



# ***Gekühlte Schwerionen – Faszinierende Werkzeuge der Atomphysik***

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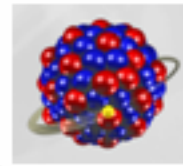
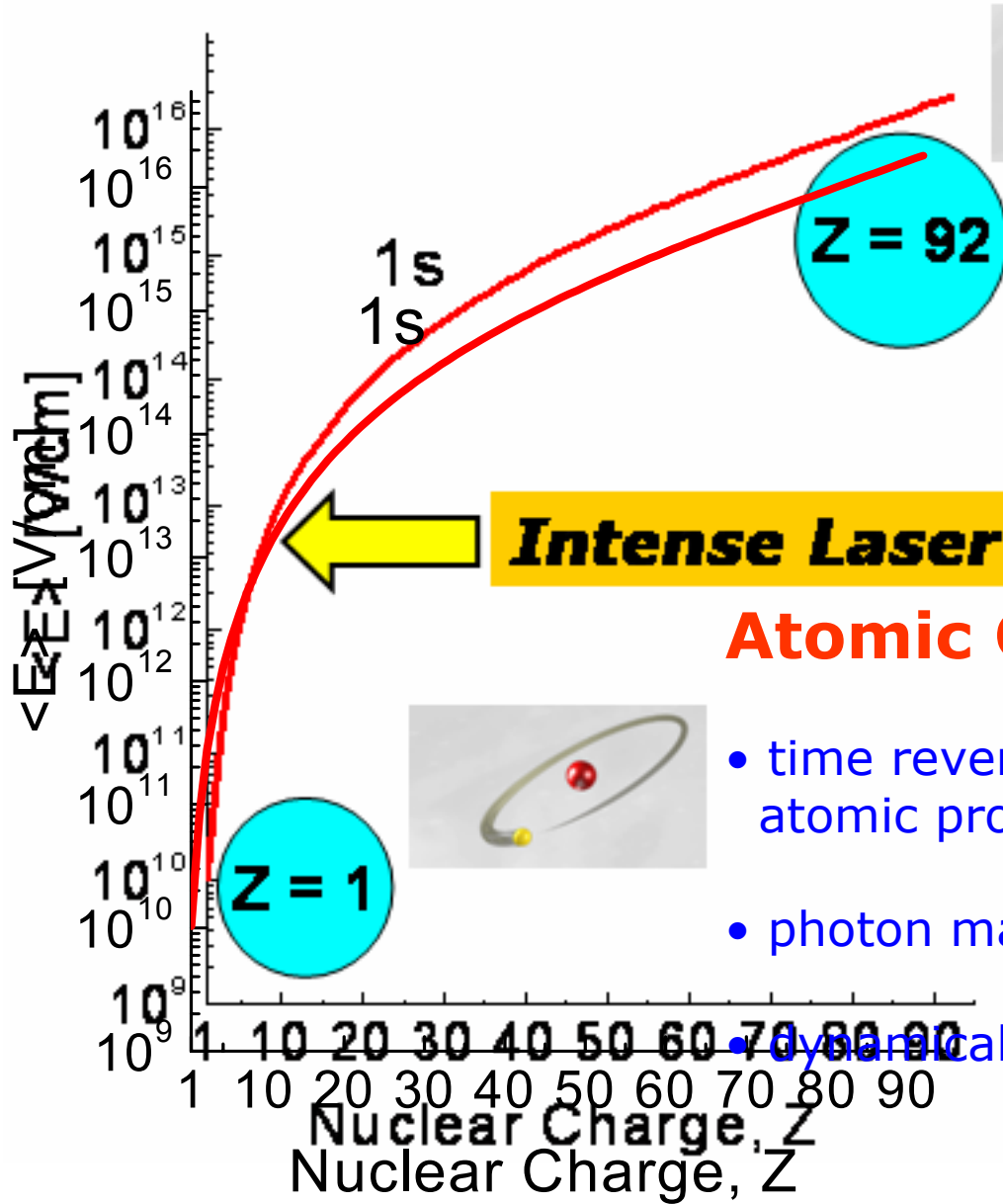
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# Atomic Physics in Extremely Strong Coulomb Fields



## Structure at High-Z

H-like Uranium

$E_K = -132 \cdot 10^3 \text{ eV}$   
 QED

$\langle E \rangle = 1.8 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ V/cm}$

on the atomic structure

$\gamma$  in the  
 strong fields

## Atomic Collision at High-Z

- time reversal of elementary atomic processes

- photon matter interaction

Hydrogen

$E_K = -13.6 \text{ eV}$

$\langle E \rangle = 1 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ V/cm}$

- dynamically induced strong field effects



- **Atomic Structure Studies at High-Z**

- **Current Status of the 1s Lamb Shift Experiments**
- **He-like Ions: Two-Electron Contribution to Ionization Potential for He-Like Uranium**

- Two-Photon Decay**

- **Few-Electron Ions**

- **Dynamics: Atomic Collisions at High-Z**

- **Radiative Recombination/Electron Capture Studies**  
**Angular Correlation and Polarization Studies**

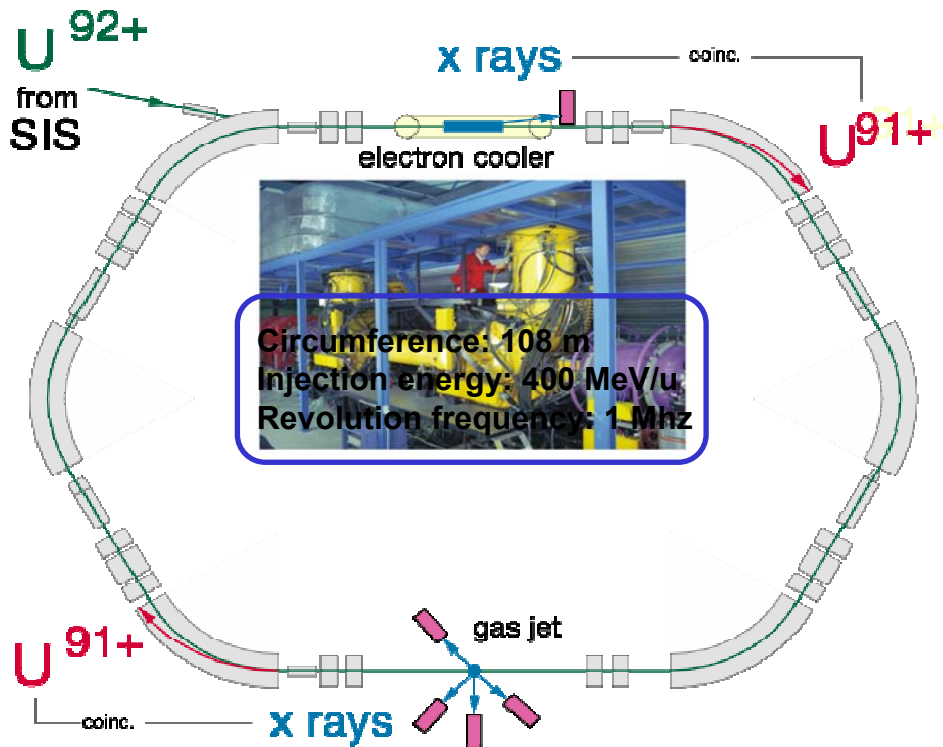
- **Development of Position Sensitive X-Ray Detectors**

- **Summary**

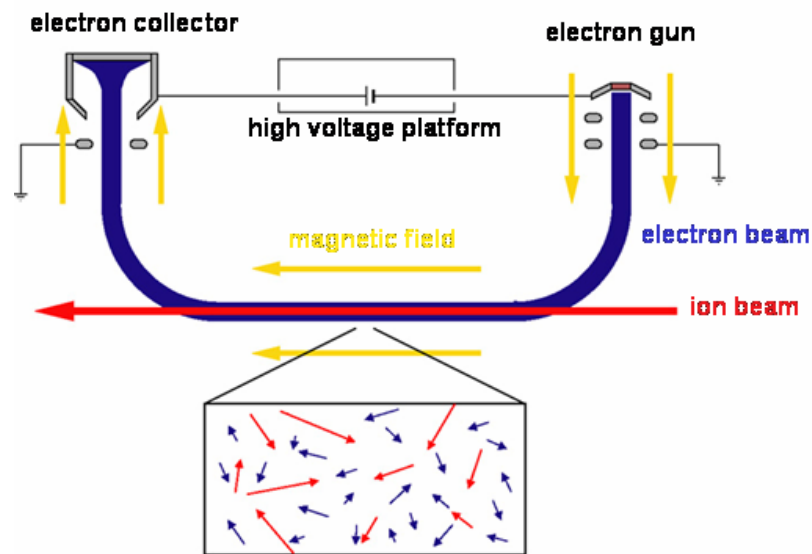
- **Outlook**

- **Challenges and Opportunities: Atomic Physics at FAIR**

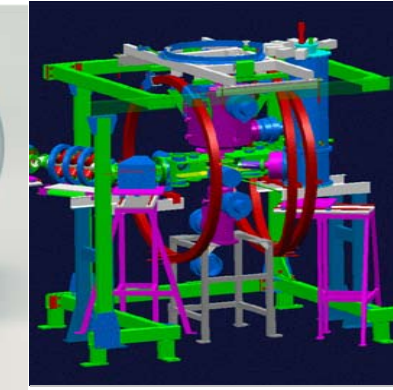
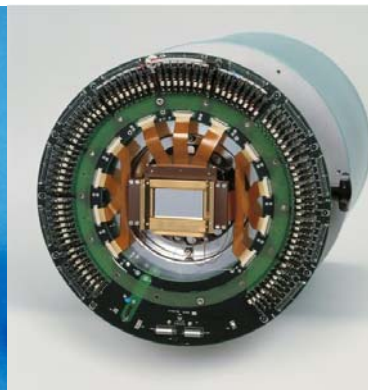
# Atomic Physics @ GSI



## Electron Cooling



**Storing and Cooling**

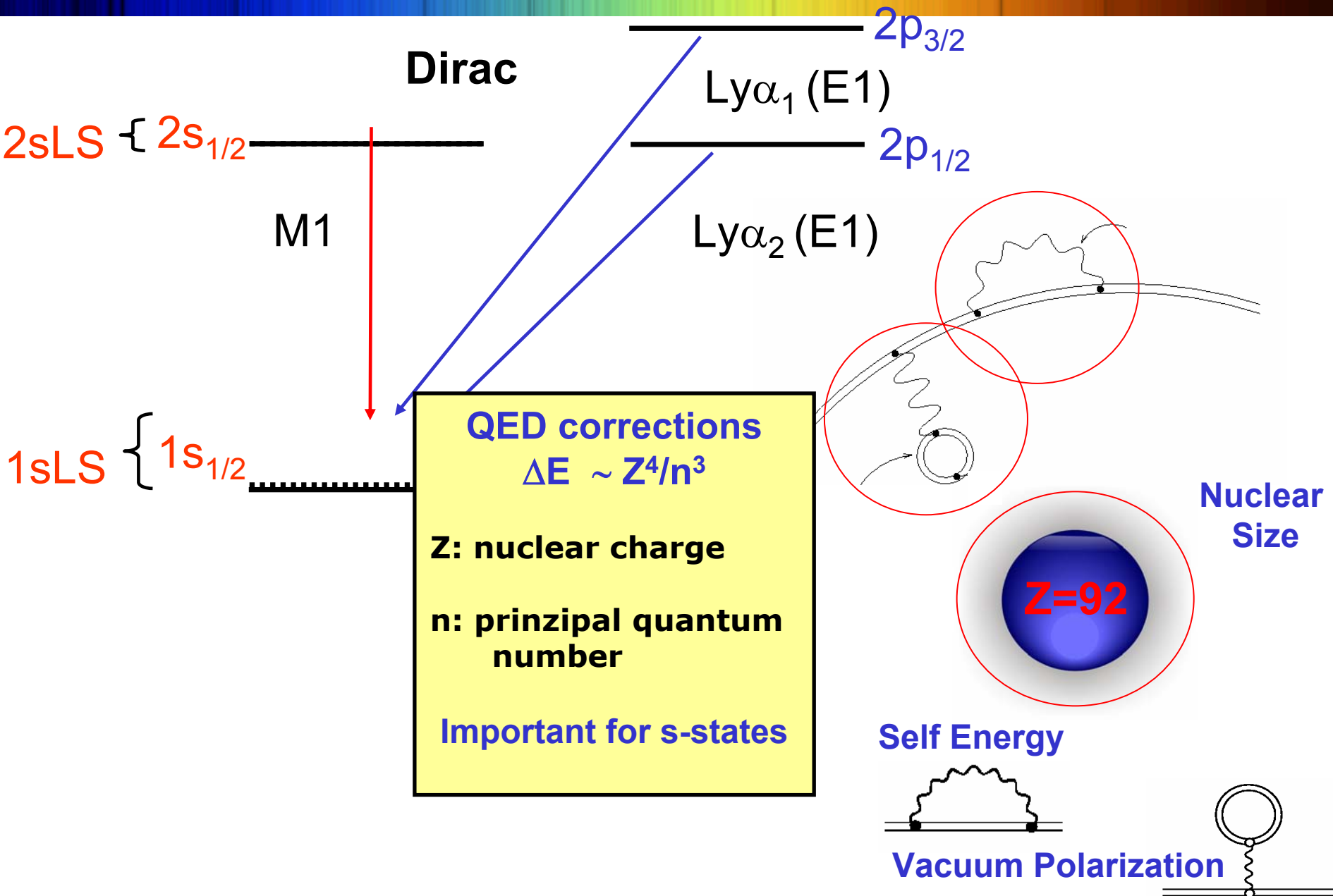


**Detector and Spectrometers**

# I Atomic Structure Studies at High-Z

- **Current Status of the 1s Lamb Shift Experiments**
- **He-like Ions: Two-Electron Contribution to Ionization Potential for He-Like Uranium**
- **Few-Electron Ions: Dielectronic Recombination – Spectroscopy Without Photons**

# The Structure of One-Electron Systems



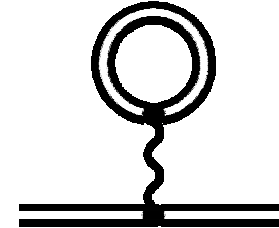
# Bound-State QED: 1s Lamb Shift

*Sum of all corrections, leading to deviations from the Dirac theory for a point like nucleus*

Self energy



Vacuum polarization



$U^{91+}$

SE  
355.0 eV

VP  
-88.6 eV

NS  
198.7 eV

$$\Delta E = \alpha/\pi (\alpha Z)^4 F(\alpha Z) m_e c^2$$

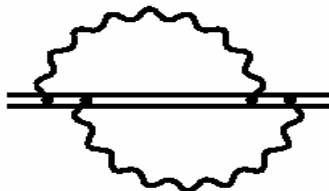
Low Z-Regime:  $\alpha Z \ll 1$

$F(\alpha Z)$ : series expansion in  $\alpha Z$

High Z-Regime:  $\alpha Z \approx 1$

$F(\alpha Z)$ : series expansion in  $\alpha Z$   
not appropriate

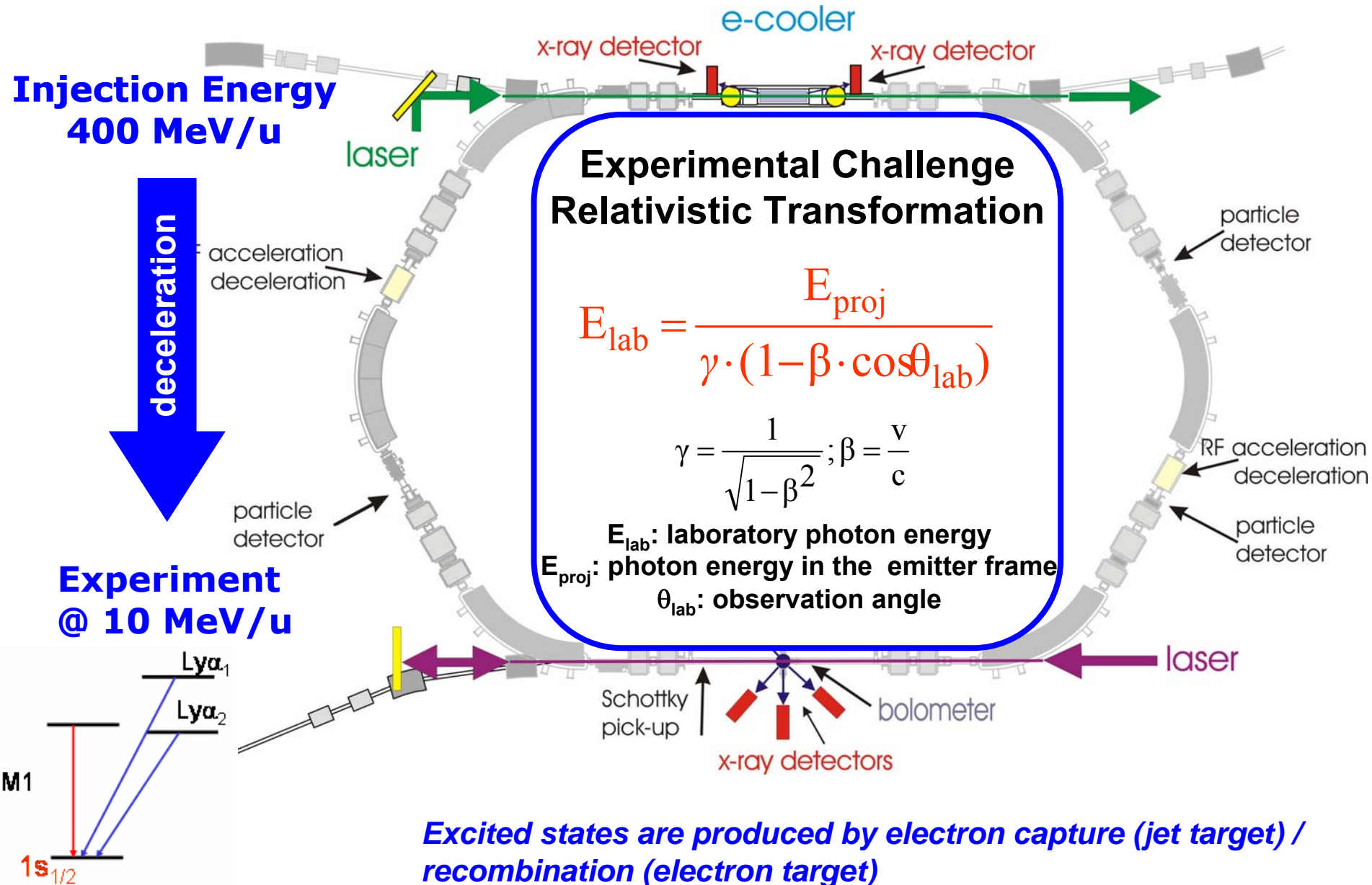
Goal:



$\pm 1$  eV

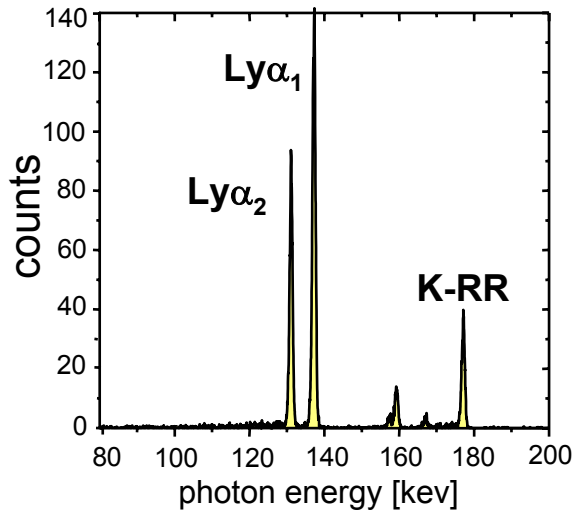


# X-Ray Spectroscopy at the ESR Storage Ring



# Test of Quantum Electrodynamics (1s-LS)

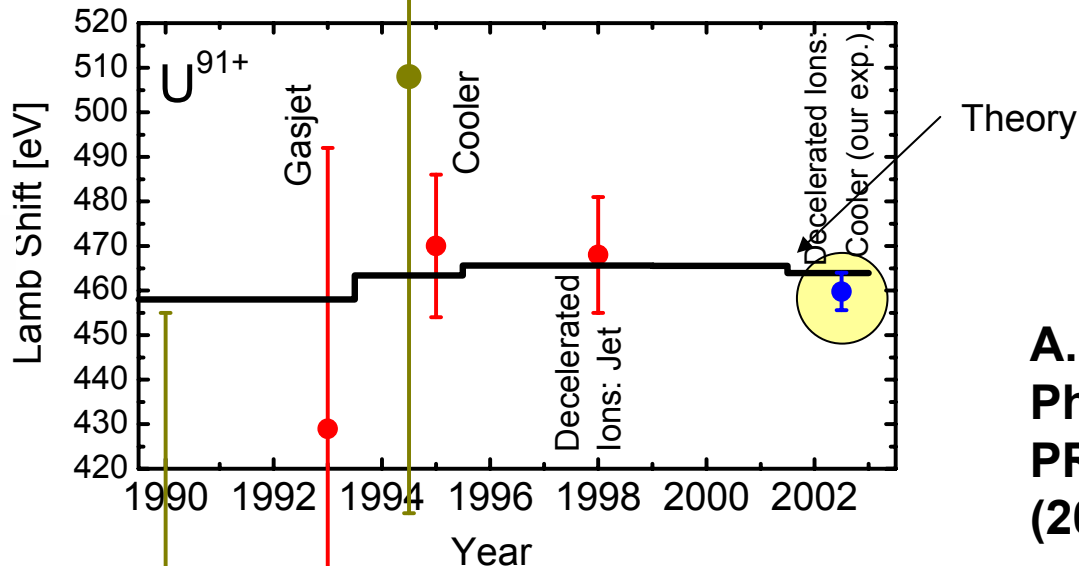
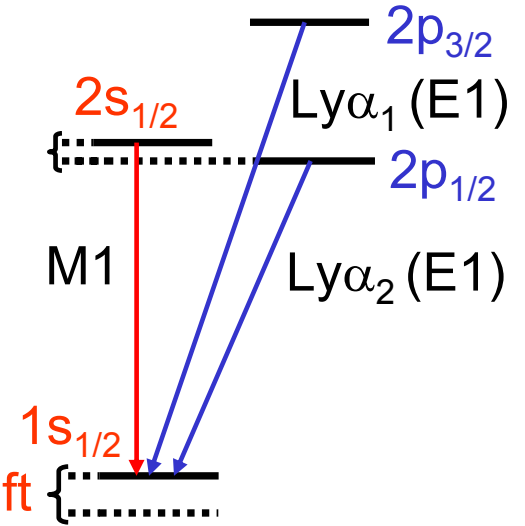
## The 1s-LS in H-like Uranium



**1s-Lamb Shift**

Experiment:  $459.8 \text{ eV} \pm 4.6 \text{ eV}$

Theory:  $463.95 \text{ eV}$

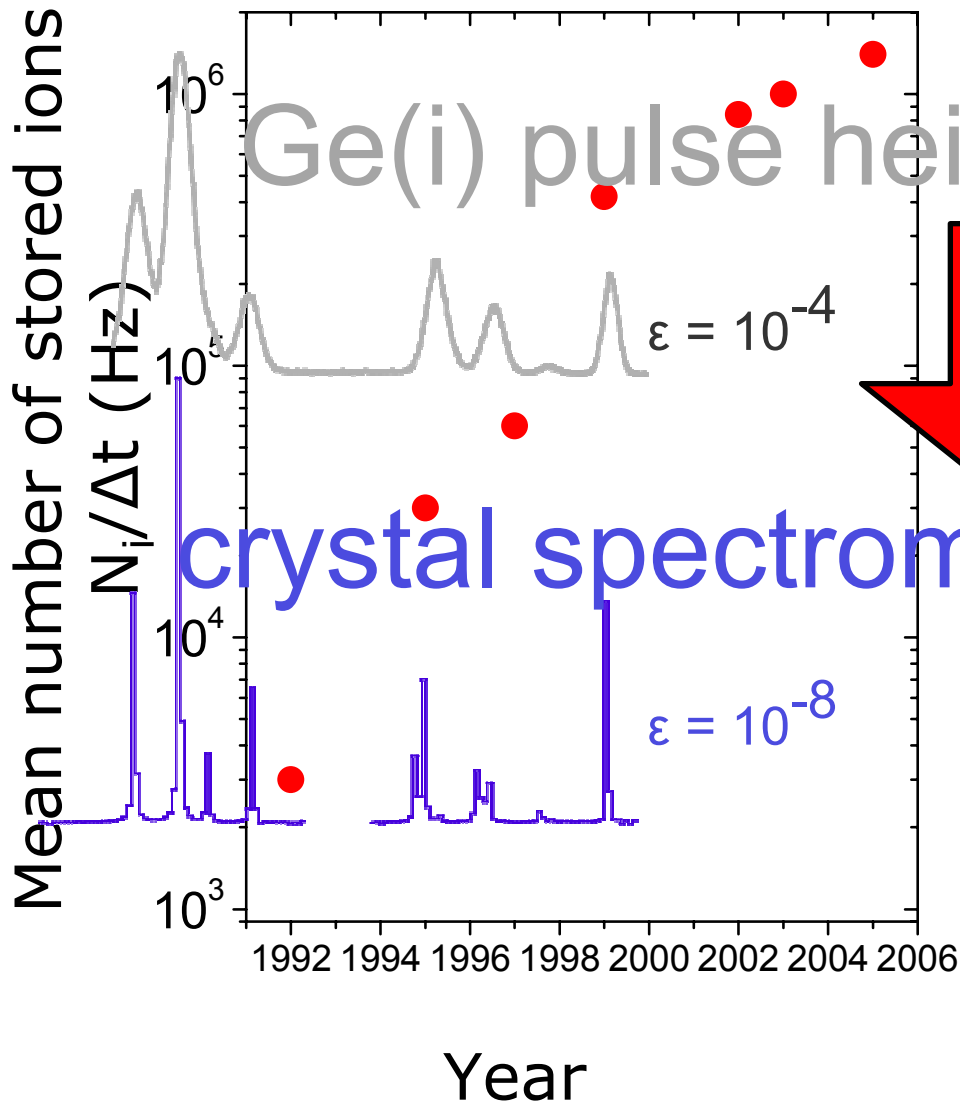


**A. Gumberidze**  
**PhD thesis 2003,**  
**PRL 94, 223001**  
**(2005)**

**nature**

Research Highlights  
*Nature* **435**, 858-859  
 (16 June 2005)

# Towards an Accuracy of 1 eV



- **High Beam intensities**  
( $10^8$  Ions per Minute  $\Rightarrow$   
 $4.5 \times 10^5$  Photons in  $4\pi$ )

- **Slow Ions or Ions in Rest**  
**Deceleration of the Ions**  
**Small Doppler correction**

**Detector and Spectrometer Development**

*Crystal spectrometer*  
 $\leq 50$  eV

*(requires position sensitive solid state detectors)*

*microcalorimeter*

# The 1s-Lamb-Shift at High-Z

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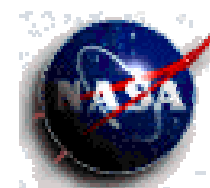
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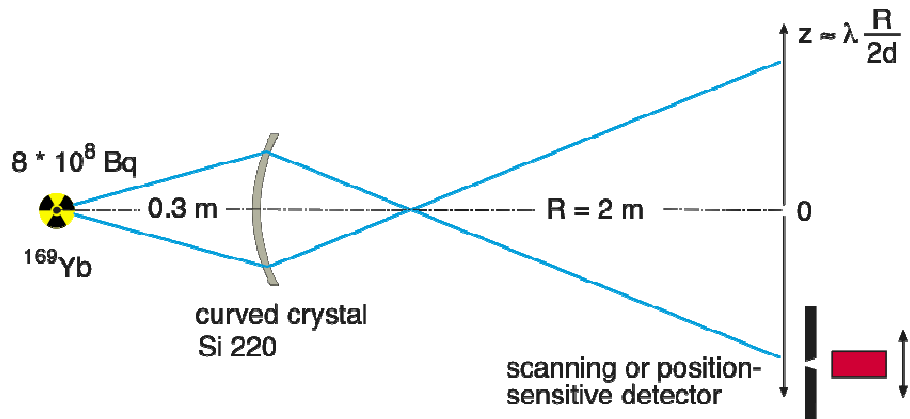
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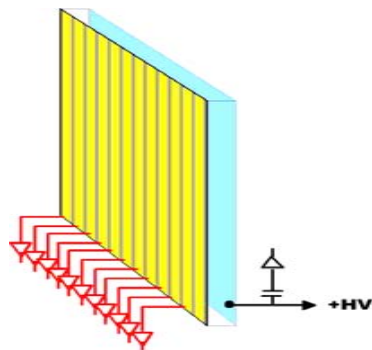
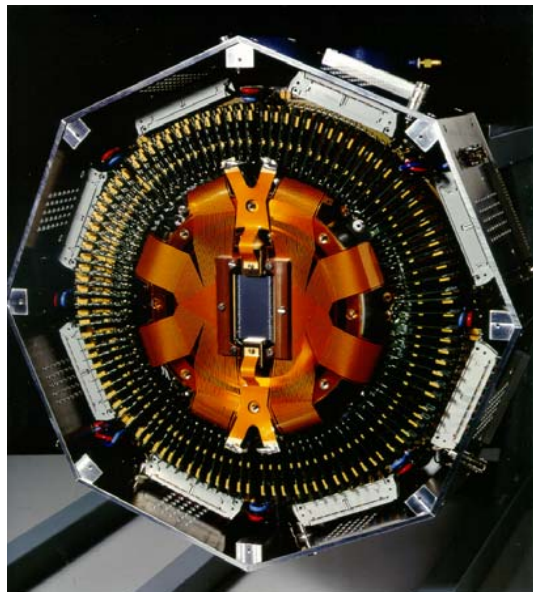
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## Micro-Strip Germanium Detector Timing, Energy and Position Resolution



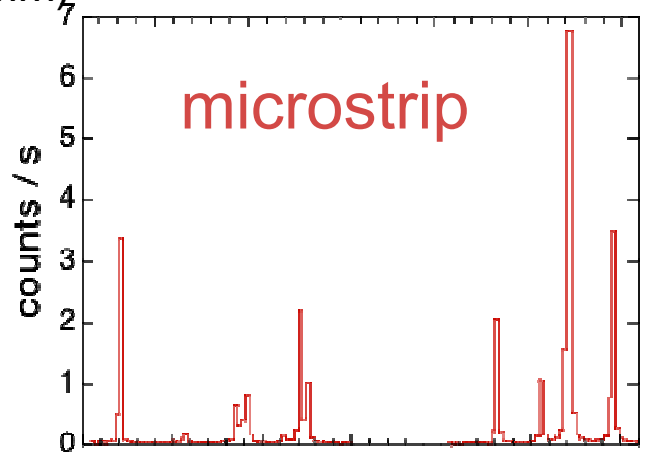
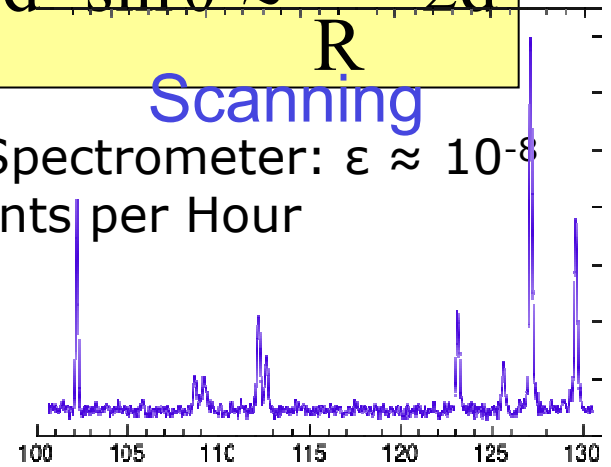
**200 Strips**  
 $\Delta x \approx 200 \mu\text{m}$   
 $\Delta E \approx 1.6 \text{ keV}$   
 $\Delta T \approx 50 \text{ ns}$

## Scanning technique versus Bragg-Laué Relation

$$\lambda = \frac{\lambda \text{ (pm)}}{2 \cdot d \cdot \sin \theta} \approx \frac{z}{2d} \approx \frac{z}{R}$$

Scanning

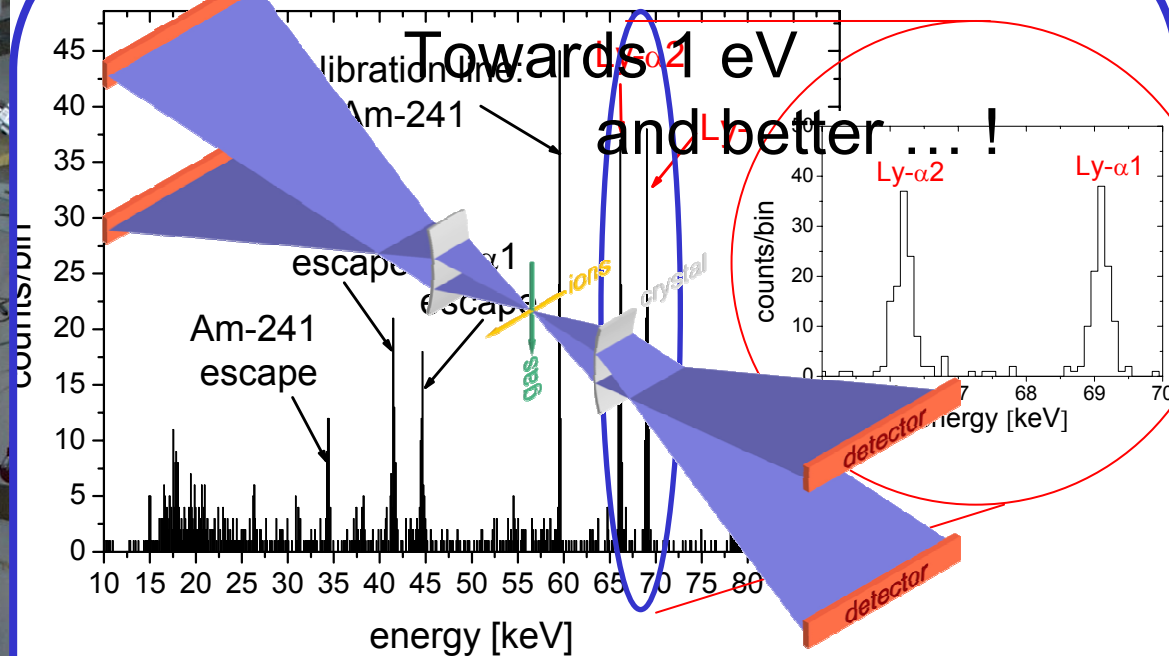
FOCAL Spectrometer:  $\epsilon \approx 10^{-8}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  3 Events per Hour



# First Test Experiment for Lamb Shift Measurements on Hydrogen-like Heavy Ions with Cryogenic Detectors



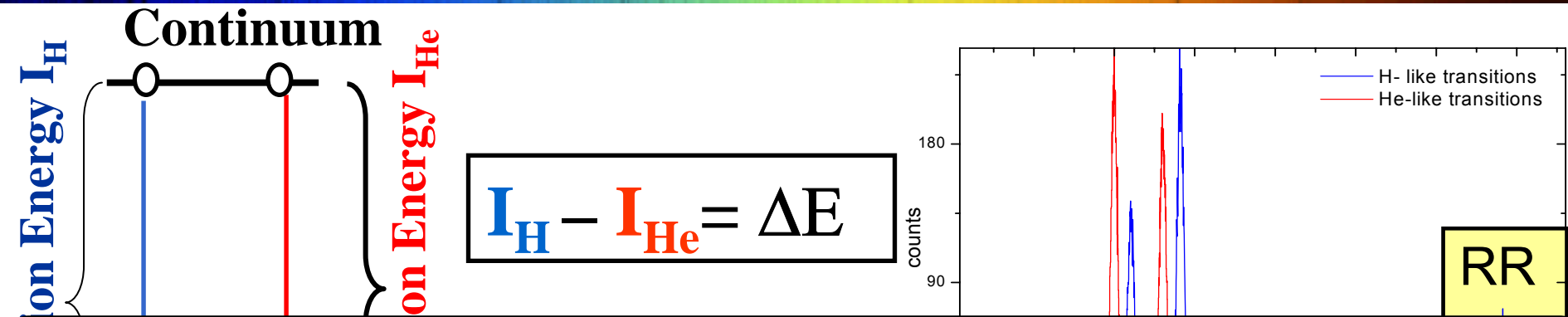
2 days of  $^{238}\text{U}^{91+}$  beam time at the ESR



- achieved energy resolution:  $\Delta E = 149$  eV
- detection efficiency (4 pixels):  $1 \times 10^{-7}$

Experiment: March 2006

# Correlation and 2eQED Studies for He-like Uranium

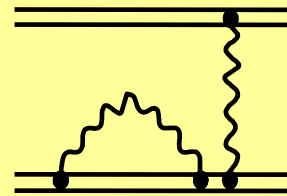


## The groundstate of He-like ions

- extension of former experiments at SuperEBIT to He-like uranium
- for the ground-state of high-Z He-like ions a sensitivity to 2eQED has been achieved

Two-Electron QED,  
e.g. 2nd order Self Energy

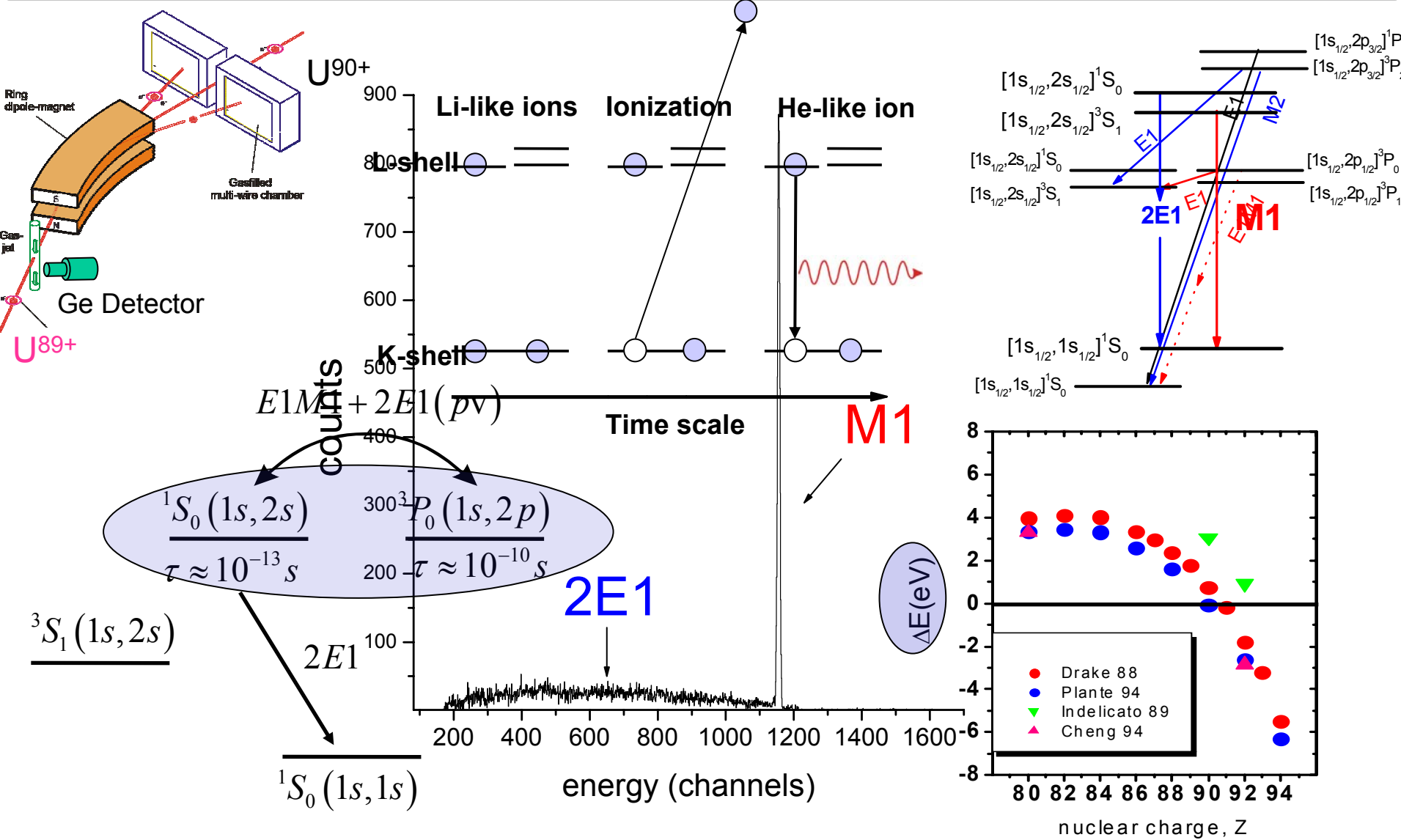
-9.7 eV [ $U^{90+}$ ]



all one electron effects such as the nuclear size contribution cancel out almost completely

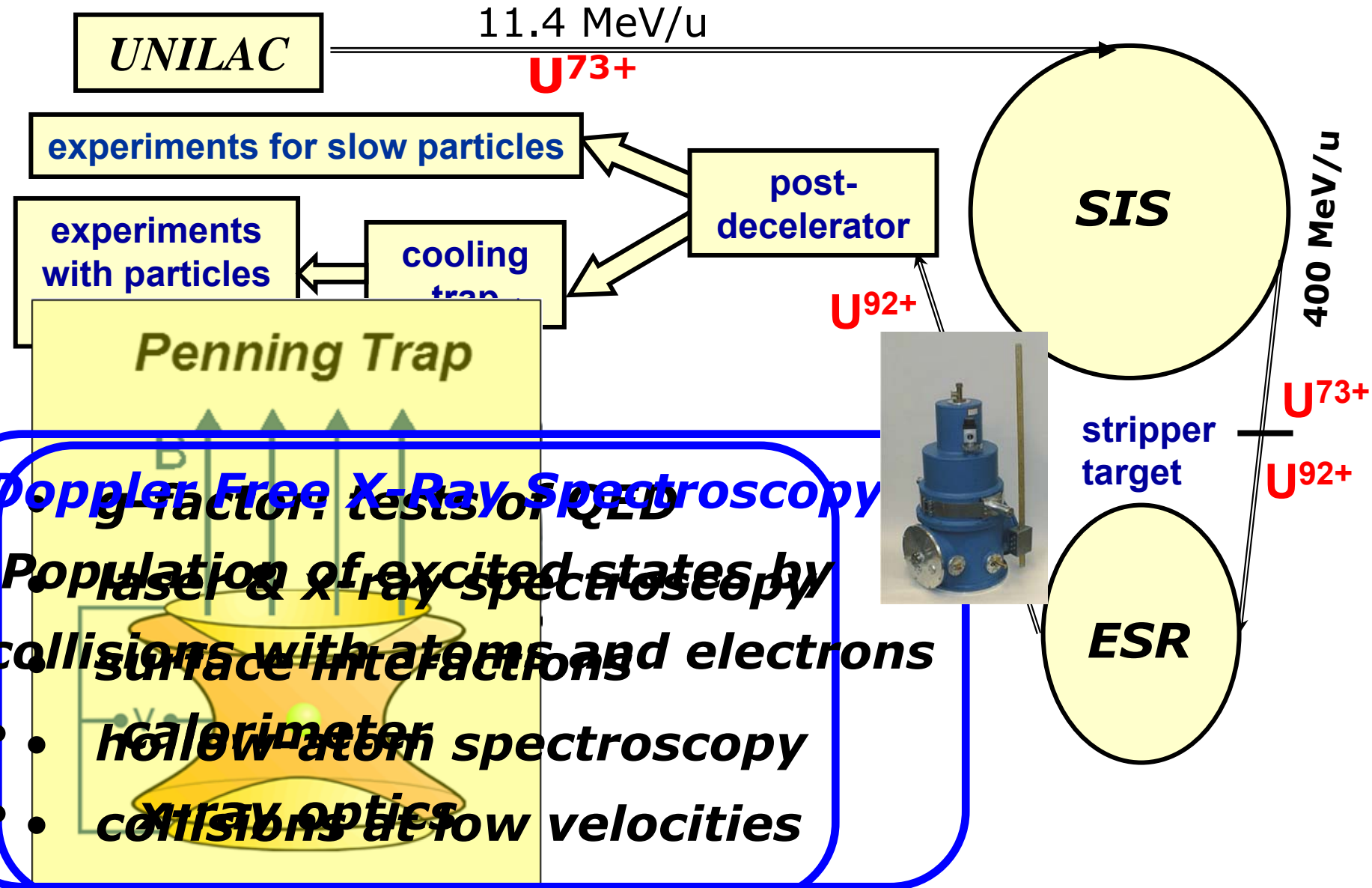
# Selective Production of the Two-Photon Decay

## Isolation of s-states in He-like heavy ions: Two-photon decay

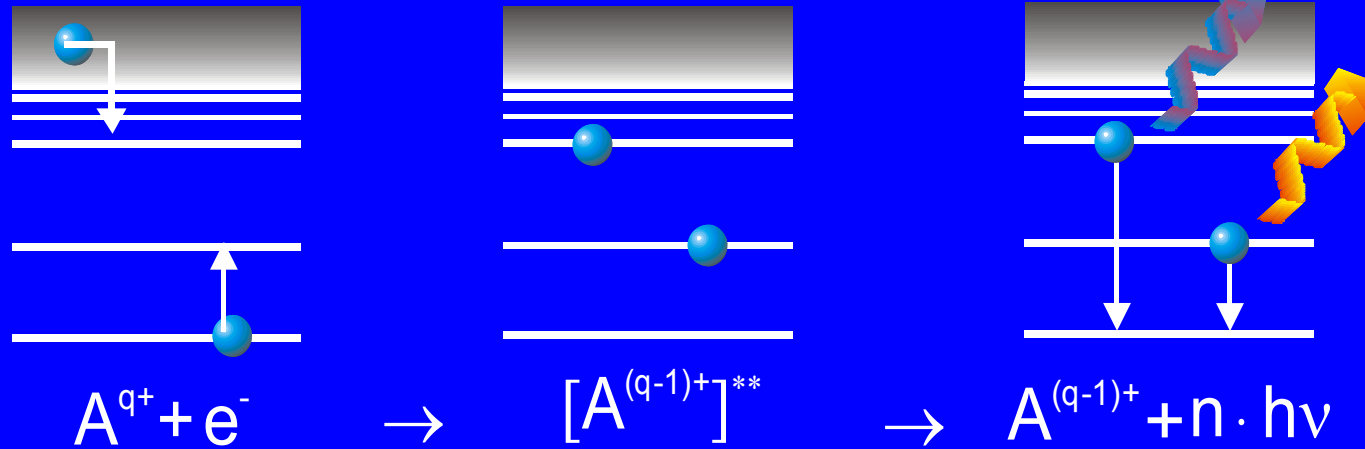




# The HITRAP Project @ GSI



# Few-Electron Systems: Dielectronic Recombination



## Dielectronic Capture (DC)

( time-reverse to autoionization)

## Radiative Stabilization

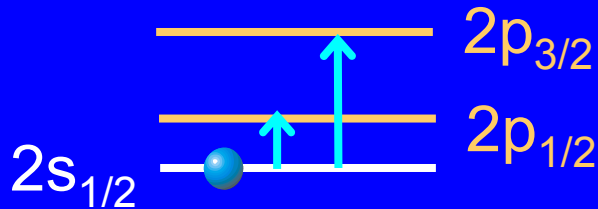
(in competition to autoionization)

two observables: **recombined ion**  or photons  (e.g. EBIT, RTE @ Gasjet)

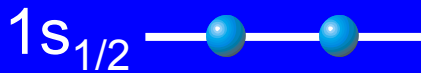
# Why Investigate L-shell Ions (Li-like, Be-like,...)?

L-shell

e.g. Li-like ions ( $3 e^-$ )



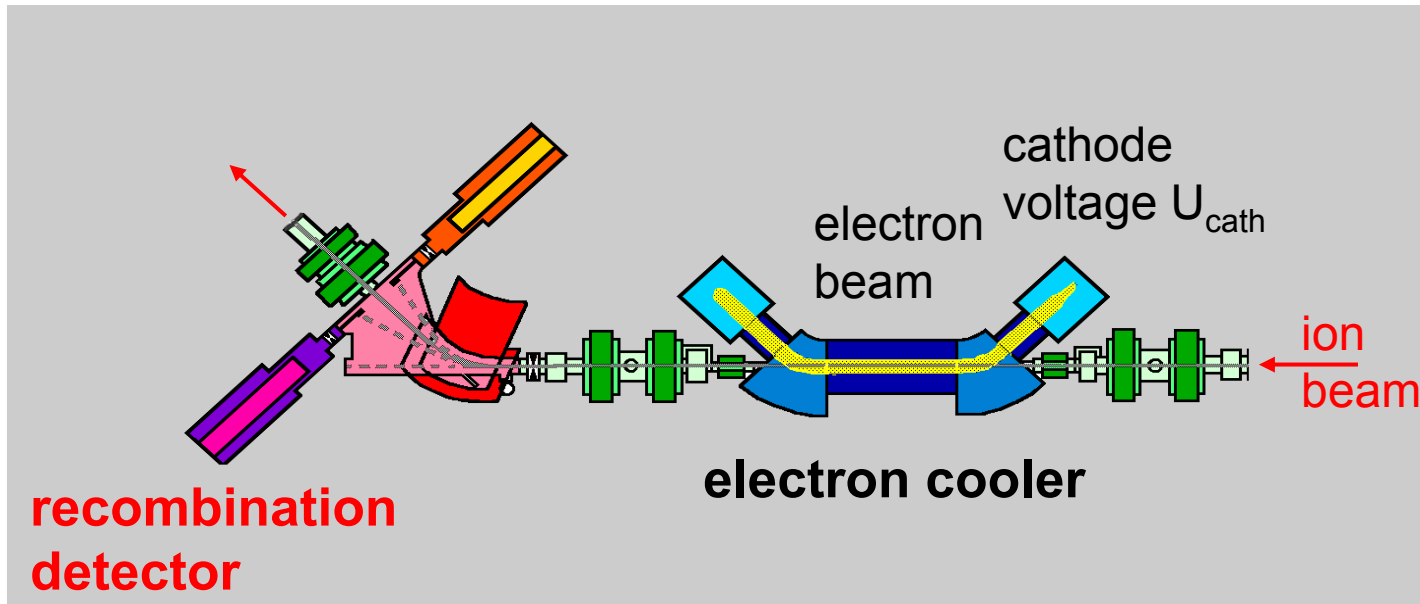
K-shell



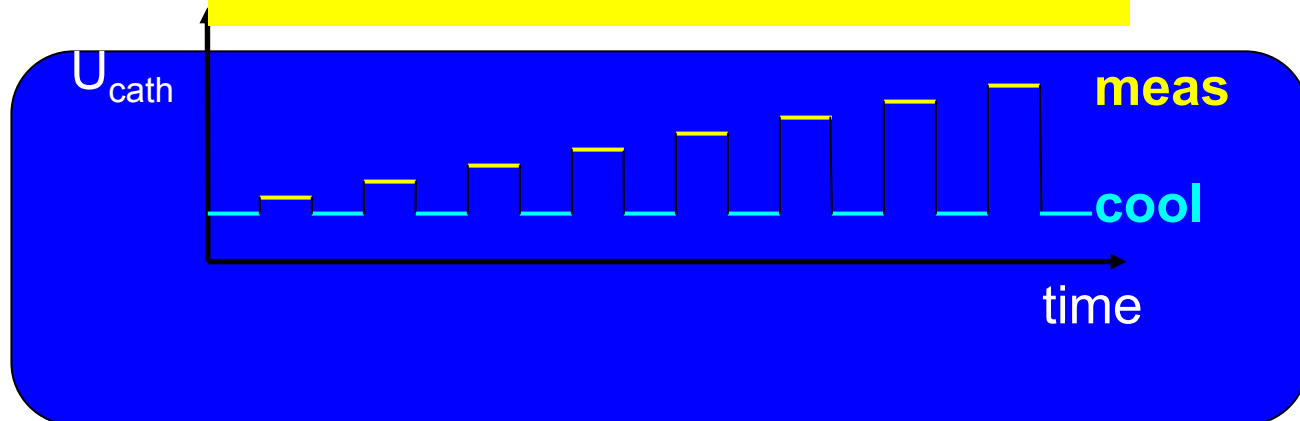
- simplest atomic systems with „low-energy“ intra-shell transitions ( $\Delta n = 0$ )
- large contributions from QED and nuclear size  
 $\Rightarrow$  high sensitivity
- simple to describe theoretically, e.g. Li-like  
 $\Rightarrow$  1 „valance“ electron with small contributions from e-e-interaction

# Few-Electron Ions

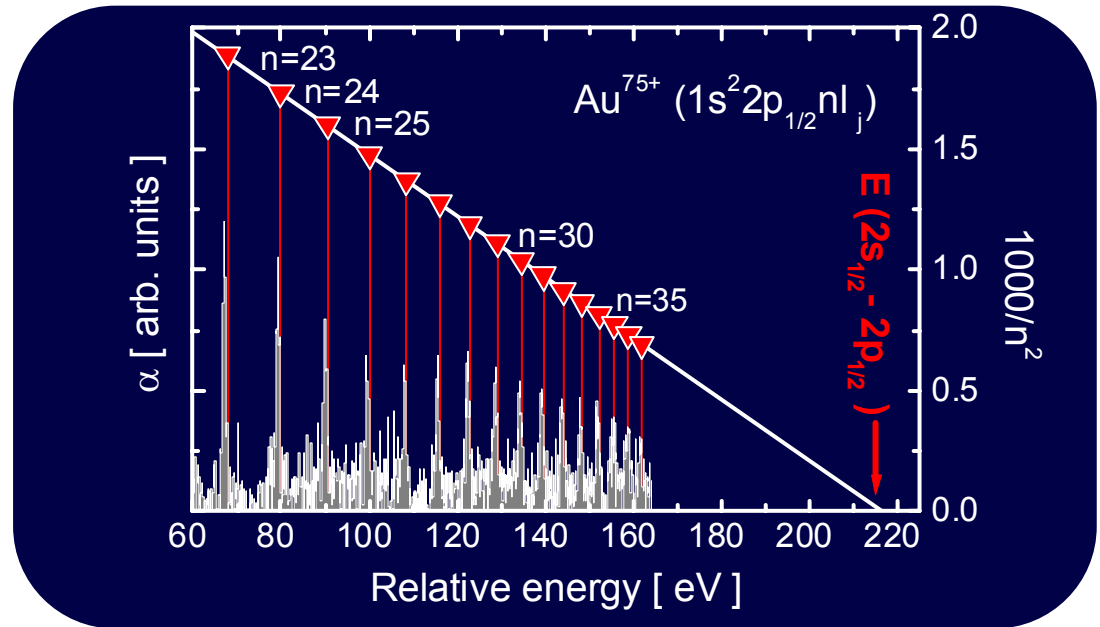
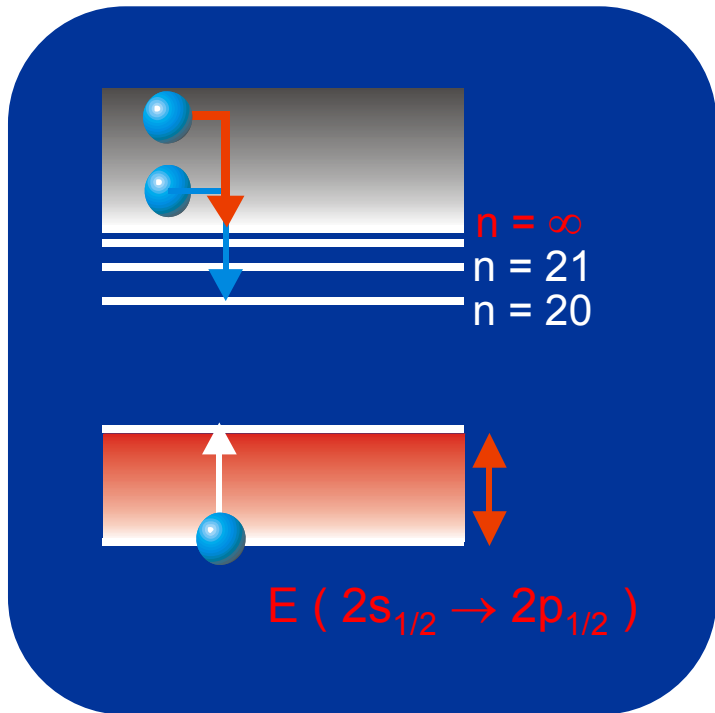
## Dielectronic Recombination: The Technique



merged-beams rate coefficient:  $\alpha = \langle \sigma v \rangle$



# Determination of $2s_{1/2} - 2p_{1/2}$ Splitting (Scheme)



**idea:**  
**extrapolation to the**  
**series limit**

- fine structure of peaks (Rydberg – core e-e interact.)
- relativistic description of Rydberg electron (Dirac)
- apparatus function (velocity spread of electrons)

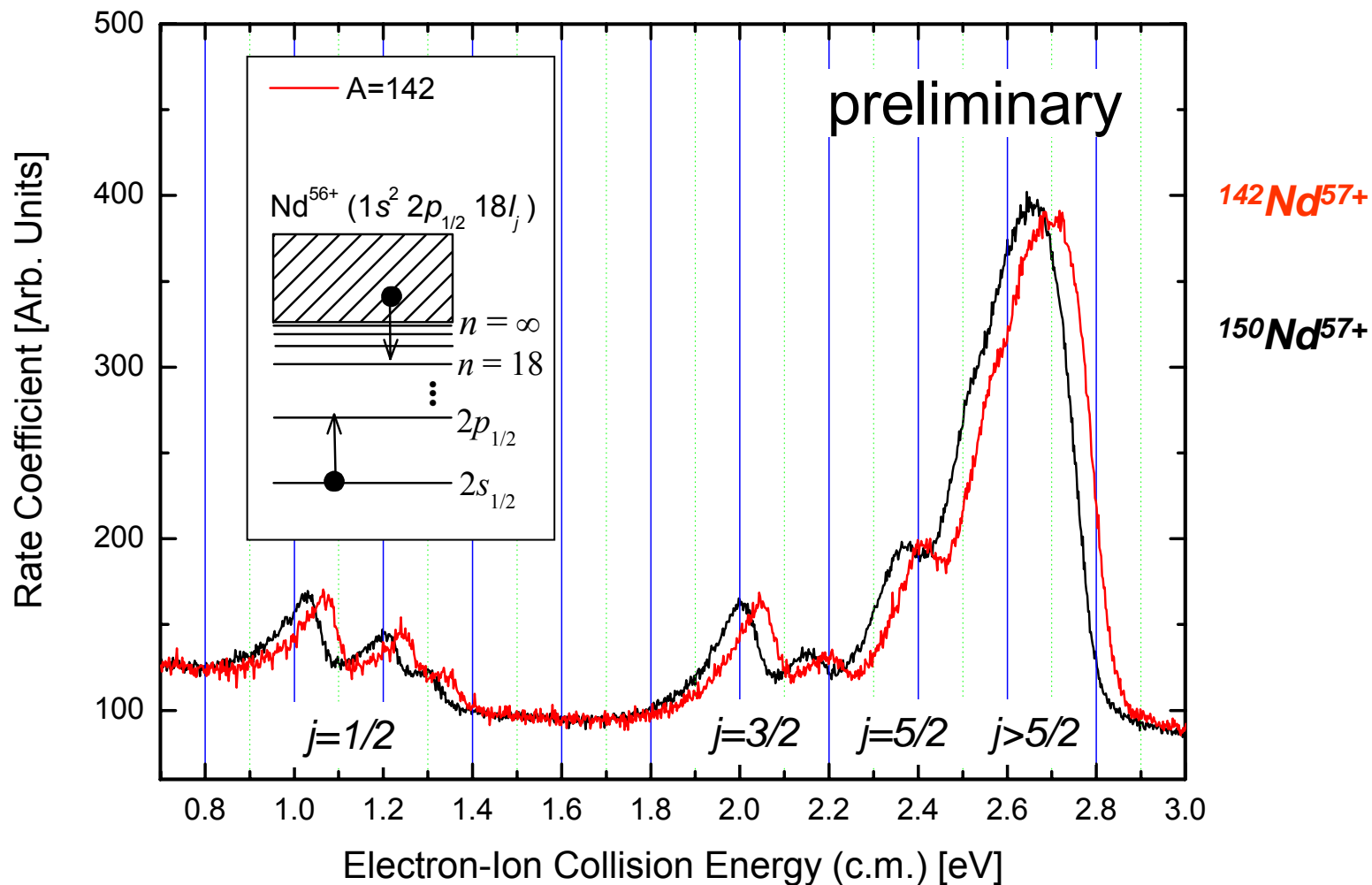
**Au<sup>76+</sup>**  
216.167(29)(67) eV

**Pb<sup>79+</sup>**  
230.650(30)(51) eV

**U<sup>89+</sup>**  
280.516(34)(65) eV

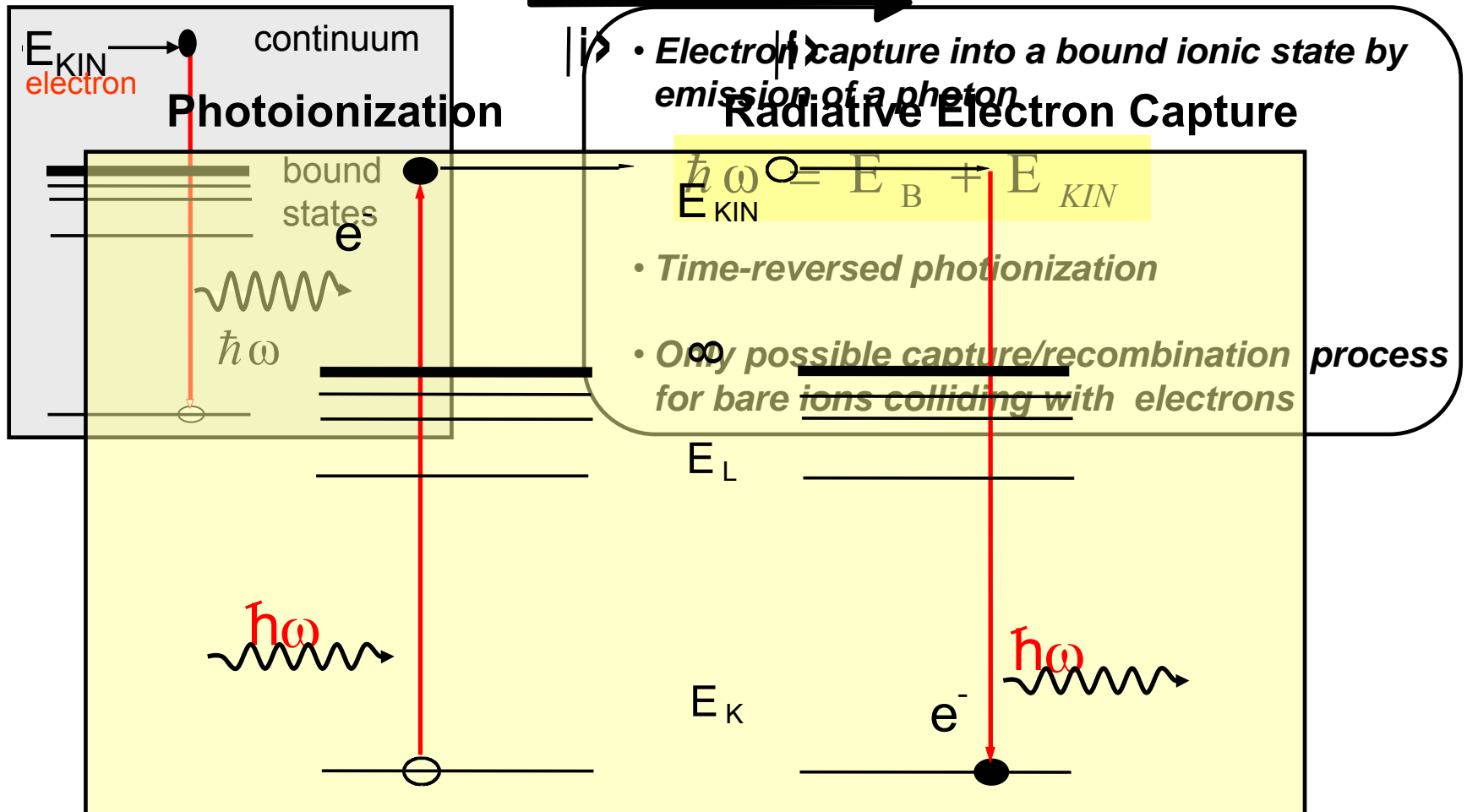
# Isotopic Shift of Li-like $^{142}\text{Nd}^{57+}$ vs. $^{150}\text{Nd}^{57+}$

by Means Dielectronic Recombination  
(First Preliminary Results of the Aug 2005 Beamtime)

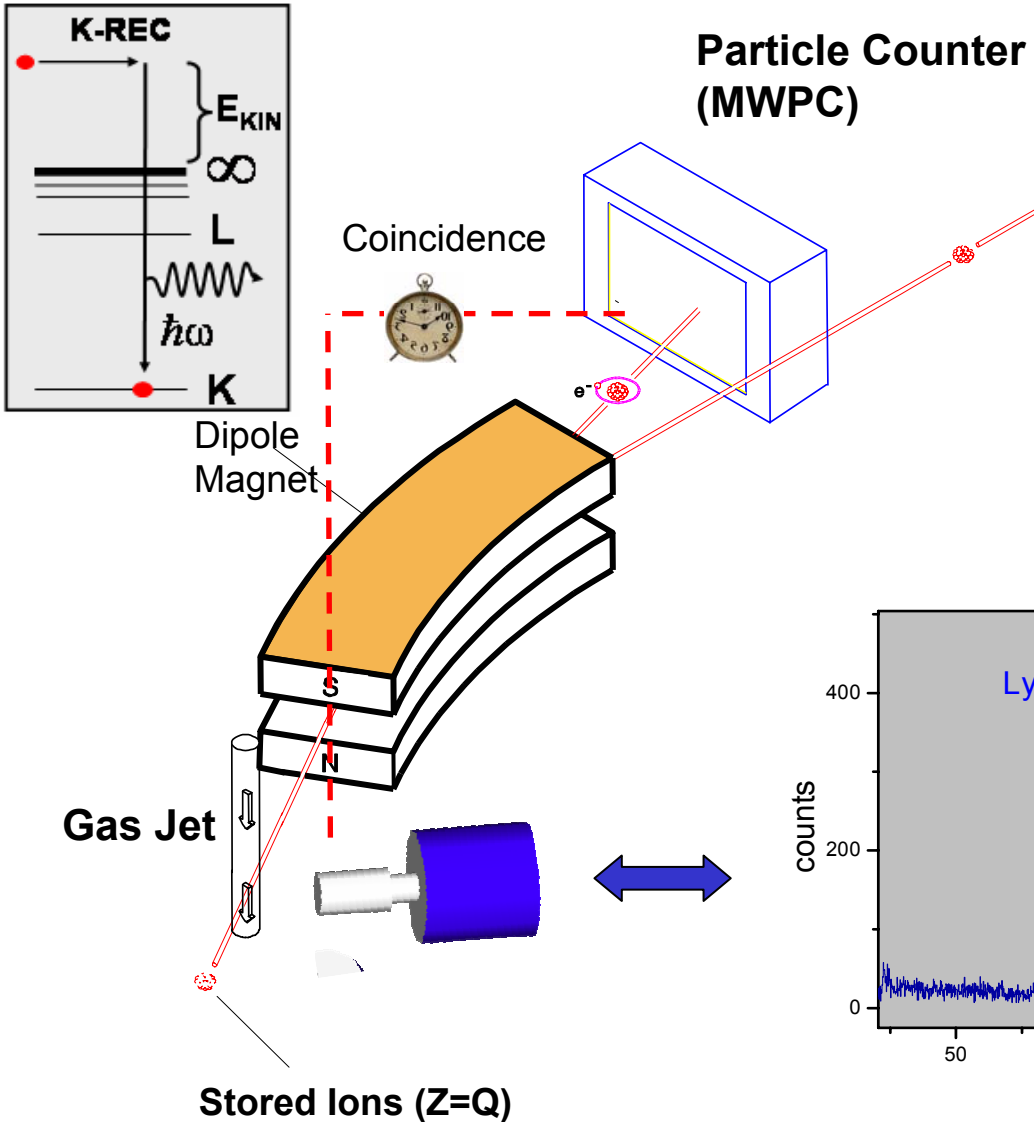


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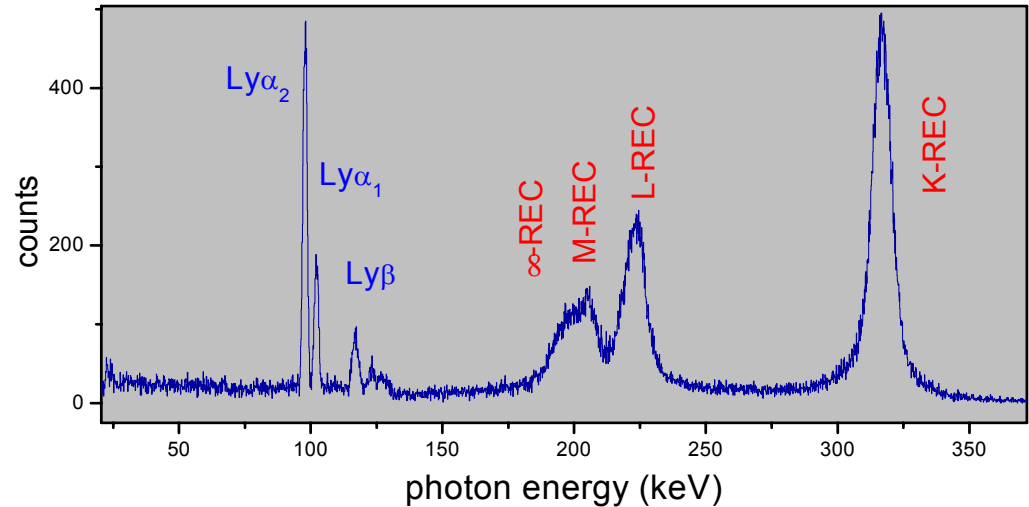
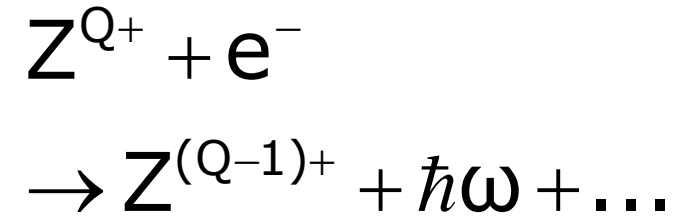
## Radiative Recombination/Electron Capture



# Experiments at the Jet-Target



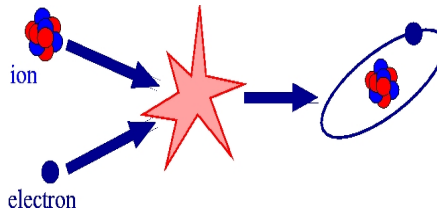
*Electron transfer from the target atom into the HCI*





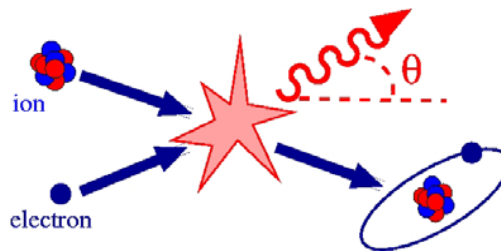
# II Dynamics: Radiative Recombination

- Total Electron Capture Cross Sections



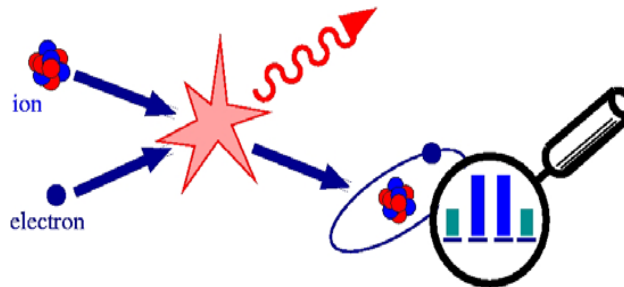
$$\sigma \sim \sum_{\text{polarization}} d\Omega |M|^2$$

- Photon Angular Distributions



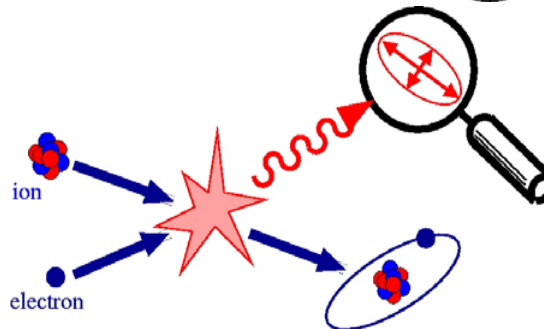
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\theta) \sim \sum_{\text{polarization}} |M|^2$$

- Alignment



$$\sim |M|^2$$

- Polarization



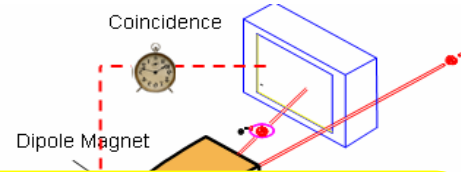
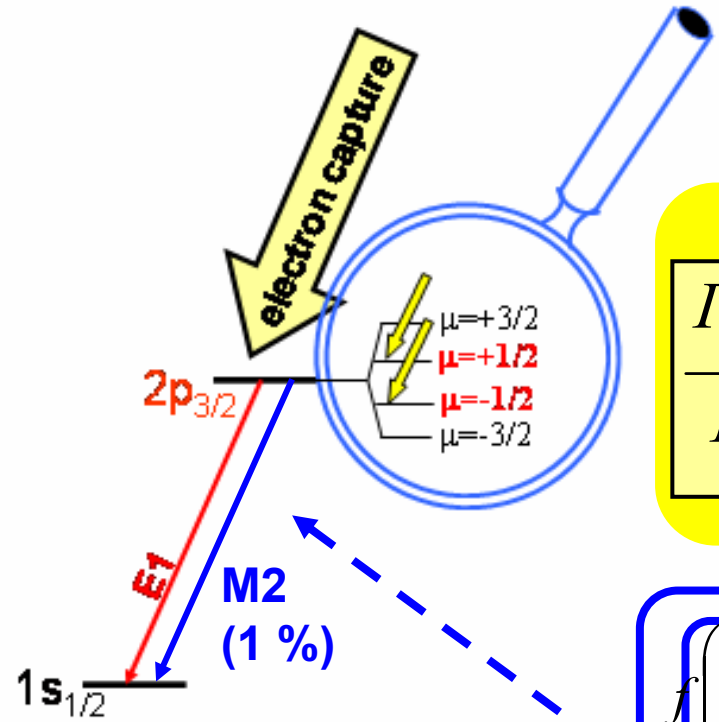
**No summation over polarization states !**

Established

New Directions

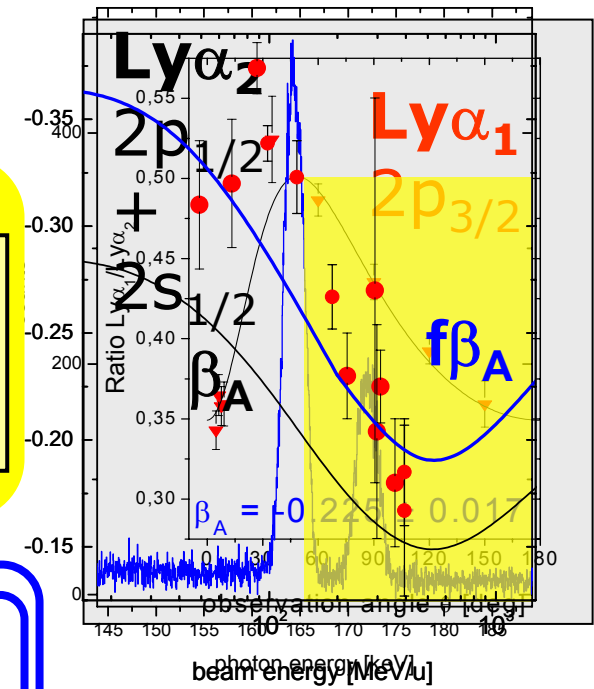
# Alignment Studies: Non-statistical population of magnetic sublevels

## multipole mixing: M2 contribution to the 2p<sub>3/2</sub> decay



**M2 contribution**

$$\frac{\Gamma_{M2}}{\Gamma_{E1}} = 0.0062 \pm 0.001$$



$$f\left(\frac{\|M2\|}{\|E1\|}\right) \propto 1 + \beta_A \cdot \left[ 1 + \frac{2\sqrt{33}}{2} \frac{\langle \|M2\| \rangle}{\langle \|E1\| \rangle} \sin^2 \theta \right]$$

$$W(\theta) \propto 1 + f\left(\frac{\|M2\|}{\|E1\|}\right) \cdot \beta_A \cdot \left[ 1 - \frac{3}{2} \sin^2 \theta \right]$$

Alignment Parameter  
PRL 88, 153001 (2002) 1  
 $\beta_A = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{33}{22} \right) - \sigma \left( \frac{31}{22} \right)$   
A. Orsic-Muthig  
PhD Thesis 2004  $\sigma \left( \frac{31}{22} \right) + \sigma \left( \frac{31}{22} \right)$

# II Atomic Collisions of Cooled, Heavy Ions

- **Total Electron Capture Cross Sections**

$$\sigma \sim \sum_{\text{polarization}} d\Omega |M|^2$$

- **Photon Angular Distributions**

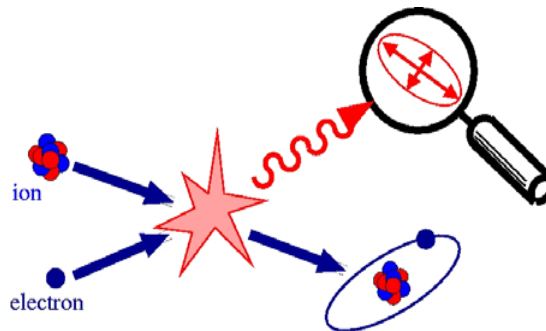
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\theta) \sim \sum_{\text{polarization}} |M|^2$$

- **Alignment**

$$\sim |M|^2$$

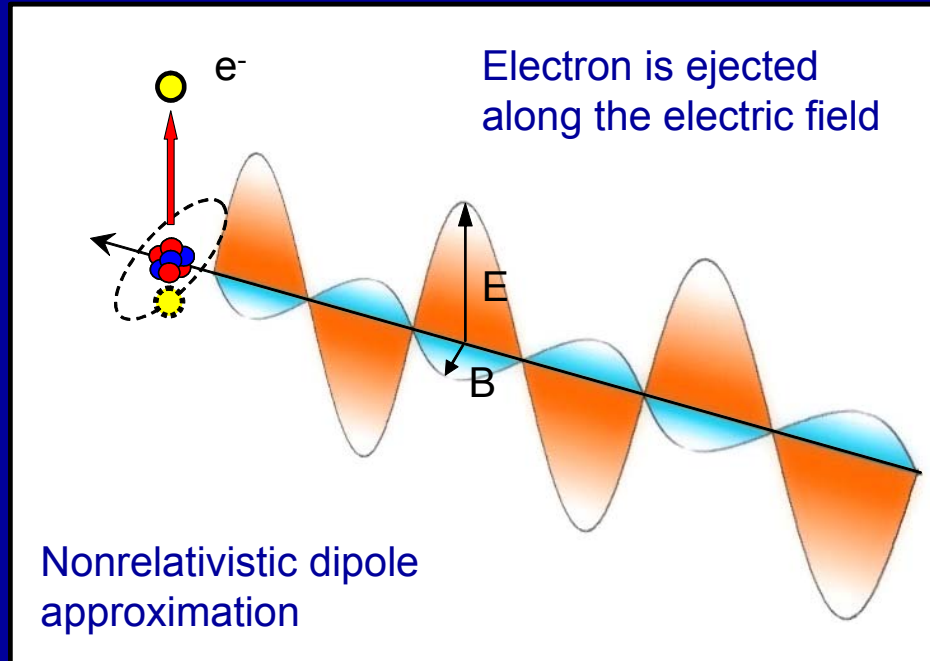
- **Polarization**

$$\sim |M|^2$$



**No summation over polarization states !**

# Photon Polarization



## Photoionization

non-relativistic dipole approximation: 100 % polarization for all emission angles

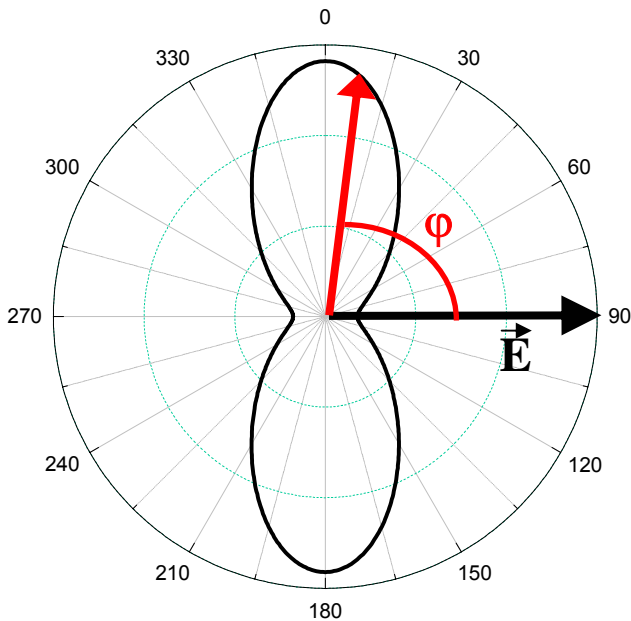
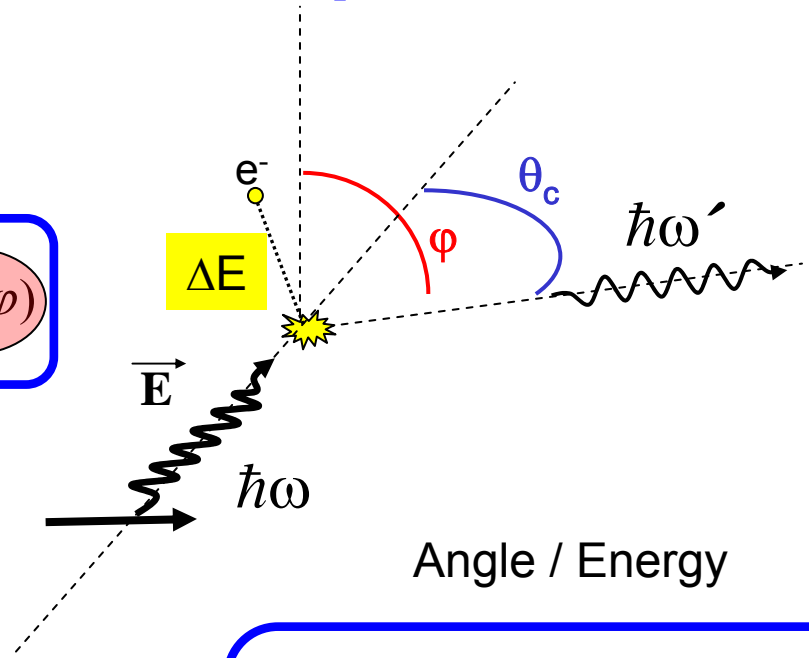
# How to Measure Polarization for Hard X-Rays

## Polarization Measurement via Compton scattering

Linearly polarized radiation

Klein-Nishina equation

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{2} r_0^2 \left(\frac{\hbar\omega'}{\hbar\omega}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\hbar\omega'}{\hbar\omega} + \frac{\hbar\omega}{\hbar\omega'} - 2 \sin^2 \theta_c \cos^2 \varphi\right)$$



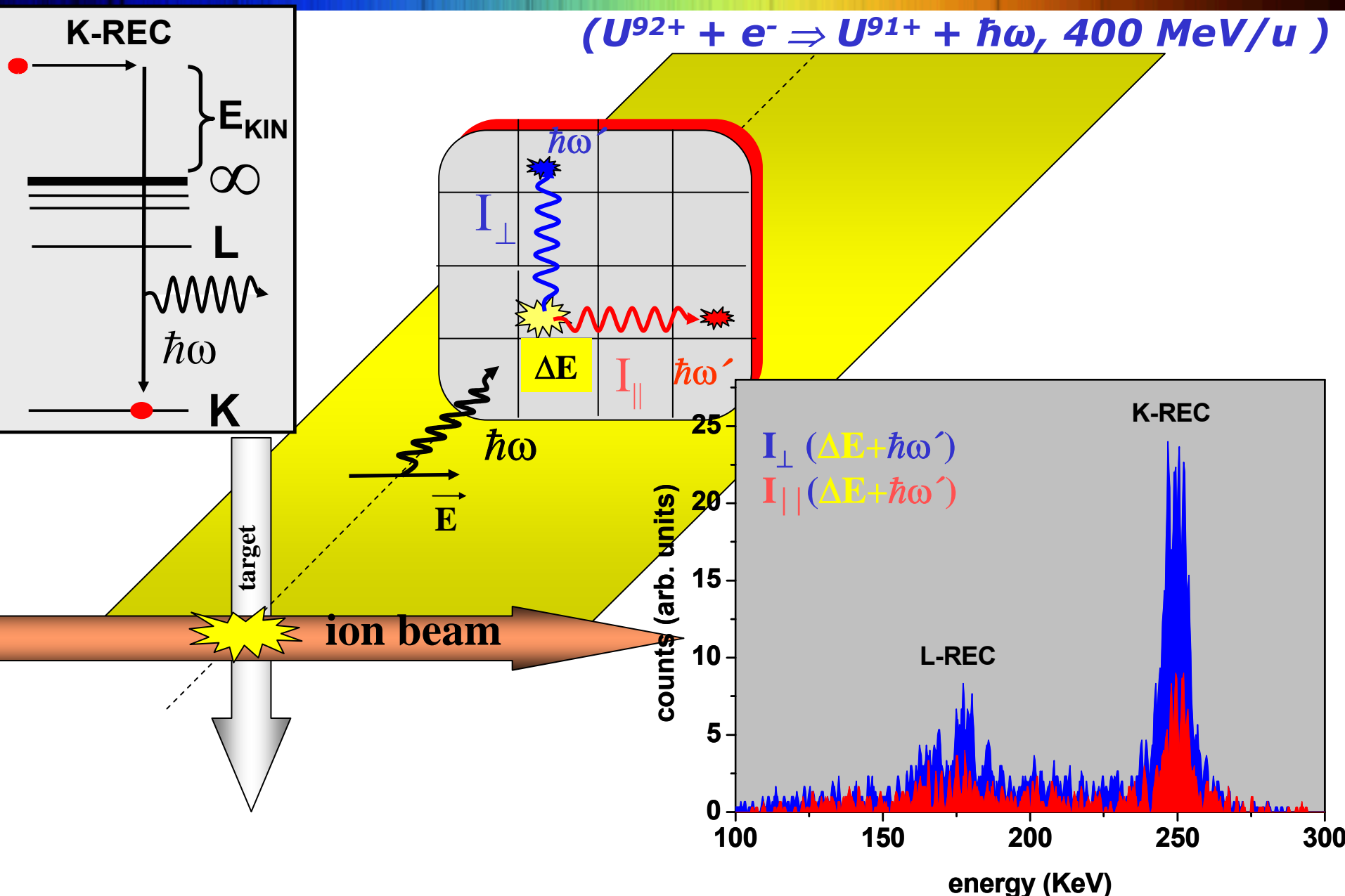
Angle / Energy

$$\hbar\omega' = \frac{\hbar\omega}{1 + \frac{\hbar\omega}{m_e c^2} (1 - \cos \theta_c)}$$

$$\hbar\omega = \hbar\omega' + \Delta E$$

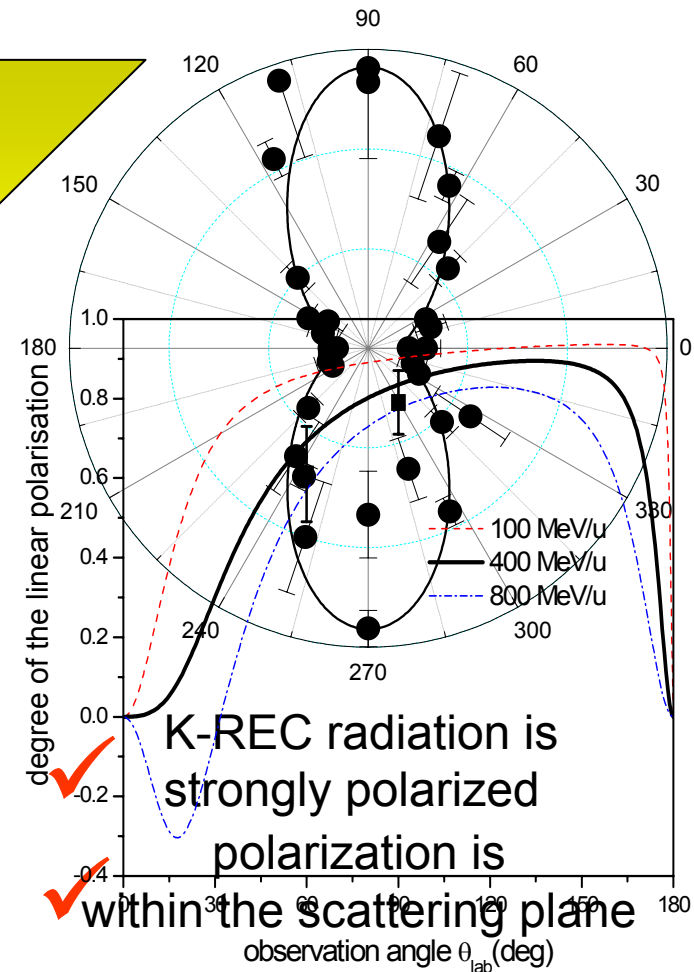
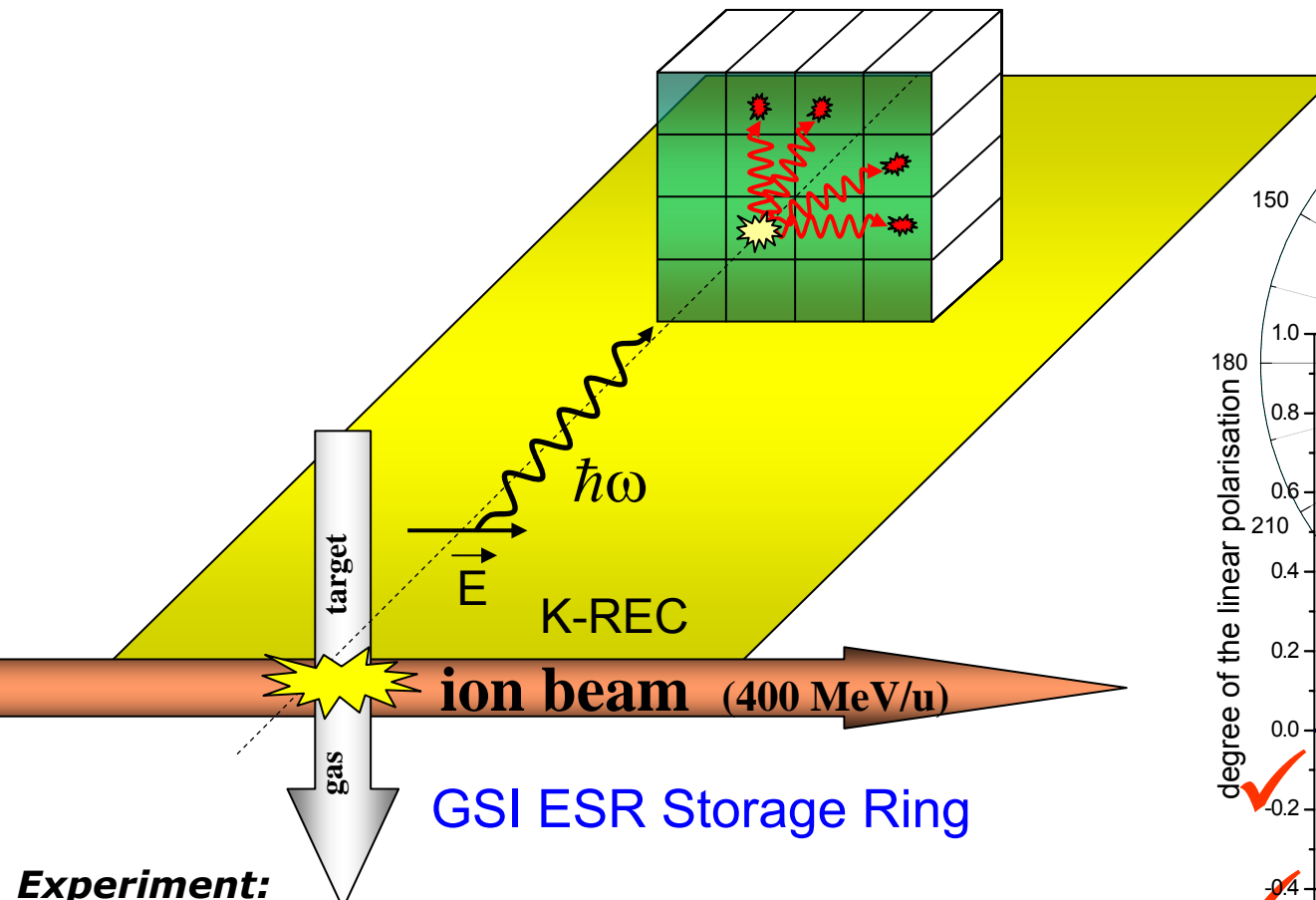
$\Delta E$  : electron recoil energy

# Polarization Experiment



# Experiment

## Polarization Measurement for Radiative Electron Capture Transitions ( $U^{92+} + e^- \Rightarrow U^{91+} + \hbar\omega$ )



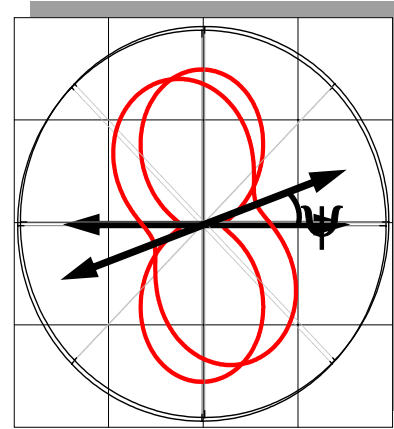
**Experiment:**  
**Tachenov et al.,**  
**PHD Thesis 2005**  
**Submitted to PRL, 2006**

**Exact Relativistic Treatment**  
**Eichler et al., PRA, 2002**  
**Surzykov et al., PRA, 2002**

# Spin Polarized Ion Beams

for spin polarized ions, the polarization plane and scattering plane are not equal for spin aligned ion beams

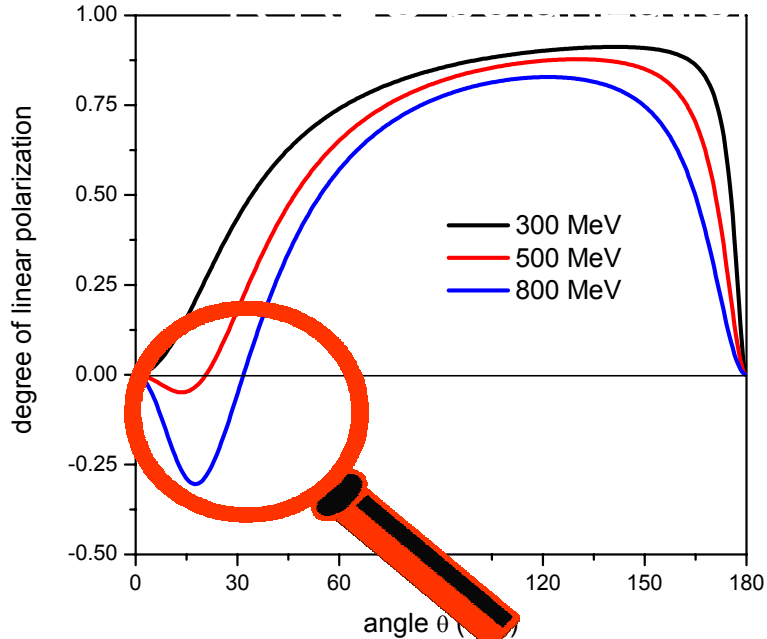
predictions by A.Surzhykov et al.,  
PRL 94, 203202 (2005)



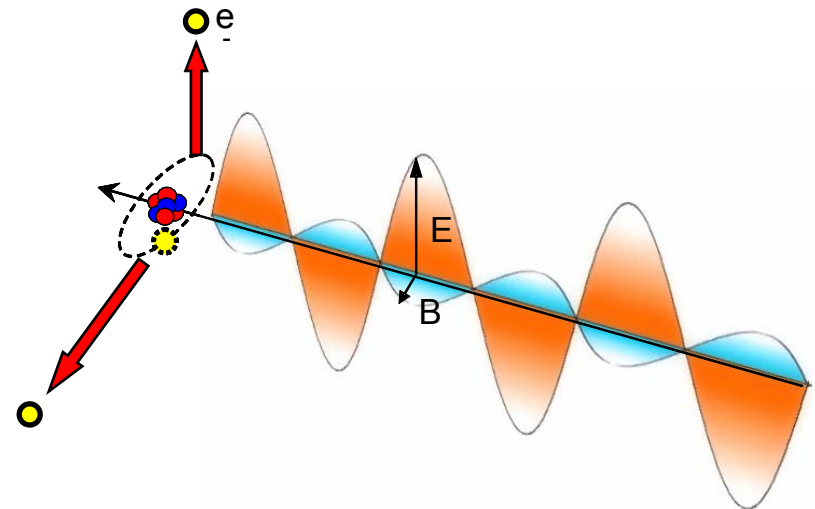
$\psi \Rightarrow$  degree of beam polarization

$\langle \text{unpolarized ion beam} \rangle$

# Crossover Phenomena



# Photoionization





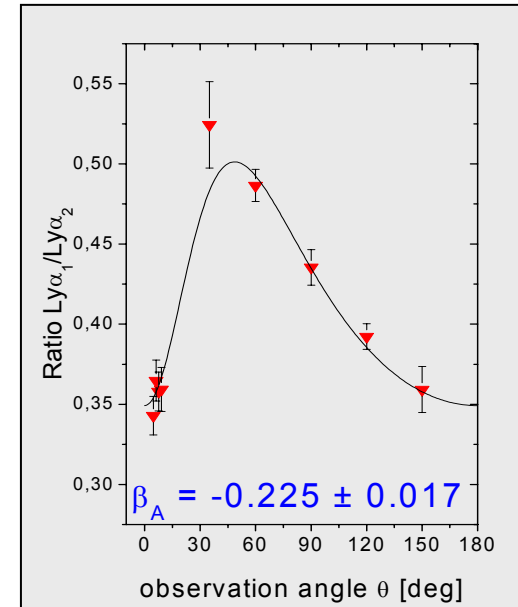
# Polarization Spectroscopy of Photon-Matter Interaction

main photon matter interaction processes with distinct  
photon polarization features

***Synchrotron Radiation, Bremsstrahlung, Recombination,  
Inverse Compton Scattering***

## ***Atomic Structure (bound-bound transitions)***

*Excited states* in heavy ions formed in atomic collisions are usually strongly aligned which translates into a *polarization of the emitted photons*

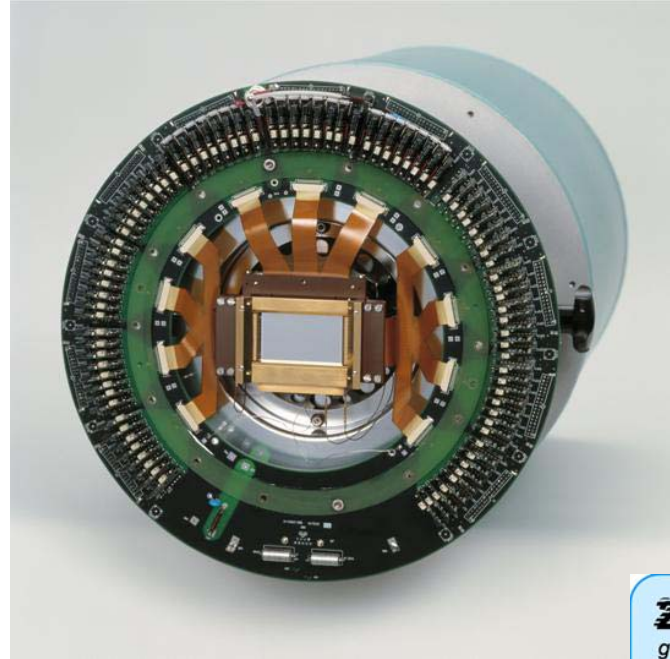
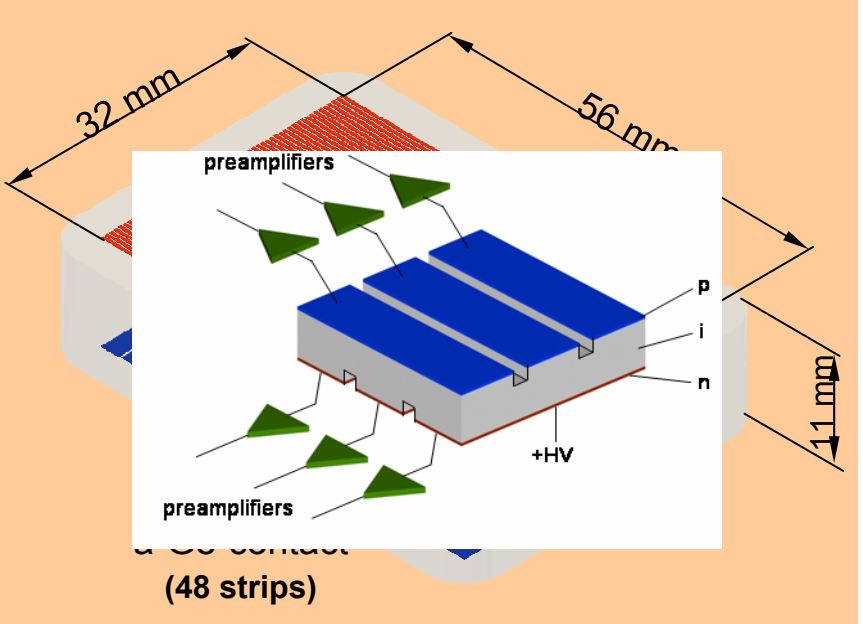


# III Development of Position Sensitive X-Ray Detectors

How accurately can we measure linear polarization ?

*2D  $\mu$ STRIP planar detector systems for future precision experiments and Compton polarimetry*

energy resolution – timing - 2D/3D position sensitivity (100  $\mu$ m)



Front: 128 strips pitch  $\sim$ 250 $\mu$ m

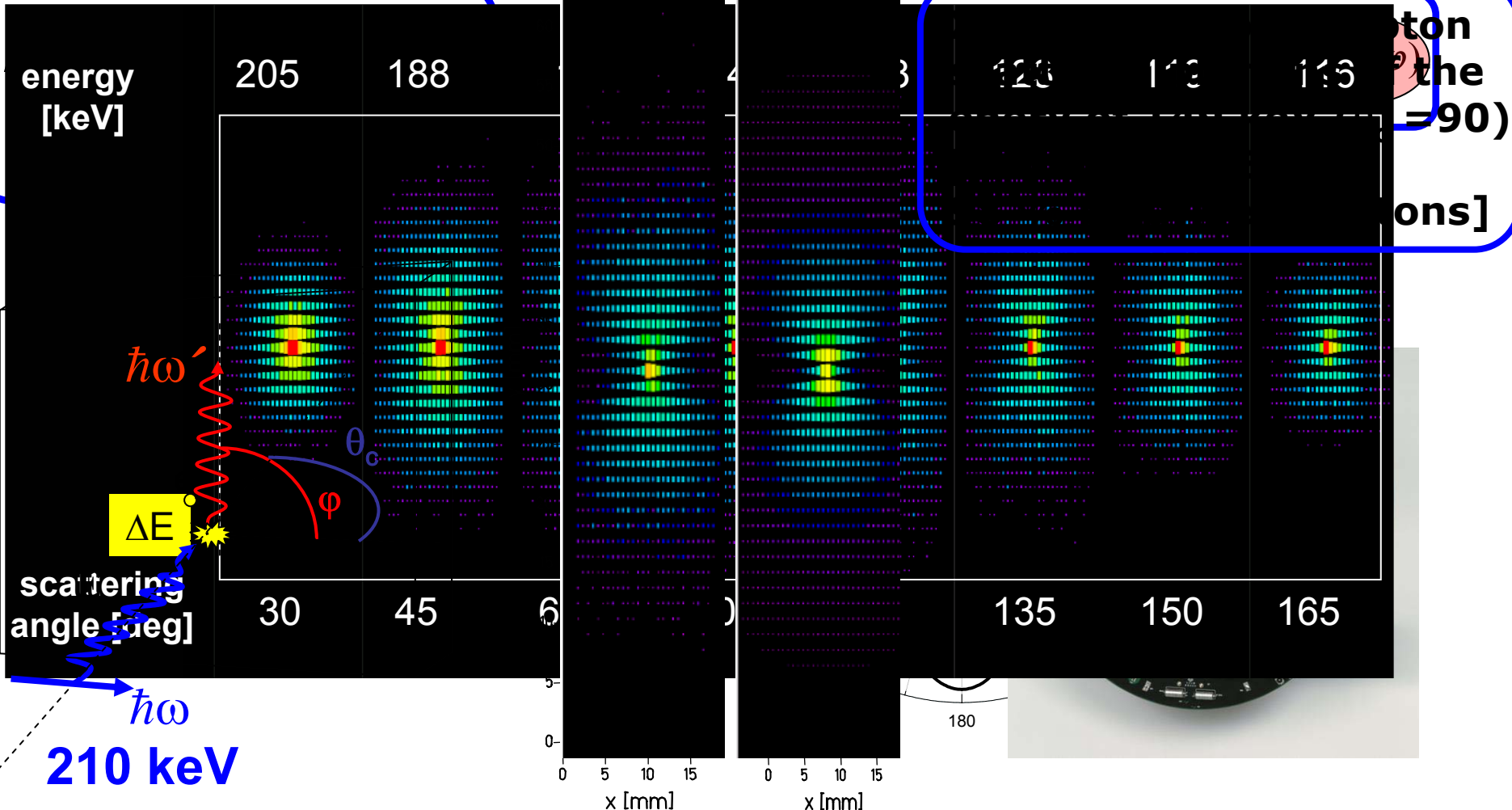
Back: 48 strips pitch  $\sim$ 1167 $\mu$ m

Equivalent to 6144 pixel

# Polarization Spectroscopy of Photon-Matter Interaction

Angle / Energy

Experiment Klein-Nishina equation



Test experiment at ESRF, 2005

# Compton Imager and Polarimeter for Hard X-Rays

Similar projects based on planar position sensitive germanium and Si(Li) detectors

## Compton imager and polarimeter at Naval Research Lab. and LBL

(space missions,  
Kroeger et al., Burke et al.)

## Compton imager

(medical imaging,  
Valenta et al.)

## Compton imager at LLNL

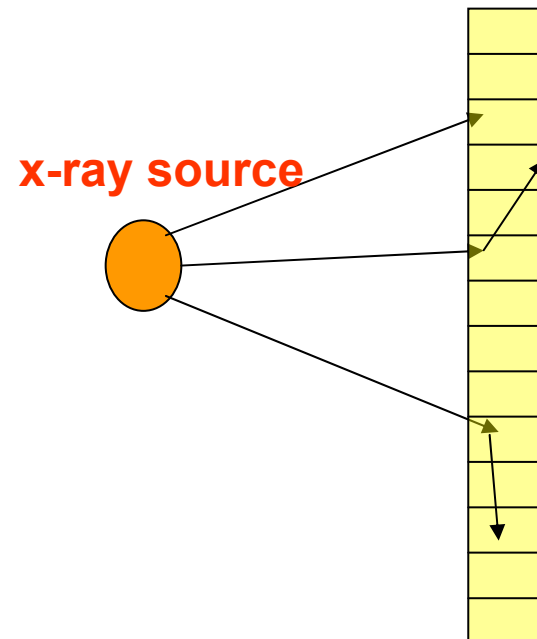
( $\gamma$ -ray imaging,  
K. Vetter et al.)

## Collimator-Free Compton Camera

- use several interaction points to reconstruct incident angle without use of a collimator

## Advantages

- Enhanced efficiency
- Good energy and position resolution
- 3D tomography with a single detector



# Summary

## Atomic Structure at High-Z

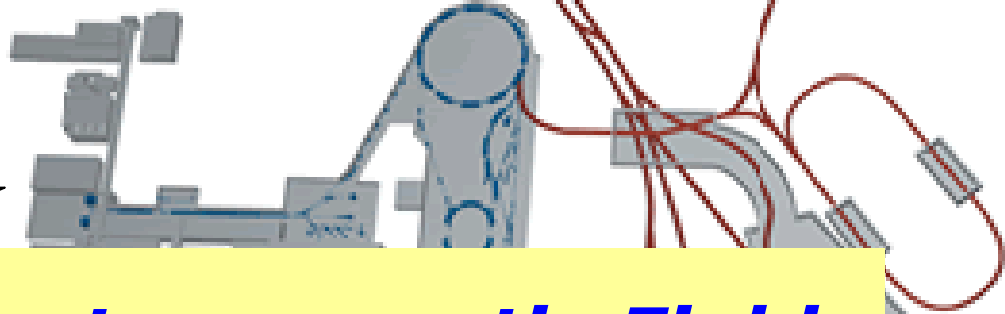
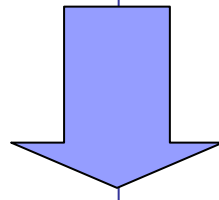
- 1s LS in H-like uranium confirmed on a level of 1%
- further progress towards an absolute accuracy of 1 eV can be expected from high-resolution spectroscopy techniques
- for He-like uranium, a sensitivity on the level of two-electron QED contributions has been achieved
- Dielectronic Recombination has been found to be a precise tool for atomic structure studies
- $\Delta n=0$  resonances are in particular sensitive to nuclear size corrections and may serve as a model independent test of nuclear parameters

## Atomic Collisions at High-Z

- elementary atomic processes can uniquely be studied by their time reversal in inverse kinematics
- recombination process reveal structure properties
- basic photon matter interactions can be investigated
- segmented solid state detectors, an excellent tool for polarization studies in the hard x-ray regime
- first polarization studies for radiative recombination studies show that REC is a source of strongly polarized radiation
- using Si(Li) strip detectors, such studies can be extended to inner-shell transitions

# Challenges and Opportunities: Atomic Physics at FAIR

- *Heavy Highly Charged Ions*
- *Relativistic Heavy Ions*
- *Radioactive Nuclei*
- *Antiprotons*



***I. Extreme Static Electromagnetic Fields***

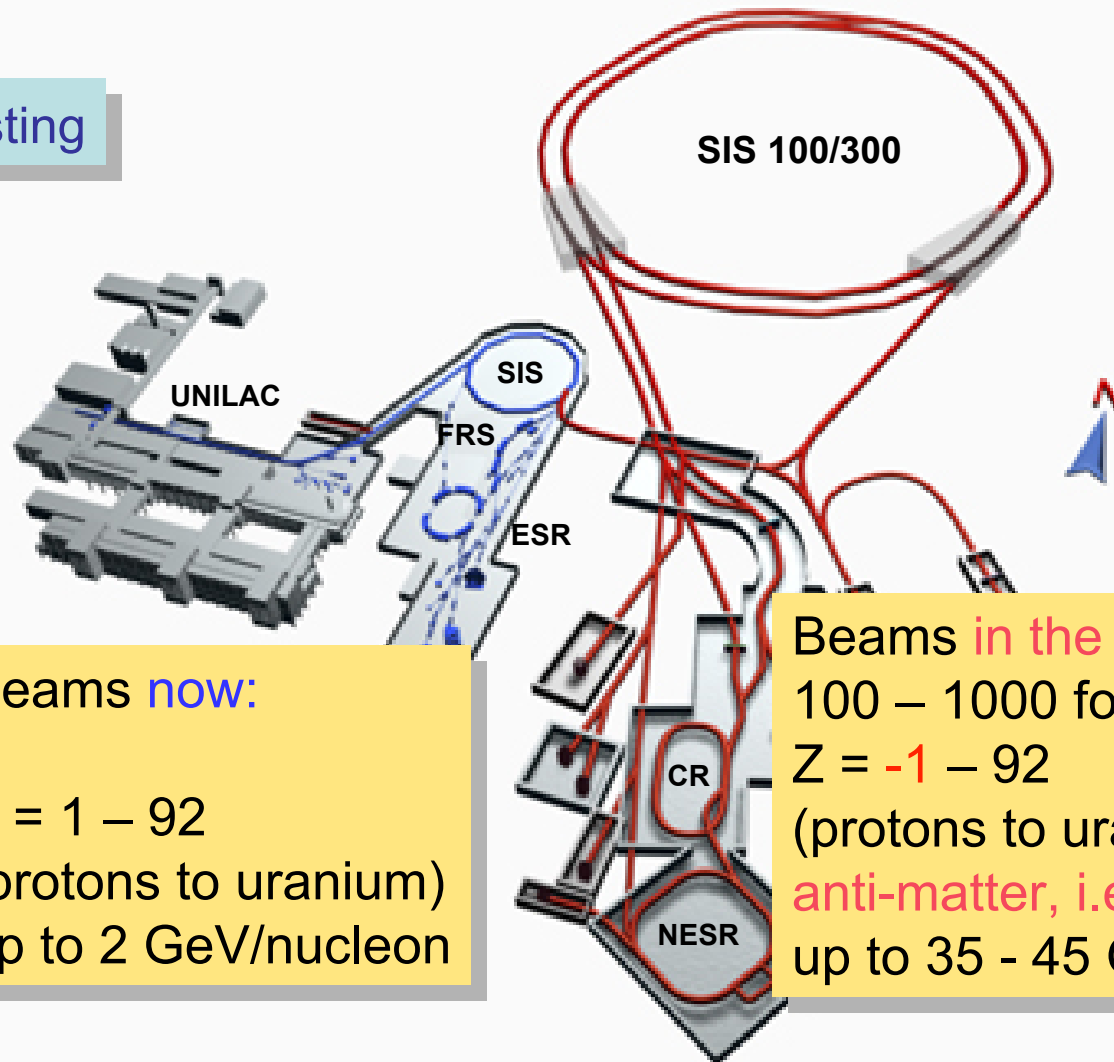
***II. Extreme Dynamic Fields***

***III. Ultra-Slow and Trapped Antiprotons***

# The Future International Facility at GSI: Beams of Ions and Antiprotons

Existing

Future Project



Beams **now**:

$Z = 1 - 92$   
(protons to uranium)  
up to 2 GeV/nucleon

Beams **in the future**:

100 – 1000 fold intensity  
 $Z = -1 - 92$   
(protons to uranium plus  
**anti-matter, i.e. anti-protons**)  
up to 35 - 45 GeV/nucleon

100 m

# Accelerator Issues: Charge Changing Collisions

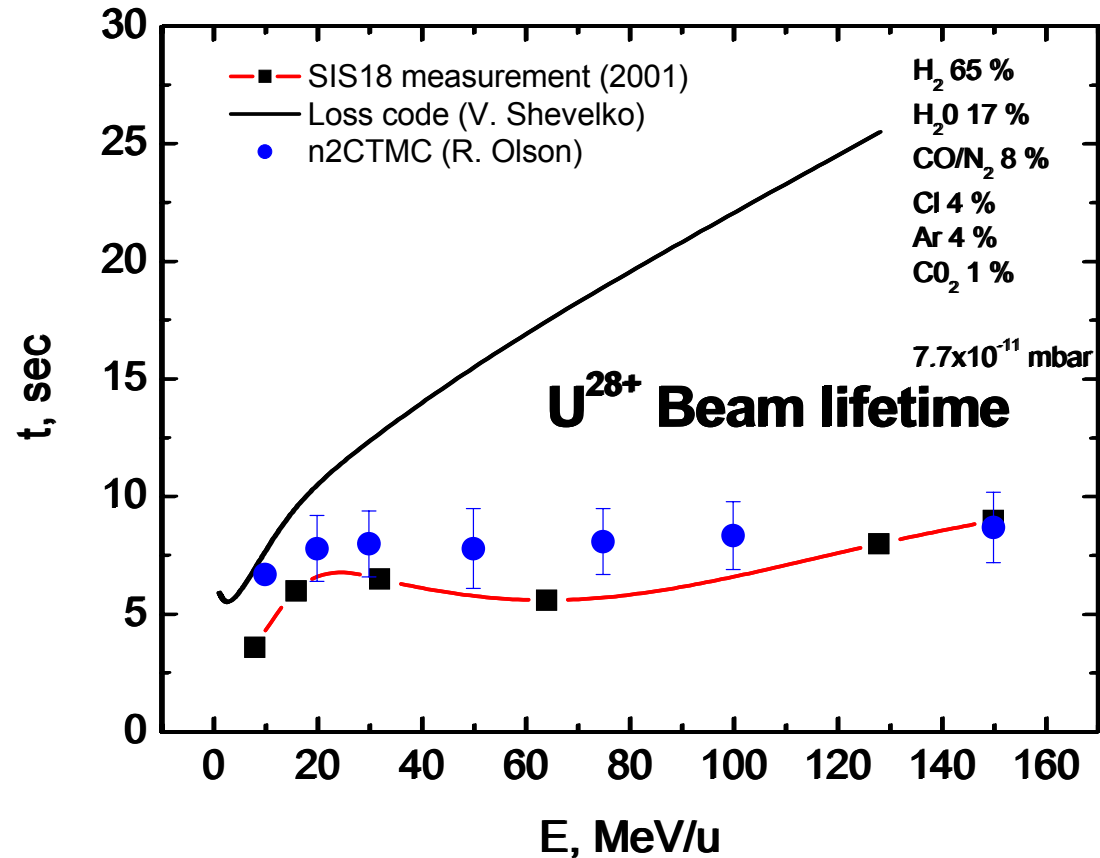
data are needed  
for

heavy ion driven fusion  
RHIC  
GSI

related projects

charge state distributions for  
relativistic ions

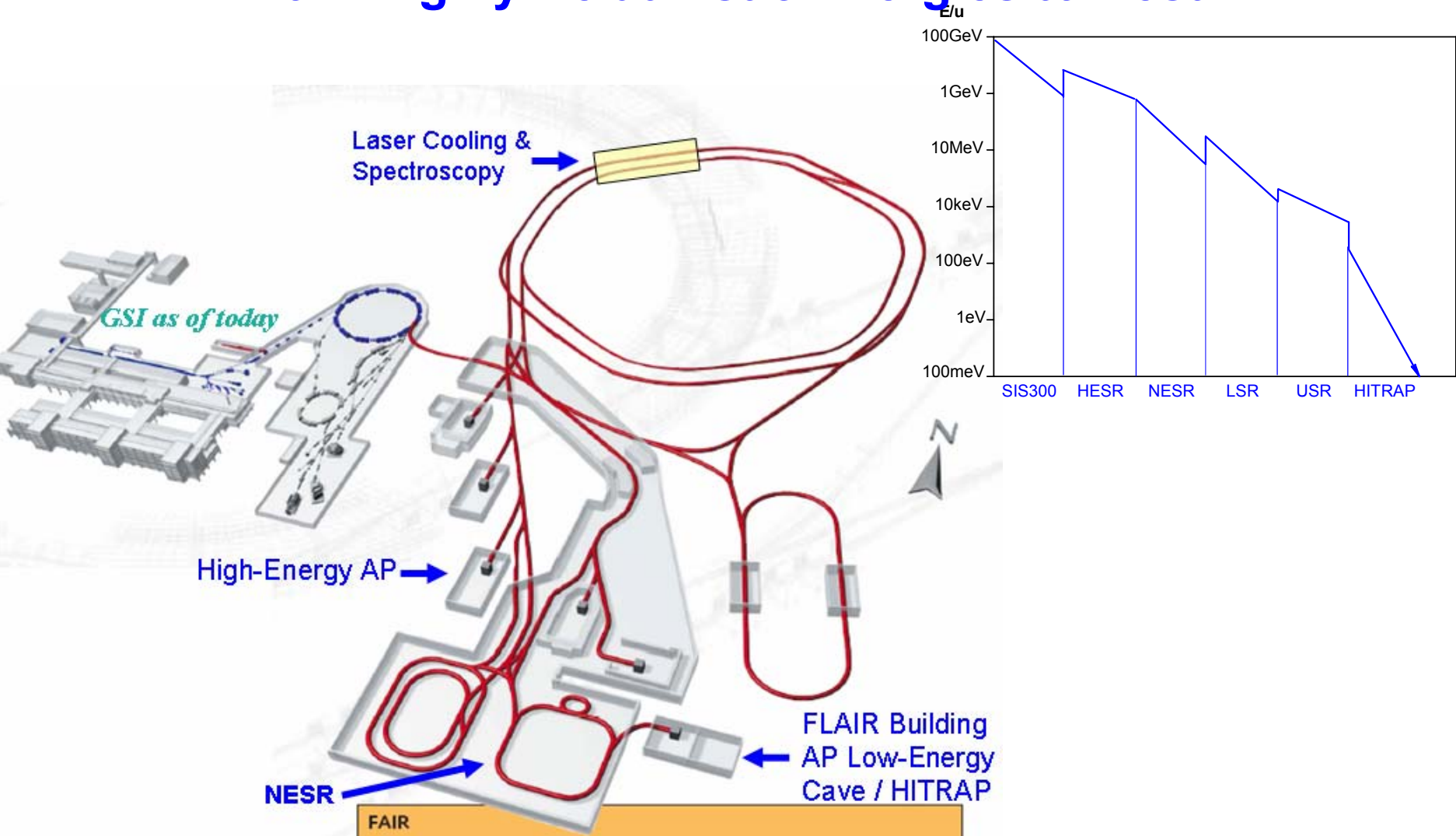
luminosity for radioactive ion  
beams at storage rings





# The Facilities for Atomic Physics @ FAIR

## From Highly Relativistic Energies to Rest



# The New Experimental Storage Ring NESR

## Novel Instrumentation

Ultracold Electron Target

Micro-Jet Target

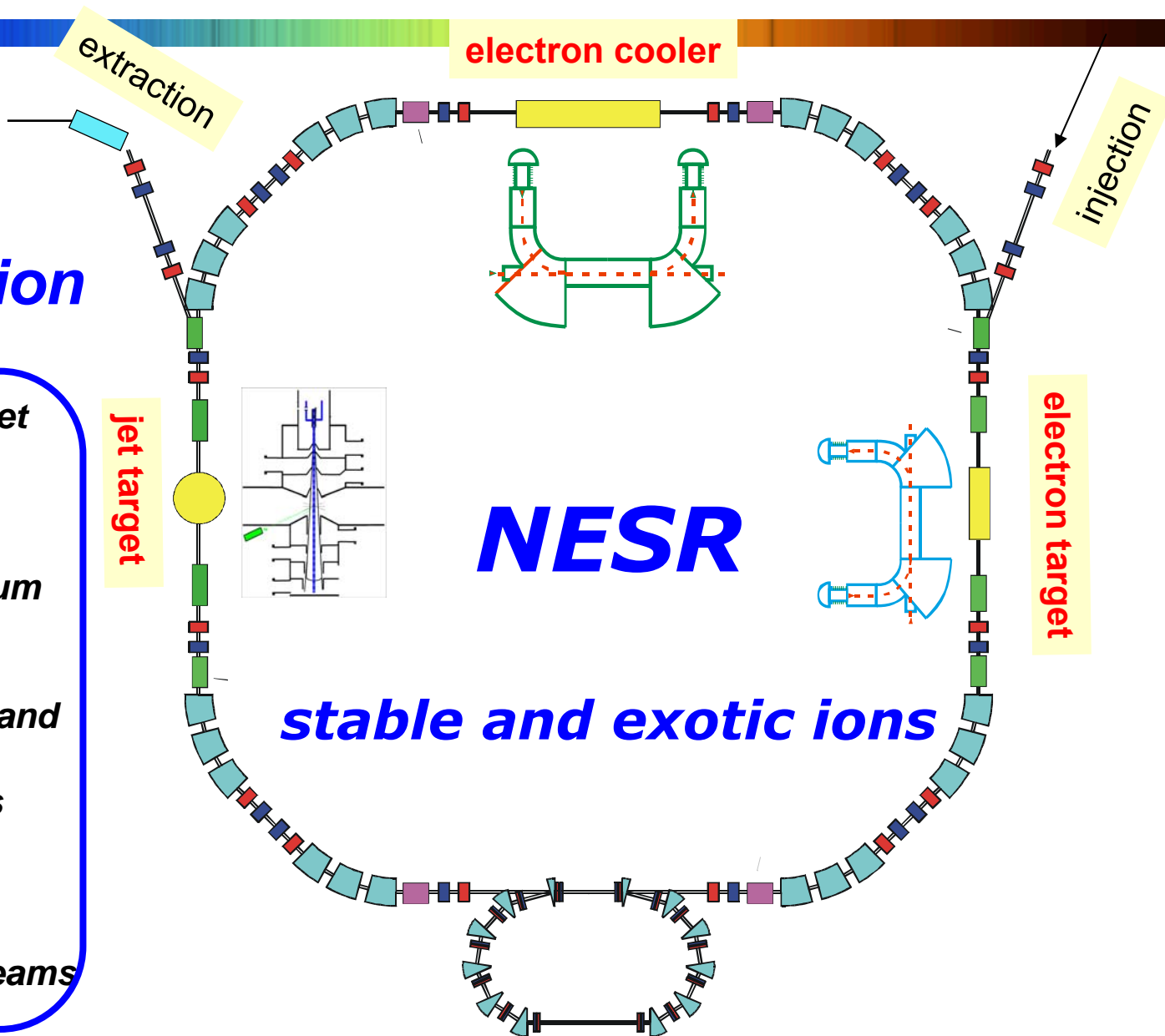
In-Ring Recoil Momentum  
Microscope

High Resolution X-Ray and

Electron Spectrometers

X-Ray Laser

Highly Intense Laser Beams



***The **SPARC**-Collaboration:  
Atomic Physics with Heavy Stable and  
Radioactive Ions***

**SPARC**

***Stored Particle Atomic Research Collaboration***

***The **FLAIR**-Collaboration:  
Atomic Physics with Slow Antiprotons***

**FLAIR**

***Facility for Low-Energy Anti-Protons and Ion Research***

# *Challenges and Opportunities - Atomic Physics at FAIR*

