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## ISOLDE

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# ISOLDE

## Isotope Separator On-Line

= production of clean beams of radioactive nuclei ions, which are so short-lived that they have to be used immediately (for expts.)

$\tau \approx 10 \mu\text{s}$  (hopefully less!)

SC  $\longrightarrow$  Booster

(Note. ISOL technique is complementary to recoil sep. (GANIL, GSI ...))

## Selective production of isotopes

principle: nuclear reactions

$10^{13}$  protons/burst + anything  
→ "almost anything"

choice of target material !

for high intensity radioactive beams:

thick targets ! (diffusion and desorption of  
neutrals with radioactive nuclei)

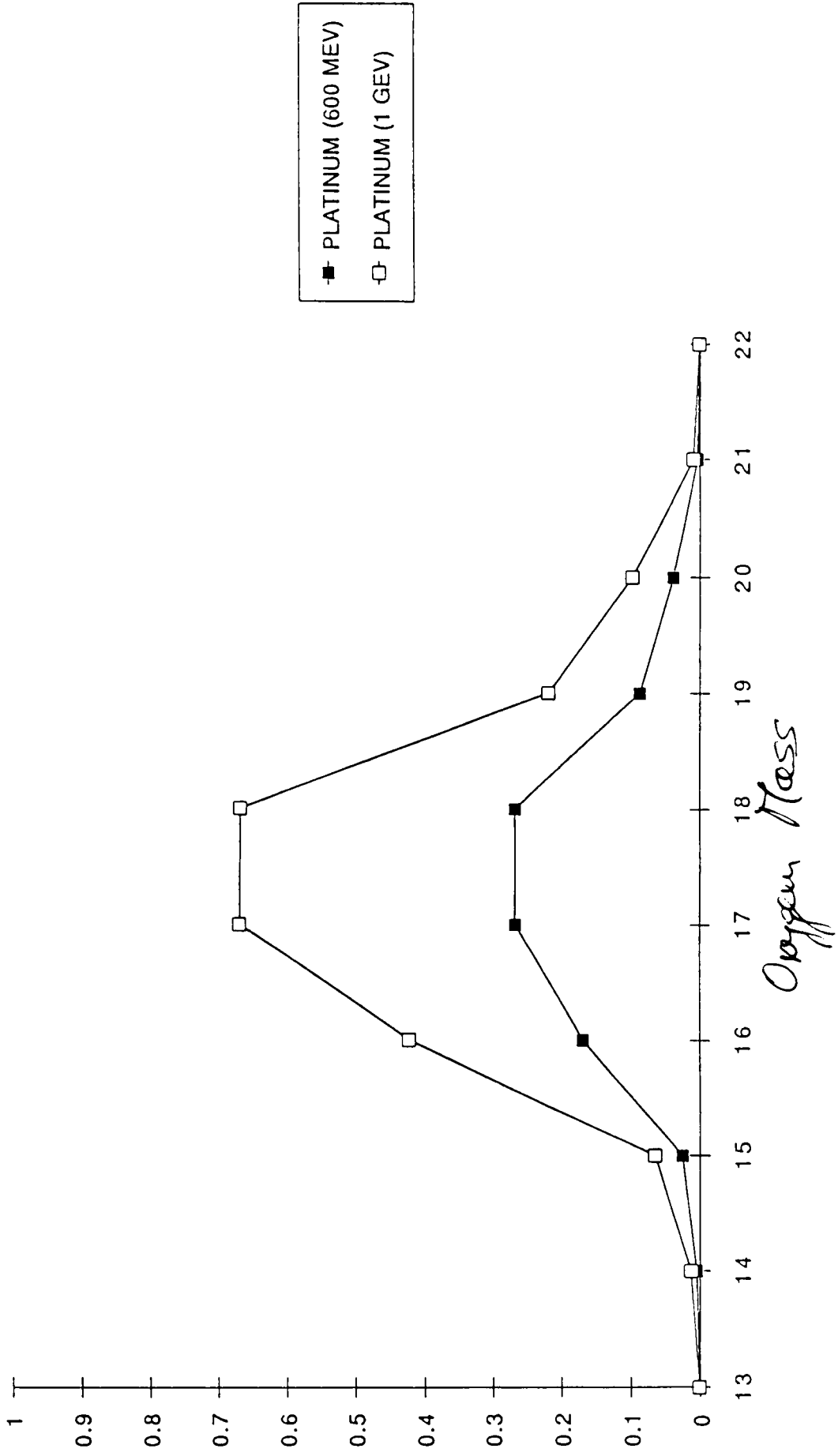
there is a drawback:

needs ionizer ! (+60 kV acceleration before  
mass separation)

(therefore a transfer of atoms from the target  
to the ionizer)

**ALL THIS HAS TO HAPPEN FAST!** (lifetimes of <10 ms)

Oxygen prod. cross section (r1b)



## TARGET

- should be THICK: high yields *20 cm long*
- should be CLEAN: unwanted products, dirt load *140 cm long*
- should be HOT: fast diffusion to the surface  
(but not too hot: e.g. evaporize the target material!)
  
- should have large surface/volume ratio:  
same reason
  
- should have "good" surfaces for desorption !

examples: Niobium foils, Uranium carbide, Magnesium oxide,  
Iridium powder, etc.

NOTE: the target container (and transfer line) has to be made of a material which can be vacuum tight and can withstand high temperatures and radioactivity: Tantalum (in most cases), Tungsten, Graphite,... are used.

## TRANSFER LINE

- should be SHORT: lifetimes
- should be TIGHT: losses
- can be COLD or HOT: selectivity of noble gases  
/ others (affinity!)

## ION SOURCE

- wanted: high EFFICIENCY (for desired element!)
- should be "SMALL": lifetimes
- should have a large exit hole: "
- (but not too large: efficiency, beam optics)
- should be COLD or HOT: element sel.

### surface ionizer

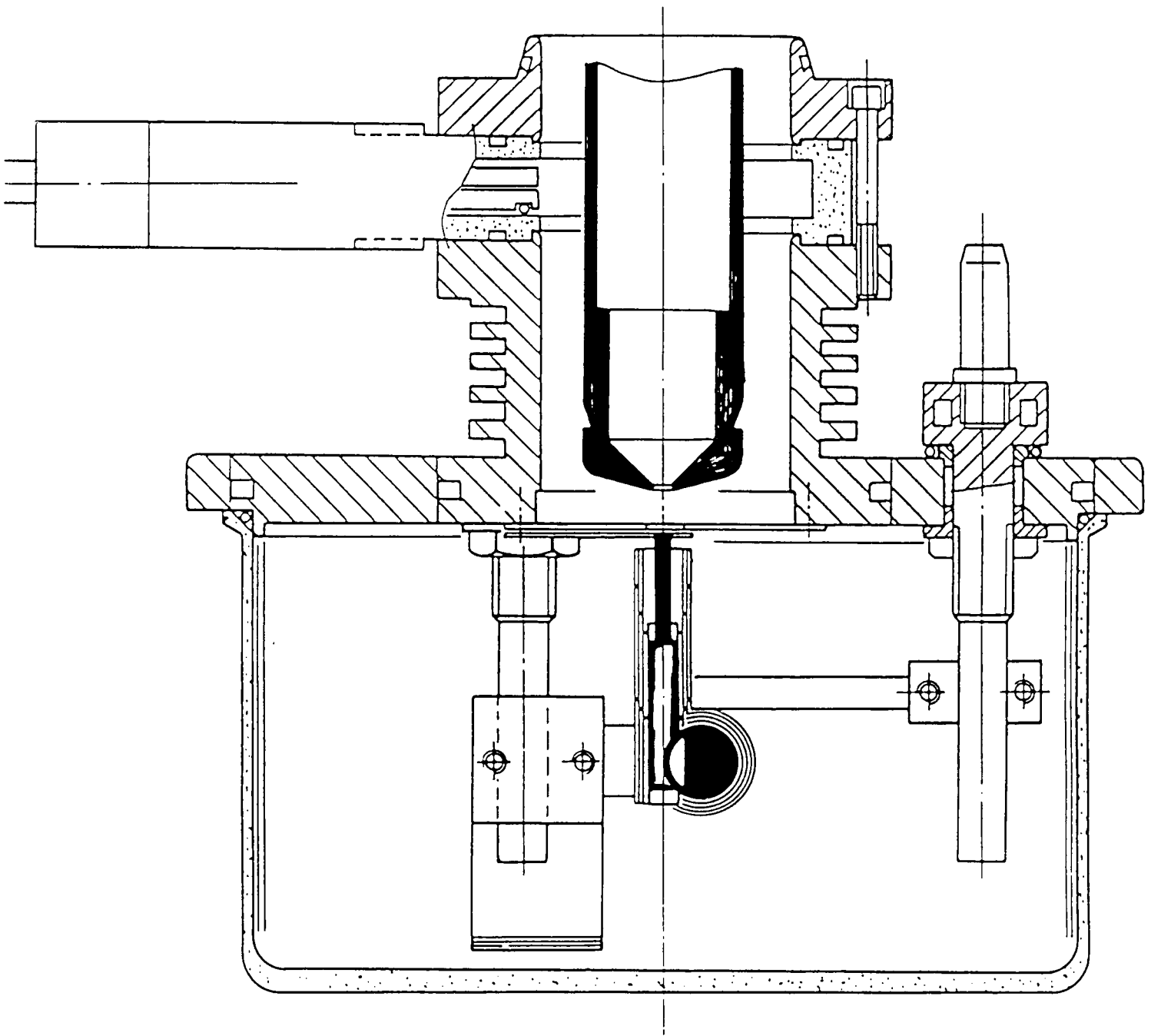
atoms leave a hot surface after collision with one electron less (positive ion) or more (negative ion), if the ionization potential is below 7 eV or the electron affinity above 1.5 eV, respectively (efficiencies between 0.1% and 100%, about 40 to 50 elements).

→→ element selectivity !

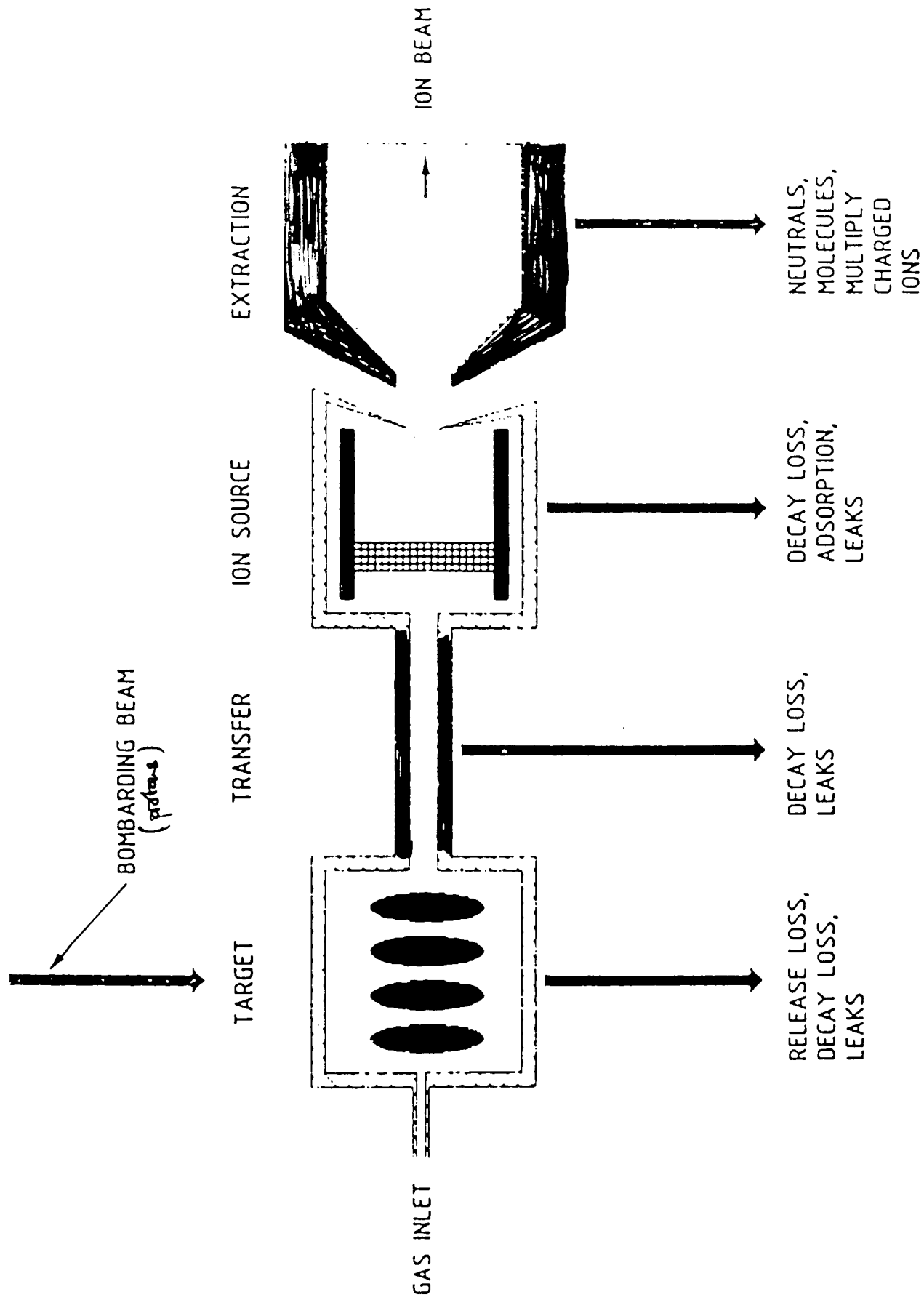
examples: hot tungsten surface, VERY GOOD for alkalines (Li, Na, ...)  
LaB<sub>6</sub>, efficient for Cl, Br, etc.

advantage: "EASY TO OPERATE"

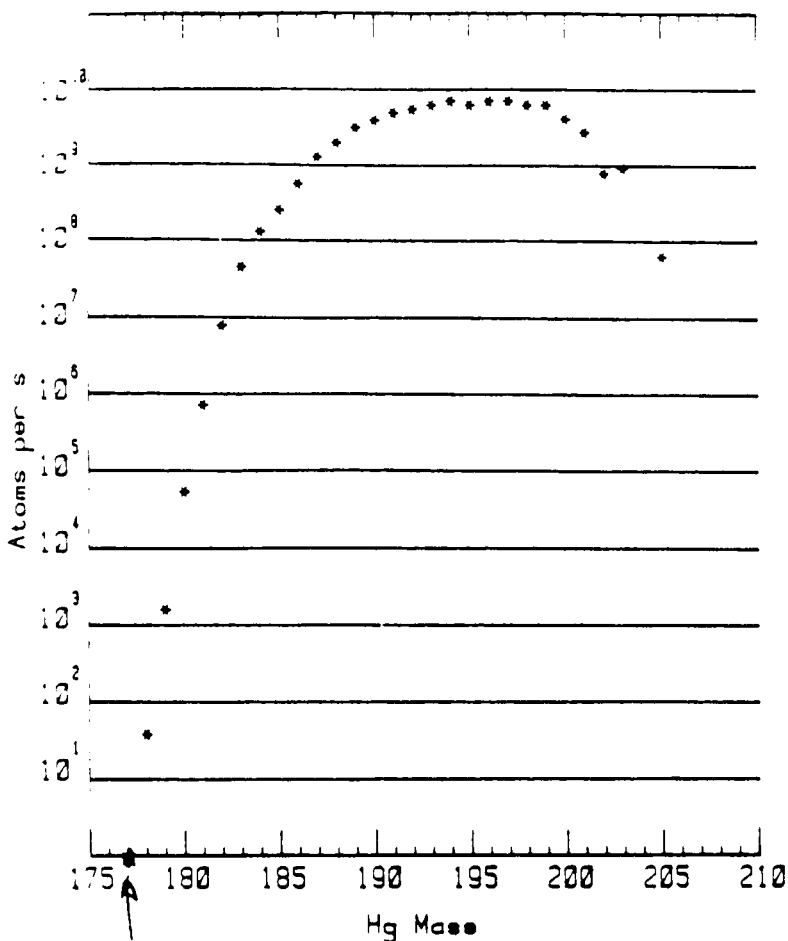








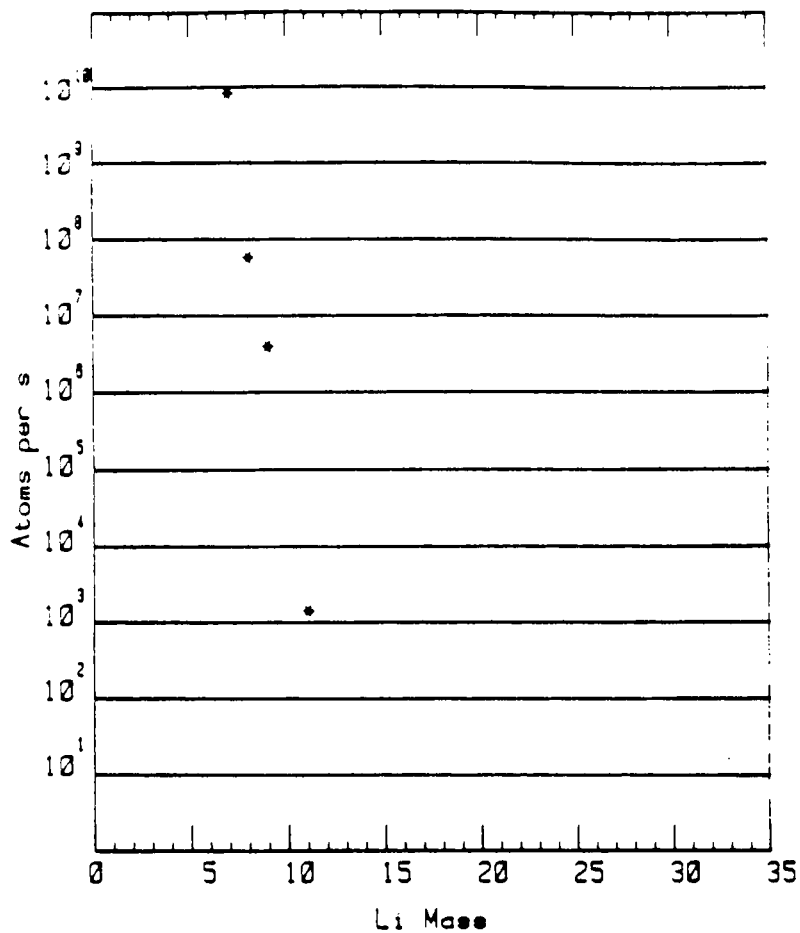
Mercury (80-1)



Date : 29.8.77  
 Target material : Molten lead  
 Ion source : Plasma discharge  
 with heated line  
 Target thickness: 170 g/cm<sup>2</sup>  
 Projectile : 600 MeV protons

Mass No.	Half-life	Yield (atoms/s)	Remarks
177	0.17 s	8.90 × 10 <sup>-1</sup>	Ref. 1
178	0.26 s	3.80 × 10 <sup>1</sup>	Ref. 3
179	1.1 s	1.60 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	Chemically selective
180	2.9 s	5.30 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	
181	3.6 s	7.10 × 10 <sup>5</sup>	
182	11.2 s	7.90 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	
183	8.8 s	4.50 × 10 <sup>7</sup>	
184	30.6 s	1.30 × 10 <sup>8</sup>	
185	50 s	2.50 × 10 <sup>8</sup>	
186	1.4 min	5.60 × 10 <sup>8</sup>	
187	2.2 min	1.30 × 10 <sup>9</sup>	
188	3.3 min	2.00 × 10 <sup>9</sup>	
189	7.7 min	3.20 × 10 <sup>9</sup>	
190	20.0 min	4.00 × 10 <sup>9</sup>	
191	50 min	5.00 × 10 <sup>9</sup>	
192	4.9 h	5.60 × 10 <sup>9</sup>	
193	3.5 h	6.30 × 10 <sup>9</sup>	
194	367 y	7.10 × 10 <sup>9</sup>	
195	9.5 h	6.30 × 10 <sup>9</sup>	
196	Stable	7.10 × 10 <sup>9</sup>	
197	64.1 h	7.10 × 10 <sup>9</sup>	
198	Stable	6.30 × 10 <sup>9</sup>	
199	Stable	6.30 × 10 <sup>9</sup>	
200	Stable	4.20 × 10 <sup>9</sup>	
201	Stable	2.80 × 10 <sup>9</sup>	
202	Stable	7.90 × 10 <sup>8</sup>	
203	46.6 d	9.30 × 10 <sup>7</sup>	
205	5.2 min	6.30 × 10 <sup>7</sup>	

## Lithium (3-1)



Date : 7.5.80  
 Target material : Uranium carbide  
 Ion source : W-surface ionization  
 Target thickness: 13 g/cm<sup>2</sup>  
 Projectile : 600 MeV protons

Mass No.	Half-life	Yield (atoms/s)	Remarks
7	Stable	$8.20 \times 10^9$	Ref. 7
8	842 ms	$5.80 \times 10^7$	Ref. 8
9	173 ms	$3.90 \times 10^6$	Chemically selective
11	8.70 ms	$1.40 \times 10^3$	

2.2.  $\tau = 8.7 \mu s$

$\Rightarrow$  HV (60 kV) has to come  
back to its nominal value  
fast after beam impact

(1) for GPS ( $R \approx 2500$  (?)) ;

(2) for HRS ( $R \approx 15000$  (?))  
inside 0.6 Volts

cf. laser exp. (P. Lievens)

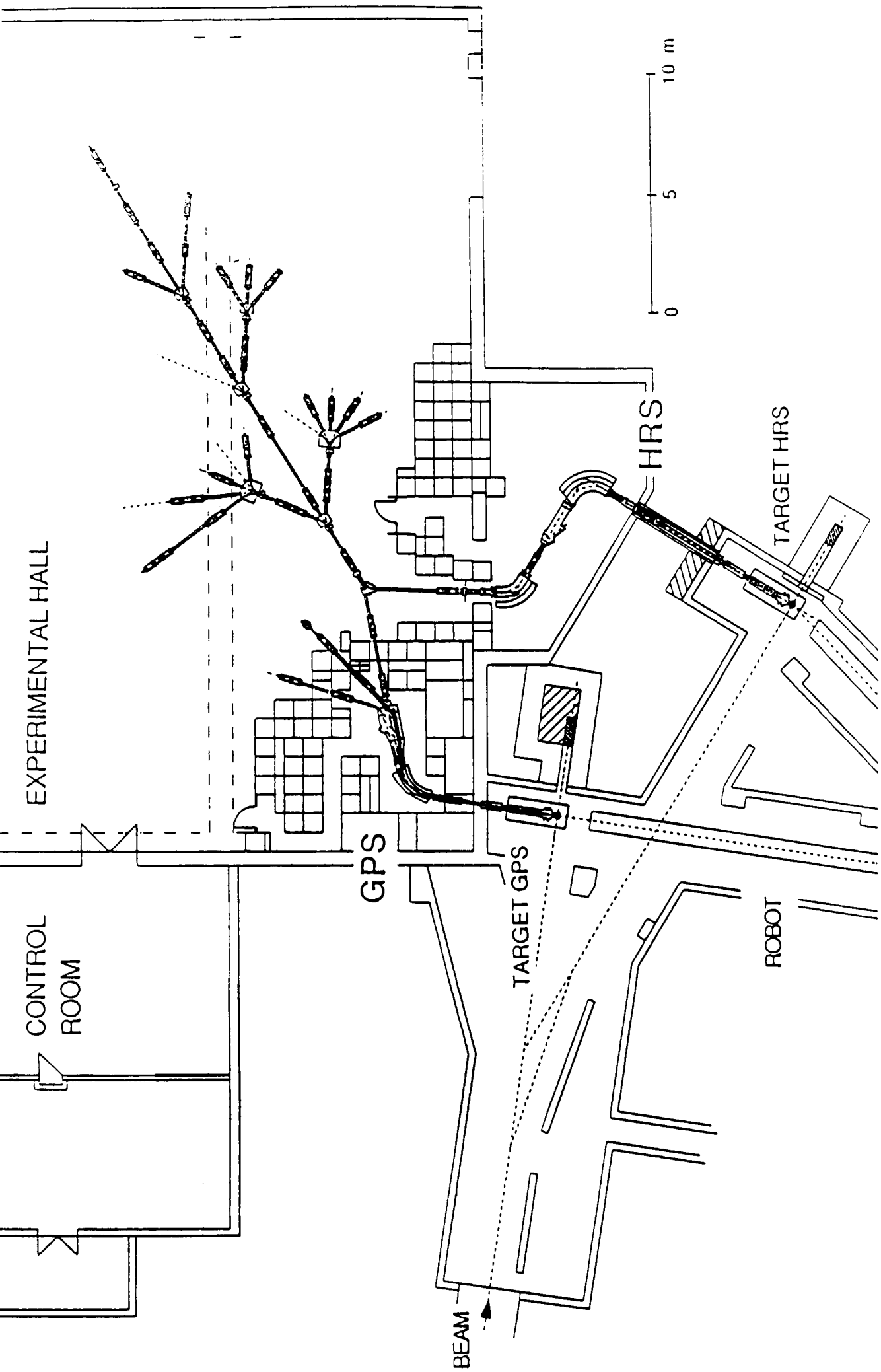
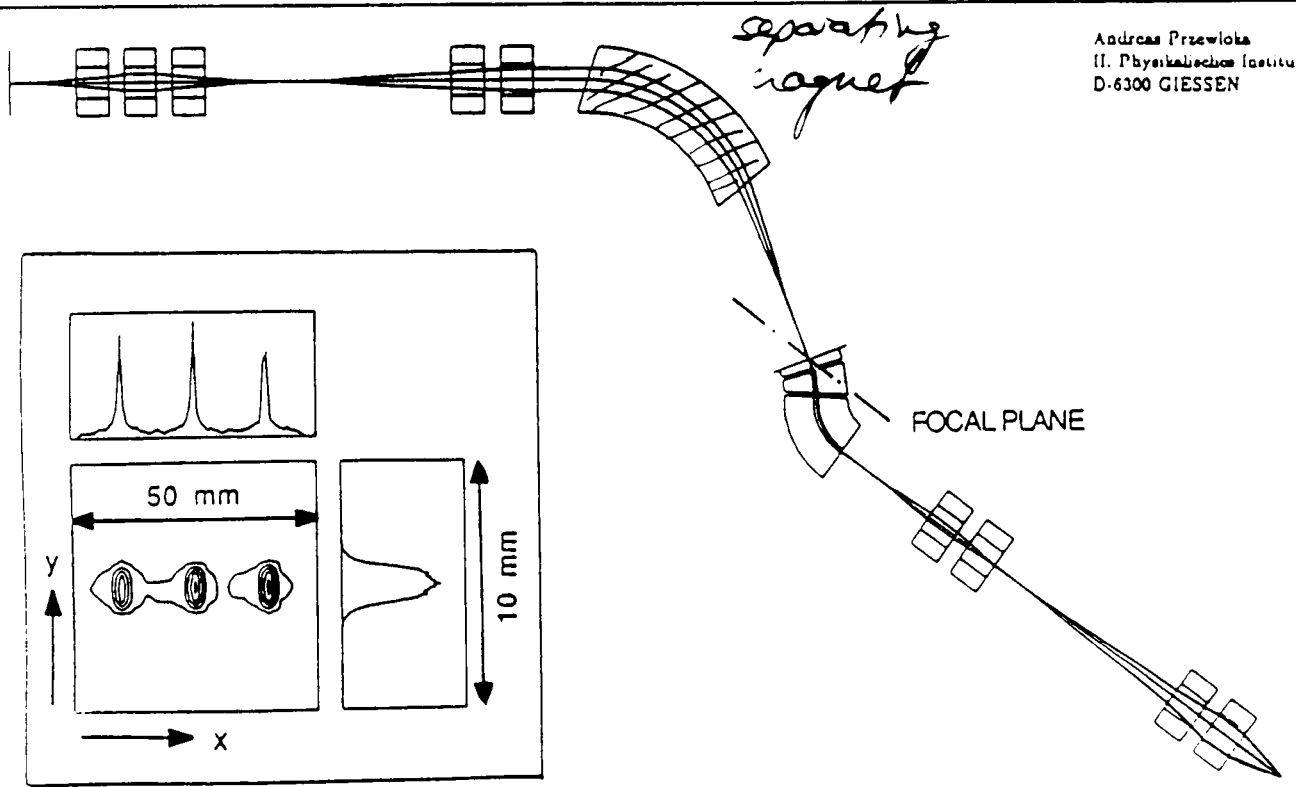
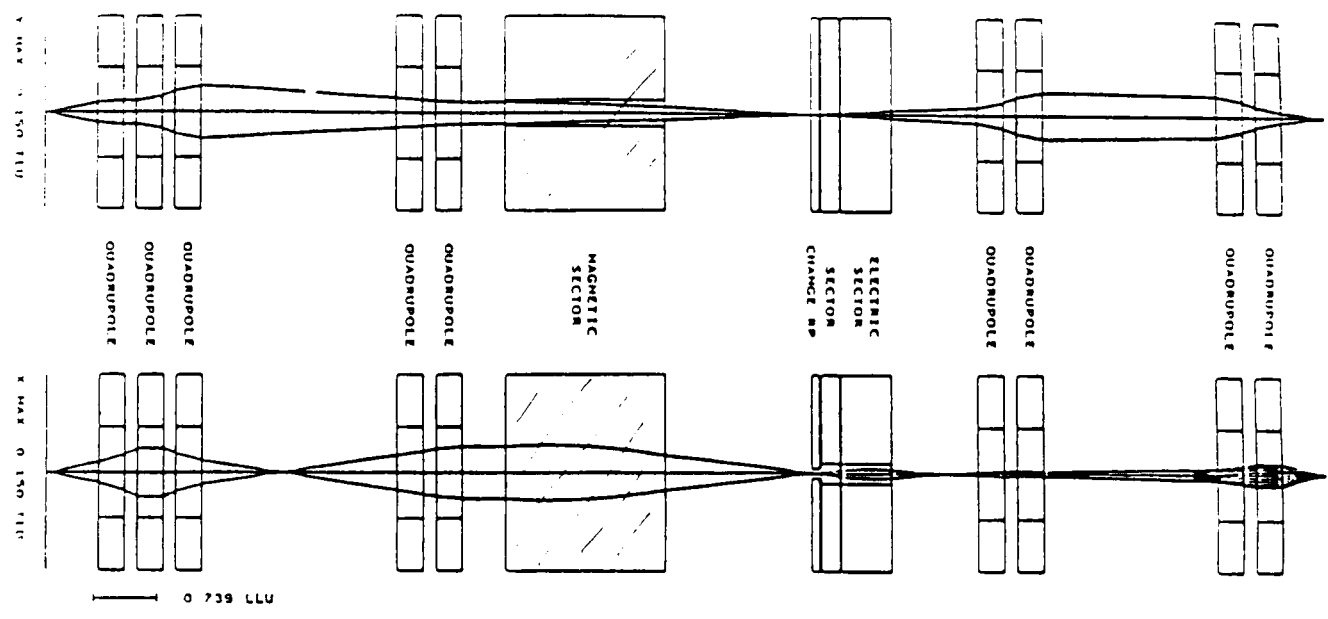


Fig. 3

GPS  
Switch yard - light mass side

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Fig. 4

"special feature":

only one magnet in a non-  
isochronous, i.e. separating magnet

all other beamline elements  
(focussing, steering) are  
d. stat. elements

reason: steering is the same  
for all beams  
⇒ use stable beams  
(i.e. non-radioactive)  
for steering !!

## IS experiments

(see numbers: IS 300 ~~£~~.)

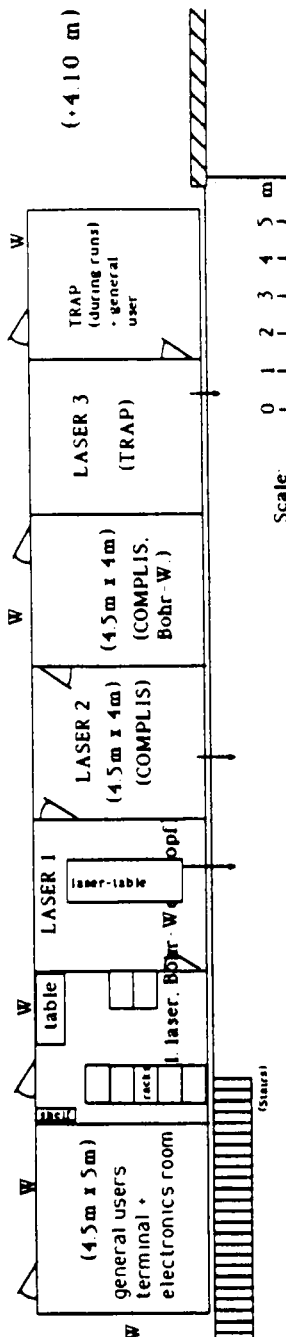
- a few (~ 12) big installations
- a lot of small experiments,  
moving quickly in / out.



BAT. 601

BAT. 115

*1st and 2nd grade physics!*



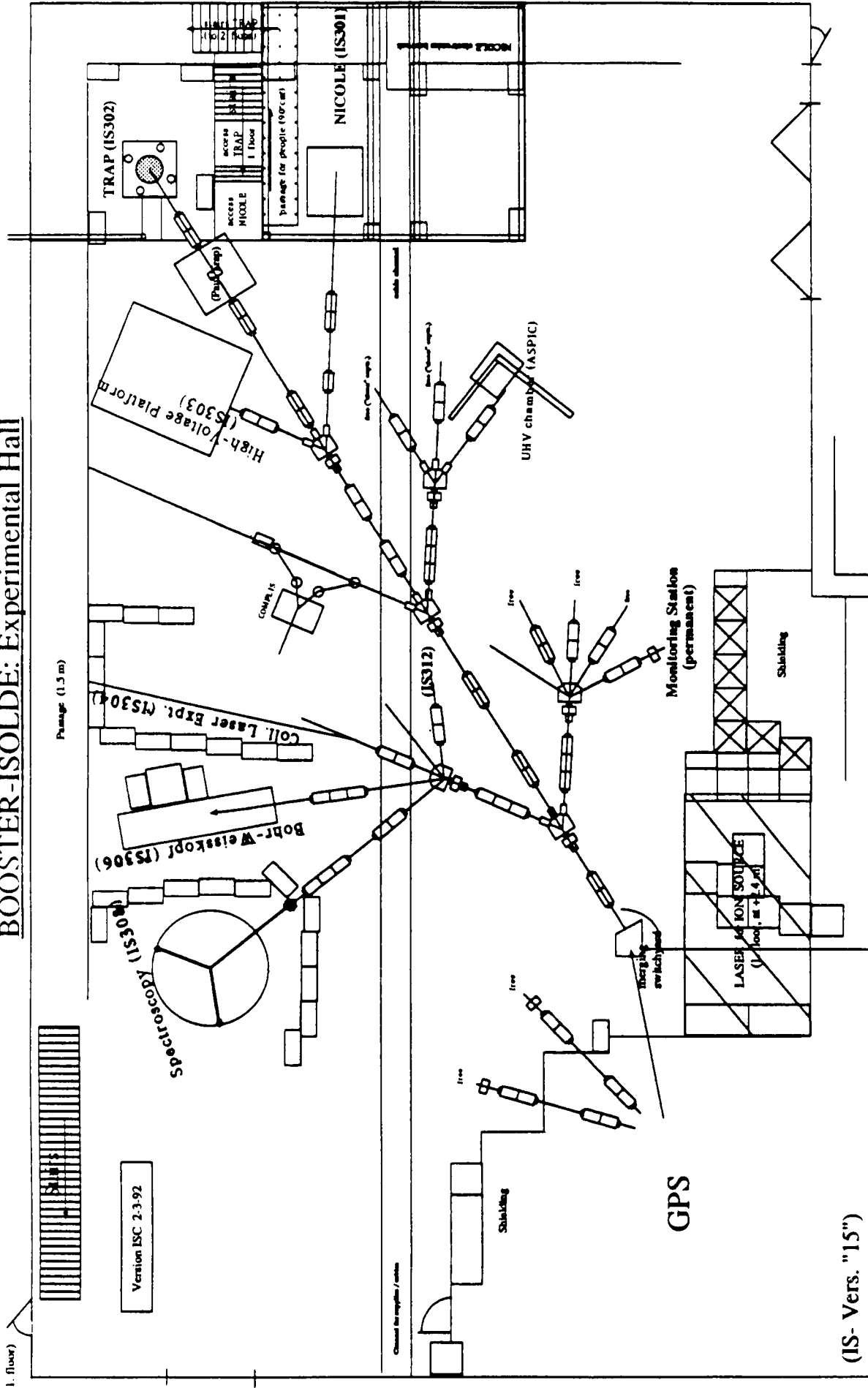
(1. floor)  
toilets, etc.

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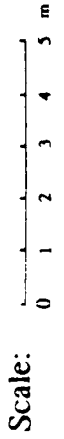
(niveau)

# Experimental Hall

# BOOSTER-ISOLDE: Experimental Hall



HRS



(IS- Vers. "15")

Prop.-No.	Exp.-No.	keyword	total req.	total appr.	1992	1993	1994
ISC/P2	IS300	axions (G. Weyer)	40	40	40 (*)		
ISC/P4	IS301	NICOLE-Sb (N. Stone)	14	14	8	6 (?)	
ISC/P6	IS302	TRAP (G. Bollern)	50 (+20 stable)	30 (incl. stable)	10	20	
ISC/P8	IS303	TFP (polarization) (M. Hase)	36	36	9	27 (?)	
ISC/P9	IS304	collinear laser (R. Neugart)	60 (+20 stable)	60 (+20 stable)	20	40	20
ISC/P10	IS305	Na-targets (C. Rolfe)	(2 weeks off-line)	(2 weeks off-line)	(*)		
ISC/P1	IS306	Bohr-Weisskopf (H. T. Duong)	40	20		20	
ISC/P12	IS307	diffusion a-Si (W. Uffert)		5	2 (*)	2	
ISC/P15	IS308	French-ISOLDE (G. Walker)	27	27	15	12 (pr. rep.)	
ISC/P16	IS309	lattice relaxations (H. Hofmann)	24	8	8 (*)		
ISC/P17	IS310	channeling (H. Hofmann)	15	10	0	10	
ISC/P18	IS311	el. struct. impur. (J. W. Pearson)	50	12	12 (*)		
ISC/P19	IS312	passivation (D. Forkel)	45	15	15 (*)		
ISC/P20	IS313	Blue Oxidases (T. Butz)	32	16	8 (*)	8	
ISC/P22	IS314	NICOLE-Au (E. Itago)	23	23	11	12	
ISC/P5		COMPLIS (G. Huber)	25	16 (+ 3 stable)	8 (?) (+ 3 stable)	8	
ISC/P29		ASPIC (H.H. Bertchall)	30	15		15	
ISC/P24		proton halo (K. Rüssiger)	10	10	5 (*)	5	
ISC/P28		monopole trans. (P. Sona)	9	9	3 (*)	6	

\* can run already earlier in 1992

total (all physics, incl. stable beams)

389  
(+2 weeks off.)177  
(+2 weeks off.)

191

for comparison: total (radioactive beams) in 1990 was 366 shifts for all experiments  
227 shifts for "large" experiments (IS.....)

# ISOLDE startup

① ~ 4 weeks of tests with  
"stable beams"  
(MD w/o protons)

② ? weeks with protons  
→ LOW INTENSITY at first  
(target heating with  $I_{\text{Target}}$ )  
→ more bursts  
→ more proton per burst

PLEASE FORGIVE US:

there will be frequent changes  
demanded for quite some  
time ....



# 1992 PSB-ISOLDE SCHEDULE

(version 28 Feb 92/K.E.)

	JAN				FEB						MAR		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Mo		6	7	20	27	3	10	17	24	2	9	16	23
Tu													
We	1												
Th													
Fr													
Sa					1								
Su									1				

	APR				MAY						JUN		
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Mo	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	XXX	8	15	22
Tu						(deuterons and ions)				XXX			
We	1												
Th													
Fr													
Sa													
Su													

	JUL			AUG						SEP			
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Mo	XX	6	13	20	XX	3	10	17	XX	31	7	14	21
Tu	XX				XX				XX	1			
We	1												
Th													
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Sa					1								
Su													

	OCT			NOV						DEC			
	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52
Mo	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	XX	30	7	14	21
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-  PSB machine studies
-  ISOLDE stable beams, MD (w/o protons)
-  ISOLDE r.active beams, MD (with protons)
-  ISOLDE physics
-  IS305 (<sup>22</sup>Na) (w/o protons)

# COLLINEAR

# LASER SPECTROSCOPY

## LASER SPECTROSCOPY :

Study of atomic level scheme  
using laser-induced excitations

AIM: study of nuclear ground-state  
properties

# Elementary particles

Hadrons (quarks)

Leptons

$\pi, K, \rho, \dots$

$\infty$

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$e$

$\nu_e$

$\mu$

$\nu_\mu$

$\tau$

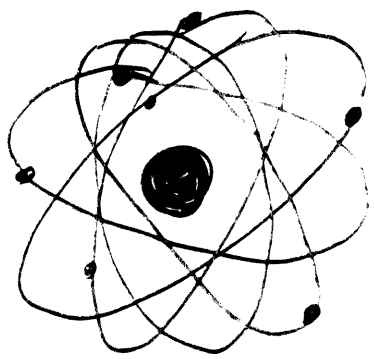
$\nu_\tau$



Nuclei

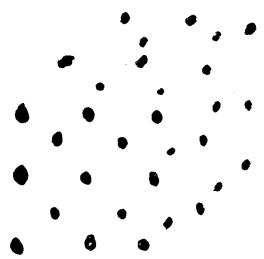


Atoms

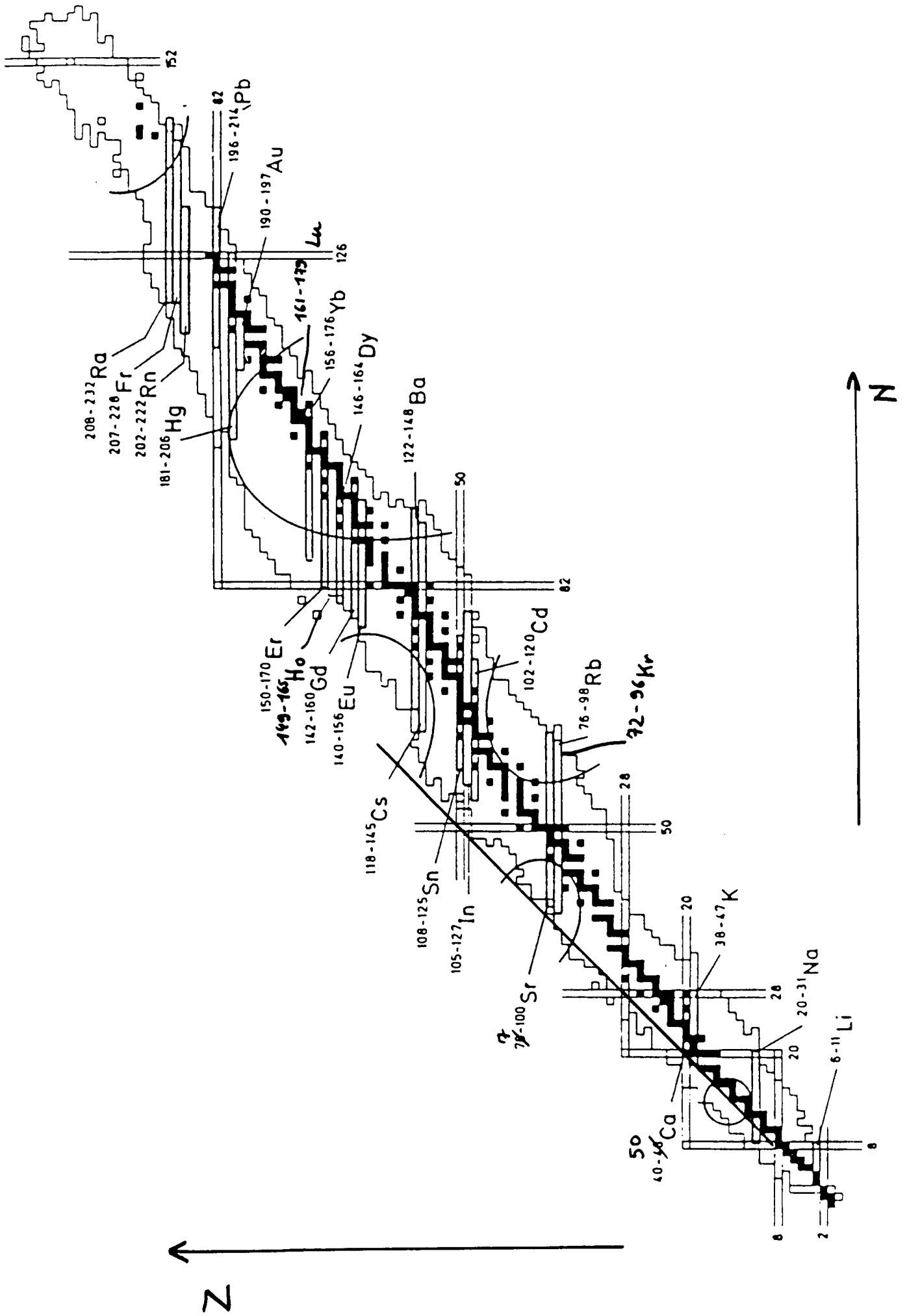


Condensed matter

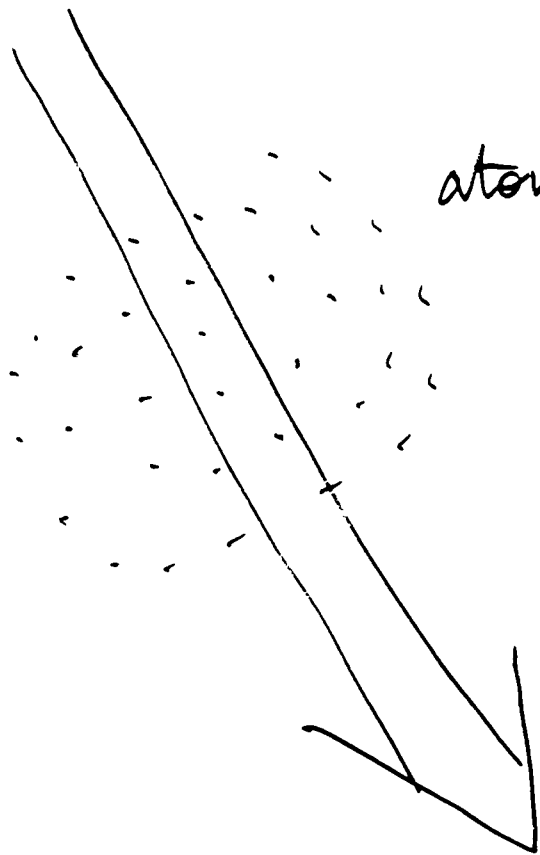
Solid State





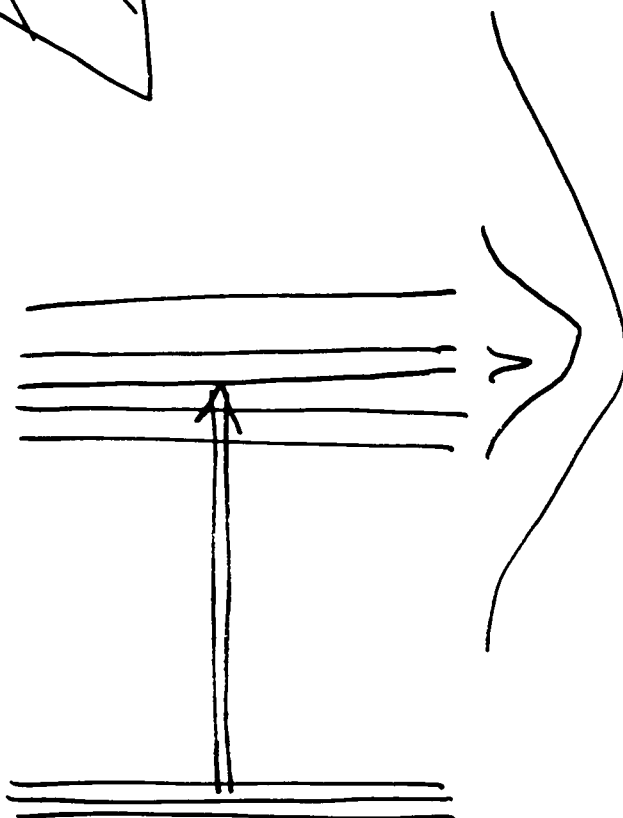


laser

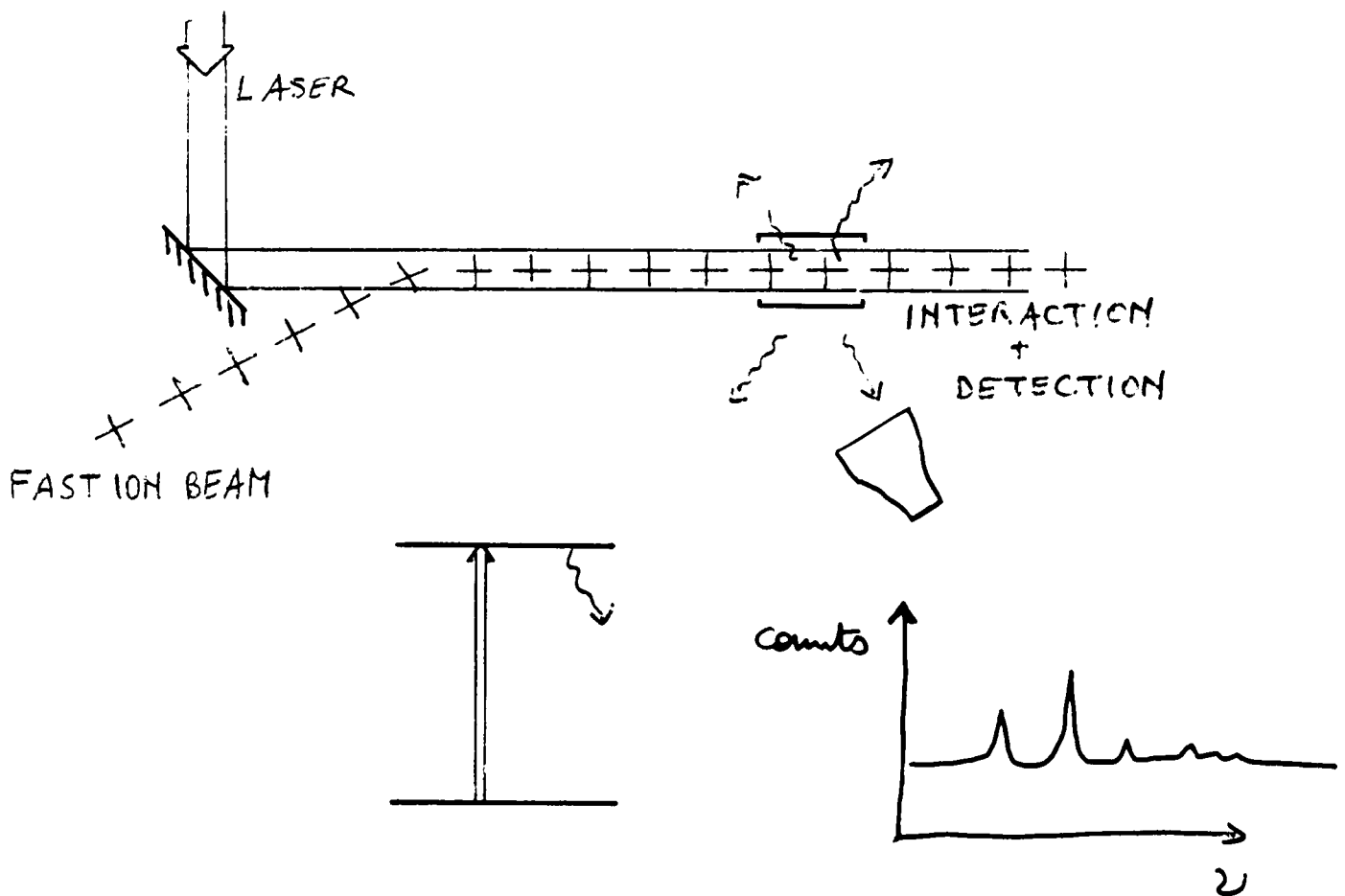


atoms (or ions)

ATOMIC  
LEVEL SCHEME



# FAST (ION) BEAM COLLINEAR LASER SPECTROSCOPY



\* ISOTOPE SHIFT

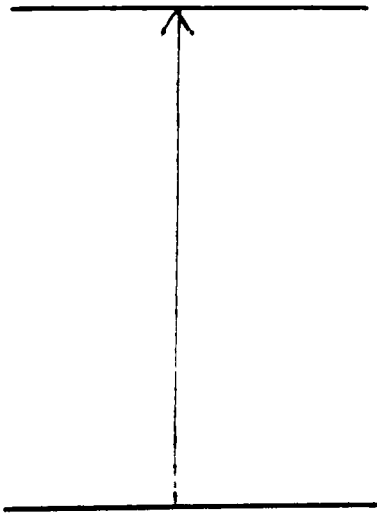
→ DIFFERENT CHARGE DISTRIBUTION

\* HYPERFINE SPLITTING

→ INTERACTION BETWEEN NUCLEUS  
AND SURROUNDING ELECTRONS

RADIUS, SPIN, MOMENTS

# DETECTION OF RESONANCE



PRECISION:  $\pm 1 \text{ MHz}$

$$\nu_0 \approx 5 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\delta \nu}{\nu} = 2 \times 10^{-9}}$$

- CHANGE LASER FREQUENCY
- CHANGE ION (ATOM) VELOCITY

→ DOPPLER EFFECT

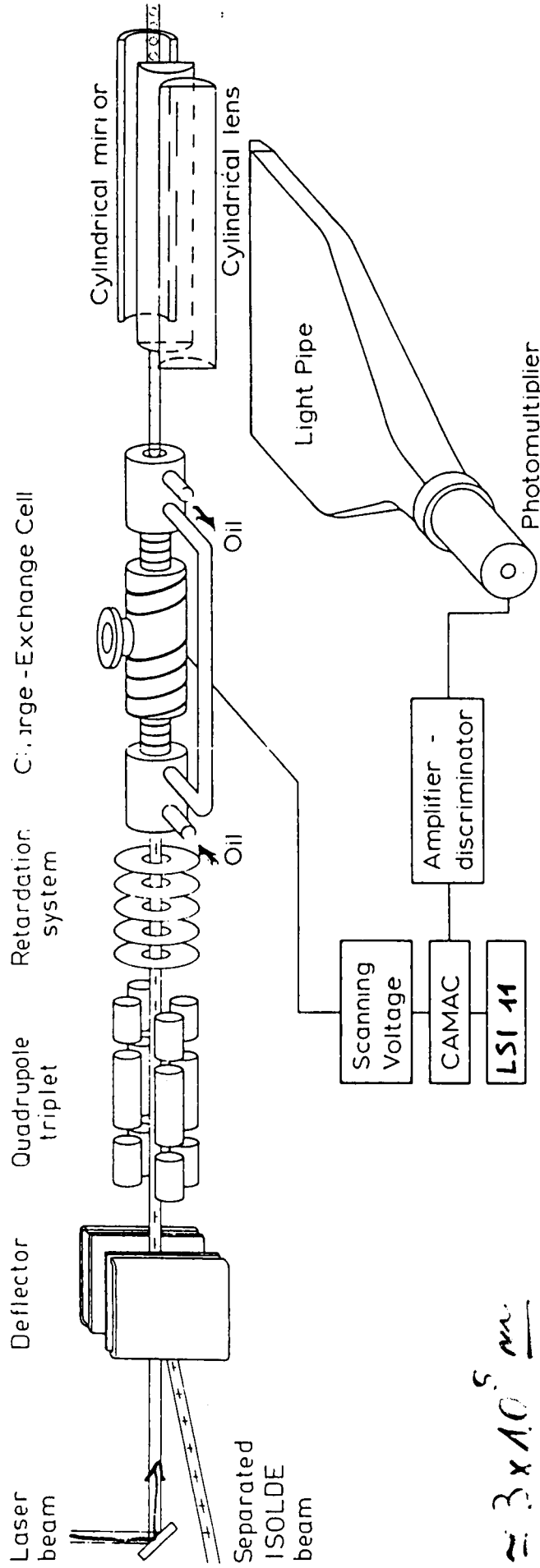
$$U = 60 \text{ keV}$$

$$\beta = \frac{v}{c} = \sqrt{\frac{2eU}{mc^2}}$$

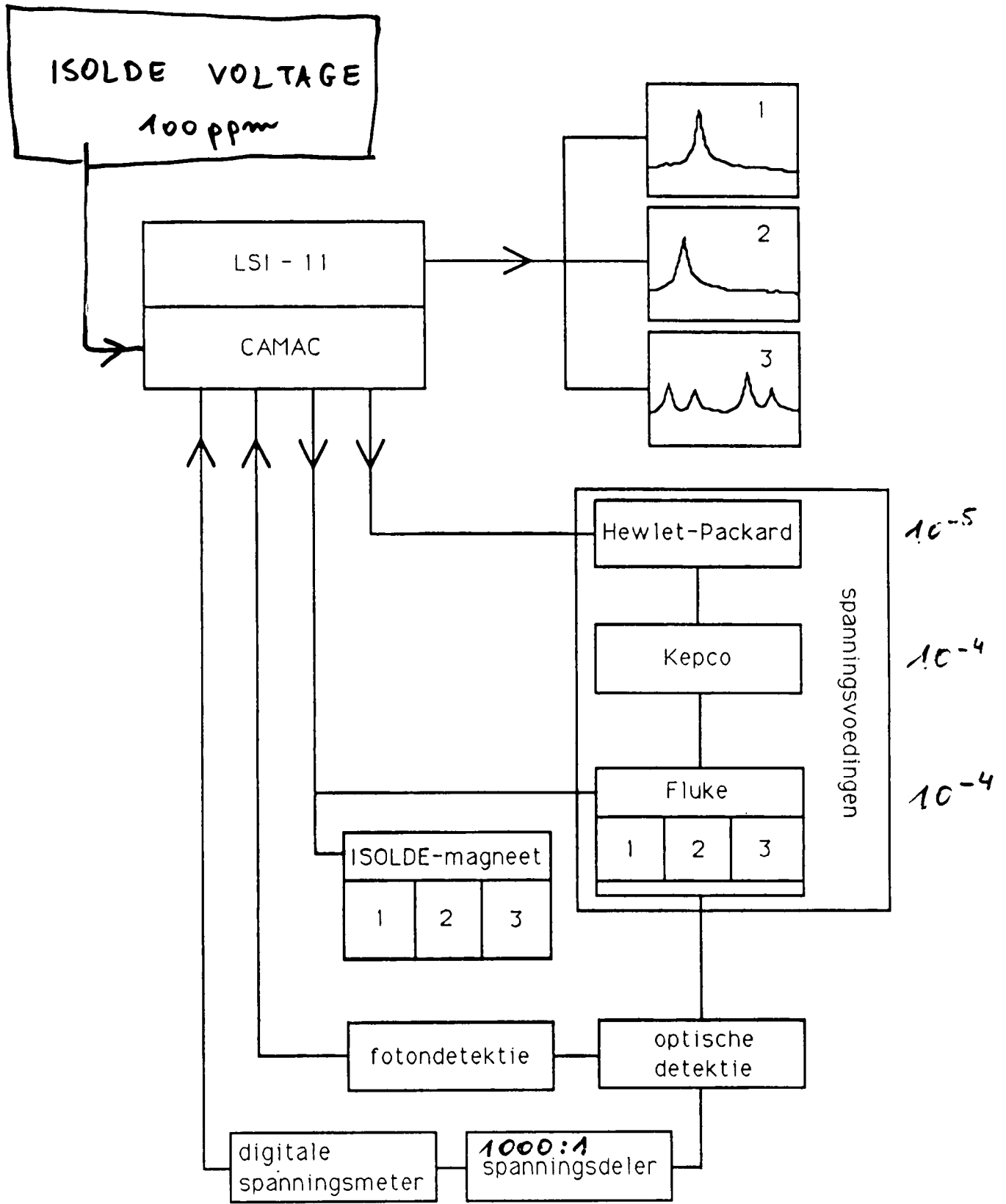
$$\text{Dopplershift: } \Delta \nu_D = -\nu_0 \left( \beta - \frac{1}{2} \beta^2 \right)$$

$$\begin{cases} \nu_0 \approx 5 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz} \\ \Delta \nu_D \approx 500 \text{ GHz} \end{cases}$$

~ 0,5 μs →

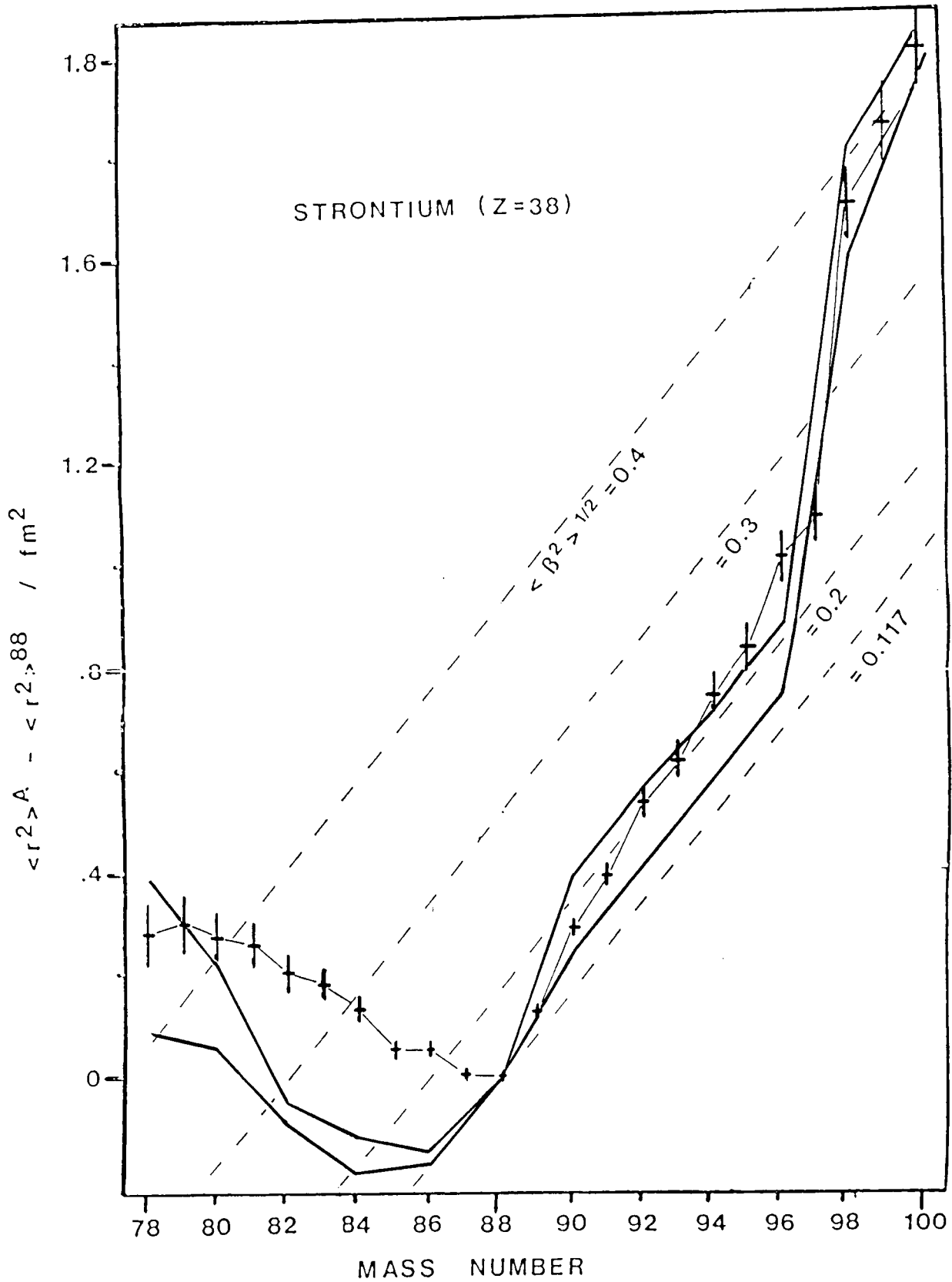


$$v_{ion} \approx 3 \times 10^5 \frac{m}{s}$$



Figuur 2.8.:

Blokdiagram voor experimenten met optische resonantiedetektie.

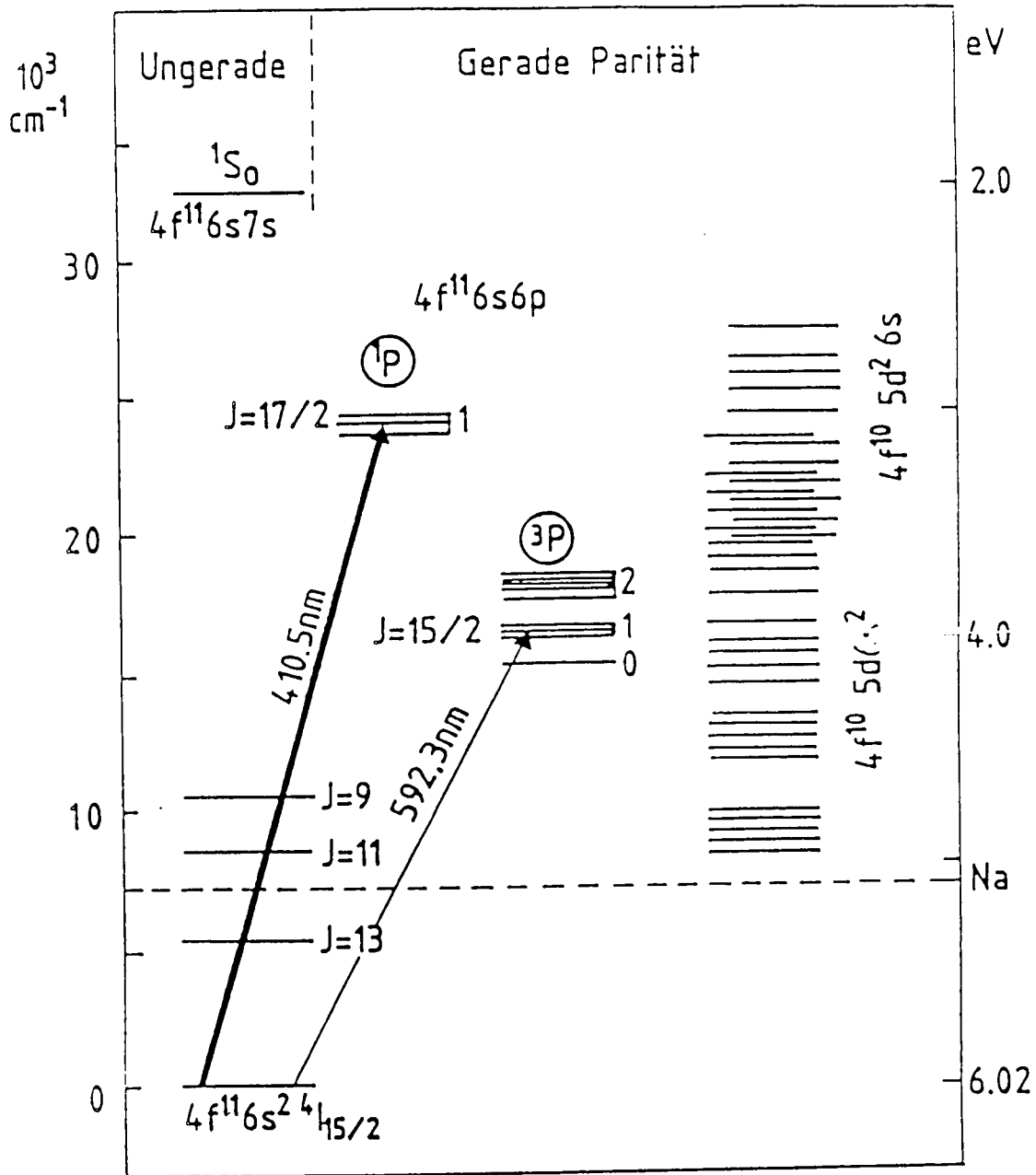


x DROPLET ISODEFORMATION CURVES

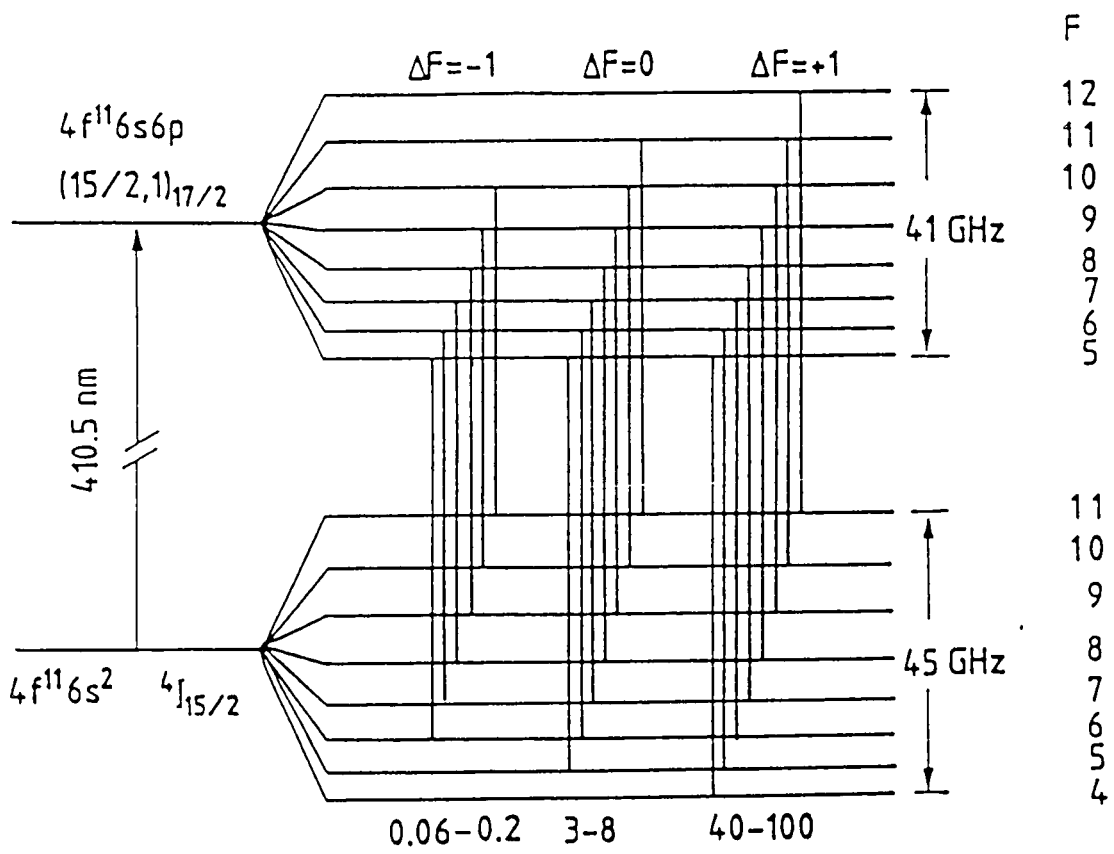
x EXPERIMENTAL VALUES; (The error bars indicate the systematic errors from the specific mass shift and the calibration factor F )

x DROPLET MODEL + DEFORMATION PARAMETERS FROM BE2 VALUES

# He I (atoms)





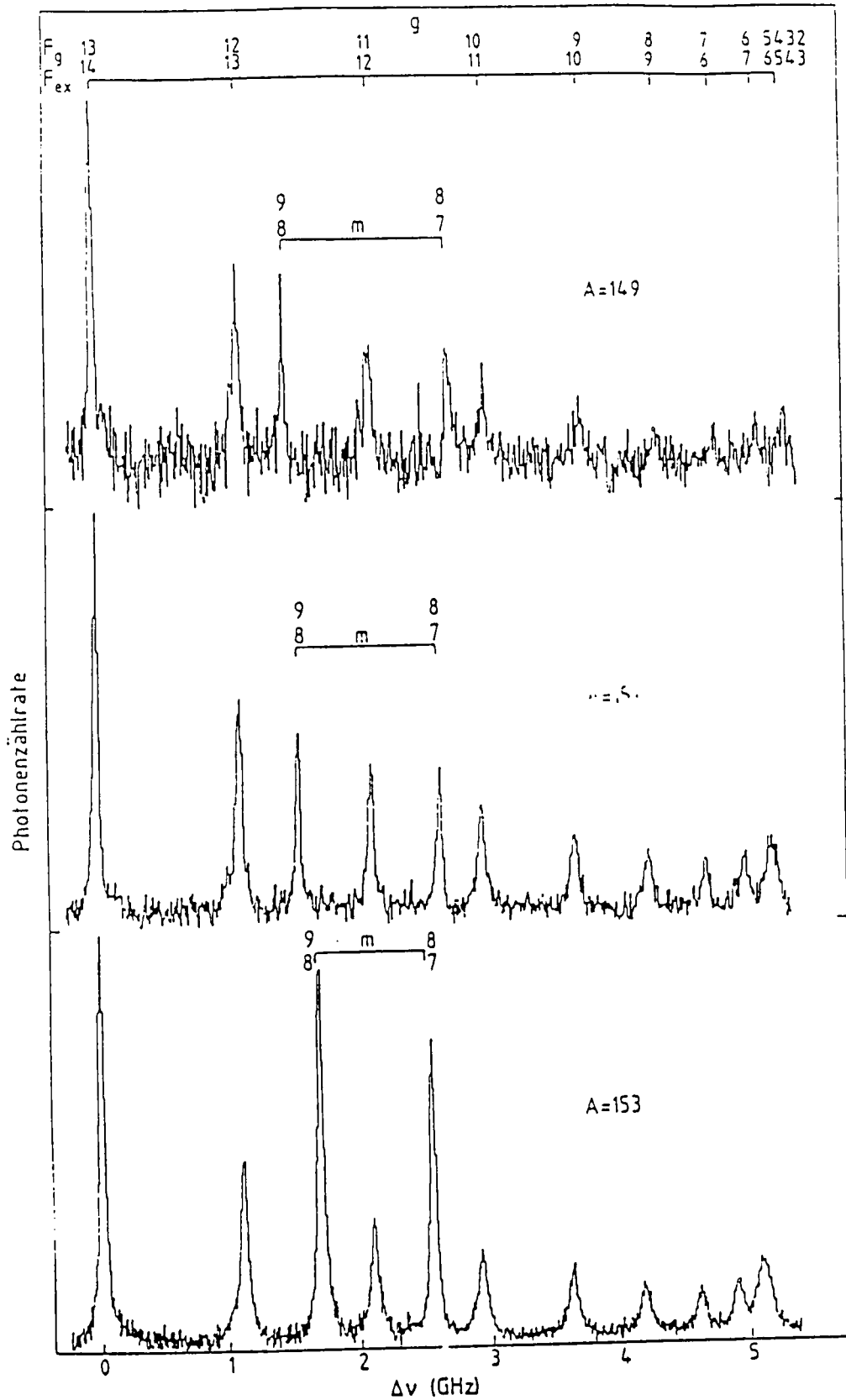


$$I = 7/2$$

( $^{165}\text{Ho}$ )

149, 151, 153

Ho ( $I=1\frac{1}{2}, J=1\frac{1}{2}$ )



$^{11}\text{Li}$

- VERY SENSITIVE TECHNIQUE
- PHYSICS - spherical shell model  
- neutron halo

METHOD: ( $\beta$ -RADOP)

$\beta$  - Radiation Detected Optical Pumping

= KOMBINATION OF

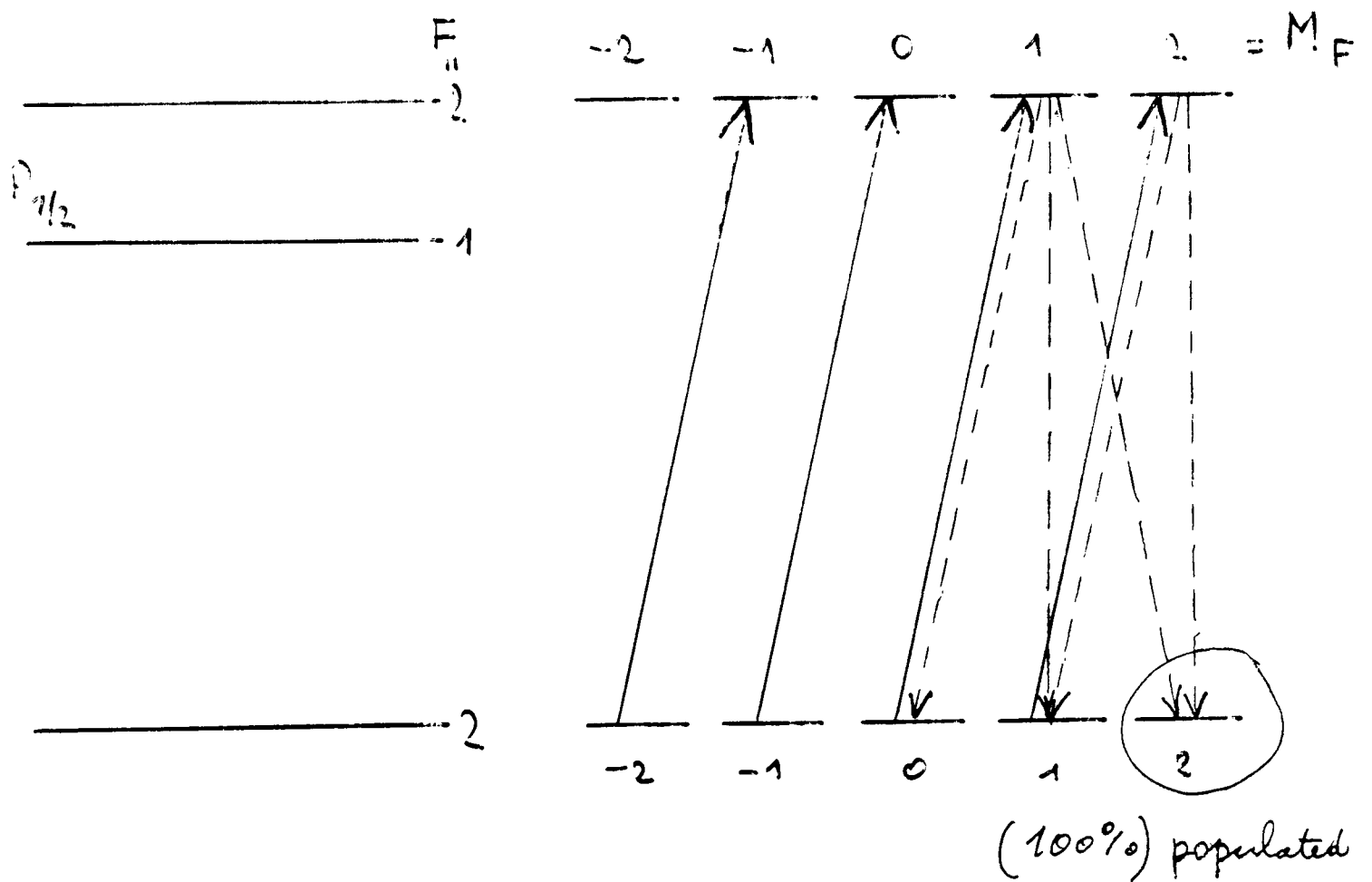
LASER - TECHNIQUES

&

NUCLEAR ORIENTATION

# OPTICAL PUMPING WITH CIRCULARLY POLARIZED LASER LIGHT

→ NUCLEAR POLARIZATION



$\sigma_+$  light       $\Delta M_F = +1$

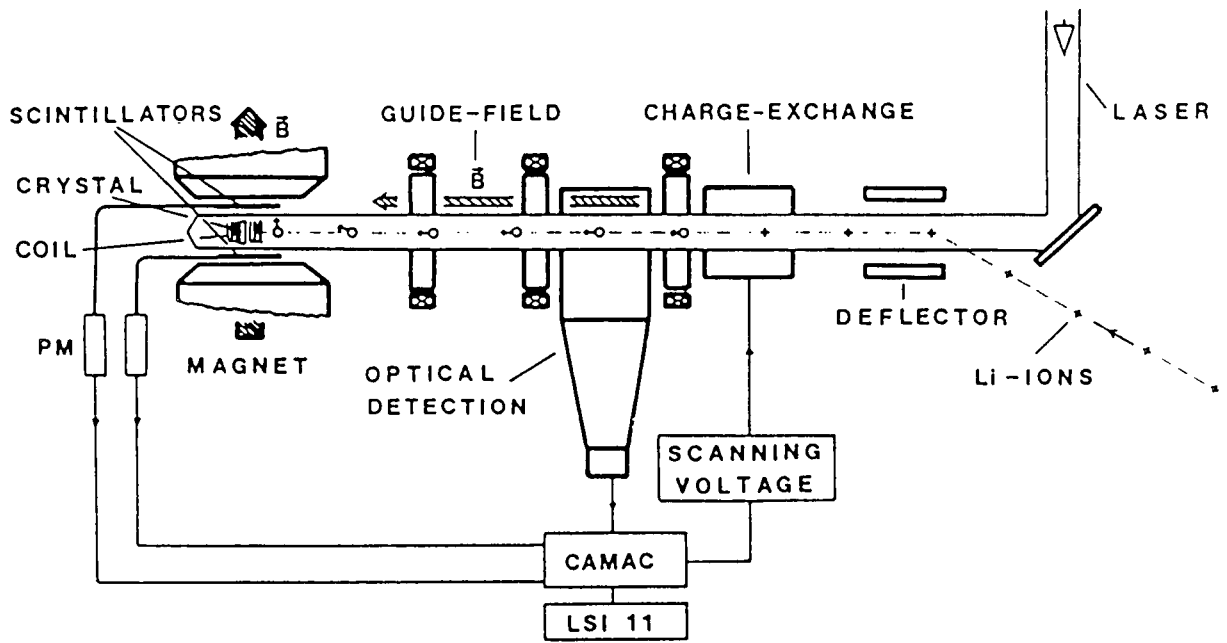
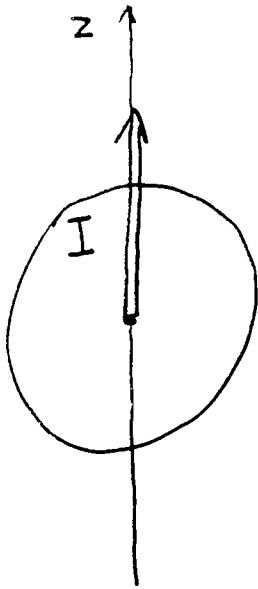


Fig. 1. Schematic view of the experimental setup. The arrows indicate the nuclear spin direction.

# HYPERFINE INTERACTION



NUCLEAR SPIN IS POLARIZED



$$W(\theta) = 1 + \frac{v}{c} A P \cos \theta$$

P: polarization

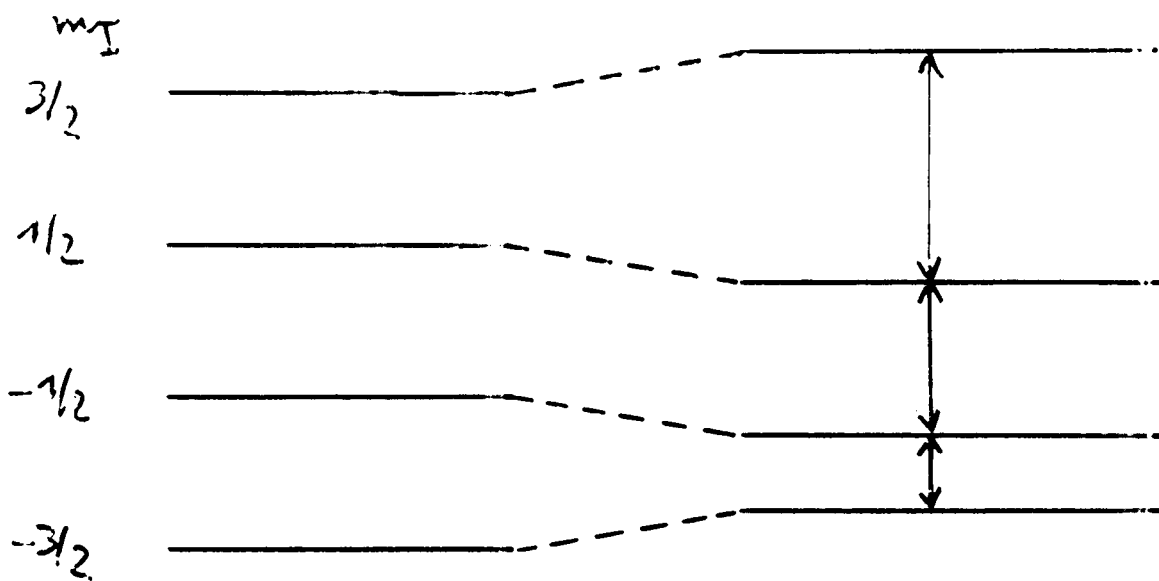
A: asymmetry parameter

→ asymmetric emission of  $\beta$ -radiation

This is detected

# NMR in $\text{LiNbO}_3$

$$I = 3/2 \rightarrow M_I = 3/2, 1/2, -1/2, -3/2$$



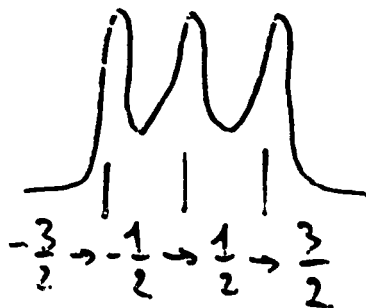
in magnetic field  $H_0$

in electric field gradient

$$- m_I g \mu_N H_0$$

$$\frac{e^2 q Q}{8I(2I-1)} (3m_I^2 - I(I+1))$$

RF - interaction



At RF-resonance :

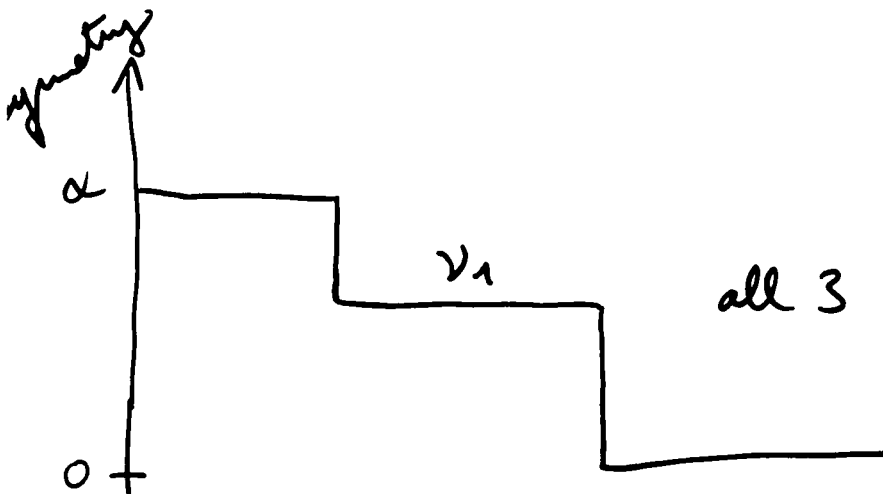
initial polarization is destroyed  
→ no  $\beta$ -asymmetry visible

3 resonances

Complication :

- 1 frequency fixed at magnetic resonance frequency ( $\nu_1$ )
- 2 others scanning up and down starting from  $\nu_1$

→ at the same time in resonance all 3 transitions





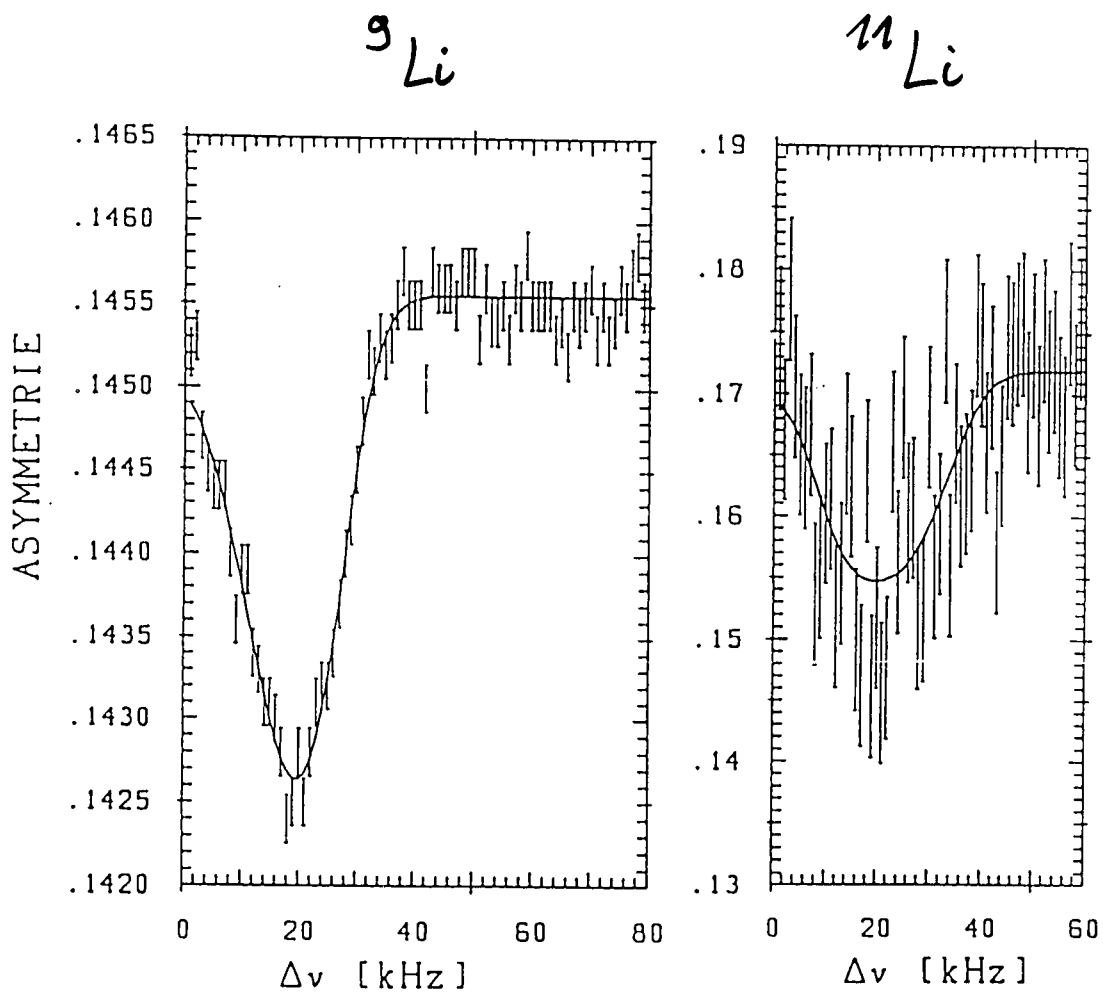


Figure. Quadrupole splitting of NMR signals of  ${}^9\text{Li}$  and  ${}^{11}\text{Li}$  in  $\text{LiNbO}_3$ , measured by simultaneous irradiation of three equidistant frequencies.