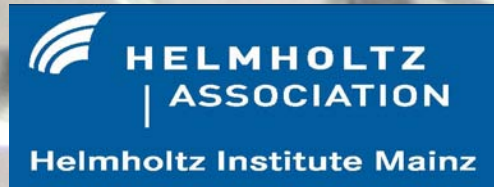
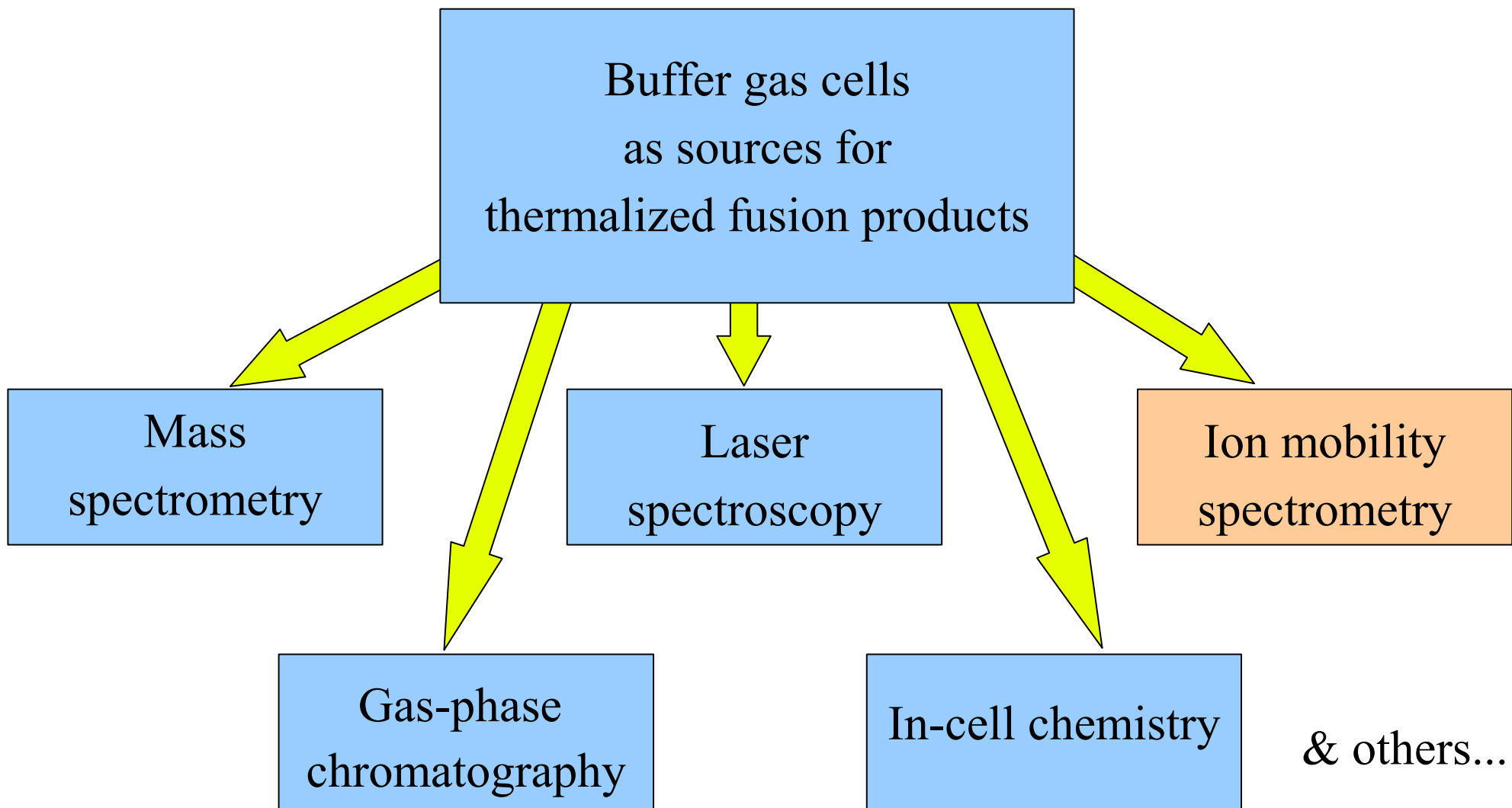


Prospects for studying ion-neutral interaction potentials of SHE

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Introduction: Ion Mobility Spectrometry (IMS)

Ion drift motion in gas & electric fields:

$$\text{Mobility: } K = L / (E * t_{\text{drift}})$$

IMS in chemistry:

- State selected ion chemistry ...

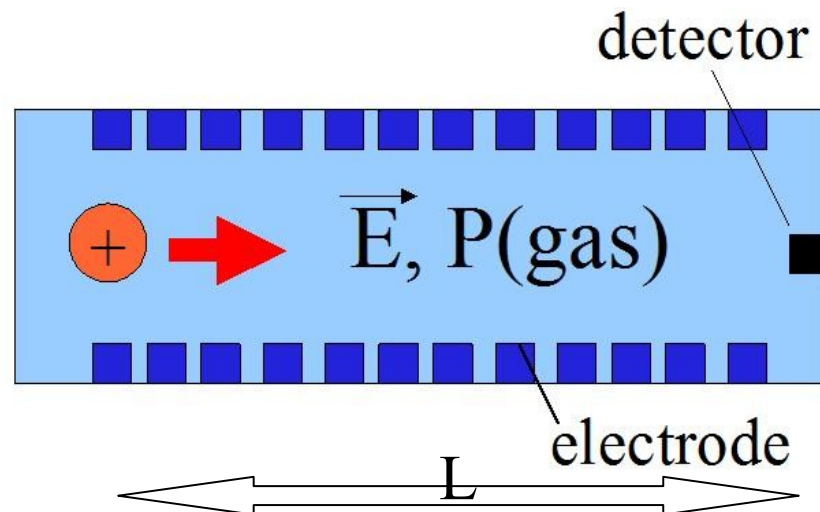
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- Study of molecule-molecule interaction potentials / polarizabilities
- Study of molecular bond lengths
- Study of reaction rate constants (via ATD- / Ion-Rate analysis)

IMS in physics:

- Access to ion-atom interaction potential of short-lived isotopes ($t_{1/2} < 1\text{s}$)
- Assignment/verification of valence electron configurations also of SHE



Introduction: Mobility & interaction potentials

Ion drift motion in gas & homogeneous electric field:

For molecule ions (in N₂, air) => K almost sensitive to size / shape

For monoatomic ions (in He, Ar) => K sensitive to:

- mass, if ion mass \ll mass of gas atom
- size, if ion mass \gg mass of gas atom
- both, for nearly equal masses

According to Viehland-Mason theory:

Mobility \Leftrightarrow Collision Cross Section \Leftrightarrow Ion-Neutral Interaction Potential $V(r)$

$$V(r) = (C_n/r^n) - (C_6/r^6) - (C_4/r^4)$$

Pauli repulsion

London dispersion &
high order contributions

dipole attraction

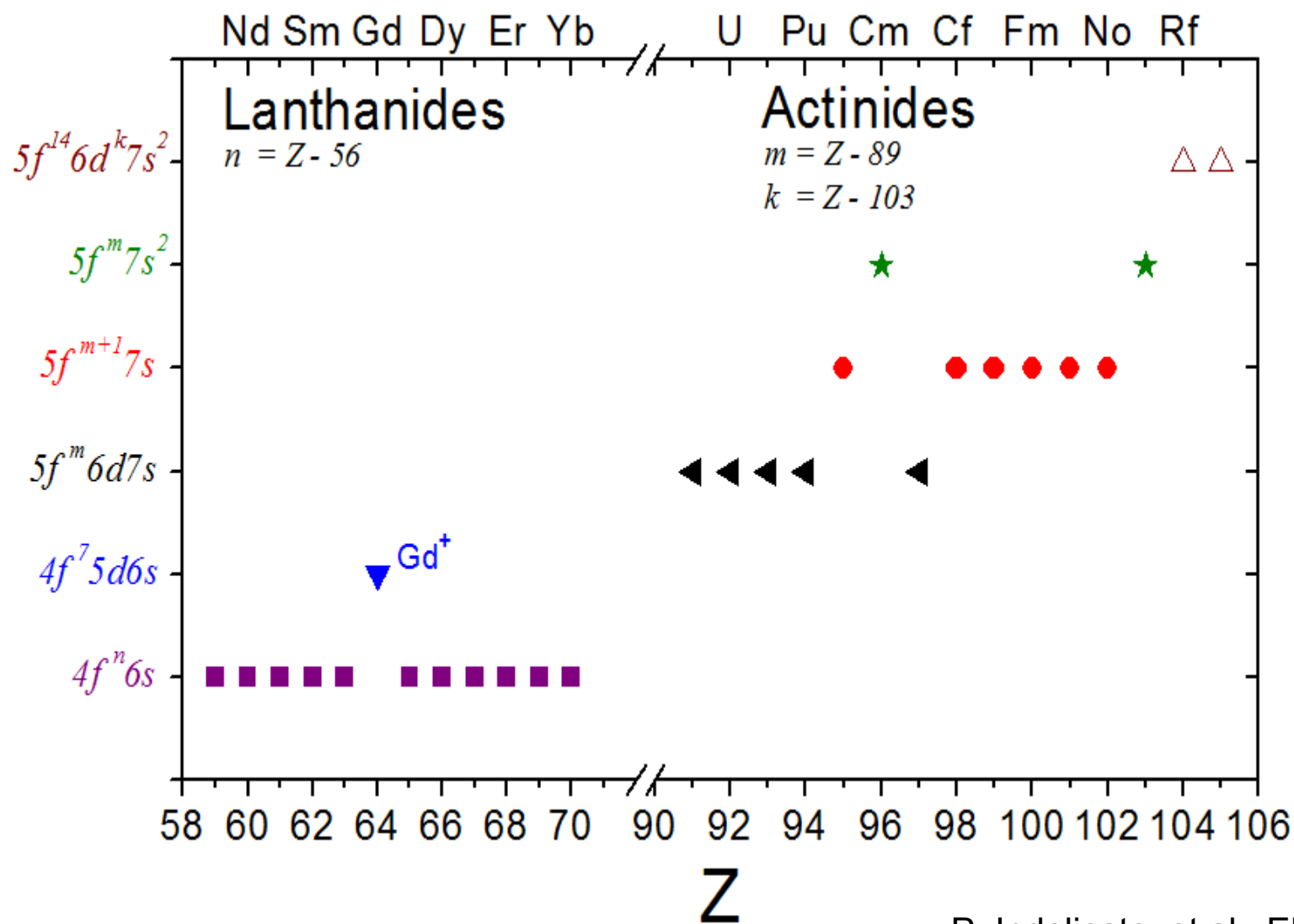
C_i : Constants

r : Molecular distance

n : Fitting parameter

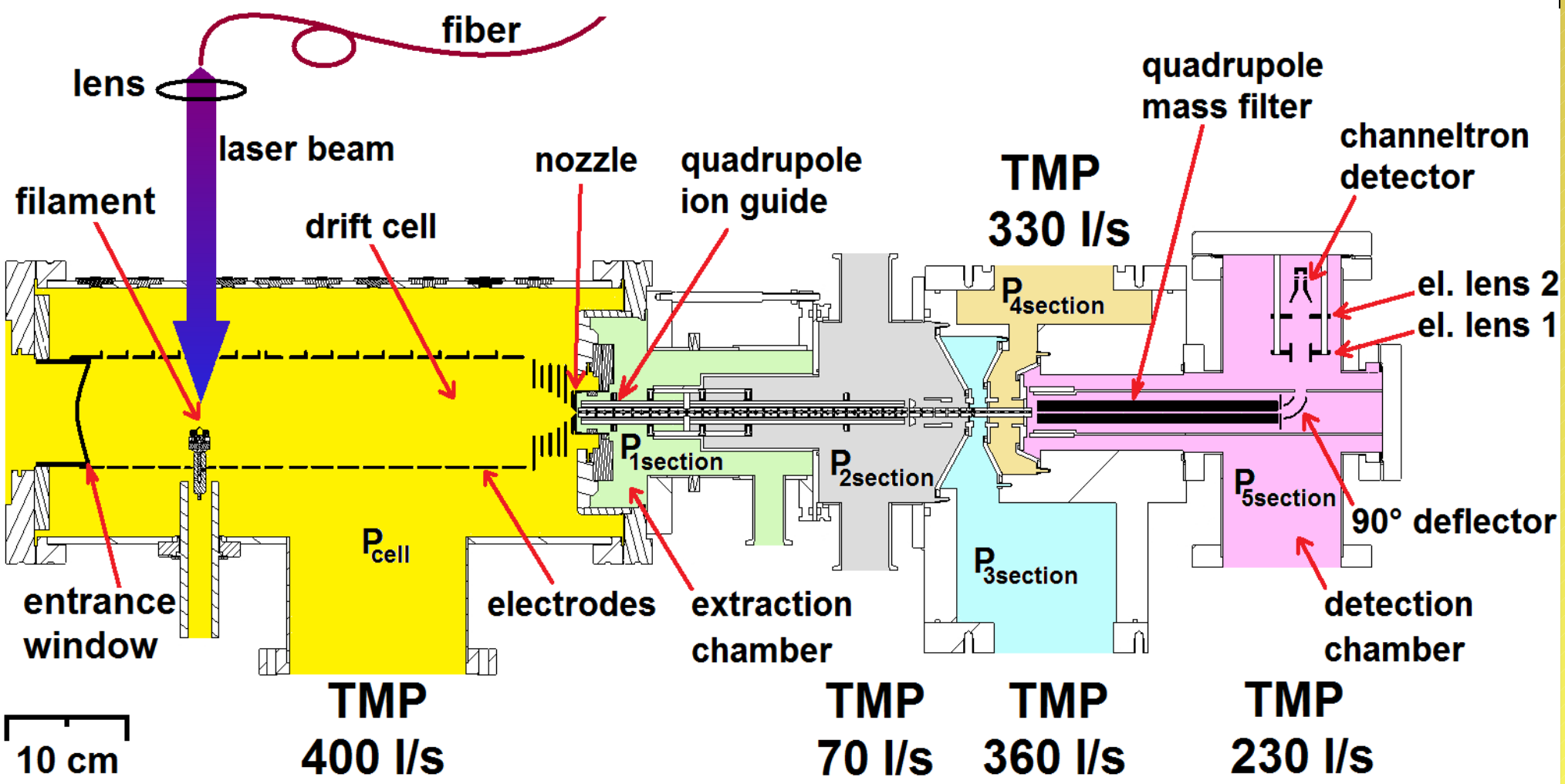
**Potential for studying the impact of electron configuration
on $V(r)$ of the heaviest elements by IMS methods**

Introduction: Valence electron configurations of singly charged ions



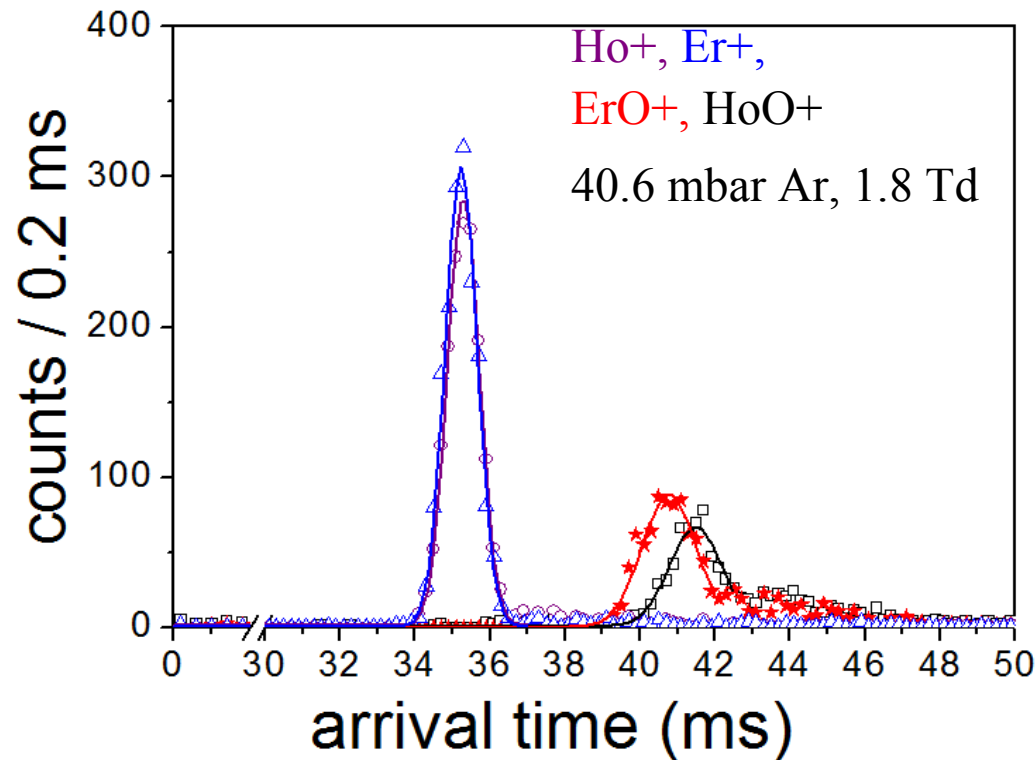
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The setup: The ion mobility spectrometer

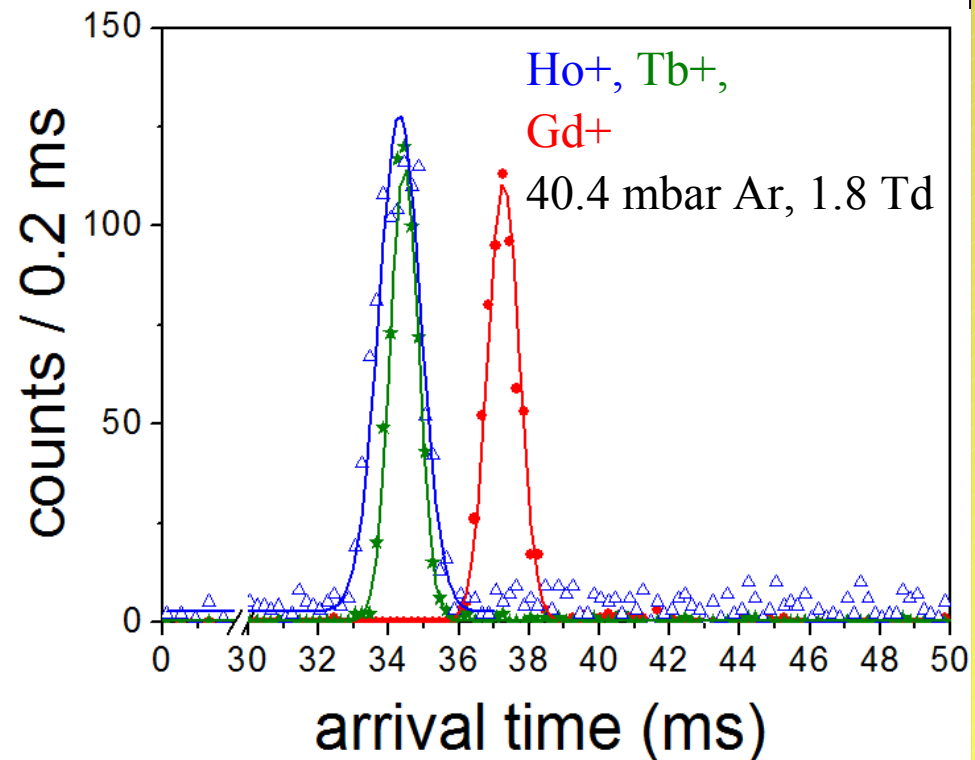


Results: resolving power

- * Achieved resolving power: 45
- * Lanthanide oxides could be discriminated in time due to lanthanide contraction.



- * Gadolinium ions seem to have a larger cross section compared with the other investigated ions

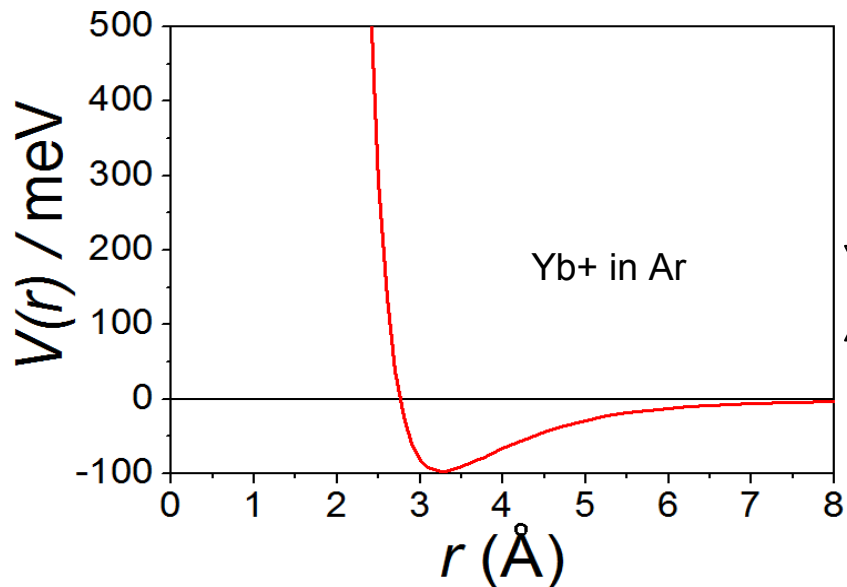


Ion mobility of Lanthanides:

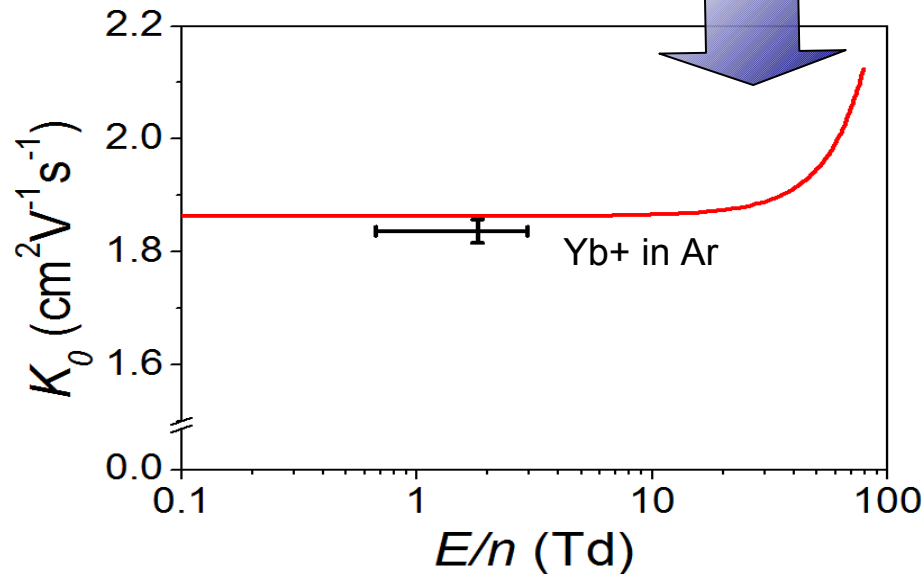
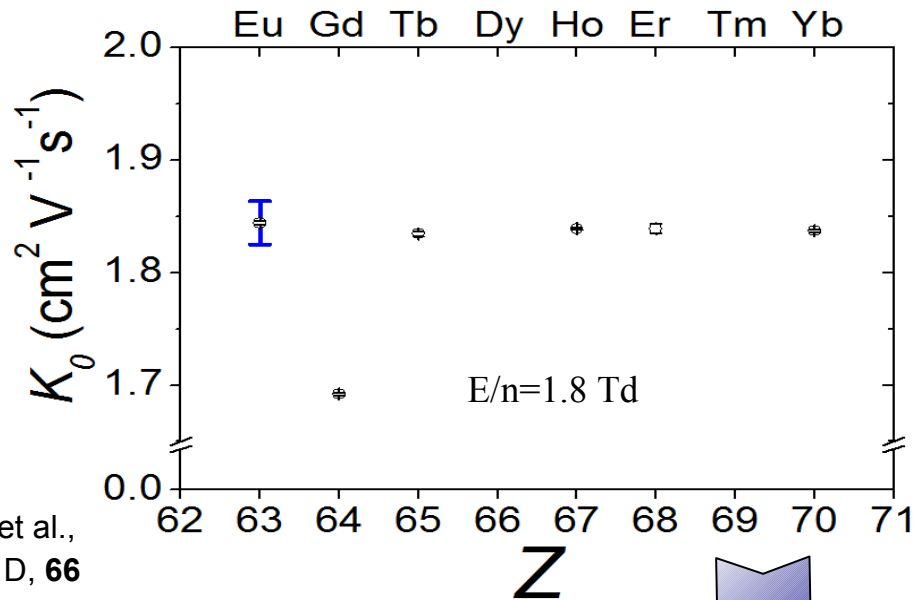
* All lanthanide ions exhibited nearly the same drift time except for Gd⁺

=> Sensitivity to valence electron configuration

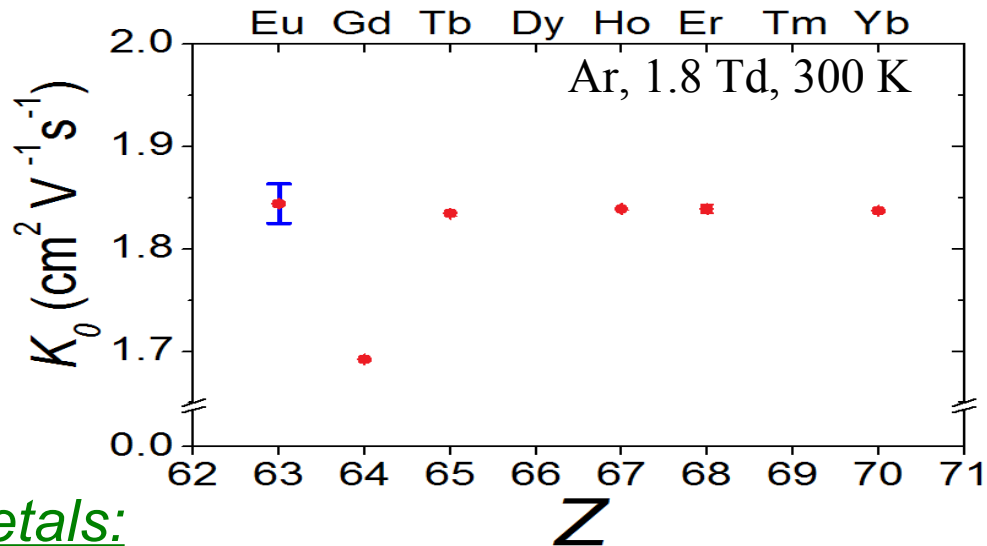
Relativistic calculation of V(r) for Yb-Ar system:



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Outlook: Sensitivity to valence electron configuration



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Rare earth metals:

58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71
Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu

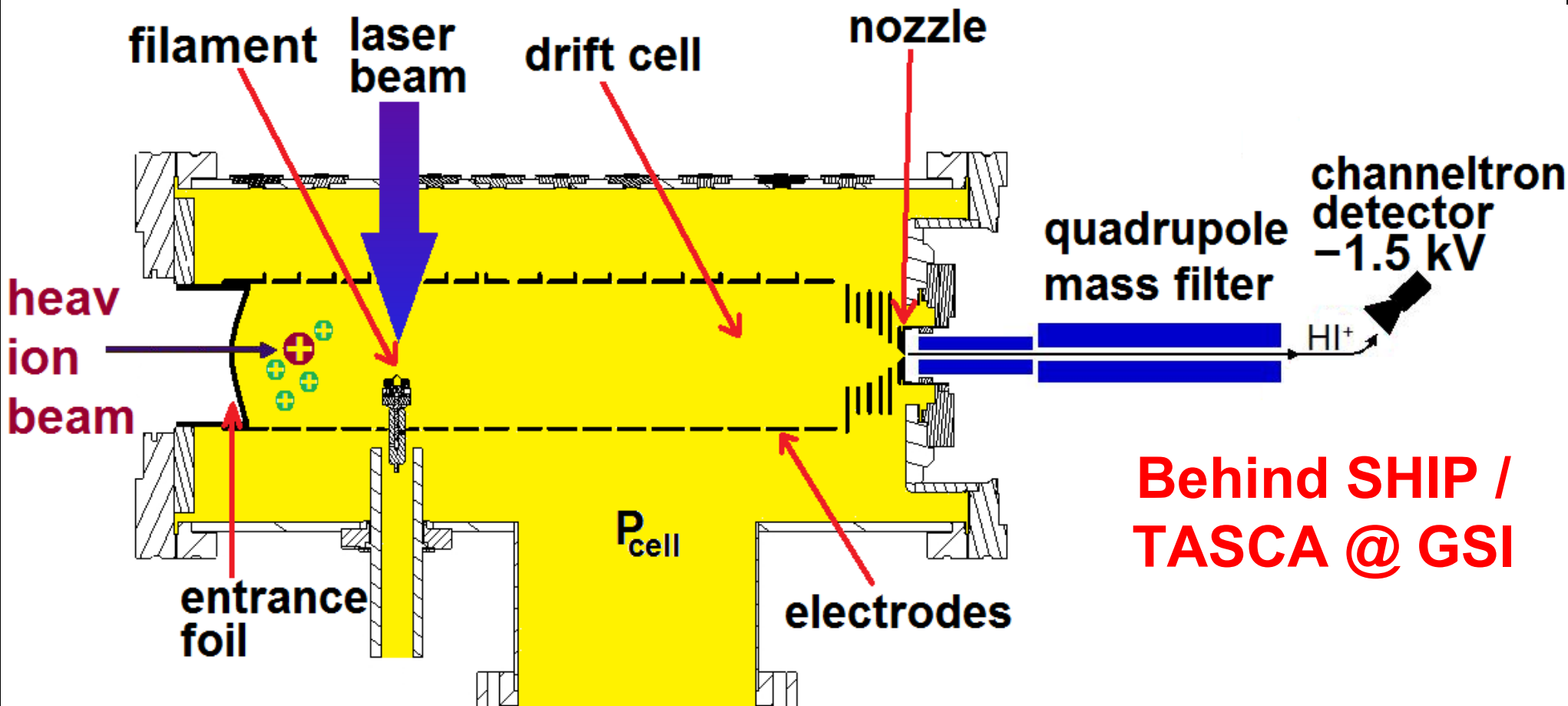
$4f5d^2$ $4f^46s$ $4f^66s$ $4f^75d6s$ $4f^{10}6s$ $4f^{12}6s$ $4f^{14}6s$
 $4f^36s$ $4f^56s$ $4f^76s$ $4f^96s$ $4f^{11}6s$ $4f^{13}6s$ $4f^{14}6d^2$

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5f-shell elements:

90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108
Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr	Rf	Du	Sg	Bh	Hs

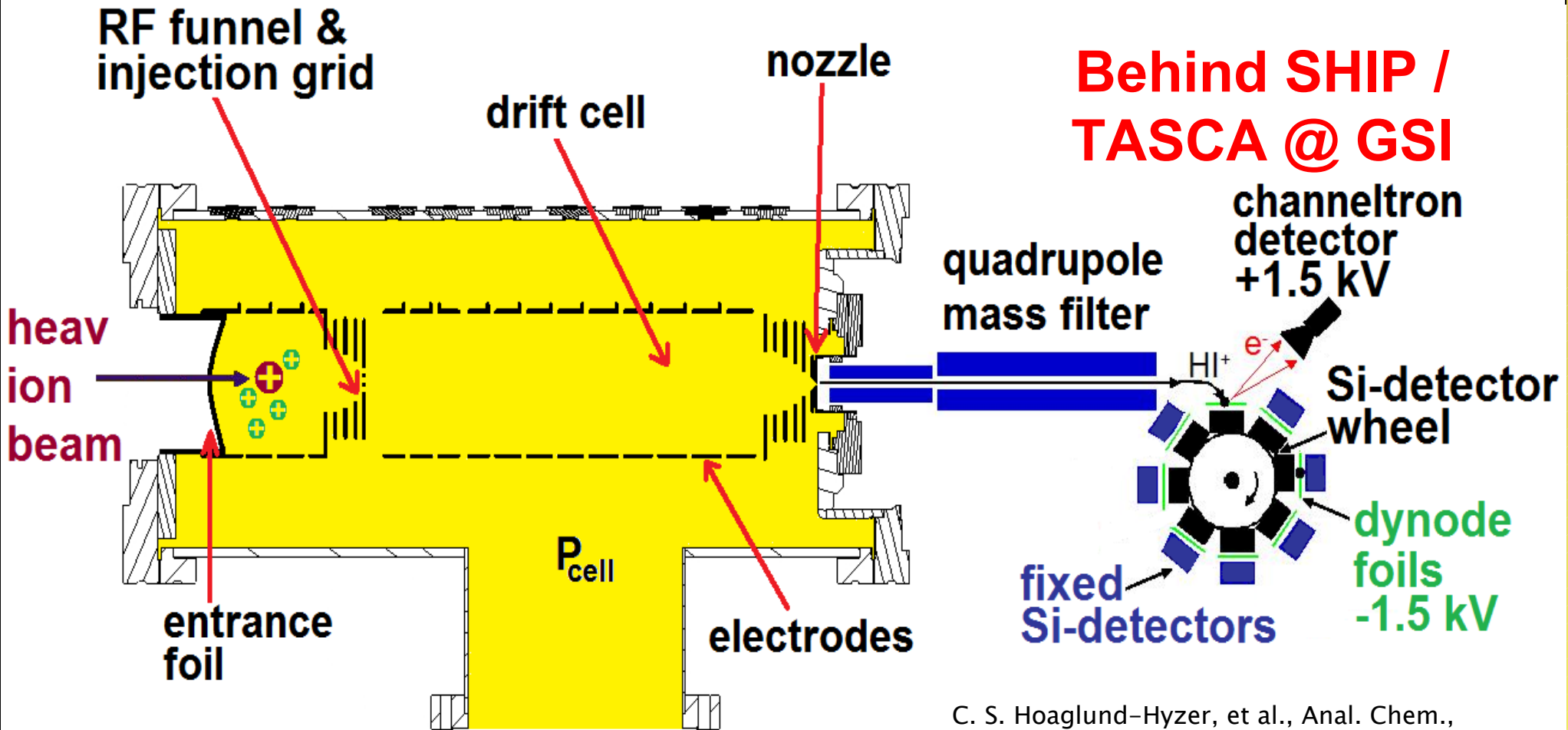
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*** Suitable for abundant elements / elements of known atomic excitation schemes (up to fermium)**

*M. Sewtz et al.,
Spectrochimica Acta
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*** Ion trap & injection grids
inside the gas cell to determine t_0 and z_0**

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Outlook: Laser spectroscopy and IMS studies at trans-uranium elements

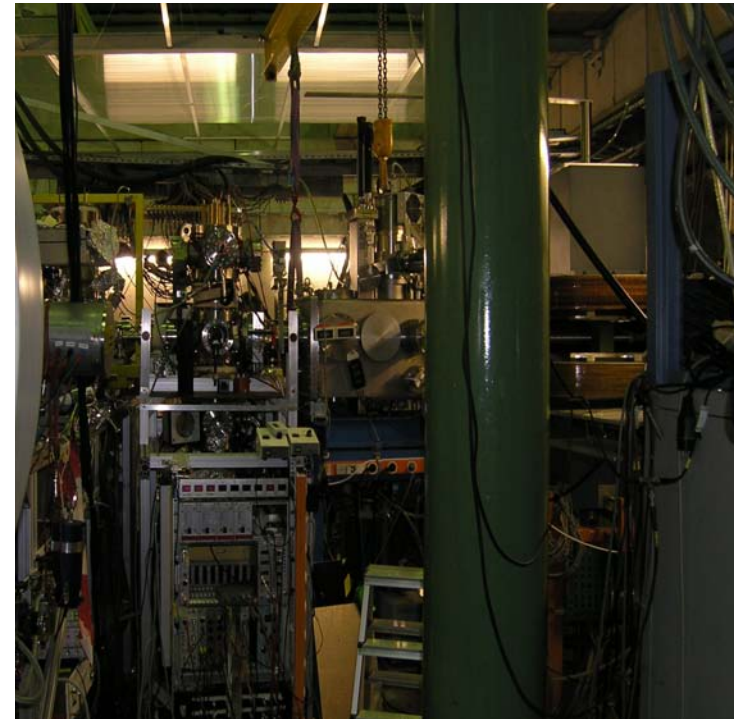
- * Hyperfine interaction studies at actinides
- * Level search at trans-fermium elements
- * Possibility for IMS studies at trans-uranium elements

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Laser spectroscopy cell behind SHIP



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