



# Rare-*RI* Ring Workshop, RIKEN

## *“High-Precision Mass Measurements in Penning Traps and Storage Rings”*



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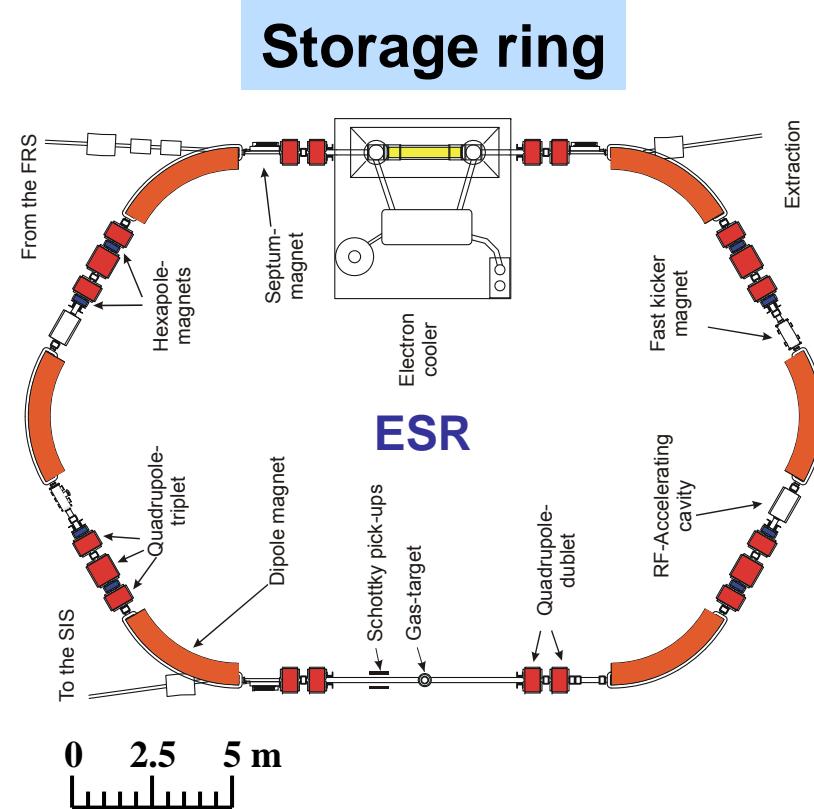
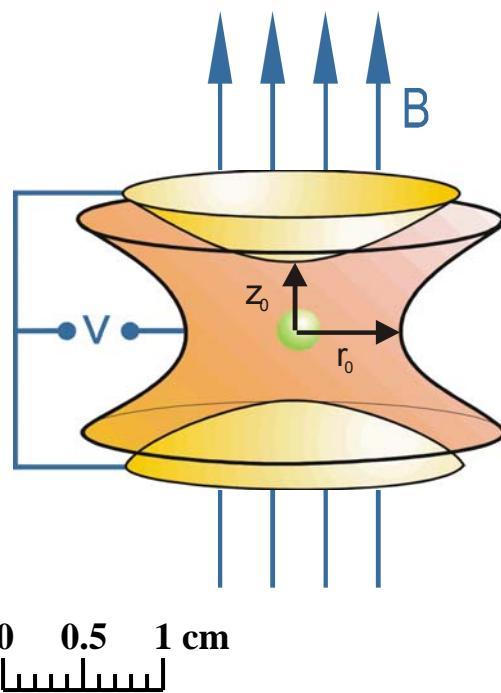


# Outline

- **Introduction and methods**
- **Principle of storage ring and Penning trap mass spectrometry**
- **Setup and measurement procedure**
- **Precision measurements of nuclear masses and their applications**



# Storage and cooling techniques



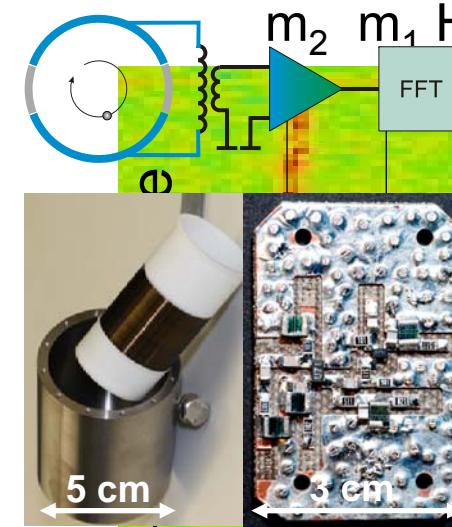
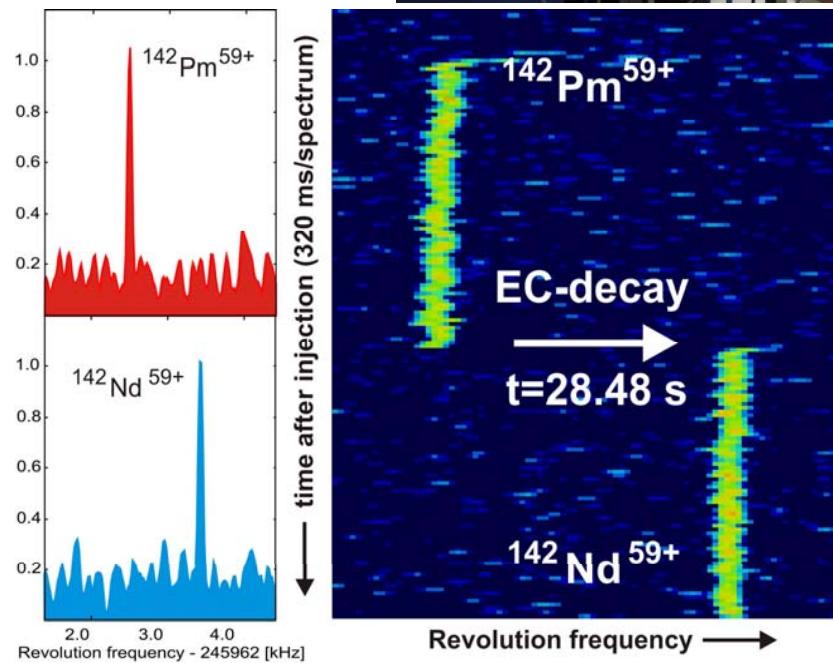
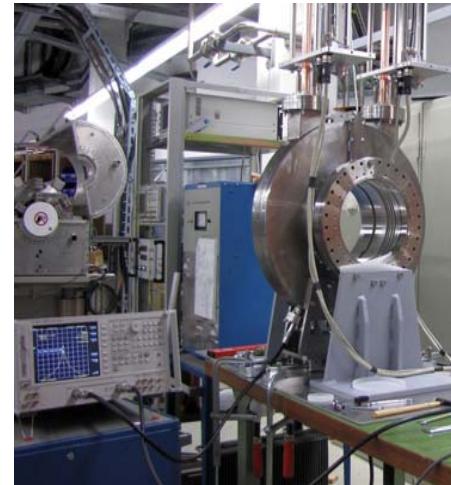
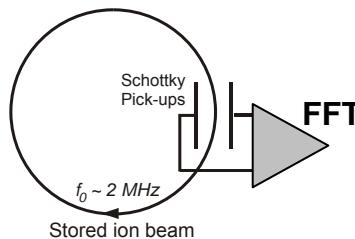
particles at nearly rest in space

- \* ion cooling
- \* single-ion sensitivity
- \* long storage times
- \* high accuracy

relativistic particles

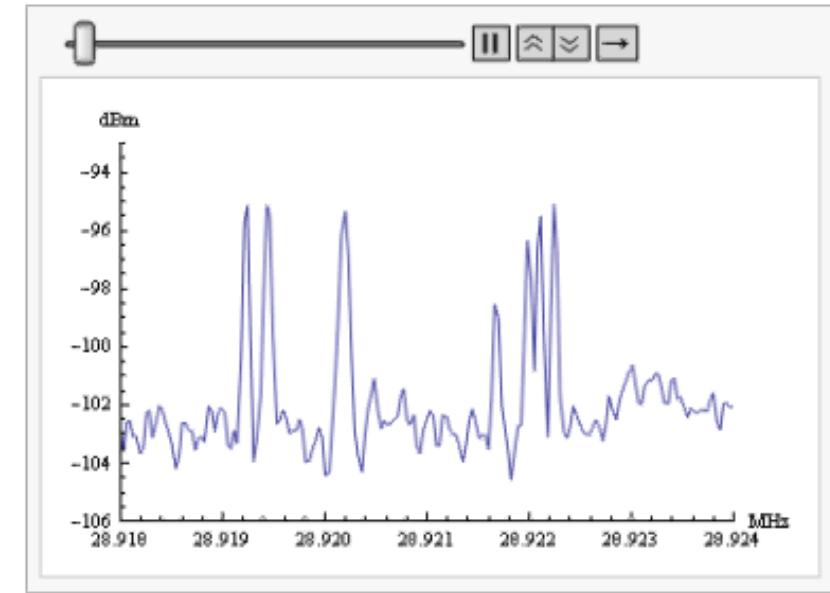
# Single ion sensitivity

Schottky  
detection in a  
storage ring



Narrow band  
FT-ICR in a  
Penning trap

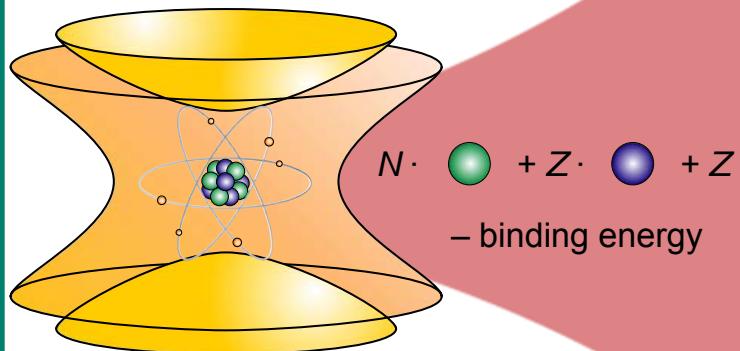
$$\begin{aligned} T &= 4 \text{ K} \\ P &= 5.5 \text{ mW} \\ e_n &= 400 \text{ pV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} \\ i_n &< 2 \text{ fA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} \\ \nu_z &= 600 \text{ kHz} \end{aligned}$$





# Why measuring atomic masses?

Atomic and nuclear binding energies reflect all forces acting in the atom/nucleus.



**Sources:**  
Accelerator or reactor based radioactive beam facilities and electron beam ion traps.

CERN IMP/GSI MPIK TRIGA

Experimental setups

General physics & chemis

KATRIN-TRAP

Nuclear structure physi

- separati

Astrophysics

- separati

Weak interaction studies

CSRe/ESR

TRIGA-TRAP

ISOLTRAP

SHIPTRAP

Metrology - fundamental  
Neutrino physics

CPT tests

THe-TRAP

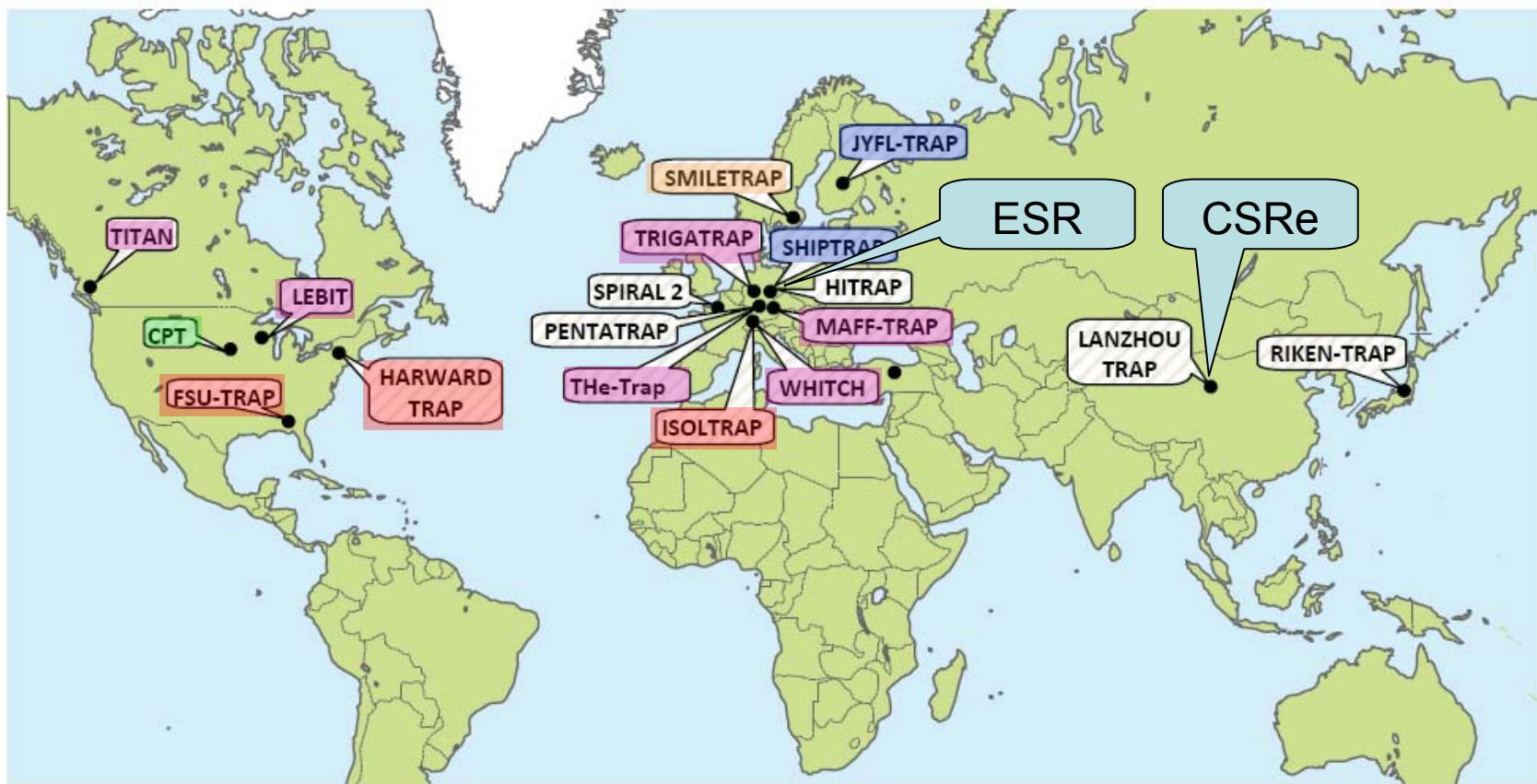
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PENTA-TRAP



# Penning trap mass spectrometers worldwide



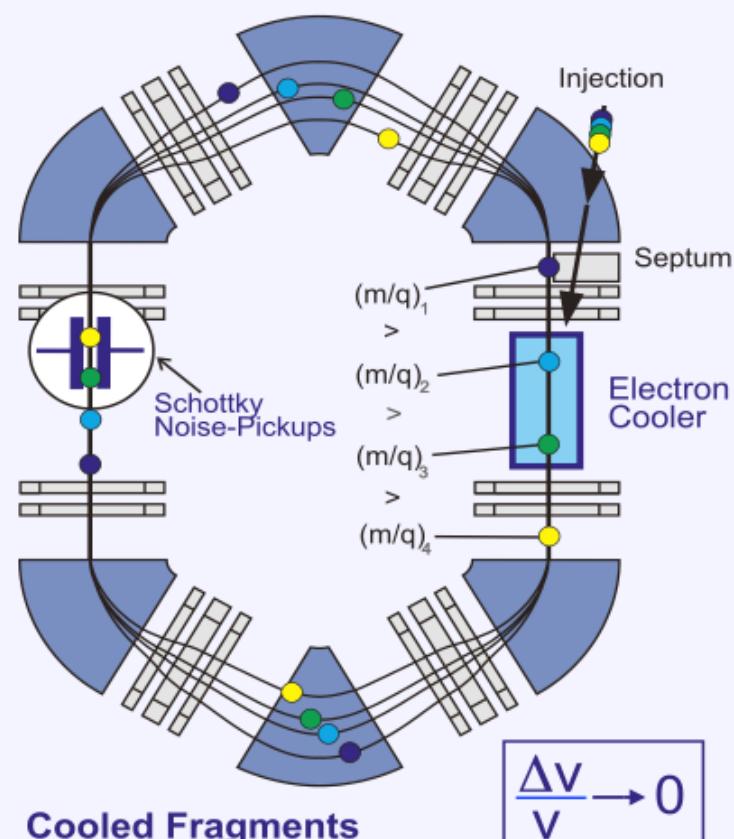
In operation since 1989 1993 1999 2004 2009  
(rest under construction)

Storage rings for MS

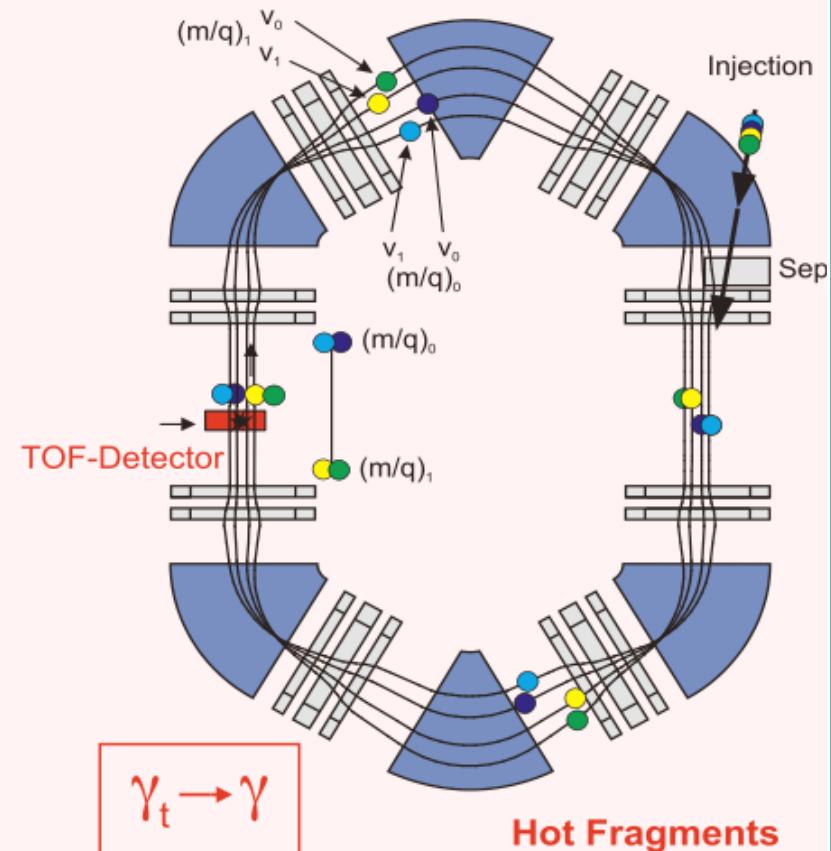


# Storage ring mass spectrometry

## Schottky Mass Spectrometry



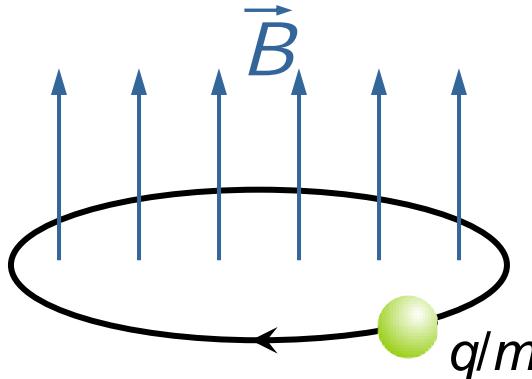
## Isochronous Mass Spectrometry



$$\frac{\Delta f}{f} = -\frac{1}{\gamma_t^2} \frac{\Delta(m/q)}{m/q} + \frac{\Delta v}{v} \left(1 - \frac{\gamma^2}{\gamma_t^2}\right)$$



# Principle of Penning trap mass spectrometry

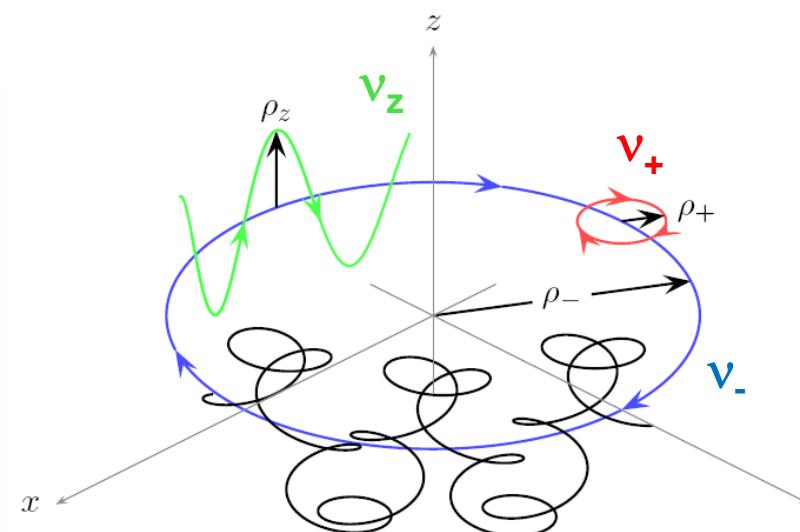
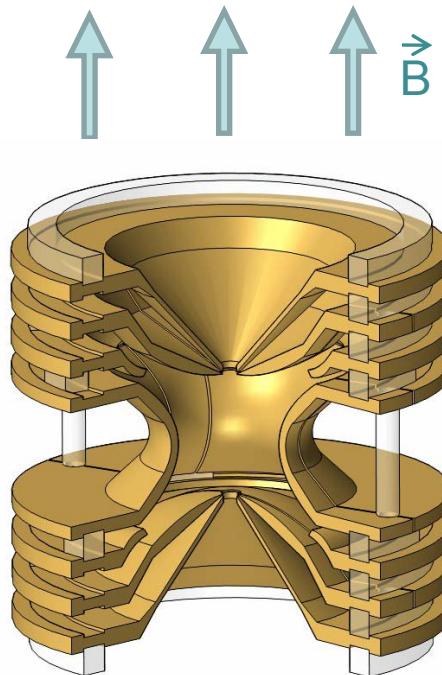


Cyclotron frequency:

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

## PENNING trap

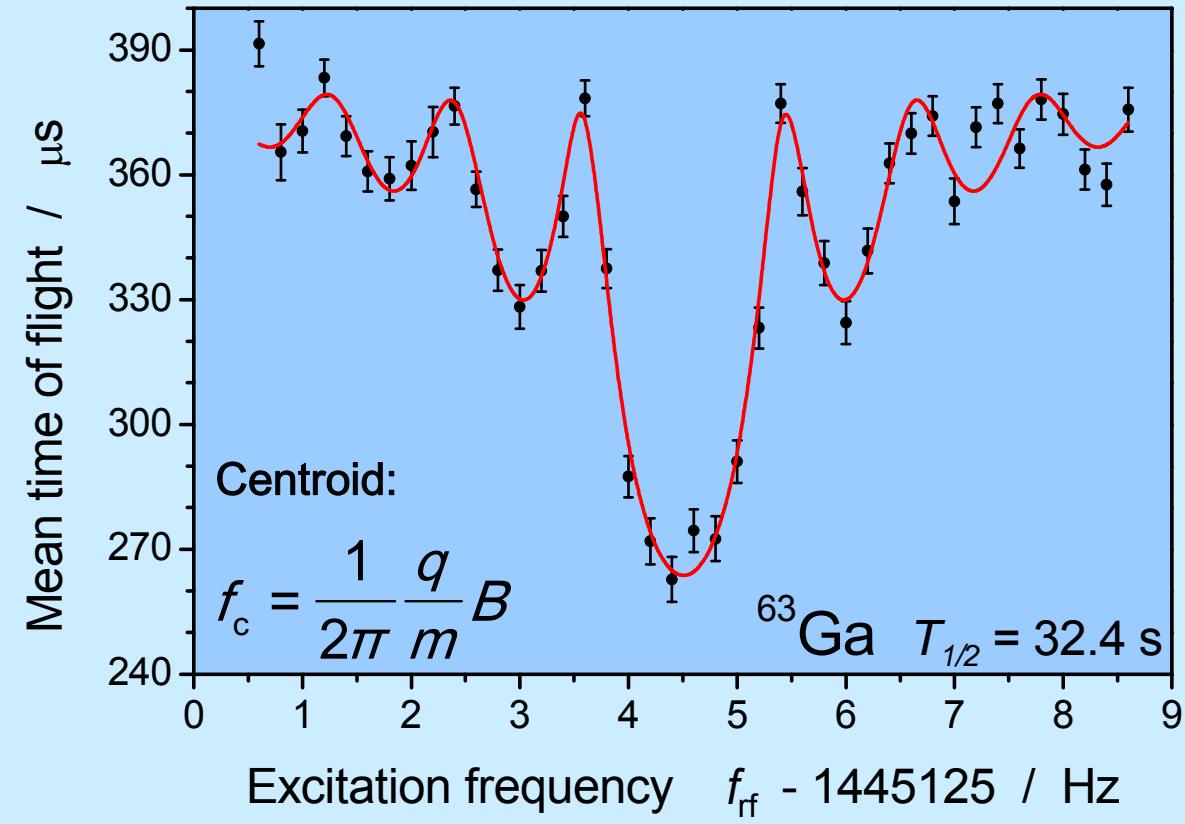
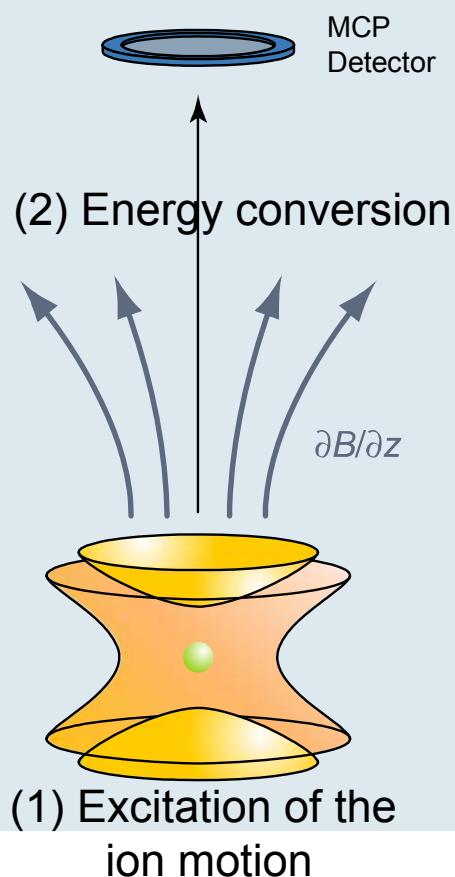
- Strong homogen. magnetic field
- Weak electric 3D quadrupole field



Typical freq.  
 $q = e$   
 $m = 100 \text{ u}$   
 $B = 6 \text{ T}$   
 $\Rightarrow f_- \approx 1 \text{ kHz}$   
 $f_+ \approx 1 \text{ MHz}$

# TOF cyclotron resonance detection

(3) TOF measurement



Determine atomic mass from frequency ratio  
with a well-known “reference mass”.

$$\frac{f_{c,\text{ref}}}{f_c} = \frac{m - m_e}{m_{\text{ref}} - m_e}$$



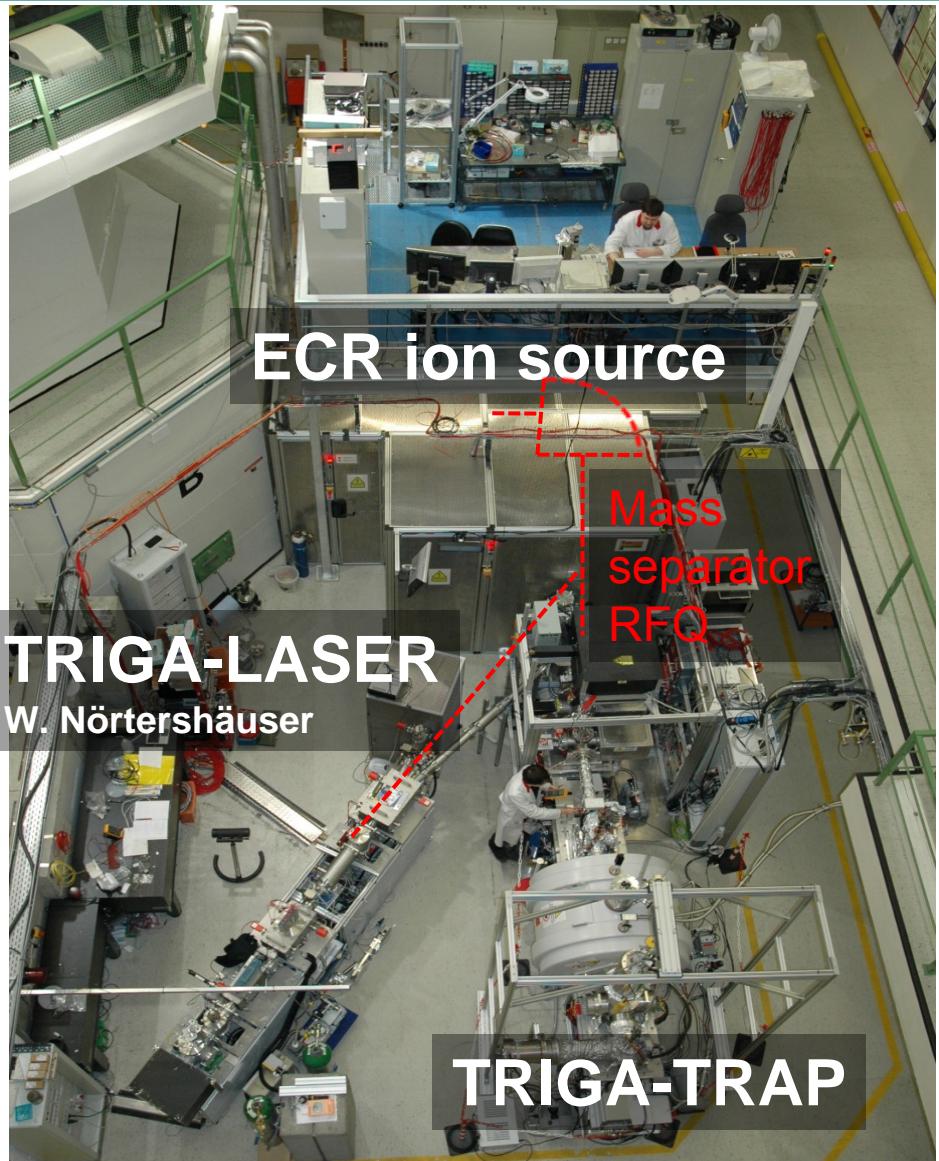
# TRIGA-SPEC: TRIGA-LASER + TRIGA-TRAP

project start @ TRIGA: 01/08  
start data taking: 05/09



steady 100 kW,  
pulsed 250 MW,  
neutron flux  $1.8 \times 10^{11} / \text{cm}^2\text{s}$

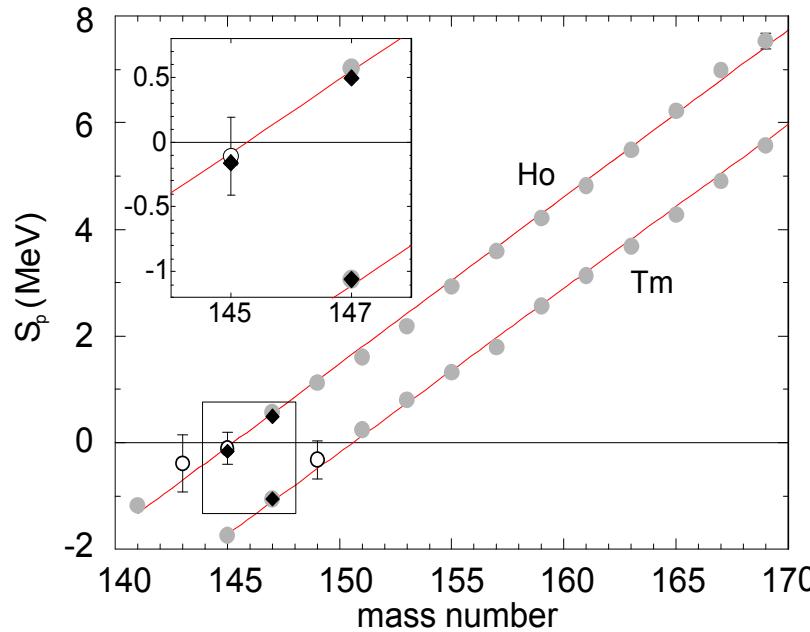
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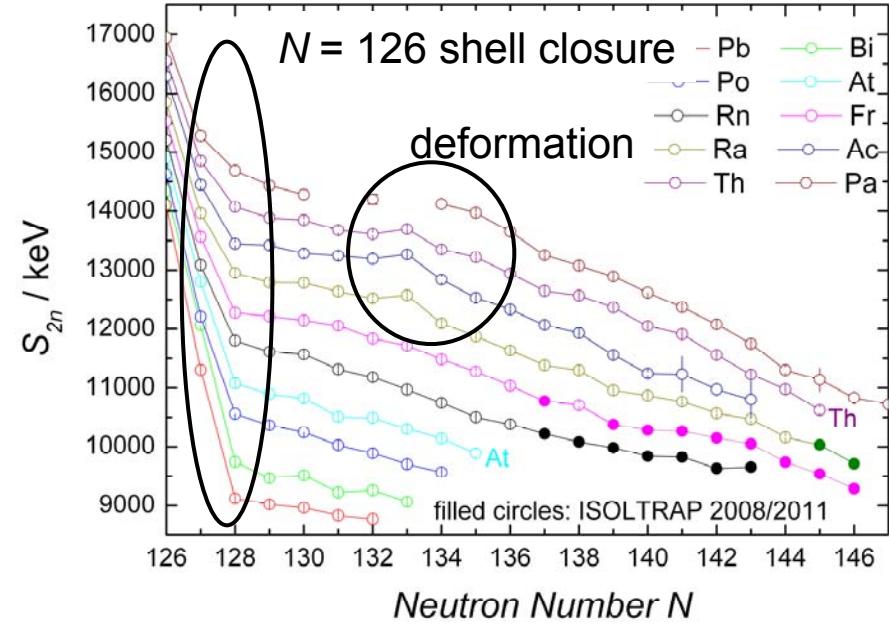


# Nuclear structure studies

$$S_p = B(Z, N) - B(Z-1, N)$$



$$S_{2n} = B(Z, N) - B(Z, N-2)$$



SHIPTRAP: First direct mass measurement beyond the proton dripline.

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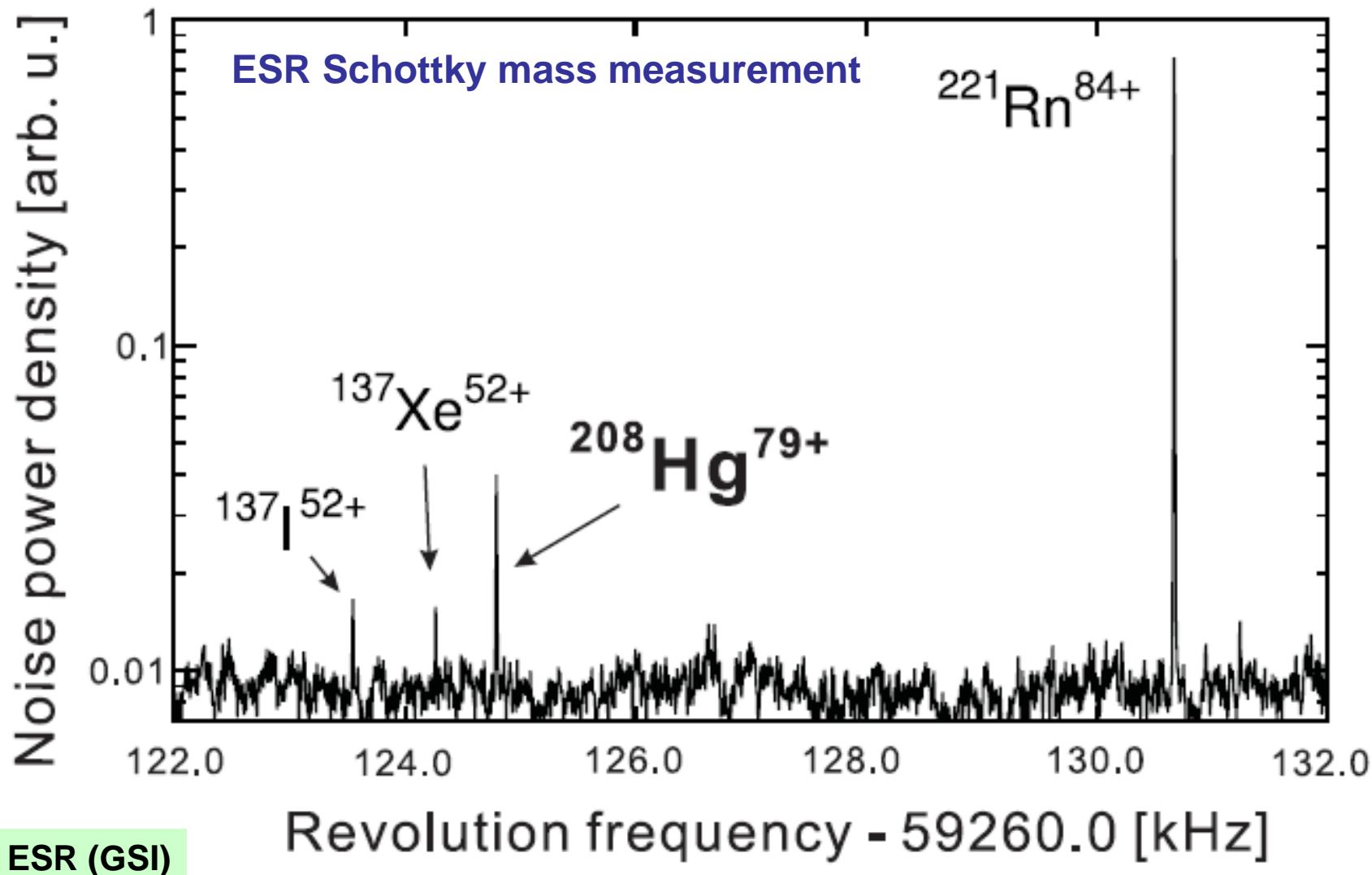
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# Experimental proton-neutron interaction

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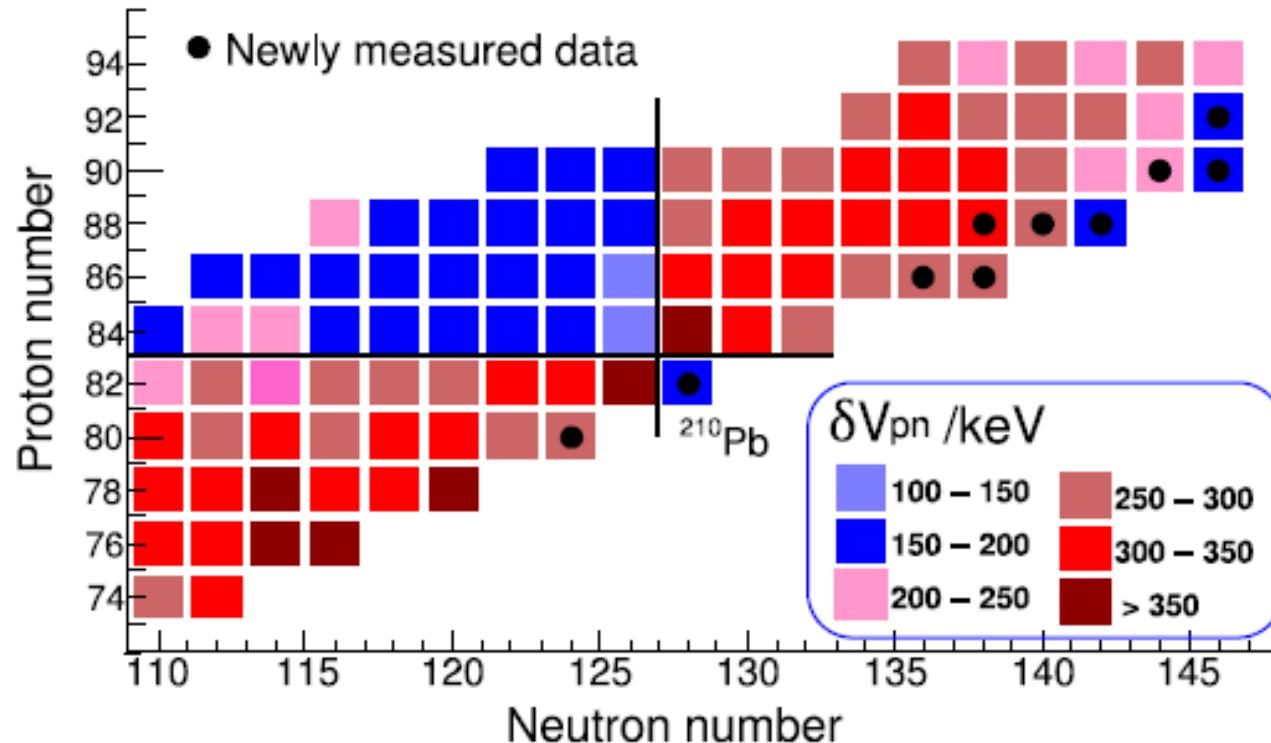


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# Masses reveal the p-n interaction strength

ESR (GSI)



For even-even nuclei

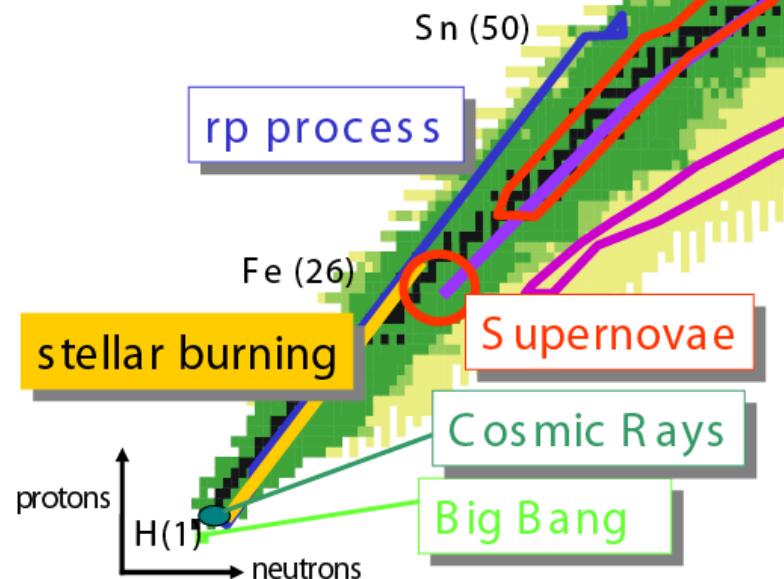
$$\delta V_{pn}(Z, N) = \frac{1}{4} [\{B(Z, N) - B(Z, N-2)\} - \{B(Z-2, N) - B(Z-2, N-2)\}]$$

$^{208}\text{Hg}$ : Phys. Rev. Lett. 102, 122503 (2009)

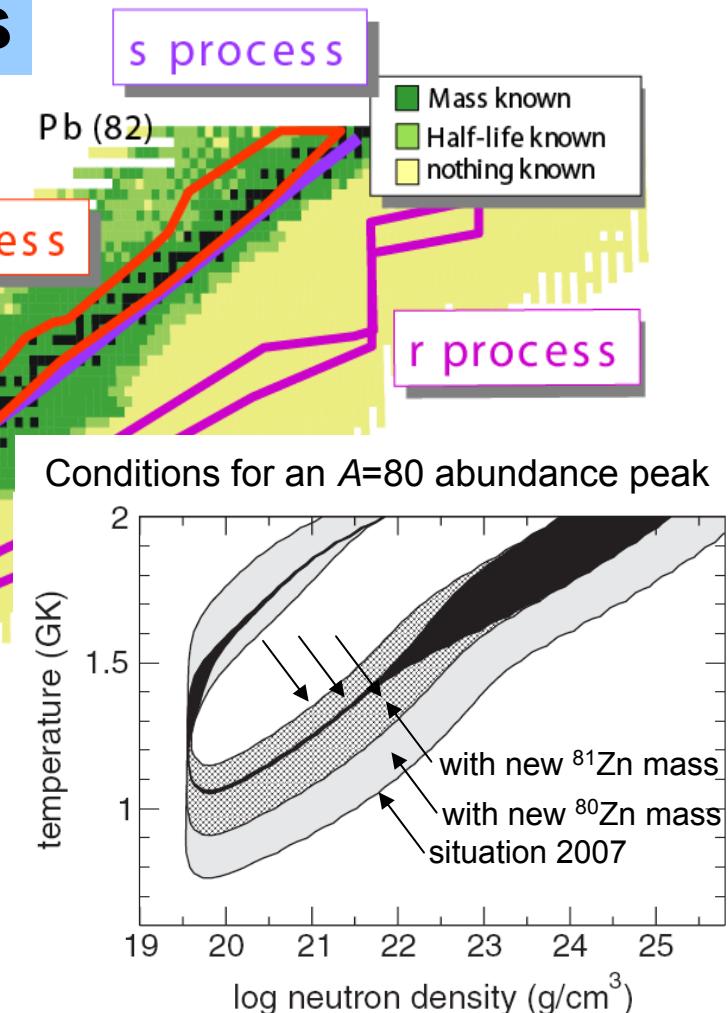
# Making gold in nature

## r-process nucleosynthesis

- Most nuclear data experimentally unknown
- Theoretical predictions needed
- Astrophysical site uncertain
- Observational data to be matched

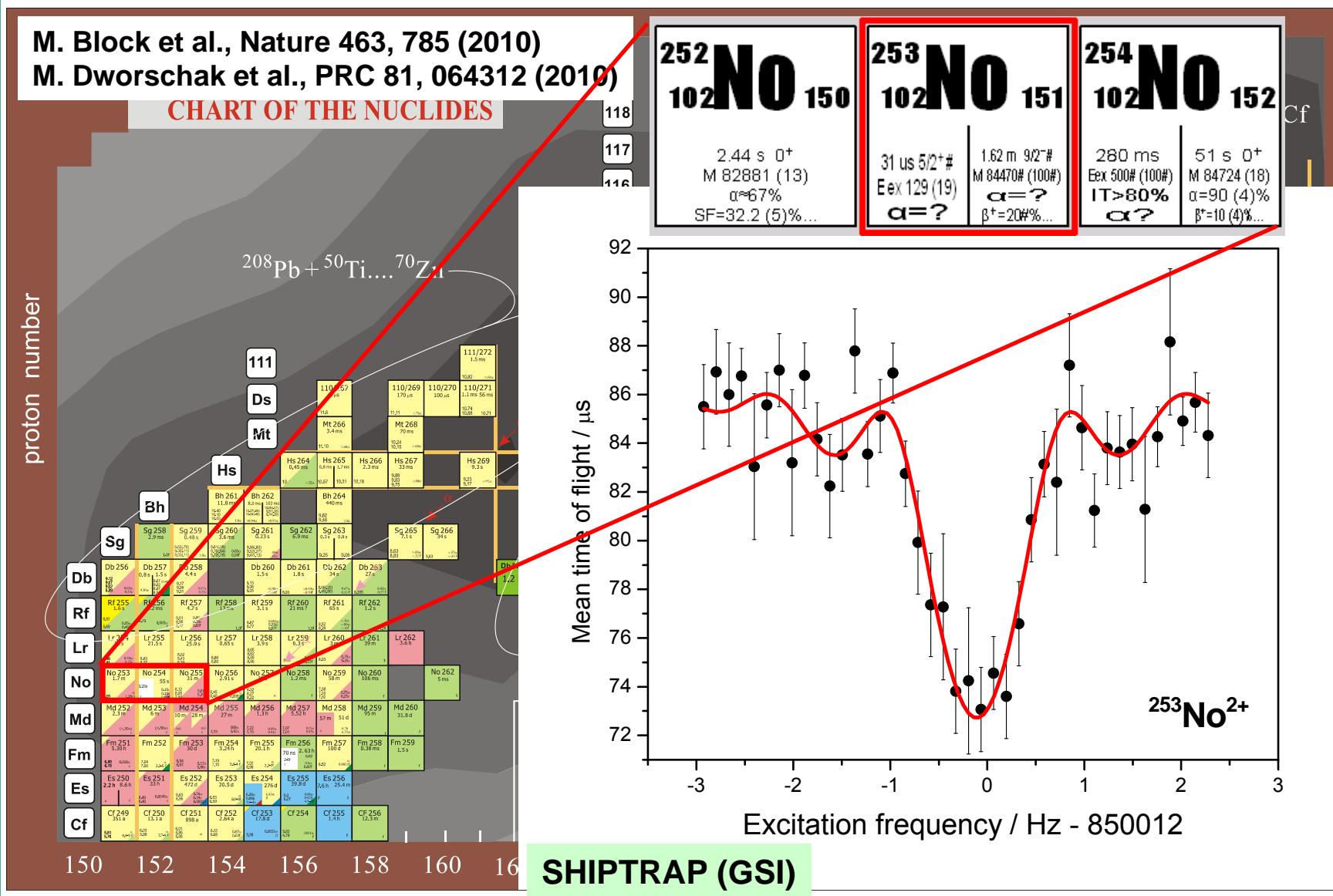


D. Rodríguez *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 93, 161104 (2004)  
 S. Baruah *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 101, 262501 (2008)



X.L. Tu *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 106, 112501 (2011)  
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# Direct mass measurements on No and Lr





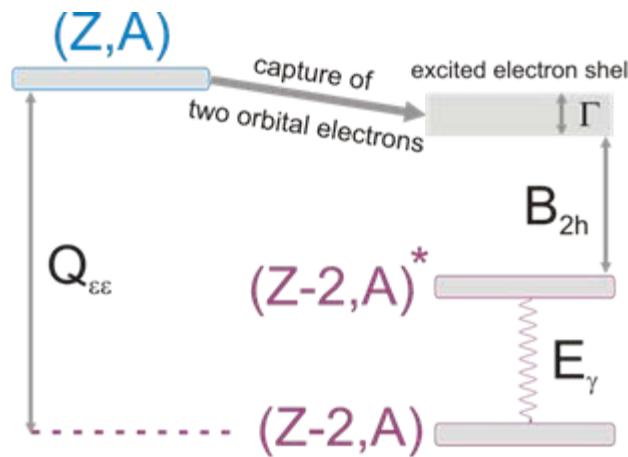
# Neutrino-less double EC ( $0\nu 2EC$ )

## Is the neutrino a Majorana or Dirac particle?

$2\nu 2EC (T_{1/2} > 10^{24} \text{y})$

$$\frac{1}{T_{1/2}} = C \times m_\nu^2 \times |M|^2 \times |\Psi_{1e}|^2 \times |\Psi_{2e}|^2 \times \frac{\Gamma}{(Q - B_{2h} - E_\gamma)^2 + \frac{1}{4}\Gamma^2}$$

$0\nu 2EC$  might be resonantly enhanced ( $T_{1/2} \sim 10^{25} \text{y}$ )



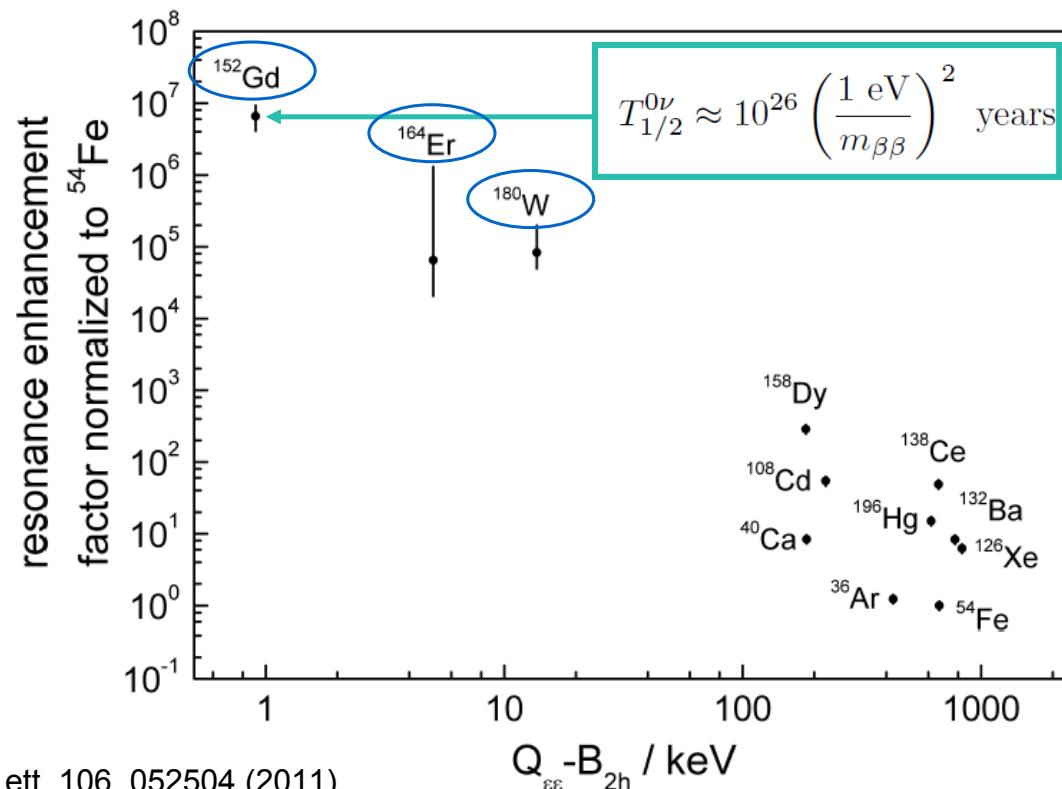
Contribution of Penning traps:

Search for nuclides with  $\Delta = (Q_{ee} - B_{2h} - E_\gamma) < 1 \text{ keV}$   
by measurements of  $Q_{ee}$ -values  
at  $\sim 100 \text{ eV}$  accuracy level



# Resonance enhancement factors

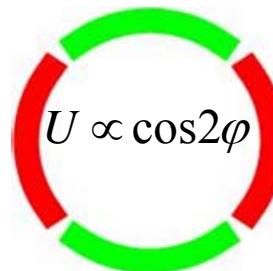
<b>2EC - transition</b>	<b><math>\Delta</math> (old), keV</b>	<b><math>\Delta</math> (new), keV</b>	<b><math>T_{1/2} \cdot m^2, \text{yr}</math></b>
$^{152}\text{Gd} \rightarrow ^{152}\text{Sm}$	-0.2(3.5)	0.9(0.2)	$10^{26}$
$^{164}\text{Er} \rightarrow ^{164}\text{Dy}$	5.2(3.9)	6.81(0.12)	$10^{30}$
$^{180}\text{W} \rightarrow ^{180}\text{Hf}$	13.7(4.5)	12.4(0.2)	$10^{27}$



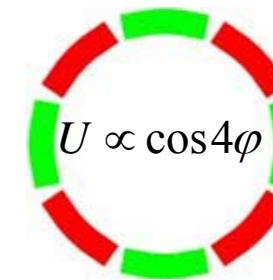


# A breakthrough: Octupolar excitation

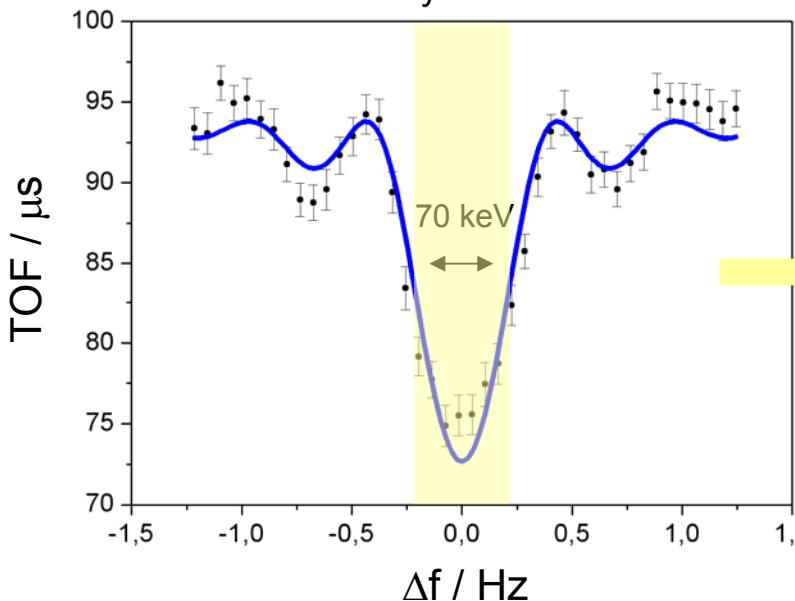
Quadrupolar  
excitation



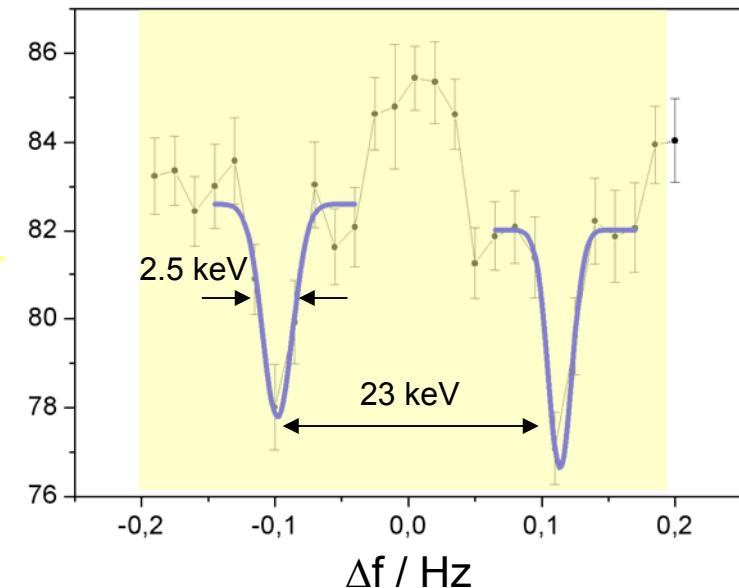
Octupolar  
excitation



$^{164}\text{Er}$  and  $^{164}\text{Dy}$  are *not* resolved

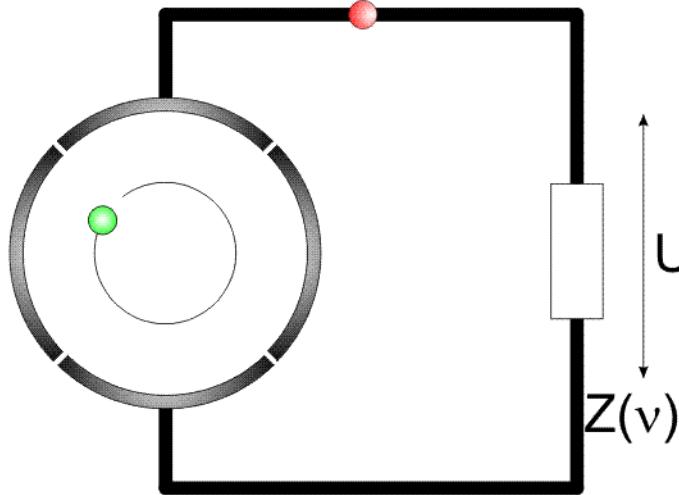


$^{164}\text{Er}$  and  $^{164}\text{Dy}$  are resolved

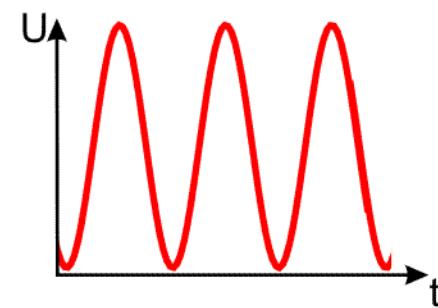


At least 20-fold improvement in resolving power!

# Non-destructive ion detection



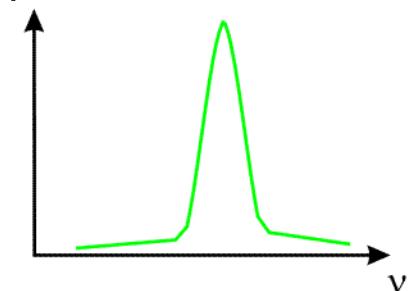
ion signal



very small  
signal  $\sim fA$

mass/frequency spectrum

Amplitude



„FT-ICR“

Fourier-Transform-  
Ion Cyclotron Resonance

Induced current:  $I_{\text{eff}} = 1/\sqrt{2} \cdot r_{\text{ion}} / D \cdot \omega \cdot q$

(Schottky et al. ....)

Signal / Noise

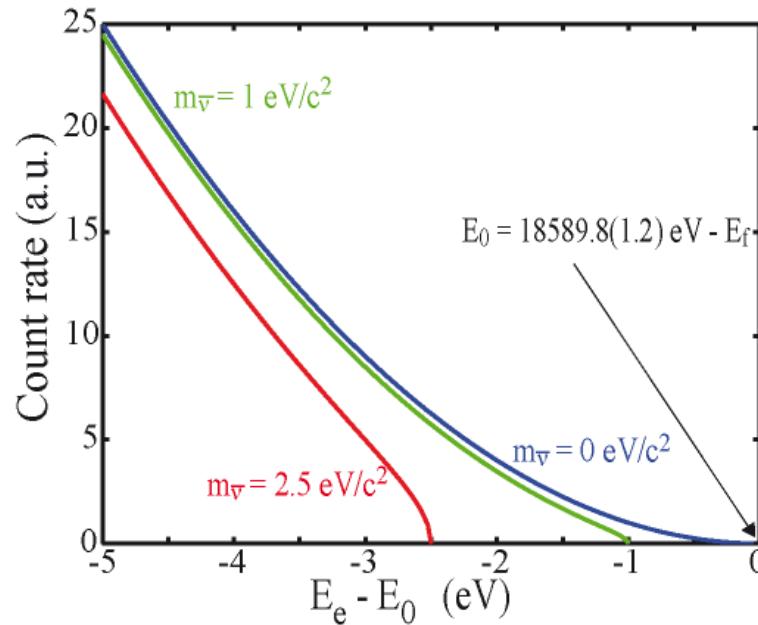
$S/N \sim 1 / T^{1/2}$

Operation of traps and electronics at **cryogenic** (4 K) temperature.



# THe-TRAP for KATRIN

## A high-precision $Q(^3\text{T}-^3\text{He})$ -value measurement



We aim for:  $\delta Q(^3\text{T} \rightarrow ^3\text{He}) = 20 \text{ meV}$   
 $\delta m/m = 7 \cdot 10^{-12}$



$\Delta T < 0.05 \text{ K/d}$  at  $24^\circ\text{C}$   
 $\Delta B/B < 10 \text{ ppt/h}$        $\Delta x \leq 0.1 \mu\text{m}$

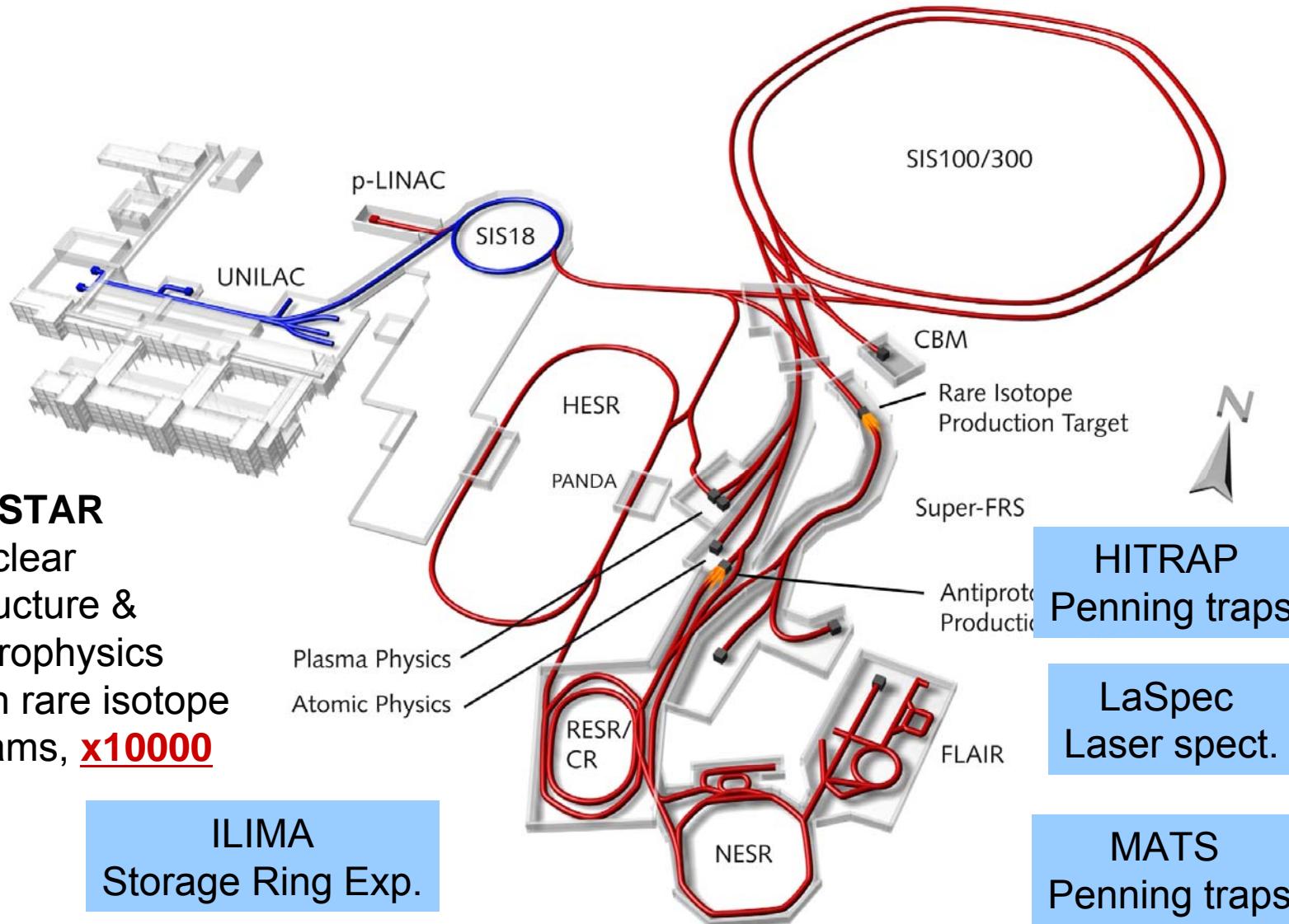
First  $^{12}\text{C}^{4+}/^{16}\text{O}^{6+}$  mass ratio measurement at  $\delta m/m_{stat} = 4 \cdot 10^{-11}$  performed.



# Future ring/trap facilities at FAIR

**NUSTAR**  
Nuclear  
Structure &  
Astrophysics  
with rare isotope  
beams, x10000

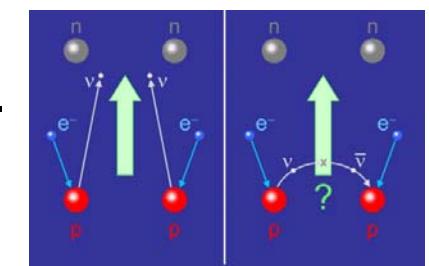
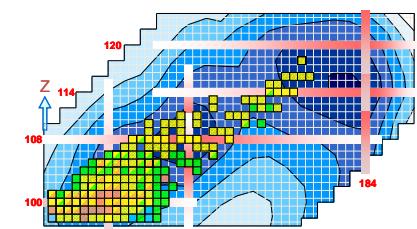
**ILIMA**  
Storage Ring Exp.



# Summary

***Breathtaking results in precision mass spectrometry with stored and cooled exotic ions have been achieved!***

- Accurate masses have been obtained for nuclear structure studies and reliable nucleosynthesis calculations.
- First direct mass measurements above uranium bridge the gap to the island of stability.
- Discovery of a suitable candidate for  $0\nu2\text{EC}$  search.
- Development of novel and unique storage devices.
- ... and many more!



# Thanks

**Thanks a lot for the invitation  
and your attention!**

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