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# Laser and mass spectroscopy of exotic silver isotopes around $N=50$ shell-closure

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**IGISOL**

- Optical spectroscopy
- Atomic masses
- Decay spectroscopy

**MCC30**  
E<sub>max</sub>=30 MeV

**K130:**  
E<sub>max</sub>= 130 (q<sup>2</sup>/A ) MeV  
Beams from p to Au  
Annual use: 6500-7000 h/year

**RADEF**

- Radiation effects
- Microfilters

**LSC**

- Nuclear reactions

**RITU/MARA/ MARA-LEB**

- Nuclear spectroscopy
- (Optical spectroscopy)

**Ion sources**  
ECR: (6.5 GHz, 14 GHz, 18 GHz )  
Multicusp: (H-,D-)

**Pelletron**  
EMAX=1.7 MeV

**Accelerator based material physics**

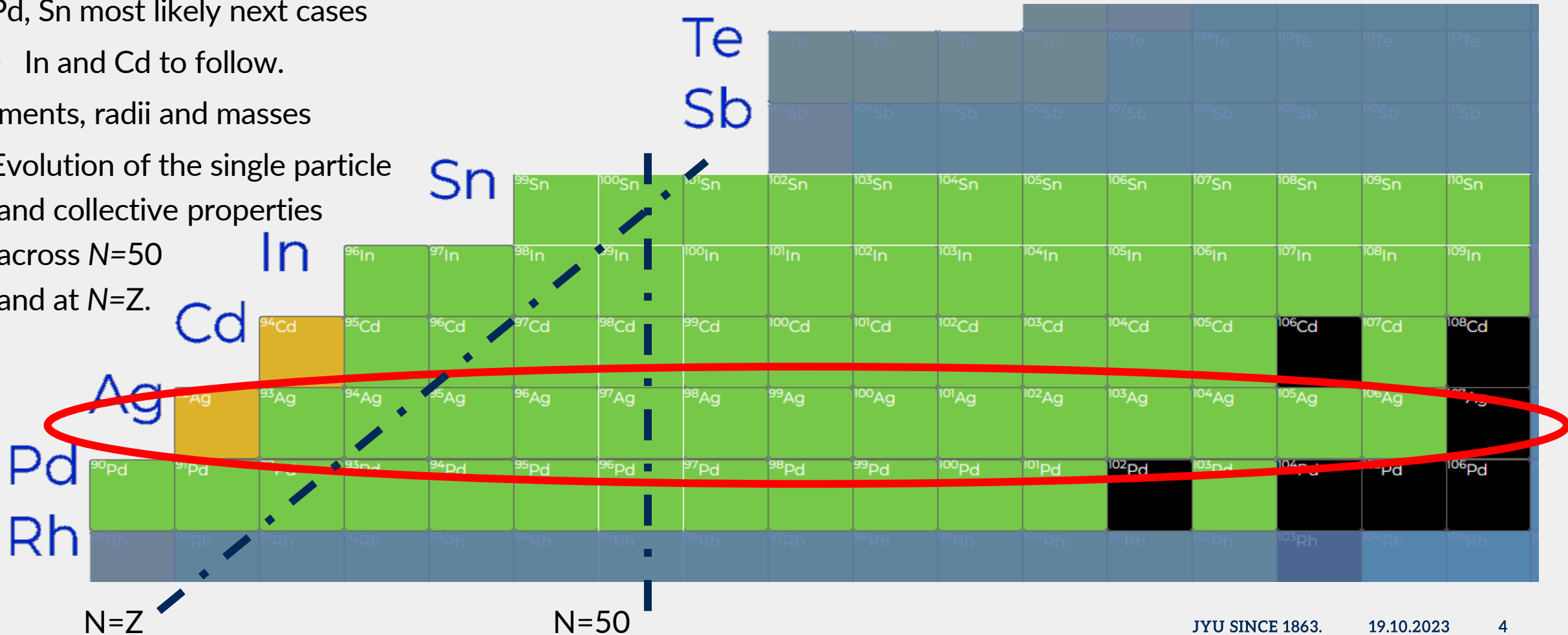
- ToF-ERDA/RBS/PIXE
- Ion source development (Lasers + Cs sputtering)





# Region of interest: The immediate area below tin-100

- Silver the first chain studied in this work
  - Pd, Sn most likely next cases
    - In and Cd to follow.
- Moments, radii and masses
  - Evolution of the single particle and collective properties across  $N=50$  and at  $N=Z$ .





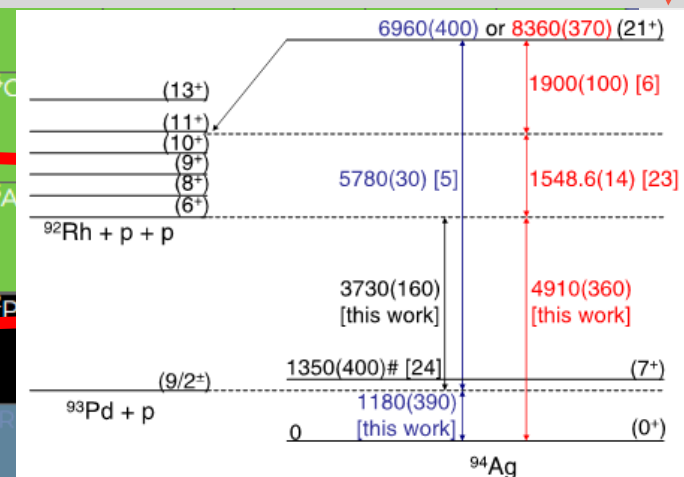
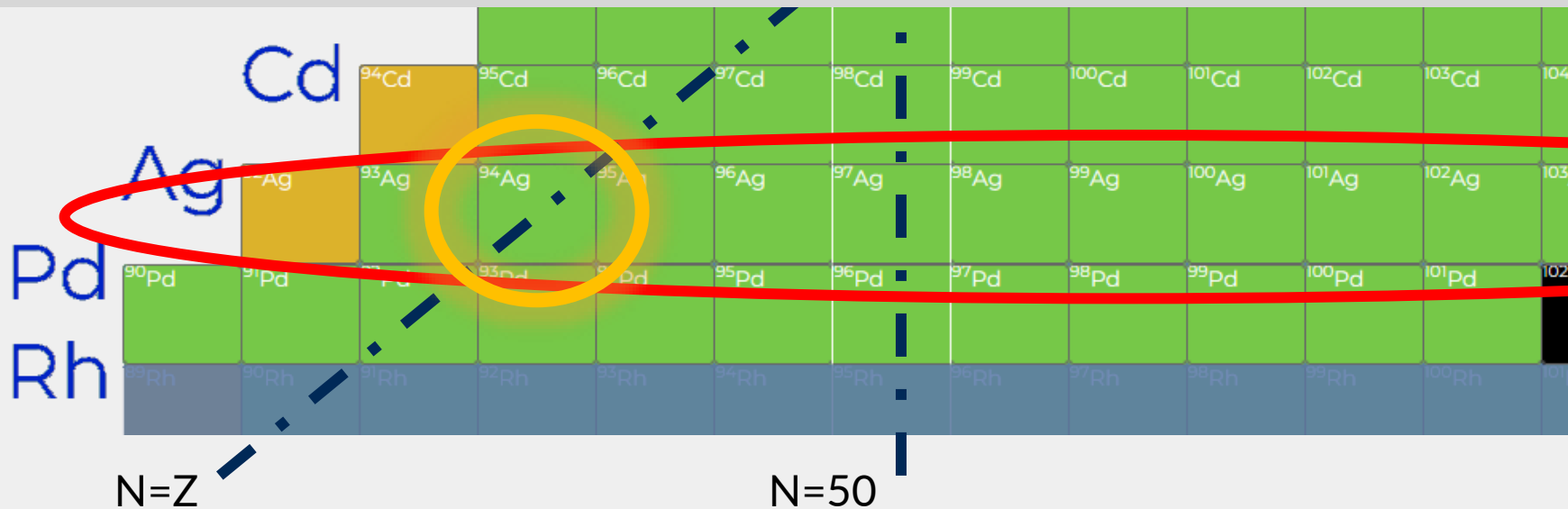
# Region of interest: The immediate area below tin-100

- High-spin isomer (21+) in  $^{94}\text{Ag}$ ,  $T_{1/2} = 0.4$  s :
  - $\beta$  decay (highest spin),  $\beta$ -delayed proton emission, 1-proton decay
  - **2-proton decay** (Mukha *et al.*, Nature (2006) )

Schmidt *et al.*, Z. Phys A (1994), Commara *et al.*, NPA (2002) , Mukha *et al.*, PRC (2004), PRL (2005), Nature (2006), Plettner *et al.*, NPA (2004)

## The conundrum:

- Non-observation of states in  $^{92}\text{Rh}$   
Pechenya *et al.*, PRC (2007)
- Contradiction from masses  
A. Kankainen *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 101 (2008) 142503
- No observation of 2-proton decay  
Cerny *et al.*, PRL (2009)
- Large-scale SM calculations do not accept large deformation picture  
Kaneko *et al.*, PRC (2008)





# Inductively Heated Hot Cavity Cather Laser Ion Source

- Implantation of reaction products to as solid material
- The high temperature => fast diffusion to cavity volume
- Effusing atoms selectively ionized with lasers
- Based on catcher ion source systems by R. Kirchner

R. Kirchner *et al.* Ion sources for the GSI on-line separator NIM 186, 1-2, (1981)

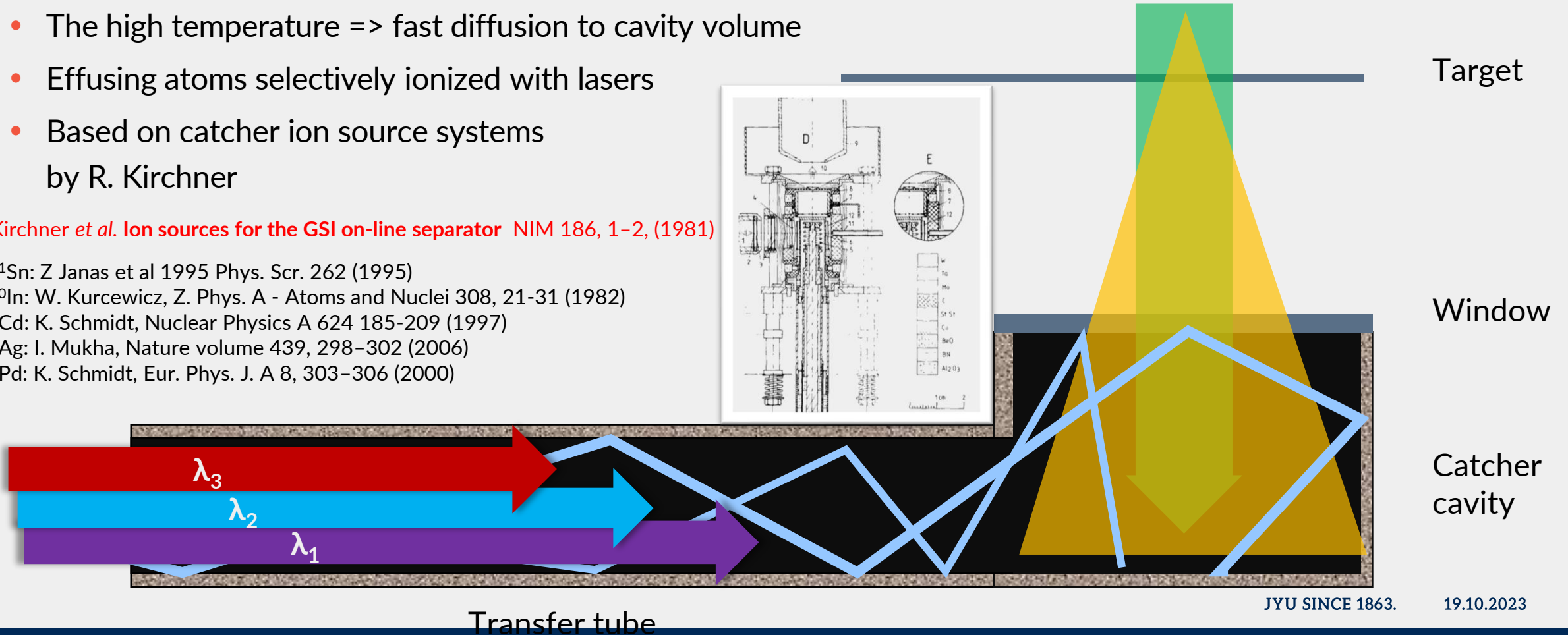
$^{101}\text{Sn}$ : Z Janas *et al* 1995 Phys. Scr. 262 (1995)

$^{100}\text{In}$ : W. Kurcewicz, Z. Phys. A - Atoms and Nuclei 308, 21-31 (1982)

$^{97}\text{Cd}$ : K. Schmidt, Nuclear Physics A 624 185-209 (1997)

$^{94}\text{Ag}$ : I. Mukha, Nature volume 439, 298-302 (2006)

$^{93}\text{Pd}$ : K. Schmidt, Eur. Phys. J. A 8, 303-306 (2000)

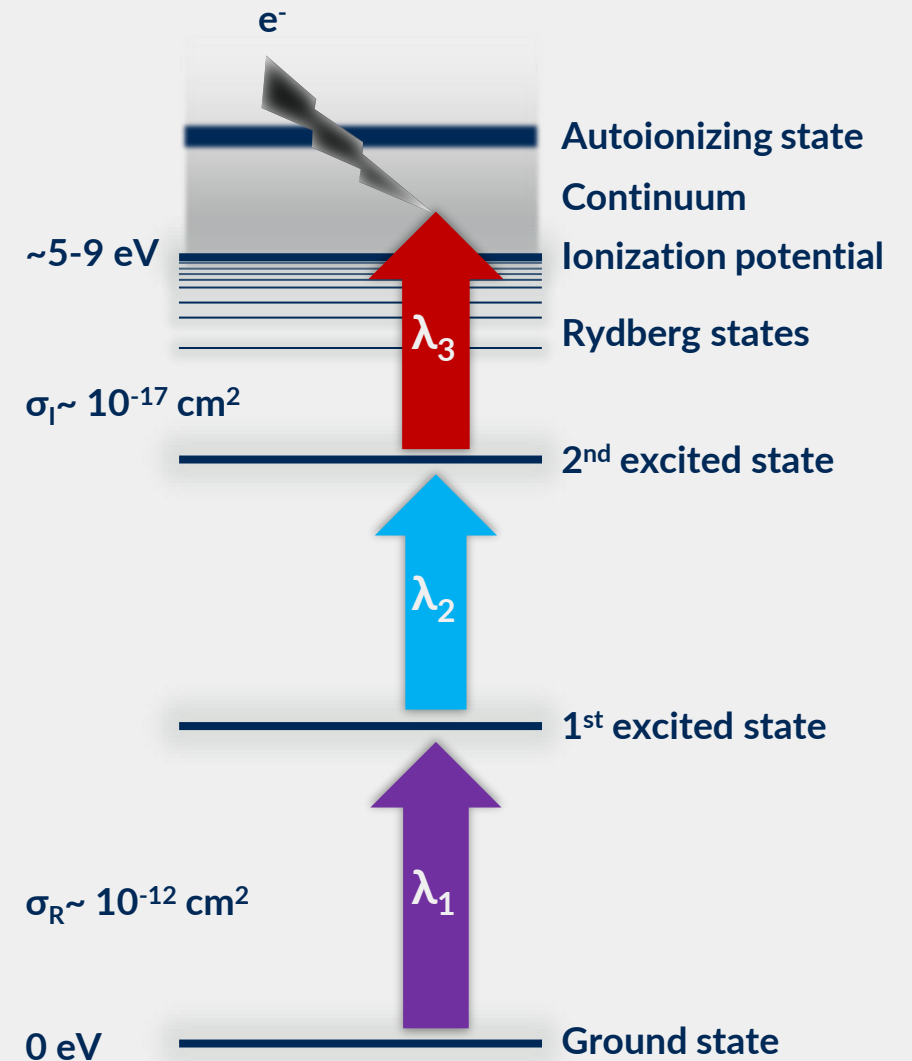




# Ionization method: Laser resonance ionization

- 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!**





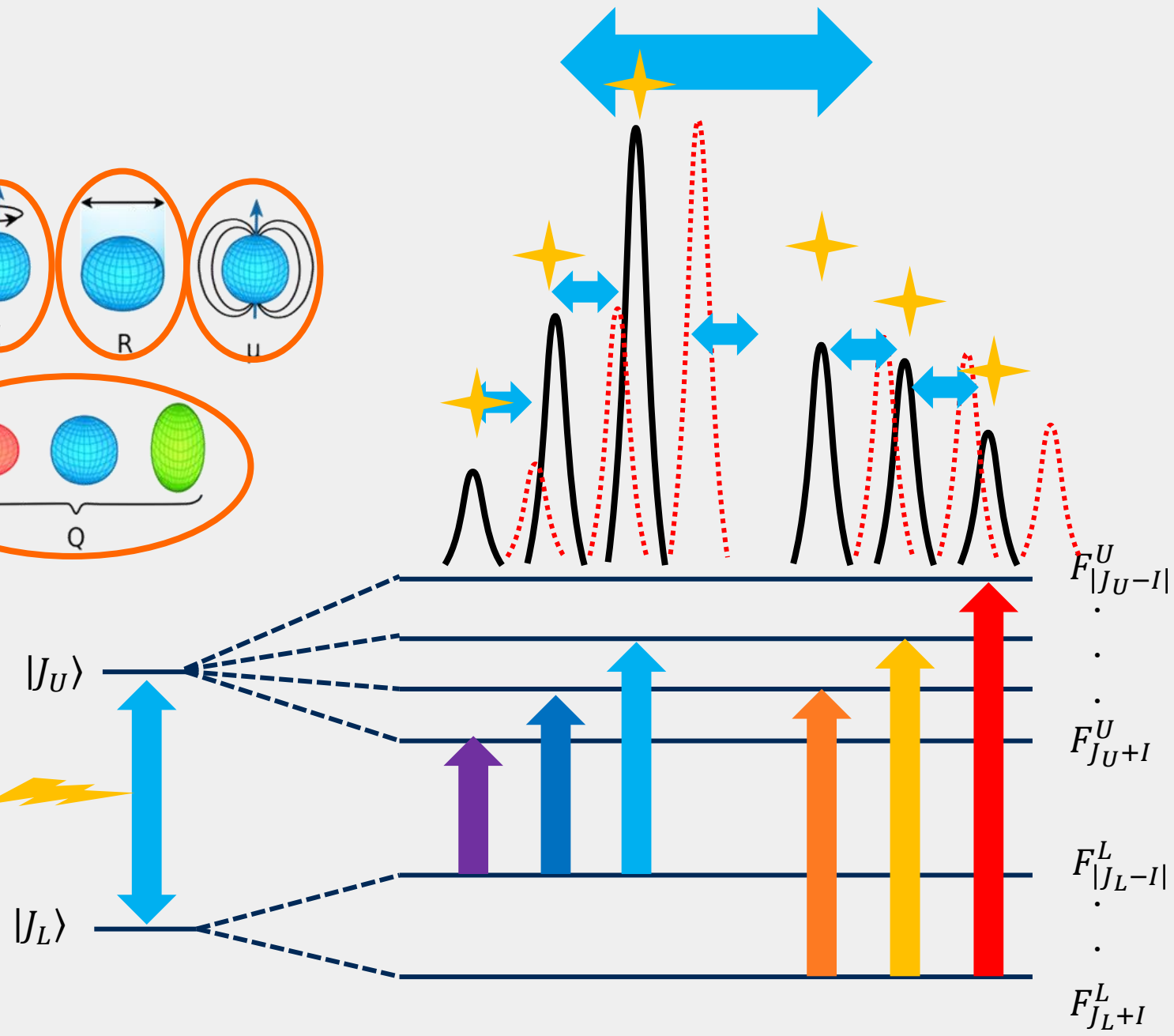
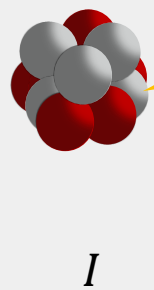
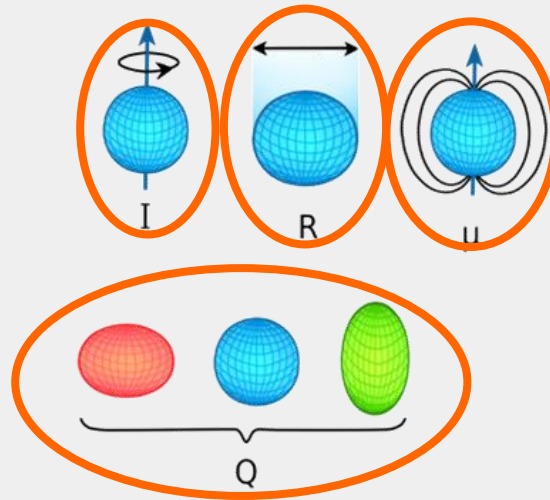
# Laser spectroscopy

- Nuclear properties are mapped to the atomic structure.
  - Nuclear spin  $I$
  - Changes in the mean square charge radii  $\delta\langle r^2 \rangle$
  - Magnetic dipole moment  $\mu$
  - Electrical quadrupole moment  $Q$

$$\delta\nu^{AA'} = M \frac{m_{A'} - m_A}{m_A m_{A'}} + F \delta\langle r^2 \rangle^{AA'}$$

$$g = \mu/I$$

Information on the configuration.

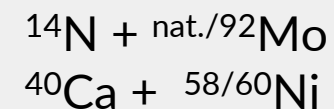
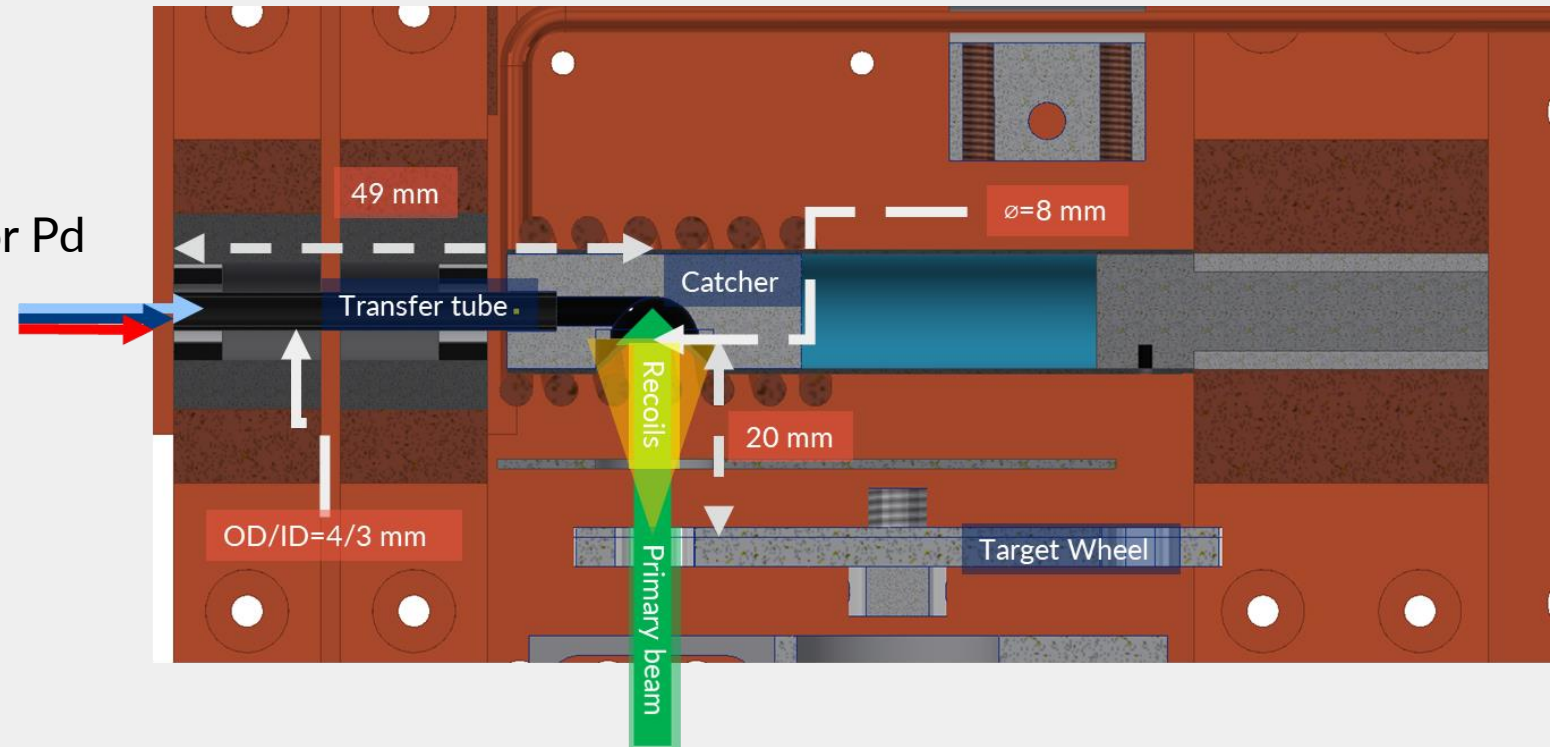
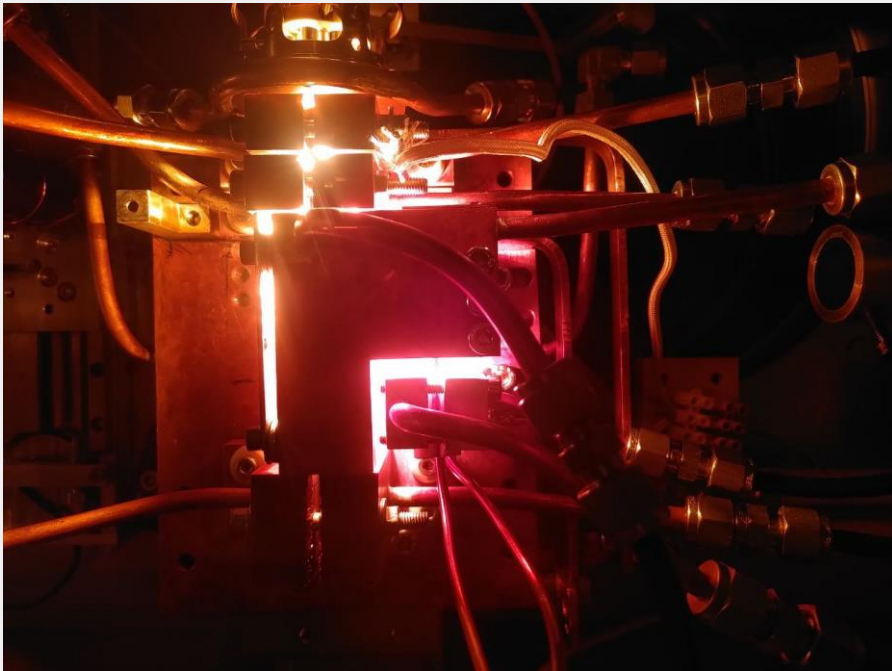






# Inductively Heated Hot Cavity Catheter Laser Ion Source ver 6.

- A target ion source system for fusion-evaporation products
  - Efficient: 1 % for Ag and Pd
  - Fast: <20 ms for Ag, less than 90 ms for Pd





# Challenging nuclear theory

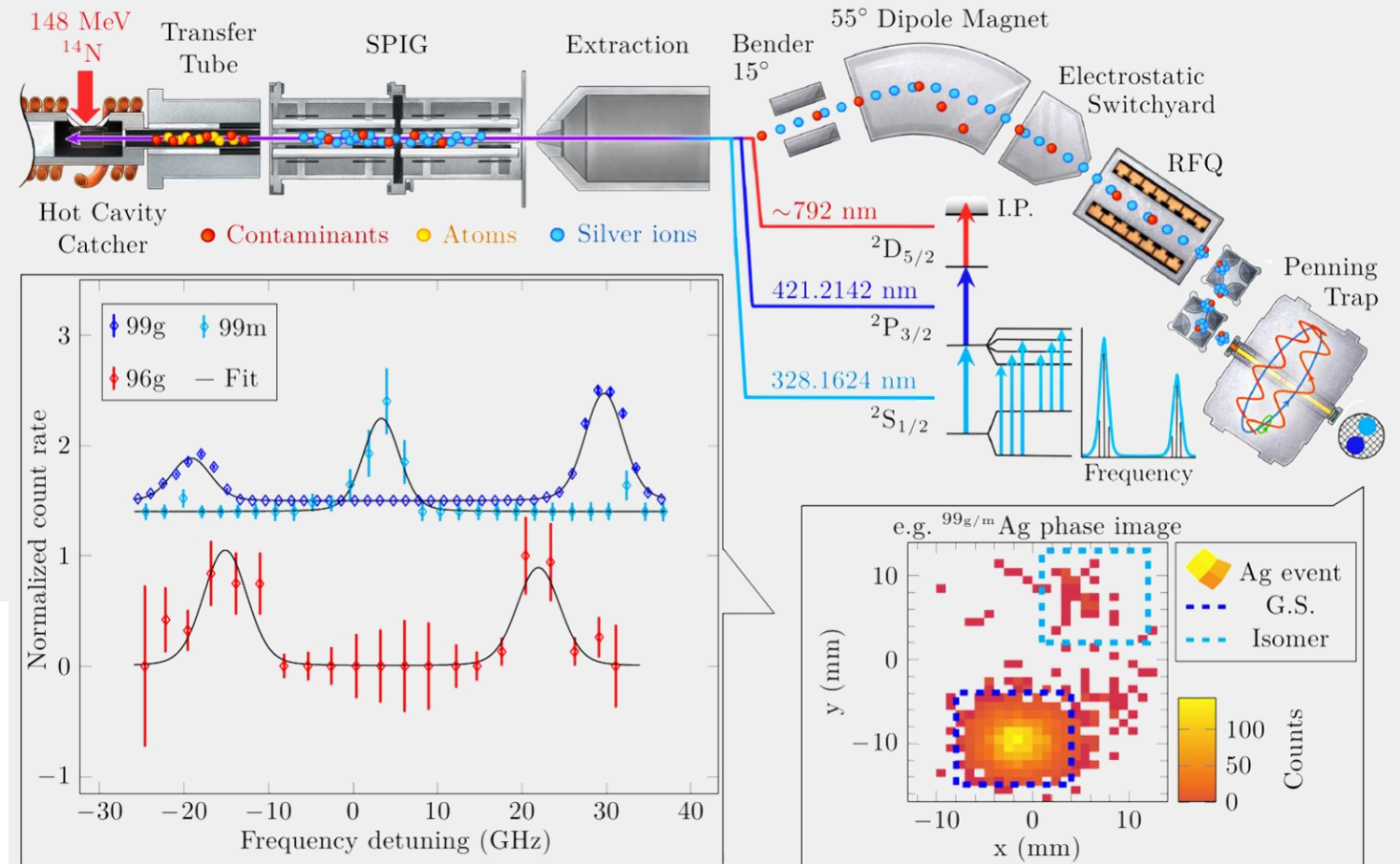
The first crossing of  $N=50$  with optical methods in the tin-100 region

- In-source laser spectroscopy in the immediate vicinity of  $^{100}\text{Sn}$ 
  - PI-ICR assisted RIS
  - Dual etalon  $\sim 5$  GHz linewidth.
- Virtually a background-free measurements
  - Signal rates of 1 per 5 minutes

## Evidence of a sudden increase in the nuclear size of proton-rich silver-96

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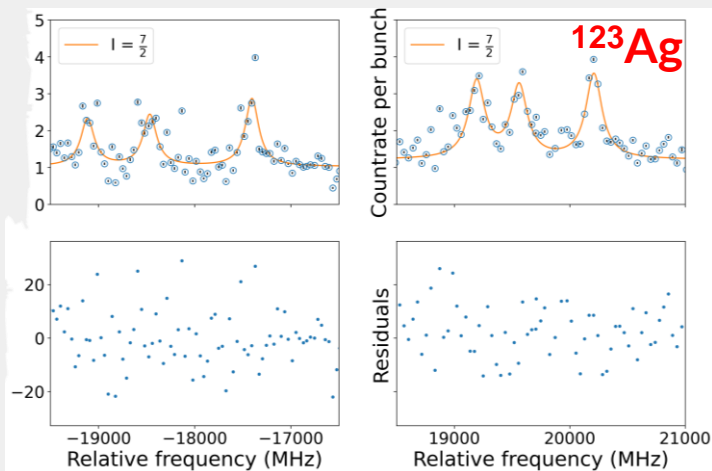




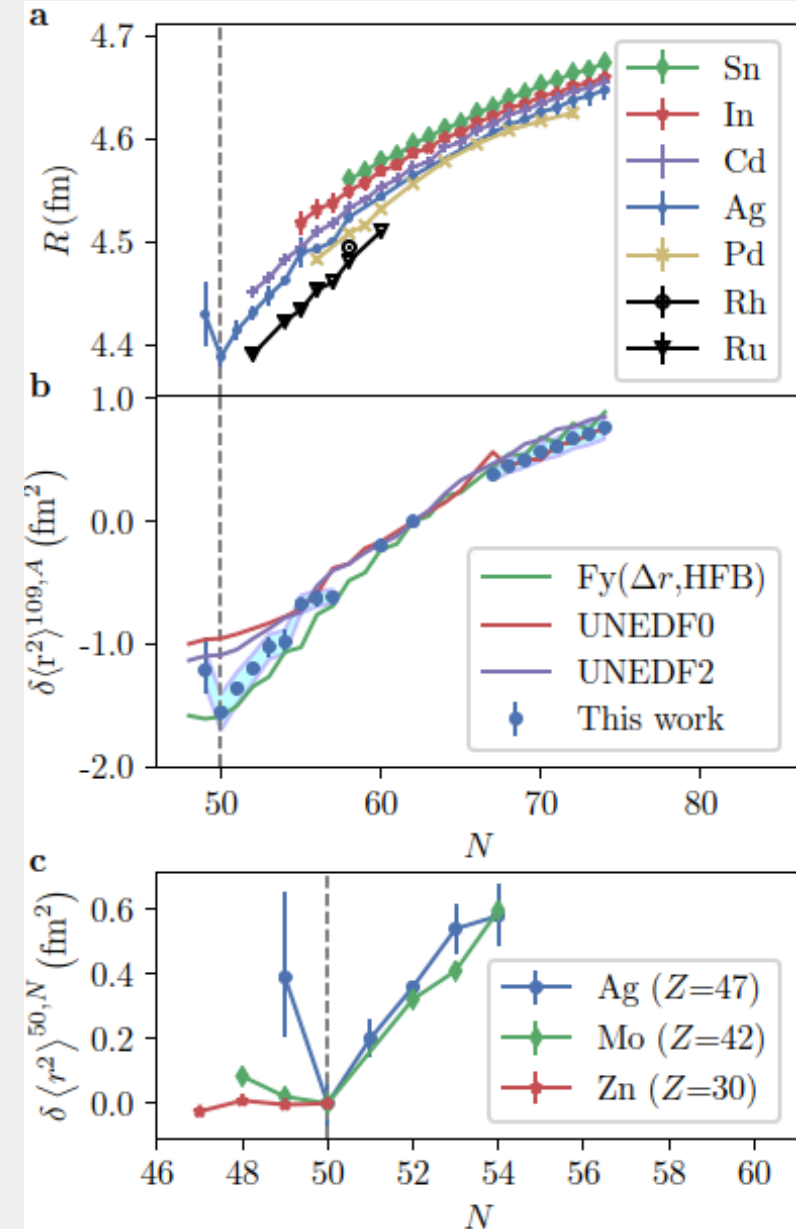
# Charge-radii of silver-96

## A challenge to nuclear DFT

- Spectra for  $^{104-96}\text{Ag}$  obtained using  $^{14}\text{N}(^{92}\text{Mo}, 2\text{pxn})\text{Ag}$
- Very sharp kink observed at  $N=50$  – beyond current DFT models. More data needed to refine error bar.
  - Points towards a need for symmetry-restored multi-reference EDF
- Complemented by laser spectroscopy of neutron-rich silver in ISOLDE.



*M. Reponen et al., Nat Comm, 12, (2021), 4596*

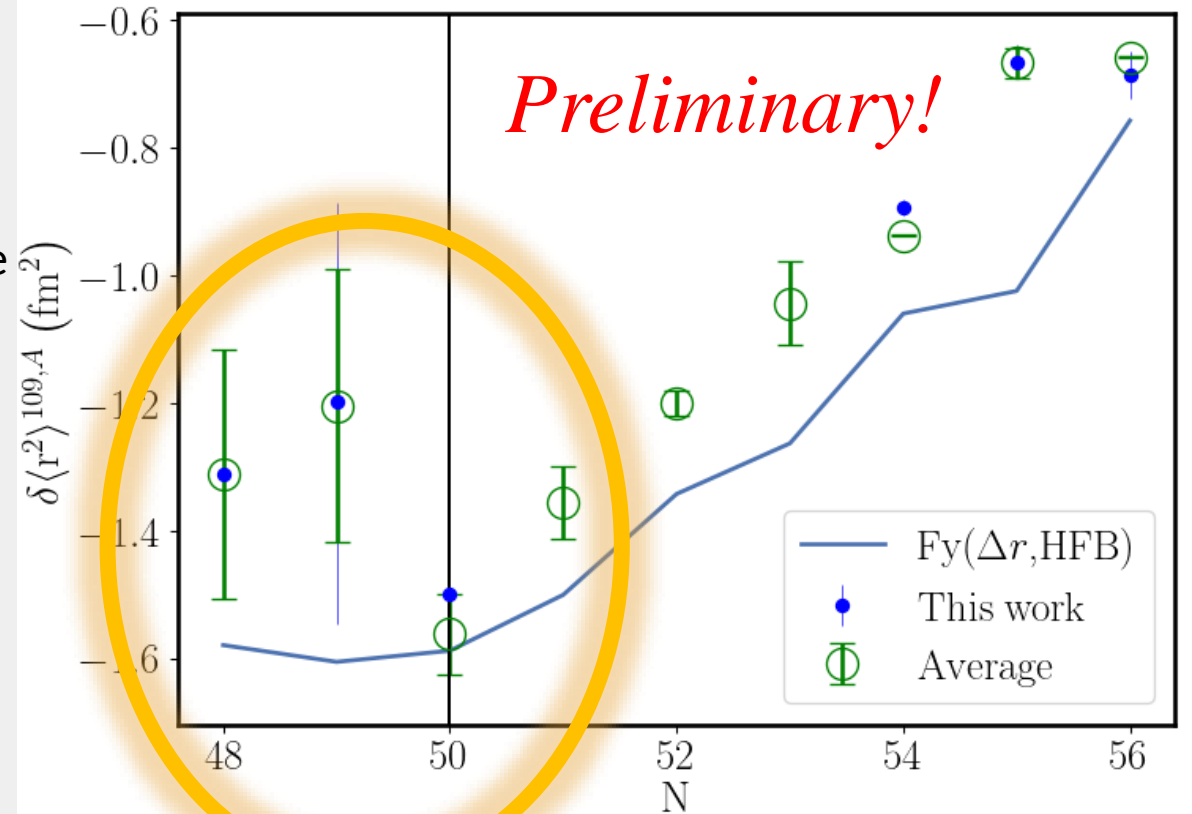
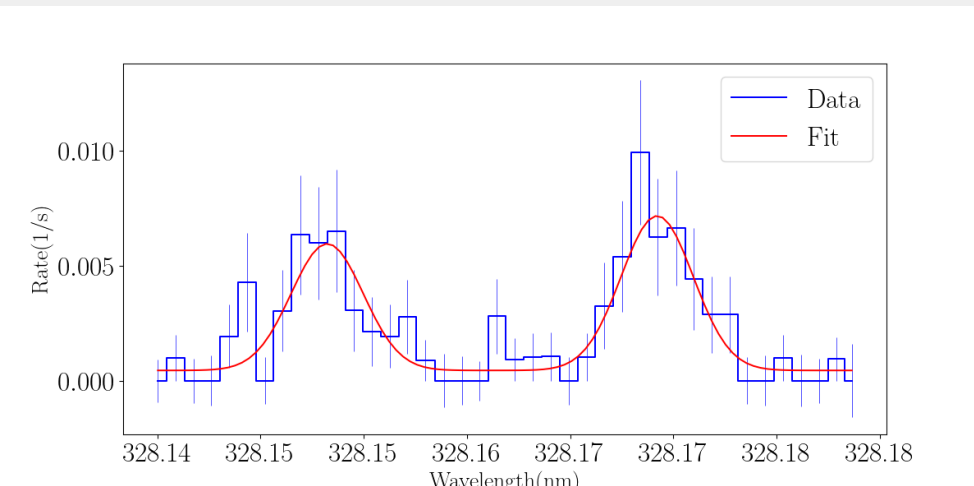




# Towards the $N=Z$ line

## radii of $^{95}\text{Ag}$

- New data for  $^{97, 96, 95}\text{Ag}$  using  $^{40}\text{Ca}(^{58/60}\text{Ni}, \text{pxn}) \text{Ag}$
- New charge radii confirms the large kink at  $N=50$ .
  - Change in  $^{95}\text{Ag}$  radii follows a decreasing trend
    - Low stats => high errors
- Theory development needed to reproduce the feature
  - E.g. Multi-reference EDF.

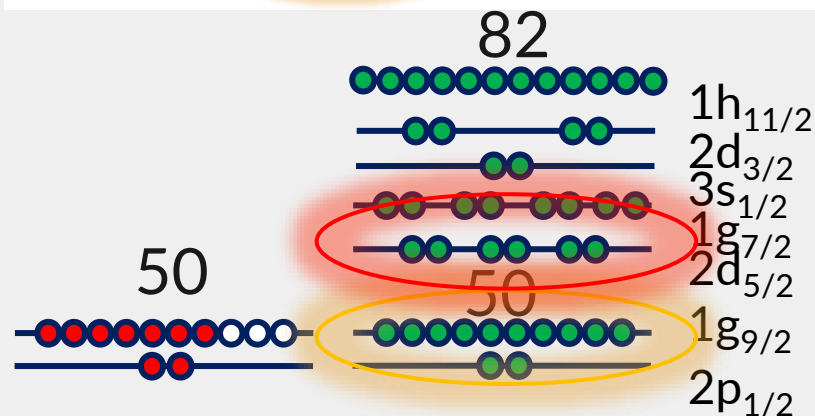
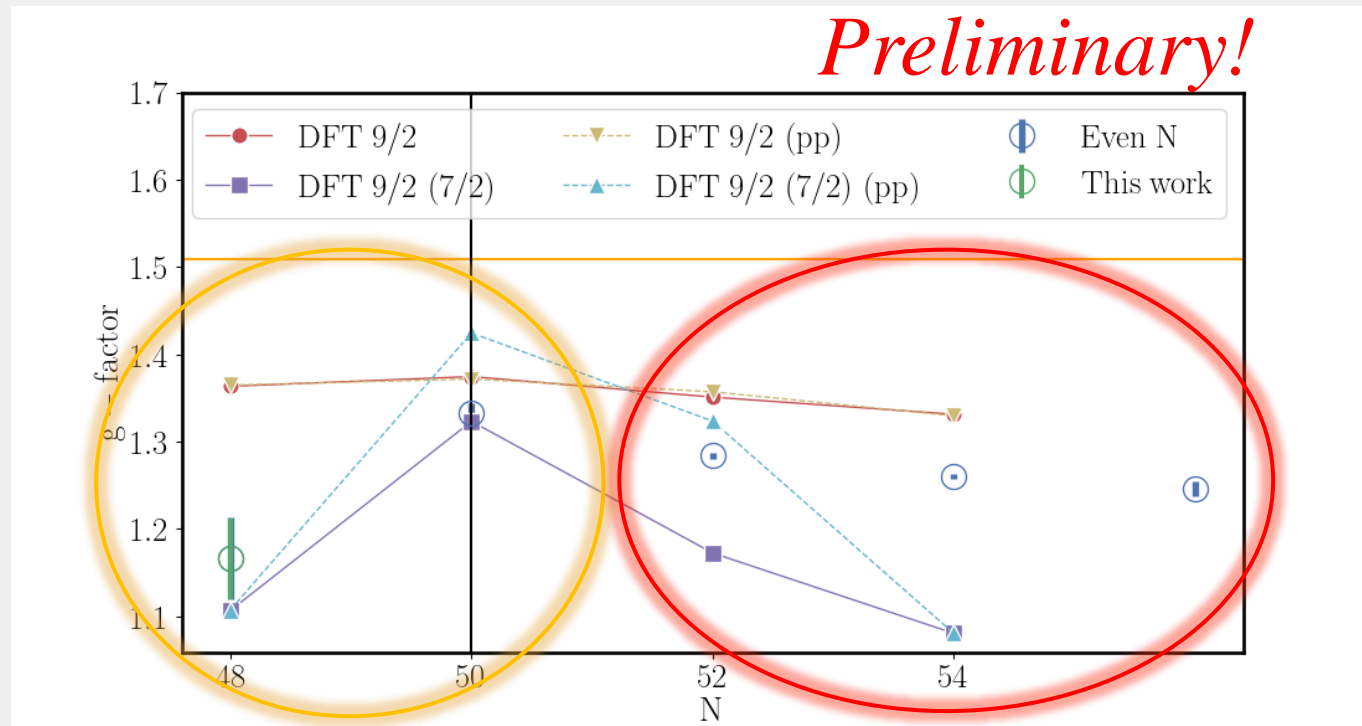
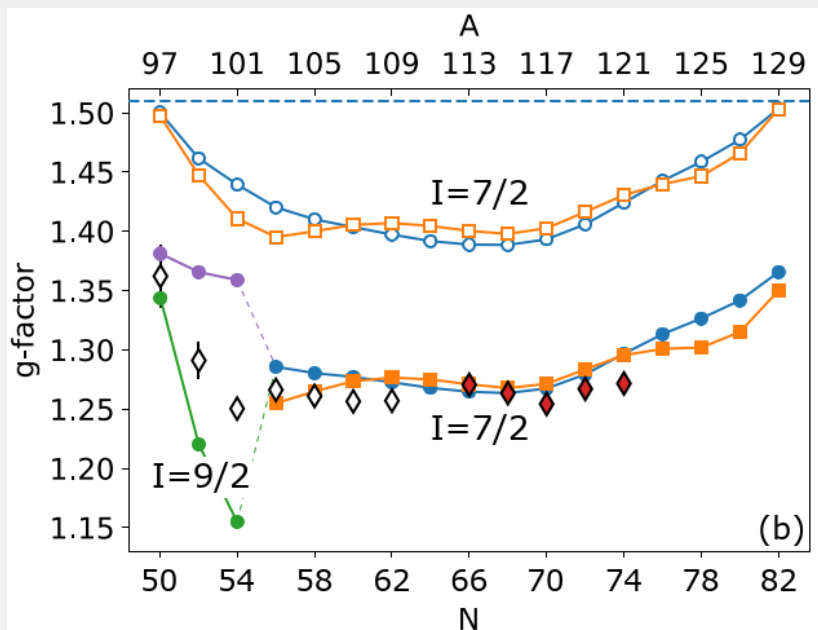




# Towards the $N=Z$ line

magnetic dipole moment of  $^{95}\text{Ag}$

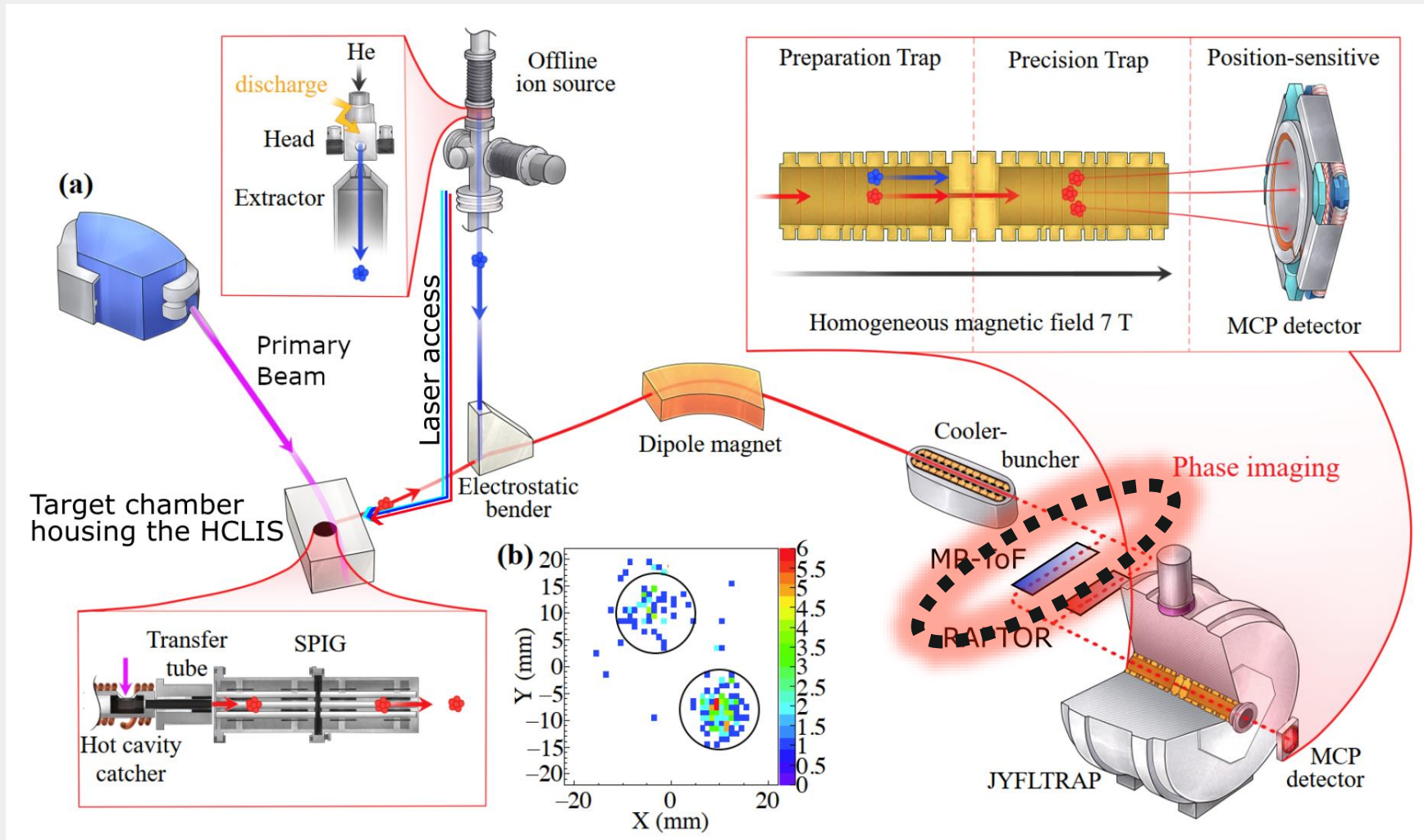
- UNEDEF calculations for even- $N$ 
  - Calculations by Jacek Dobaczewski
  - Following work done for neutron-rich nuclei (R. P. de Groote et al., submitted to Phys. Lett. B)
- Mixing of the two configurations on two sides of  $N=50$  seems to be different.





# Towards the $N=Z$ line

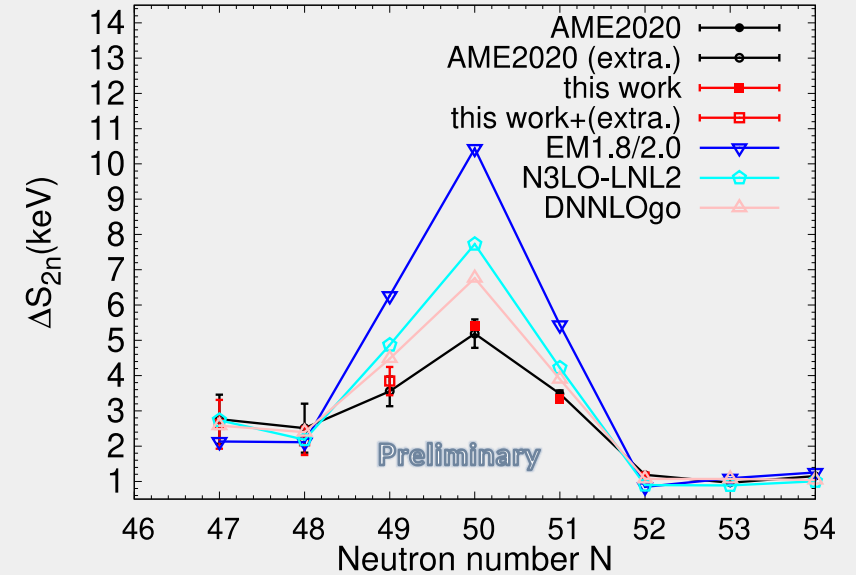
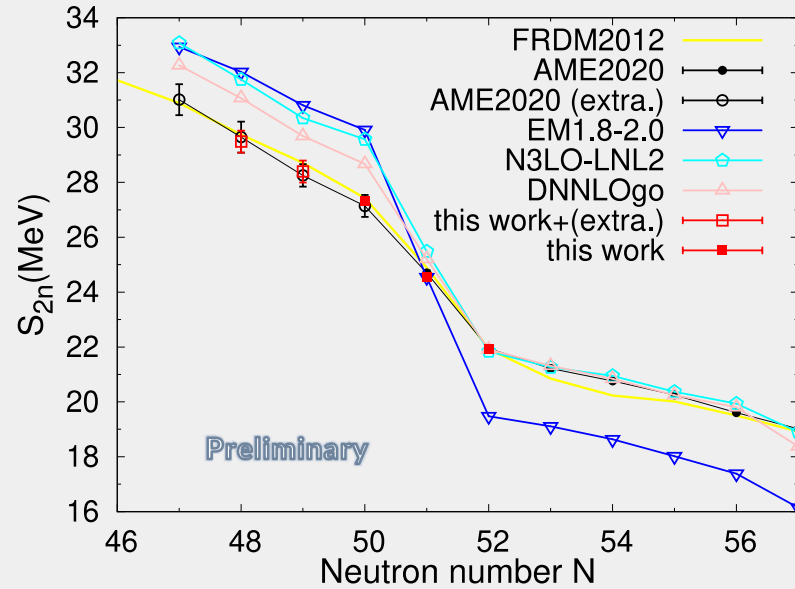
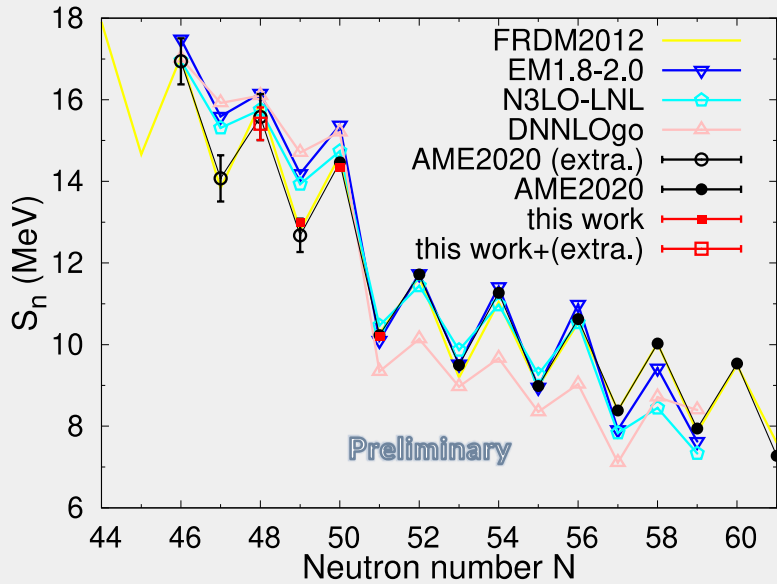
## Probing the masses of $^{96-94}\text{Ag}$





# $^{95-96}\text{Ag}$ mass: Testing nuclear theories

ab-initio calculation across the  $N=50$  shell B. Hu, J. D. Holt et al.



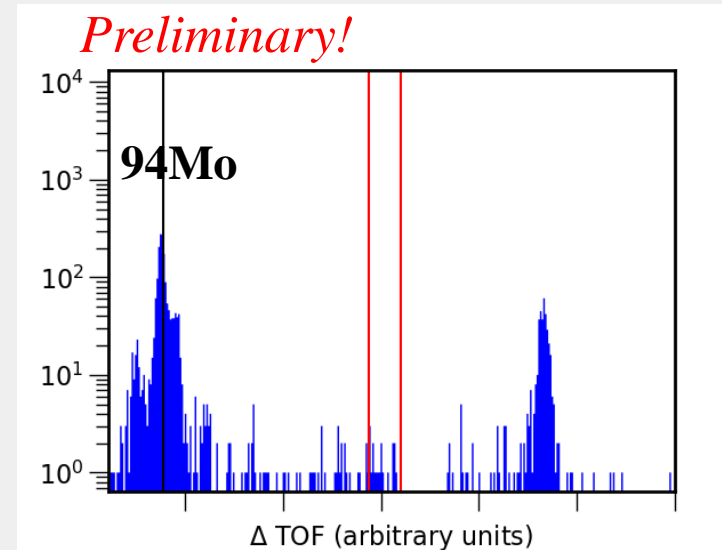
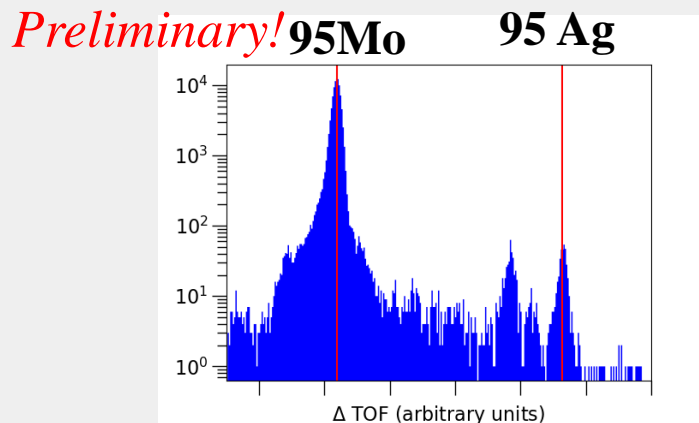
Z. Ge, M. Reponen, T. Eronen et al. in preparation

- understanding of the nuclear structure at  $N=50$  shell
- **Benchmark** nuclear models and shell model calculations

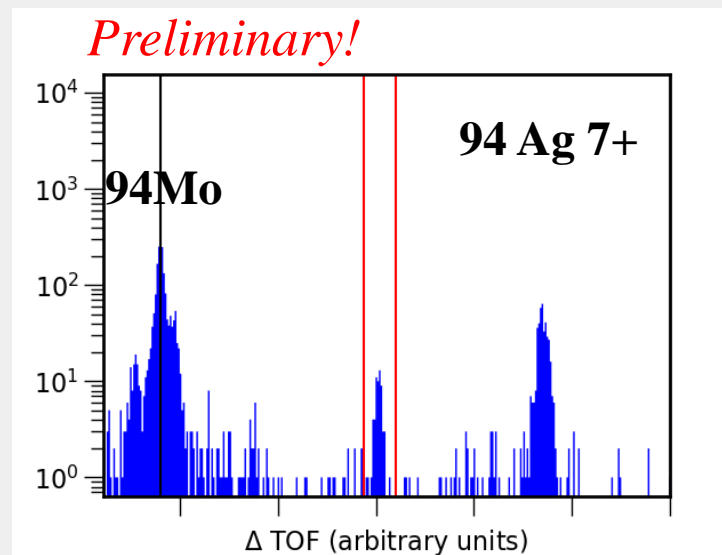


# Latest results- mass spectrometry of $^{94}\text{Ag}$

- Experiment:
  - 2.2 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>  $^{58}\text{Ni}$  rotating target, 205 MeV  $^{40}\text{Ca}$  beam
    - $^{40}\text{Ca}(^{58}\text{Ni},1\text{p}3\text{n})^{94}\text{Ag}$
  - 1, 2, 3, 4  $\mu\text{m}$  Mo degrader set
- $^{95}\text{Ag}$  clearly seen with MR-ToF
  - $^{95}\text{Ag}$  measured to compare against Penning trap data.
- 7+ clearly observed at mass 94 with lasers near at expected centroid.



With the laser timing delayed



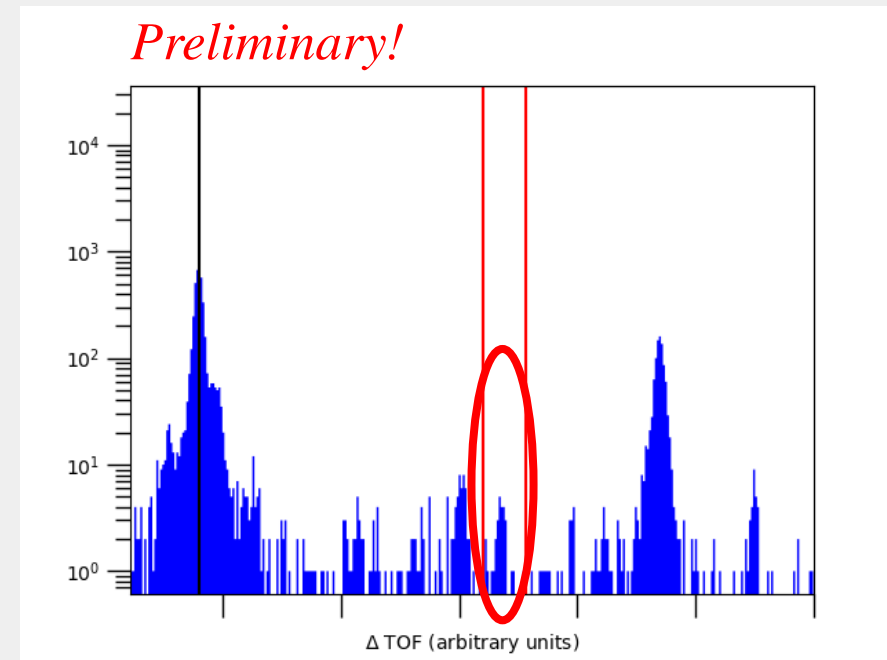
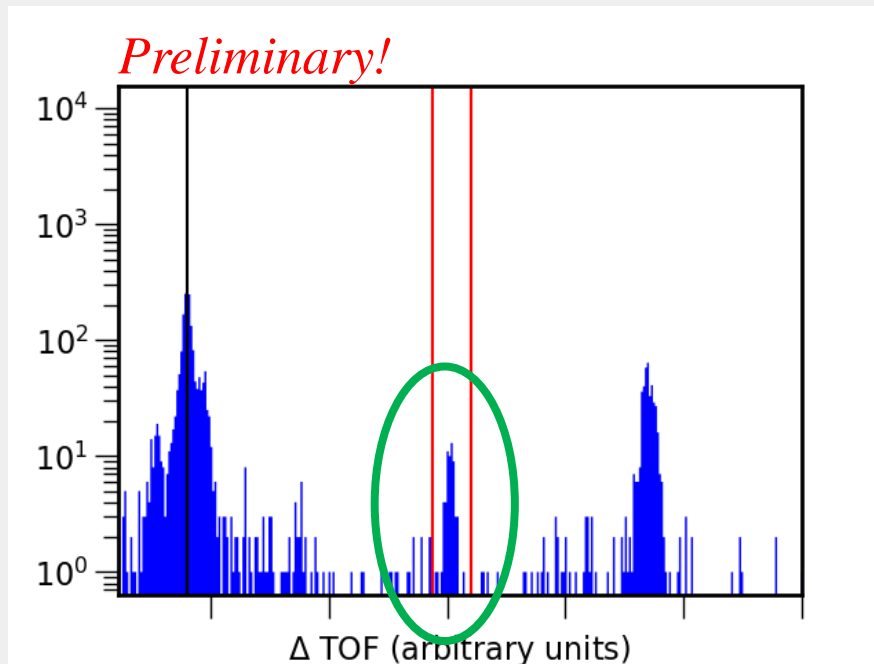
With the lasers on time





# Latest results - mass spectrometry of $^{94}\text{Ag}$

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



Laser wavelength set to 984.525 nm (JUN45 based estimate for 21+ !)

Whether the 0+ is in the data will be known later.

$^{94}\text{Ag}$  ground state band observed at MARA (X. Pereira-López EPJA 59, 44 (2023) )

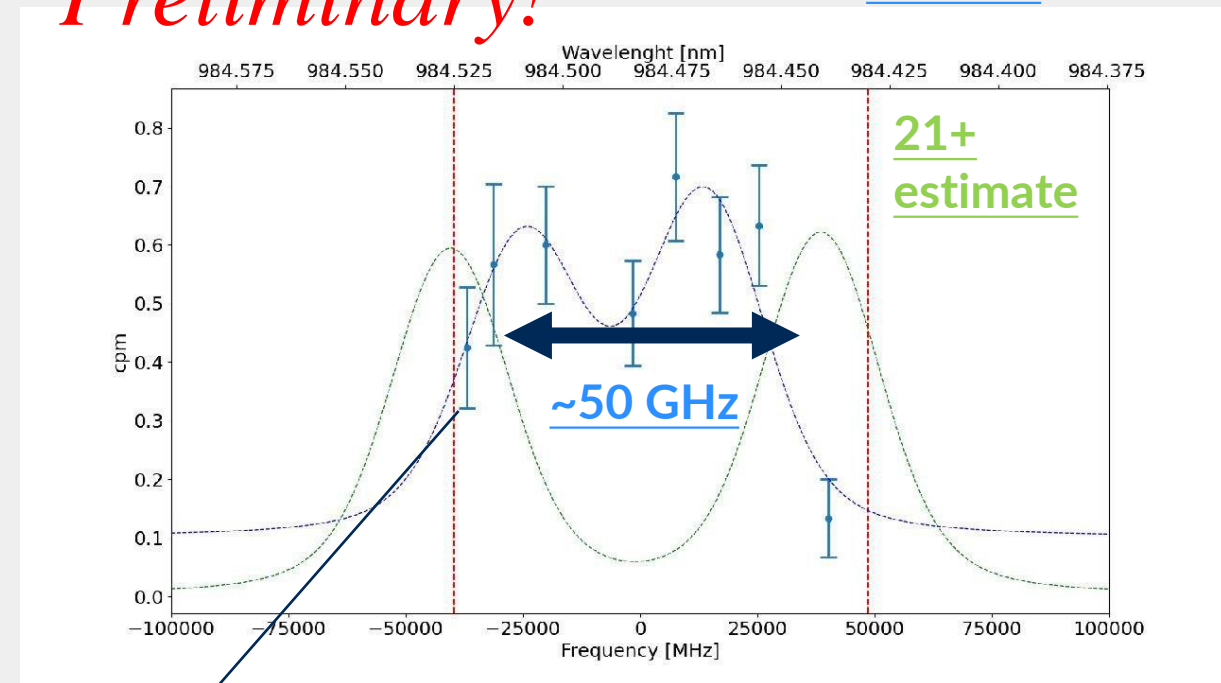


# Status and outlook

- Hot cavity + lasers + mass filters => Access to  $N=Z$  line!
  - Laser spectroscopy done down to  $^{95}\text{Ag}$
  - $7+$  and  $21+$  isomers mass excess measured in  $^{94}\text{Ag}$ .
- Near future research goals with the setup
  - Laser spectroscopy of proton emitting states
    - $21+$  isomer in  $^{94}\text{Ag}$
    - Access to, for example, Tm at drip-line?
  - Decay spectroscopy with pure isomeric beams?
    - Hot cavity efficiency development required.
  - Further ground state studies towards the  $N=Z$ 
    - 1 % HCLIS efficiency shown for Pd!

*Preliminary!*

7+ scan



Laser FWHM ~ 18 GHz = > HFS structure



# Thank you for listening!

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