

# Laser Spectroscopy with the Leuven gas-cell-based Laser Ion Source



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## OUTLINE

- Motivation
- Production of exotic beams by RILIS
- In-Gas-Cell Laser Spectroscopy @ LISOL
- Progress on the way to implement In-Gas-Jet Laser Spectroscopy



# MOTIVATION

Strategic areas of chart of nuclides → understand nuclear structure effects

- **$N \approx Z$  nuclei** - Study role of proton-neutron correlations -
- **Proton drip line** - rp process, nuclei far off stability -
- **Proximity doubly magic  $N = Z = 50$**  - strong shell correction effects -
- **SHE** - understanding of SHE and those at the limit of nuclear existence -

Gas cell-based resonance ionization laser spectroscopy of :

**$^{94}\text{Ag}$**

High-spin isomerism,  $\beta$ -delayed p, 1- and 2-p emission

**$^{107-101}\text{Sn}$**

Test validity of shell-model predictions

**VHE ( $Z \sim 89 - 102$ )**

Validate nuclear and atomic theory

# Resonance Ionization Laser Ion Source: RILIS

- SELECTIVE (element and isomer) & EFFICIENT PRODUCTION OF RARE ISOTOPE BEAMS

U. Koester et al., Nucl. Phys. A 701 (2002) 441c

- IN-SOURCE ATOMIC SPECTROSCOPY

G. D. Alkhazov et al., NIM B69 (1992) 517

## ➤ Hot Cavity

- No refractory elements
- $T_{1/2}$  element dependent
- Sensitivity 1 ion/s ( $^{182}\text{Pb}$ )
- Resol~ 4 GHz ( $^{59}\text{Cu}$ ) (Doppler)
- Produced Ion beams ~30 elements

V.N. Fedoseev et al., NIM B266 (2008) 4378

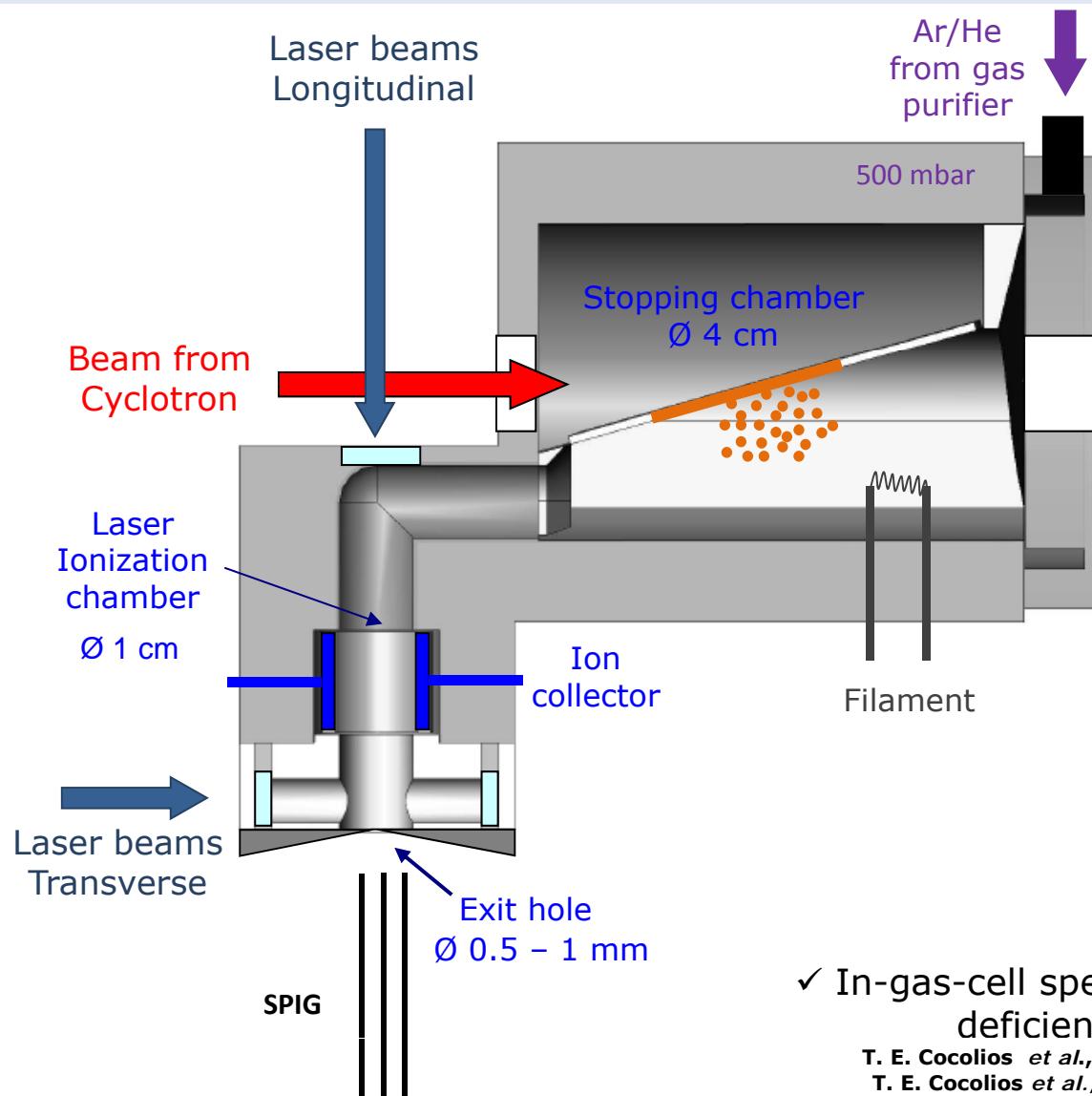
## ➤ Gas Cell

- "All" elements available
- $T_{1/2}$  cell evacuation time
- Sensitivity < 1 ion/s ( $^{97}\text{Ag}$ )
- Resol. ~ 3 GHz ( $^{59}\text{Cu}$ ) (Pressure)
- Produced Ion beams ~15 elements

Yu. Kudryavtsev et al., NIM B267 (2009) 2908

T. E. Cocolios et al., PRL 103, 102501 (2009)

# Dual Chamber Gas Cell



Separation of stopping and laser ionization volumes improves:

- Laser ionization efficiency for high cyclotron beam current
- Ion selectivity

Production of  $^{94}\text{Rh}$   
Selectivity:

[Laser(on)/Laser(off)]

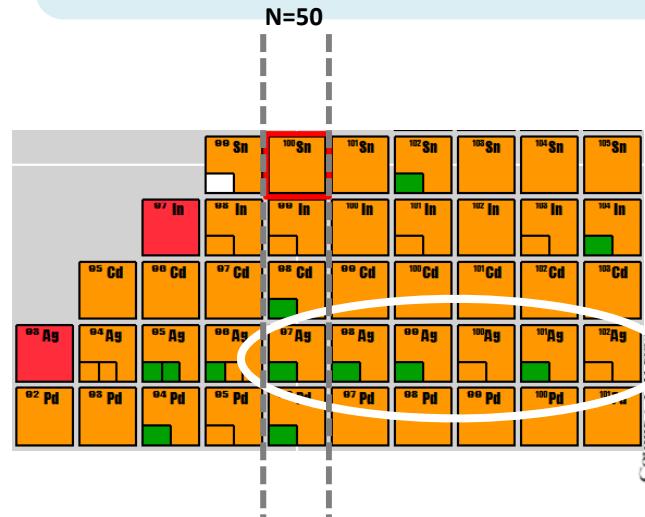
Ion Collector OFF = 450

Ion Collector ON = 2200

✓ In-gas-cell spectroscopy of neutron deficient Cu isotopes

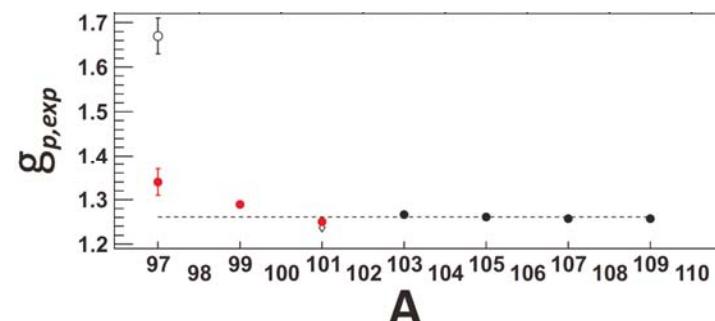
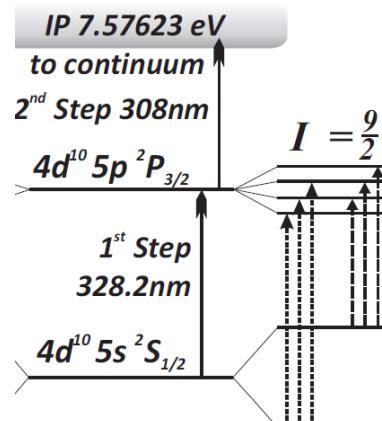
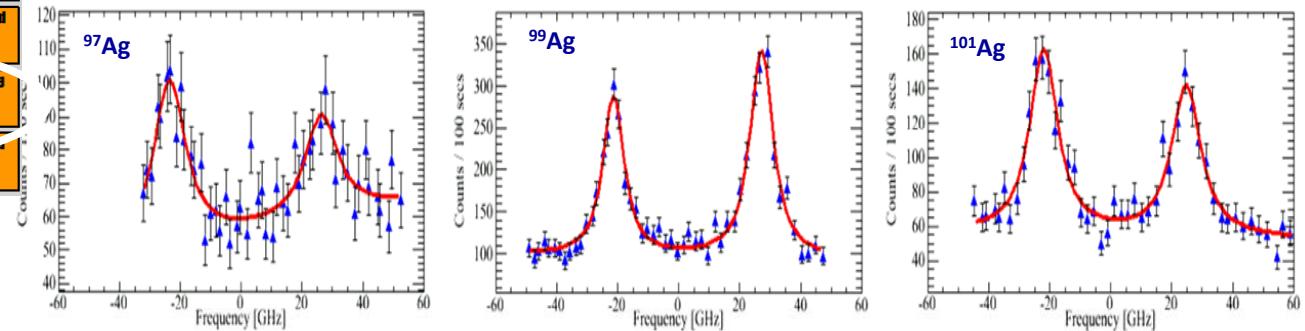
T. E. Cocolios *et al.*, PRL 103, 102501 (2009)  
T. E. Cocolios *et al.*, PRC 81, 014314 (2010)

# In-Gas-Cell Laser Spectroscopy of Ag



$^{92}\text{Mo}(^{14}\text{N} - 130 \text{ MeV}, 2\text{pxn})^{104-x}\text{Ag}$

$^{64,\text{nat}}\text{Zn}(^{36}\text{Ar} - 125 \text{ MeV}, \text{pxn})^{101-97}\text{Ag}$

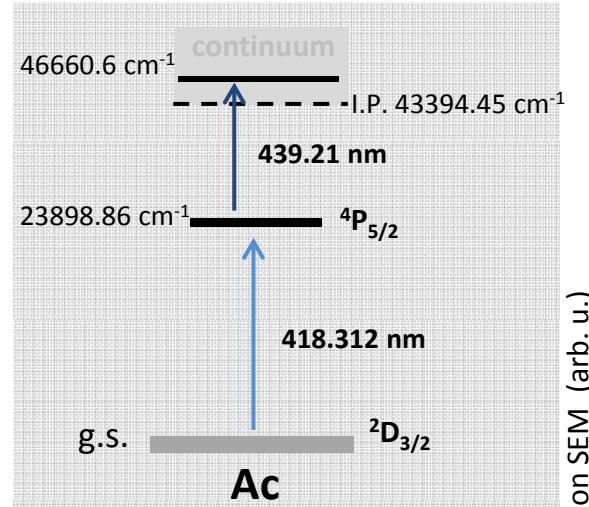


	Splitting (GHz)	$I^\pi$	$\mu_{\text{exp(st+sys)}} (\text{nm})$	$\mu_{\text{exp lit}} (\text{nm})$
102	29.5(1.7)	$5^+$	3.5(2)	4.6(7)
100	36.2(2)	$6^+$	4.42(2)	--
98	38.3(6)	$5^+$	4.60(7)	--
		$6^+$	4.67(7)	--
101	46.8(2)	$9/2^+$	5.57(2)	5.7(4)
99	48.7(3)	$9/2^+$	5.80(3)	--
97	50.6(9)	$9/2^+$	6.0(1)	--
		$7/2^+$	5.9(1)	--

U. Dinger et al., Nucl. Phys. A 503 (1989) 331  
D. Vandeplassche et al., Hyperfine Interact. 22 (1985) 483

Iain Darby Phys. Lett. B (in preparation)

# Broadband Spectroscopy on Ac

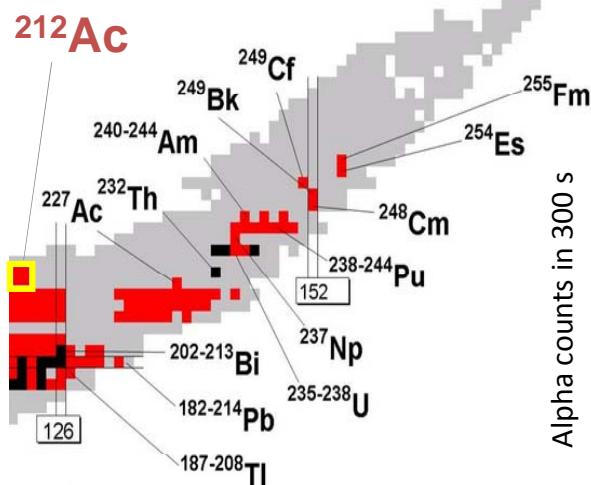


$^{197}\text{Au}(^{20}\text{Ne-145 MeV}, 4\text{-}5\text{n})^{212,213}\text{Ac}$   
Cross section 2.3 mb for  $^{212,213}\text{Ac}$

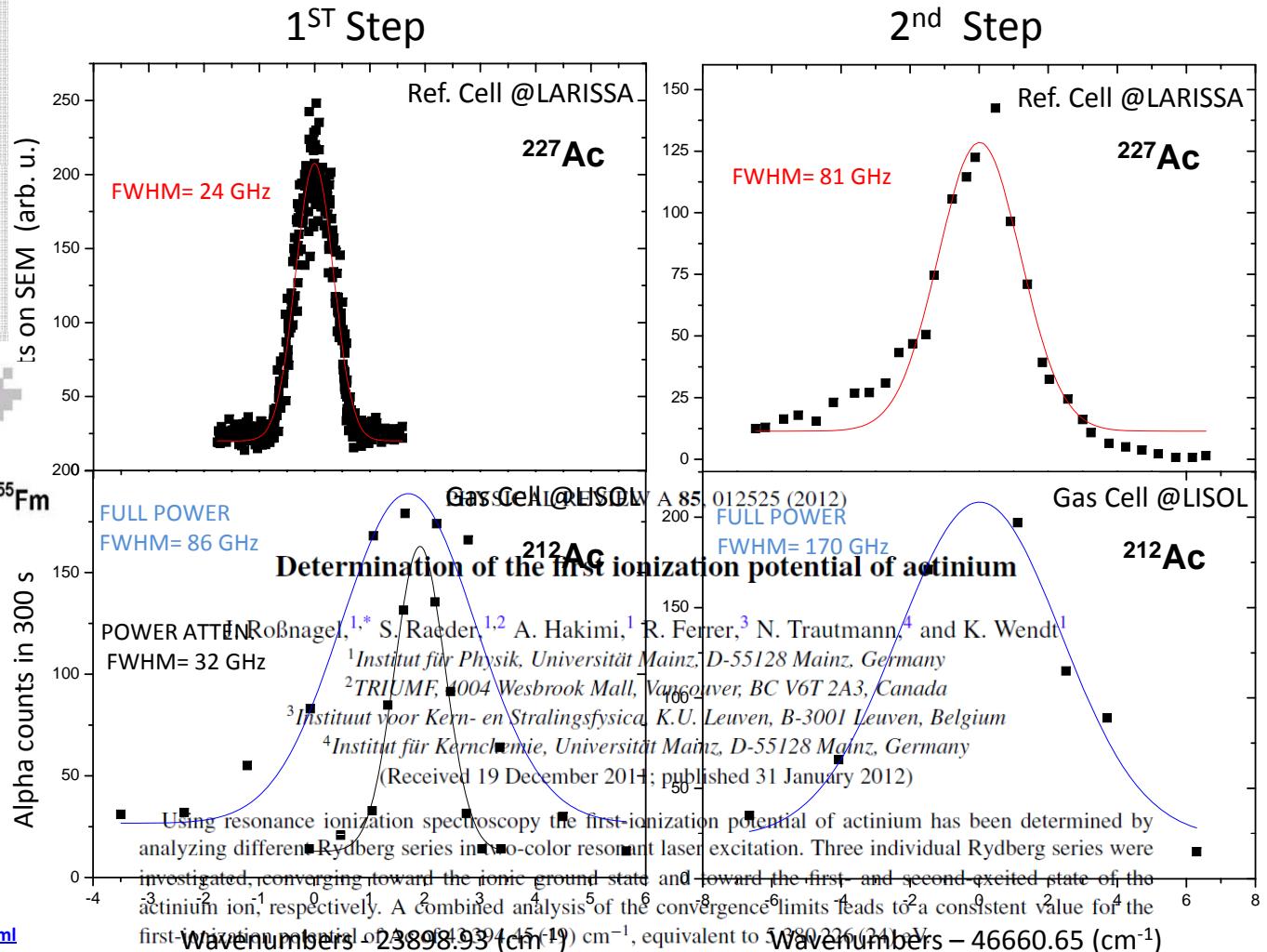
A. Andreyev *et al.* Nucl. Phys. A 568 (1994) 323



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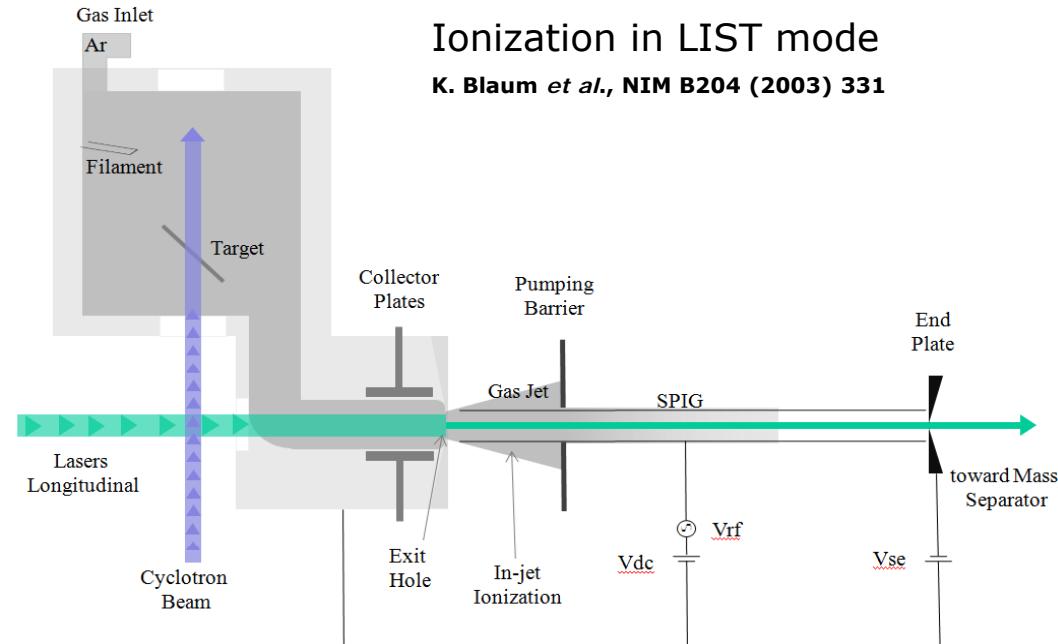


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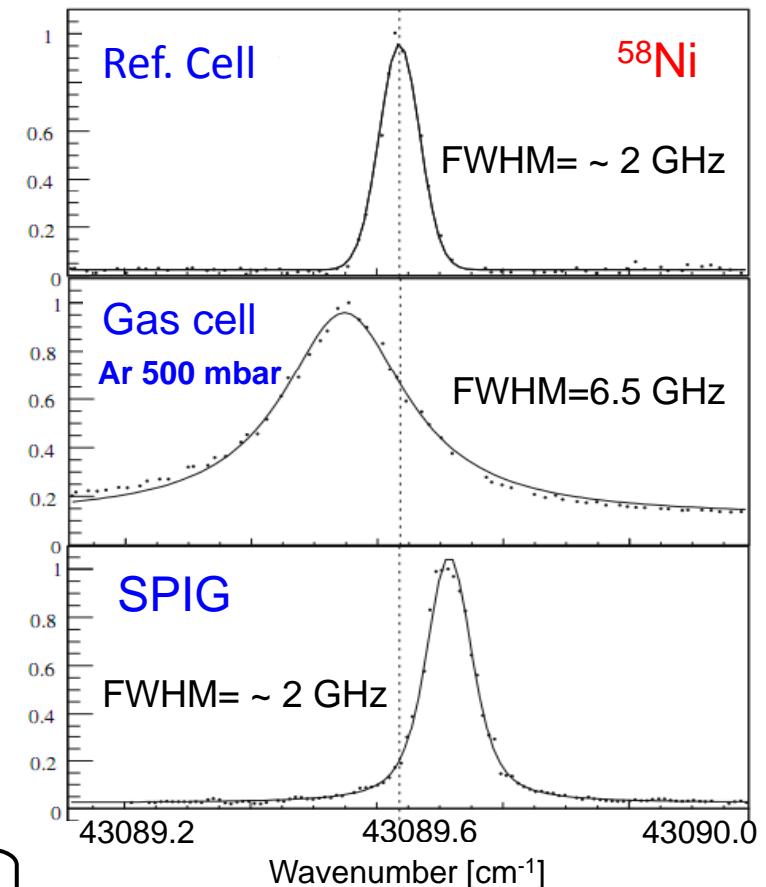
# In-Gas-Jet Laser Spectroscopy

- Increase Resolution and Selectivity
  - Ionization in cold jet expanding out of the gas cell



Demonstrated proof of principle  
@ LISOL

T. Sonoda *et al.* NIM B267 (2009) 2918



- Requirements to obtain maximum benefits:

**-Improve time overlap** : Test of a high pulse repetition rate laser system (Uni-Mainz, GANIL, JYFL, IPN Orsay, JINR)

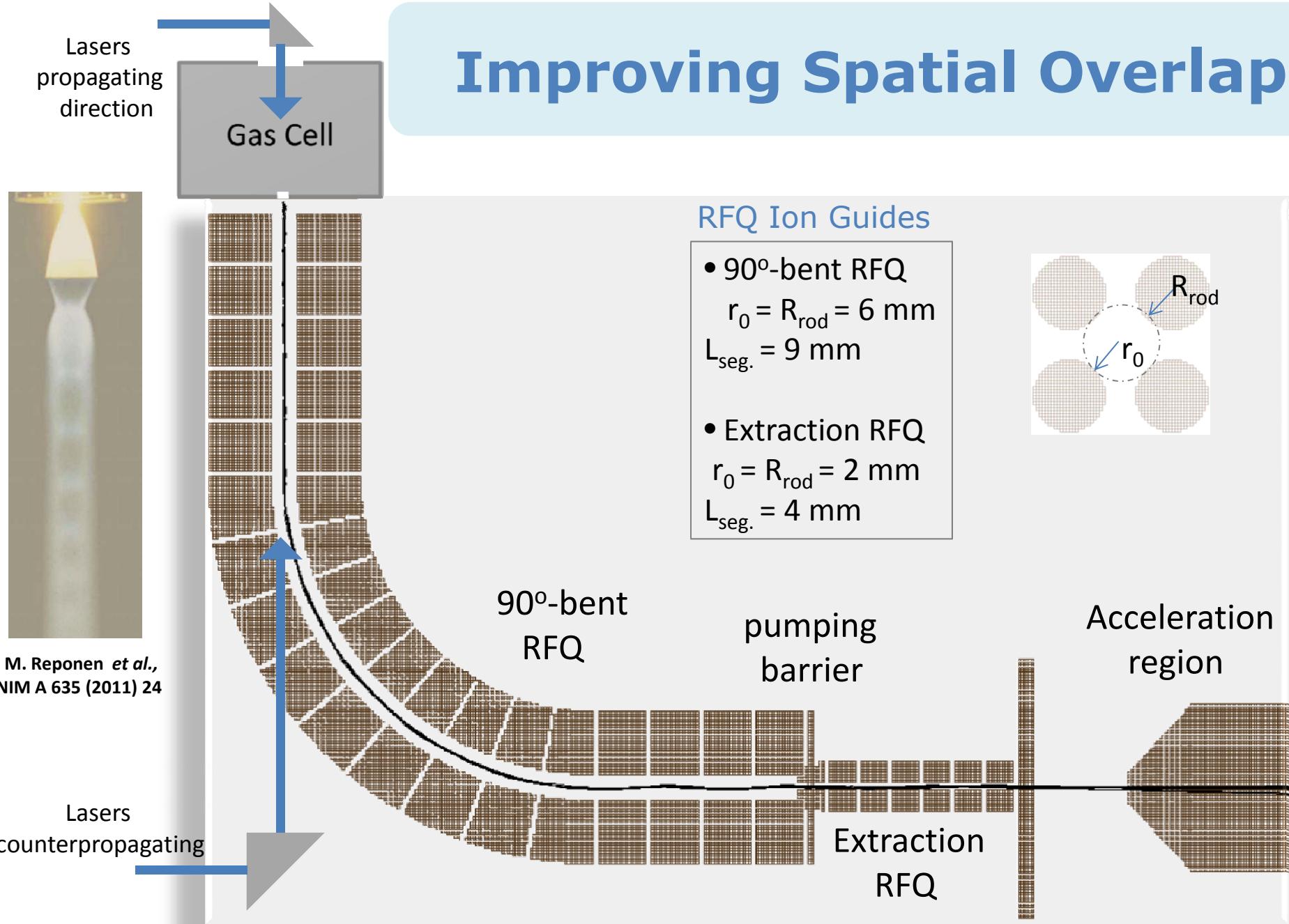
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**-Improve spatial overlap**

HELIOS @ KU Leuven

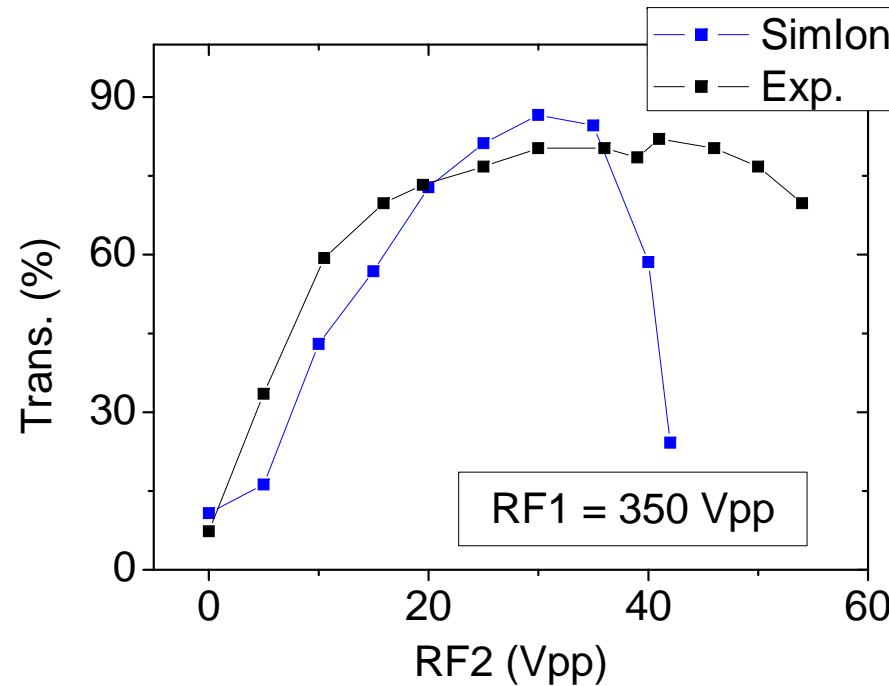


# Improving Spatial Overlap



# Transmission through RFQ Ion Guides

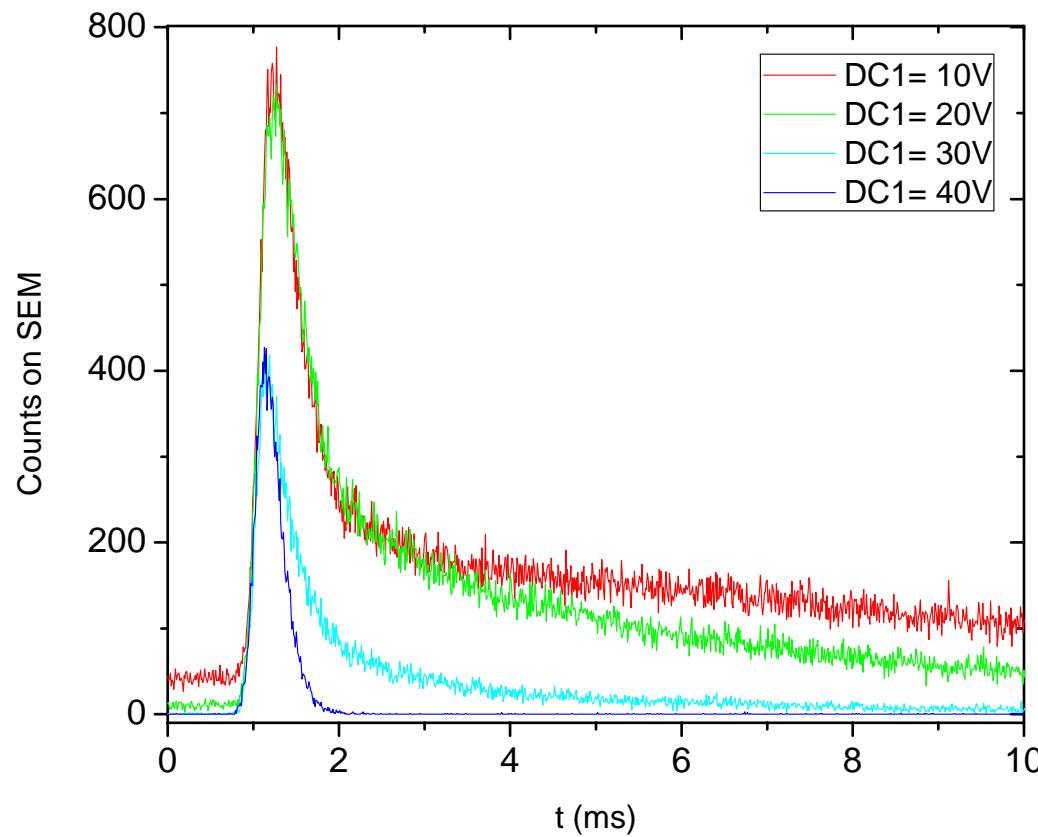
Comparison experiment vs. simulation (bkg p = 1e-3 mbar)



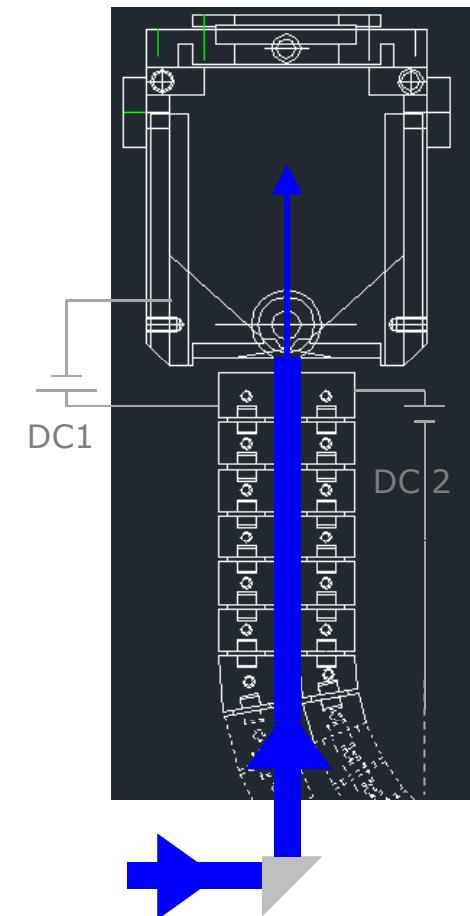
- Performance of ion guides found to be in agreement with expectation
- Transmission efficiency  $\varepsilon = 80\%$
- Similar transmission found for bkg p=0.1 mbar

# Selection of Ions from the Gas Jet

- Time profiles with lasers in counterpropagating direction
  - Determination of blocking potential DC1



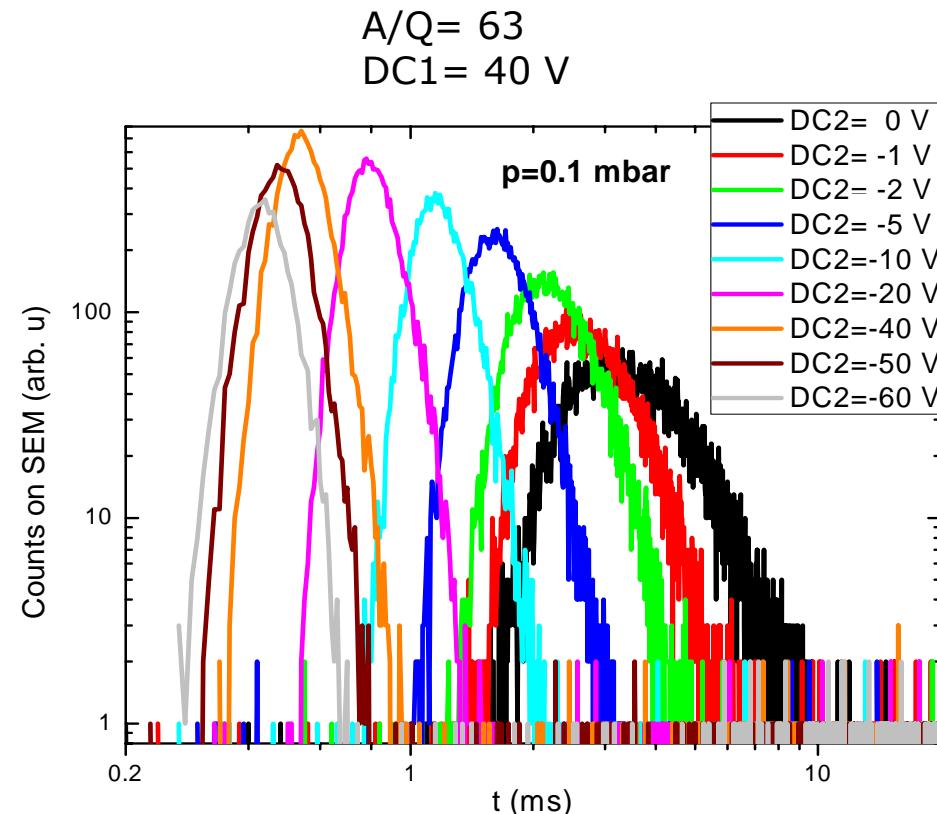
A/Q = 63  
DC2 = 10 V



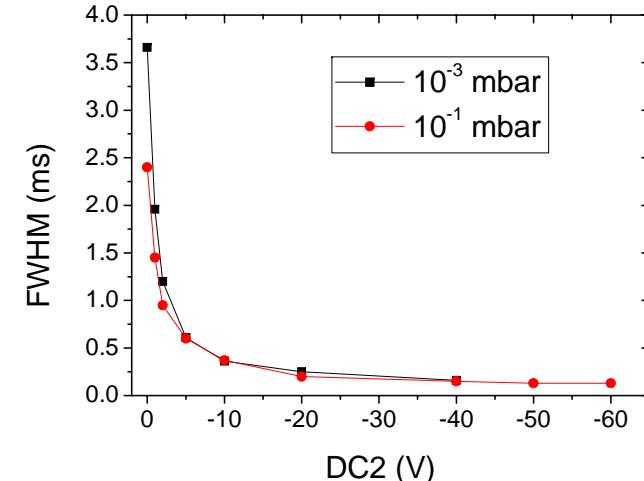
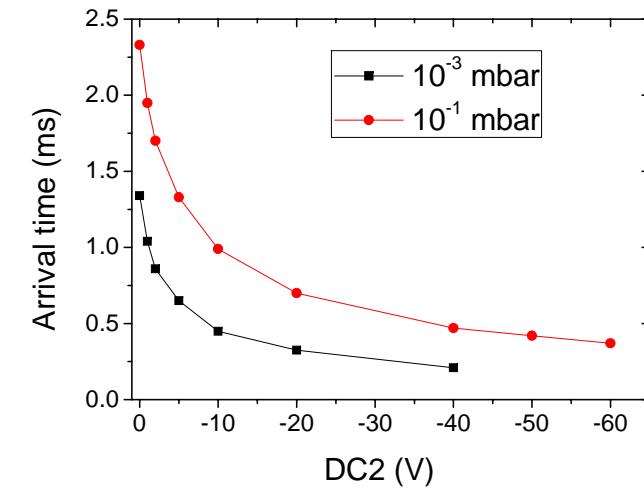
- Bias voltage of 40 V is sufficient to block all ions from the gas cell

# Effect of dc gradient on the Ion Beam

- Time profiles with lasers in counterpropagating direction

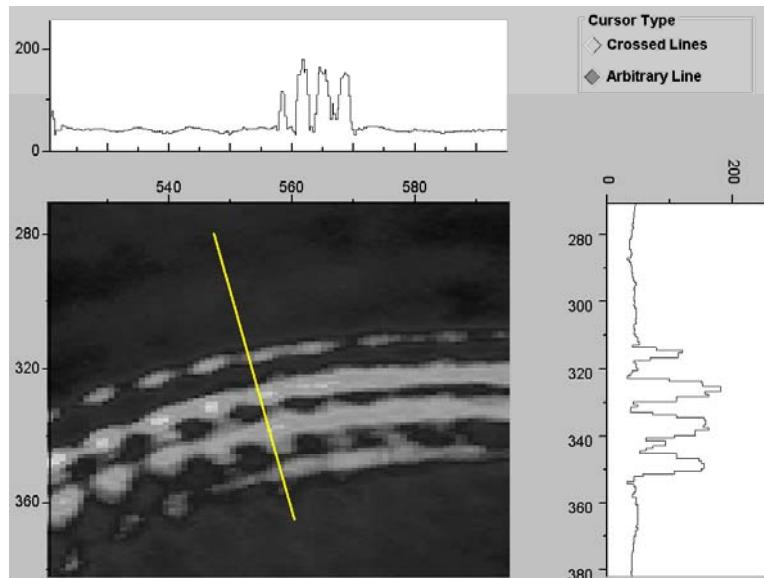


✓ Manipulation of ions by dc gradient



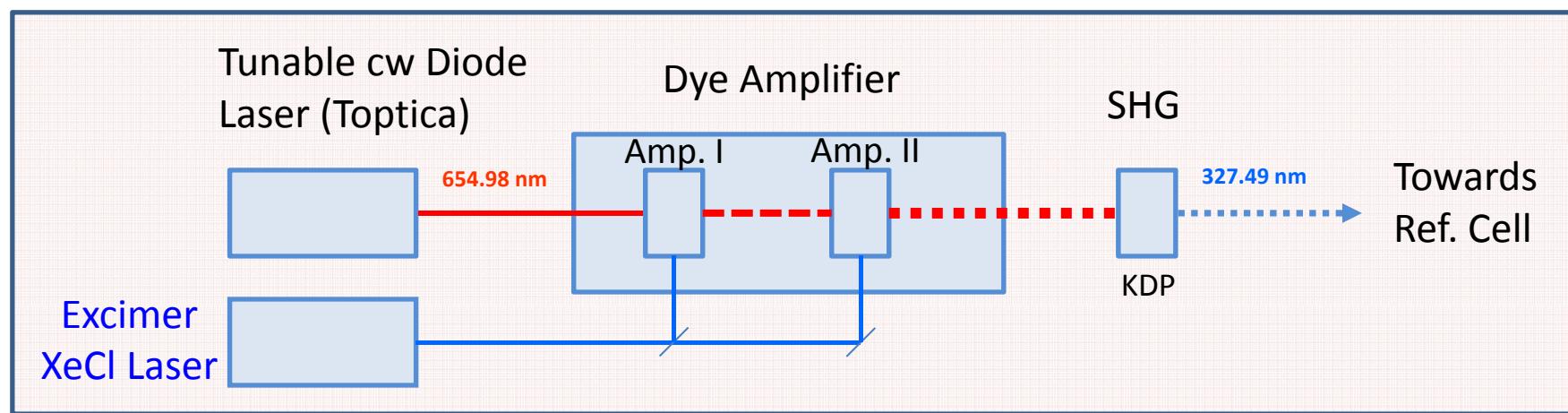
# Reduction of the Laser Bandwidth

- Study of typical LISOL narrow-band pulse using FP interferometer



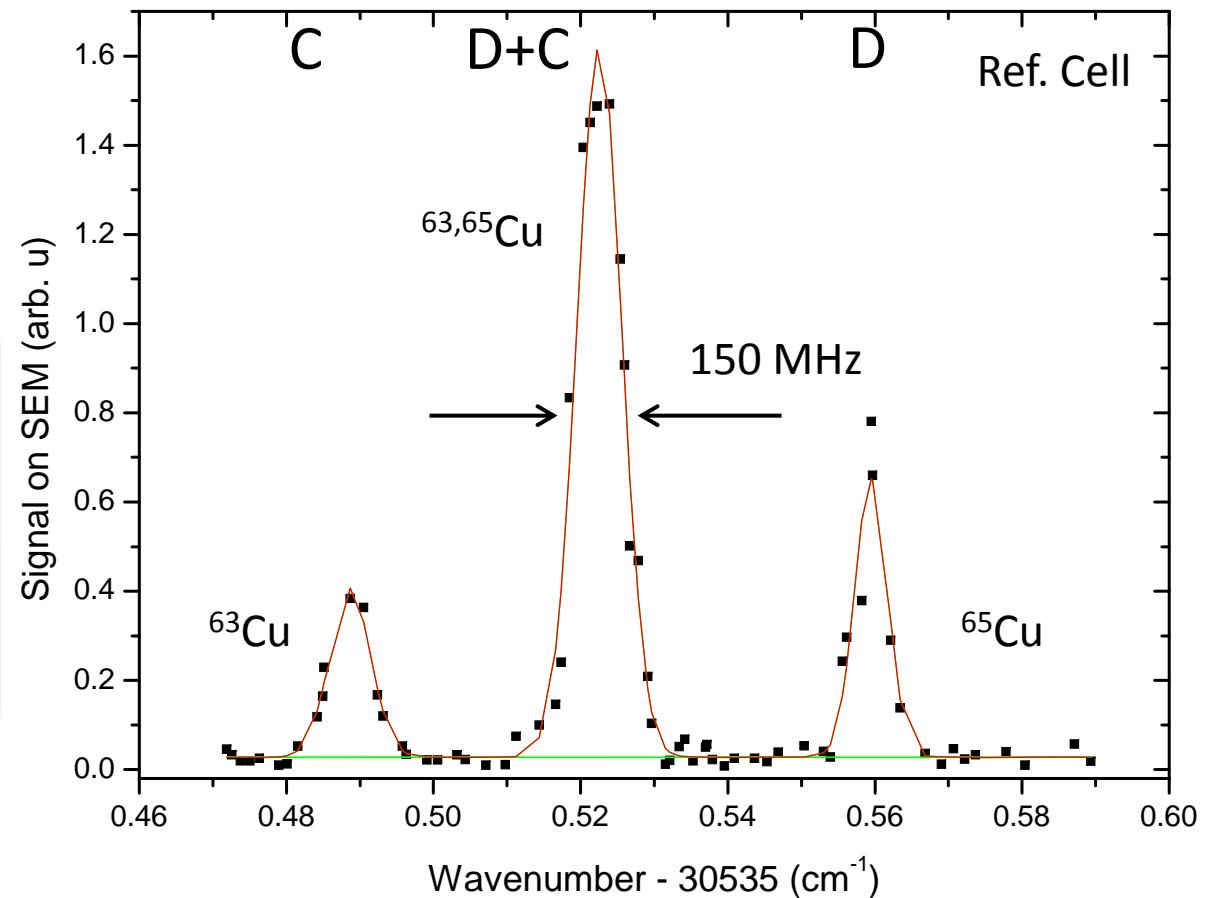
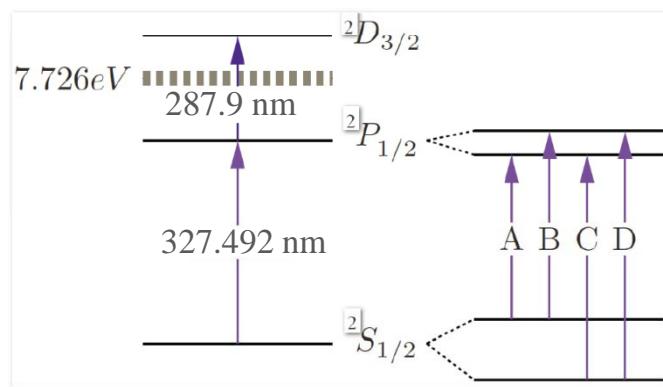
- Radial profile of interference ring shows four oscillation modes
- Separation between modes is 400 MHz  
→ mode FWHM = 150MHz  
Laser bandwidth  $\sim 1.4$  GHz (SHG)

- Amplification of CW Single Mode Diode Laser in Pulsed Dye Amplifier



# Reduction of the Laser Bandwidth

HFS of the 327 nm transition in  $^{63,65}\text{Cu}$



- 90 MHz Fourier-limited (5ns) laser bandwidth affected by residual Doppler broadening → final linewidth of 150 MHz

**In-gas-jet laser spectroscopy will allow high-sensitivity and high resolution experiments with a Leuven-type laser ion source**

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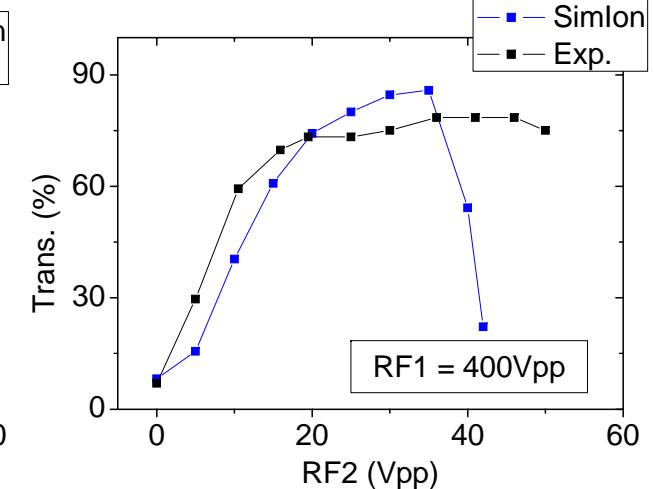
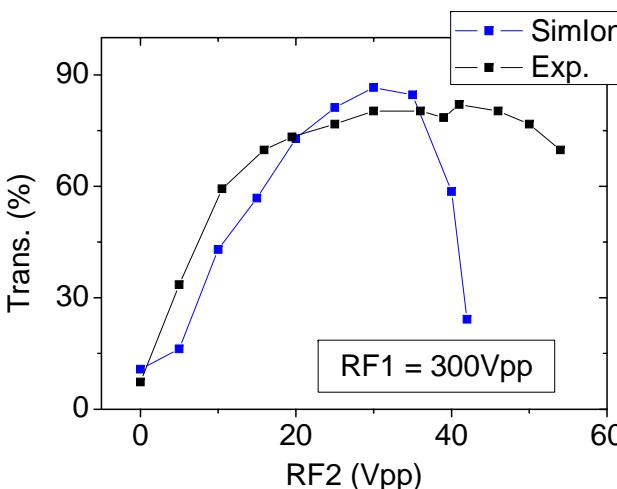
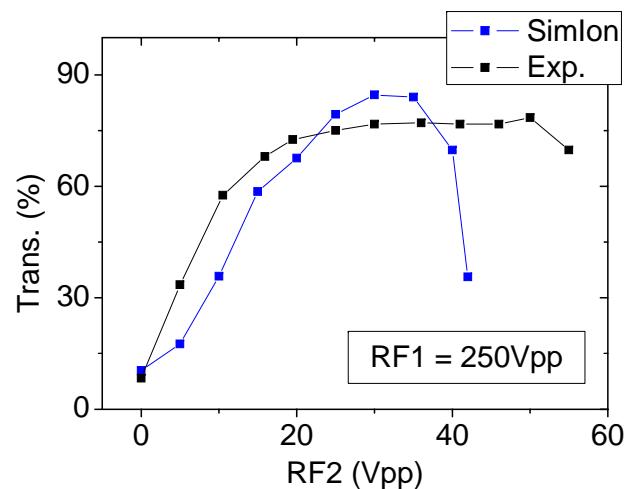
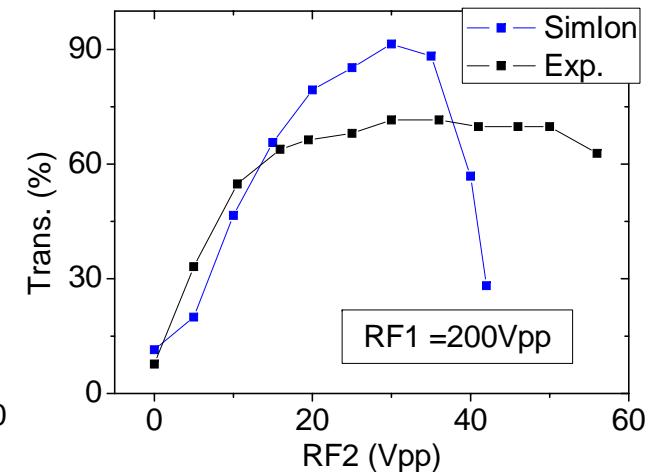
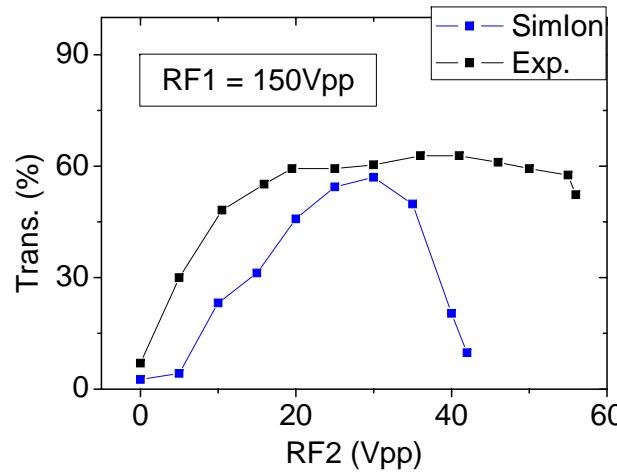
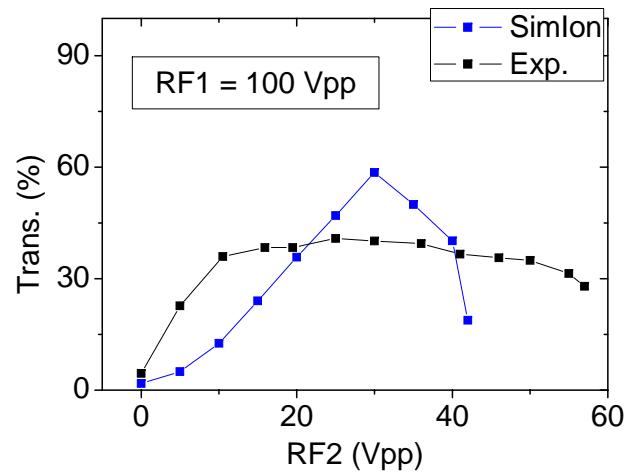
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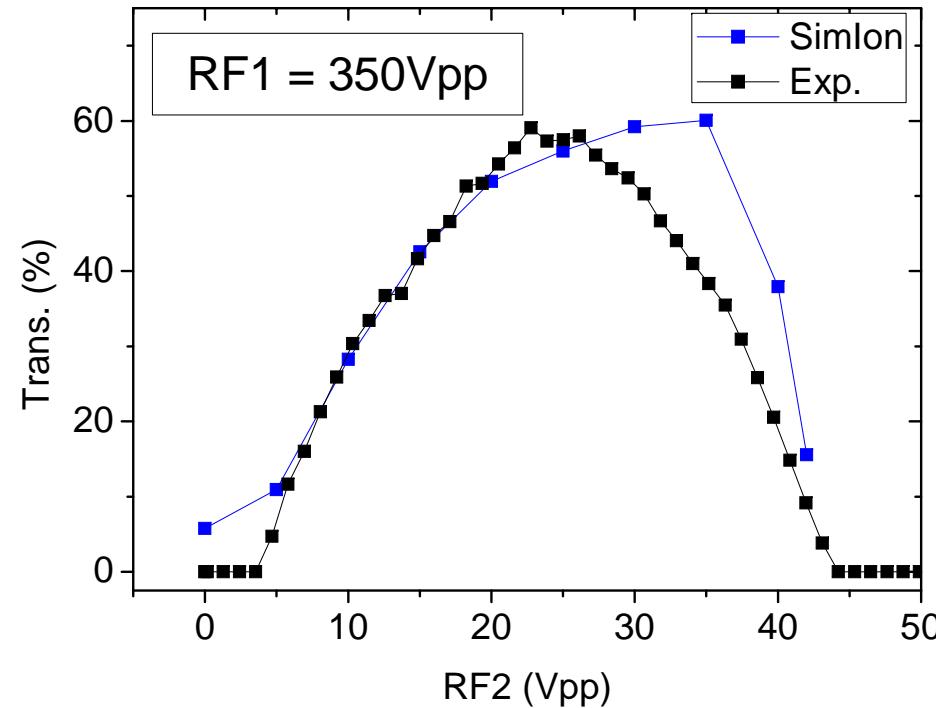
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# Transmission through Mass Separator

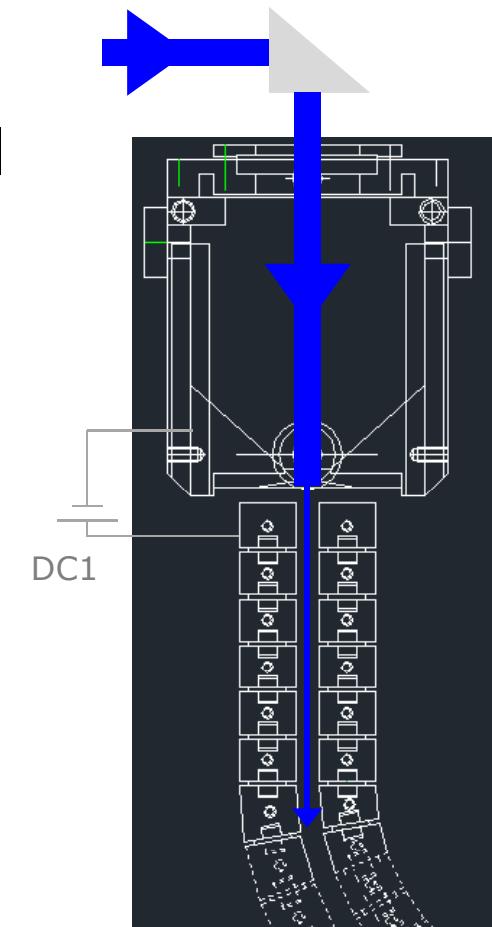
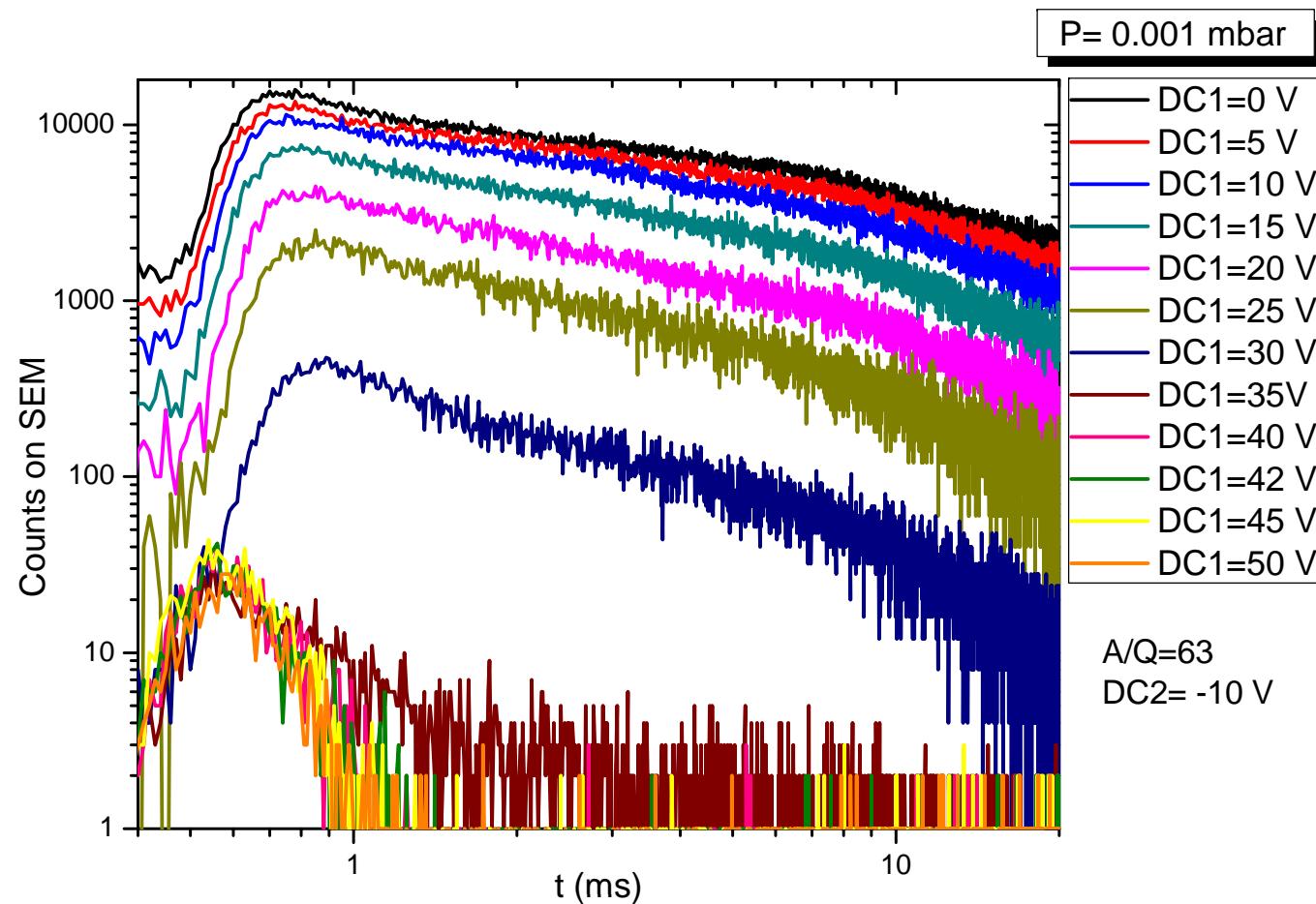
Transmission  $^{63}\text{Cu}$  (bkg pressure 0.1 mbar)



After increasing dragging field through ion guides we get the same transmission as for lower pressure ( $p=1\text{e}-3$  mbar)

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