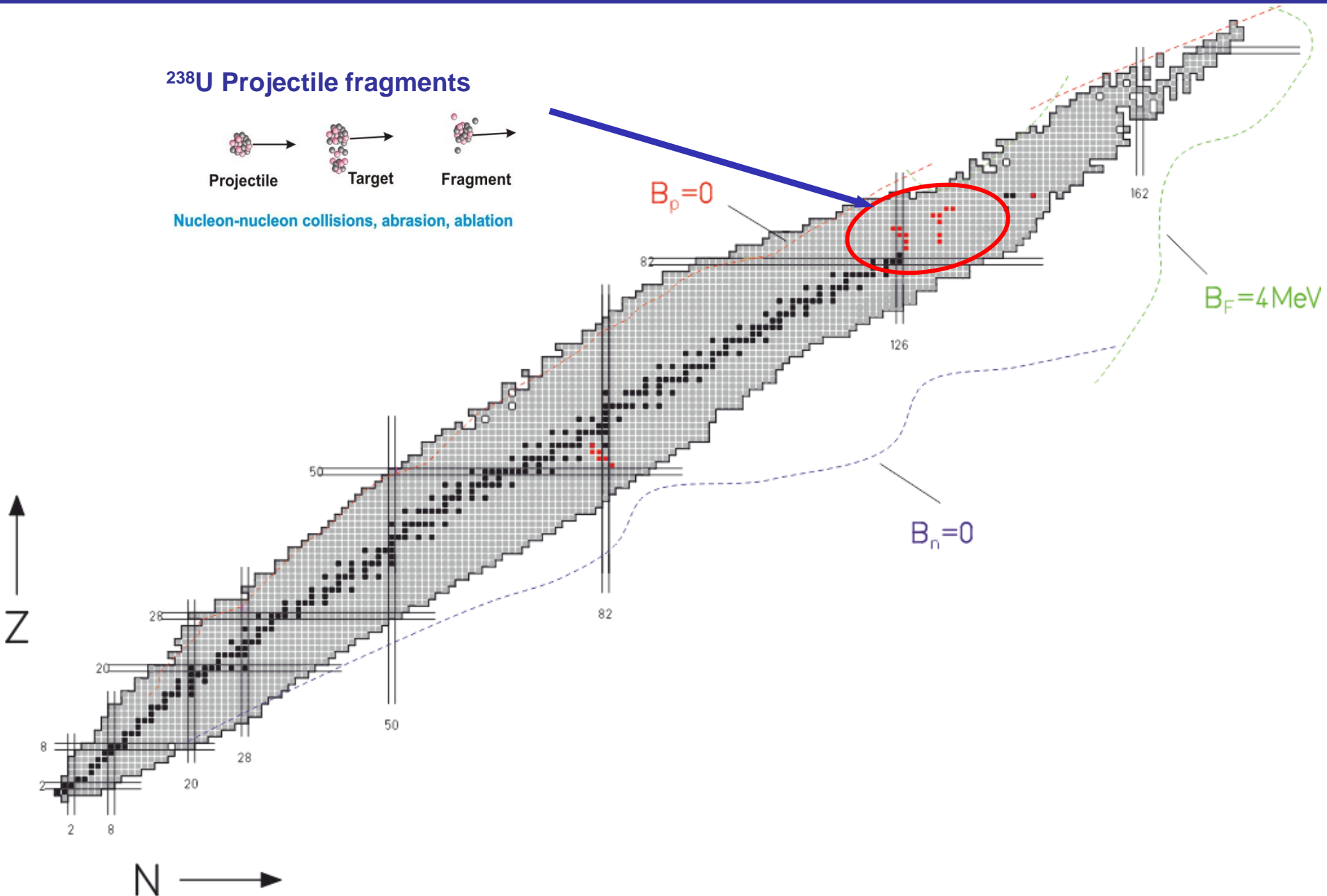


# Commissioning Experiments

$^{238}\text{U}$  Projectile fragments

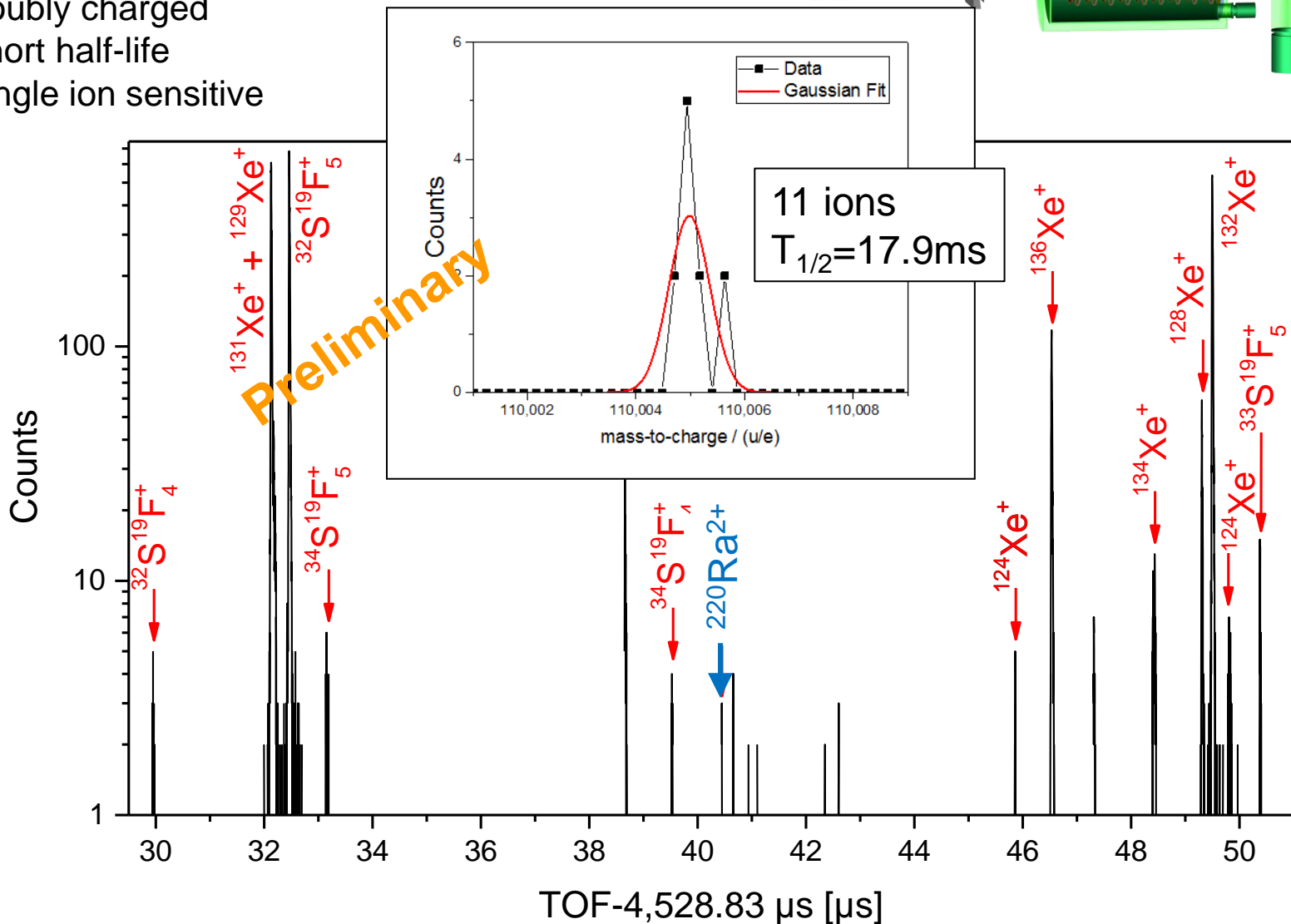
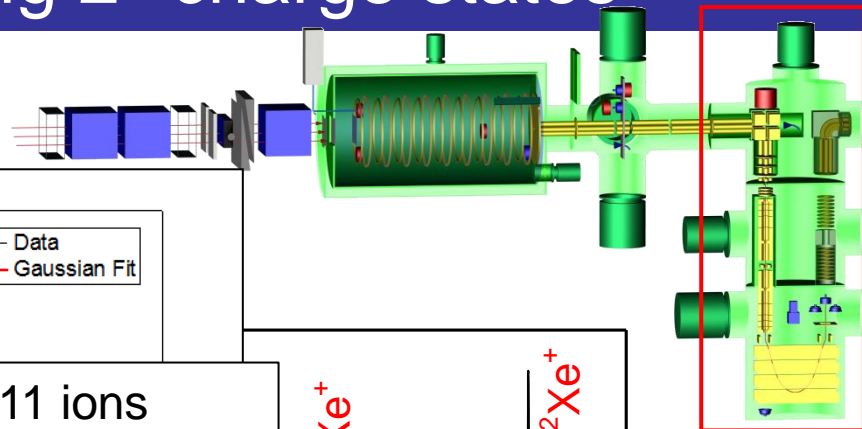


Nucleon-nucleon collisions, abrasion, ablation



# Extracting and measuring $2^+$ charge states

Mass window  $\sim 30$  u  
Mass resolving power  $\sim 120000$   
Doubly charged  
Short half-life  
Single ion sensitive

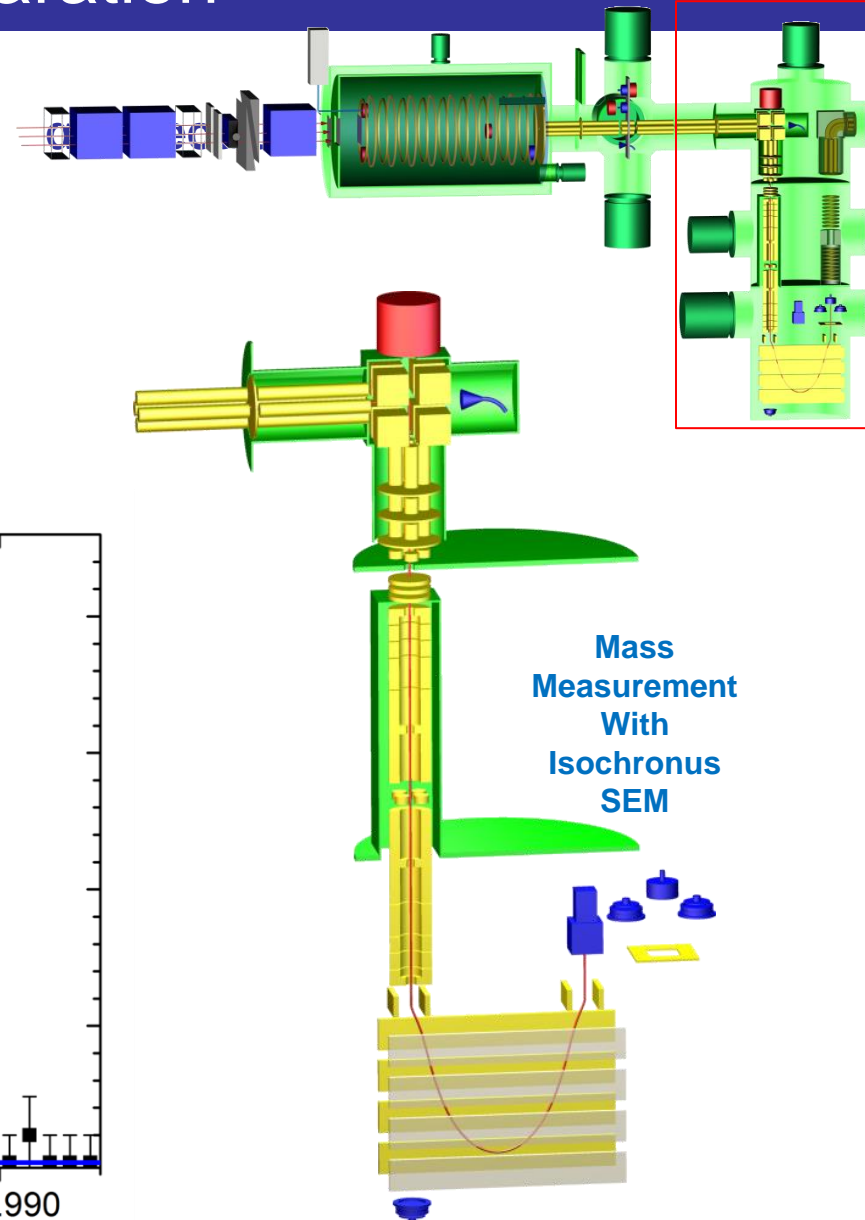
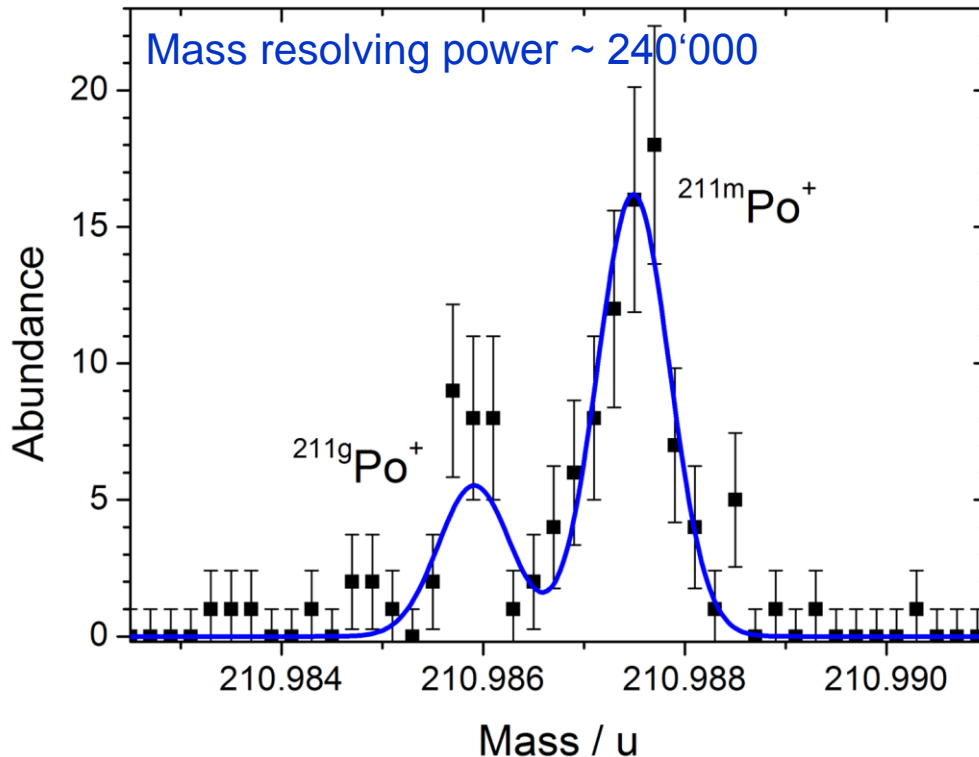


# Isomer separation

## Step 1

Measurement of excitation energy  
→  $1472 \pm 120 \text{ keV}$  (lit.  $1462 \pm 5 \text{ keV}$ )

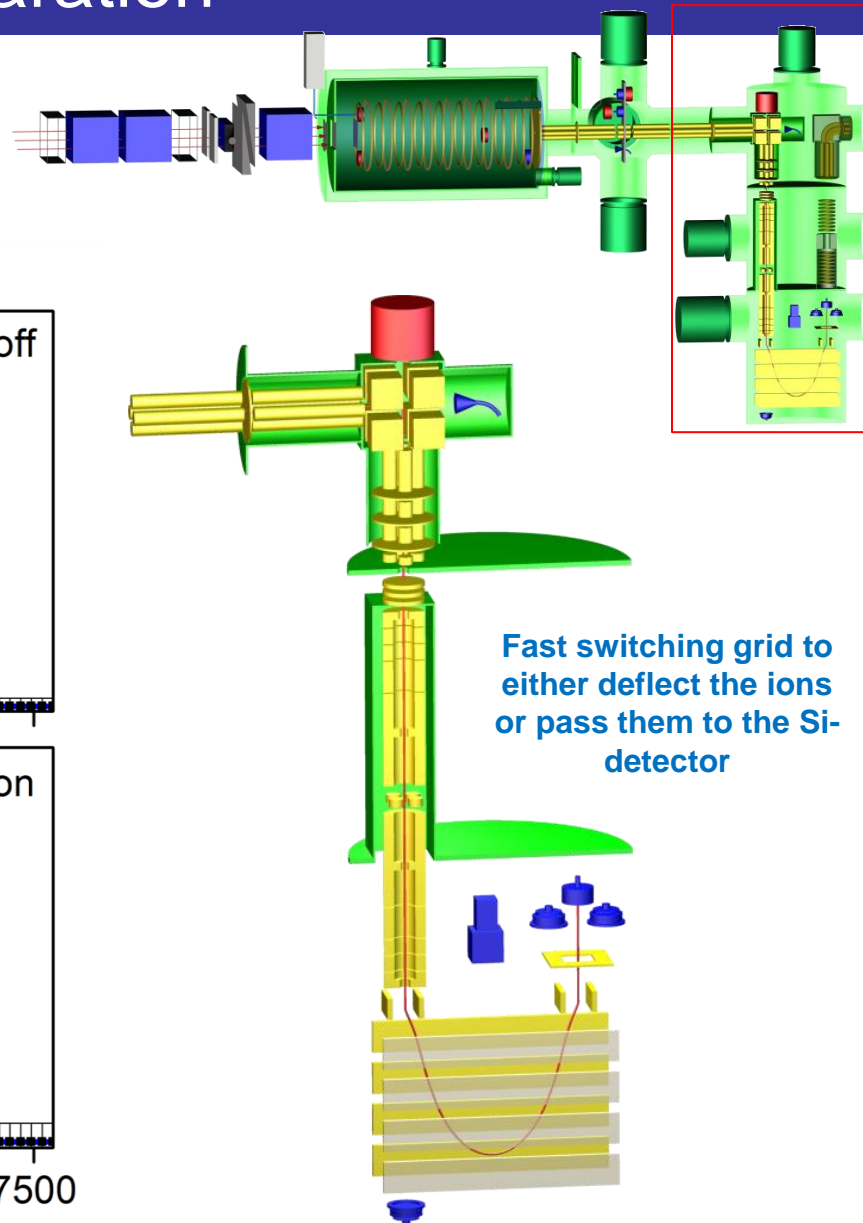
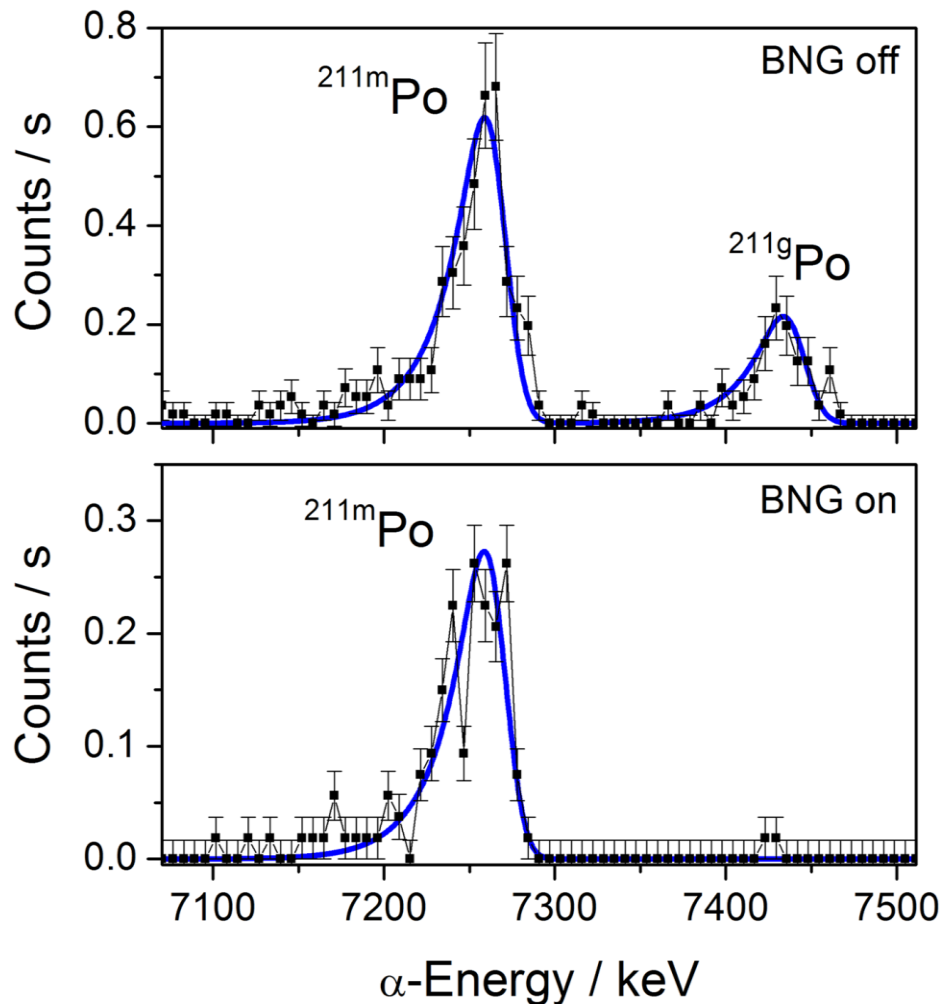
Measurement of ground-to-isomer ratio  
→ 2.5(0.8)



# Isomer separation

## Step 2

Spatial separation with an ion Gate

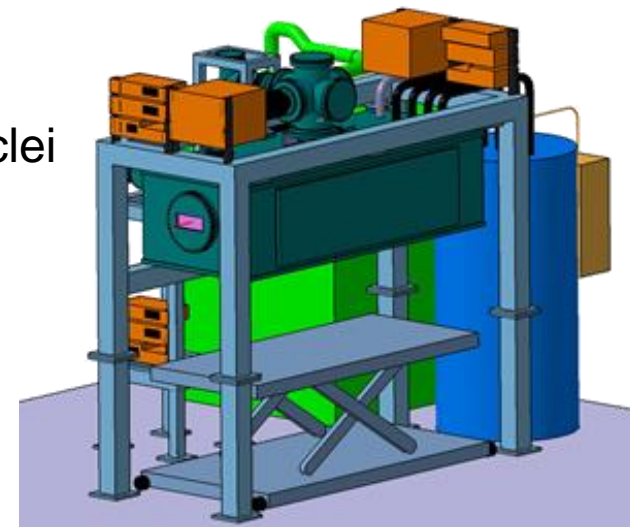
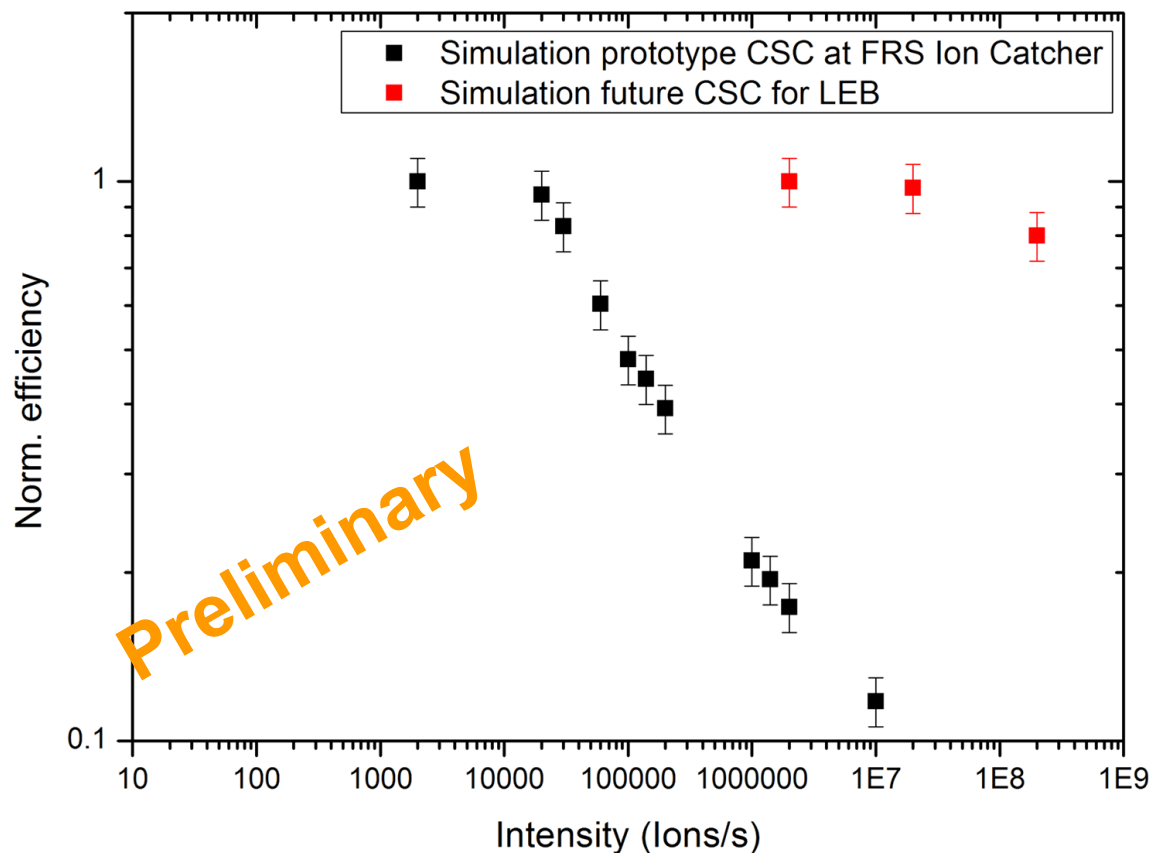


# Future Stopping Cell

## New challenges

Higher requirements to stop the ions

Due to higher beam intensities and more exotic nuclei



With future design:

5x higher areal density

5x faster

$10^3$  higher rates

# Conclusion & Outlook

High stopping and extraction efficiencies for areal densities up to **6.3mg/cm<sup>2</sup>**

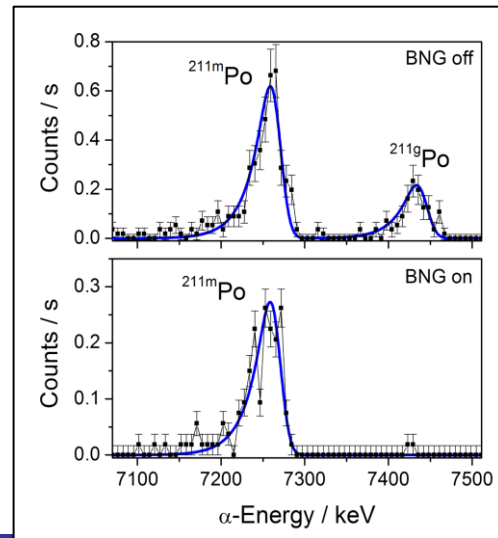
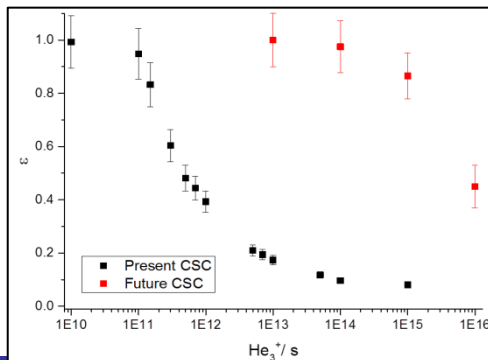
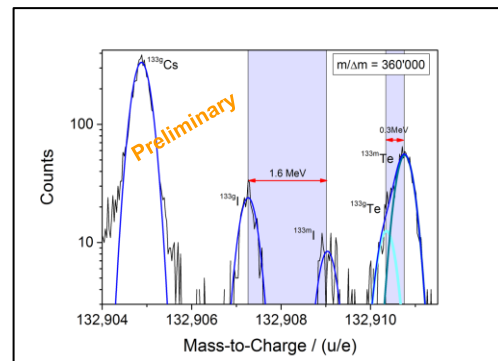
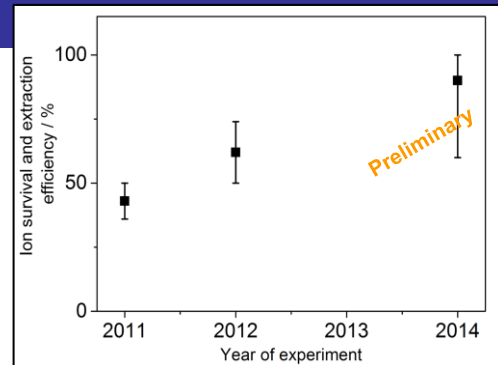
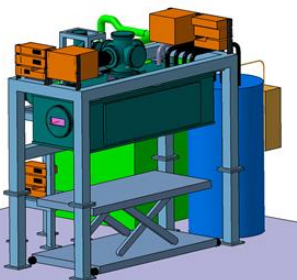
Successful stopping of fission and projectile fragments  
With total efficiencies of **~30%**

Fast extraction times ( <sup>220</sup>Ra<sup>2+</sup>, **17.9ms** )

High mass resolving power enables spatial separation of isomer states

Cryogenic Stopping Cell for the Super-FRS Low Energy Branch is design

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5x faster  
10<sup>3</sup> higher rates





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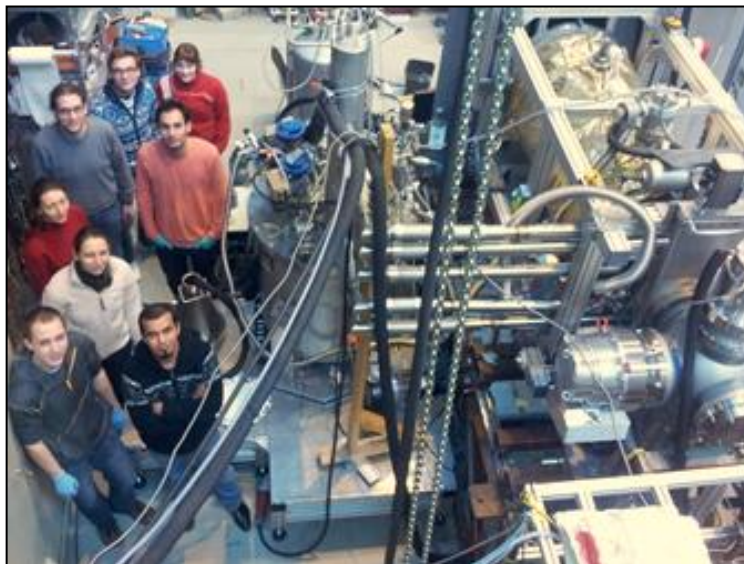
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