

Mass Measurements and Nuclear Structure

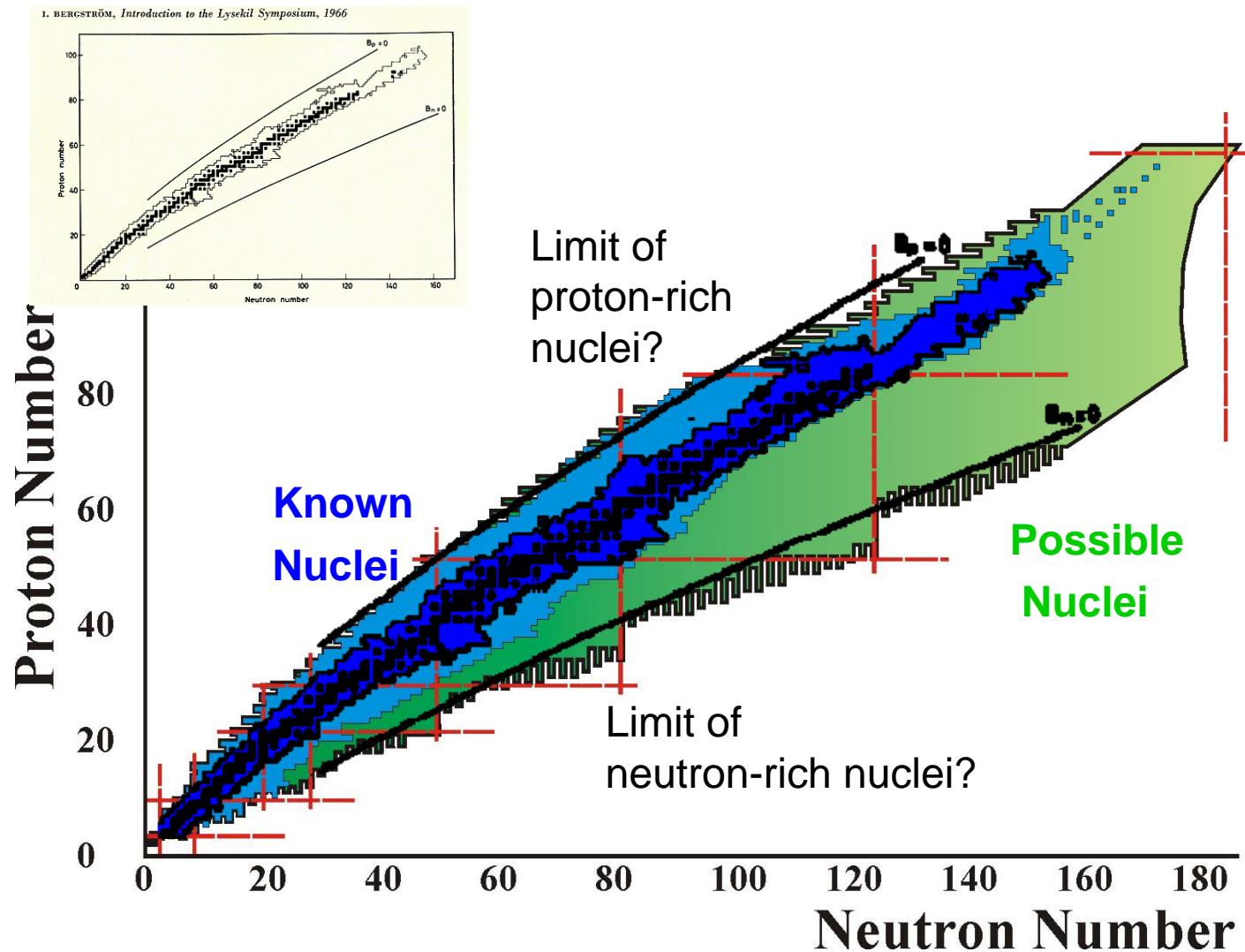
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Overview and Motivation
Mass Measurements at
ISOLDE ...
... and elsewhere
Conclusions



Rare Isotope Physics - an expedition by far not completed!

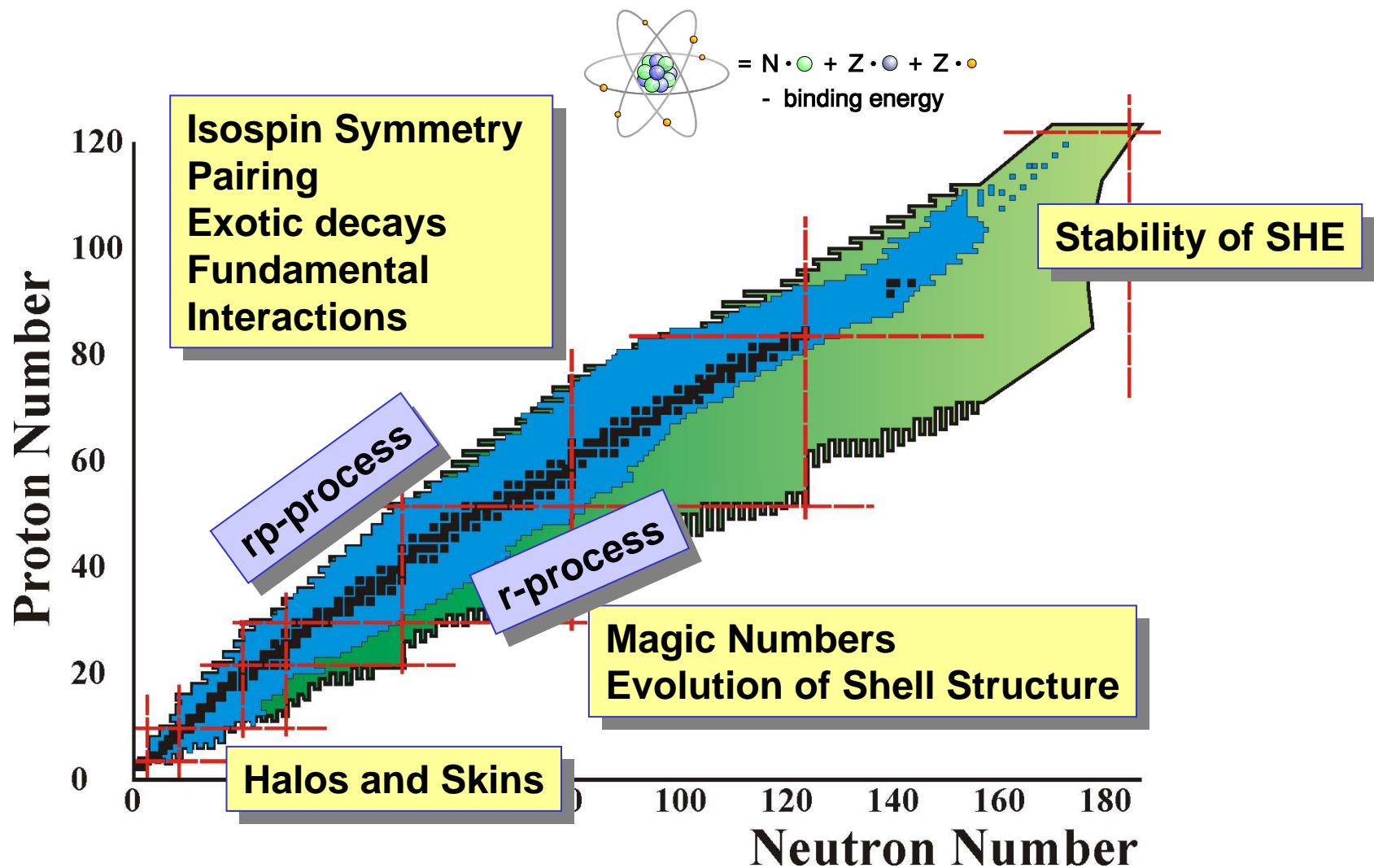


Binding energies determine limits of existence

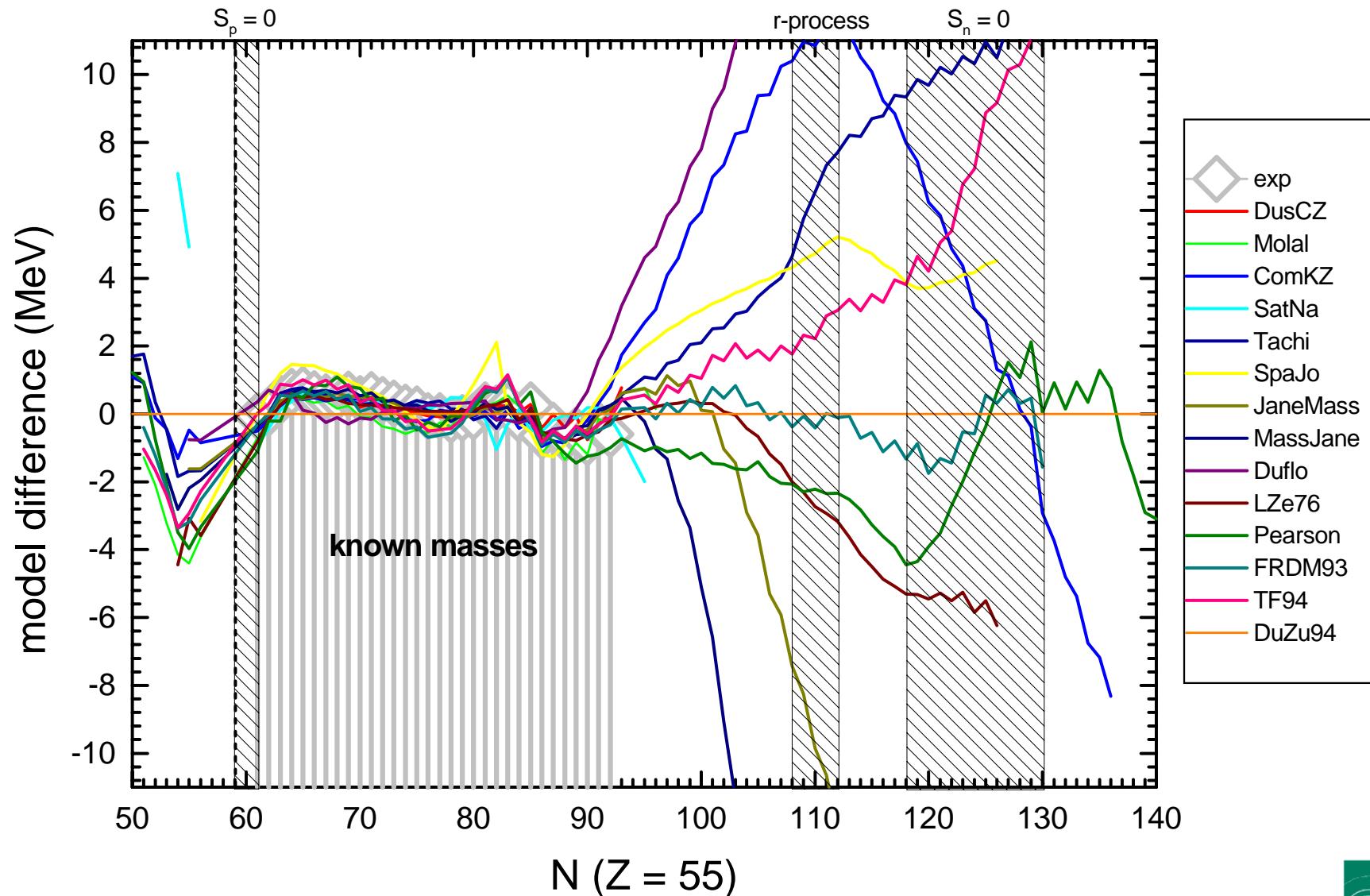
G. Bollen, INTC-NUPAC Meeting, CERN, Geneva, October 2005



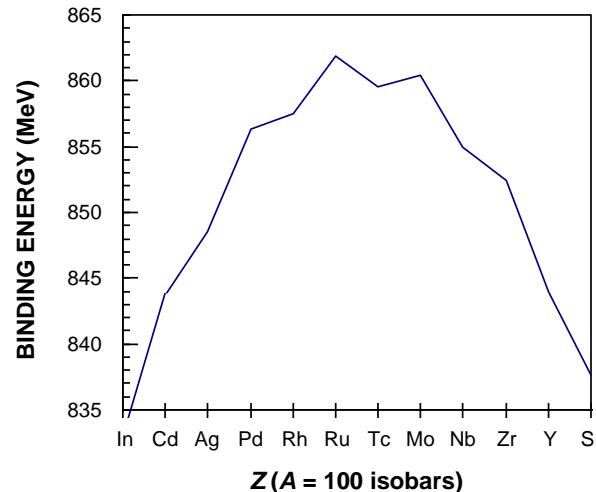
How do mass measurements contribute?



Constraints for nuclear models

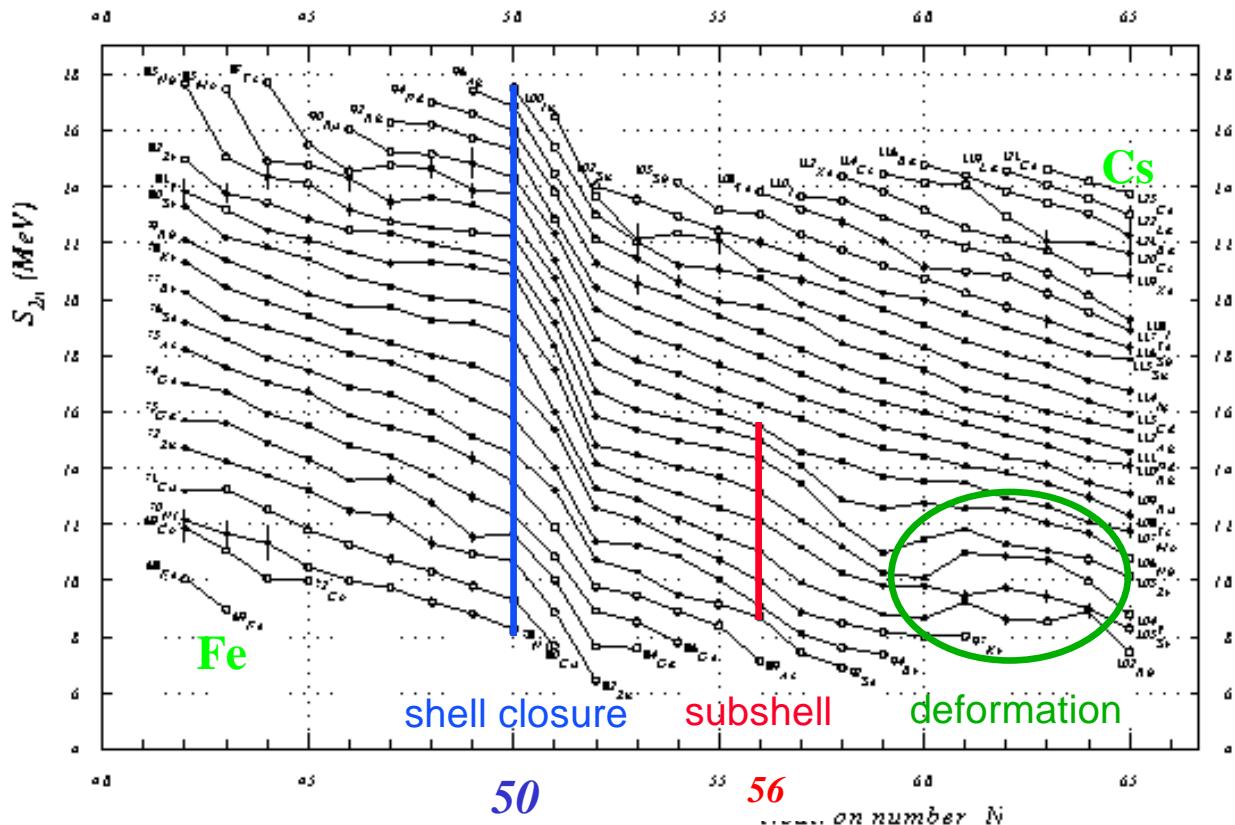


Nuclear Structure and Masses



two-neutron
separation energies

total binding energies



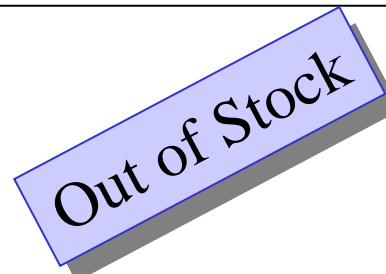
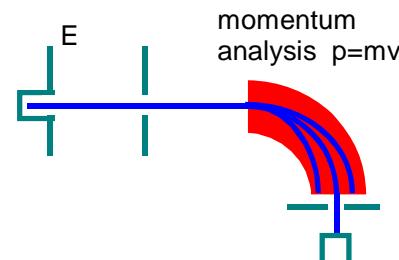
Systematic study of masses – first indicator of new nuclear structure effects

Tools for mass measurements on rare isotopes

Conventional mass spectrometry

CERN-PS + ISOLDE

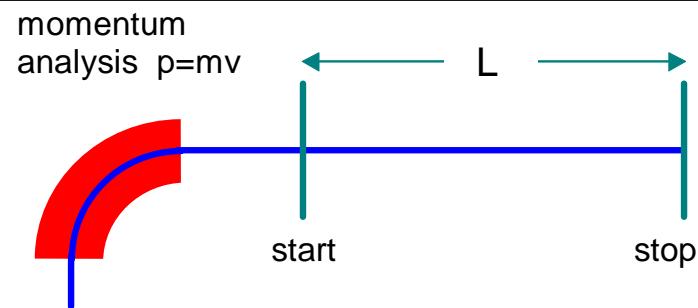
Chalk-River
St. Petersburg



Time-of-flight spectrometry

single turn: SPEG, TOFI

multi turn: cyclotrons CSS2, SARA,
storage ring ESR

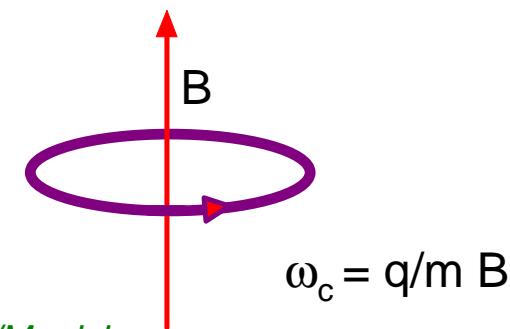


Frequency measurements

storage ring ESR/GSI, future NESR, RIBF rings

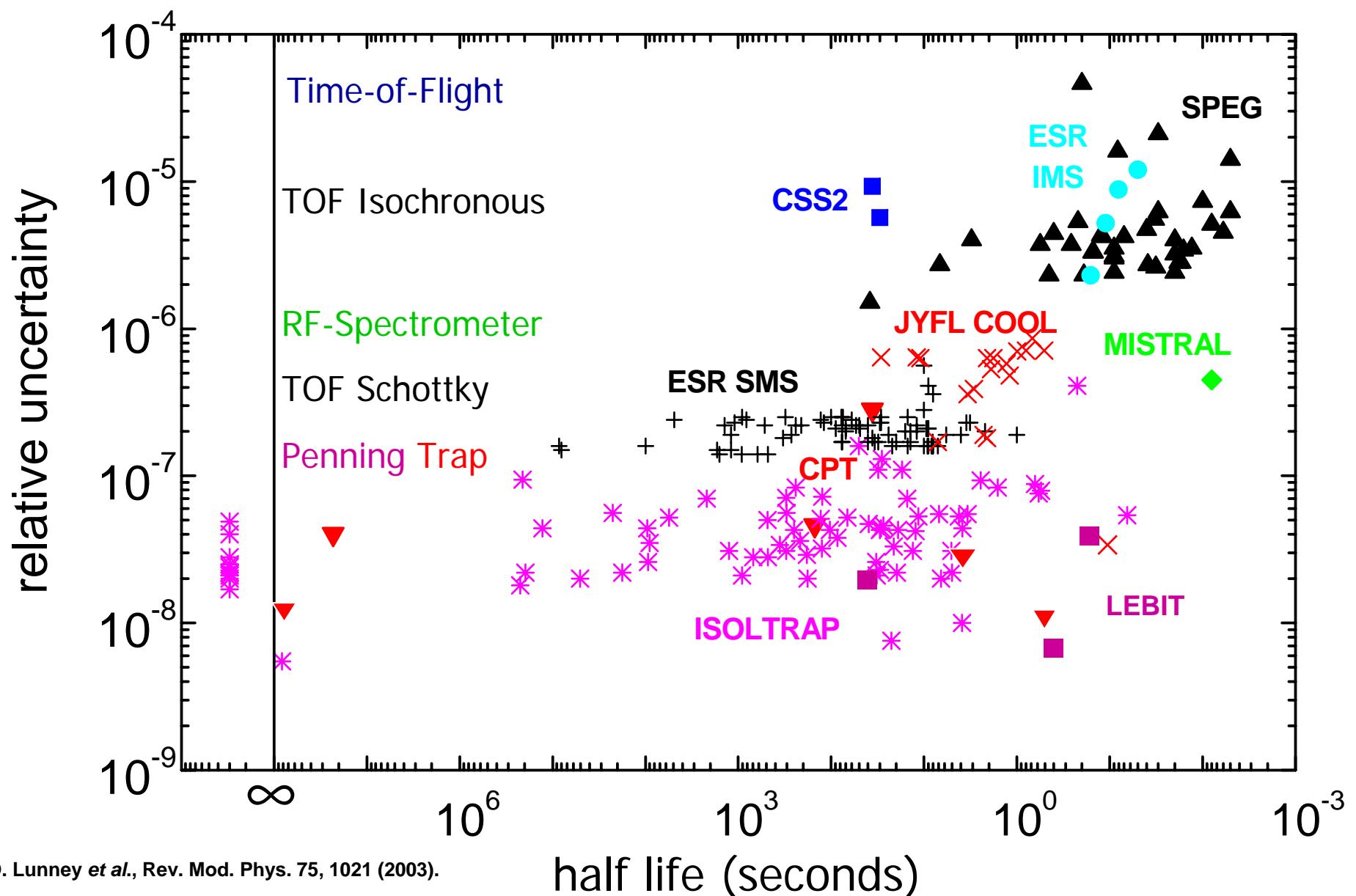
RF transmission spectrometer MISTRAL/ISOLDE

Penning traps ISOLTRAP/ISOLDE, LEBIT/NSCL,
JYFLTRAP/JYFL, CPT/ANL
SHIPTRAP/GSI, TITAN/TRIUMF, MAFFTRAP/Munich



+ Q-values from reactions and decays

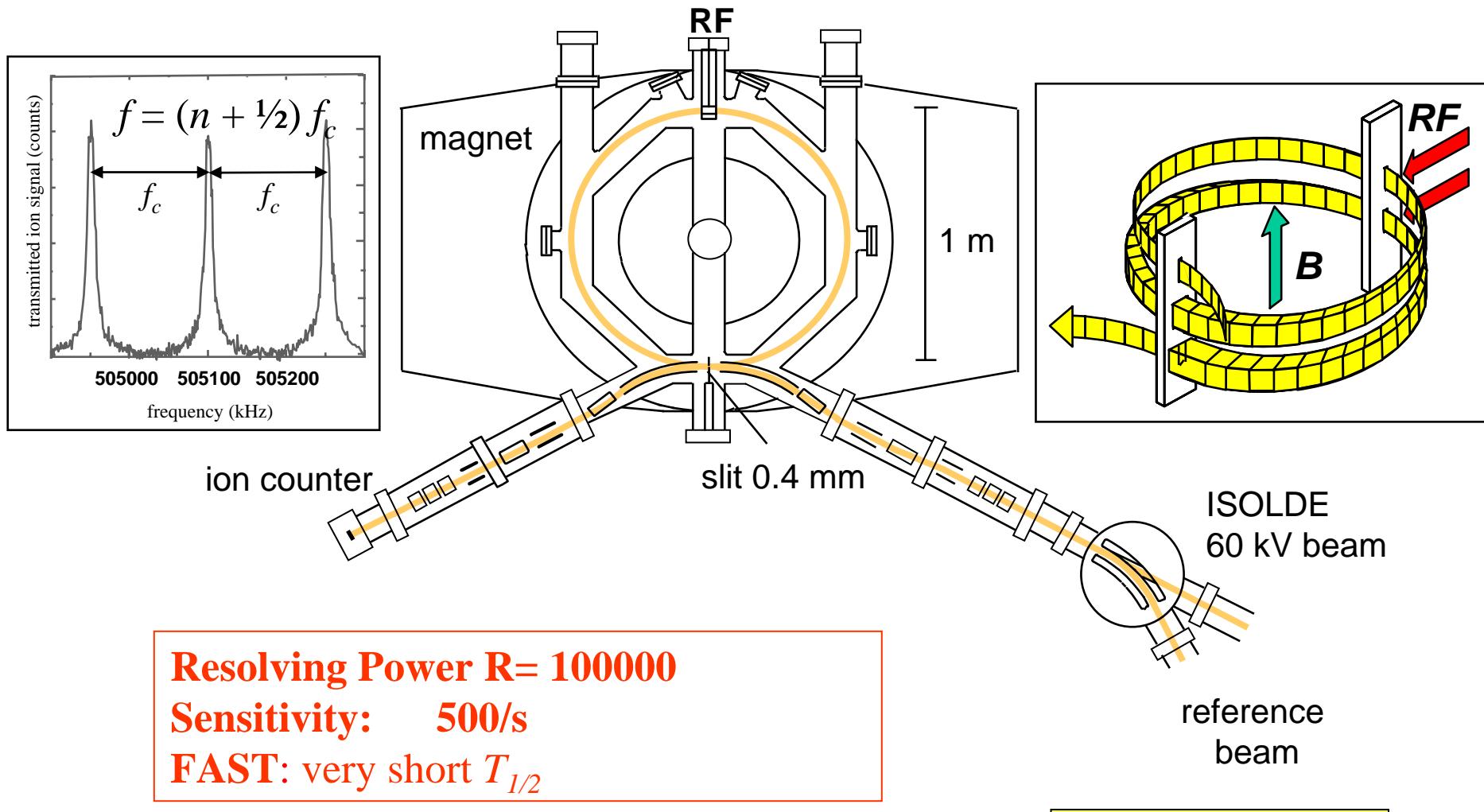
Comparison of Methods



Mass measurements far from stability at CERN

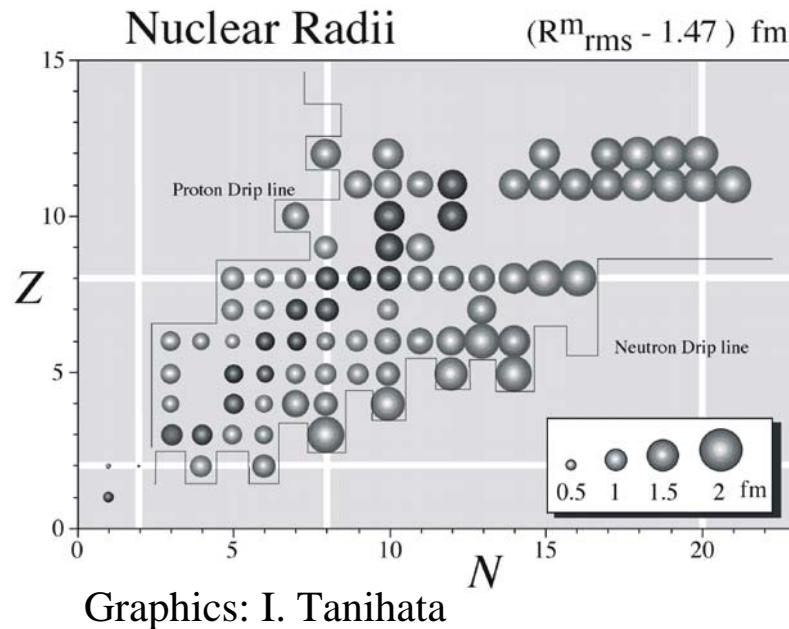
- **CERN pioneered direct mass measurements far from stability**
 - Na isotopes (SPS) → discovery of island of inversion
 - ^{11}Li (SPS) → first loosely bound exotic nucleus discovered
 - Rb isotopes (ISOLDE) → first subshell closure observed in long isotopic chains
- **ISOLDE pioneered new techniques for short-lived isotopes**
 - Penning trap mass spectrometry + many related techniques ([ISOLTRAP](#))
 - RF mass spectrometry ([MISTRAL](#))

MISTRAL: Mass measurements at ISOLDE with a Transmission RAdiofrequency spectrometer on-Line



D. Lunney/Orsay

Mass measurements of halo nuclei - ^{11}Li

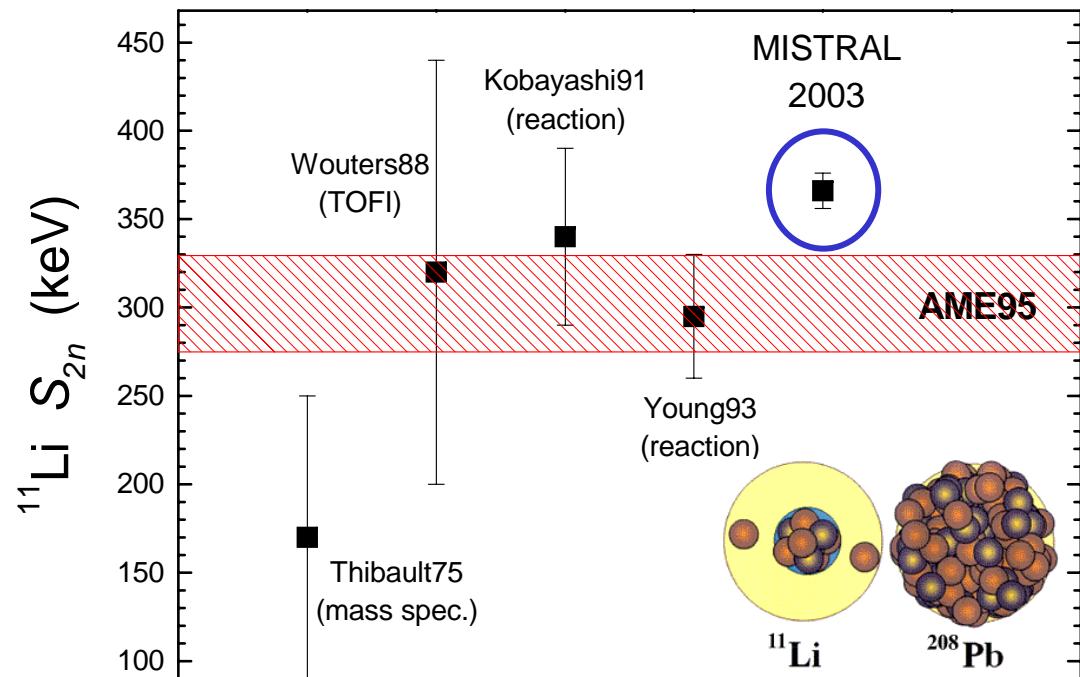


MISTRAL:
 $S_{2n} = 376(5) \text{ keV}$

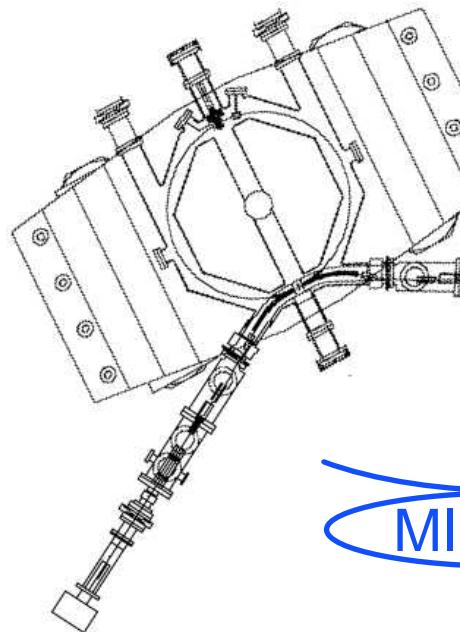
20% higher than currently used to adjust models...



C. Bachelet, Ph.D. thesis (2004),
EPJ A direct
DOI: [10.1140/epjad/i2005-06-005-5](https://doi.org/10.1140/epjad/i2005-06-005-5)

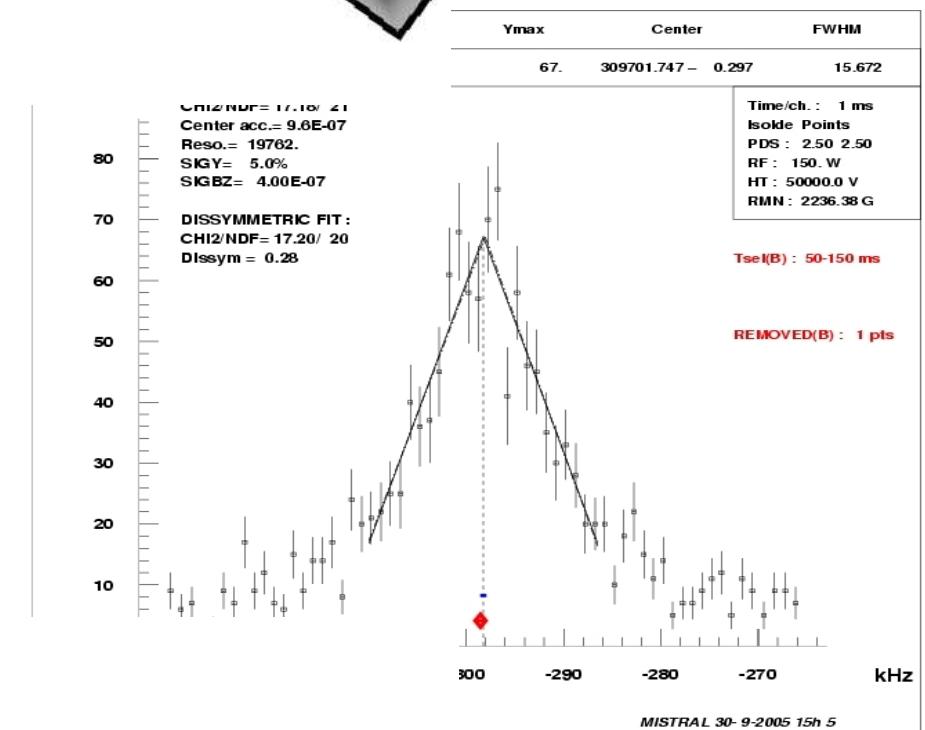
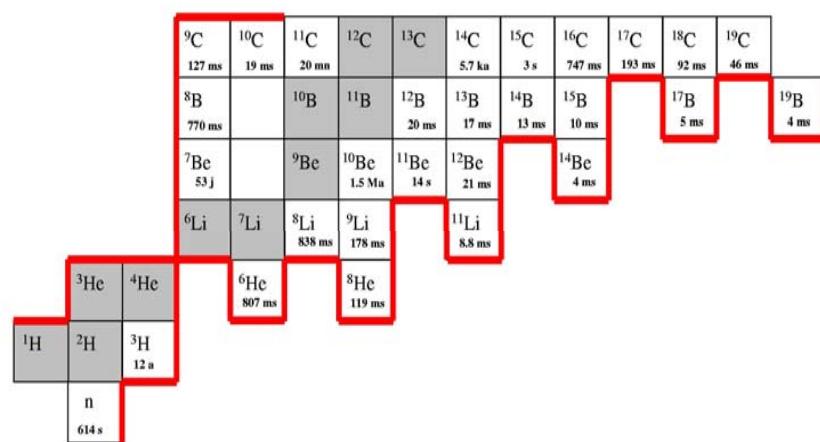


¹¹Be, ¹²Be, towards ¹⁴Be

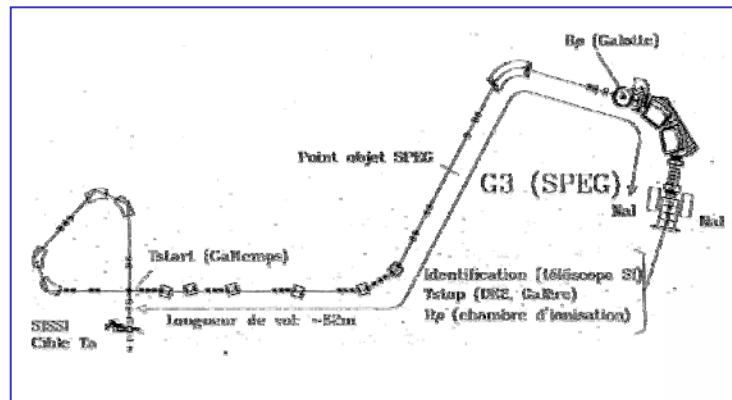


New Paul-trap
Beam cooler

*Test run (Sept. 2005) :
new mass for ¹²Be
($T_{1/2} = 21$ ms)*



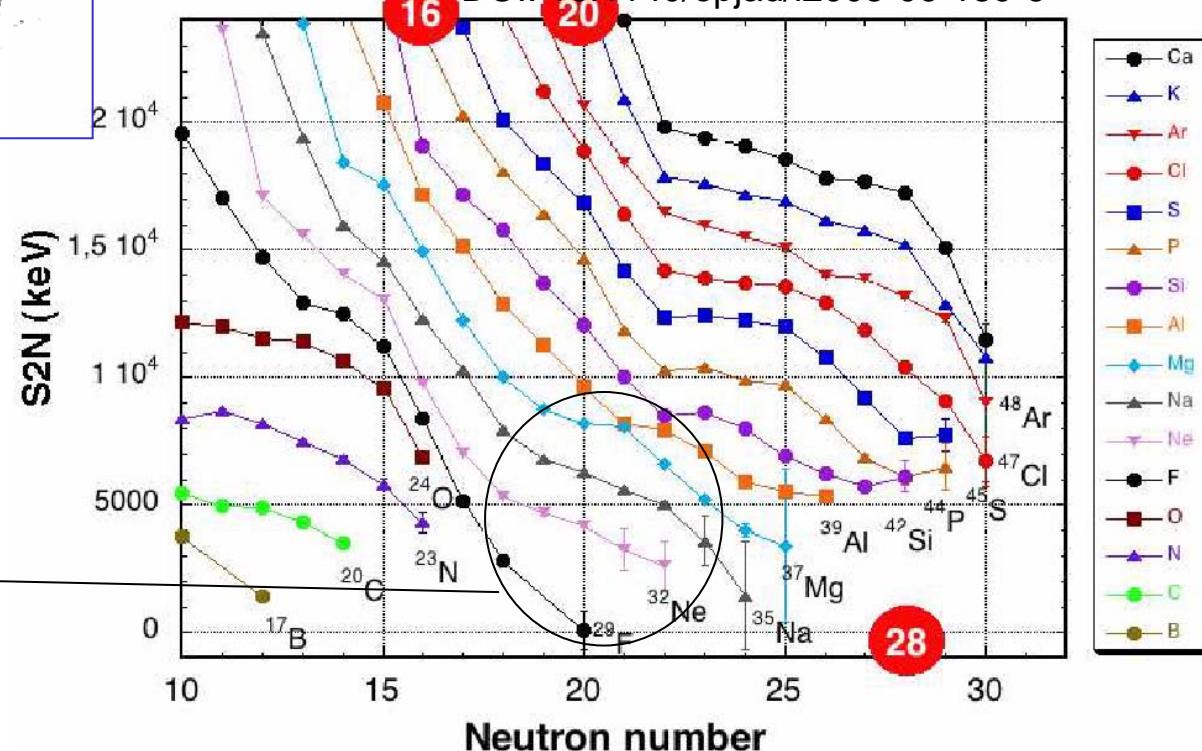
How magic are magic numbers?



SPEG/GANIL

H. Savajols et al., Eur. Phys. J. A direct (2005)

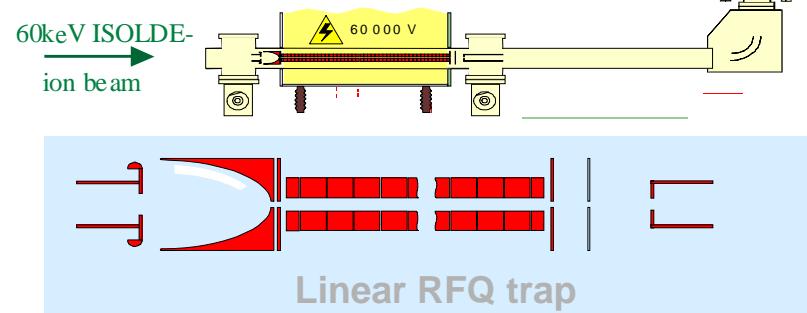
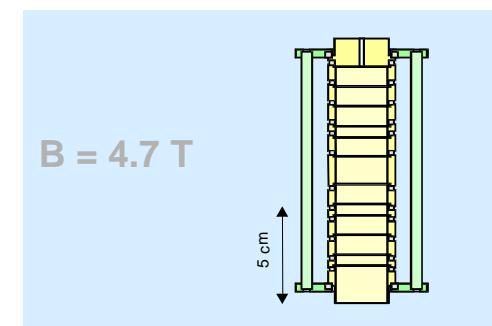
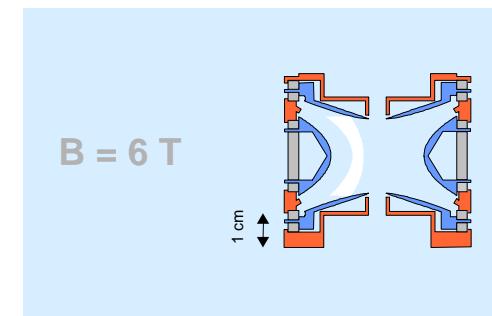
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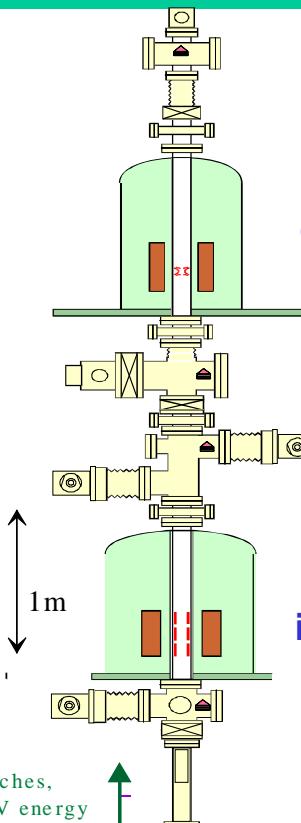
Island of Inversion

MISTRAL: n-rich Na and Mg isotopes with high precision

ISOLTRAP – triple trap spectrometer



G. Bollen et al., NIM A 368 (1996) 675
 H. Raimbault-Hartmann, NIM B 126 (1997) 378
 F. Herfurth et al., NIM A 469 (2001) 254



determination of cyclotron frequency

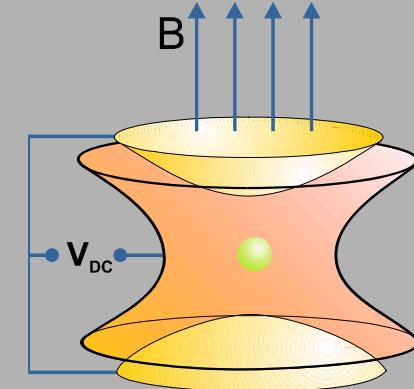
$$R = \frac{m}{\Delta m} = 5 \cdot 10^6$$

cooling isobar separation

$$R = \frac{m}{\Delta m} = 1 \cdot 10^5$$

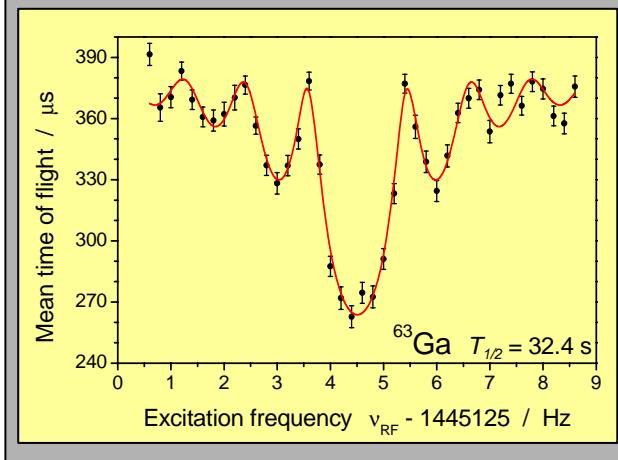
accumulation &
bunching of ISOLDE
60 keV beam

PRINCIPLE



Mass measurement
via determination of
cyclotron frequency

$$\omega_c = (q/m) \cdot B$$

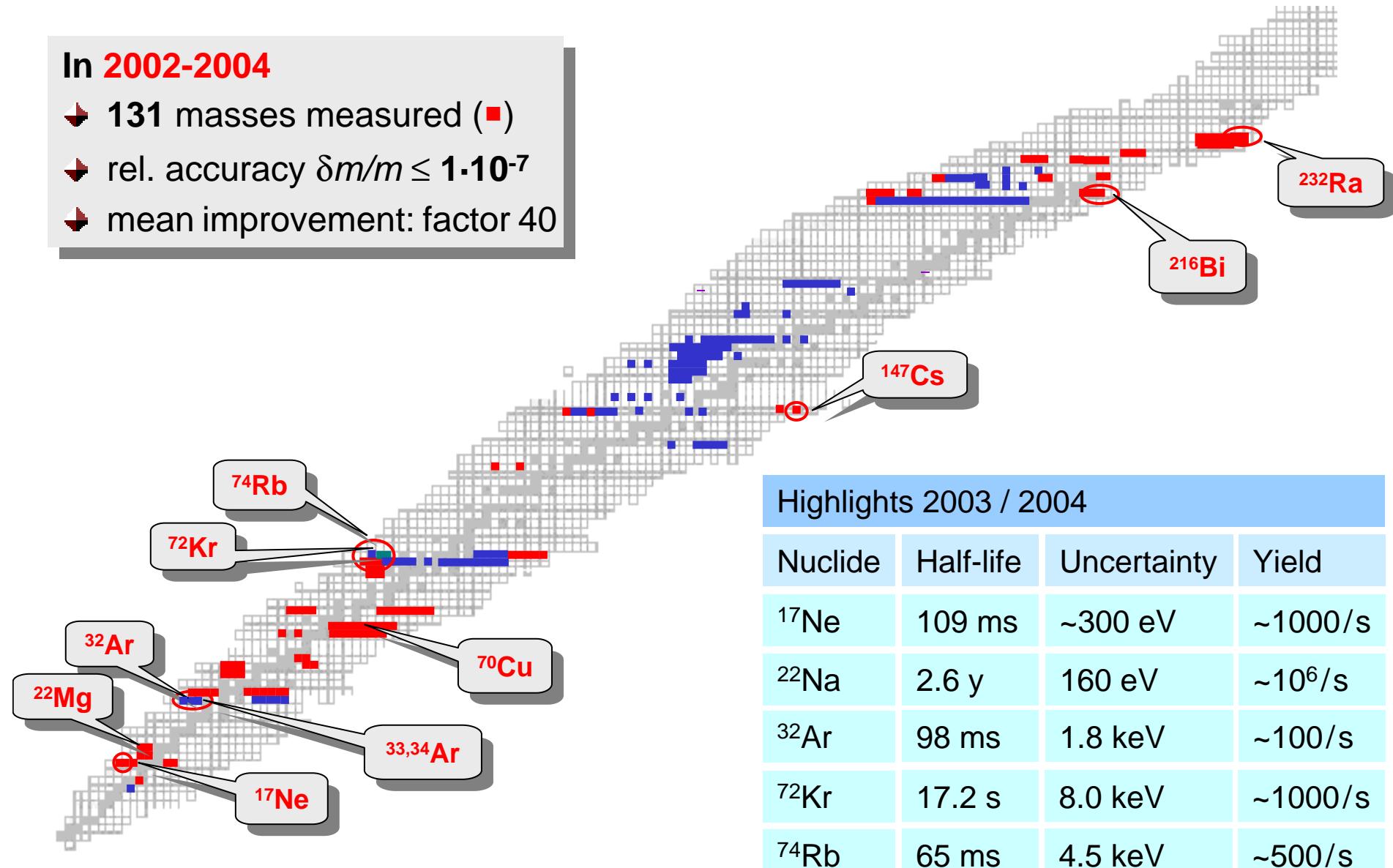


A. Herlert, K. Blaum

ISOLTRAP harvest

In 2002-2004

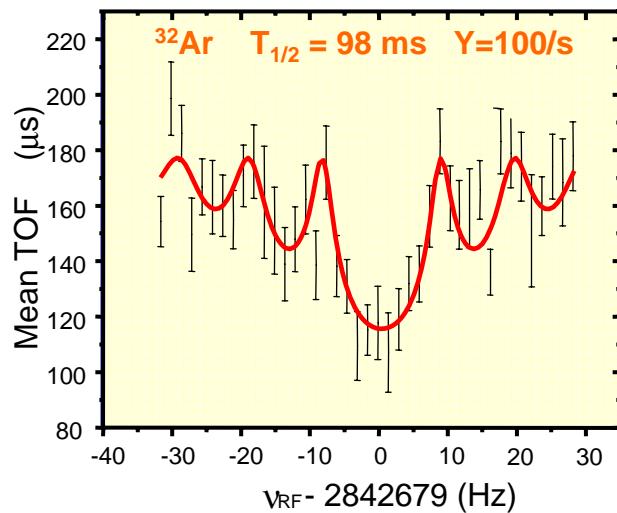
- 131 masses measured (■)
- rel. accuracy $\delta m/m \leq 1 \cdot 10^{-7}$
- mean improvement: factor 40



$^{32,33}\text{Ar}$ - most stringent test of IMME

$$M = a + bT_z + cT_z^2 \quad (+ dT_z^3)?$$

ISOLTRAP



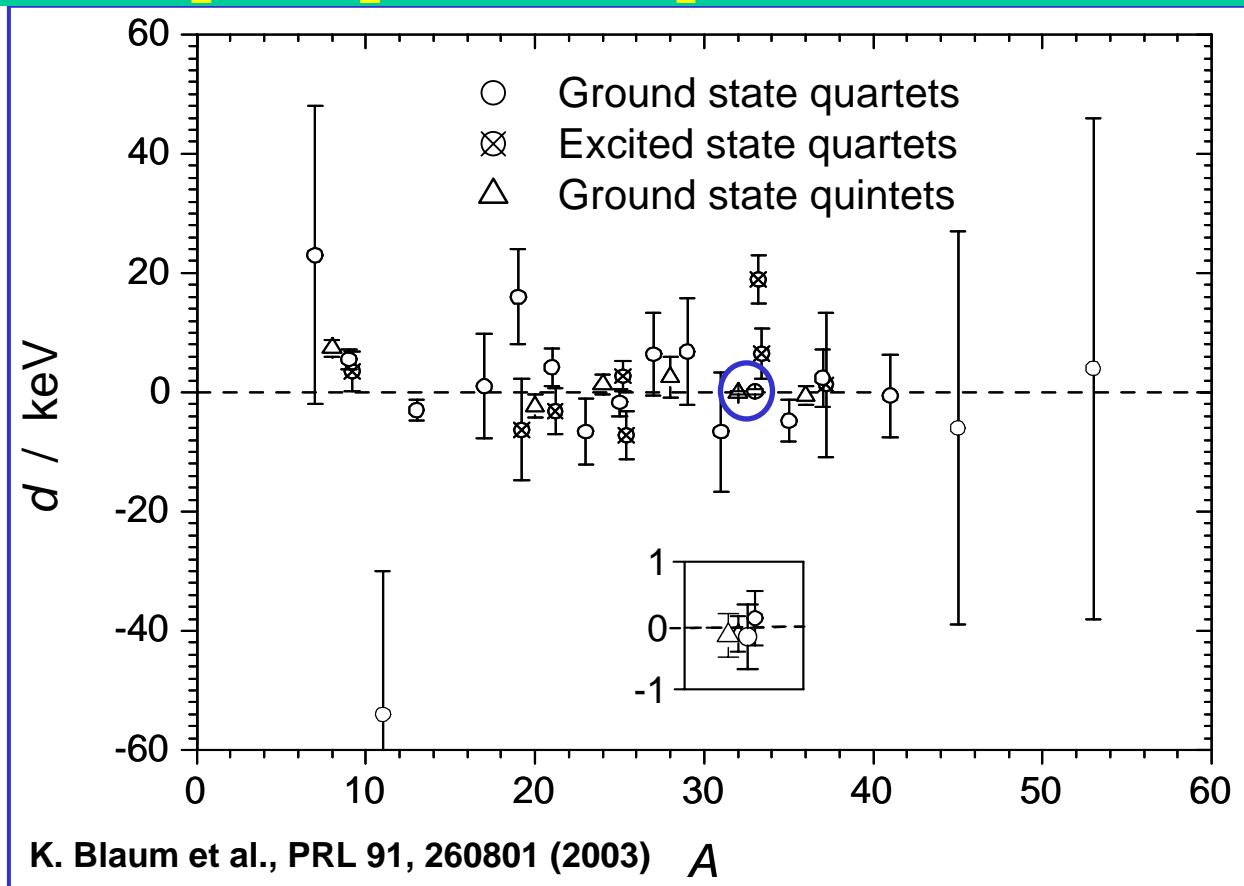
^{33}Ar $\delta m = 0.44 \text{ keV}$
 ^{32}Ar $\delta m = 1.8 \text{ keV}$

$A = 33, T = 3/2$ quartet:

$$d = -0.13(45) \text{ keV}$$

$A = 32, T = 2$ quintet:

$$d = -0.11(30) \text{ keV}$$



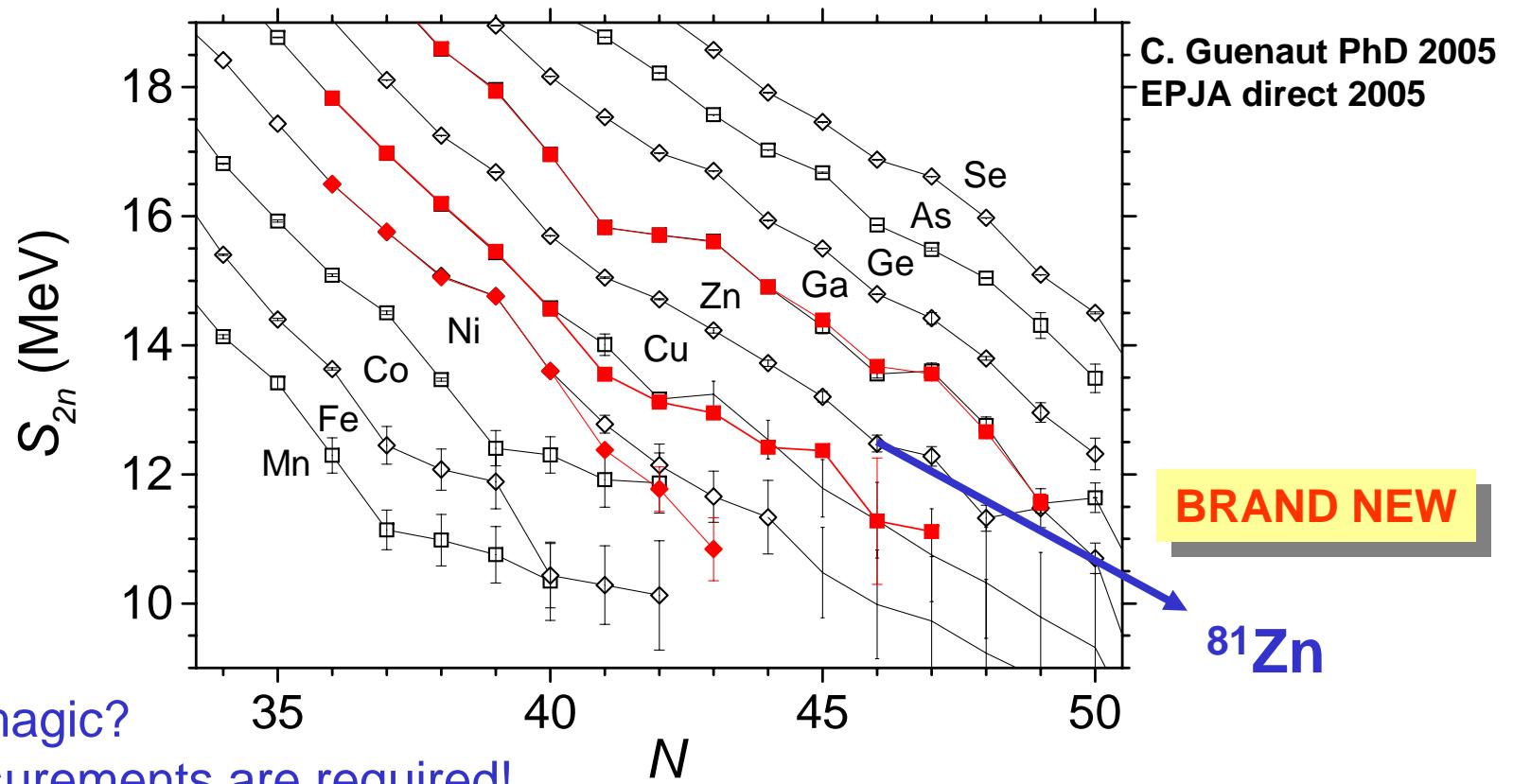
Limits for Scalar Currents from β -delayed p-decay of ^{32}Ar can now be put on purely experimental ground

$$a = 1.0050 \pm 0.0052(\text{stat}) \pm (\text{syst})$$

Towards exotic doubly magic nuclei - ^{78}Ni

ISOLTRAP

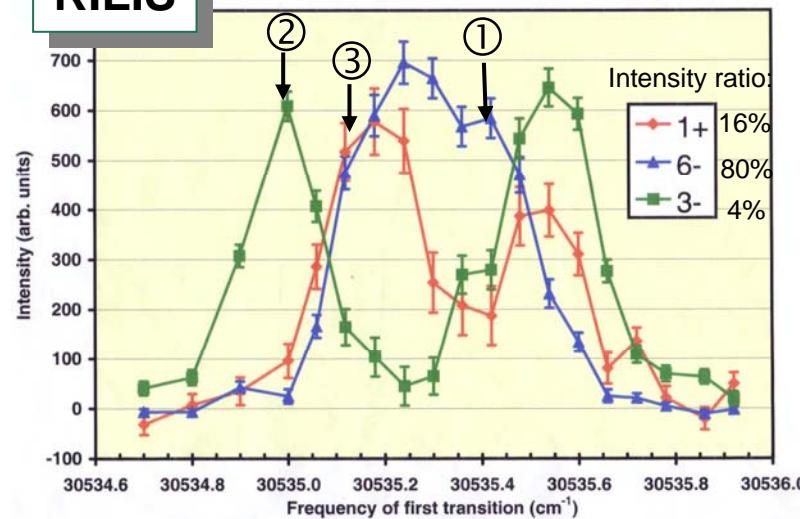
Evolution of nuclear binding towards doubly-magic ^{78}Ni is not known
nuclear structure – r-process



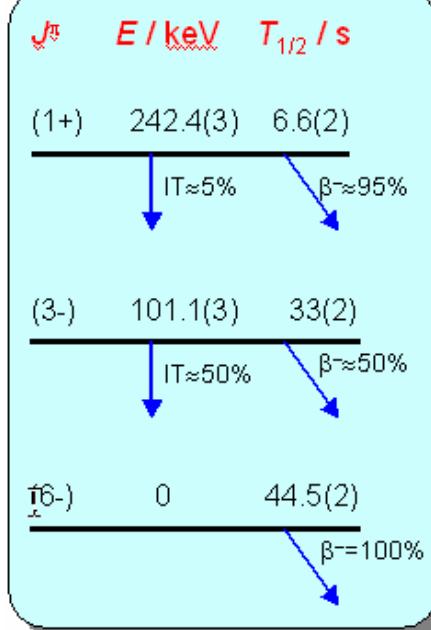
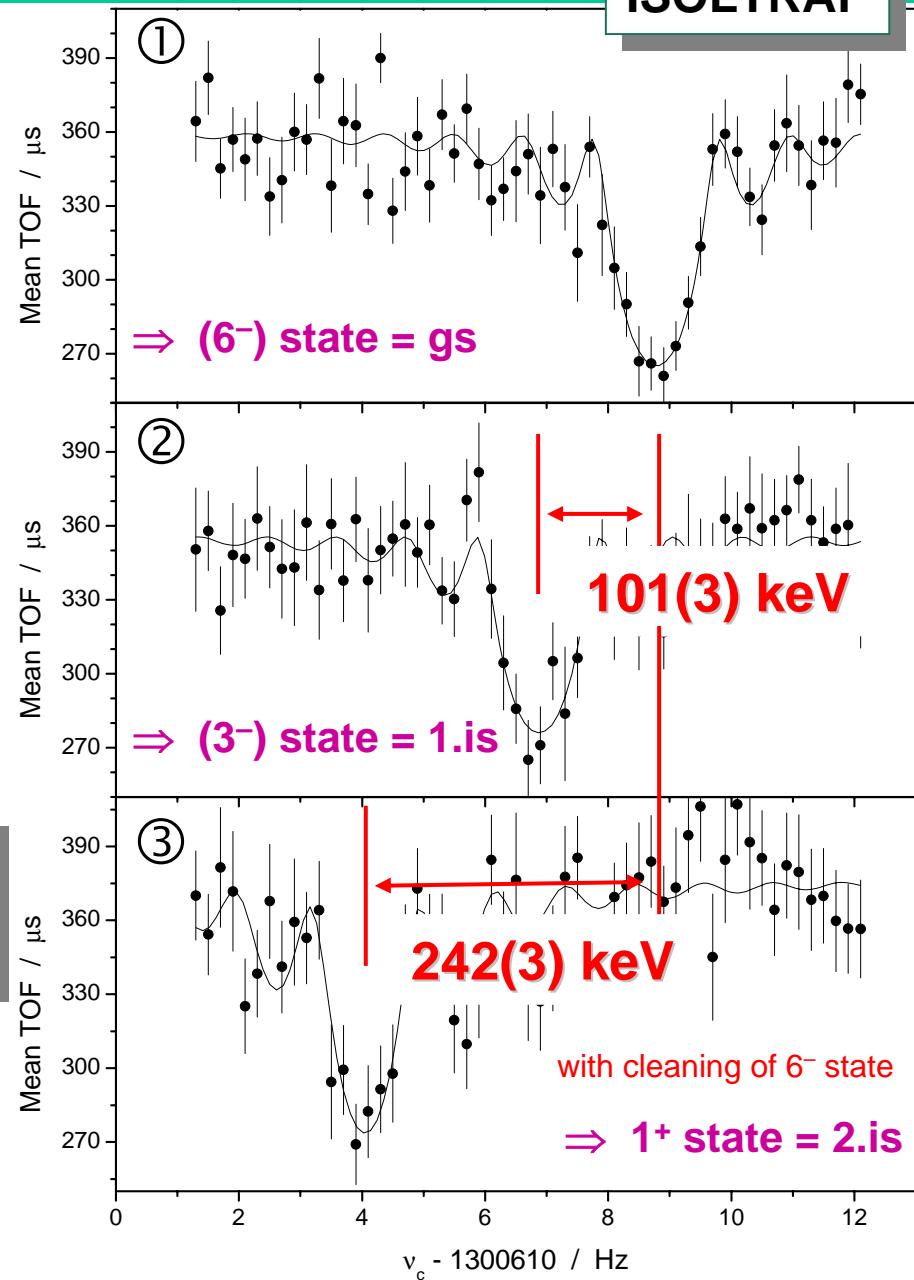
+ n-rich tin isotopes up to ^{135}Sn

Identification of triple isomerism in ^{70}Cu

RILIS



ISOLTRAP



$$\omega_c = q/m \cdot B$$

Unambiguous
state
assignment!

J. Van Roosbroeck et al.,
PRL 92, 112501 (2004)

Mass measurement programs outside ISOLDE

TRAPS	LEBIT	NSCL at MSU	Fragmentation, In-flight fission	Short-lived, non-ISOL elements
	SHIPTRAP	GSI	Fusion-Evaporation	Superheavies p-rich
	CPT	ANL	Fusion-Evaporation Fission	p-rich and n-rich (selected regions)
	JYFLTRAP	JYFL	IGISOL, Spallation, Fission	Non-ISOL elements
Storage Ring	ESR	GSI	Fragmentation In-flight fission	Schottky (large surveys $T_{1/2} > 10s$) TOF: short-lived
Spectrometer TOF	SPEG	GANIL	Fragmentation	Short-lived, very exotic
Cyclotron TOF	CSS2	GANIL	Fragmentation	Short-lived

+ reactions (unbound states, beyond the dripline) and decays

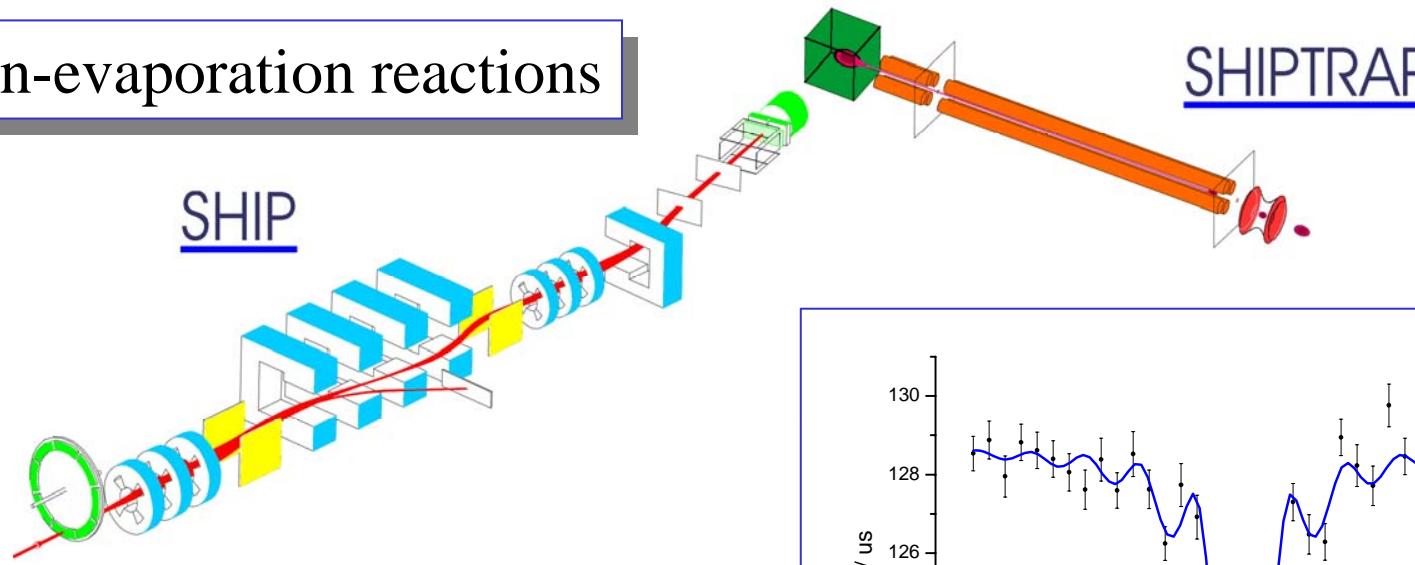
New projects: TITAN at ISAC (highly-charged ions), MAFFTRAP (n-rich)

SHIPTRAP – Towards SHE

precision measurements with
heavy ions produced at SHIP/GSI

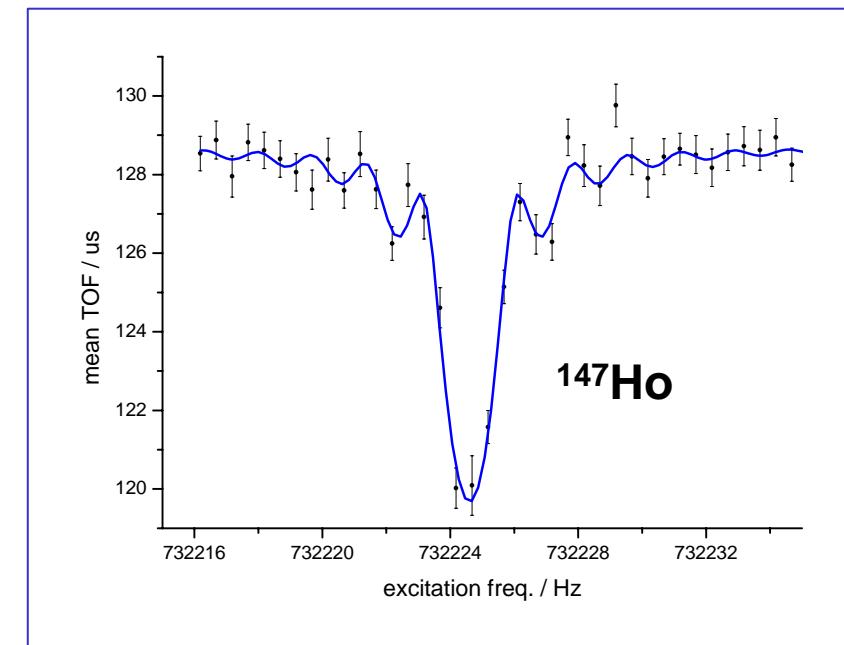
M. Block/GSI

Fusion-evaporation reactions



BRAND NEW

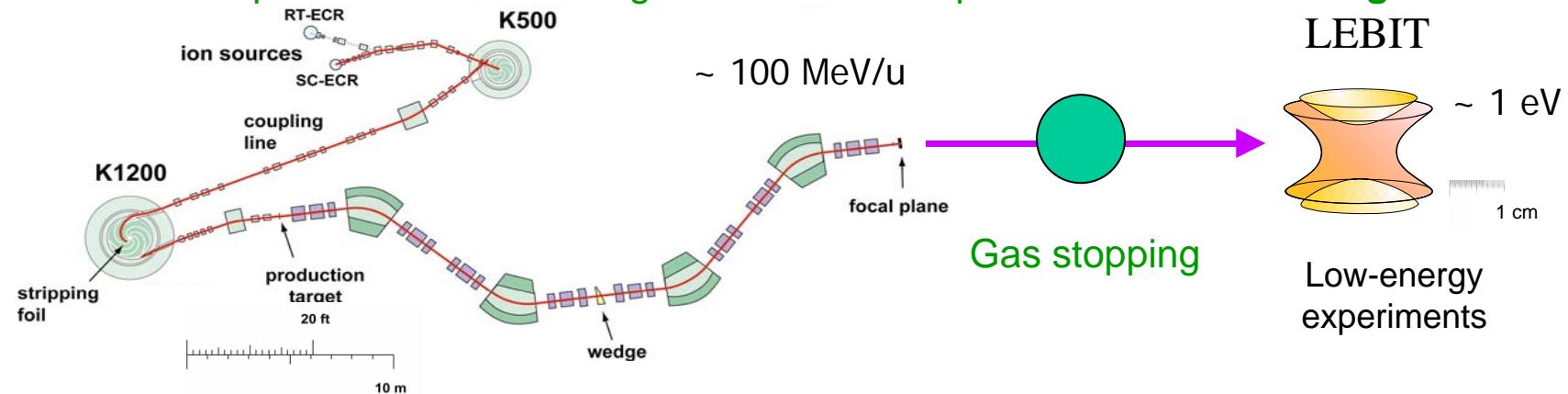
$^{146}\text{Ho}(\#)$, ^{147}Ho , $^{147}\text{Er}(\#)$, $^{148}\text{Er}(\#)$,
 ^{147}Tb , $^{147,148}\text{Dy}$, $^{148}\text{Tm}(\#)$



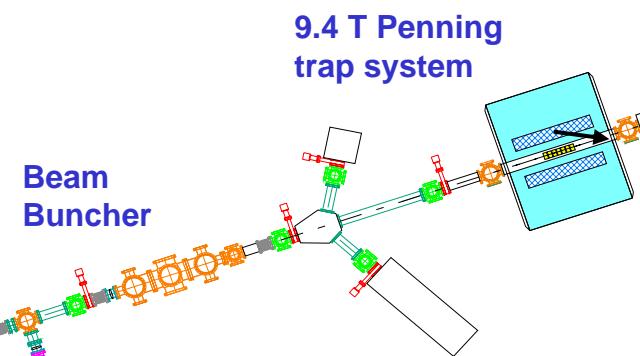
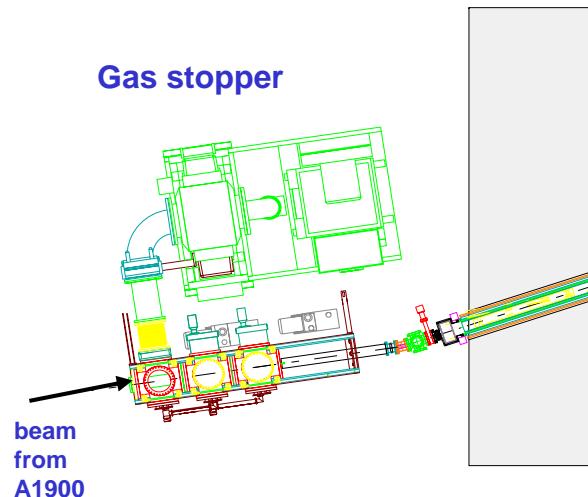
Low Energy Beam and Ion Trap Facility at NSCL/MSU



Precision experiments at low-energies with rare isotopes from **fast-beam fragmentation**



Gas stopper



Mass measurements
Laser spectroscopy
Post Acceleration



Precision Mass Measurement of Fast Beam Fragments



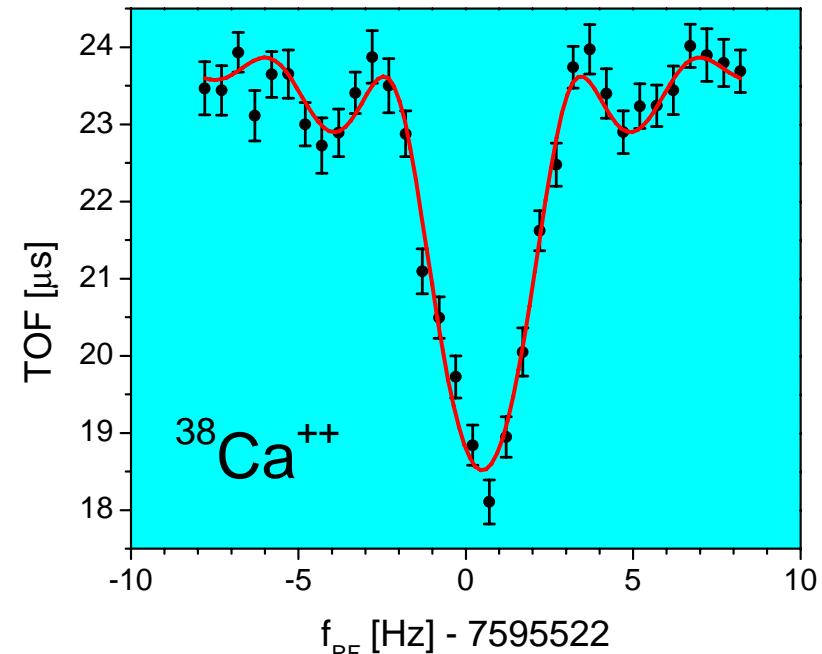
Secondary Beam ^{38}Ca (92 MeV/u)

Statistical uncertainty $\delta m \approx 80 \text{ eV}$

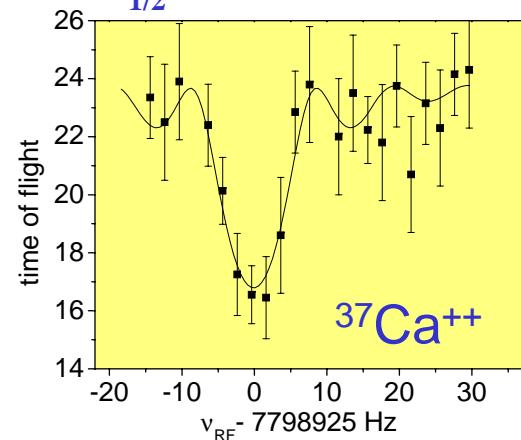
Expected final uncertainty $\delta m < 300 \text{ eV}$

- First successful nuclear physics experiment with a thermalized beam from fast beam fragmentation.
- ^{38}Ca is a $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ beta emitter: new candidate for CVC tests.

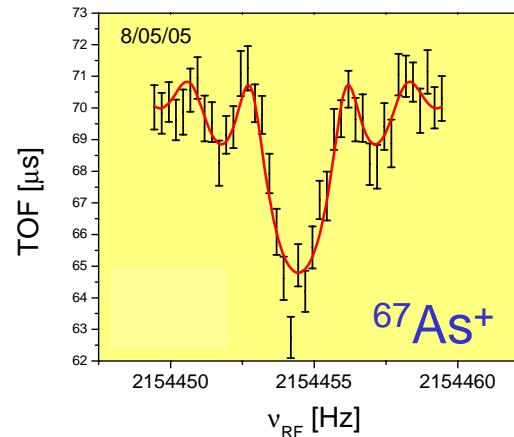
$$m(^{38}\text{Ca}^{++})/m(\text{H}_3\text{O}^+)$$



$$T_{1/2} = 181 \text{ ms}$$



&



... and more to come

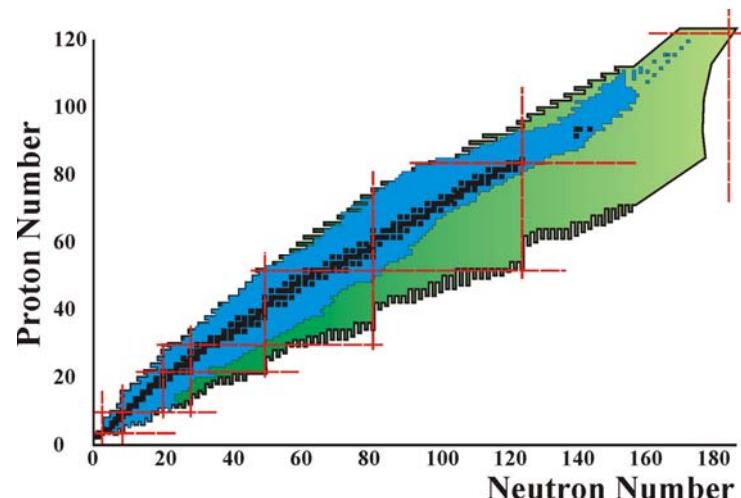
Conclusions

Mass measurements are key to a better understanding of nuclear structure and important to other fields of research with radioactive isotopes

ISOLDE has a very strong mass measurement program

- Experiments related to key topics: halos, evolution of shell structure, nuclear astrophysics, fundamental interaction tests
- Two excellent experimental devices with significant development potential

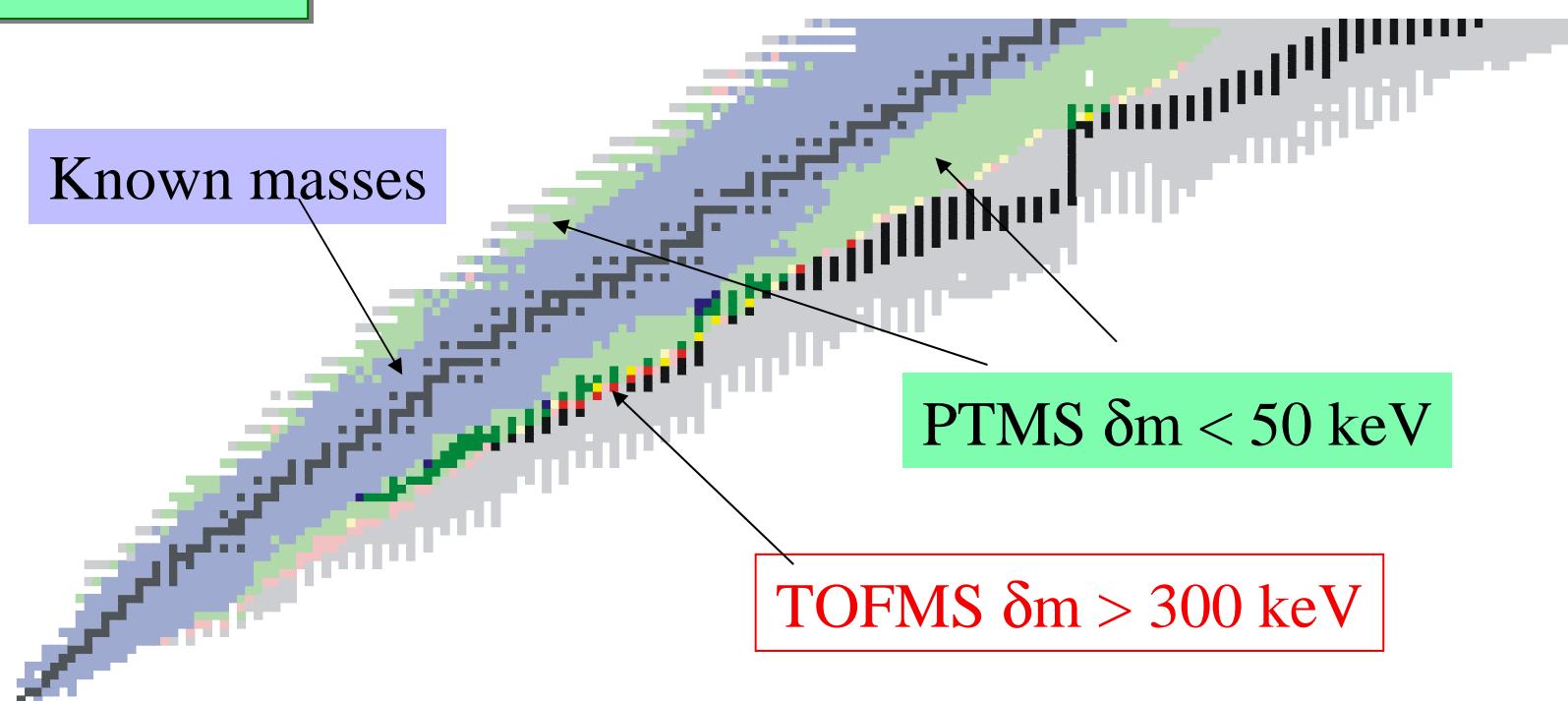
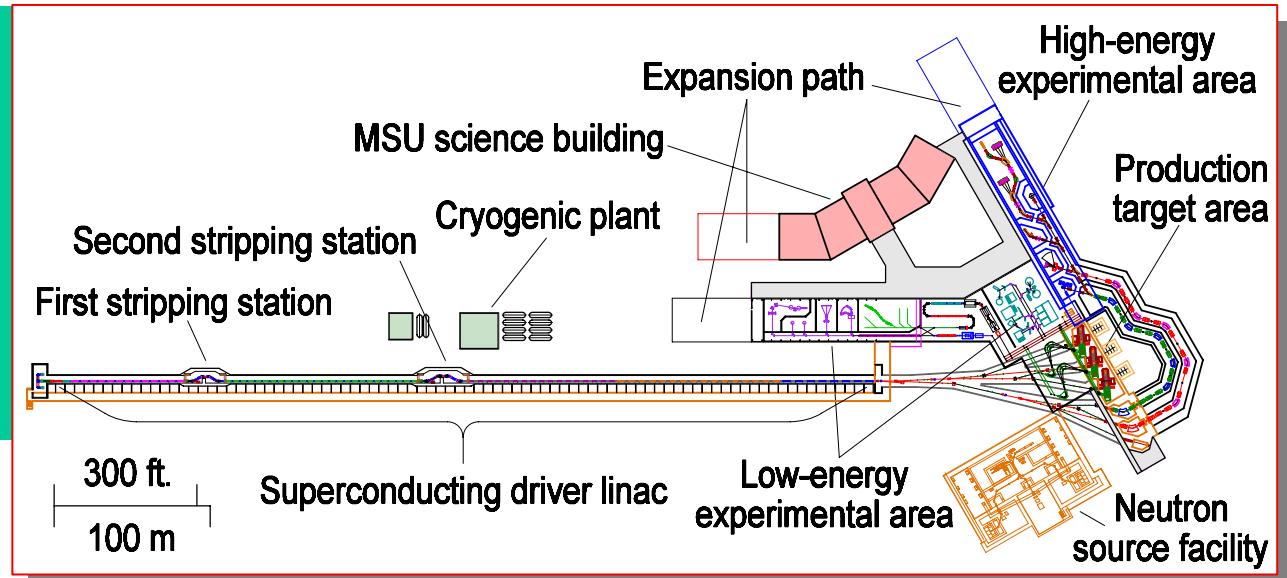
Complementary programs exist worldwide – different techniques (PTMS, TOF, ESR)
– different production methods



... still a lot to be done!

Mass Measurements at RIA

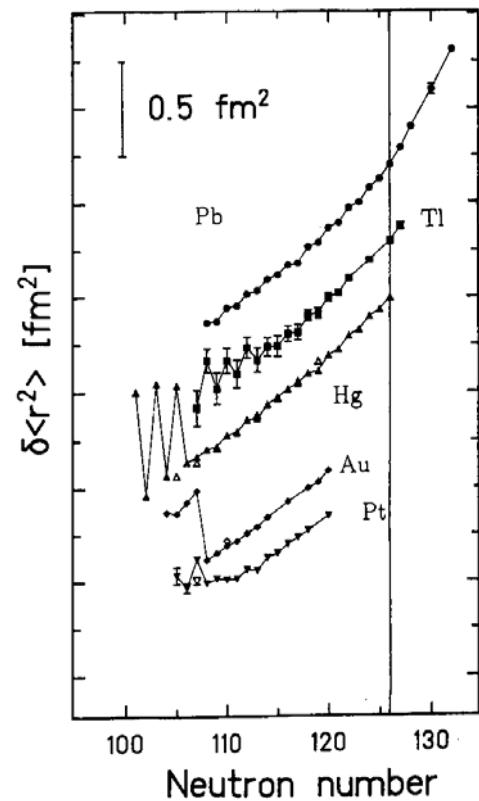
RIA-TRAP
with 21 Tesla



Masses close to Z=82

ISOLTRAP

Region of shape-coexistence with interesting nuclear structure effects



Discussion within IBM & microscopic-macroscopic model
R. Fossion et al., NPA 697 (2002) 703

