

# Laser Spectroscopy of Radioactive Atoms at the Low Energy Beamline

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# Laser Spectroscopy at the LEB

Investigation of

- Hyperfine Structure
- Isotope Shifts
- Isomer Shifts

provides **model-independent** nuclear data...

Why **OPTICAL??**

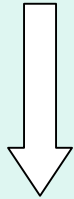
provides **high-sensitivity**...

Further Possibilities...

- in an EBIT (highly charged species; QED, relativistic effects)

# Nuclear Ground State Properties

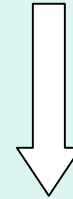
Isotope Shift (IS)



Mean Square Charge Radii

$$\delta \langle r^2 \rangle^{AA'}$$

Hyperfine Structure (HFS)



Nuclear Spin  $I$

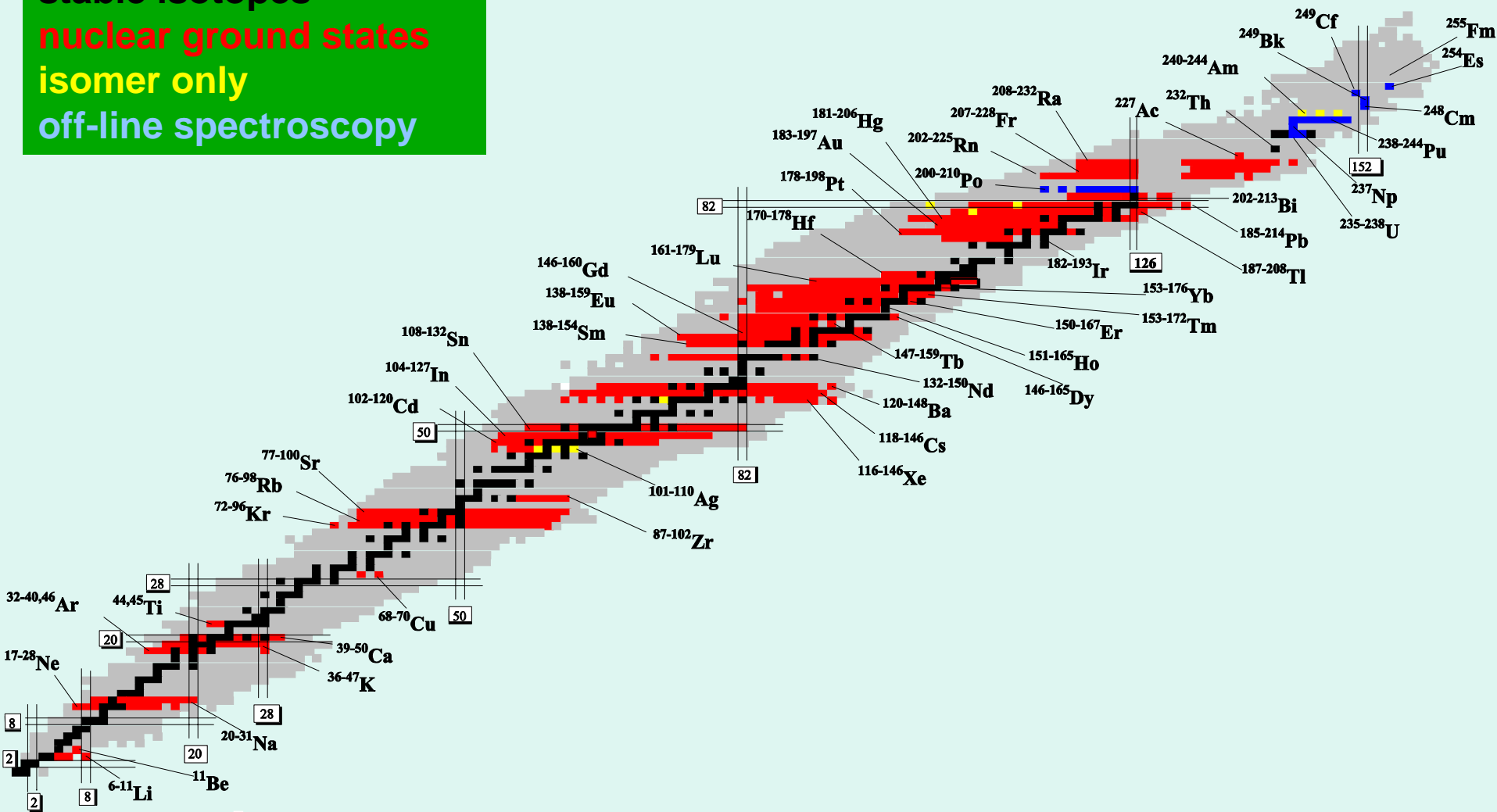
Magnetic Dipole Moment  $\mu_I$

Electric Quadrupole Moment  $Q_s$

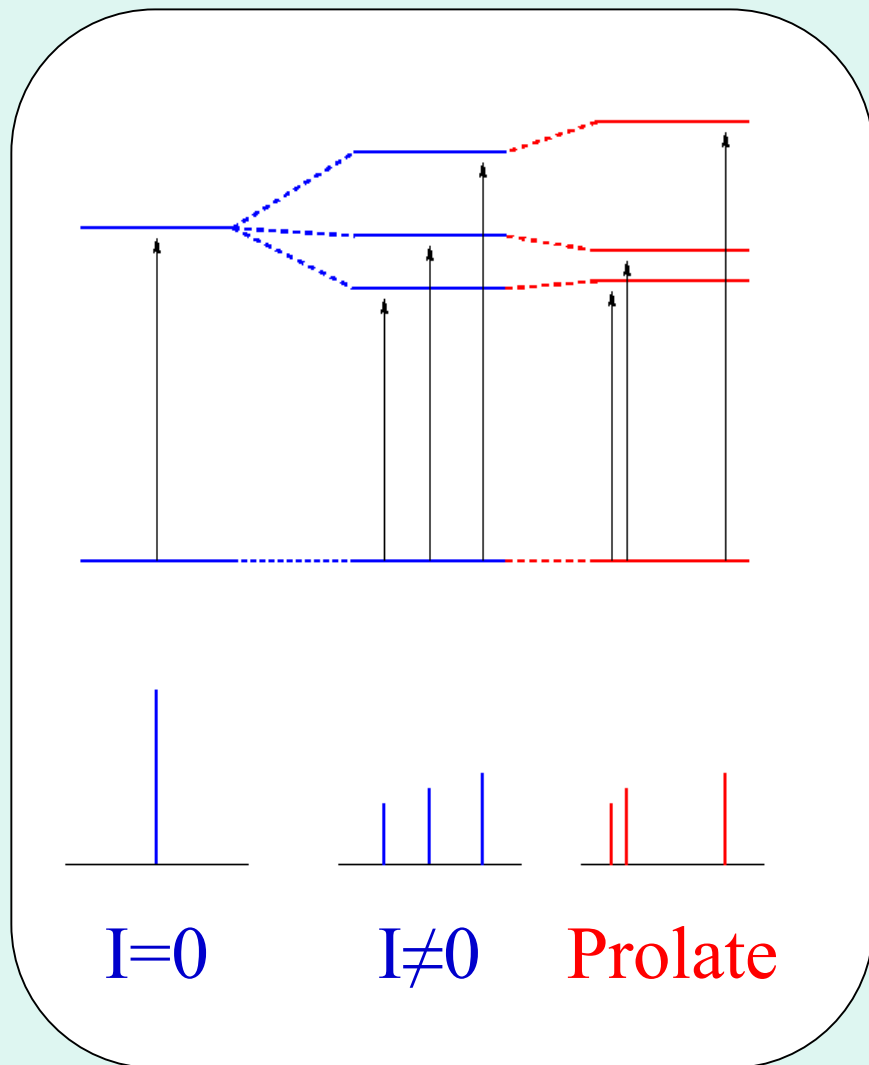
Hyperfine Anomaly

# On-Line Laser Spectroscopy

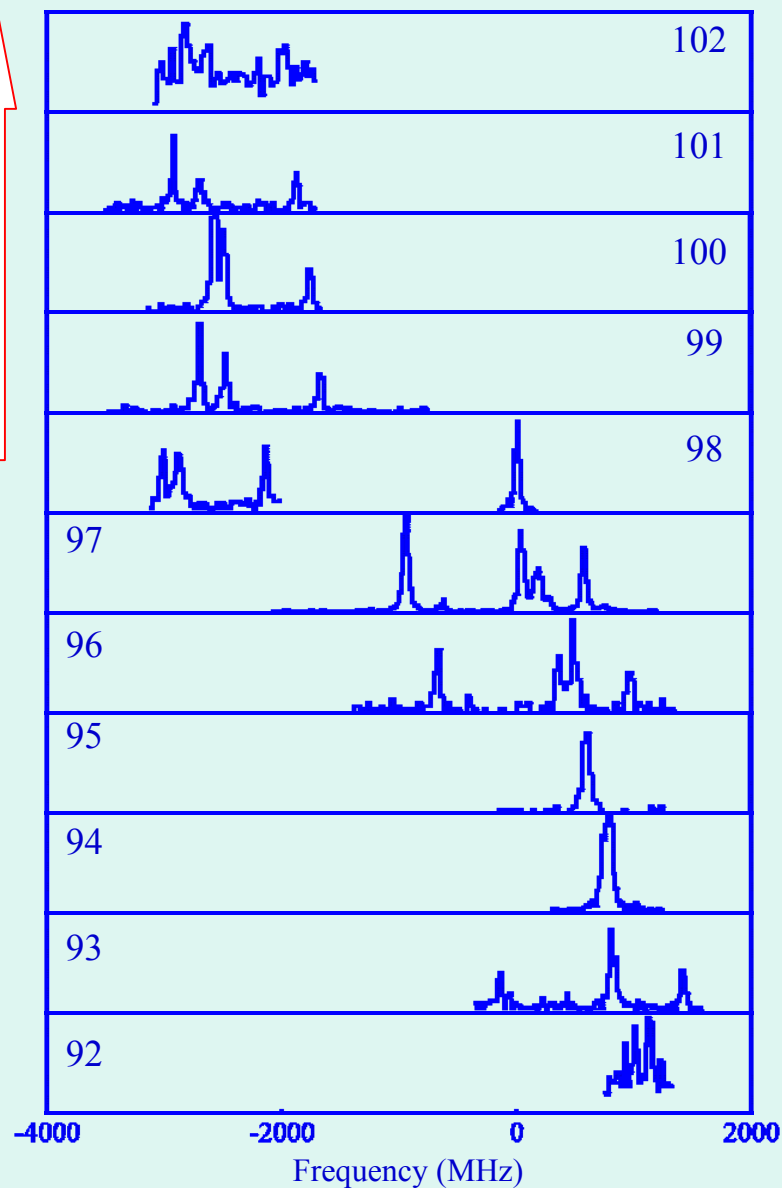
stable isotopes  
 nuclear ground states  
 isomer only  
 off-line spectroscopy



# Yttrium $J=0 - J'=1$

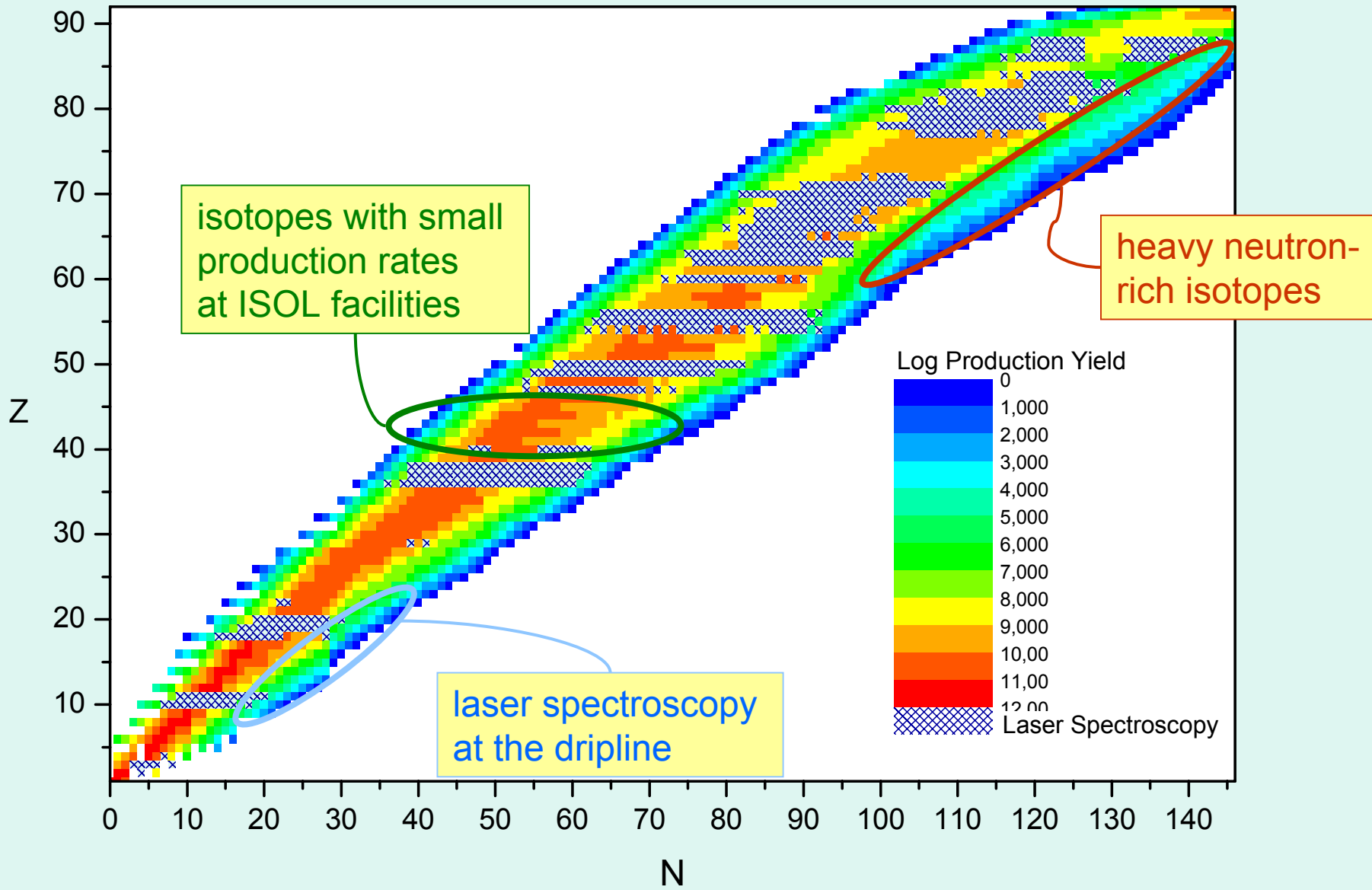


Decreasingly strong prolate



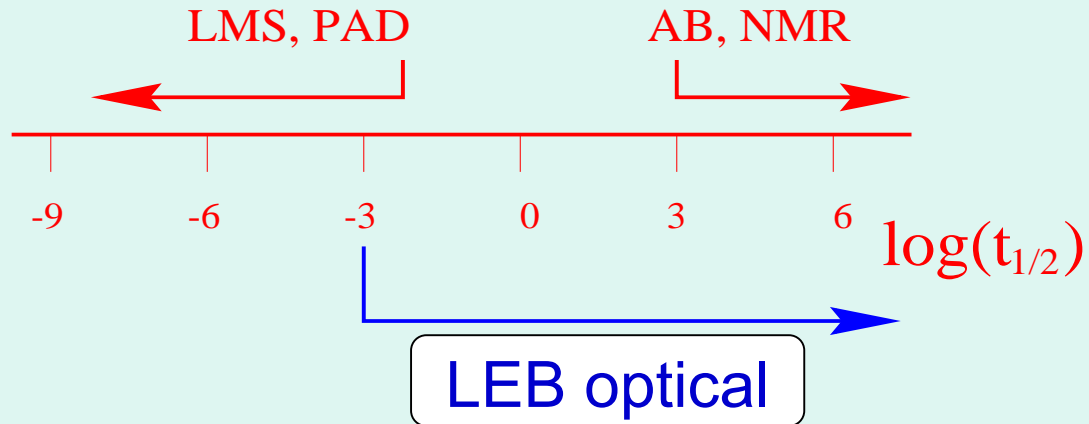
Increasingly oblate

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- ▶ At the limits of halflife: high-K isomers, etc
- ▶ Bridge the gap to non-optical measurements



# On-line Laser Spectroscopy

General technique and many variants are well established.

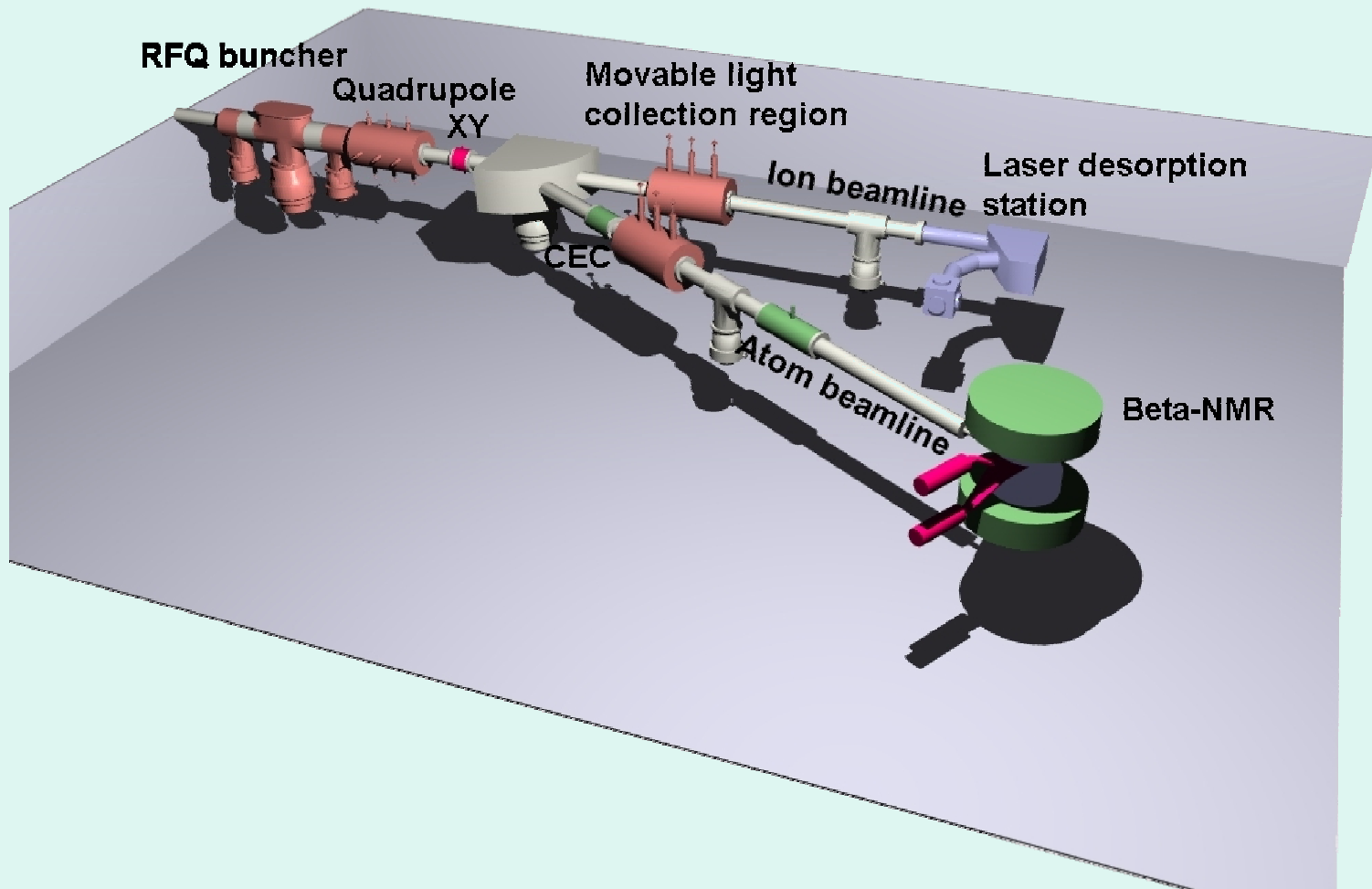
many detection techniques with different applicabilities,

- fluorescence detection,
- $\beta$ -NMR,
- resonance ionization, etc

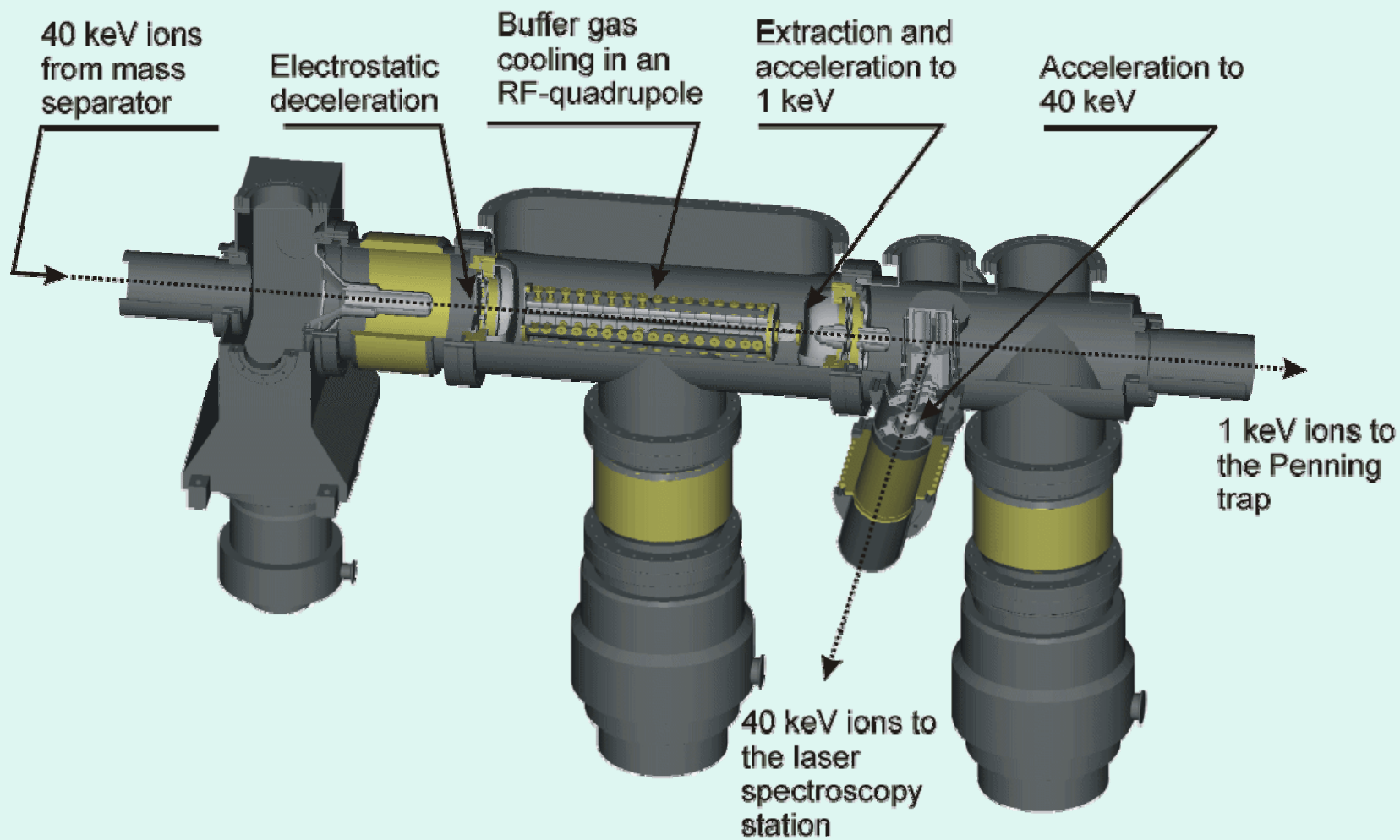
In the LaSpec collaboration's Technical Proposal we have highlighted 6 major techniques. These will be applied on two beamlines, use a variety of lasers and will provide necessary and sufficient experimental capability for spectroscopy down to 1 - 10 ions per sec.



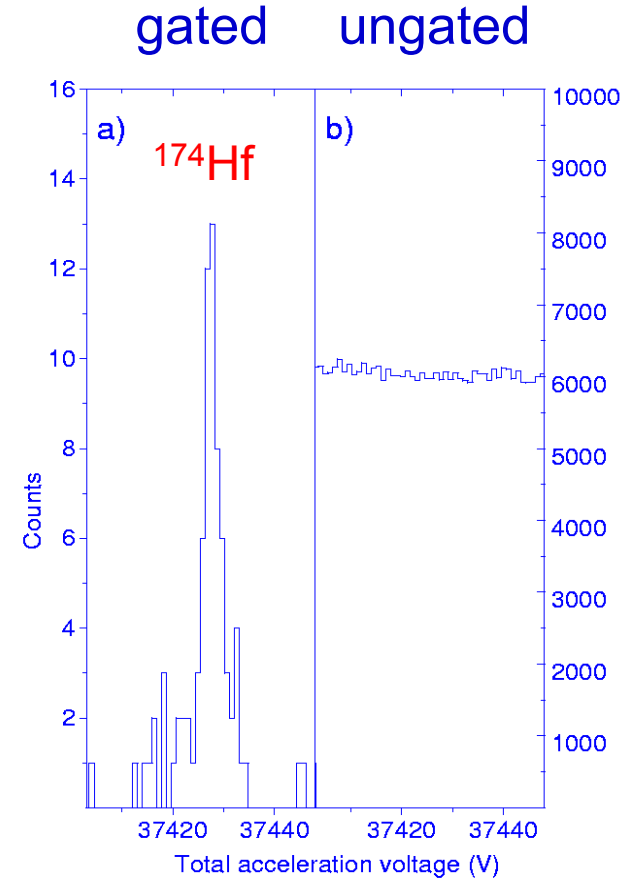
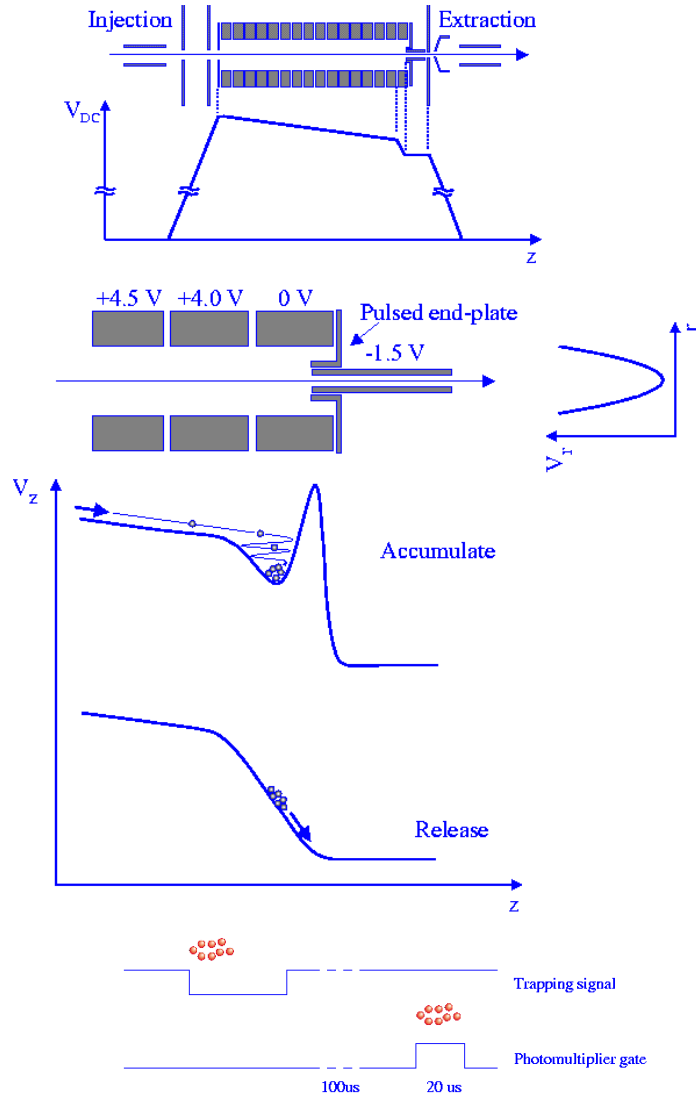
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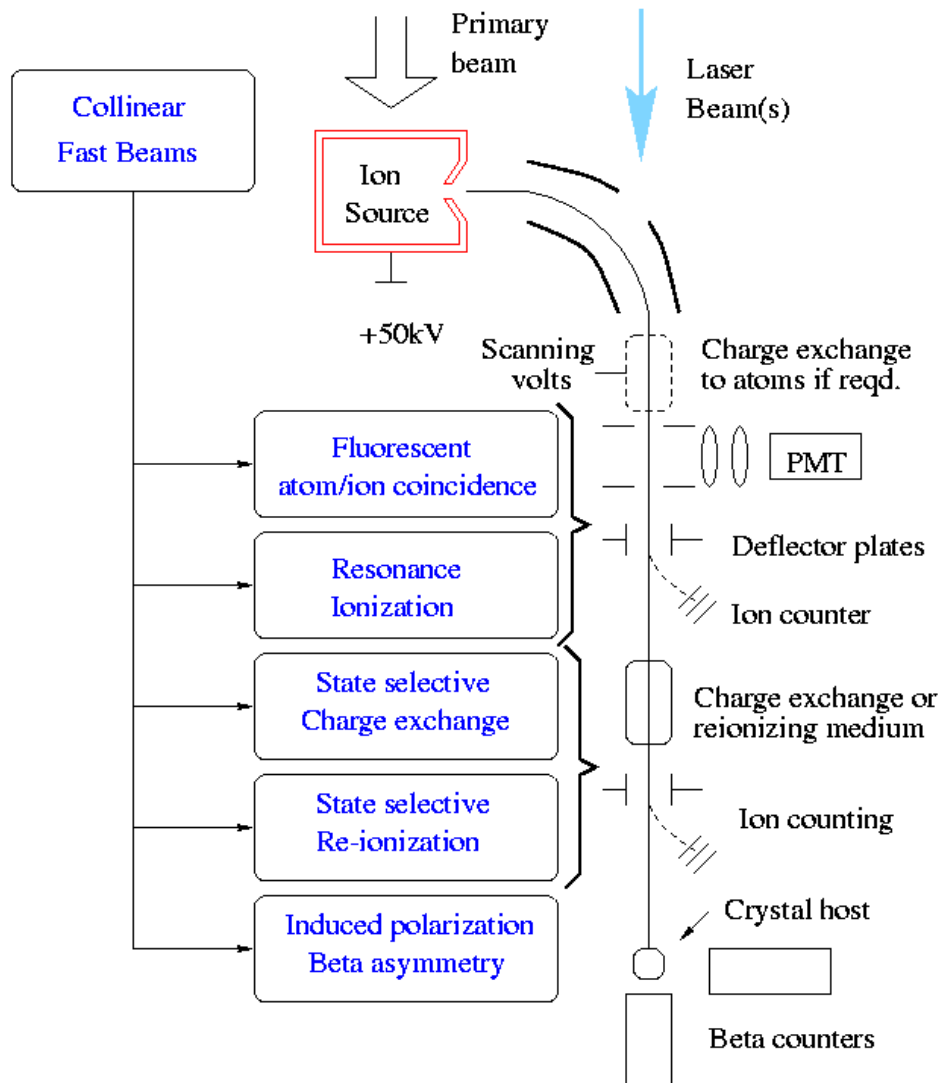


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A. Nieminen *et al.*, PRL **88**, 094801 (2002)

# The “collinear” approaches:



**In LaSpec**

**Ion fluorescence**  
**Atom fluorescence**  
**Optical pumping**  
**Collinear RIS**  
 **$\beta$ -NMR**

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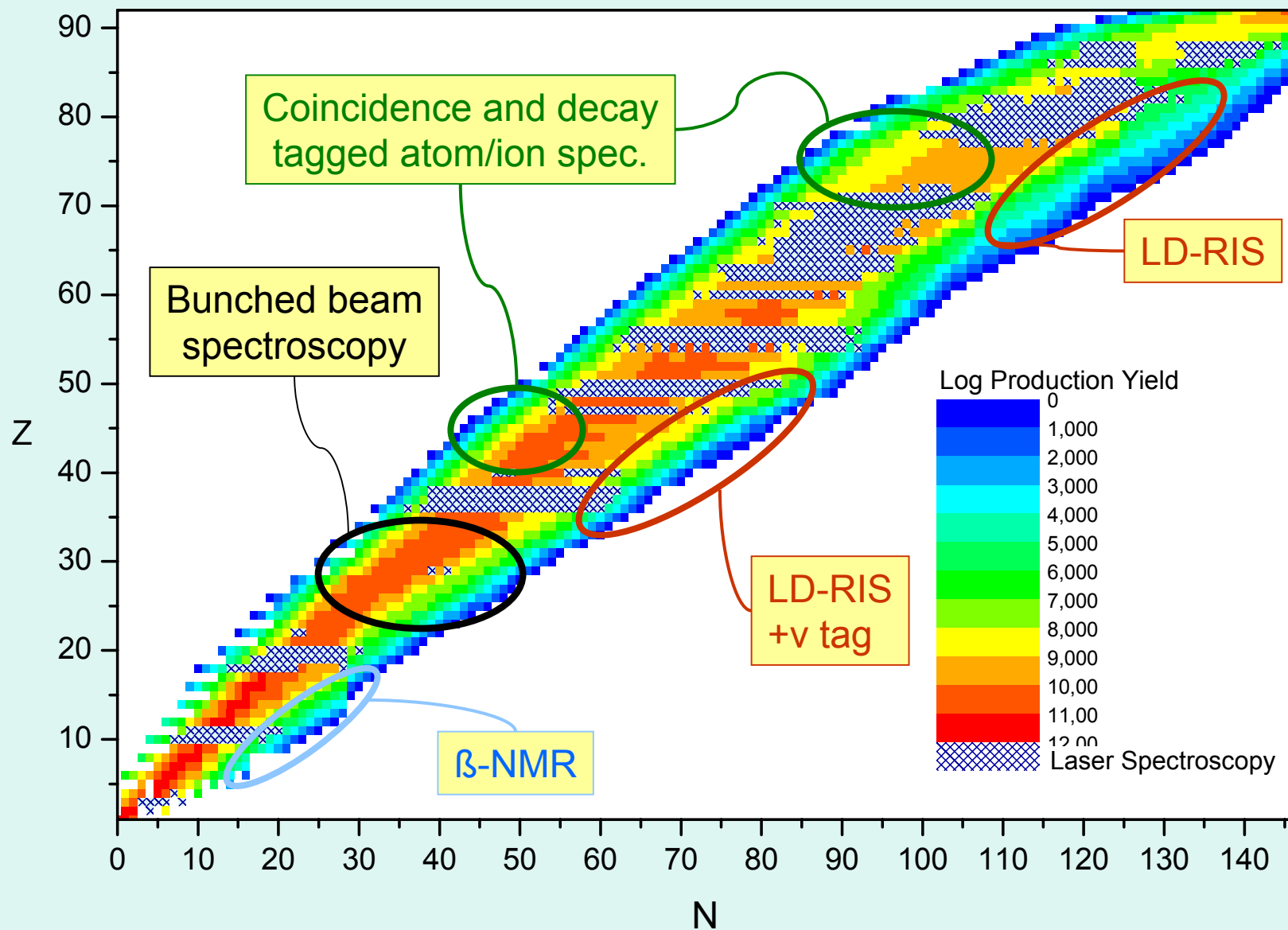
We want to study:

- Unhindered by chemistry
- At the proton drip line
- The heavy neutron-rich
- Low-Z isotopes
- The shortest-lived
- Against `high' background (isobaric contamination)

We have:

- Ionic and atomic spec.
- Bunched and coin. CLIS
- LD-RIS
- $\beta$ -NMR
- Decay tagging
- RILIS and non-optical detection

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# The Physics from LaSpec...

Limits of stability....

Diffuse proton structures  
Neutron skins  
Magicity

Limits of lifetime...

Pairing effects  
Field calibration

Into the unknown....

New regions  
of deformation

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