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# The MARA Low-Energy Branch

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# Outline

- Motivation
- MARA-LEB concept
- Facility layout
- Individual parts
- Project outlook



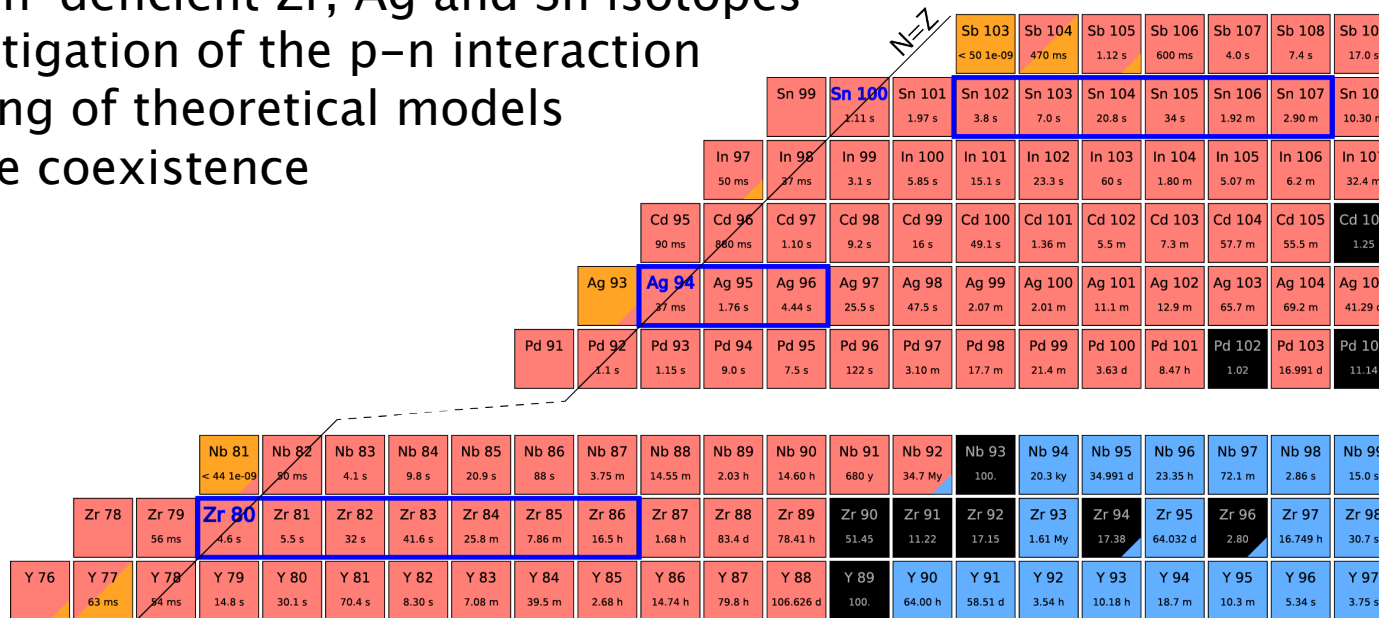
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Neutron-deficient Zr, Ag and Sn isotopes

- Investigation of the p–n interaction
- Testing of theoretical models
- Shape coexistence



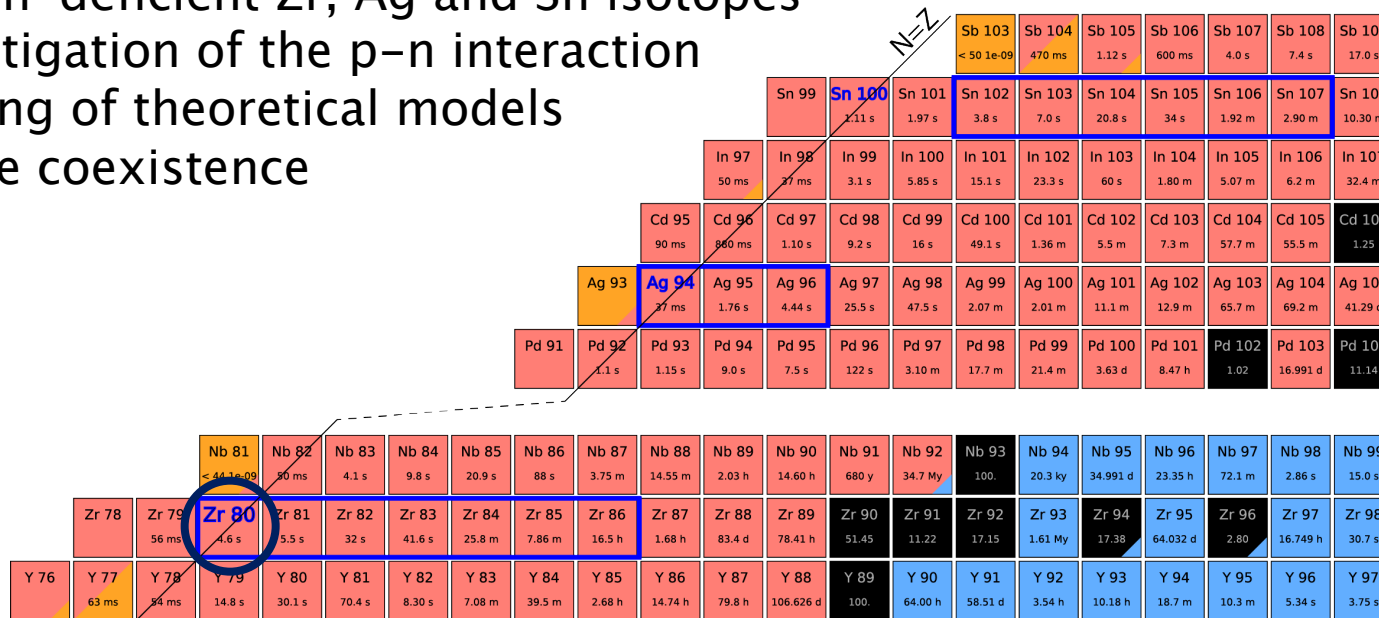
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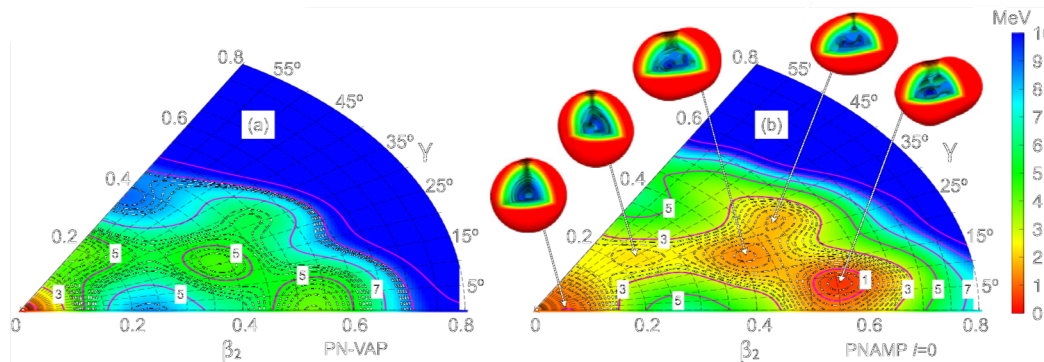
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# Scientific motivation – Laser ionization and spectroscopy

Example:  $^{80}\text{Zr}$

- Highly deformed
- Theoretical predictions indicate coexistence of 5 shapes
- Waiting point of astrophysical rp-process



PN-VAP: Particle number  
symmetry restored  
PNAMP: Rotational  
symmetry also restored

T. Rodriguez and J. Luis Egido, Phys. Lett. B **705**, 255 (2011)



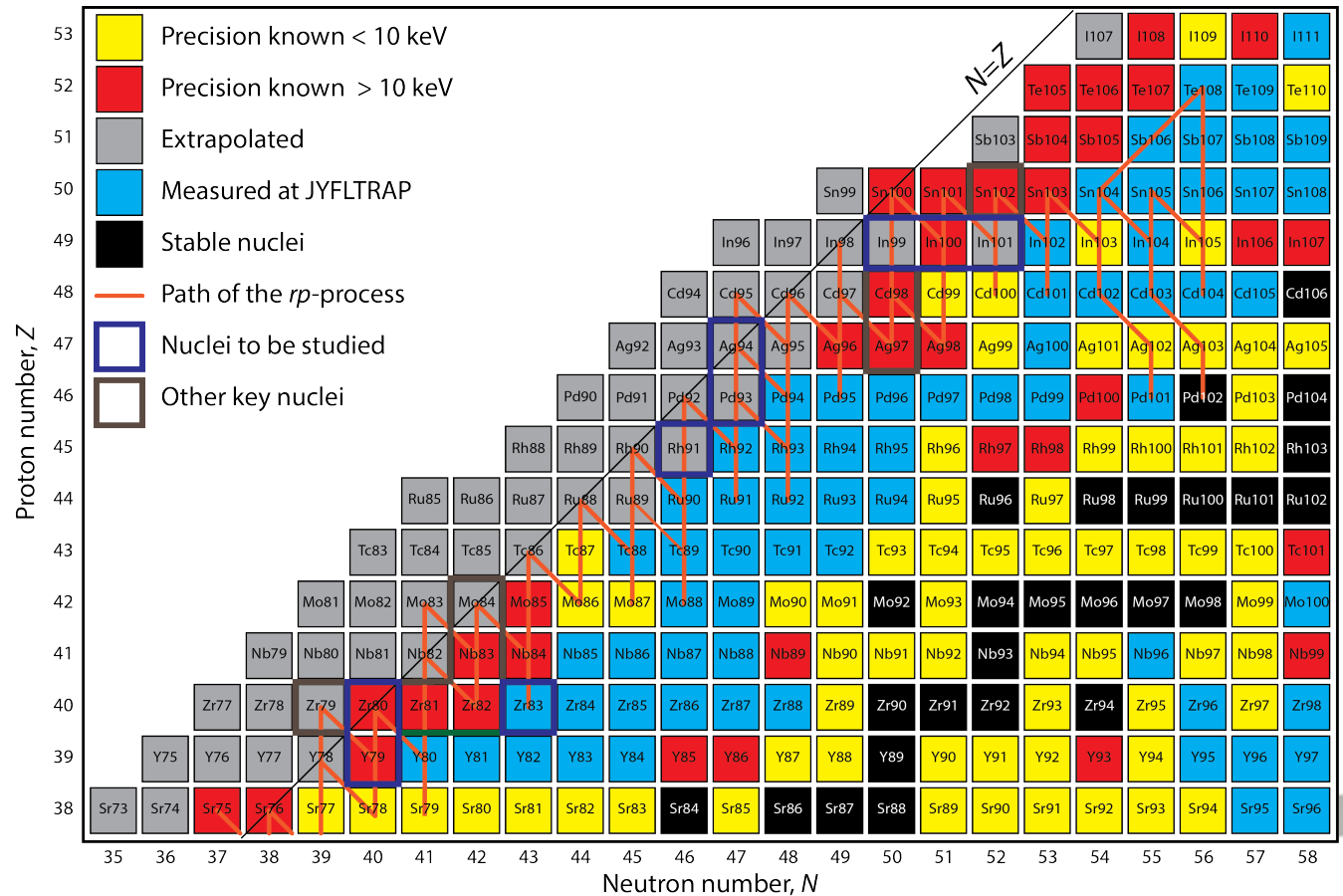
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# Scientific motivation – Mass measurements

Nuclei close to the  
proton drip line  
with  $79 < A < 108$ :

- Key nuclei for the  $rp$ -process
- $^{80}\text{Zr}$  waiting point nucleus
- $^{94}\text{Ag}$ : 2p decay of  $J^\pi = (21^+)$  isomer?



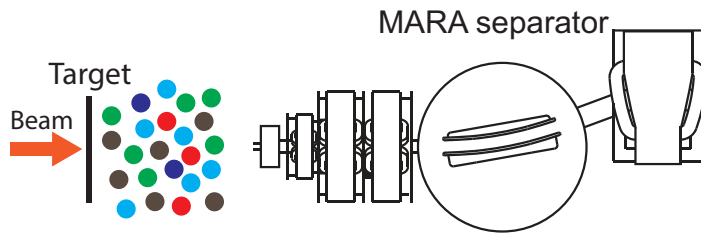
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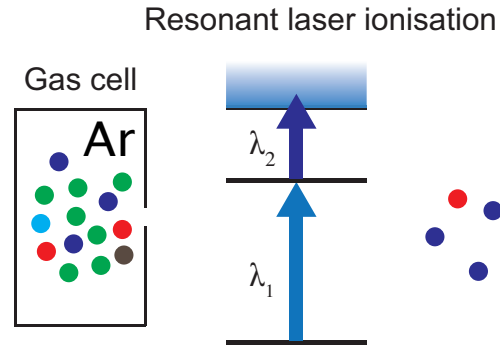
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- Contaminant reaction products



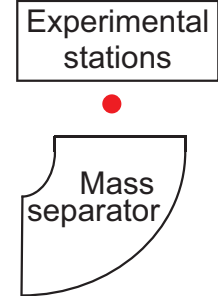
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Select specific element



Select specific isotope



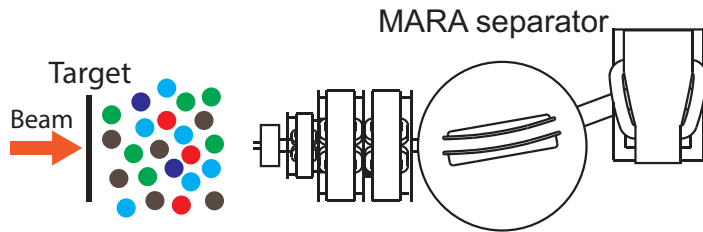
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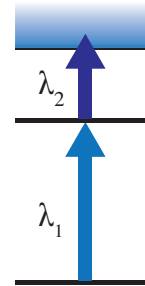
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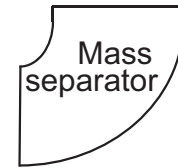
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Resonant laser ionisation



Experimental stations

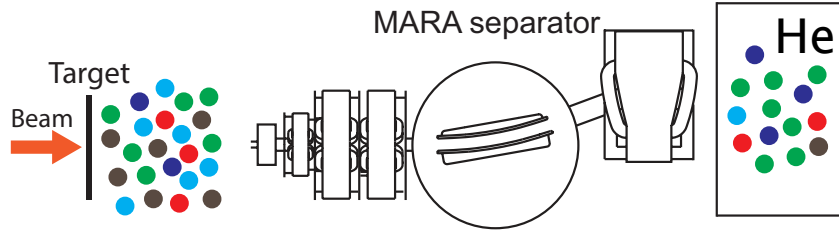


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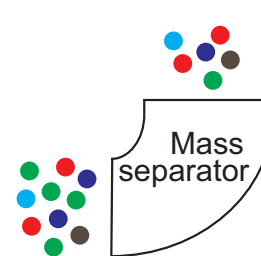
→ Select specific isotope

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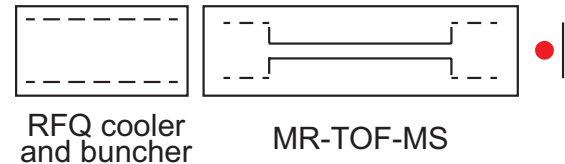
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Select specific mass



Further mass separation



RFQ cooler and buncher

MR-TOF-MS

Cool and bunch ions



Measure the mass of specific isotope/isomer

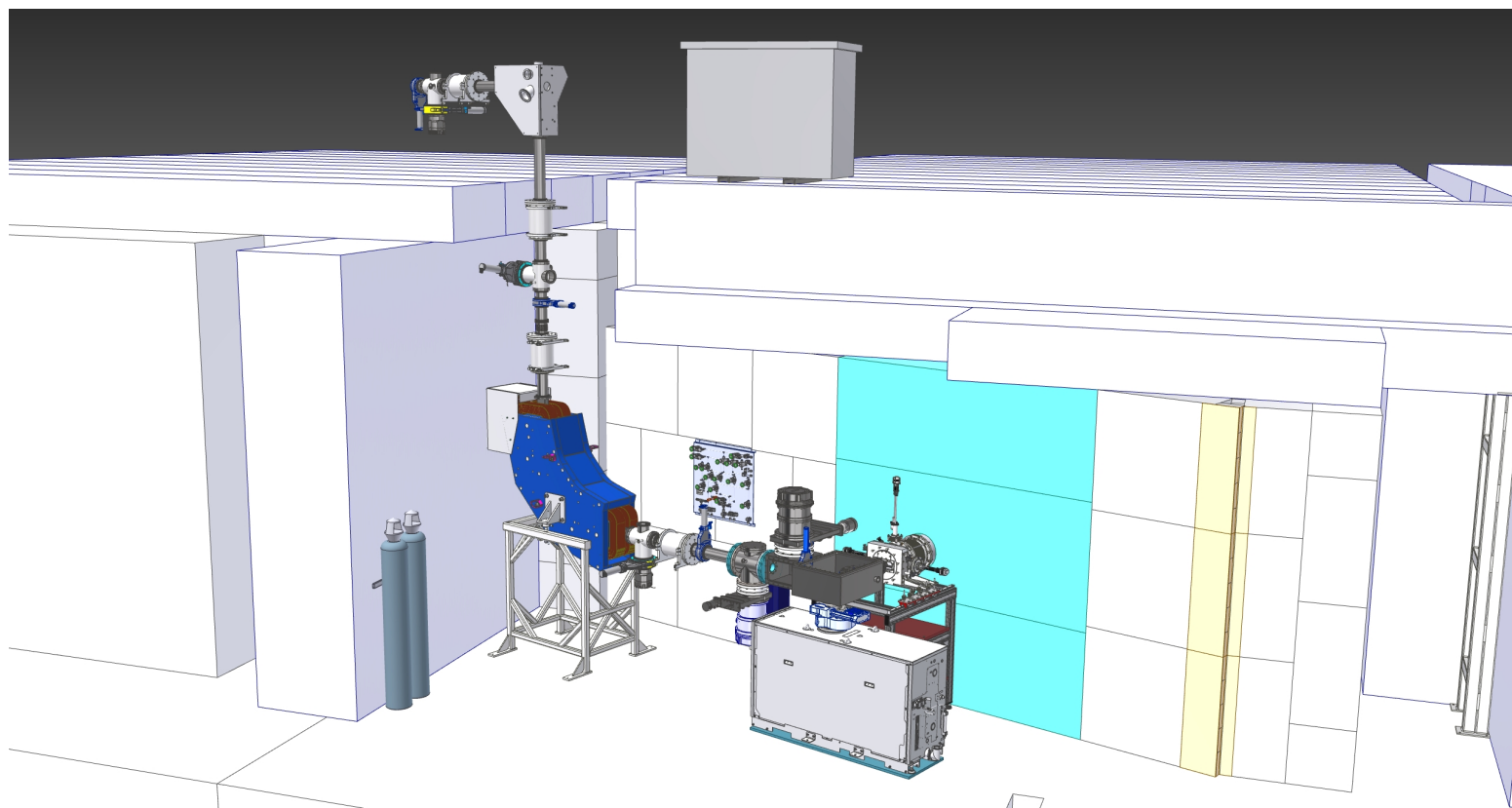


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# Facility layout



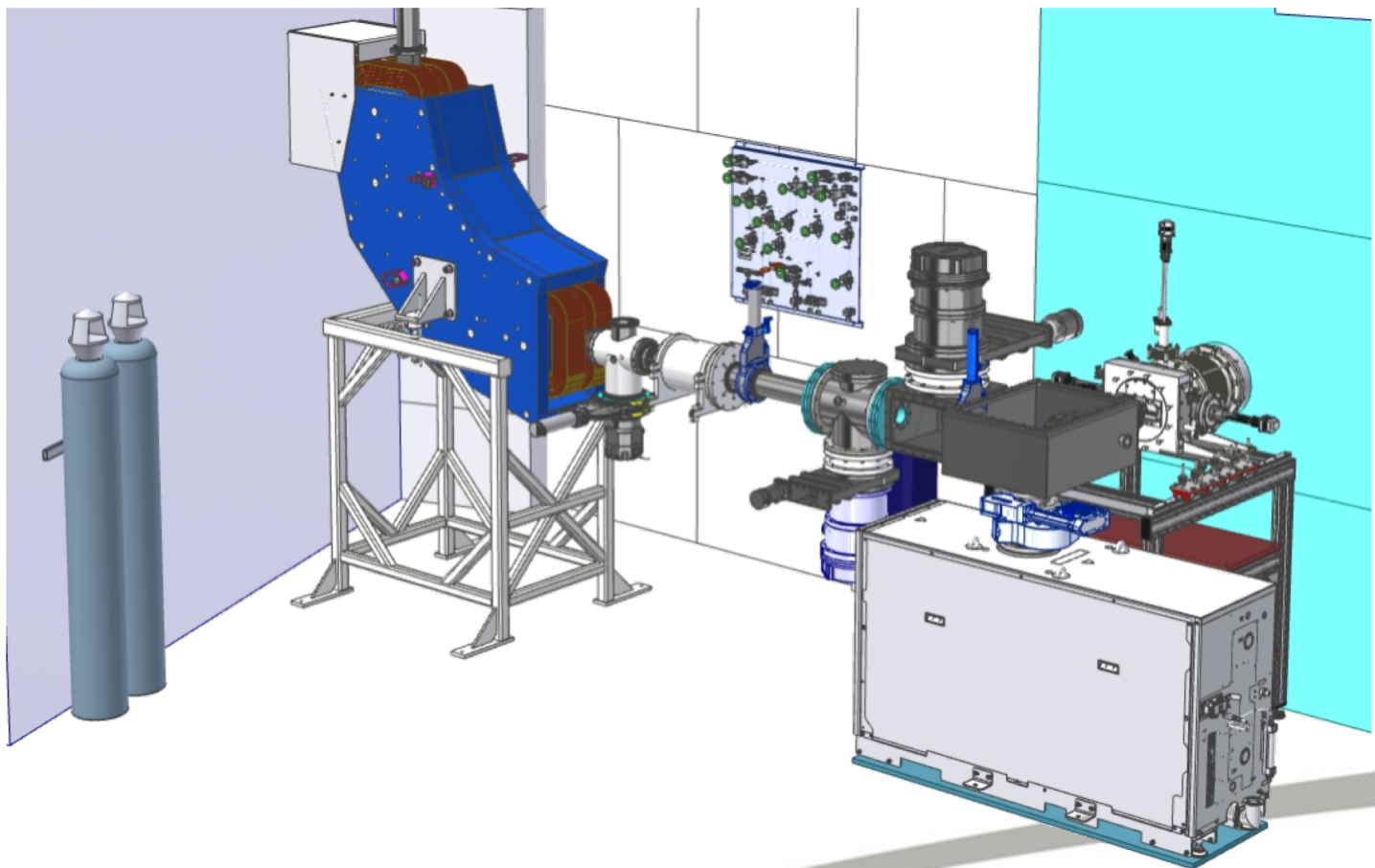
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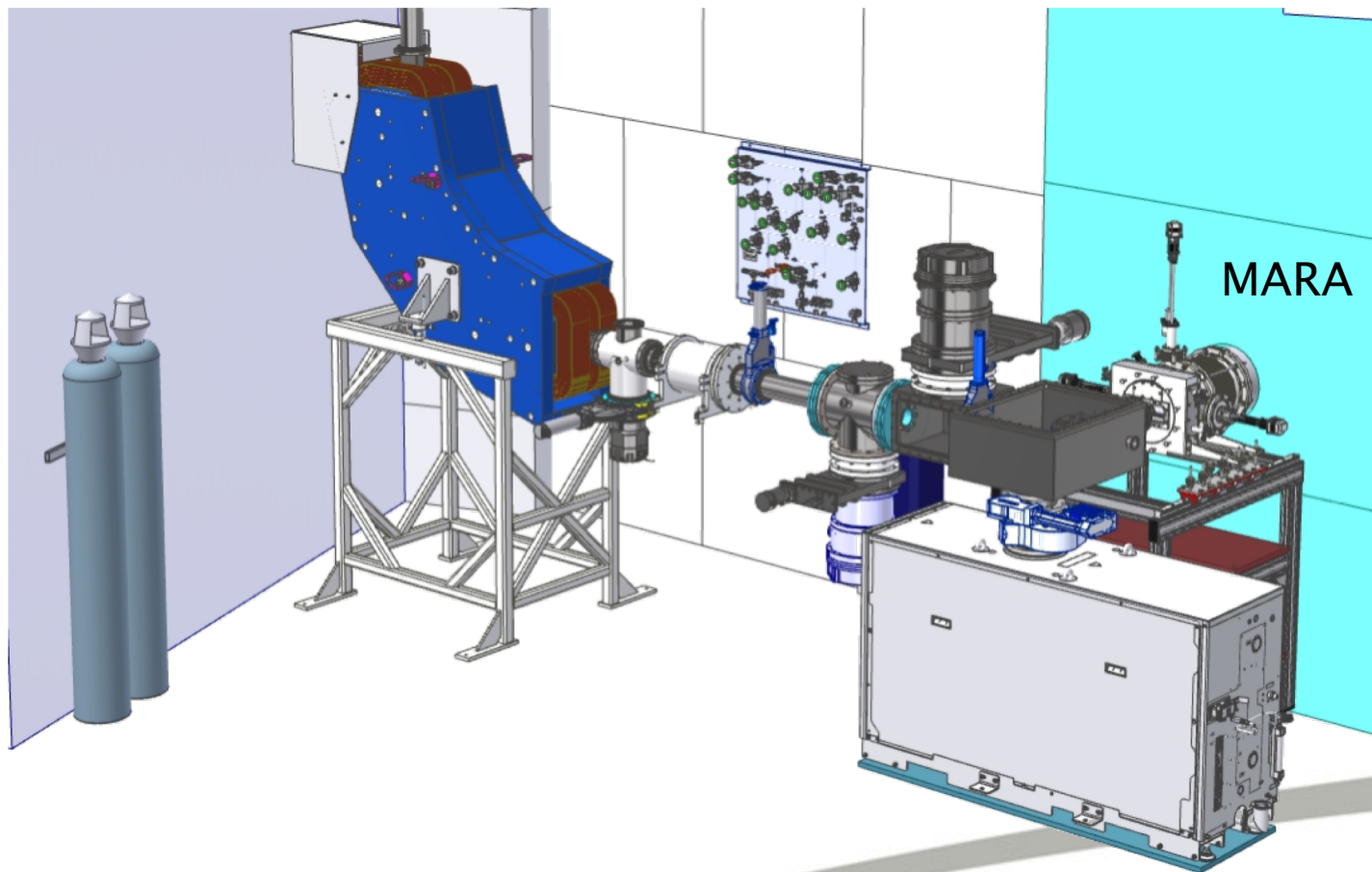
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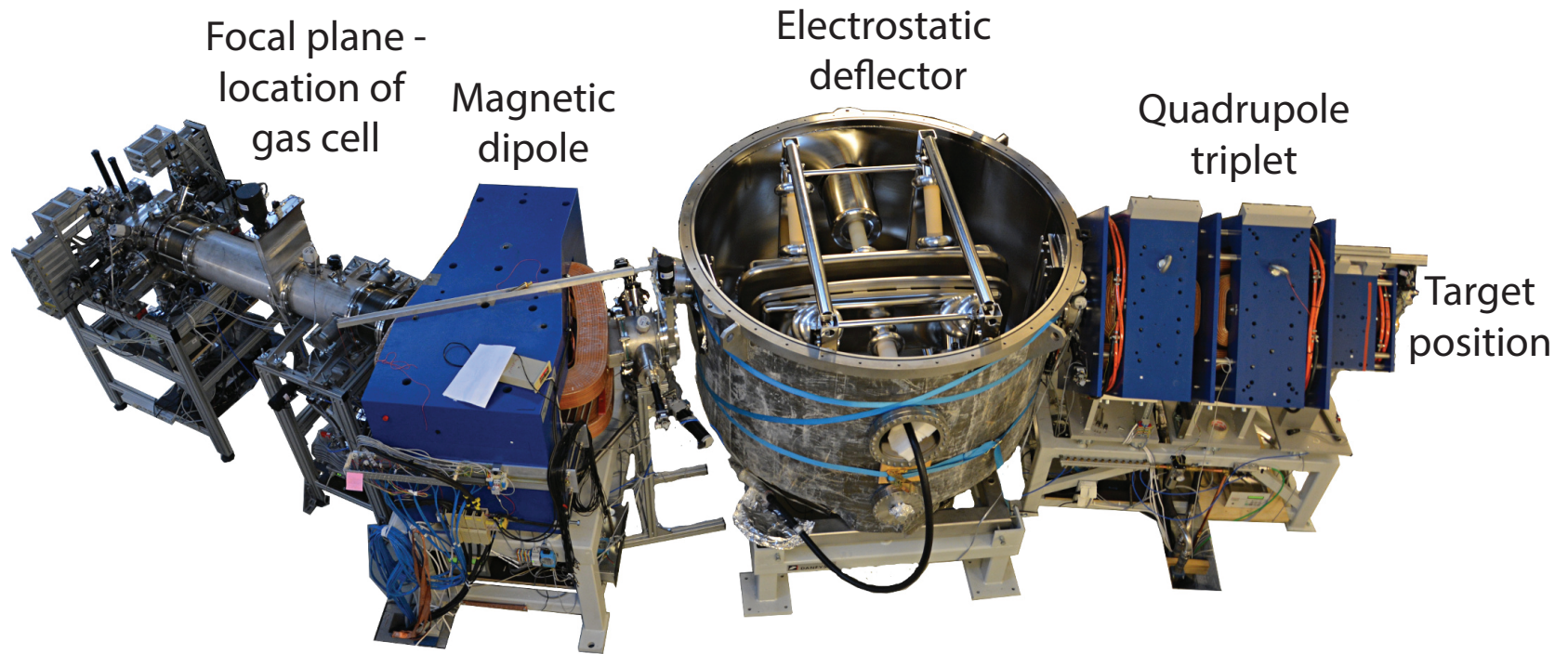
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# The MARA separator



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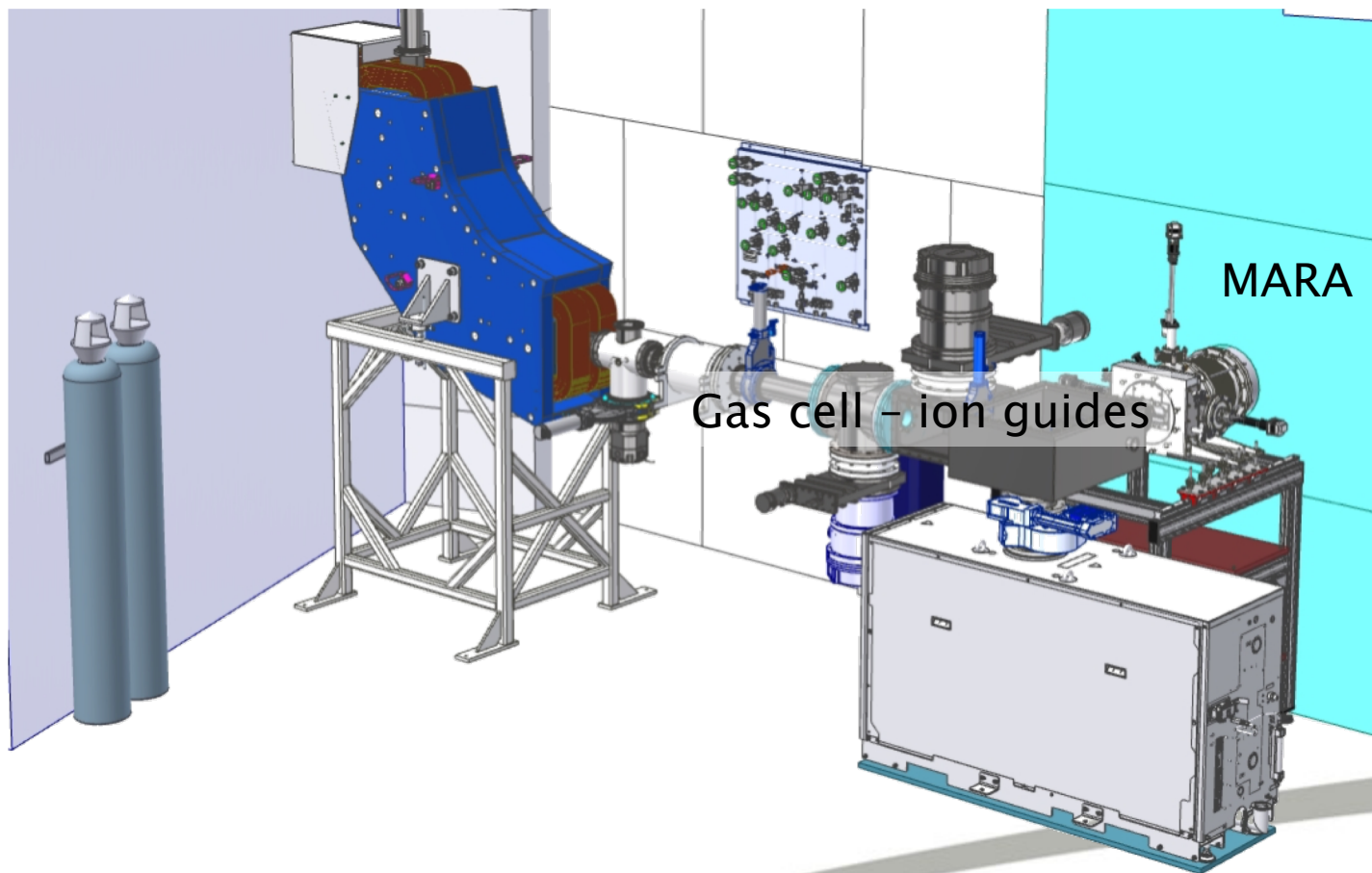
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# The MARA separator

- 5 new isotopes from first experimental campaign
- ~230d of planned experiments
- JUROGAM 3 (talk **J. Pakarinen**) in-beam Ge detector array
- SAGE in-beam Ge ( $\gamma$ ) and Si ( $e^-$ ) detectors
- JYTube in-beam particle detector array
- Focal plane detector array (MWPC, DSSD, punch-through, Si box array and Ge
- Fully digital DAQ



# Facility layout



Gas cell - ion guides

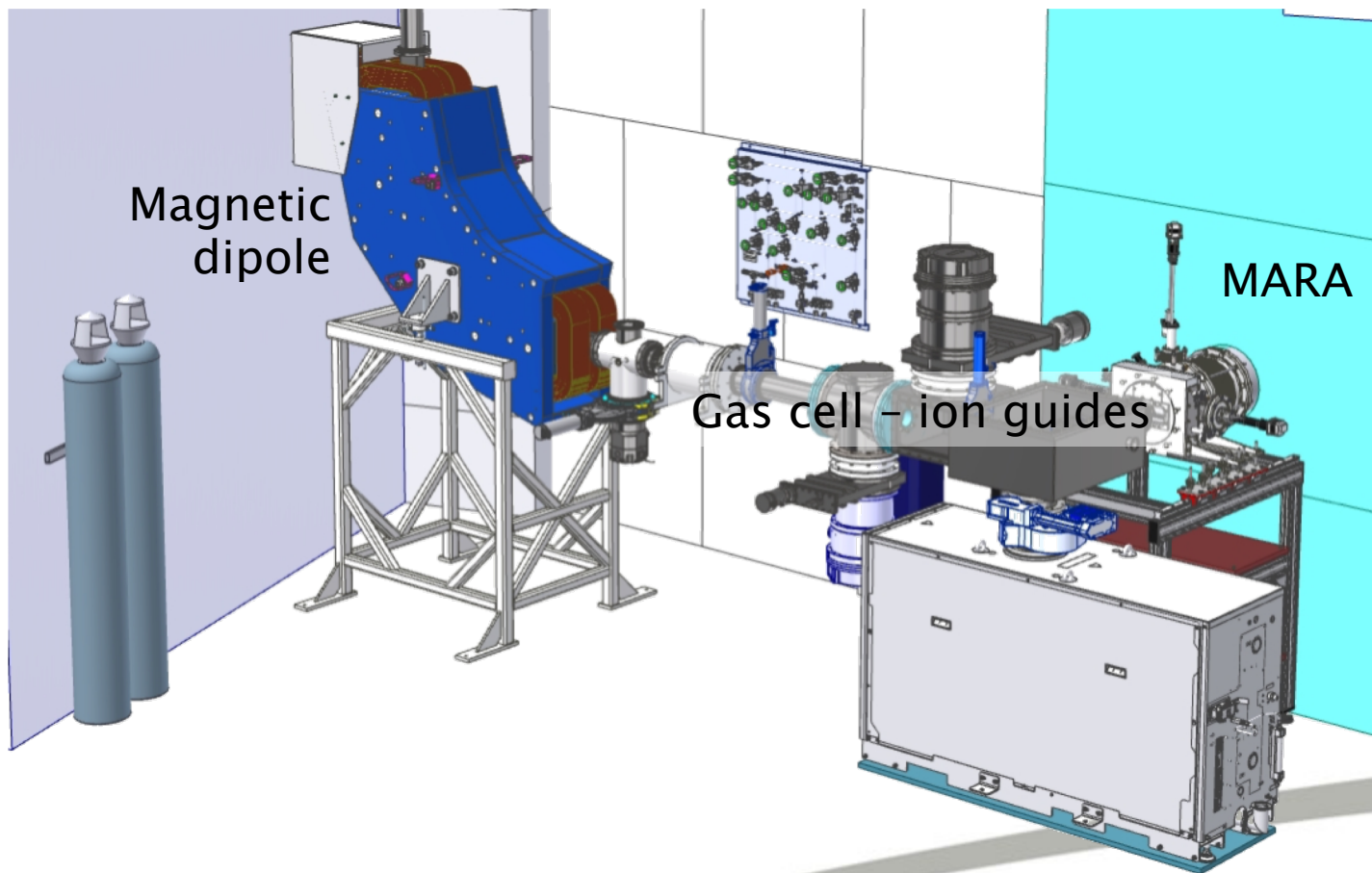
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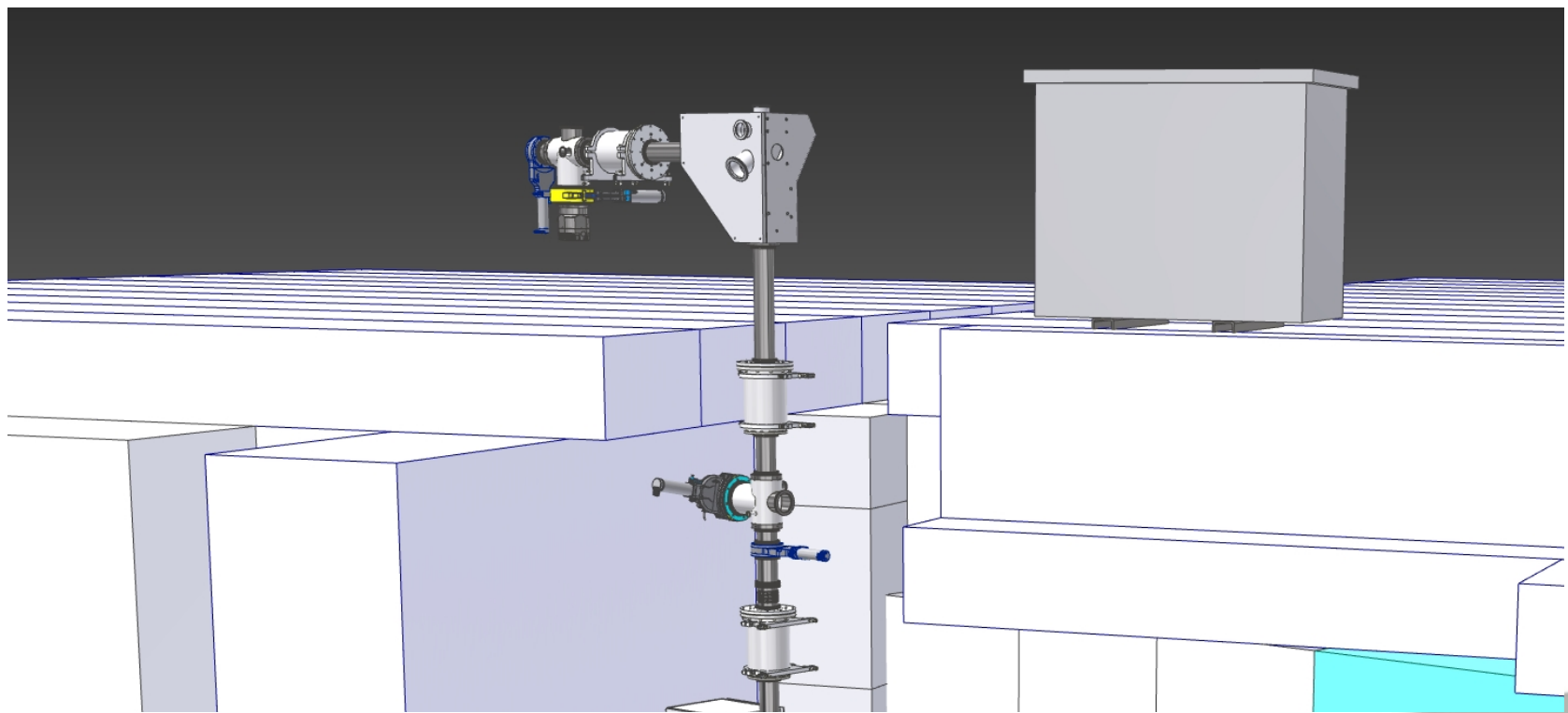
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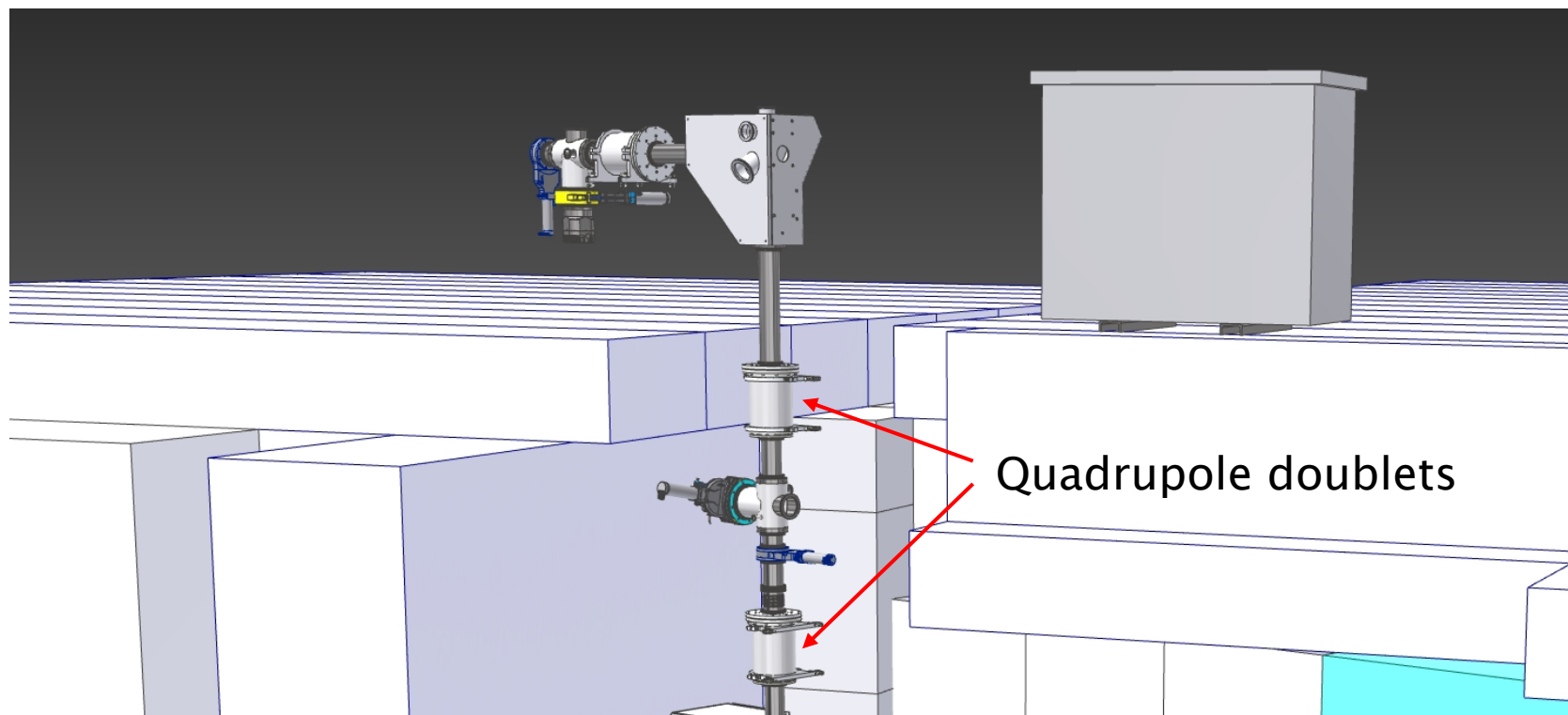


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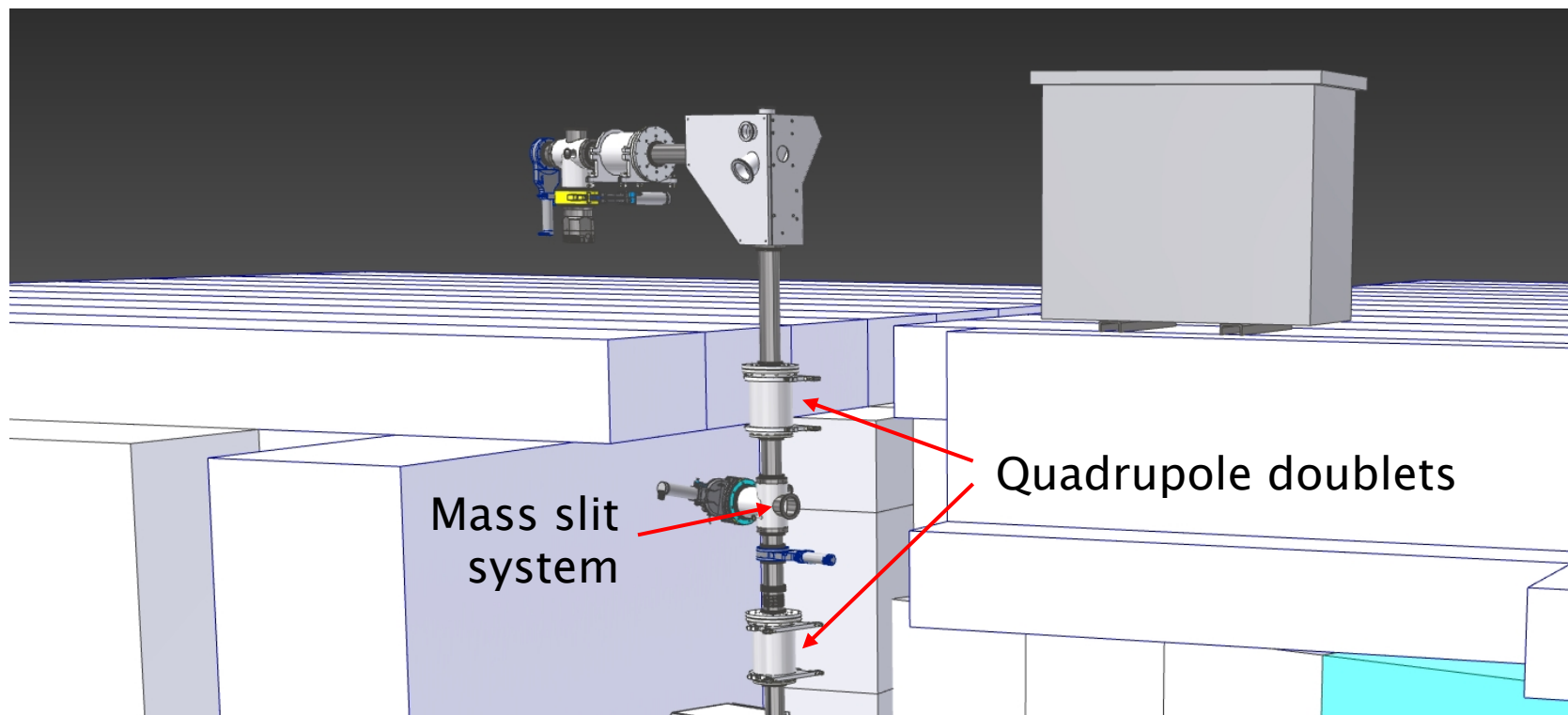
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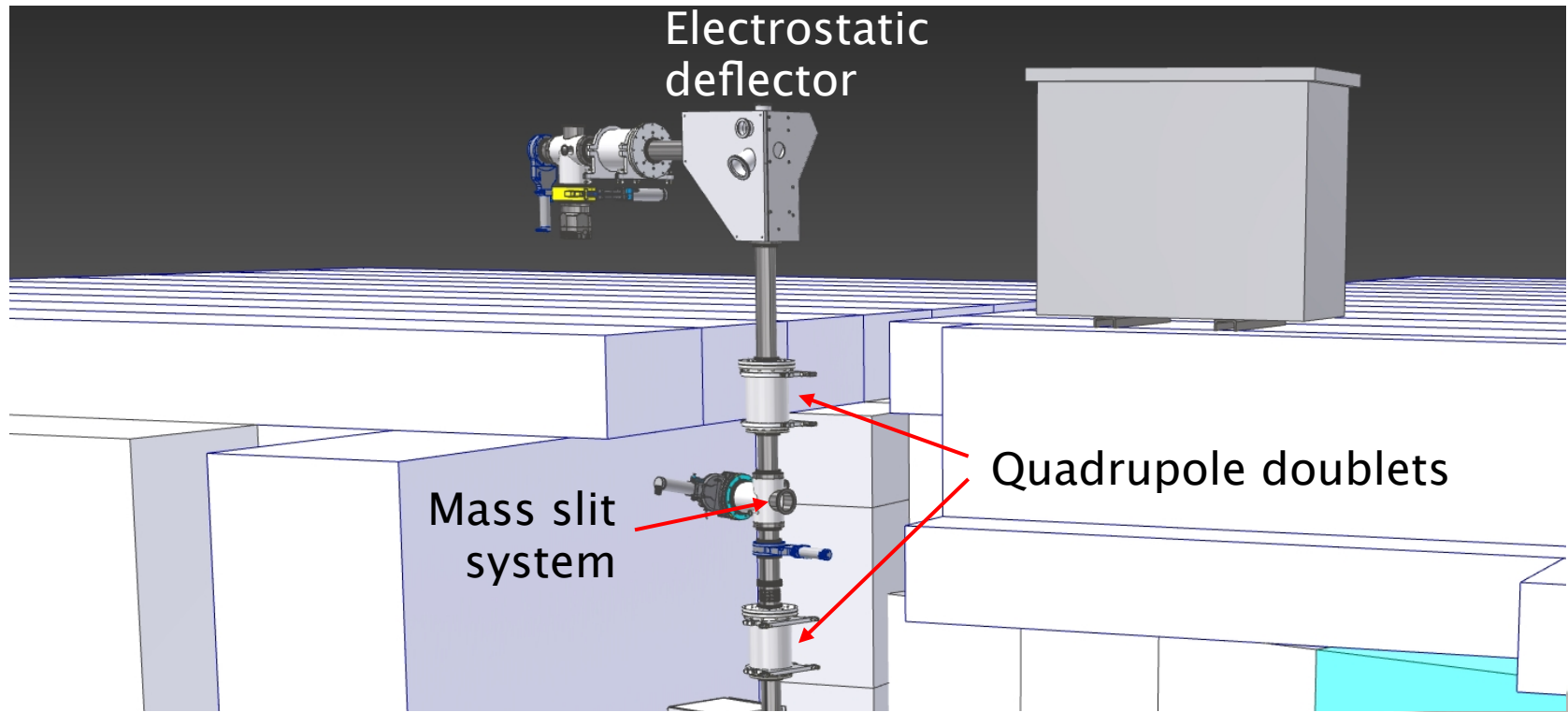
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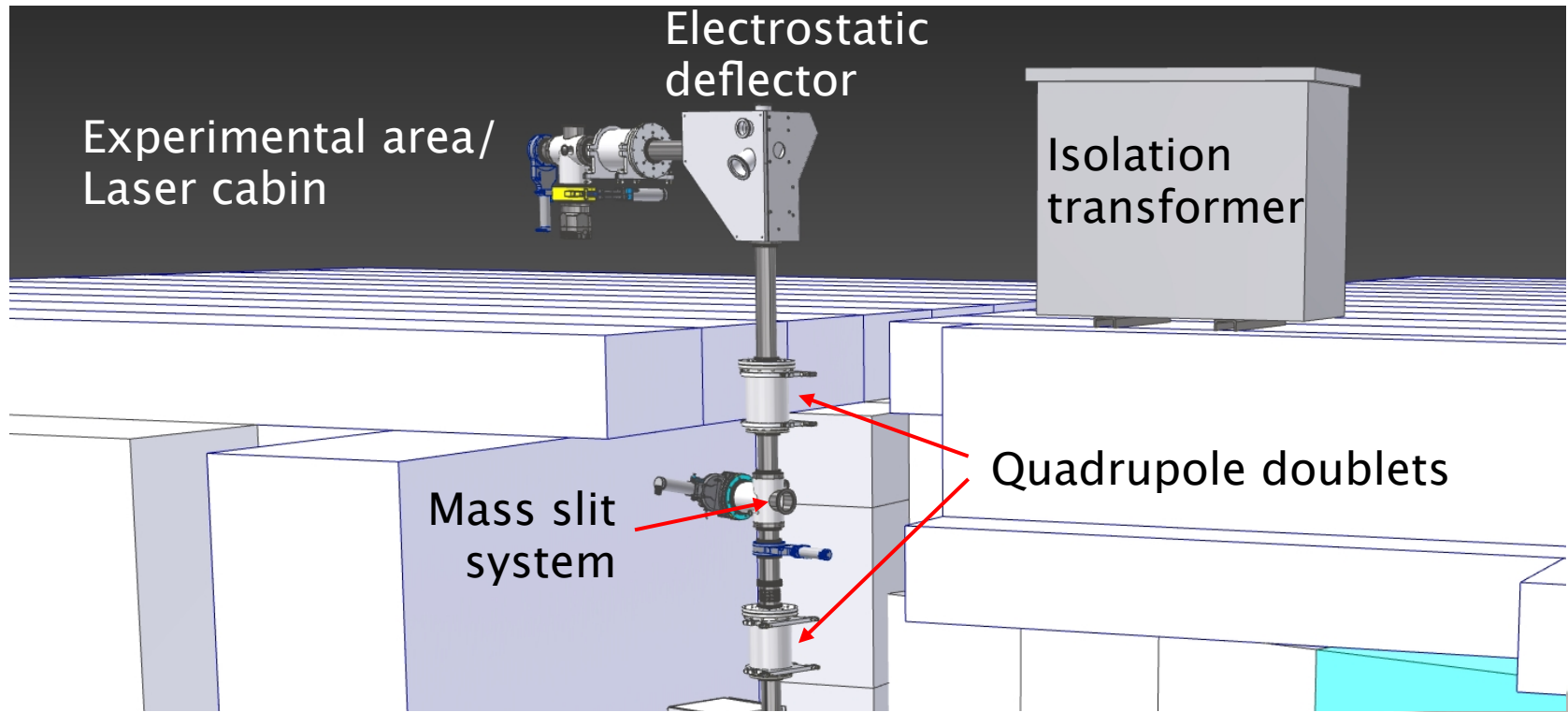
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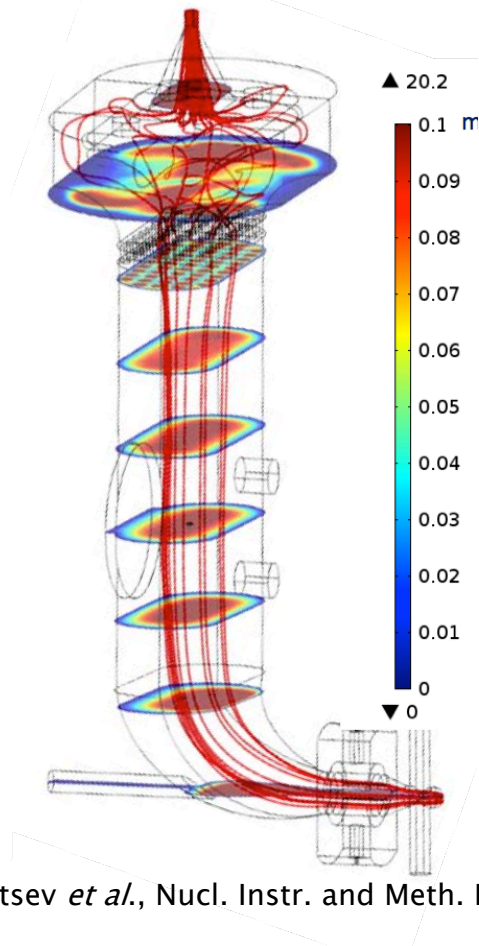
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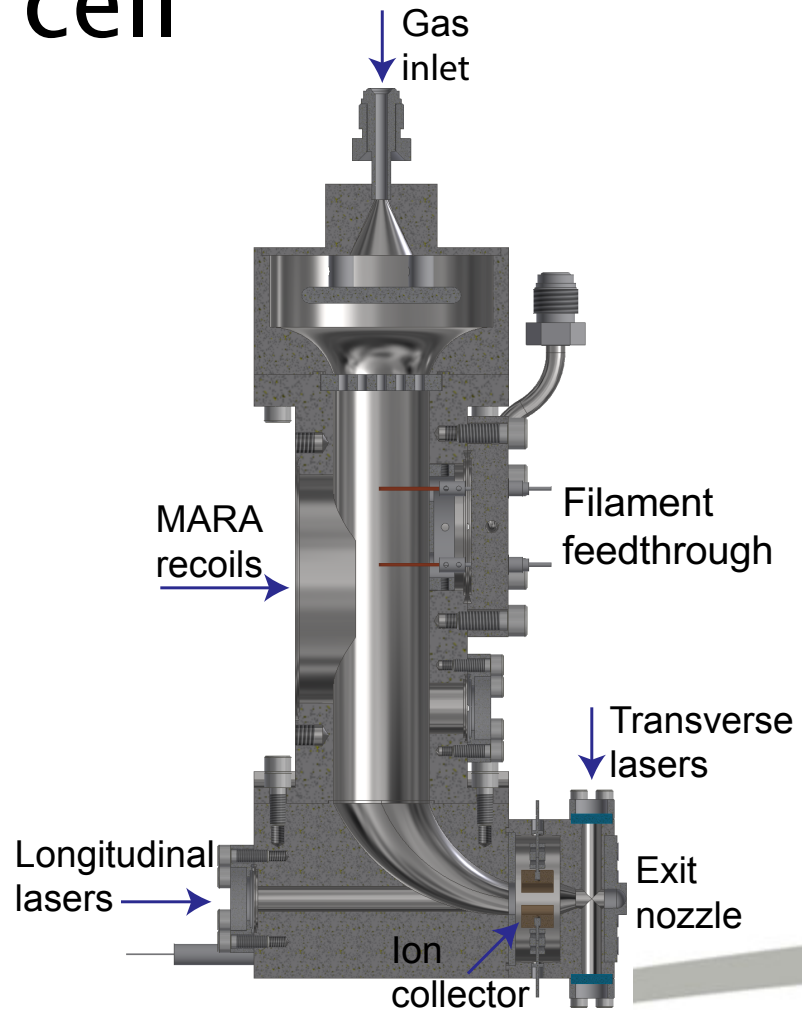
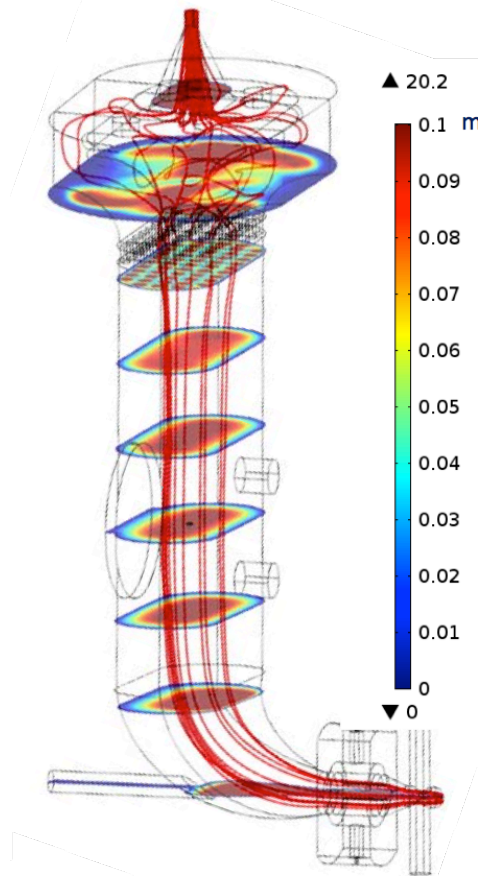
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# Gas cell



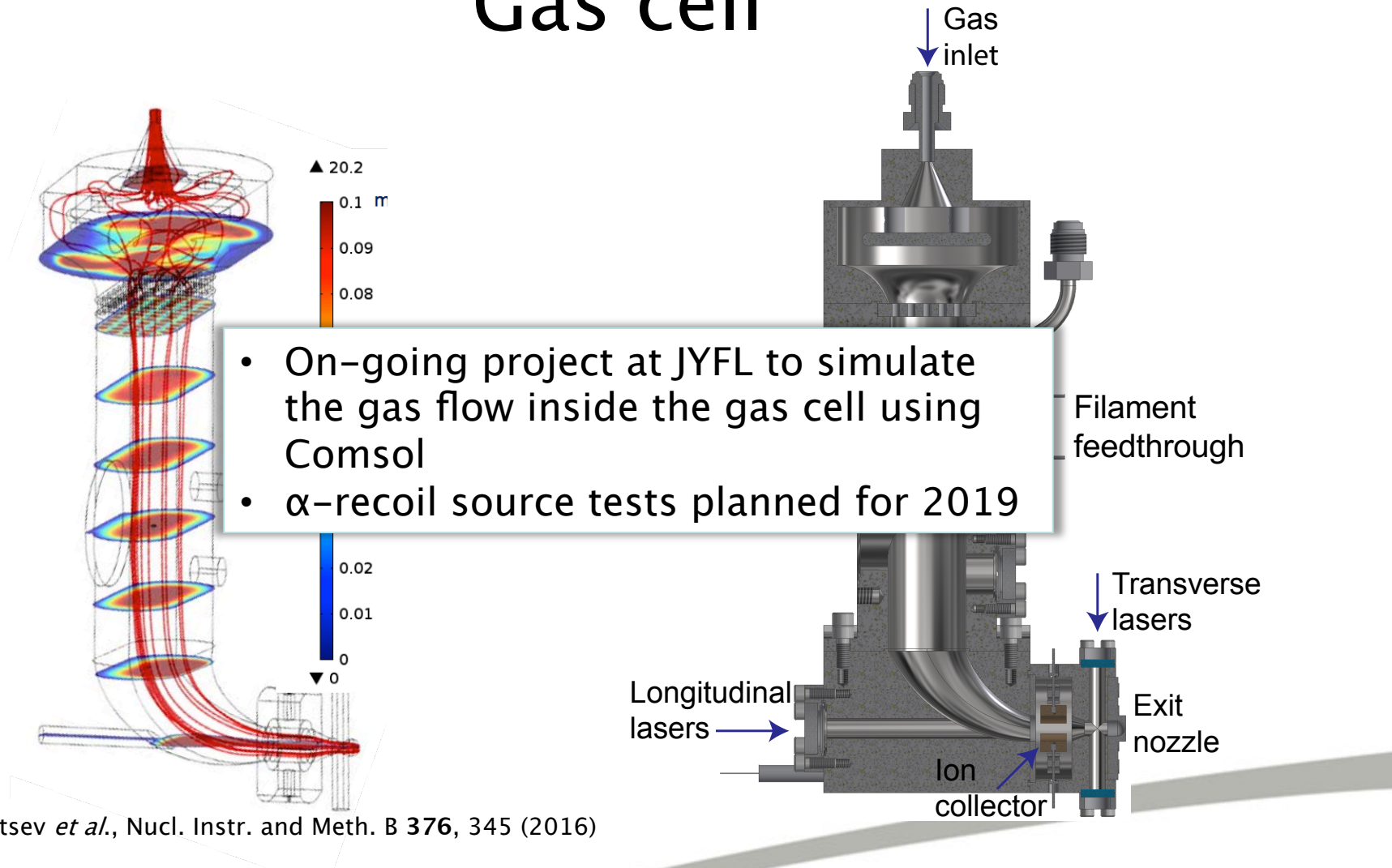
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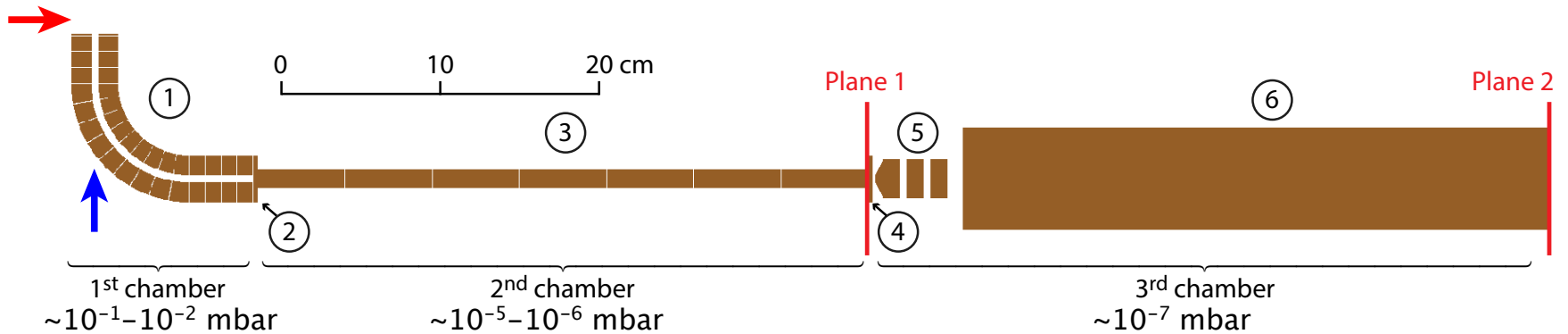


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# Gas cell



# Ion guides



- ① 90°-bent RFQ
- ② ④ pumping apertures
- ③ straight segmented RFQ

- ⑤ acceleration electrodes
- ⑥ ground electrode
- → laser beams

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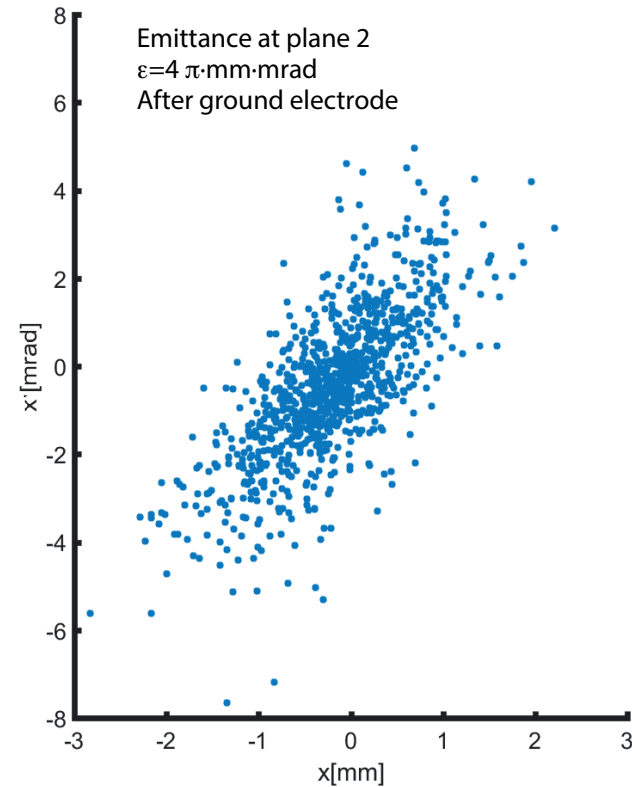
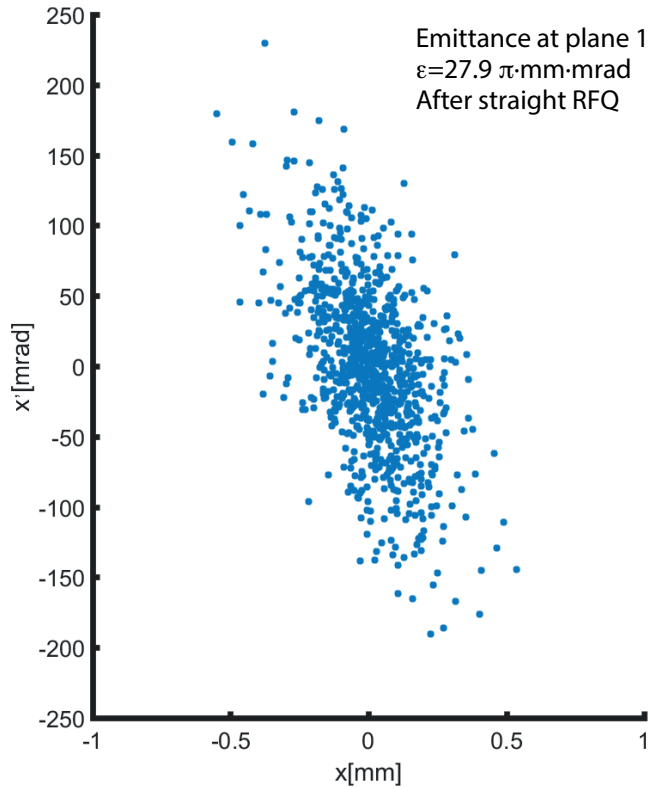


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# Ion guides – SIMION simulations



Simulated emittance for 1000  $^{94}\text{Ag}^+$  ions.

Helium at 500 mbar pressure, 0.5 mm exit hole, free expanding jet.

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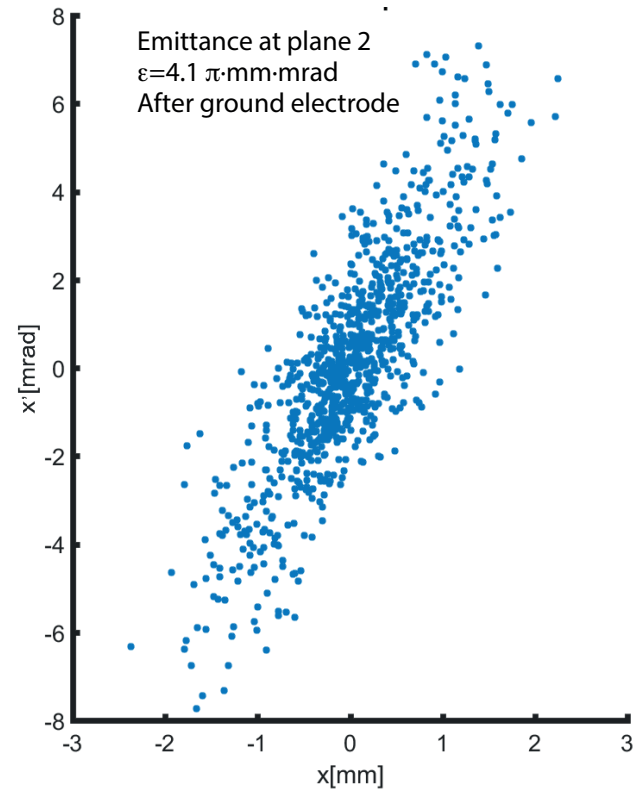
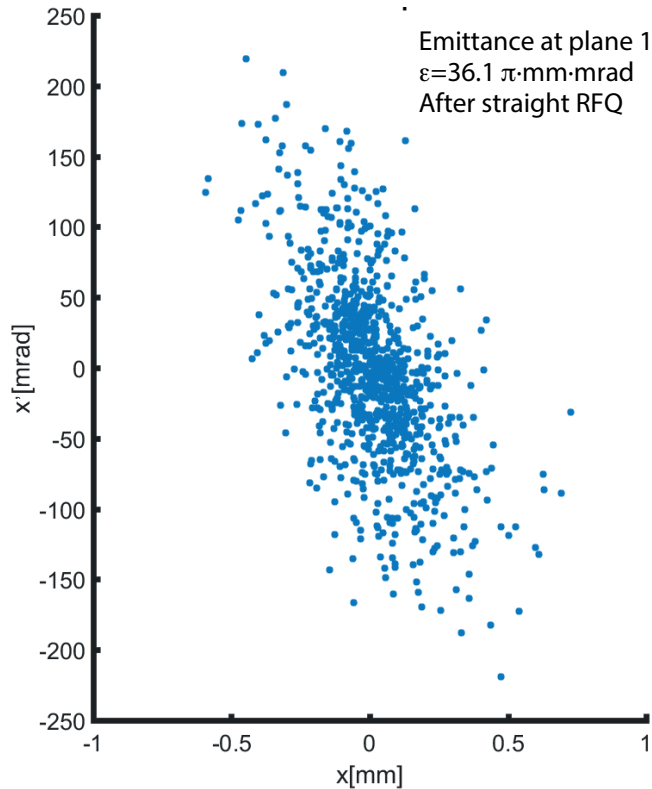
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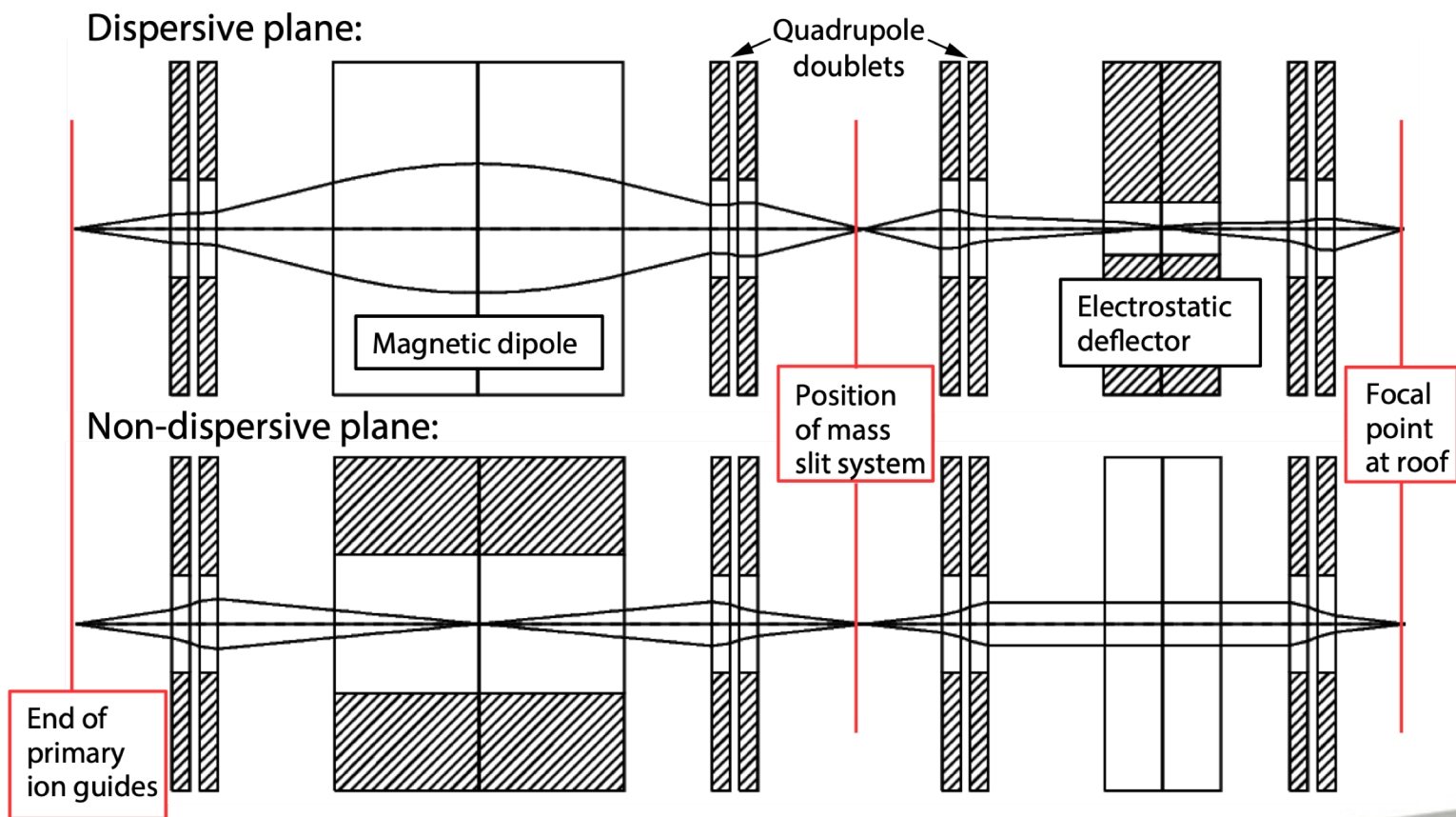
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# Transfer line - GICOSY simulations



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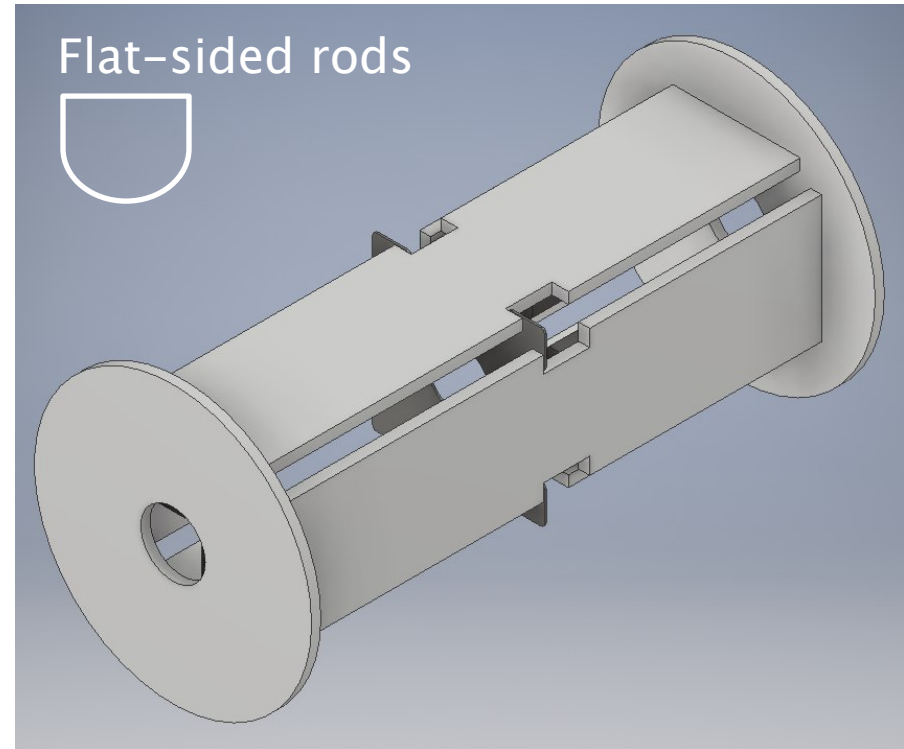
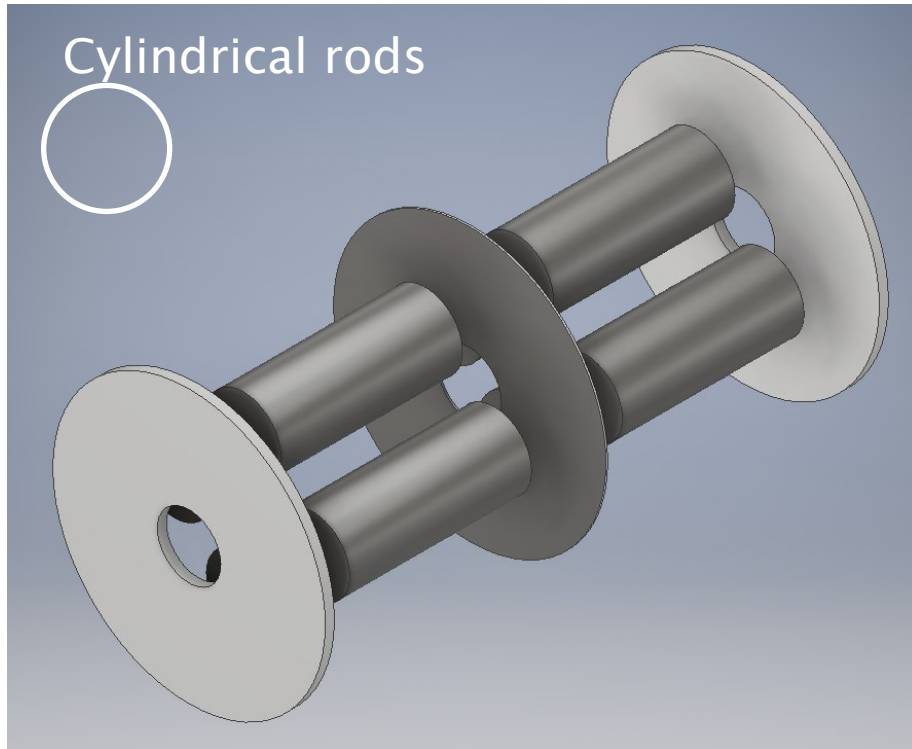
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# Quadrupole doublets



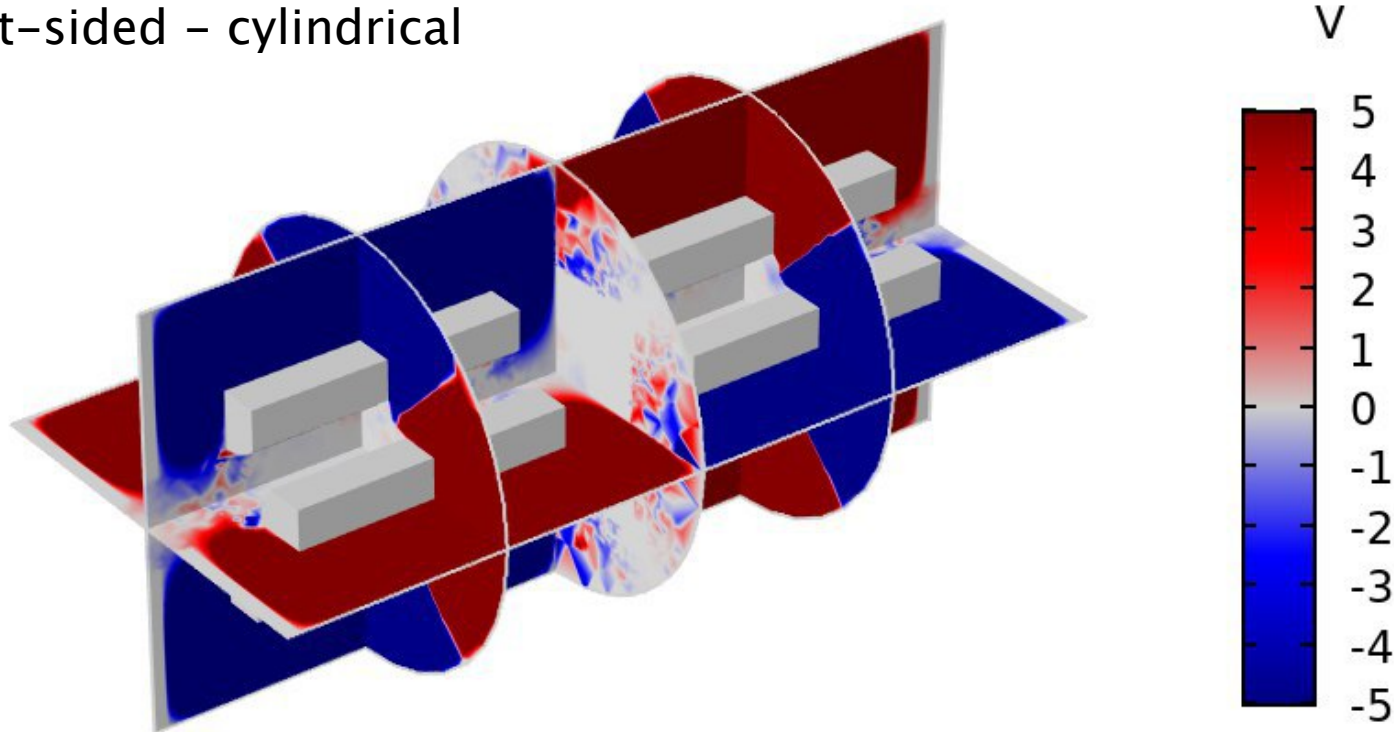
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# Quadrupole doublets – COMSOL simulations

Voltage difference map  
Flat-sided – cylindrical



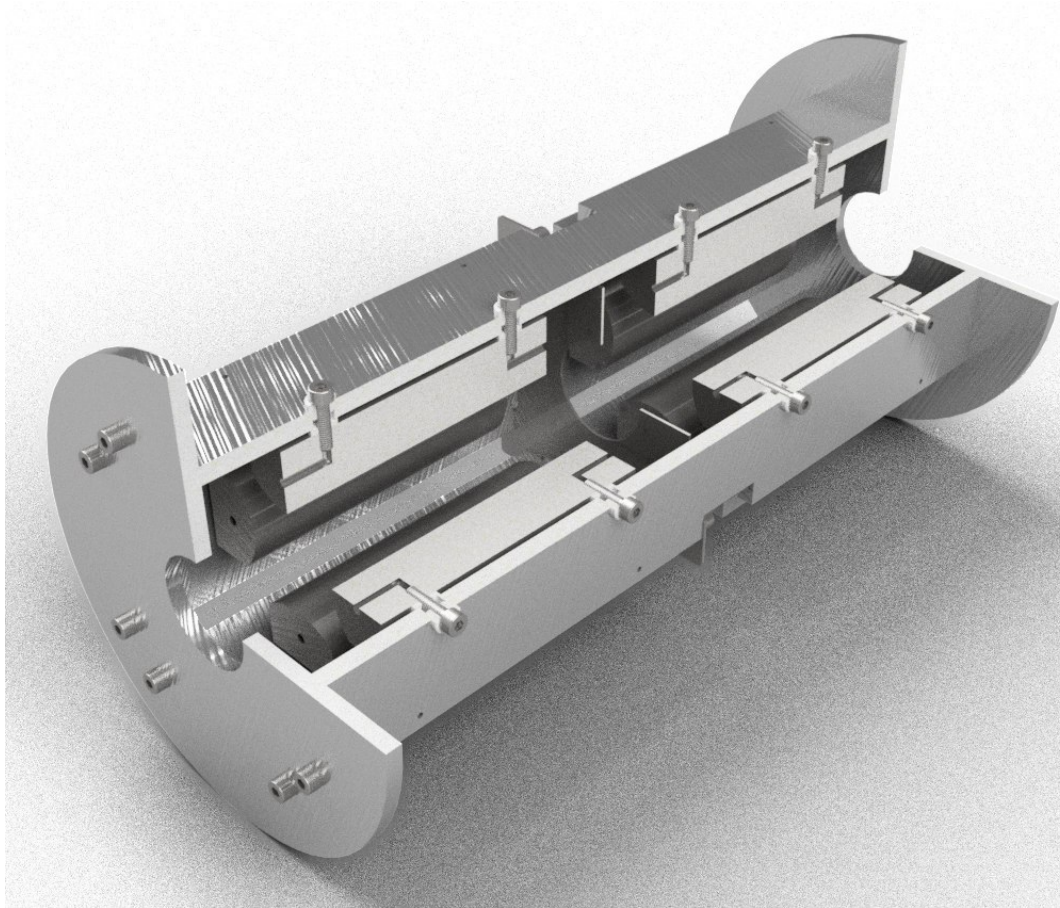
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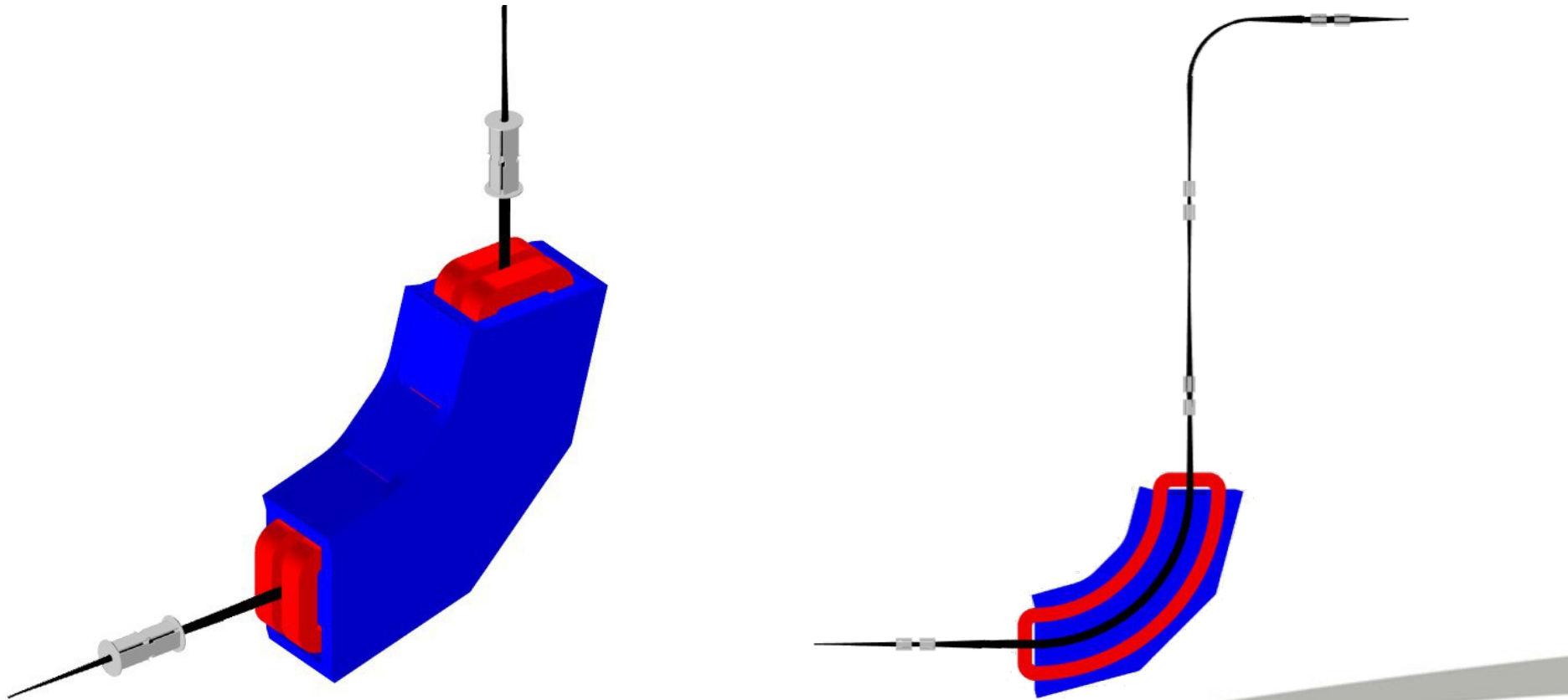
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# Combined simulation – COMSOL



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# Laser system



- 3 Ti:Sapphire laser cavities built in collaboration with the University of Mainz
- 1 laser cavity thoroughly tested
- In use in a so-called dual-etalon setup employed in the study of neutron deficient Ag isotopes

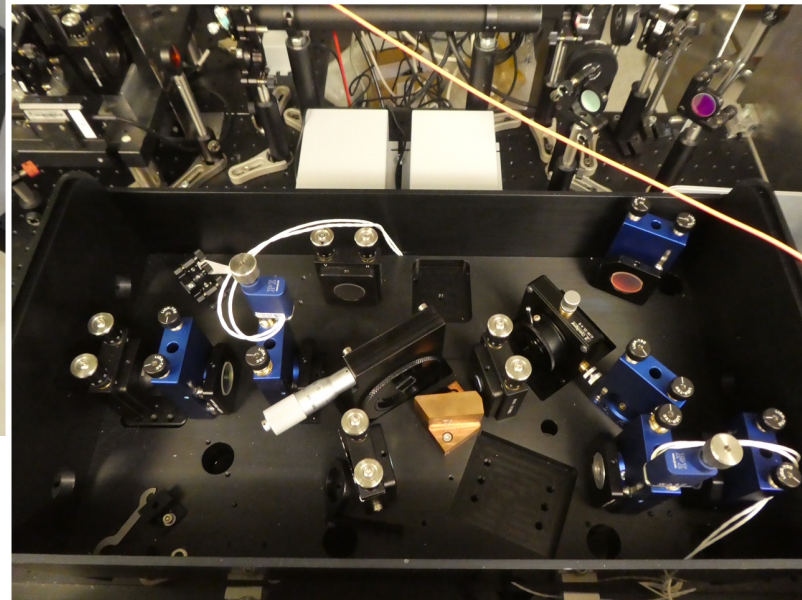




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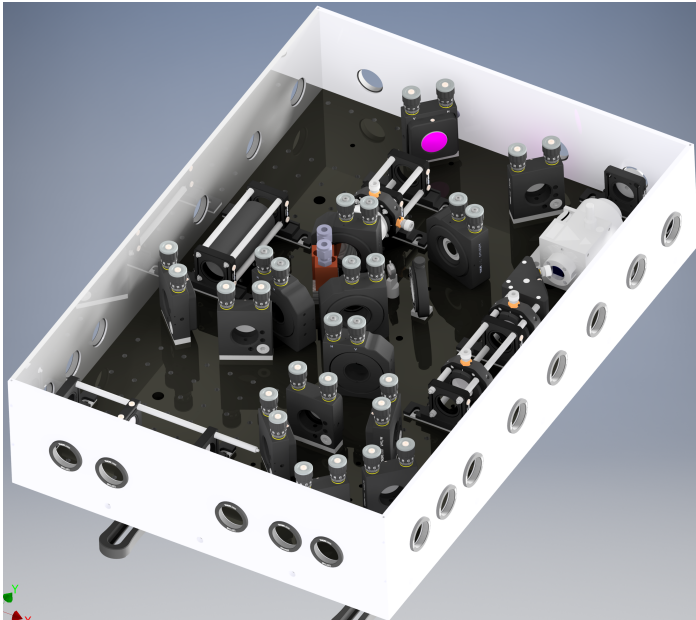
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# Laser system



New injection-locked cavity has been built in Jyväskylä to provide narrow-band radiation for high-resolution studies

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# Project outlook

- ✓ Gas cell: Designed and built.
  - $\alpha$ -recoil source tests planned in 2019
  - Gas flow verification ongoing
- ✓ Lasers: Ti:Sapphire lasers built and tested
  - FIRI funding request for pump lasers submitted
- ✓ Vacuum system: All pumps have been purchased and tested
- ✓ Gas purification system: Delivered to JYFL
- ✓ Dipole magnet: Delivered to JYFL
- ✓ Electrostatic deflector: Exists in JYFL
- ✓ High-voltage supplies: Delivered to JYFL
- ✓ Transformer to isolate the components on high voltage from ground: Delivered to JYFL
- ✓ Control system for pumps and high-voltage supplies: Designed, components purchased



# Project outlook

- Ion guides: Simulations being verified
    - Mechanical design and construction in 2019
  - Transfer line: Design will be finalised in 2019
  - Vacuum chambers/support structures: Design ongoing
  - Decay station: Funding to be requested
  - MR-TOF-MS/RFQ cooler buncher: Design based on a similar devices for IGISOL-4
- ✓ Approved proposal to investigate the feasibility of studying  $^{94-96}\text{Ag}$  with MARA-LEB



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