

# Opportunities with collinear laser spectroscopy at DESIR: the LUMIERE facility

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## GOALS of LUMIERE experiments:

(1) measure ground state properties of exotic isotopes:

(see Campbell, Cheal,  
Flanagan, Charlwood,  
Furukawa, Cocolios)

- \* nuclear spin
- \* magnetic moment + sign → deduce parity of the g.s.
- \* quadrupole moment + sign → deduce deformation / core

polarization

- \* charge radius

→ get information on single particle and collective behavior and their

interplay

(2) measure  $\beta$ -asymmetry of a specific  $\beta$ -decay branch:

(see T. Shimoda talk)

→ determine spins of levels in daughter isotope

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the LUMIERE facility

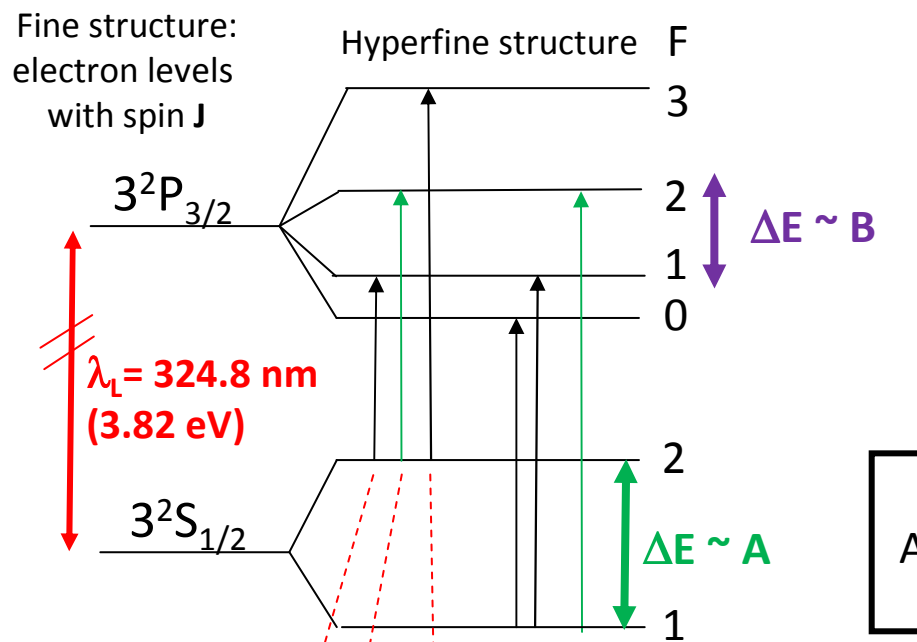
**LUMIERE:**  
**Laser Utilization for Measurement and  
Ionization of Exotic Radioactive Elements**

**Methods based on ion (or atom) – laser interactions:**

- **Colinear laser spectroscopy**
- **$\beta$ -NMR spectroscopy on laser-polarized beams**
- **$\beta$ -decay spectroscopy on laser-polarized beams**

• **Colinear laser spectroscopy:**

measure the hyperfine structure (HFS) in a free atom/ion



Example: atomic levels and HFS of  $^{67}\text{Cu}$

(nuclear g.s. spin  $I=3/2$ )

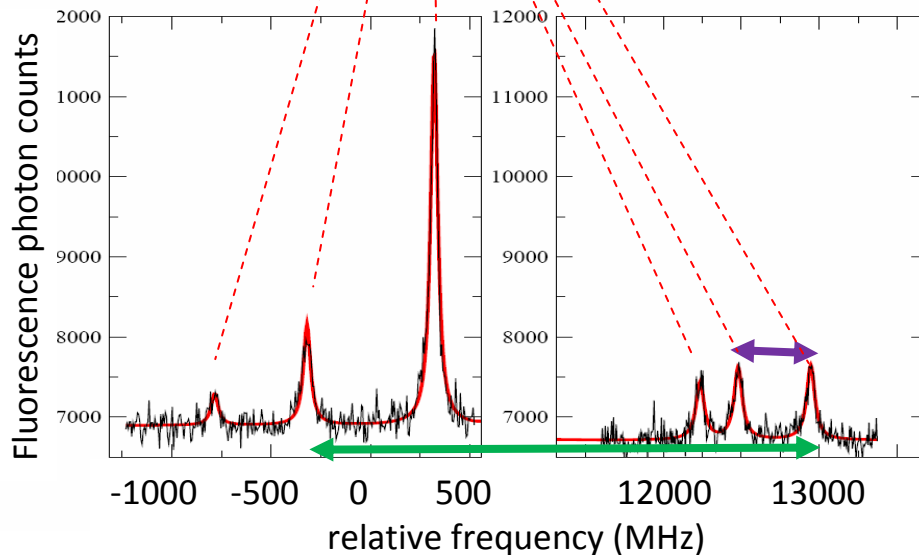
$$|I-J| < F < |I+J|$$

$$B = e Q V_{zz}$$

measure Q

$$A = \frac{\mu B_J}{IJ} = g B_J/J$$

measure g



Relative distances: spin dependent

→ Need to resolve all HFS levels to be measure the spin

→ High resolution needed

→ ion velocity should be very well defined to reduce Doppler broadening of the resonances (< 0.01% error on beam velocity)

→ use an **accelerated ion beam**

= **COLINEAR LASER SPECTROSCOPY**

Colinear Laser Spectroscopy:  
resonant interaction between **accelerated ion beam** and a **parallel laser beam**

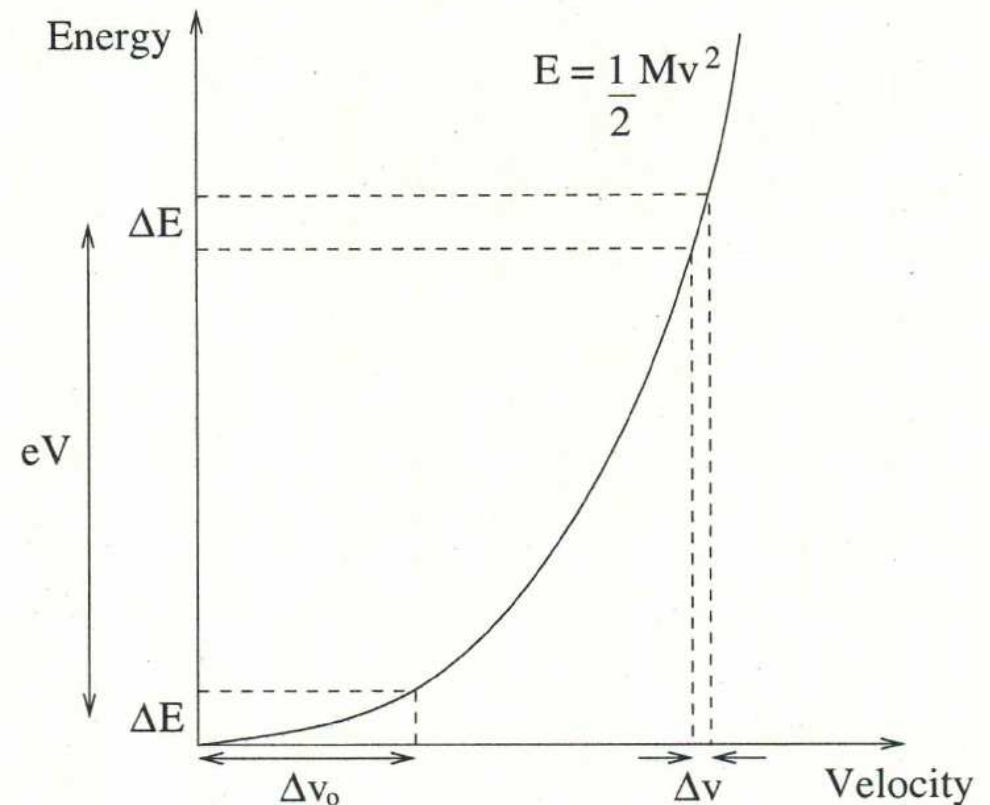
ion beam from ISOL-target/gas cell : energy uncertainty  $\sim$  few/several eV

→ error on energy remains constant during acceleration

→ error on beam velocity decreases with increasing beam velocity:

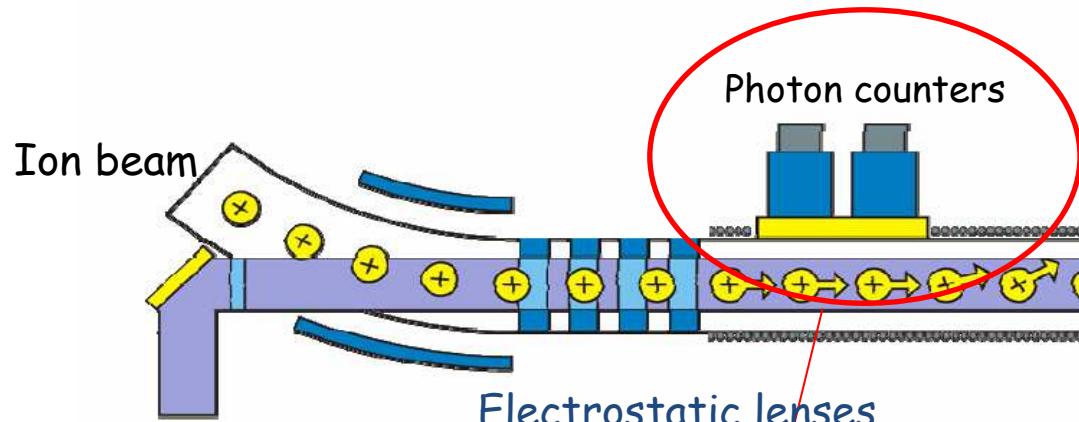
$$\Delta E = \text{const} = \delta \left( \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \right) \approx m v \delta v$$

→ Narrow Doppler line width  
 $\sim$  50 MHz can be achieved  
with beam of 60 keV



# Collinear Laser Spectroscopy with **optical detection** of the fluorescent decay on continuous ion beam

→ Need  $10^6$  ions/s



→ Large photon background from laser beam !

Laser beam

Electrostatic lenses  
to scan ion beam energy  
from +10 keV to -10 keV

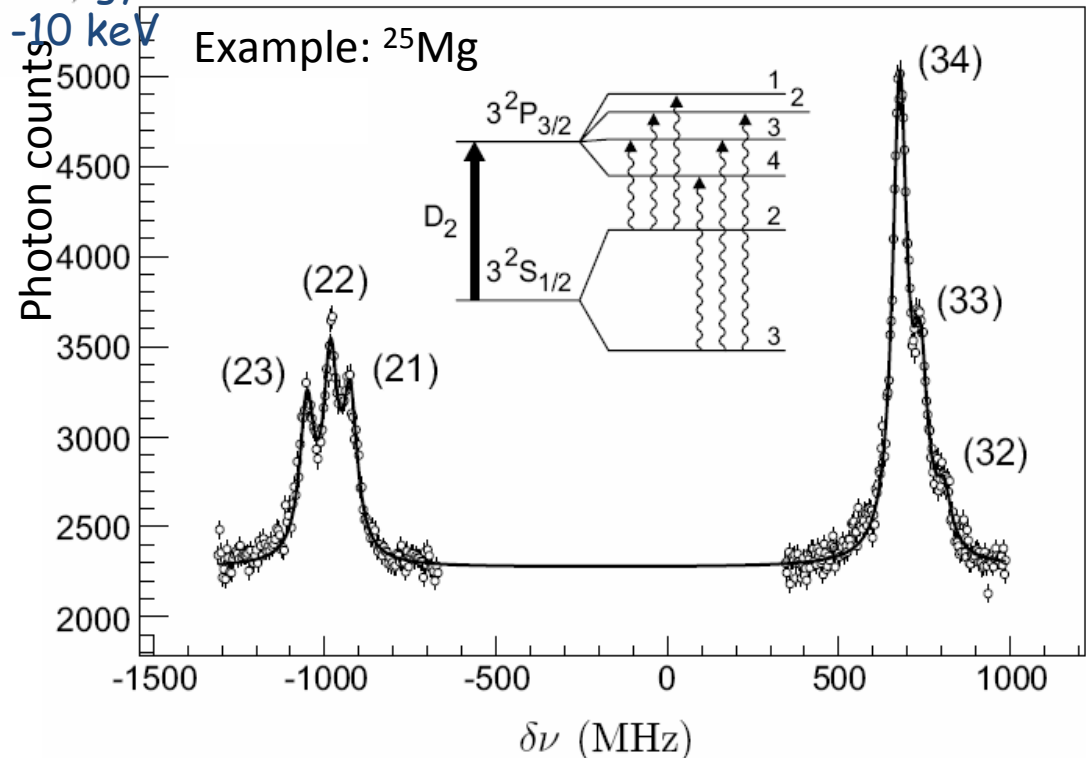
Change velocity of ion beam  
= Doppler tuning of ion beam

to scan hyperfine structure levels:

$$v_{\text{scan}} = v_{\text{laser}} \gamma(1 + \beta)$$

$$\beta \sim U^{1/2}$$

measure fluorescent photon decay



# Collinear Laser Spectroscopy

with **optical detection** of the fluorescent decay on bunched beam

IMPROVE DETECTION SENSITIVITY by 2 orders of magnitude by using a BUNCHED ion beam

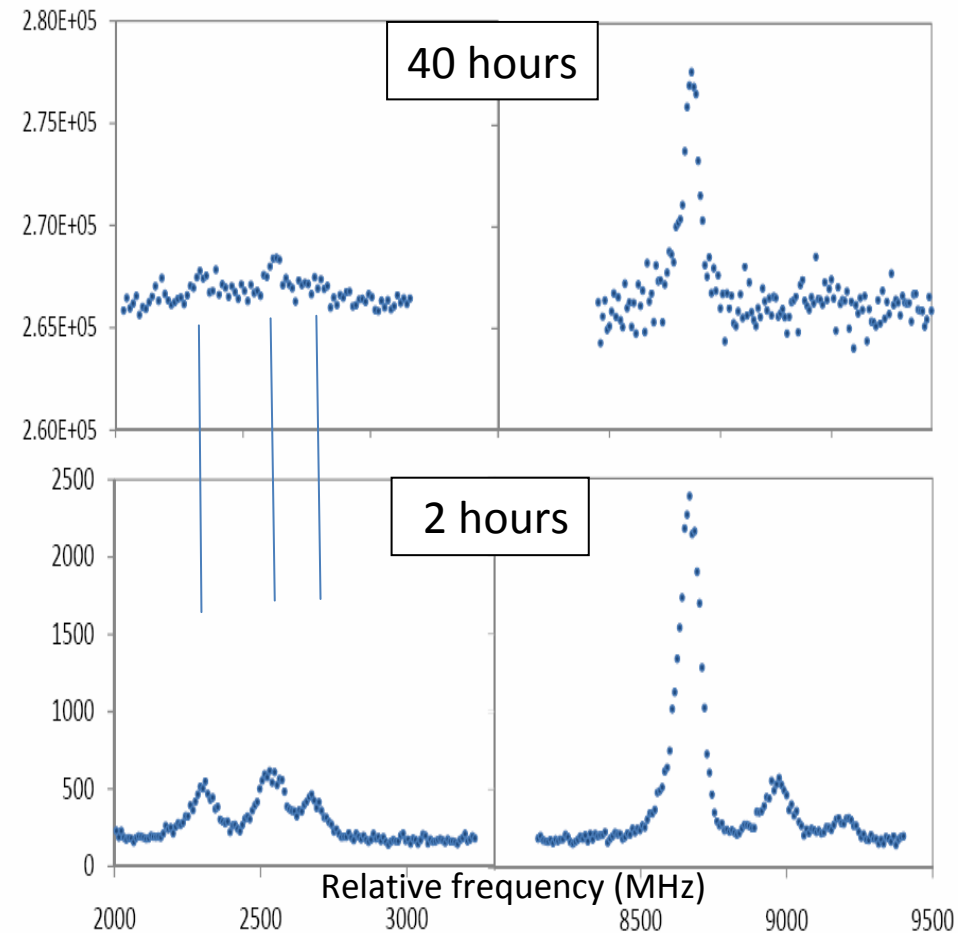
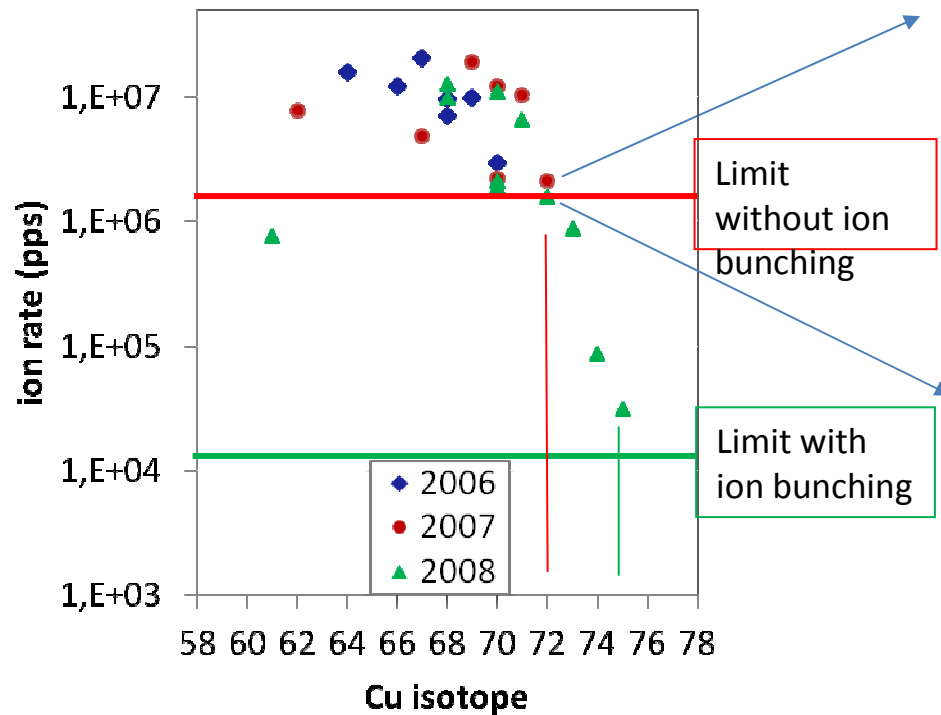
→ reduces photon background by factor 4000 =  $T/\Delta T$

$\Delta T = 25 \mu\text{s}$  pulse length

$T = 100 \text{ ms}$  repetition rate

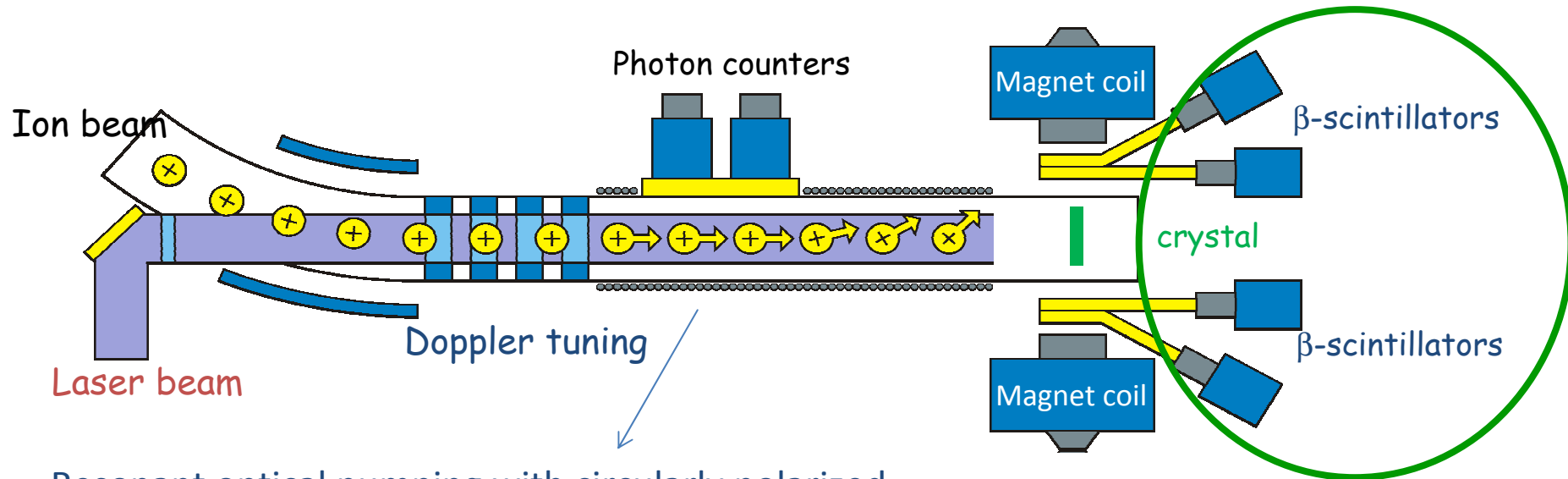
→ Need  $10^4$  ions/s

Example:  $^{72}\text{Cu}$



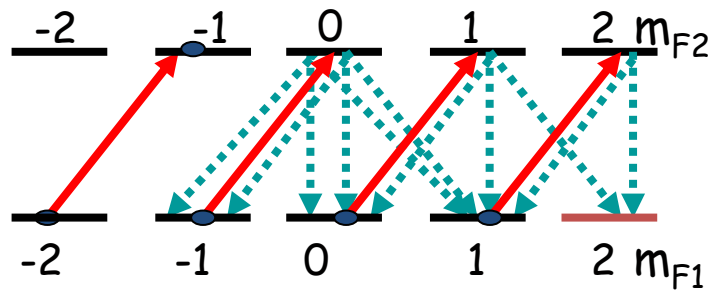
# Collinear Laser Spectroscopy with $\beta$ -asymmetry detection on polarized nuclei

→ Need  $10^3$  ions/s

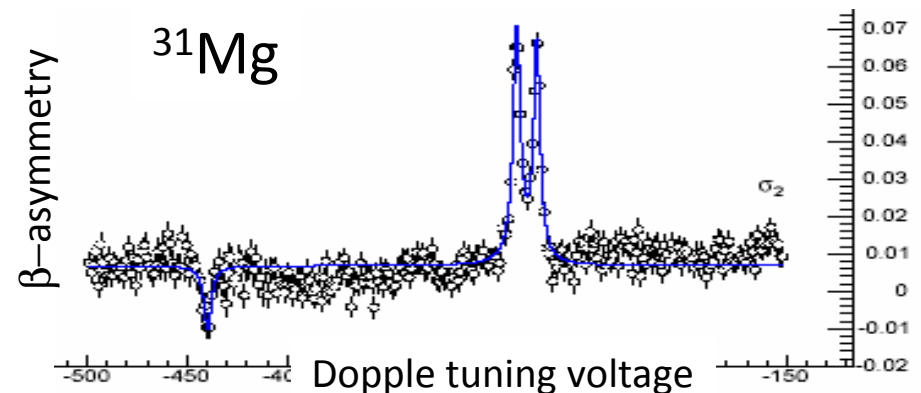


Resonant optical pumping with circularly polarized laser light to polarize the atoms and nuclei

Detection of HFS via asymmetric nuclear  $\beta$ -decay after implantation in crystal



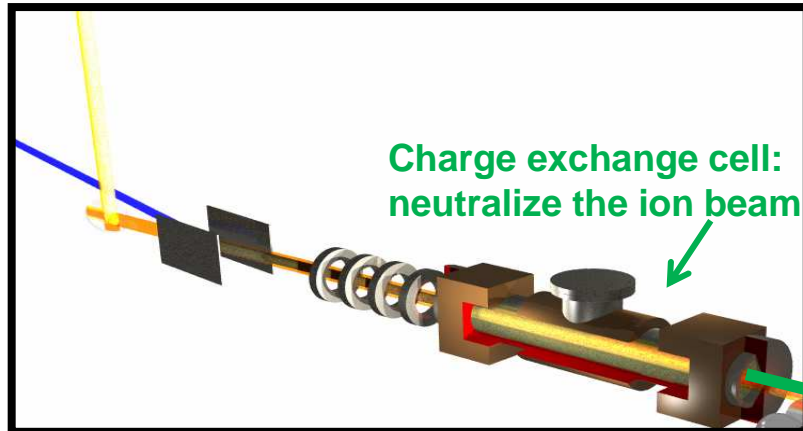
Total atomic spin  $F$  gets polarized through pumping  
→ Nuclear spins are polarized!



Collinear Laser Spectroscopy  
with **ion detection or  $\beta/\alpha$ -decay detection** after  
resonant re-ionization (CRIS)

→ Need 1-100 ion/s

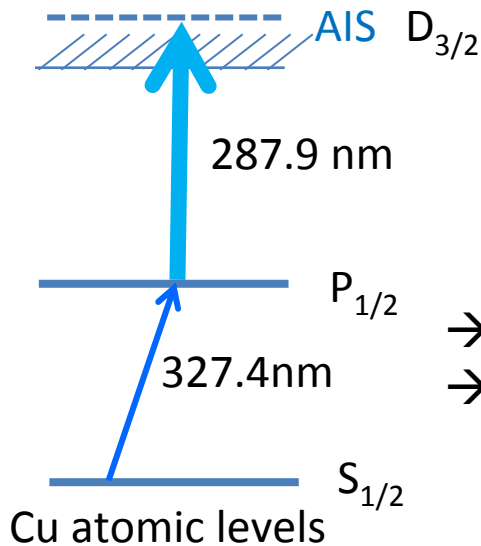
See Kieran Flanagan  
Under development at ISOLDE



Re-ionization  
region

Pure ion beam:  
only resonantly  
ionized

**ion detection**  
**No background !**  
**Higher efficiency !**



**CONDITION:**  
**Ultra High Vacuum**

Deflection of ions  
towards ion detector

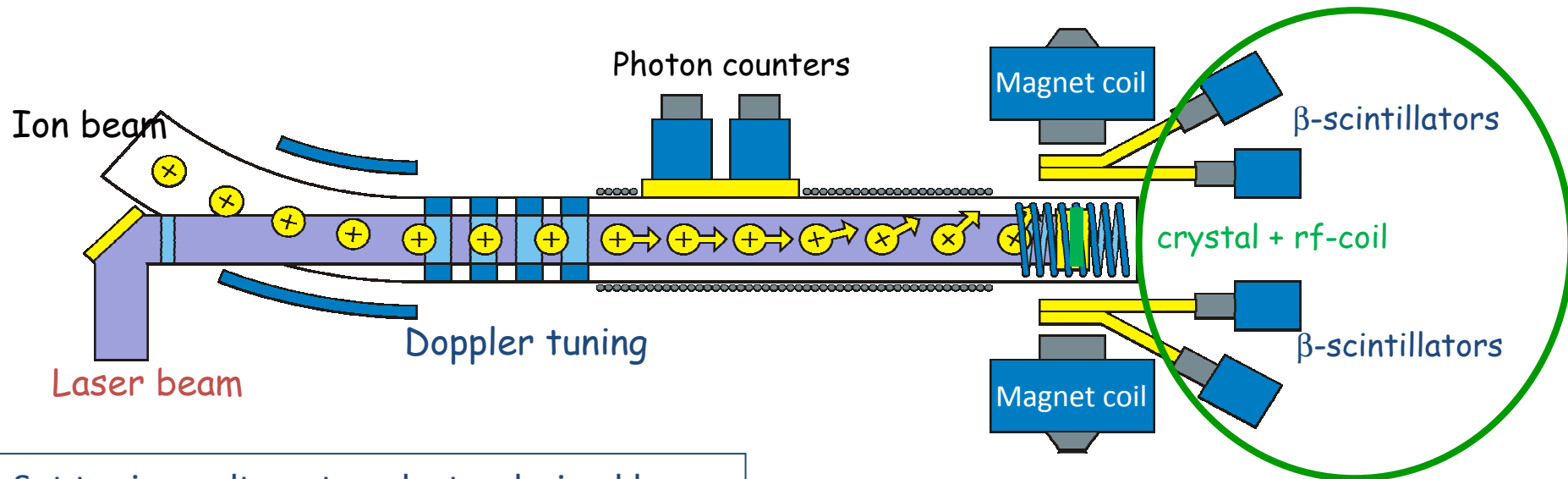
Neutral  
background

- resonant re-ionisation of atom beam:
- apply two lasers at same time:
  - step one: resonant excitation (narrow band laser)  
(to scan hyperfine structure)
  - step two: ionization (broad band)

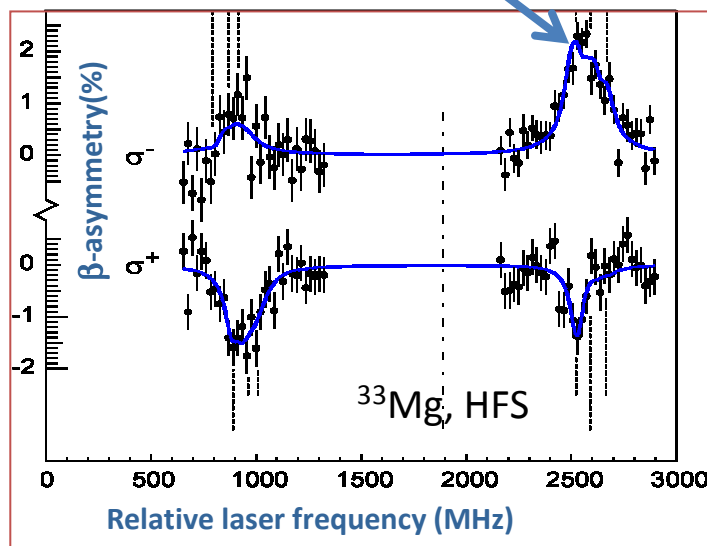


- **$\beta$ -NMR spectroscopy on laser-polarized beams:**  
 → High precision measurements of g-factor, Q-moment

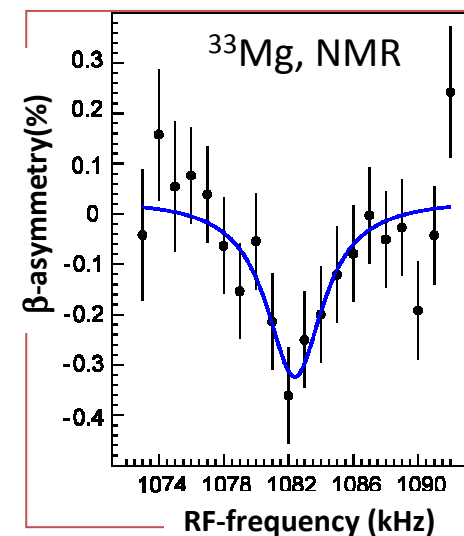
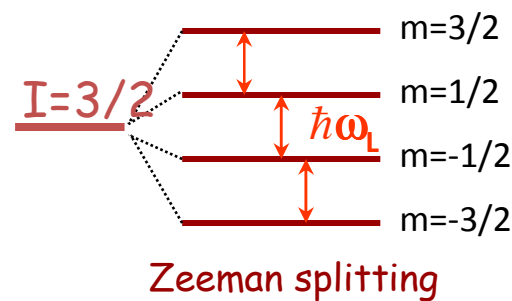
→ Need  $10^3$  ions/s



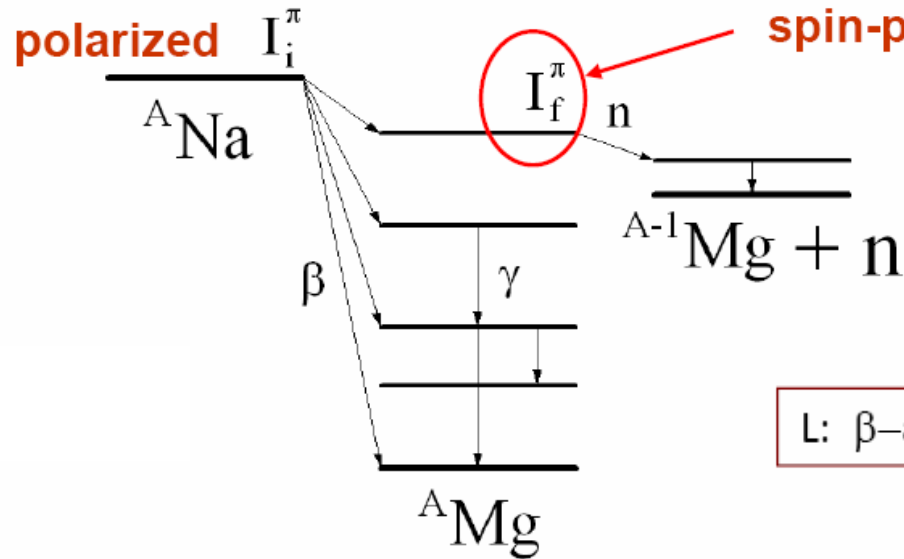
Set tuning voltage to select polarized beam



Scan the rf-frequency  $\omega_{rf}$  → g-factor



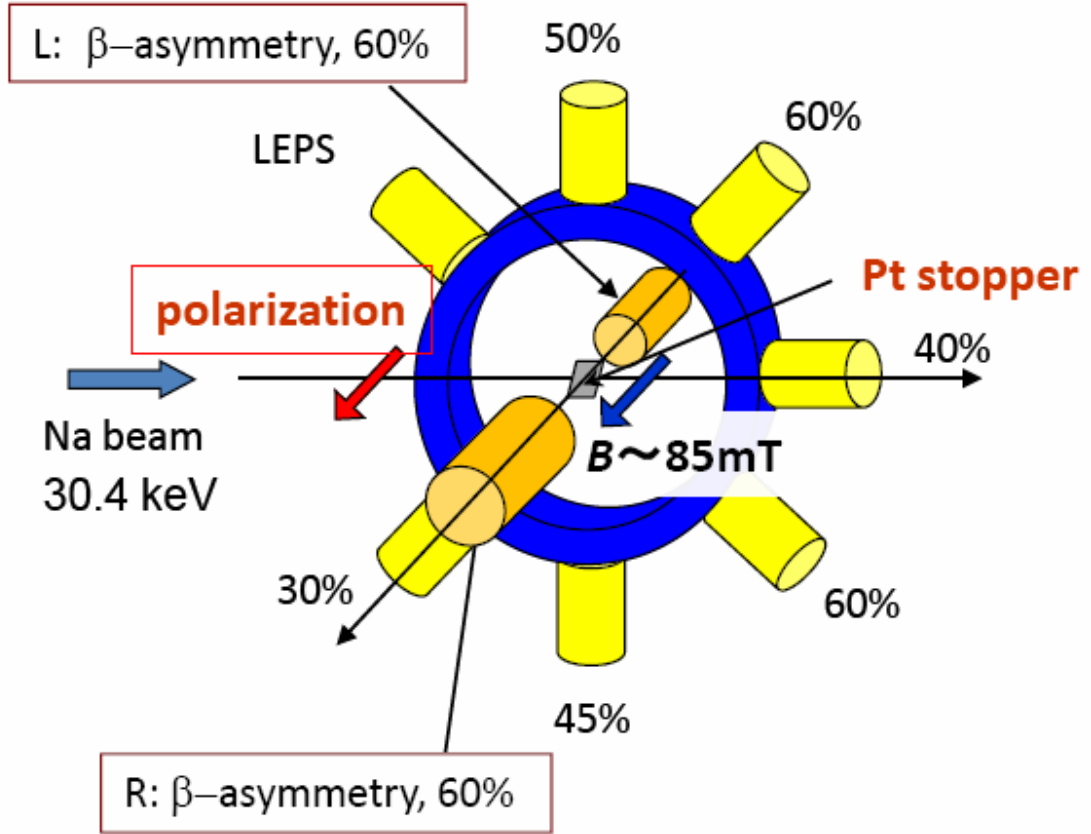
- **$\beta$ -decay on laser-polarized beams:**  
 → measure  $\beta$ -decay asymmetry parameter in  $\beta$ - $\gamma$  and  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ - $\gamma$  coincidence



→ Need 100 ions/s

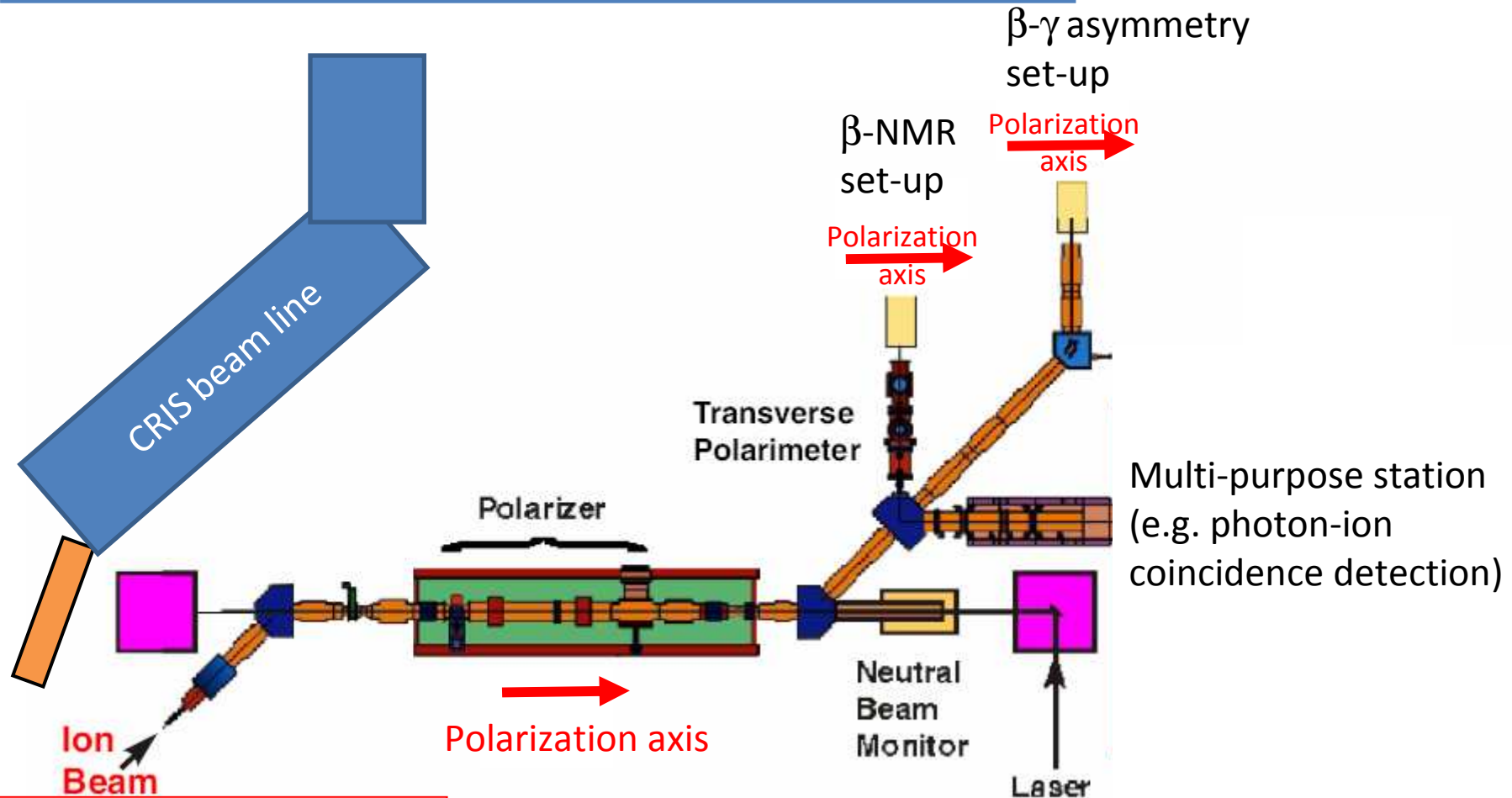
See T. Shimoda  
 Developed at Triumf

Asymmetry parameter in allowed  $\beta$ -decay depends on the initial and final spin.



## Possible layout for collinear spectroscopy at DESIR:

- a normal-vacuum line with 2 (or 3) end stations  
for optical detection, polarized beam experiments, ...
- a UHV beam with differential pumping for CRIS



BUNCHED and COOLED beams  
from off-line ion source  
S2 or S3 beams

based on collinear laser beam line at TRIUMF  
*C.D.P. Levy et al. / Nuclear Physics A 746 (2004) 206c–209c*

## Day-1 experiments: shell structure far from stability ( $^{78}\text{Ni}$ , $^{132}\text{Sn}$ , $^{100}\text{Sn}$ )

Extend existing laser spectroscopy studies beyond doubly-magic nuclei far from stability

→ study the evolution of shell structure via spins, moments, radii, isomers, ...

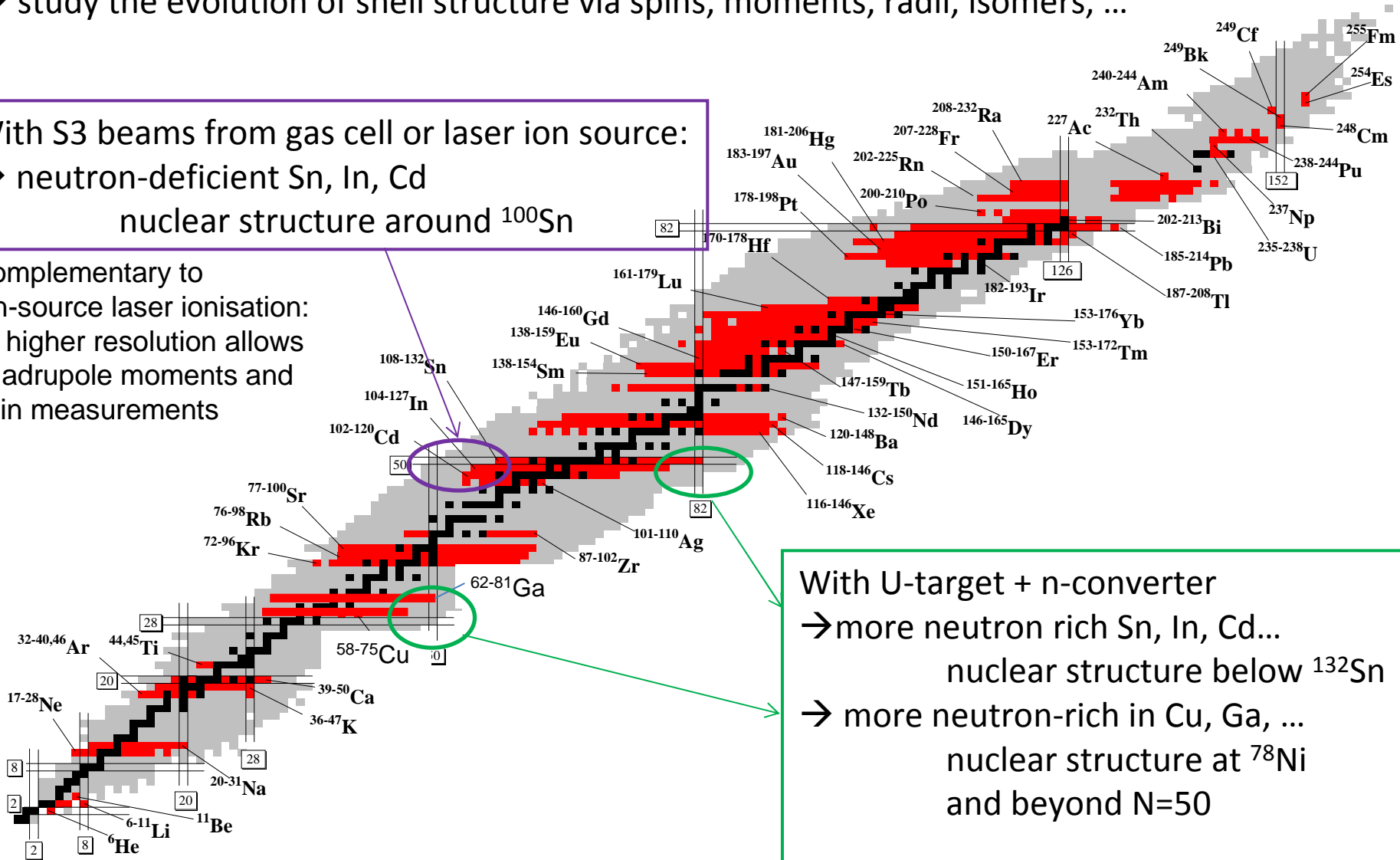
With S3 beams from gas cell or laser ion source:

→ neutron-deficient Sn, In, Cd  
nuclear structure around  $^{100}\text{Sn}$

Complementary to

ion-source laser ionisation:

→ higher resolution allows  
quadrupole moments and  
spin measurements



With U-target + n-converter

→ more neutron rich Sn, In, Cd...

nuclear structure below  $^{132}\text{Sn}$

→ more neutron-rich in Cu, Ga, ...

nuclear structure at  $^{78}\text{Ni}$

and beyond  $N=50$

**Currently following groups showed interest:**

P. Campbell, K. Flanagan, J. Billowes, University of Manchester  
G.N., M. Bissell, K.U. Leuven  
F. Leblanc, IPN Orsay  
J.C. Thomas, GANIL  
D. Yordanov, ISOLDE-CERN  
G. Georgiev, CSNSM Orsay  
D.L. Balabanski, INRE, Sophia

Please contact me if you are interested to help building (or financing) this set-up

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