

Nuclear Structure Studies with Penning Traps



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Unique Combination for SHE Studies

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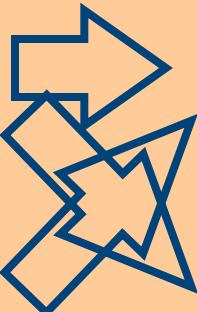
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Stable
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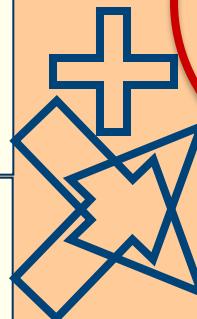
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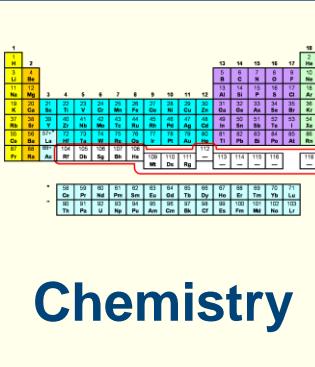
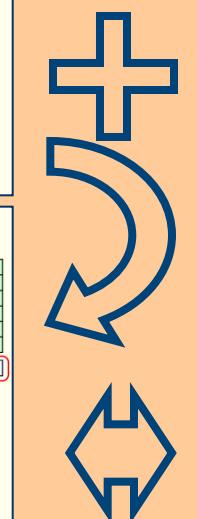
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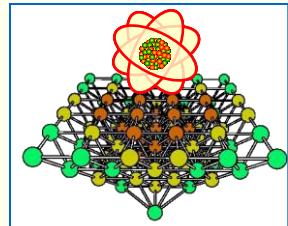
SHIPTRAP



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Chemistry



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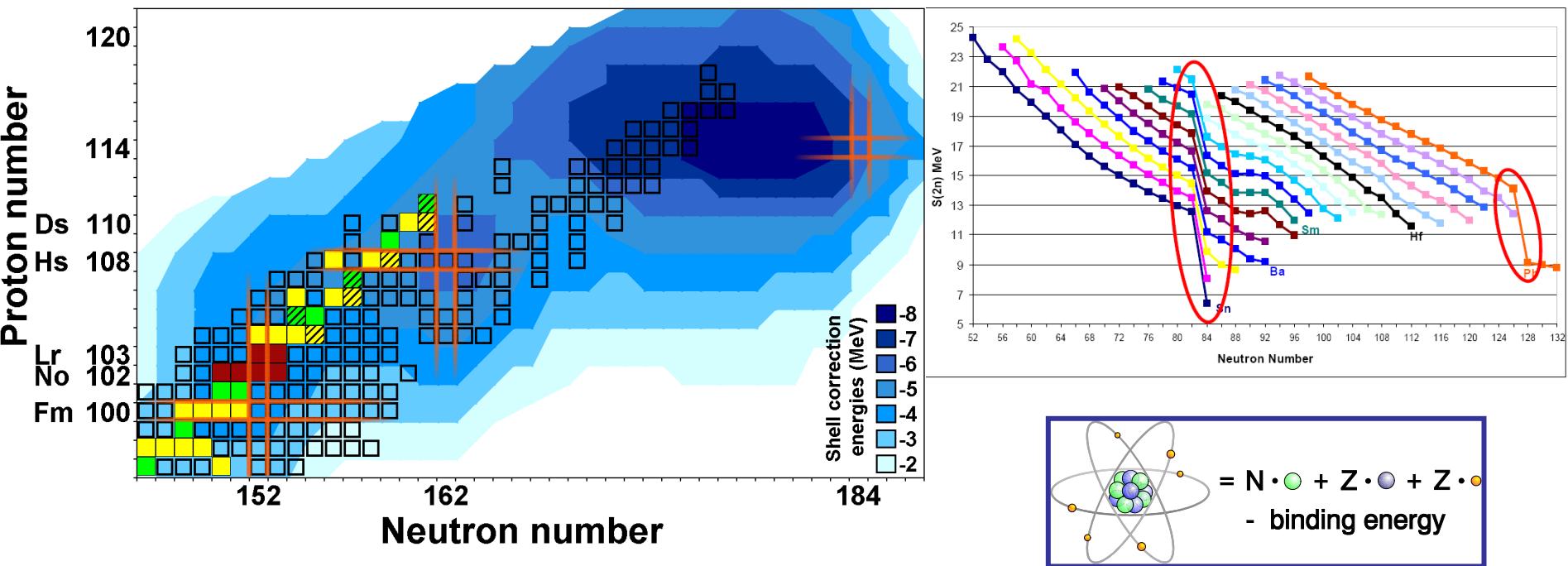
TRIGA-

-LASER
-TRAP



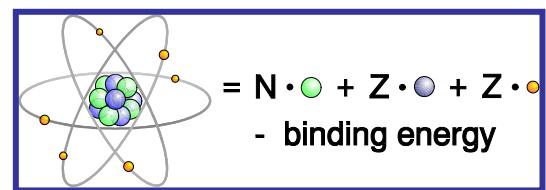
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Importance of Masses for $Z > 100$

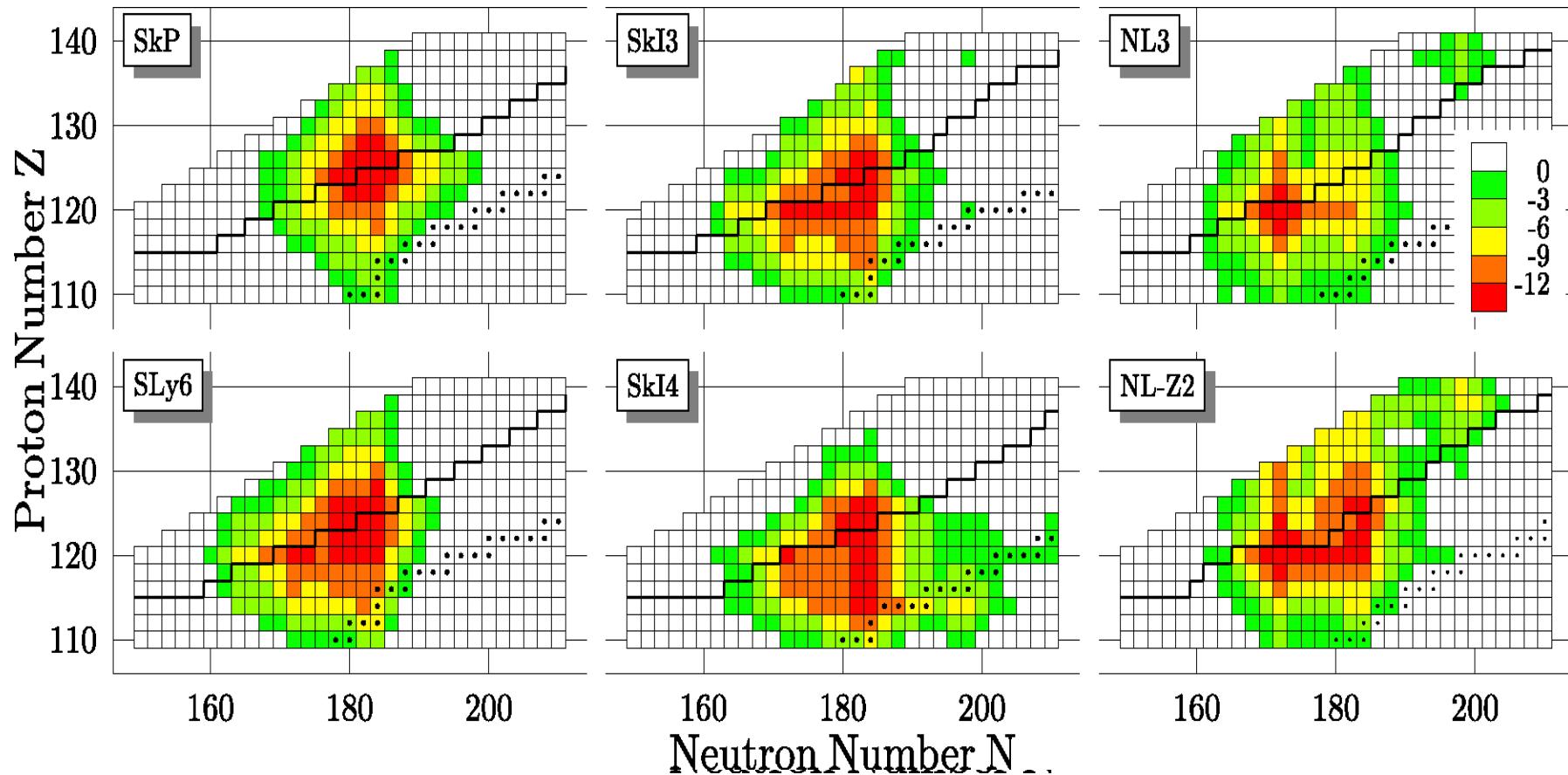


high-precision mass measurements provide

- accurate absolute nuclear binding energies
- anchor points to fix decay chains
- Studies the nuclear structure evolution
- Benchmark theoretical nuclear models

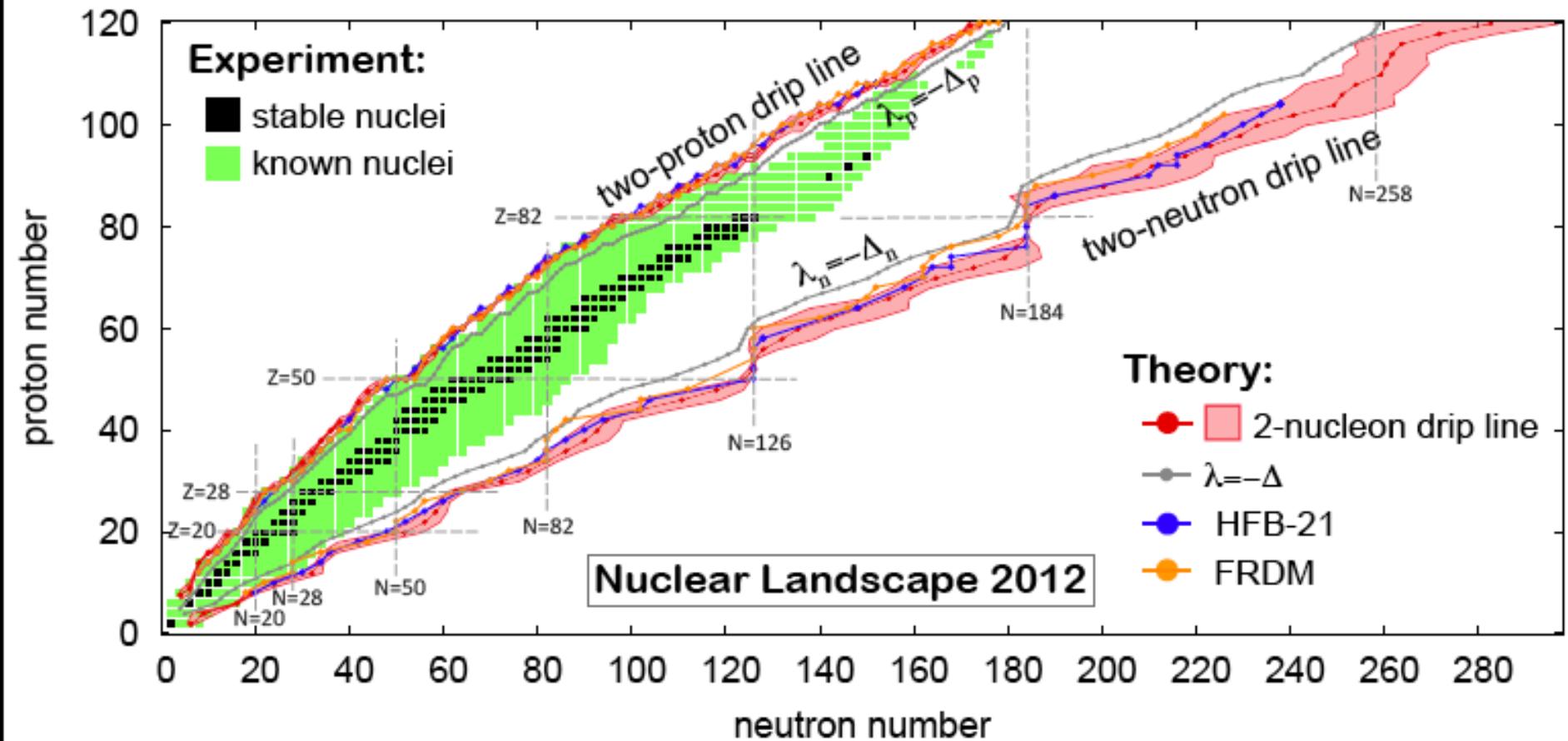


Nuclear Shells: No Magic Numbers in SHE?



M. Bender et al., Phys. Lett. B 515 (2001) 42

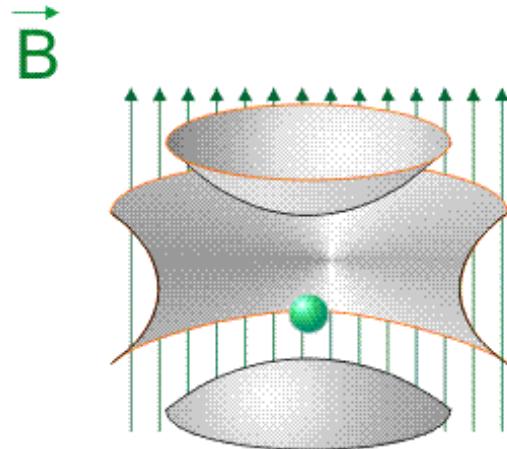
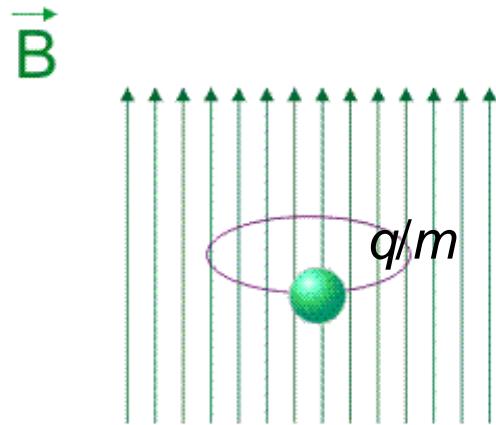
Exploring the Limits of Nuclear Chart



Prediction: about 7000 nuclides exist

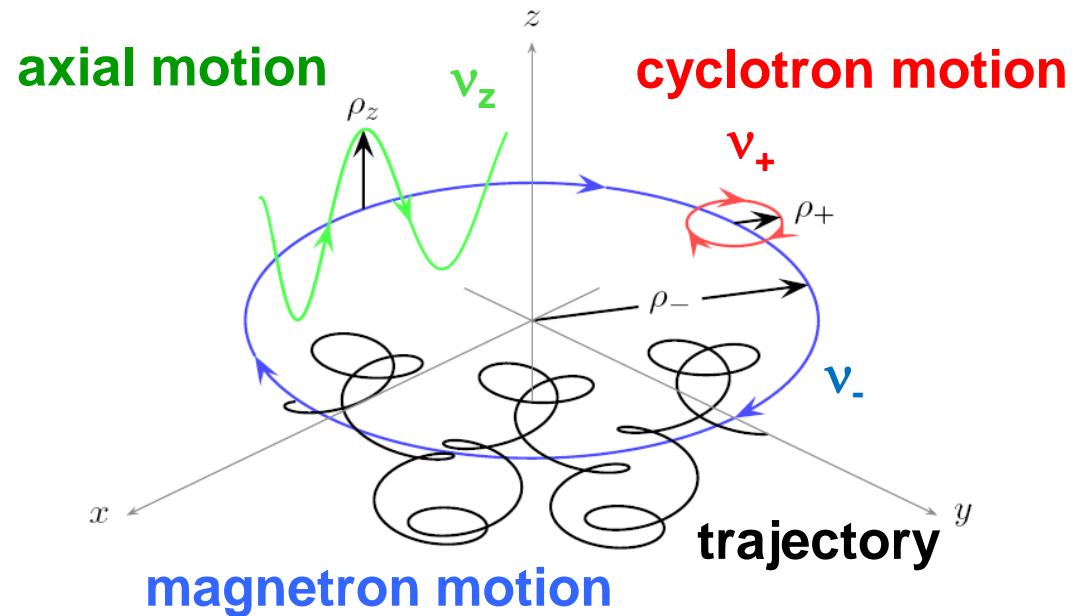
Principle of Penning Traps

PENNING trap



- Strong homogeneous magnetic field
- Weak electric 3D quadrupole field

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



L. S. Brown and G. Gabrielse, Rev. Mod. Phys. 58 (1986) 233
G. Gabrielse, Int. J. Mass Spectr. 279, (2009) 107

Complementarity of Penning Traps

Type of Reacion	ISOL TRAP	CPT	SHIP TRAP	JYFL TRAP	LEBIT	TITAN	TRIGA TRAP	CARIBU	MLL TRAP	MATS @FAIR
ISOL	X					X			X	
Fusion		X	X							
IGISOL				X						
Fragm.					X					X
Neutron induced fission							X		X	
Spontane ous fission								X		X
HCI						X				X

Present Performance of PTMS for RIBs

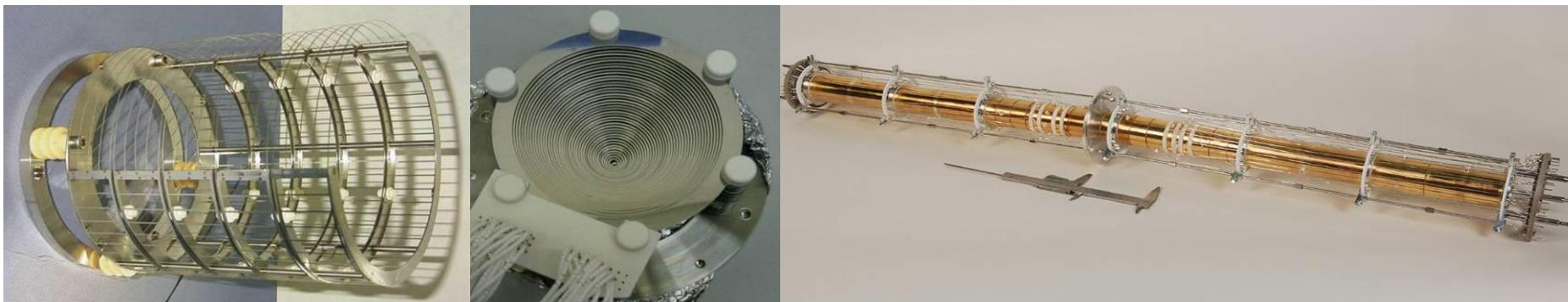
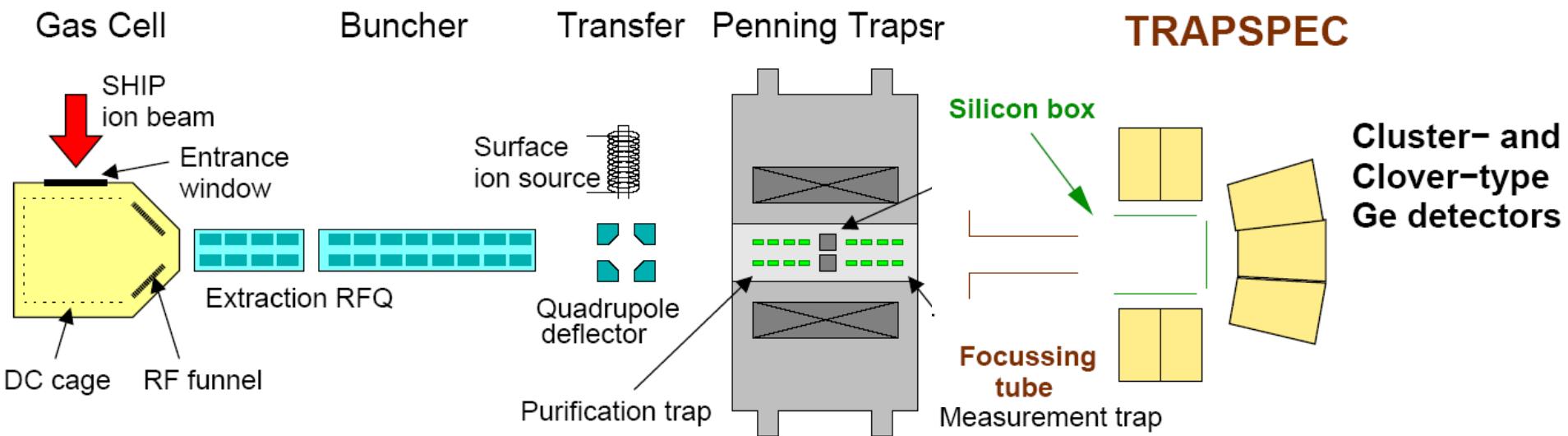
- required yield: at present ≈ 1 particle per minute
- accessible half-life ≈ 10 ms
- relative mass uncertainty $\approx 10^{-8}$ (for mass doublets 10^{-9})
- required number of ions for a mass measurement ≈ 30

Yield often still not the limiting factor but contaminants

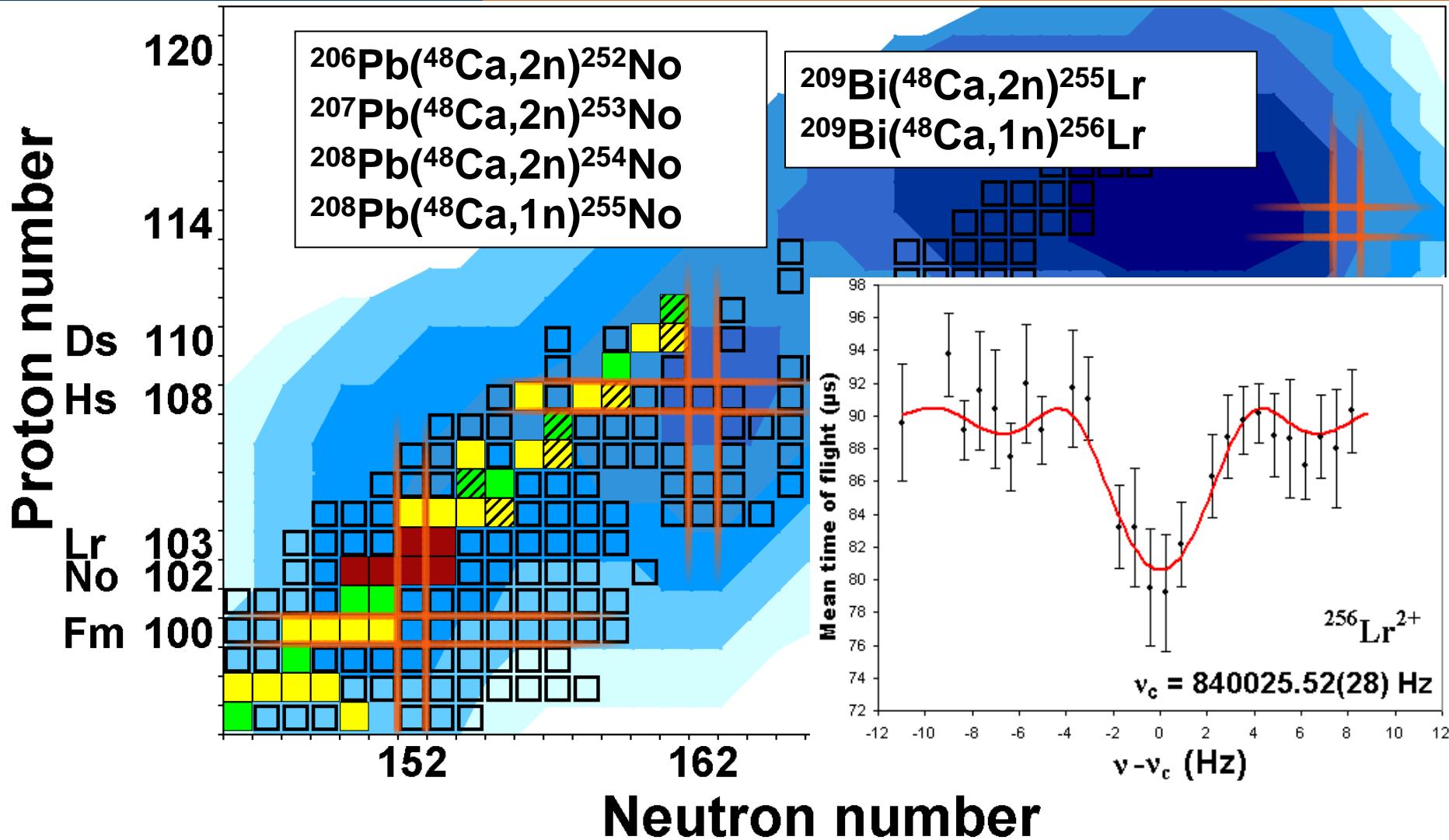


SHIPTRAP Setup

$\approx 50 \text{ MeV}$

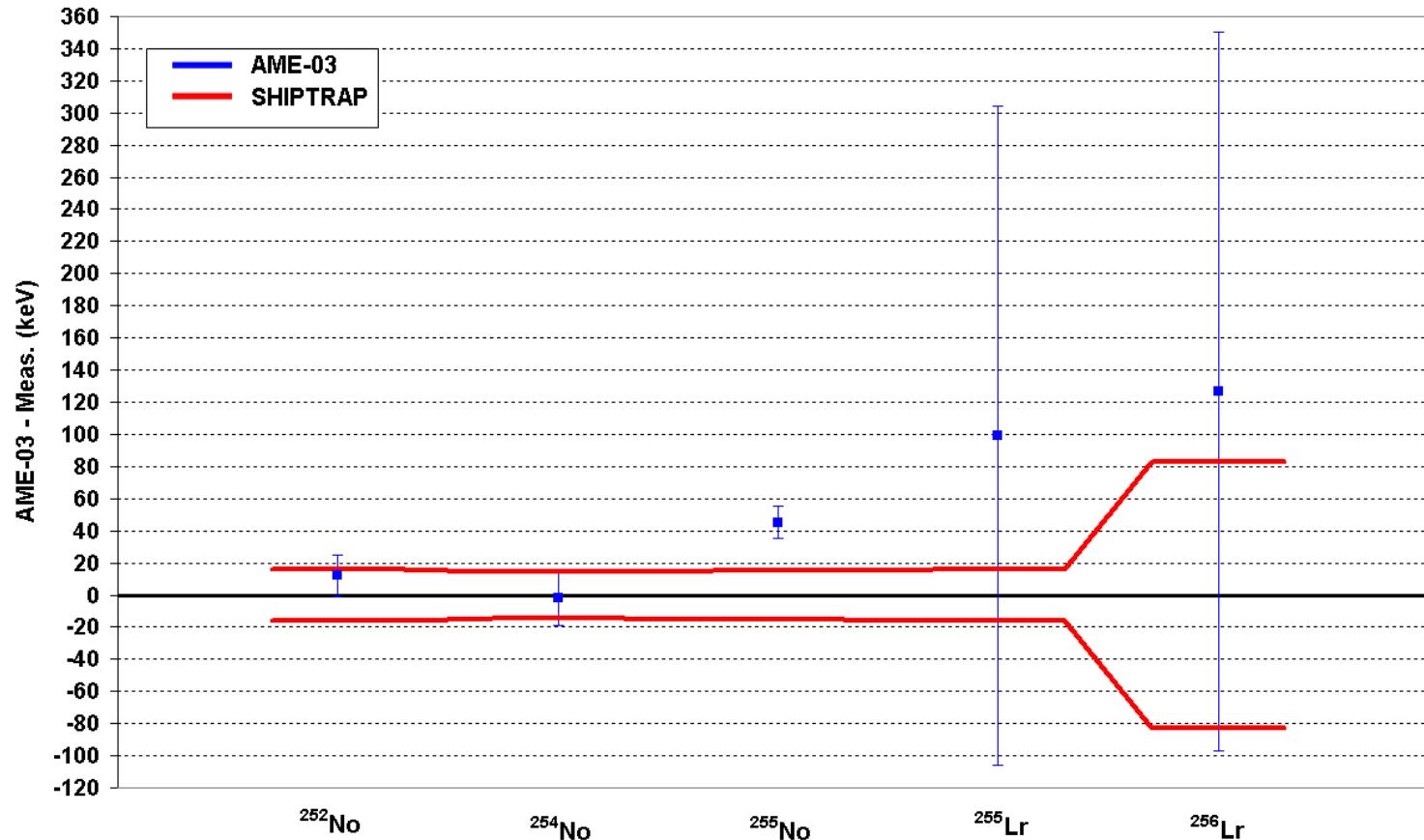


Direct mass measurements with SHIPTRAP

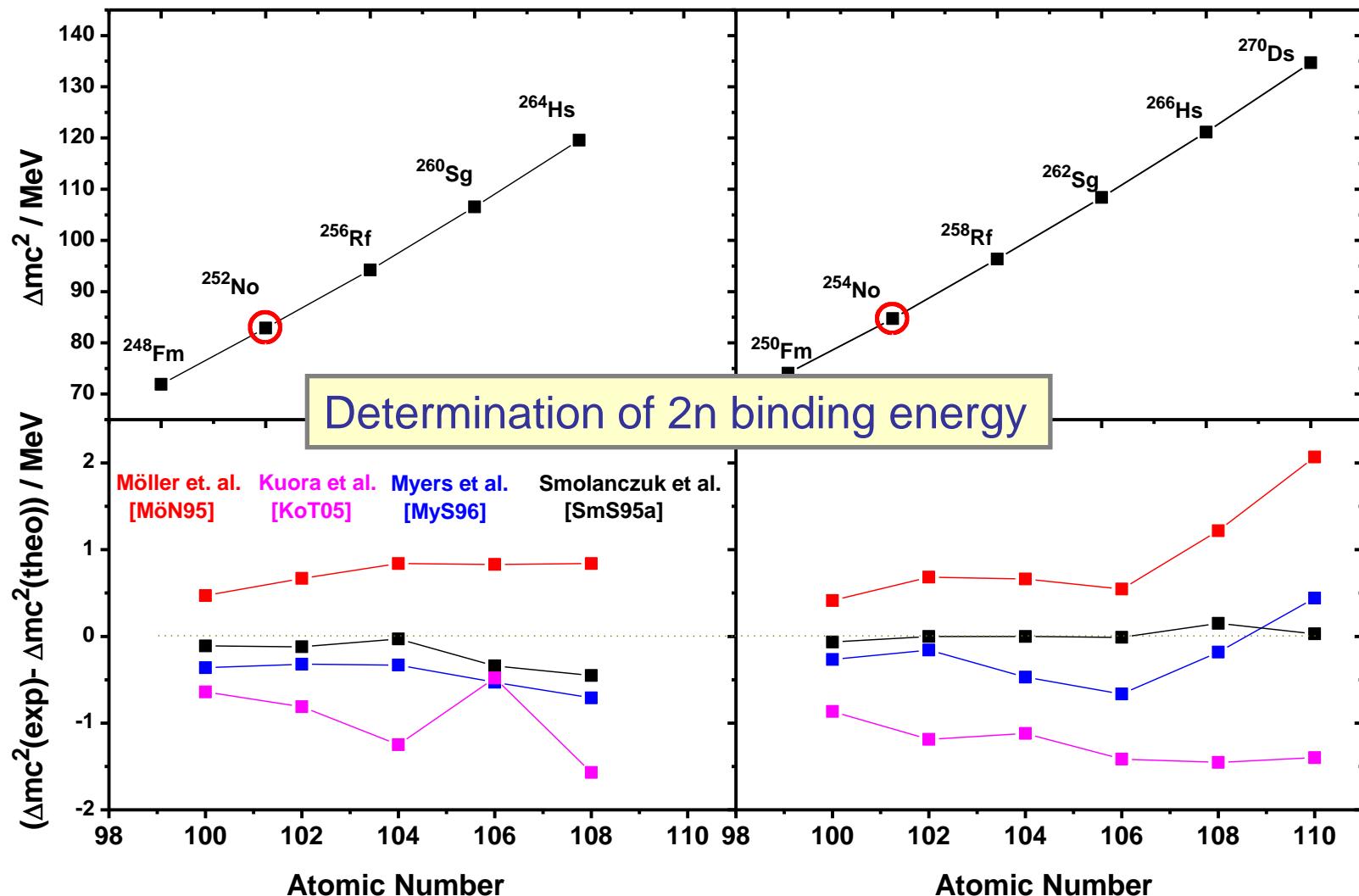


M. Block et al., Nature 463, 785 (2010), M. Dworschak et al., Phys. Rev. C 81, 064312 (2010)
E. Minaya Ramirez et al., Science 337, 1183 (2012)

Comparison of SHIPTRAP results to the AME



Masses of even-even $N-Z=48$ and $N-Z=50$ Nuclei

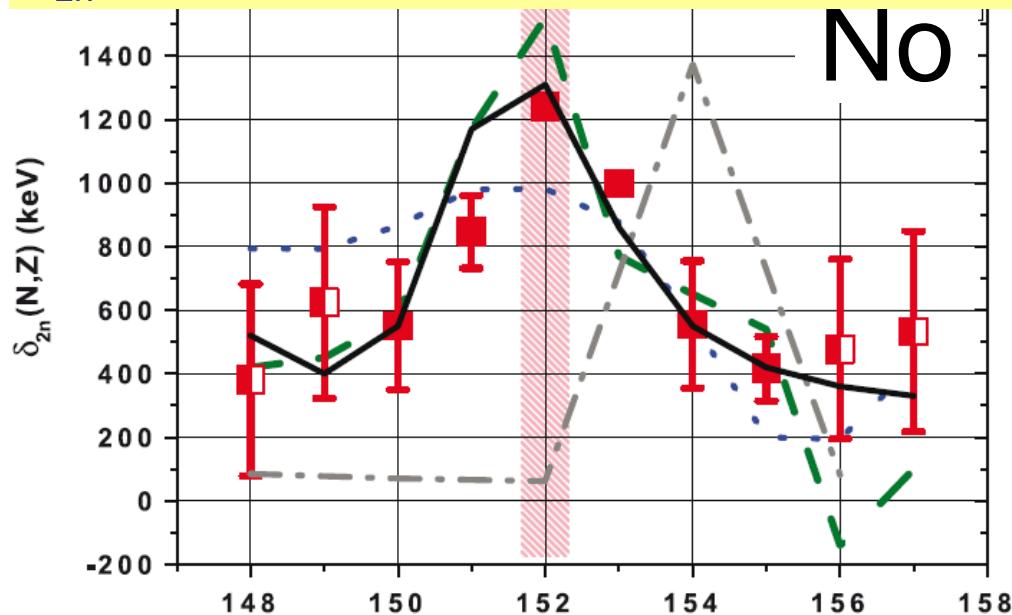


SHIPTRAP: Probing the Strength of Shell Effects

Direct Mapping of Nuclear Shell Effects in the Heaviest Elements

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$$\delta_{2n}(N,Z) = 2B(N,Z) - B(N-2,Z) - B(N+2,Z)$$



Experimental

Muntian (mic-mac)
Z=114 N=184

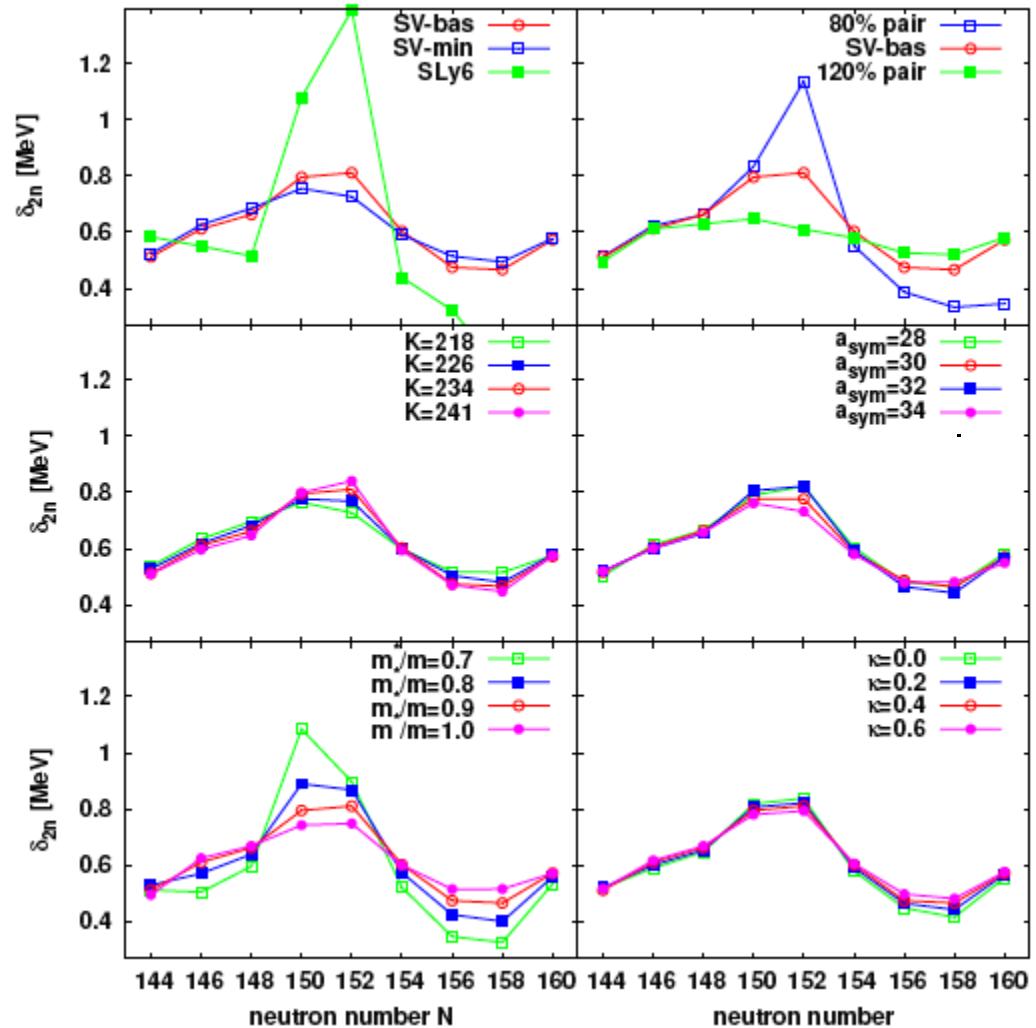
Möller FRDM
Z=114 N=184

TW-99
Z=120 N=172

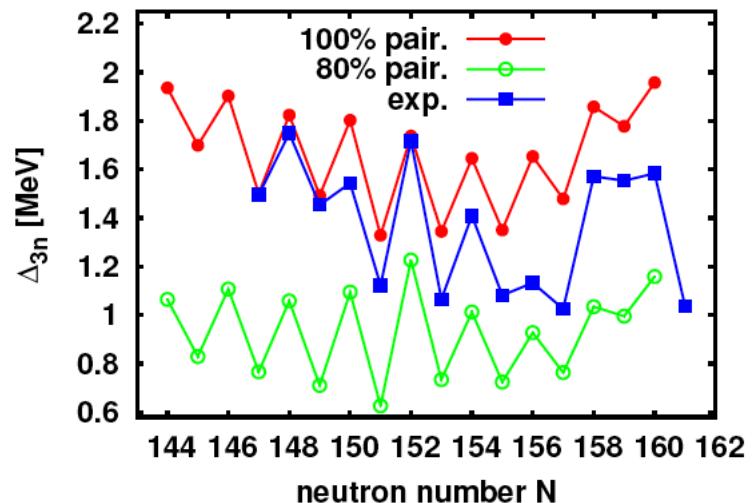
SkM*
Z=126 N=184

Calculations with Skyrme Forces

No isotopes

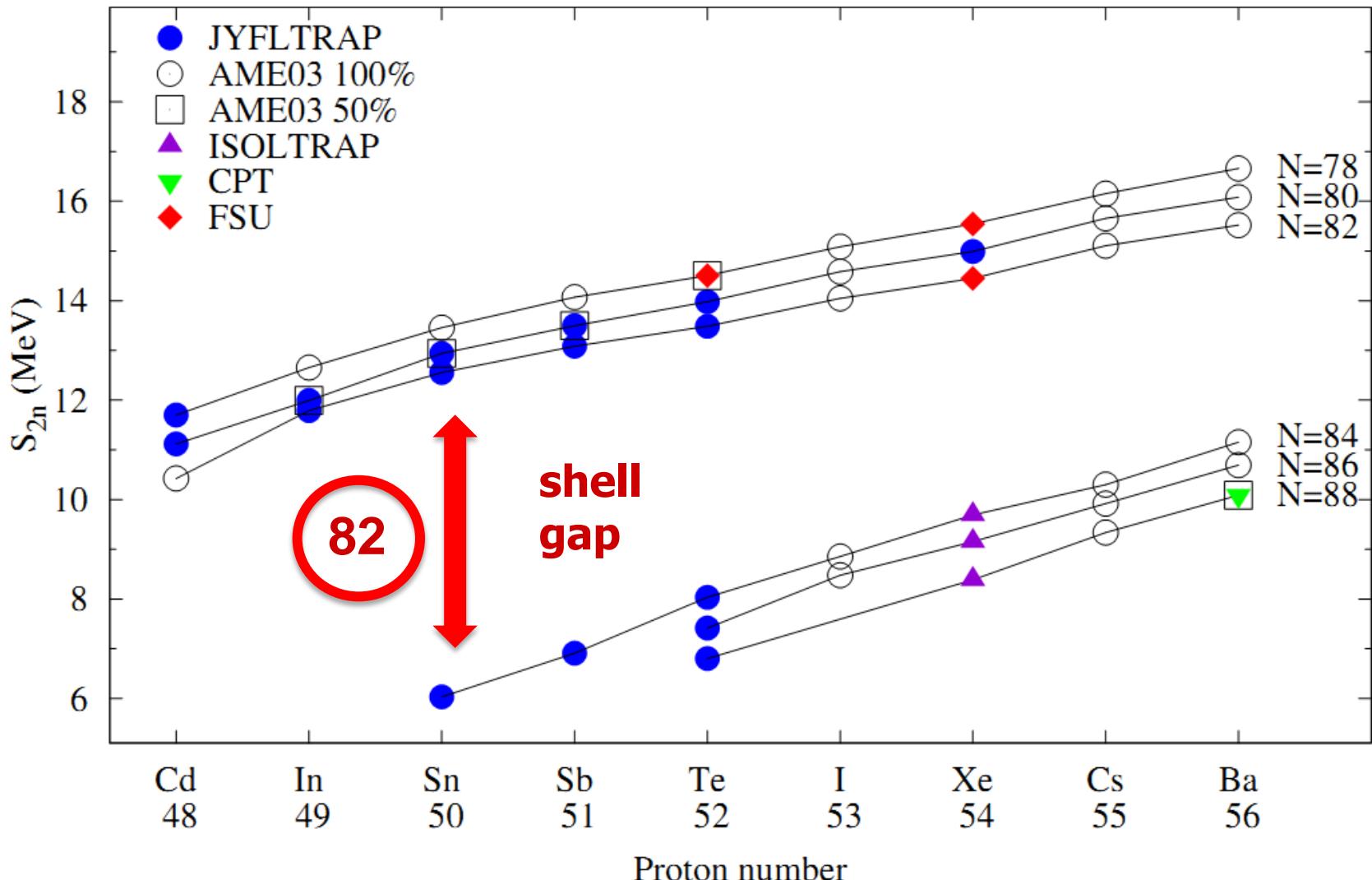


3-point difference (pairing gap), No isotopes

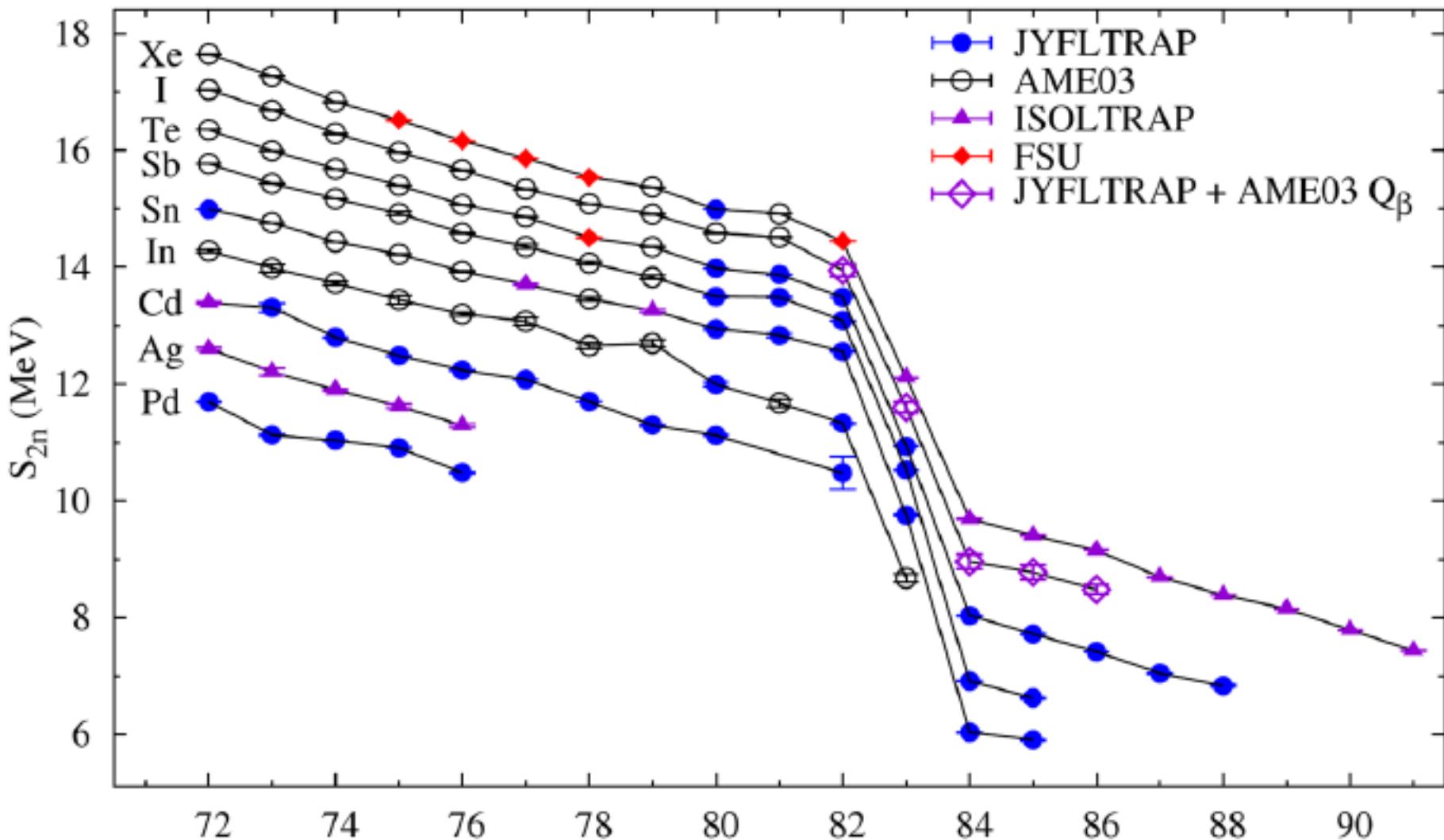


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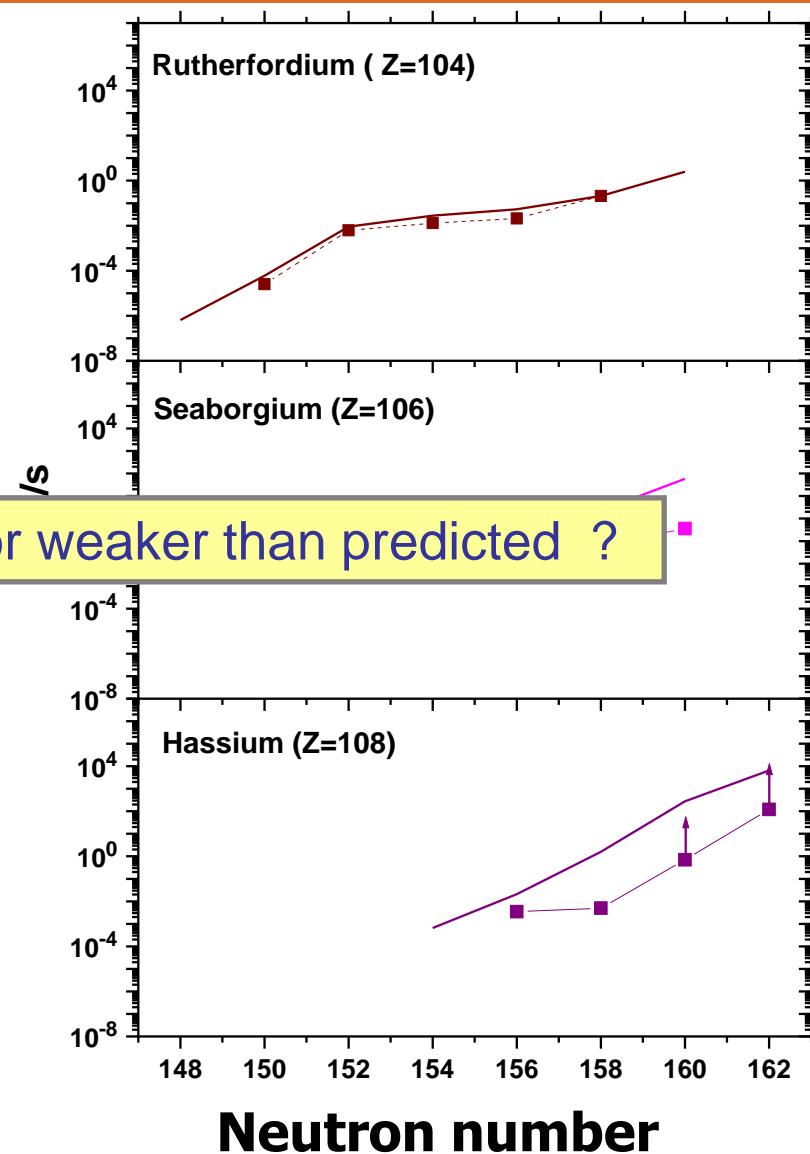
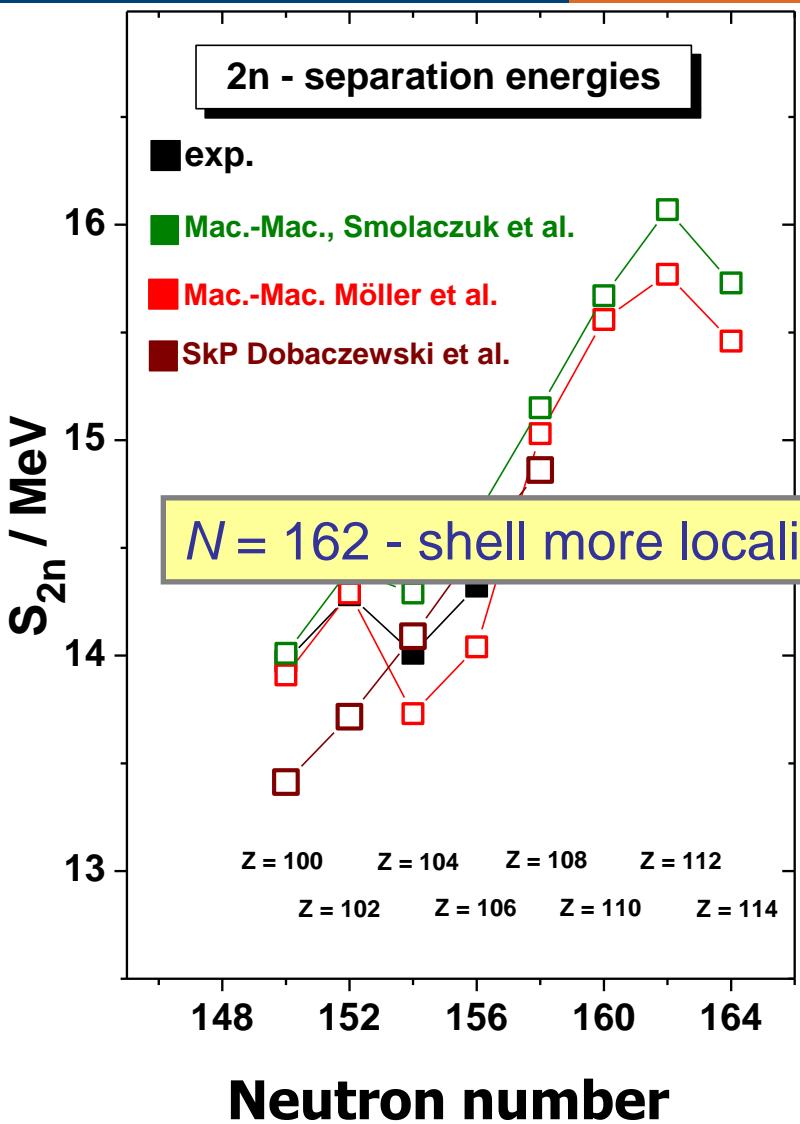
Shell Gap at $N = 82$ via S_{2n}



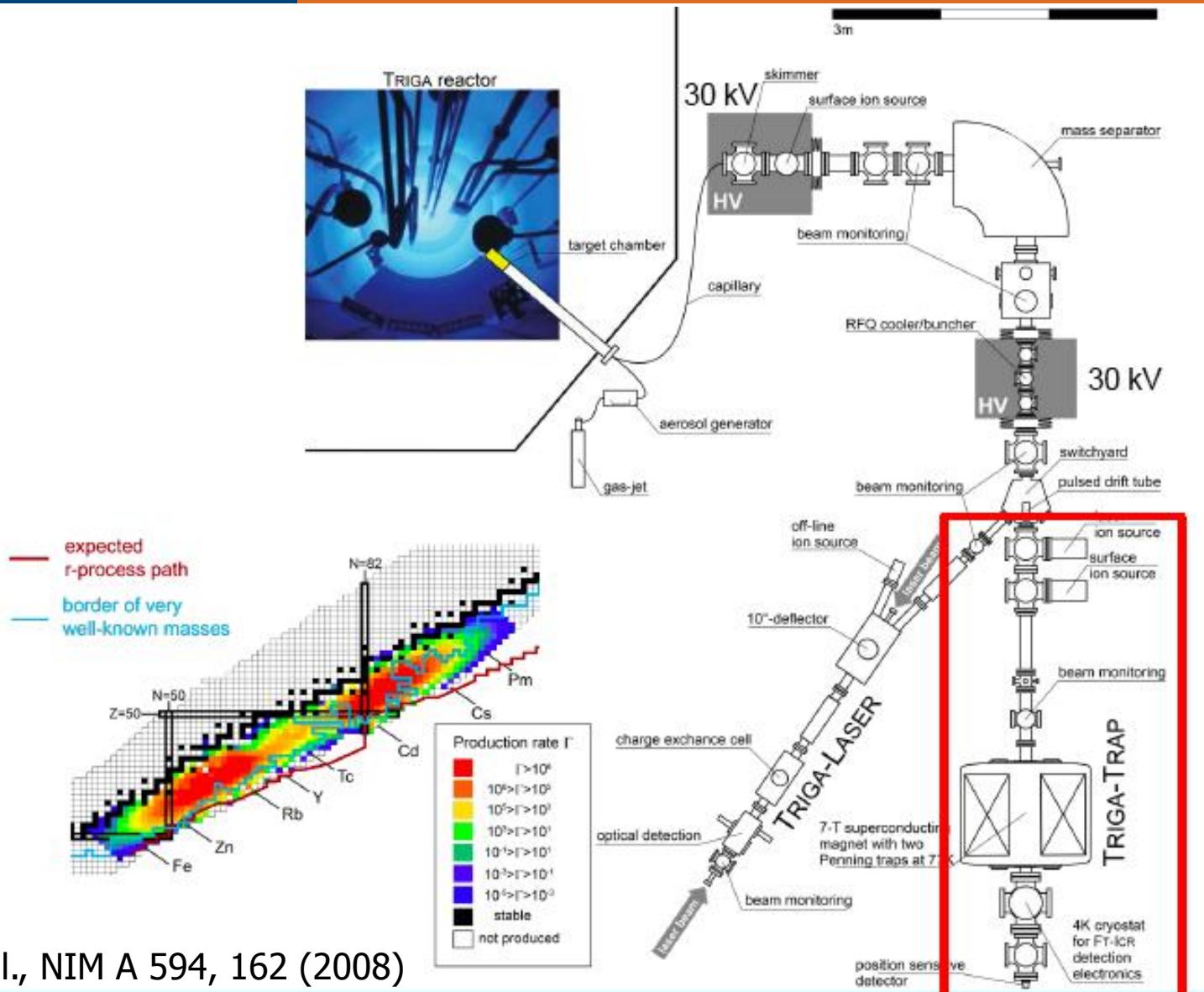
Shell Gap at $N = 82$ via S_{2n}



Shell strength towards $N = 162$



TRIGA-SPEC Setup in Mainz



Probing the Strength of Shell Effects @ $N=152$

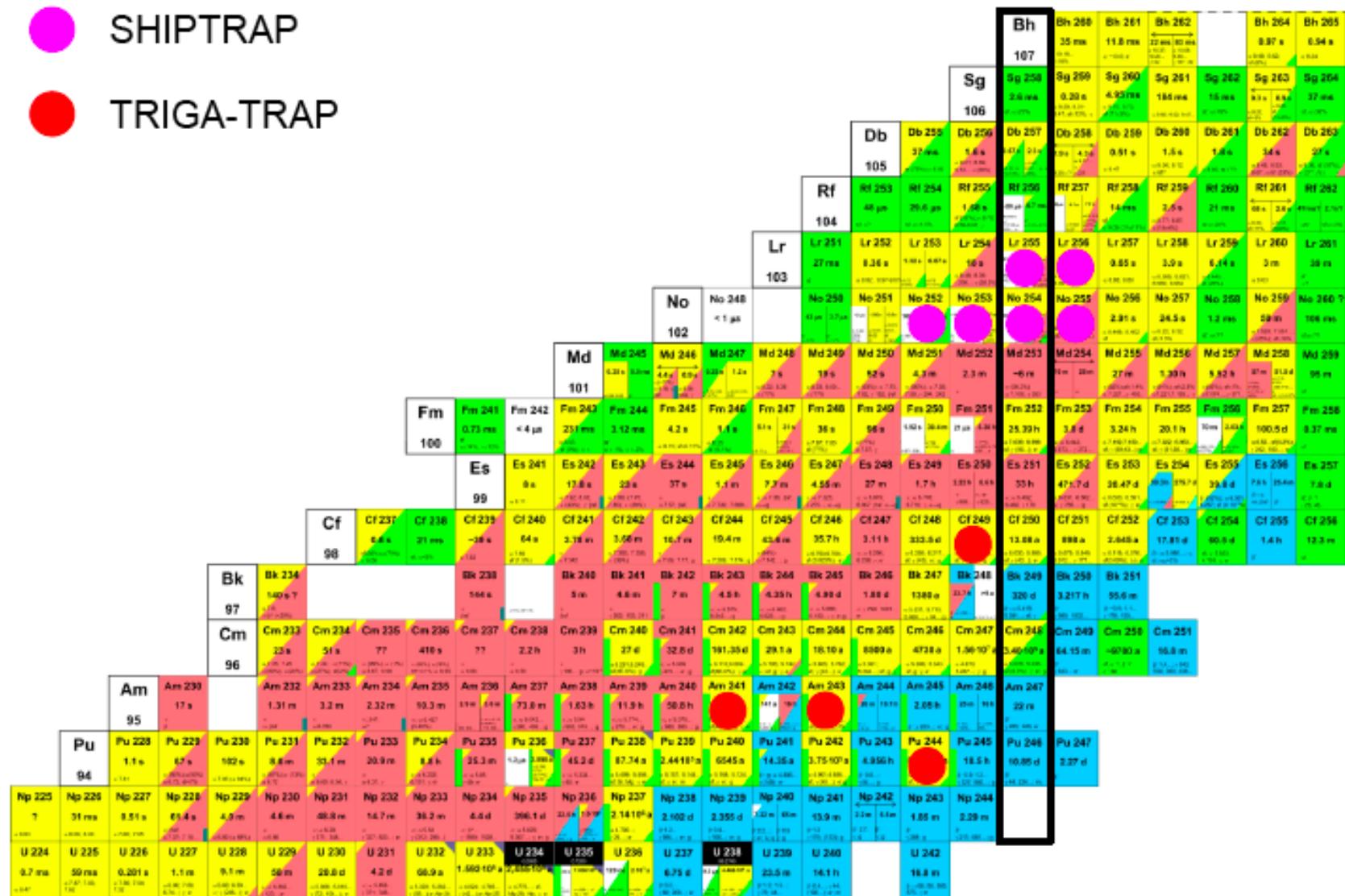


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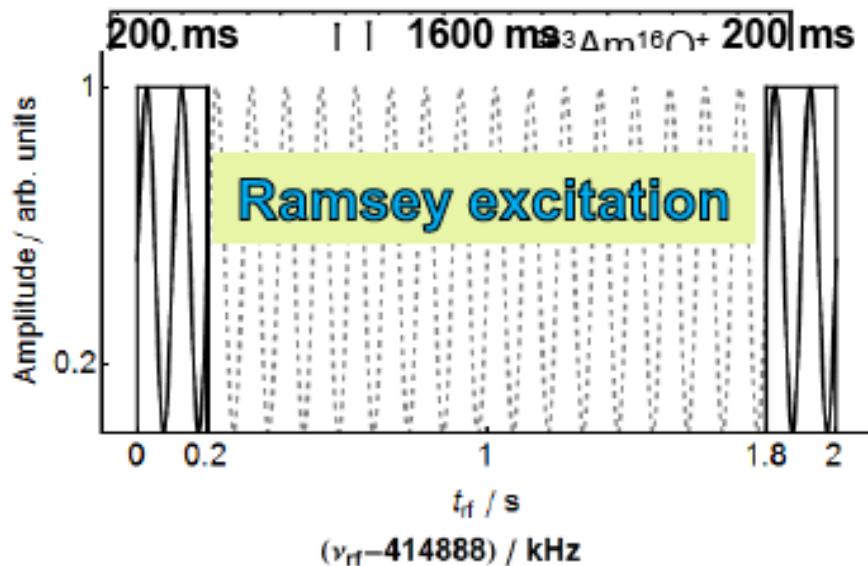


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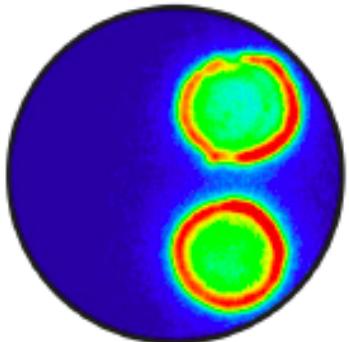
$N=152$



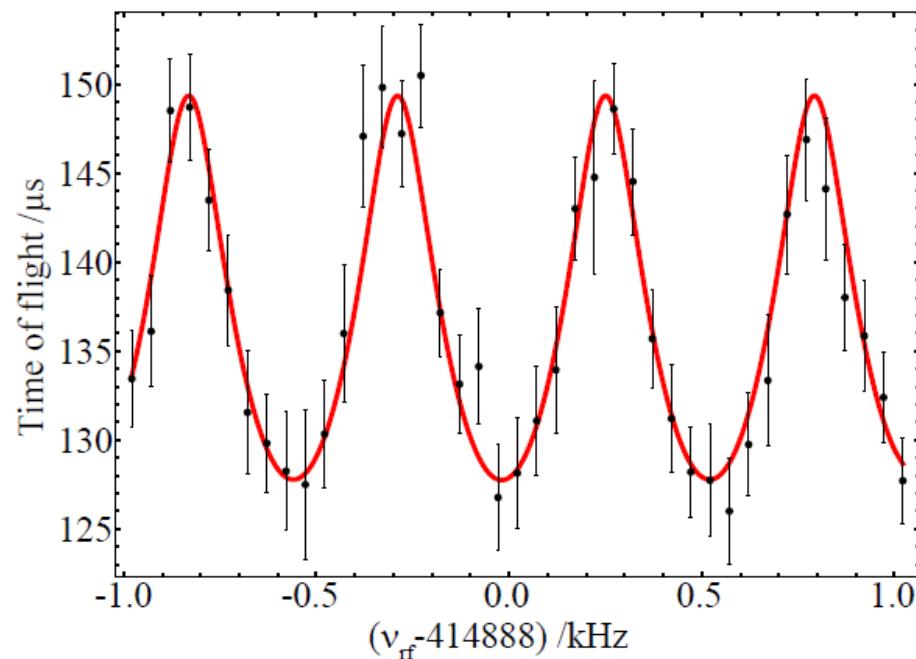
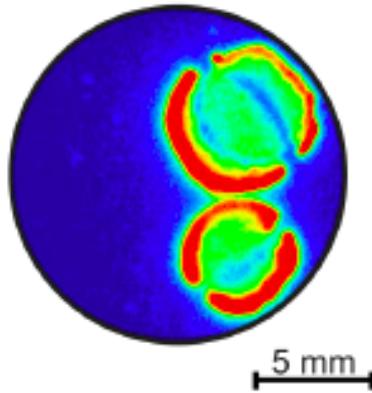
TRIGA-TRAP Results 2013



target

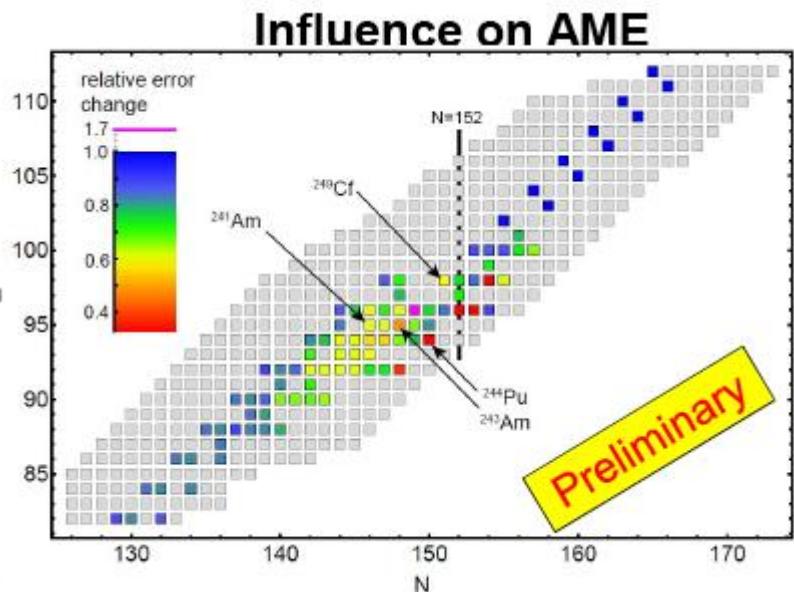
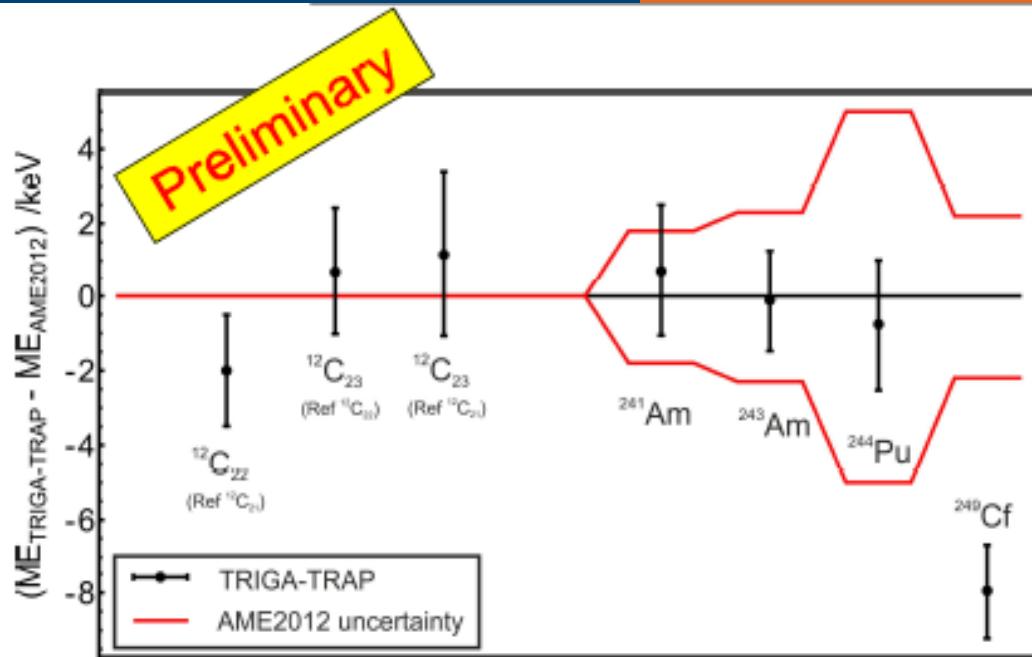


used target



Mass measurement with only
 10^{15} atoms target material.

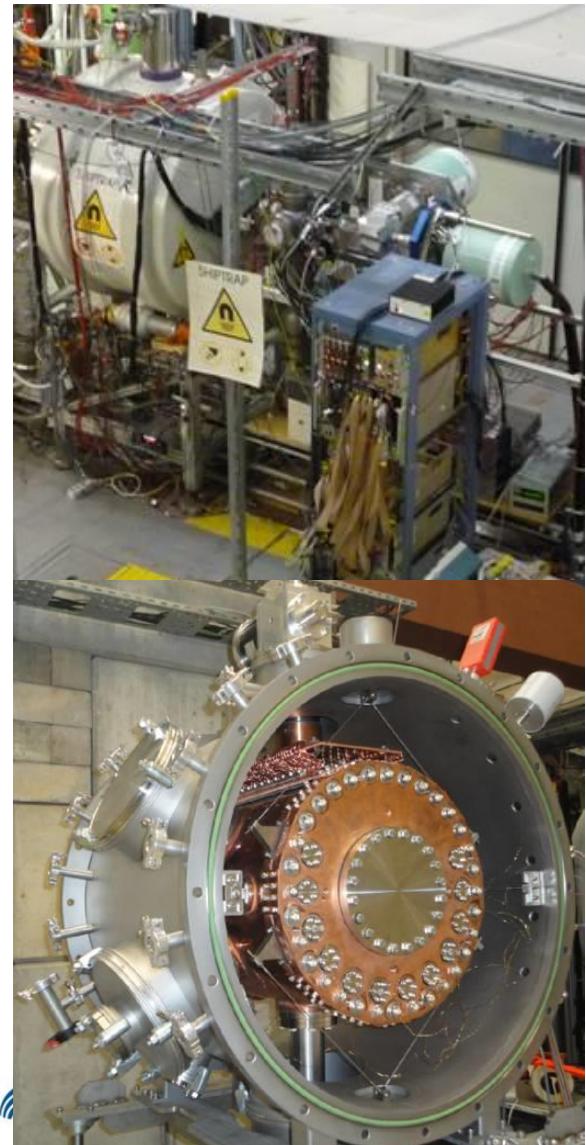
Probing the Evolution of Shell Effects @ $N=152$



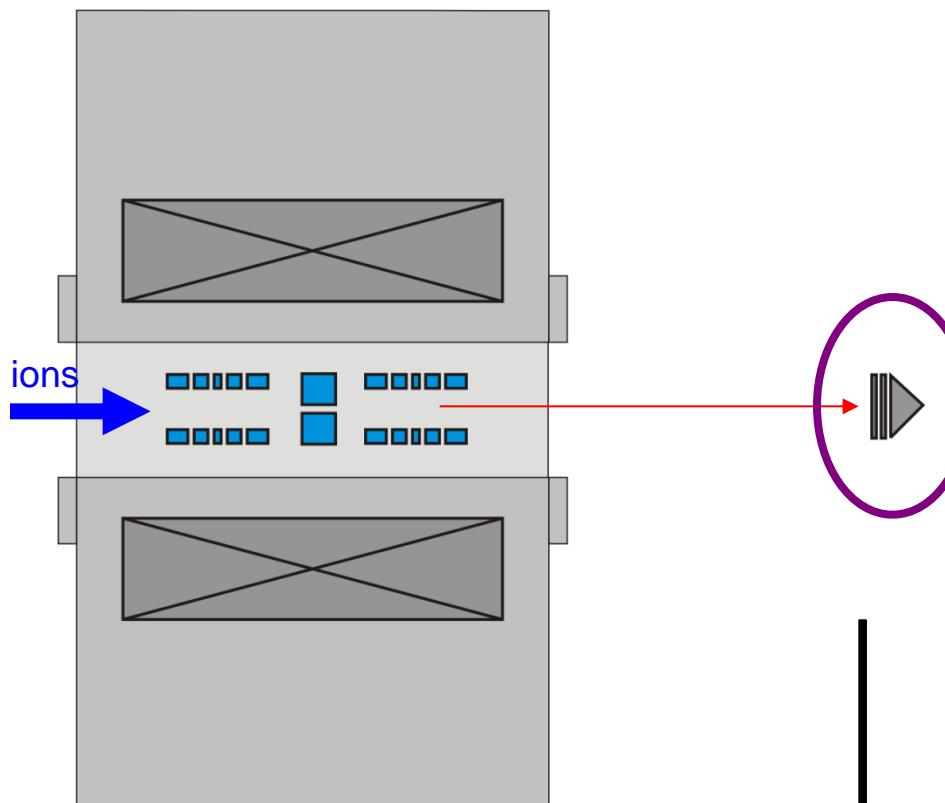
Accurate mass measurements with keV precision on long-lived actinides can be performed to provide anchor points and cross check masses obtained by other techniques

Improvements and Extensions

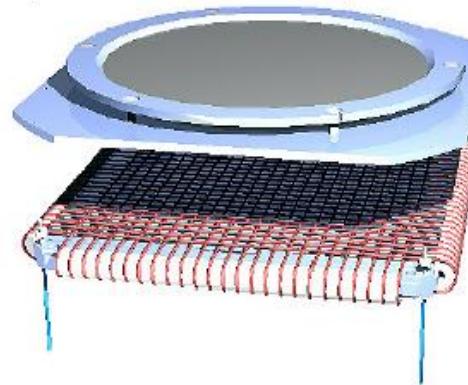
- **novel experiments**
 - trap-assisted decay spectroscopy
 - in-trap decay spectroscopy
 - in-trap and in-gas cell ion chemistry
- **increasing efficiency, sensitivity, and resolving power**
 - cryogenic gas stopper
 - single-ion mass measurement scheme
 - new measurement techniques



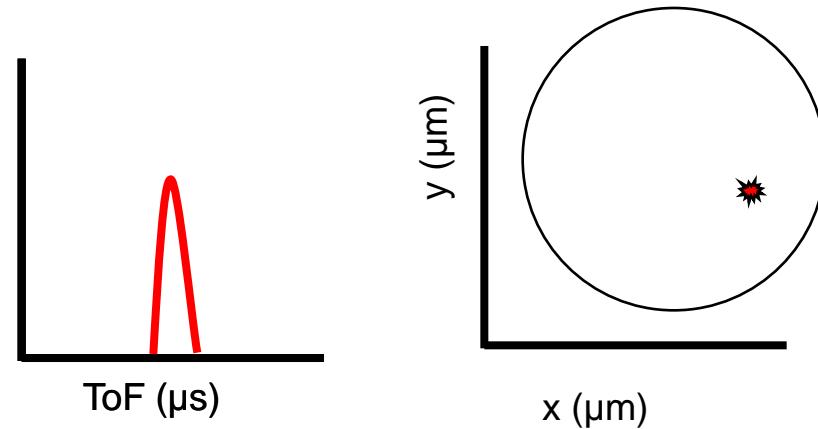
Phase Imaging Ion Cyclotron Resonance (PI-ICR)



Delay-Line Detector by Roentdek GmbH

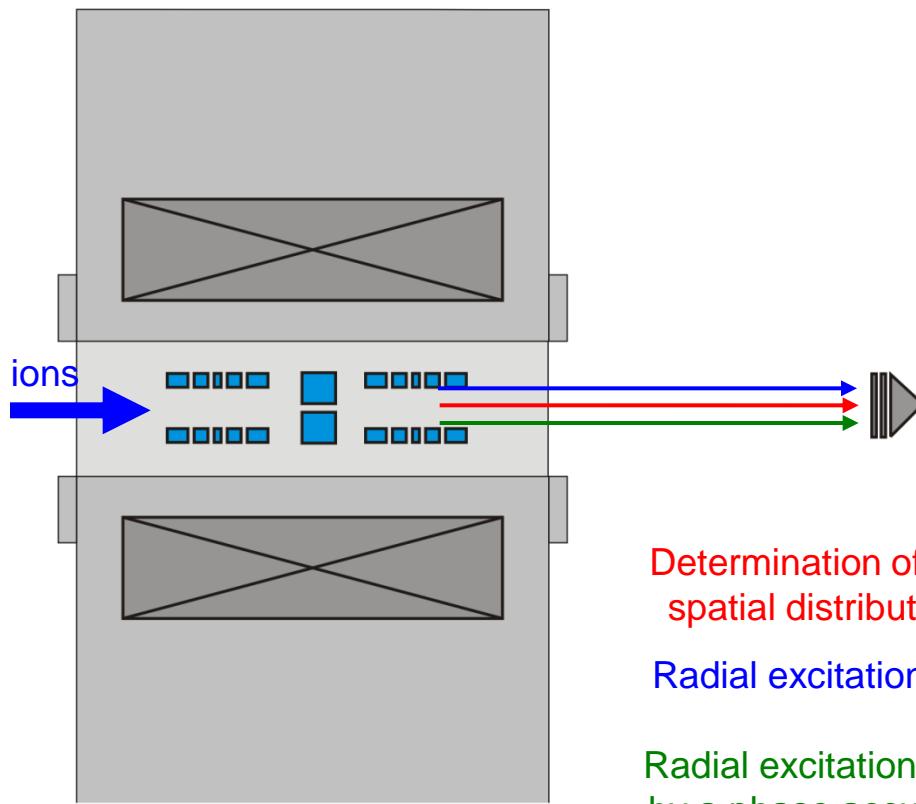


Position sensitive detector

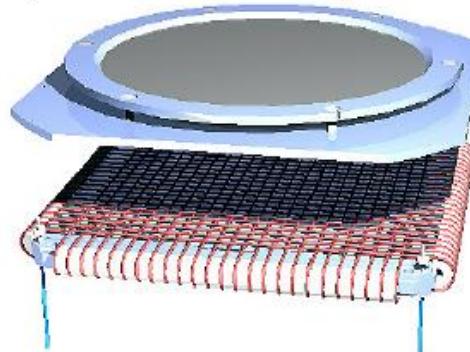


- **position resolution : $70 \mu\text{m}$**
- **active diameter : 42 mm**

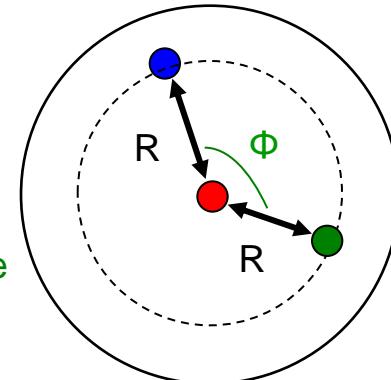
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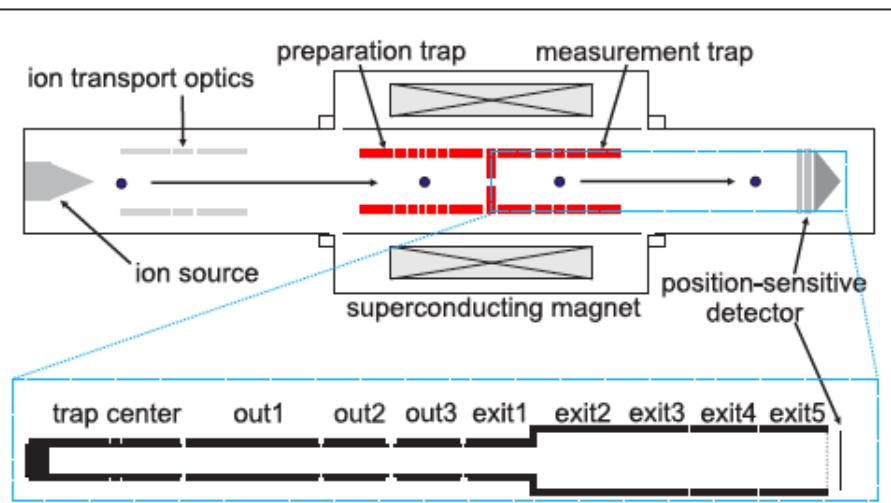
Independent Measurements
of Eigenfrequencies v_+ and v_-



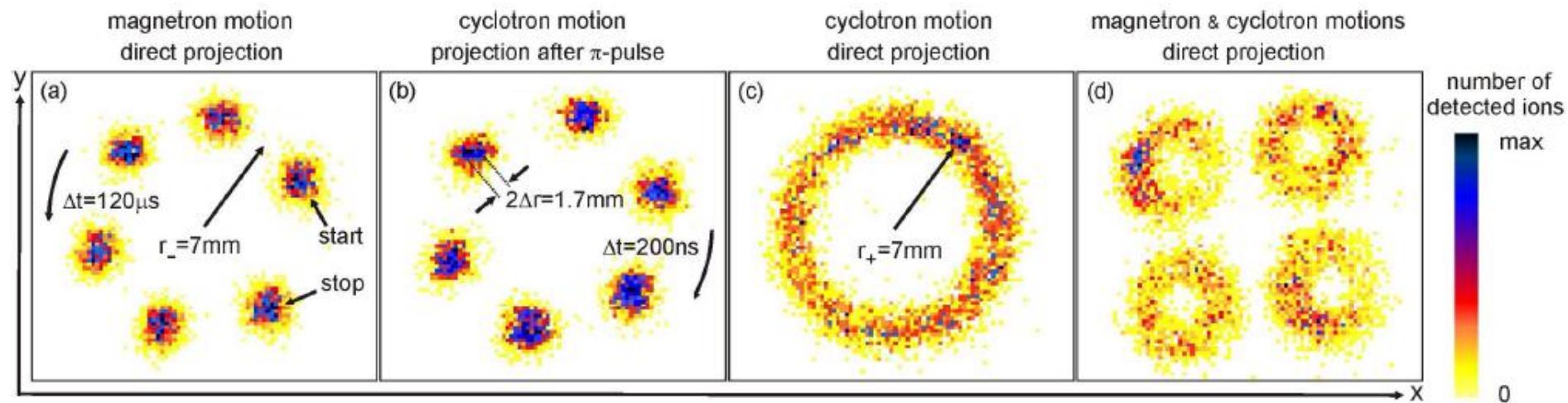
$$\phi + 2\pi n = 2\pi vt$$

$$\Delta\nu = \frac{\Delta\phi}{2\pi t} = \frac{\Delta R}{\pi t R}$$

Phase Imaging-Ion Cyclotron Resonance Method

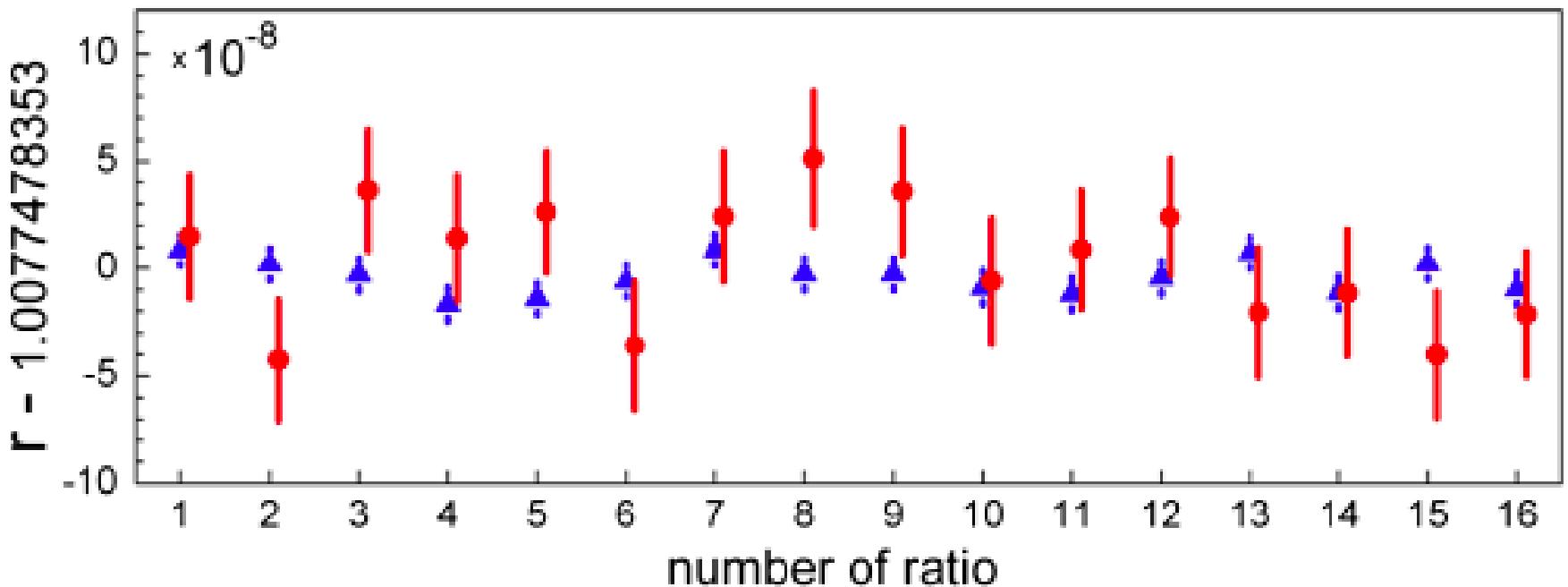


- Image ion motion
- Determine phase of ion motion
- Excite ions
- Determine phase after evolution time



S. Eliseev et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 082501 (2013)
S. Eliseev et al., Appl. Phys. B (2013) in press

Phase Imaging-Ion Cyclotron Resonance



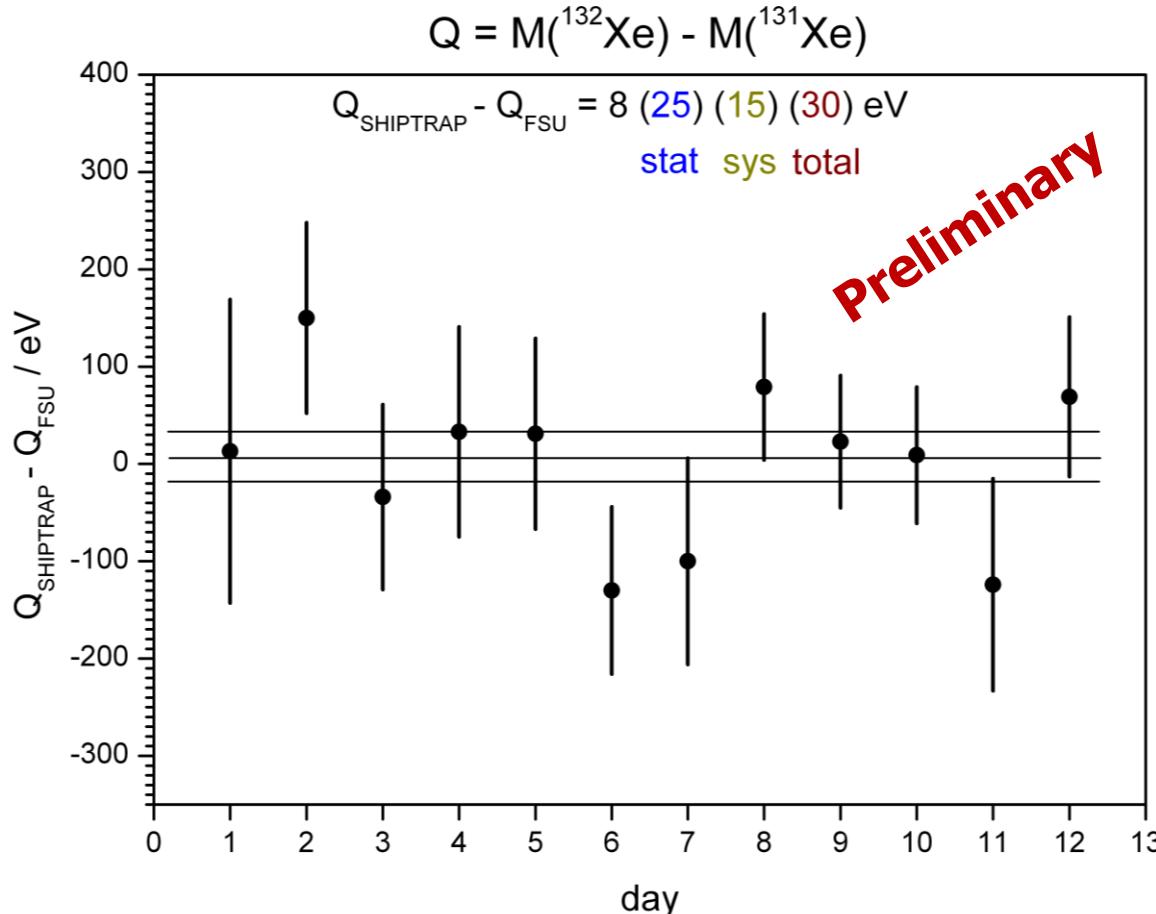
$^{129}\text{Xe}-^{130}\text{Xe}$ mass difference $\Delta m_{\text{SHIPTRAP-FSU}} = 180(240)$ eV

Improved performance compared to conventional method:

- **40x gain in resolving power**
- **5x gain in precision**

Phase Imaging-Ion Cyclotron Resonance

Outstanding performance of PI-ICR technique
 $\delta m \approx 10^{-9}$ for stable xenon isotopes demonstrated



Next step: 187-Re/187-Os Q value measurement (ongoing)

Future at FAIR: MATS

TDR approved by FAIR STI in May 2010

Dipole magnet
(Jyväskylä)

RFQ buncher
(Jyväskylä)

MR-TOF-MS

(Giessen)

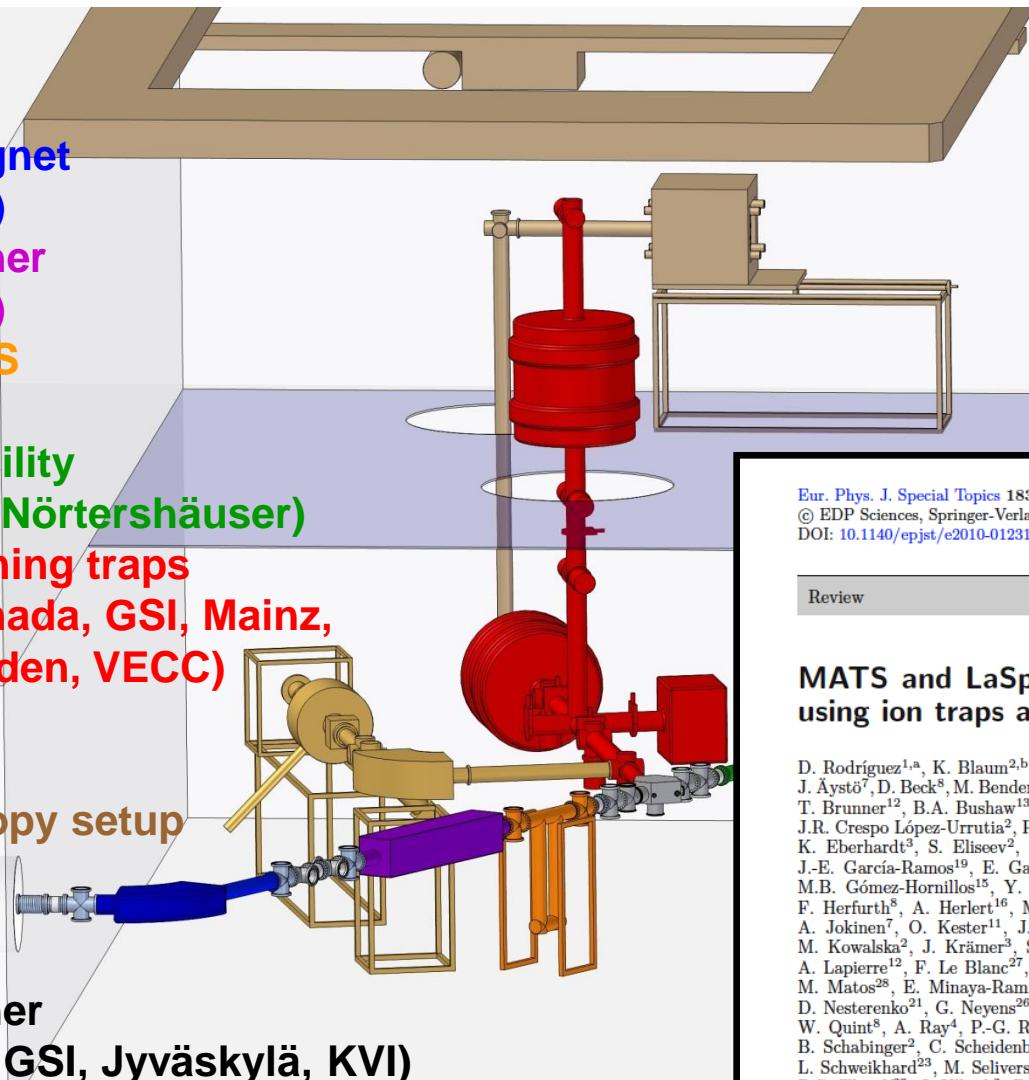
LaSpec facility
(talk by W. Nörtershäuser)

MATS Penning traps
(LMU, Granada, GSI, Mainz,
MPIK, Sweden, VECC)

EBIT
(MPIK)

Spectroscopy setup
(IFIC, UPC)

Gas catcher
(Giessen, GSI, Jyväskylä, KVI)



Beam line, ion sources,
identification
(Greifswald, PNPI)
In-trap decay
(LMU, PNPI)

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MATS and LaSpec: High-precision experiments using ion traps and lasers at FAIR

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Conclusions

Ion traps are powerful tools for nuclear structure studies

- mass measurements for yields of $\approx 1 / \text{min}$ demonstrated
- novel techniques increase sensitivity, resolving power, and accuracy
- Powerful tool to track shell structure evolution
- precise Manipulation and purification of samples for trap-assisted decay spectroscopy (state-selected beams) possible
- push towards more exotic (short-lived) nuclides at next-generation RIB facilities

Thank you for your attention !

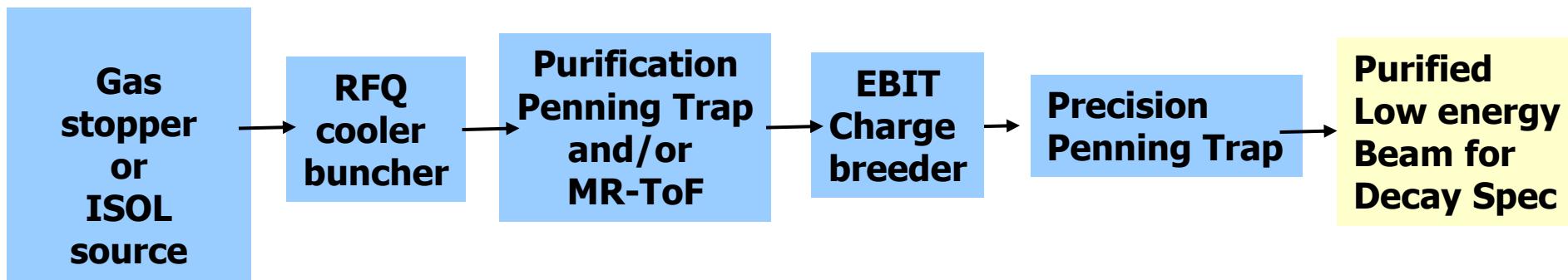
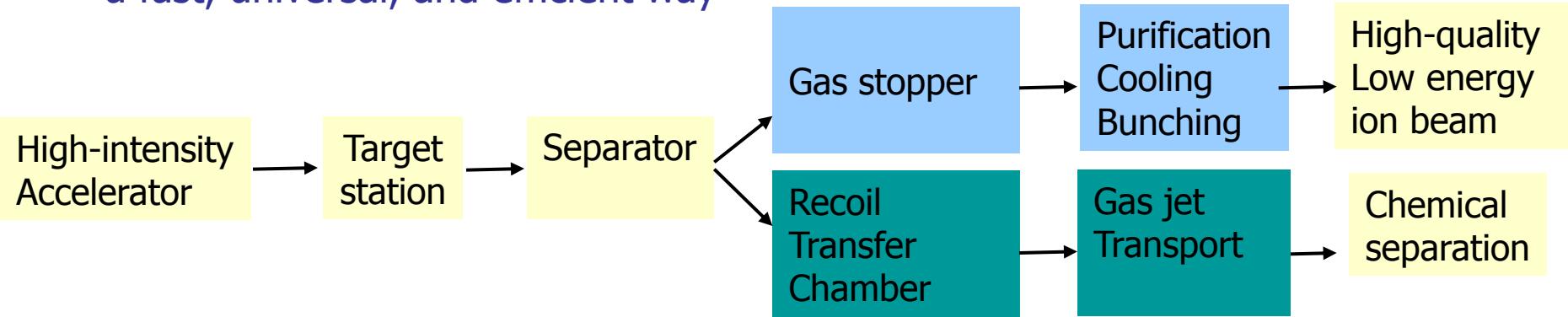
The SHIPTRAP collaboration 2010



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Preparing Rare Isotopes for Precision Experiments

Task: prepare rare isotopes of all elements for experiments at low-energy in a fast, universal, and efficient way



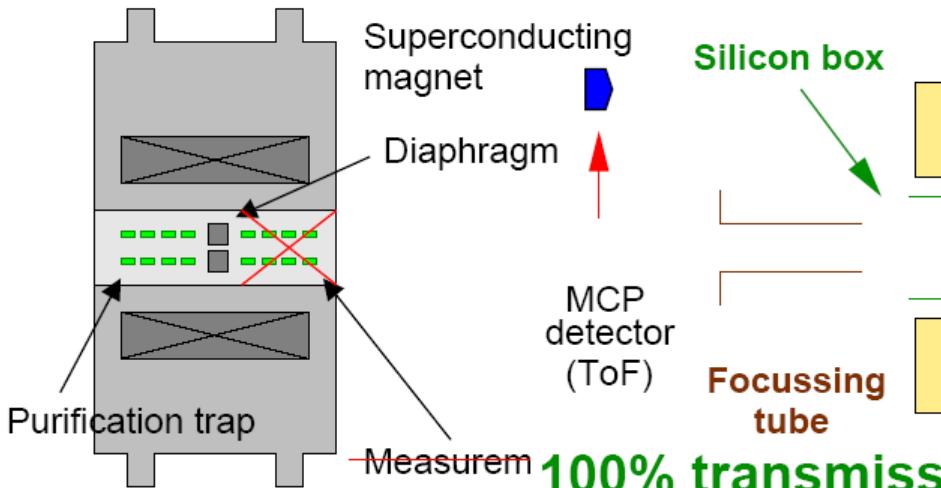
Gas cells successfully employed at CARIBU/Argonne, SHIP/FRAP/GSI,
IGISOL/JYFL, LISOL/Louvain-la-Neuve, and for fragment beams at
NSCL/MSU, RIKEN, FRS/GSI

TRAPSPEC: Trap-assisted Spectroscopy

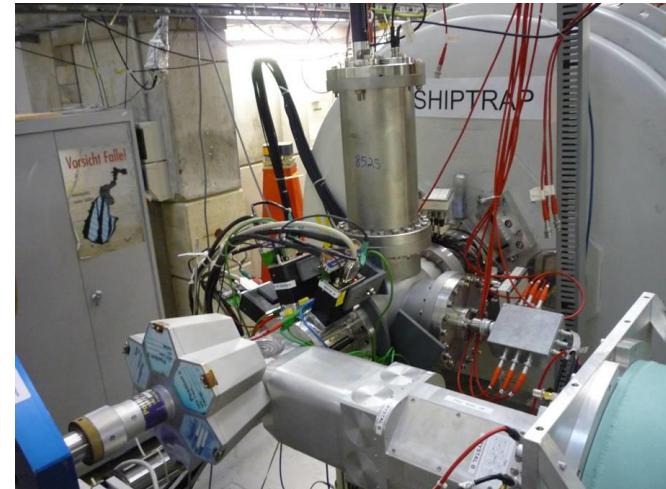
Penning Traps

Detector

TRAPSPEC



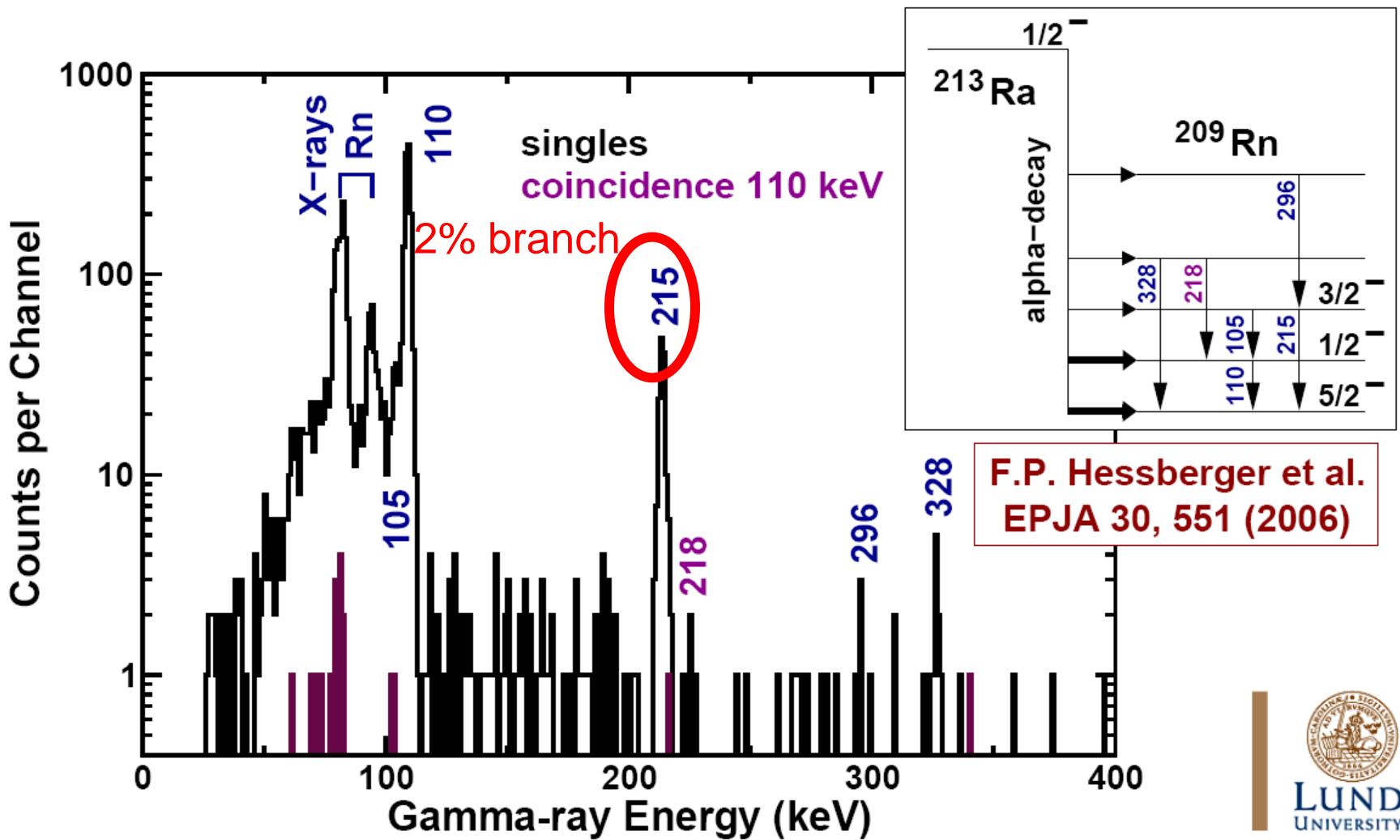
Cluster- and
Clover-type
Ge detectors



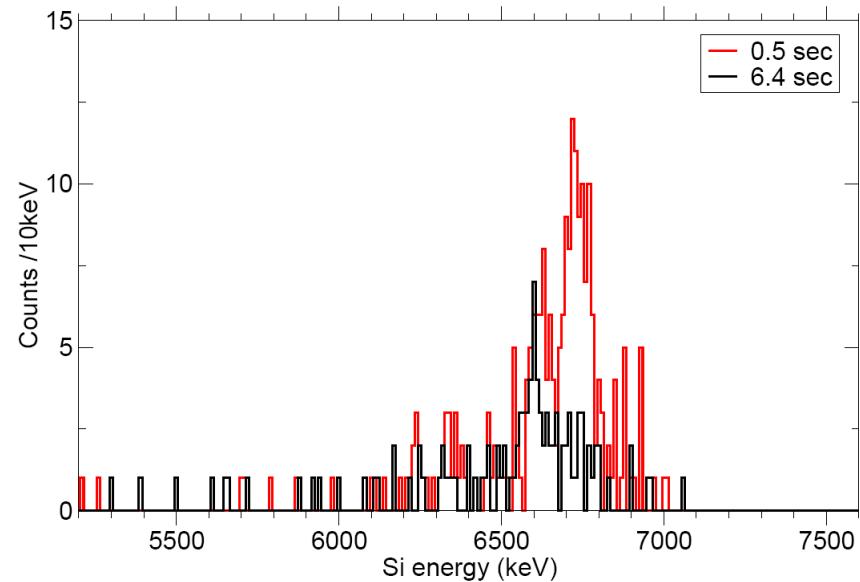
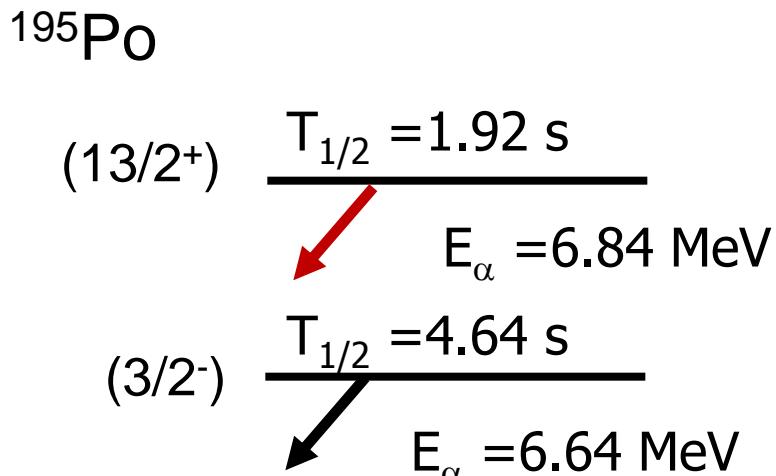
Penning trap as high-resolution mass separator
to prepare state-selected pure sample

M. B., D. Rudolph et al.

TRAPSPEC – Decay studies ^{213}Ra



TRAPSPEC – State selection by half-life



α -spectrum for different storage time in the Penning trap:

- short-lived state decays
- α -daughter not captured due to high recoil
- preparation of a single state
- in addition: mass spectrometric cleaning possible

JYFL: Fission Ion Guide technique

Based on survival of primary ions from nuclear reaction in helium buffer gas

Fast extraction of ions is required to prevent neutralisation

Charge state concentration: (0), +1, (+2)

Ion formation Independent of chemistry

Produces ions of any element

Millisecond time scale

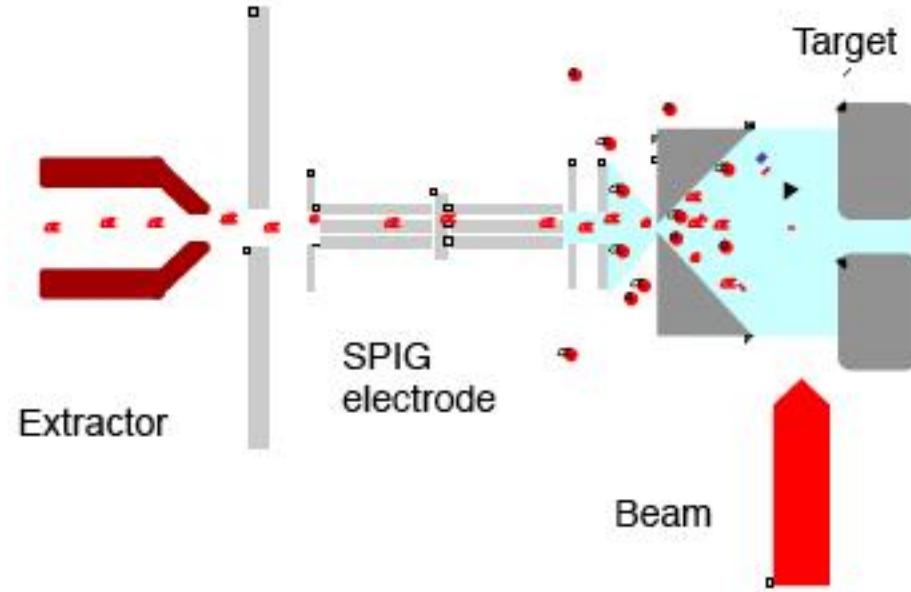
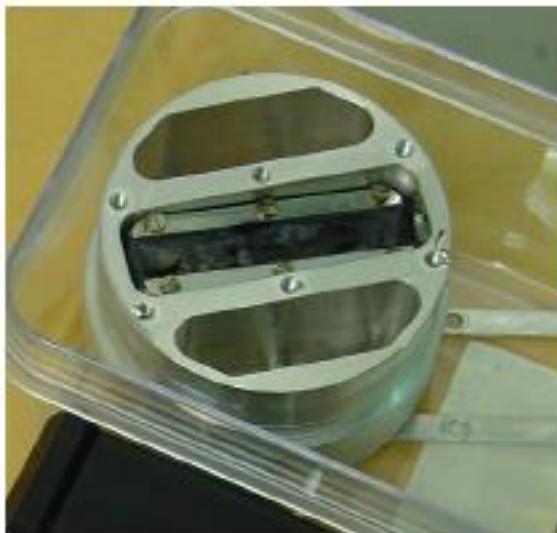
Very small decay losses

All ions come **directly from fission**

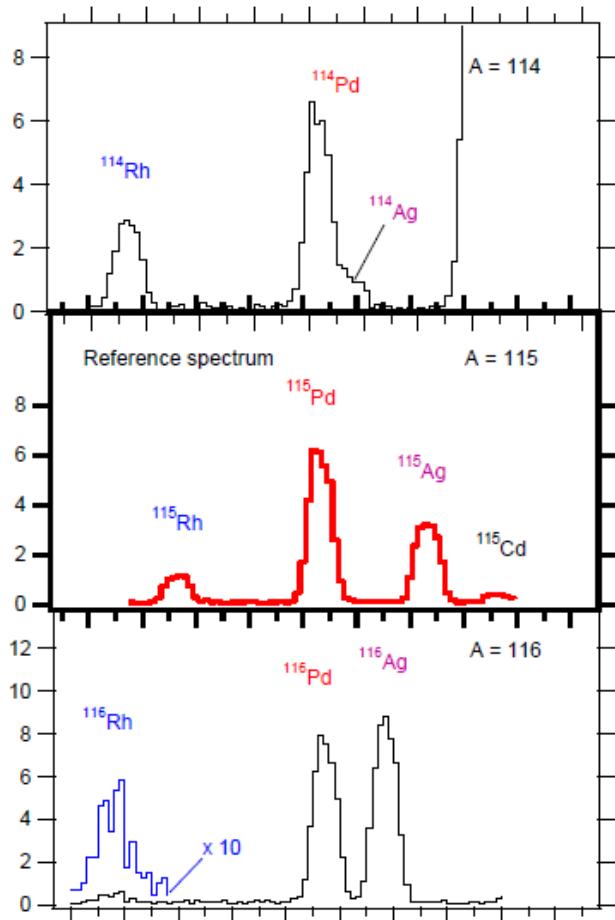
Ion rate corresponds to the independent fission yield -
no*) accumulation effects

No gaps in the systematic studies

Study the most neutron rich nuclei produced in the fission (isobaric background usually sets the limit)

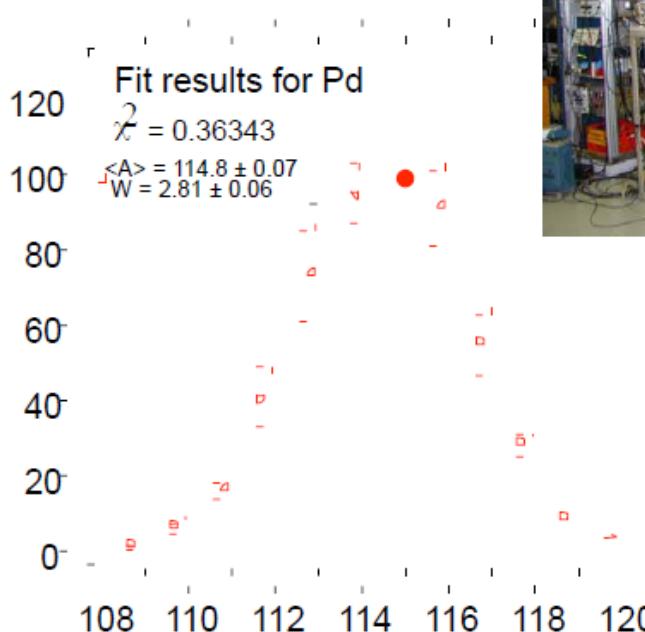


JYFL: Fission Yields with Penning Traps



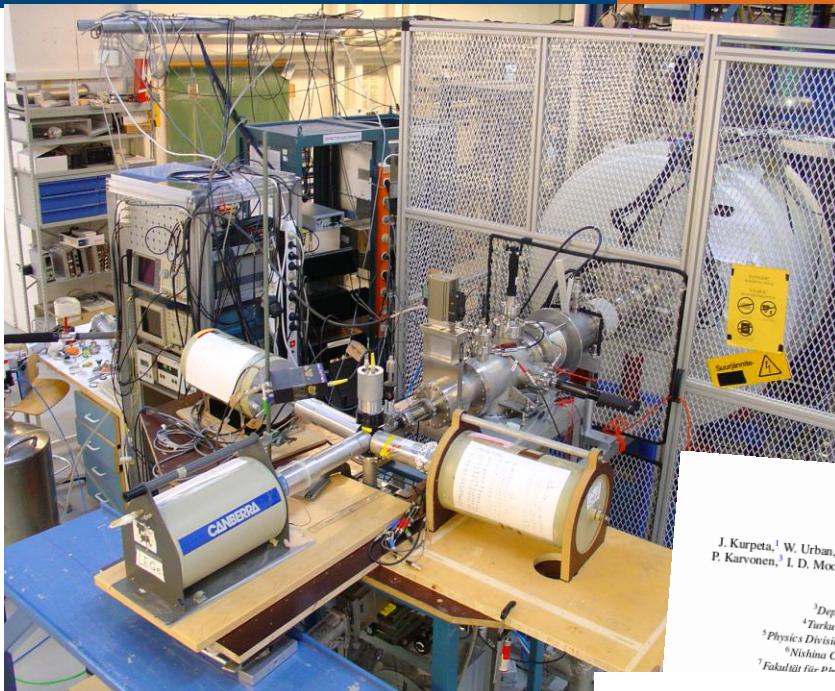
Based on **unambiguous identification** of isotopes by their **mass only**.

- No further knowledge on e.g. decay is needed
- Fast
- Yield of long-lived and stable isotopes can be determined



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Reactor Decay Heat in ^{239}Pu : Solving the γ Discrepancy in the 4–3000-s Cooling Period

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The β feeding probability of $^{102,104,105,106,107}\text{Tc}$, ^{105}Mo , and ^{108}Nb nuclei, which are important contributors to the decay heat in nuclear reactors, has been measured using the total absorption technique. We have coupled for the first time a total absorption spectrometer to a Penning trap in order to obtain sources of very high isobaric purity. Our results solve a significant part of a long-standing discrepancy in the γ component of the decay heat for ^{239}Pu in the 4–3000-s range.

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Abstract. A new technique for the study of beta decay of neutron-rich nuclei is presented. The method is based on the use of a Penning trap to separate the beta decay products from the beam and to measure the beta decay rate directly. The technique is applied to the decay of ^{105}Ru .

Reply

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Excited states in ^{115}Pd populated in the β^- decay

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Half-life, branching-ratio, and Q -value measurement for the superallowed $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+ \beta^+$ emitter ^{42}Ti

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the branching ratio, and the decay Q value of the superallowed β emitter ^{42}Ti were measured in a Penning trap at the JYFLTRAP facility of the Accelerator Laboratory of the University of Jyväskylä. The $T_1 = -1$ nucleus for which high-precision measurements of these quantities have been tried, $\beta = 208.14 \pm 0.45$ ms and the Q value ($Q_{\beta} = 7016.83(25)$ keV) are close to or reach the $\pm 0.1\%$. The branching ratio for the superallowed decay branch ($|B| = 47.7(1)\%$), a $\pm 0.1\%$ measurement, does not reach the necessary precision yet. Nonetheless, these results determine the experimental f_1 value and the corrected f_1 value to be $3114(79)$ and $3122(79)$ s, respectively.

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ved nuclear β decays provides the standard model of particle $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+ \beta^-$ decay between $T = 1$ and $T = 0$ on the vector part of the weak to the conserved vector current. The fundamental f_1 value is related to the fundamental constant that is

the statistical rate function, f , whereas the half-life and the branching ratio yield the partial half-life, f_1 .

The aim of the present piece of work is to measure the half-life of ^{42}Ti and the decay Q value with a precision close to or better than $\pm 0.1\%$. In addition, the branching ratio for the superallowed decay is measured with less precision. ^{42}Ti decays by superallowed β^- emission to its isobaric analog state ($J^\pi = 0^+, T = 1$), the ground state of ^{42}Sc . Before the measurement reported here, the accepted value for the half-life

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Trap-assisted separation of nuclear states for gamma-ray spectroscopy: the example of ^{100}Nb

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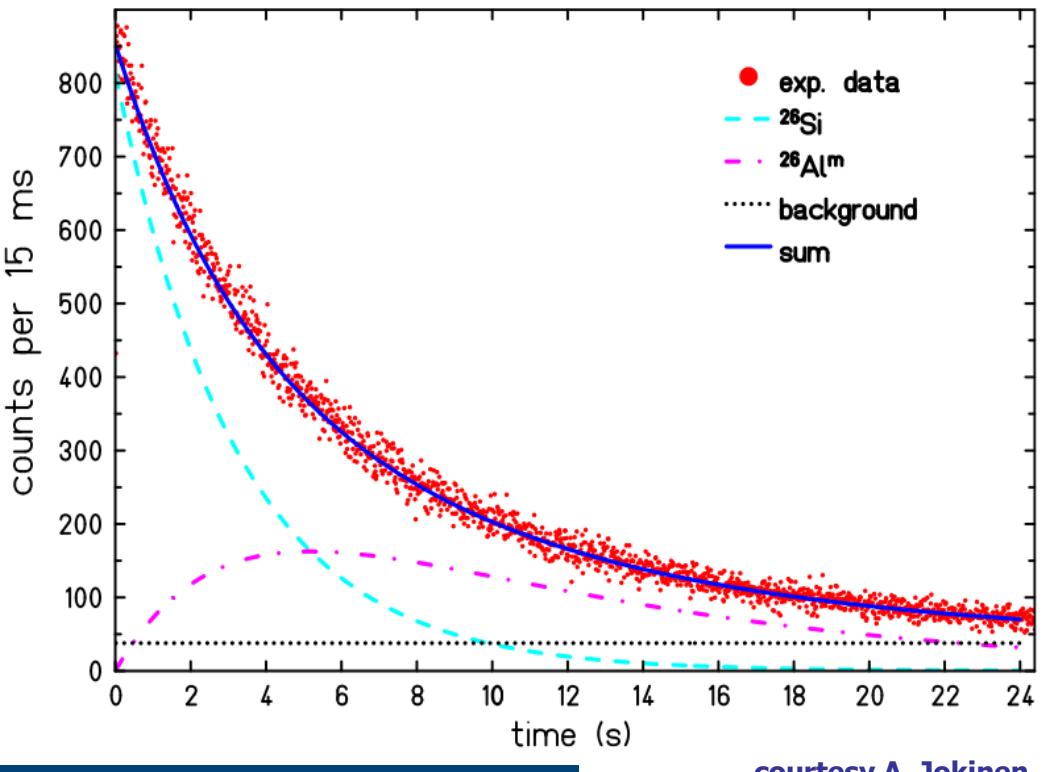
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JYFLTRAP: Multiple loading: Ex. T_{1/2}(²⁶Si)

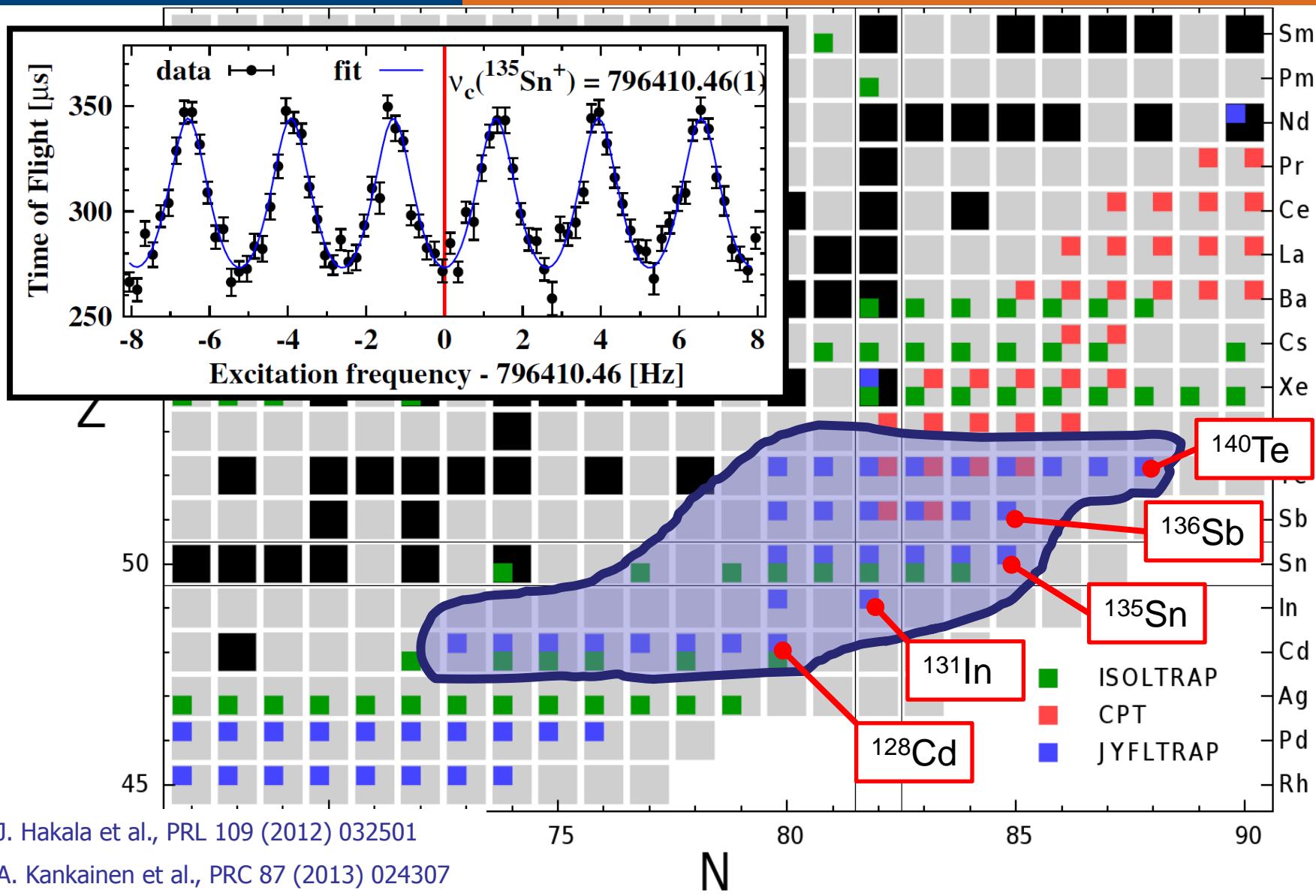
- Beta counting -> requires a clean sample
- Measurement cycle requires 25 s decay period
- Accumulation in RFQ, bunches sent to purification trap
- Purification trap saturates in 300 ms -> use multiple loading
- In 25 s 8 cycles and 6-7 times more ²⁶Si than in single loading



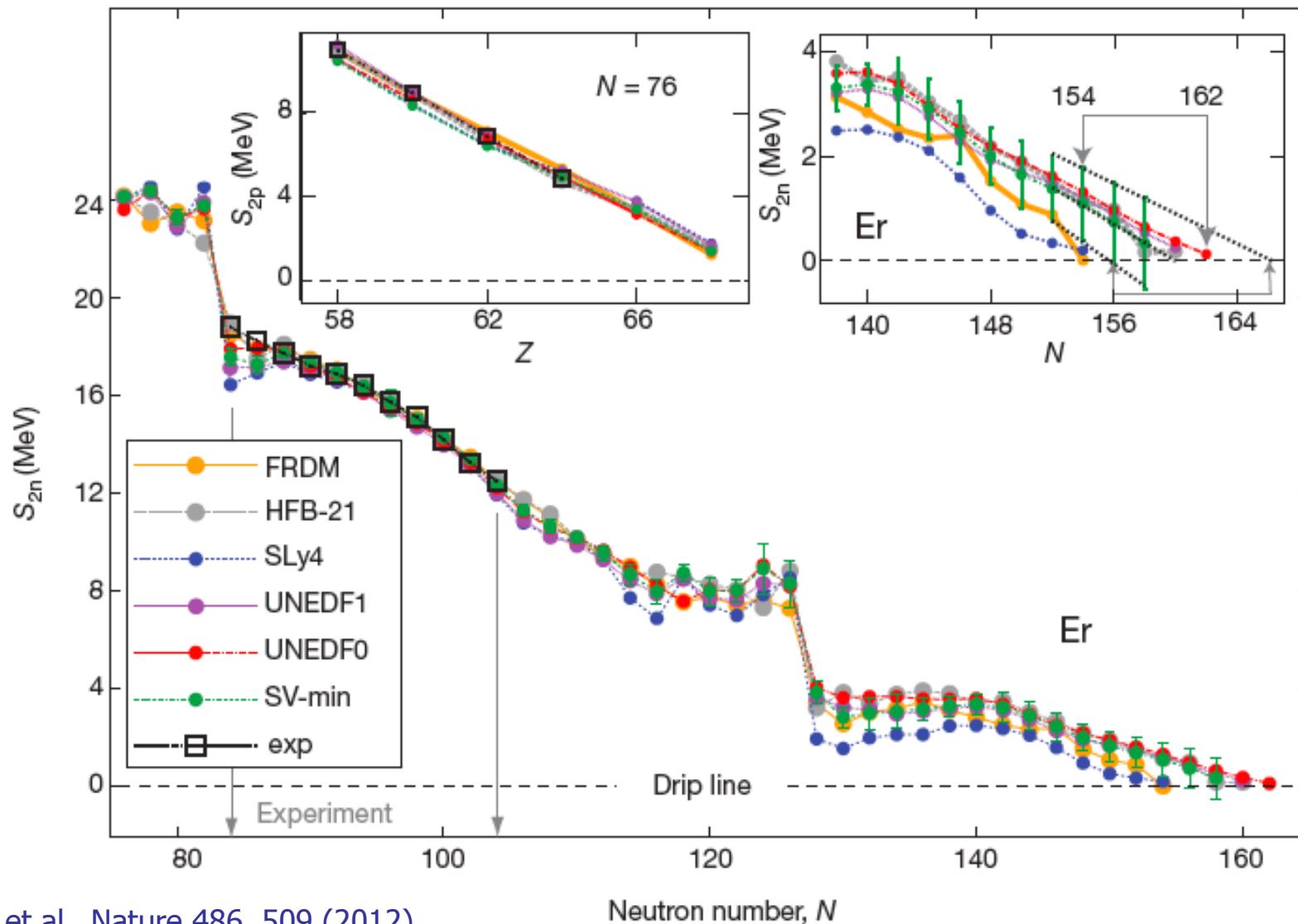
$$t_{1/2} = 2228.3(27) \text{ ms}$$

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JYFLTRAP data in ^{132}Sn region

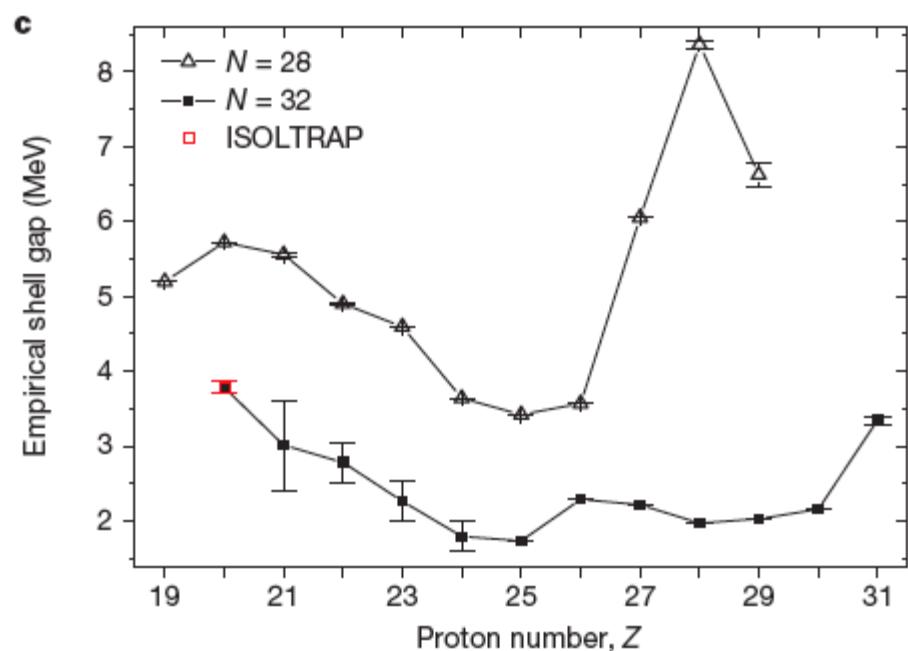
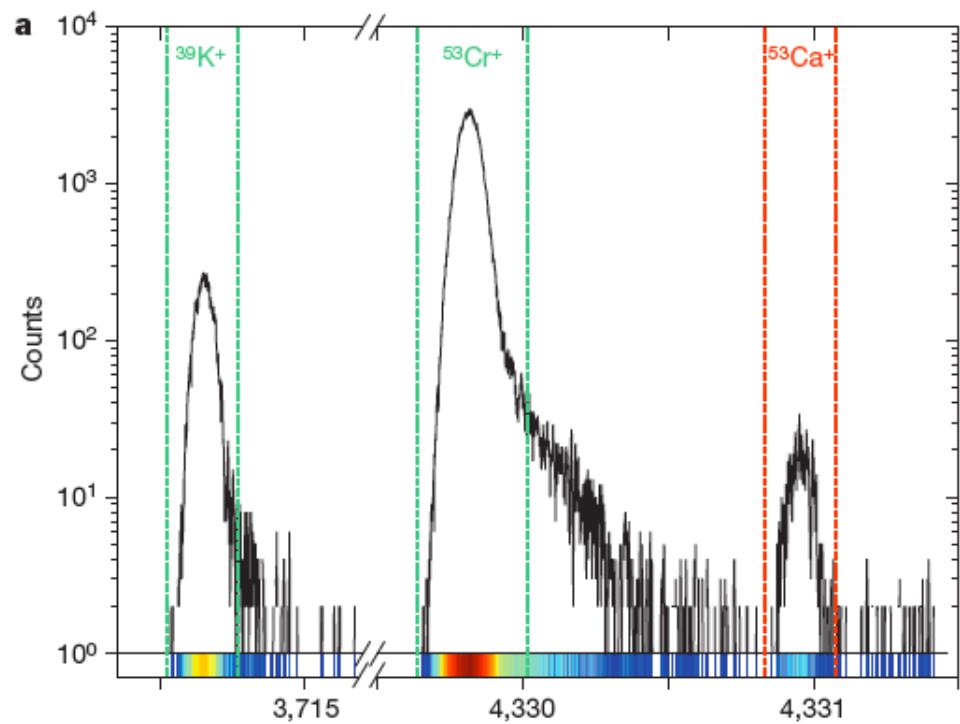


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Nuclear Structure in Neutron-rich Nuclides

Masses of neutron-rich calcium isotopes measured by ISOLTRAP



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