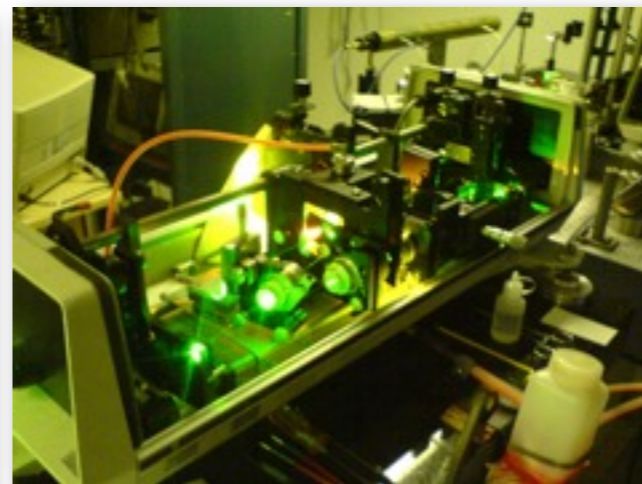
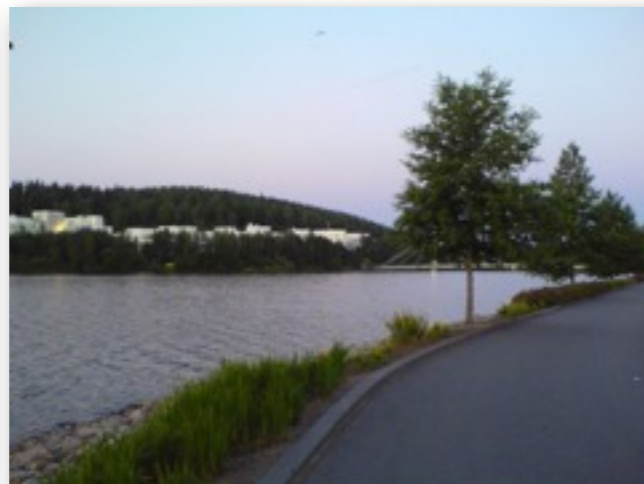


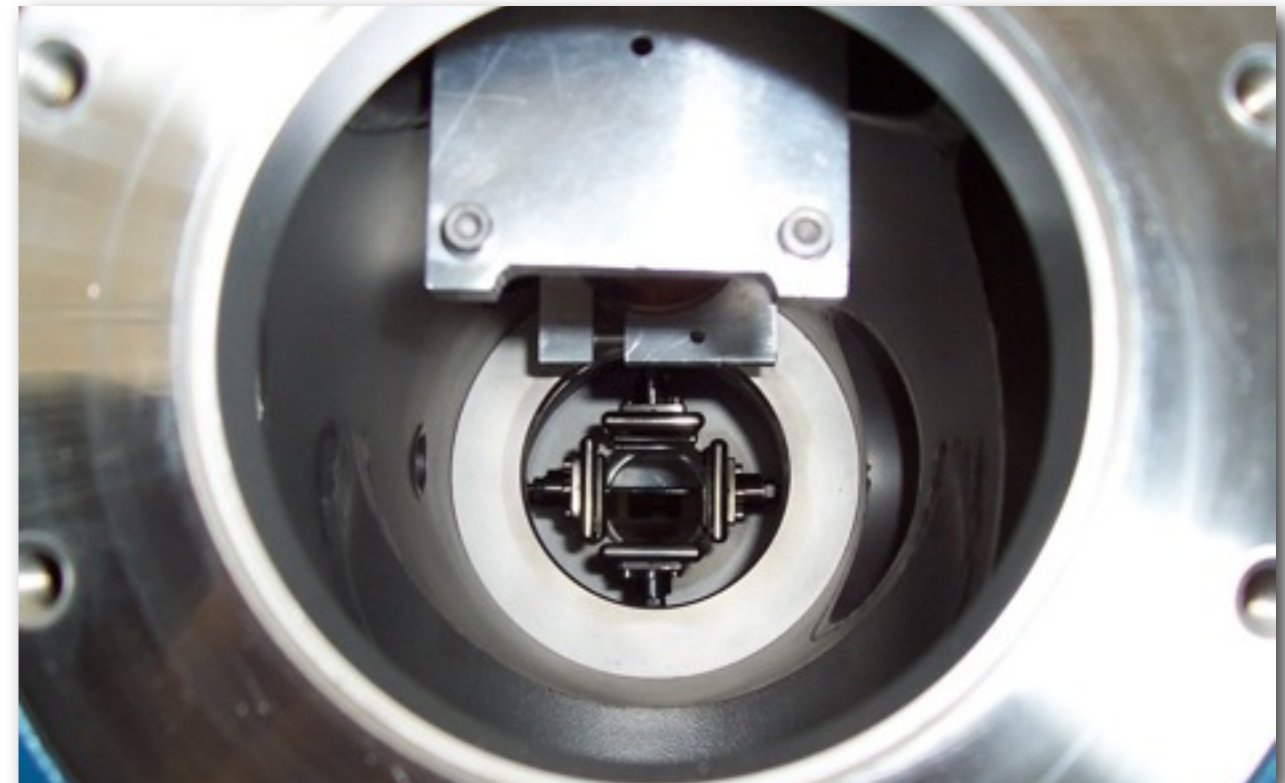
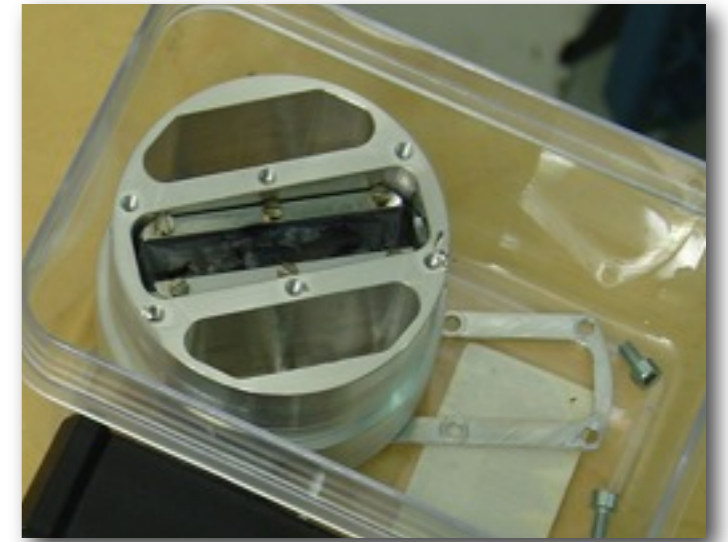
# Searching for new states with collinear laser spectroscopy of pure beams



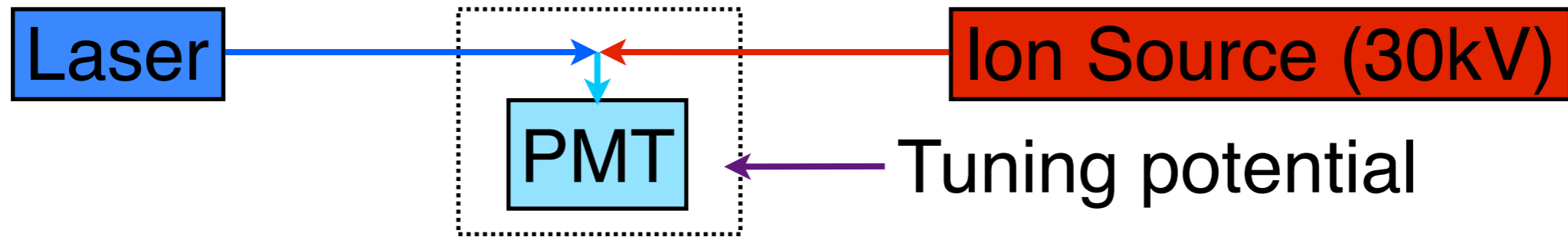
The IGISOL 4 facility, JYFL, Jyväskylä, Finland

# Outline

- Laser spectroscopy of radioactive ion beams
- The new IGISOL facility, JYFL
- Current techniques
- Ion beam purification
- Current status



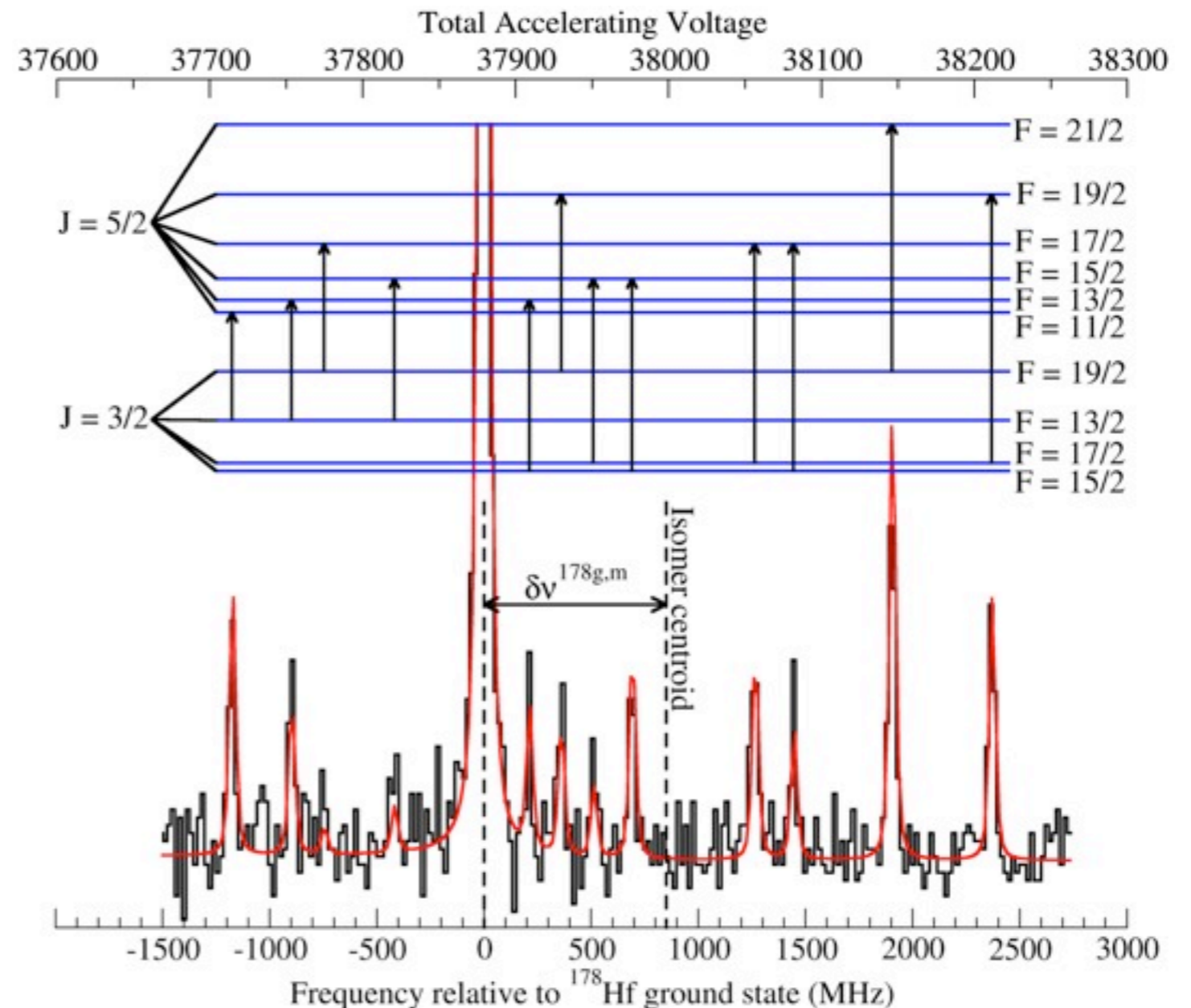
# Collinear laser spectroscopy



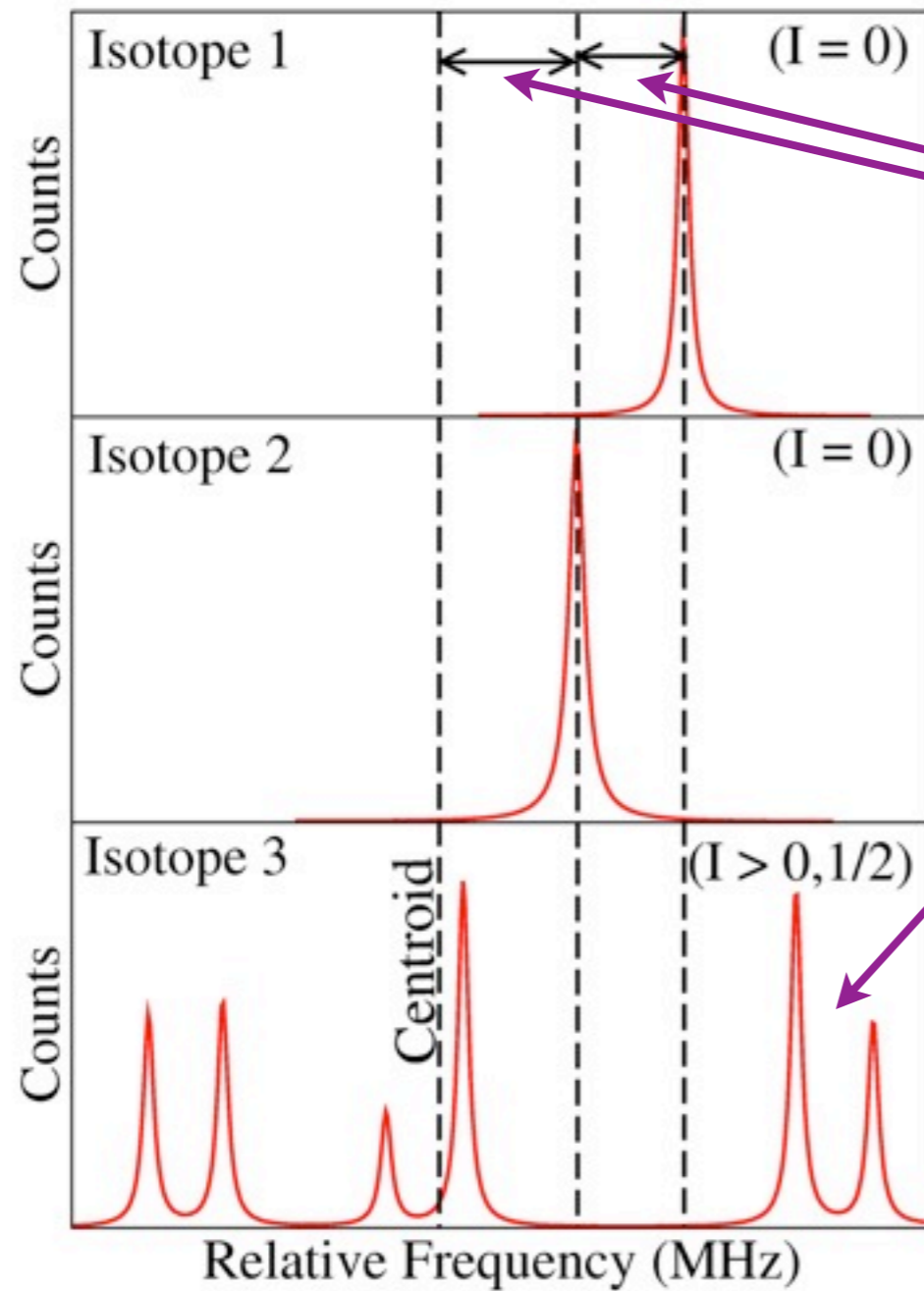
- Used at RIB facilities
- Doppler suppression

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

➔ 
$$\Delta v = \frac{\Delta E}{mv}$$



# High resolution optical spectra



**Isotope Shifts**

$$\rightarrow \delta \langle r^2 \rangle$$

**Hyperfine Structure**

$$\rightarrow \mu$$

$$\rightarrow Q_s \rightarrow \langle \beta_2 \rangle$$

$\rightarrow$  Nuclear spin

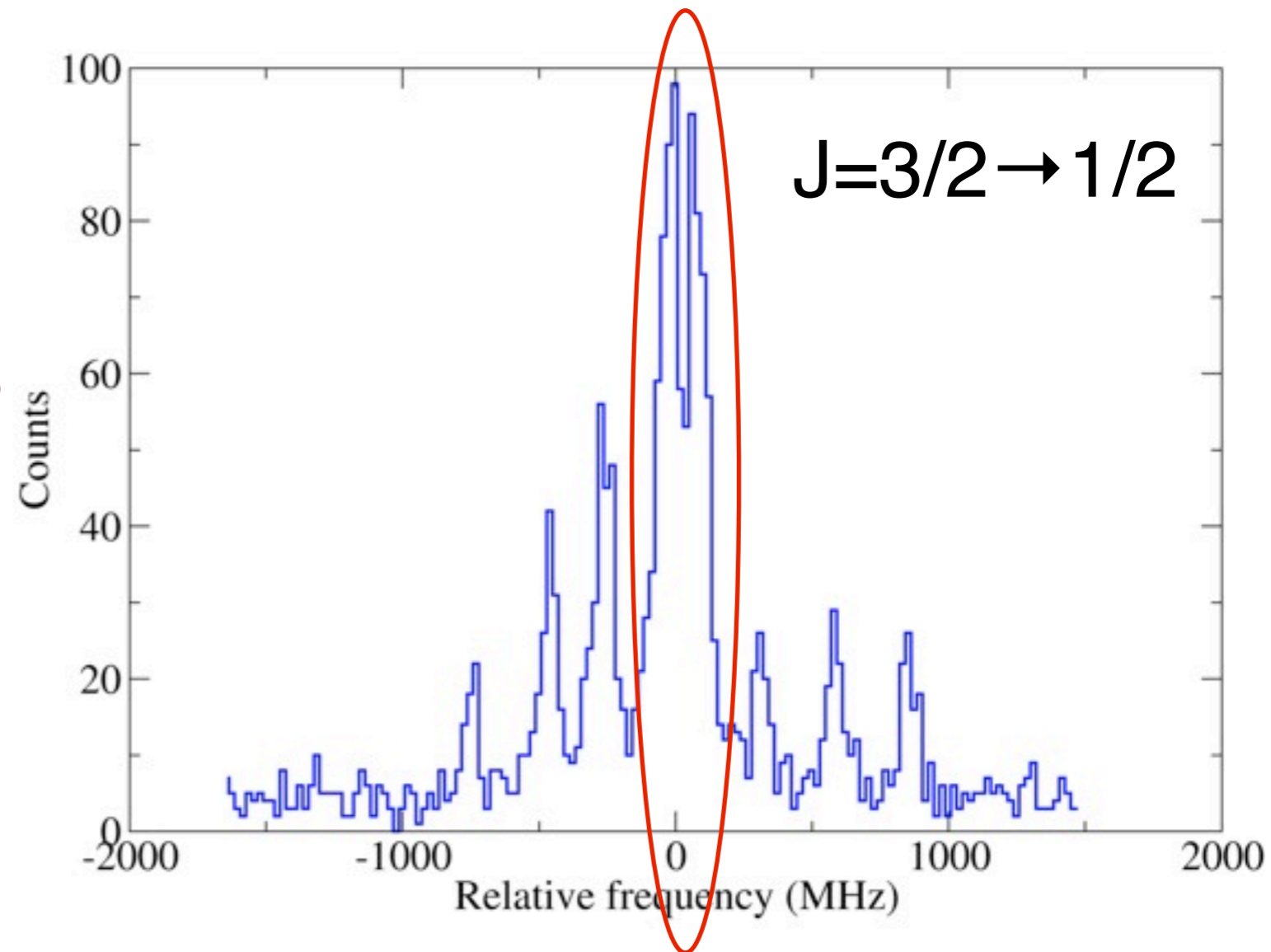
$$\rightarrow \psi$$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = \langle r^2 \rangle_{\text{sph}} \left( 1 + \frac{5}{4\pi} (\langle \beta_2^2 \rangle + \dots) + 3\sigma^2 \right)$$

# Discovery of new states

A recent example  $^{80}\text{Ga}$ :

- Could be too long lived for some decay methods
- Half-life similar to gs
- Too low-lying  
- same mass

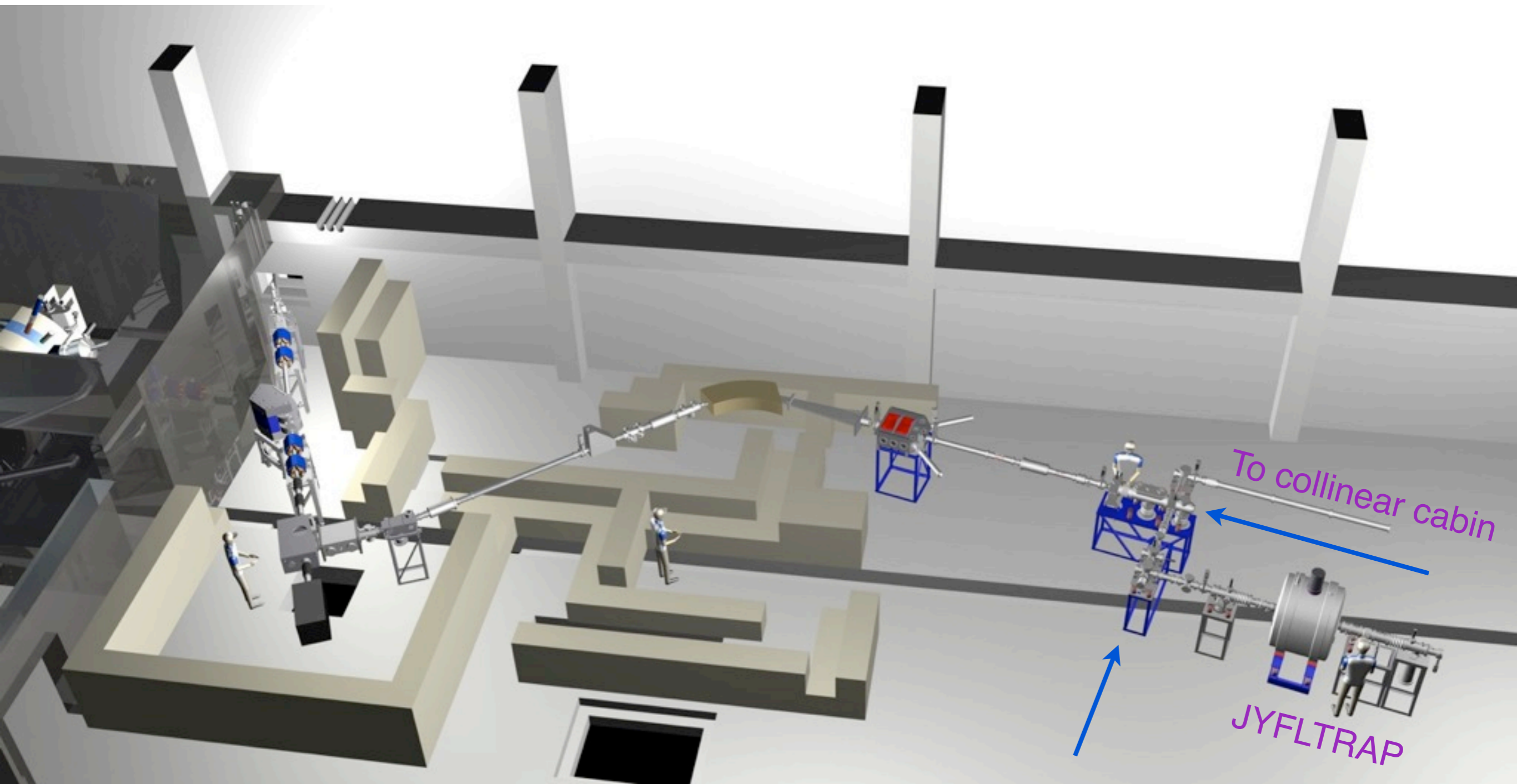


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Optical spectroscopy complements these methods

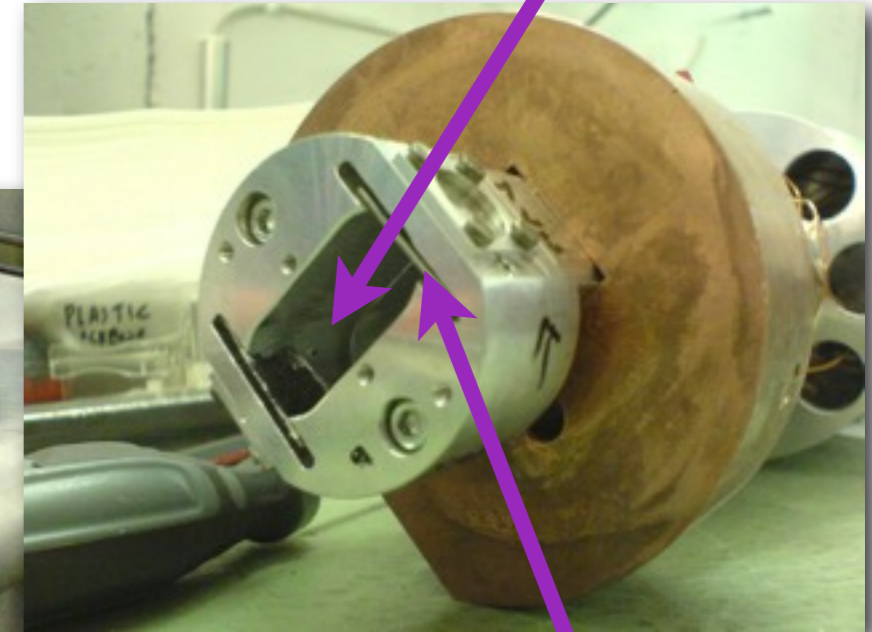
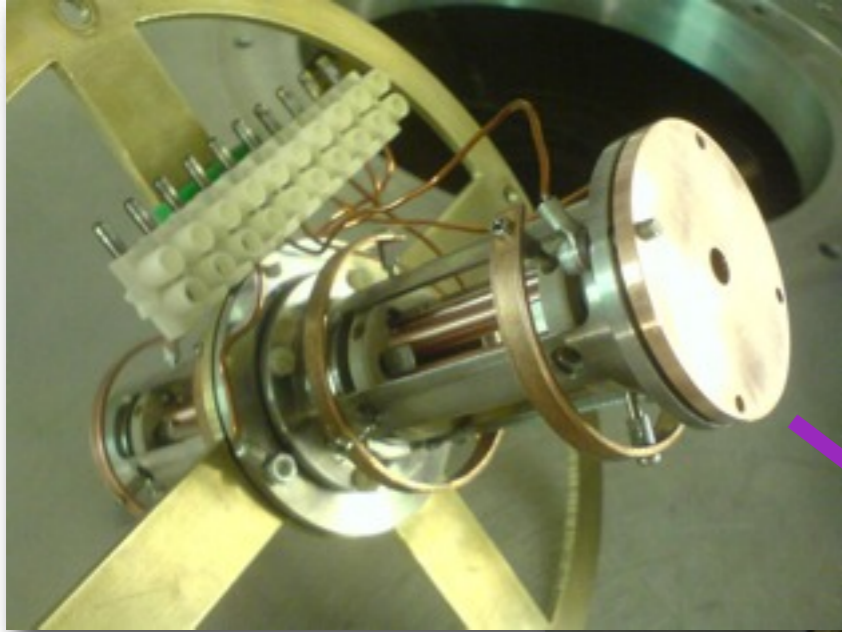
# Laser spectroscopy at IGISOL 4

- Dedicated MCC 30/15
- K130 beams (50 MeV)
- $^{233}\text{U}$  alpha decay source? (2%)
- $\text{natTh}(p,p3n)^{229}\text{Th}$  @ 50 MeV? (?%) ?
- Shadow gas cell?

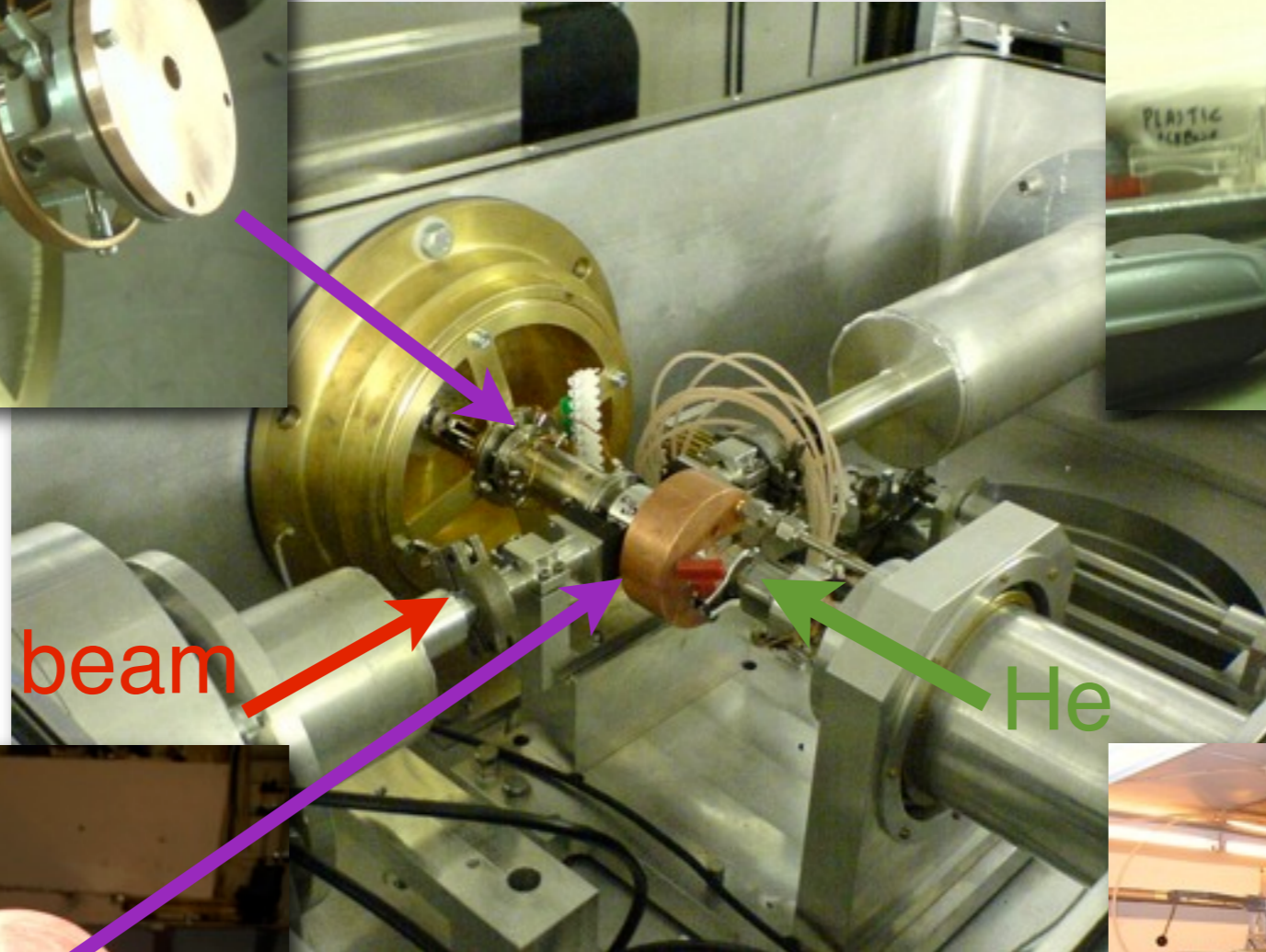


Gas volume

# Production at IGISOL

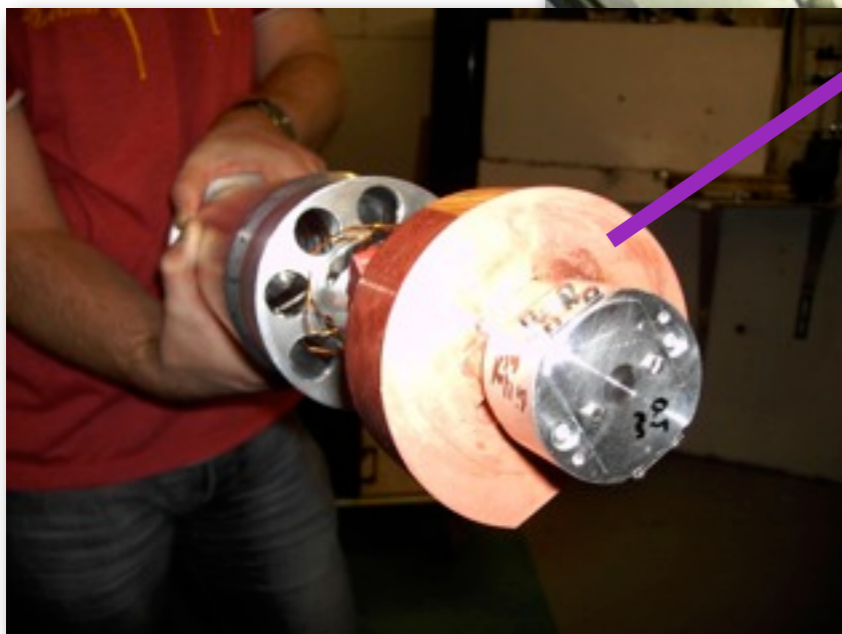


Thin foil targets



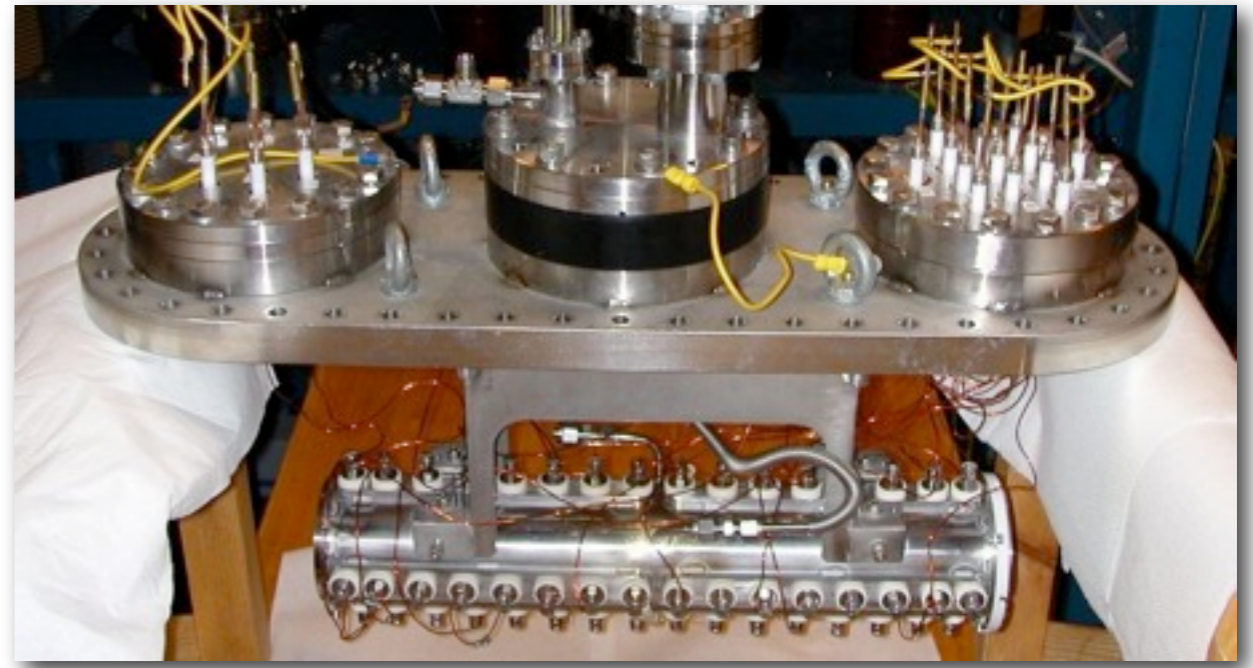
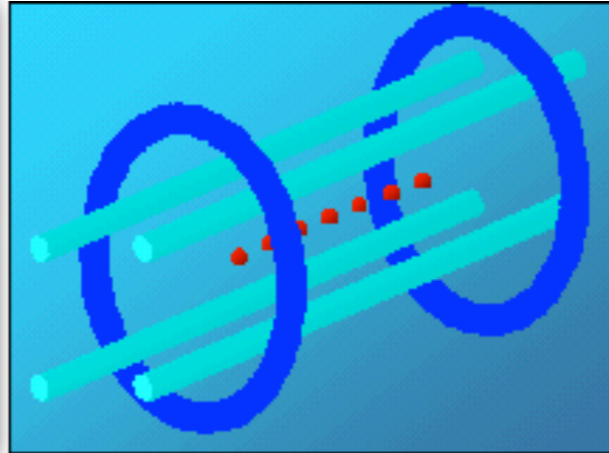
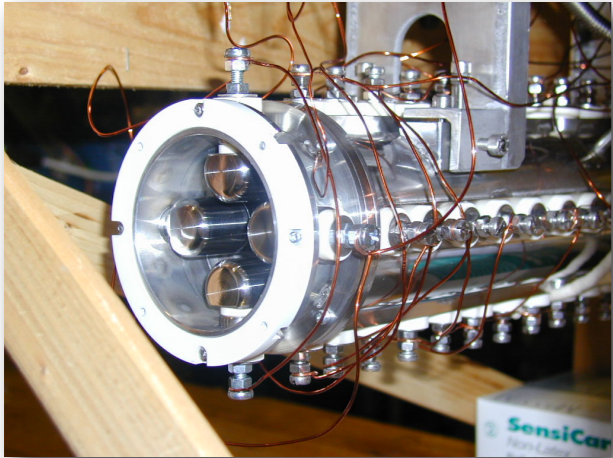
Cyclotron beam

He



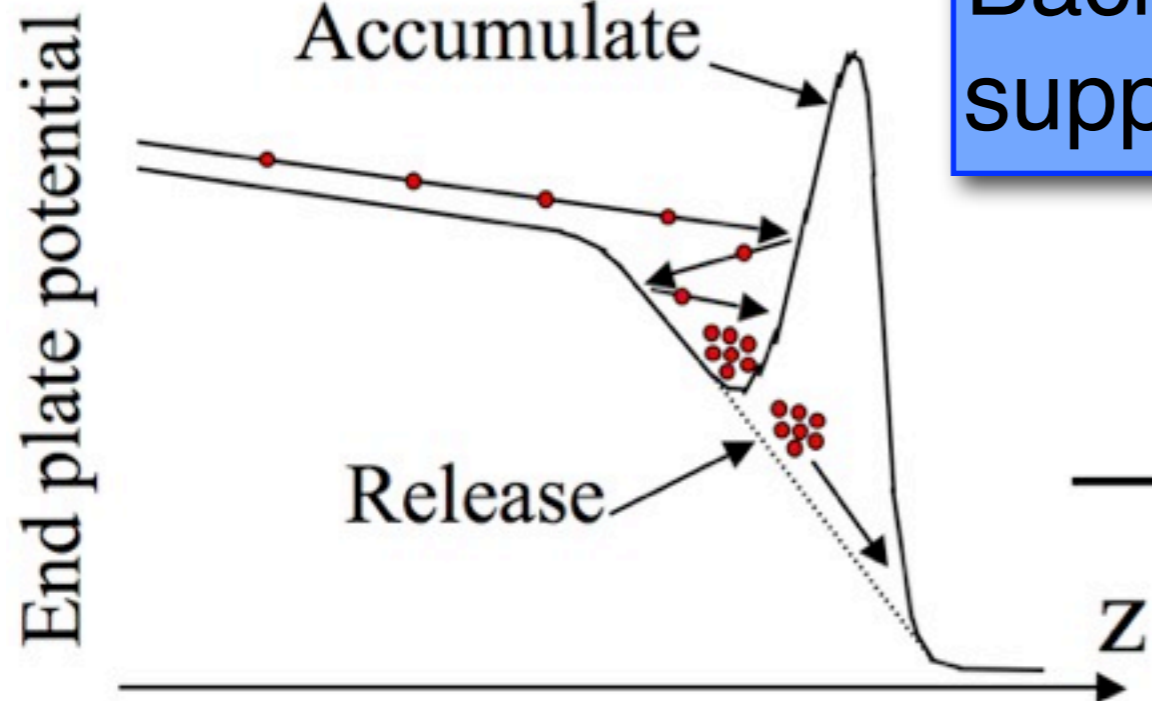
- Fast (sub-ms)
- Universal

# Using ion cooler-bunchers

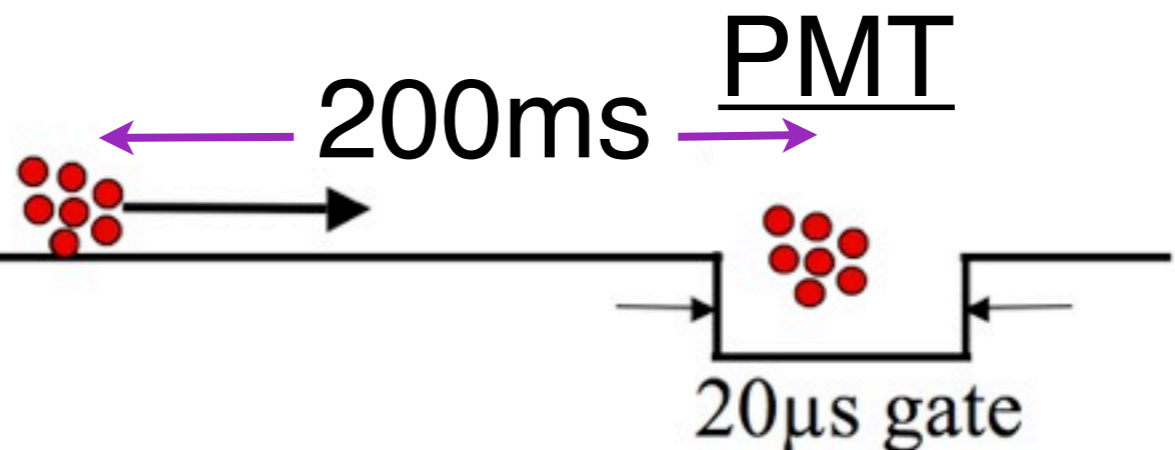


Gas filled RFQ  
(→ low emittance)

Photon background dominated by continuous laser scatter



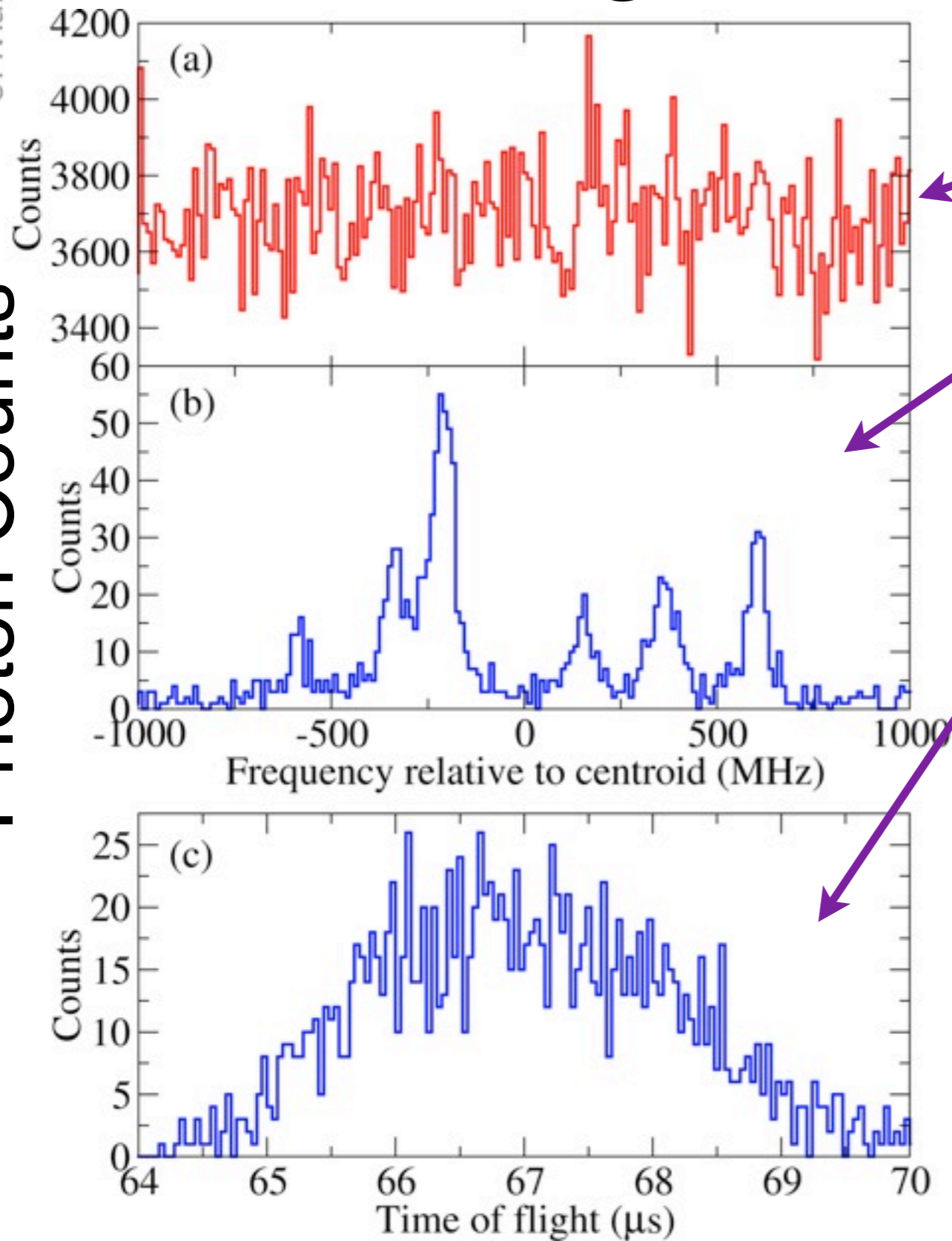
$$\text{Background suppression} = \frac{200\text{ms accumulation}}{20\mu\text{s gate width}} \sim 10^4$$





# Gating on an ion bunch

The University of Manchester

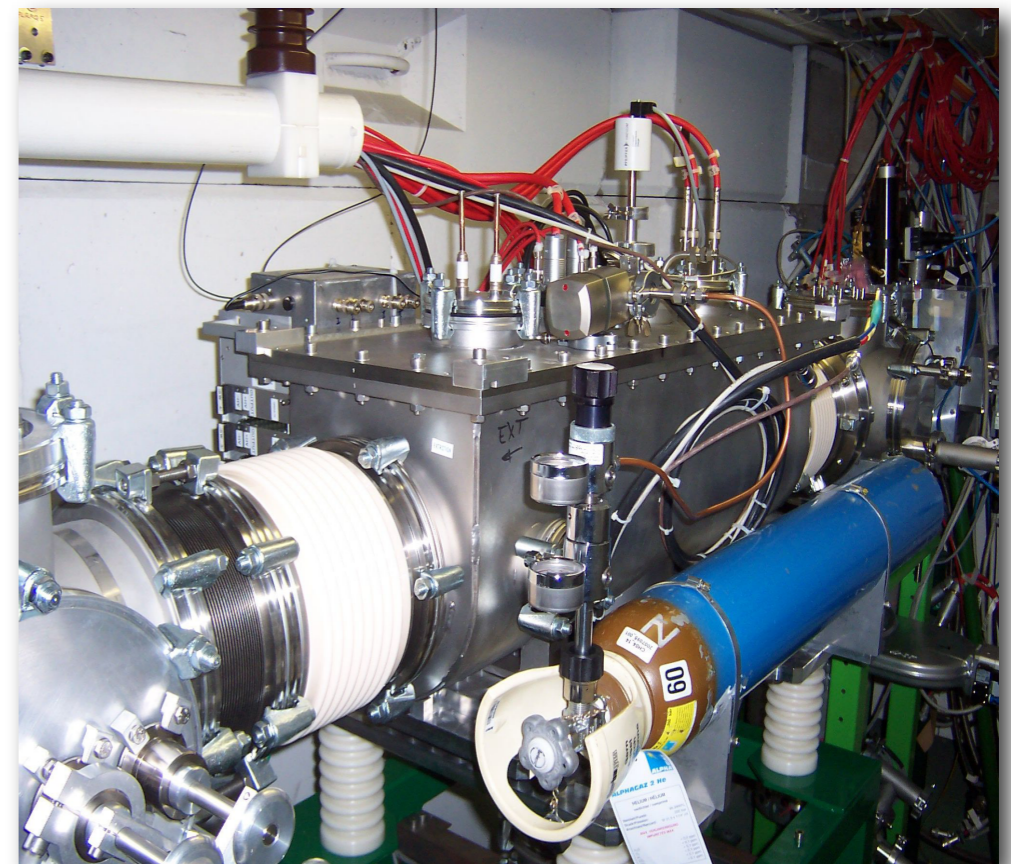


Ungated

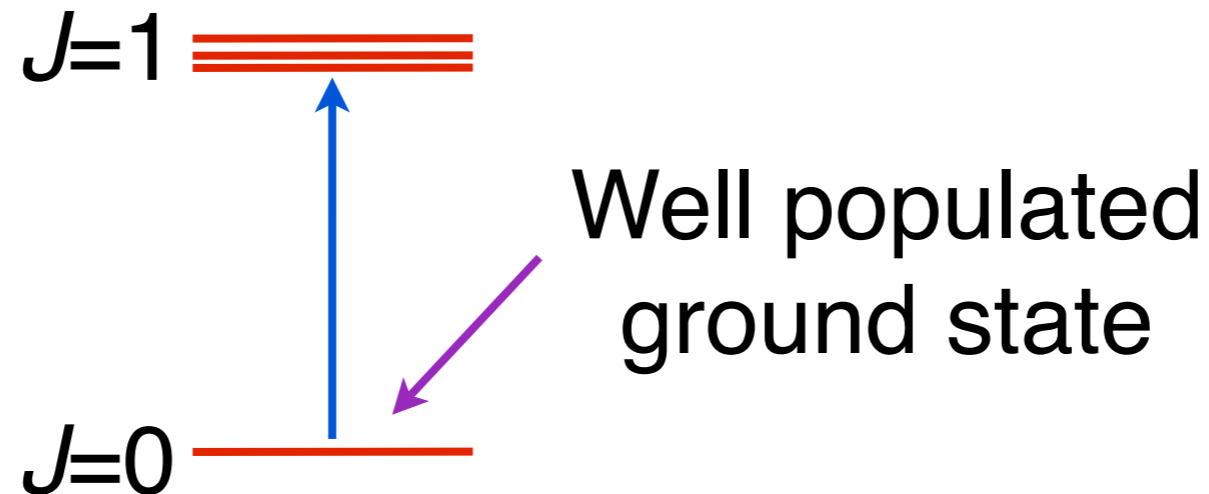
Gated ( $64\mu\text{s} - 70\mu\text{s}$ )

Time of flight

(50ms accumulation)



# Spectroscopy from ground states



## But....

- $0 \rightarrow 1$  gives  $\mu$ ,  $Q_s$ ,  $\delta \langle r^2 \rangle$ ,  ~~$\chi$~~
- No accessible transitions (HR, cts)
- Not necessarily the most efficient
- Like to separate laser and detection  $\lambda$
- Difficult to calibrate atomic factors
- Hyperfine anomaly?
- Second order perturbed?

eg.

Y, Nb

Mo, Mn

Nb, Mn

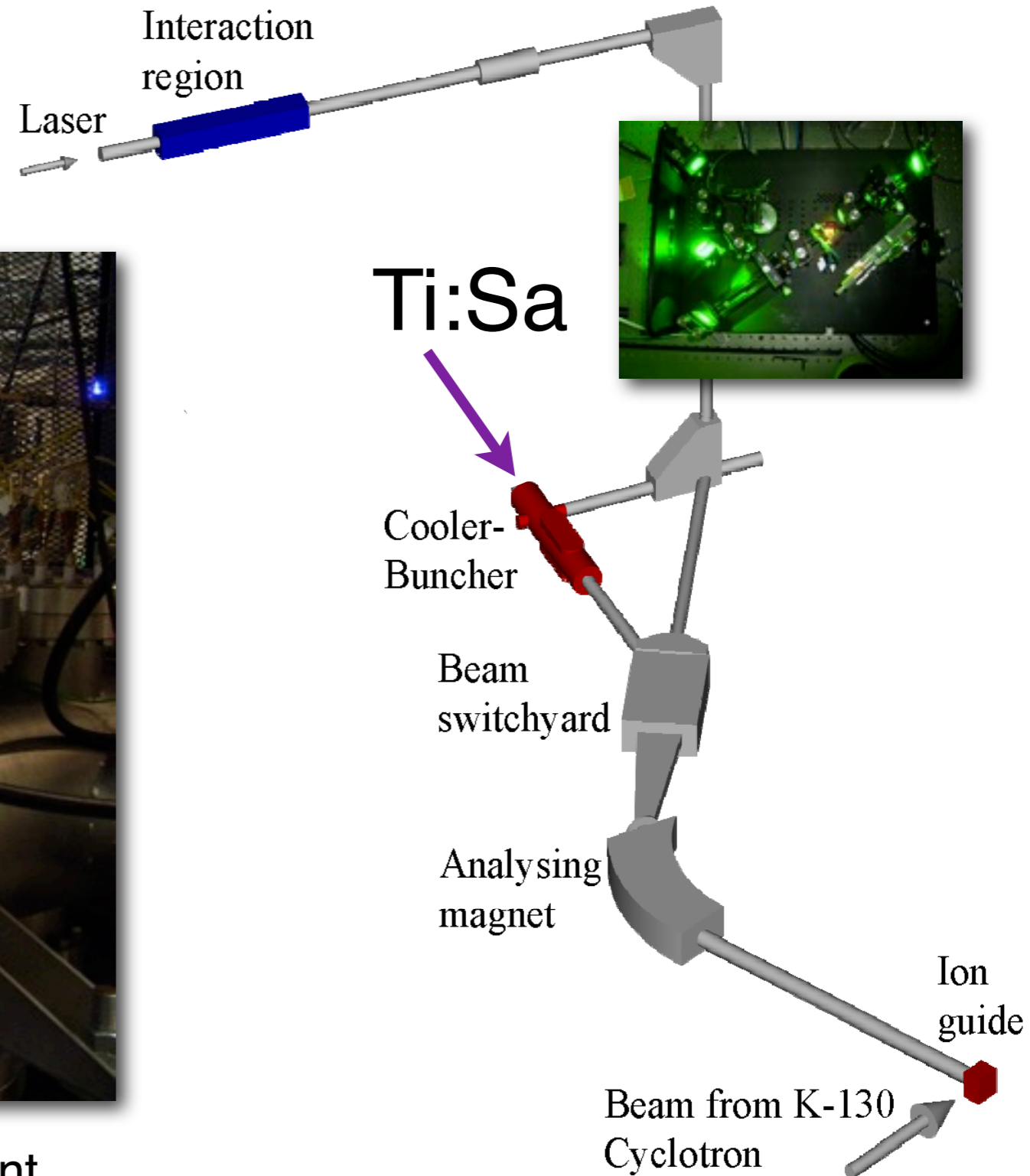
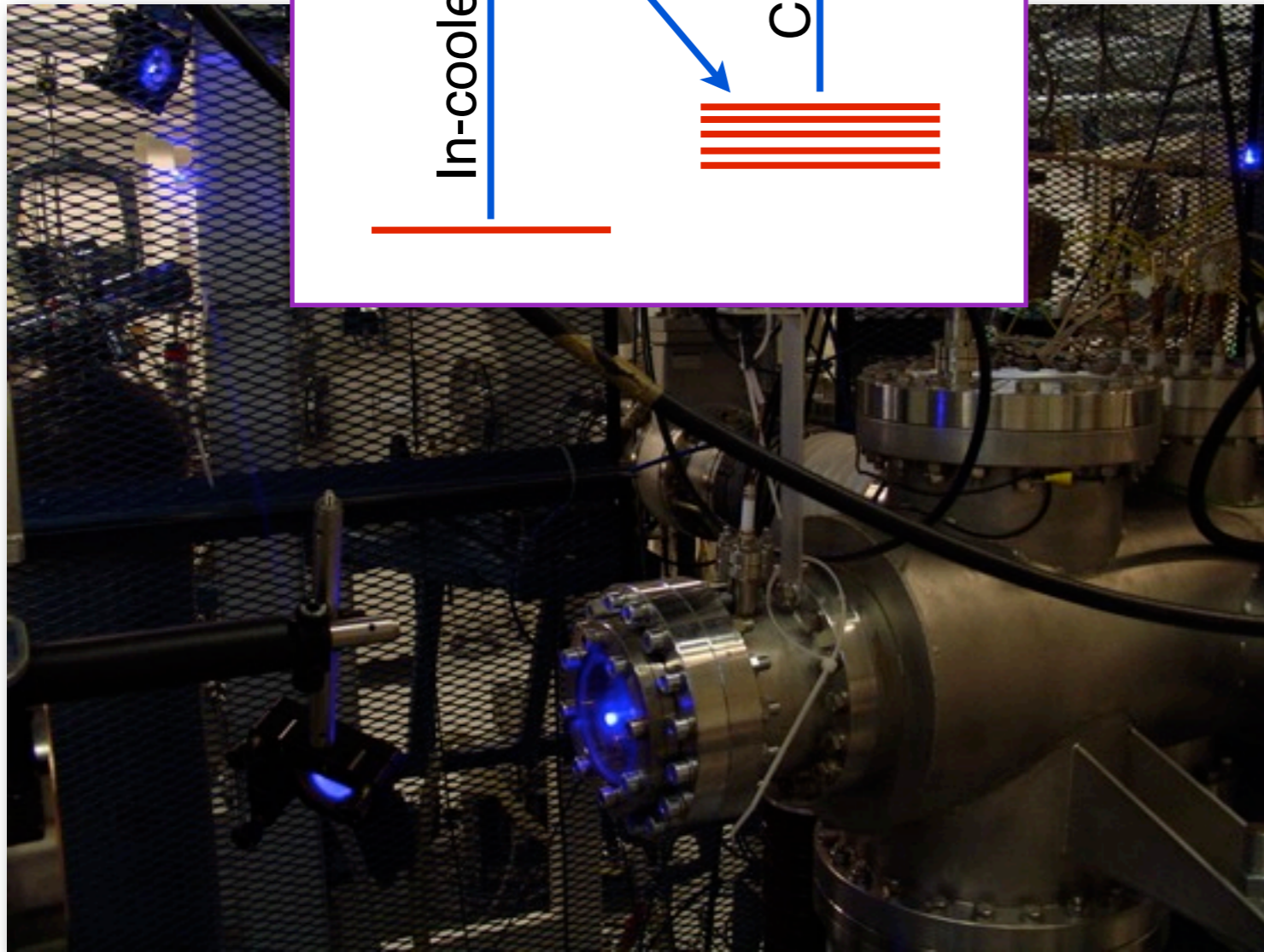
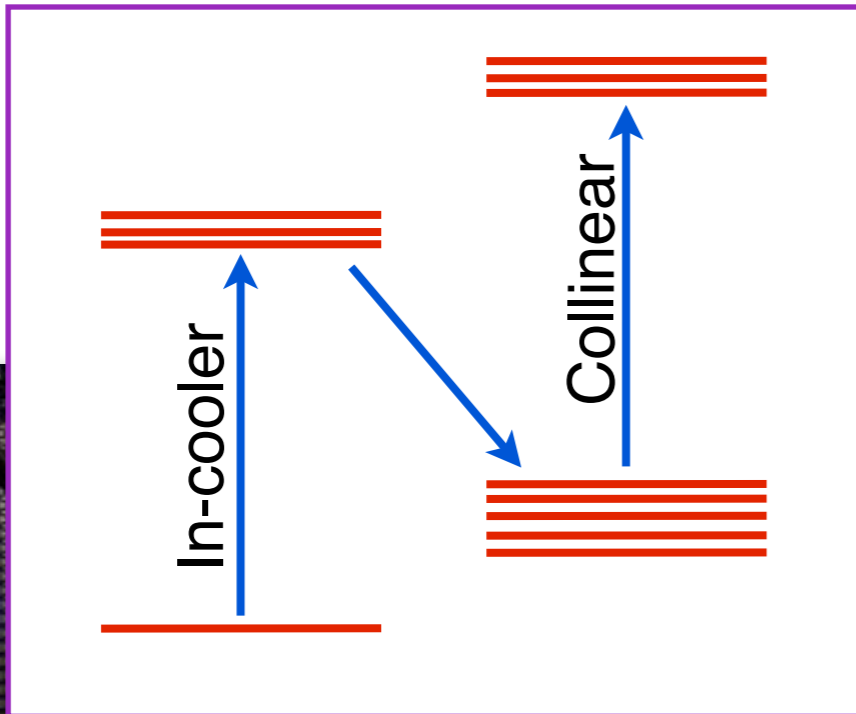
Ca

Y

Ta

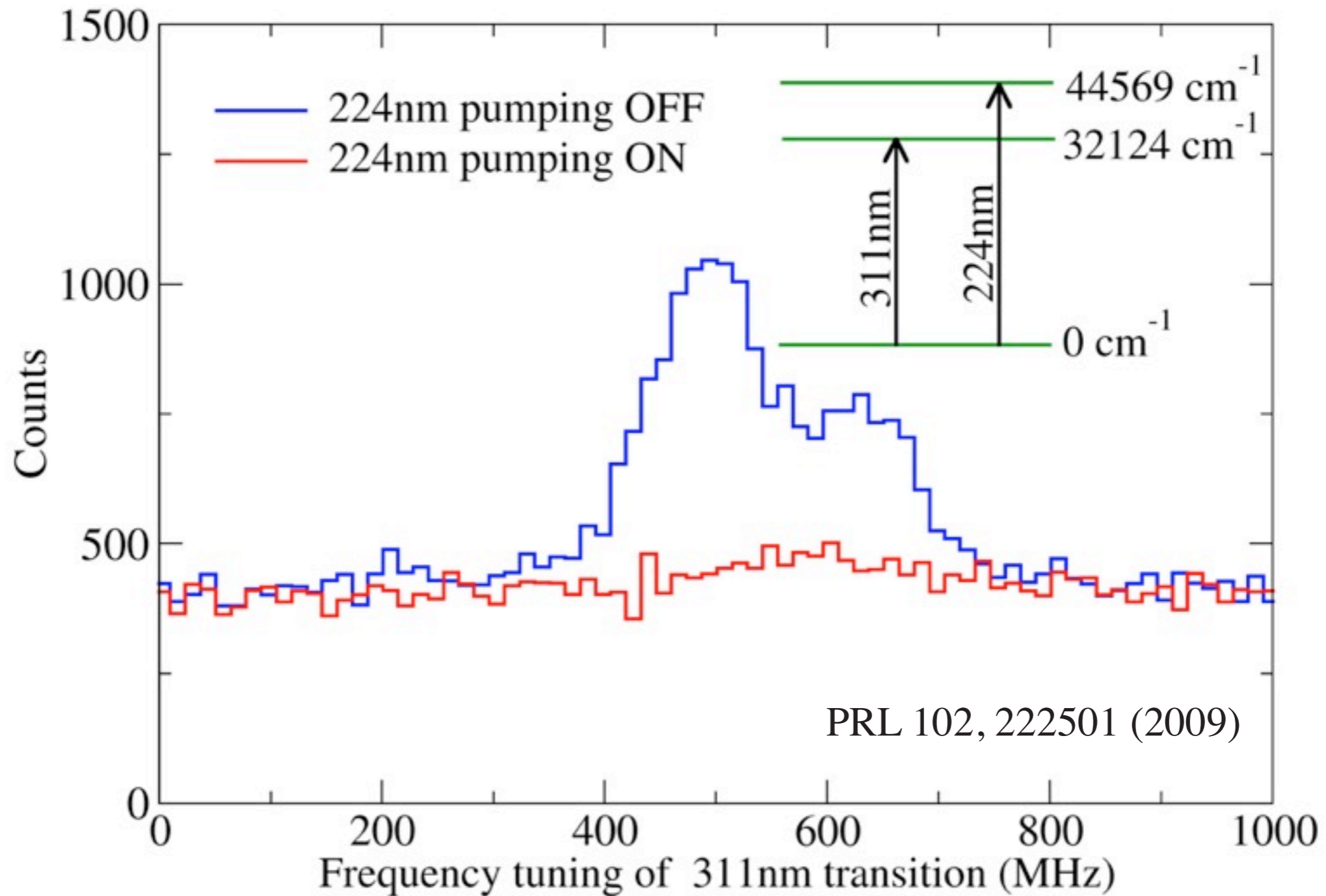
Ta

# Pumping in the cooler



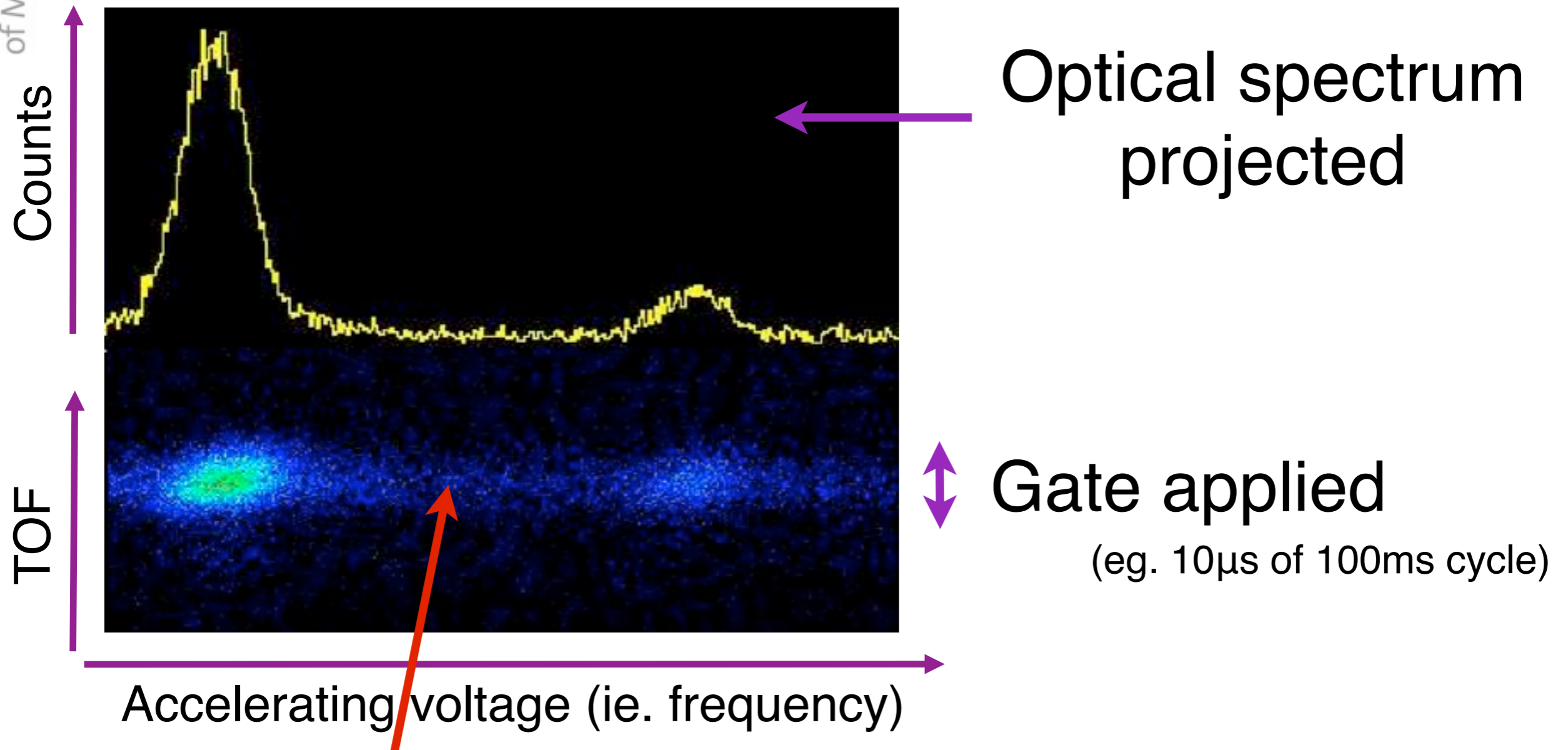
- Focus of slow / trapped ions → always efficient
- Can use broadband/pulsed lasers → large  $\lambda$  range

# Optical pumping efficiency



Complete depopulation of the (yttrium) ground state

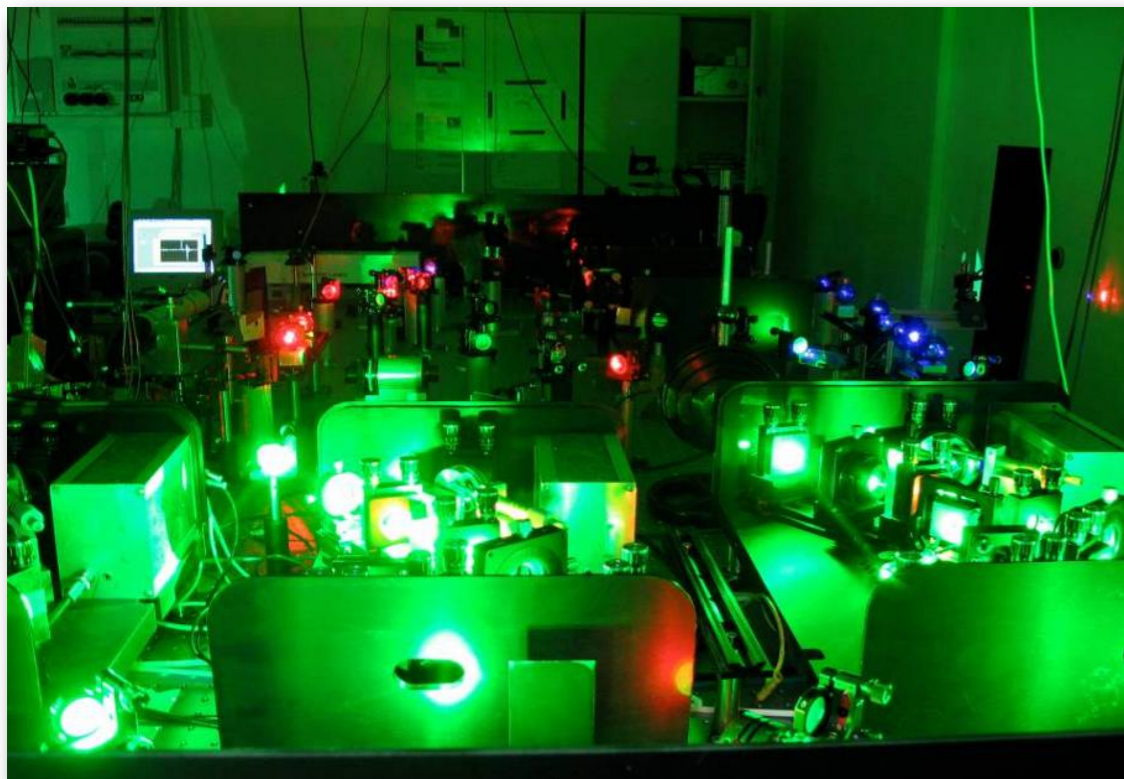
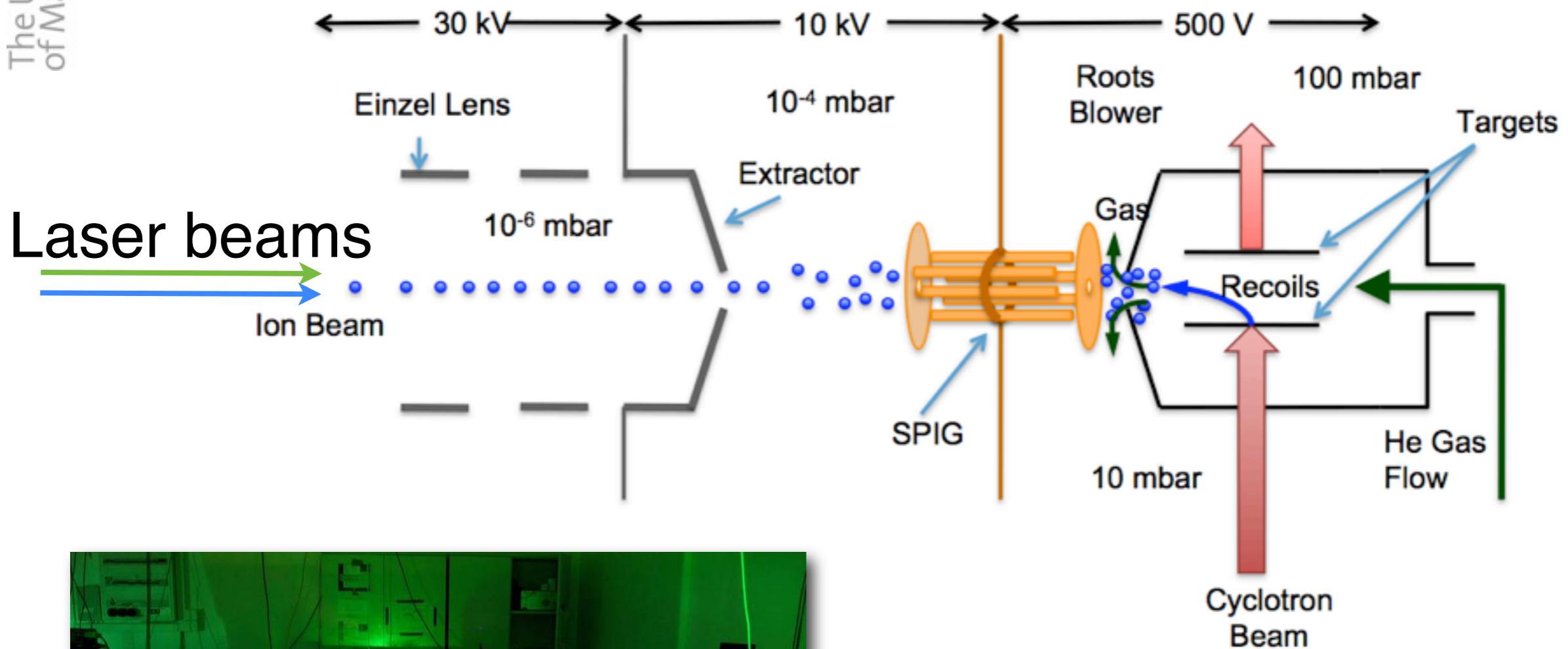
# Ions also cause background



Isobaric contaminants have same TOF (m/q dep.)

- Bunching doesn't help here
- Purity will reduce this background

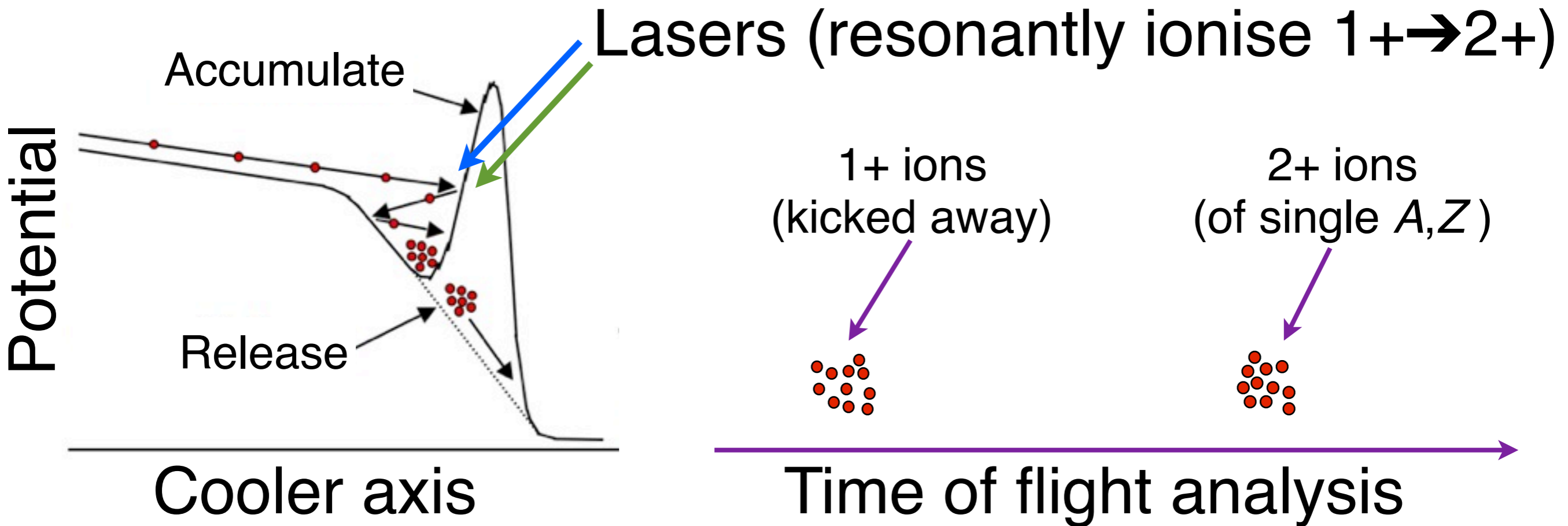
# FURIOS laser ion source



For HR collinear work:-

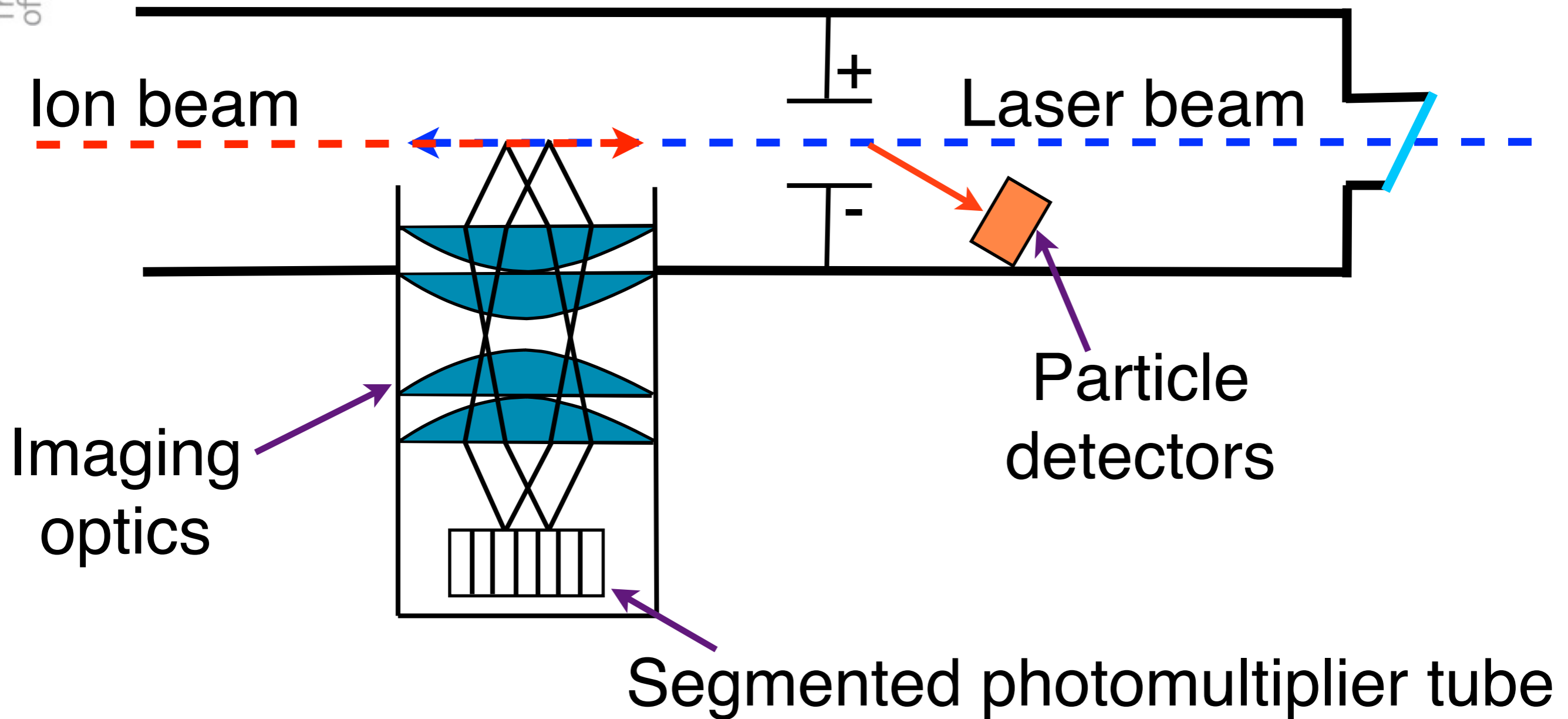
- Increased yield
- Increased purity
- increase still further?

# Providing ultra-pure beams



- ➔ Pure beam of single **A and Z**
- ➔ No contaminant will have  $m/q$  selected by magnet **and**  $m/(2q)$  selected by TOF (or other device)

# Photon-Ion coincidence

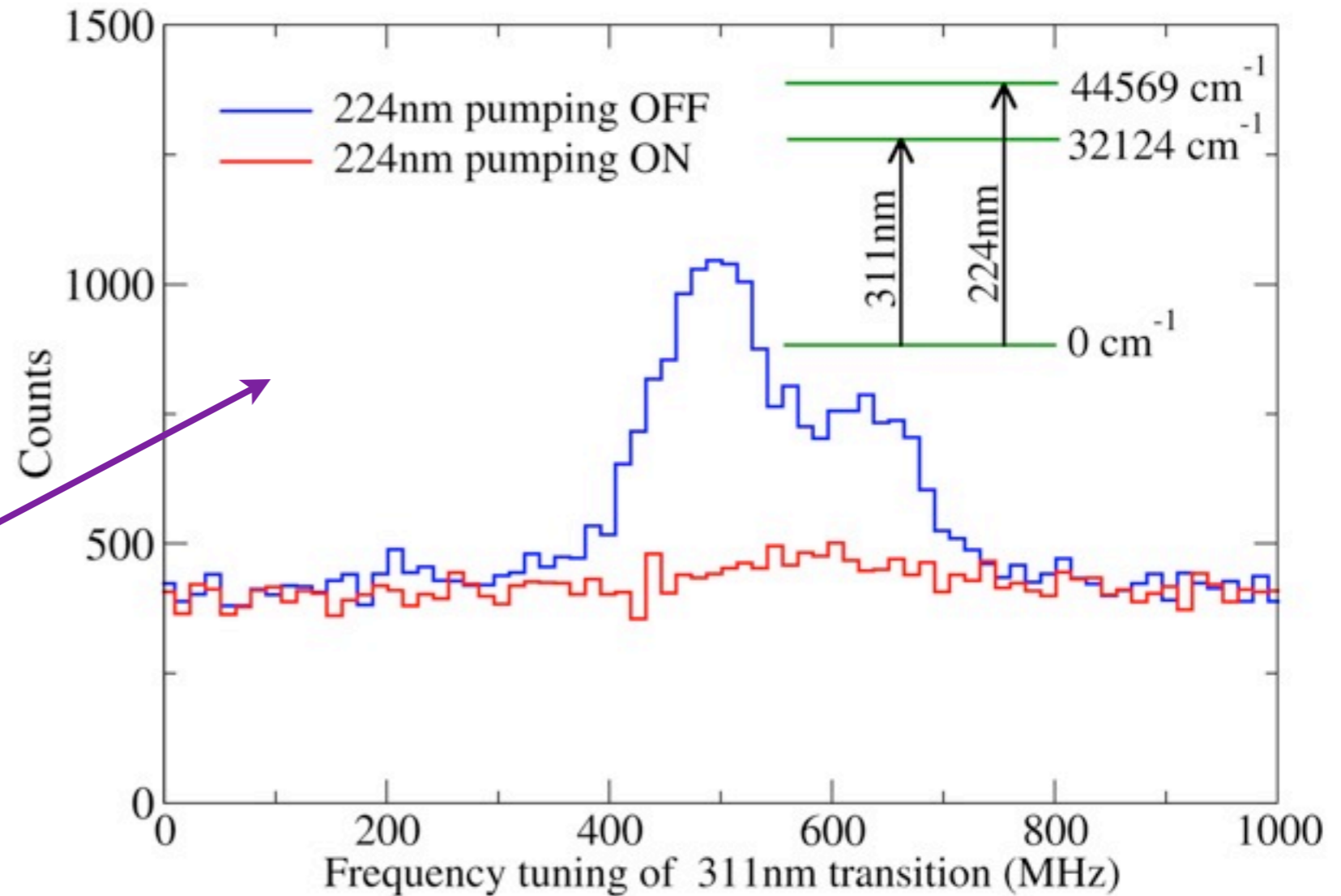
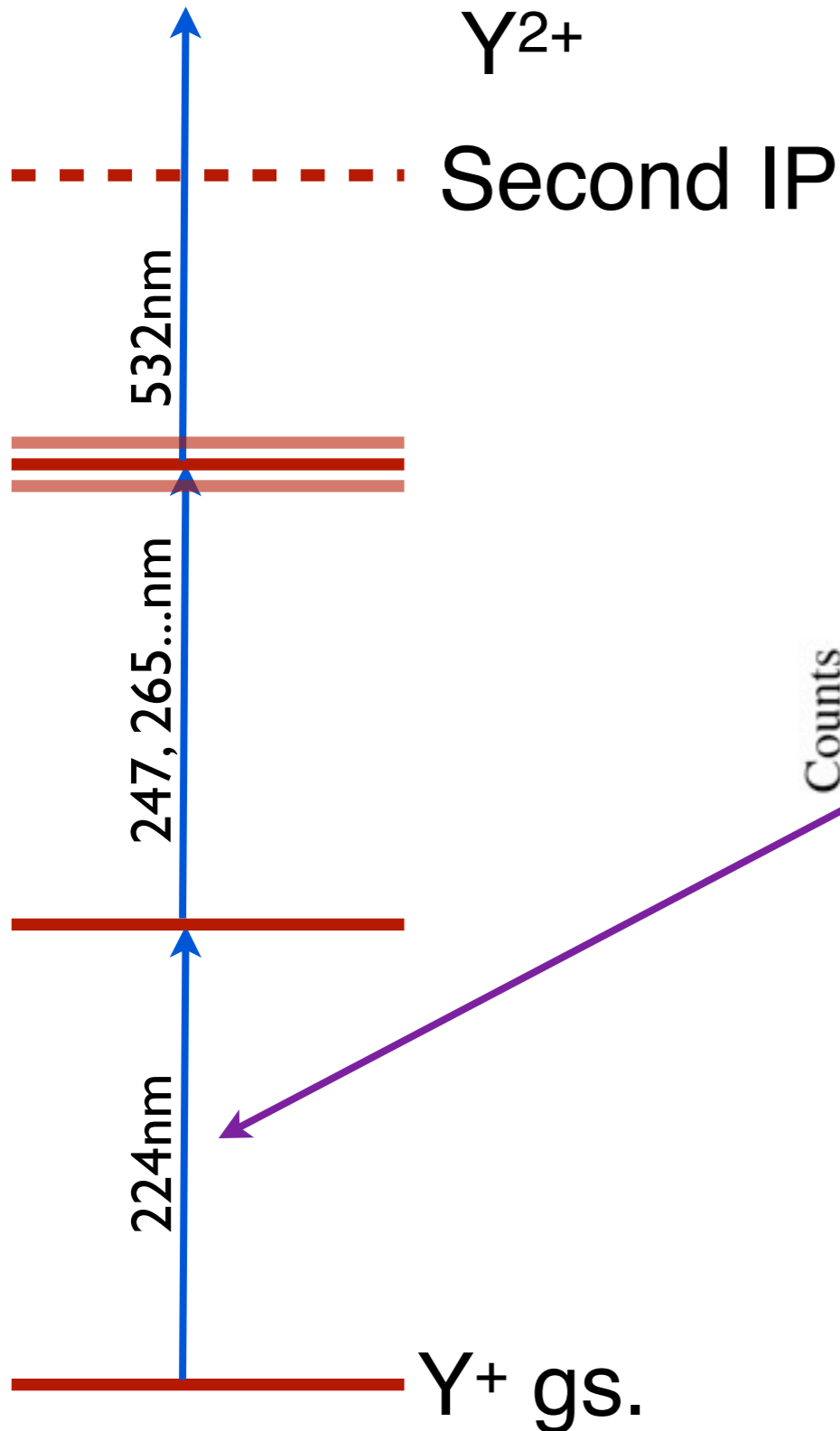


Isobaric contamination caused “false” coincidences

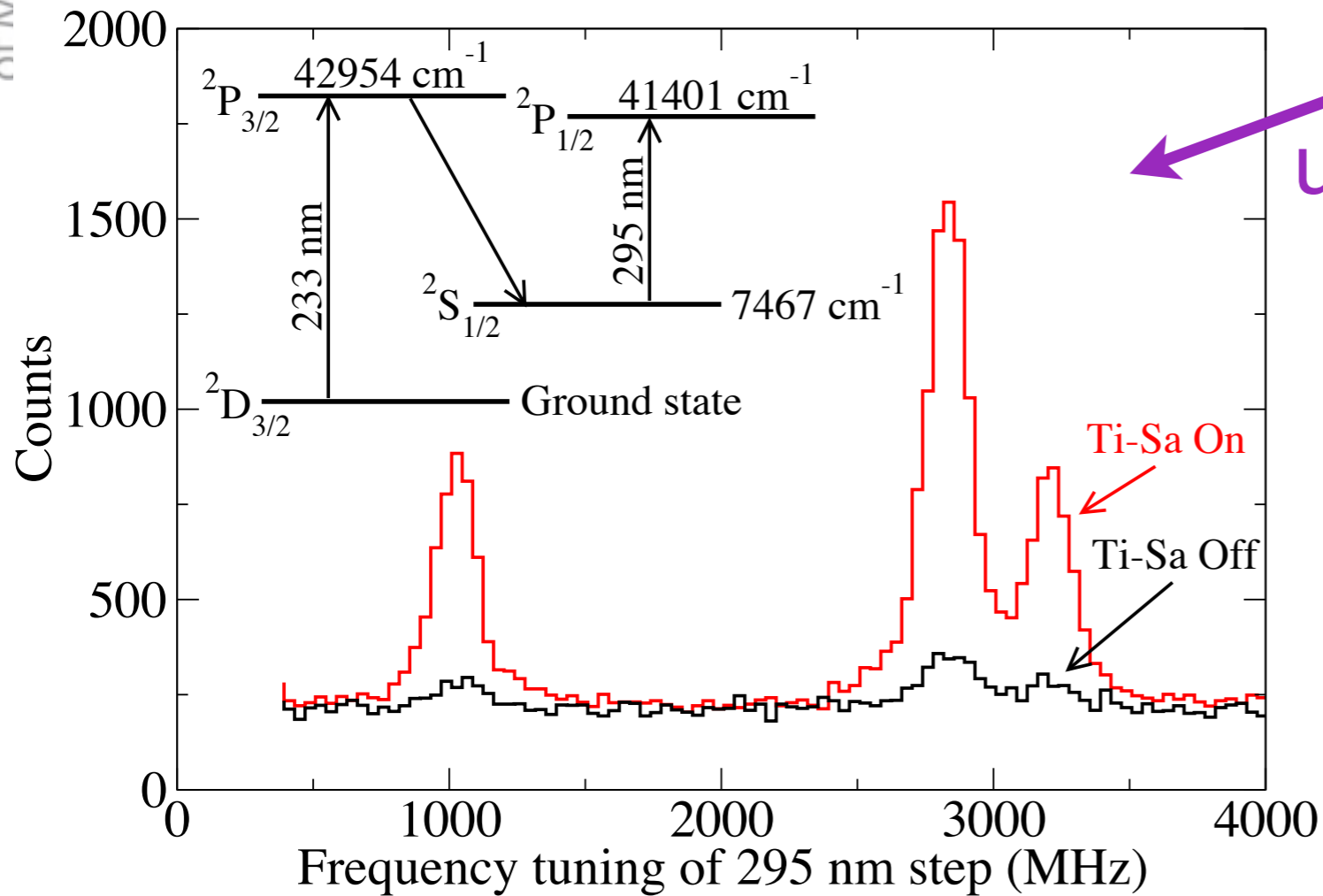
Better timing resolution (few ns), few atom/s sensitivity



# Producing pure yttrium beams



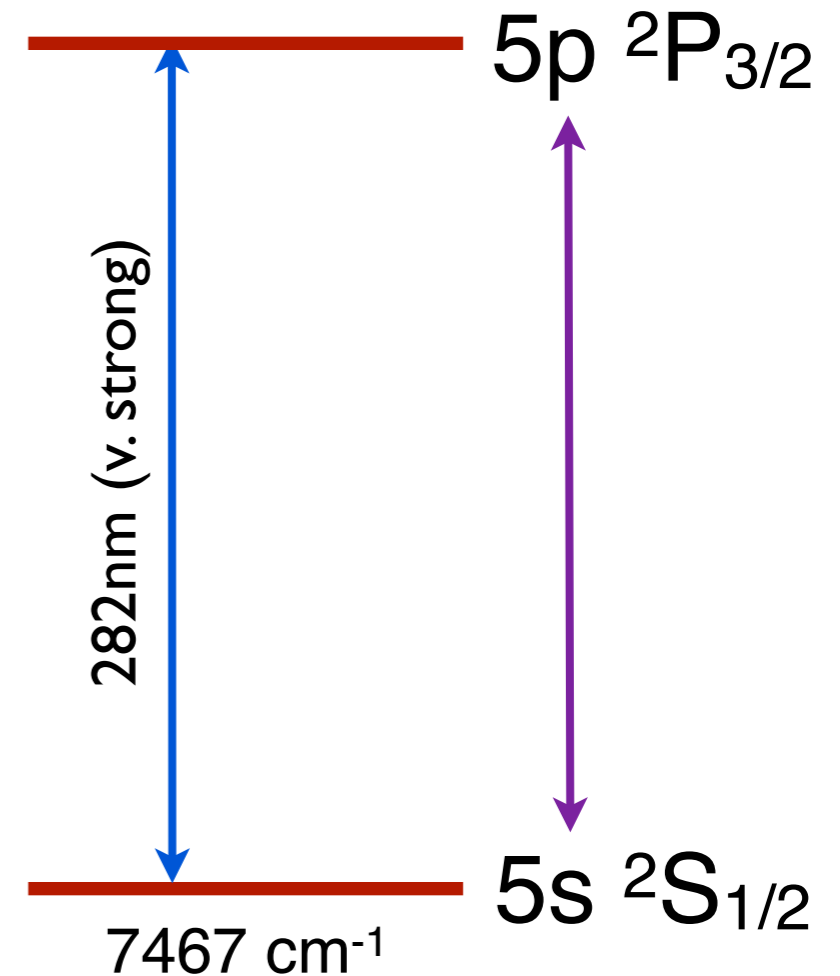
# Spectroscopy scheme $Y^{2+}$



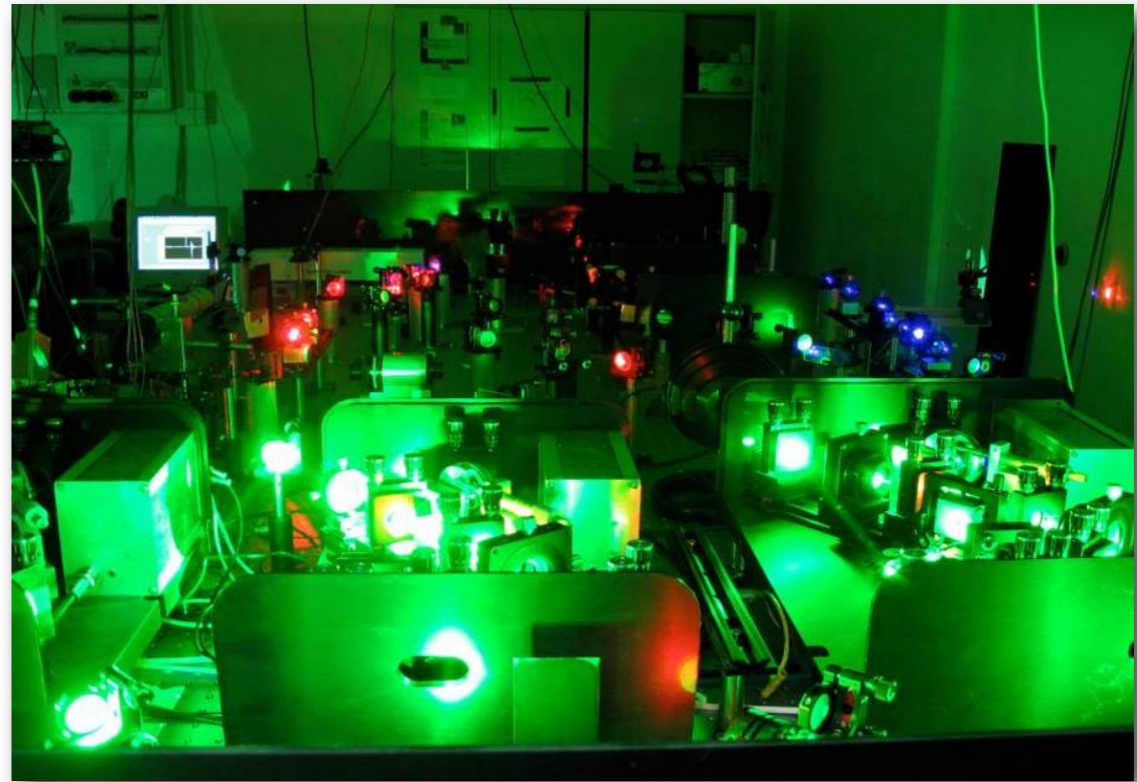
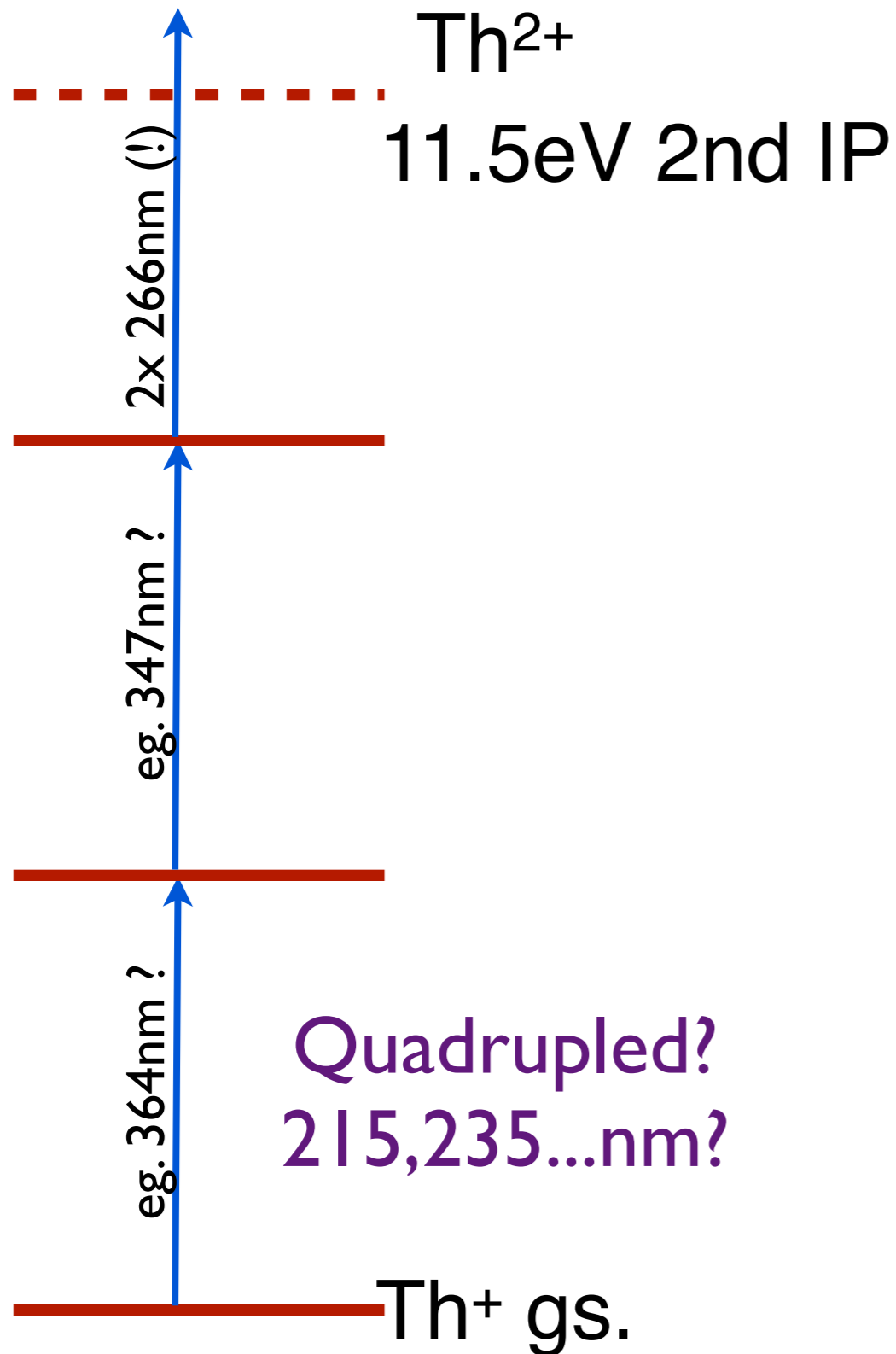
Test at JYFL IGISOL  
using natural  $2+$  production

Metastable state enhanced  
with in-cooler pumping but can  
tune second step to populate  
 $5s6d$  prior to ionisation  $\rightarrow 5s$

Use:



# Producing pure $^{229}\text{Th}$ beams

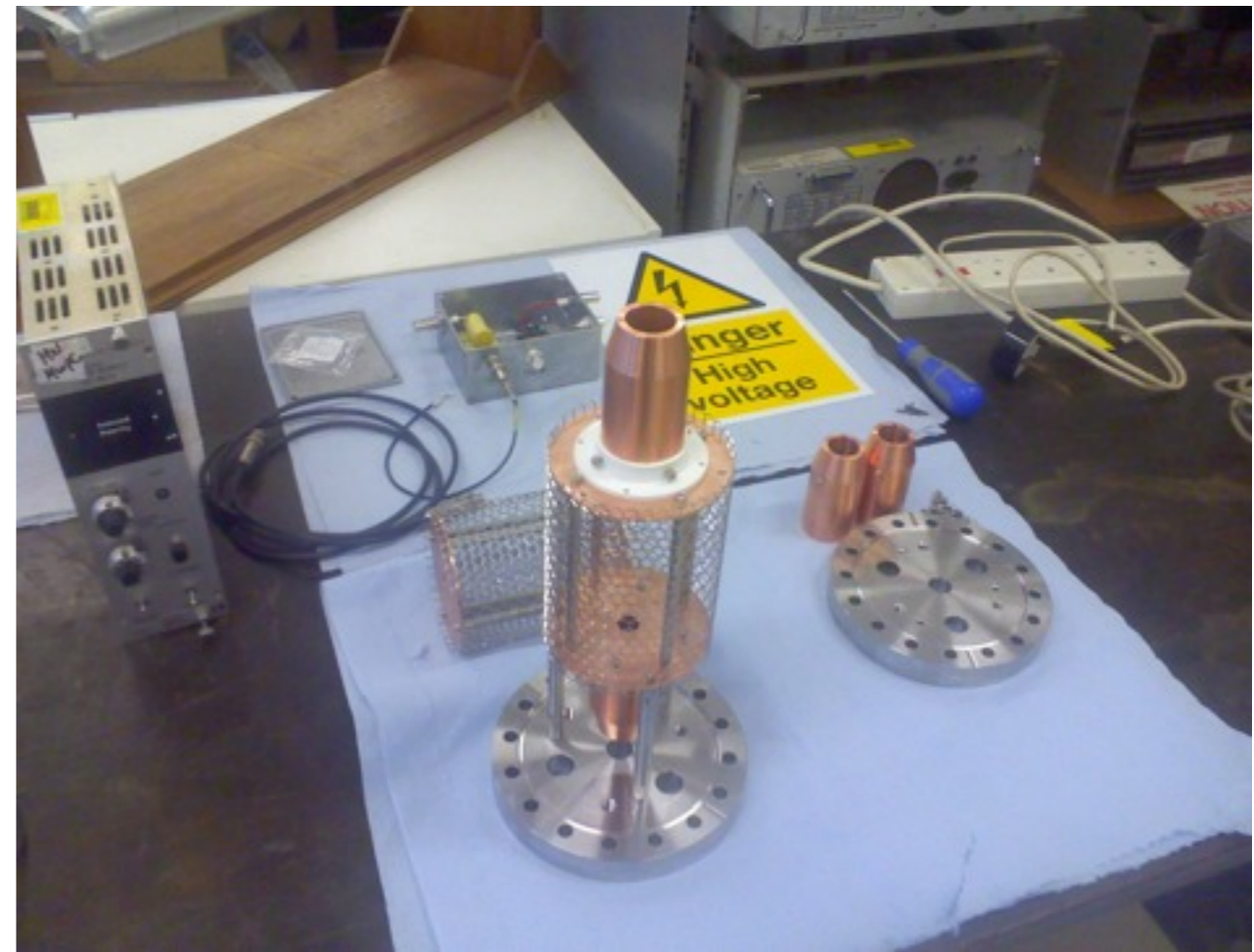
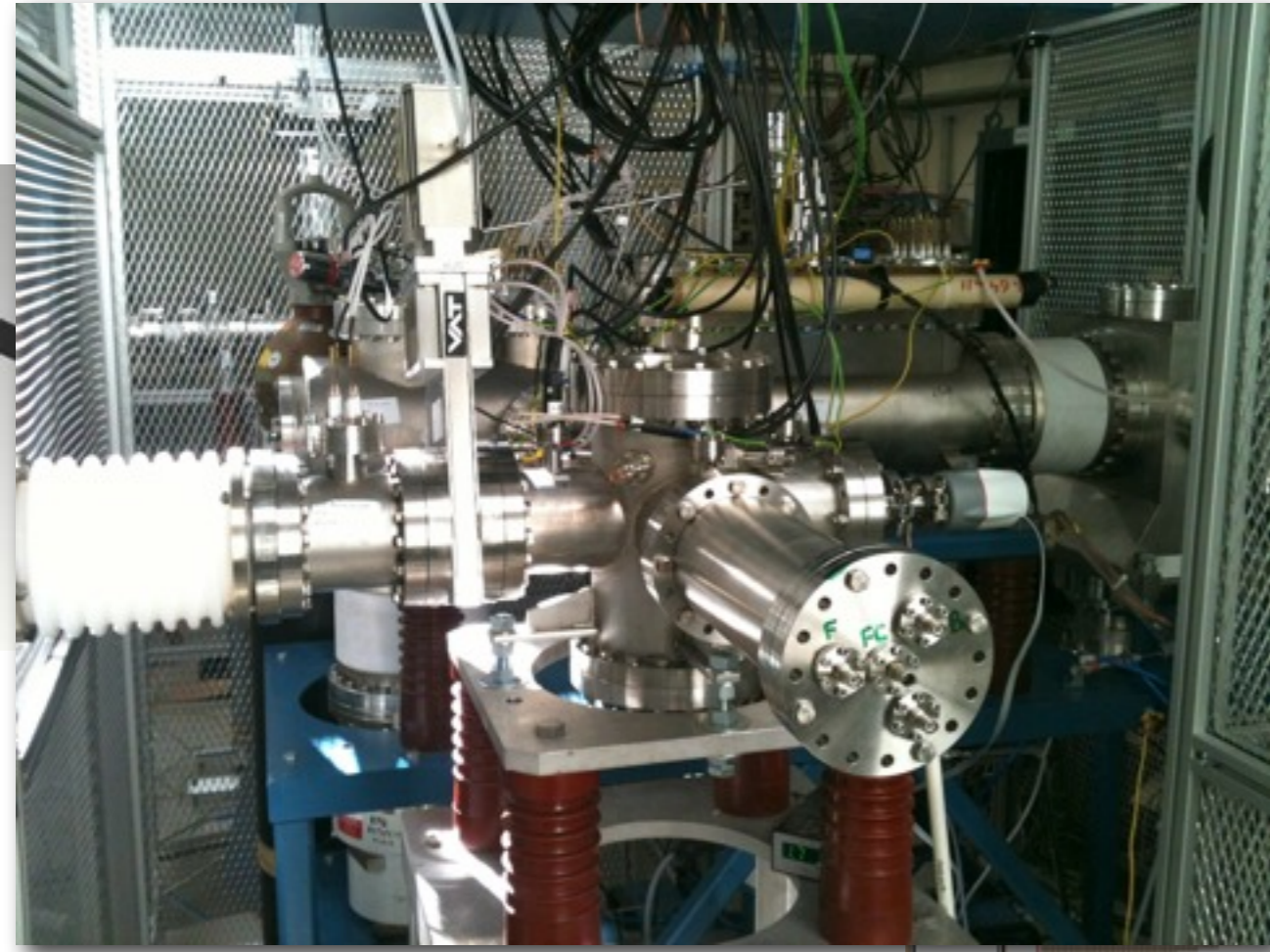


Intra-cavity doubling  
now available

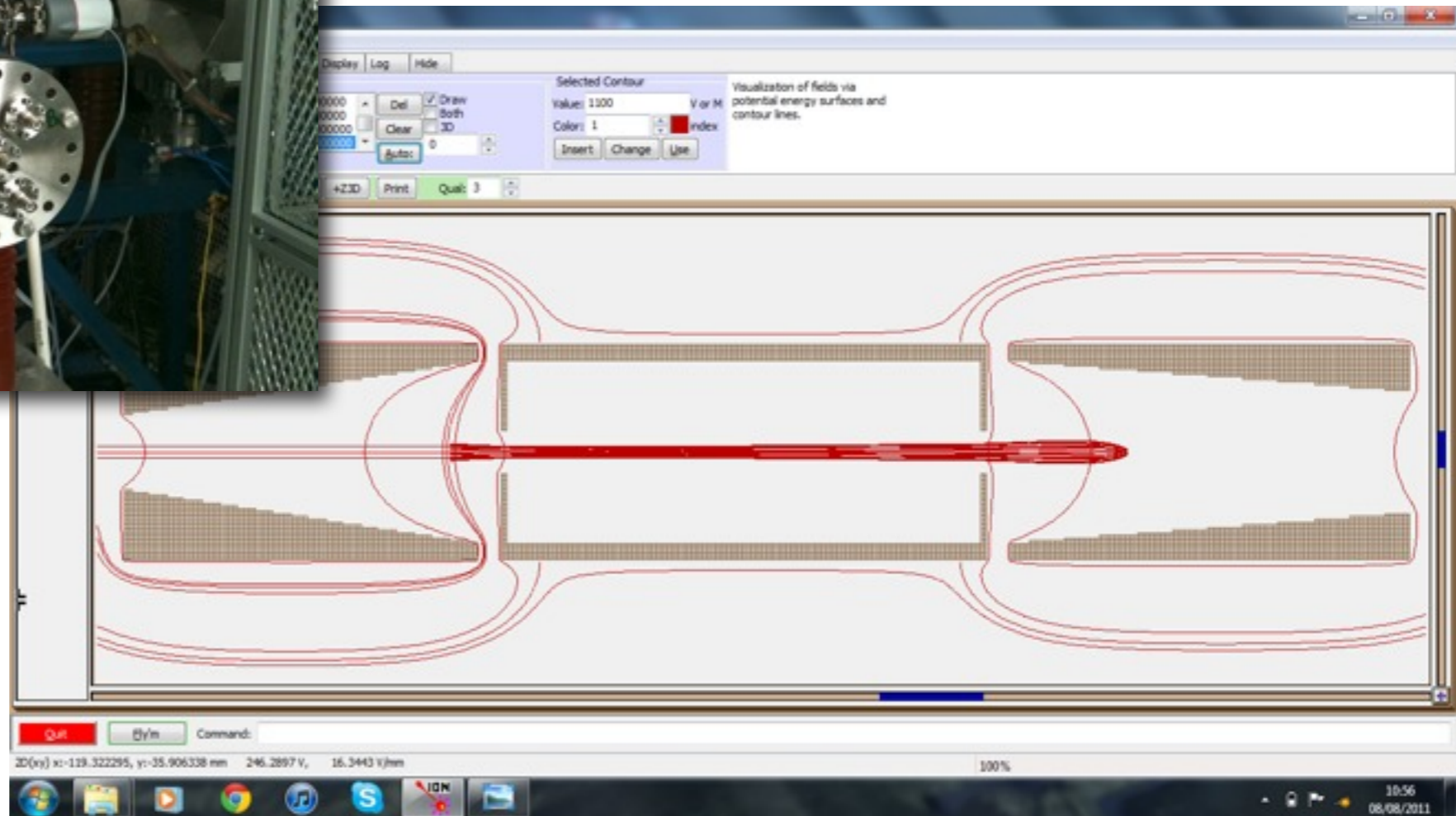
## Open questions

- Other  $\text{Th}^+$  levels/transitions?
- Resonant final step?

# Gas or UHV?



→ UHV pumping  
( $>1\text{eV}$ )



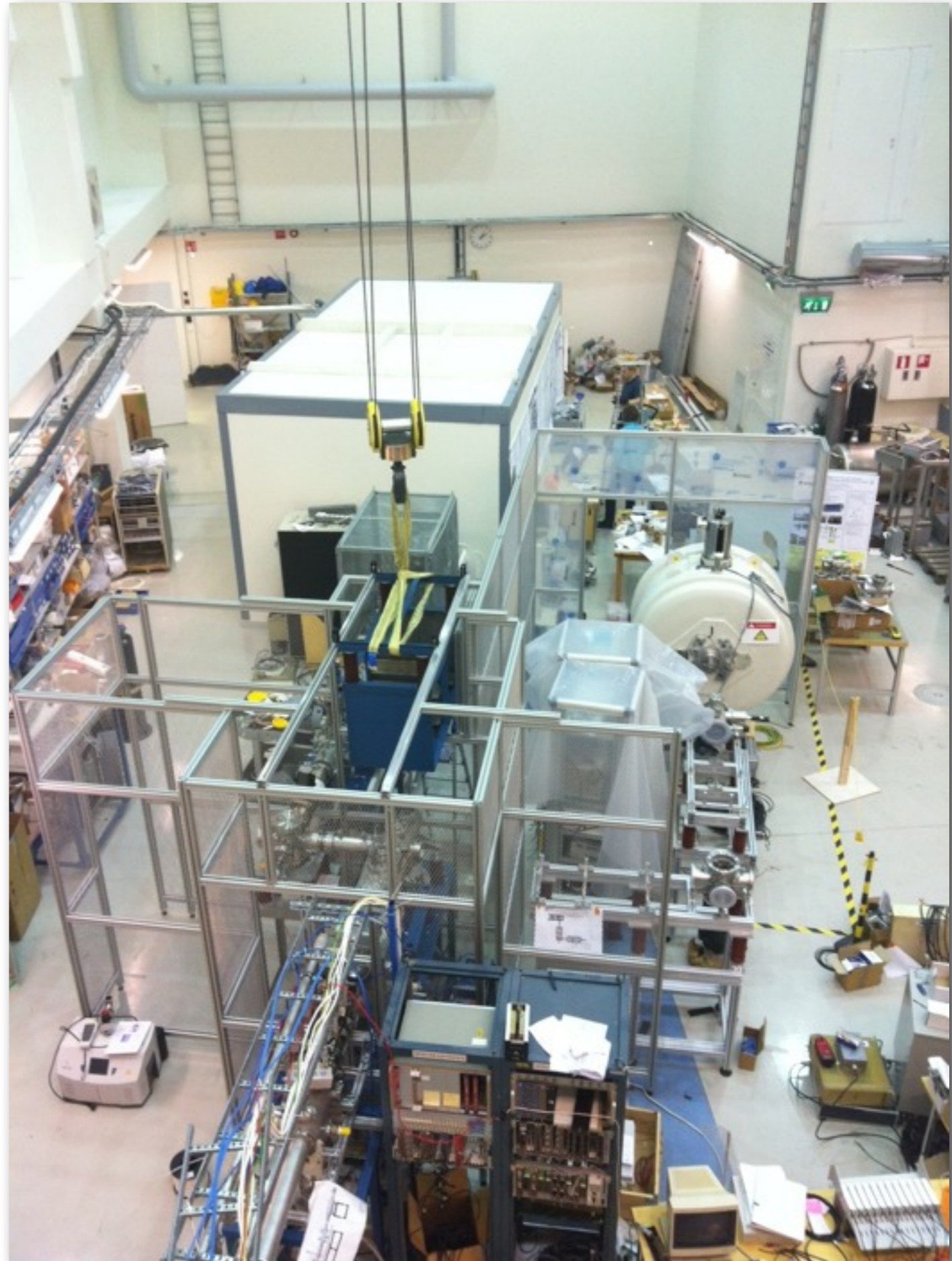
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(from switchyard)

# Present status

- Laser line in place
- Under vacuum
- Ions from IGISOL
- Need to cable up ion optics
- Optimise cooler transmission
- Scheme development
- $^{229}\text{gTh}$  measurement



# Summary

- Aim to use laser spectroscopy to directly measure the isomeric state (and properties)
- The IGISOL has been recently upgraded and offers a variety of production mechanisms
  
- Need to enhance the sensitivity of the technique
- Develop ion-resonance-ionisation schemes
- Measure gs first (spectroscopy transition fully resolved?)
- Decide on the most promising reaction for population