



# Prospects for ion mobility studies at SHE

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# Scientific methods

Buffer gas cells  
as sources for  
thermalized fusion products

Mass  
spectrometry

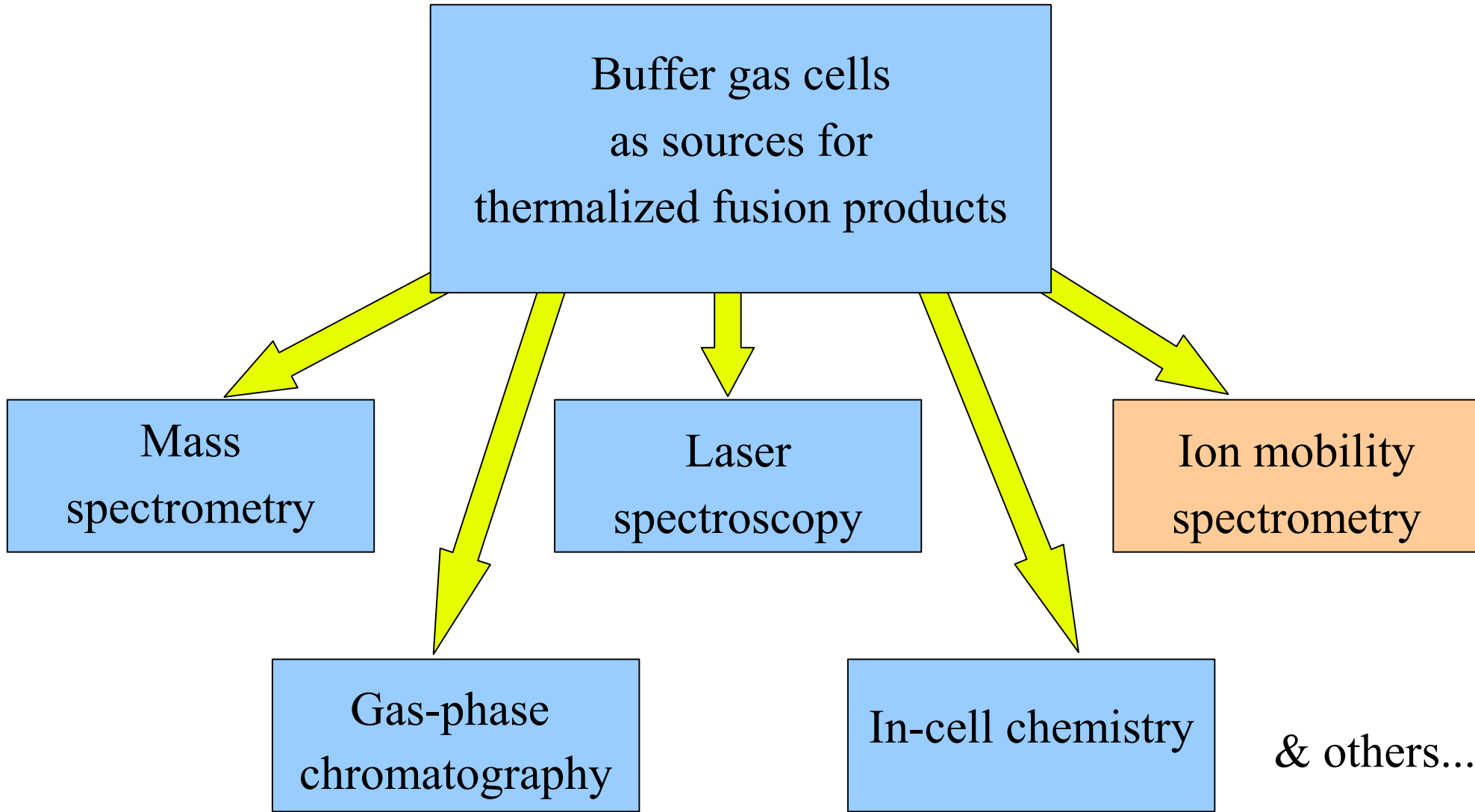
Laser  
spectroscopy

Ion mobility  
spectrometry

Gas-phase  
chromatography

In-cell chemistry

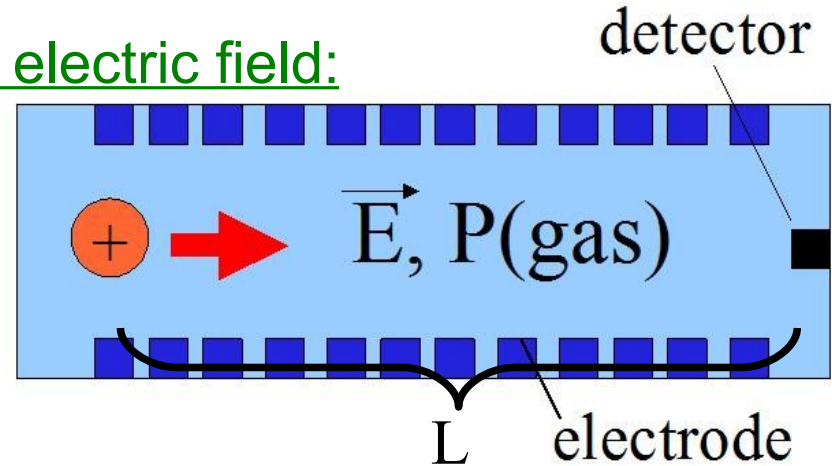
& others...



# Ion Mobility Spectrometry (IMS)

## Ion drift motion in gas & homogeneous electric field:

$$\text{Mobility: } K = L / ( E * t_{\text{drift}} )$$



## IMS in chemistry:

- State selected ion chemistry ...

C. Iccaman, et al., J. Am. Soc. Mass Spectrom. 18 (2007) 1196

P. Kemper, et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc. 112 (1990) 3231

- Study of molecule-molecule interaction potentials / polarizabilities
- Study of molecular bond lengths
- Study of reaction rate constants (via ATD or Ion-Rate analysis)

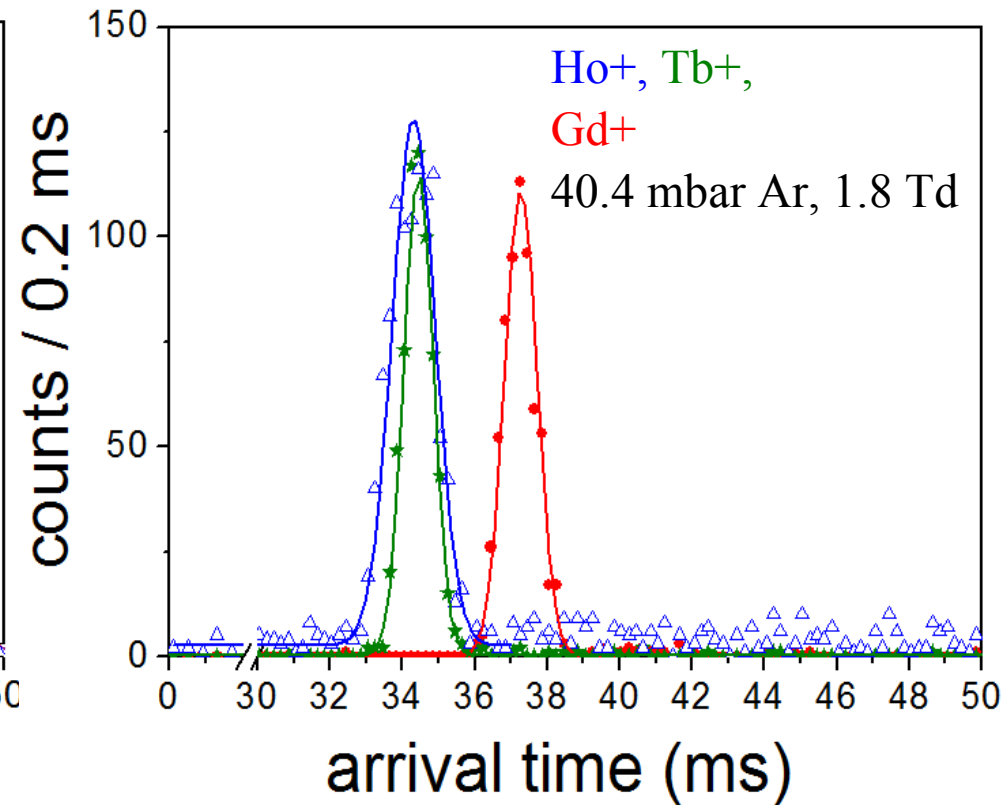
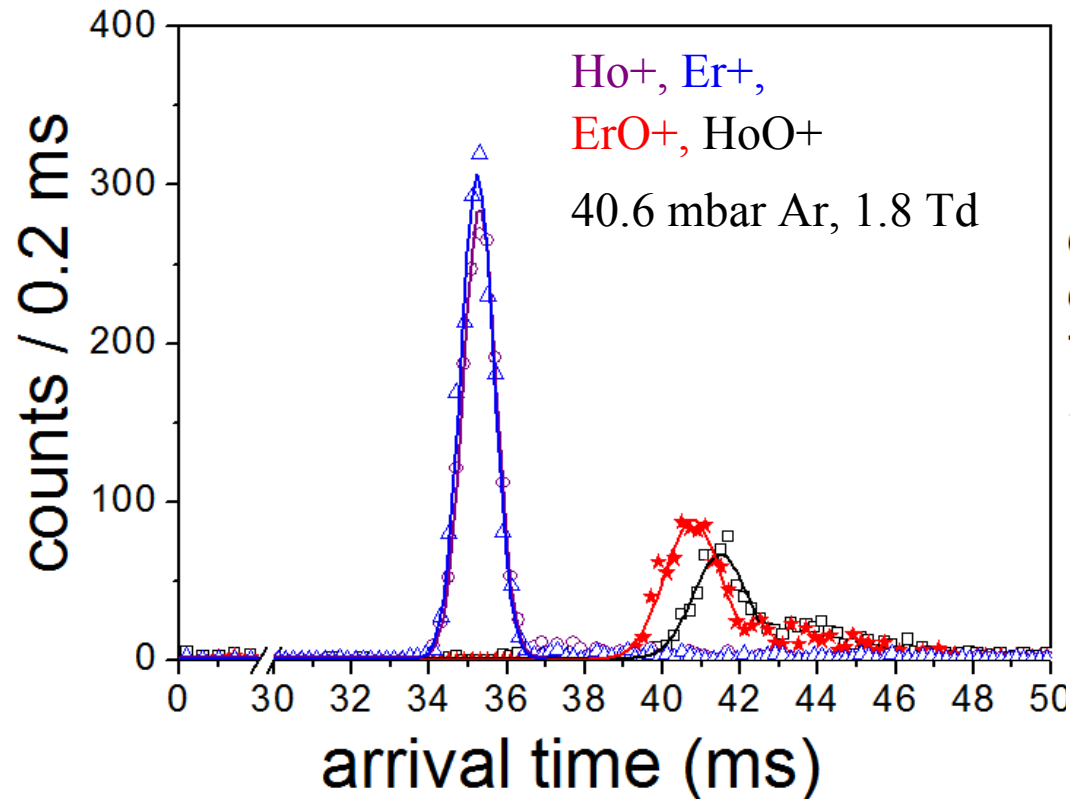
## IMS in physics:

- Access to ion-atom interaction potential of short-lived isotopes ( $t_{1/2} < 1\text{s}$ )
- Assignment/verification of valence electron configurations also @SHE

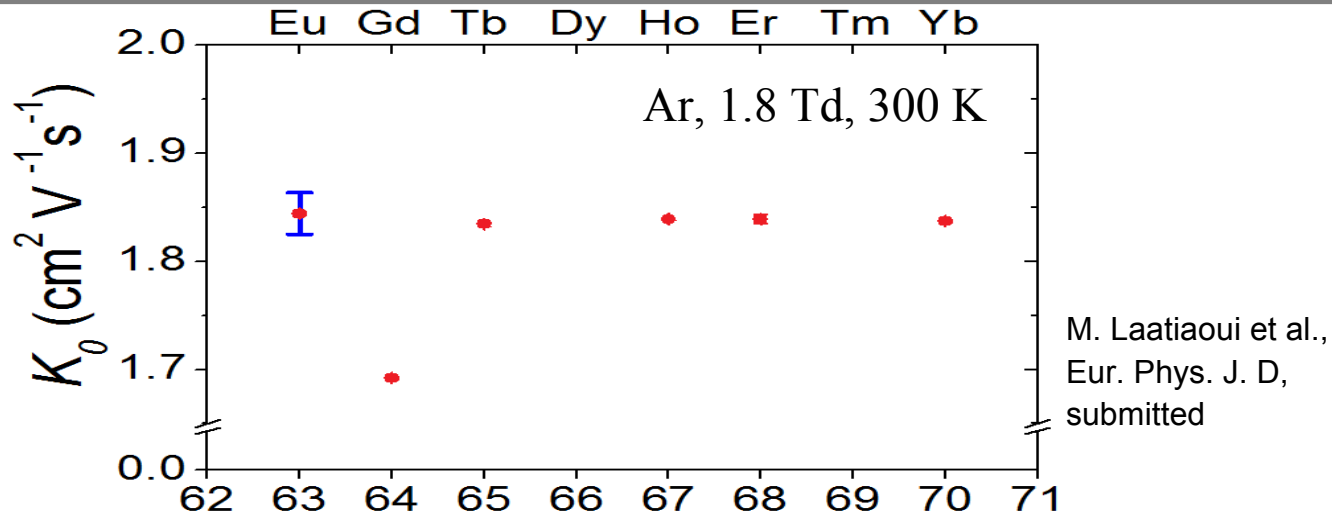
# Systematic studies @ rare earth metals

\* Lanthanide oxides could be discriminated in time due to lanthanide contraction.

\* All lanthanide ions in GS exhibited nearly the same drift time except Gd<sup>+</sup>.



# Valence Electron Configuration (singly charged ions)



## Rare earth metals:

58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71
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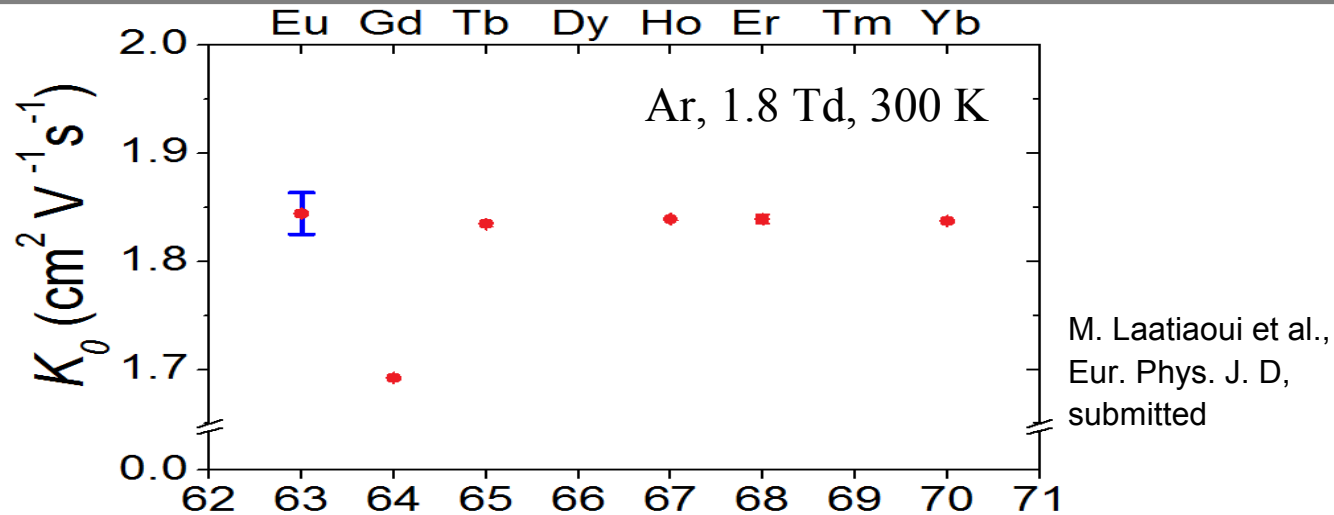
P. Indelicato et al.,  
Eur. Phys. J. D **45**, 155 (2007)

## 5f-shell elements:

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