

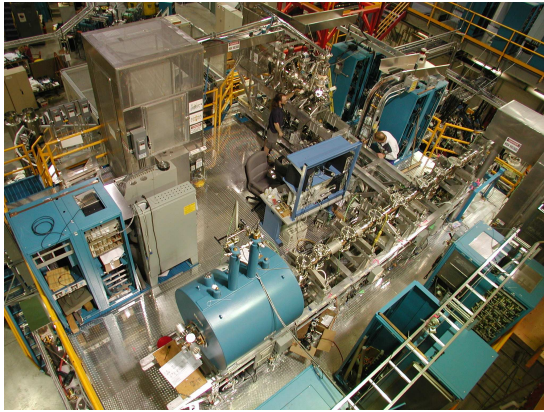
# Mass Measurement of Neutron Rich Isotopes at the TITAN Experiment

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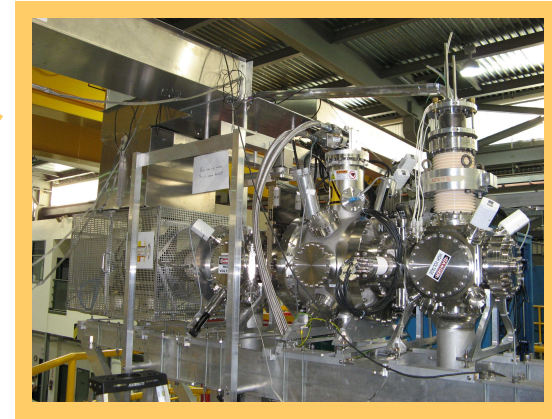
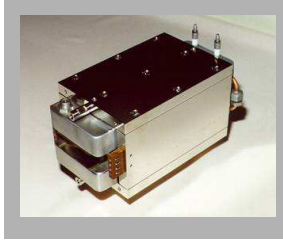
## Outline

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- Status of the TITAN experiment
- Conclusion/outlook

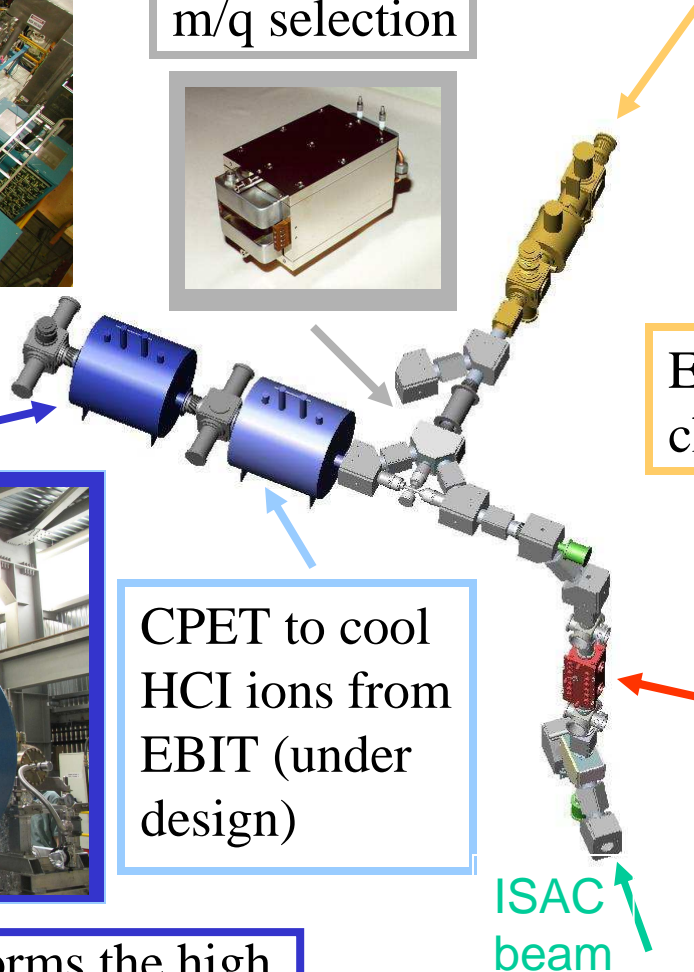
# TITAN: TRIUMF Ion Trap for Atomic and Nuclear science



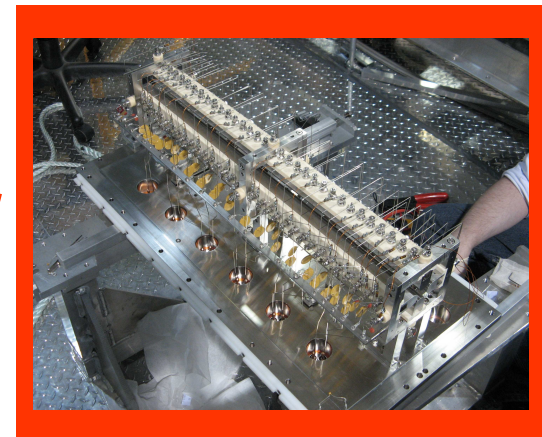
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Electron-Beam Ion Trap (EBIT)  
charge breeding of ion bunches



CPET to cool  
HCI ions from  
EBIT (under  
design)

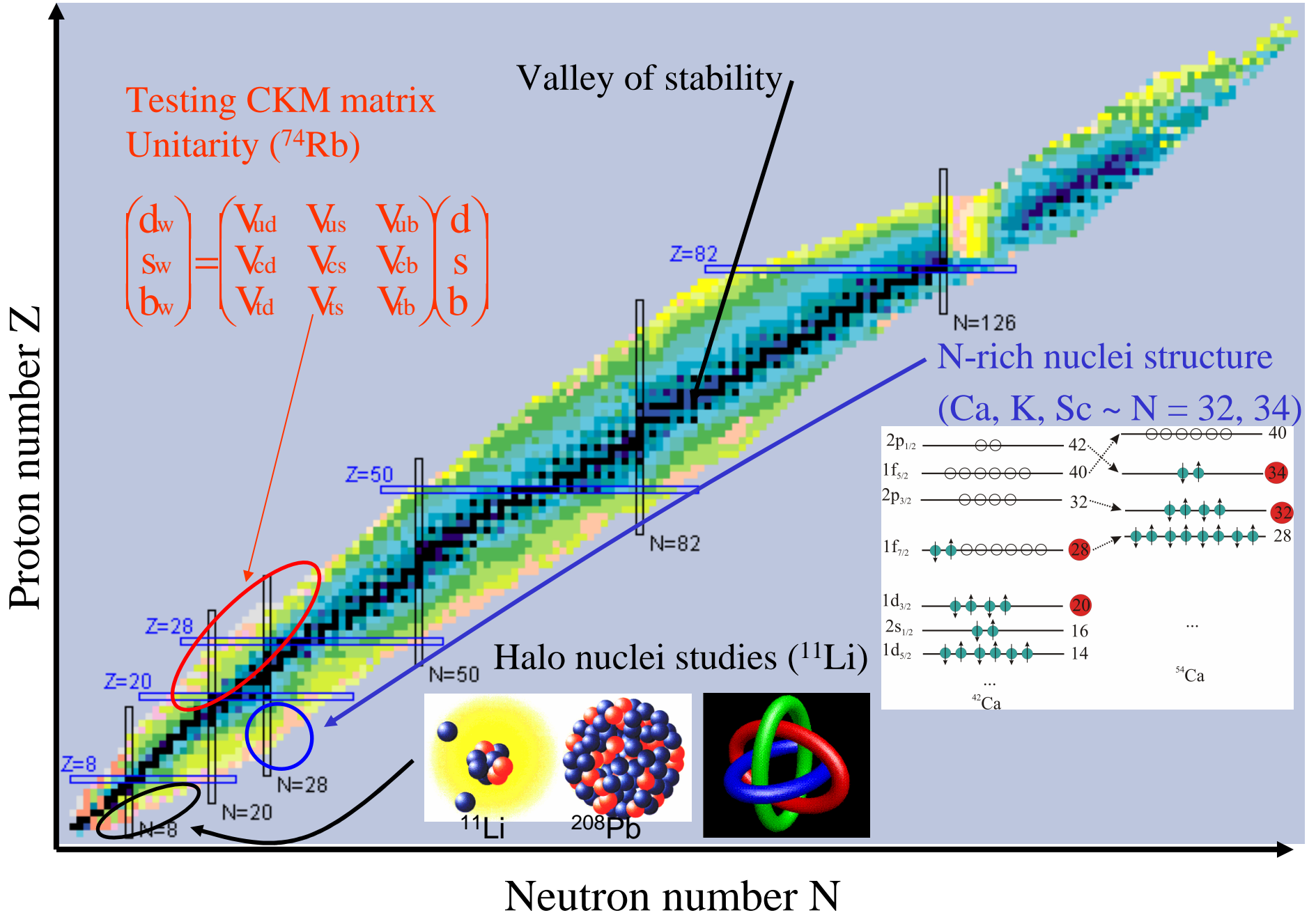


Radio-Frequency Quadrupole (RFQ)  
cools and bunch the ISAC beam

TITAN MPET performs the high  
precision mass measurement.

ISAC  
beam

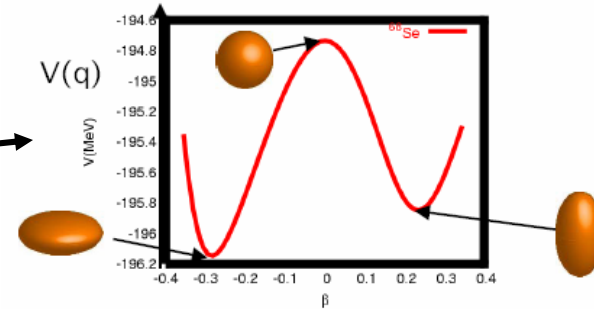
# Motivation for Mass Measurement



# Change of Neutron Rich Nuclear Structure

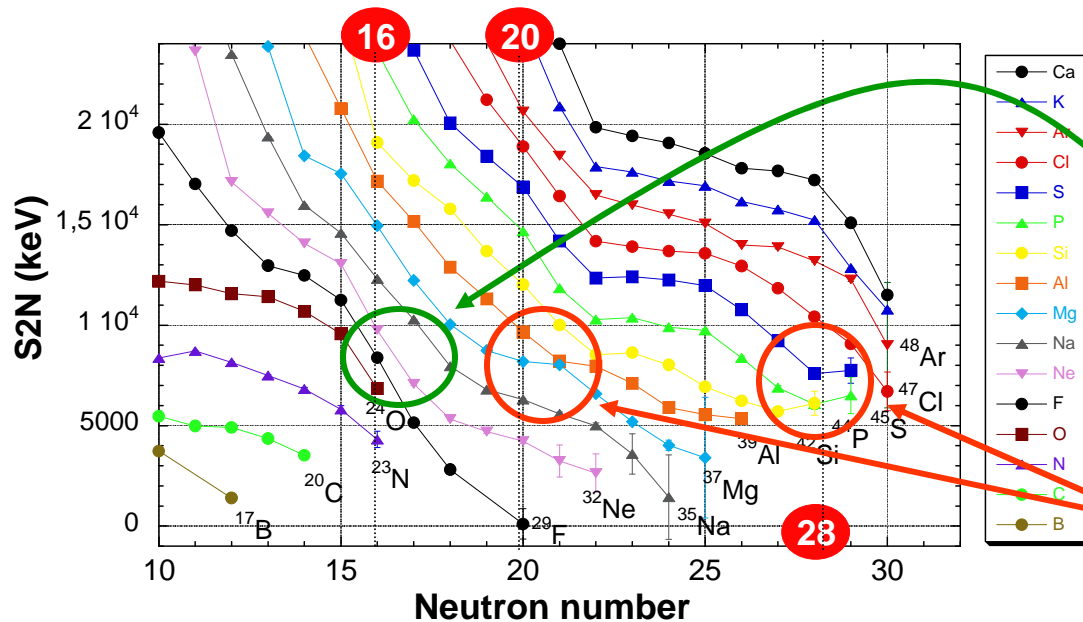
## Structure Changes:

- Deformation
- Shape coexistence
- Variation of spin-orbit strength



Structure change are seen through two-neutron separation energy:

$$S_{2n} = M(A-2, Z) - M(A, Z) + 2M_n \quad (\text{allows to avoid pairing effects})$$



Appearance of new magic number  $N = 16$ .

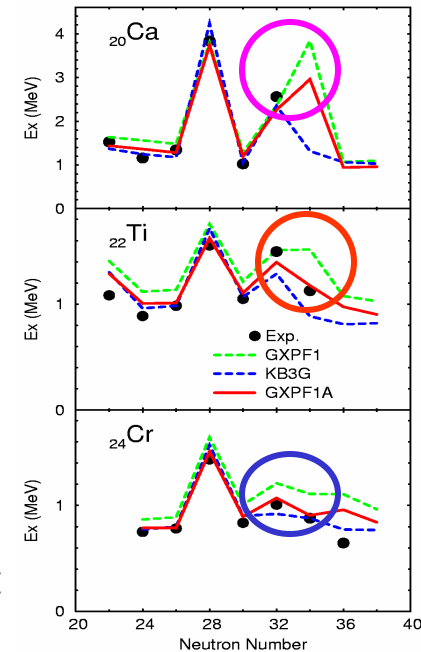
Disappearance of magic number  $N = 20$  &  $28$ .



# Mass Measurement around N = 32 and N = 34

## Motivations:

- ➡ A model predicts a new magic number at N = 34 for Ca. Honma et al., Phys. Rev. C 65, 1301R (2002)
- ➡ Experimental evidence of sub-shell at N = 32 in:
  - Ti through measurement of the 2+ excited state energy. B. Fornal et al., Phys. Rev. C, 70, 064304 (2004)
  - Cr through Penning trap mass measurement. C. Guénaut et al., J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys., 31, S1765 (2005)



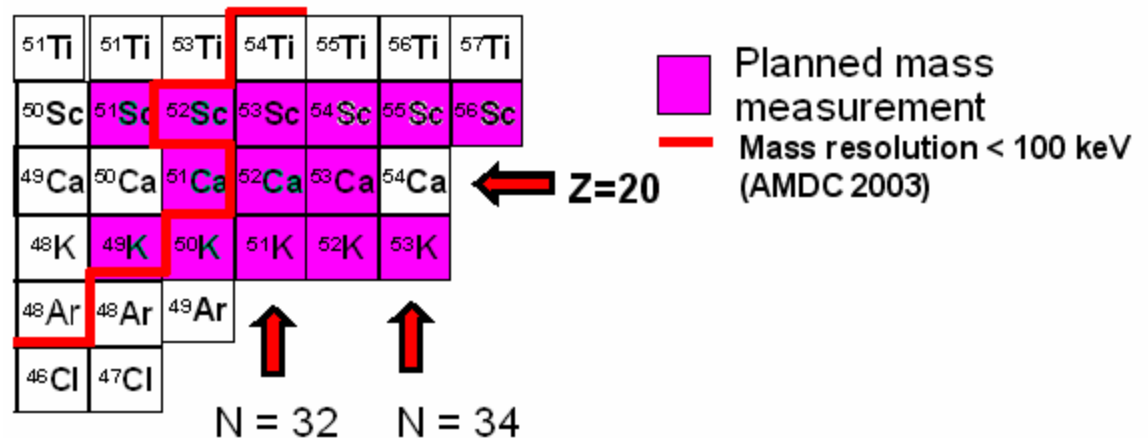
Needs verification through mass measurement considering:

- Sufficient precision:  $\delta m/m \sim 10^{-6}$
- Short measurement time ( $T_{1/2} = 90$  ms for  $^{53}\text{Ca}$ )

TITAN Penning trap allows  $\delta m/m < 10^{-8}$  for  $T_{1/2} = 50$  ms.

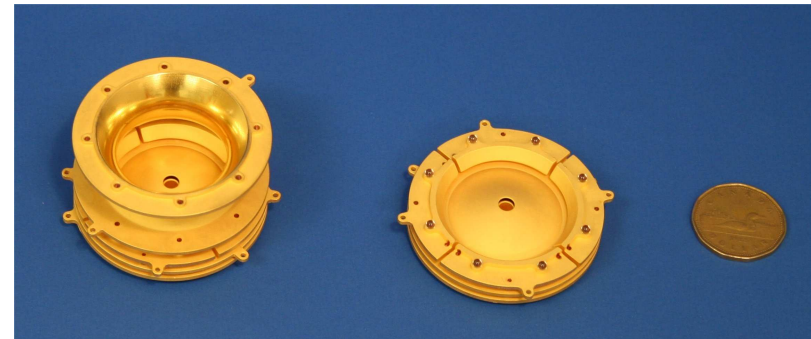
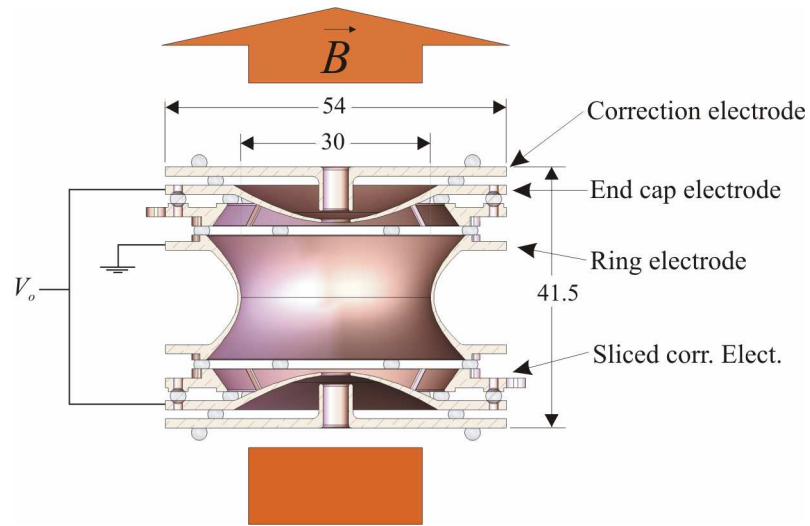
- Yield of at least 100 ions/s

➡ Can be delivered by the Isotope Separator and Accelerator (ISAC) facility.

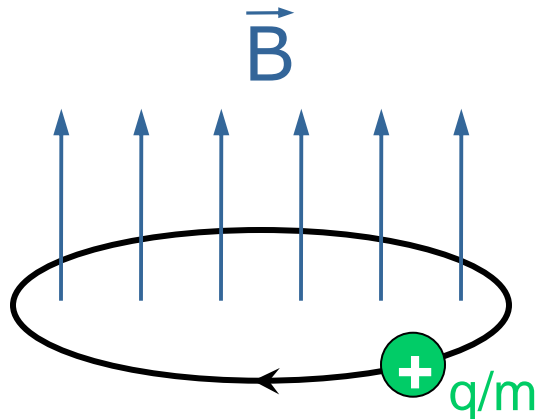


# TITAN's Mass Measurement Penning Trap

## Penning trap structure



## Mass determination



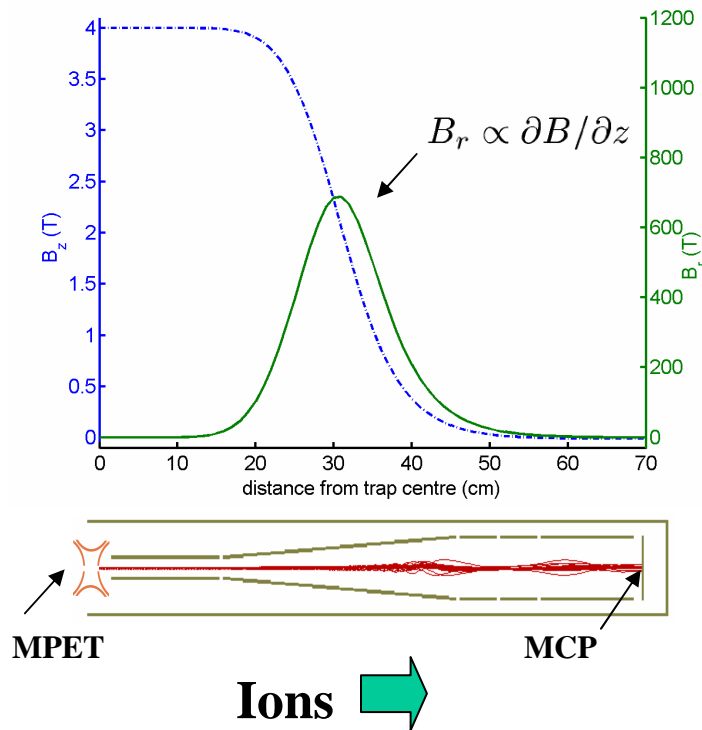
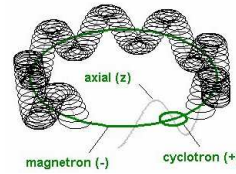
Cyclotron frequency: 
$$\nu_c = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{q}{m} \cdot B$$

Resolution: 
$$\frac{m}{\delta m} \approx \frac{T_{rf} q B \sqrt{N}}{m}$$

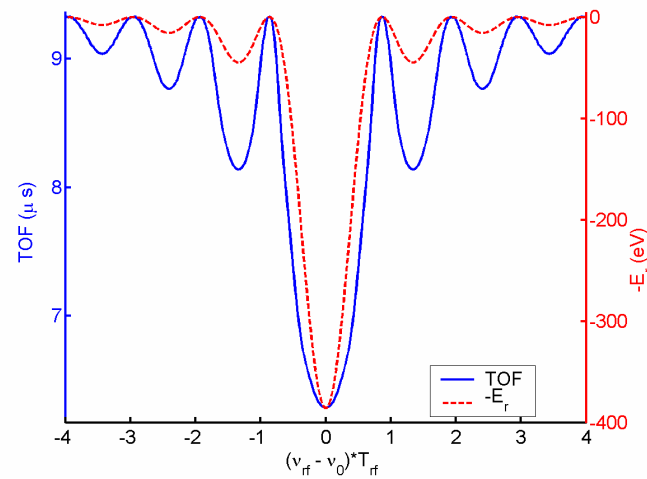
# Time-Of-Flight (TOF) technique

In the process the ions are:

- submitted to an rf-excitation  $\omega_{rf}$  of duration  $T_{rf}$ , then released
- accelerated by the magnetic field gradient:  $\vec{F} = - \frac{E_r(\omega_{rf})}{B} \frac{\partial B(z)}{\partial z} \hat{z}$
- detect by an MCP where TOF is recorded



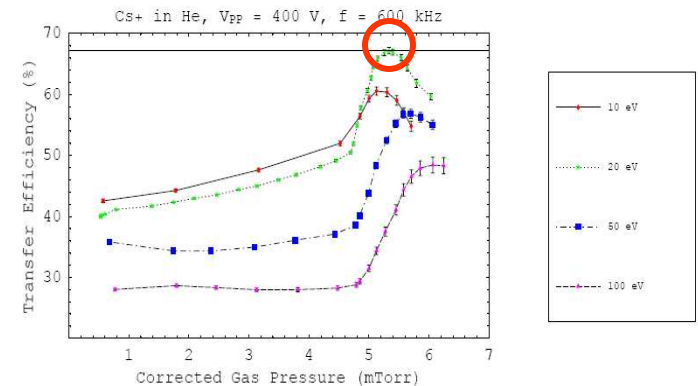
Large  $E_r =$  shorter TOF



The mass is found by a scan of  $\omega_{rf}$  around the resonance:  $\omega_{rf} = \omega_c = \frac{qB}{m}$

# Status of the TITAN experiment

- RFQ has been tested with stable Li, Xe and Cs beams.
- 69% transfer efficiency was obtained.
- rms emittance < 4 mm mrad at 4 keV.
- The EBIT has been fully commissioned in the ISAC experimental hall. *For more details about the EBIT see C. Champagne poster.*



- Penning trap and its optics are installed and aligned, ready for commissioning.



## Planned mass measurements:

1. Halo nuclei study →  $^{11}\text{Li}$ , August 2007
2. CKM unitarity test →  $^{74}\text{Rb}$ , Winter 2007
3. Nuclear structure →  $\text{Ca}$ ,  $\text{K}$ ,  $\text{Sc}$  ~  $N = 32$ , Spring 2008

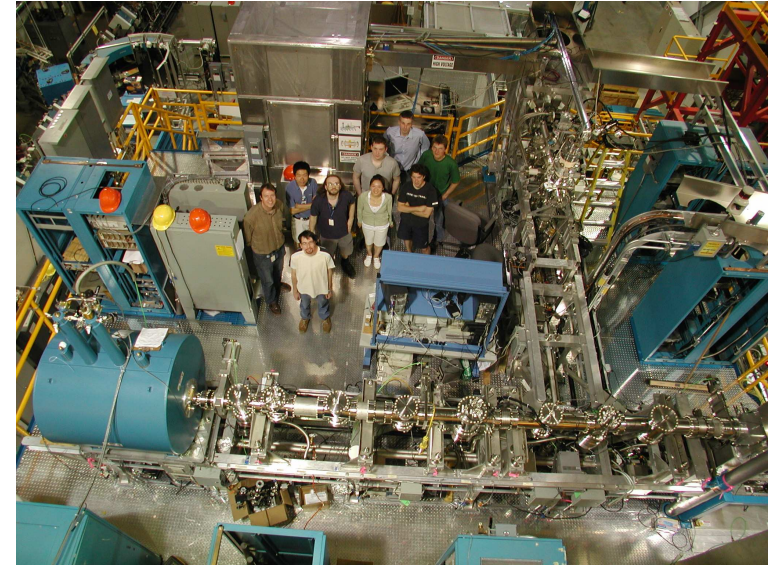


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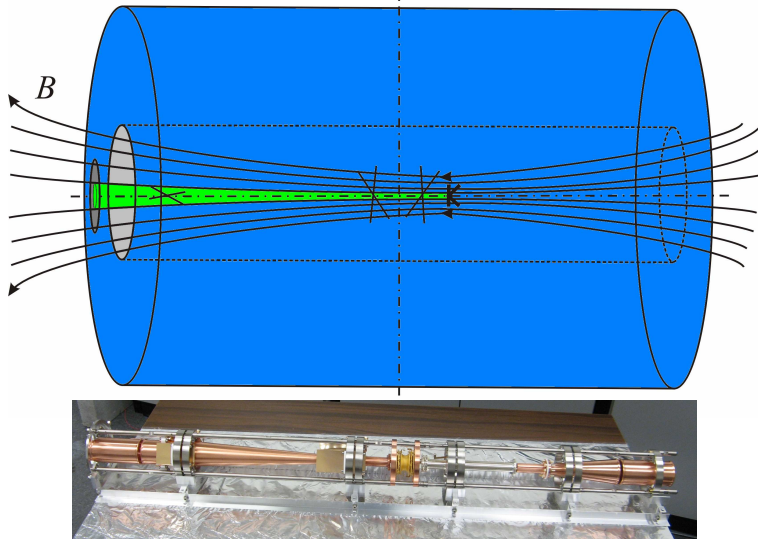
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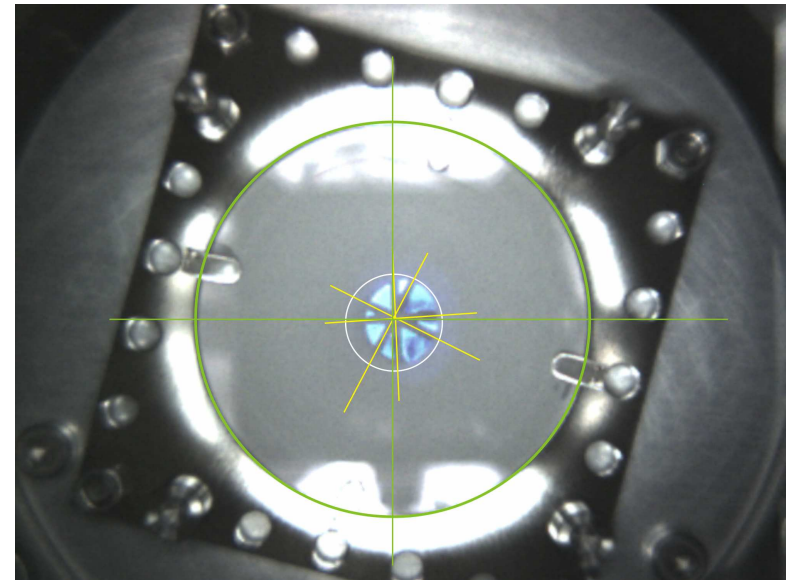
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# Alignment of the vacuum chamber



In the strong field region:

- 1 mm wide electron beam
- Two 0.1 mm thick “crossed-hair” mask
- e-gun and masks attached on electrode structure



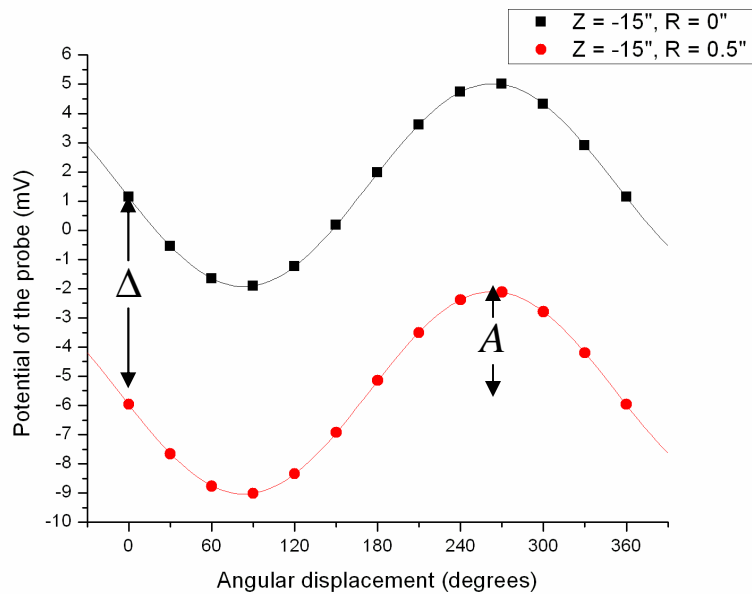
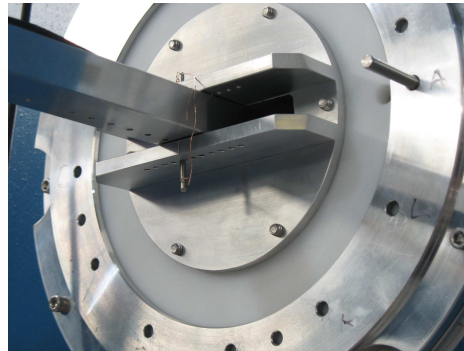
At the phosphor screen:

- 1 cm wide electron beam
- Crosses appear 1 mm thick
- Magnification: 10 fold

	Accuracy needed	Alignment accur.
Radial position of the chamber with the field.	$\pm 0.1$ mm	$\pm 0.03$ mm
Angular position of the chamber with the field.	$\pm 1$ mrad	$\pm 0.2$ mrad

# Determination of the magnetic field centerline

Determined by turning a radial Hall probe at different radial position  $R$  from the bore centre.



The displacement  $D$  is given by:  $D \cong A \cdot R / \Delta$

	Hall probe (inches)	e-gun (inches)
Vertical shift (down)	0.245(5)	0.242(3)
Horizontal shift (east)	0.025(5)	0.030(3)

The centreline is offset by  $\sim 1/4''$ .  
Compensated by offsetting the beam line.