

# APP\_02 project : Study of biomolecular ion stability in the gas-phase by two complementary approaches: A RICE-ring RIKEN and DIAM-IPNL

Introduction: The goals

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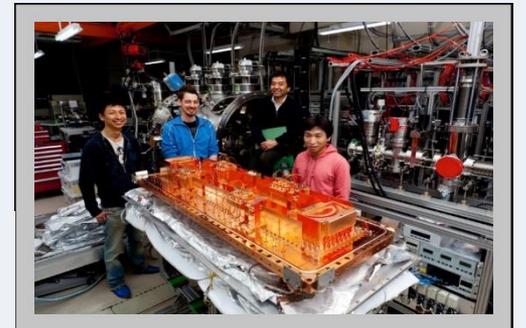
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## RIKEN, Japan

RIKEN Cryogenic Electrostatic ring (RICE)

The experimental status

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# Motivation



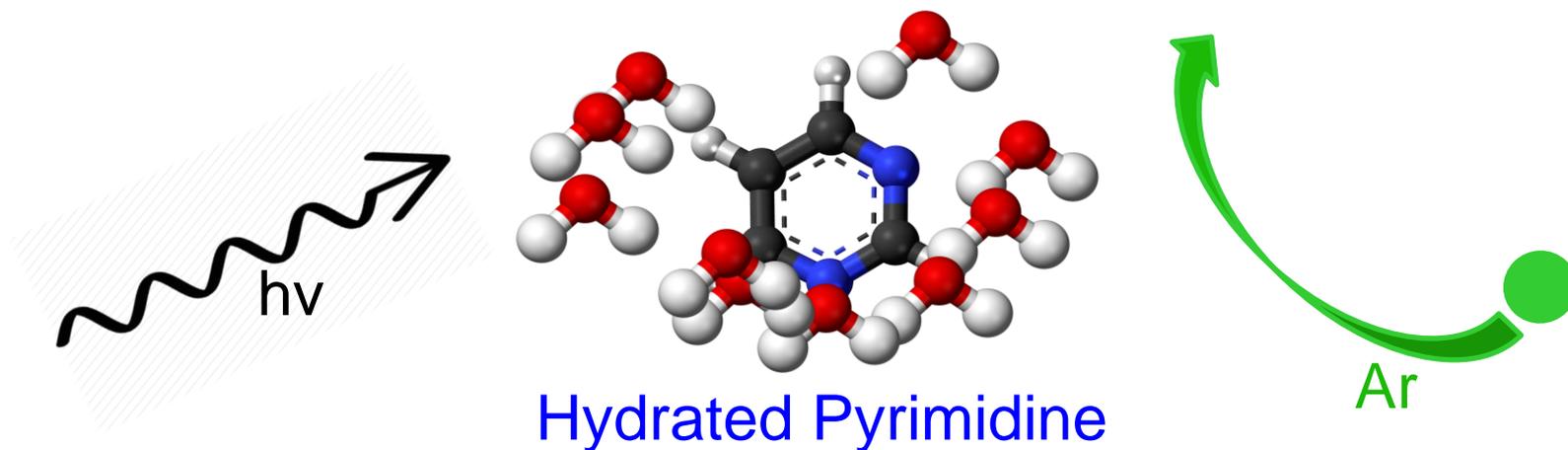
Water is known for its exceptional ability to absorb and hold heat at the macroscopic level, while at the sub-microscopic level the intermolecular transfer of vibrational energy was reported to be ultrafast due to strong interactions between the O-H oscillators.

Zhang Z., Piatkowski L., Bakker H.J. and Bonn M., Ultrafast vibrational energy transfer at the water/air interface revealed by two-dimensional surface vibrational spectroscopy, *Nature Chemistry* **3**, 888-893 (2011)

Quantitative description of the energy transfer in hydrogen bonded molecular systems after local electronic excitation is particularly challenging.

# Scientific goal of the collaboration

We address the thermalizing ability of water molecules surrounding a biomolecule after a sudden electronic excitation

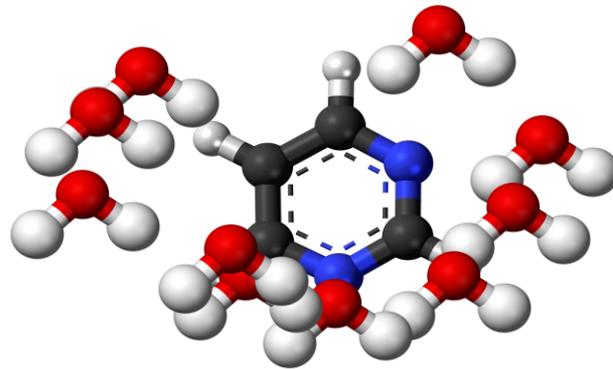


The electronic excitation is induced by a laser pulse (**RIKEN**) or collision with an argon atom (**IPNLyon**)

# Why Pyrimidine and water?

Pyrimidine as a model biomolecule to study radiation-induced damage at the molecular scale

- a ring-shaped molecule made up of carbon and nitrogen
- prototypical structure for the RNA/DNA bases thymine, cytosine and uracil
- In living cells DNA biomolecules are surrounded by water molecules



Radiation action at the nanoscale  
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# DIAM@IPNLyon

Device for Irradiation of Nanosystem

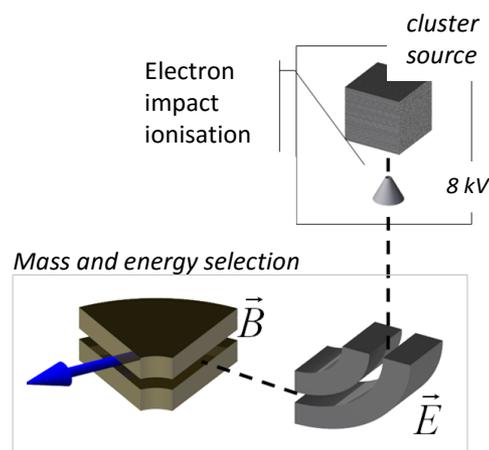
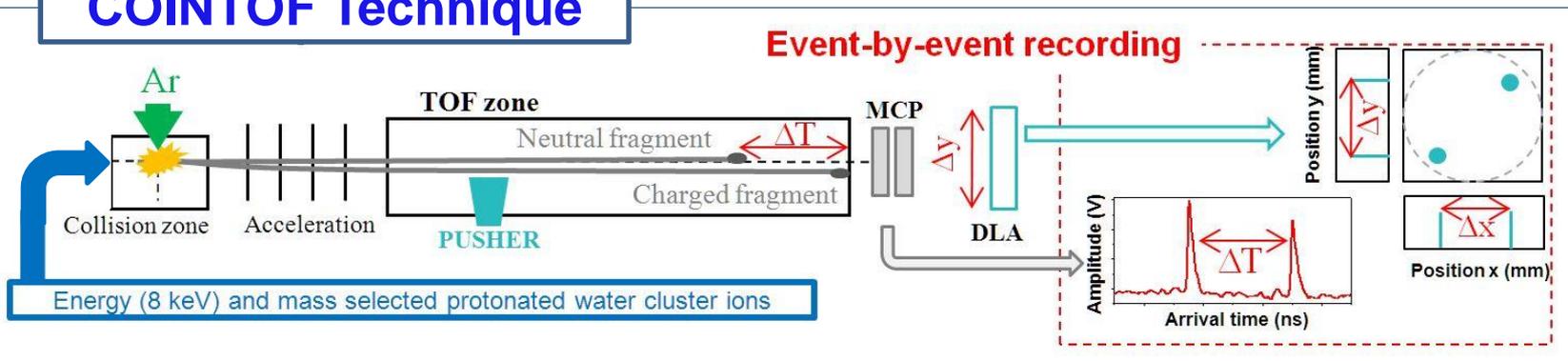
# IPN Lyon set-up : DIAM

## COINTOF technique in combination with velocity map imaging

A single high-velocity collision with an Ar atom leads to energy deposition in the droplet via electronic excitation. (fs time-scale)

Such high-velocity collisions probe a broad range of energy deposition from 0 to 12 eV.

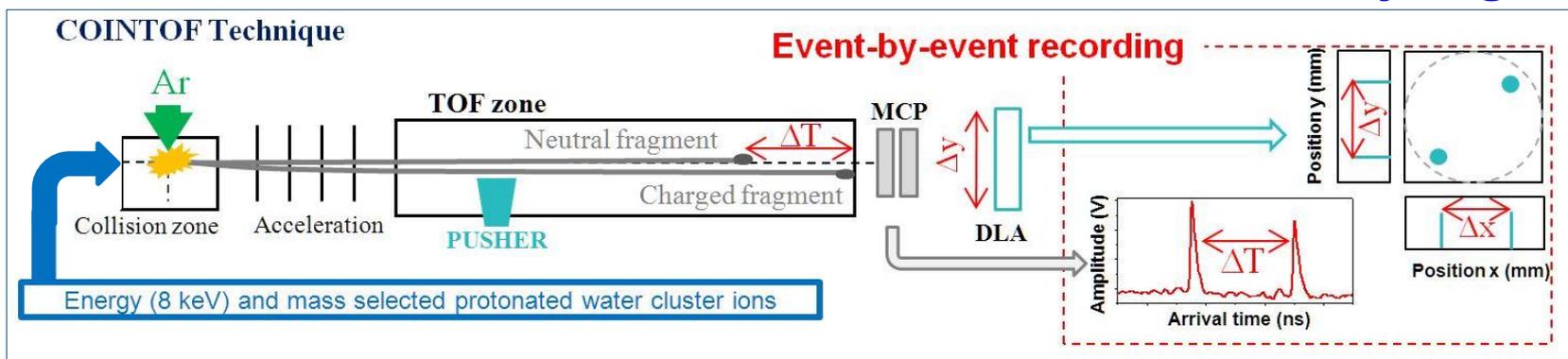
### COINTOF Technique



- Supersonic expansion followed by electron impact ionization.
- **8keV-H<sup>+</sup>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>n</sub>** : Velocity in the laboratory reference frame ranging from 10<sup>5</sup> to 2.10<sup>5</sup> ms<sup>-1</sup>
- Clusters are mass- and velocity-selected more than 1 μs after being formed.
- The binding energy of a molecule in the droplet : typically 1.37 eV for n=2, 0.85 eV for n=3, 0.78 eV for n=4, and 0.55 eV for n>4.

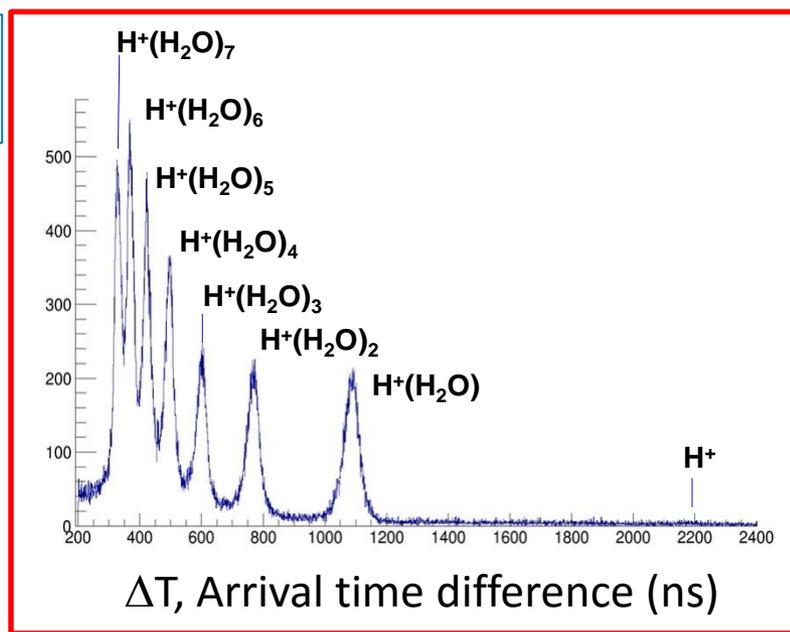
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## COINTOF technique in combination with velocity map imaging *CO*rrelated Ion and Neutral Time-Of-Flight



**8keV-H<sup>+</sup>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>8</sub> -> Ar**  
Protonated octamer

Histogram of the arrival time difference for the recorded dissociation events



The protonated fragment is mass analyzed at least 80 ns after the collision

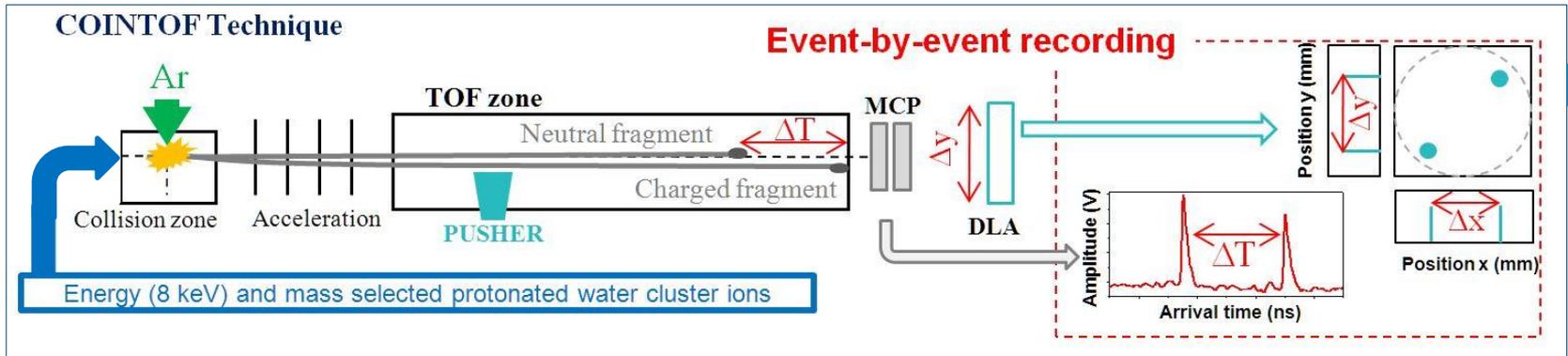
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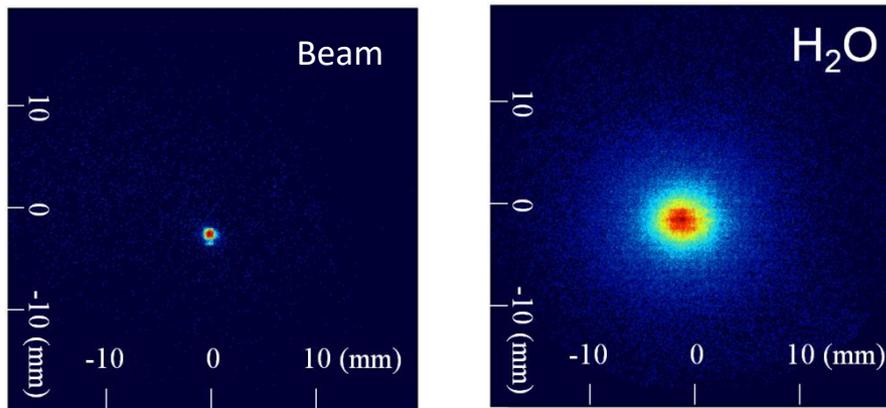
B. Farizon, project APP\_02, workshop Seoul May 2016

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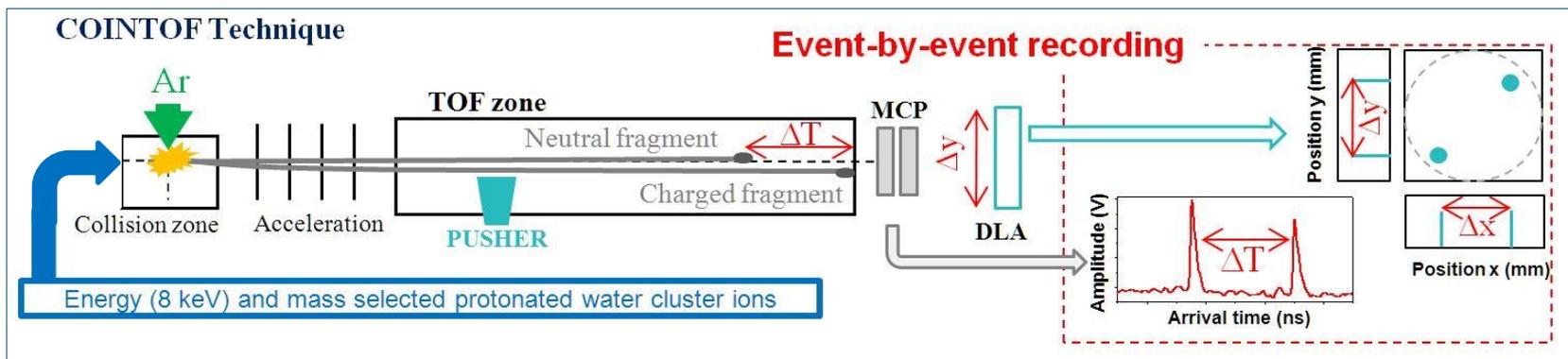
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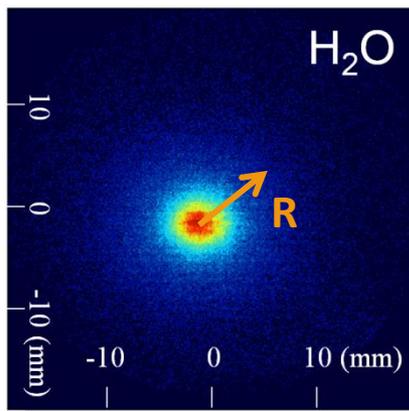
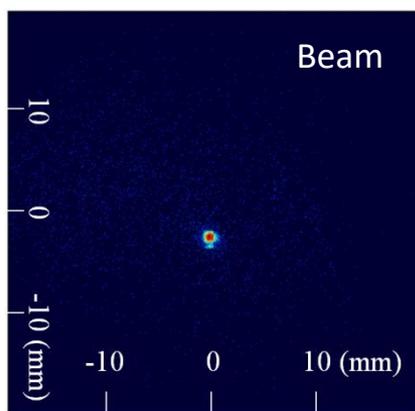
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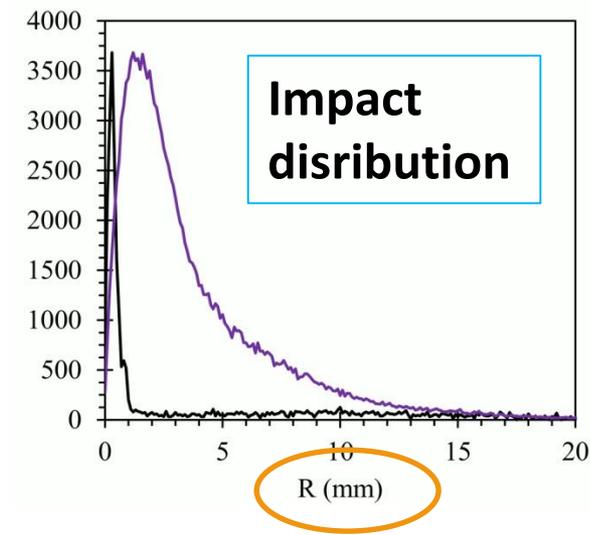
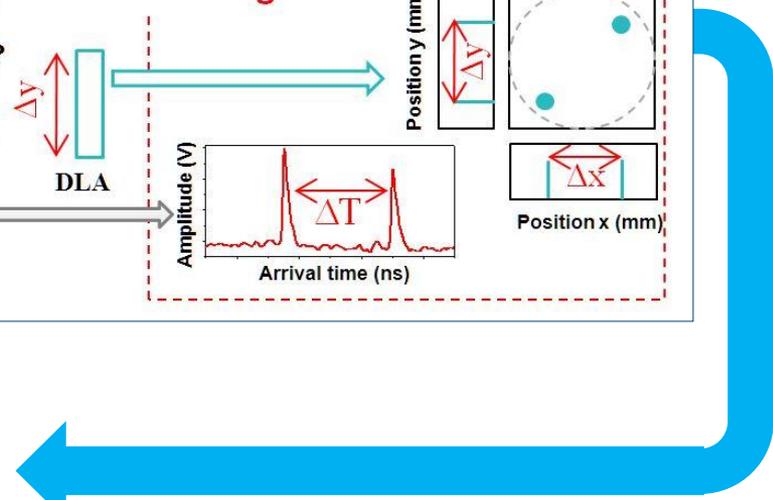
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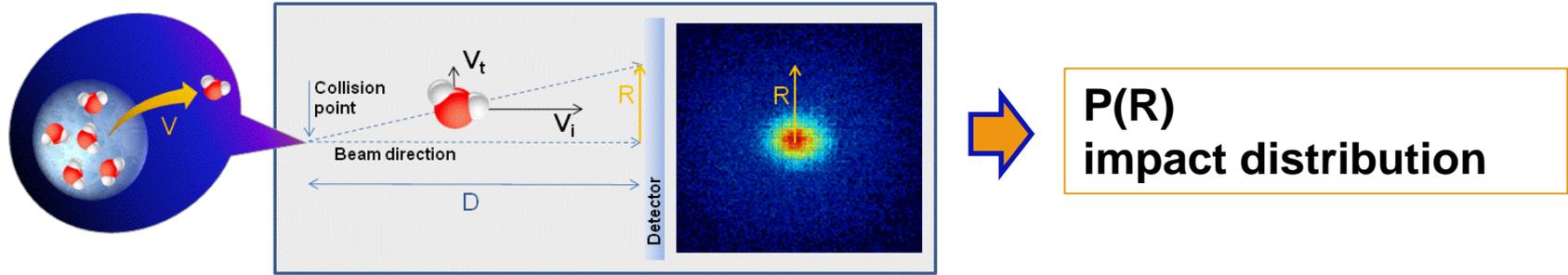
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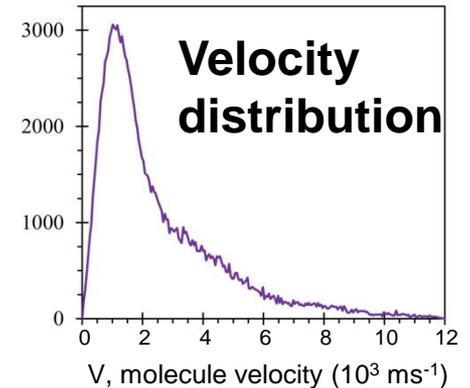
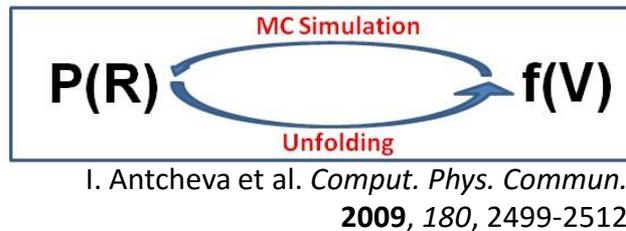
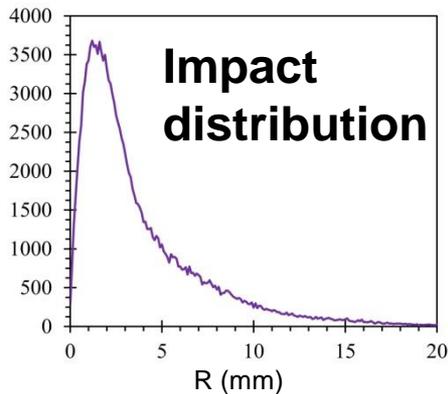
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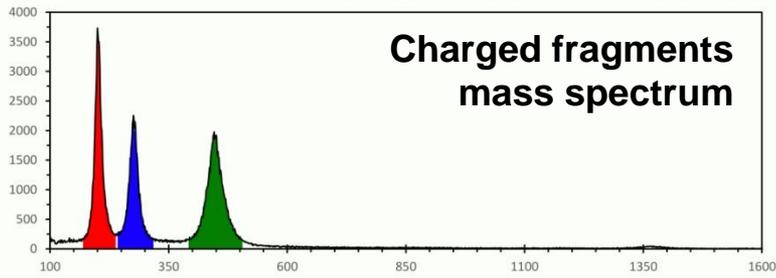
# From impact distribution to velocity distribution



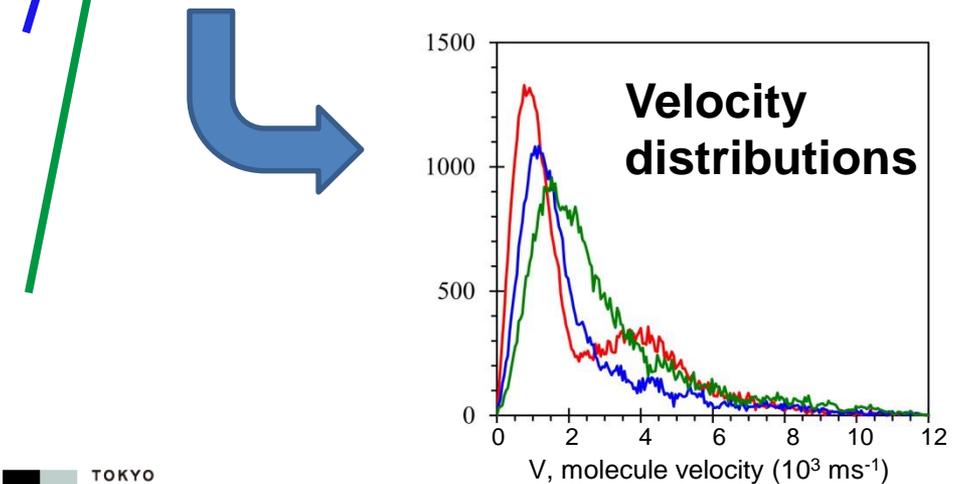
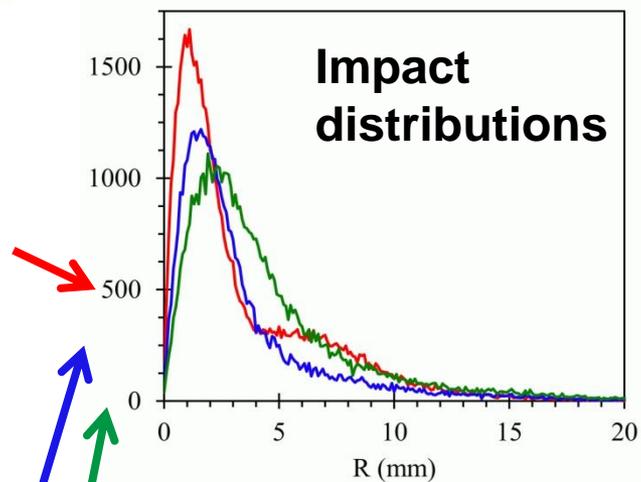
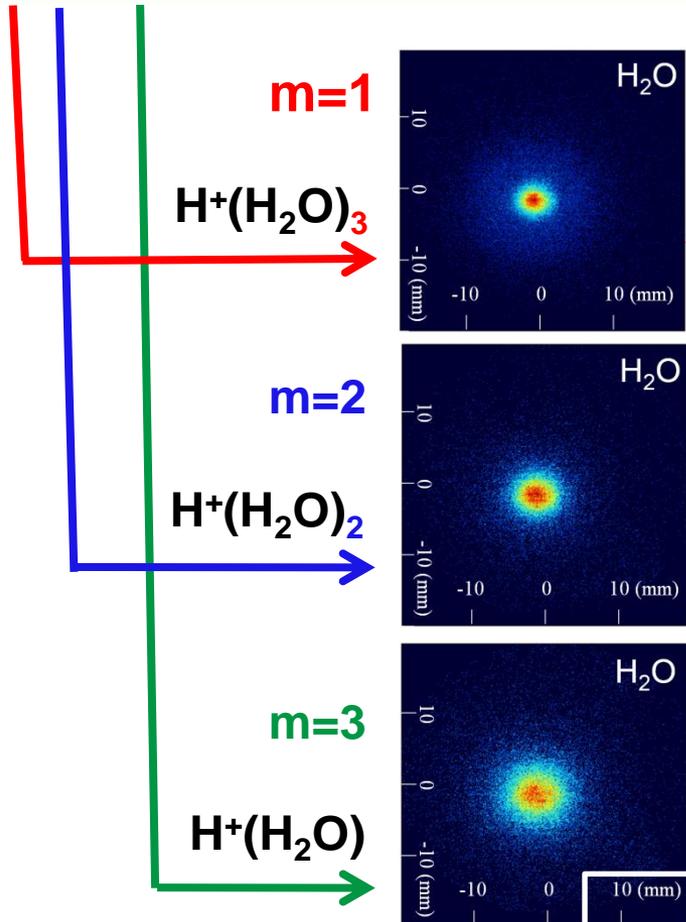
The evaporated molecule acquires an additional velocity randomly oriented in the center-of-mass reference frame of the parent droplet.



# Results on water nanodroplets

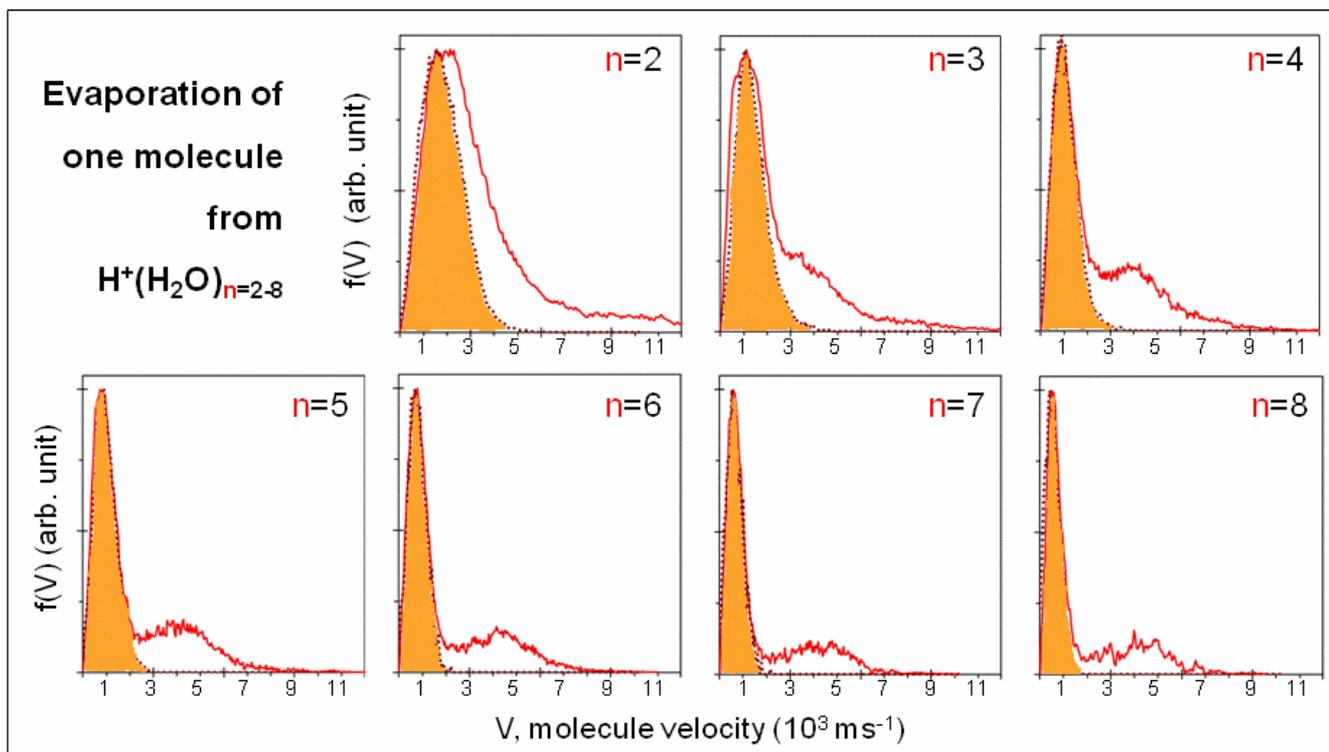


**Impact and velocity distributions of the evaporated molecules for a selected dissociation channel**

$$\text{H}^+(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4 \rightarrow \text{H}^+(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{4-m} + m\text{H}_2\text{O}$$


# Results on water nanodroplets

## Maxwell Boltzmann statistics



H. Abdoul-Carime et al. *Angew. Chem.* 2015 DOI: 10.1002/anie.201505890R1



## versus non-ergodic events

The velocity distributions allow probing energy redistribution before evaporation

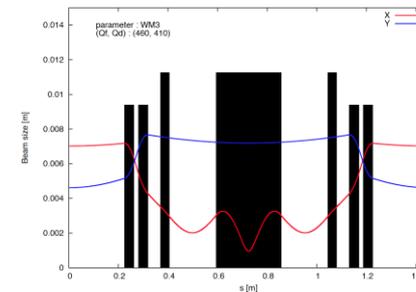
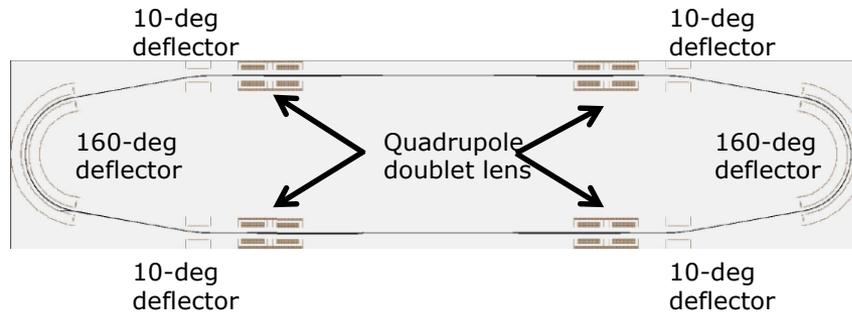
# Current status at IPNL

- Runs with **hydrated pyrimidine**  $\text{PyrH}^+(\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$  from  $n=0$  up to  $n=6$
- Measurements of the **velocity distributions of the neutral fragments** for all dissociation channels with the COINTOF-VMI technique

RICE@RIKEN

RIKEN Cryogenic Electrostatic ring

# Electrostatic Storage Ring



- Compact-size (low-cost)
- No hysteresis effects (easy tuning)
- No limitation in mass (suitable to study biomolecules)

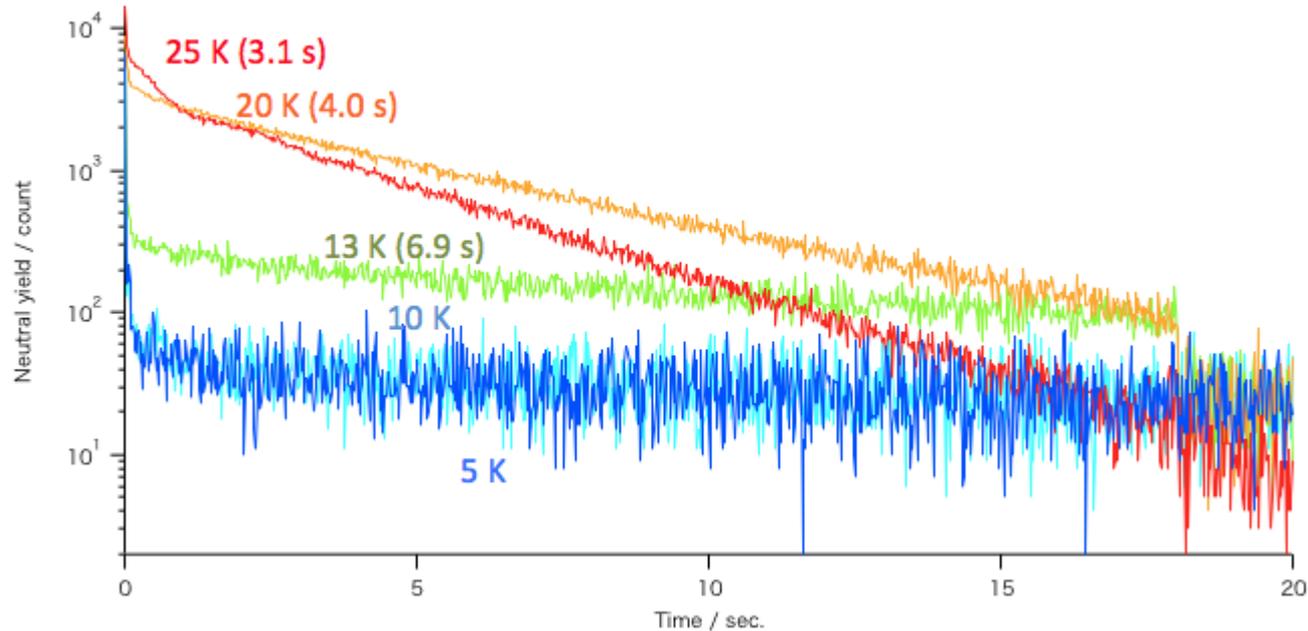
## Design parameters of the RICE.

stored ion energy 20 keV  
circumference 2965 mm  
environmental temperature  $\leq 5$  K  
background pressure  $\leq 10^{-13}$  Torr



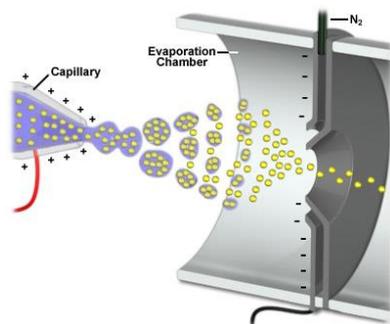
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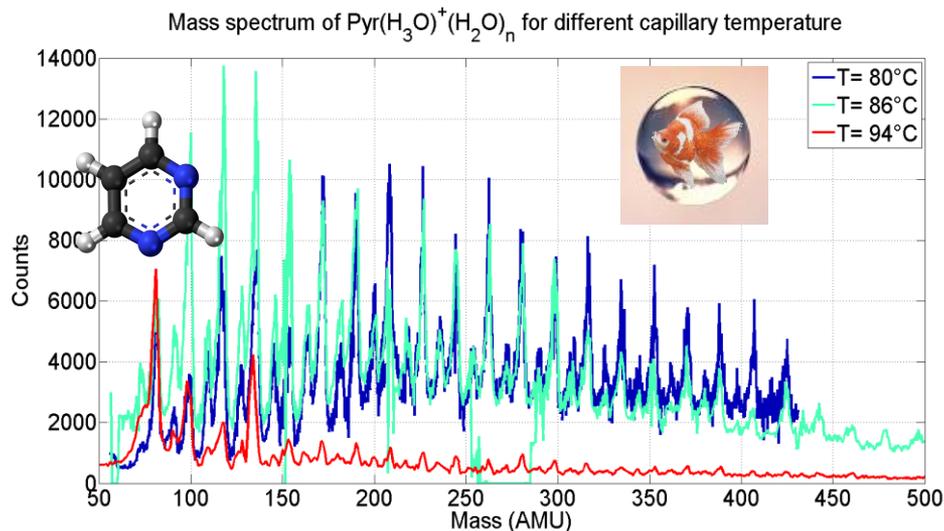


Temperature dependence of the storage lifetime of 10 keV Ne<sup>+</sup> beam

# ESI source



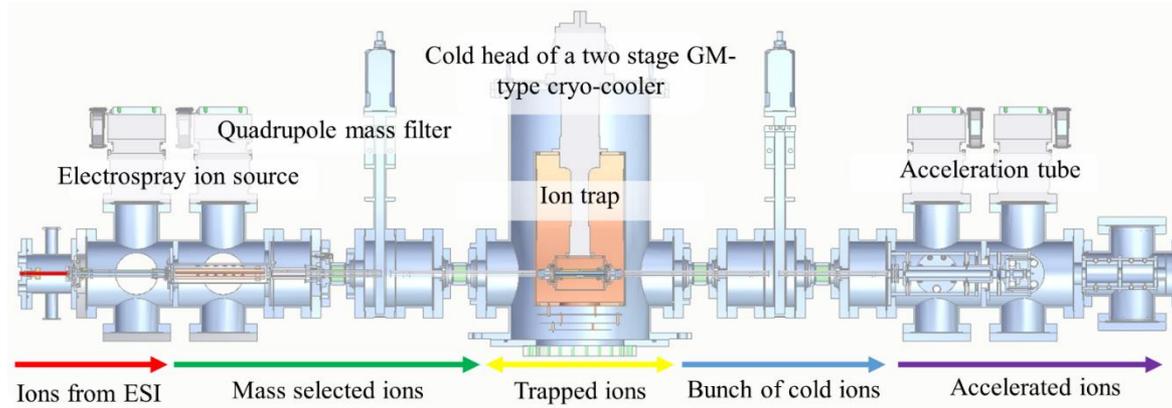
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Pyrimidine water clusters are successfully produced.

# The ion trap injection beam line

Goal: produce a bunch of cold molecular ion with high kinetic energy for injection to the ring or photo dissociation experiment.



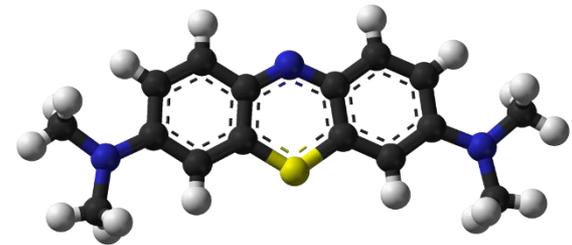
# Current status

The ion beam line is now under operation and preliminary experiment have been carried out.

Methylene blue was chosen as a molecule test:

- easy to produce
- high photon absorbance
- absorption spectrum already measured in solution

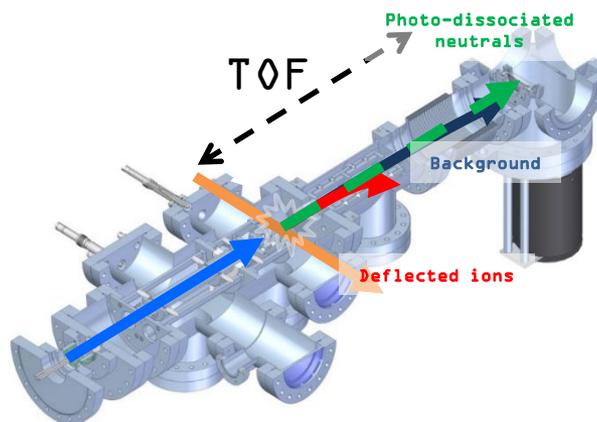
Production of a ion bunch of 10-20 keV in energy and a few 10  $\mu$ s in width.



# Photo dissociation experiment

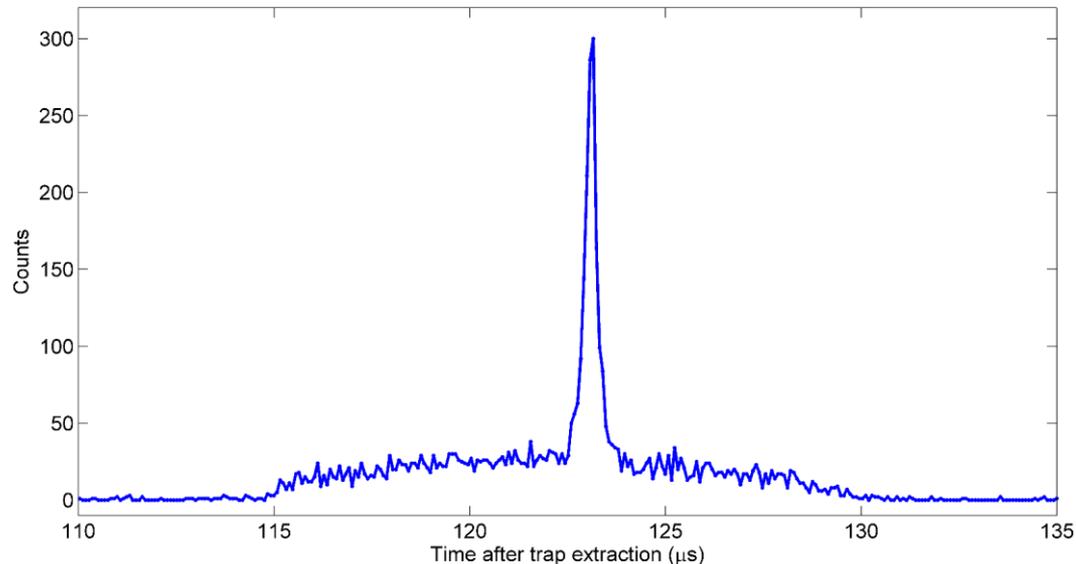
A tunable visible OPO laser beam (pulsation duration  $\sim 1\mu\text{s}$ ) crosses the extracted ion beam ( $\sim 15\mu\text{s}$ ).

The produced neutral fragments are detected by a Micro Channel Plate MCP detector after deflecting the ion components by an electric field.



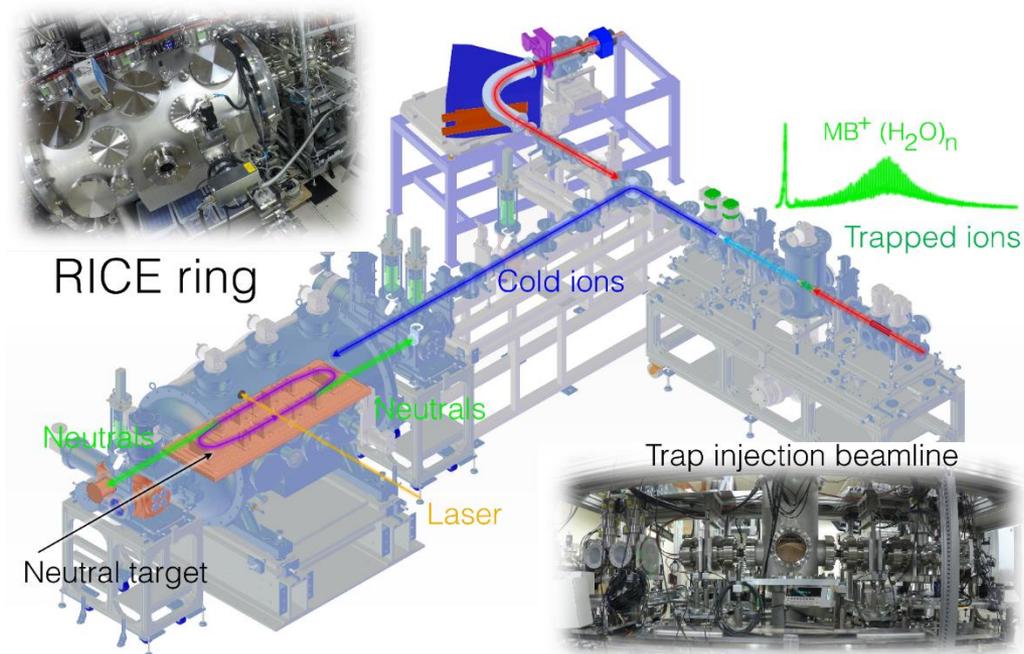
# Photo dissociation experiment

$\text{MBH}_3\text{O}^+(\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$  dissociation for 1000 bunches with a laser at 600nm, 11mJ



A sharp peak of less than  $1\mu\text{s}$  in width corresponding to the component made by the laser irradiation is clearly observed in addition to the bunch component of about  $15\mu\text{s}$  in width resulting from collision with residual gas.

# Next step: inject in the storage ring



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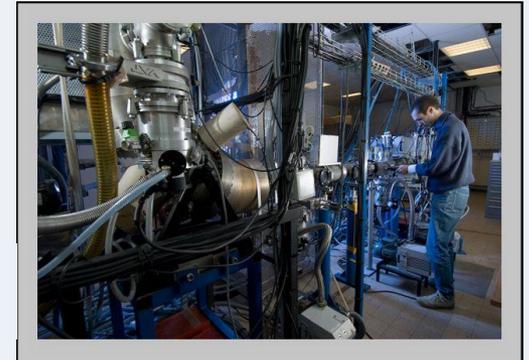
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