



Introduction on the HIRIBL separator at HIAF

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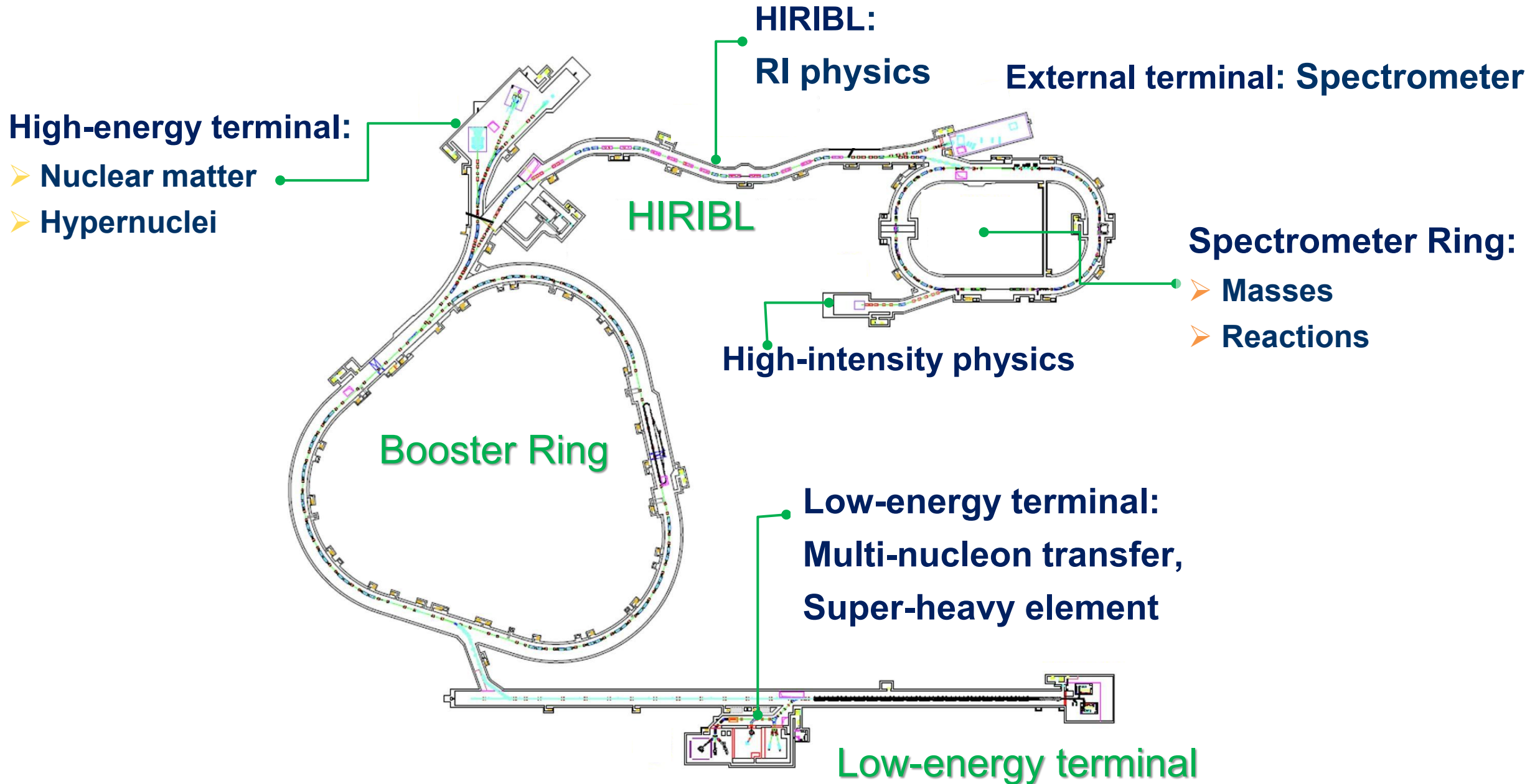
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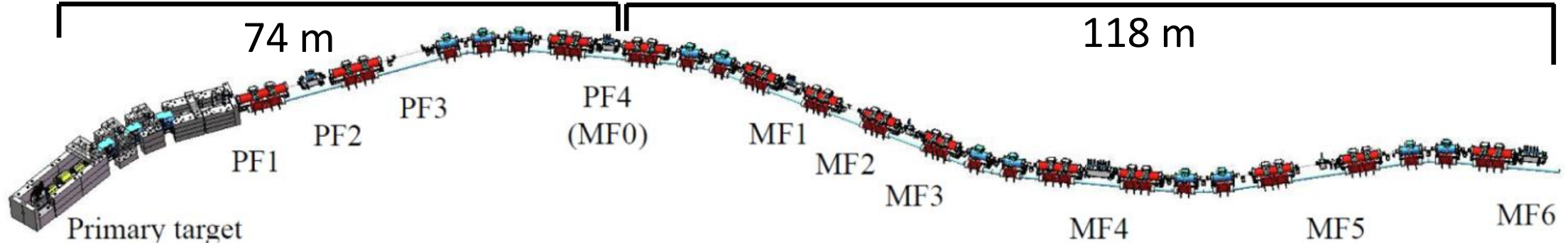
- Concept of HIRIBL (HFERS)
 - Operation modes
- Beam-line devices
 - PID detectors
- Production scenario for astrophysics
- Summary

Experimental terminals





HIRIBL: High-rigidity Radioactive Ion Beam Line



HIAF beam

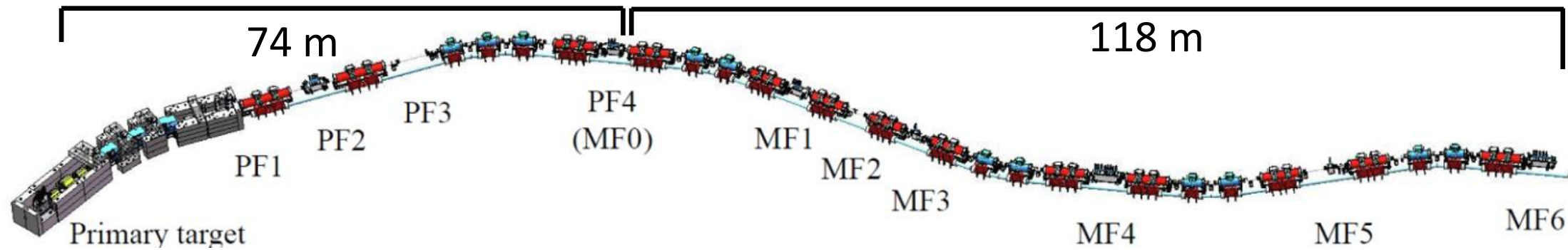
Ion species	Energy (GeV/u)	Intensity (ppp)
p	9.3	5.0×10^{13}
$^{12}\text{C}^{6+}$	4.2	6.0×10^{12}
$^{78}\text{Kr}^{19+}$	1.7	2.5×10^{12}
$^{209}\text{Bi}^{31+}$	0.85	3.0×10^{11}
$^{238}\text{U}^{35+}$	0.835	2.0×10^{11}

HIRIBL

- Pre-separator: 74m
- Main separator: 118m
- Beams: H~U
- Max. beam rate: $\sim 10^7$ pps
- Bp max: 15 Tm



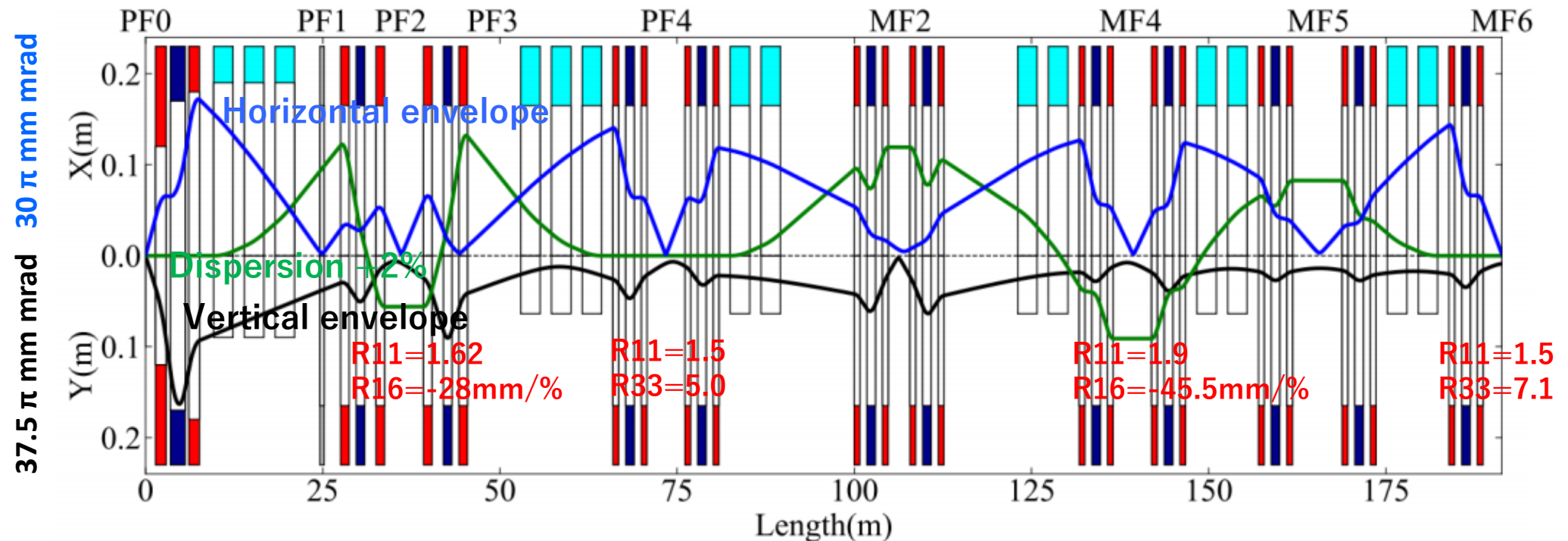
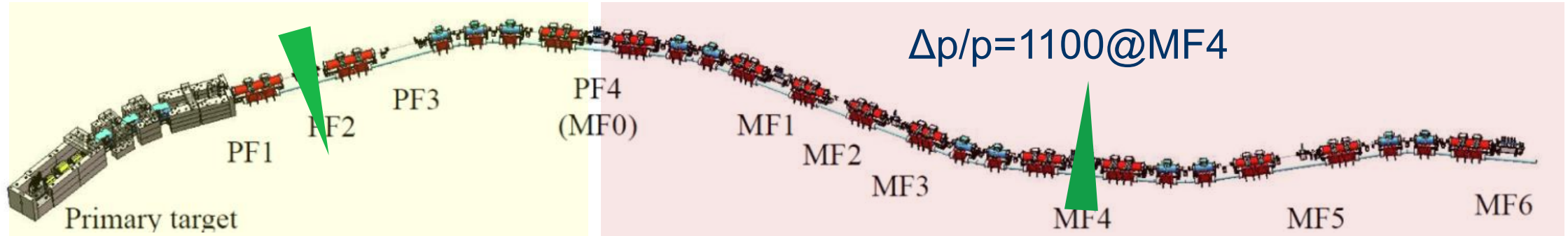
HIRIBL: **H**igh-rigidity **R**adioactive **I**on **B**eam **L**ine



	Length (m)	Beam size at target (mm)	Angular acceptance(mrad)	Momentum acceptance	Resolving power	Max. Bp (Tm)
HIRIBL (HFRS) NIM.B 547(2024),165214	191.38	$\pm 1/\pm 1.5$	± 30 (X); ± 25 (Y)	± 2.0	850/1100 ($\Delta X = \pm 1$ mm)	15 / 25
SuperFRS NIM.B 204(2003),71	182.2	$\pm 1/\pm 2$	± 40 (X); ± 20 (Y)	± 2.5	750/1500 ($\Delta X = \pm 1$ mm)	20
BigRIPS PTEP 2012,03C003	78.2	$\pm 0.5/\pm 0.5$	± 40 (X); ± 50 (Y)	± 3	1260/3420 ($\Delta X = \pm 0.5$ mm)	9.5
ARIS NIM.B 317(2013), 349	86.8	$\pm 0.5/\pm 0.5$	± 40 (X); ± 40 (Y)	± 5	1720/3000 ($\Delta X = \pm 0.5$ mm)	8

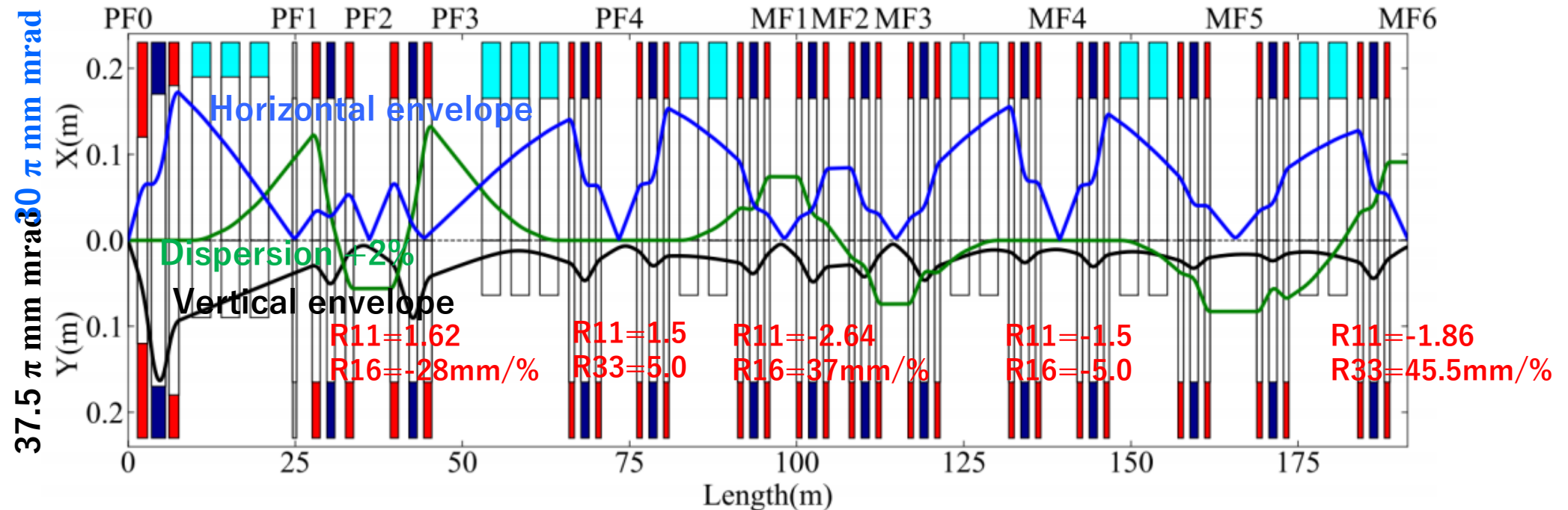
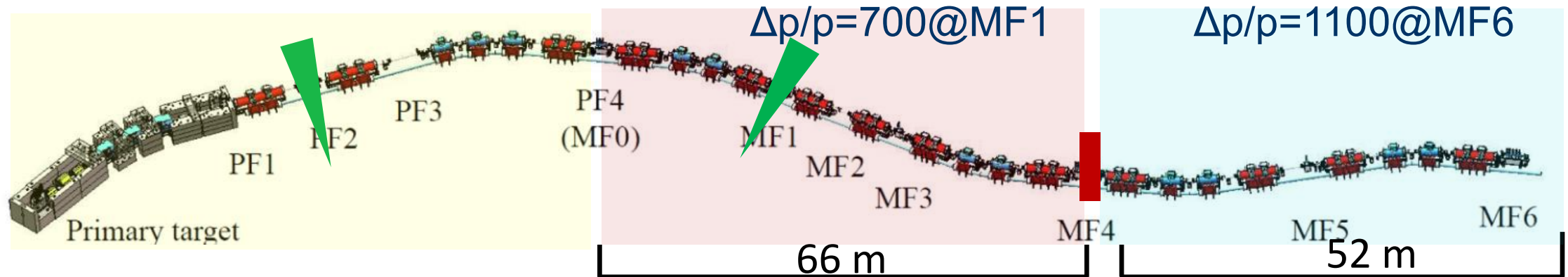
Operation mode I: Achromatic

pre-separator + separator



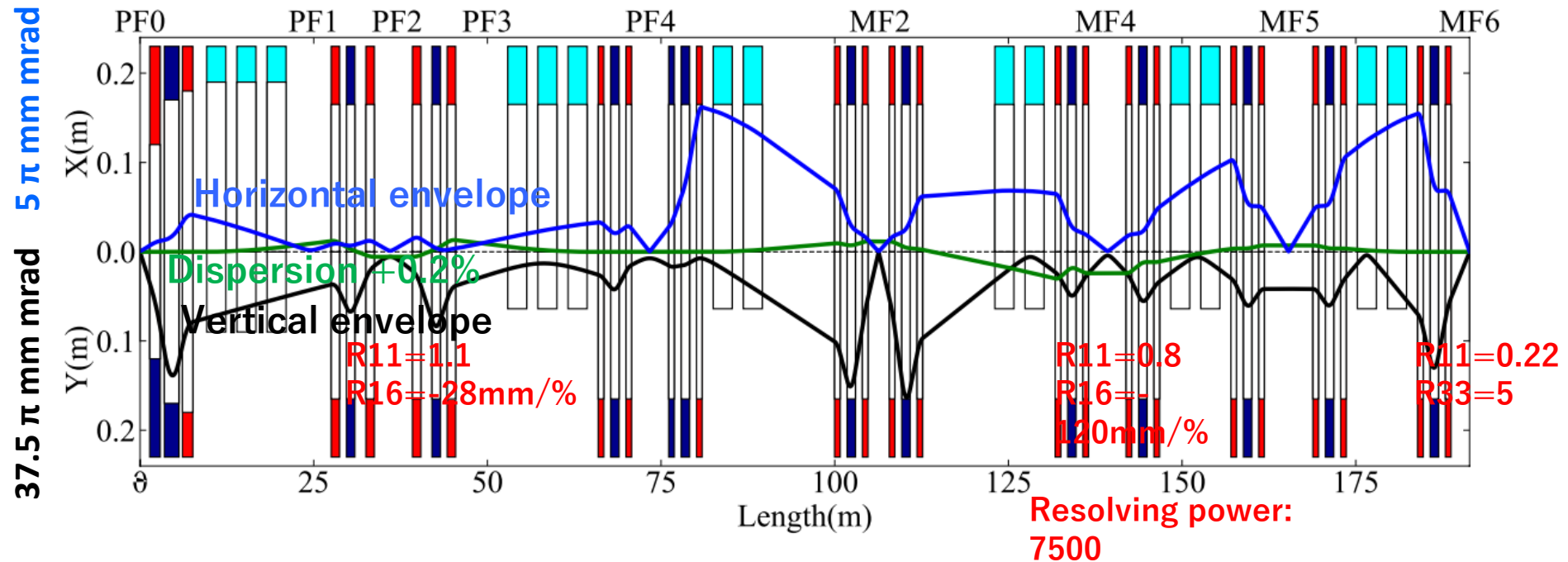
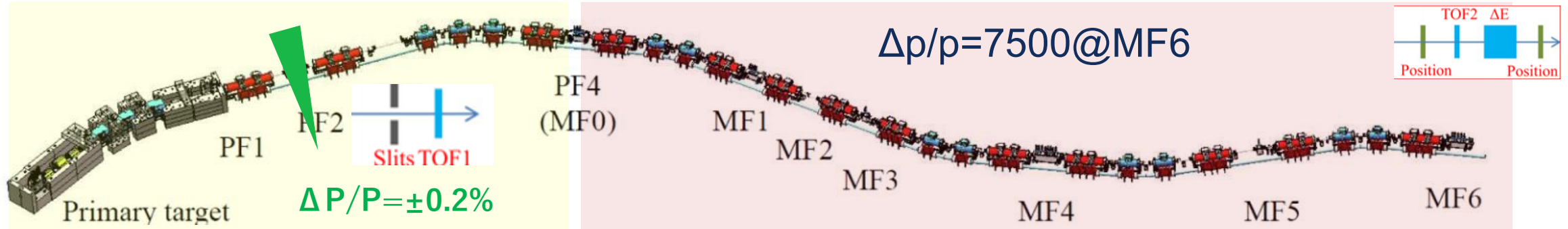
Operation mode II: Dispersive

pre-separator + separator + spectrometer



Operation mode III: High-resolution

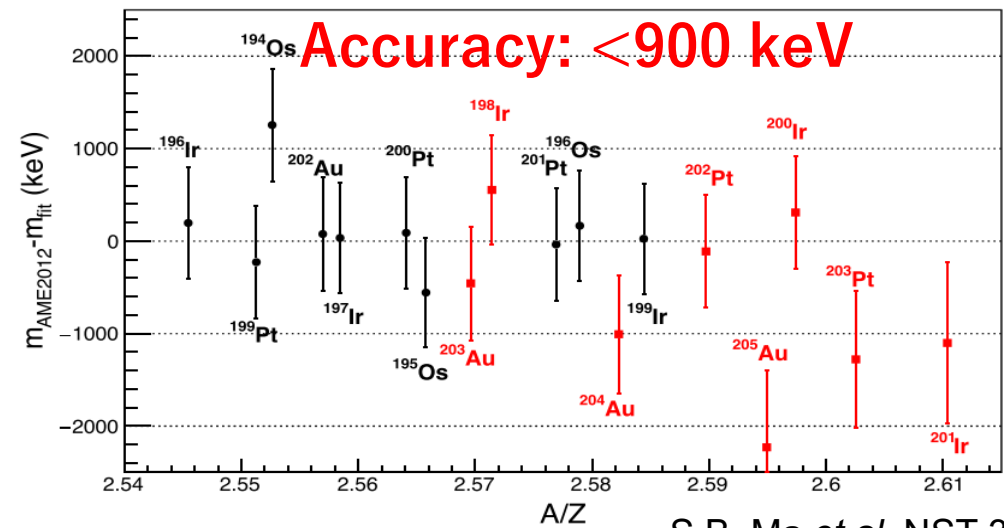
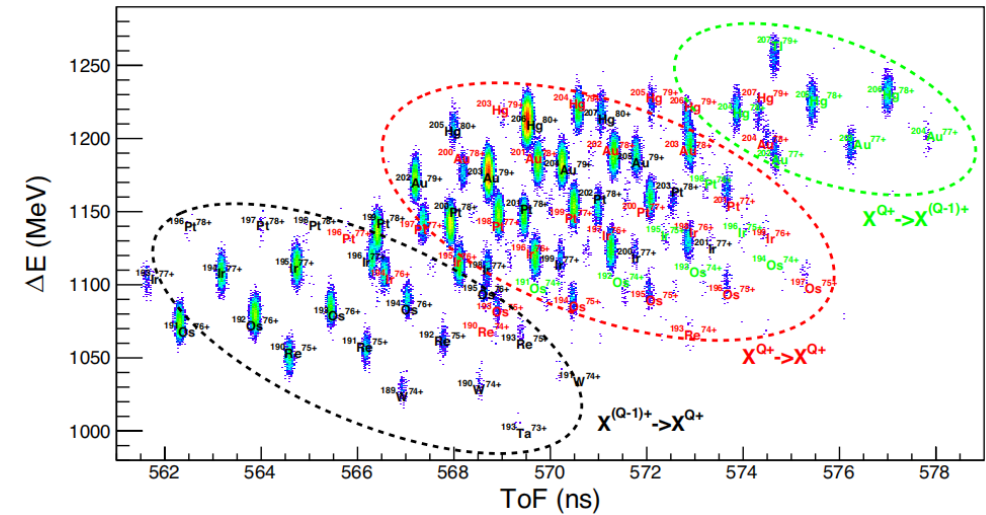
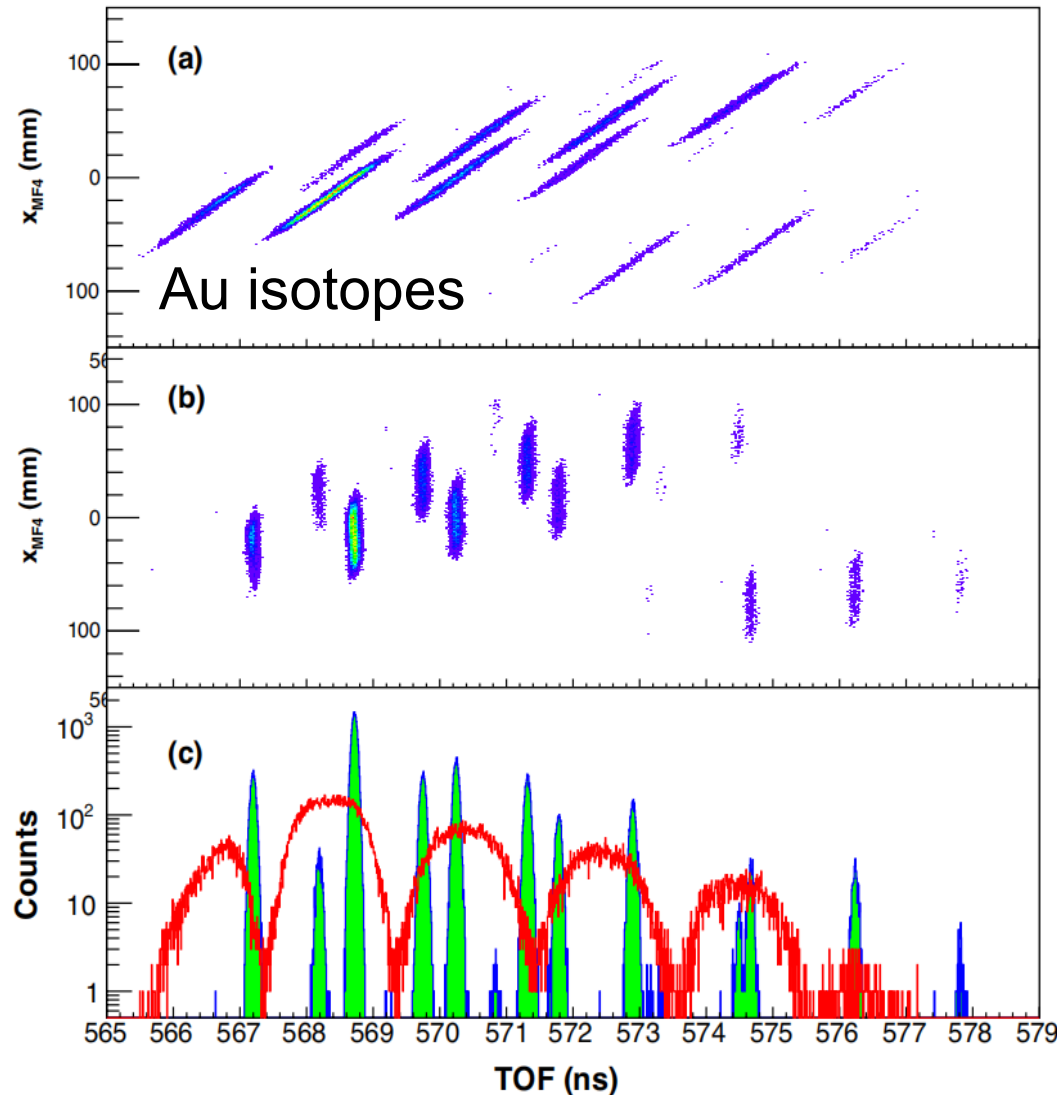
pre-separator + separator



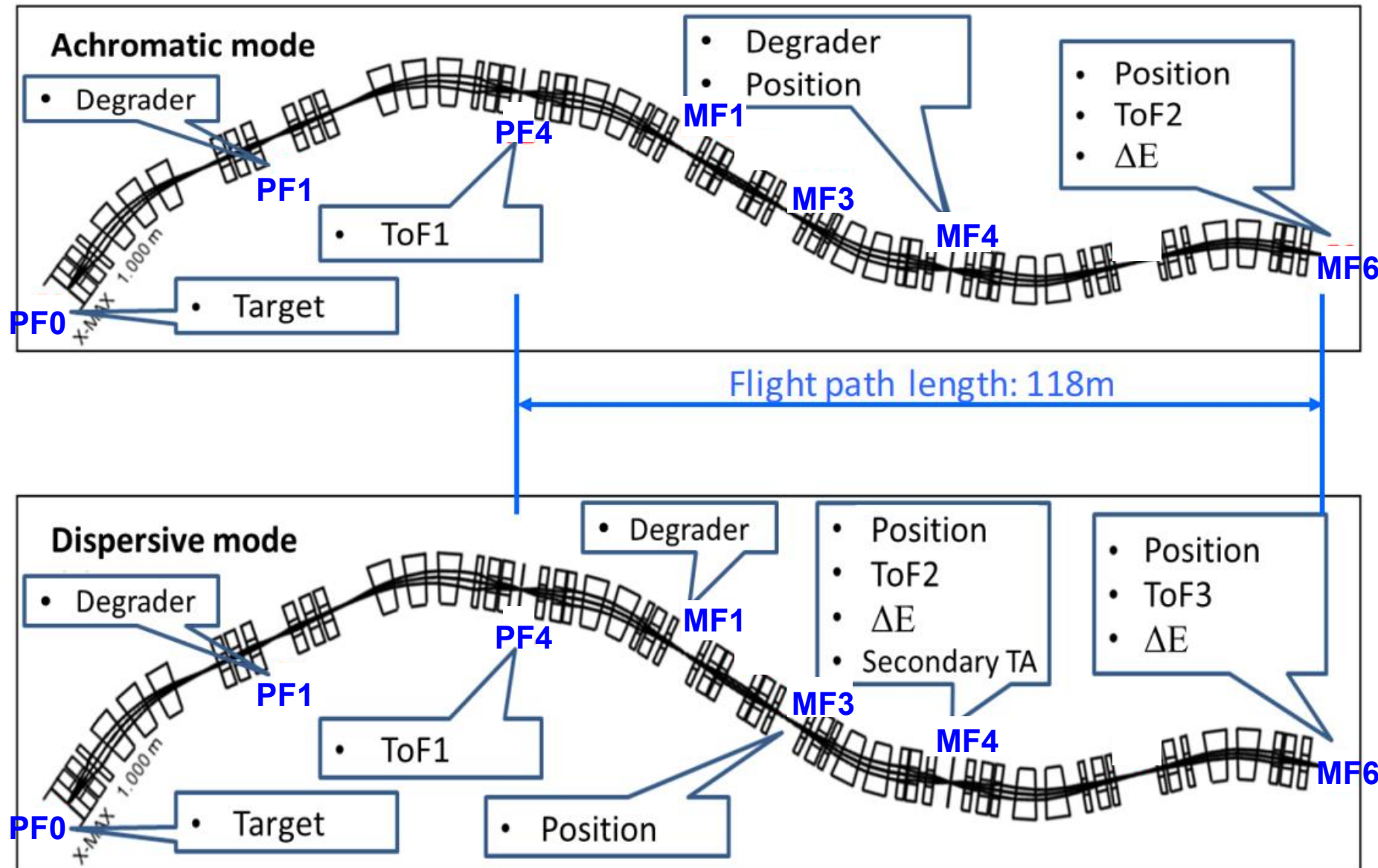
Operation mode III: High-resolution $B\rho$ -TOF for mass

$^{208}\text{Pb}(850.74 \text{ MeV/u}, 1.1\text{e}+11 \text{ ppp})+\text{C}(4.4 \text{ g/cm}^2)\rightarrow^{204}\text{Au}$

$\sigma_{\text{TOF}}=30 \text{ ps}$; $\sigma_{\text{Position}}=0.5 \text{ mm}$; $\sigma_{\Delta E}=0.4\%$



Beam-line detectors and devices



➤ **Production and purification of RIBs**

- Target
- Degradator
- Slits

➤ **PID, $B\rho$ -TOF- ΔE**

- TOF detectors
- Tracking detector
- ΔE detector

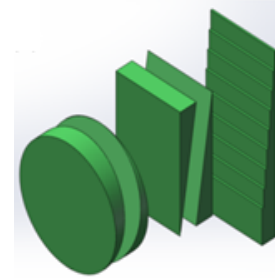
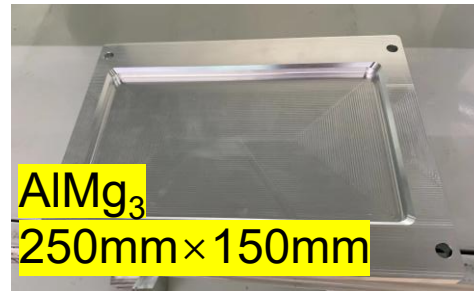
Beam-line devices

Graphite Target



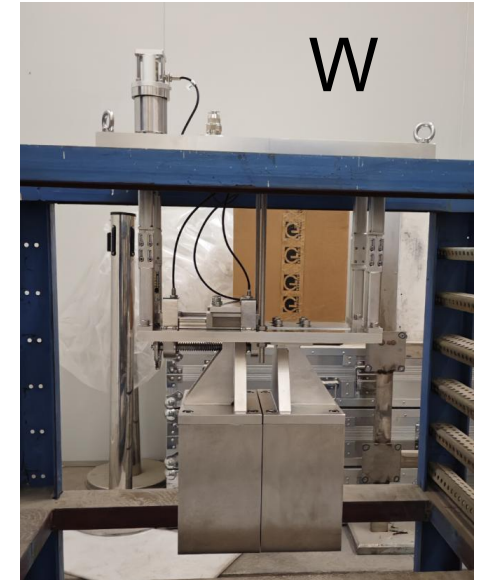
slow (U, 3.16 kW)
fast (U, 9.5 kW)
extraction modes

Degrader



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- PF2,MF3,MF4

Slit



- Volume:
140mm(X)*100mm(Y)*
190mm(Z)
- Weight: ~51 kg
- Repetitive motion
accuracy: <0.1mm

PID detectors requirement

- TOF Detector

Position	Dimension	Resolution(σ)	Counts	Particles	Quantity
PF4	$\sim 40(x) \times 40(y) \text{ mm}^2$	$< 50 \text{ ps}$	$\sim 7e+6 \text{ ppp}$	H $\sim$ U	1
MF4	$\sim 40(x) \times 60(y) \text{ mm}^2$	$< 50 \text{ ps}$	$\sim 5e+6 \text{ ppp}$	H $\sim$ U	1
MF6	$\sim 250(x) \times 70(y) \text{ mm}^2$	$< 50 \text{ ps}$	$\sim 5e+6 \text{ ppp}$	H $\sim$ U	1

- Position Detector

Position	Dimension	Resolution(σ)	Counts	Particles	Quantity
MF3	$\sim 200(x) \times 60(y) \text{ mm}^2$	$< 0.5 \text{ mm}$	Total : $\sim 7e+6 \text{ ppp}$	H $\sim$ U	2
MF4	$\sim 220(x) \times 80(y) \text{ mm}^2$	$< 0.5 \text{ mm}$	Total : $\sim 7e+6 \text{ ppp}$	H $\sim$ U	2
MF6	$\sim 250(x) \times 60(y) \text{ mm}^2$	$< 0.5 \text{ mm}$	Total : $\sim 5e+6 \text{ ppp}$	H $\sim$ U	2

- ΔE Detector

Position	Dimension	Resolution(σ)	Counts	Particles	Quantity
MF4	$\sim 70(x) \times 60(y) \text{ mm}^2$	$< 0.5\%$	$\sim 5e+6 \text{ ppp}$	H $\sim$ U	1
MF6	$\sim 250(x) \times 60(y) \text{ mm}^2$	$< 0.5\%$	$\sim 5e+6 \text{ pps}$	H $\sim$ U	1

PID resolution requirements

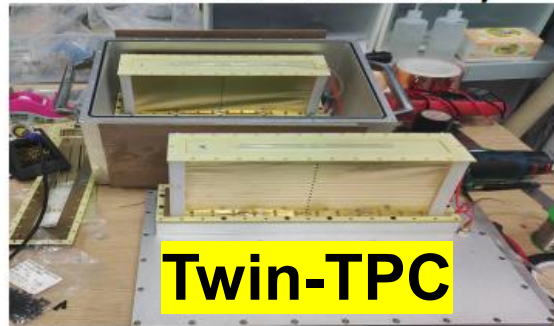
PID detectors: Tracking

Courtesy of X.H. Zhang and H.J. Ong

Micromegas



Detector assembly



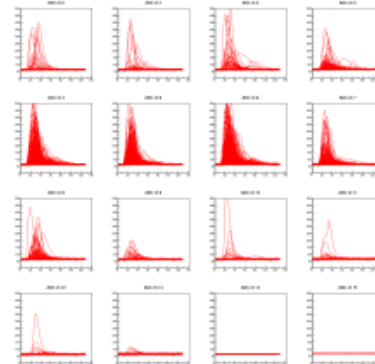
Twin-TPC



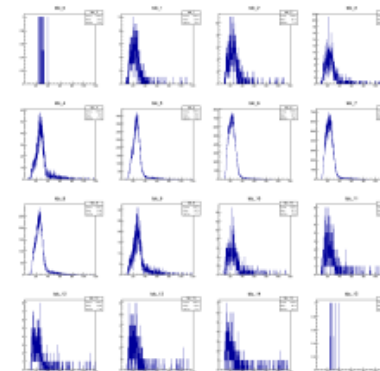
MWDC



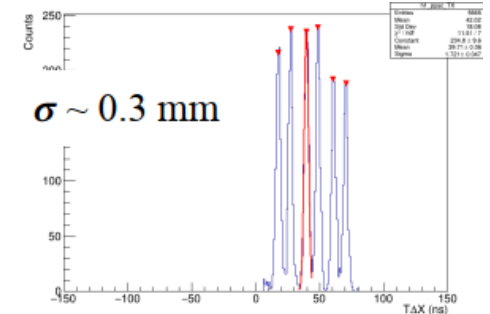
D-PPAC



Pulse shape



Drift time

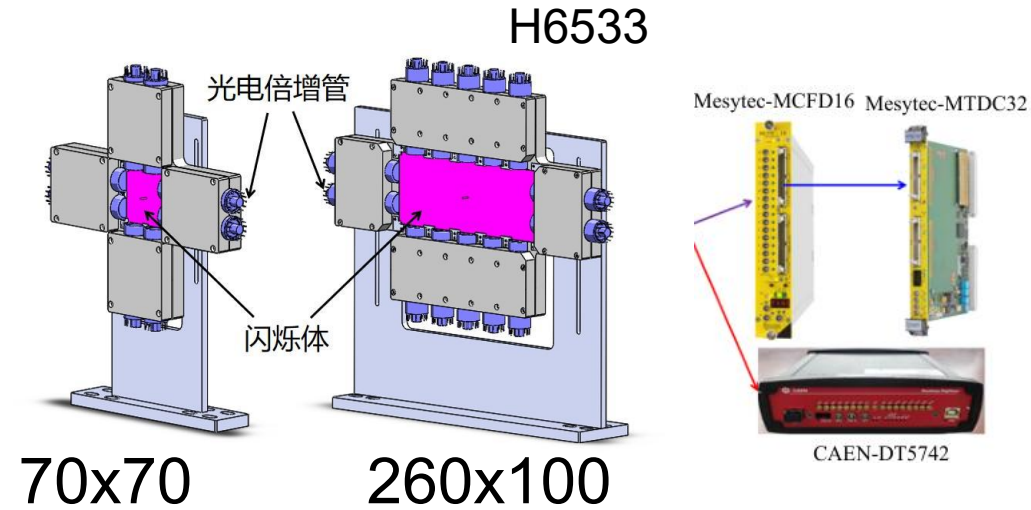


Position

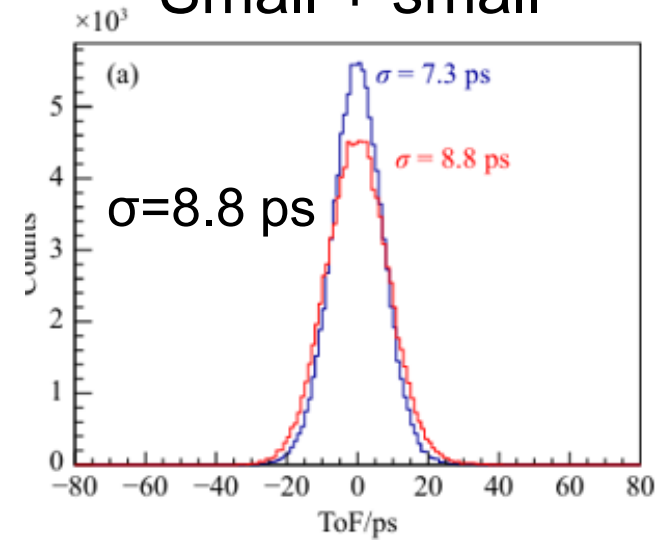
Z.X. Ma and E.Q. Liu et al.

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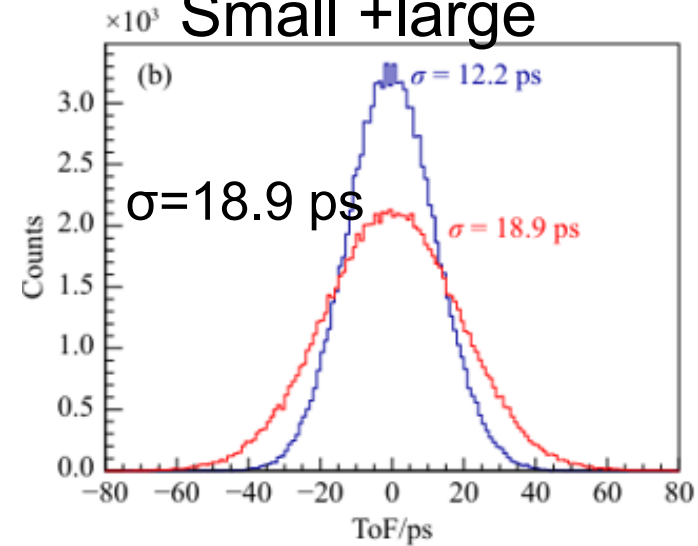
PID detectors: TOF



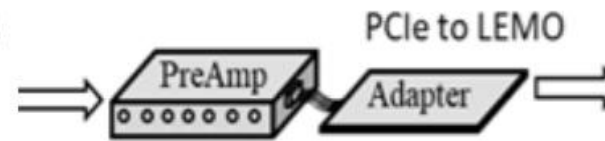
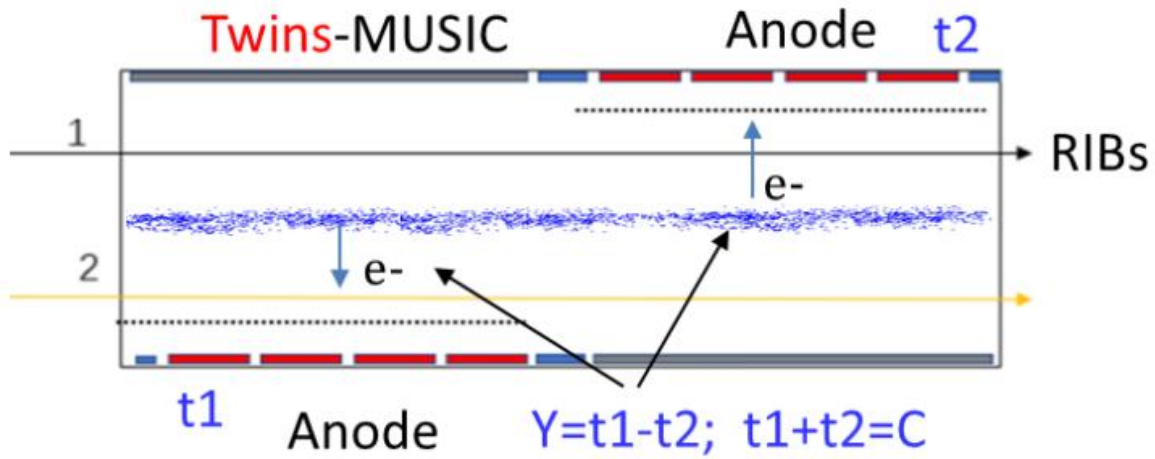
Small + small



Small + large



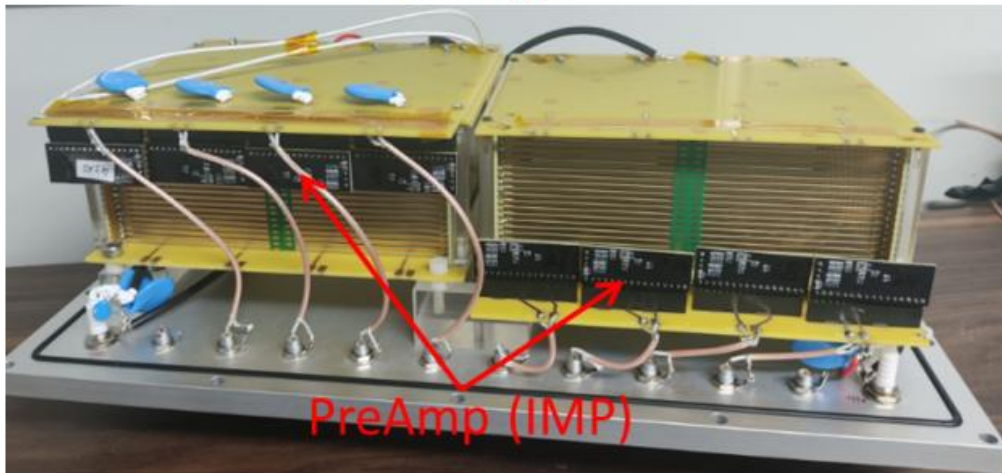
PID detectors: Twins MUSIC



Waveform digitizer



Prototype



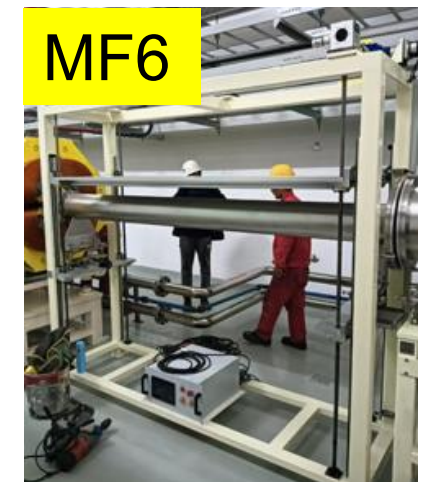
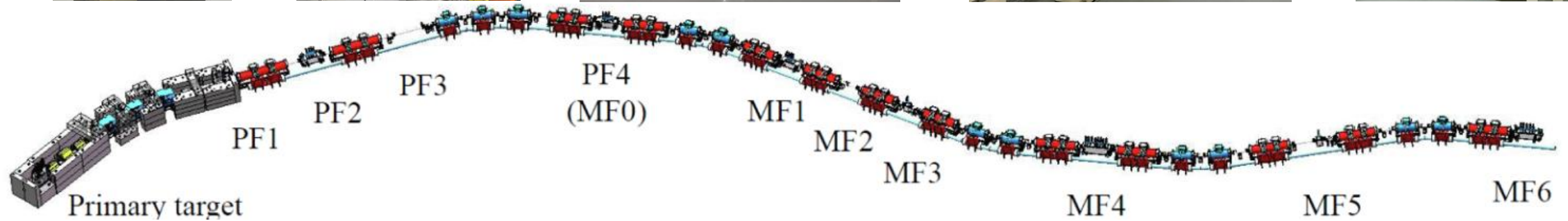
PID detectors: HIRIBL DAQ

Challenges

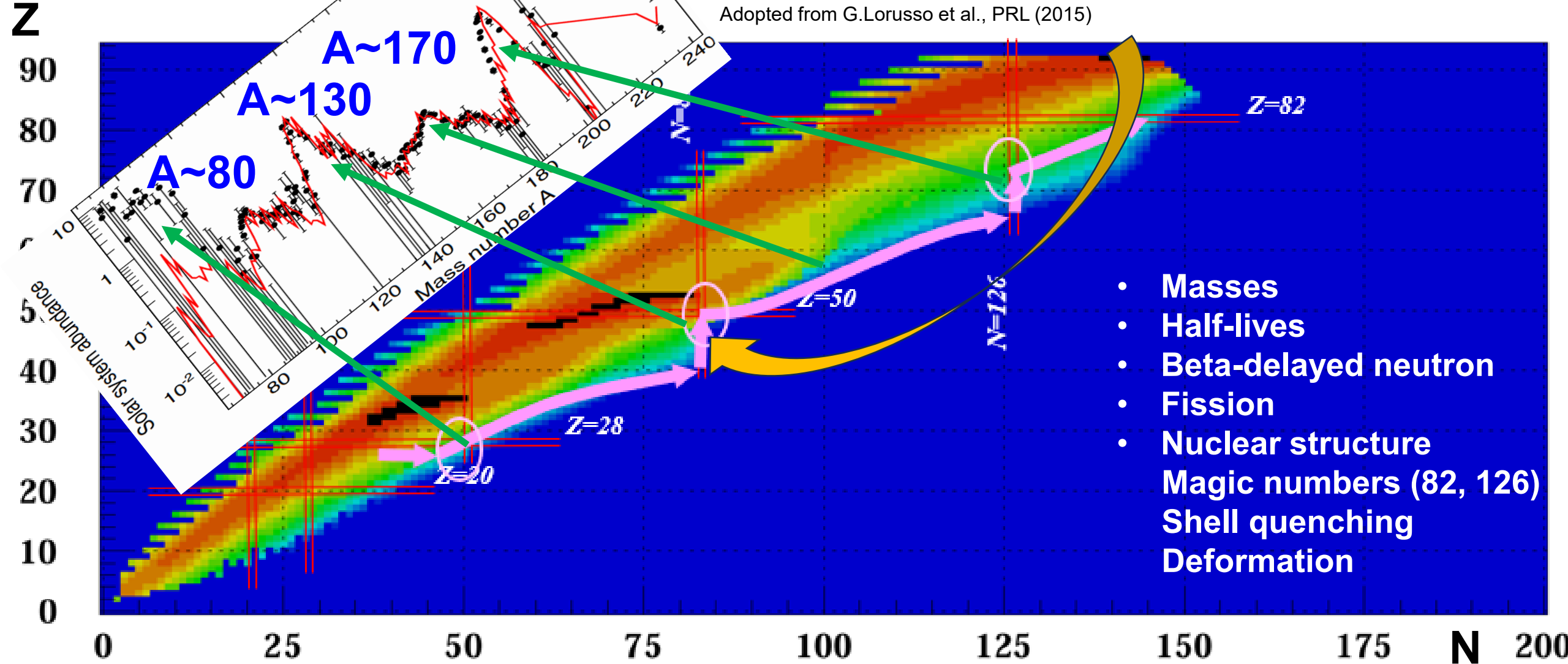
- High data rate:
Average 9 GB/s, peak 18 GB/s
- Large spatial scale: 100m~200m, fiber
- Compatibility between new and old electronic systems
- Triggerless
- Time-stamp based

CROB-PCIe (bandwidth 32Gbps/4GB/s)

HIRIBL: Facility tour on 9/4



r-process

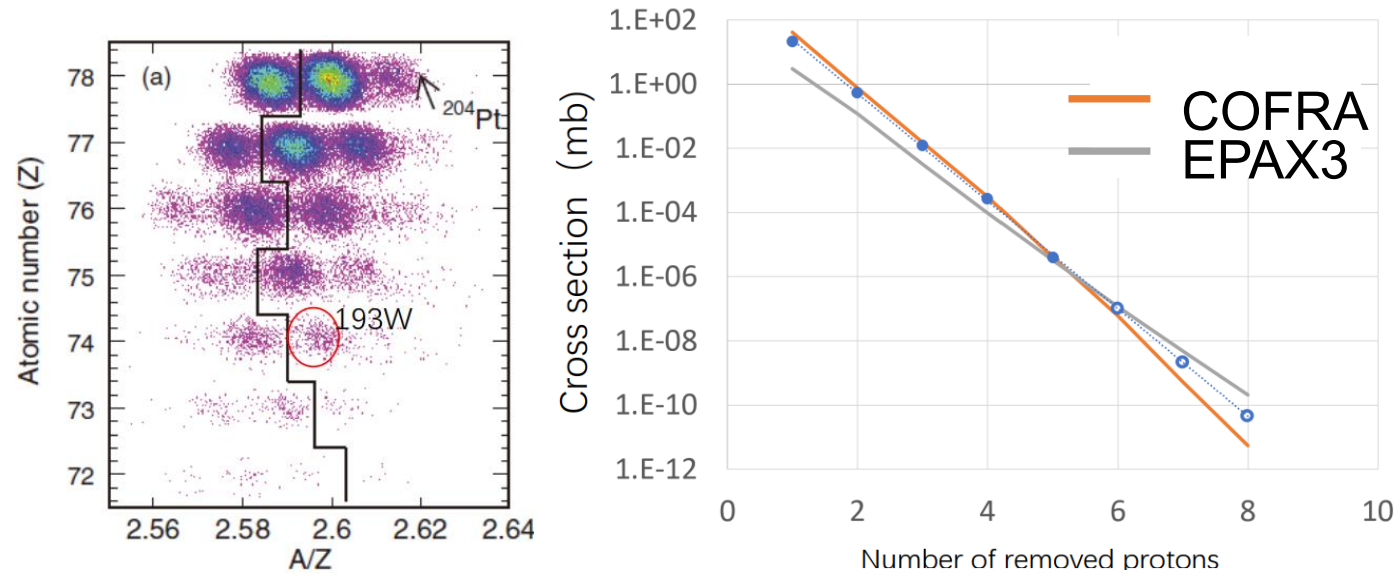


1st and 2nd peaks: $N = 50$ and $N = 82$

	HIAF	RIBF	FRIB
^{238}U intensity [pnA]	10^{11} ppp $\rightarrow$ 1.6	100	356
Target [mm]	100-mm C	4-mm Be	1.8-mm Be
Energy after target [MeV/u]	270	250	140
Charge state	99%	99%	99%
Factor	1	2.5	2.4

3rd peak: N=126

$^{208}\text{Pb} + ^9\text{Be} \rightarrow \text{N}=126 \text{ isotones}$

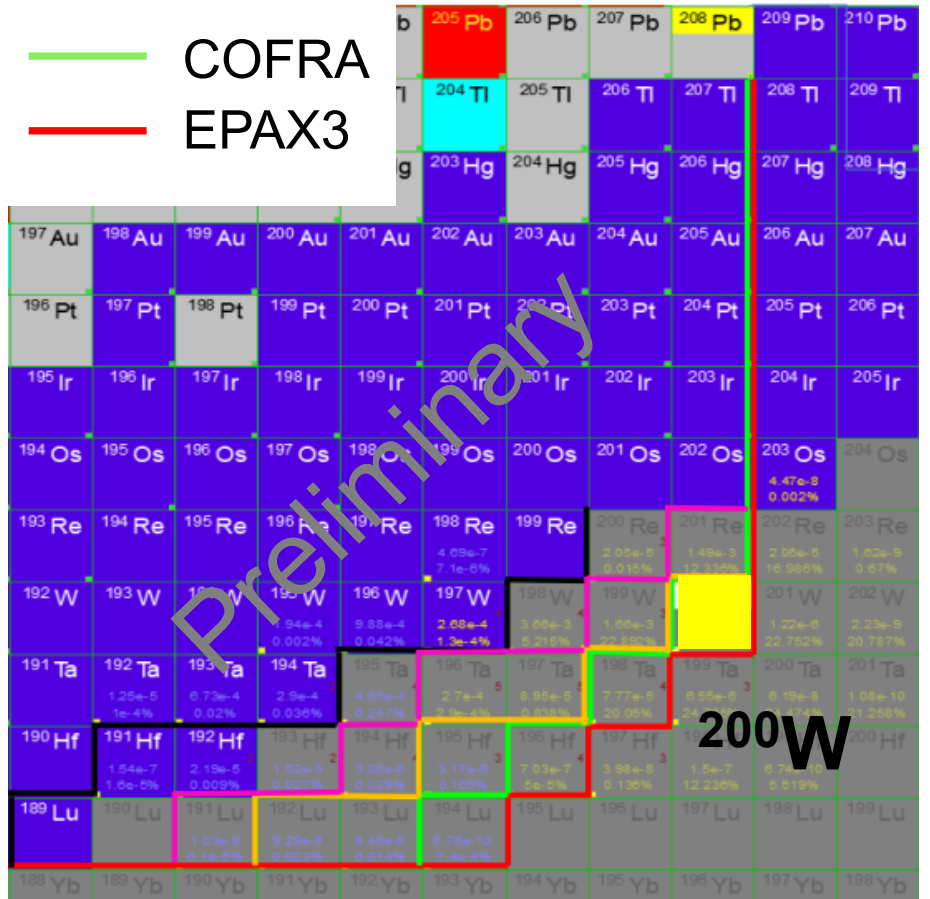


T. KURTUKIAN-NIETO *et al.*, PRC 89, 024616 (2014)

$^{238}\text{U} + 4\text{mm-}^9\text{Be} \rightarrow ^{213,215}\text{Ti}$
70pnA, 4000/2000 ions

T.T. Yeung *et al.*, PRL 133, 072501 (2024)

$^{208}\text{Pb} + \text{C} (0.5\text{g/cm}^2) @ \text{HIAF}$

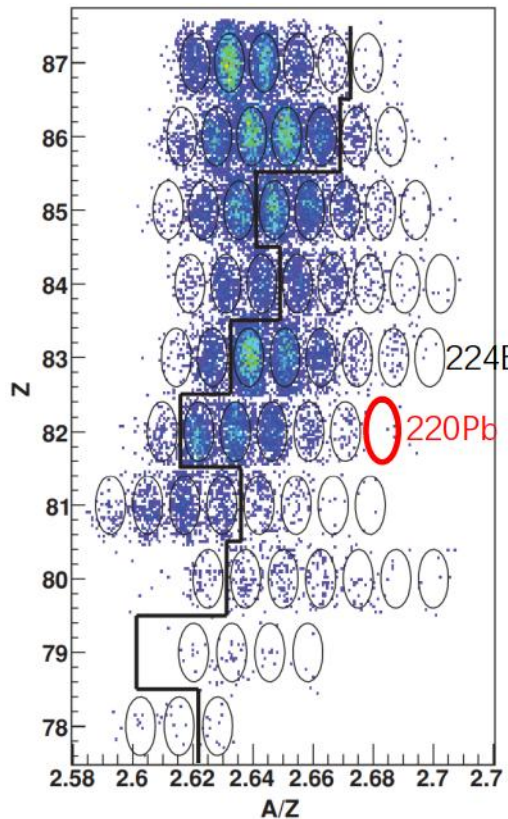


20 New isotopes

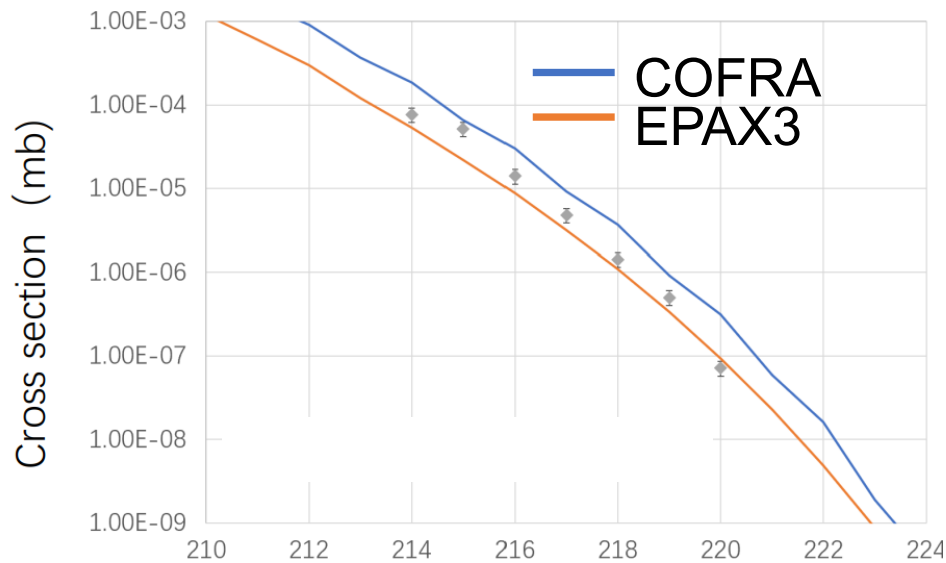
$^{189,190}\text{Lu}$ - ^{194}Lu , $^{191,192,193}\text{Hf}$ - ^{196}Hf

^{195}Ta - ^{198}Ta , ^{198}W - ^{200}W , ^{200}Re - ^{201}Re

3rd peak: Beyond ²⁰⁸Pb



$^{238}\text{U} + ^9\text{Be} \text{ (2.5 g/cm}^2\text{)} \rightarrow \text{Pb}$

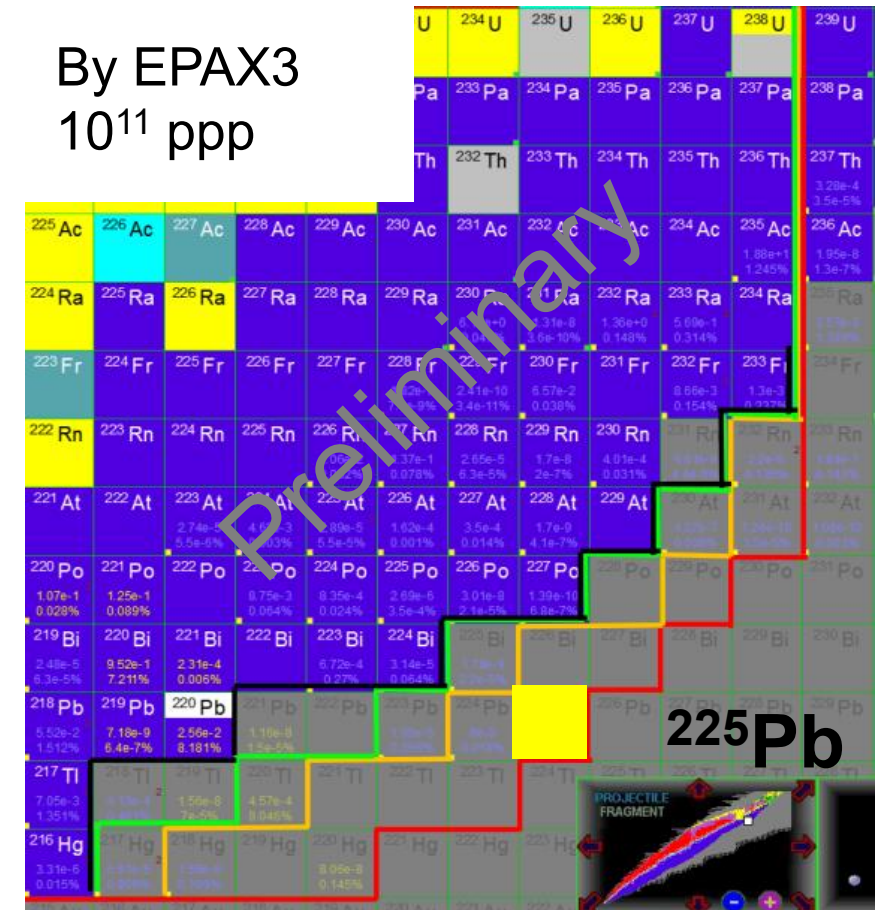


H. ALVAREZ-POL, PRC 82, 041602(R) (2010)

$^{238}\text{U} + \text{C} \text{ (0.5g/cm}^2\text{)} @ \text{HIAF}$

By EPAX3

10^{11} ppp

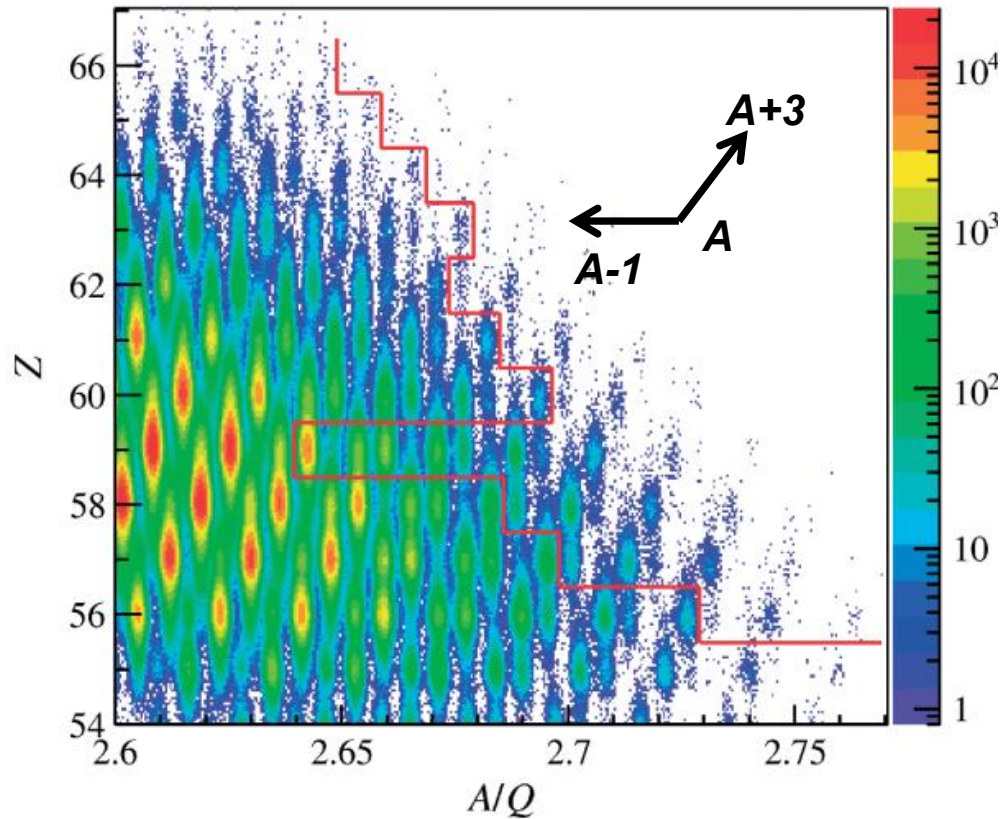


23 New isotopes

^{232}Rn , $^{230,231}\text{At}$, $^{228,229}\text{Po}$, $^{225-227}\text{Bi}$,
 $^{221-225}\text{Pb}$, $^{218-223}\text{Tl}$, $^{217-220}\text{Hg}$

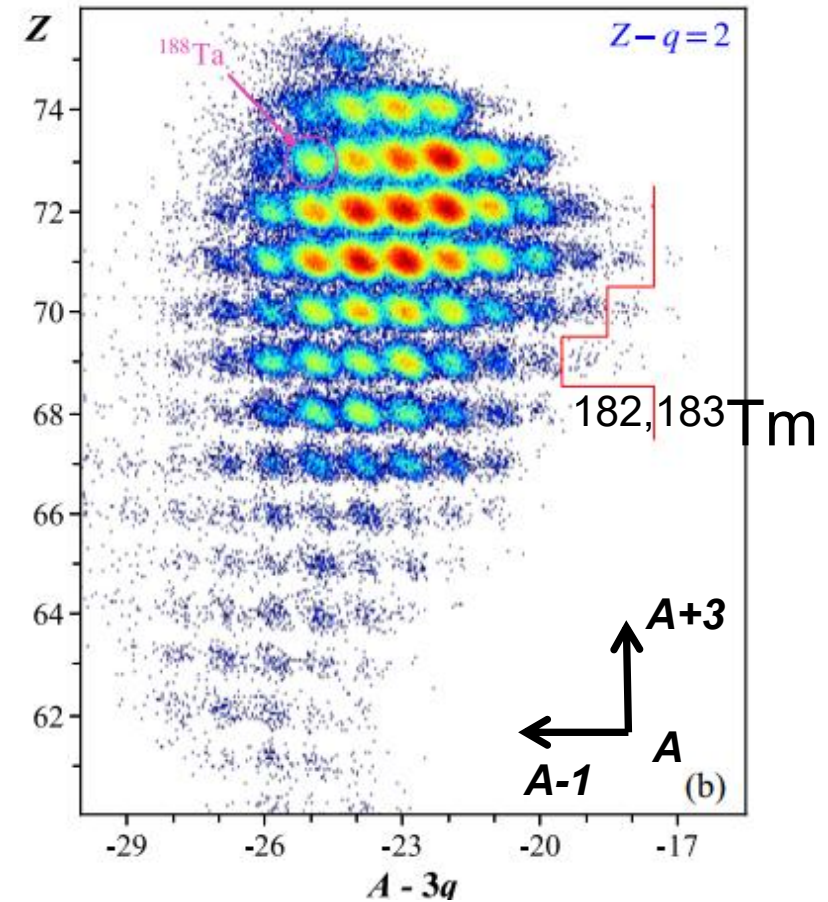
Rare-earth region: Fission and fragmentation

$^{238}\text{U}+^9\text{Be}$ (4/4.9 mm)@345 MeV/u



N. Fukuda et al., JPSJ 87, 014202 (2018)

$^{198}\text{Pt}+\text{C}$ (3.54 mm)@186 MeV/u



O.B. Tarasov et al., PRL132, 072501 (2024)

Rare-earth region: Projectiles

- Fragmentation of ^{198}Pt , ^{197}Au , ^{208}Pb
- Fission of ^{238}U

Preliminary

Rare-earth region: how to access?

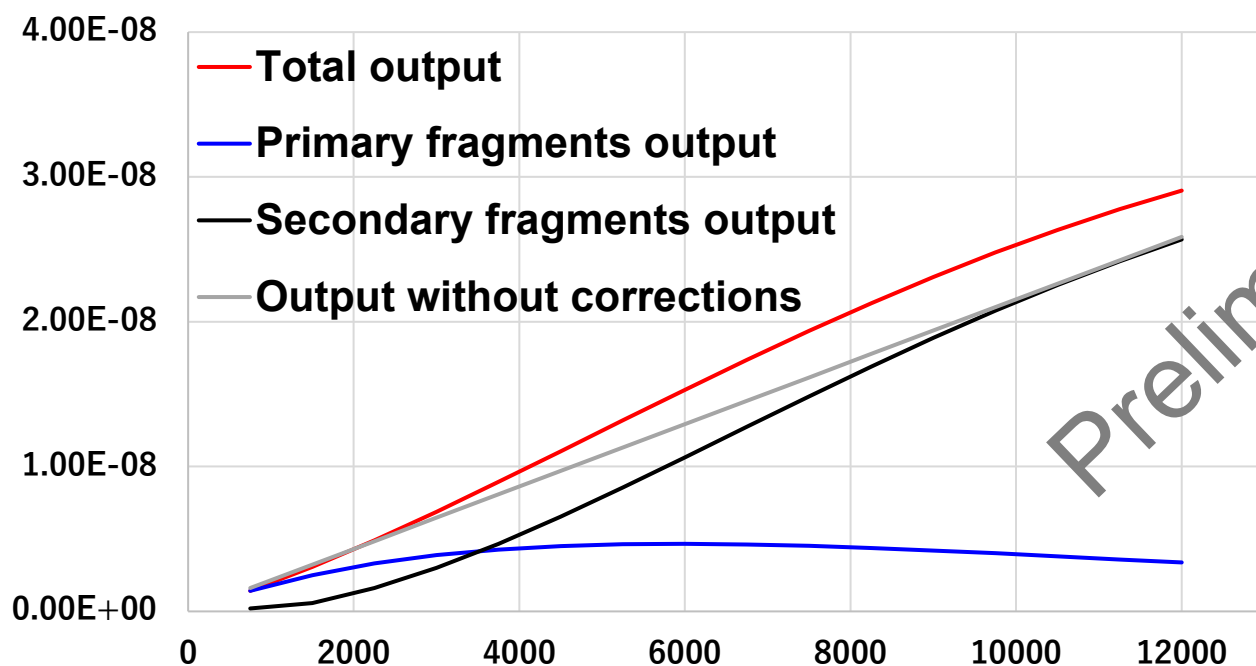
- $^{198}\text{Pt} + \text{C} \rightarrow ^{181}\text{Er}$ @ 850 MeV/u
- Thick target effect
 - Number of target nucleus (T_{tar})
 - Increase
 - Survival probability (P_{sur})
 - Production vs reaction loss
 - Charge-state distribution (R_{FS})
 - Energy dependence
- Production = $T_{\text{tar}} \times R_{\text{FS}} \times P_{\text{sur}}$

Preliminary

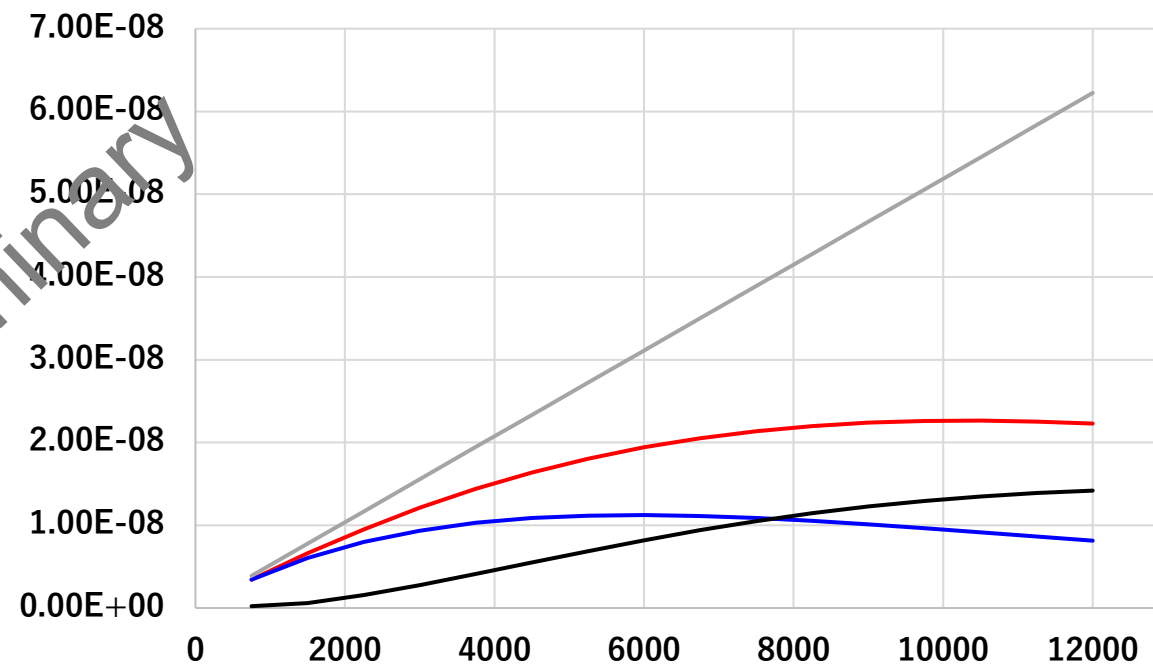
rp-process: thick-target effect



EPAX3:
multi-reaction **enhances** production



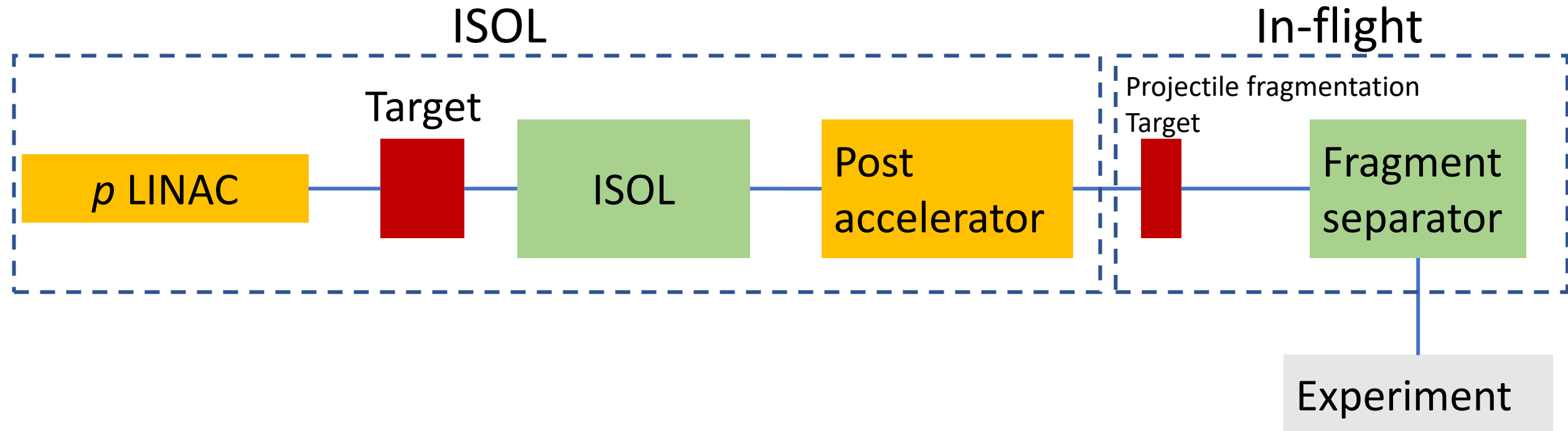
EPAX2:
multi-reaction **reduces** production



Be thickness (mg/cm²)

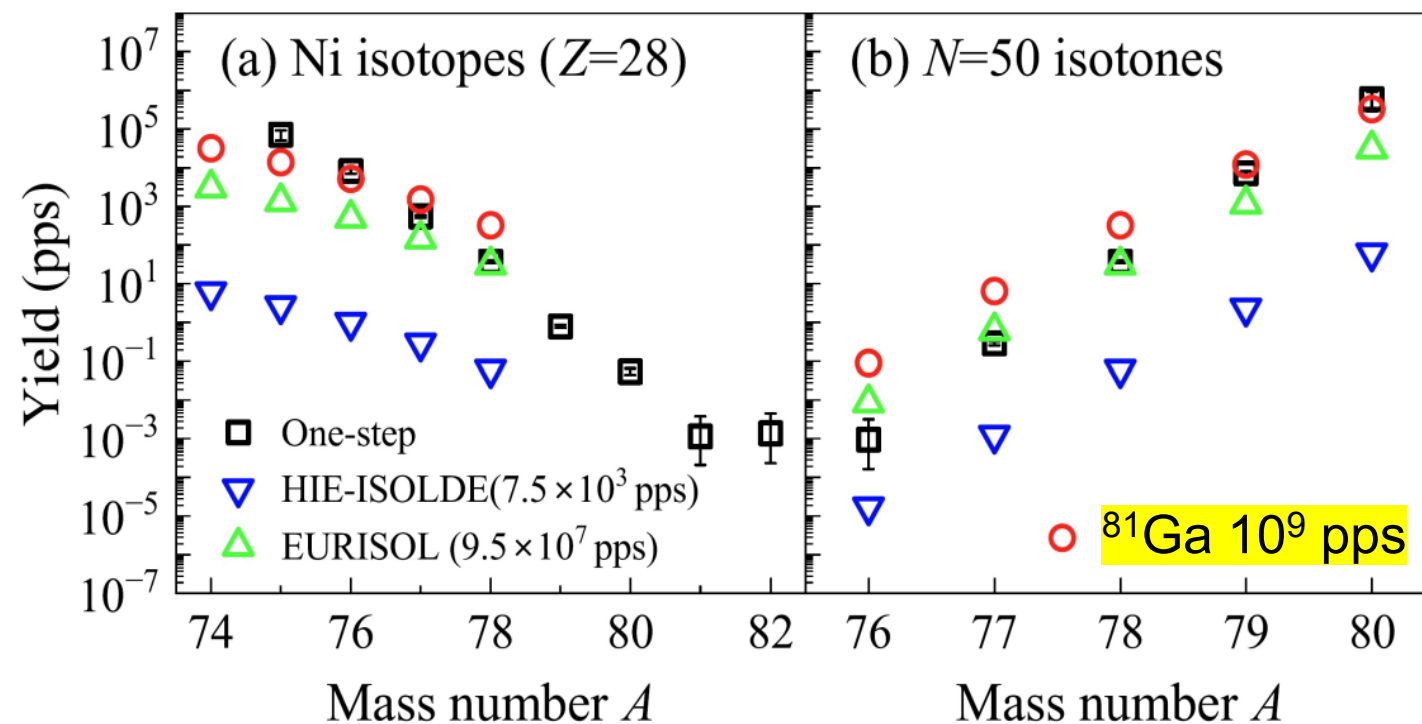
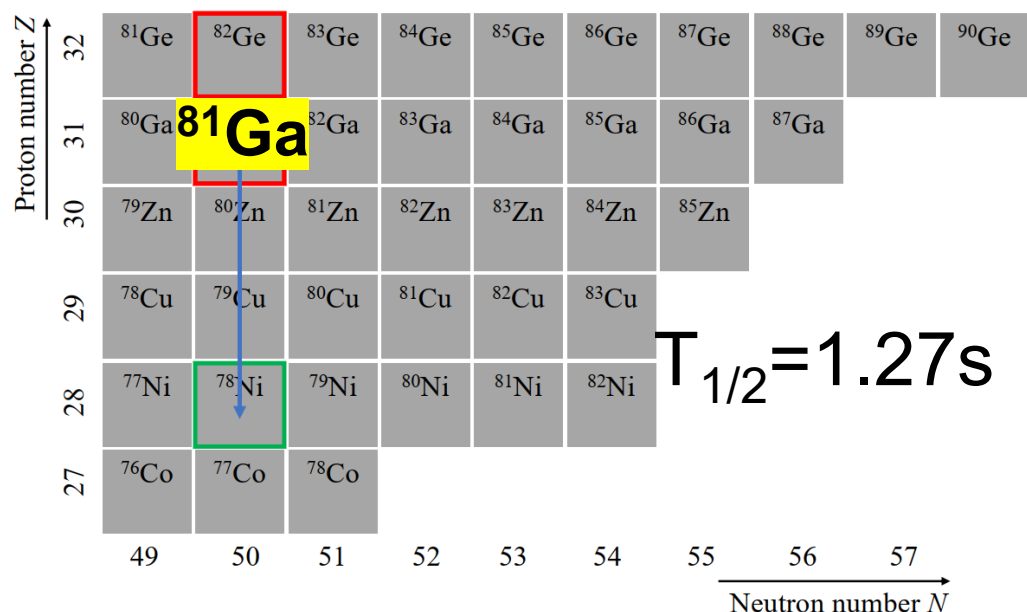
Two-step scheme

- ISOL + In-flight
- Fission + Projectile fragmentation of unstable nuclei



Two- vs one-step

- $8\text{p}\mu\text{A } ^{238}\text{U} + 0.35\text{-g/cm}^2 \text{ Be @150MeV/u}$
- Fission + Projectile fragmentation of ^{81}Ga



Summary

- Opportunities at HIRIBL for heavy radioactive isotopes
 - Devices and PID detectors
 - Decay station at MF6
- Possible scenarios to access r- and rp-process path
 - Fission, projectile fragmentation, thick-target effect
- Collaboration for astro-nuclear physics
 - Decay station? Ge array? Triggerless?
Request to accelerator division for beam species

Welcome to HIAF



SUNFLOWER workshop on 9/2~9/4