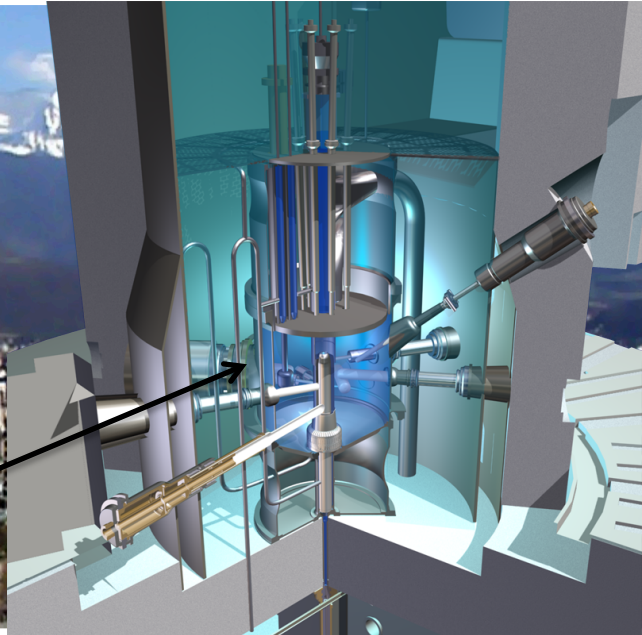


# Nuclear spectroscopy with thermal neutrons and actinide targets in ILL

**Yung Hee KIM**

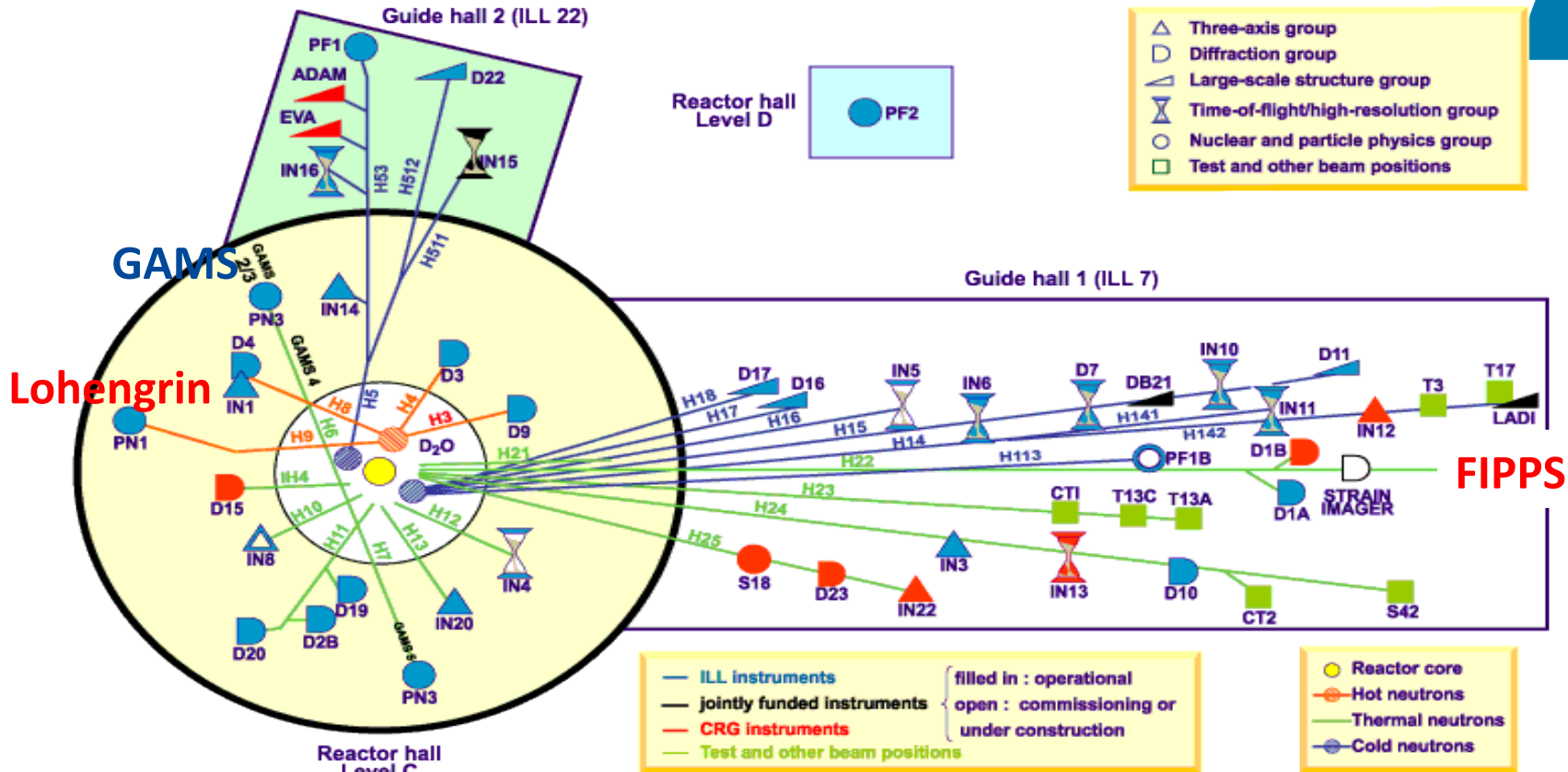
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# Institut Laue Langevin



- **57 MW research reactor ( $5 \cdot 10^{18}$  n/s )**
- **Neutron beams with up to  $2 \cdot 10^{10}$  n.cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> flux**

# ILL instruments



40 instruments running simultaneously for 150-200 days per year

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# LOHENGRIN recoil separator



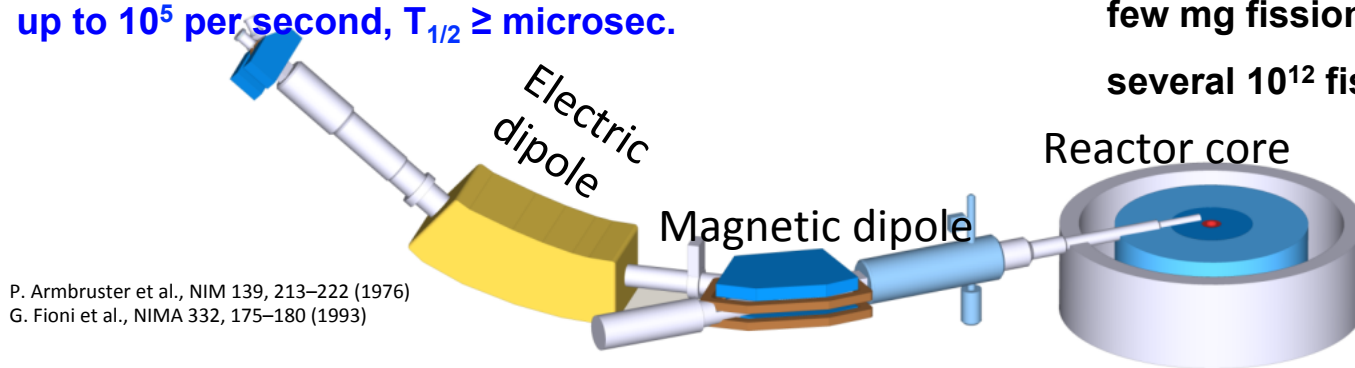
mass-separated fission fragments,

up to  $10^5$  per second,  $T_{1/2} \geq$  microsec.

flux  $5 \cdot 10^{14}$  n./cm<sup>2</sup>/s

few mg fission target

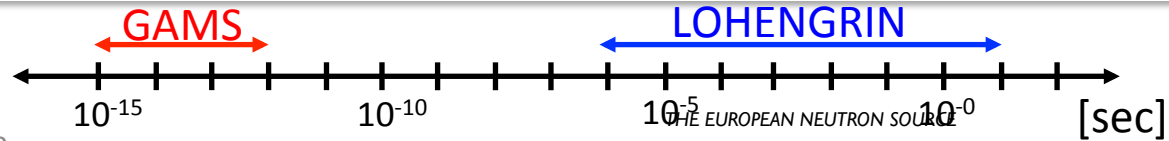
several  $10^{12}$  fissions/s



P. Armbruster et al., NIM 139, 213–222 (1976)  
G. Fioni et al., NIMA 332, 175–180 (1993)

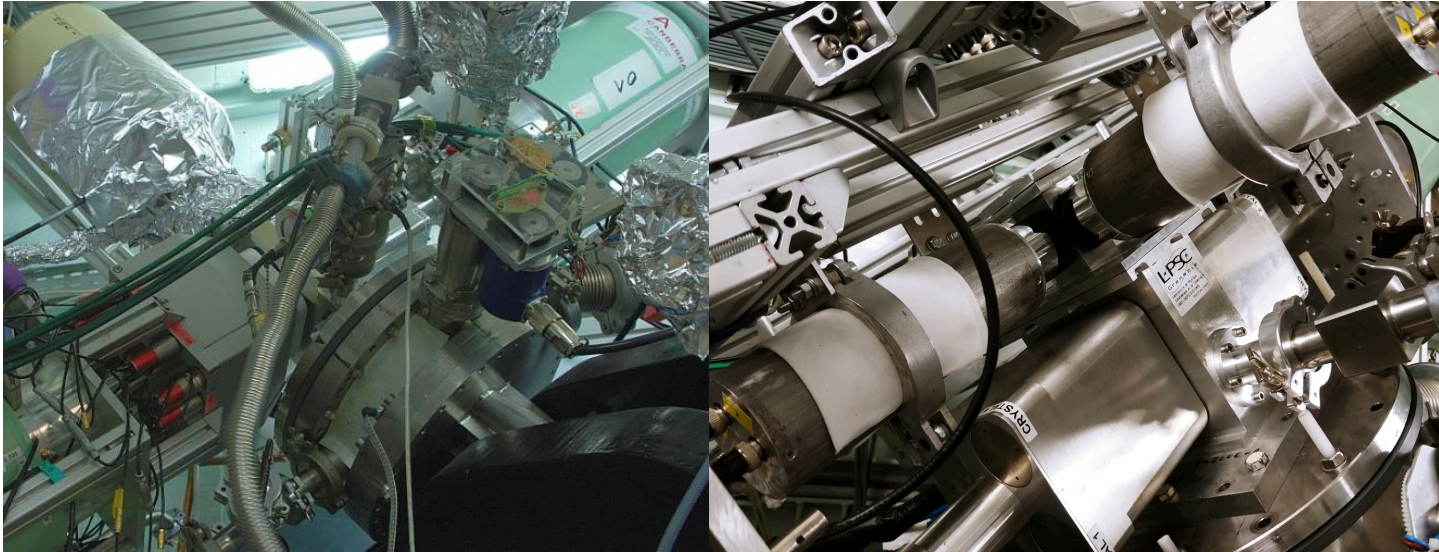
- High resolution A/Q, Ek/Q selection ( $A/\Delta A = 1500$ ,  $E/\Delta E = 100 - 1000$ )
- Small acceptance ( $\sim 0.03$  msr)
- Fission reaction mechanism study
- Nuclear structure:
  - Isomer decay ( $t_{1/2} > 0.5$  us)
  - $\beta$ -decay

Lifetime measurement  
accessible range



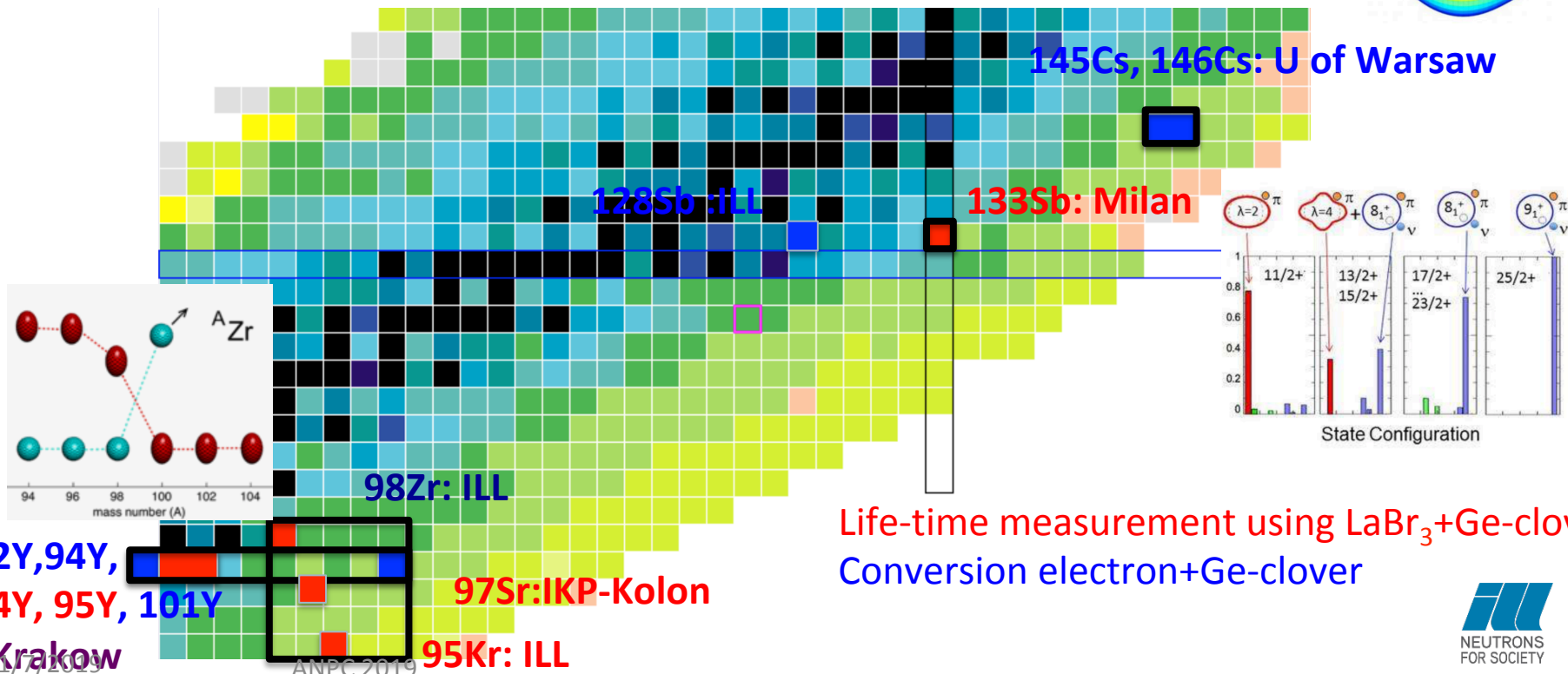
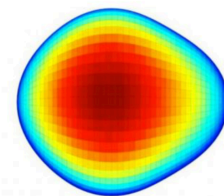
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- 1. Nuclear spectroscopy (**isomer**/ $\beta$ -decay)
  - Conversion electron (Si-detector (LN2 cooled)+2 Ge-clover)
  - ps Life-time measurement (4 LaBr<sub>3</sub>+2 Ge-clover)



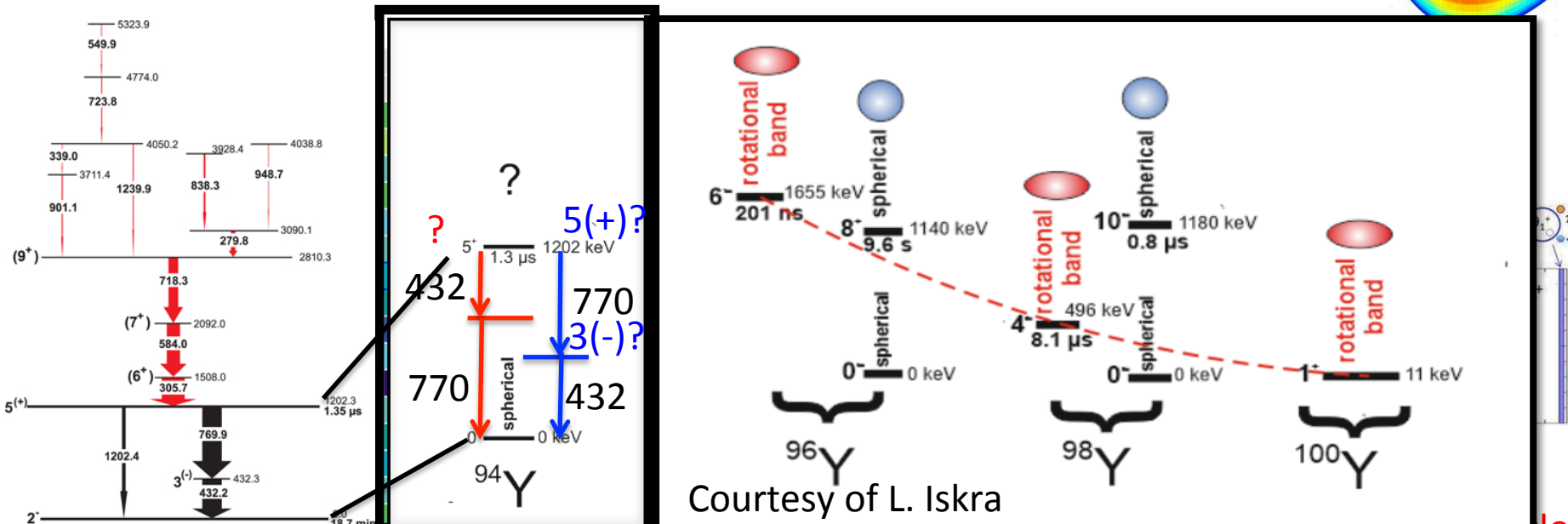
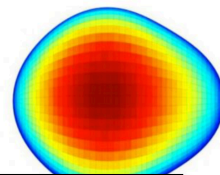
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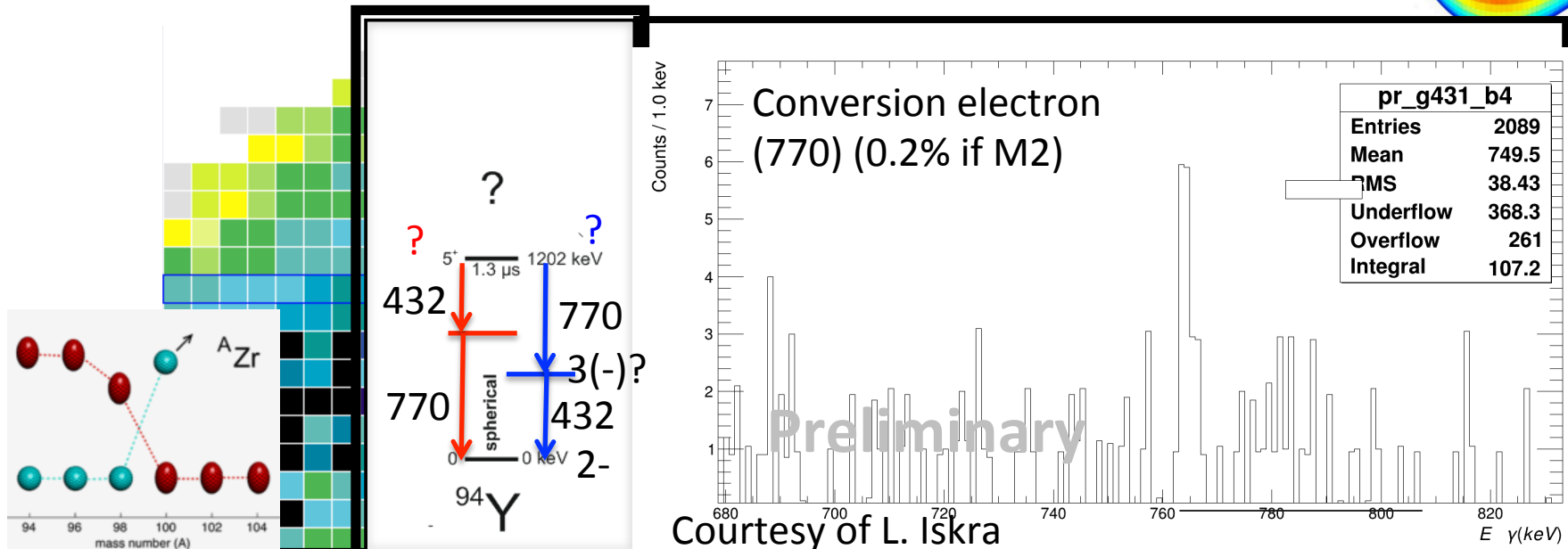
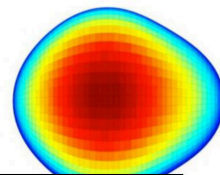
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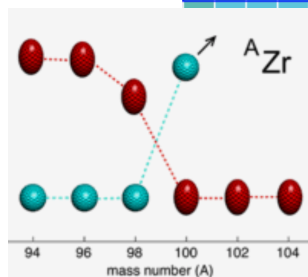
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 Conversion electron+Ge-clover

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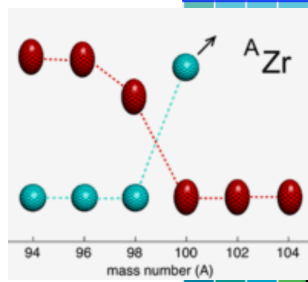
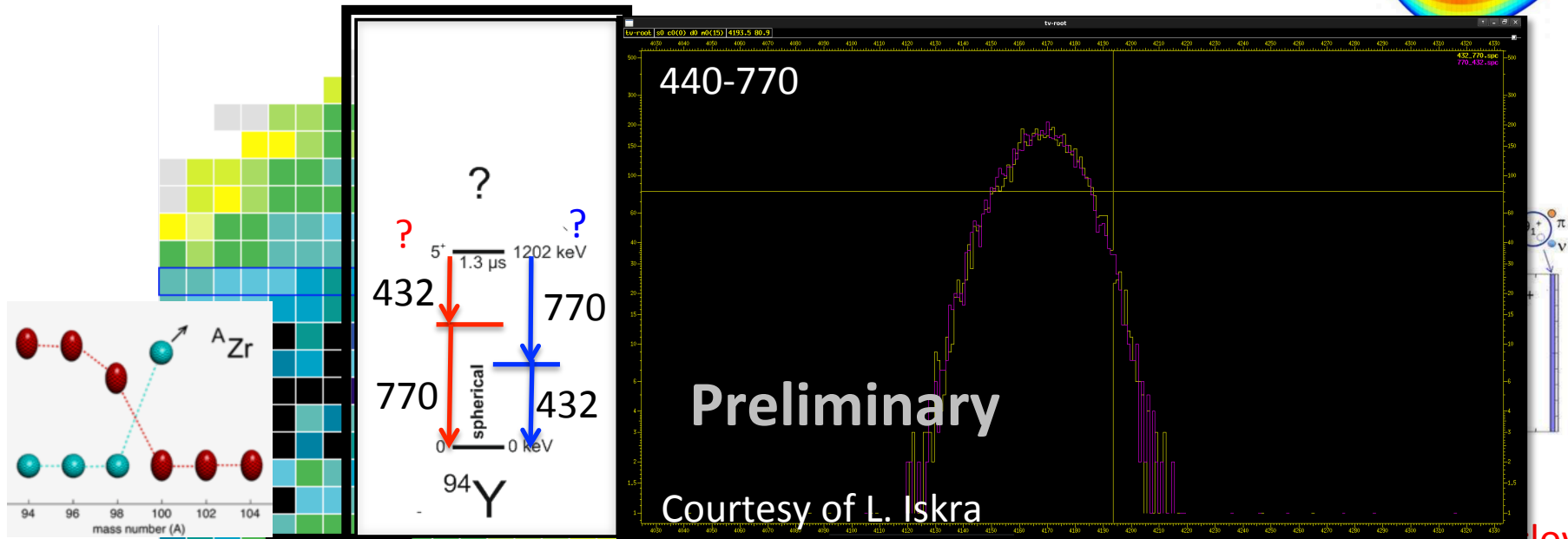
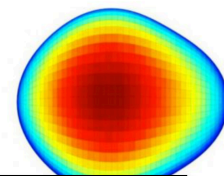
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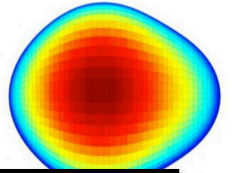


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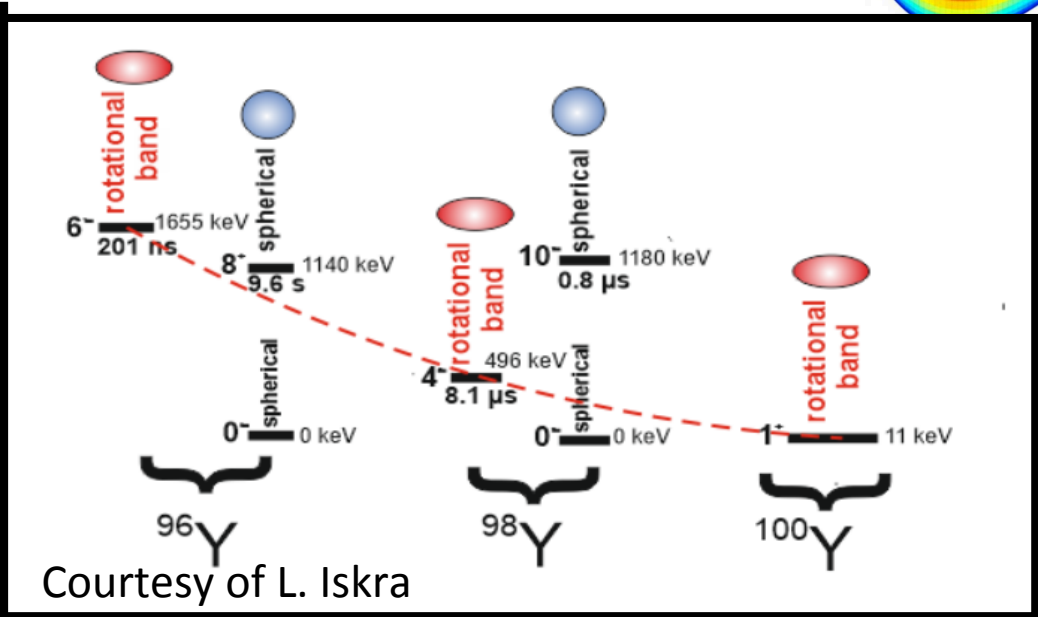
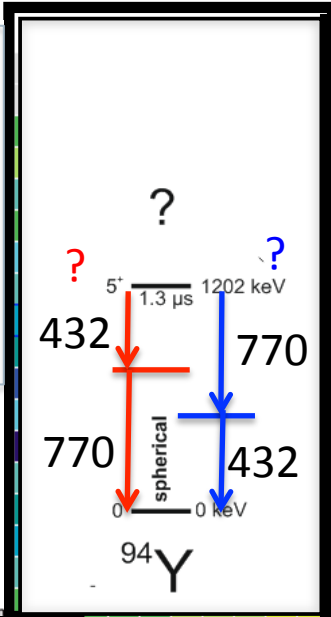
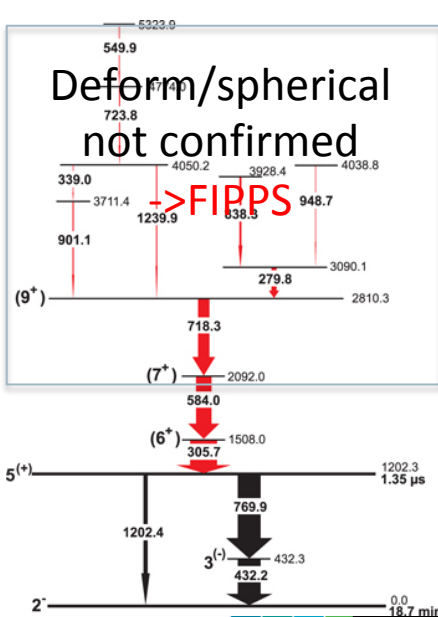
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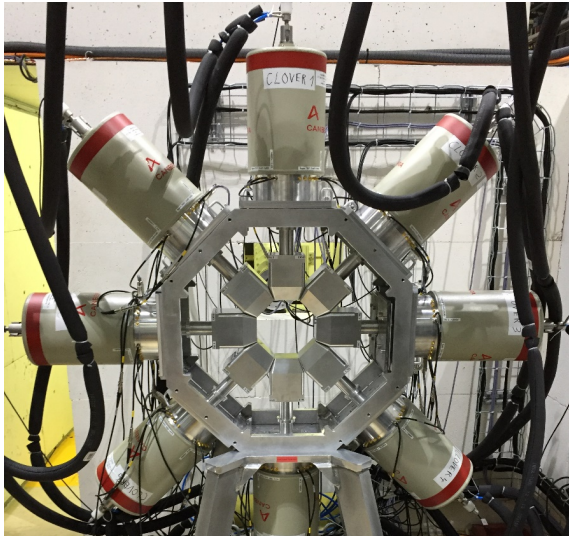


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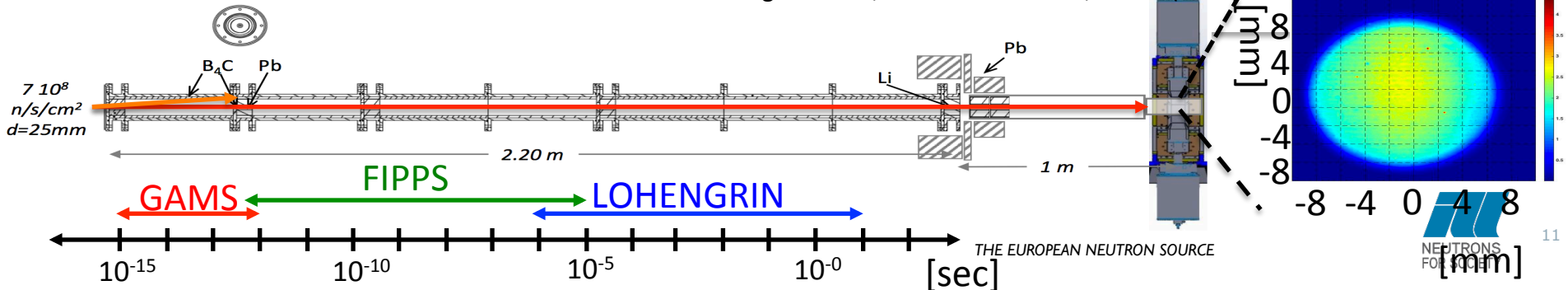
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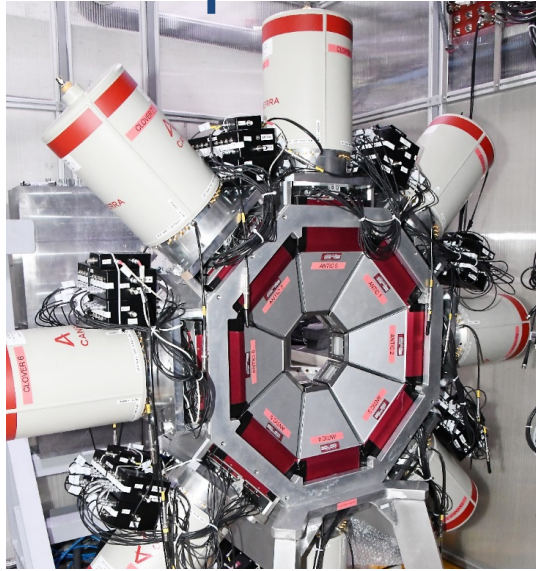


- Intense collimated neutron beam ( $10^8$  n/cm<sup>2</sup>/s,  $d=1.5$ cm)
- 8 High-resolution gamma detectors (HPGe clovers) + fully digital DAQ (<10 kHz/crystal)
- 90° ring configuration for angular correlation

C. Michelagnoli et al., EPJ Web Conf. 193, 04009 (2018)

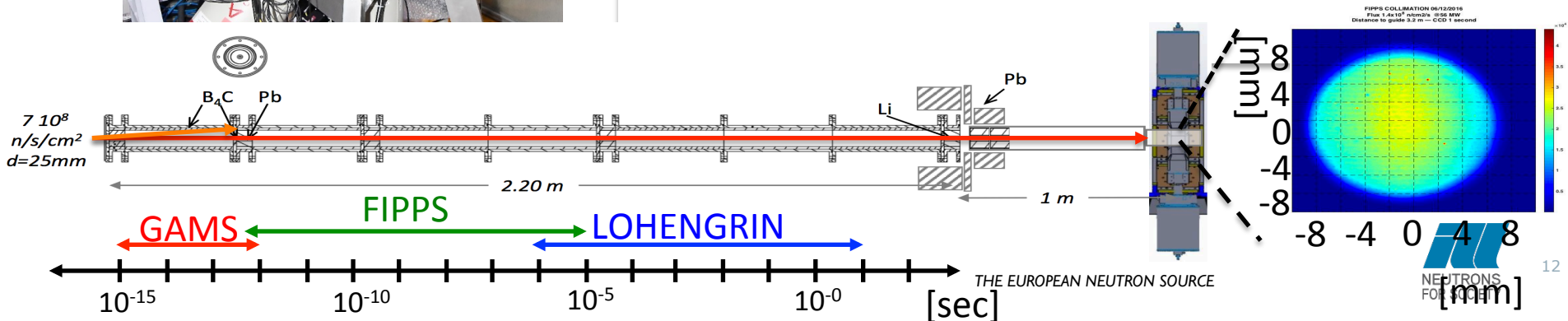


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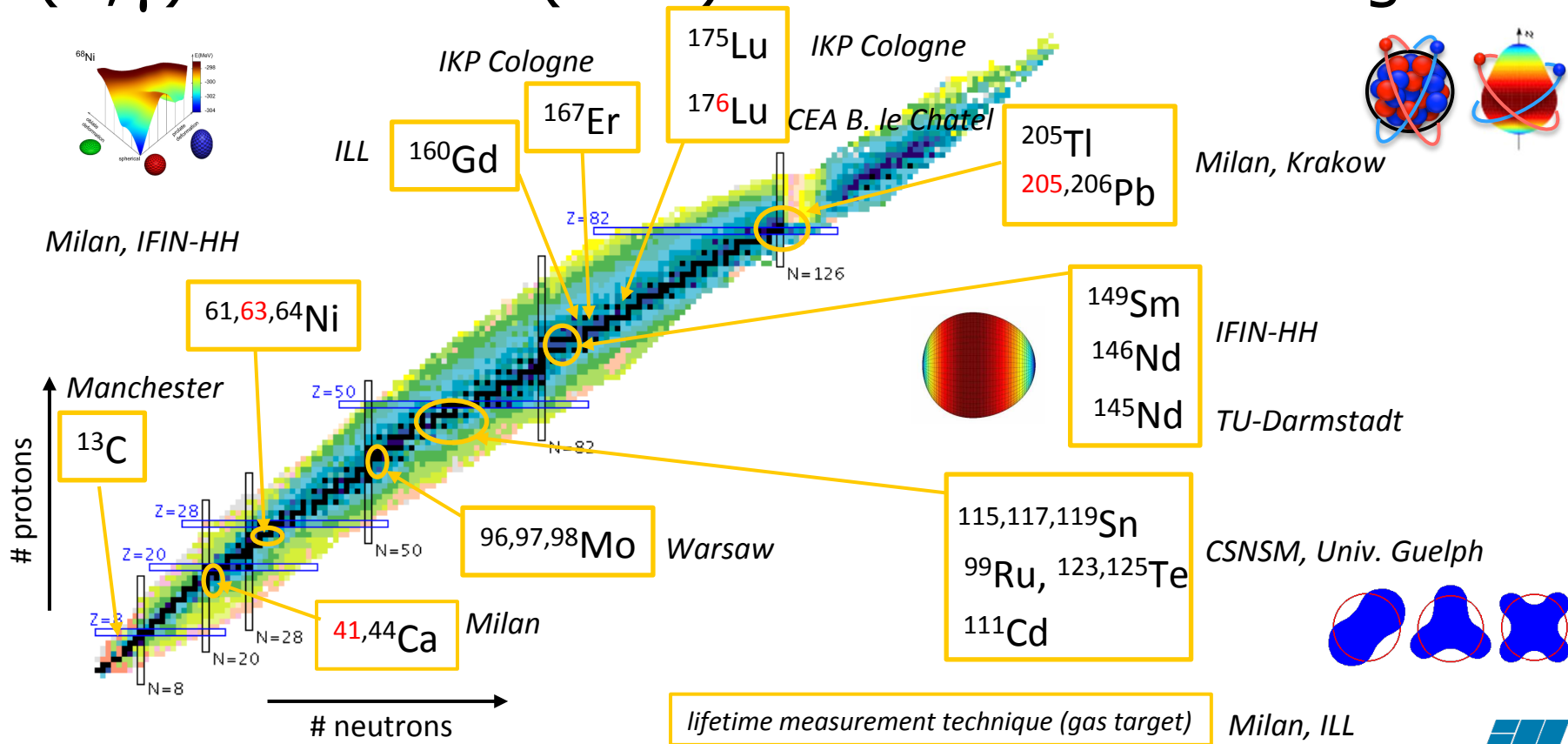


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30% improvement in P/T

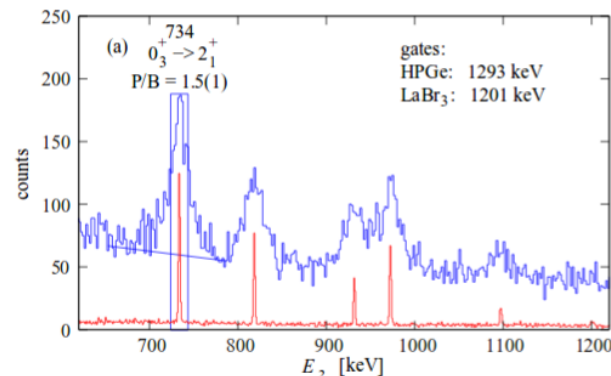
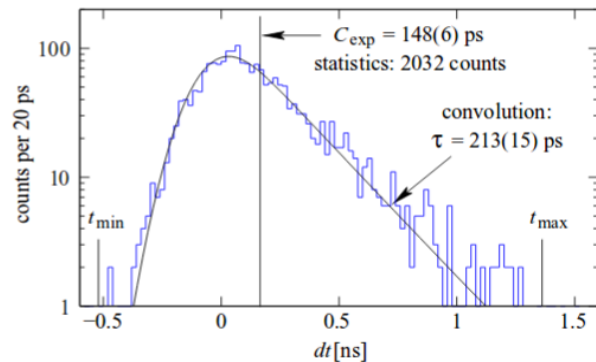
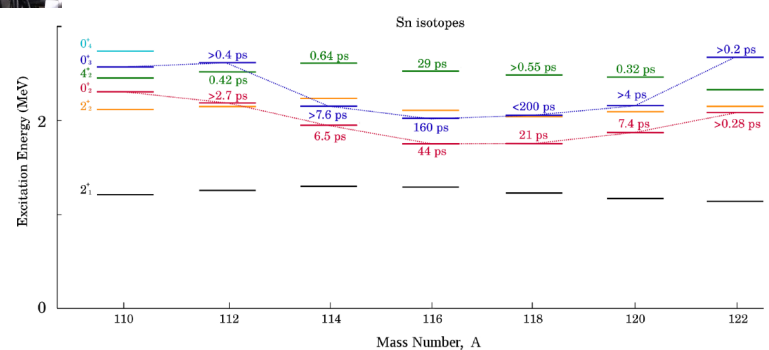
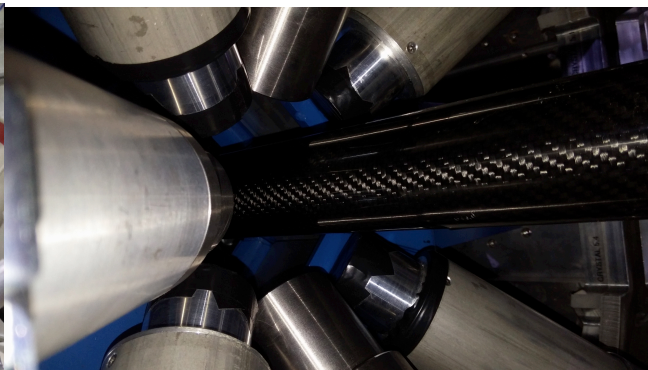
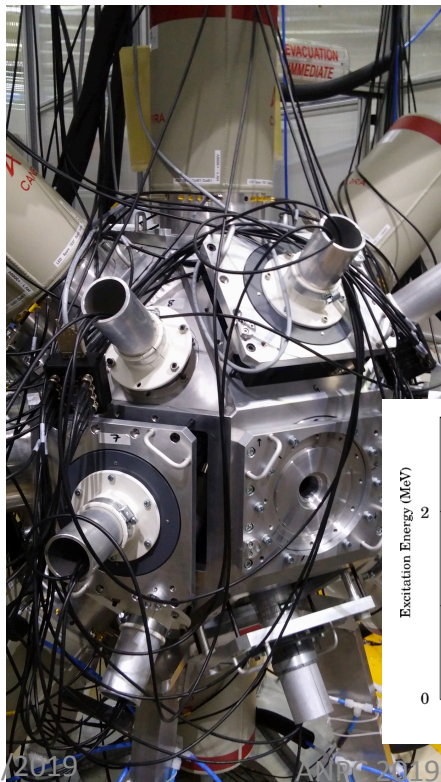


# (n,γ) on stable (rare) and radioactive targets



# FIPPS recent physics programs

- (n, $\gamma$ ) fast timing campaign 16 LaBr3 (Univ. of Köln)



# FIPPS recent physics program

- $(n, \gamma)$  campaign + 8 Ge clover (IFIN-HH)

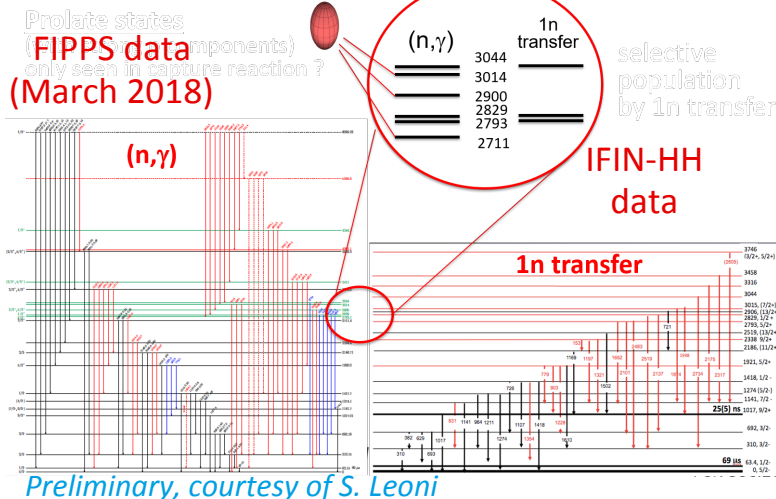


16 Ge-clover array at thermal neutron beam:

Abs. eff.:  $\sim 6\%$  at 1.4 MeV

**x3.4 triple  $\gamma$ -efficiency**

evolution of shape coexistence and **shape isomerism** in the nickel isotopes

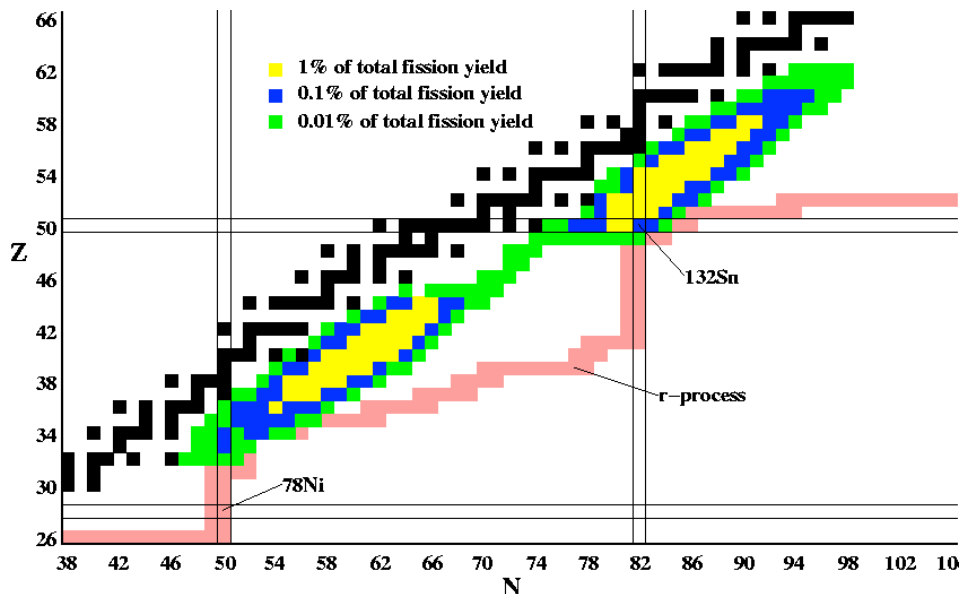


$^{66}\text{Ni}$ : S. Leoni et al., PRL118 (2017) 162502

MCSM: T. Otsuka et al., JPG43 (2016) 024009

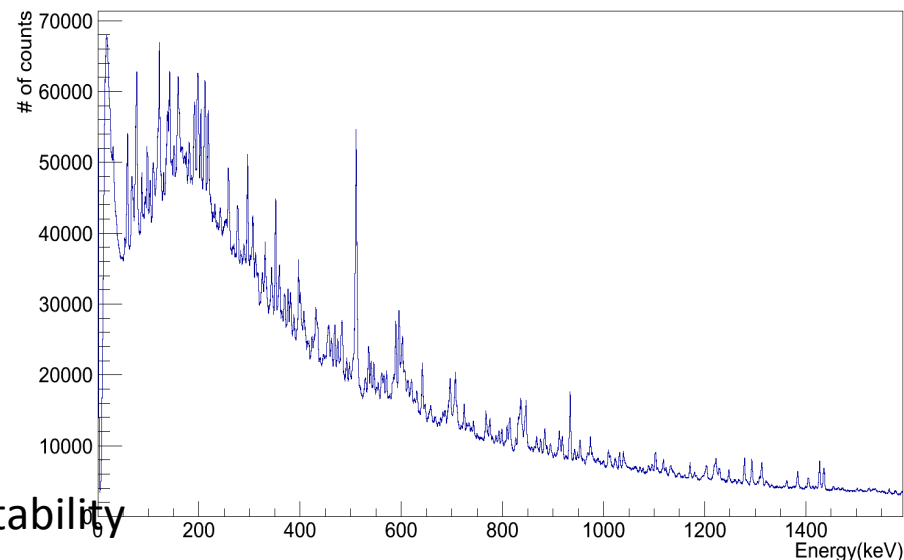
# FIPPS recent physics program

## $^{235}\text{U}$ fission campaign



>200 different nuclei from fission

$^{235}\text{U}$  integrated gamma-spectrum

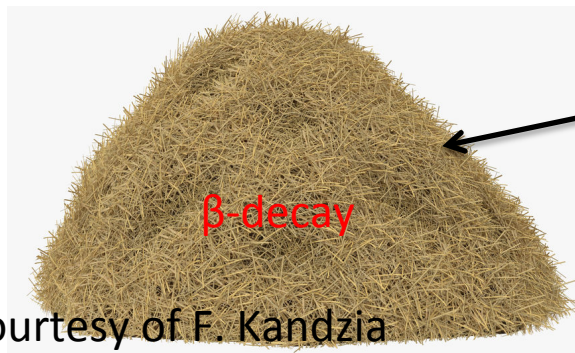
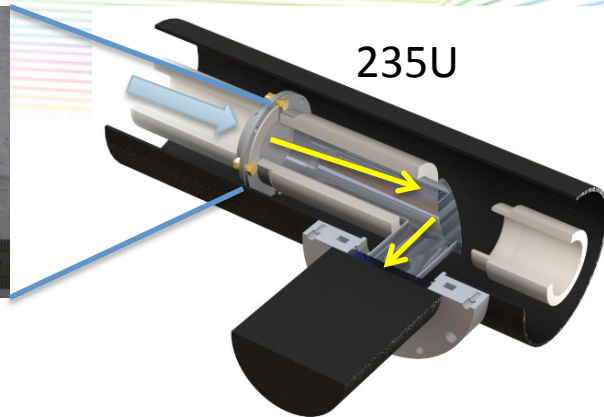
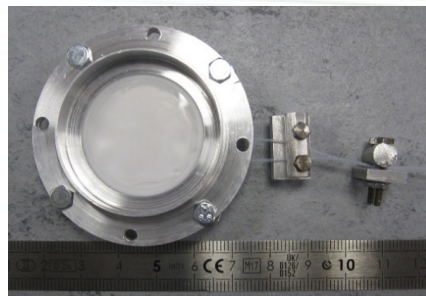


- understanding of nuclear structure far from stability
- modeling of the fission mechanism
- nuclear properties along *r*-process path



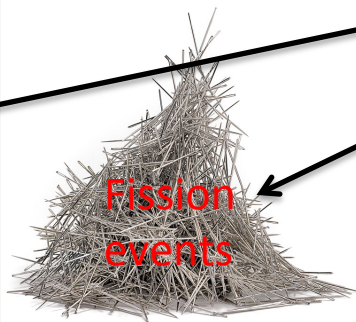
# FIPPS fission tag

- fission rate 12 kHz
- coincidences PMT-  $\gamma$  -  $\gamma$ : 10 kHz
- total:  $1.5E11$  fission tagged  $\gamma$  -  $\gamma$  coinc. (36 days, Sep-Oct 2018)
- Fission detection efficiency: 85% (preliminary)
- Fission mis-identification: 0.3%
- $\beta$ -mis-identification:  $\sim 0.4\%$

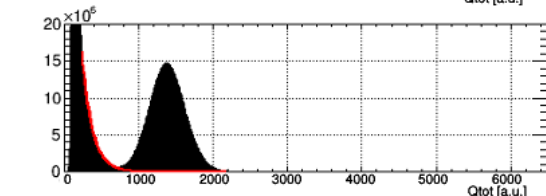
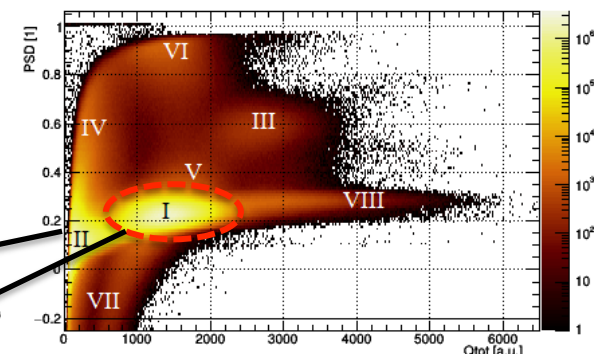
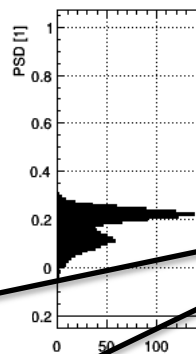


$\beta$ -decay

Courtesy of F. Kandzia



Fission events

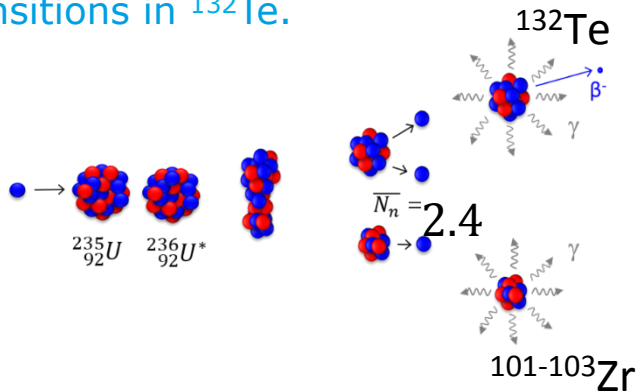
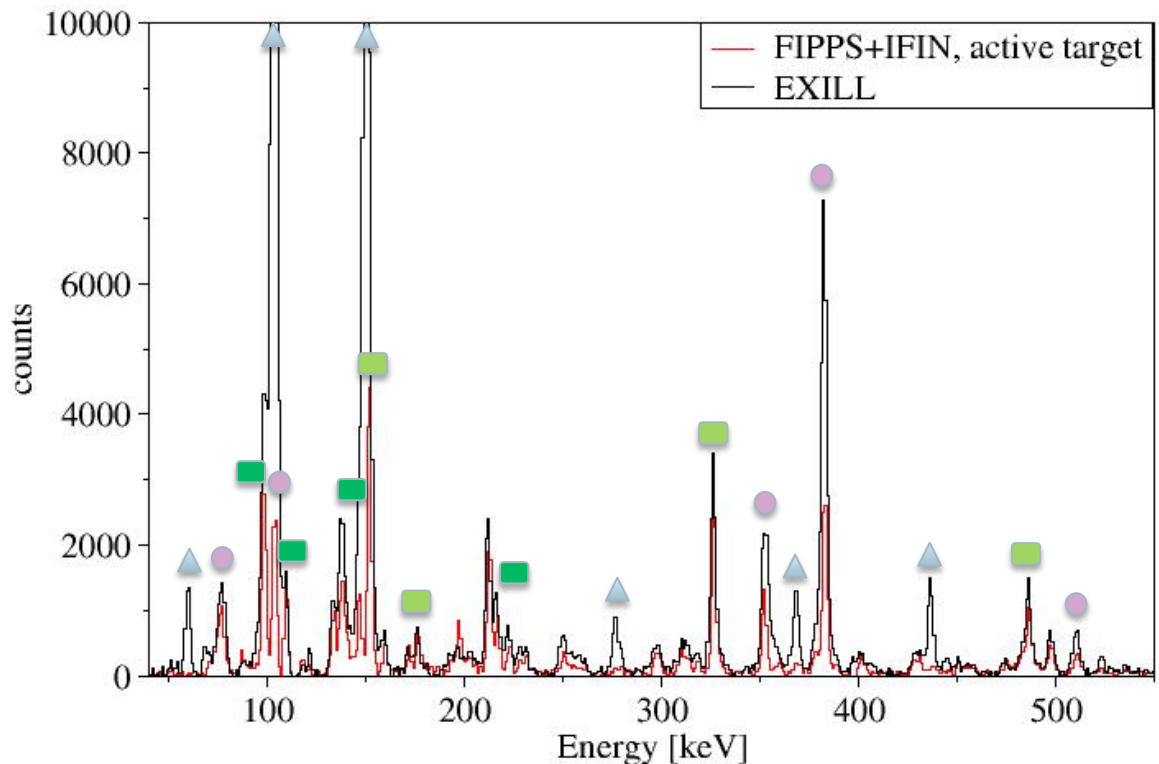


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# Suppression of beta decay using active target

Coincidences with  $2^+ \rightarrow 0^+$  (974 keV) and  $4^+ \rightarrow 2^+$  (697 keV) transitions in  $^{132}\text{Te}$ .



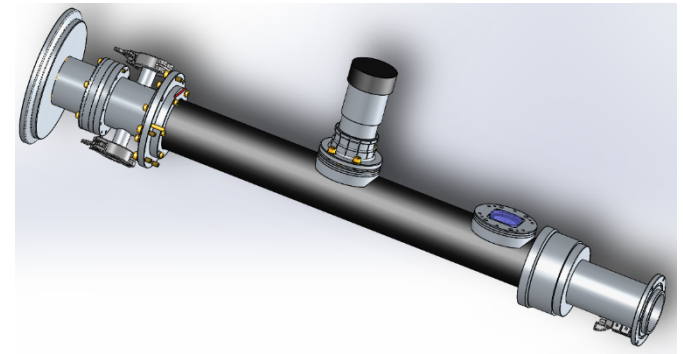
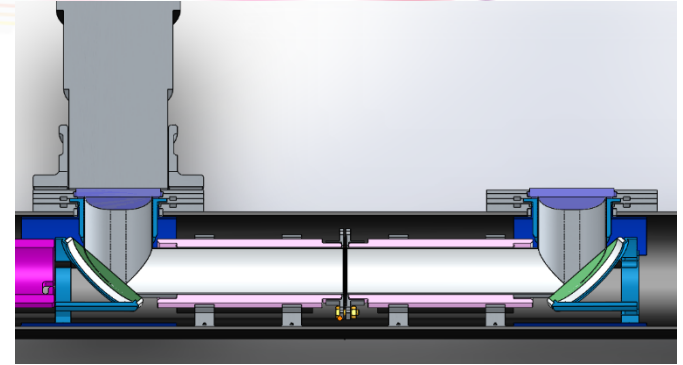
- $^{132}\text{Te}$
- $^{132}\text{Sb} (\beta^-) \rightarrow ^{132}\text{Te}$
- $^{102}\text{Zr}$
- $^{101}\text{Zr}$

# Future opportunities



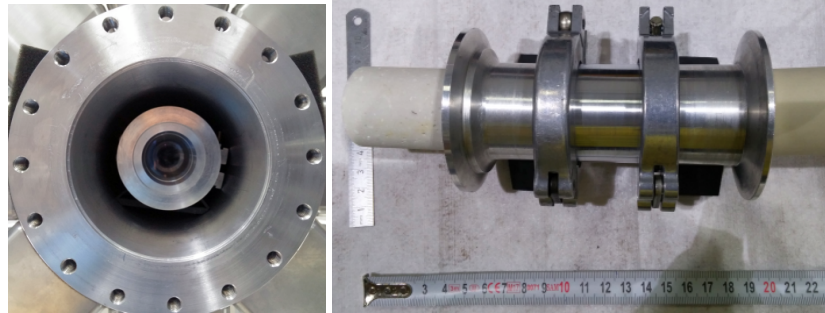
# Now running $^{233}\text{U}(n,f)$

- Double target cell (downstream + upstream)
- 2 optically separated volumes  
=> increasing fission rate w/o increasing pile-up
- U-235 test run (2019 June 17-23)
- U-233 run (2019 June 24-ongoing)



*F. Kandzia, R. Pommier*

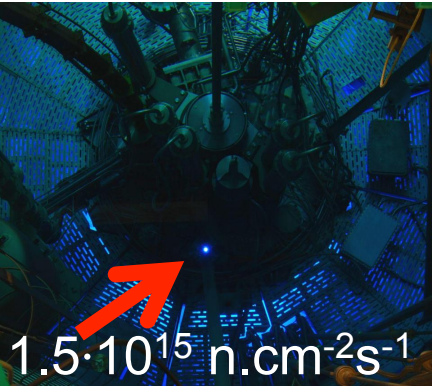
# Possible rare targets (n,g) experiments



Noble gas target w/ 1 gen. Gas target cell  $^{20-22}\text{Ne}$ ,  $^{36-40}\text{Ar}$ ,  $^{78-83}\text{Kr}$ ,  $^{124-136}\text{Xe}$

Courtesy of M. Jentschel

## ILL generated radioactive target



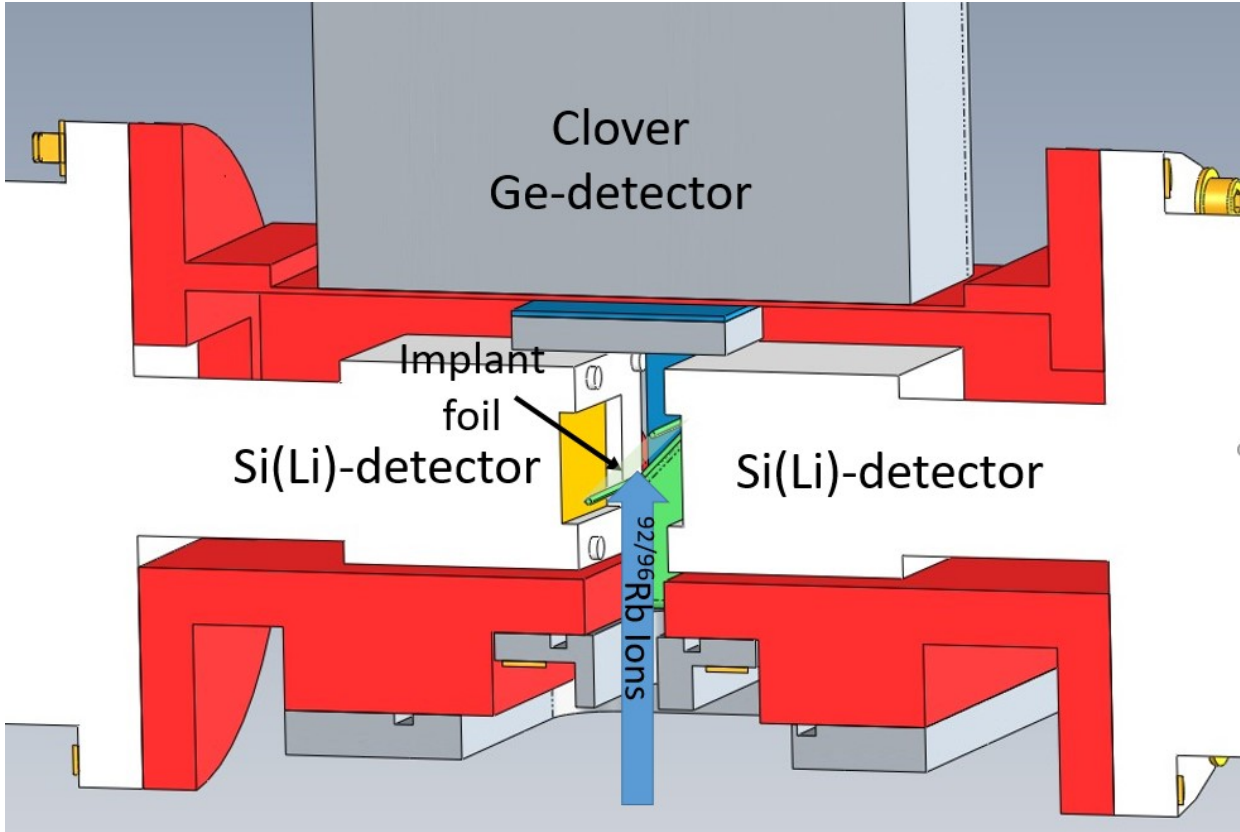
$1.5 \cdot 10^{15} \text{ n.cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

Tb 160 72.3 d $\beta^-$ 0.6; 1.7... $\gamma$ 879; 299; 966... $\sigma$ 570	<b>Tb 161</b> 6.90 d $\beta^-$ 0.5; 0.6... $\gamma$ 26; 49; 75... $\sigma$ 1.5	Tb 162 7.76 m $\beta^-$ 1.4; 2.4... $\gamma$ 260; 808; 18...	Ta 181 99.98799 $\sigma$ 0.012 + 20 $\sigma_{n,\alpha} < 1\text{E-6}$	Ta 182 16 m 114.43 d $\beta^-$ 0.5 1.7... $\gamma$ 172 147 185... $\sigma$ 8200	Yb 170 2.982 $\sigma$ 12 $\sigma_{n,\alpha} < 1.0\text{E-5}$	Yb 171 14.09 $\sigma$ 53 $\sigma_{n,\alpha} < 1.5\text{E-6}$	Yb 172 21.68 $\sigma$ ~1.3 $\sigma_{n,\alpha} < 1.5\text{E-6}$	Yb 173 16.103 $\sigma$ 16 $\sigma_{n,\alpha} < 1\text{E-6}$
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+chemical separation at PSI

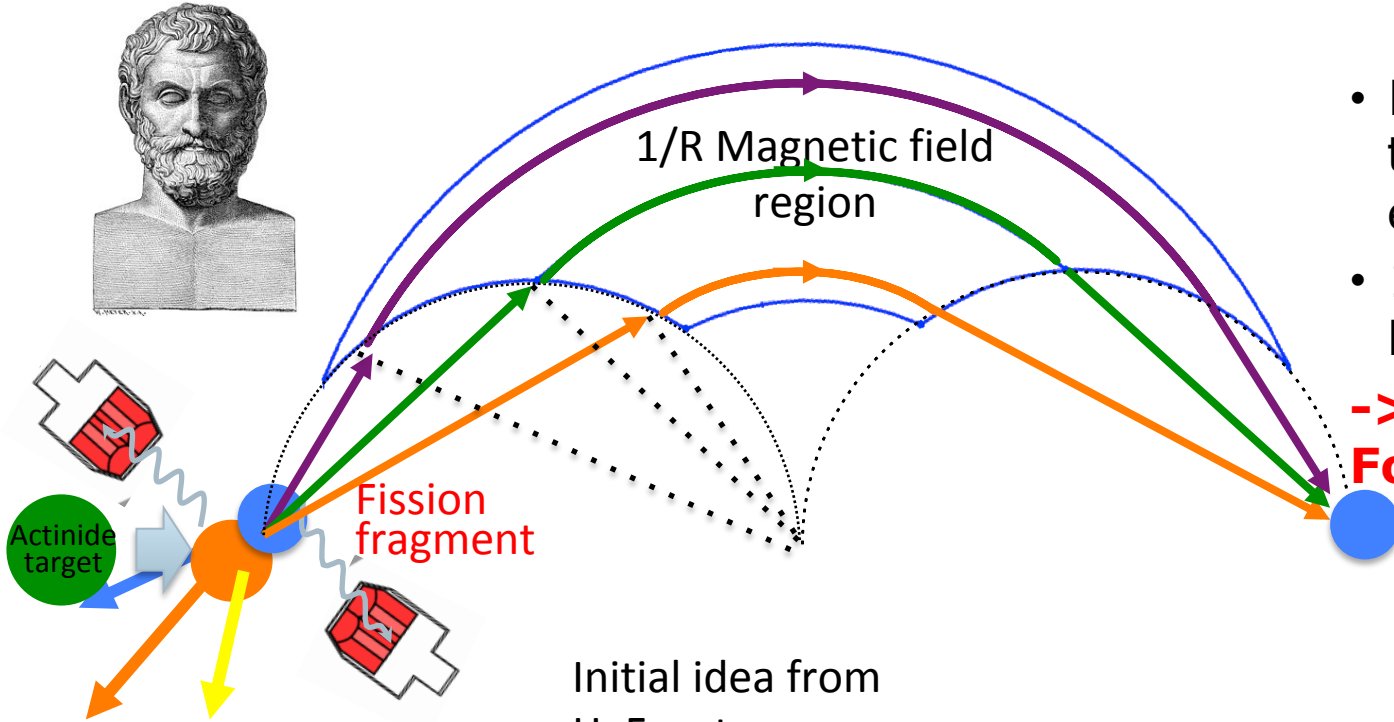
• Courtesy of U. Koester

# New Conversion electron setup(Lohengrin)



- x1.5 efficiency from one Si setup
- X-ray & conv. e-coincidence
- One experiment accepted for study E0 transition strength study

# New Concept- $1/r$ +Thales circle



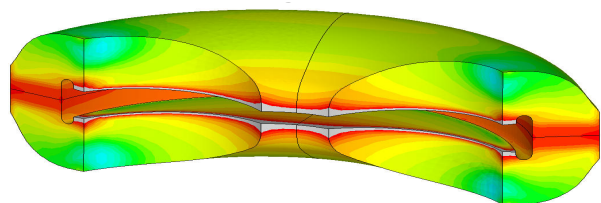
- Fragment Virtical to the manget entrance
- $1/R$  field -> Same Bp in all region
- > **Automatic Focusing!**

Initial idea from H. Faust

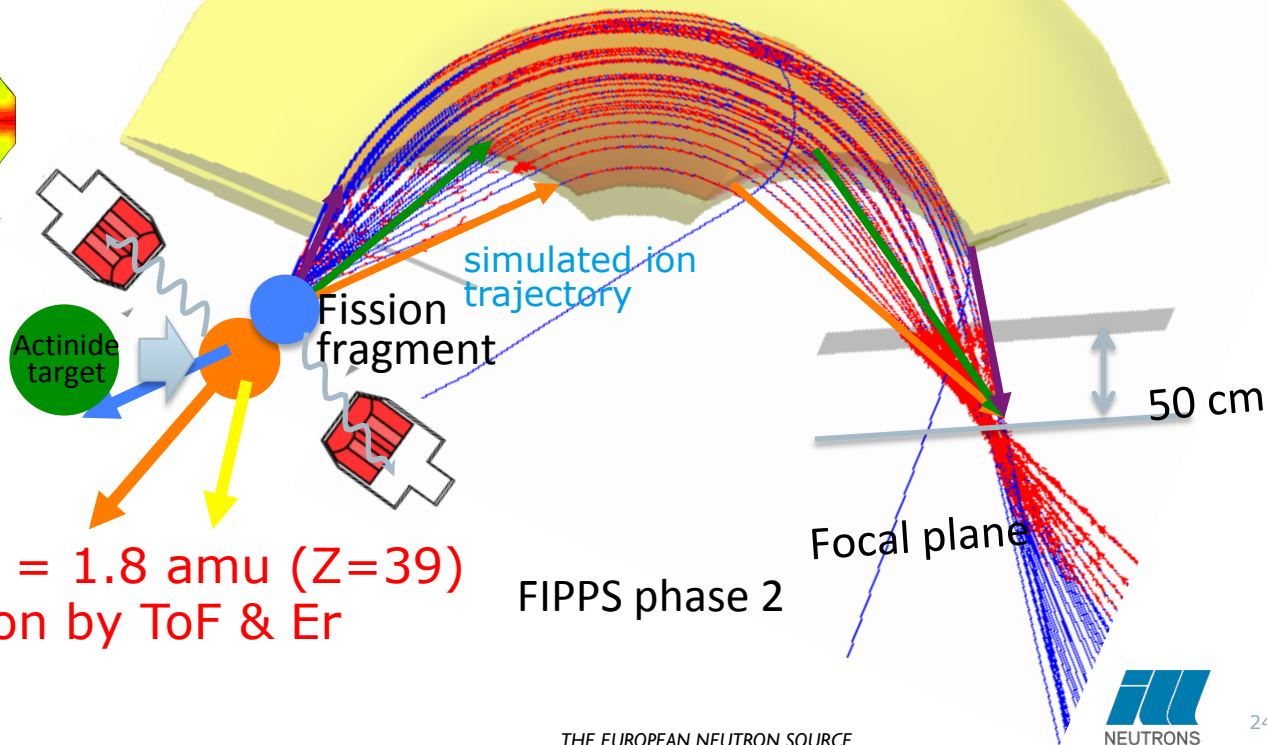
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- Realistic field calculation from ANSYS



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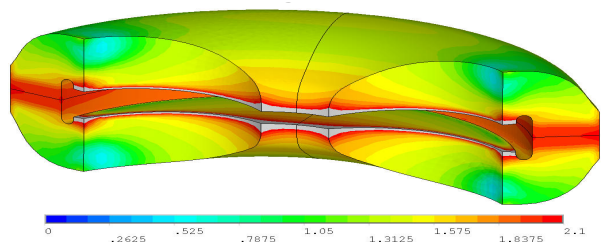


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- Kinetic E reconstruction by ToF & Er
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  - Point to line focusing

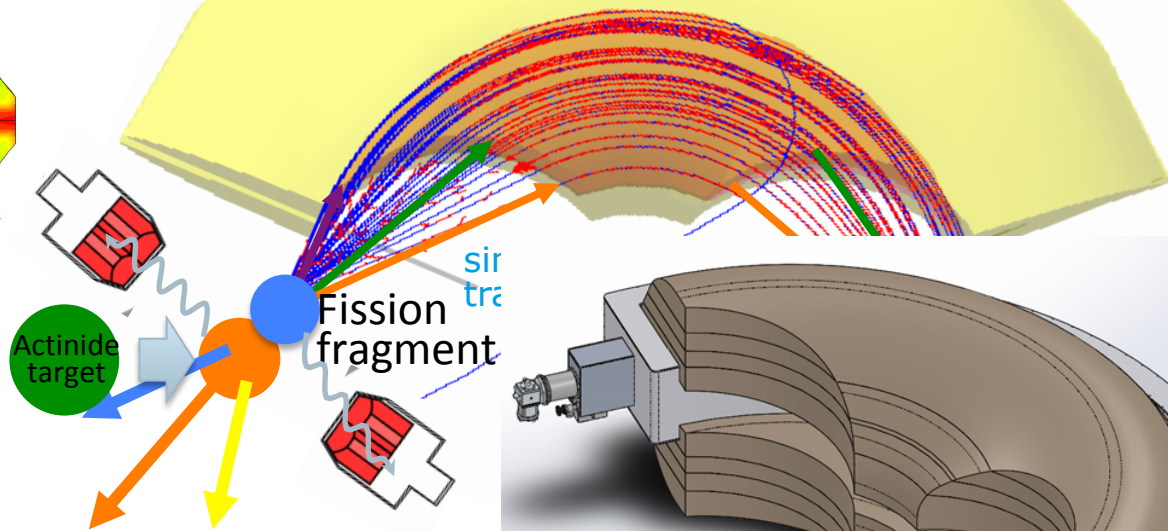
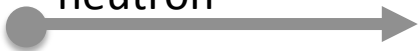


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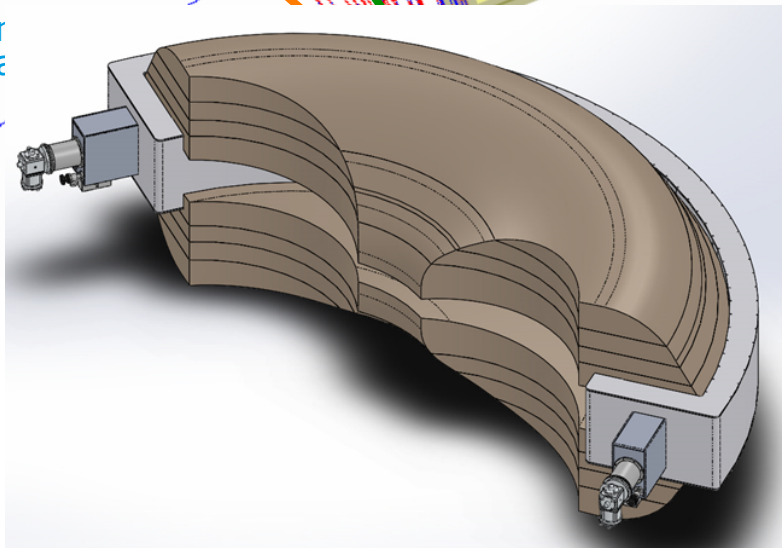
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# Summary & Outlook

- Rich Nuclear Physics program at ILL using LOHENGRIN/FIPPS neutron induced reactions
- Versatile setup for your needs
- *FIPPS fission tag*: new spectroscopic info on n-rich fission fragments (data are open for LoI)
- Future perspectives
  - Radio active target (n,g) experiments @ FIPPS
  - Fast-timing/conversion electron/ Fission study @ Lohengrin
  - Long future: FIPPS phase2 GFM
- Next ILL proposal submission deadline: **September 2019**  
**Please Contact US!**  
LoI for transuranium target ( $^{245}\text{Cm}$ )



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