

# *Atomic Physics at GSI: An Outlook*

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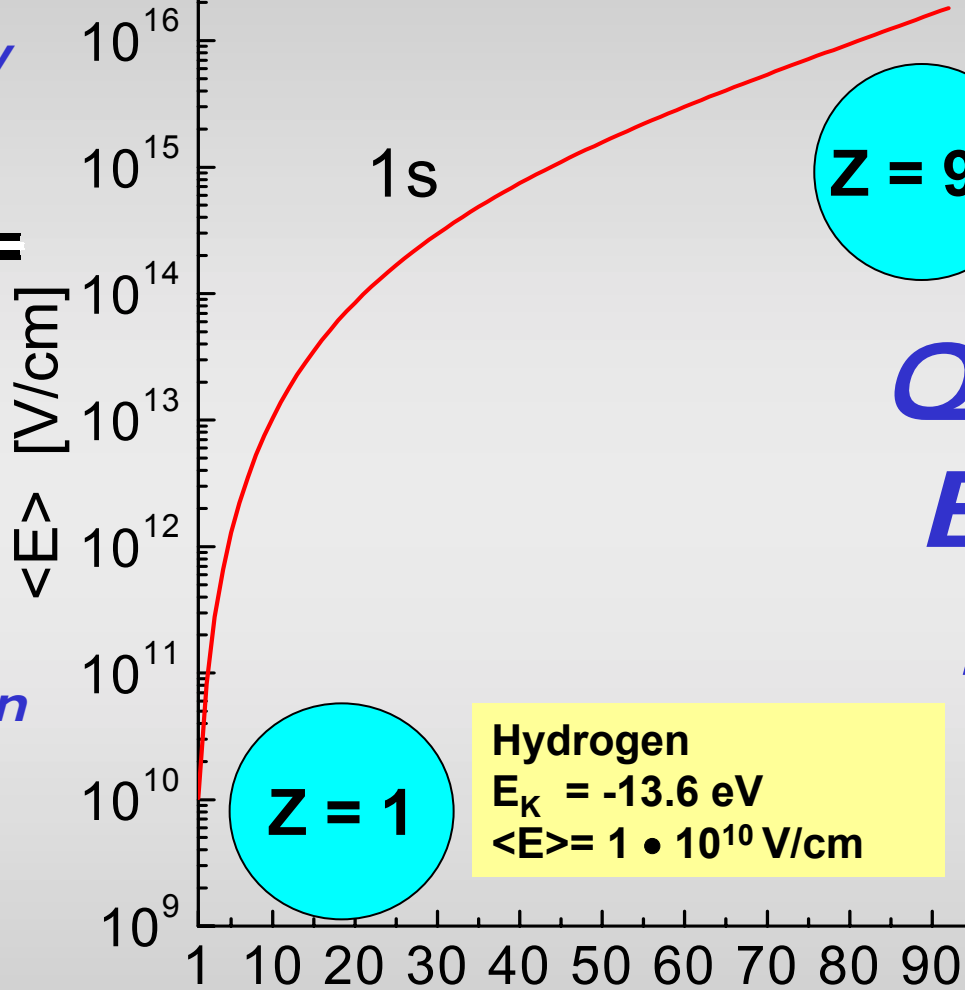
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## **AP WORKSHOP 2002, GSI**

# Atomic Physics in Extremely Strong Coulomb Fields

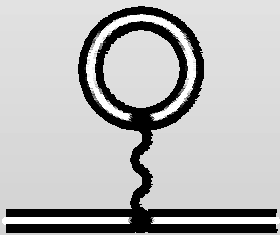
H-like Uranium  
 $E_K = -132 \cdot 10^3 \text{ eV}$   
 $\langle E \rangle = 1.8 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ V/cm}$

*Self Energy*



Quantum  
Electro-  
Dynamics

*Vacuum Polarization*



Nuclear Charge,  $Z$

*1s-ground state: increase of the electric field strength by six orders of magnitude*

## Test of Quantum Electrodynamics

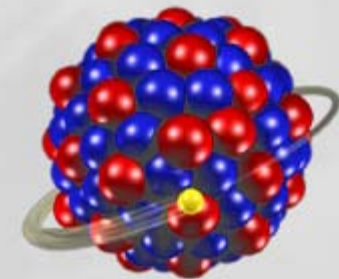
### Hydrogen-Atom



$$Z=1; E_b = 13.6 \text{ eV}$$

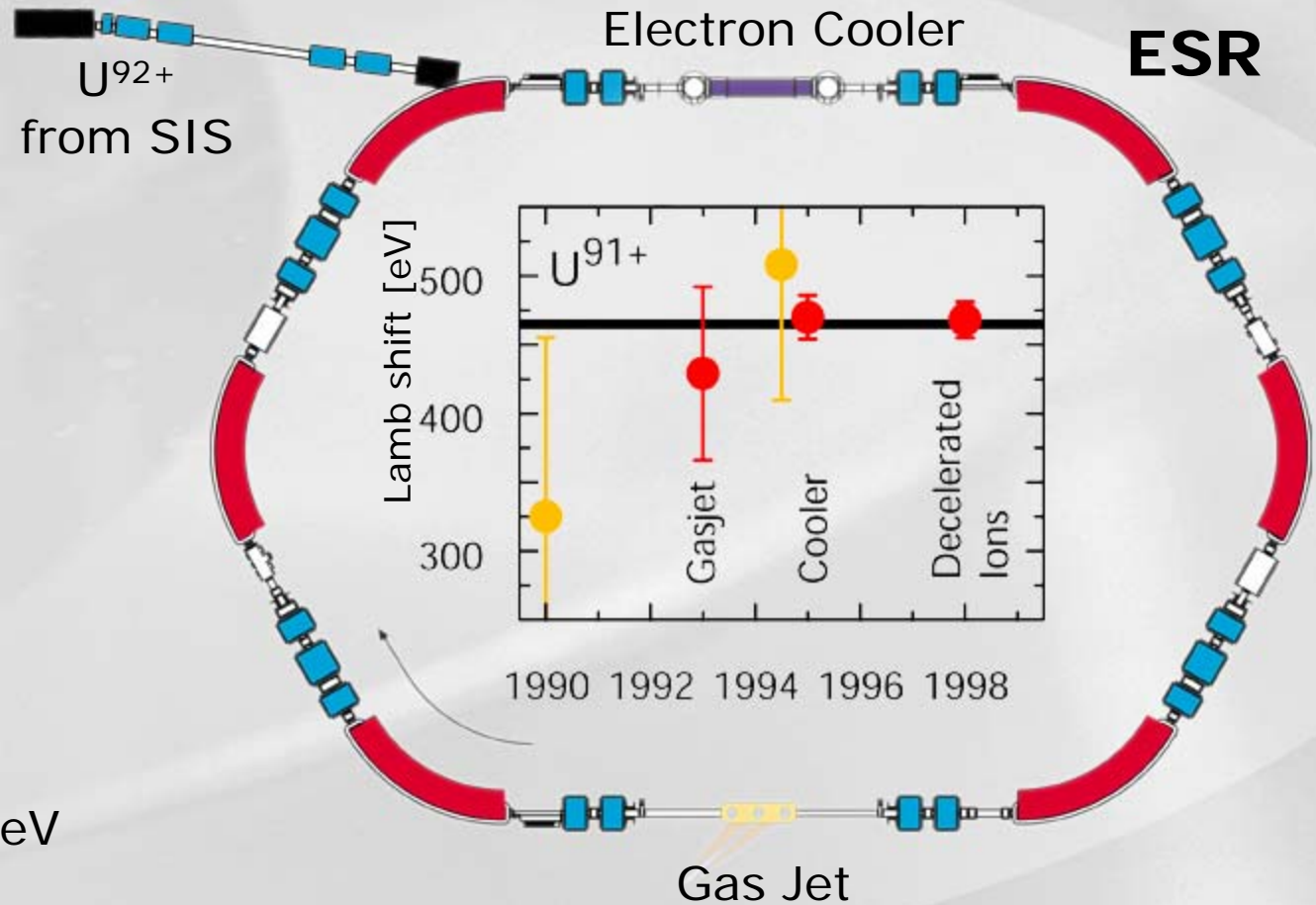
$$Z \cdot \alpha \ll 1$$

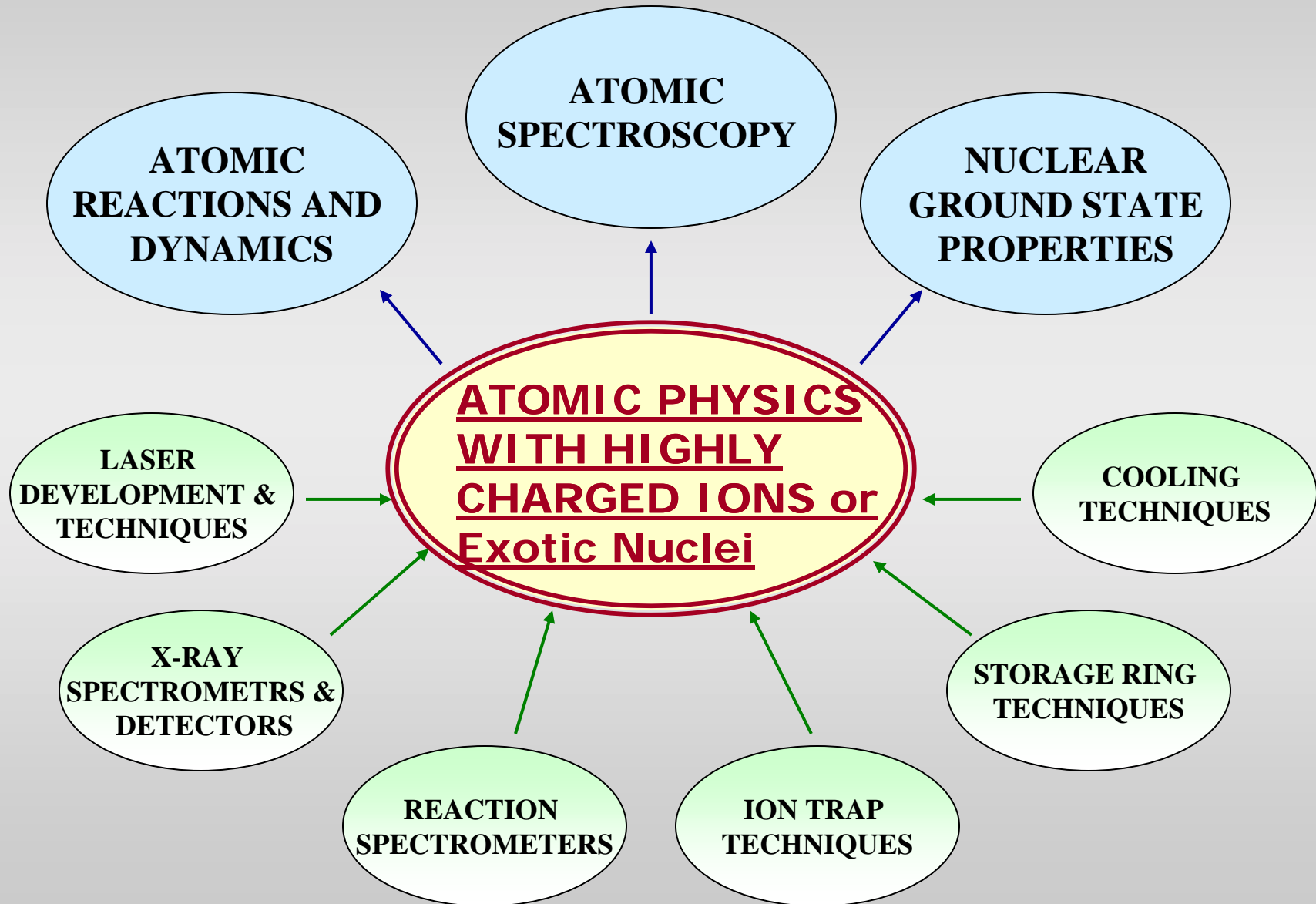
### Uranium-Ion



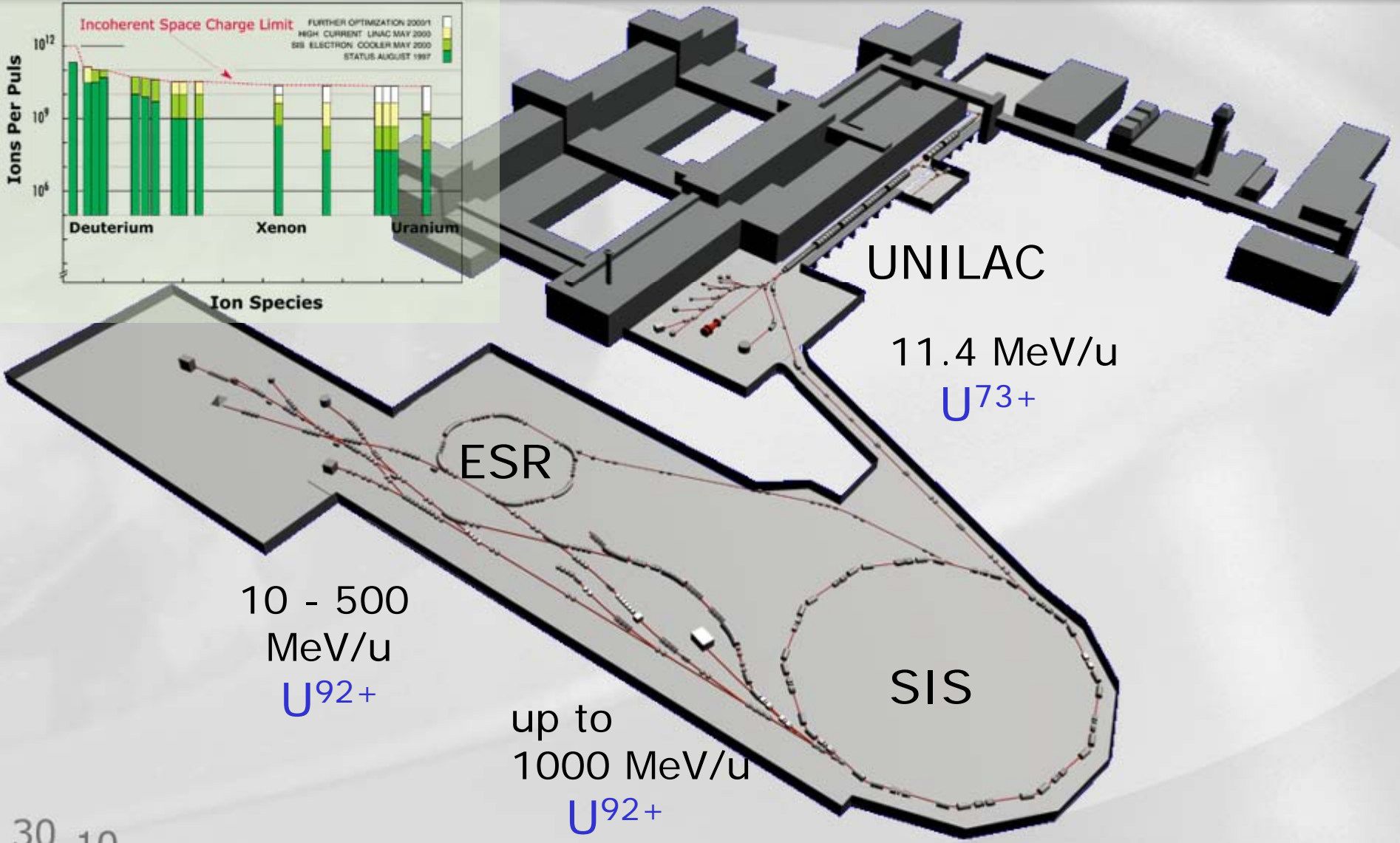
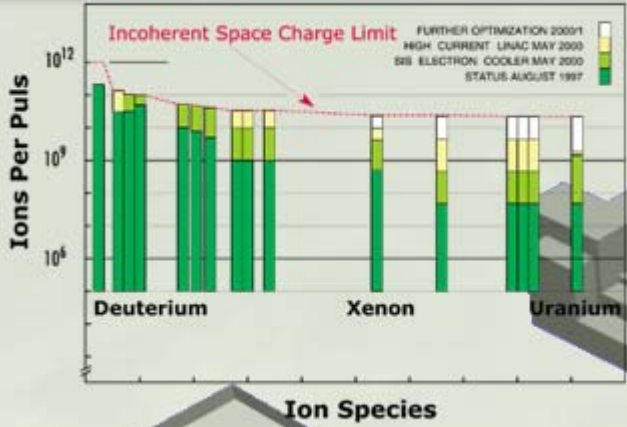
$$Z=92; E_b = 132 \text{ KeV}$$

$$Z \cdot \alpha \approx 1$$



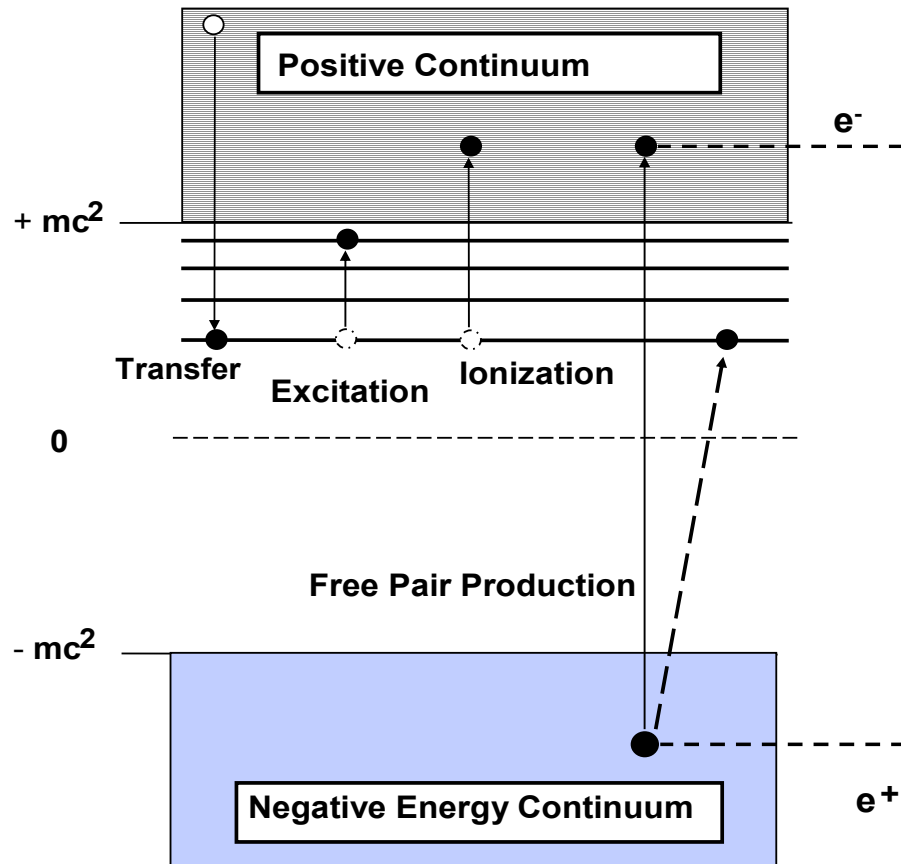


# GSI - Accelerator Facility

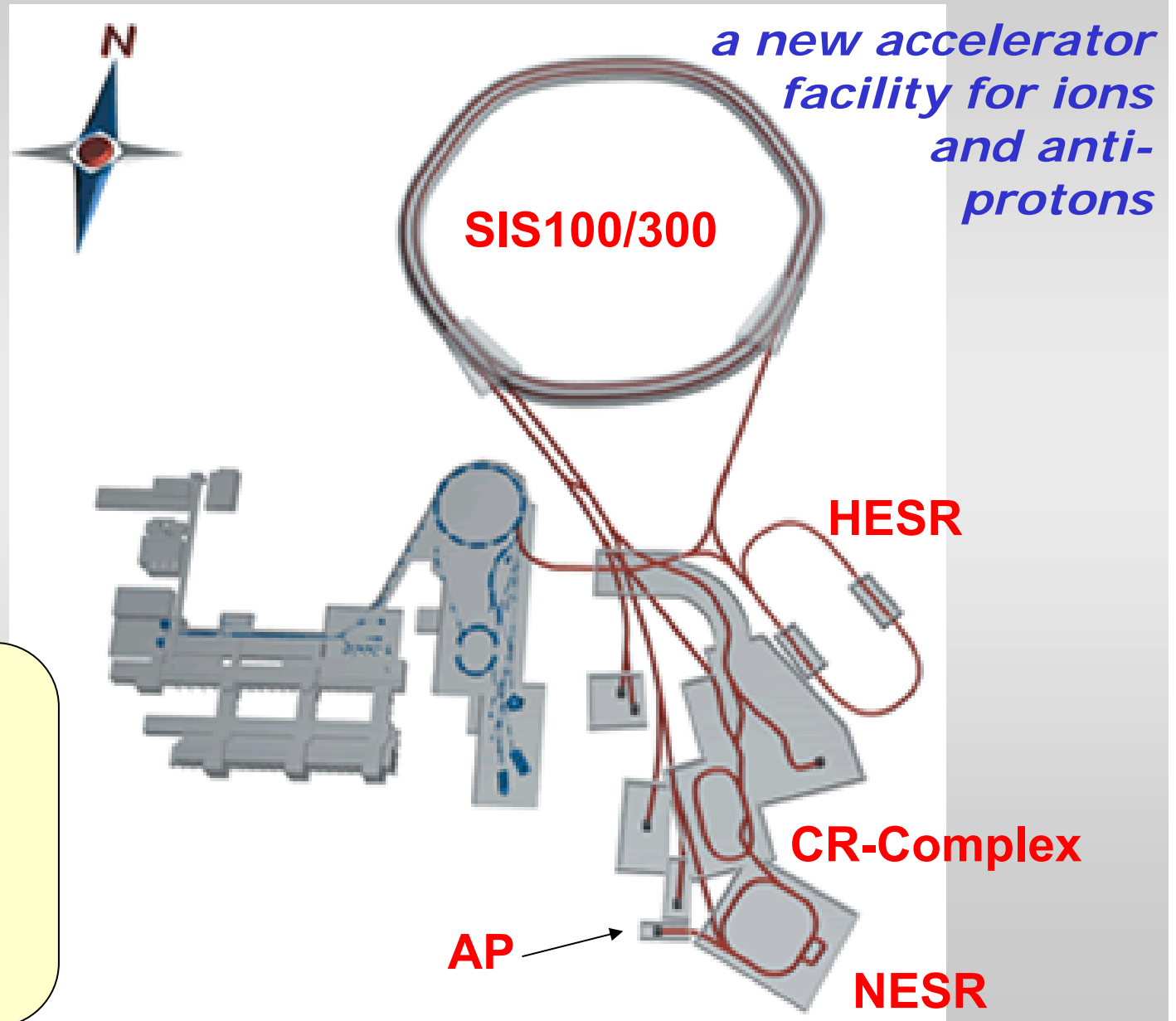


## High- $\gamma$

Collision times in the sub-attosecond regime  
( $10^{-22} \text{ s} < t < 10^{-18} \text{ s}$ )



# The New GSI Accelerator Project



**Parameter**  
stored and cooled  
antiprotons  
up to 30 GeV  
90 GeV protons  
34 GeV/u  $U^{92+}$

**Relativistic Collision Dynamics in Strong Electromagnetic Fields**

**Test of Quantum Electrodynamics in Strong Fields**

**Atomic Physics Techniques Applied  
to Nuclear Physics**

**Atomic Physics Techniques Applied to  
Fundamental Tests other than QED**

**Ions and Electrons in Highly-Intense,  
Femtosecond Laser Fields**



## High Intensity Synchrotron (SIS300)

Parameter

90 GeV protons; 29 GeV antiprotons

34 GeV/u U<sup>92+</sup>

laser ion-beam  
interaction zone

high-energy cave

## New Fragment Separator (SFRS)

[production of fragment beams]

## Collector Ring Complex (CR)

[stochastic cooling for fragment beams]

## New Experimental Storage Ring (NESR)

[energies between 840 MeV/u down to 3 MeV/u]

Internal and external  
installations

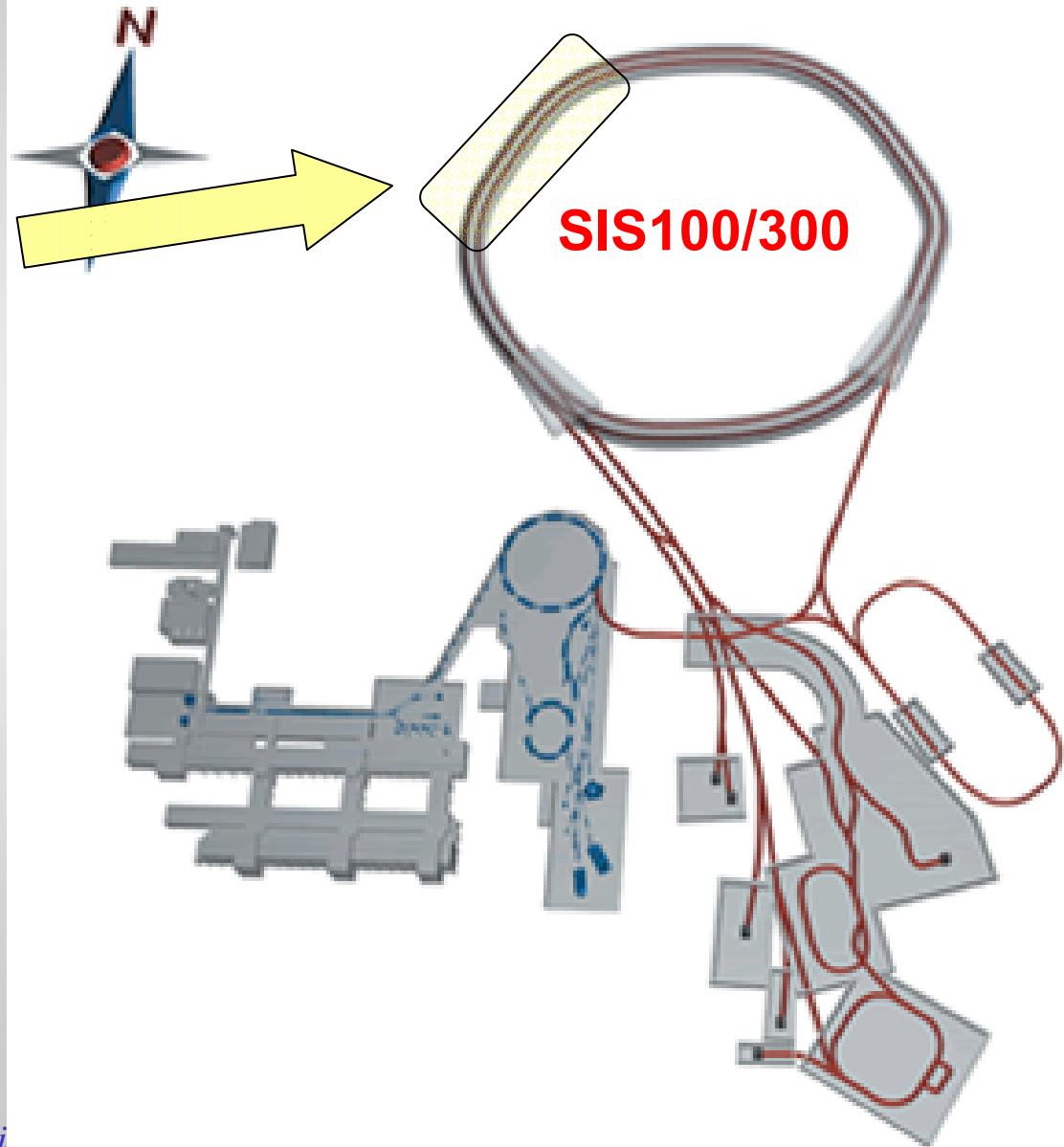
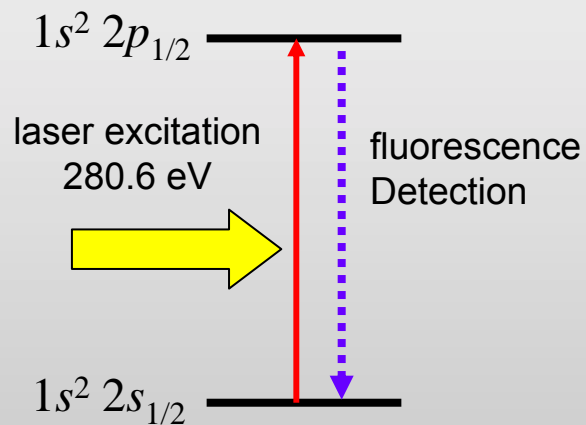
## High Energy Experimental Storage Ring (HESR)

[for anti-protons at energies up to 14 GeV]

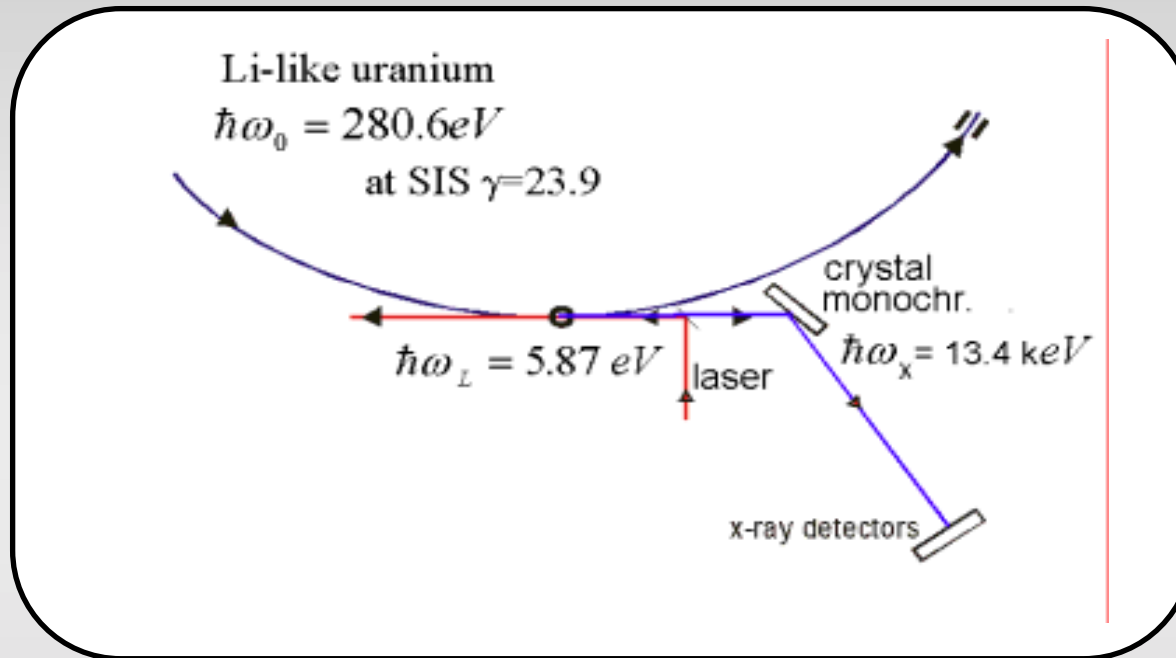
Optional: heavy ions beams up to 6 GeV/u

**Optional:** internal target  
experiments with HCI

High Precision Laser Spectroscopy by using the large Lorentz energy shift at high  $\gamma$  values



## Precision Tests of QED in Strong Fields High-Z Li-Like Ions



Lab. System (laser)

$$\hbar\omega_L = 5.87 eV$$

$\gamma=23.9$



Projectile frame  
excitation

$$\hbar\omega_0 = 280.6 eV$$

fluorescence

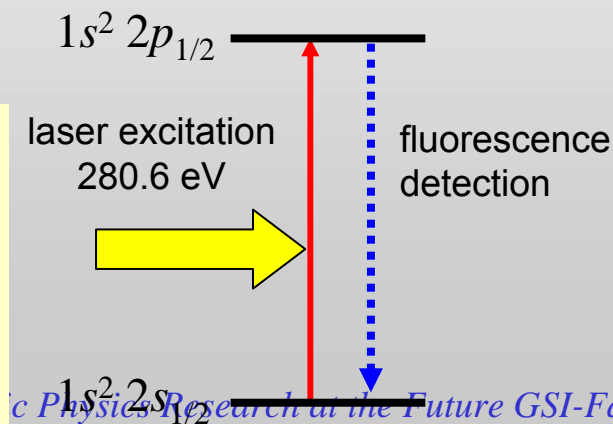
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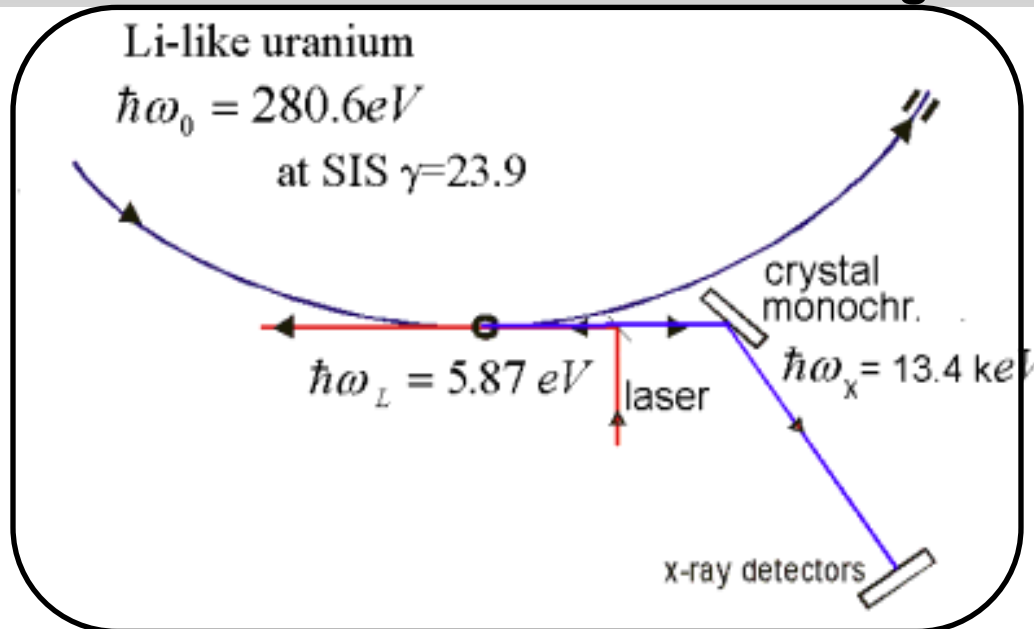
Lab. System  
fluorescence

$$\hbar\omega_x = 13384 eV$$

The **large Doppler shift** allows to use **visible laser** sources to excite transitions in the energy range up to **280 eV**, e.g. 2s-2p transitions in lithium-like heavy ions



## Precision Tests of QED in Strong Fields High-Z Li-Like Ions



Expected accuracy for the  
 280 eV transition: 0.007 eV  
 (currently best value:  
 $280.59 \pm 0.09\text{ eV}$ )

Only 100 ions are required

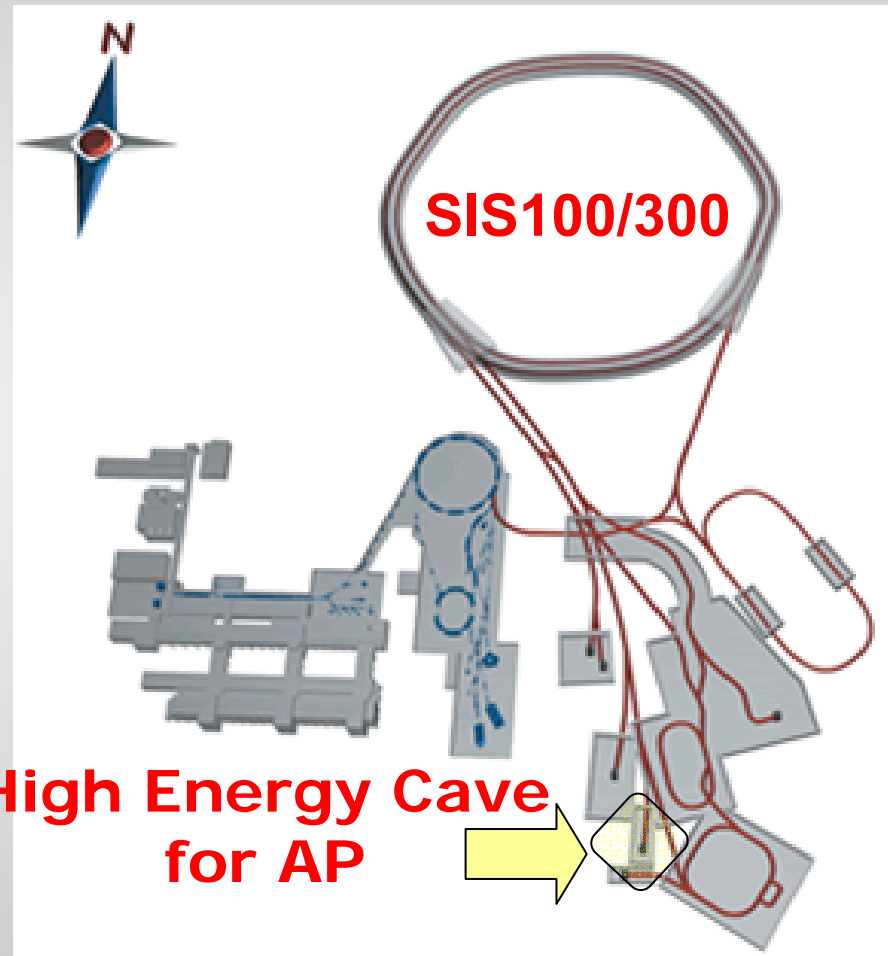
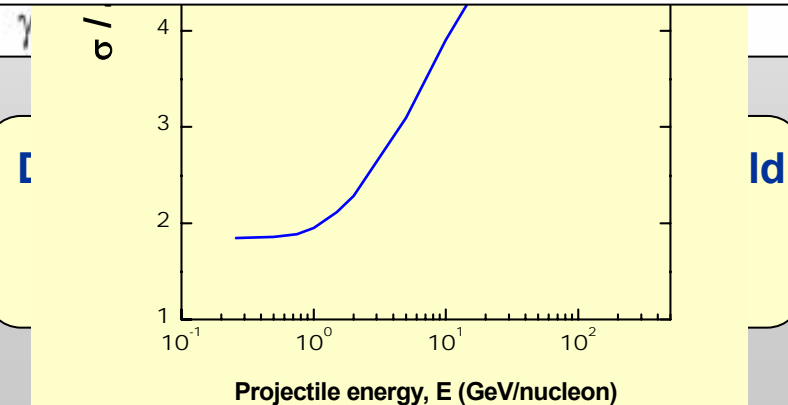
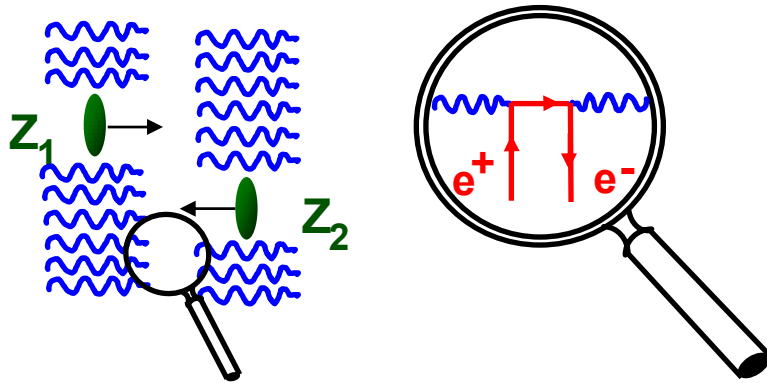
### Further Applications

- measurement of nuclear charge radii for radioactive ion beams
- magnetic nuclear moments (hyperfine structure)

# Collision Experiments at SIS 300

## Electromagnetic Phenomena under Extreme & Unusual

$\ln(\gamma)$  cross-section increase for all excitation like processes such as ionization or  $e^+e^-$  pair creation



[energies up to 34 GeV/u for  $U^{92+}$ ]

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## The New ESR

Storage and Cooler Ring for  
HCI, Antiprotons, Fragment Beams

Energies: 840 to 3 MeV/u

Circumference: **211 m** (ESR: 108 m)

Straight sections for exp. installations  
18 m

### Experimental installations

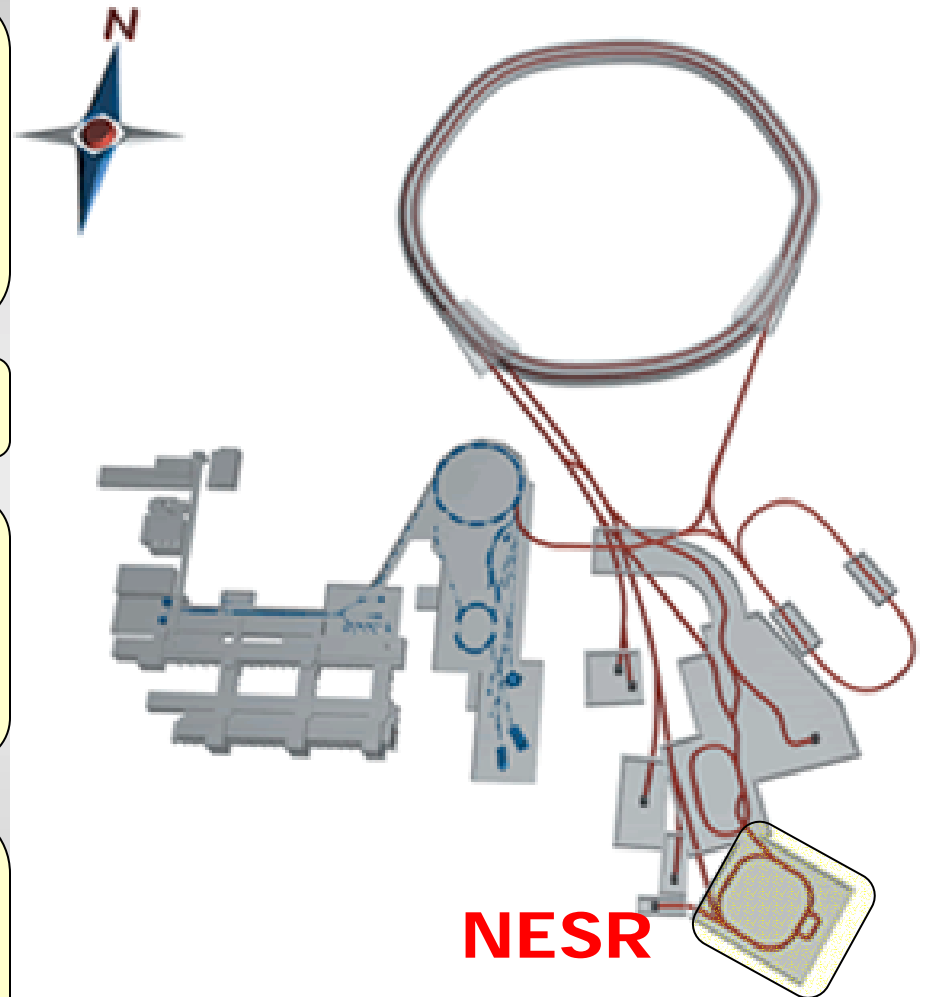
electron target

internal jet-target

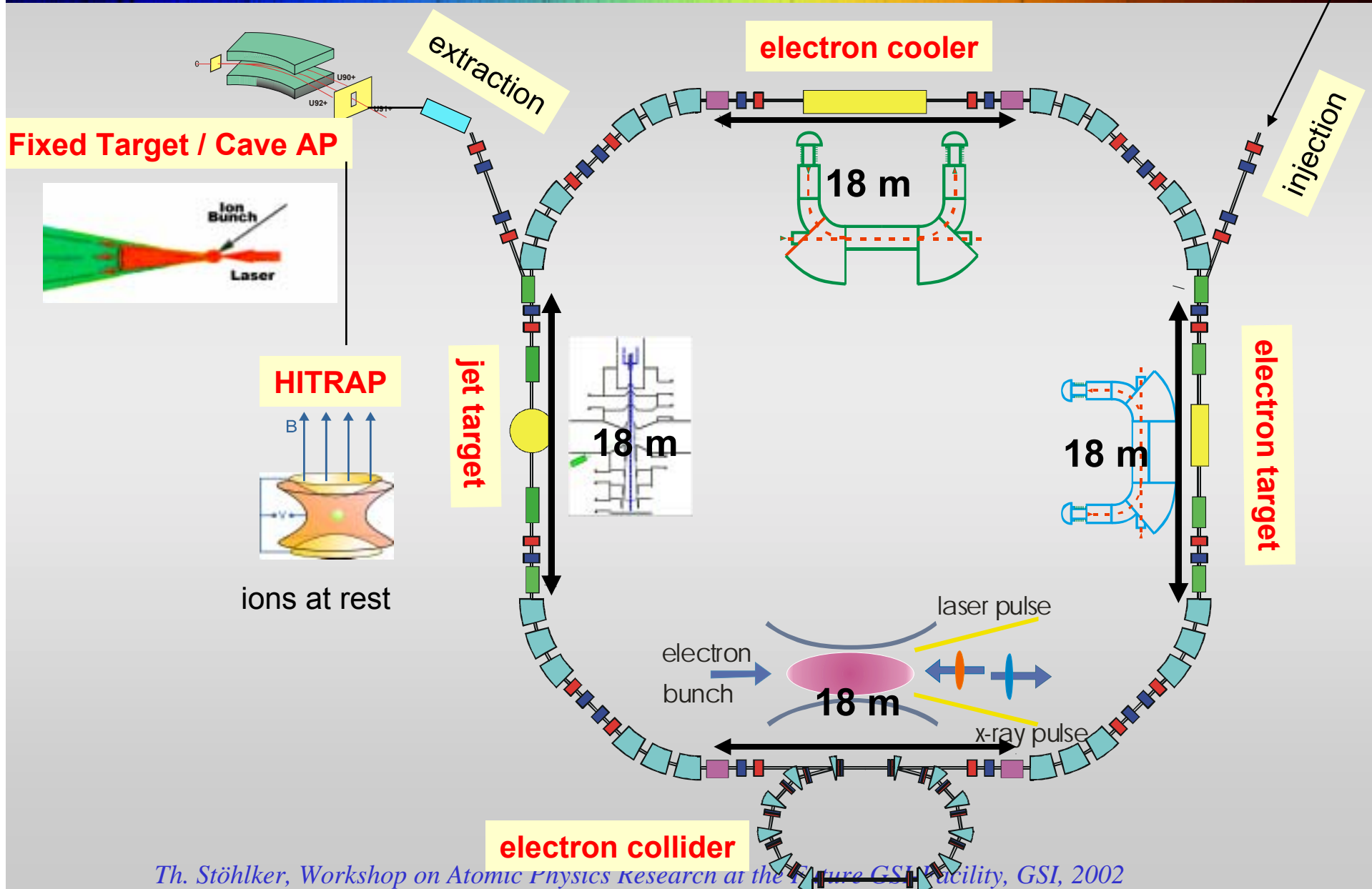
laser-ion interaction zone

low-energy cave: cooled extracted ions

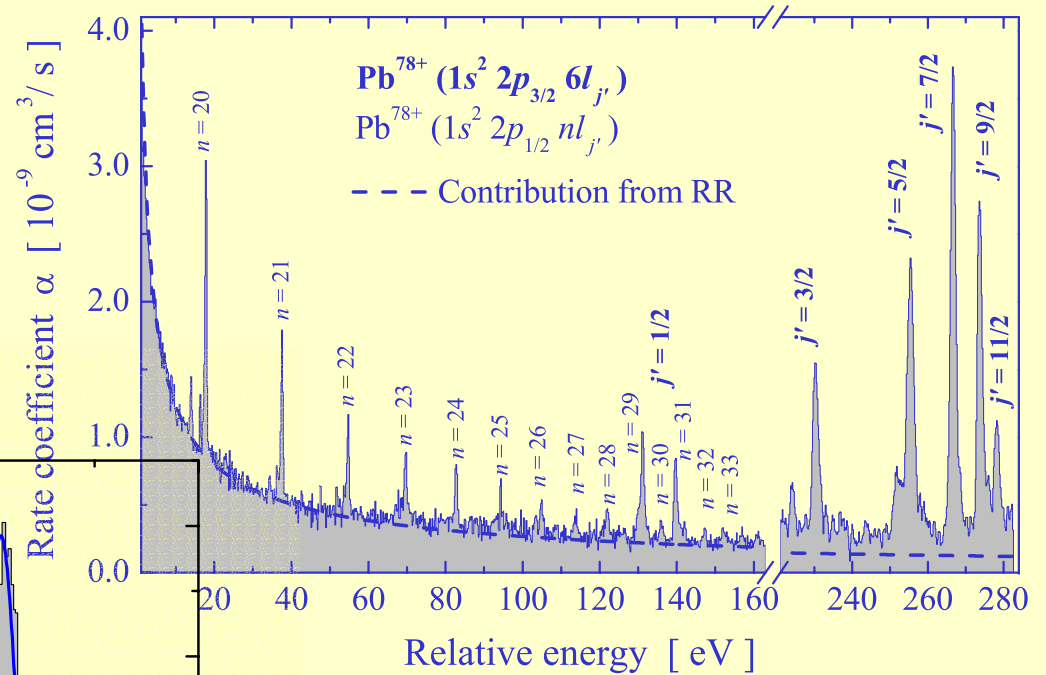
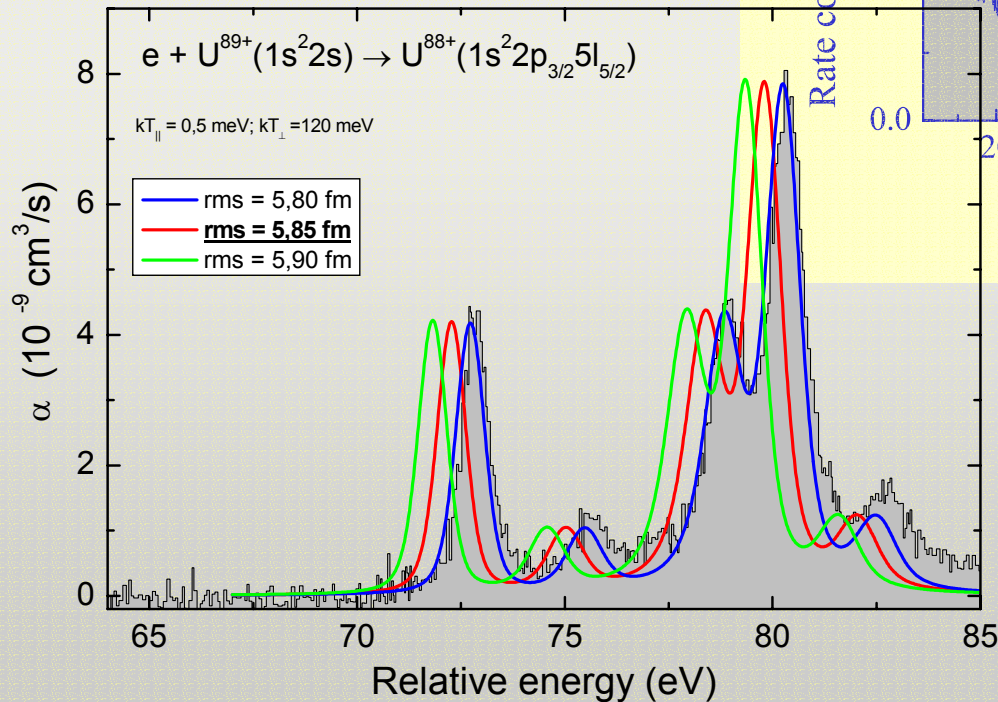
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# The New Experimental Storage Ring **NESR**



DR experiments for Li-like heavy ions at the ESR:  
The already achieved accuracy is comparable with the most precise x-ray experiments

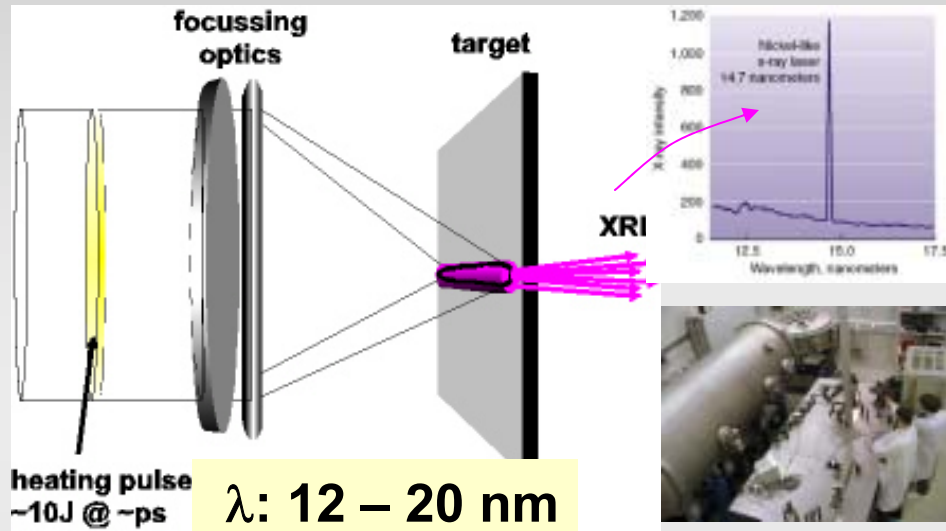


Experiment and theory for  
three different rms radii of  
 $^{238}\text{U}$

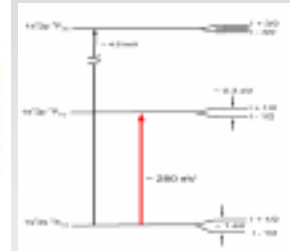
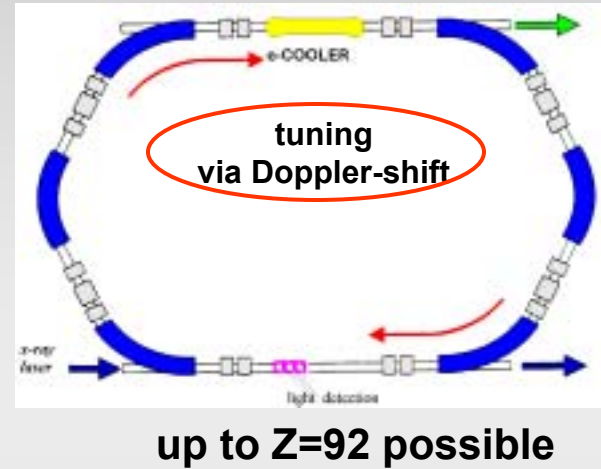


# X-Ray Laser Spectroscopy on Lithium-like Radioactive Nuclei

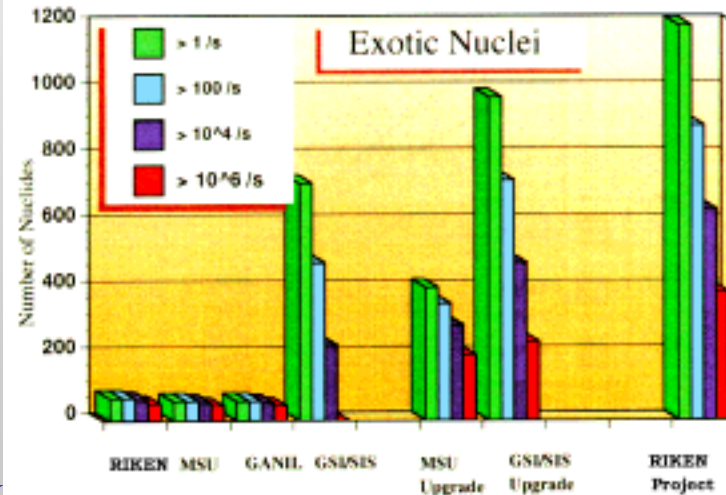
## Principle of an X-Ray Laser (XRL)



## Excitation in the ESR/NESR



**At NESR:**  
**Wide Range**  
**of**  
**Accessible**  
**Ions**



$$\Delta p/p \sim 5 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{Dopp.}}/E \sim 10^{-4} \dots 10^{-5}$$

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# Experiments at the Jet-Target of the NESR (Collision Dynamics with HCl and Antiprotons)

## ELECTRON SPECTROSCOPY

high-resolution electron spectroscopy  
complementary to the x-ray channel

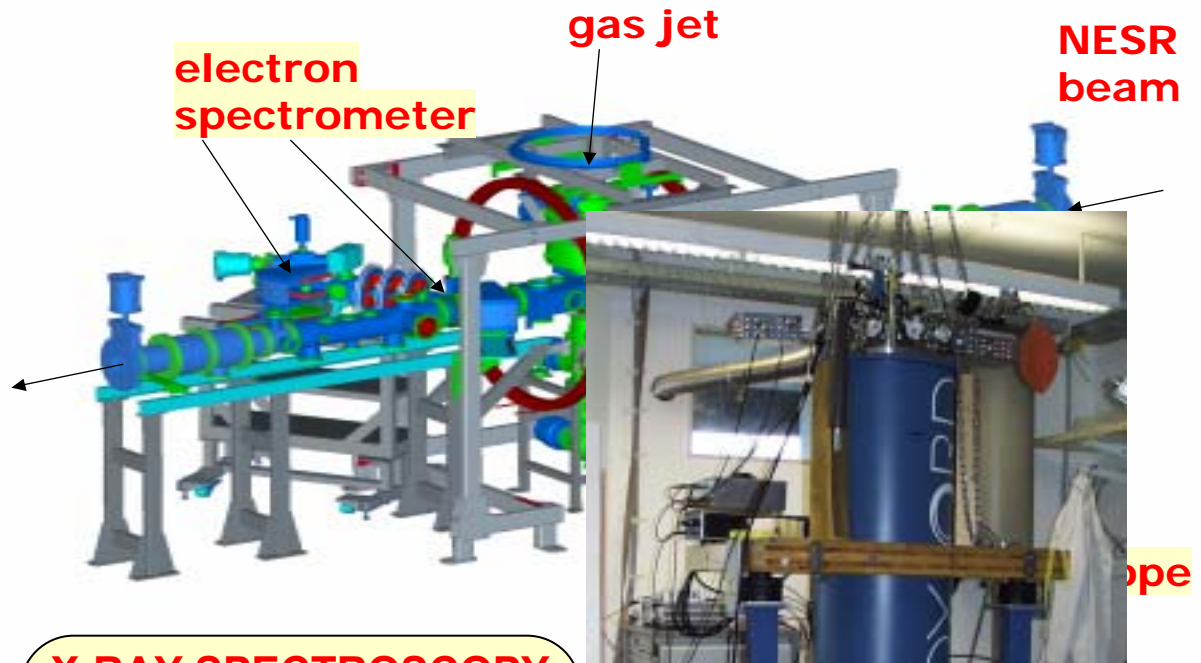
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R. Mannet al.

## RECOIL ION MOMENTUM SPECTROSCOPY

e.g.  
impact parameter sensitive studies  
(e,2e) processes in HCl atom collisions

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H. Kollmus et al.  
R. Moshhammer et al.  
A. Dorn et al.

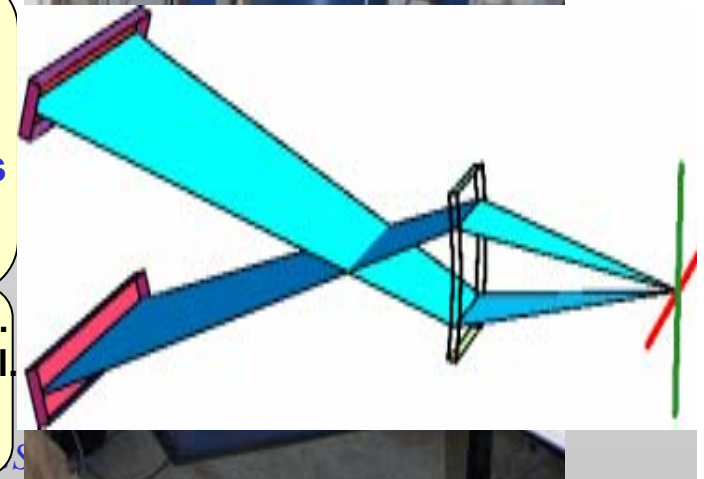
**J. Ullrich** *Stöhlker, Workshop on Atom*



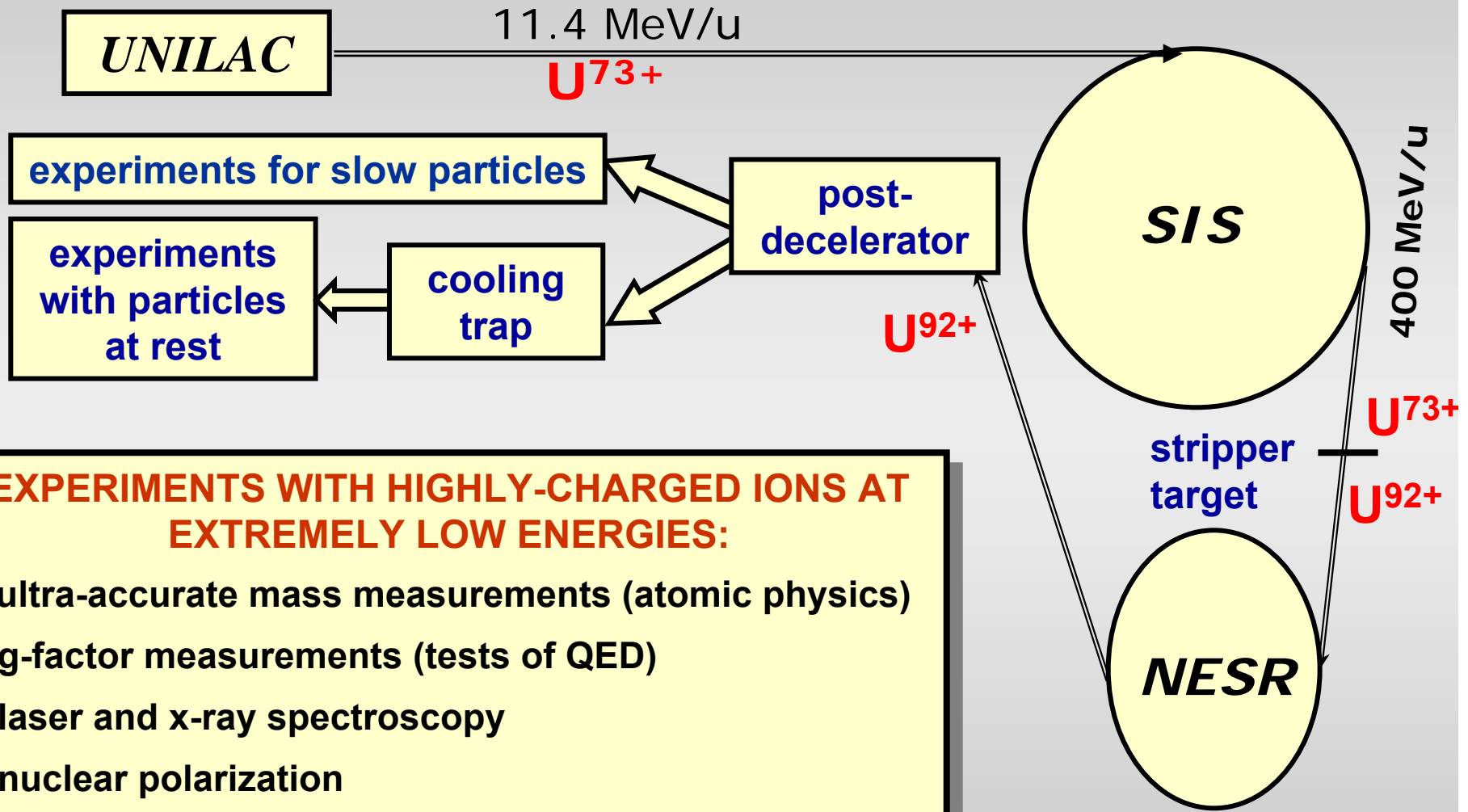
## X-RAY SPECTROSCOPY

e.g.  
precision spectroscopy  
photon correlation studies  
polarization phenomena

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# The HITRAP Project at GSI



**HITRAP  
WORKSHOP**

- EXPERIMENTS WITH HIGHLY-CHARGED IONS AT EXTREMELY LOW ENERGIES:**
- ultra-accurate mass measurements (atomic physics)
  - g-factor measurements (tests of QED)
  - laser and x-ray spectroscopy
  - nuclear polarization
  - surface studies and hollow-atom spectroscopy
  - collisions at very low velocities
  - experiments with antiprotons at the NESR

## HESR

Experiments with cooled relativistic HCI up to a Lorentz factor of  $\gamma \approx 6$

Electron, positron, and photon spectroscopy ( $e^+e^-$  pairs) at the internal target

Relativistic kinematics results in a **strongly enhanced resolution** for electron, positron, and photon spectroscopy

