



# ILIMA/EXL Ring experiments at ESR and further planning

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- ❖ from CR back to ESR
- ❖ Recent ILIMA Experiments
- ❖ Future ILIMA Experiments
- ❖ Reactions in ESR (Astrum, EXL)



# ILIMA

## Mass and lifetime measurements of exotic nuclei

### Storage rings:

**ESR**  
**CRYRING**

with

Schottky detectors  
TOF detectors  
Particle detectors

### Masses:

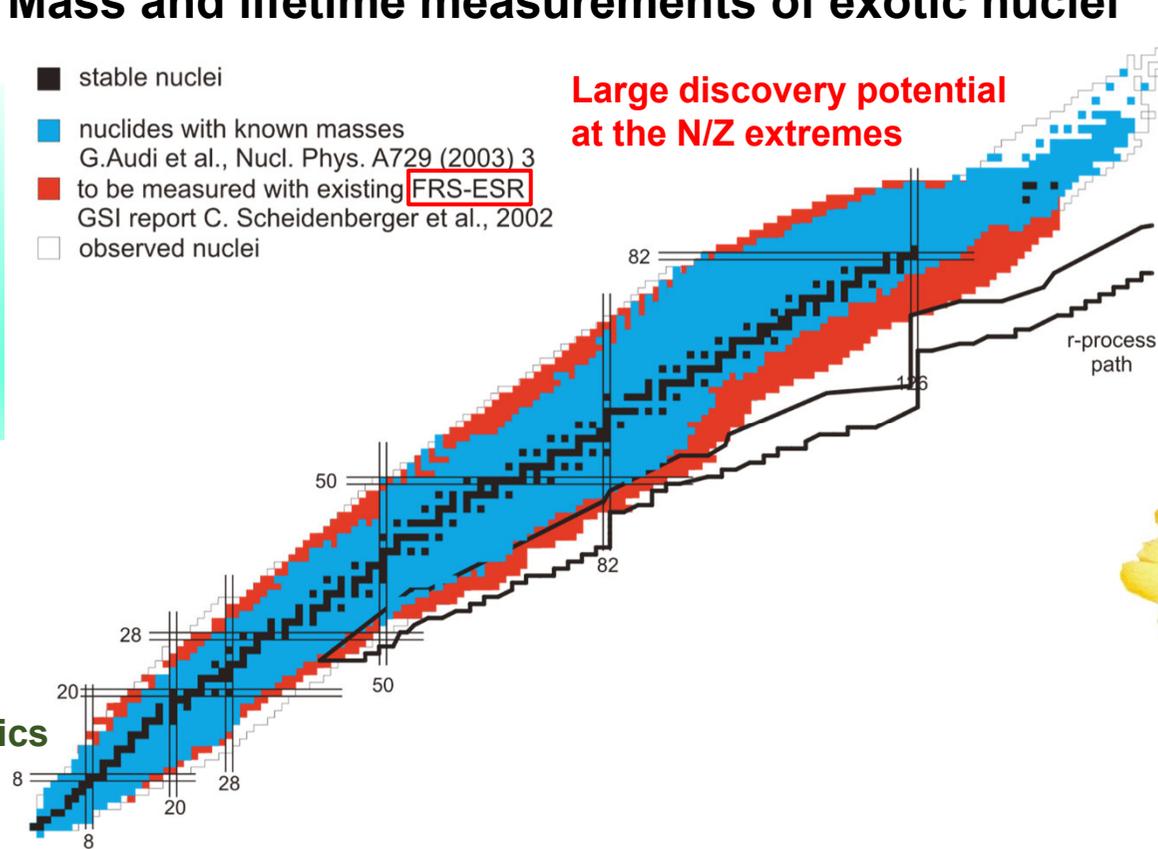
- ✓ Shell evolution
- ✓ Deformation
- ✓ Correlation
- ✓ Isomeric states
- ✓ Nuclear astrophysics

### Lifetimes:

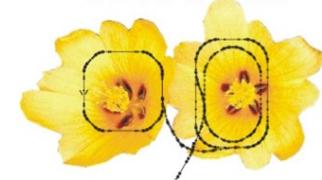
- ✓ New decay modes  
e.g. Nuclear excitation by electron capture
- ✓ Bound-state beta decay
- ✓ Bound-state pair conversion decay

- stable nuclei
- nuclides with known masses  
G.Audi et al., Nucl. Phys. A729 (2003) 3
- to be measured with existing **FRS-ESR**  
GSI report C. Scheidenberger et al., 2002
- observed nuclei

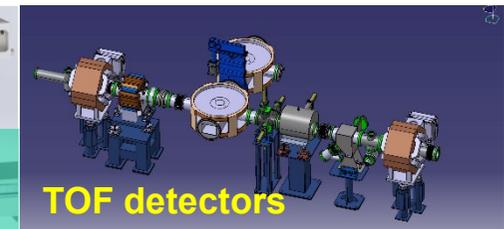
Large discovery potential  
at the N/Z extremes



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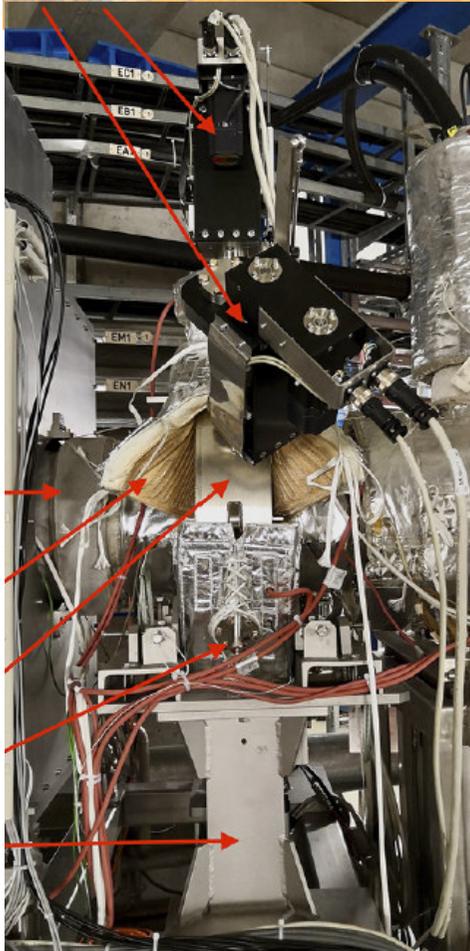


## Common technical developments for all rings





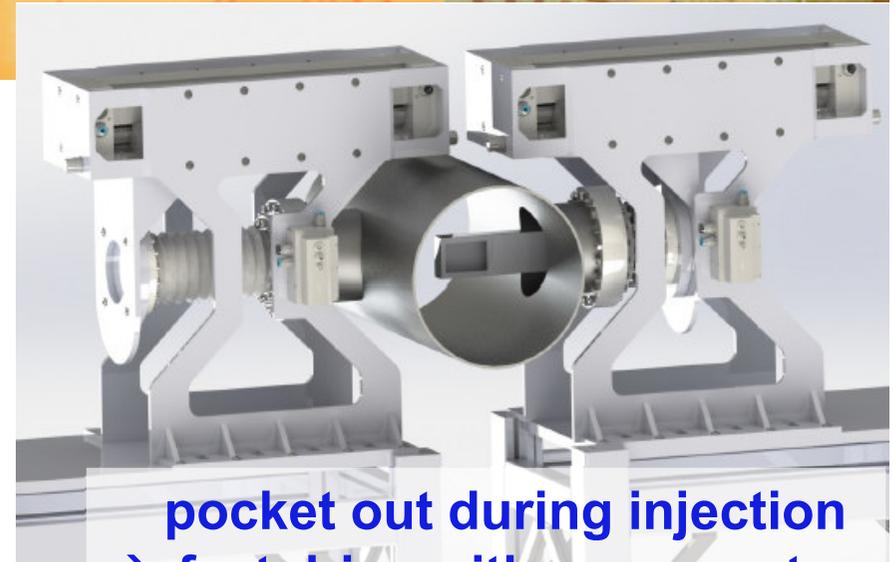
# Schottky, Heavy-Ion $\Delta E$ -E Telescope



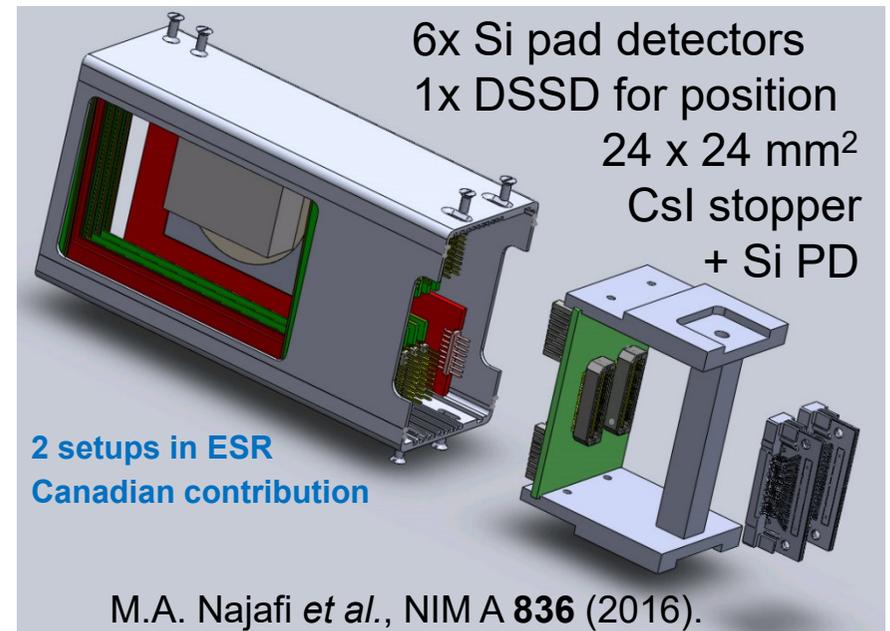
New pickup design  
proven in ESR  
all metal,  
tunable resonance,  
high harmonic,

S. Sanjari et al.,  
Rev. Sci. Instrum.  
**91**, 083303 (2020).

Further development of readout,  
thesis works (PhD D. Dmytriiev,  
and master thesis)



**pocket out during injection**  
→ **fast drive with servo motor**



6x Si pad detectors  
1x DSSD for position  
24 x 24 mm<sup>2</sup>  
CsI stopper  
+ Si PD

2 setups in ESR  
Canadian contribution

M.A. Najafi et al., NIM A **836** (2016).

# ILIMA Setup and Experiments

approved and planned

## Masses

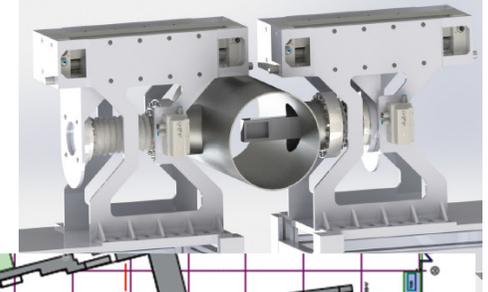
- Isomer masses of n-rich Hf isotopes (PW)
- $\beta$ -delayed n detection of iodine isotopes + pocket detector (ID)

## Lifetimes

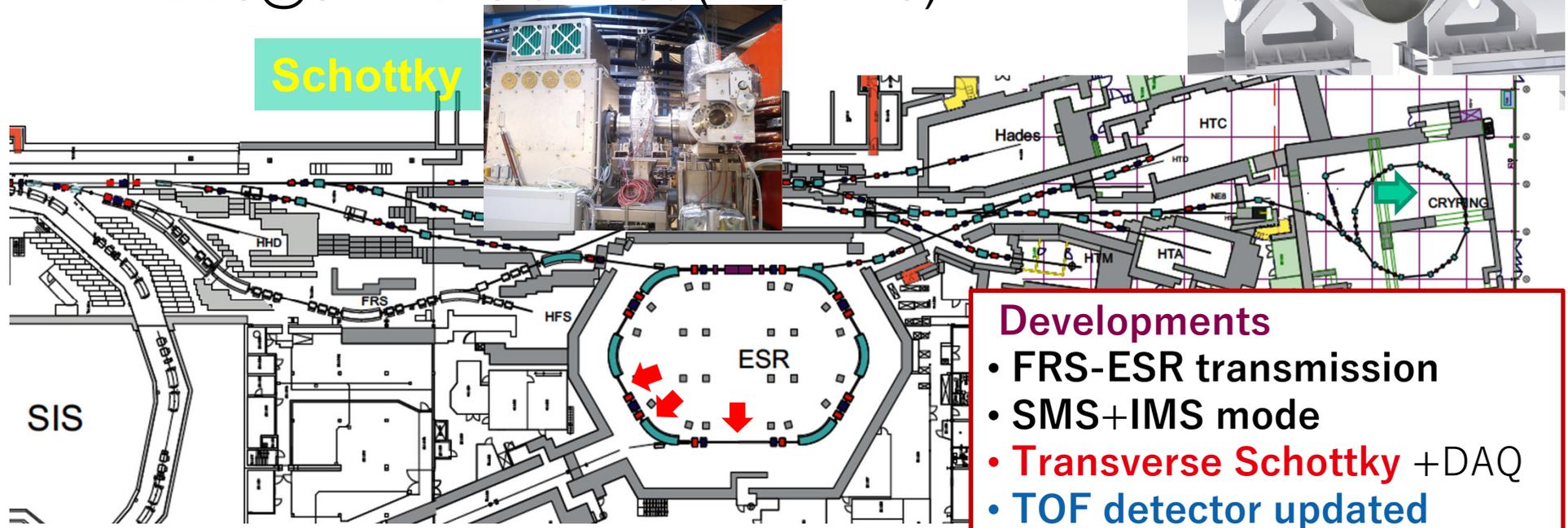
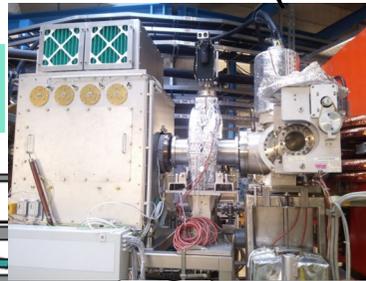
- 2 photon decay of  $^{98}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{98}\text{Zr}$  + SMS-IMS
- Bound-state pair creation of  $^{194}\text{Pb}$
- Bound-state beta decay of  $^{205}\text{Tl}$  (wt SPARC)
- HFI in beta decay of  $^{111}\text{Sn}$  (wt SPARC)
- NEEC@CRYRING of  $^{129}\text{Sb}$  (wt SPARC)

Phase-0  
scheduled May 2024

## In-ring detectors



## Schottky

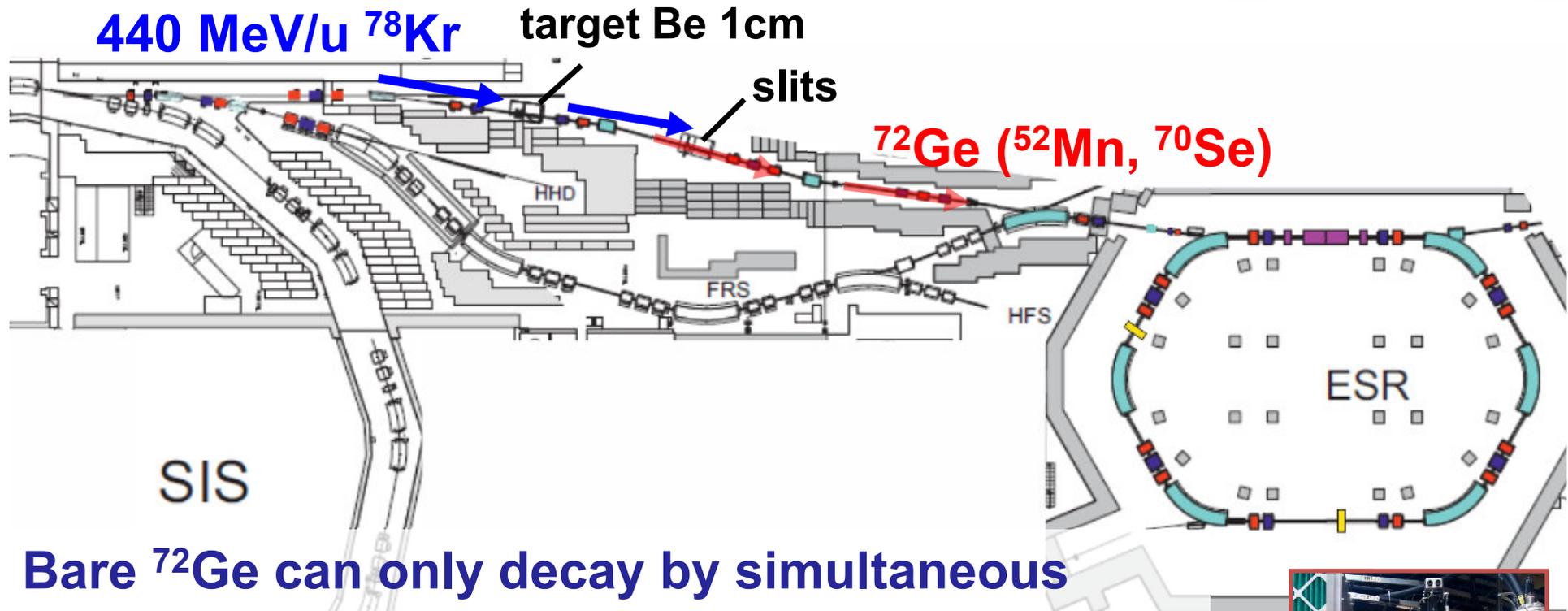


## Developments

- FRS-ESR transmission
- SMS+IMS mode
- **Transverse Schottky** +DAQ
- **TOF detector updated**

# E143: Nuclear two-photon decay

W. Korten

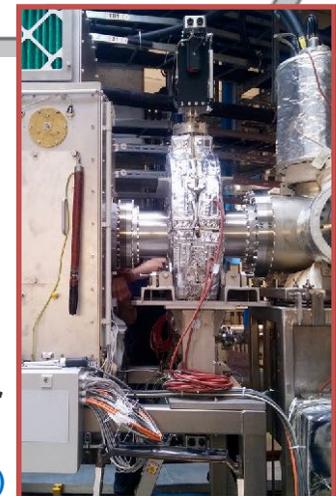


Bare  $^{72}\text{Ge}$  can only decay by simultaneous emission of two gammas ( $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$  forbidden).

ESR in isochronous mode ( $\gamma_t = 1.3956$ ),  
used Schottky for detection  
high production cross section,  
could use collimators in ESR.

245 MHz Schottky and  
new 410 MHz resonator

S.Sanjari et al.,  
Rev. Sci. Instr. 91, 083303 (2020)



# E143 Results

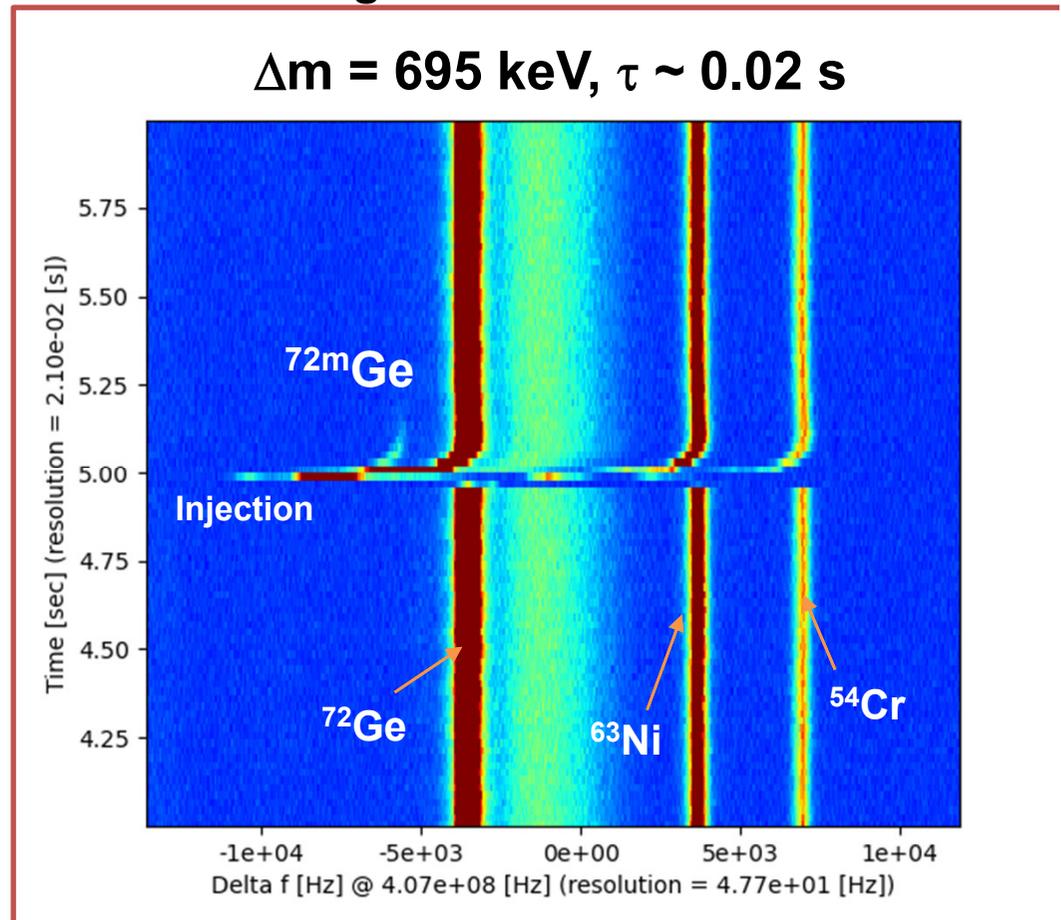
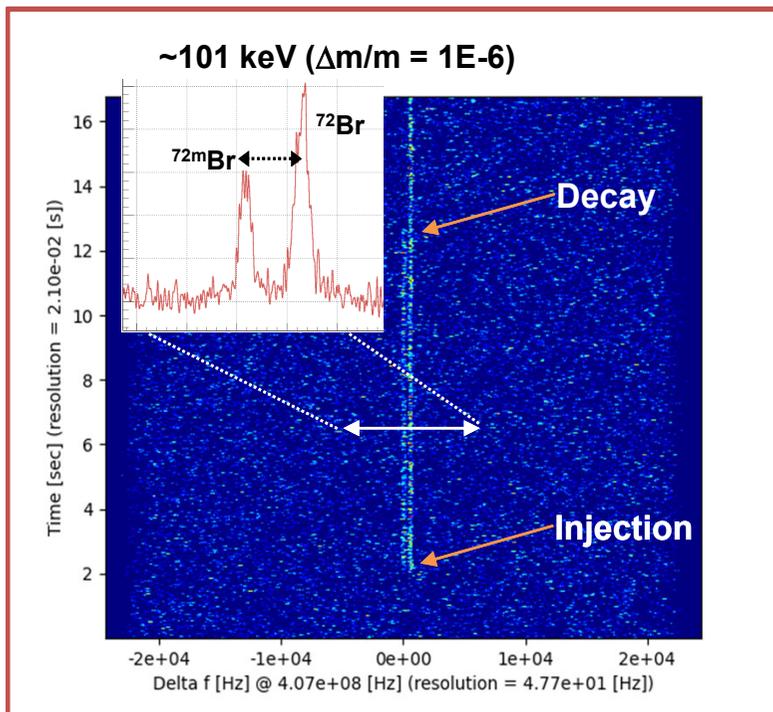


## Very good resolution, fast detection time

- Variable resonance frequency: 408-416 MHz
- Variable Q value: approx. 500-3000
- High sensitivity

at high harmonic  $h = 212$

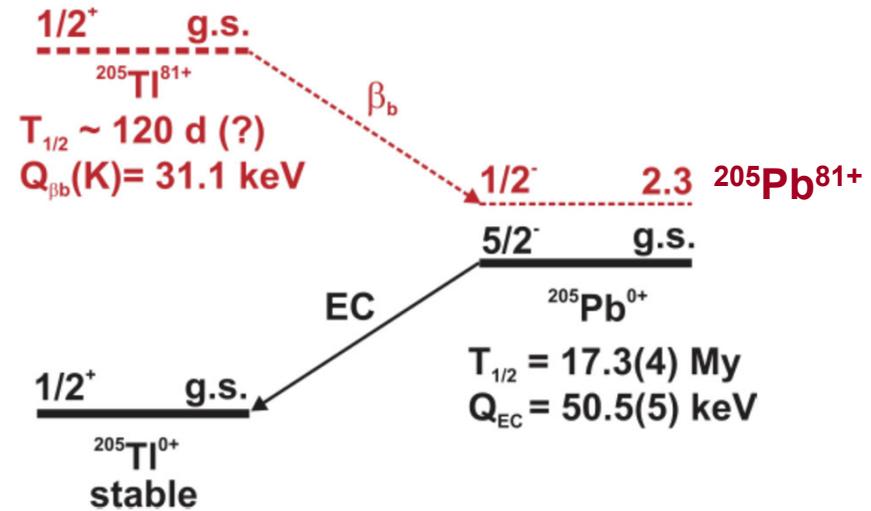
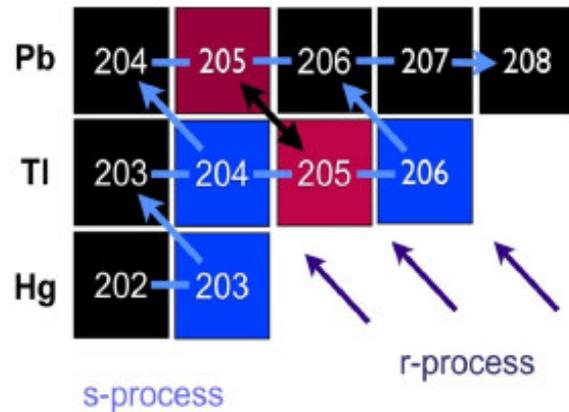
$\Delta m = 695 \text{ keV}$ ,  $\tau \sim 0.02 \text{ s}$



# E121 Bound-State Beta Decay of bare $^{205}\text{Tl}$ ions

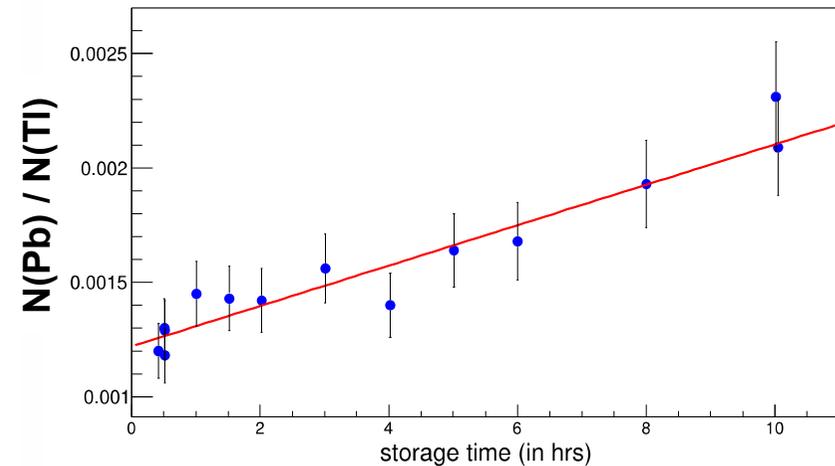


## Lifetime of Highly Charged Ion



### Key technical points:

- Accumulation of sec. beam from FRS
- Long storage of cooled ions
- Gas jet stripper
- In-ring Particle detector
- Resonant Schottky detector



- LOREX project: solar neutrino detector with Tl material
- Cosmo chronometer of the s-process

thesis Heidelberg 2021

Y. Litvinov, Ragandeep Sidhu

# New Experiments

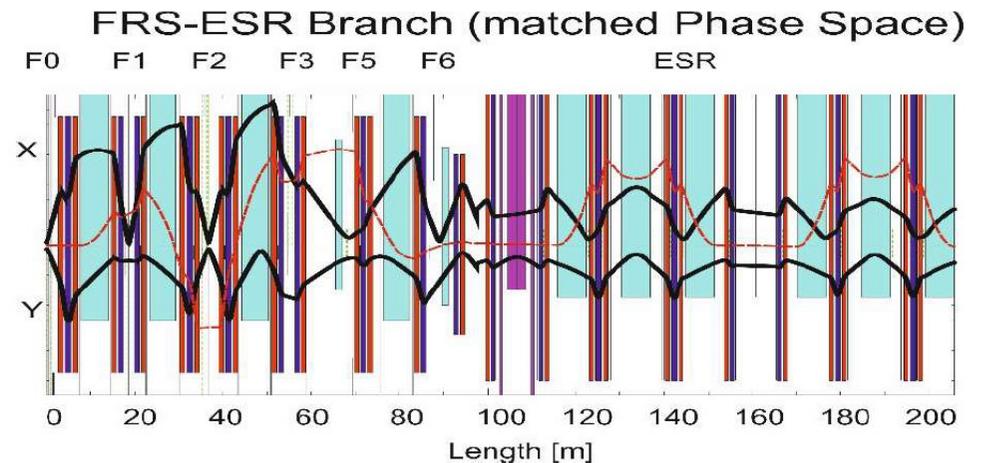
## Two $\gamma$ decay & bound state pair conversion

Resolved in isochronous mass spectrometry with Schottky,  
also decay by  $e^+, e^-$  pair creation.

When Energy  $< 2 \times 511$  keV, but can work for bound state,

Cases:  $^{98m}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{98m}\text{Zr}$ , ( $^{194g+m}\text{Pb}$ ). **Mo+Zr scheduled May 2023**

**FRS development** (beam to ESR,  
transmission issue) match phase  
space ellipses, problem steering

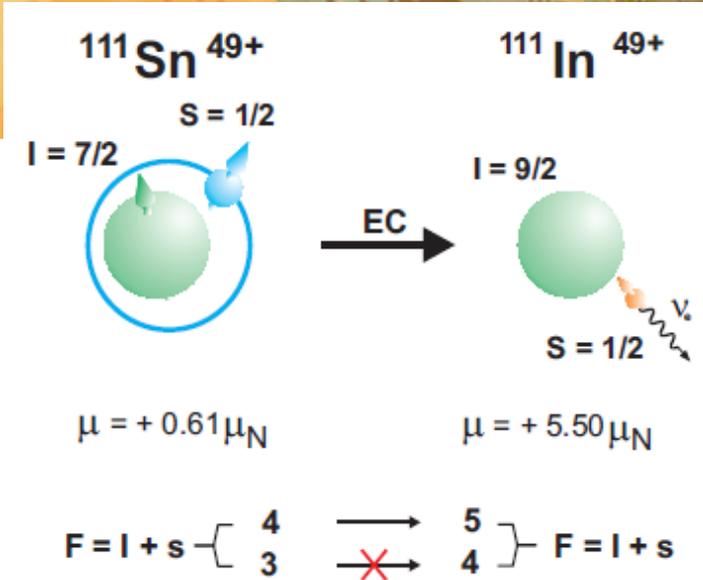


# Other Proposals

## $^{111}\text{Sn}$ decay with hyperfine spin coupling

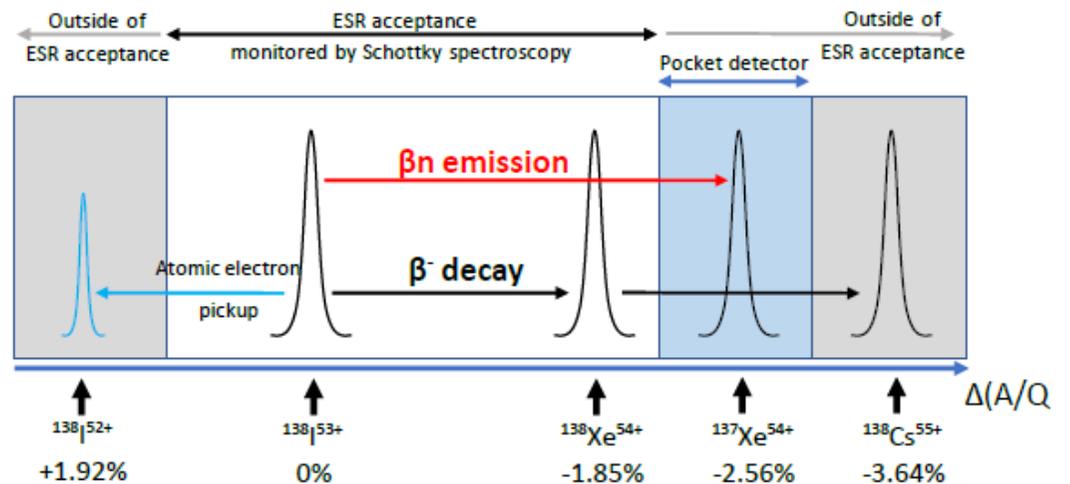
bare ions  $\Rightarrow$  only  $\beta^+$ , H-like  $\Rightarrow$  no EC,  
He(Li)-like  $\Rightarrow$  more EC

Store in ring  $\sim 1\text{h}$ , measure with Schottky.



## Beta-delayed neutrons

Store in ring, daughters go onto  $\Delta E$ -E detector,  
distinguish  $\beta$  and  $\beta$ -n daughters  
 $\Rightarrow$  branching ratio

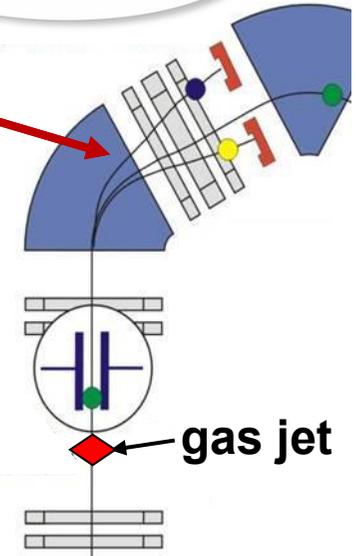
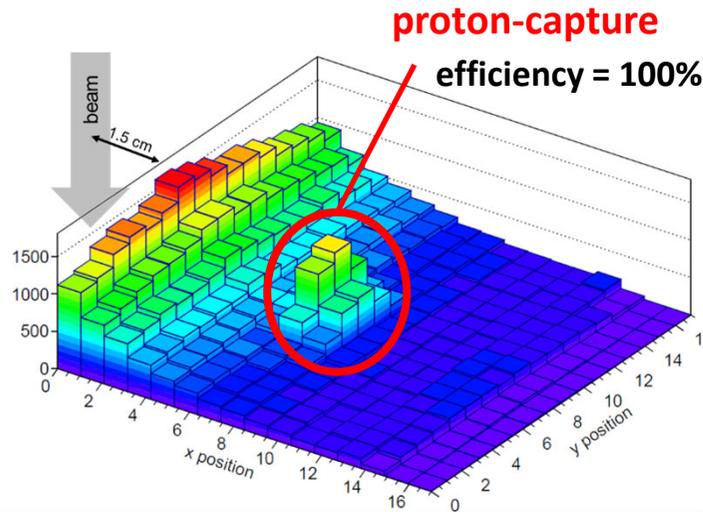
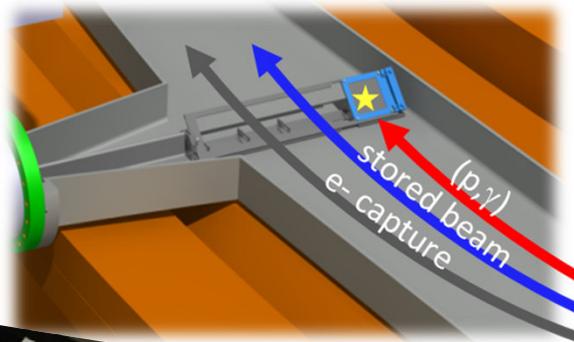


# Campaign on Proton-Capture Reactions (p,γ), (p,n)

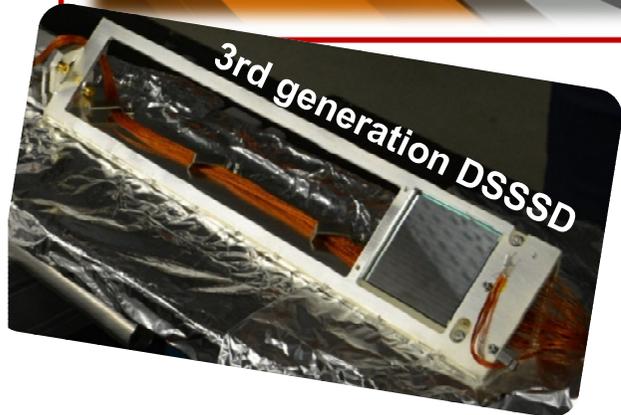
ASTRUM

## Nuclear recoil separation & detection

UHV compatible detector setup



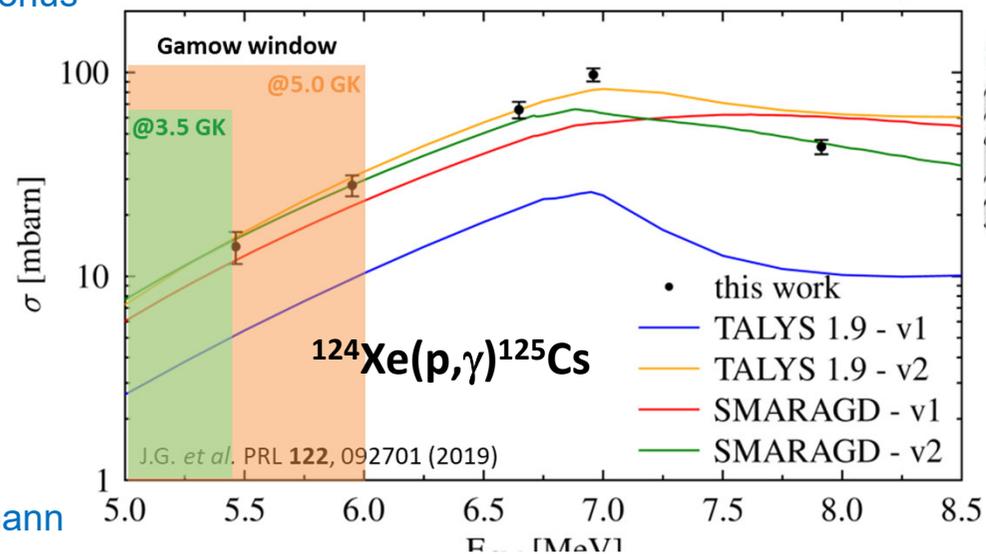
gas jet



3rd generation DSSD

Slowed down rare ions  
in/close to Gamow window  
recent  $^{118}\text{Te}(p,\gamma)$  thesis Sophia Dellmann

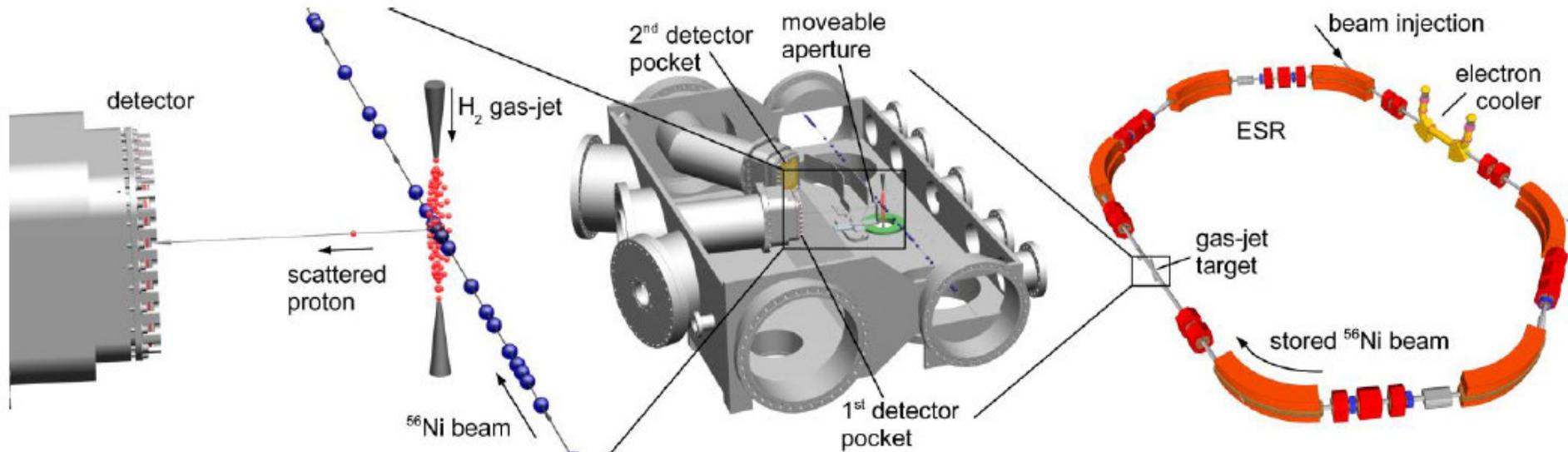
Jan Glorius



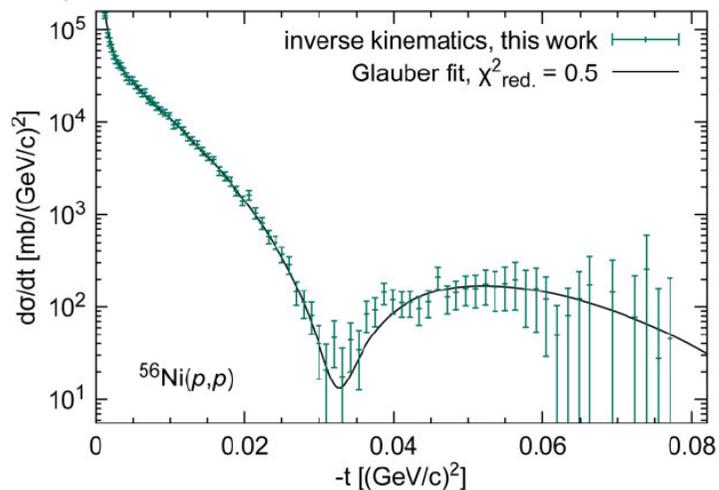
# EXL

Exotic nuclei studied with light hadronic probes

Experiment E105,  $^{56,58}\text{Ni}$  beams and gas jet target (H and He)



$^{56,58}\text{Ni}(p,p)$  and  $^{58}\text{Ni}(\alpha,\alpha')$

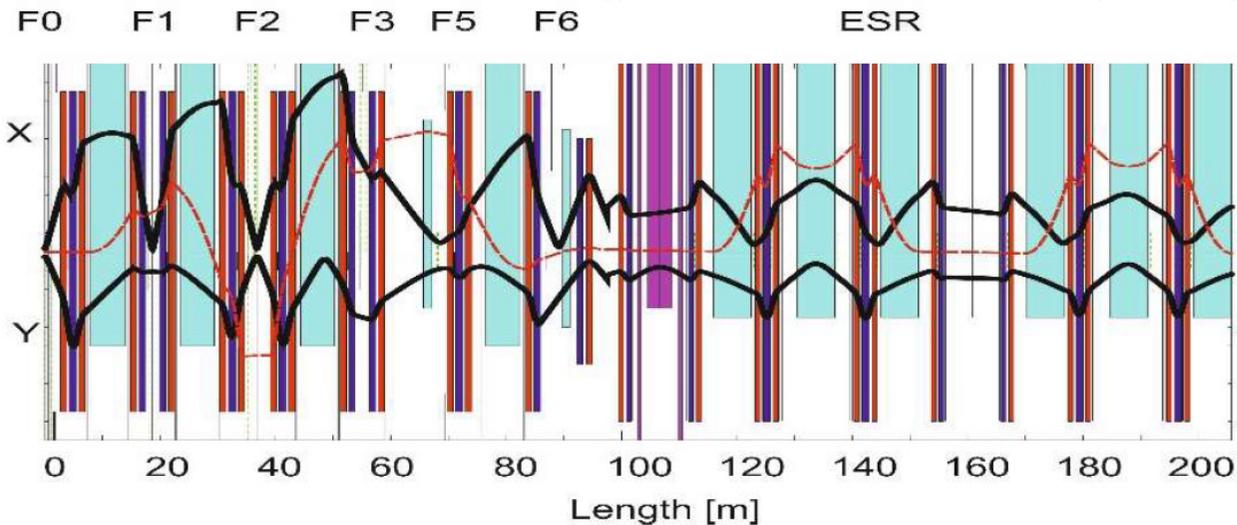


Lol 2022 (J. Zamora, O. Kiselev)  
next step  $^{56}\text{Ni}(\alpha,\alpha')$  for ISGMR  
--> compression of nuclear matter

# Transmission into ESR



FRS-ESR Branch (matched Phase Space)



Acceptance into ESR should be ~ 10 times higher !

$\epsilon_x = 20 \text{ mm mrad} \rightarrow 8 \text{ mm mrad}$

$\epsilon_y = 20 \text{ mm mrad} \rightarrow 7 \text{ mm mrad}$

$\Delta p/p = 0.4\% \rightarrow 0.2\%$

**1998 design values  
vs. measured in 2000.**

Simulation shows matching is very critical.

Also small shifts in beam position are critical vs narrow aperture

Injection channel only has 50mm x 50 mm in septum.

--> Better diagnostics for beam parameters, more detectors, and beam time.

# Summary / Outlook

Prospects for a CR are very uncertain.

Equipment in ESR also needs funding.  
A question is how it is recognized as part of FAIR.

With highly charged ions and special beam preparation  
still unique experiments in ESR.

For experiments with target the luminosity is an issue.  
Target and detector development were successful,  
Long term use of ESR needs upgrades,  
also for prospects with CryRing.

We have proposals and scheduled experiments.

