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# The CISE project

(Chemical Isobaric Separation)

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# Outline

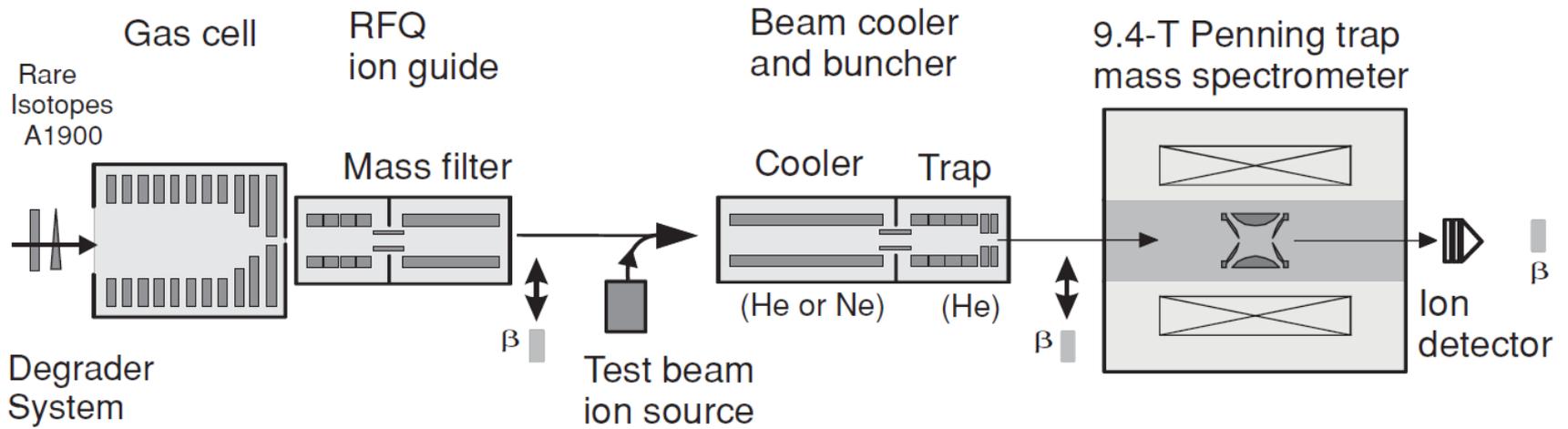
- > Motivation – why do we want chemistry in a gas-catcher?
- > First studies of ion chemistry of Sn, Ag, In and Cd in a collision cell
- > A setup dedicated for Chemical Isobaric Separation (CISE)
- > Summary & Outlook

# Chemistry in a gas-catcher

***Nothing new – but most times not wanted***

***But why not just making the best out of it?***

# Ion chemistry in a gas-catcher



Aim:  $^{32}\text{Si}^+$

Problem:  $\text{O}_2^+$

Solution:  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in the buffer-gas

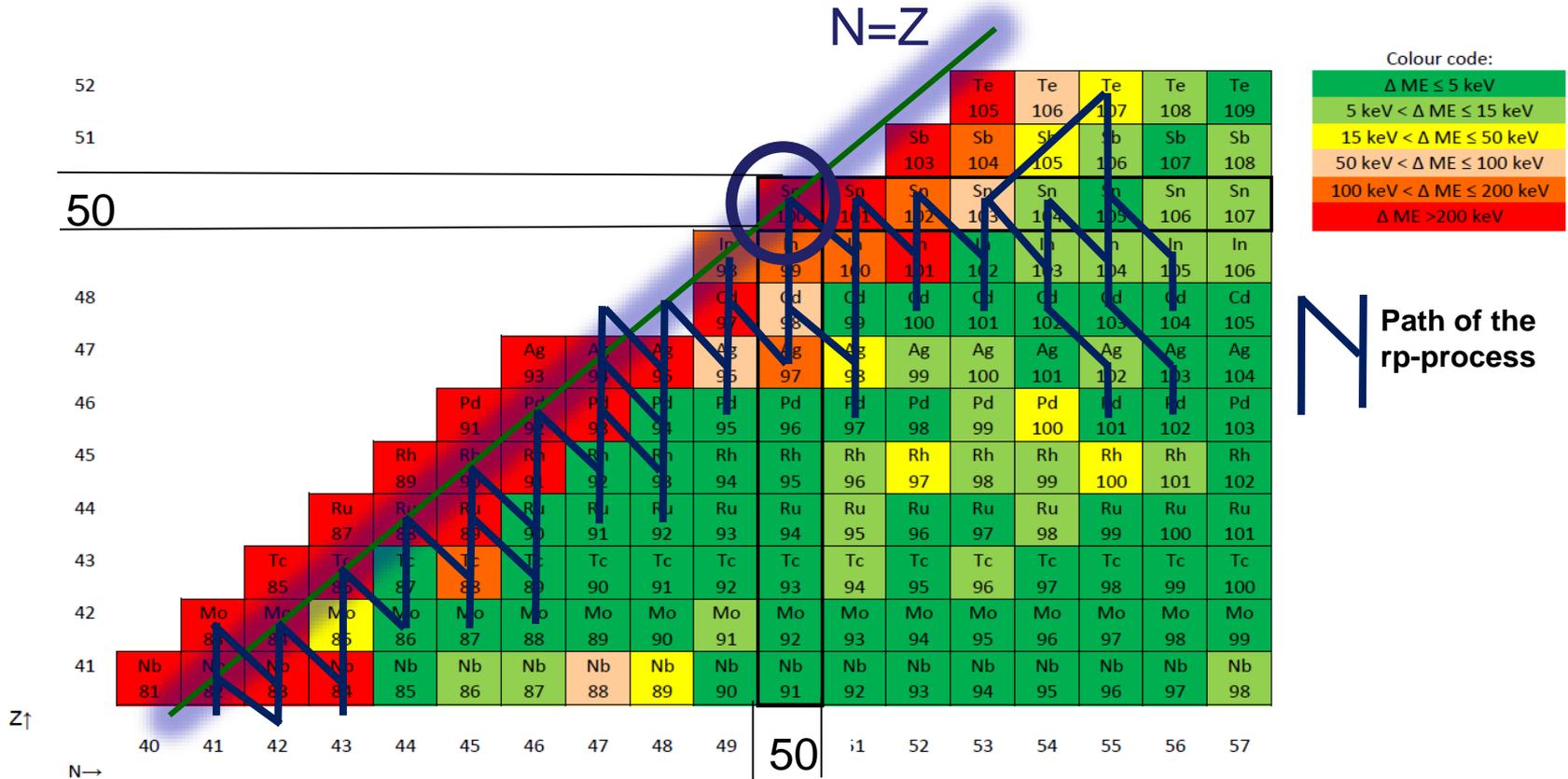


R. Ferrer et al. Phys. Rev. C **81**, 044318 (2010)

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Are there more cases in which chemistry could be useful?

# Hunting doubly-magic $^{100}\text{Sn}$



masses: AME 2012

rp-path: H. Schatz et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 86(16), 3471 (2001)

# How can we produce tin-100?

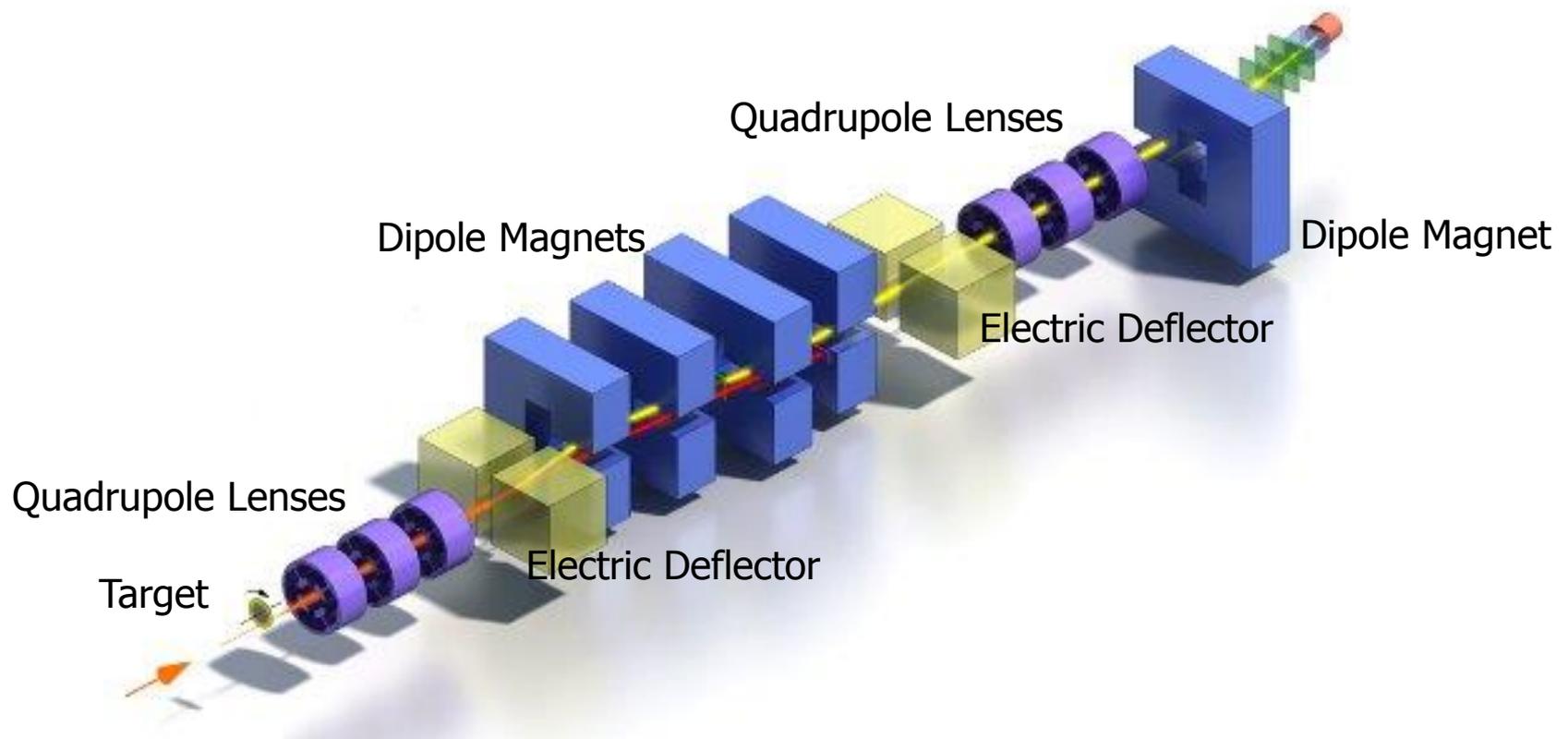
- ISOL: Not in reach yet
- Fragmentation
  - > FRS [1]:  $^{124}\text{Xe}$  @ 124 GeV, Be-target  
 **$(5.8 \pm 2.1)$  pb**
  - > BigRIPS[2]:  $^{124}\text{Xe}$  @ 30.4 GeV, Be-target  
 **$(0.75 \pm 0.05)$  pb**
- Fusion evaporation
  - > CSS2 cyclotron at GANIL [3] :  
 $^{58}\text{Ni}(^{50}\text{Cr}, \alpha 4n)^{100}\text{Sn}$ ; 255 MeV  
**40 nb**

[1] C. Hinke et al., Nature **486**(7403), 341 (2012)

[2] I. Čeliković et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **116**(16), 162501 (2016)

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# The velocity separator -SHIP



# The SHIPTRAP facility

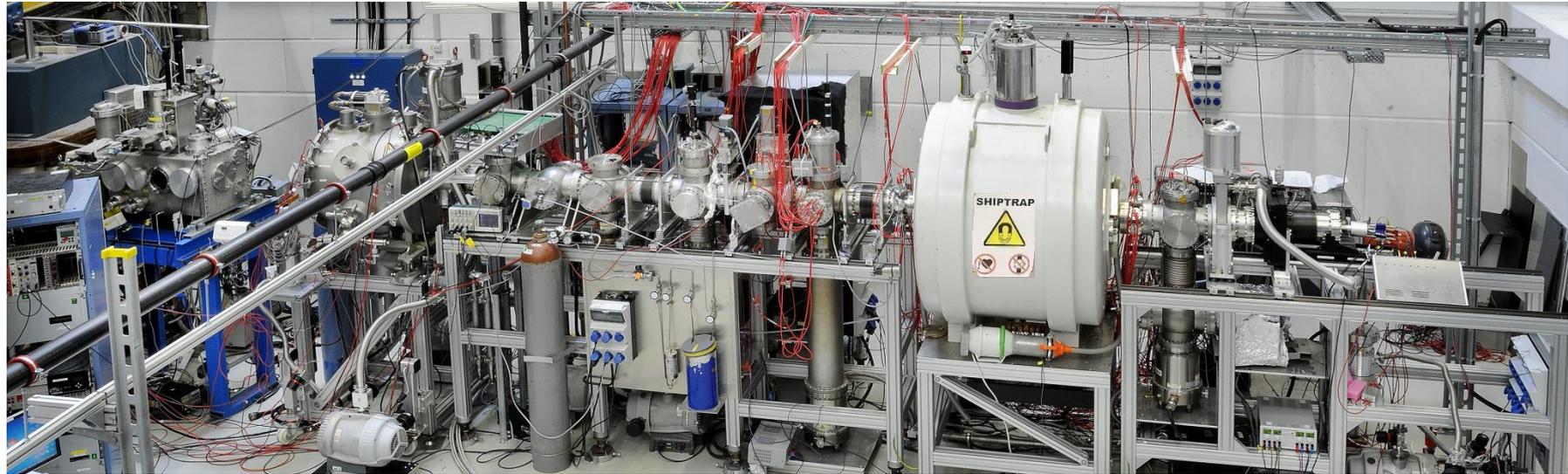
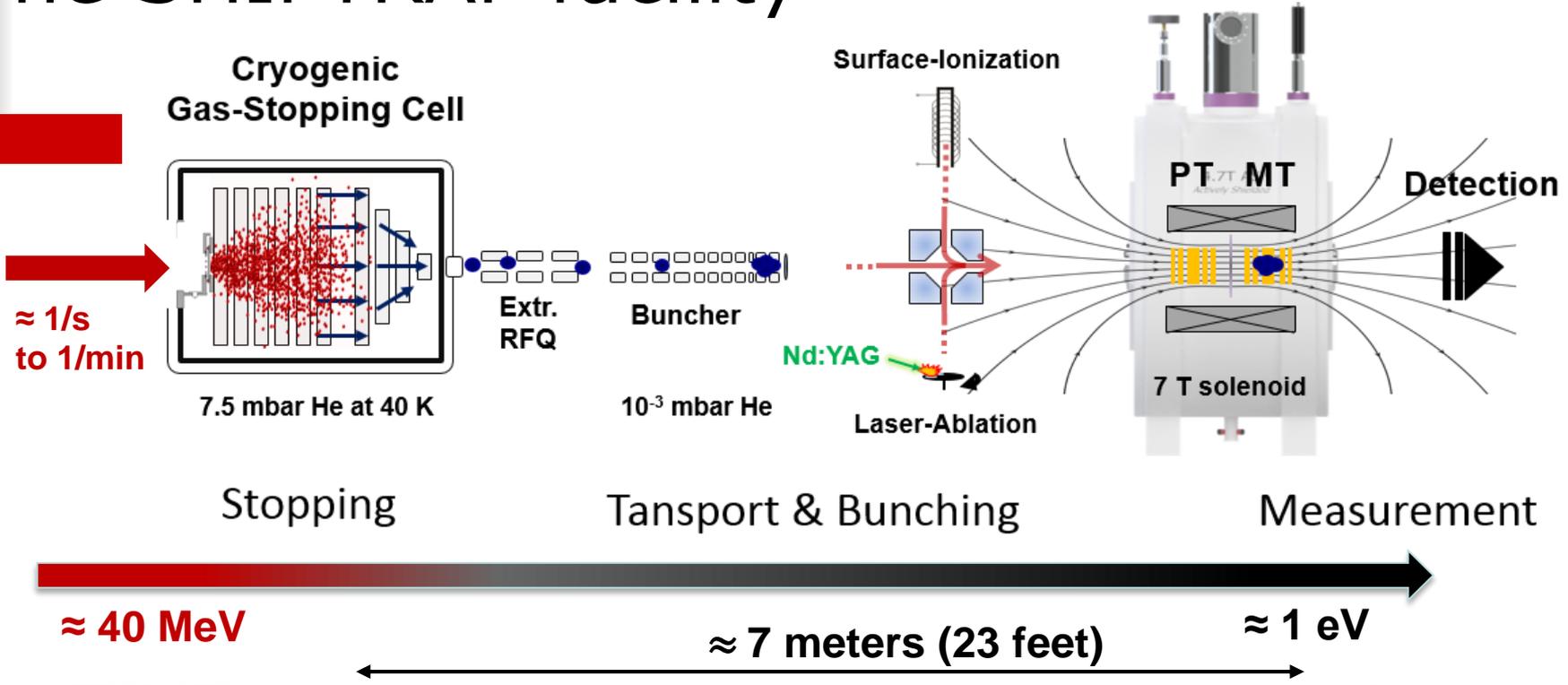


Photo: G. Otto, GSI

Why has this not been done,  
yet?

# Expected rates behind SHIP

Assumption: Beam:  $4 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ }^{58}\text{Ni/s}$ ,  
Target:  $1 \text{ mg/cm}^2 \text{ }^{50}\text{Cr}$   
Transmission through SHIP: 20%

	<b>Cross section<sup>[1]</sup> [mbarn]</b>	<b>Rate [ions/s]</b>
$^{100}\text{Sn}$	0.00004	$\sim 0.4$

How can we separate Sn  
from Ag, In and Cd?

# Witchcraft or Chemistry

# Heksenketel voor het wegen van magische kernen krijgt subsidie

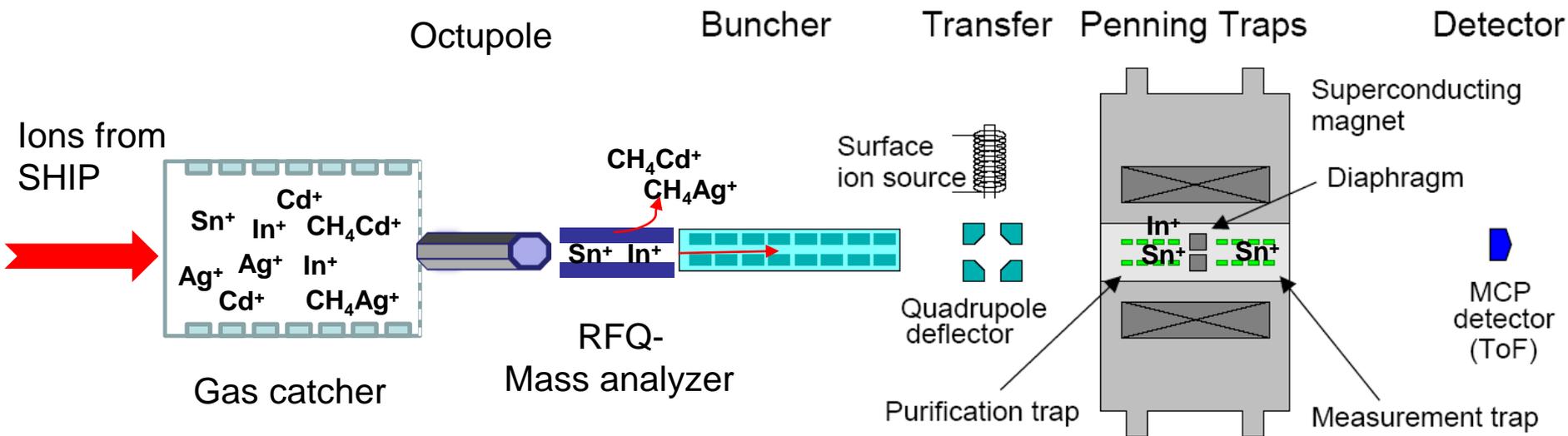
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Haar methoden zijn een gruwel voor natuurkundigen, maar dankzij een chemische achtergrond kan Julia Even mogelijk een doorbraak forceren: het nauwkeurig vaststellen van de massa van exotische, instabiele atoomkernen. Zij heeft hiervoor onlangs een onderzoeksubsidie van 425.000 euro ontvangen van NWO.

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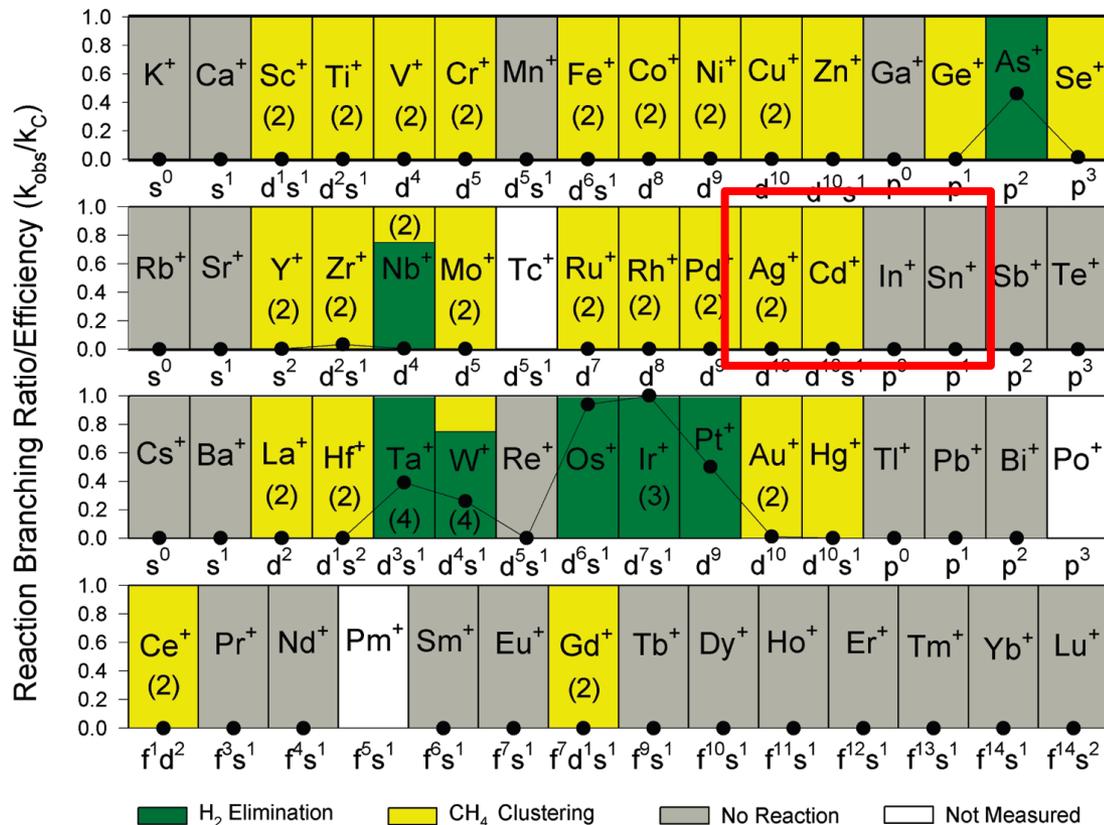
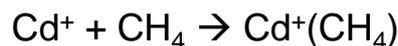
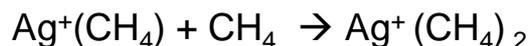
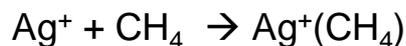
# CISE Chemical Ion SEparation



# Potential chemical systems

CS<sub>2</sub>: extract Sn as SnS<sup>+</sup> 1)

CH<sub>4</sub>: separation of Sn<sup>+</sup> and In<sup>+</sup> from Ag(CH<sub>4</sub>)<sup>+</sup> and Cd(CH<sub>4</sub>)<sup>+</sup> 2)



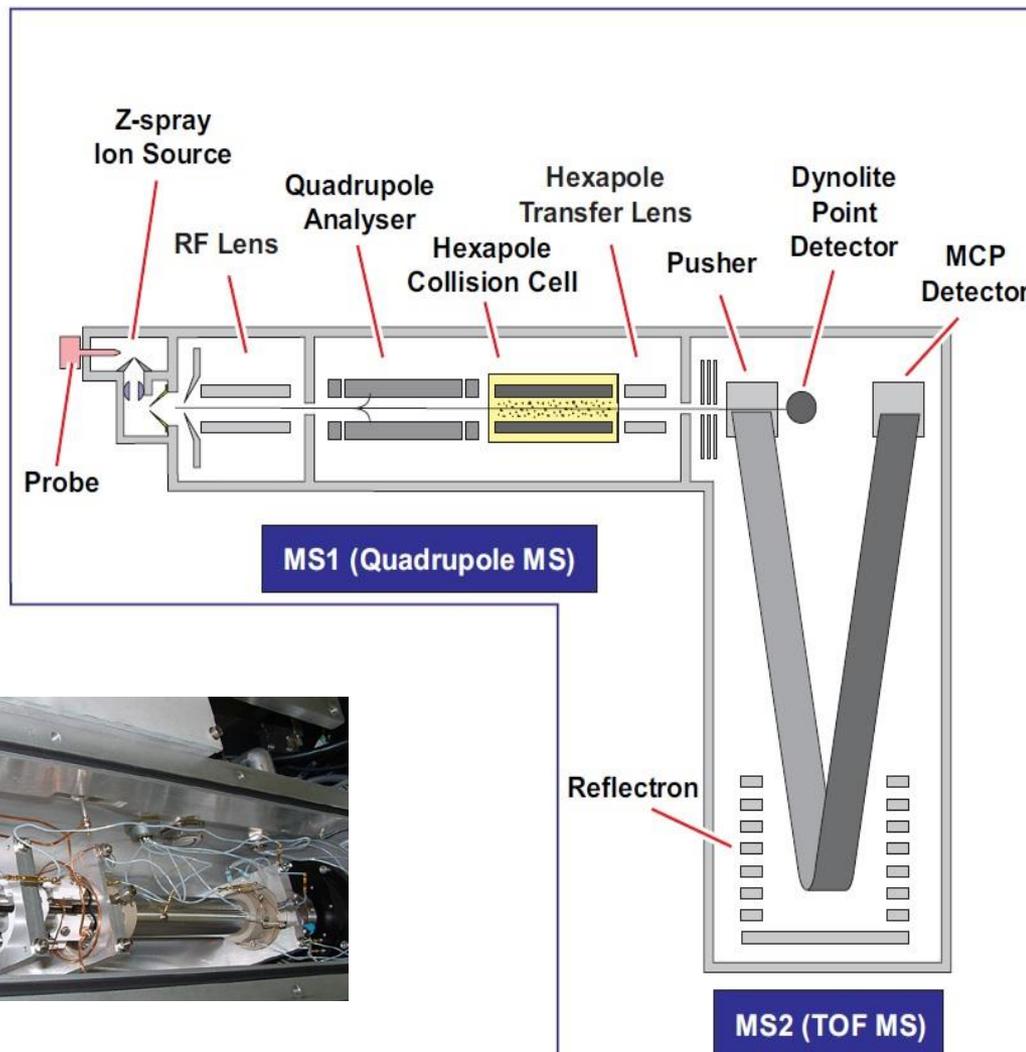
1) R. Kirchner, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. in Phys. Res. B **204** (2003) 179–190

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# First studies in a qToF II

Metal ions from the Z-spray-source:

$\text{Sn}^{1+}$ ,  $\text{Sn}^{2+}$   
 $\text{In}^{1+}$ ,  $\text{In}^{2+}$   
 $\text{Cd}^{1+}$ ,  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$   
 $\text{Ag}^{1+}$



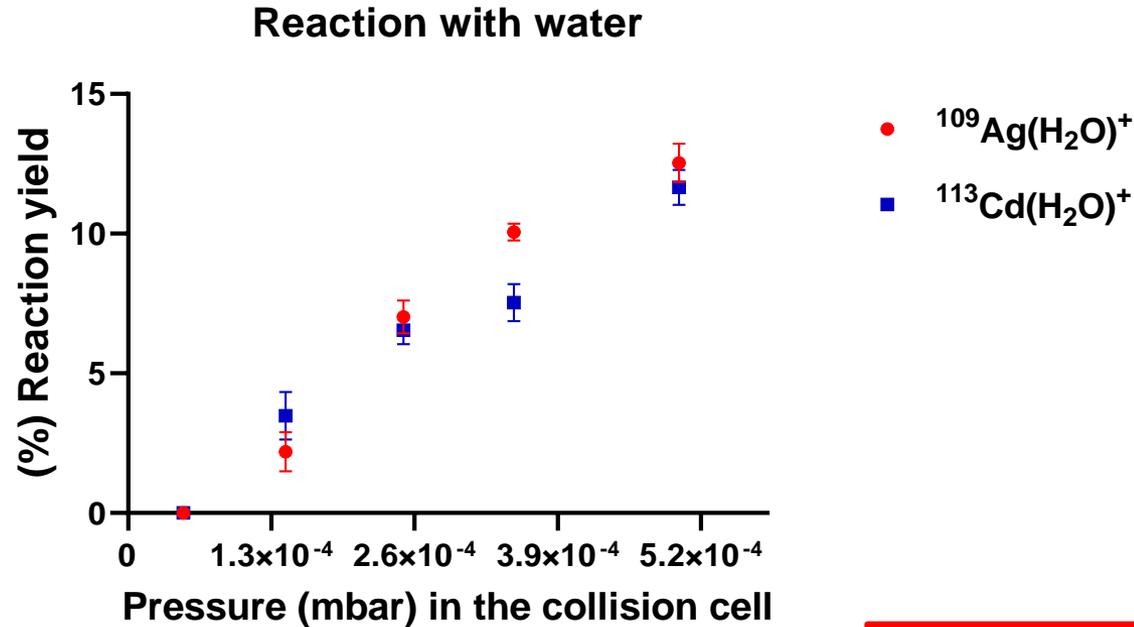
# First studies with methane

- $\text{Sn}^+$  and  $\text{In}^+$  do not react with methane
- $\text{Cd}^+$  forms  $\text{Cd}(\text{CH}_4)^+$  clusters
- $\text{Ag}^+$  forms  $\text{Ag}(\text{CH}_4)^+$  and  $\text{Ag}(\text{CH}_4)_2^+$

**But reaction yields were below 5% ☹️**

***However, there is one thing, you always get for free!***

# Impurity - Water

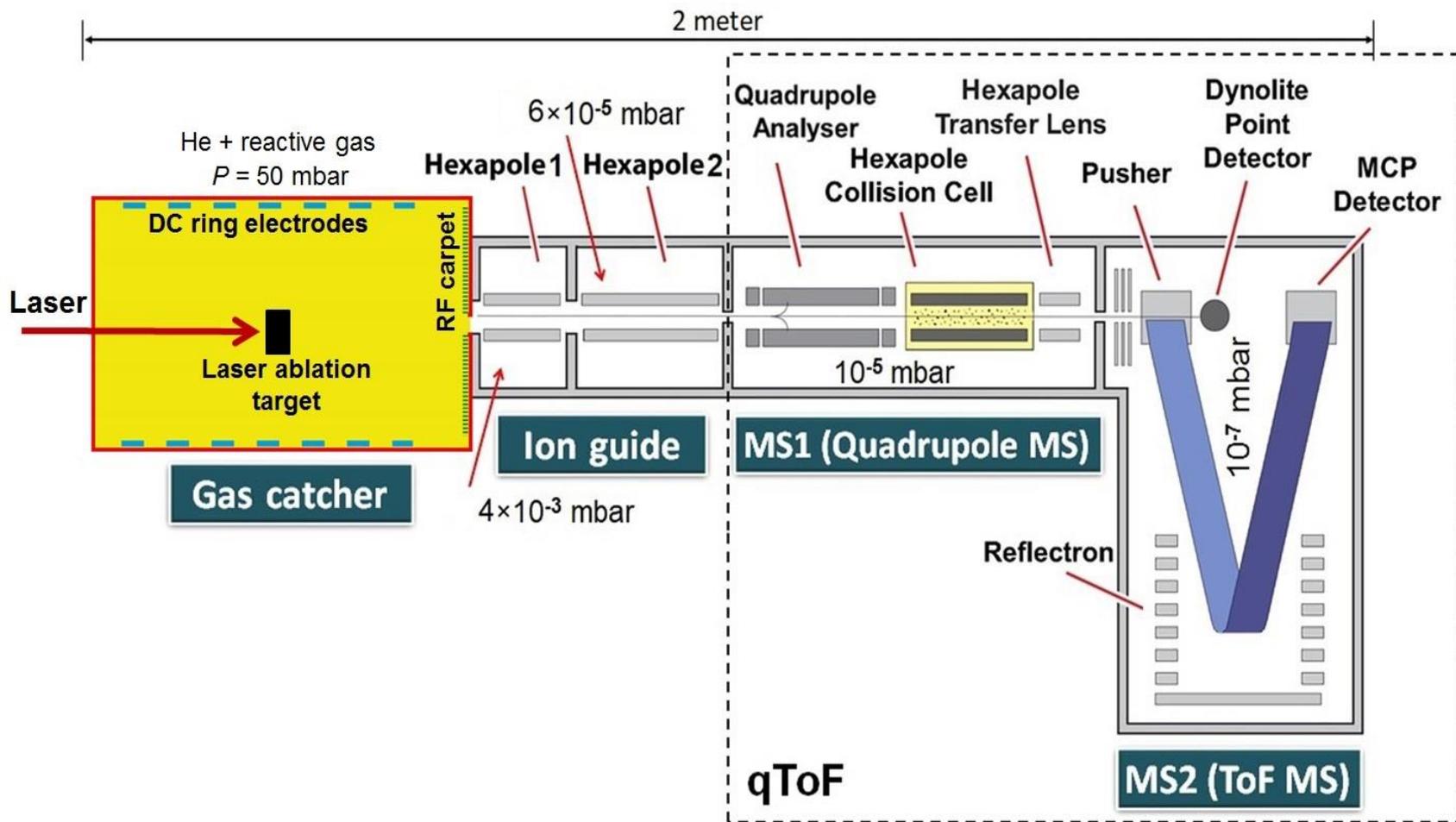


No reaction with  $\text{In}^+$   
Low reaction yields with  $\text{Sn}^+$

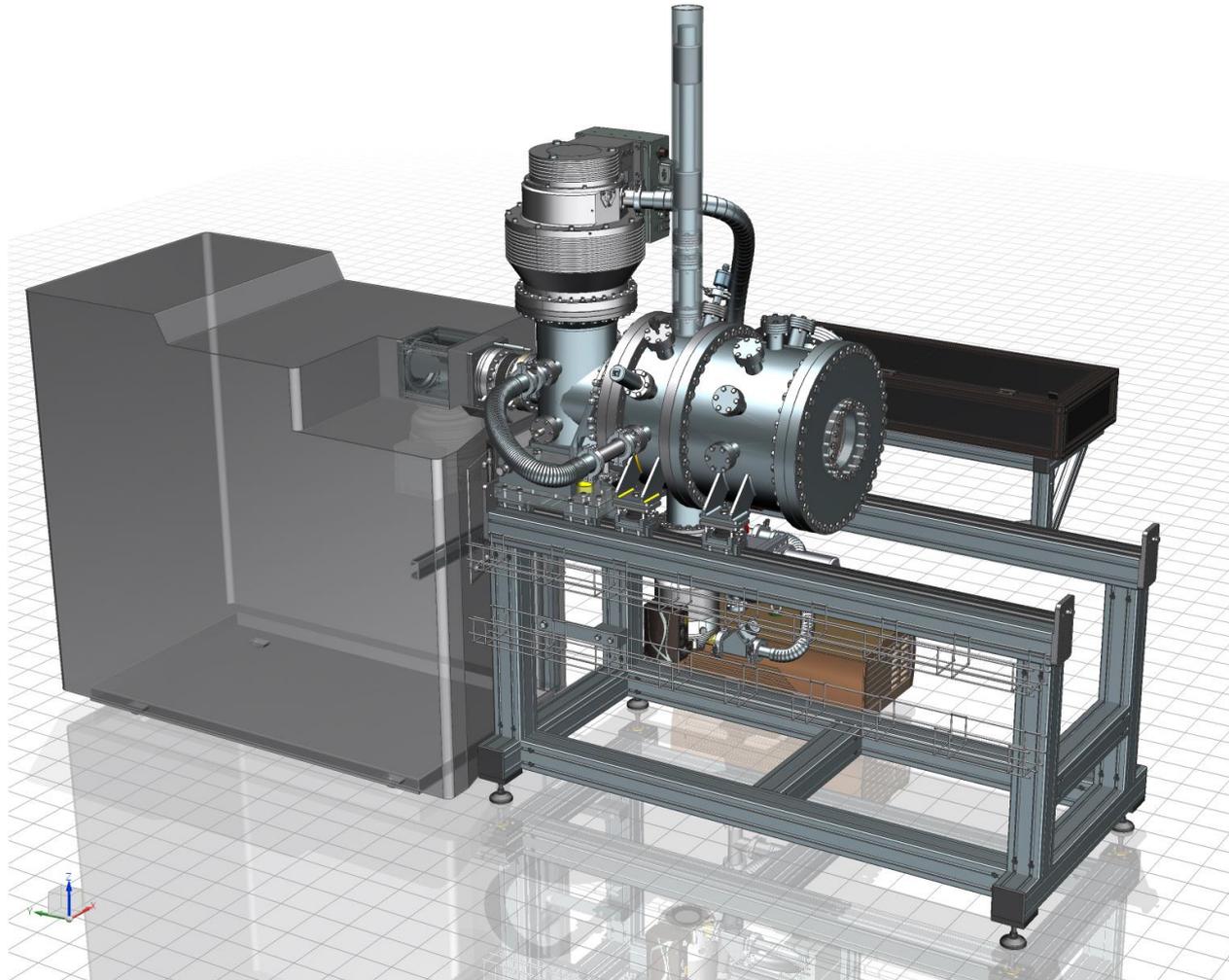
# Next steps

- Fixing the qToF
- Studies of the ions with charge state 2+
- Alternative reagents:  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{OCS}$ ,  $\text{CO}$
- Disassembling the qToF

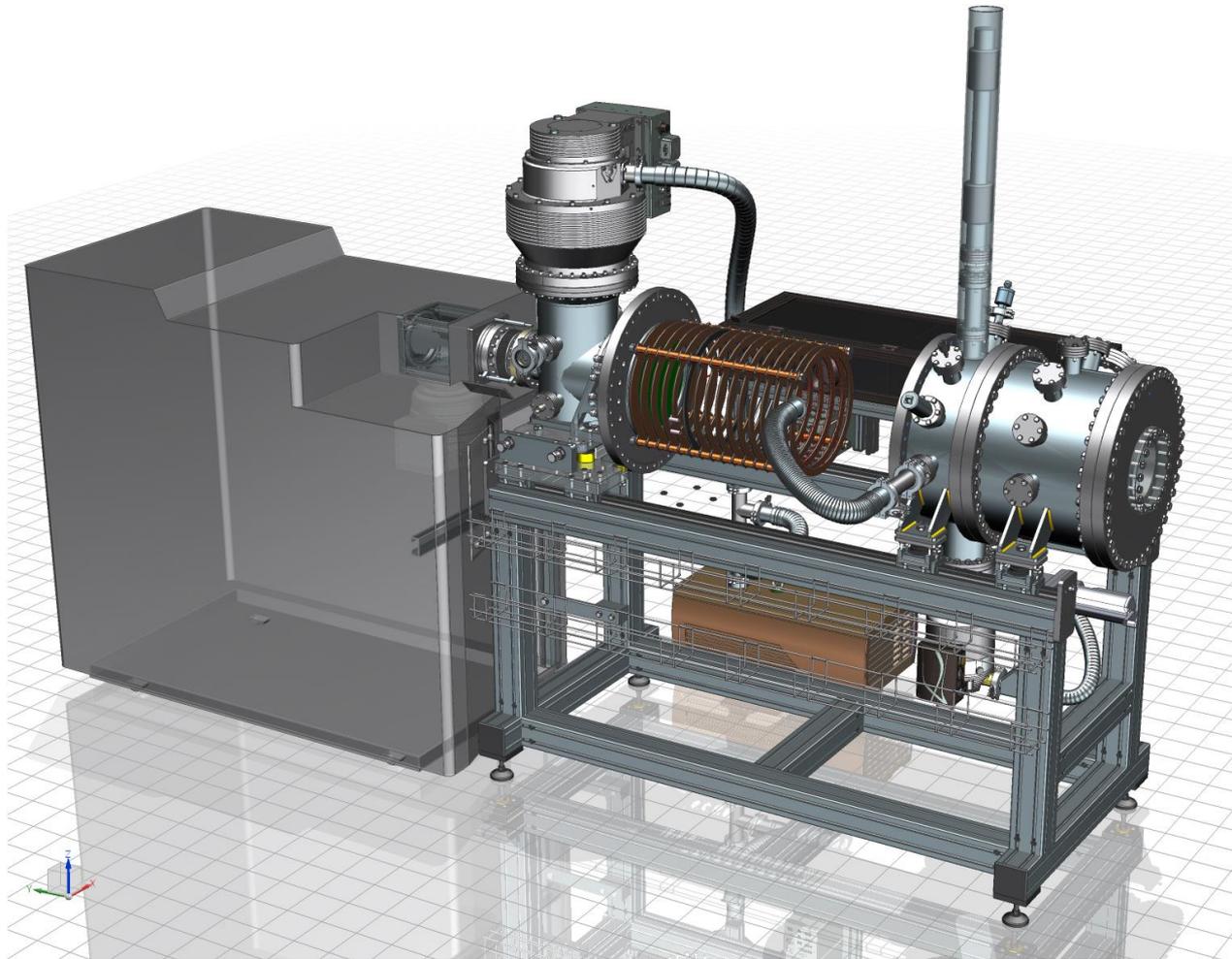
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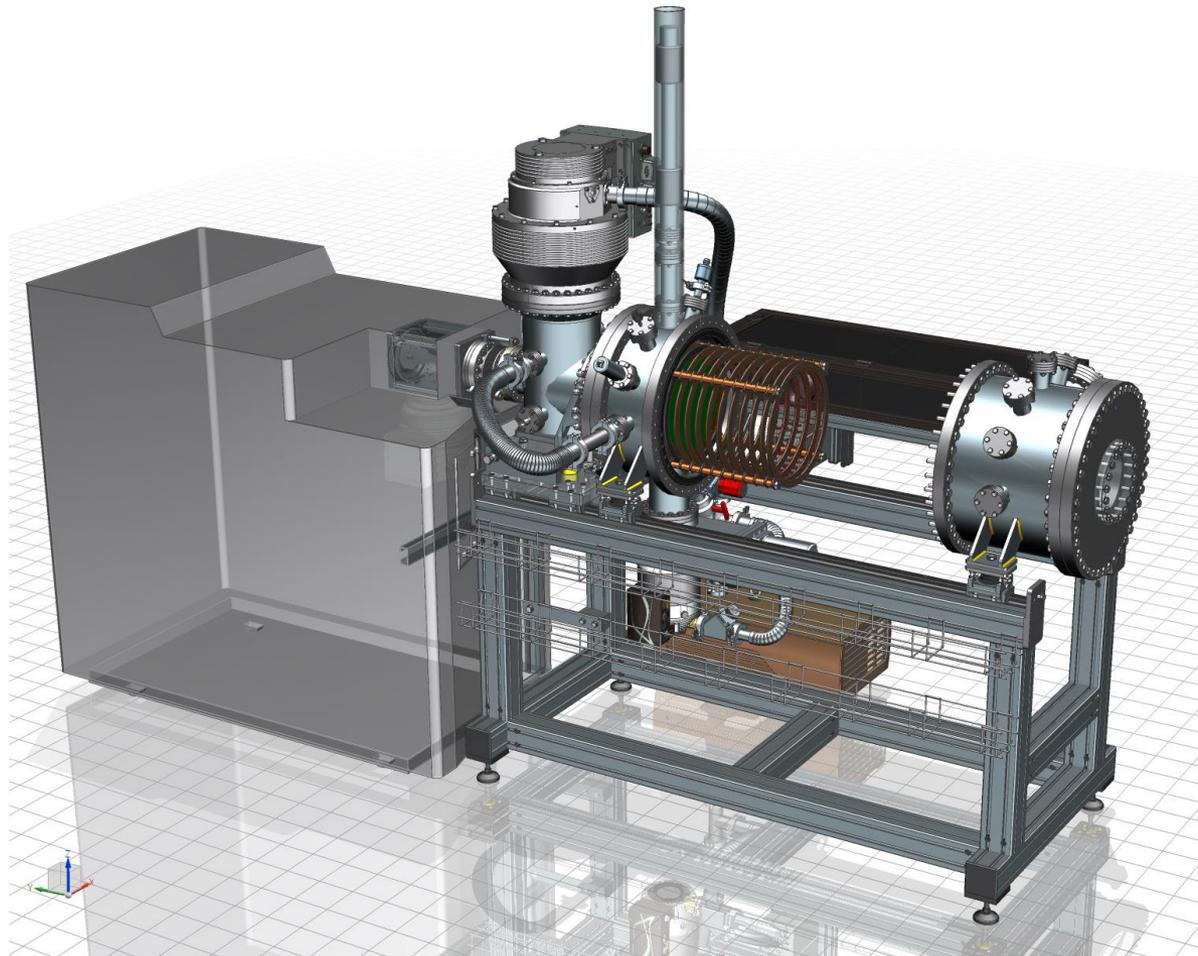
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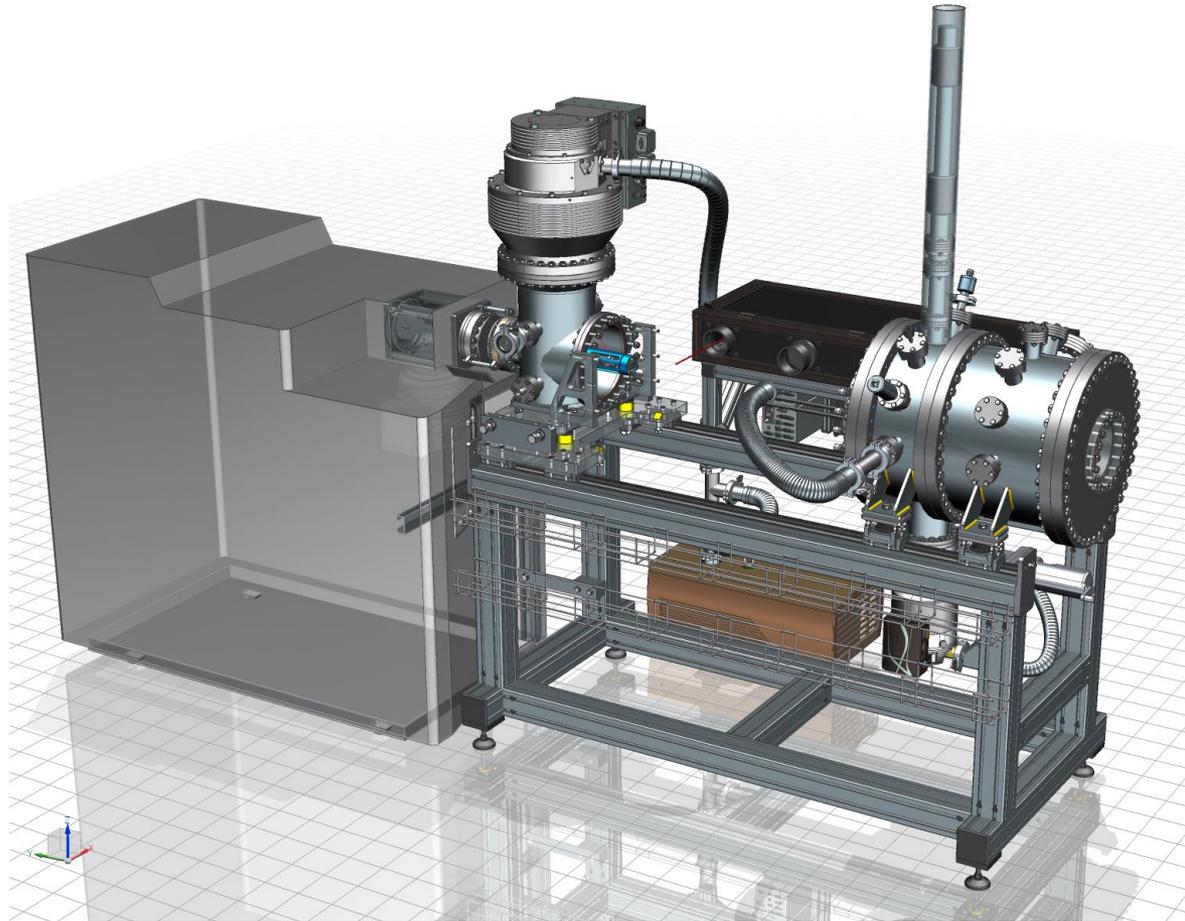
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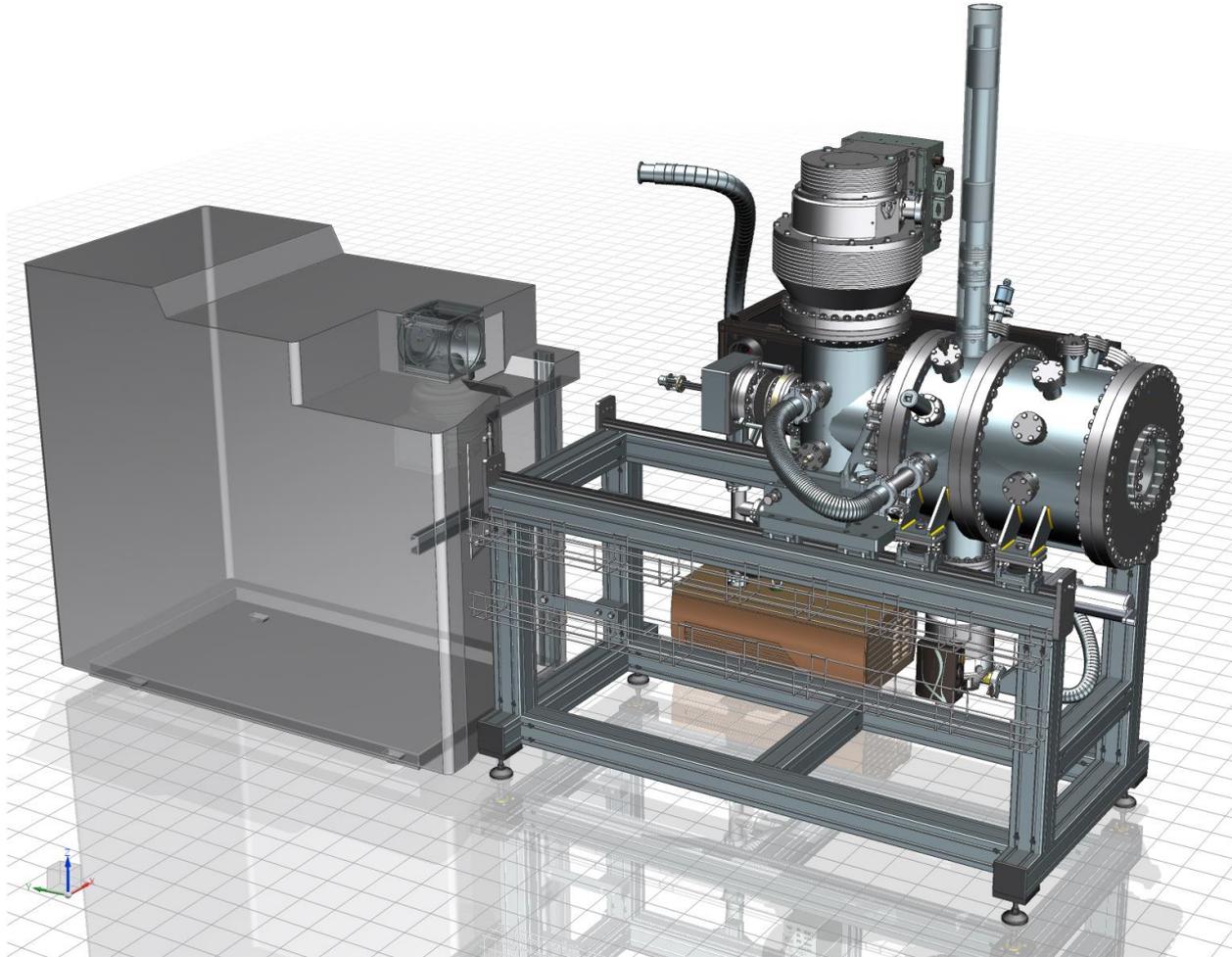
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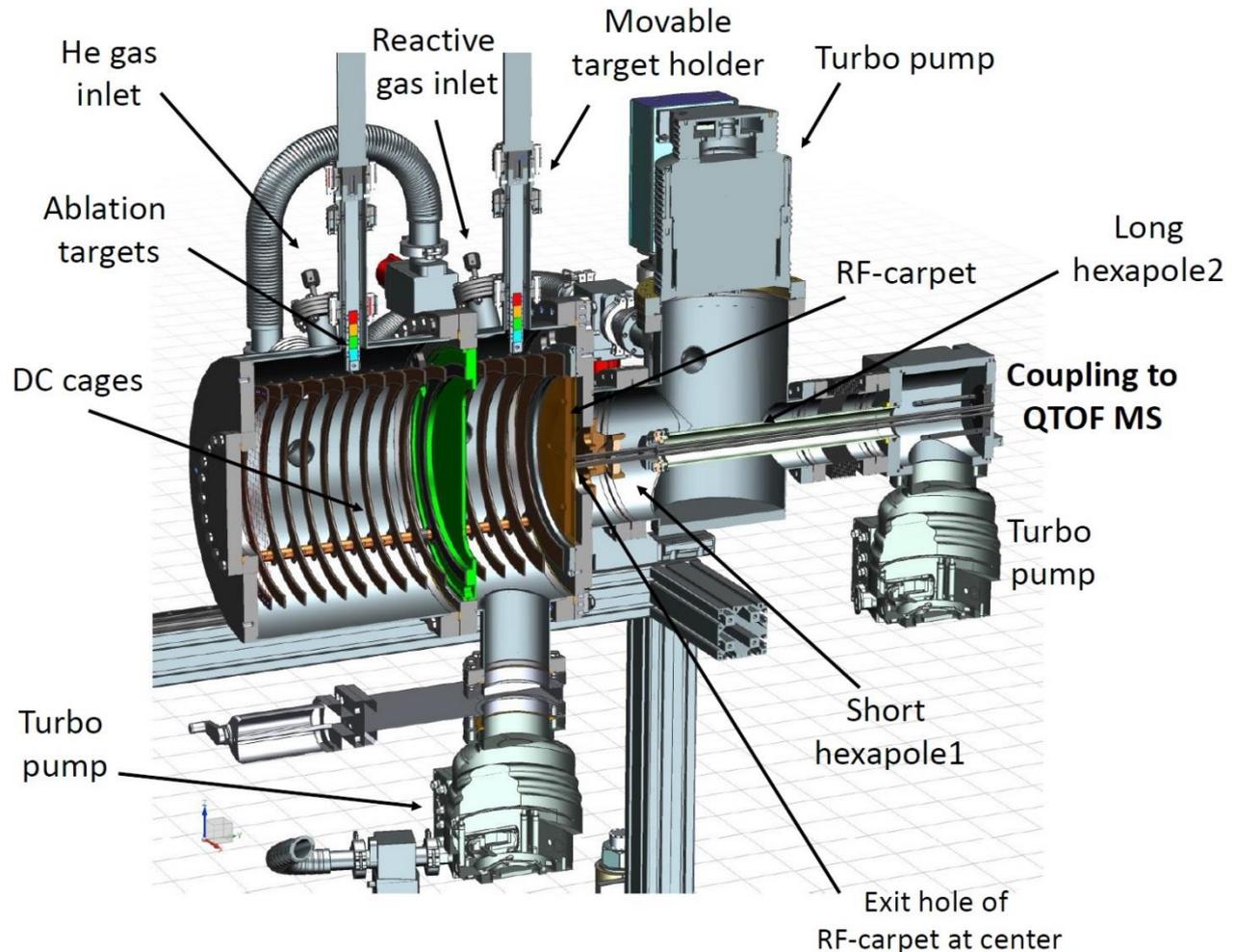
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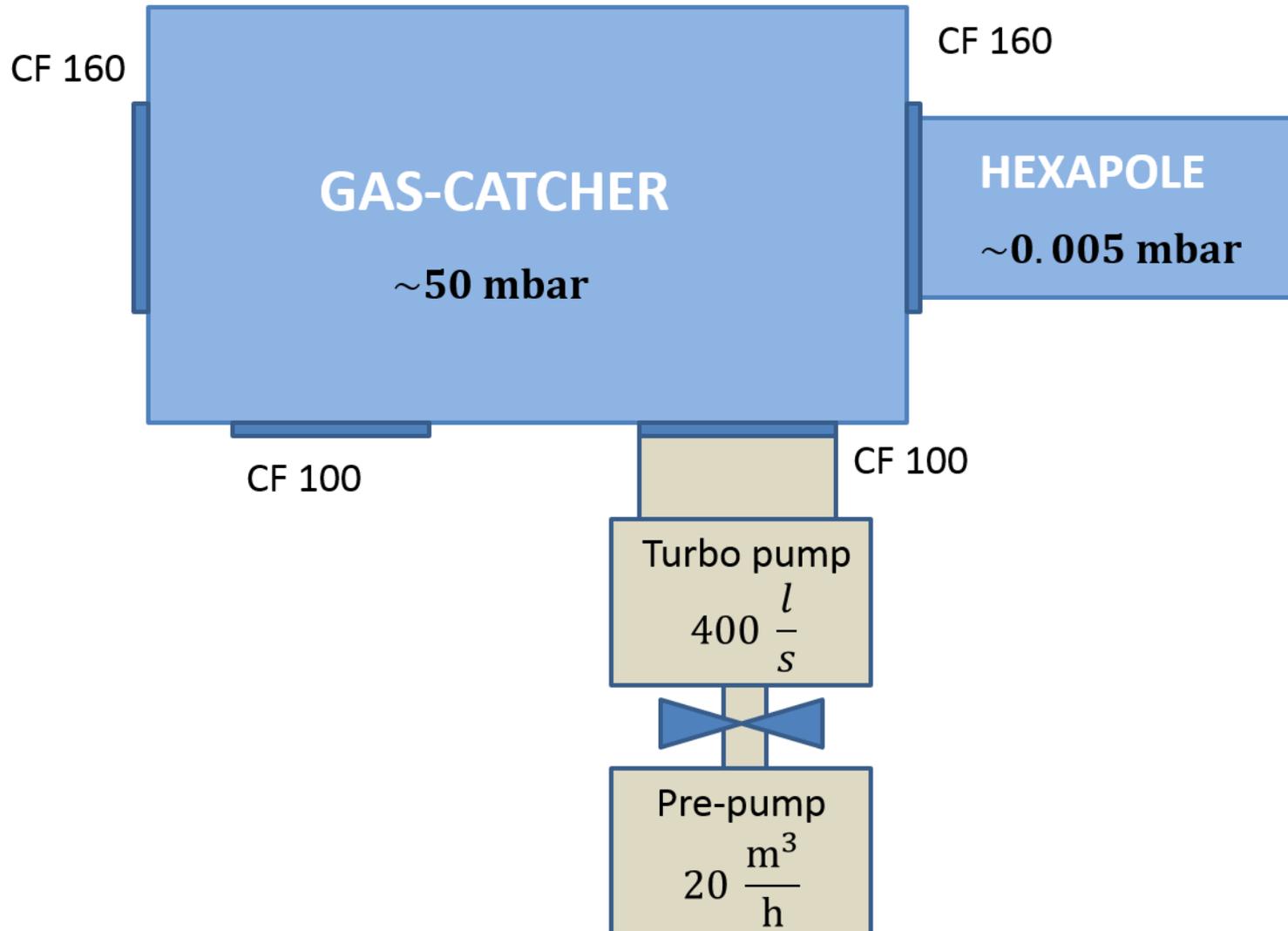
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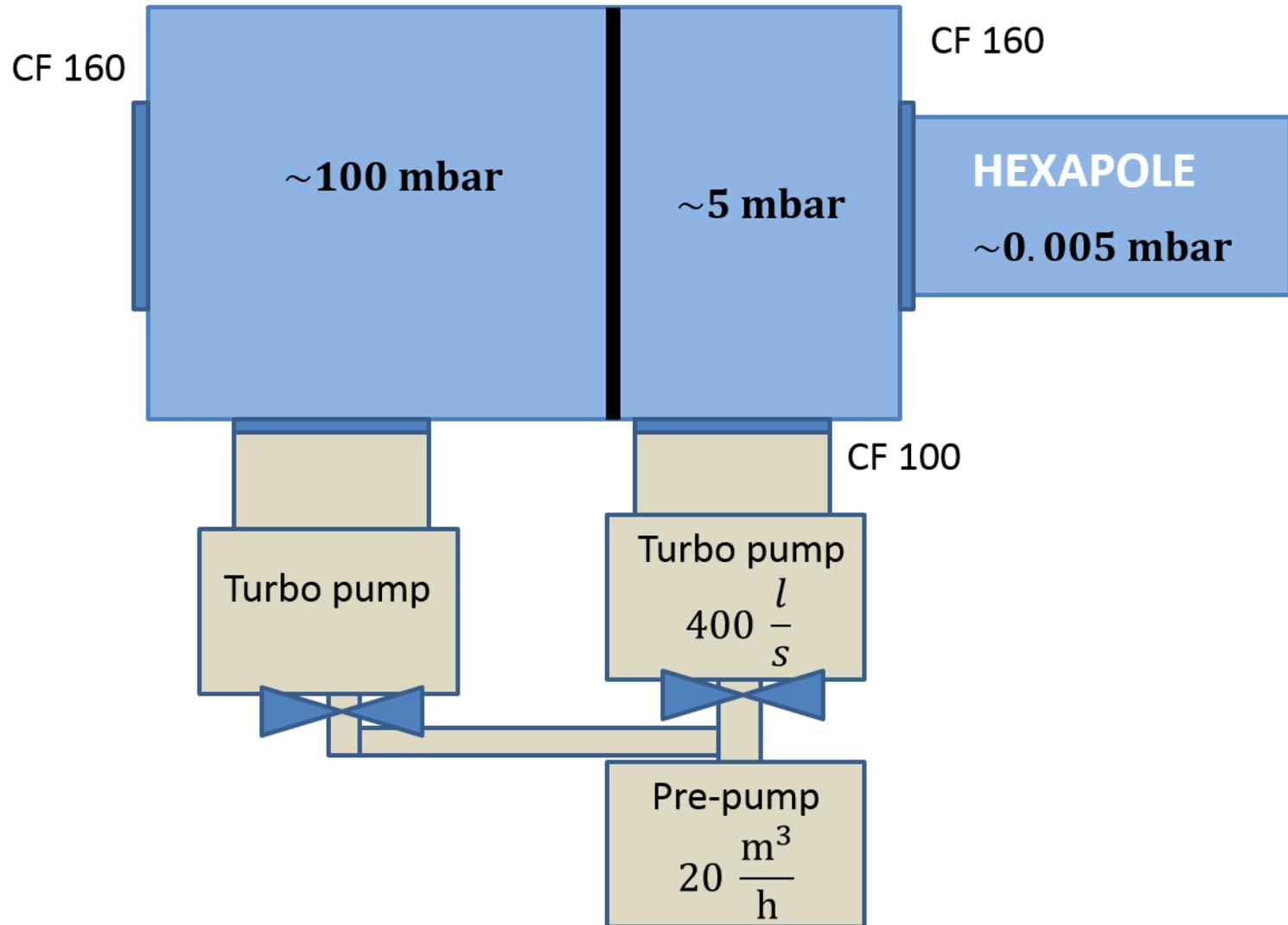
# The gas-catcher



# Gas-catcher – one carpet



# Gas catcher – two carpets

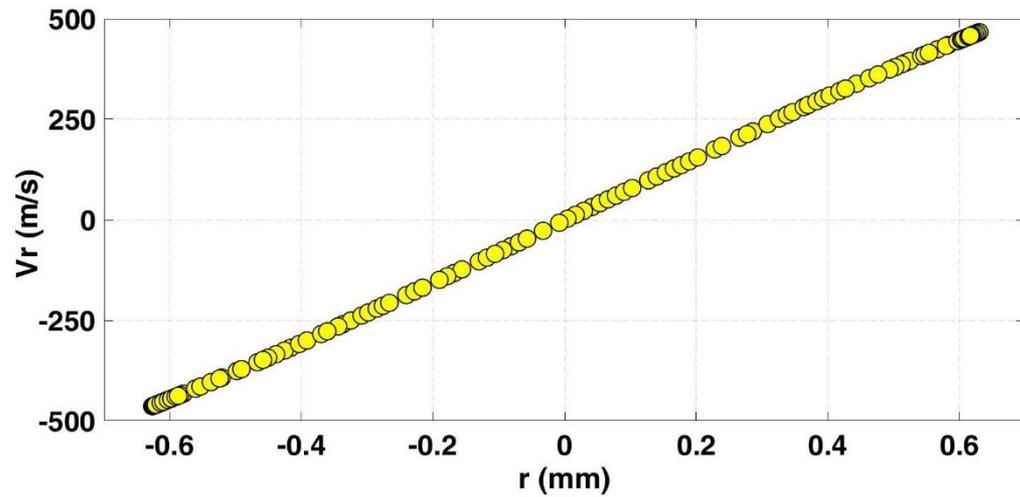
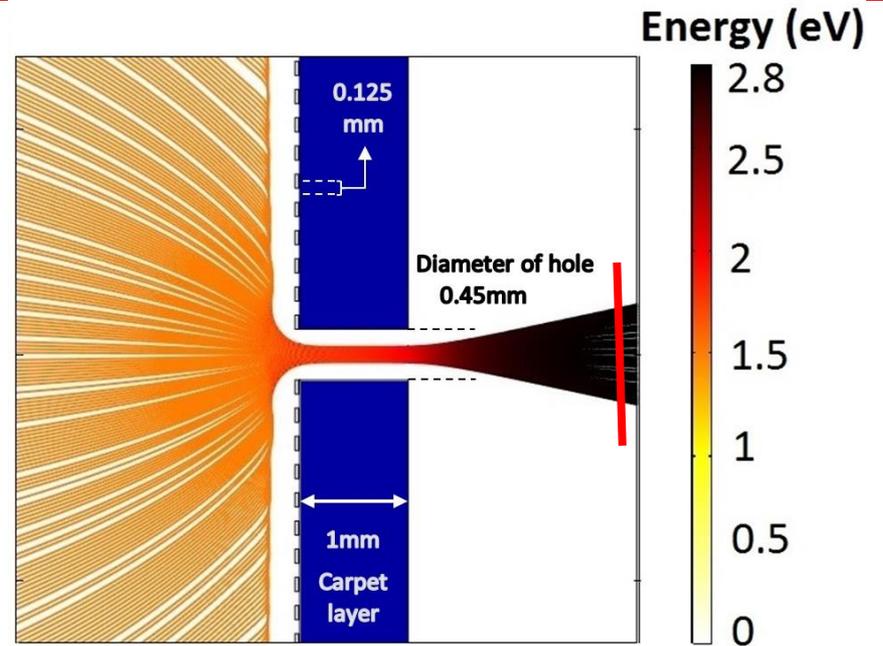


# Gas catcher

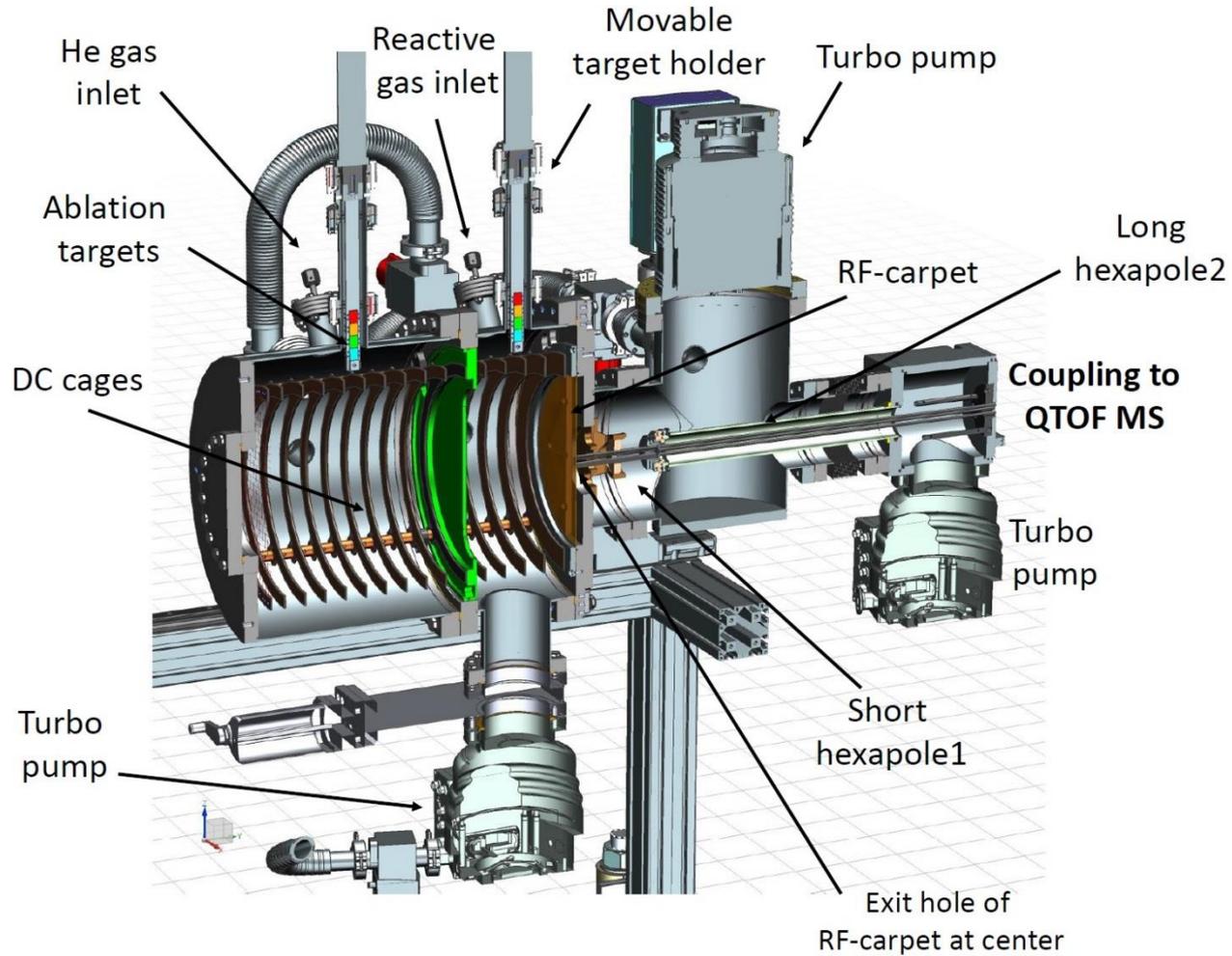
Ring electrodes:  
DC gradient 7 V/cm

RF carpet  
Printed circuit board.  
0.125 mm gap between electrodes

DC gradient: 3 V/cm  
RF: 100 V<sub>pp</sub>, 10MHz



# Setup - overview



# Ion-guide structure



Hexapoles:

Stainless steel rods 5mm diameter

Distance between two opposite rods: 13.9 mm

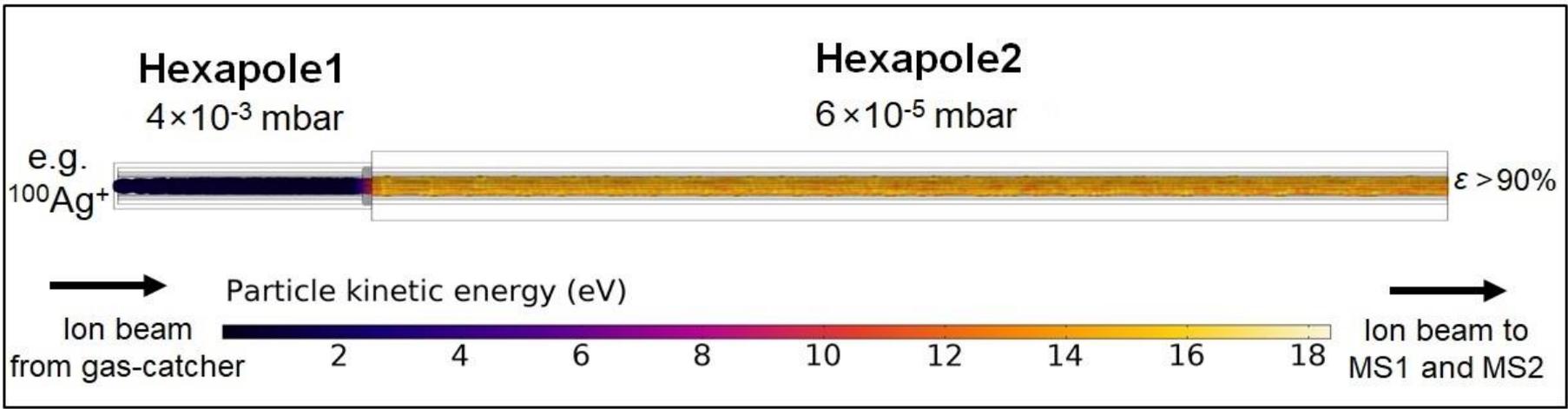
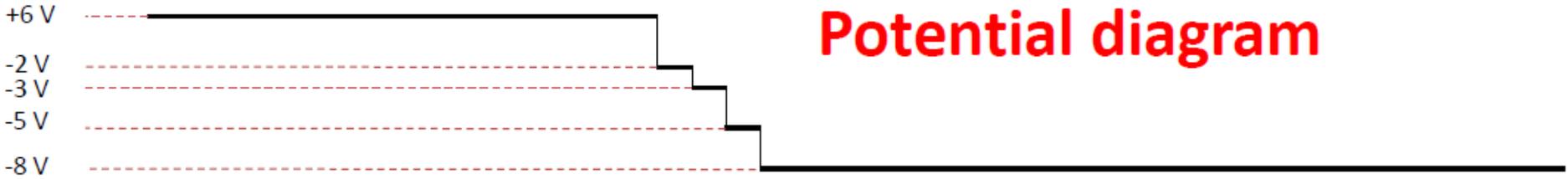
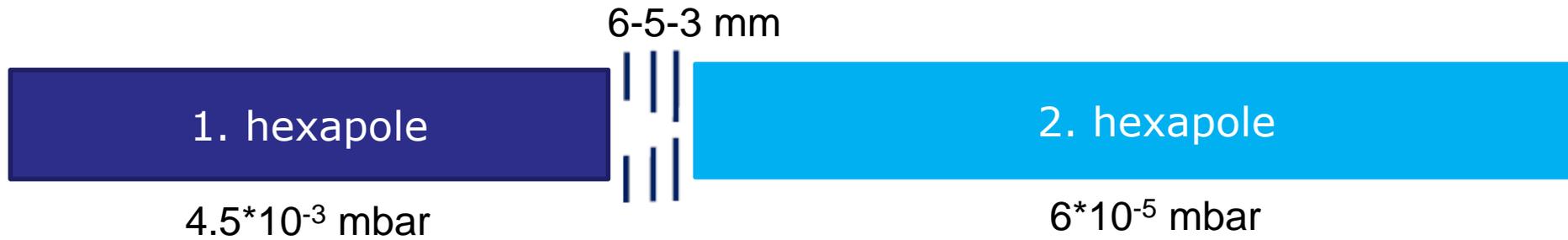
First hexapole: 125 mm length

Second hexapole 600 mm length

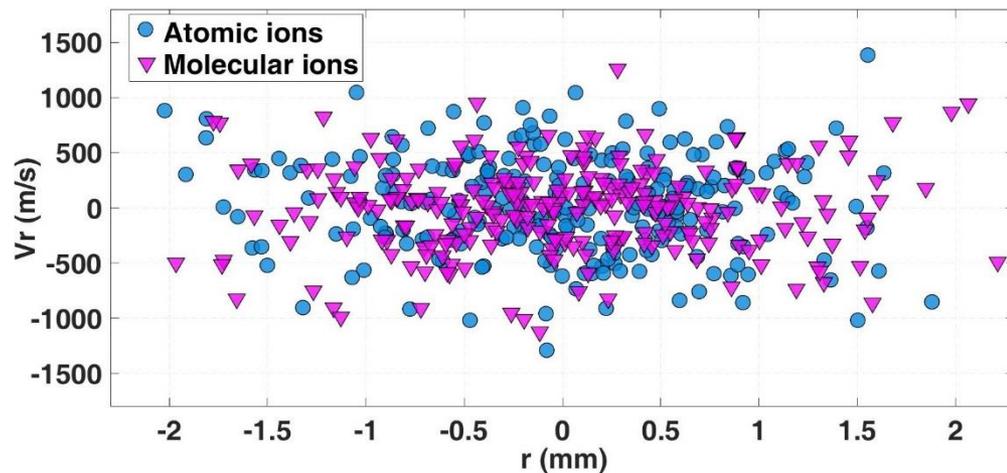
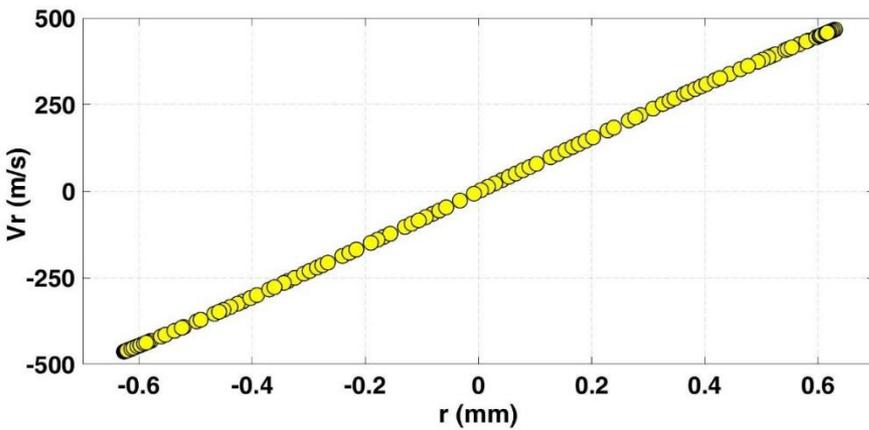
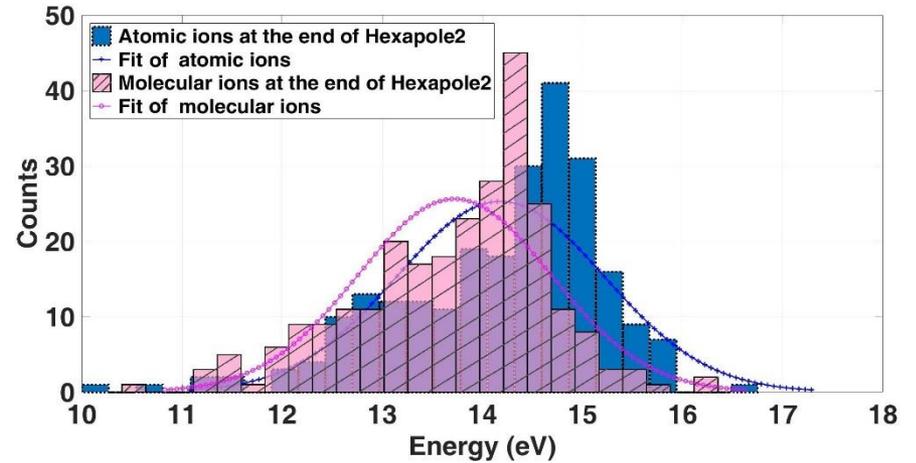
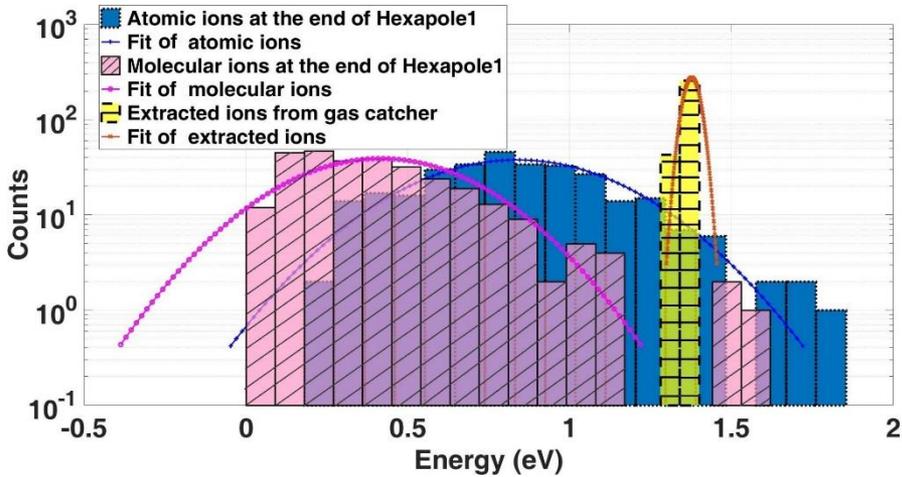
RF: 120 V<sub>pp</sub>, 1 MHz



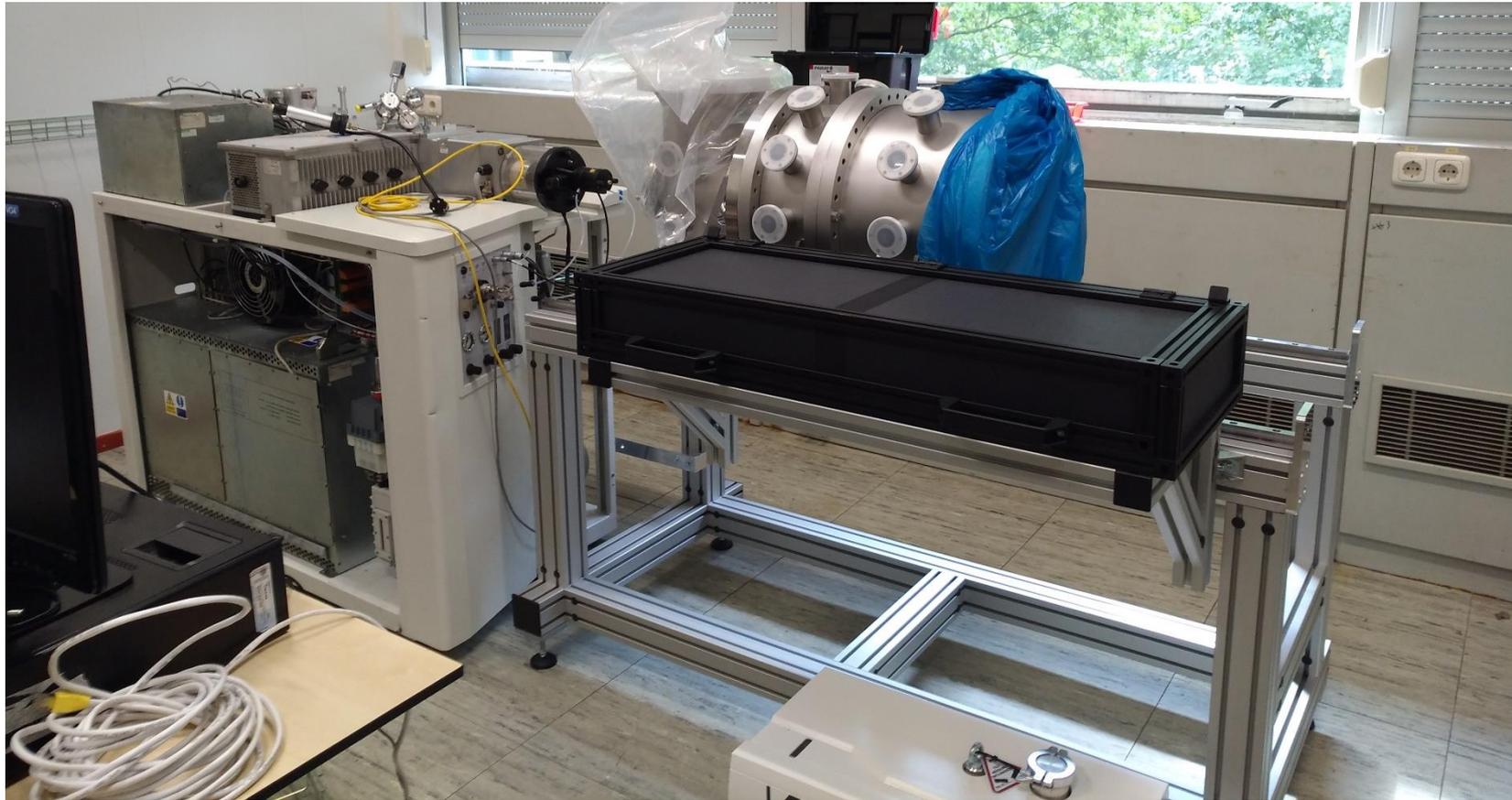
# Ion guide



# Comsol simulation



# Mounting in progress



# Summary and outlook

- Chemistry is not necessarily our enemy
- Gas chemical separation of Sn, In, Cd, and Ag is ongoing
- Setup for on- and offline experiments under construction

## Next steps:

- Further chemistry studies in the collision cell ( $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{OCS}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{CO}$ )
- Mounting and commissioning of the setup
- Chemistry studies in the catcher with the laser ablation source
- Chemistry studies at AGOR

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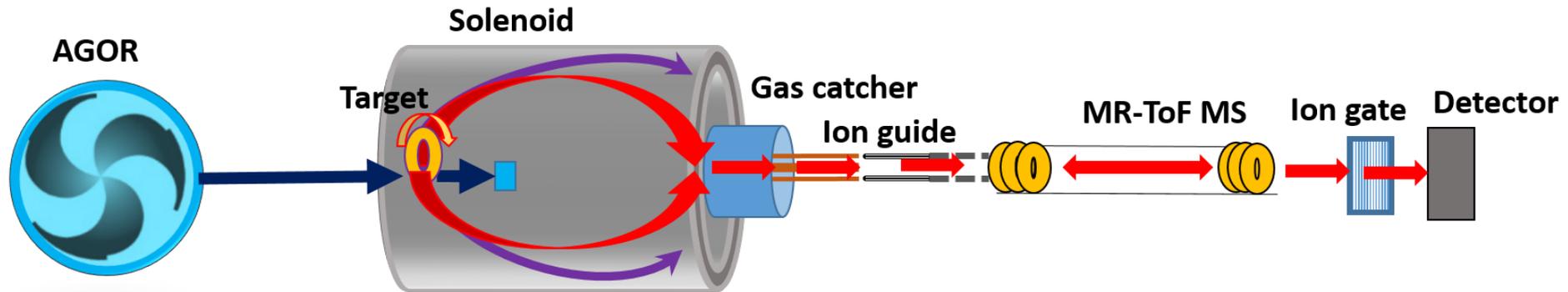
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