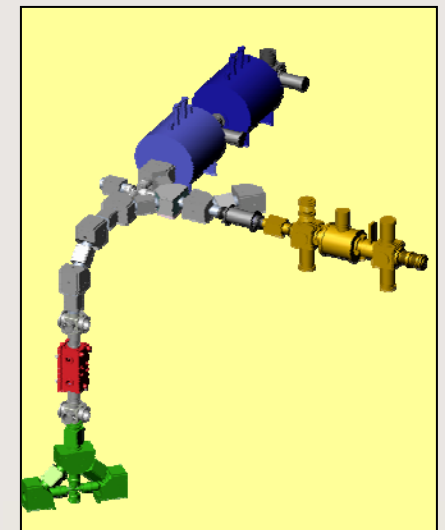


# Understanding the Universe: One rare isotope at a time!

(Ion Trap Experiments with TITAN)

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November 11 2011





## BC Vancouver

Ranked as one of the most liveable cities

Host of the 2010 Winter Olympic games

Home of TRIUMF, Canada's national laboratory for particle and nuclear physics with the world's largest cyclotron.





# Rare isotopes and the Universe:

World-wide quest in nuclear physics help answer these questions

1. **What binds protons and neutrons into stable nuclei and rare isotopes and where are the limits of existence?** Fundamental understanding of the strong force and leading to extreme nuclei, as close to neutron stars as we get!
2. **When and how did the elements from iron to uranium originate?** Can we explain observed element abundances in the Universe and reaction processes?
3. **What is the origin of simple patterns in complex nuclei?** Where does symmetry affect nuclei, and can we use it to understand symmetry concepts that shape the Universe?
4. **What causes stars to explode?** The life and death of stars, & nuclear reaction fuel stars, and emitted particles and light help us understand better how the Universe functions.

Help answer these questions by studying:

- NUCLEAR STRUCTURE
  - NUCLEAR ASTROPHYSICS
  - FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICS & SM TESTS
- with rare isotope beams

We need many different devices and approaches to help solve these complex questions

Common quest of the world-wide community

These or similar questions stated in Long Range Plans of (for ex) NuPECC, NSERC, NSAC

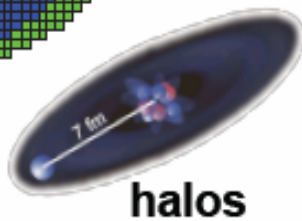
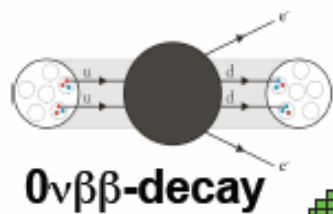
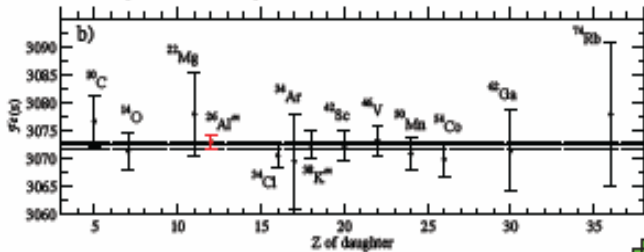


# Some answers: Mass measurements key to many open questions in NP

weak interaction

$\delta m/m \approx 10^{-8/9}$

CVC, CKM, Scaler currents

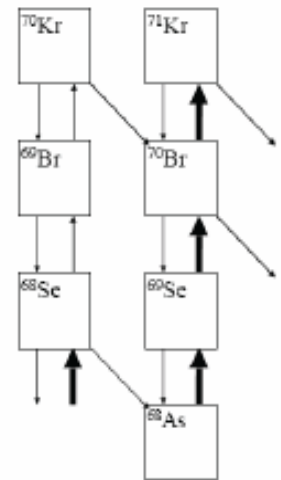


- $< 10^{-8}$
- $< 10^{-7}$
- $> 10^{-7}$
- prediction

data from Ame2011-preview (G. Audi and W. Meng)

Nuclear Astrophysics

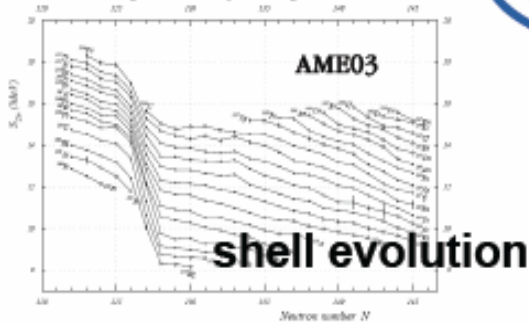
$\delta m/m \approx 10^{-7}$



nucleo-synthesis paths and waiting points

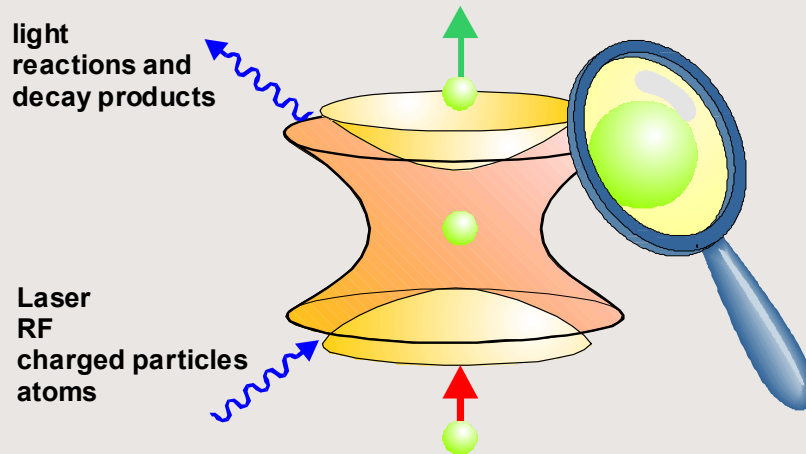
Nuclear Structure

$\delta m/m \approx 10^{-6/7}$





the 'perfect' tool to get answers : controlled storage leads to precision



W. Heisenberg

**Long-time storage in well-defined fields**  $\Rightarrow$   
 precision measurements of masses and moments  
 decay studies, correlations

**Confinement and interaction with gas or other  
 charged particles (electrons), laser light, ...**  $\Rightarrow$   
 ion manipulation

**STORAGE**



**PRECISION**

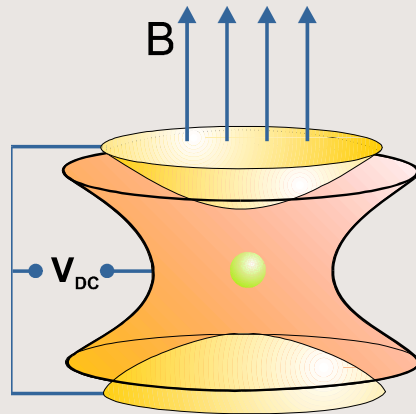
$$\Delta t \cdot \Delta E > h / 2\pi$$

# ION TRAPS

(there are some other types, too)

**Penning trap:**

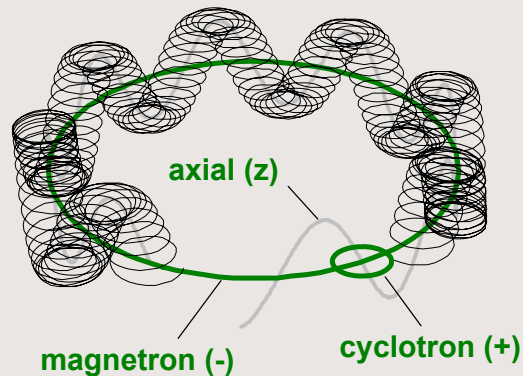
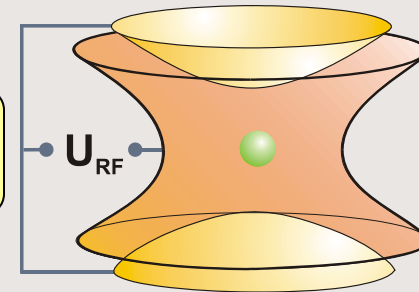
**Static electric quadrupole + magnetic field**



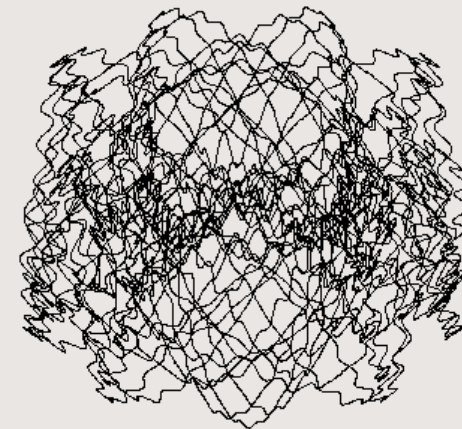
**3D confinement**

**Paul trap:**

**Oscillating electric quadrupole field**



3 harmonic oscillations



micromotion + macromotion

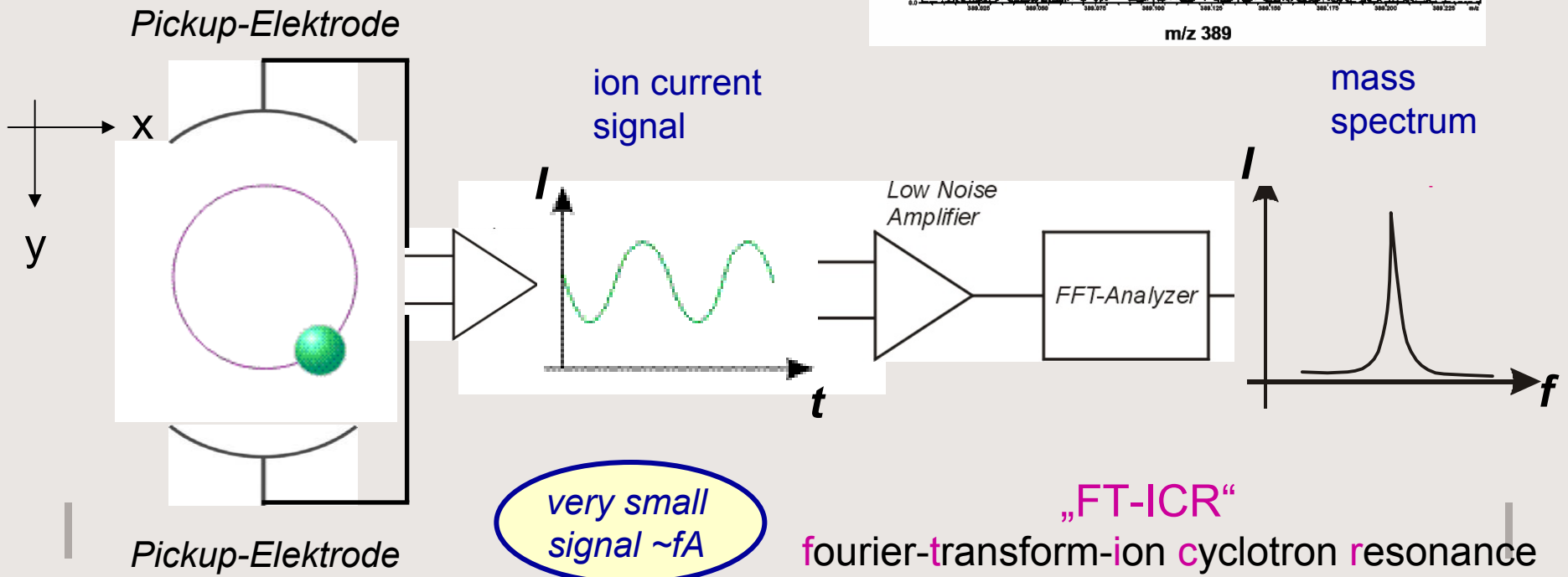
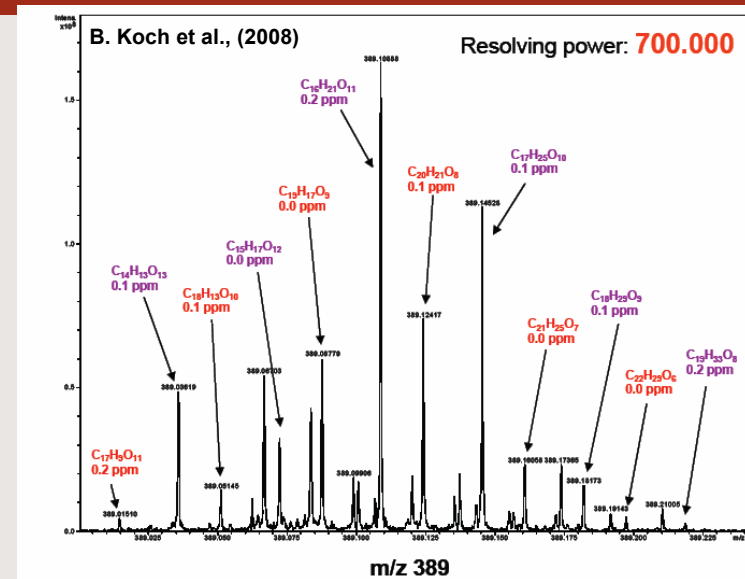
**Suited for precision experiments.**

**Suited for manipulation techniques.**



- Organic, analytical chemistry
  - Identification of bio markers, etc.
  - Reactions paths

Method: non-destructive FTICR



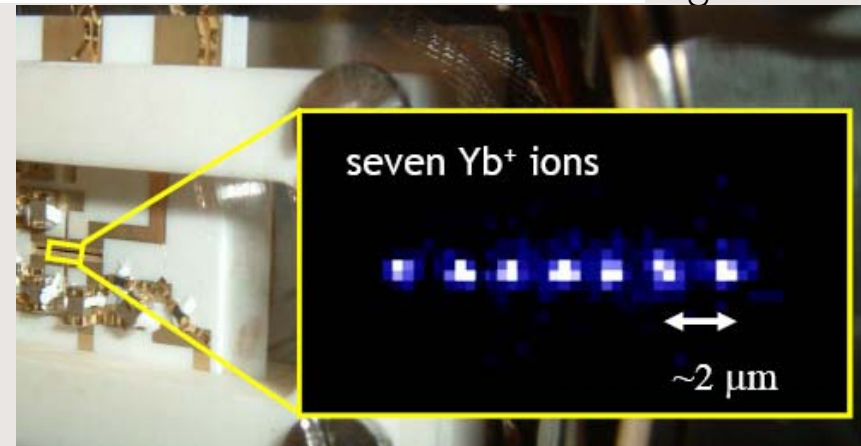
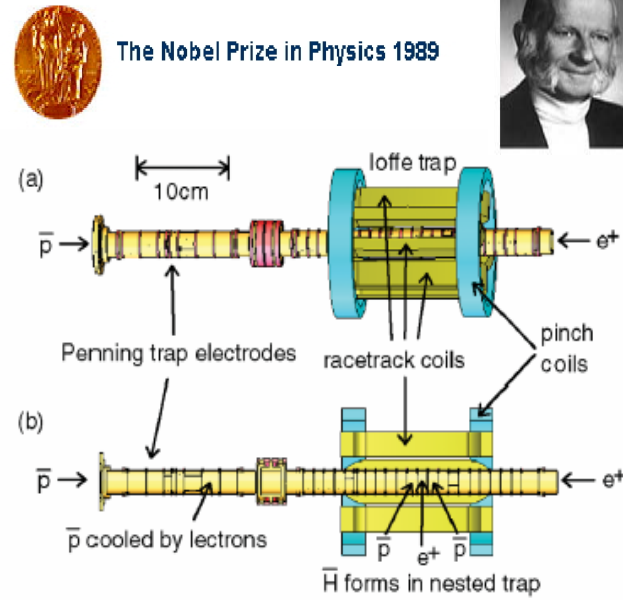
# Ion Trap Applications

- **Physics**

- Storage for precision QED tests (Dehmelt et al.)
- For anti-matter (and CPT symmetry tests, ALPHA, A-TRAP)
- Miniature ion traps for studies towards quantum computing
- **We learned from the chemists and the atomic physics community:**
- **We use them in experiments for:**

**Masses**

**Preparation**



C. Monroe U Maryland 2008

H. Dehmelt/Seattle

G. Gabrielse et al., PRL 100, 113001 (2008)

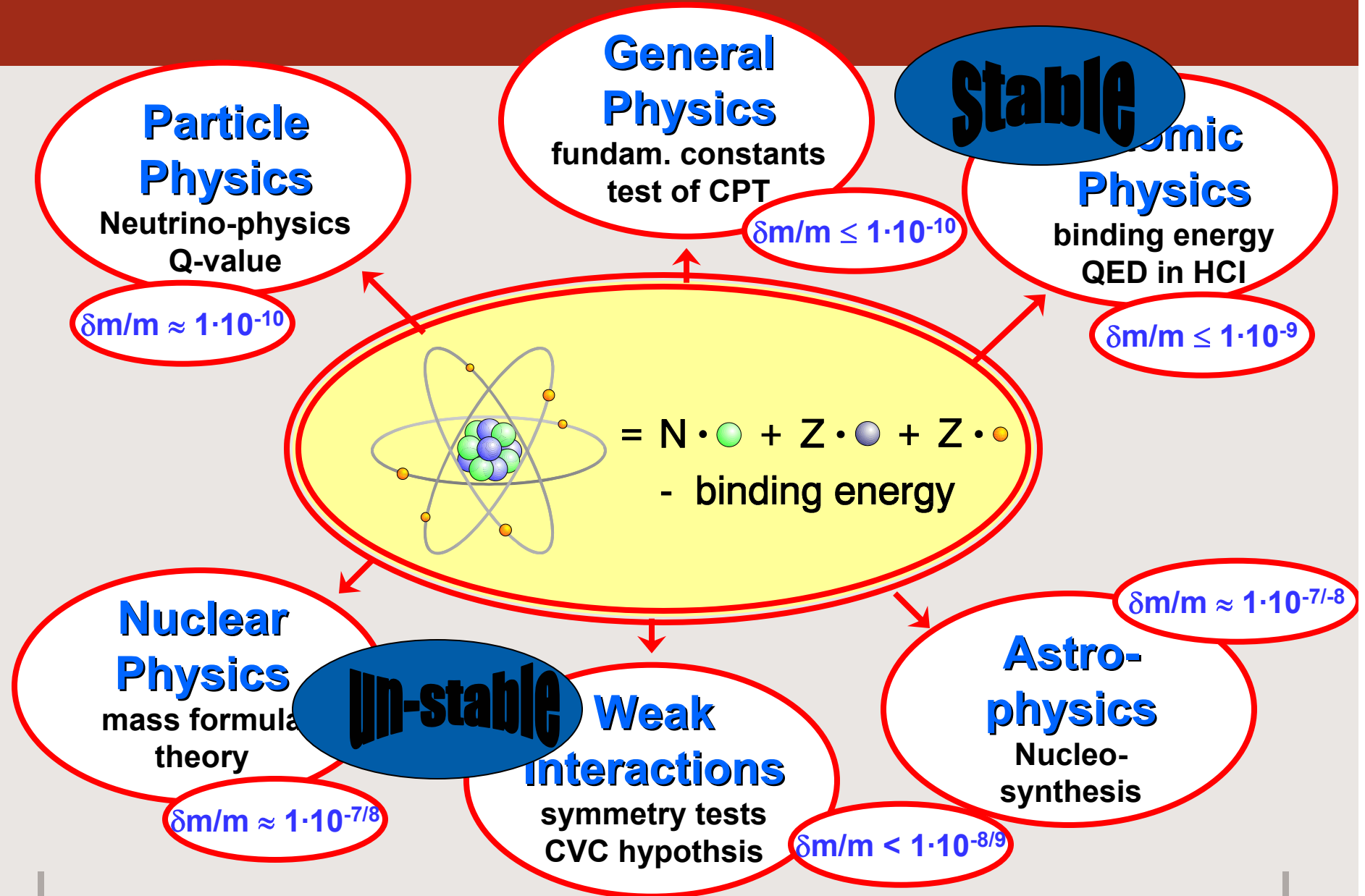


The Nobel Prize in Physics 1989



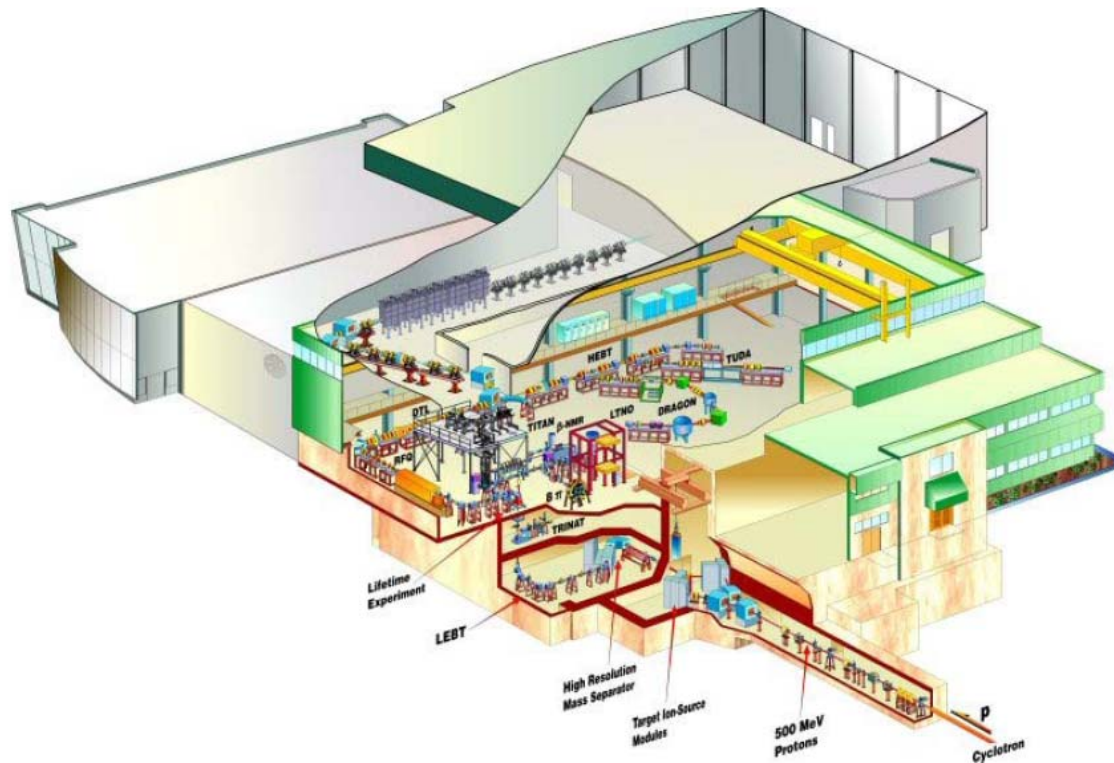


# Atomic Mass Measurements



# Where the rare (unstable) species come from: ISAC (Isotope Separator and ACcelerator)

**ISAC: 2<sup>nd</sup> generation facility  
highest power on target for  
on-line facilities up to  
100 $\mu$ A@500MeV DC proton**



world class facility with ~ 350 users from:

**Canada:** UBC, SFU, UVic, UA, UM, McGill, Toronto, UdeM, Queen's, McMaster, Guelph, St Mary's, Laval

**US:** Yale, Rochester, LBNL, LLNL, ANL, Georgia Tech, Seattle, Texas A&M, MSU,...

**Europe:** KVI, York, Surrey, Liverpool, Edinburgh, Leuven, Ganil, Orsay, Munich, MPI-K Heidelberg, GSI Darmstadt, U Giessen, U Muenster, Sevilla, Huelva,...

**Asia:** Osaka, Tokyo, Beijing

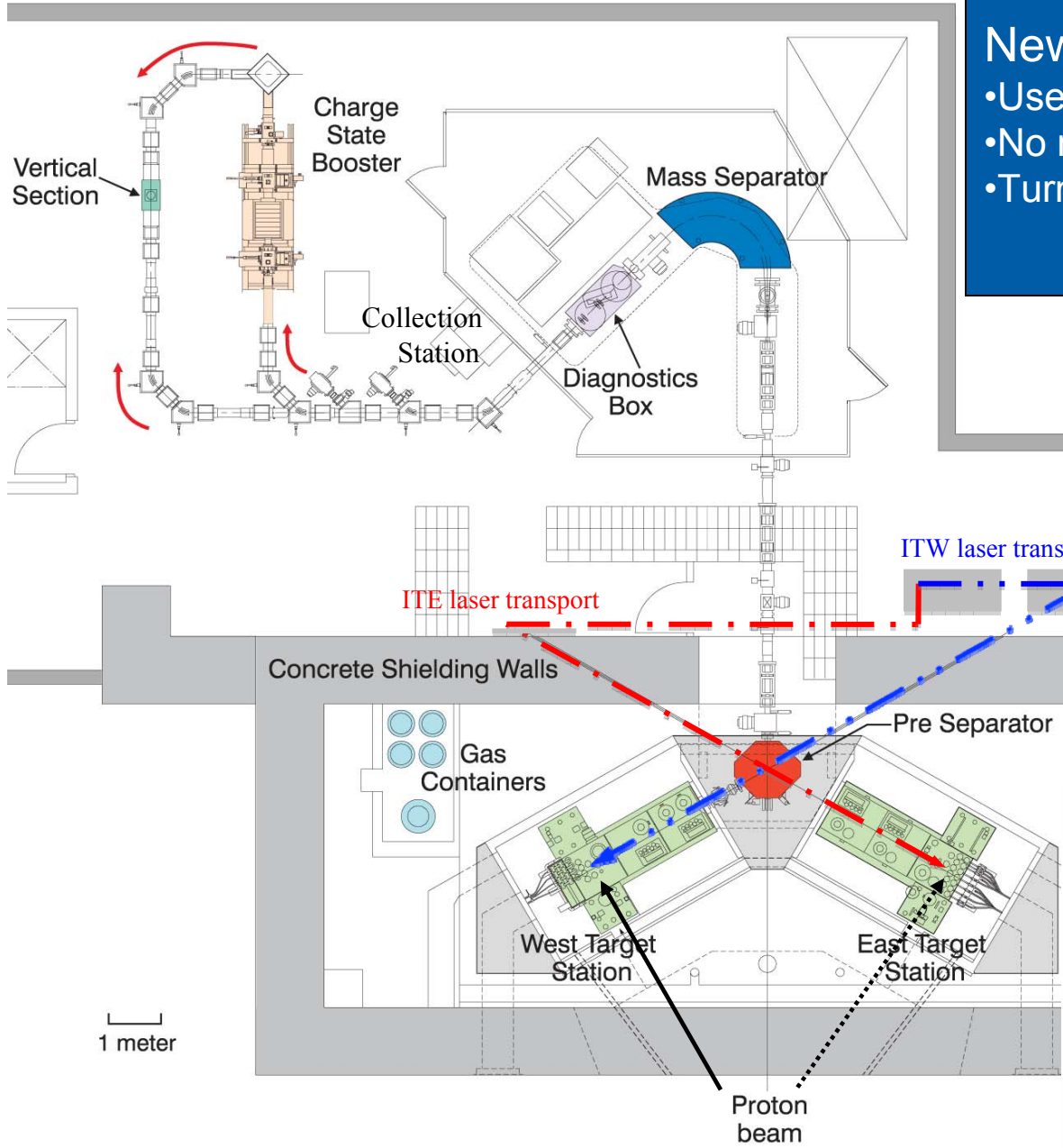
**ISOL facility with unique experimental conditions:  
beam quality & intensity & long-term stability**

**AND**

**large collection of modern, highly specialized  
first ranked experimental facilities**

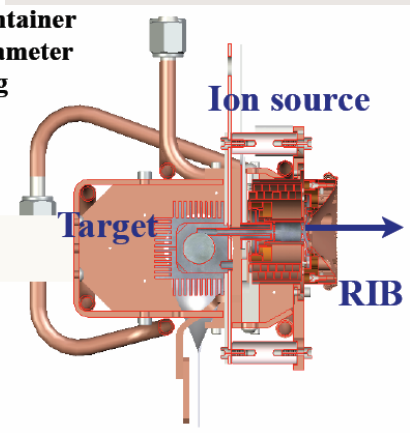
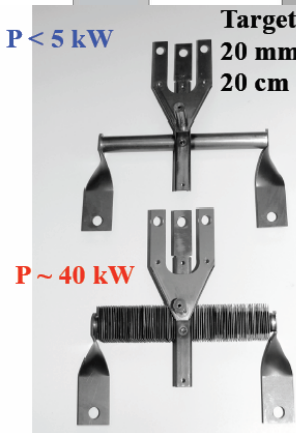
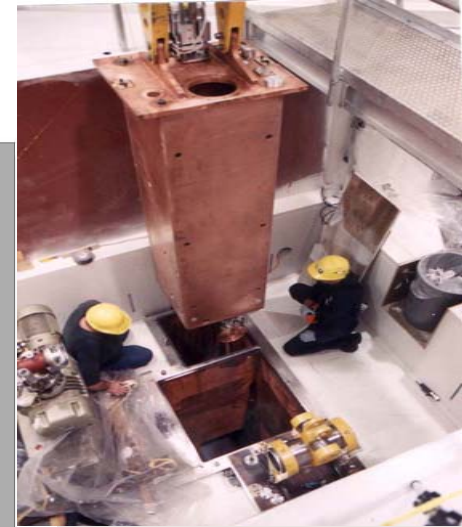
**Expanding range of isotopes (targets/ ion sources)**





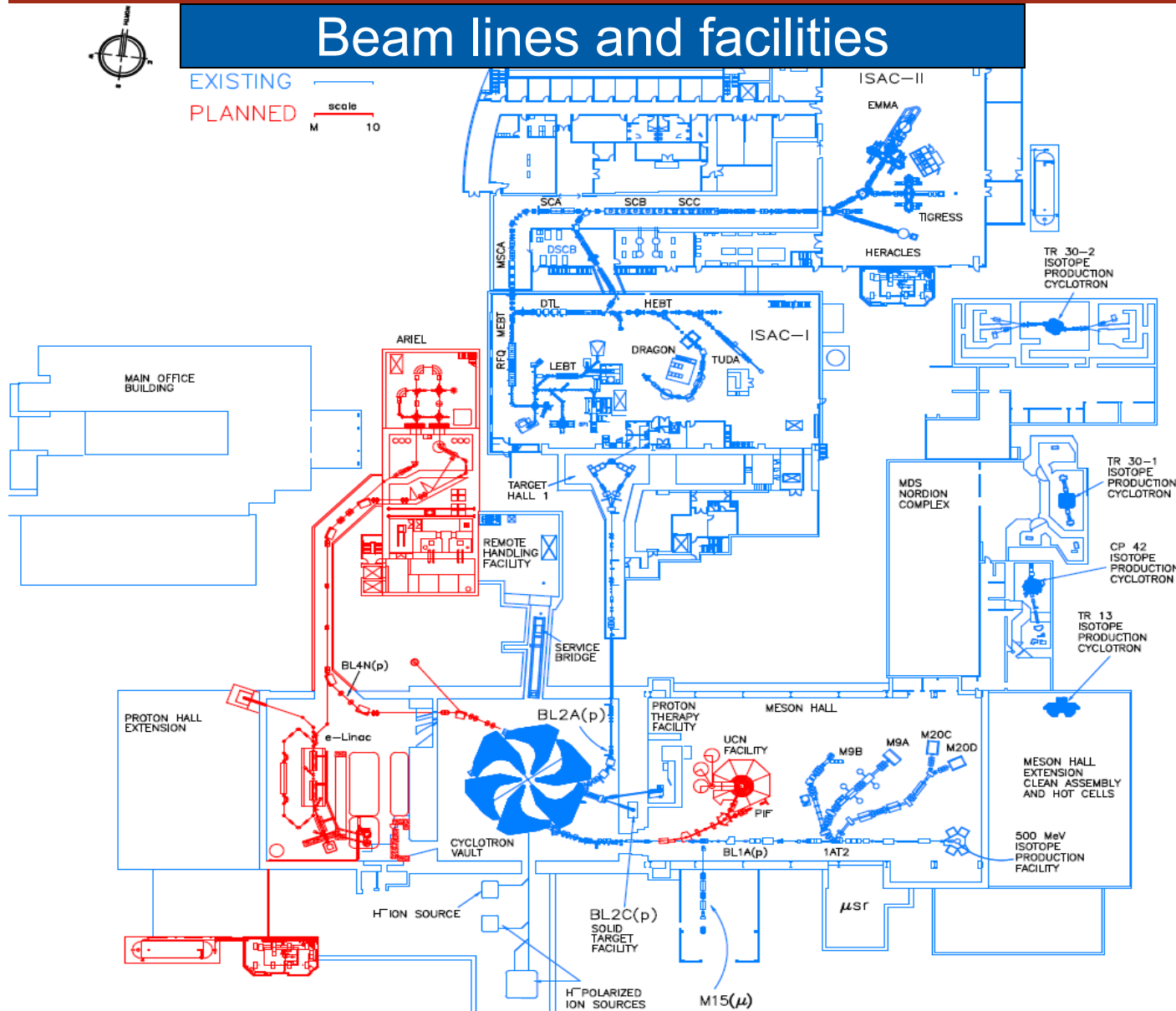
New system under construction:

- Use quick release
- No manual operation required
- Turn-around time from 3 weeks → 4 days
- More targets, more developments



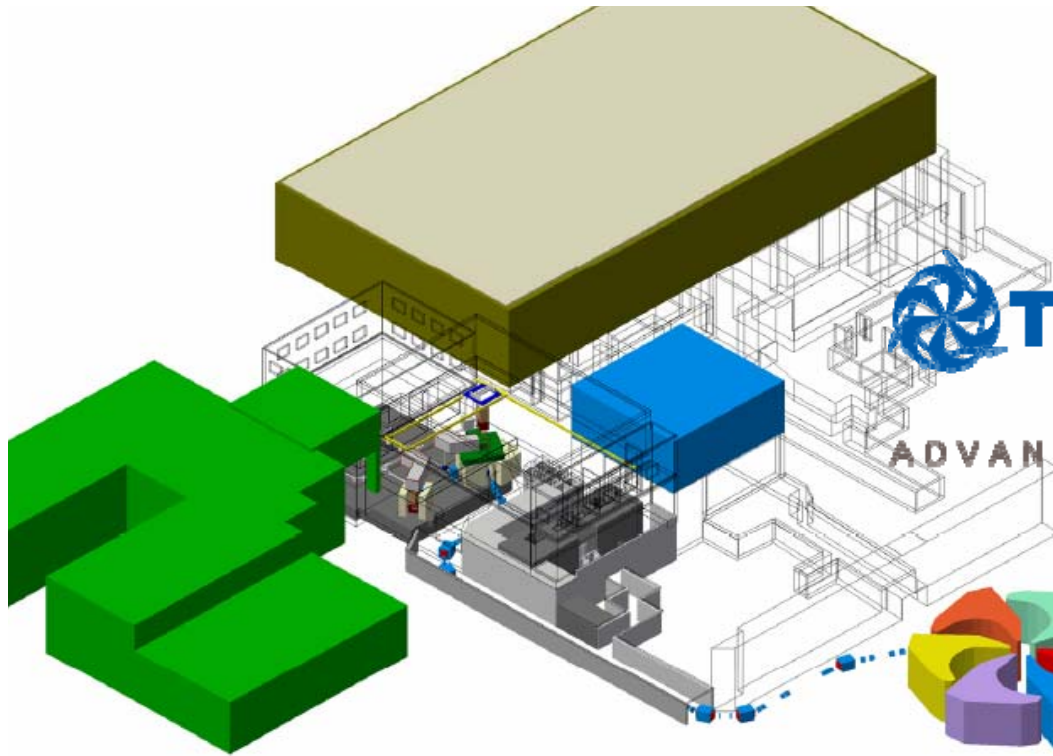
# ISOL production @ TRIUMF & in the future (and UCN)

## Beam lines and facilities



- BL4N is planned to deliver 500-MeV protons to new actinide target station for beam production
- Provide independent production via photo-fission for ‘new isotopes’ and for ~12 months running (during cyclotron shut-down)
- Develop new front end to permit **three simultaneous RIB beams (two accelerated)**

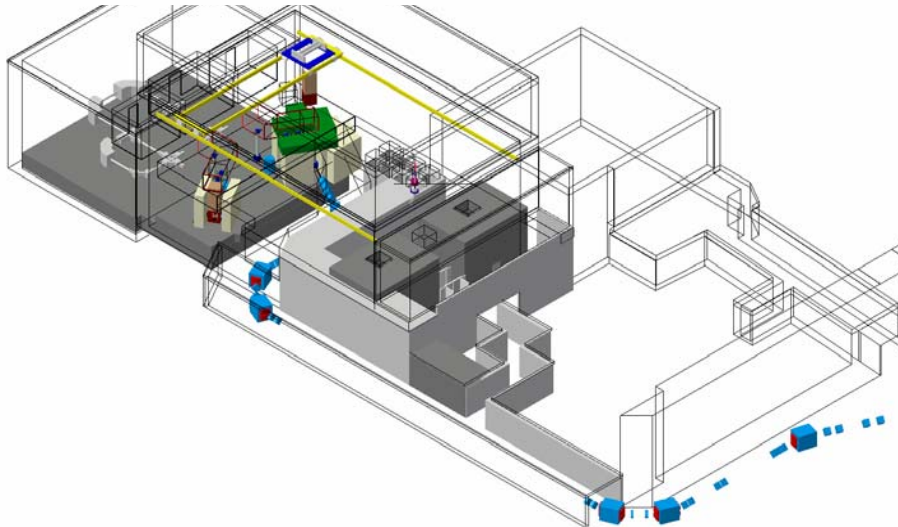




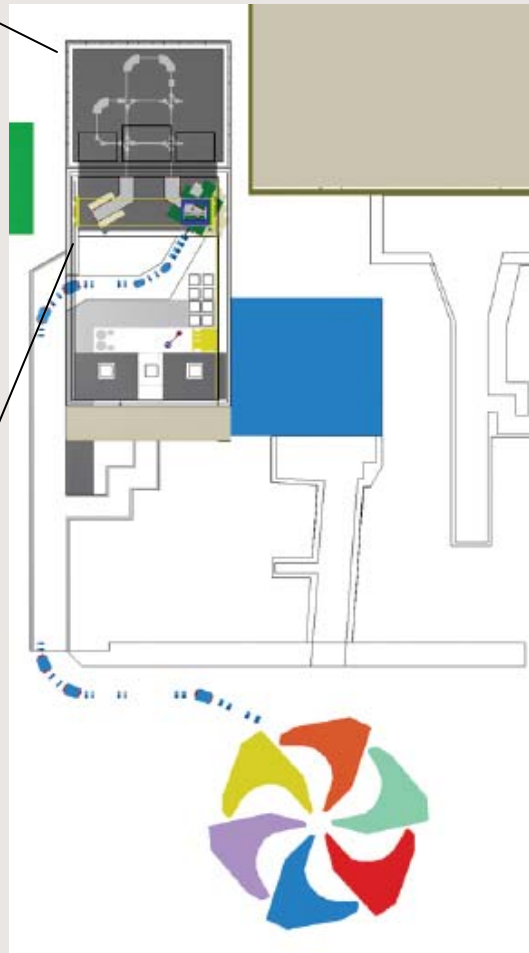
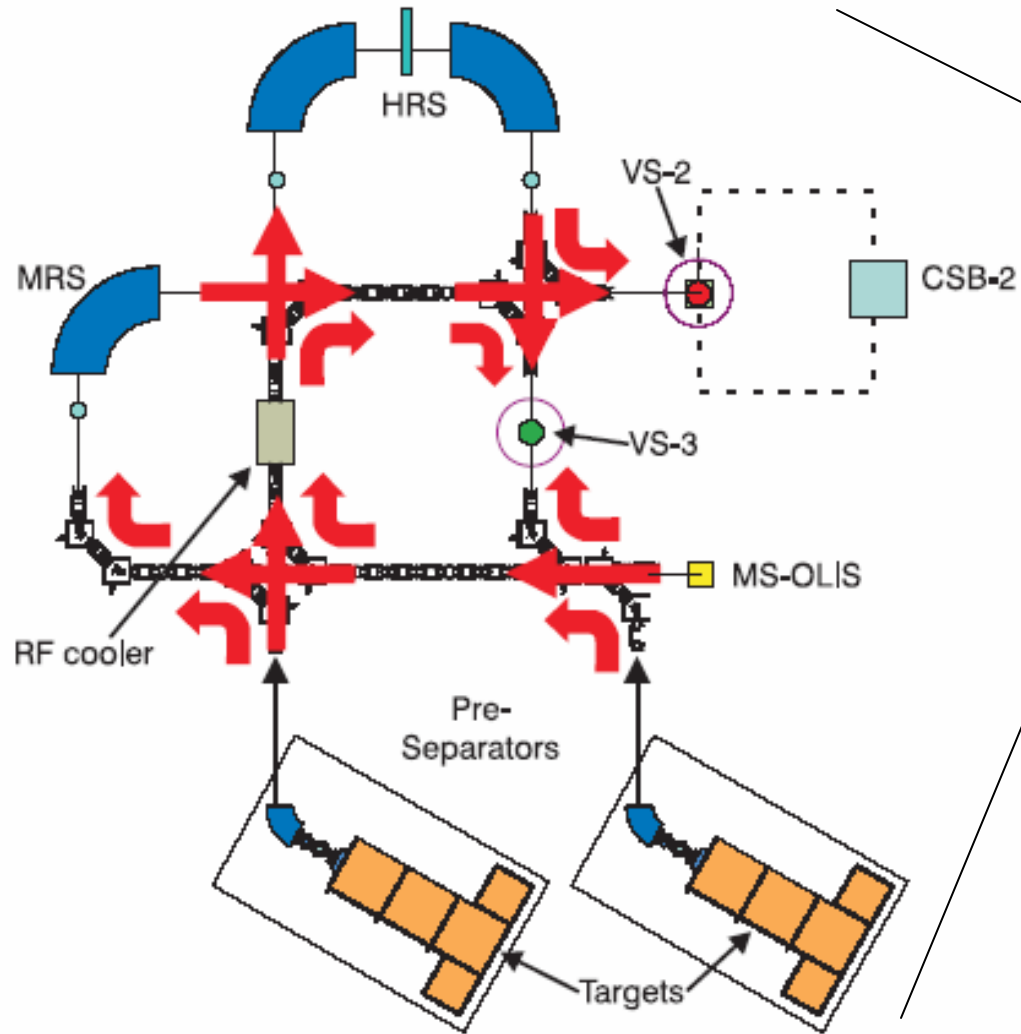
# TRIUMF ARIEL

ADVANCED RARE ISOTOPE LABORATORY

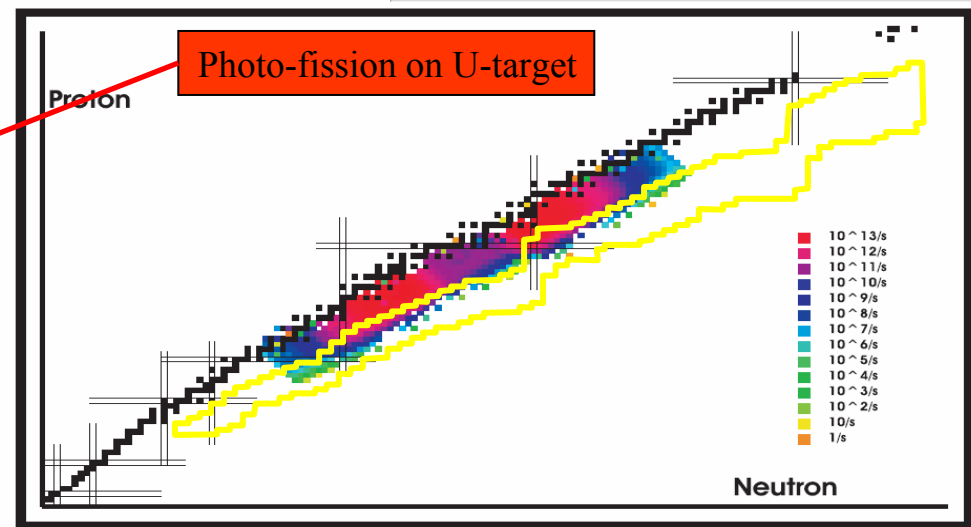
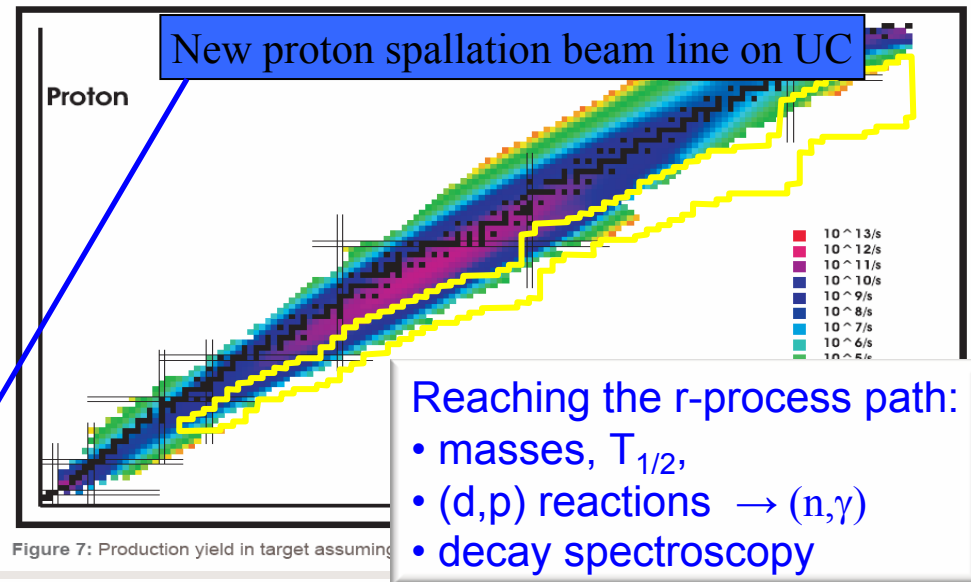
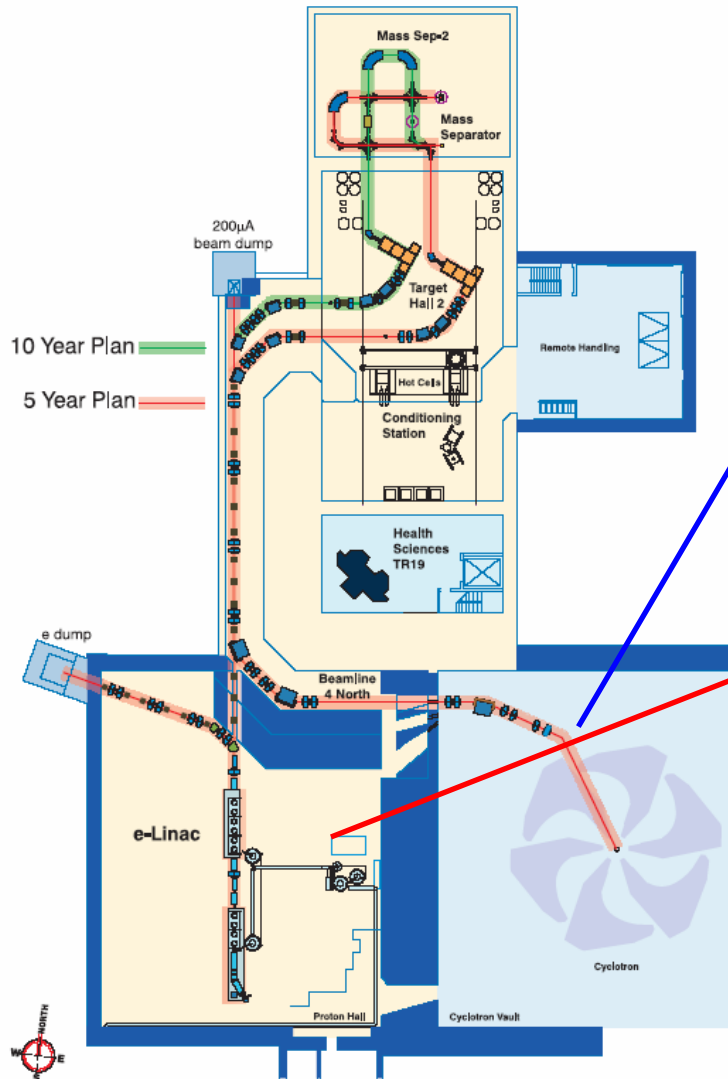
- Funding received: \$M63
- Start of building 2011
- First beam 2014
- Routine operation 2015



# Front end & 3 parallel RIBs



# ARIEL reach



# The most advance on-line mass measurement device **TITAN** (Triumf's Ion Trap for Atomic and Nuclear science)

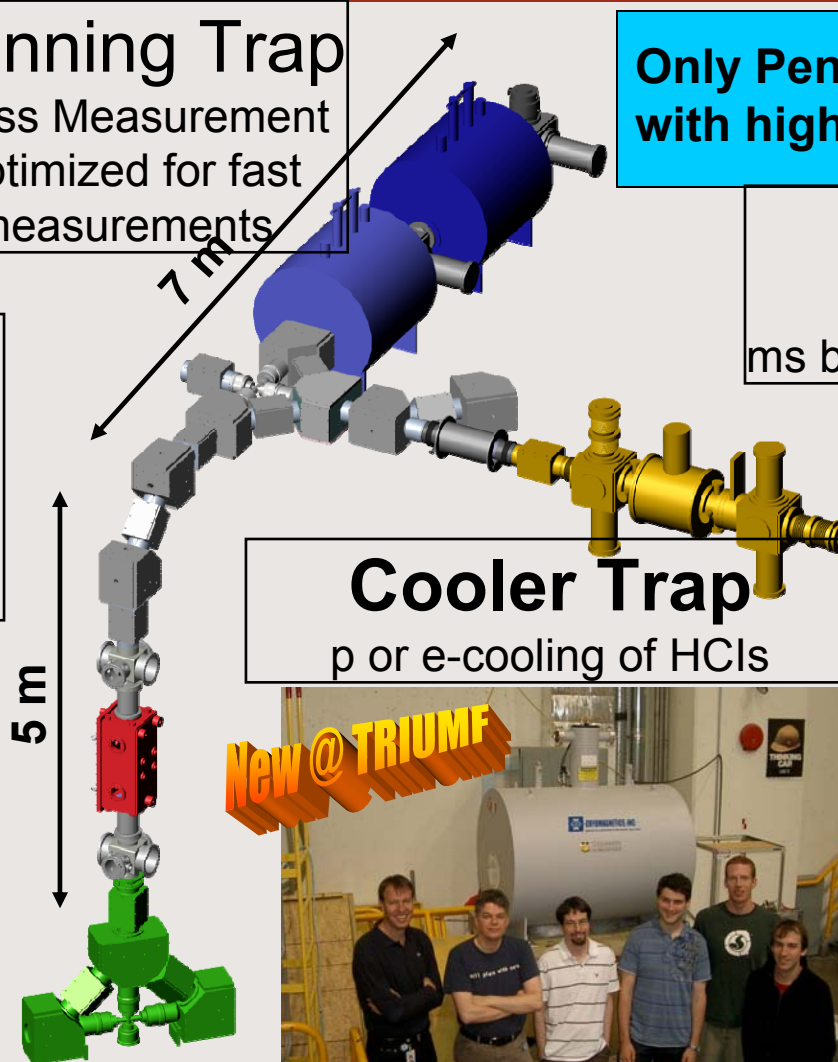


**Penning Trap**  
Mass Measurement  
Optimized for fast  
measurements

**Only Penning trap system on-line  
with highly charged ions.**

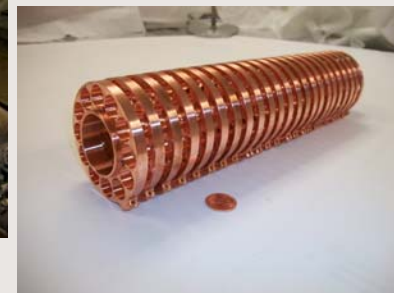
**EBIT**  
Charge State Breeding  
ms breeding with high efficiency

**RFQ**  
Cooling and Bunching  
Sq-W driven system with  
He or H coolant  
reverse extraction



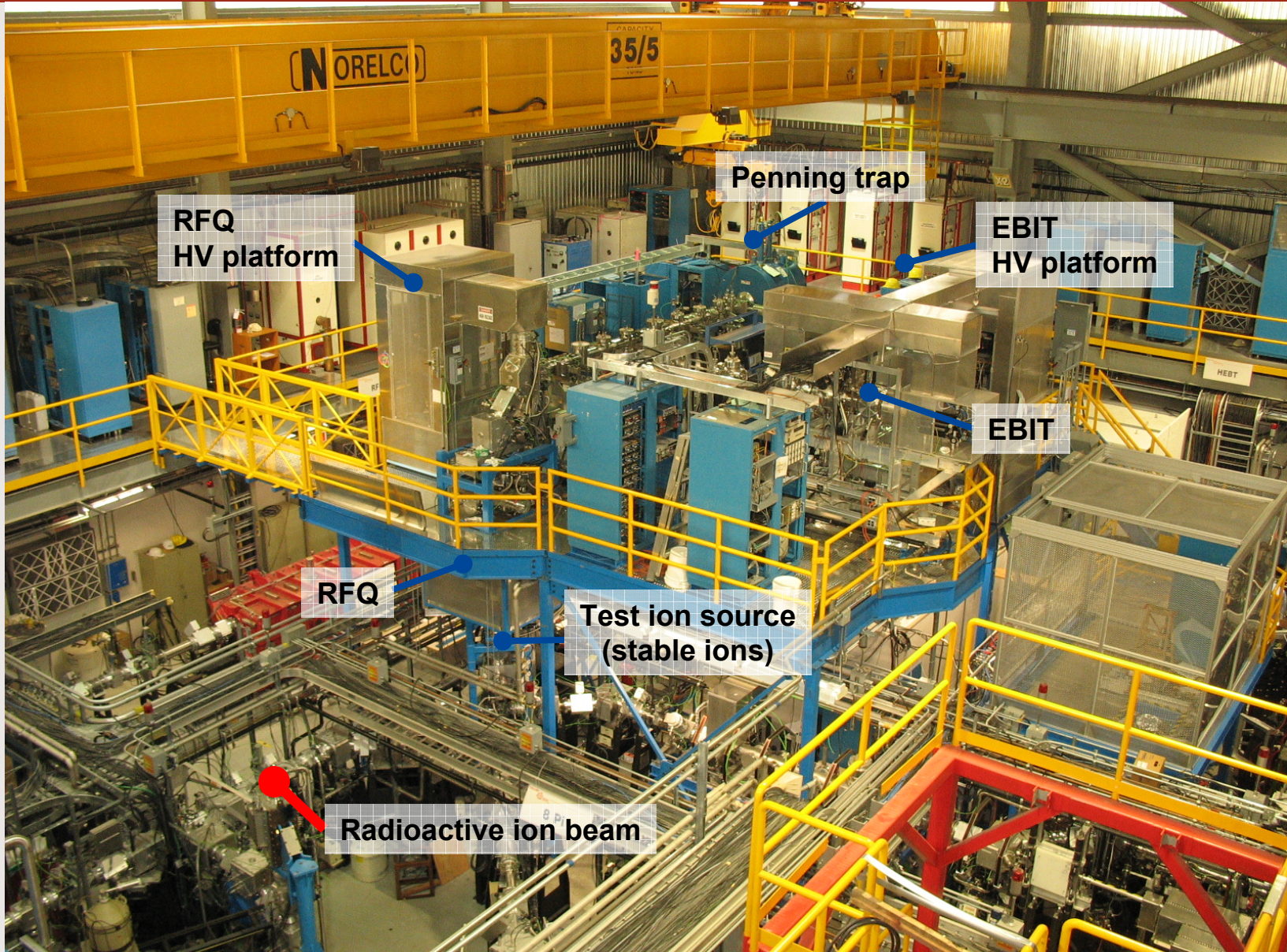
ISAC Beam

**New @ TRIUMF**



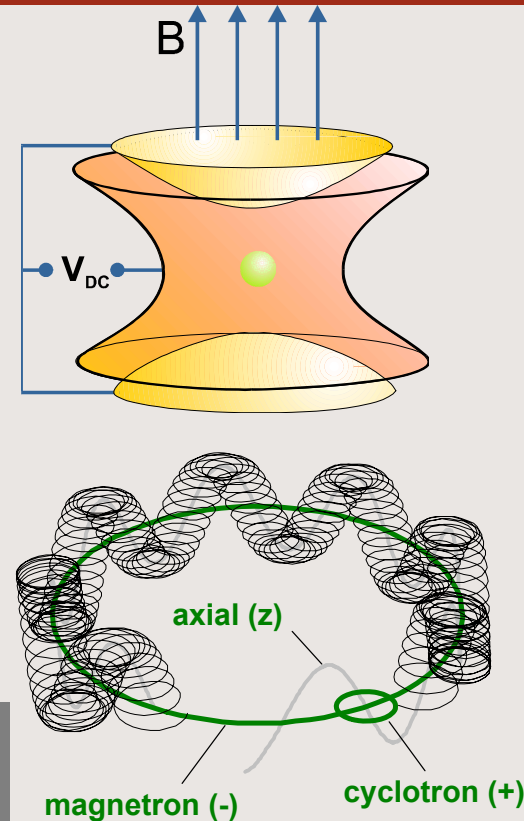
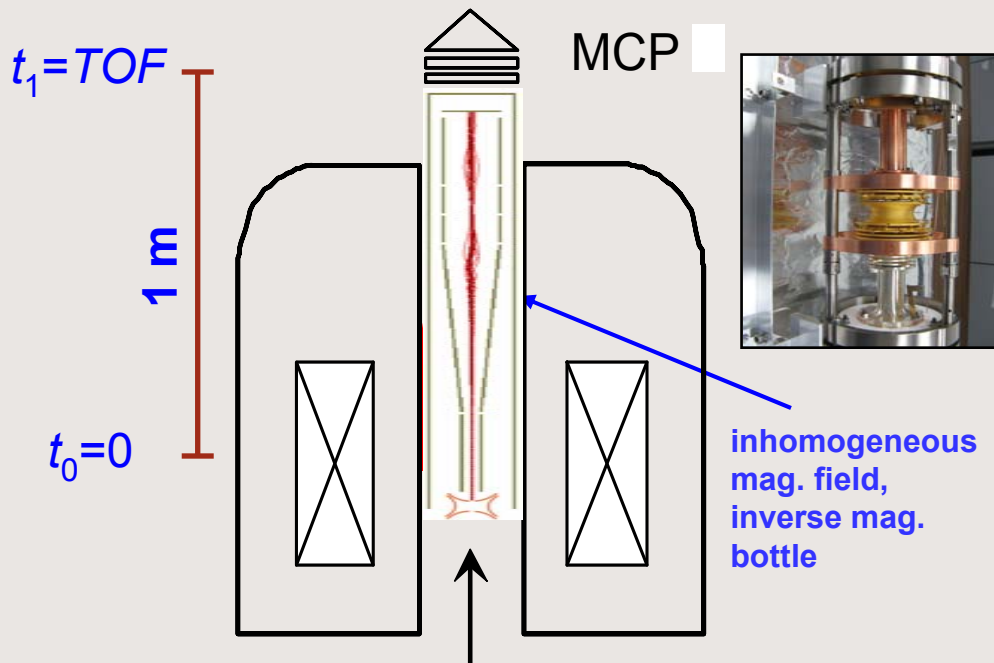


# TITAN set-up @ ISAC





# Mass determination in a Penning Trap



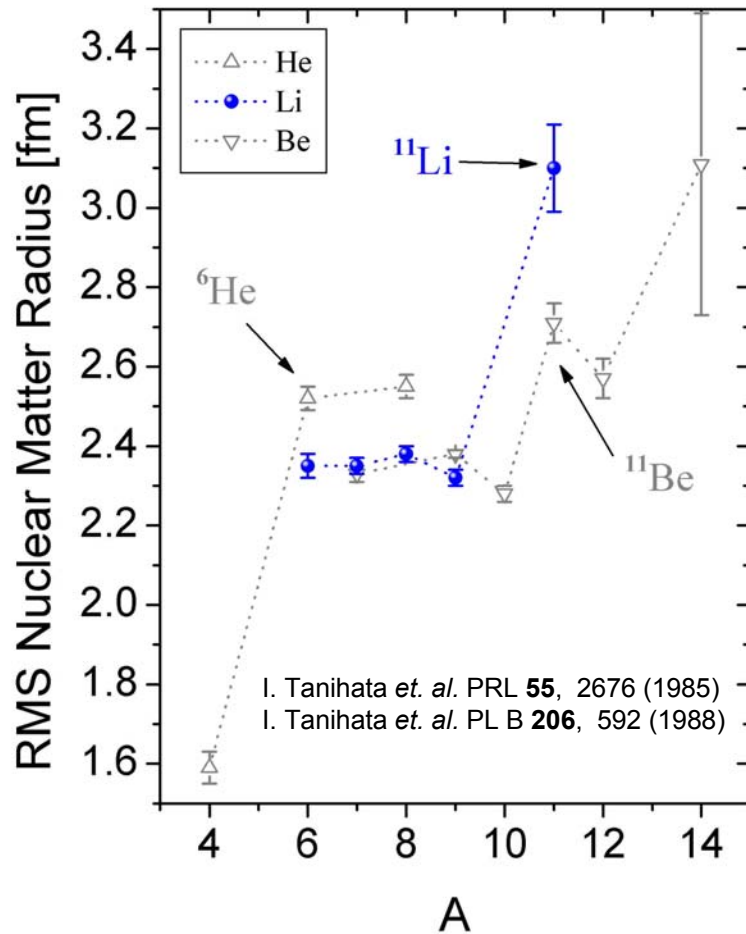
**Cyclotron frequency:** 
$$\nu_c = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{q}{m} \cdot B$$

**Determine atom mass from frequency ratio with a well known reference**

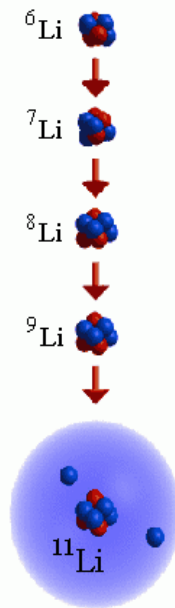
Time-of-flight cyclotron resonance detection → suited for radioactive isotopes

**EXPERIMENT is carried out with ~ONE ion in the trap!**

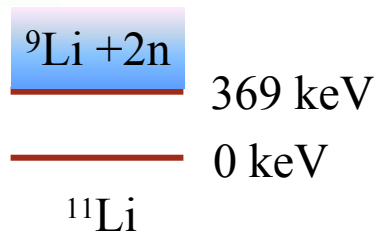
# Understanding what holds things together: an 'ideal study object': Halo nuclei



<sup>6</sup> Li	<sup>7</sup> Li	<sup>8</sup> Li	<sup>9</sup> Li	<sup>11</sup> Li
∞	∞	838 ms	178 ms	8.6 ms
1	3/2	2	3/2	3/2



- In 1985 Tanihata et al. fired light nuclei at Beryllium, Carbon and Aluminum targets
- They found the radius of <sup>11</sup>Li to be much larger than expected
- Extra neutrons or protons on forbidden orbits



**Very low binding of neutrons**

# The helium isotope chain

$^3\text{He}$



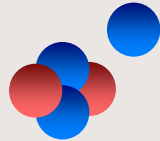
bound

$^4\text{He}$



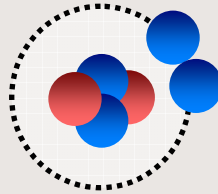
bound

$^5\text{He}$



unbound

$^6\text{He}$



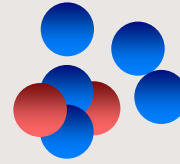
bound  
halo

Borromean system



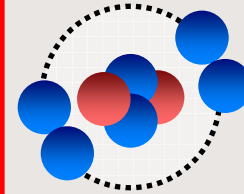
lives 806 ms

$^7\text{He}$



unbound

$^8\text{He}$



bound  
halo

Most exotic nucleus  
"on earth"

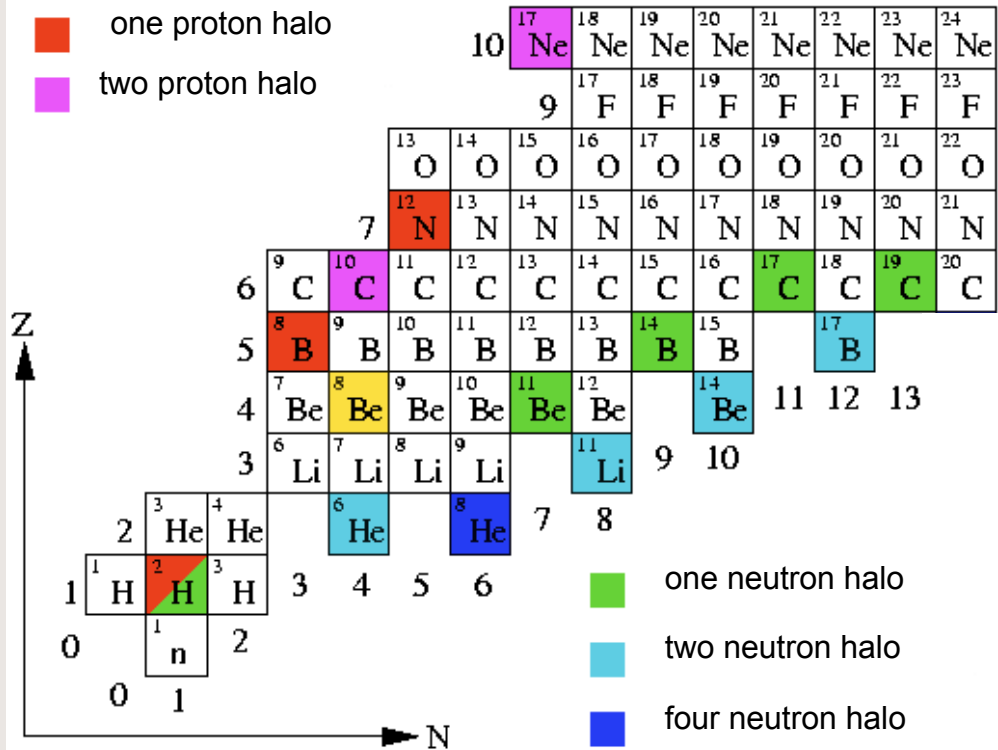
$$\frac{N}{Z} = 3$$

lives 108 ms

They are rare short lived nuclei & they can be investigated experimentally. From a comparison of theoretical predictions with experiment we can test our knowledge on nuclear forces in a very fundamental approach.

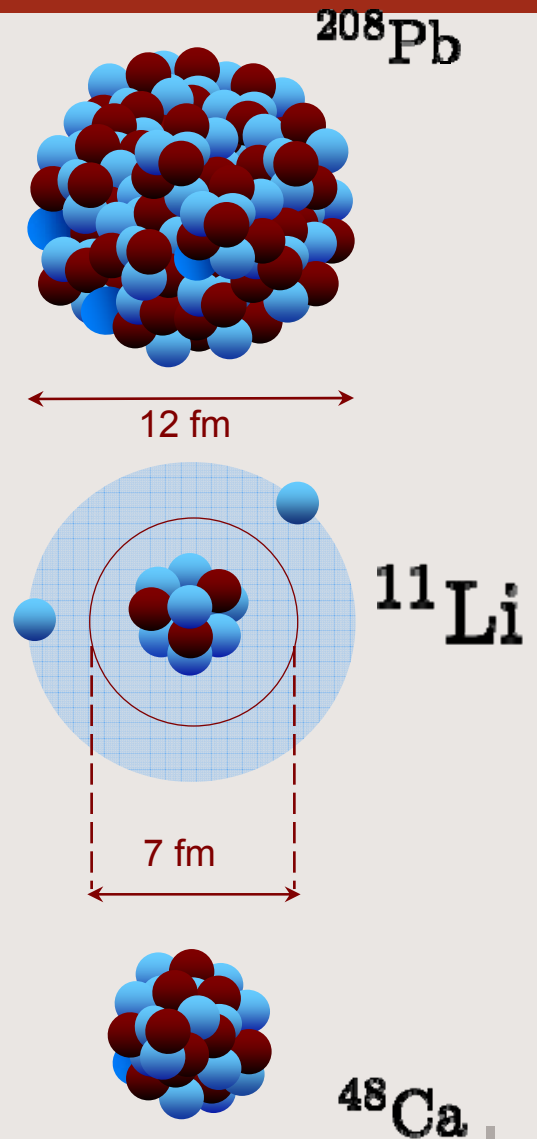


## Known halos (more out there)

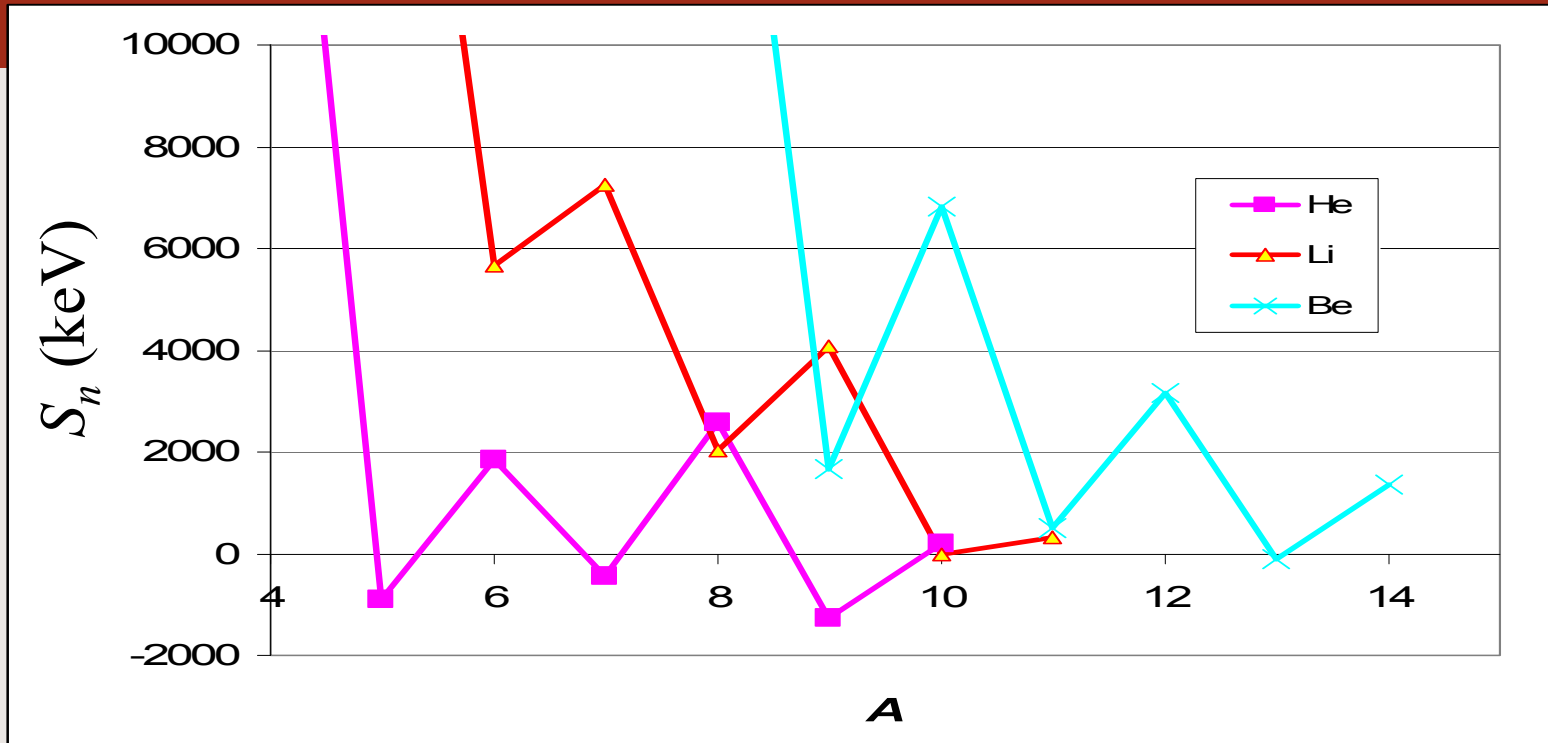


- Short-lived
- few nucleon system
  - test for theory at extreme conditions
  - difficult to produce and measure
  - Few have ever been directly measured

Halo	$T_{1/2}$
$^8\text{He}$	119 ms
$^{11}\text{Li}$	8.8 ms
$^{14}\text{Be}$	4.4 ms



# Halo nuclei = very low binding energies @ the drip lines



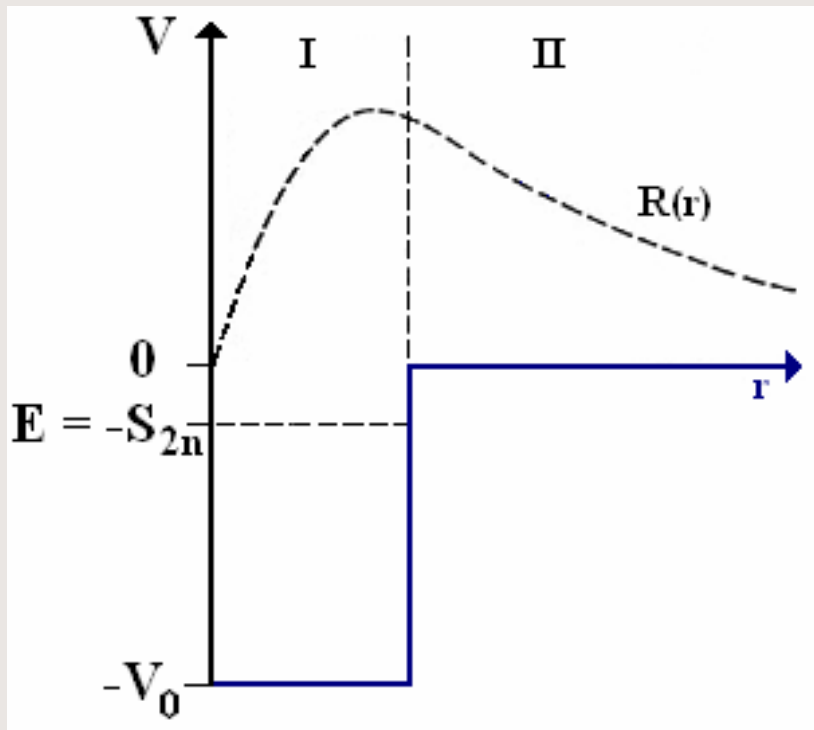
<b><sup>6</sup>Be</b> 2p=100%	<b><sup>7</sup>Be</b> EC=100%	<b><sup>8</sup>Be</b> $\alpha$ =100%	<b><sup>9</sup>Be</b> Abundance=100%	<b><sup>10</sup>Be</b> $\beta^-$ =100%	<b><sup>11</sup>Be</b> $\beta^-$ =100%	<b><sup>12</sup>Be</b> $\beta^-$ =100%	<b><sup>13</sup>Be</b> n?	<b><sup>14</sup>Be</b> $\beta^-$ =100%
<b><sup>5</sup>Li</b> p=100%	<b><sup>6</sup>Li</b> Abundance=7.59%	<b><sup>7</sup>Li</b> Abundance=92.41%	<b><sup>8</sup>Li</b> $\beta^-$ =100%	<b><sup>9</sup>Li</b> $\beta^-$ =100%	<b><sup>10</sup>Li</b> n=100%	<b><sup>11</sup>Li</b> $\beta^-$ =100%	<b><sup>12</sup>Li</b> n?	
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drip line

# Halo Nuclei: A simple model ${}^9\text{Li} + 2n$

Schrödinger equation for a spherically symmetric square-well:

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \rho^2} + \frac{2}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} + 1 - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} \right) R_l(r) = 0$$

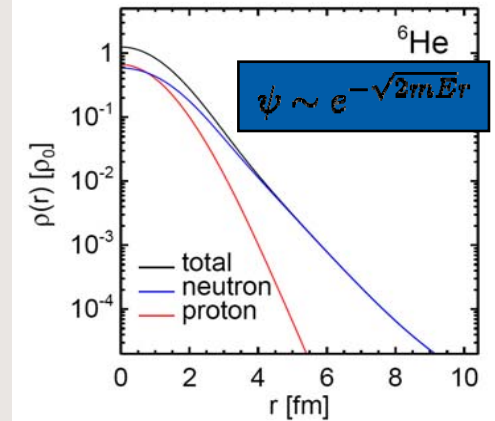


I	II
$\rho = \alpha r$	$\rho = i\beta r$
$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{2m(V_0 -  E )}{\hbar^2}}$	$\beta = \sqrt{\frac{2m E }{\hbar^2}}$
$R_l(r) \propto j_l(\alpha r)$	$R_l(r) \propto h_l^{(1)}(i\beta r)$
$R_0(r) \propto \frac{\sin(\alpha r)}{r}$	$R_0(r) \propto \frac{e^{-\beta r}}{r}$

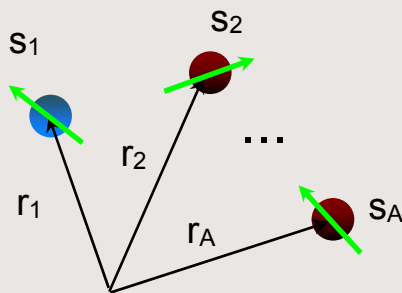
# Halo Nuclei – ‘real’ theory

halo nuclei are a challenge to theory

- It is difficult to describe the extended wave function properly
- They test nuclear forces at the extremes, where less has been described theoretically or tested



**Ab-initio calculations:** treat the nucleus as an A-body problem



full antisymmetrization of the w.f.

use modern Hamiltonians to predict halo properties

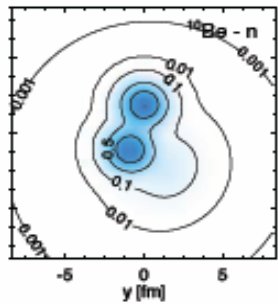
$$H = T + V_{NN} + V_{3N} + \dots$$

Methods: GFMC, NCSM, CC, FMD



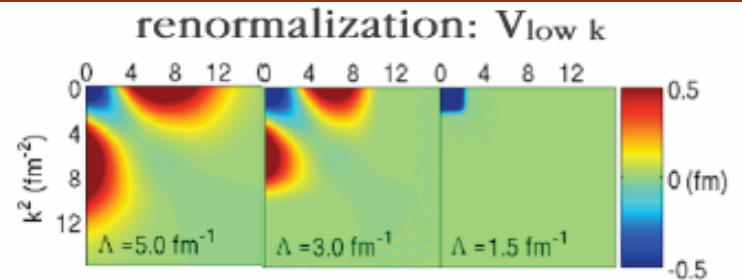
# HALO theory and masses

Fermionic Molecular Dynamics



Greens Function Monte Carlo

No-Core Shell Model

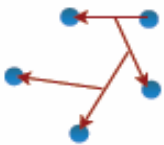


Precision experiments needed to verify and refine theory

Methods  
Potentials



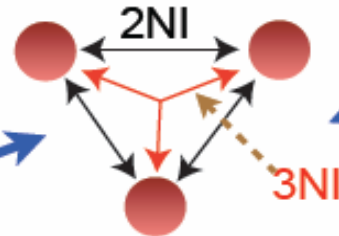
hyper-spherical harmonics



EFT

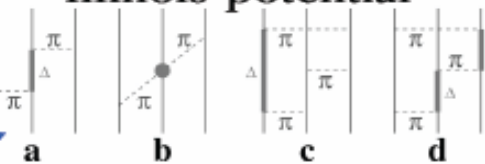
	2N forces	3N forces
LO $\mathcal{O}(\frac{Q^0}{\Lambda^0})$	X H	-
<b>XEFT</b>	X O K	-
NLO $\mathcal{O}(\frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2})$	X H	-
N <sup>2</sup> LO $\mathcal{O}(\frac{Q^4}{\Lambda^4})$	X O K	X X

3-body forces



phenomenological  $V_{NN}$

Illinois potential



# Testing the theory (or provide extra input) stable Li as start: to check precision and accuracy

${}^6\text{Li}$	$\Delta$ (keV)	$\delta m/m$
AME03	14086.793(15)	$3 \times 10^{-9}$
SMILETRAP	14086.880(37)	$7 \times 10^{-9}$
TITAN	14086.890(21)	$4 \times 10^{-9}$
NEW AME*	14086.881(15)	$3 \times 10^{-9}$

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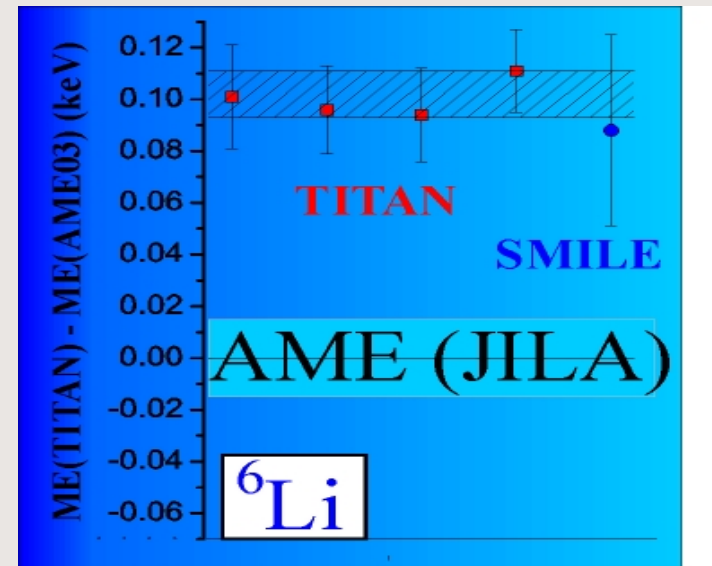
### Atomic mass of ${}^6\text{Li}$ using a Penning-ion-trap mass spectrometer

T. P. Heavner and S. R. Jefferts

*Time and Frequency Division, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Boulder, Colorado 80305*

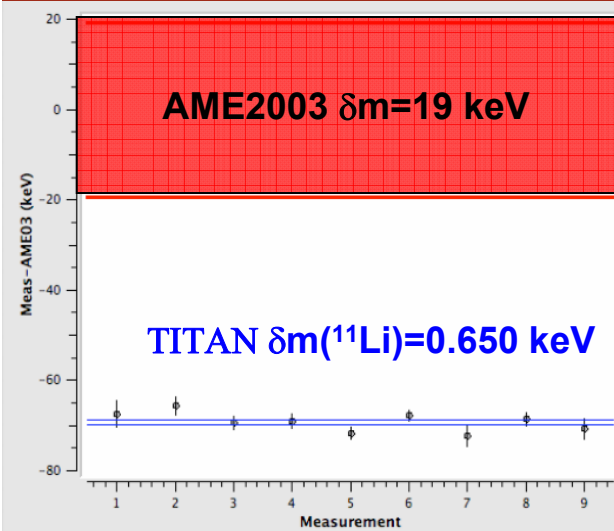
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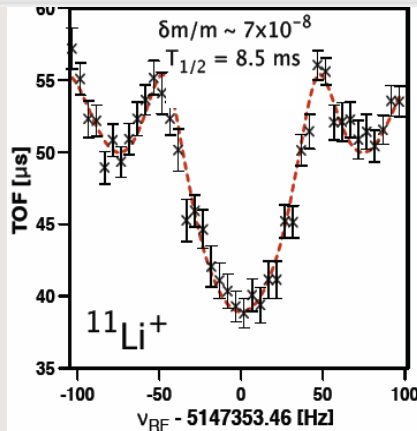


- TITAN mass measurements for Li-6
- solved conflict with AME (SMILETRAP had found different value than JILA-trap)
- TITAN agrees with SMILETRAP value S. Nagy PRL **96**, 163004 (2006)
- TITAN now most precise value for new AME
- M. Brodeur et al, PRC 80 (2009) 044318

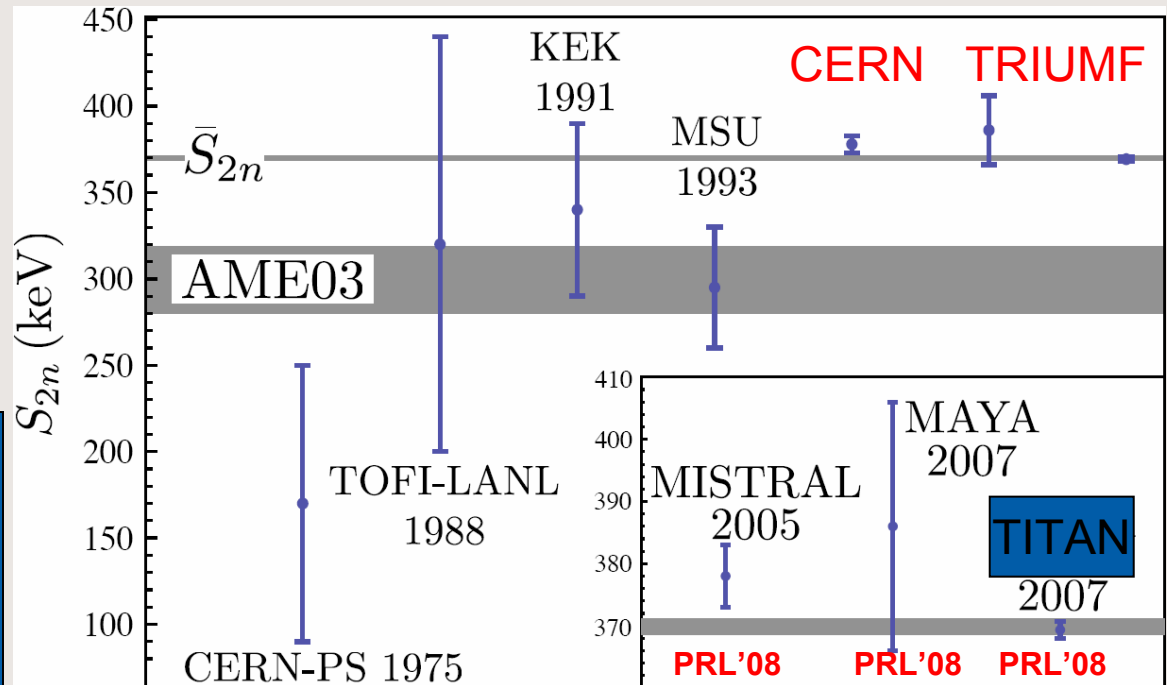
# Lithium halo mass measurements



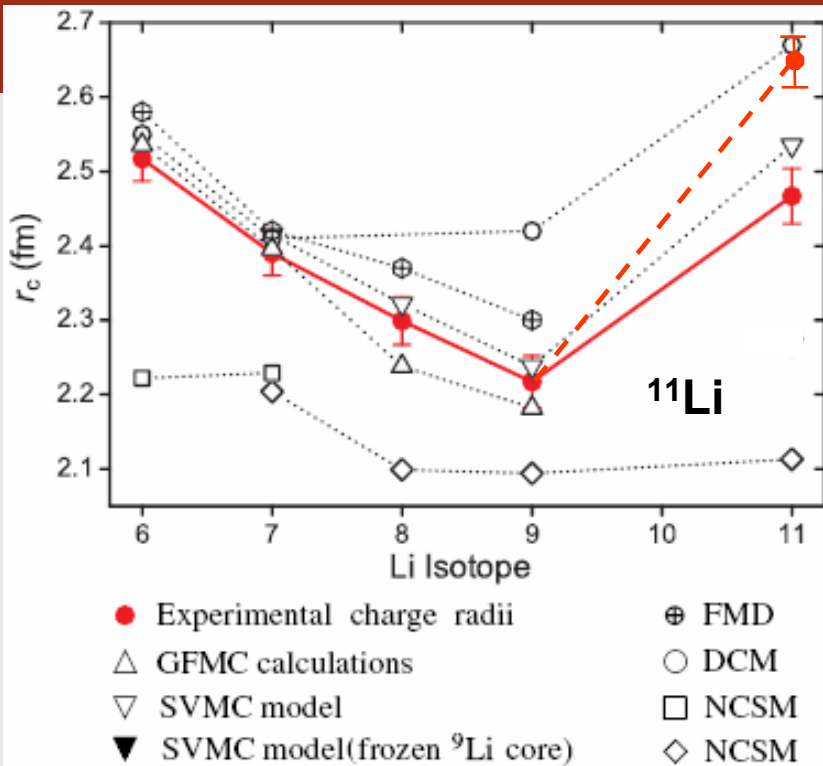
- TITAN mass measurement of  $^{8,9,11}\text{Li}$
- Improved precision,  $S_{2n}$  improved by factor 7
- Shortest-lived isotope ( $T_{1/2} = 8.8\text{ms}$ ) for Penning trap mass measurement!
- Final analysis  $\delta m = 650$  eV
- Agrees with MISTRAL and MAYA, but more precise.
- M. Smith et al PRL 101, 202501 (2008)
- $\rightarrow$  new charge radius



Fastest measurement due to rapid ion preparation with TITAN.



# Charge radius determination

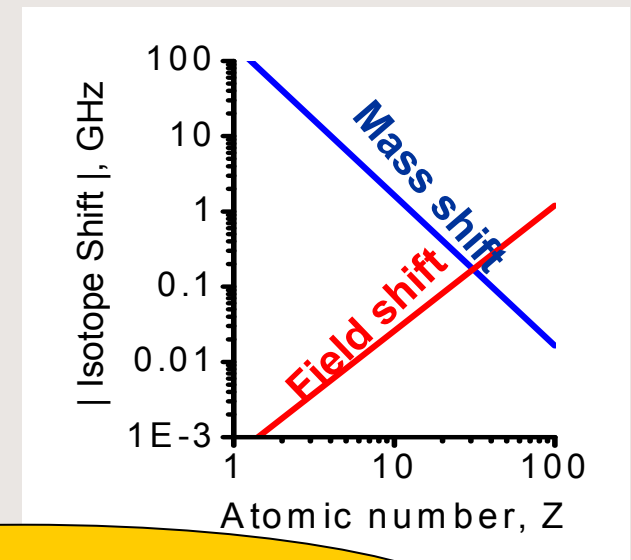


- Isotope shift measurements: ToPLiS (GSI) collaboration @ ISAC measured laser frequency shifts for the Lithium isotopes
- G. W. Drake (Windsor) PRL. 100, 243002 (2008) atomic theory calculations for the mass shifts => **extract the charge radius**
- **Isotope shift = modification of electron binding energy = Mass Shift (mass effect) + Field shift (finite size of nucleus)**

## Requirements:

- Need precision of  $\delta m \leq 1 \text{ keV}$  for charge radius calculations for atomic physics theory

R. Sánchez *et al.*, PRL 96, 033002 (2006)  
 Nature Physics 2, 145 (2006)  
 W. Noertershaeuers *et al.*, Phys. Rev. A 83, 012516 (2011)

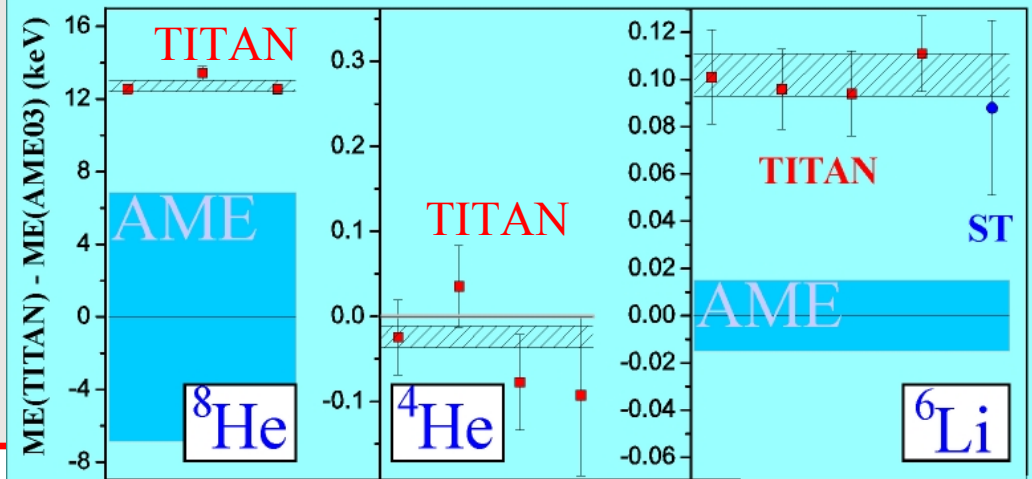


**Mass measurement with TITAN**

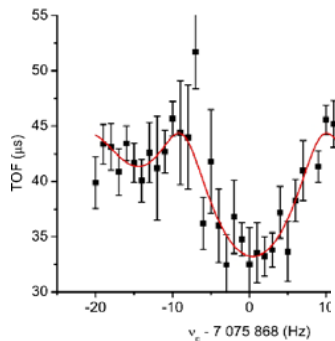


# Helium mass measurements

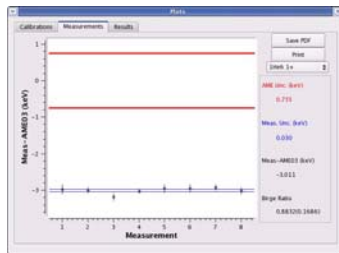
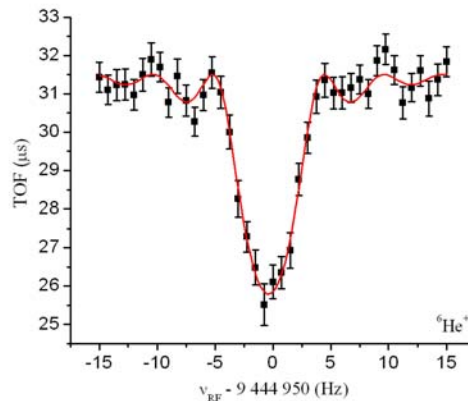
- First direct measurements of the mass of  ${}^6,8\text{He}$
- Final uncertainty  $\delta m({}^8\text{He}) = 690\text{eV}$ .



TOF resonances for  ${}^6,8\text{He}^+$



V. Ryjkov et al. PRL  
101, 012501 (2008)



	$\Delta_{\text{TITAN}}$ (keV)	$\Delta_{\text{AME03}}$ (keV)	$\delta m/m$
${}^4\text{He}$	2424.914(26)	2424.91565(6)	$7 \times 10^{-9}$
${}^8\text{He}$	31610.77(33)	31598(7)	$4.5 \times 10^{-8}$

Better and different mass value.  
Lead to re-evaluation of charge  
radius (P. Muller et al)

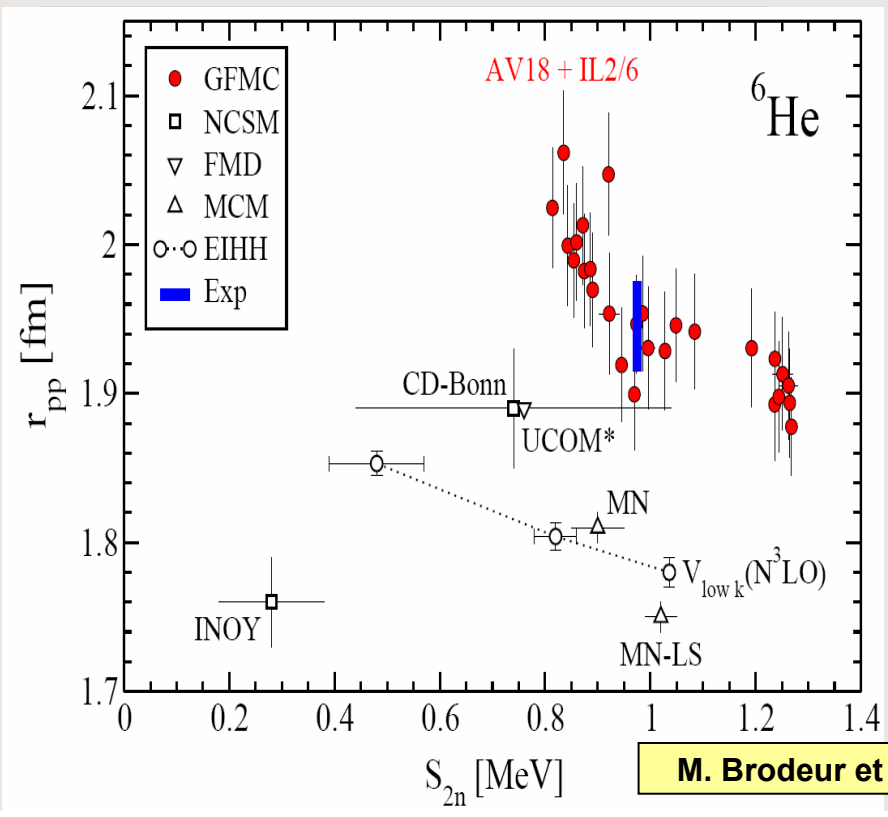
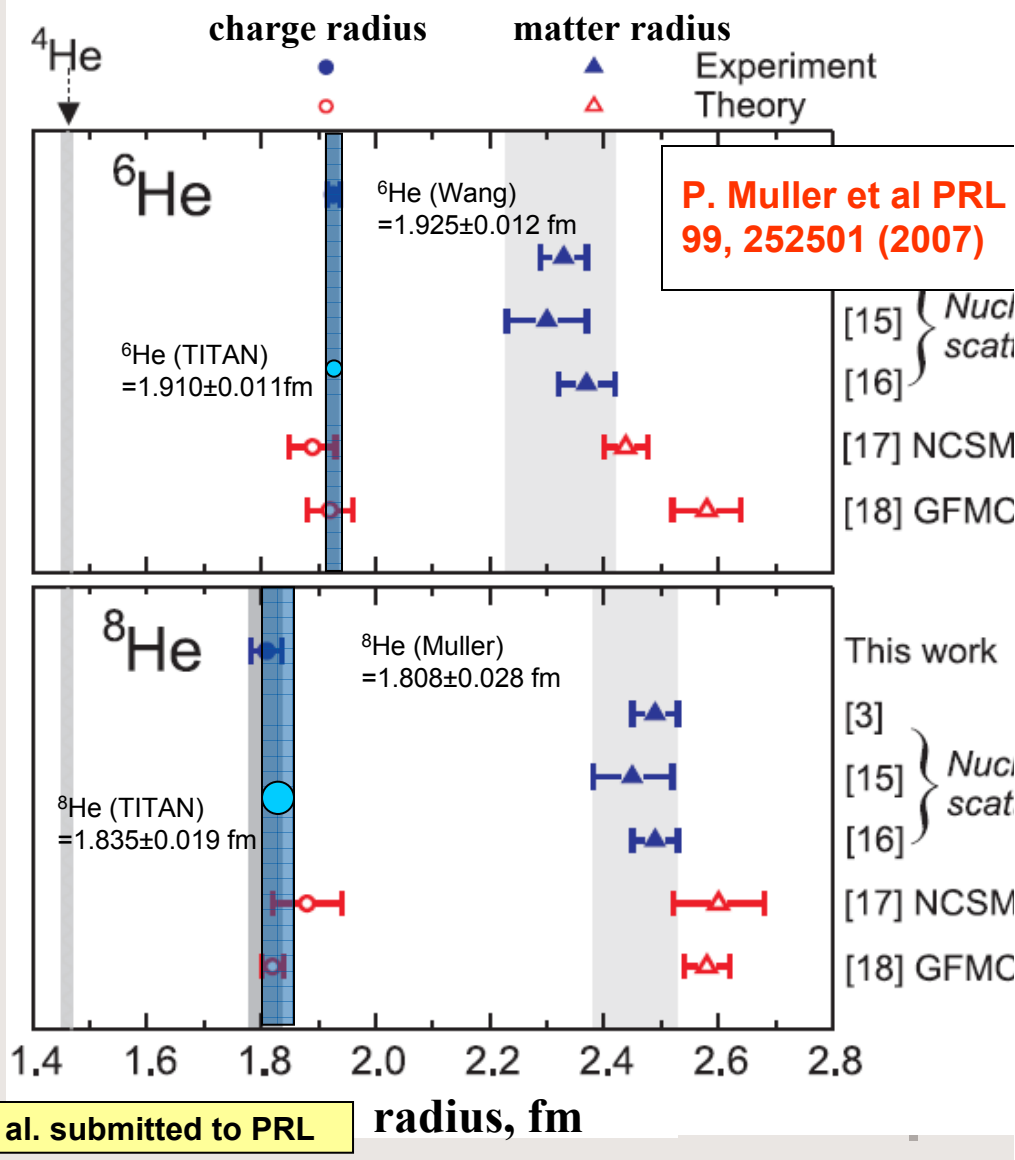
Nuclear charge radius of  ${}^6\text{He}$

P. Mueller,<sup>1,\*</sup> I. A. Sulai,<sup>1,2</sup> A. C. C. Villari,<sup>3</sup> J. A. Alcántara-Núñez,<sup>3</sup> R. Alves-Condé,<sup>3</sup> K. Bailey,<sup>1</sup> G. W. F. Drake,<sup>4</sup> M. Dubois,<sup>3</sup> C. Elton,<sup>3</sup> G. Gaubert,<sup>3</sup> R. J. Holt,<sup>3</sup> R. V. F. Janssens,<sup>3</sup> N. Loenne,<sup>3</sup> Z.-T. Lu,<sup>1,2</sup> T. P. O'Connor,<sup>1</sup> M.-G. Saint-Laurent,<sup>3</sup> J. P. Schiffer,<sup>1</sup> J.-C. Thomas,<sup>3</sup> and L.-B. Wang<sup>5</sup>

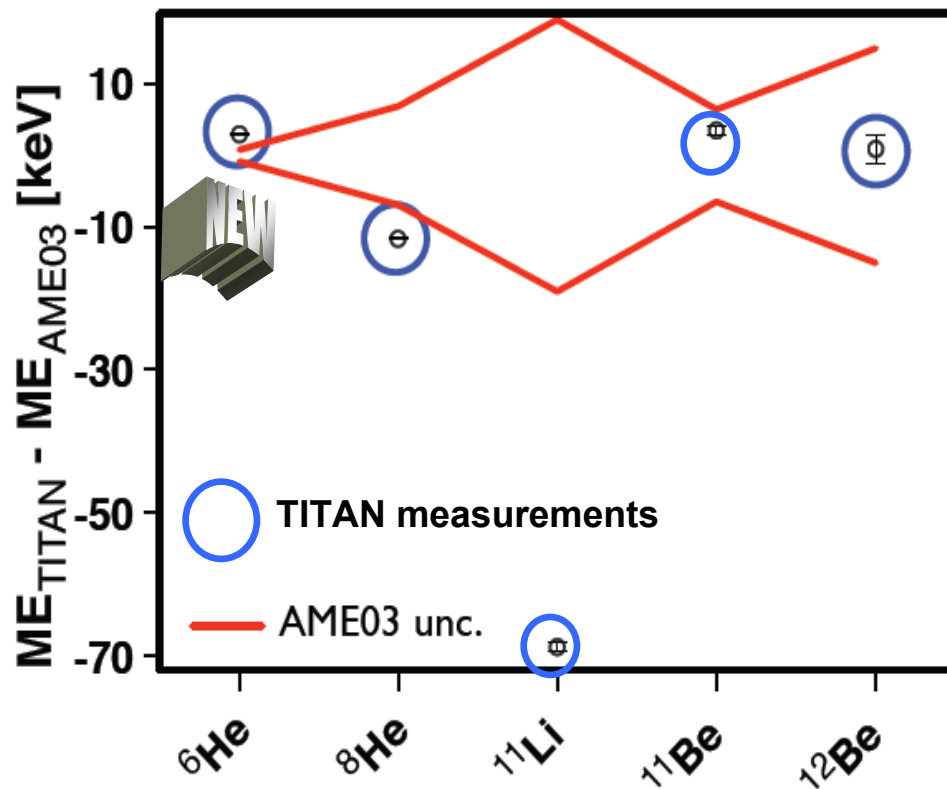
<sup>1</sup>Physics Division, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Illinois 60439, USA

	${}^6\text{He}$		${}^8\text{He}$	
	value	error	value	error
<i>Statistical</i>				
Photon counting		0.008		0.032
Probing laser alignment		0.002		0.012
Reference laser drift		0.002		0.024
<i>Systematic</i>				
Probing power shift				0.015
Zeeman shift		0.030		0.045
<b>Nuclear mass</b>		0.015		<b>0.074</b>
<i>Corrections</i>				
Recoil effect	0.110	0.000	0.165	0.000
Nuclear polarization	-0.014	0.003	-0.002	0.001
$\delta\nu_{A,4}^{FS}$ combined	-1.478	0.035	-0.918	0.097

## Revised charge radius calculation G. Drake



radius, fm



$^6\text{Li}$ : Brodeur et al, PRC 80 (2009) 044318

$^6\text{He}$ : Brodeur et al, submitted to PRL

$^8\text{He}$ : Ryjkov et. al., PRL **101** (2008) 012501

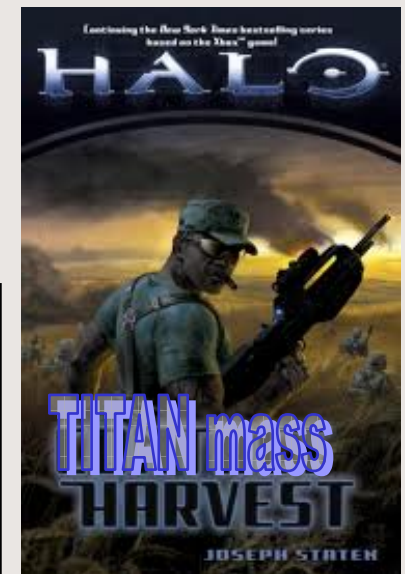
$^{11}\text{Li}$ : Smith et. al., PRL **101** (2008) 202501

$^{11}\text{Be}$ : Ringle et. al., PLB **675** (2009) 170

$^{12}\text{Be}$ : Ettenauer et. al., C **81**, 024314 (2010)

AME03: Audi et. al., Nucl. Phys.A **729** (2003) 337

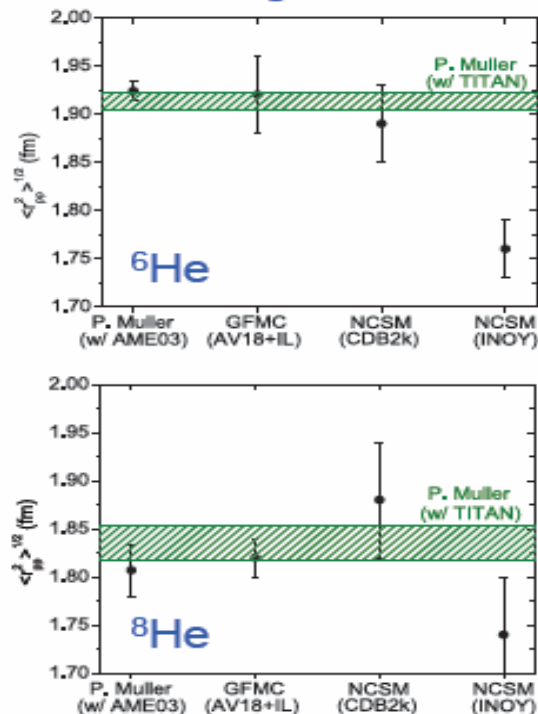
TITAN is fastest on-line PT system.  
 Measurement of the shortest-lived isotope on-line  
 Measurements with high precision and accuracy  
 Limit of sensitivity  $\sim 5\text{-}10$  ions / sec



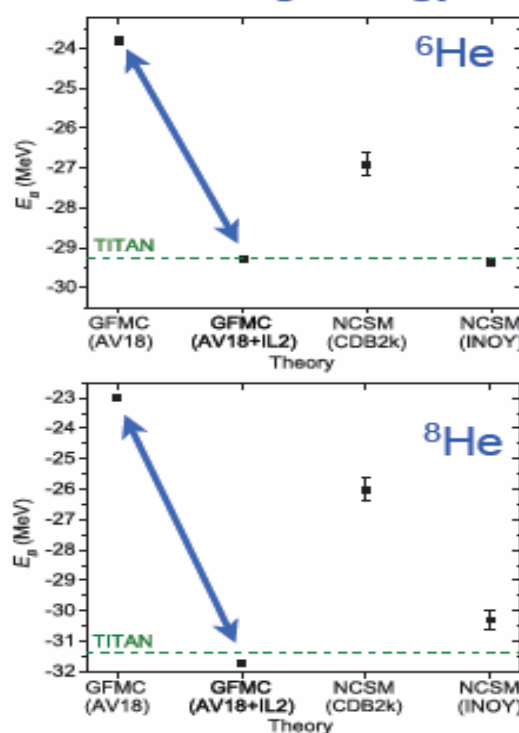


## Comparison with Theory

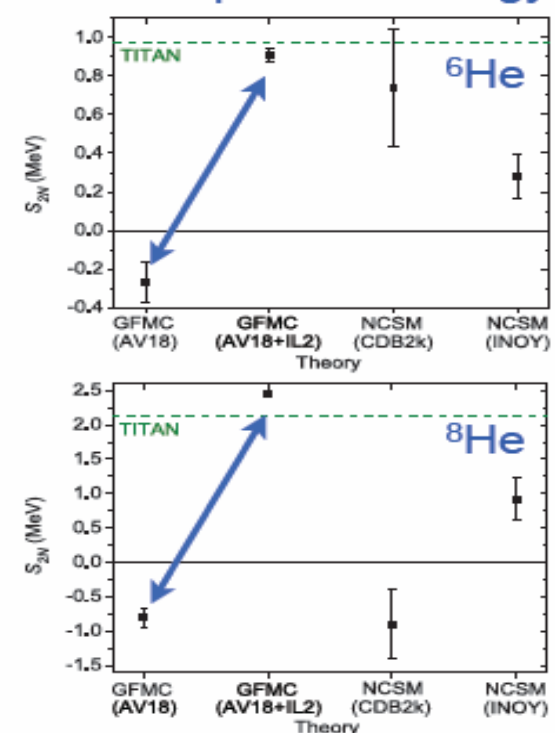
Charge radius



Binding energy



2n separation energy



➔ **GFMC:** 3N -forces essential

[S.C. Pieper, Nucl. Phys. A 751,516 \(2005\)](#)

similar conclusion also made for

- hyper-spherical harmonics expansion ( ${}^6\text{He}$ )
- Coupled Cluster ( ${}^8\text{He}$ )

[S. Bacca et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 42, 553 \(2009\)](#)

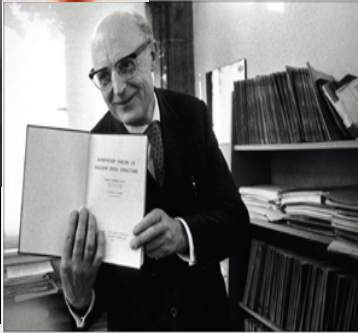
➔ **NCSM (CDB2k):**  ${}^8\text{He}$  is unbound: lack of 3N ? Gaussian fall-off in wave-fn?

[E. Caurier et al, PRC 73, 021302\(R\), \(2006\); P. Navrátil et al., J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 36, 083101 \(2009\)](#)

# Precision experiments using ion traps: Evolution of magic numbers in NP



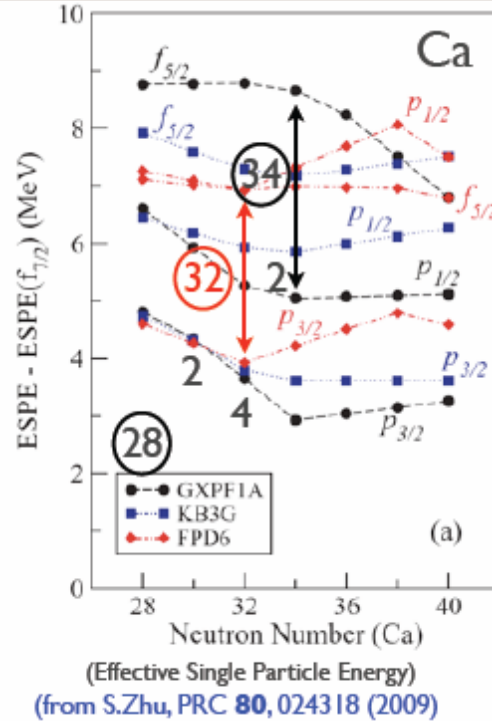
1963



Atomic shell model holds true for entire periodic table.

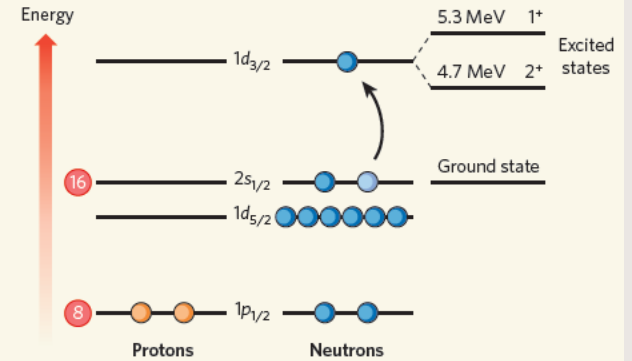
Nuclear SM doesn't work for all isotopes!

We have hints for new magic numbers.



Prediction of new magic number for Ca depends on chosen interaction

R. Janssen, Nature 459 (2009)



'New' magic number identified in O-24 (drip line)

T. Otsuka et al PRL105, 032501 (2010)

GOAL:

Provide more experimental evidence to test and refine theoretical predictions (3-body forces maybe?)

NEED:

very sensitive

experiments!



# 3N forces and masses near new Magic Number N=34

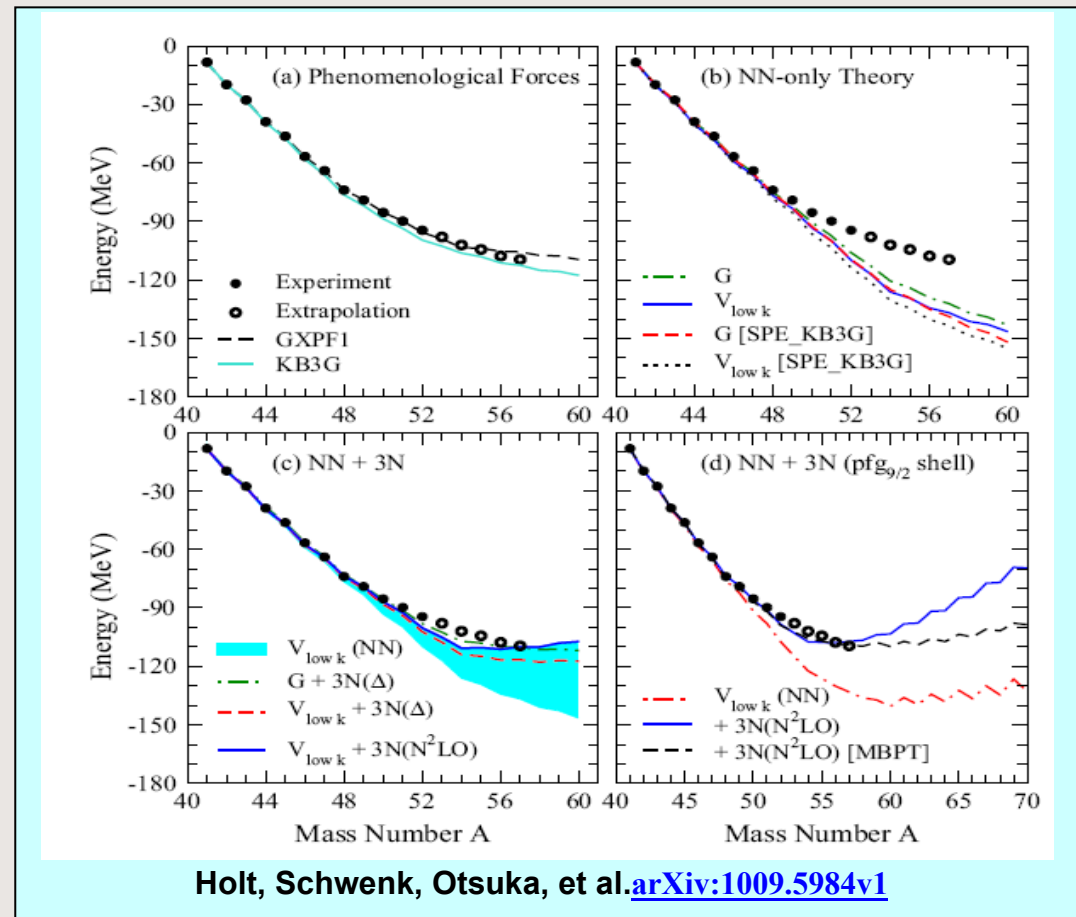
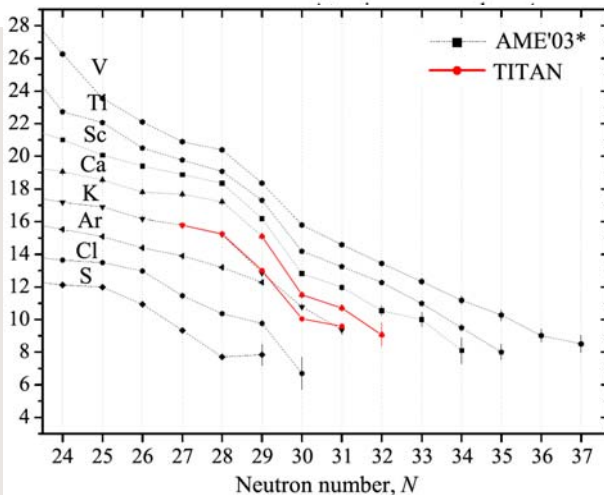
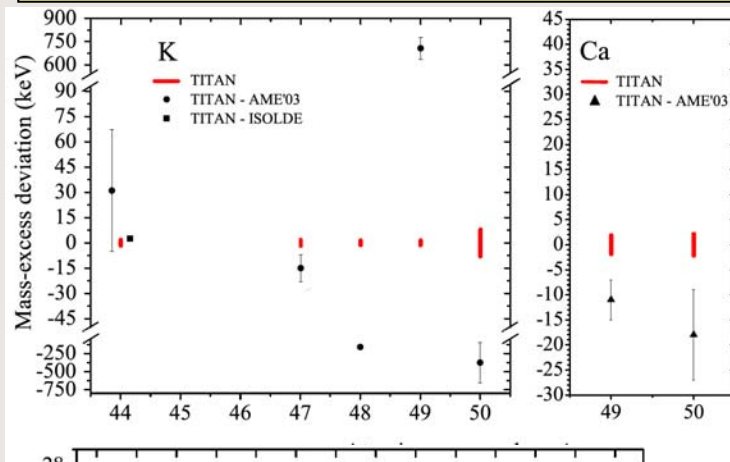
- **Masses (or separation energies) sensitive to shell structure**

- $^{48}\text{K}^{1+}$  and  $^{49}\text{K}^{1+}$ : deviations of **6 and 10  $\sigma$**  from literature (AME2003)

- $^{47-50}\text{K}^{1+}$  and  $^{49,50}\text{Ca}^{1+}$ : masses **improved by factor of up to 100**

Modern approach to model nuclear interaction

**A. Lapierre et al. submitted to PRC**



Holt, Schwenk, Otsuka, et al. [arXiv:1009.5984v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/1009.5984v1)

# Evolution to neutron-rich calcium isotopes

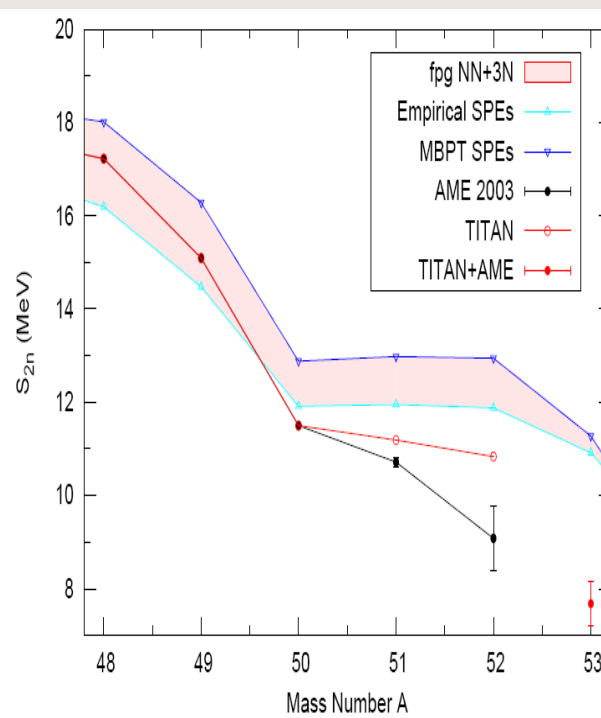
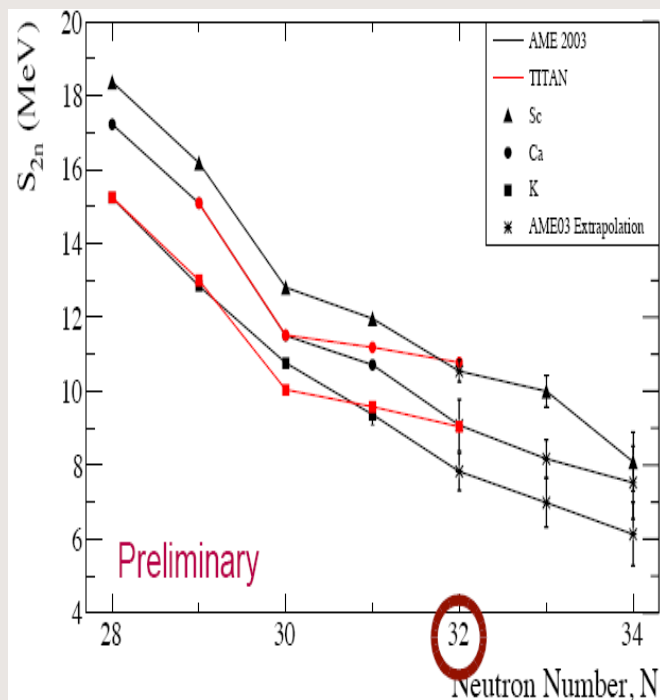
New mass measurements for Ca (Summer/ Fall 2011)

Reached up to Ca-52, K-51 and found  $\sim 2$  MeV deviation;

**AND, new calculations show:**

repulsive 3N contributions key for calcium ground-state energies

Holt, Menendez, Schwenk et al.,



possible to extend with UCx @ 10μA  
Run planned 14-16 Dec 2011

behavior of  $S_{2n}$  and  $\Delta_n$  agrees with NN+3N calculations

A. Gallant et al., in  
prep. for PRL

# Pushing the limits: TITAN and highly charged ions

**BRAND NEW  
charge breeding  
on-line**

- nuclei far away from stability:
  - shorter half-lives
- improve precision of current ion trap measurements

⇒ new approach needed

## resolution

$$\frac{\delta m}{m} \propto \frac{m}{q} \frac{1}{BTN^{1/2}}$$

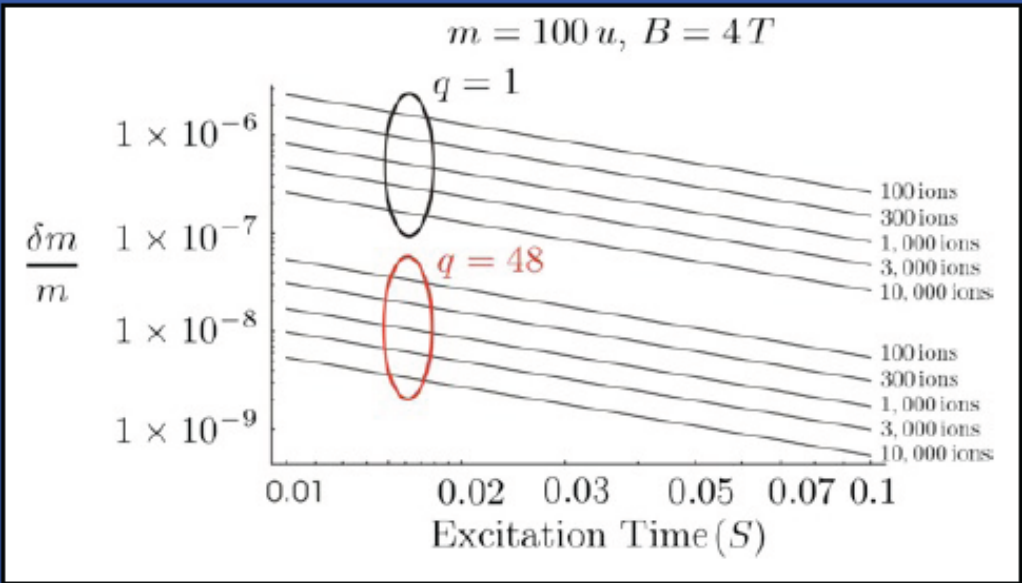
⇒ longer excitation time

⇒ larger B

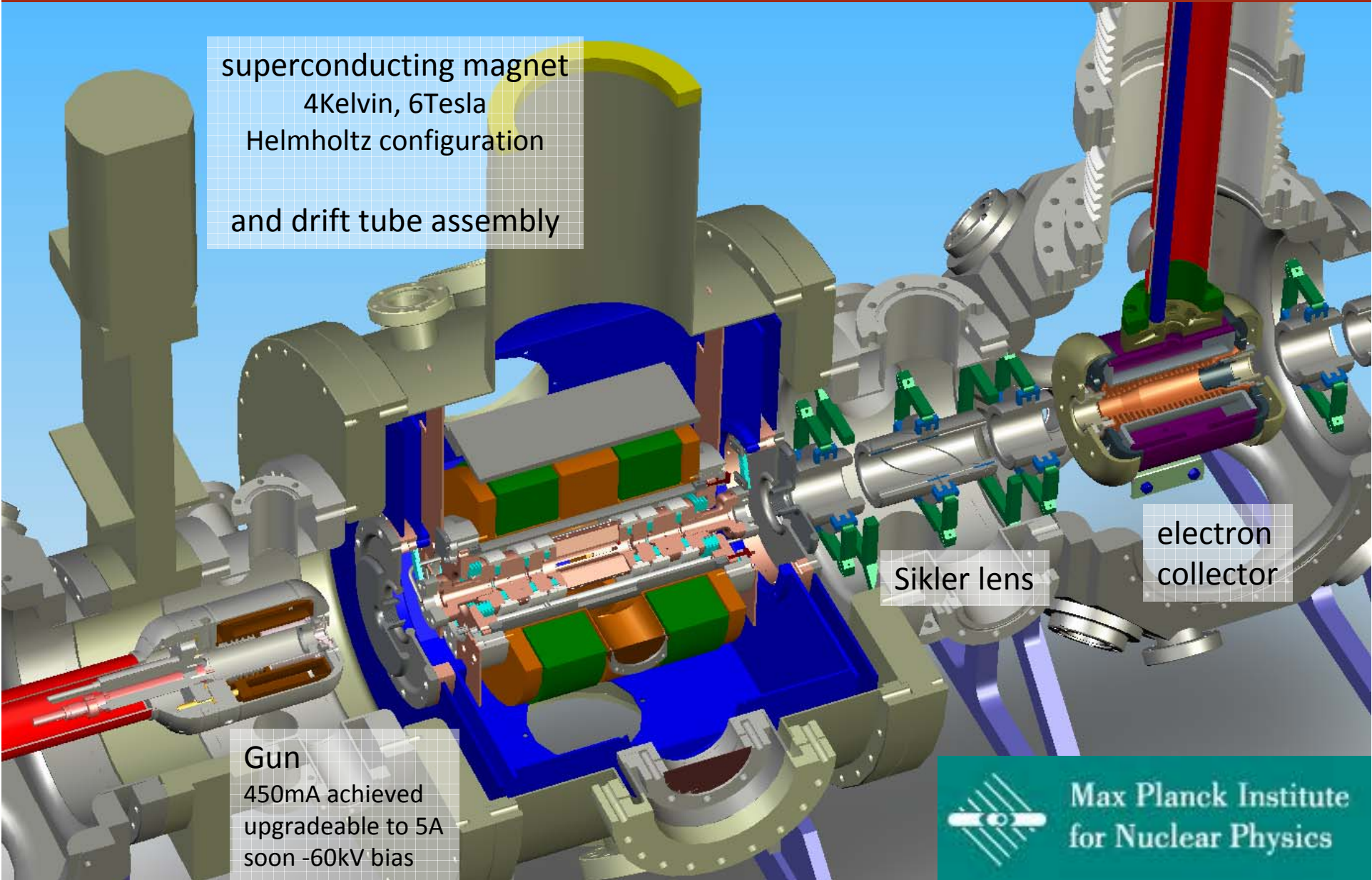
⇒ more ions

⇒ highly charged ions

⇒ CHARGE BREEDING



# The TITAN-EBIT



superconducting magnet  
4Kelvin, 6Tesla  
Helmholtz configuration  
and drift tube assembly

Sikler lens

electron  
collector

Gun  
450mA achieved  
upgradeable to 5A  
soon -60kV bias

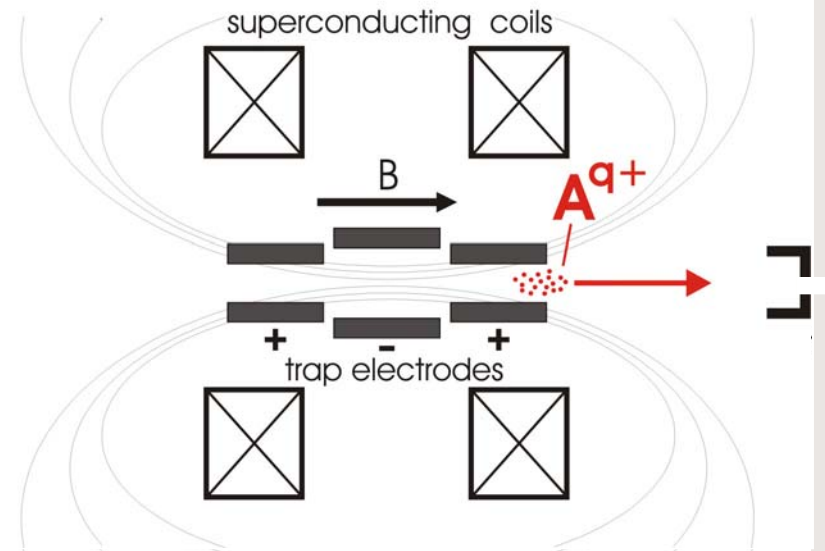
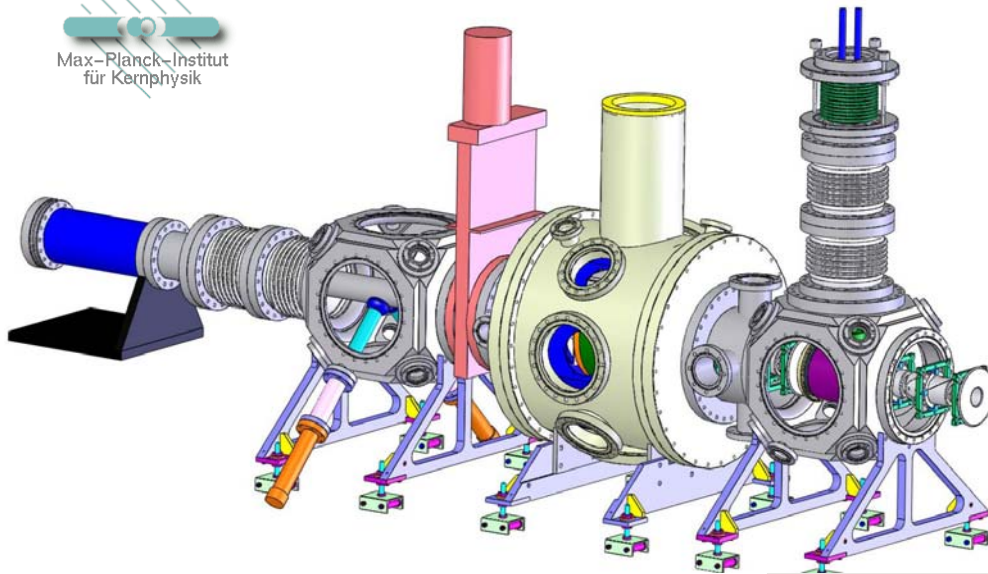


Max Planck Institute  
for Nuclear Physics



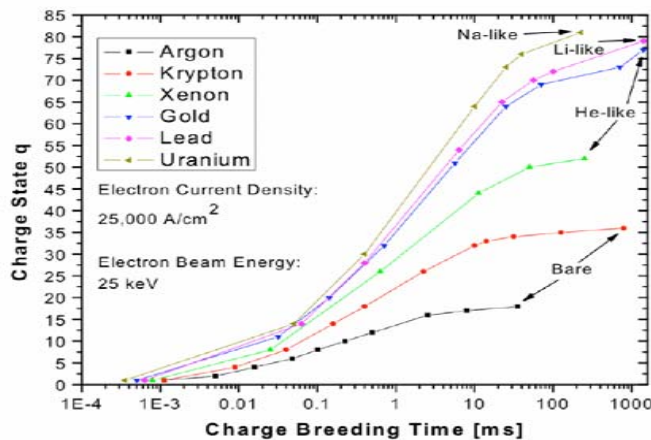
# Preparing experiments using ion traps

## Charge Breeding in the EBIT



**B-field (6 T) compresses e<sup>-</sup> beam**

- ⇒ e<sup>-</sup> density up to 40 000 A/cm<sup>2</sup>
- ⇒ increased ionization rate



Ideal way of manipulating ions (charge breeding)

**Unique:** Observing charge state in-situ (X-ray)

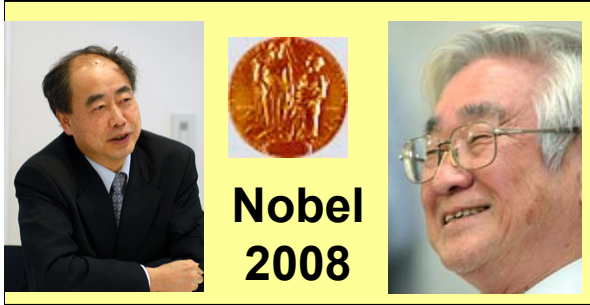
Fast and efficient (we have shown ~5%, CERN ~ 30%, LLNL off-line ~90%)

Implement new evaporative cooling scheme from SMILETRAP system

**M. Simon, A. Gallant et al.**

A. Lappiere et al., NIM A 624, 54 (2010)





# Unitarity of the Cabbibo, Kobayashi, Maskawa Matrix

$$\text{Weak eigenstates} \begin{pmatrix} d_w \\ s_w \\ b_w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix} \text{Mass eigenstates}$$

$$V_{ud} \text{ (nuclear } \beta\text{-decay)} = 0.97425(22)$$

$$V_{us} \text{ (kaon-decay)} = 0.2253(19)$$

$$V_{ub} \text{ (B meson decay)} = 0.00339(44)$$

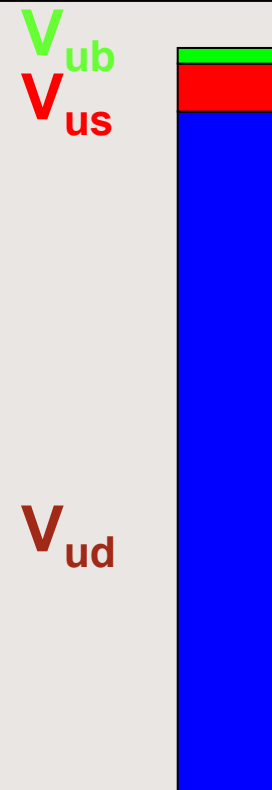
Contribution to the unitarity:

$$V_{ud}^2 + V_{us}^2 + V_{ub}^2 = 0.99990 \pm 0.00060.$$

I.S. Towner & J.C. Hardy [arXiv:1108.2516v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/1108.2516v1)

⇒ unitarity is satisfied to a precision of 0.06%.

However, large recent shift in  $V_{ud}$ , due to new theoretical evaluation and new measurements

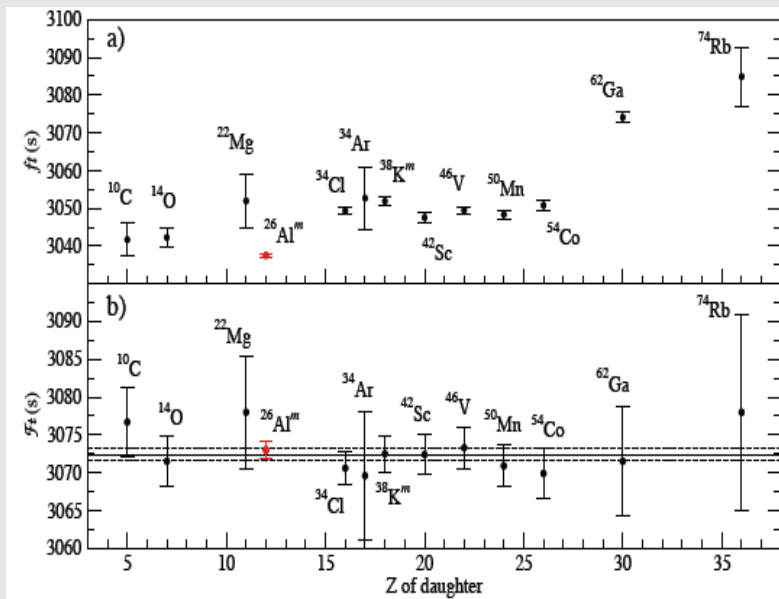


# Vud access from rare isotopes: Studies of super-allowed $\beta$ -emitter $^{74}\text{Rb}$

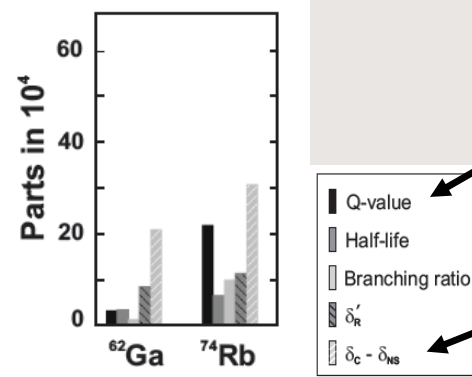
Three experiments focused on the study of  $\beta$ -emitter  $^{74}\text{Rb}$  ( $T_{1/2}=65$  ms)

- (1) a high precision measurement of the mass of  $^{74}\text{Rb}^{8+}$  with TITAN and HCLs
- (2) a high precision branching ratio measurement using the  $8\pi$  spectrometer
- (3) a measurement of the charge radius of  $^{74}\text{Rb}$  using collinear laser spectroscopy on cooled and bunched beams from the TITAN RFQ: to reduce the theoretical uncertainty in the nuclear structure correction  $\delta_C$

ISAC with 100 $\mu\text{A}$  p-beam  
on Nb target.  
Separator with R=4500



P. Finlay et al., PRL 106, 032501 (2011)

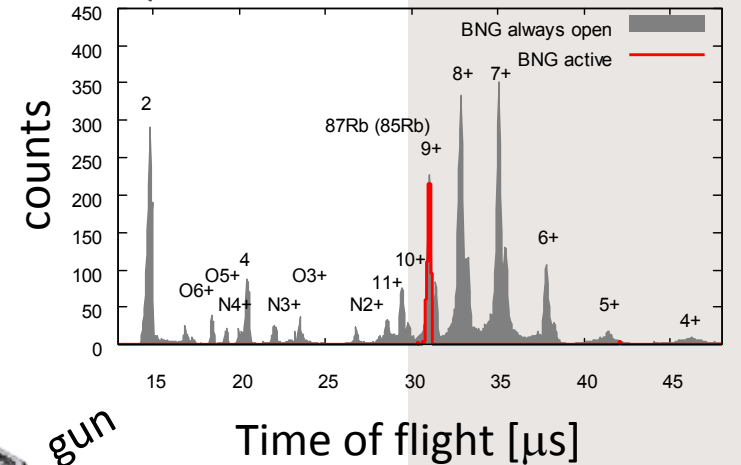
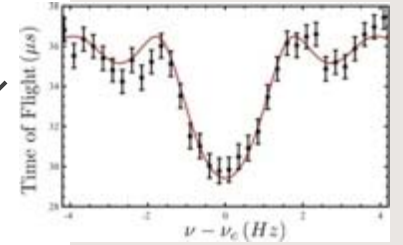
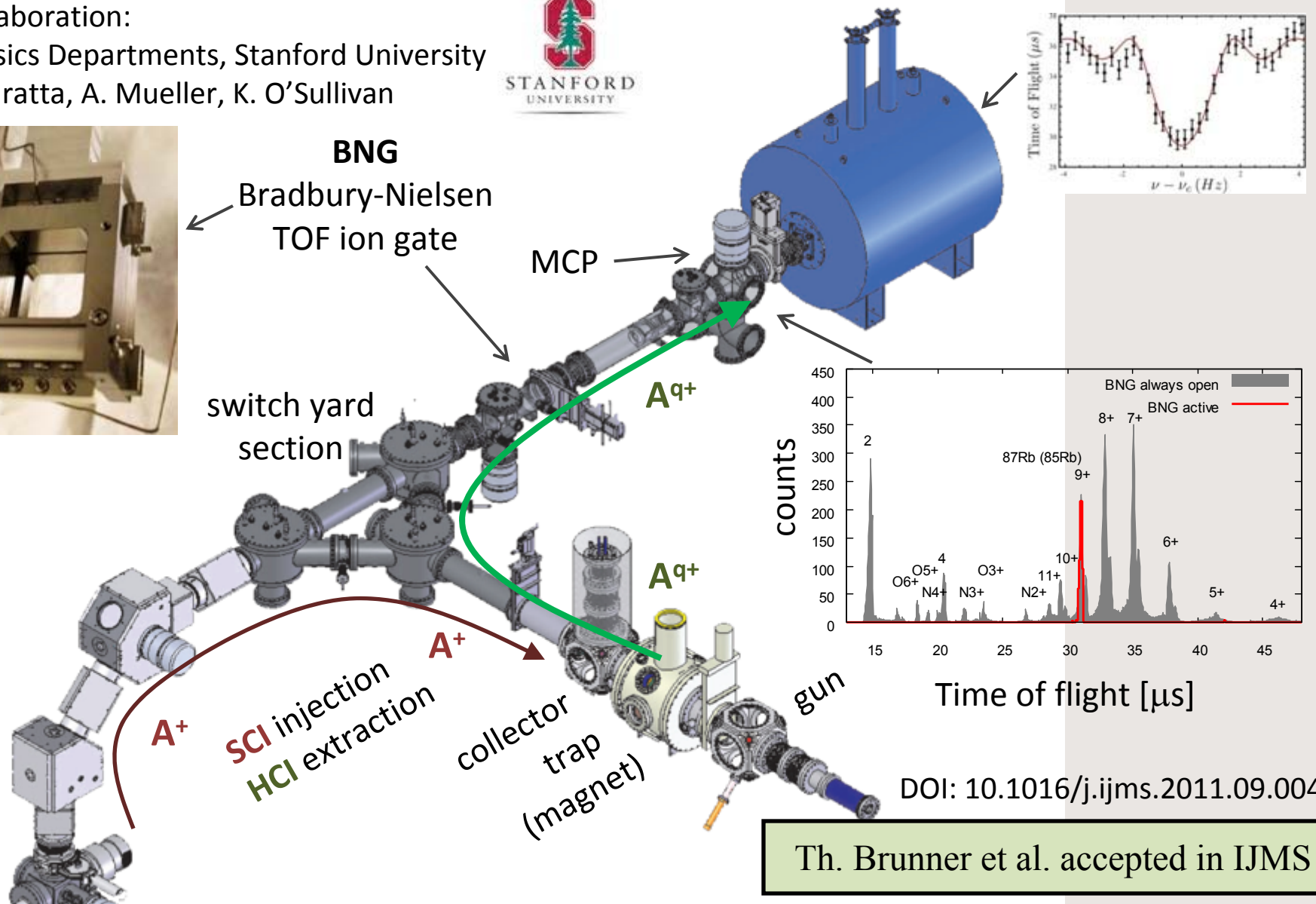
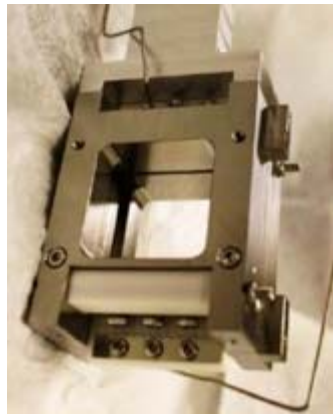


T&H PRC 79, 055502 (2009)

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# TITAN HCI mass measurements

Collaboration:  
 Physics Departments, Stanford University  
 G. Gratta, A. Mueller, K. O'Sullivan

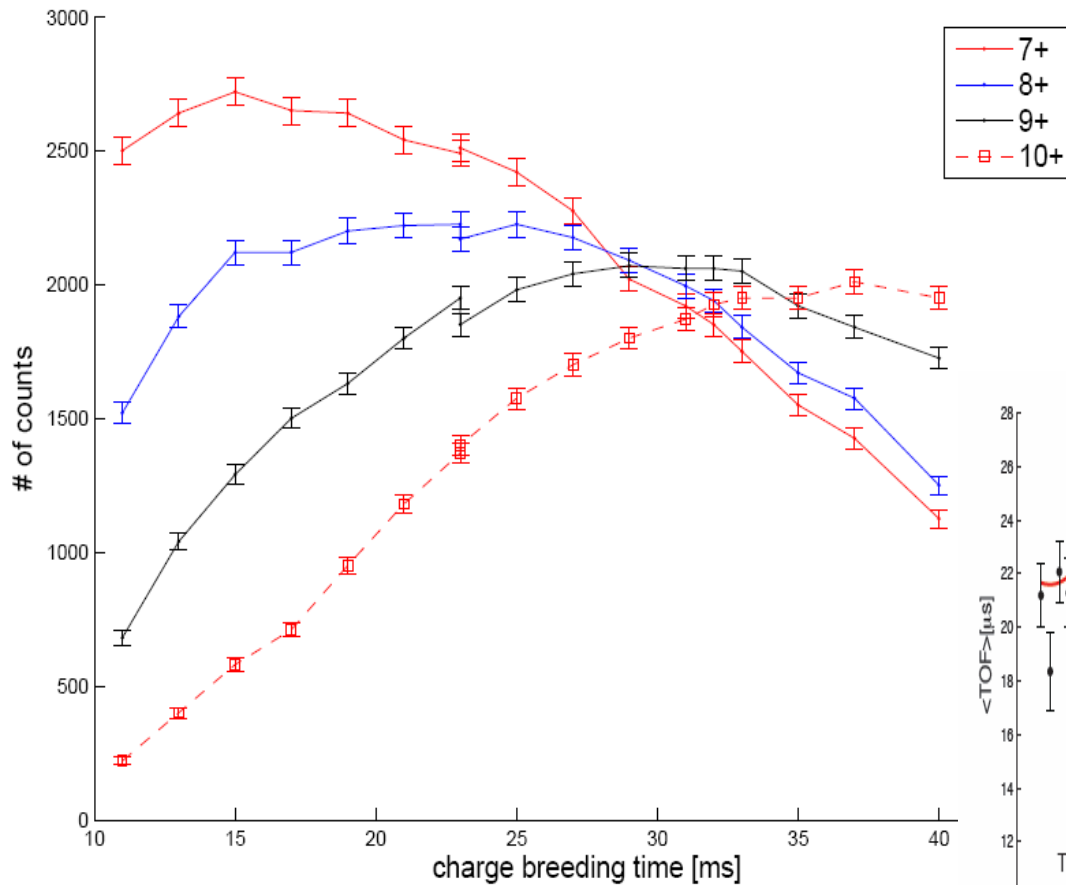


DOI: 10.1016/j.ijms.2011.09.004

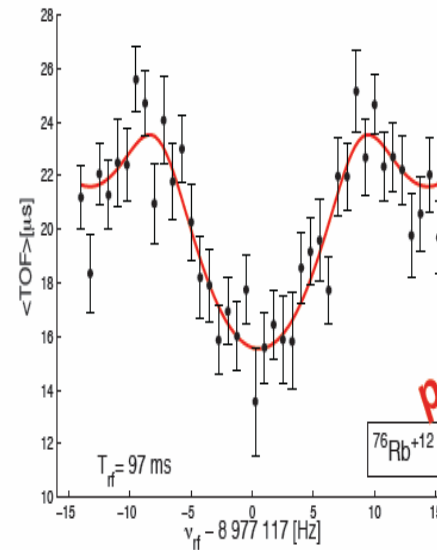
Th. Brunner et al. accepted in IJMS

# TITAN HCI mass measurements

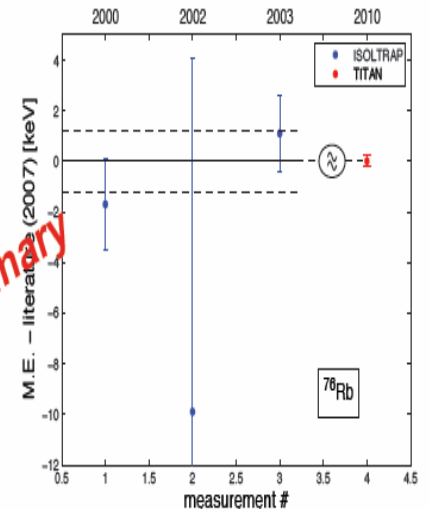
## Charge state distribution in the EBIT



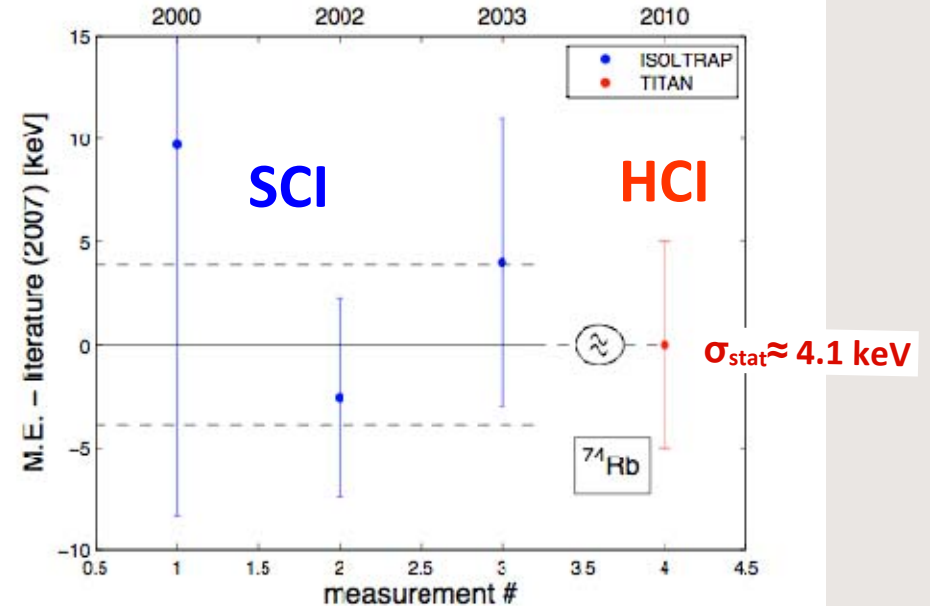
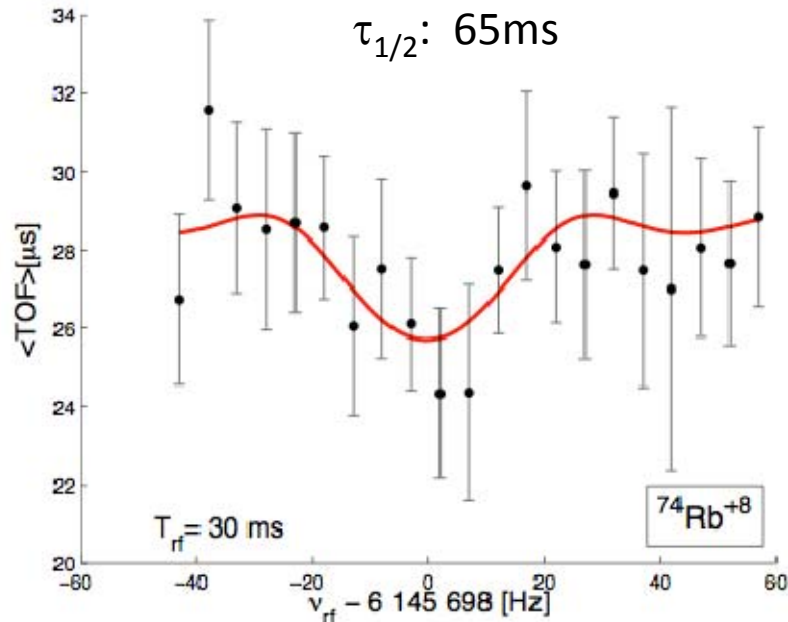
First mass measurement of charge bred ions in an on-line PT system



preliminary



# super-allowed beta emitter: potential to improve by 2 orders of magnitude



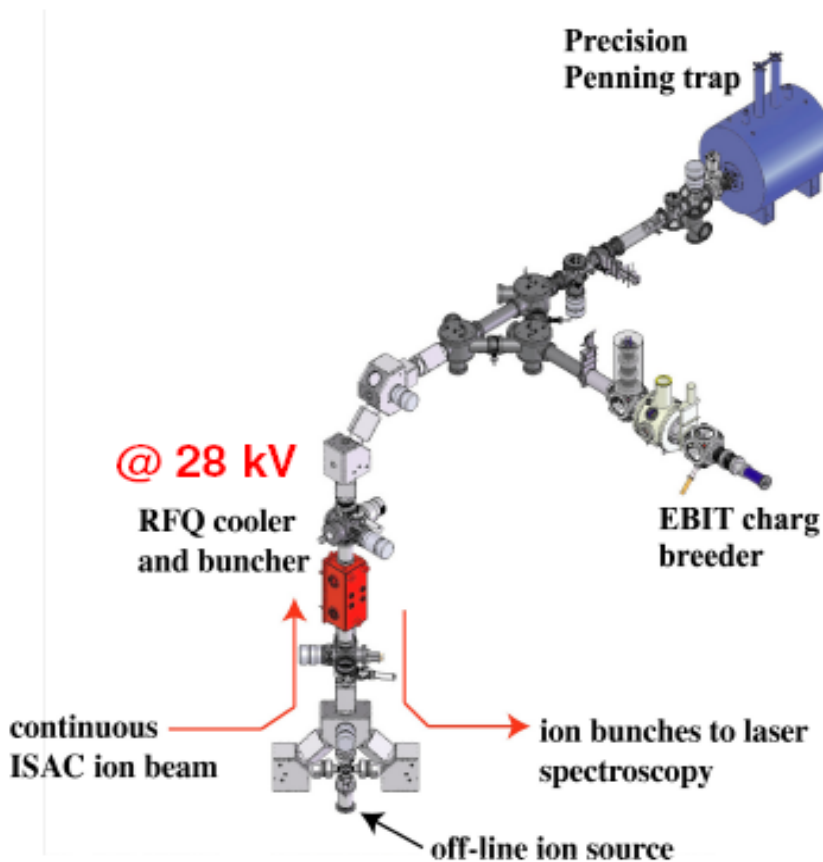
## $^{74}\text{Rb}$ :

- ISAC Yield: around 2000 ions/s + contamination from  $^{74}\text{Ga}$
- precision already comparable to ISOLTRAP (2007)
- combined data improves overall accuracy on the Q-value
- data taken in only < 20 hours
- power outage during  $^{74}\text{Rb}$  => reconditioning of EBIT => lower eff.  
→ “easy” improvement below dm < 1keV next time

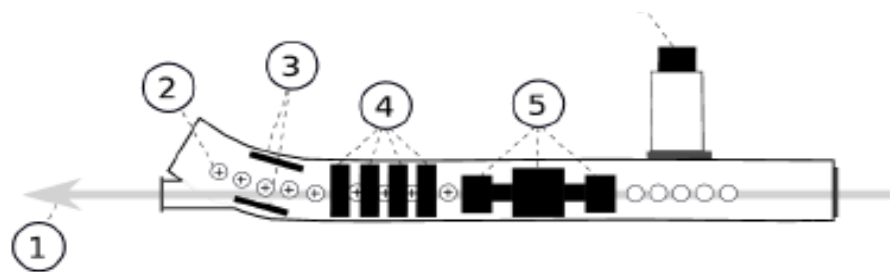
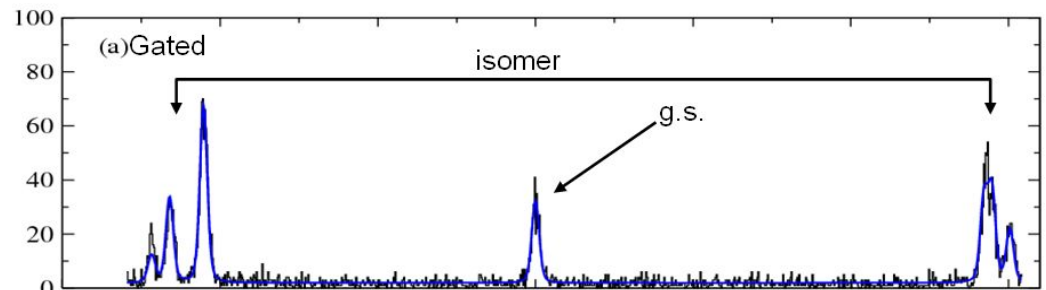
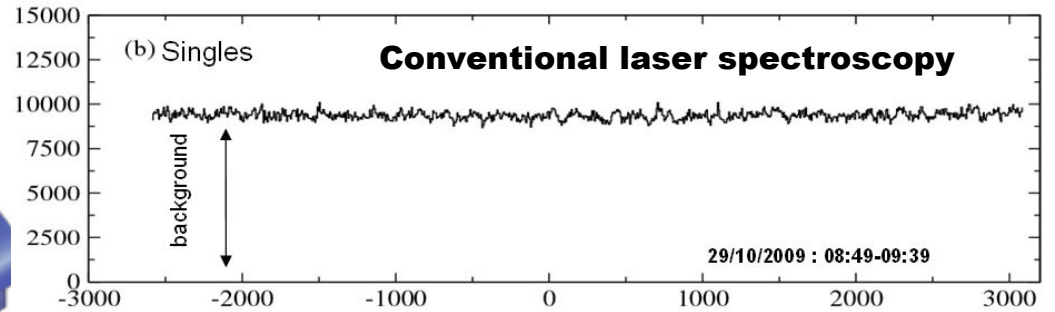


# Laser spectroscopy on cooled & bunched beams

## Experimental details



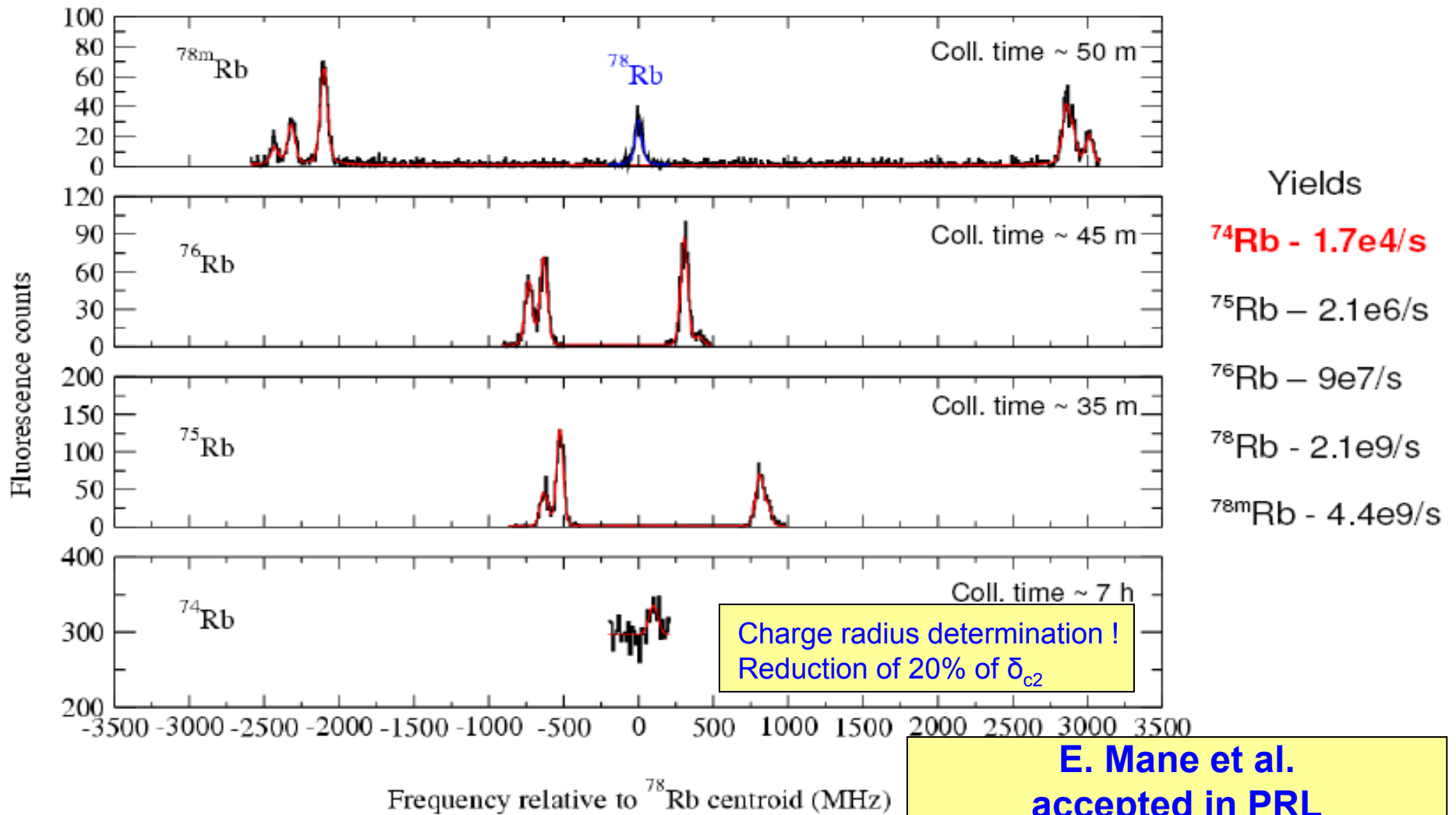
RFQ operated with 800-1000 KHz  
 10 Hz cycle (80 ms loading + 1ms cooling)



- 1) Freq. stabilized laser – 1.5 mW available
- 2) Singly charged ions
- 3) HV deflector plates, up to 100 Hz rep rate.
- 4) Deceleration electrodes – +/- 1 kV
- 5) Sodium cell (bias – up to 3 kV). 50% eff.

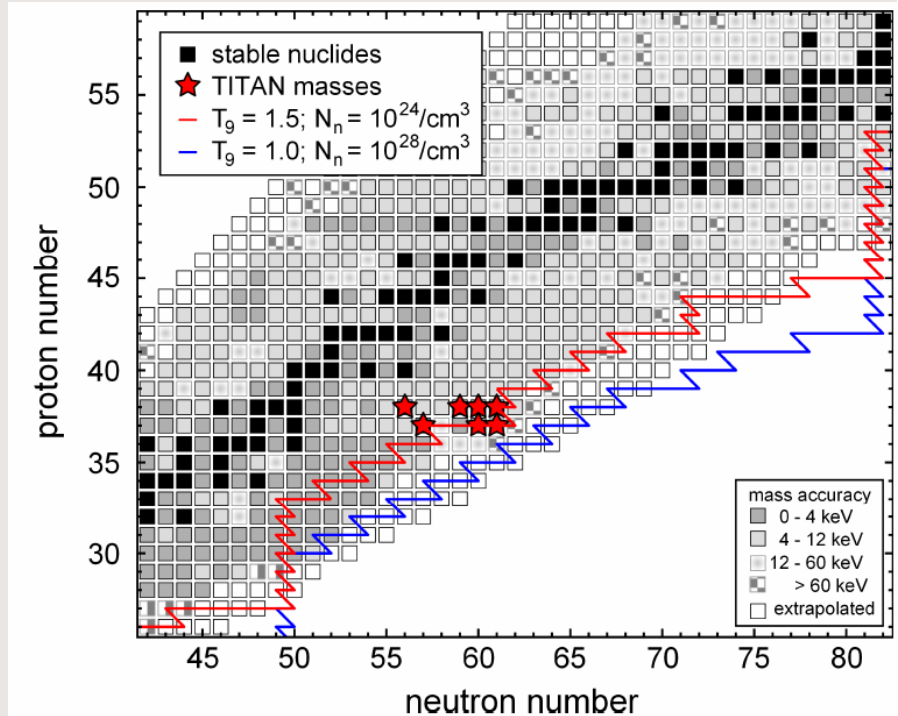
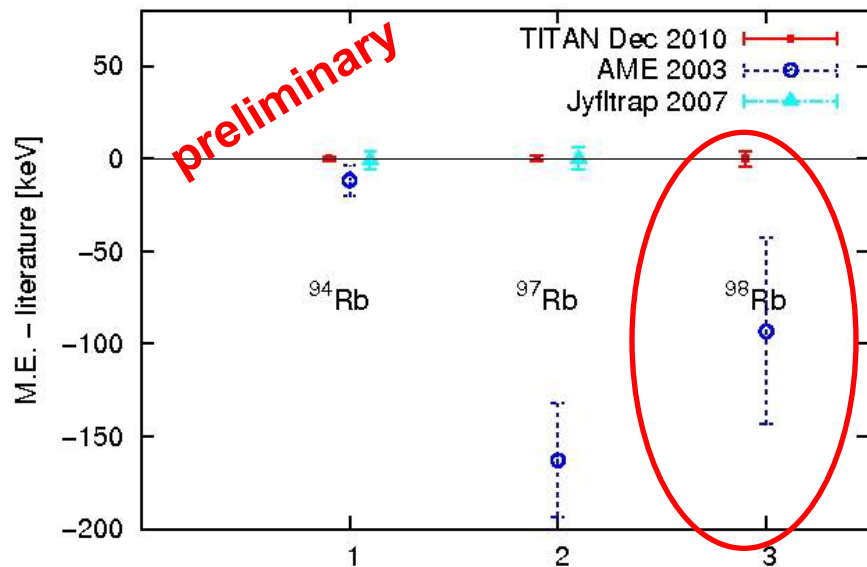
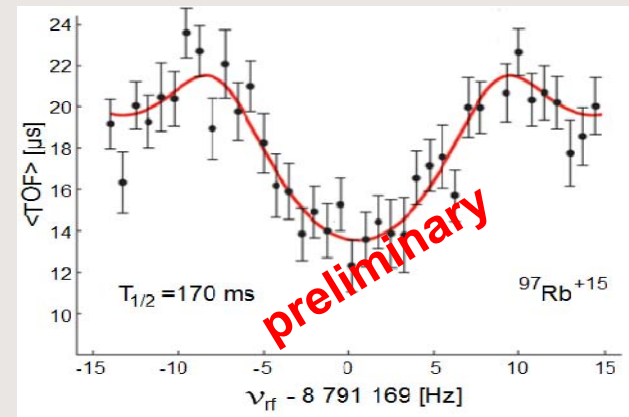
# Laser spectroscopy

TITAN-Laser: M. Pearson (TRIUMF) , McGill, Manchester UK



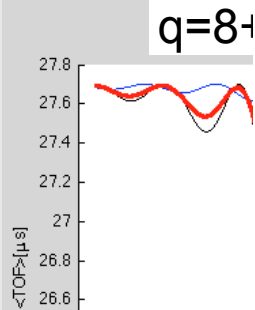
# mass measurement for nuclear astrophysics of n-rich $^{94,97,98}\text{Rb}$ and $^{94,97,98,99}\text{Sr}$

- First time online mass measurement in Penning trap at this high charge state  $q=+15$ .
- First direct mass measurement of  $^{98}\text{Rb}$
- Uncertainties reduced of all other masses ( $^{94,97,98}\text{Rb}$  and  $^{94,97,98}\text{Sr}$ )



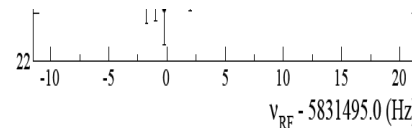
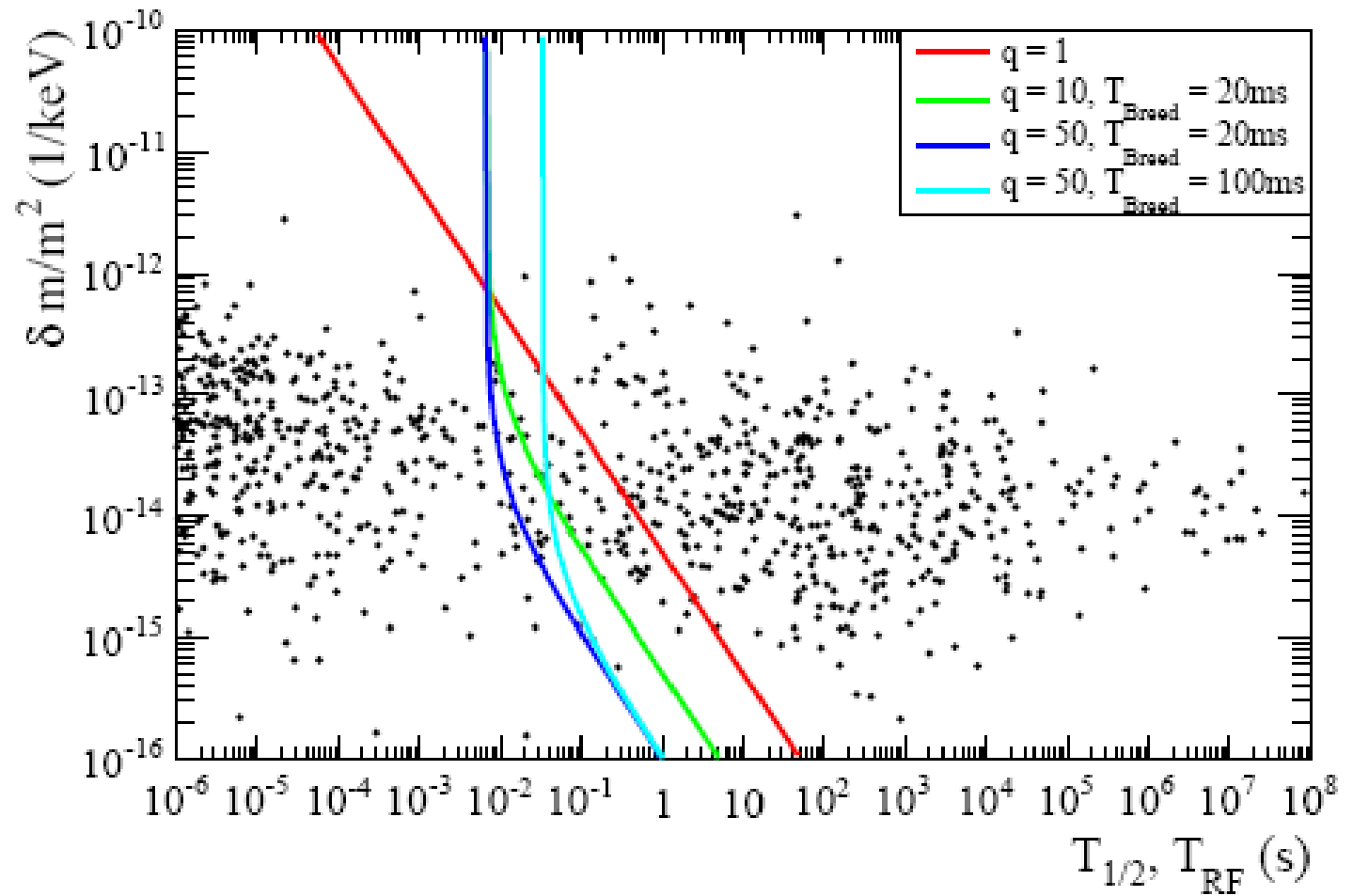
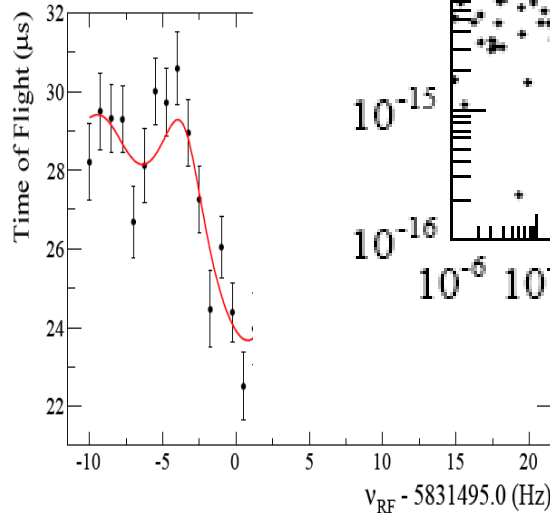
V.V. Simon et al. in prep for PRC

Calculation



$$v_c = \frac{1}{2\pi m} q B$$

Measurement







$Q=232$  (0.4)

**Expected rate: ~  
SAGE/GALLEX**

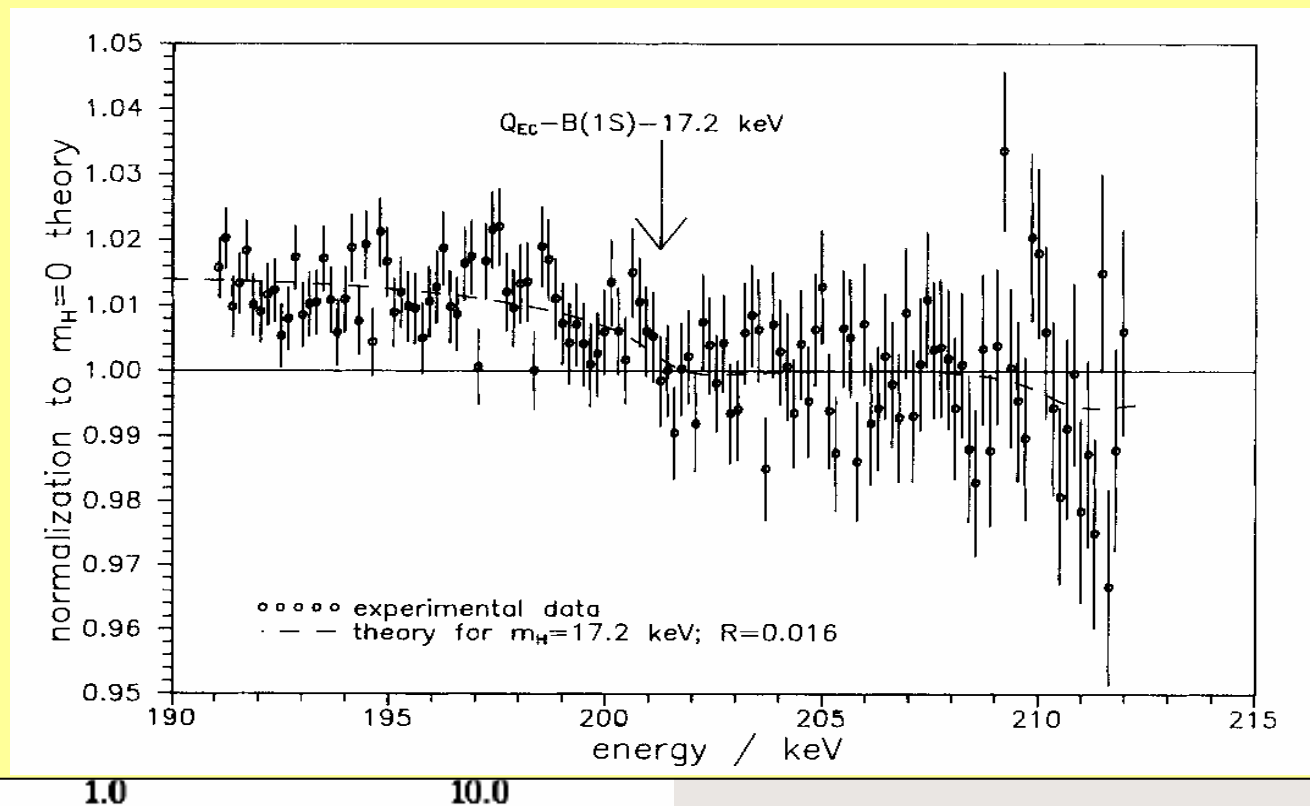
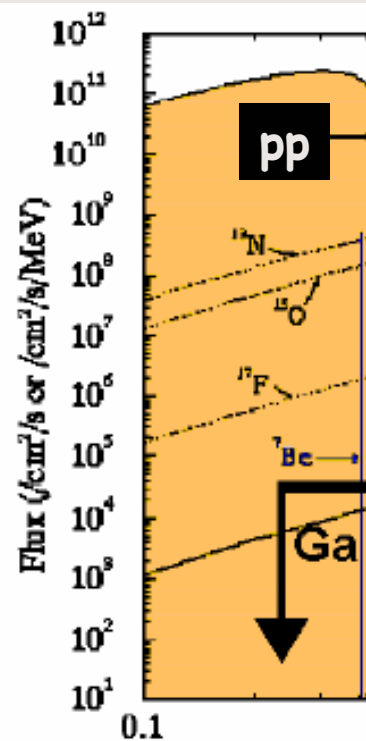
Existing data:

Žilim et al., PRL67, 560 (1991)

$Q_{\text{EC}}=229.0 \pm 0.5$  keV

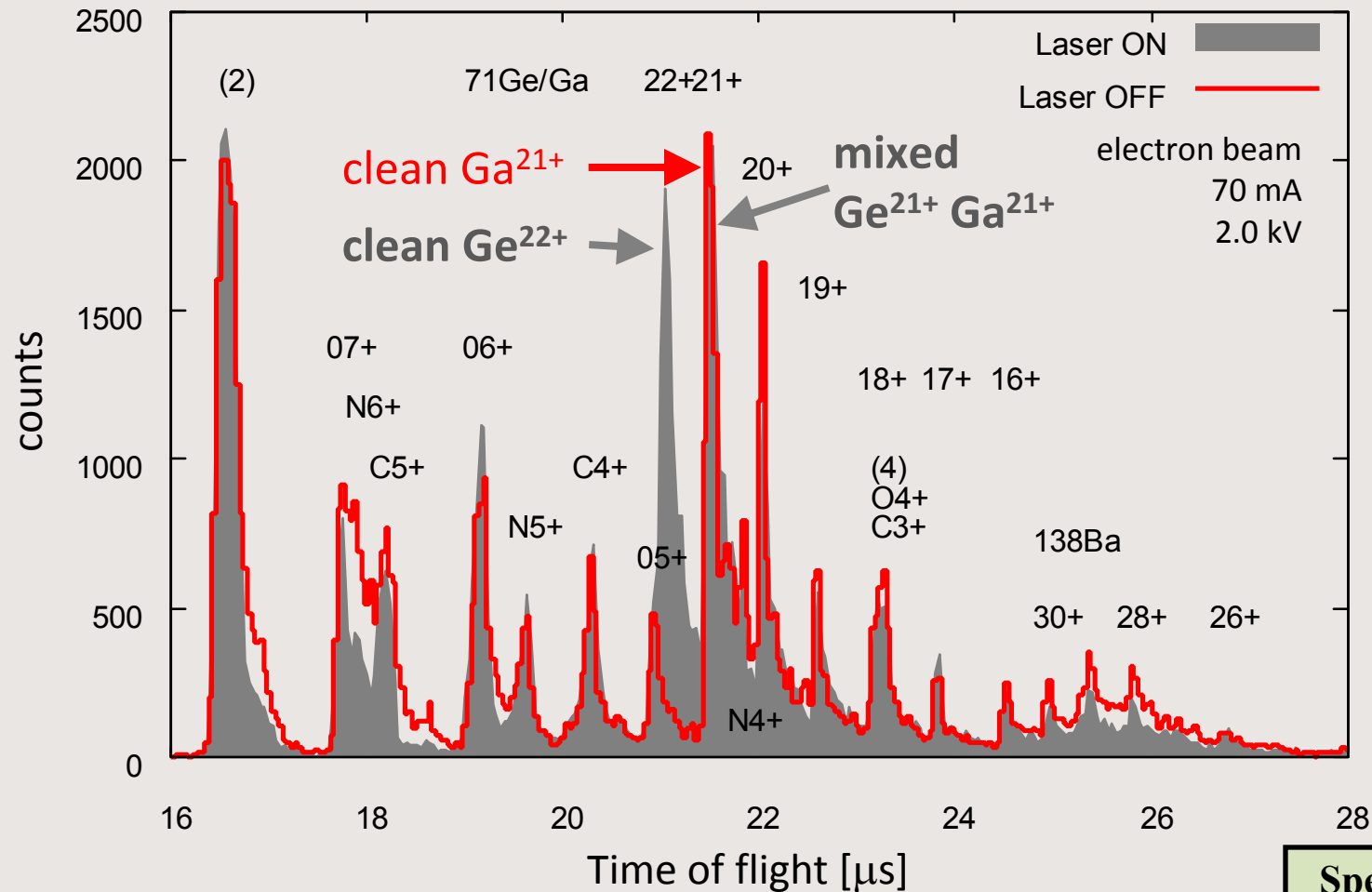
End-point measurement with 'full' simulation of final state behavior

Reached very good precision (accuracy?)



# $^{71}\text{Ge}$ - $^{71}\text{Ga}$ both from ISAC

Isobaric separation by charge breeding to atomic shell closures



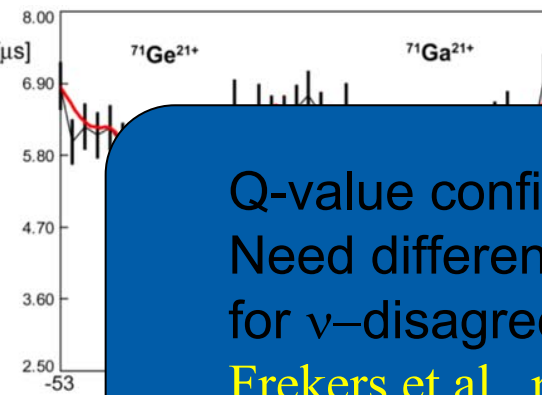
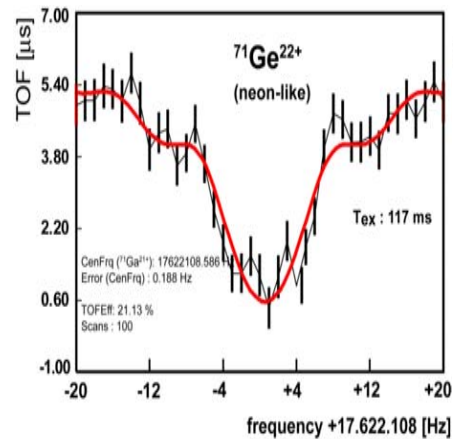
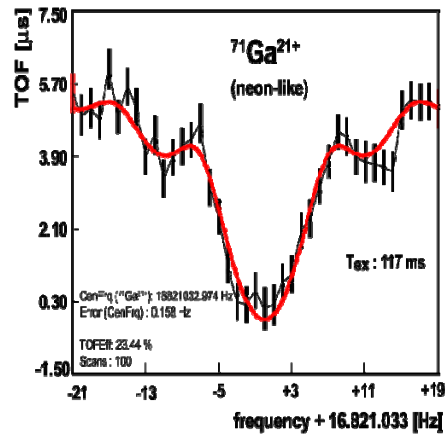
Ge delivery from ISAC required Laser Ionization

→ clean  $^{71}\text{Ga}^{21}$  if Laser OFF (Ga produced through surface ionization)

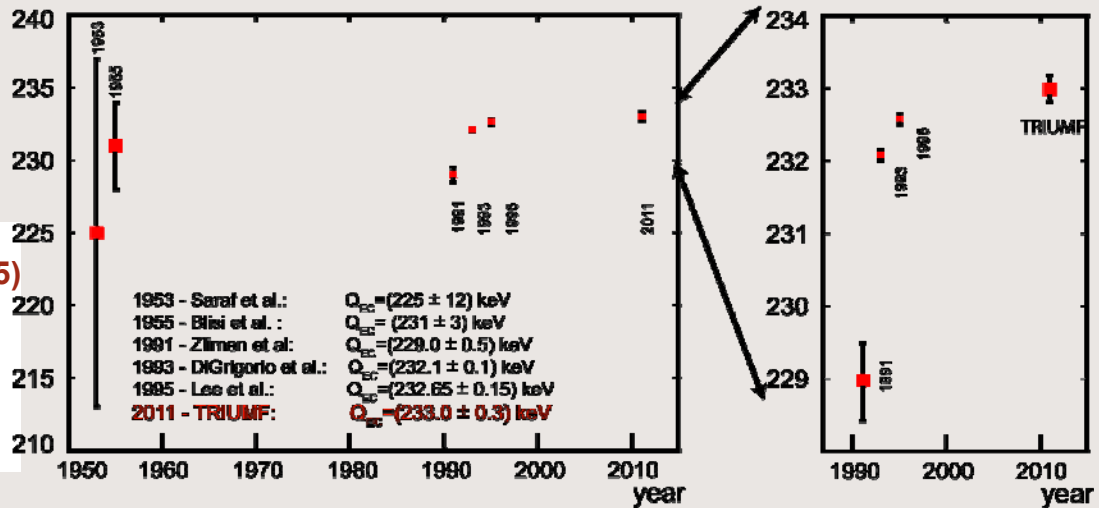
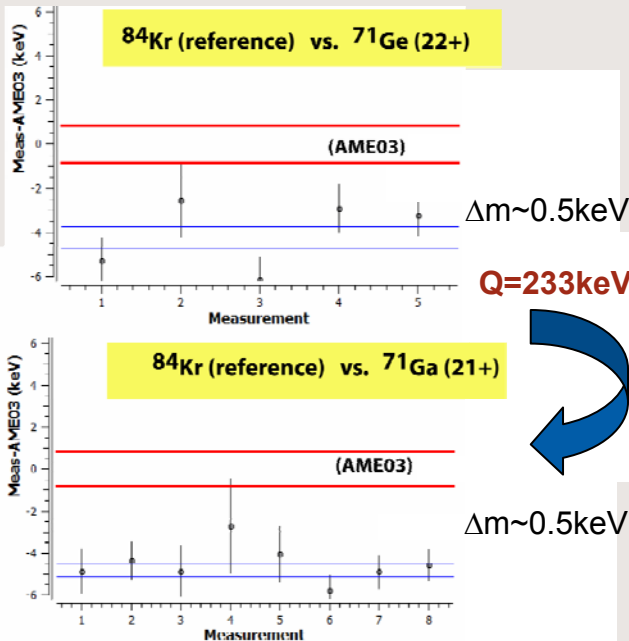
→ clean  $^{71}\text{Ge}^{22}$  if Laser ON (Ga not breded to  $q=22+$ )

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# Separation of isobars by use of threshold charge breeding: Z of Ge and Ga is different and e-binding is Z-dependent (both Ne-like)



Q-value confirmed:  
Need different explanation for  $\nu$ -disagreement!  
Frekers et al., prep for PRL



# Understanding the Universe: rare isotopes can help

- Nuclear physics programs using rare isotopes can be used to understand some of the fundamental questions.
- A powerful way of approaching this: ion trap experiments, one of them is TITAN @ ISAC
- TITAN uses ion trapping techniques to investigate:
  - Fundamental interactions to describe the strong force;
    - Halos
    - New magic numbers in Ca
  - Testing symmetry laws and phenomena:  $V_{ud}$  matrix element in the CKM matrix
  - Nucleo-synthesis: R-process reactions in very neutron rich isotopes
  - How stars (sun) shine: Neutrino physics by Q-value determination Ge-Ga-71
- TITAN program
  - Precision experiments on masses:
    - Shortest lived isotope ever measured in a Penning trap
    - Charge bred short-lived isotopes
    - Ramsey technique of highly charged rare isotopes, with the potential to gain 2 orders in magnitude in precision over conventional approach

Understanding the pressing questions is driven by progress in experiment and theory:

- Precision experiments are used to bring forward our understanding of Nature:
  - the nucleon interaction point towards the need for 3-body forces.
- More exciting experiments awaiting plus more opportunities with ARIEL

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