

Precision ground-state properties of nuclei: TITAN Penning trap mass spectrometer at ISAC/TRIUMF



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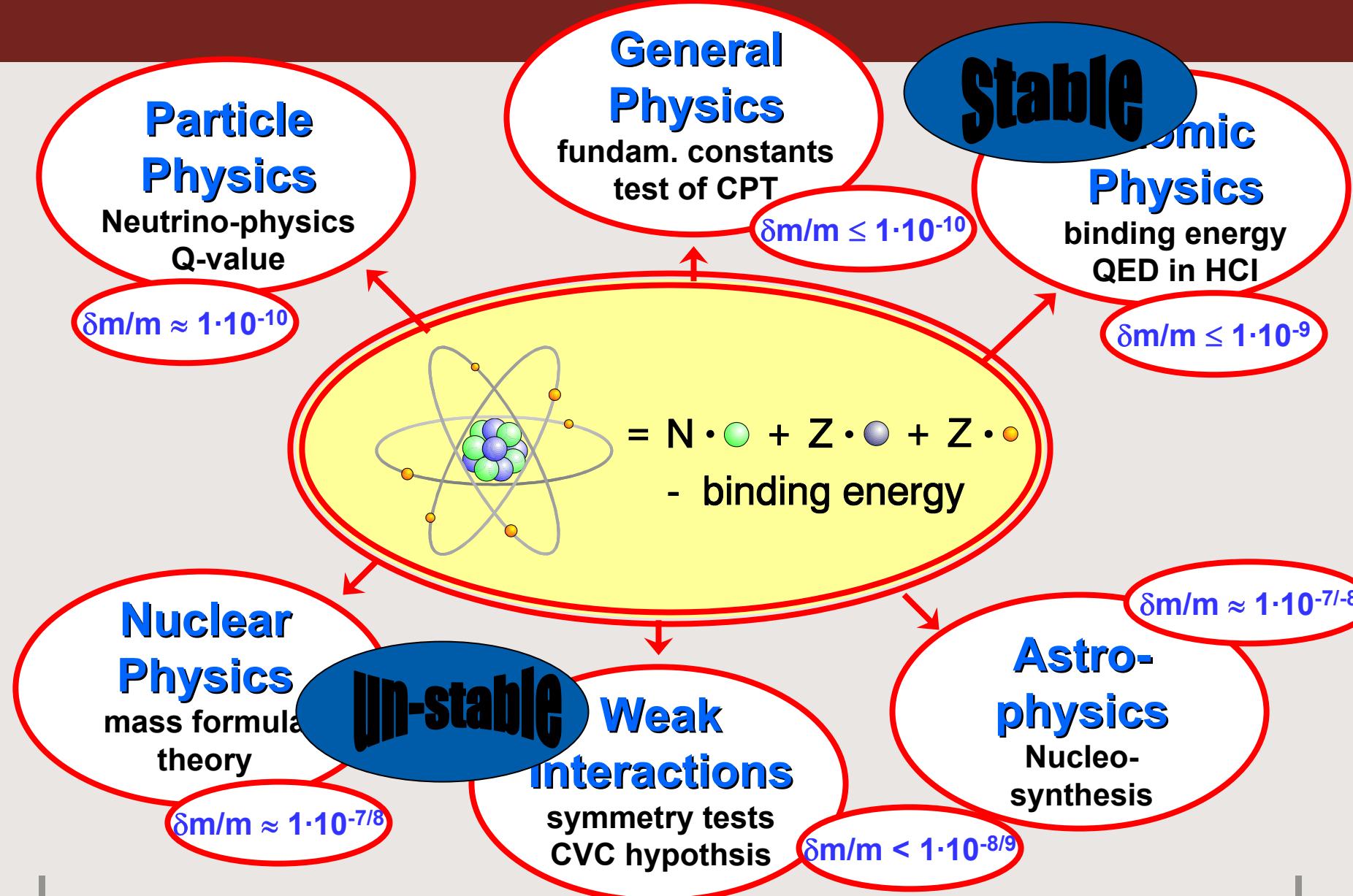
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Atomic Mass Measurements



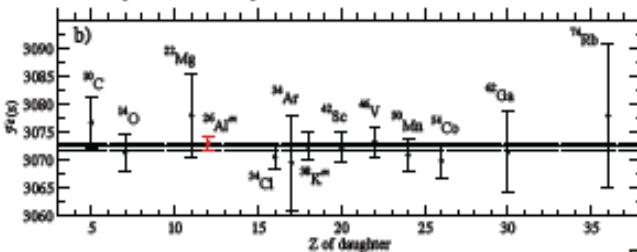
Mass measurements

key to many open questions coupled to Nuclear Physics

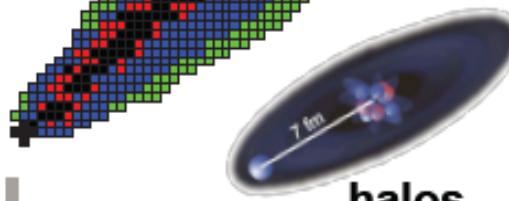
weak interaction

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

CVC, CKM, Scalar currents



$0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay



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

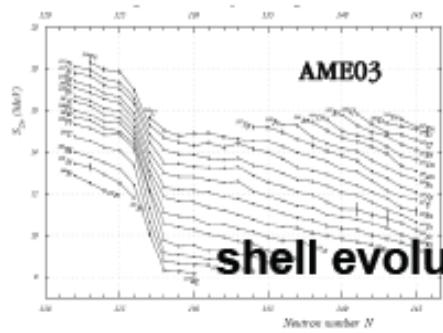
data from Ame2011-preview (G. Audi and W. Meng)

Nuclear Astrophysics

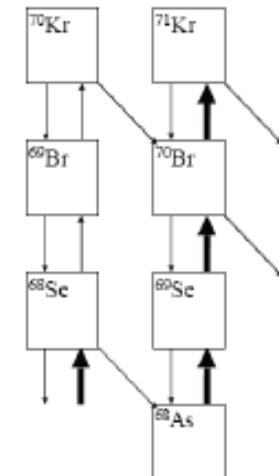
$$\delta m/m \approx 10^{-7}$$

Nuclear Structure

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



shell evolution

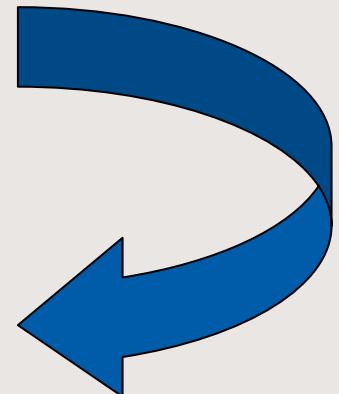


nucleo-synthesis paths and waiting points

Mass measurement requirements

- In order to address the pressing questions, the mass measurement's requirements are given by the radioactive isotopes/beams
 - Fast (half-lives are typically short ;seconds to $\sim 5\text{ms}$)
 - Efficient (minuscule intensities few ions/second)
- To be able to help understand Nature (or test prediction for it from theory) the measurements have to be:
 - Precise (enough to test theory, but fast)
 - Accurate (reliability of data)

Penning traps at RIB facilities



Precision and accuracy PT are a widespread mature application

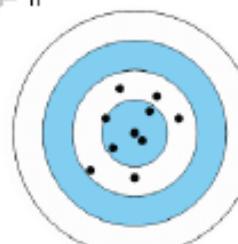
- ISOLTRAP
- JYFLTRAP
- LEBIT
- TITAN
- CPT
- SHIPTRAP

Talk: Susanne Kreim

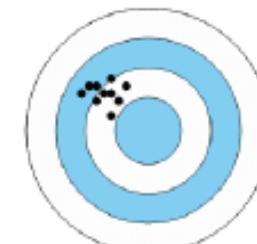
Talk: Juha Avsto

K. Blaum, INPC 2010

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



accurate,
but not precise



precise,
but not accurate

Accuracy

- exact theoretical description

L.S. Brown and G. Gabrielse, *Rev. Mod. Phys.* 58, 233 (1986)
G. Bollen et al., *J. Appl. Phys.* 88, 4355 (1990)
M. König et al., *Int. J. Mass Spect.* 142, 95 (1995)
M. Kretzschmar, *Int. J. Mass Spect.* 246, 122 (2007)

- even for non-ideal traps

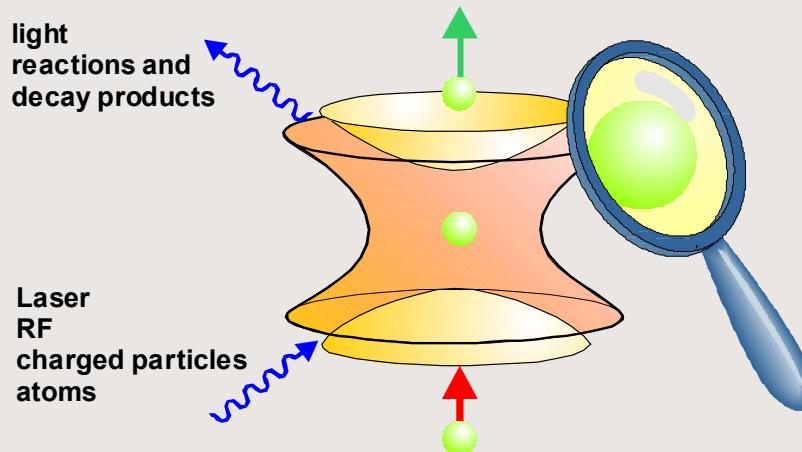
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- off-line tests with stables

Since PT were developed for ions, they behave the same way for stable or unstable particles!
Ideal for systematic test and optimizations

Ion Traps:

the ‘perfect’ tool to get answers : controlled storage leads to precision



W. Heisenberg

Long-time storage in well-defined fields \Rightarrow
precision measurements **MASSES**
decay studies, correlations

STORAGE
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PRECISION

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

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

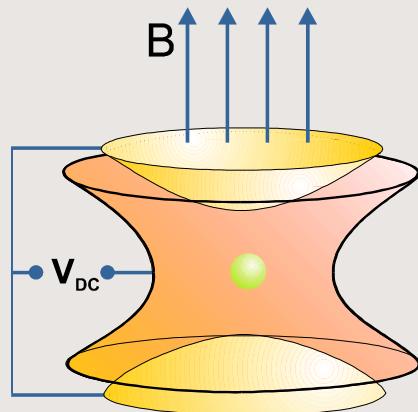
ION MANIPULATION

ION TRAPS

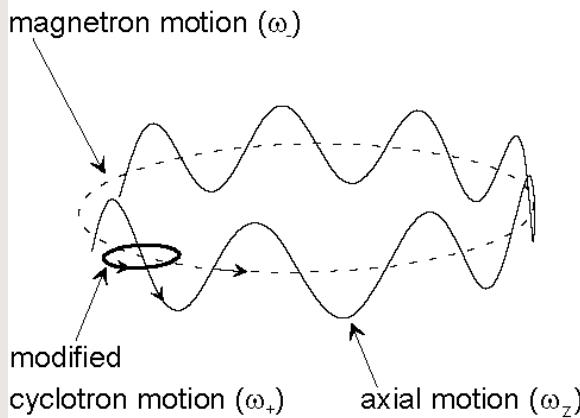
invented for stable particles & produced inside the trap

Penning trap:

Static electric quadrupole + magnetic field



3D confinement

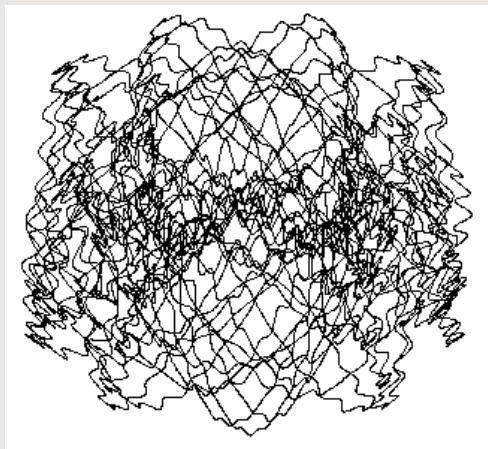
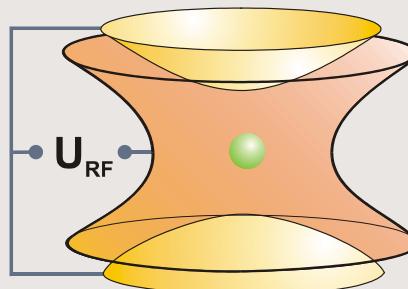


3 harmonic oscillations



Paul trap:

Oscillating electric quadrupole field

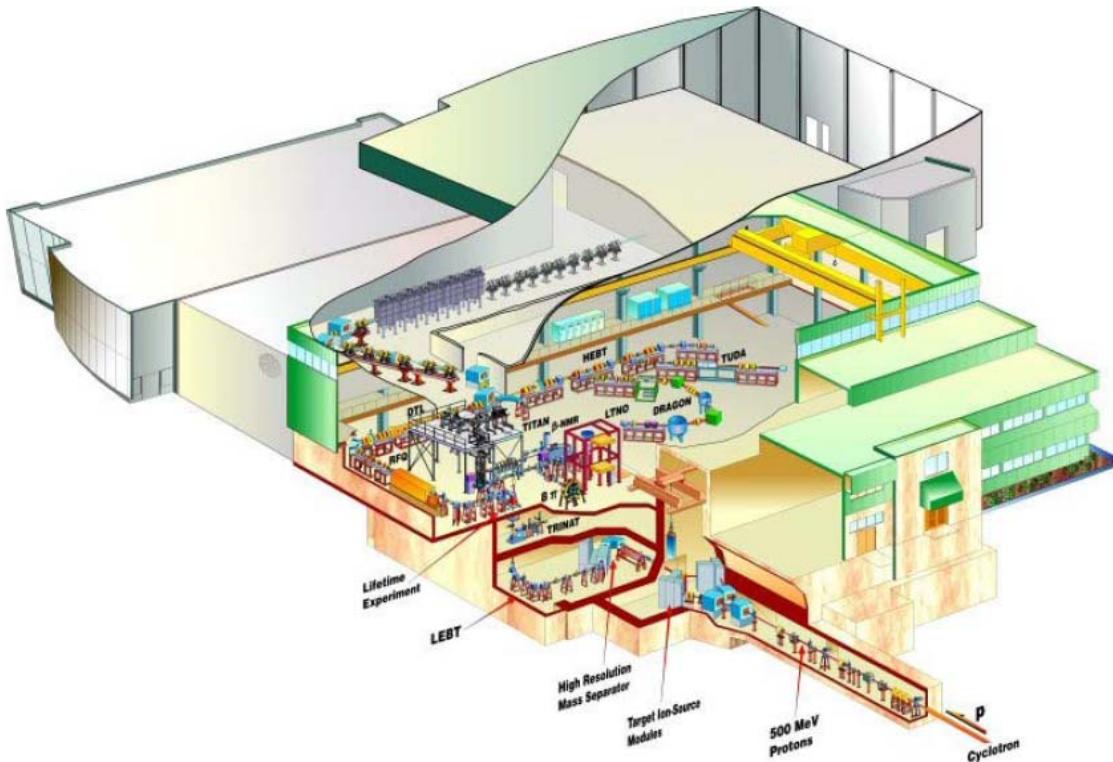


micromotion + macromotion

Suited for precision experiments.

Suited for manipulation techniques.

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



**ISAC: 2nd generation facility
highest power on target for
on-line facilities up to
100 μ A@500MeV DC proton**

**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)

**world class facility with ~ 350
users from:**

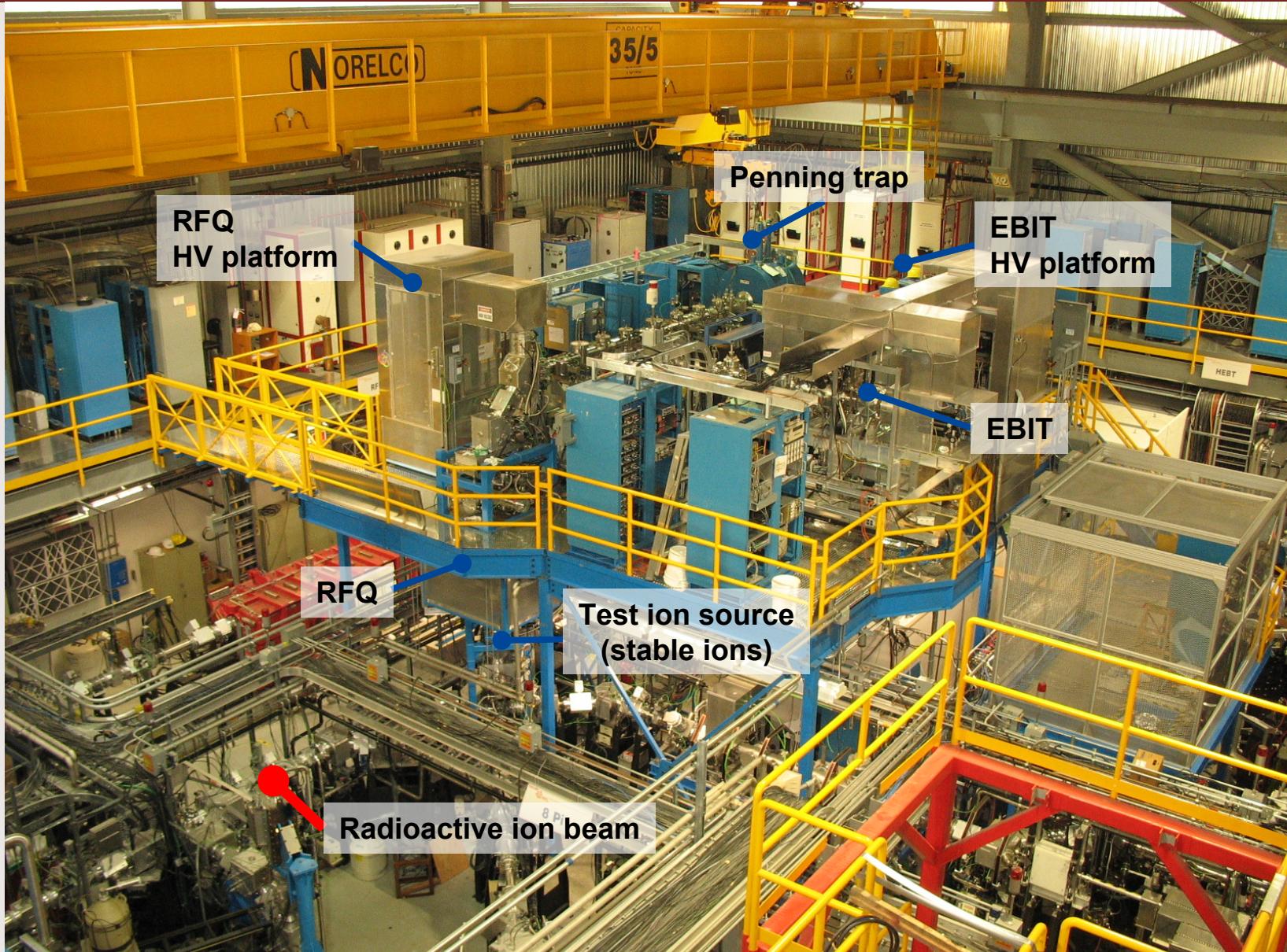
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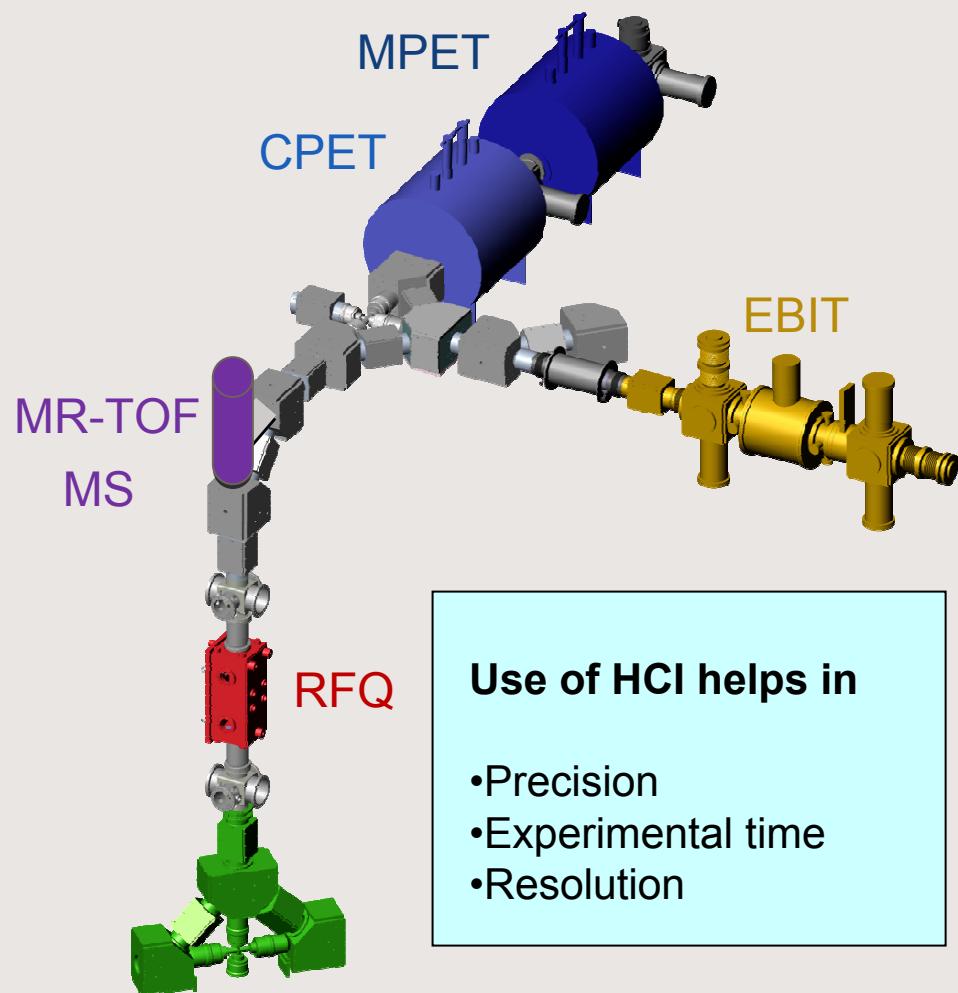
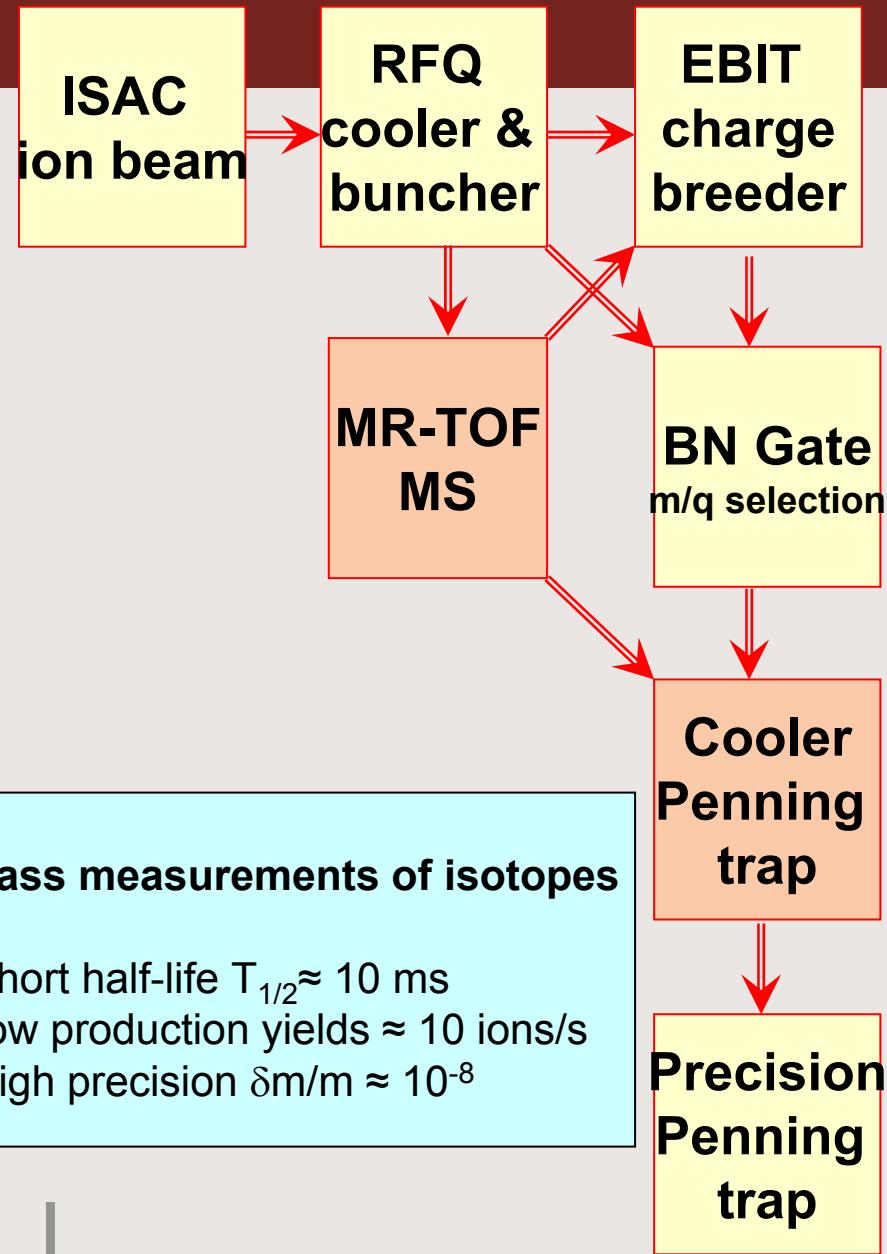
**US: Yale, Rochester, LBNL,
LLNL, ANL, Georgia Tech,
Seattle, Texas A&M, MSU,...**

**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

TITAN set-up @ ISAC





Mass measurements of isotopes

- short half-life $T_{1/2} \approx 10$ ms
- low production yields ≈ 10 ions/s
- high precision $\delta m/m \approx 10^{-8}$

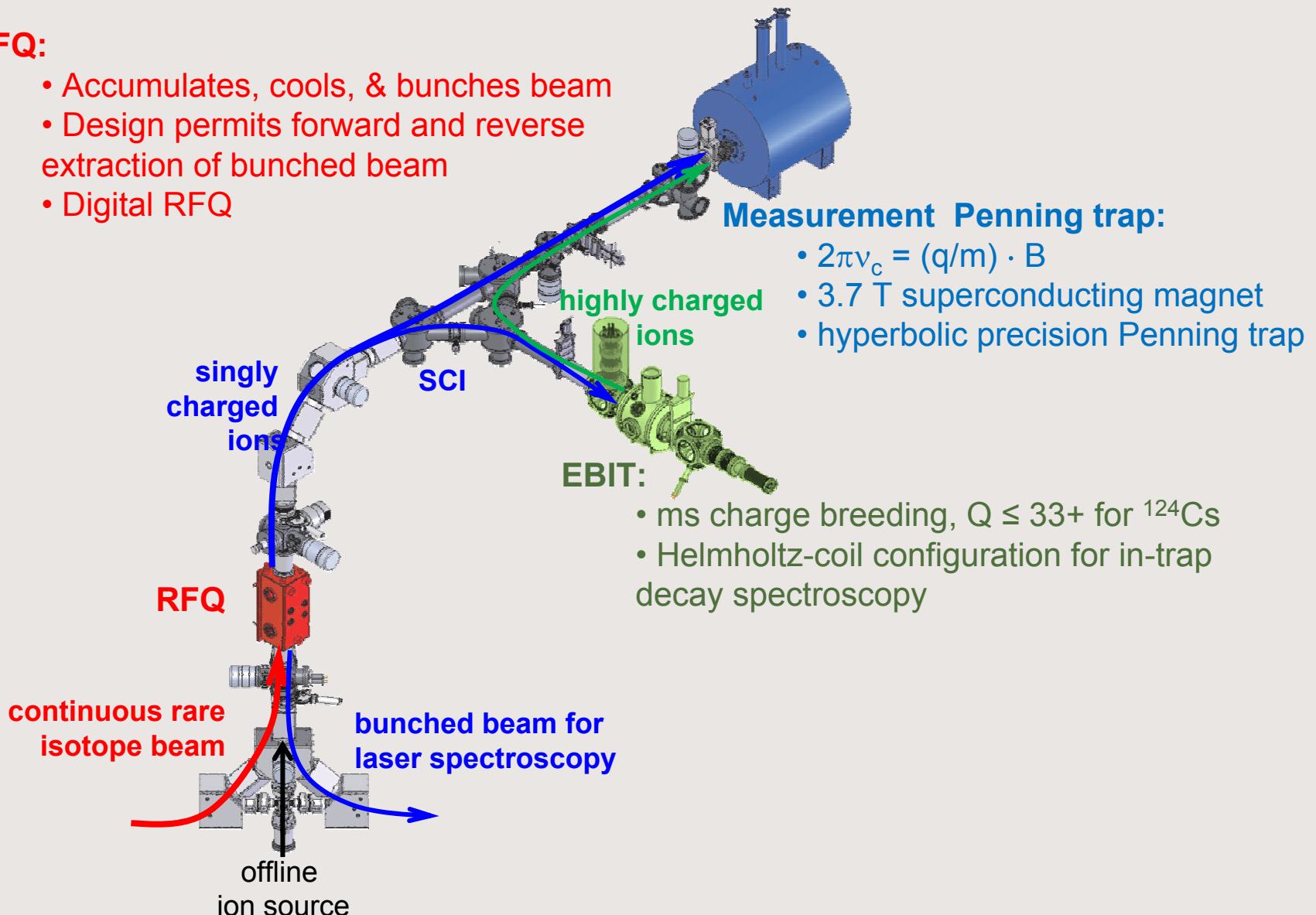
Use of HCl helps in

- Precision
- Experimental time
- Resolution

TRIUMF's Ion Trap for Atomic and Nuclear science

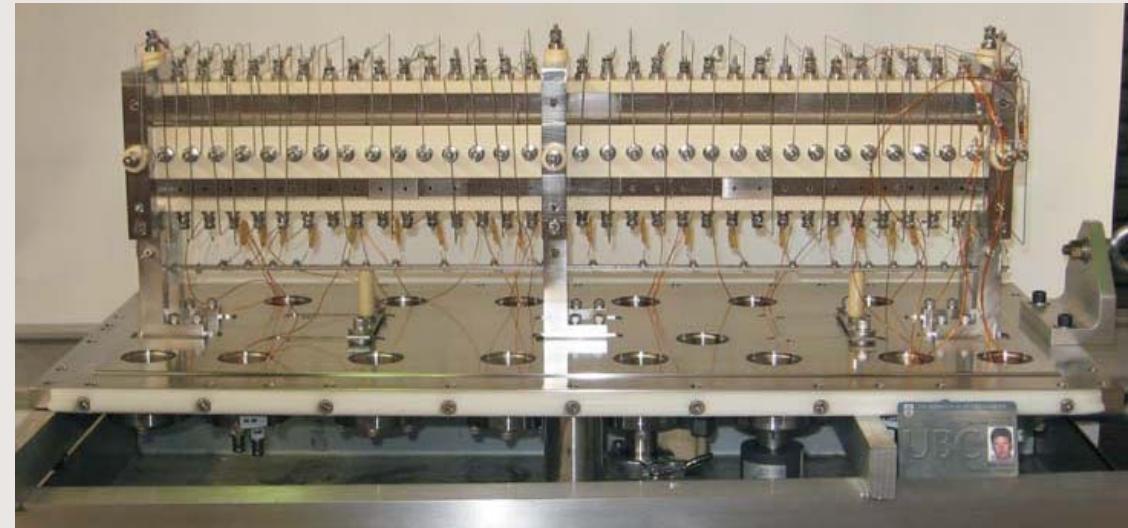
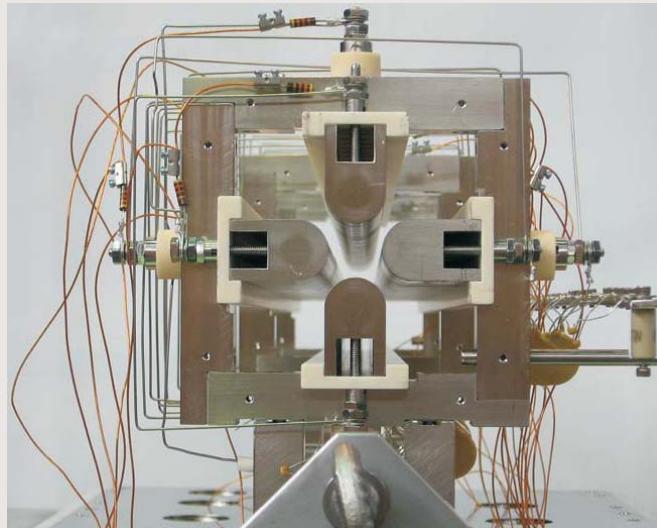
RFQ:

- Accumulates, cools, & bunches beam
- Design permits forward and reverse extraction of bunched beam
- Digital RFQ



RFQ Cooler and Buncher Trap

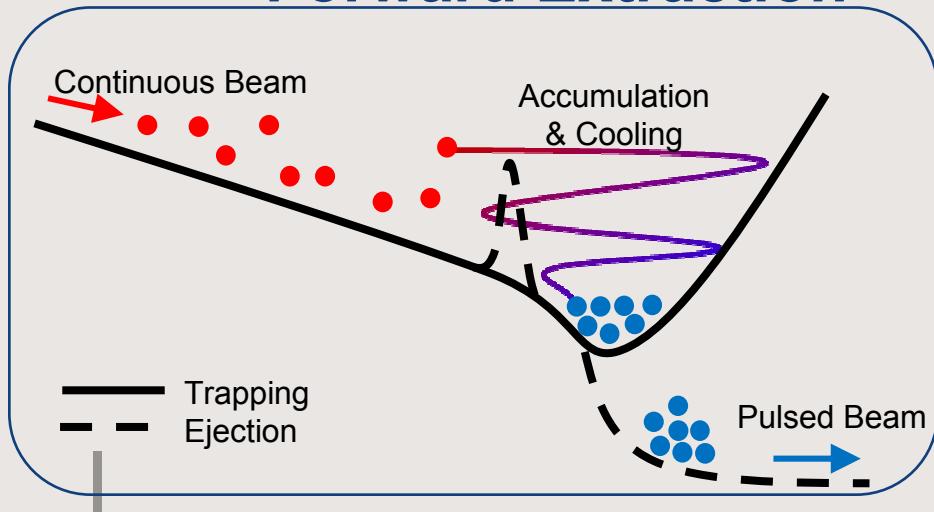
- Radio-frequency Quadrupole (RFQ) trap filled with He buffer gas
- Accumulate, cool, and bunch the beam
- Digitally driven, $\leq 400 \text{ V}_{\text{pp}}$, $0.2 \leq v_{\text{RF}} \leq 1.2 \text{ MHz}$
- Forward (to TITAN) or reverse (to laser spec) extraction schemes



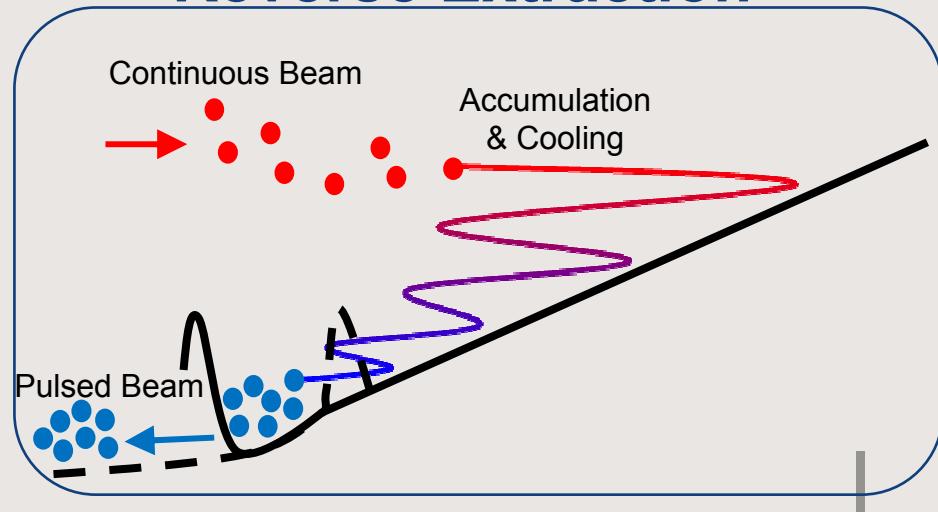
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Forward Extraction



Reverse Extraction

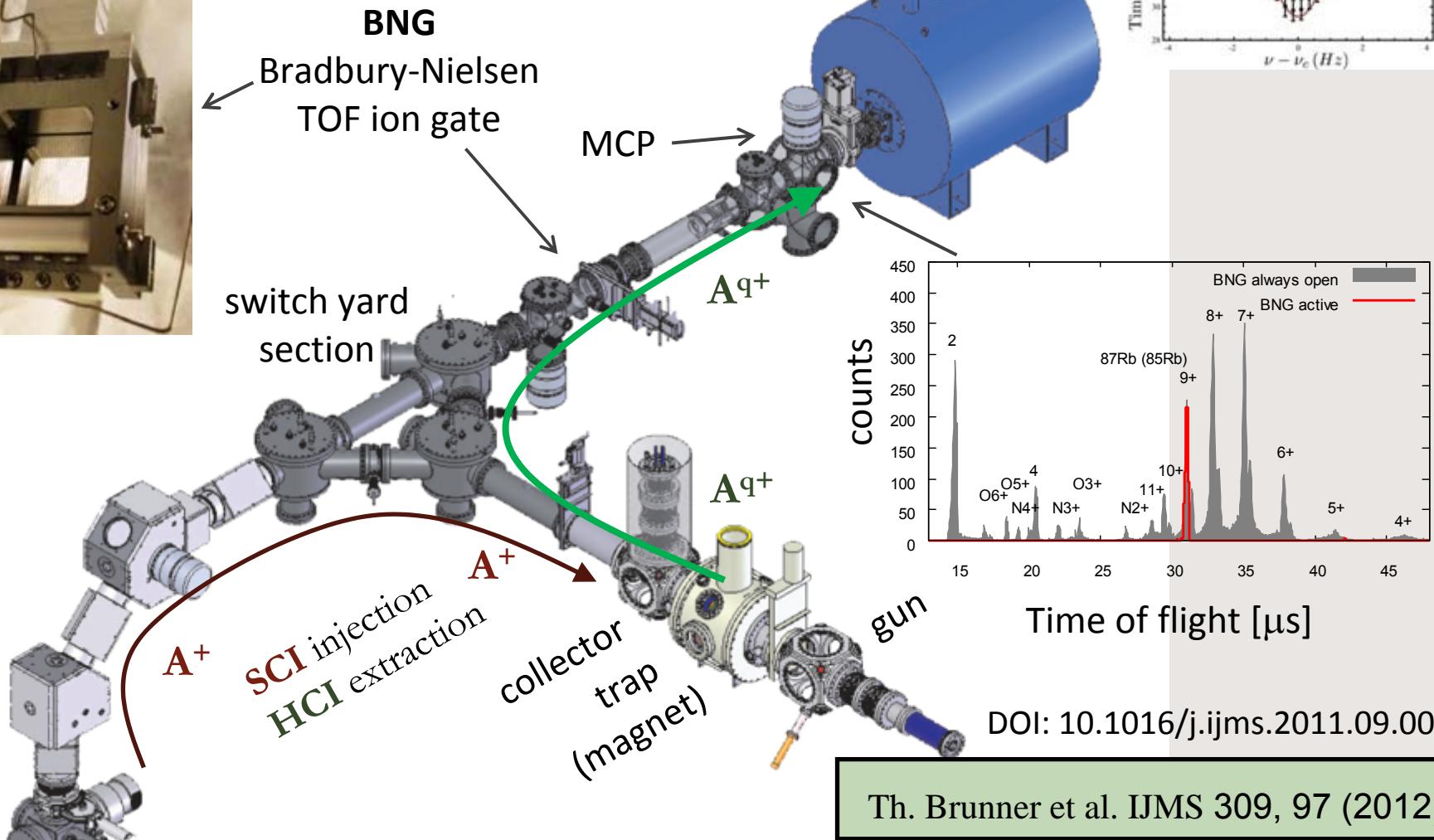
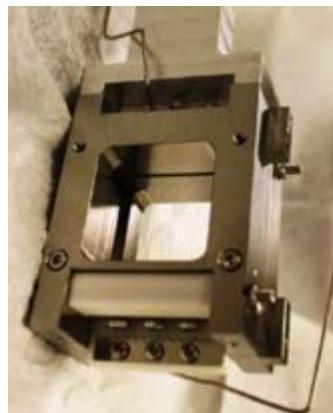


TITAN HCl mass measurements

Collaboration:

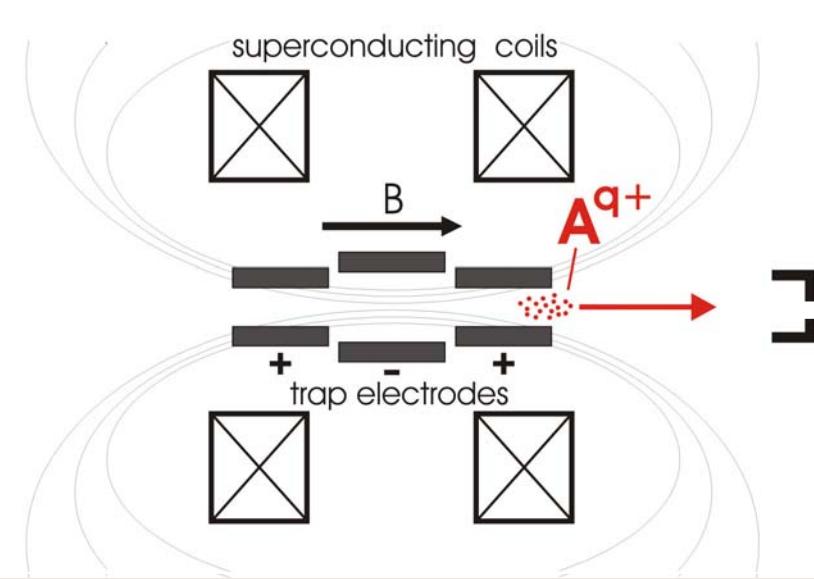
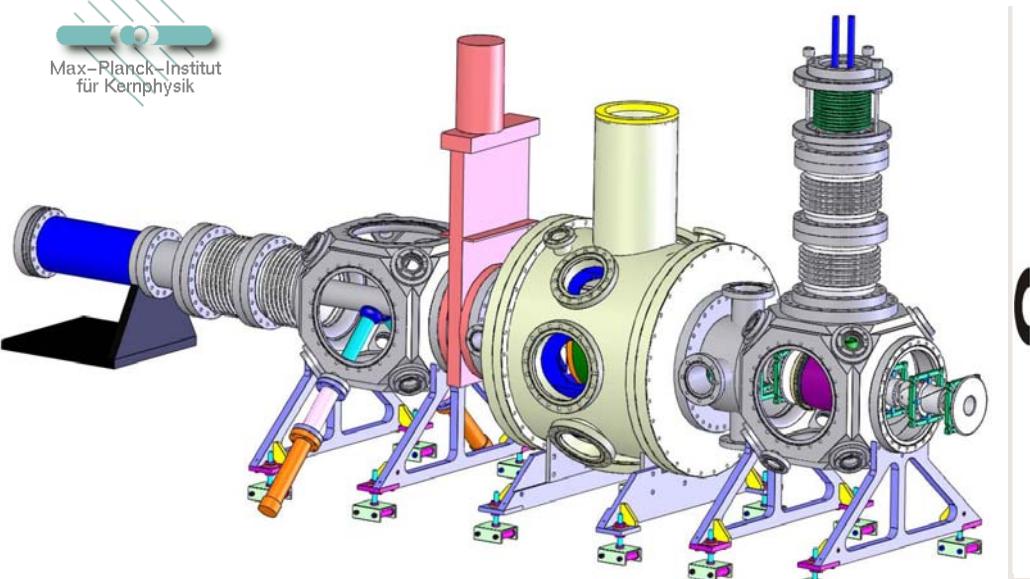
Physics Departments, Stanford University

G. Gratta, A. Mueller, K. O'Sullivan



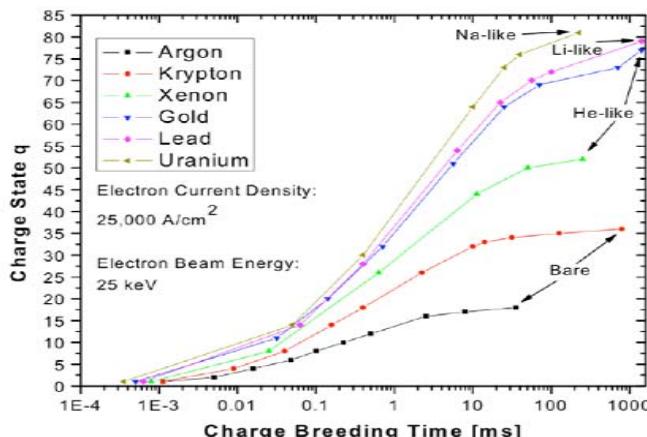
Preparing experiments using ion traps

Charge Breeding in the EBIT



B-field (6 T) compresses e⁻ beam

- ⇒ e⁻ density up to 40 000 A/cm²
- ⇒ increased ionization rate



Ideal way of manipulating ions (charge breeding)

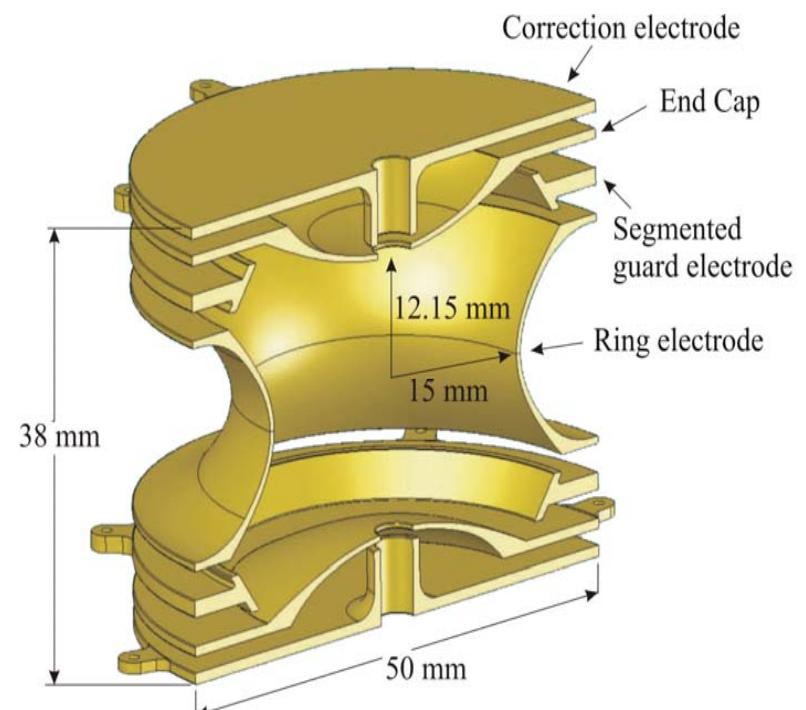
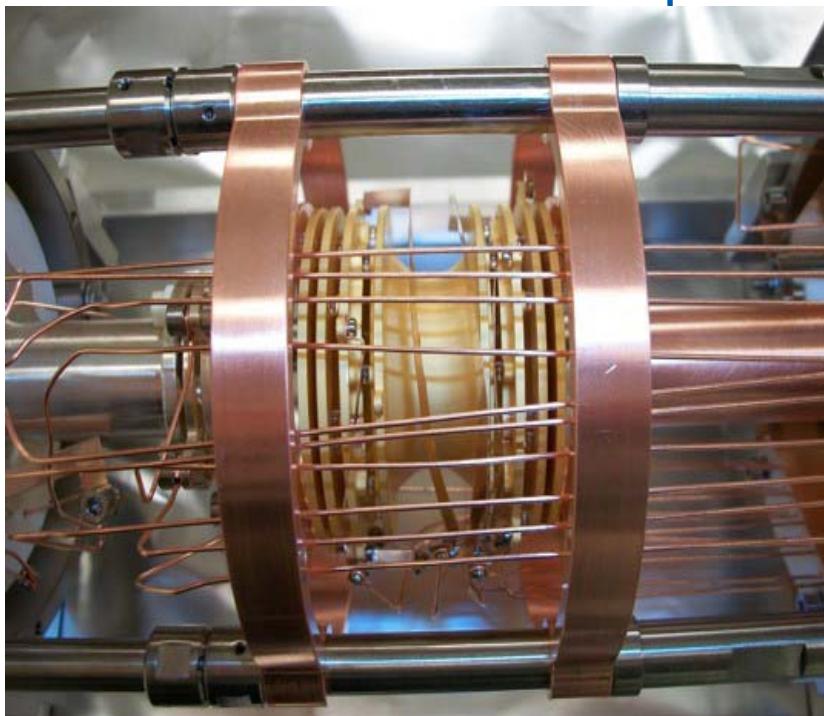
Unique: Observing charge state in-situ (X-ray)

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

Implement new evaporative cooling scheme from SMILETRAP system

M. Simon et al. Rev. Sci. Instrum. 83, 02A912 (2012)
A. Lapiere et al., NIM A 624, 54 (2010))

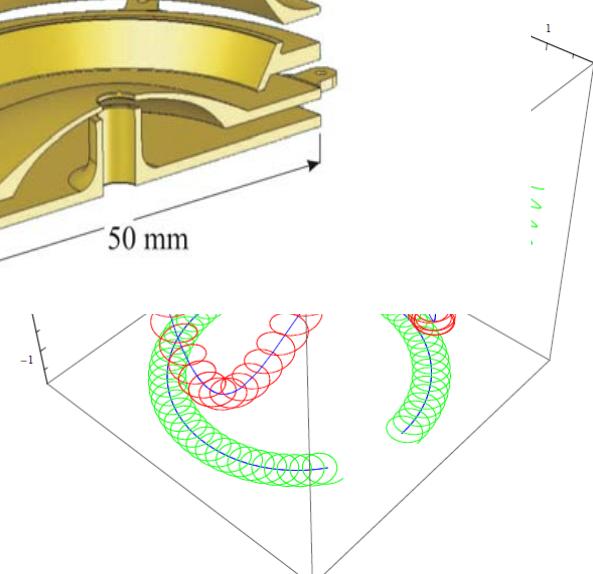
Penning Trap



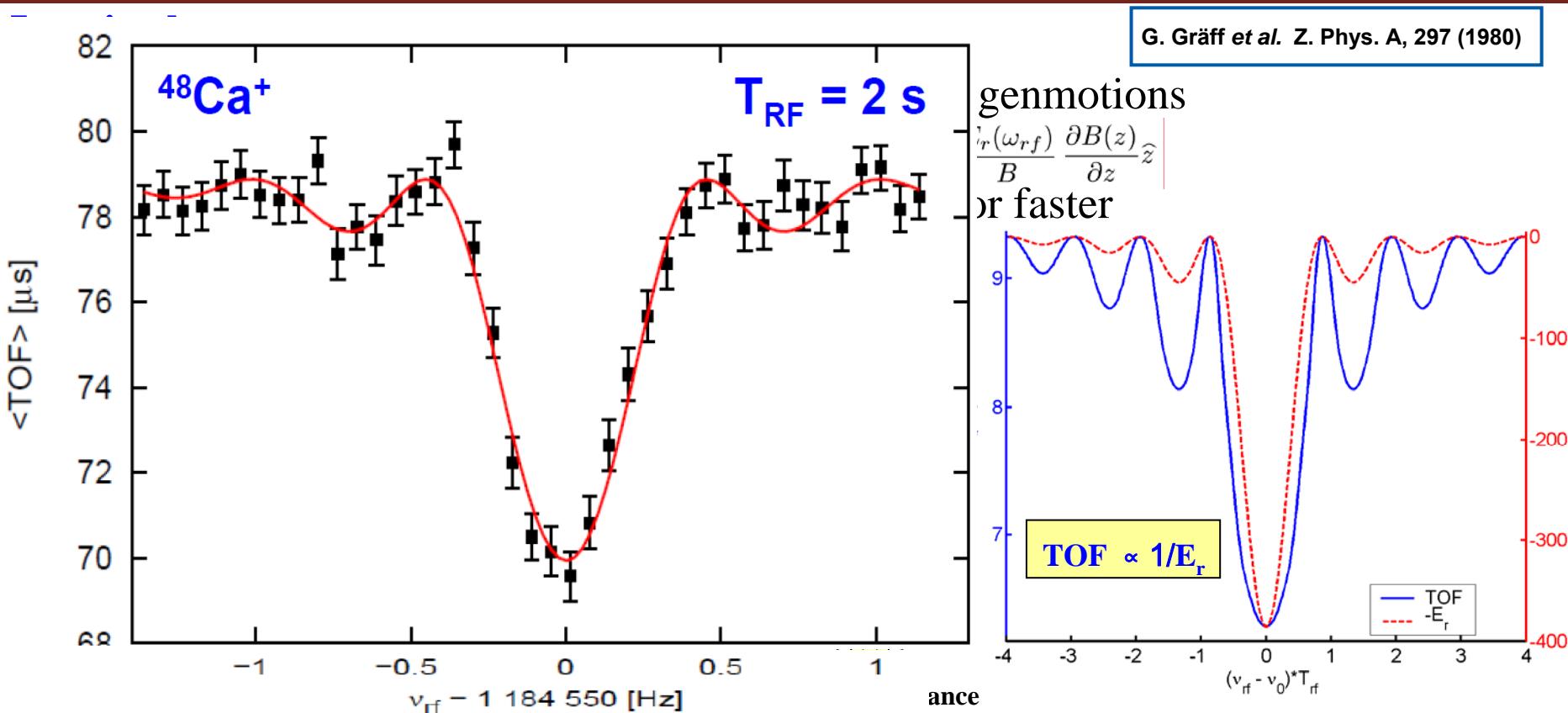
Motion of ions well understood:
Three Eigenmotions can be coupled using RF

$$\nu_- + \nu_+ = \nu_c = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{q}{m} B$$

Allows us to manipulate motion:
transfer from one motion into the other!



Mass determination Time-of-Flight Ion Cyclotron Resonance (TOF-ICR)



$$\delta m \approx \frac{1}{T_{\text{RF}} \cdot q \cdot B \cdot \sqrt{N}}$$

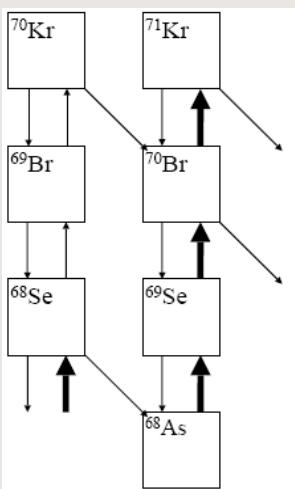
The mass is determined by a scan of ω_{rf} around the resonance: $\omega_{rf} = \omega_c = \frac{qB}{m}$
then compare to well known reference!

TITAN's mass measurement program

Nuclear Astrophysics

$$\delta m/m \approx 1 \cdot 10^{-7/8}$$

- Nucleo-synthesis paths and waiting points
- Understanding of stellar processes

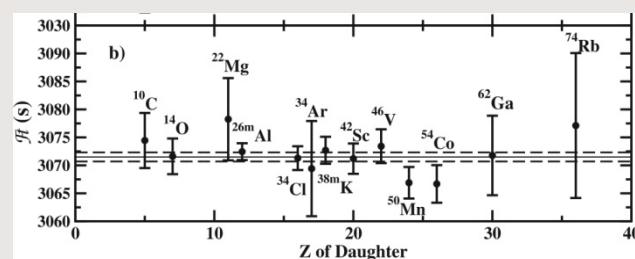


V. Simon et al. PRC 85, 064308 (2012)

Weak Interaction

$$\delta m/m \approx 1 \cdot 10^{-9}$$

- CKM unitarity test
- CVC hypothesis
- Search for scalar currents

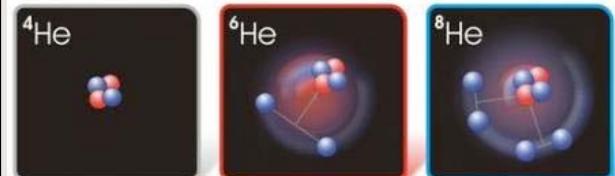


S. Ettenauer et al., PRL 107, 272501 (2011)

Nuclear Structure

$$\delta m/m \approx 1 \cdot 10^{-7/8}$$

- Halo nuclei, light nuclei



M. Smith et al., PRL 101, 202501 (2008)

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

M. Brodeur et al., PRL 108, 052504 (2012)

M. Brodeur et al., PRL 108, 212501 (2012)

- Nuclear structure far from stability

A. Gallant et al. PRL 109, 032506 (2012)

A. Lapierre et al. PRC 85 024317 (2012)

- **Require precise and accurate measurements**
- Reaching more and more exotic nuclei further away from valley of stability due to more sensitivity
- Getting better resolving power in short time

Elusive magic numbers

Nuclear shell structure



J. Hans D. Jensen

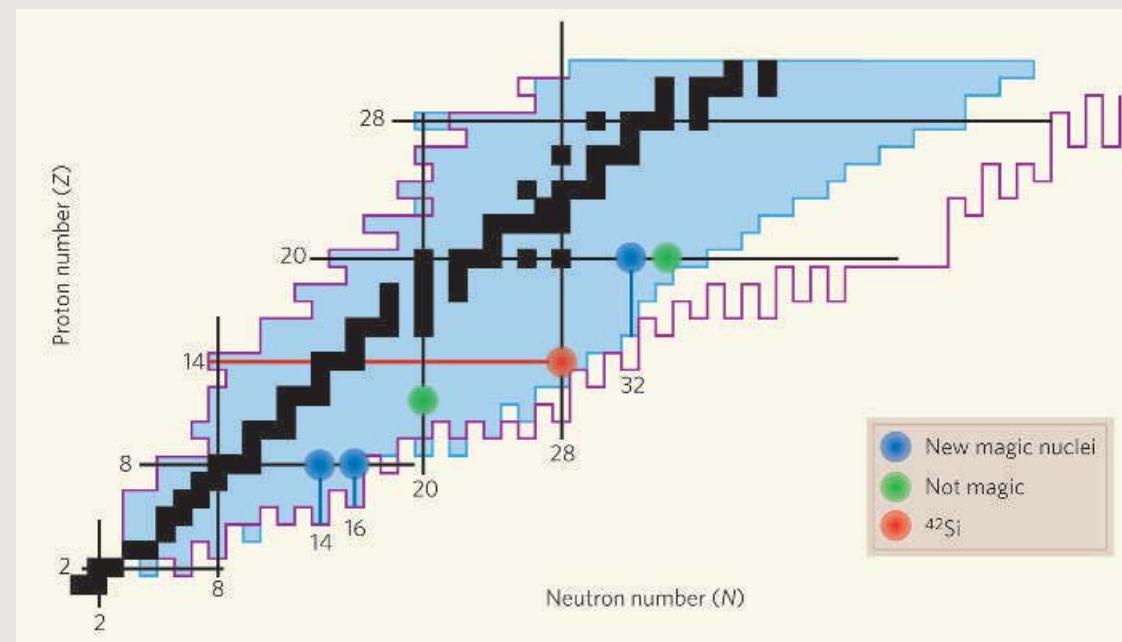
Maria Goeppert Mayer

Atomic shell model holds true for entire periodic table.

Nuclear shell model does not work for all isotopes!

New magic numbers and vanishing of magic number.

R.V.F.Janssens, *Nature* 435, (2005) 897



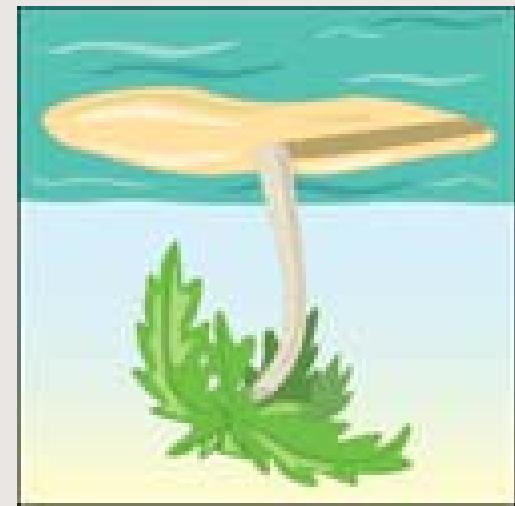
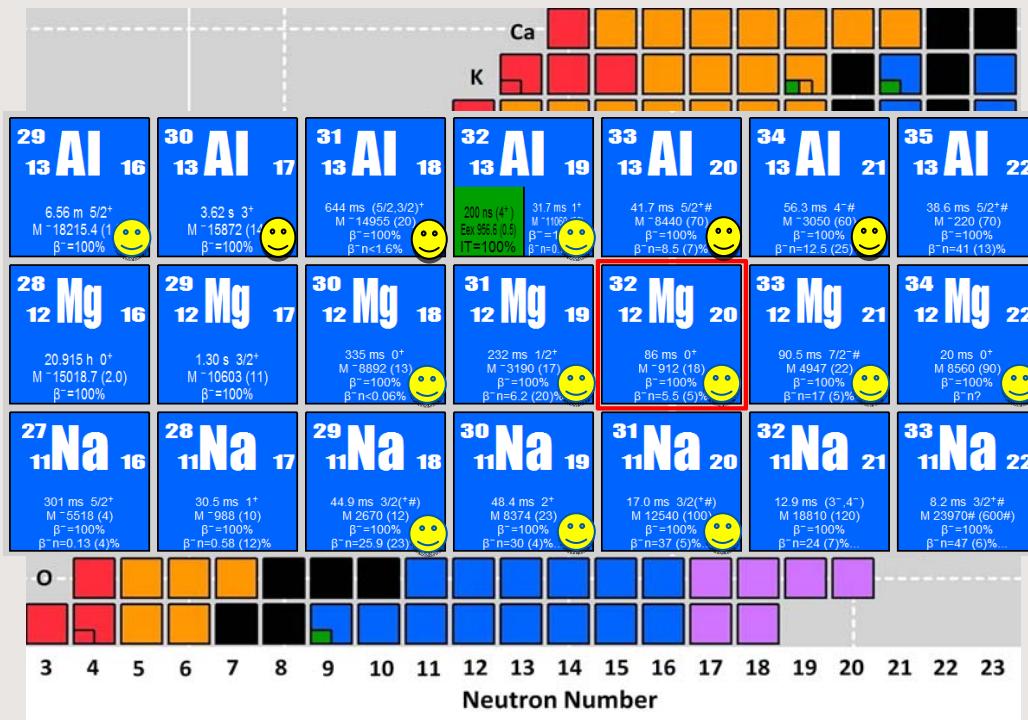
Resurgence of the $N=28$ shell strength : neutron-rich K and Ca isotopes
A. Lapierre et al. PRC 85 024317 (2012)

Neutron-Rich Calcium Isotopes and Three-Nucleon Forces
A. Gallant et al. PRL 109, 032506 (2012)

Vanishing of $N=20$ magic number for ^{32}Mg
A. Chaudhuri et al. in preparation

Island of inversion

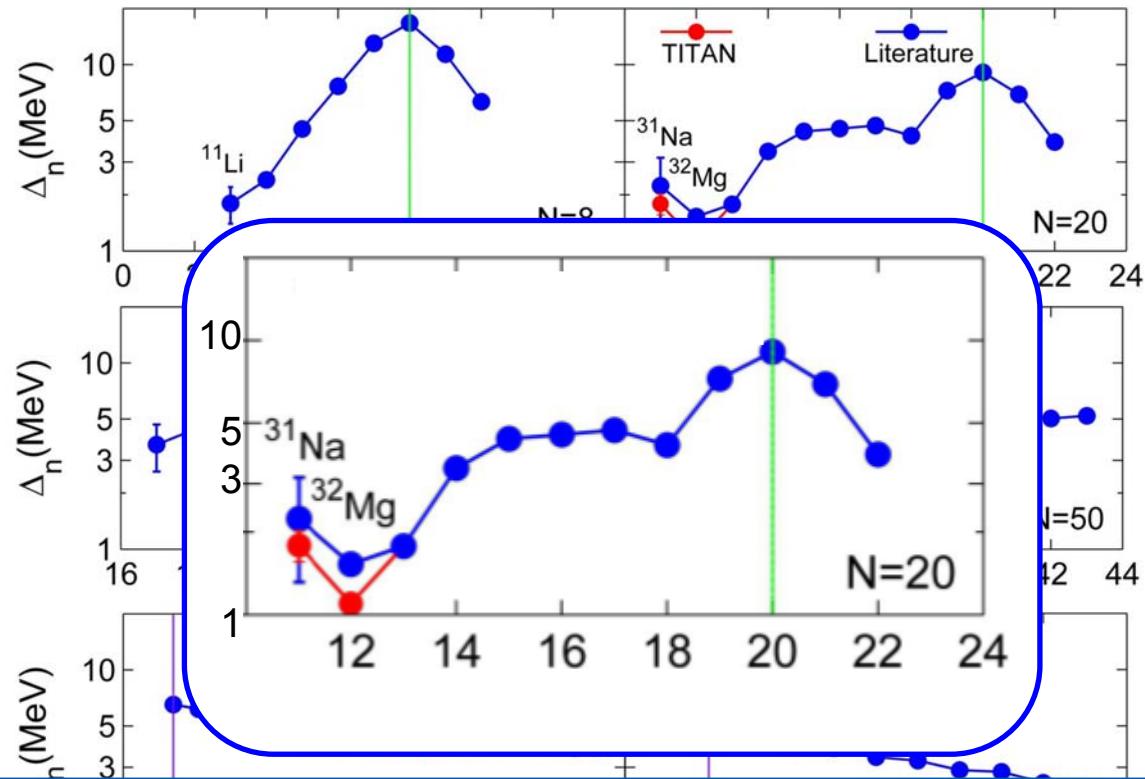
Mapping of shell closure at N=20



Credit: Carin Cain

Enabled by a high-power actinide target run

Elusive Magic Number



- Lowest shell-gap ever observed for magic nuclides
- Direct evidence of disappearance N=20 magic number

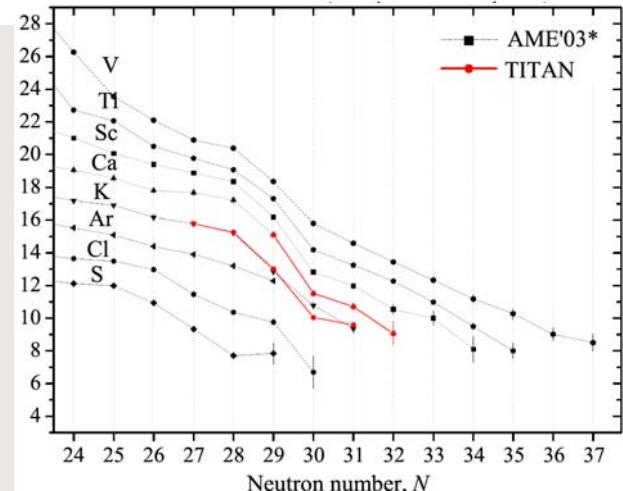
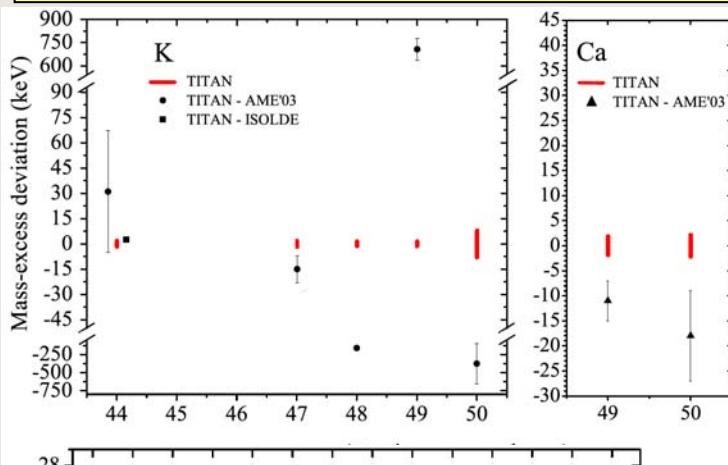
Masses near new Magic Number N=34 a first step

- Masses (or separation energies) sensitive to shell structure

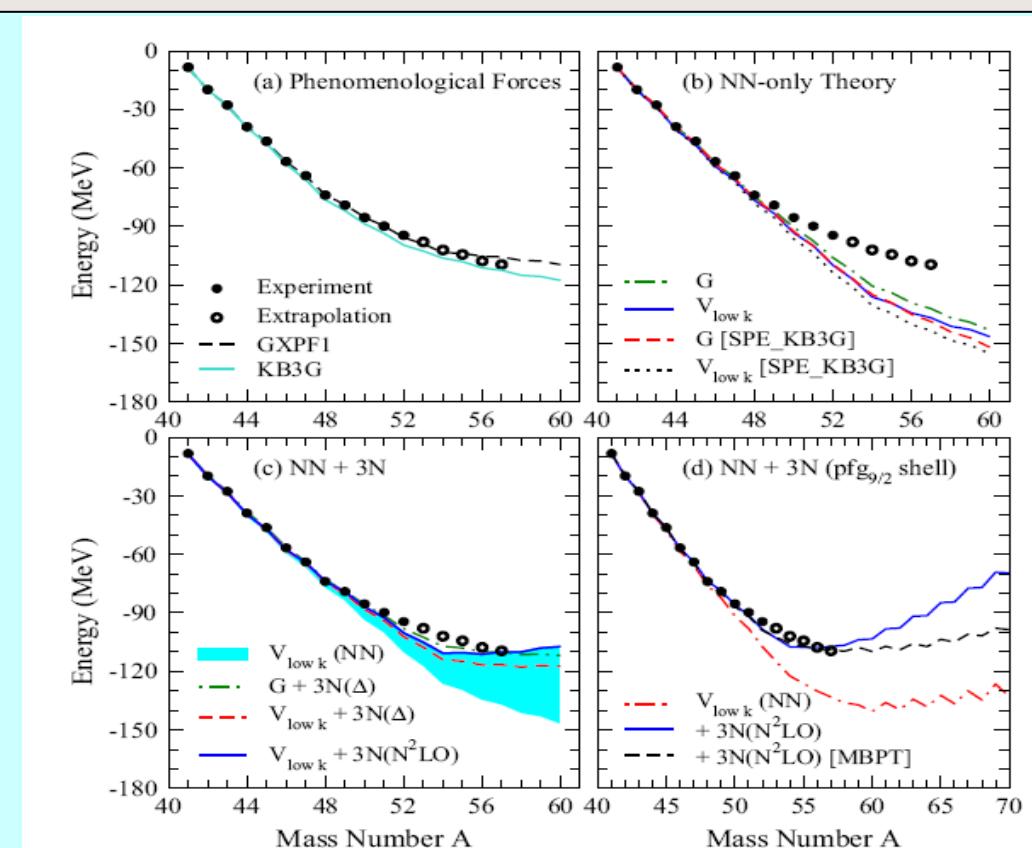
- $^{48}\text{K}^{1+}$ and $^{49}\text{K}^{1+}$: deviations of **6 and 10 σ** from literature (AME2003)

- $^{47-50}\text{K}^{1+}$ and $^{49,50}\text{Ca}^{1+}$: masses improved by factor of up to 30

A. Lapierre et al. PRC 85, 024317 (2012)



Providing accurate &
precise data from
PT system

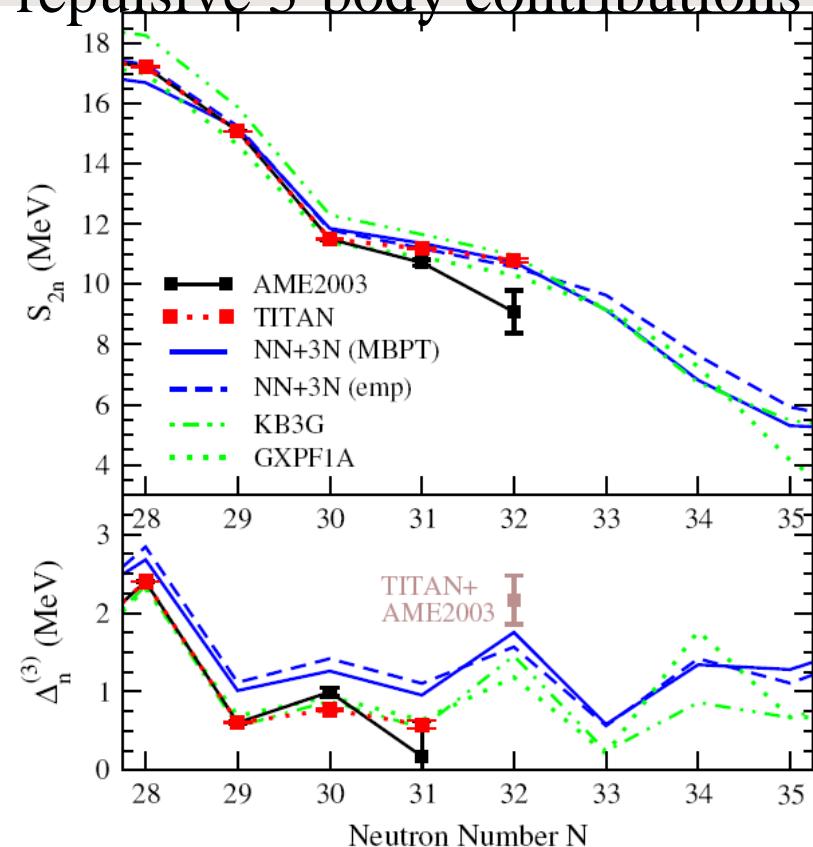


Evolution to neutron-rich calcium isotopes is the effect of 3-body forces amplified for extreme N/Z

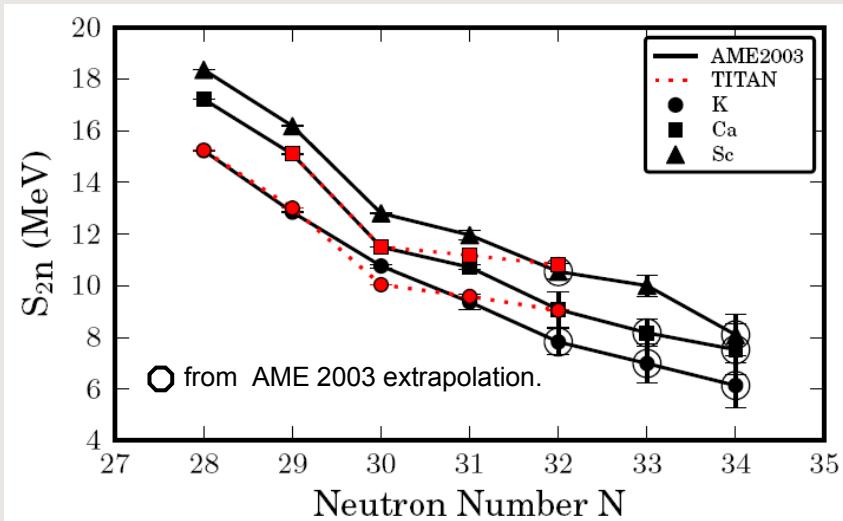
Extended mass measurements for Ca

Reached up to Ca-52, K-51 and found $\sim 2 \text{ MeV}$ deviation
and, new calculations show:

repulsive 3-body contributions key for calcium ground-state energies



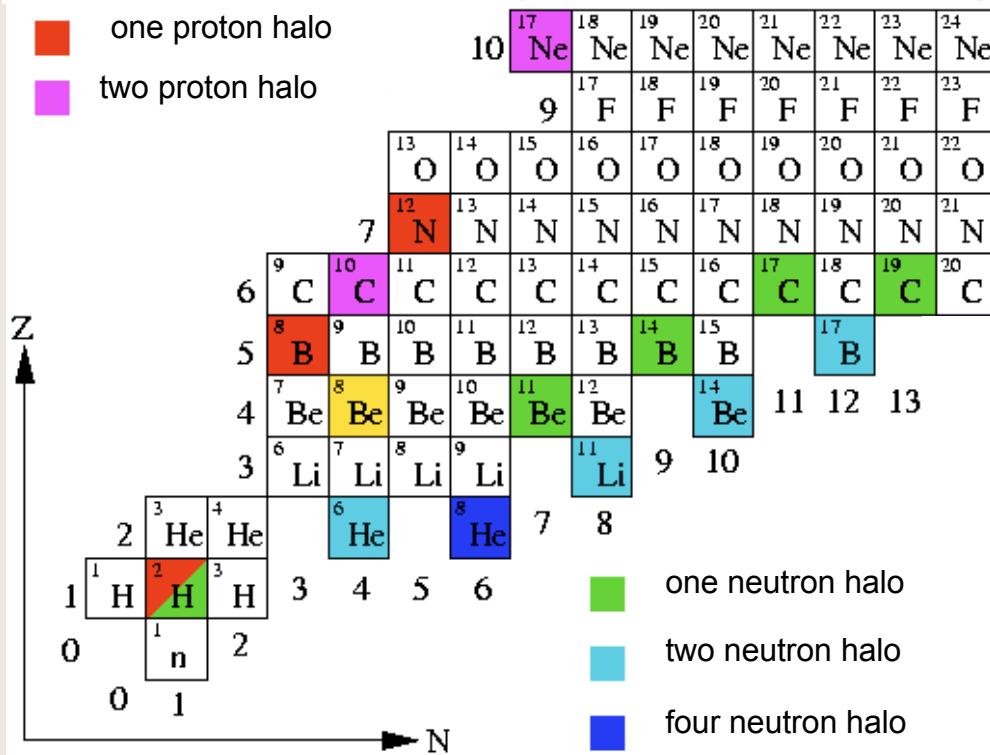
=> Talk: Johannes Simonis



behavior of S_{2n} and Δ_n agrees with NN+3N calculation

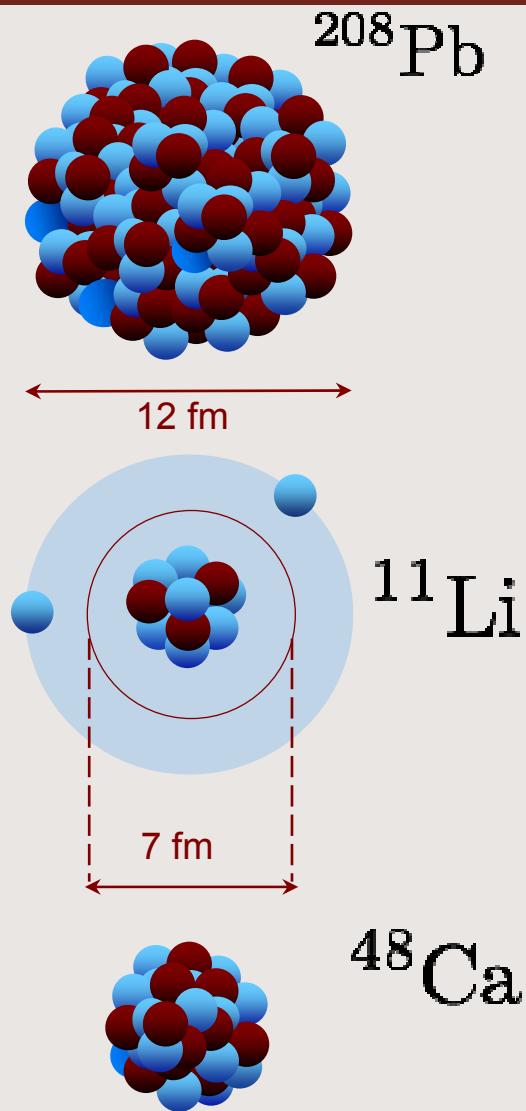
Halo Nuclei = extra large nuclei

Known halos (more out there)



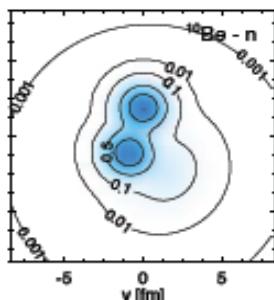
- Short-lived
- few nucleon system
 - test for theory at extreme conditions
 - difficult to produce and measure
 - only a few have ever been measured directly

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



HALO theory and masses

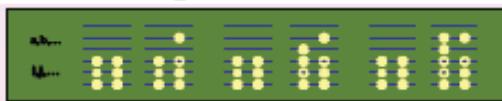
Fermionic Molecular Dynamics



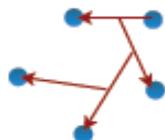
Greens Function Monte Carlo

No-Core Shell Model

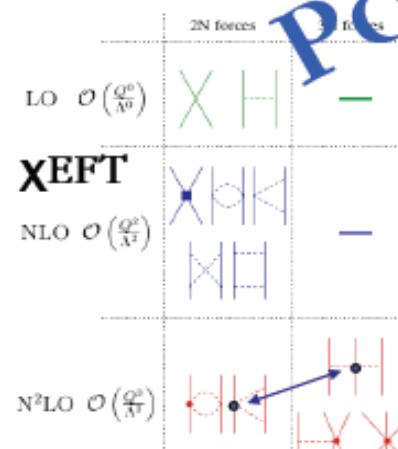
coupled cluster



hyper-spherical harmonics



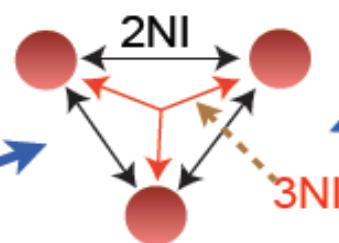
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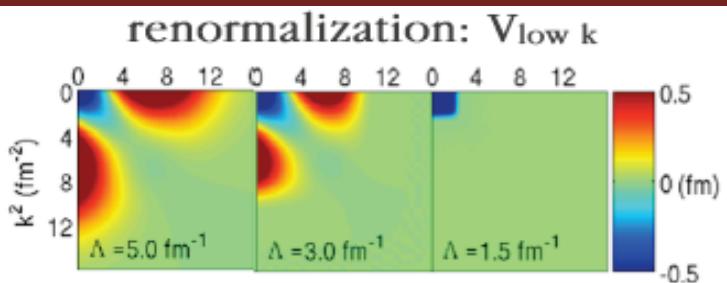
Methods

Potentials

3-body forces

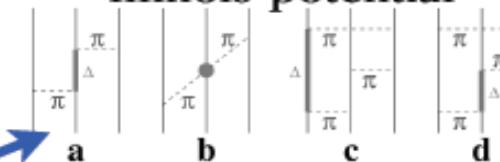


phenomenological V_{NN}



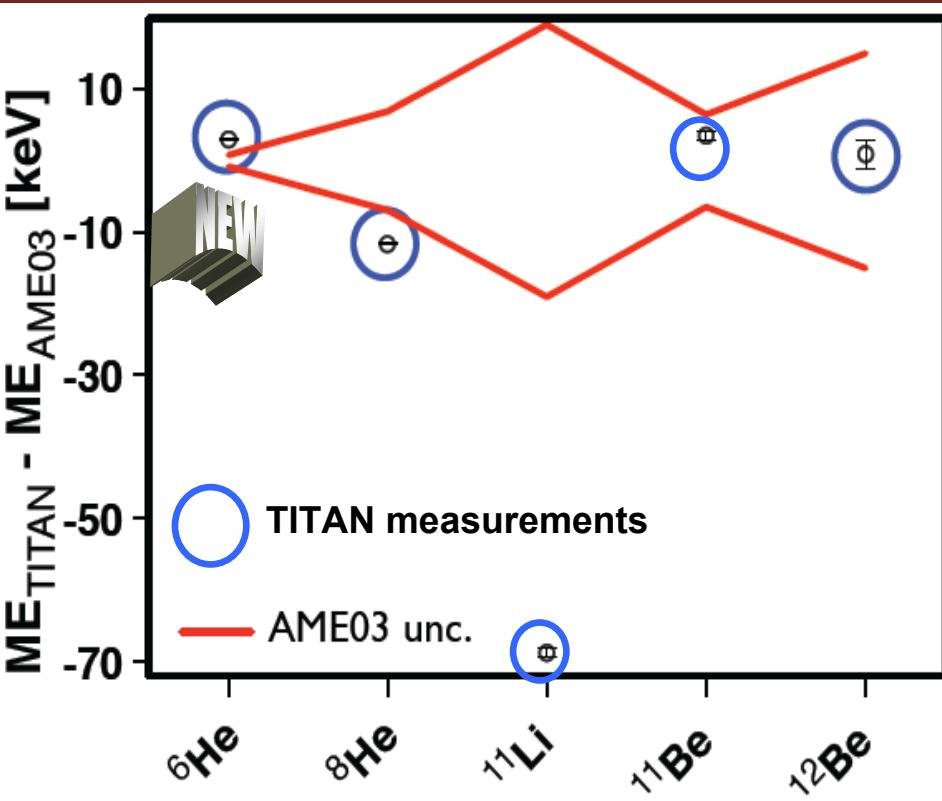
Precision experiments needed to verify and refine theory

Illinois potential



TITAN 'halo' harvest

N-rich isotopes



- ⁶Li: Brodeur et al, PRC 80 (2009) 044318
- ⁶He: Brodeur et al, PRL 108, 052504 (2012)
- ⁹Li :Brodeur et al, PRL 108.212501 (2012)
- ⁸He: Ryjkov et. al., PRL 101 (2008) 012501
- ¹¹Li: Smith et. al., PRL 101 (2008) 202501
- ¹¹Be: Ringle et. al., PLB 675 (2009) 170
- ¹²Be: Ettenauer et. al PRC 81, 024314 (2010)
- AME03: Audi et. al., Nucl. Phys.A 729 (2003) 337

Best agreement with experiment
if theory takes 3-nucleon forces
into account

Mass measurements possible due to fast on-line PT.
Measurement of the shortest-lived isotope on-line
Measurements with high precision and accuracy
Limit of sensitivity ~ 5-10 ions / sec
Plans to measure ¹⁹C (this year), and then ¹⁴Be, ³¹Ne (target)

Pushing the limits: TITAN and highly charged ions

- 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

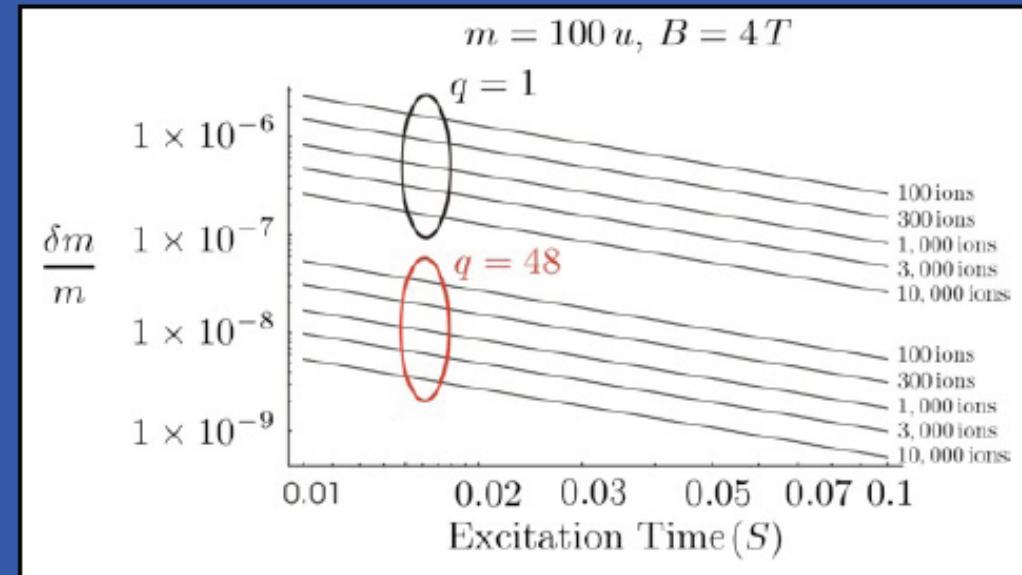
⇒ larger B

⇒ more ions

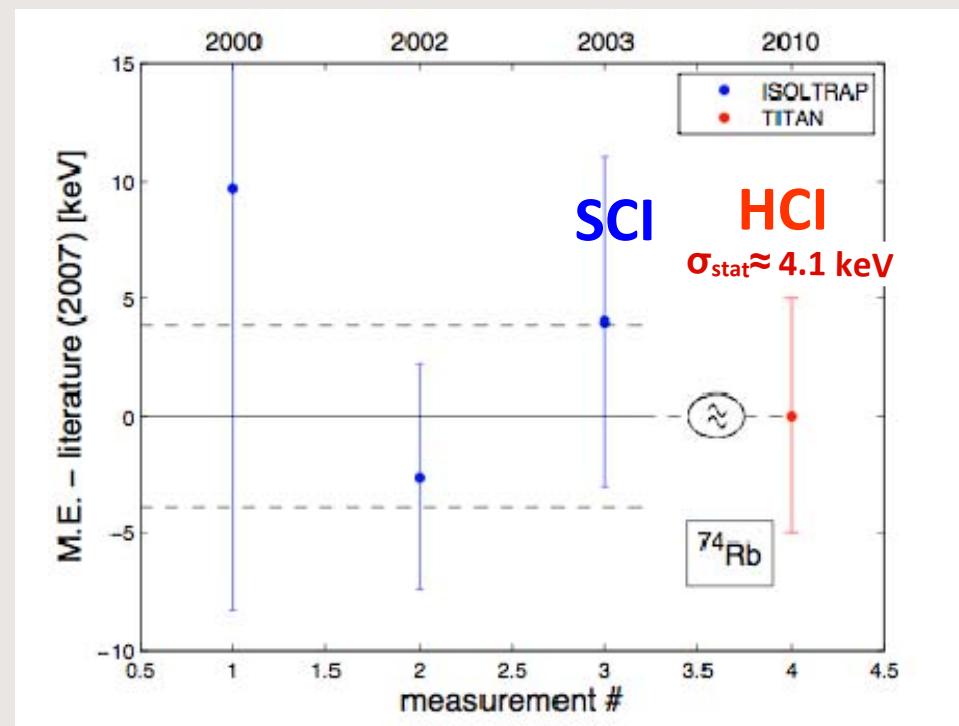
⇒ highly charged ions

⇒ CHARGE BREEDING

**BRAND NEW
charge breeding
on-line**



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



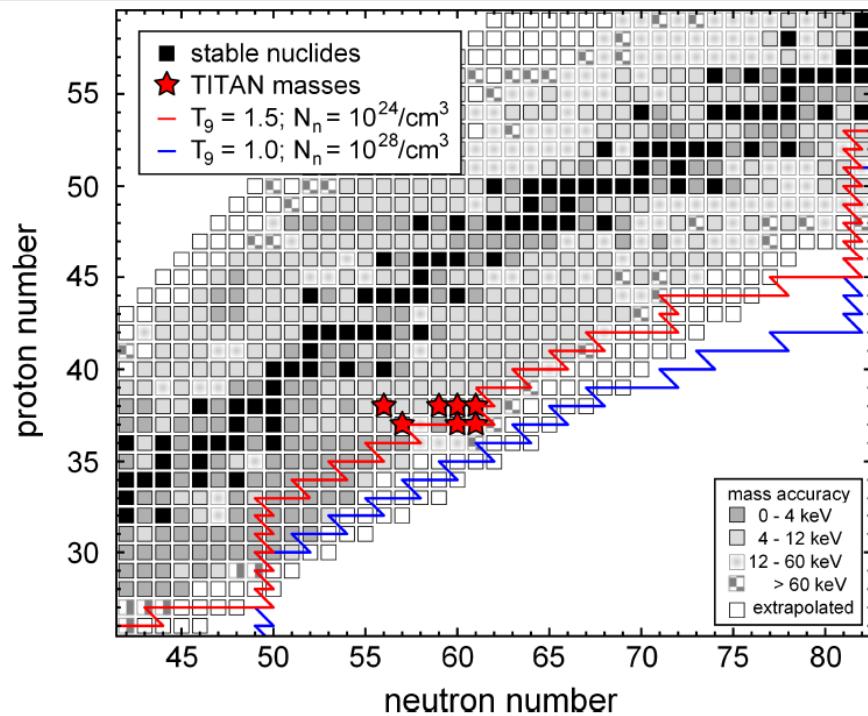
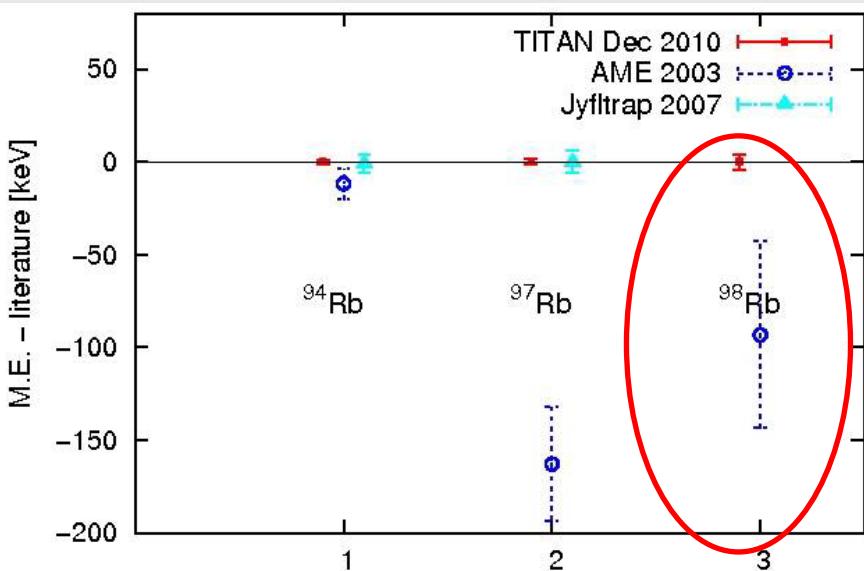
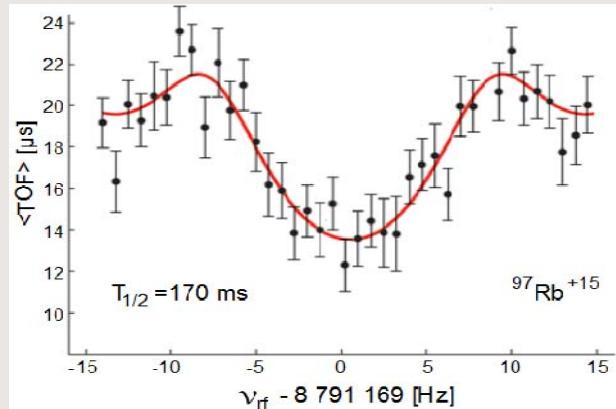
^{74}Rb ($t_{1/2} = 65\text{ms}$):

- TITAN demonstrated possible gain up to 2 orders in magnitude in precision by boosting the frequency!
- combined data improves overall accuracy on the Q-value
- data taken in only < 22 hours
→ “easy” improvement below $\delta m < 1\text{keV}$ next time

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

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}Rb
- Uncertainties reduced of all other masses ($^{94,97,98}\text{Rb}$ and $^{94,97,98}\text{Sr}$)



Future traps:

- MR-TOF MS after RFQ
(U. of Giessen)
- Cooler Penning trap before
Precision Penning trap
(U. of Manitoba)

Plan for 2013: (approved proposals)

$N = 28$ shell closure in n-rich Ar: $^{46-48}\text{Ar}$
 Isobaric Multiplet Mass Equation: ^{32}Si , $^{20,21}\text{Mg}$
 Island of inversion: ^{33}Na
 Halo nucleus: ^{14}Be
 Neutron Halo candidate: ^{19}C
 Proton Halo candidate: $^{22,23}\text{Al}$
 Superallowed β -emitters: ^{10}C , ^{14}O , ^{74}Rb
 3N forces and $N = 32$ shell: ^{52}K , ^{53}Ca
 Doubly magicity: $^{23,24}\text{O}$
 Ground state 2p-emitter candidate : ^{31}Ar
 r-process: $^{221-224}\text{At}$, $^{100,101,102}\text{Sr}$, $^{98\text{m},99,100,101}\text{Rb}$

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