

Penning-trap mass spectrometry of exotic radionuclides with ISOLTRAP

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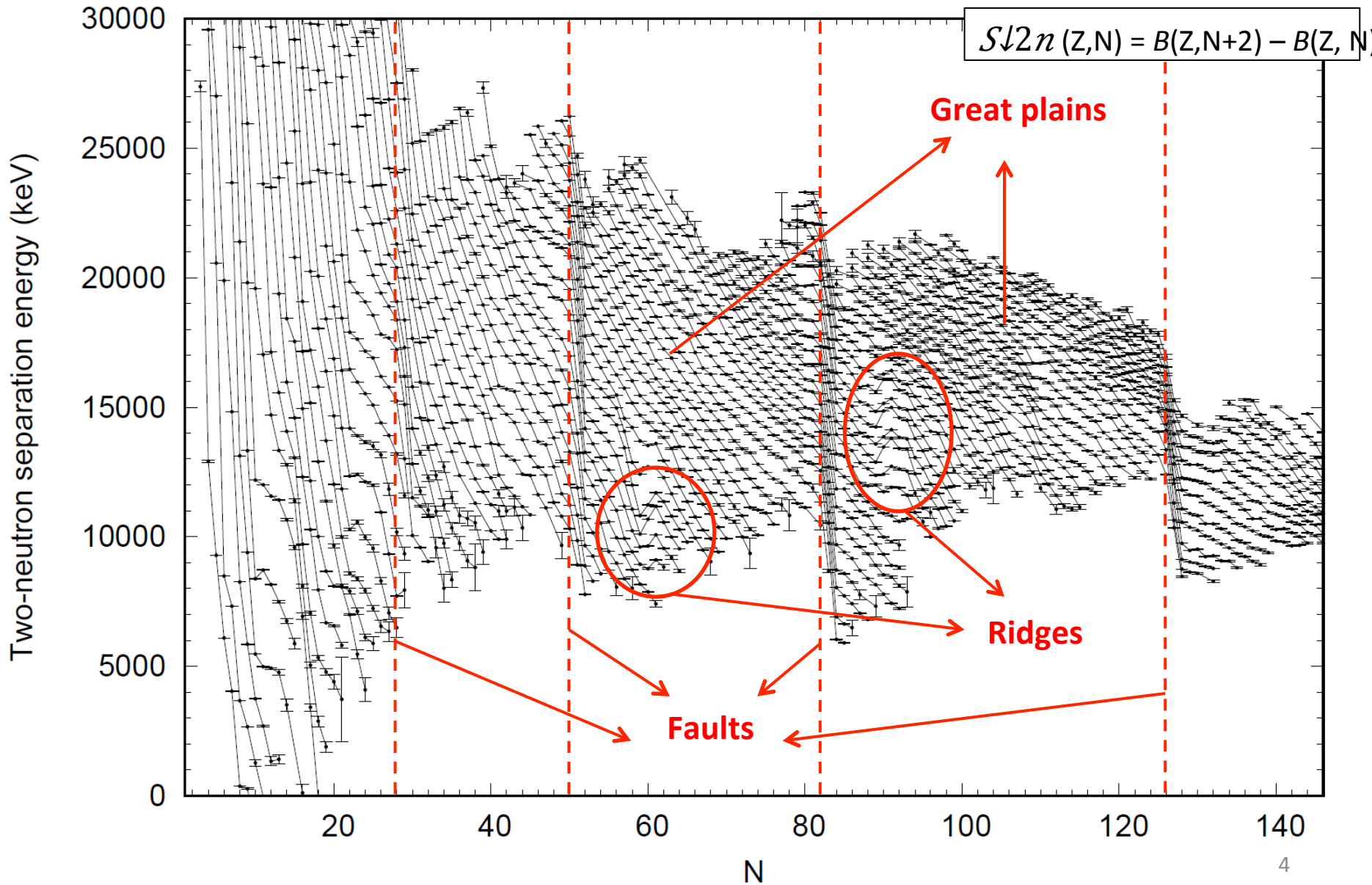
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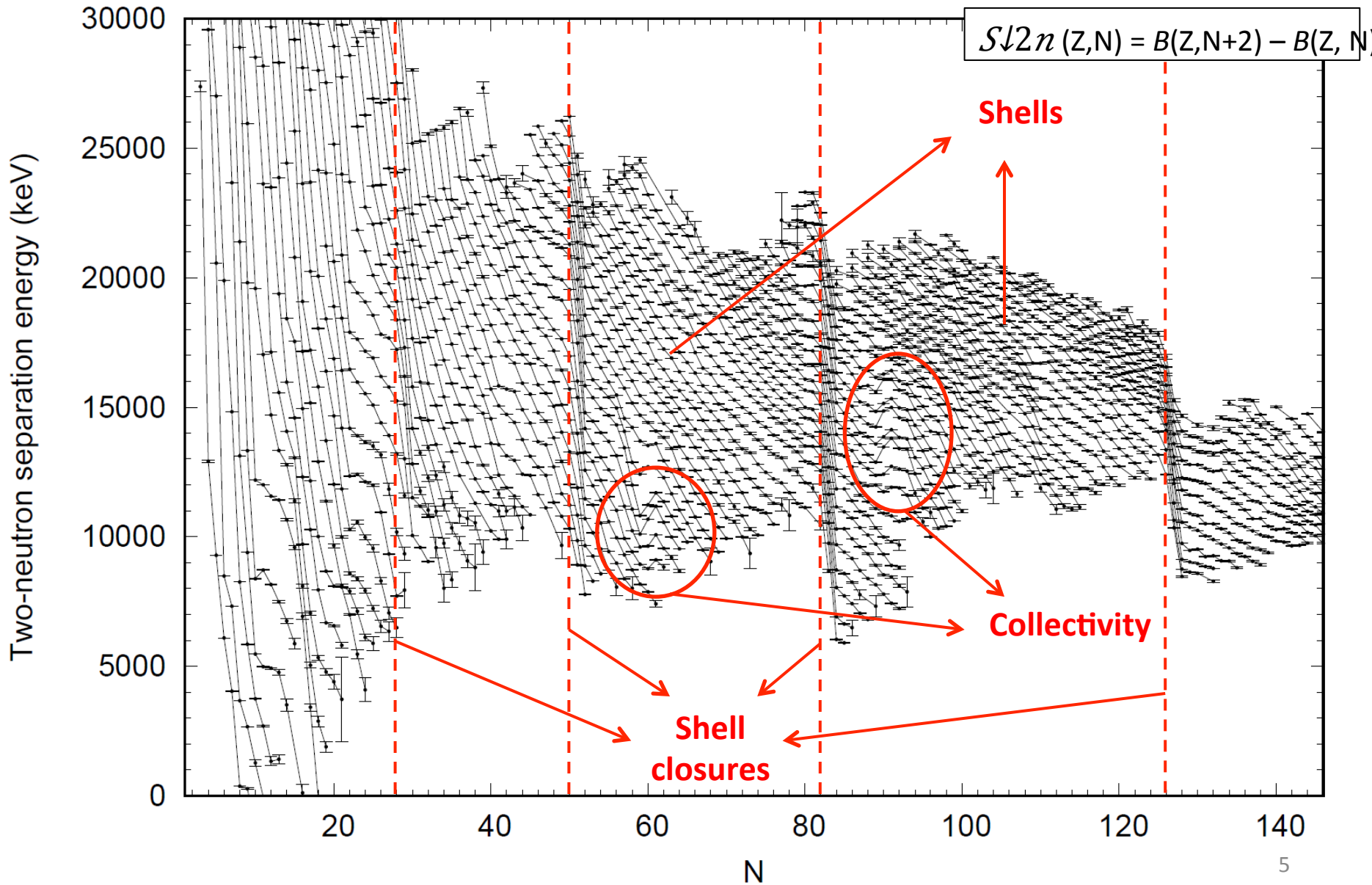
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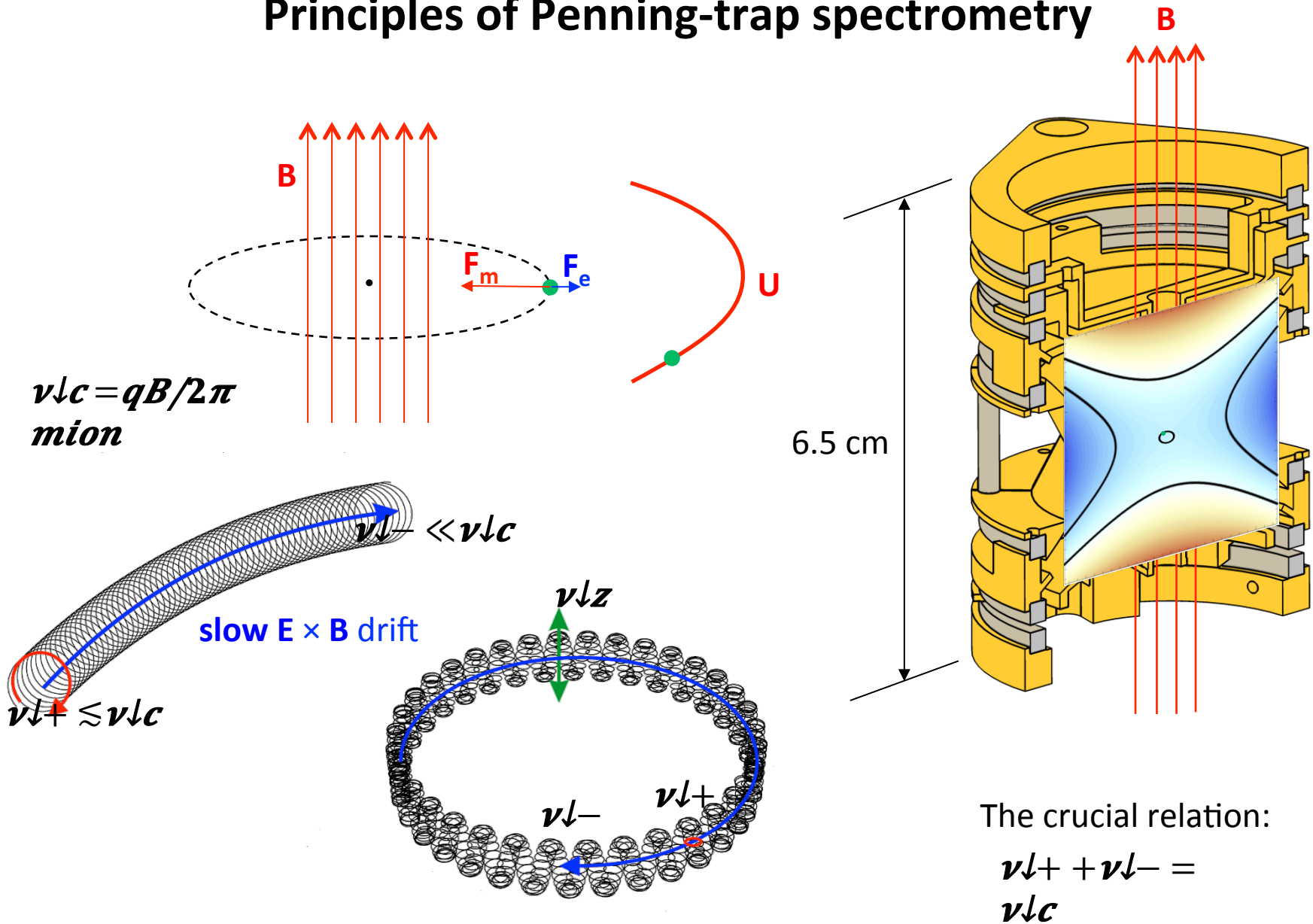


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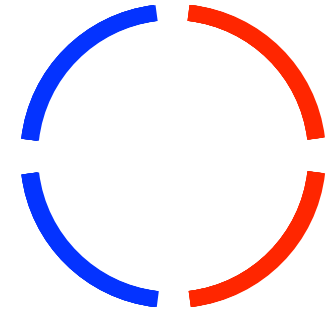
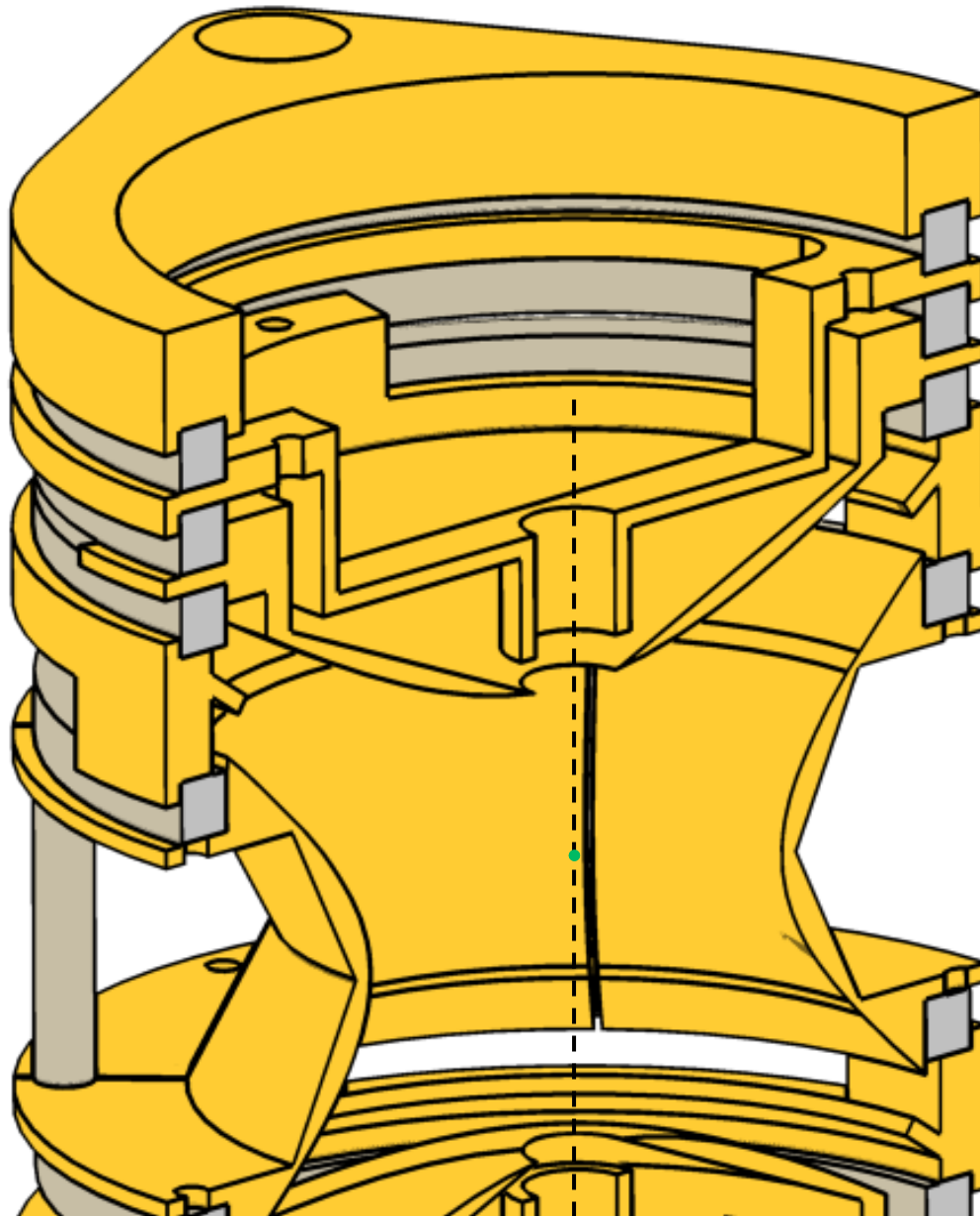


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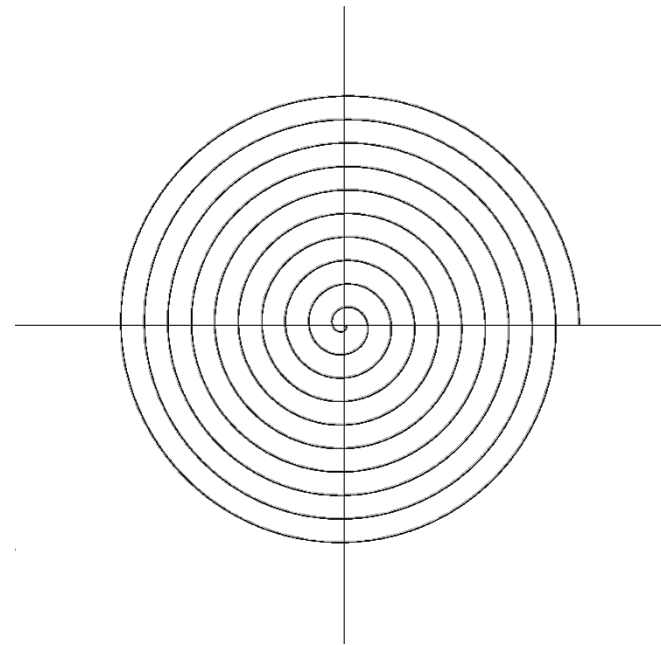
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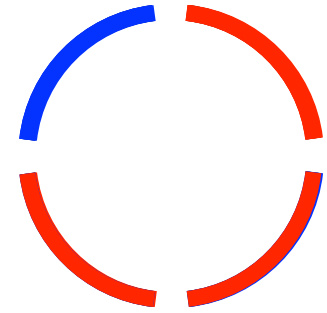
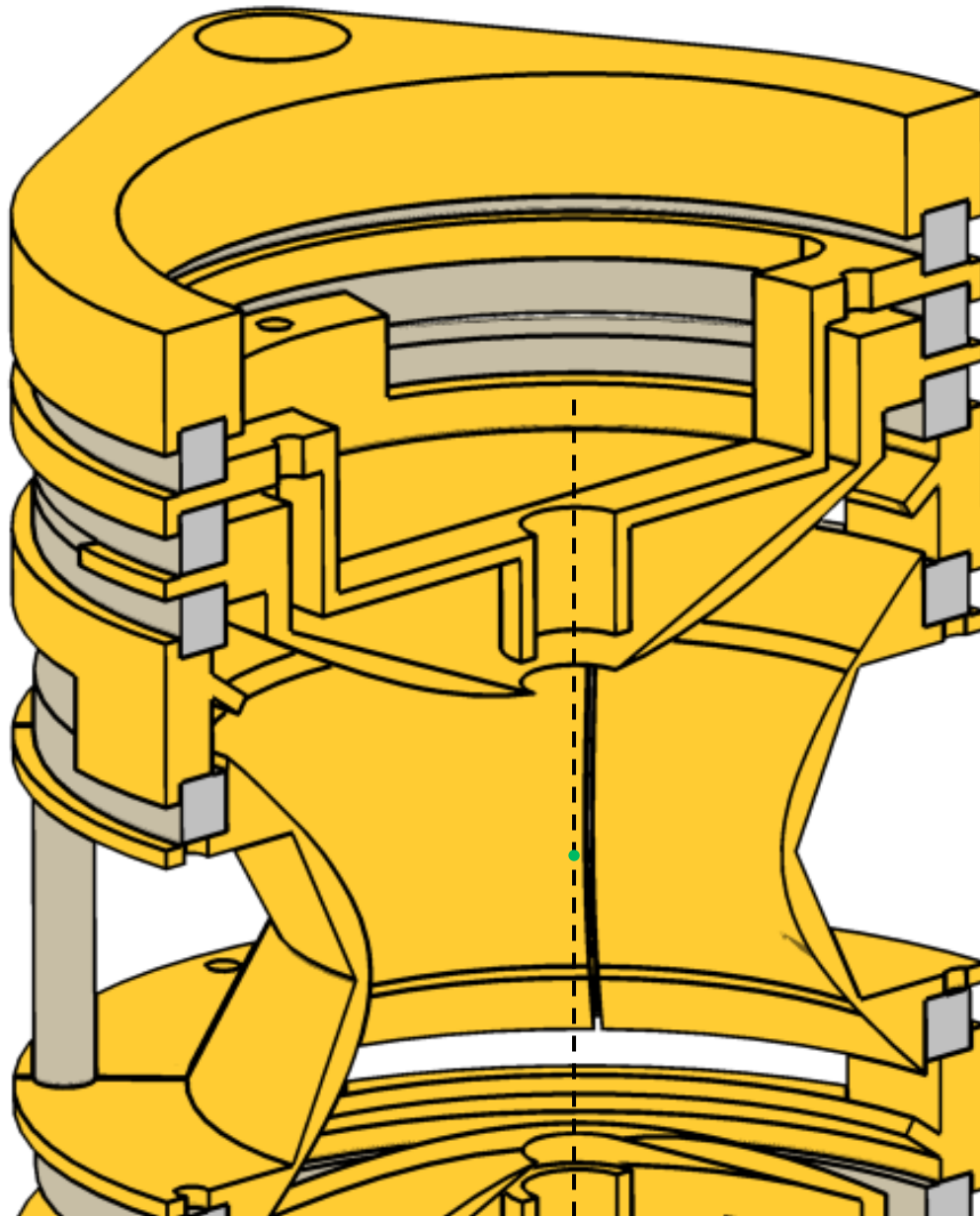
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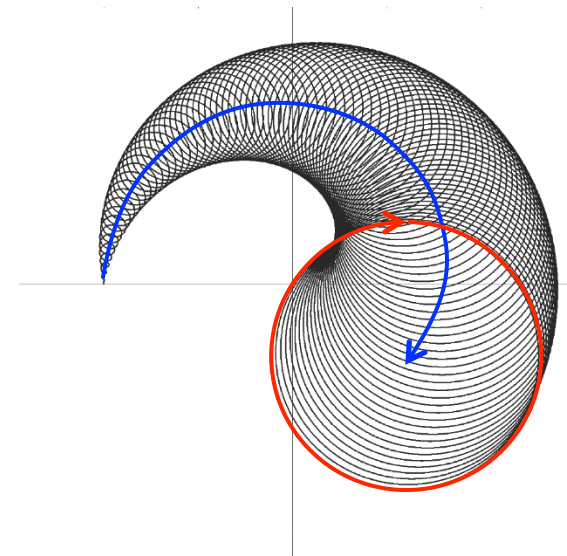
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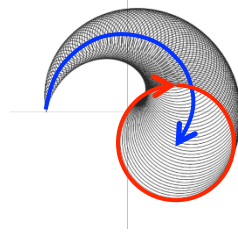
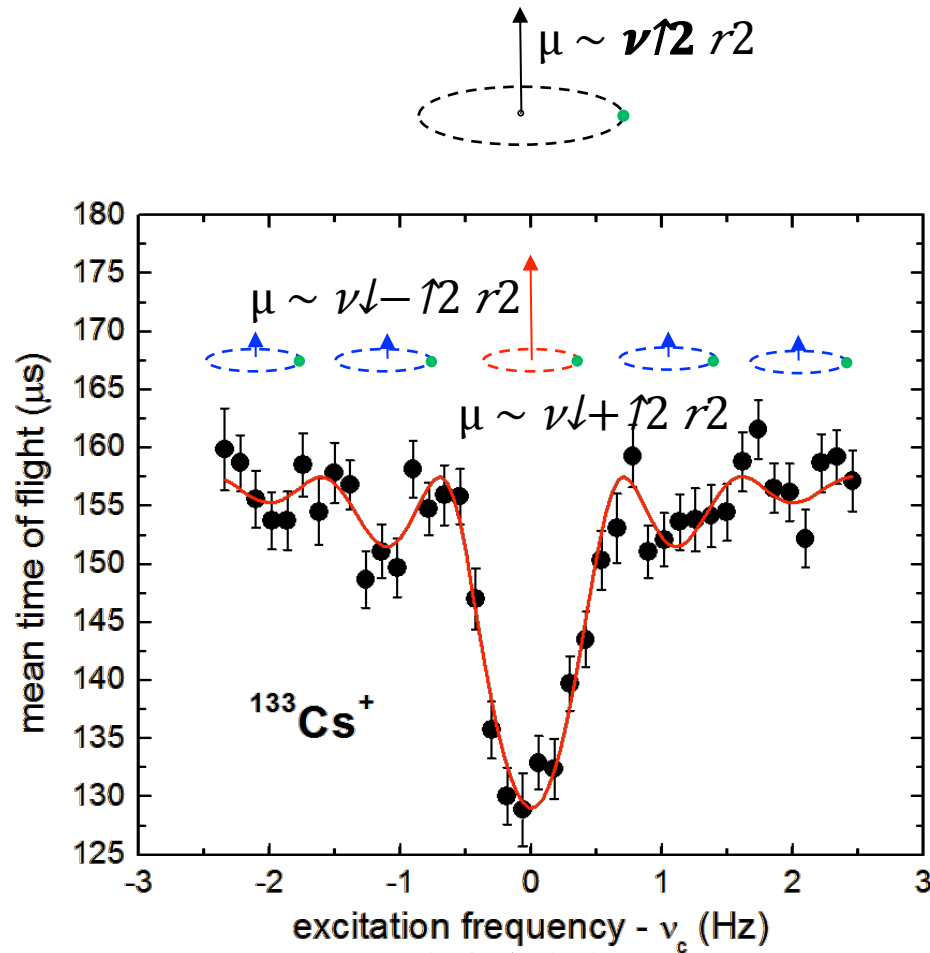
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Quadrupole excitation
Quadrupole excitation at $\nu_- + \nu_+ = \nu_c$

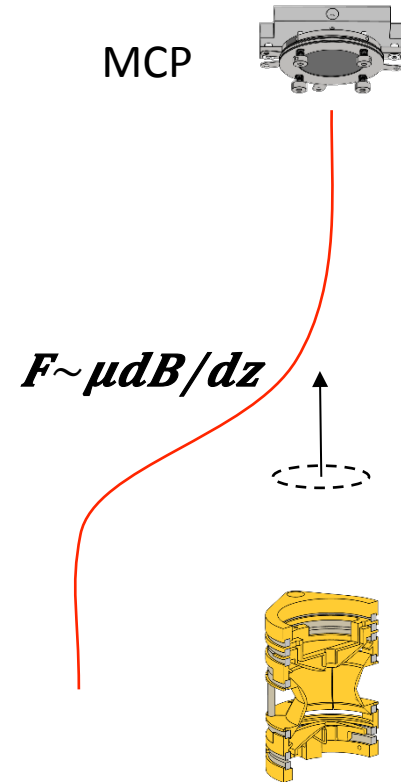


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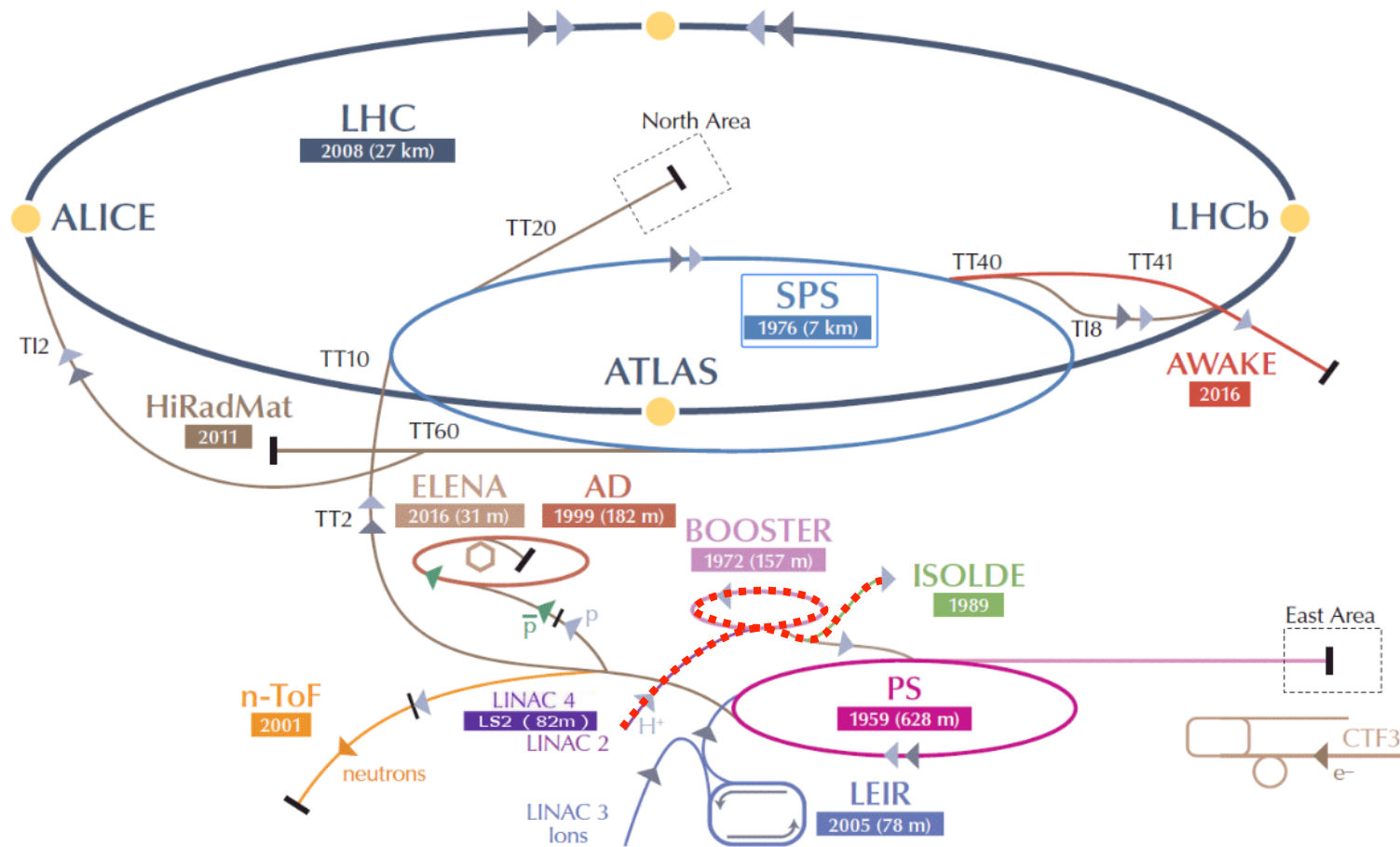
$$\nu \downarrow c = qB/2\pi$$

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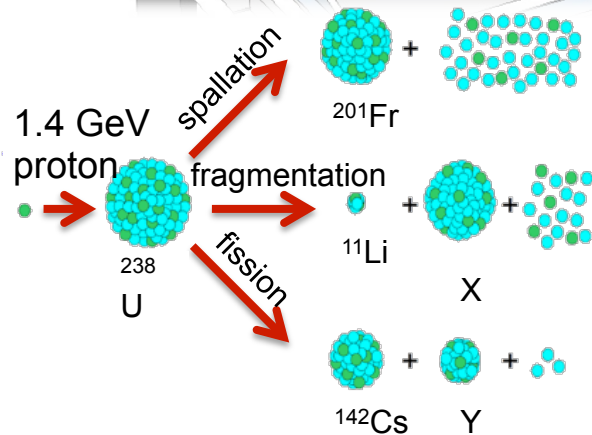
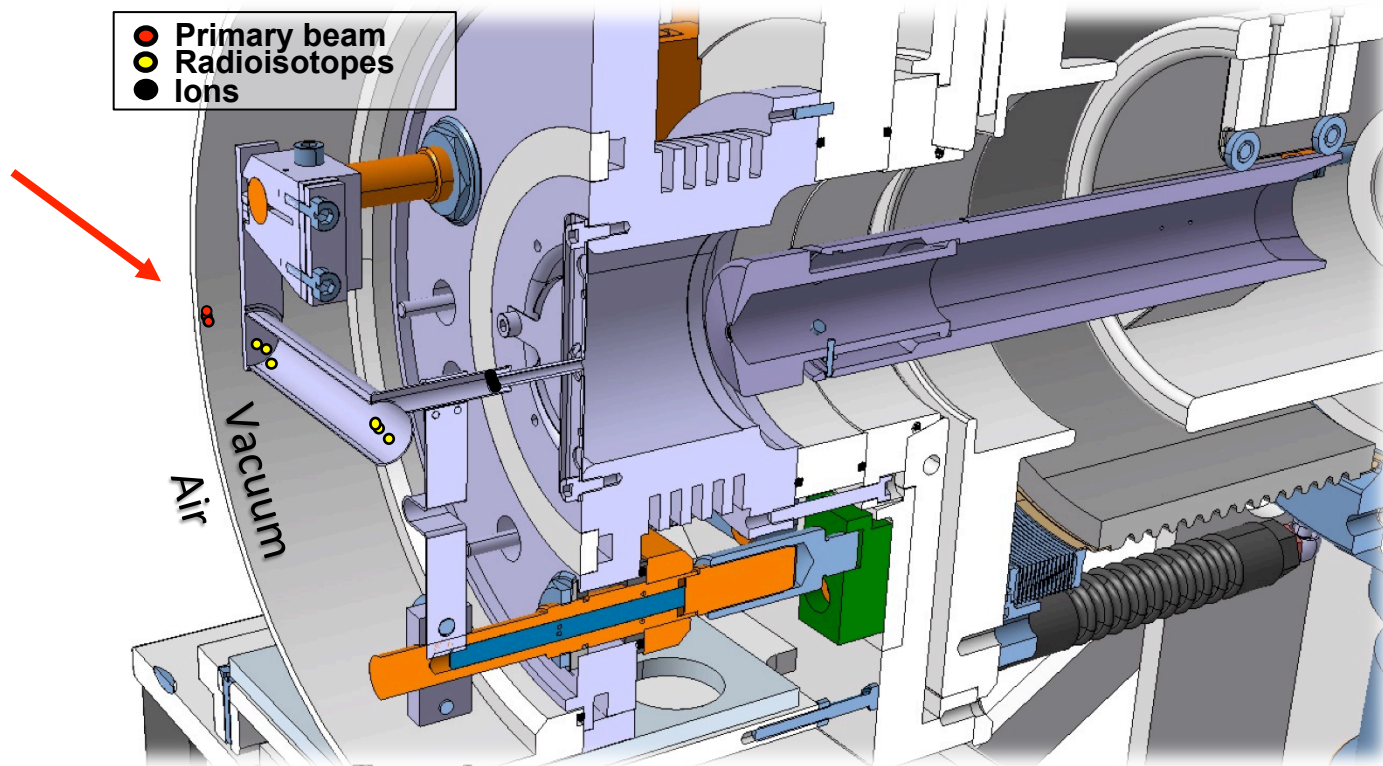
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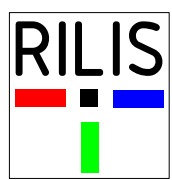


▶ p (proton) ▶ ion ▶ neutrons ▶ \bar{p} (antiproton) ▶ electron ▶ \leftrightarrow proton/antiproton conversion

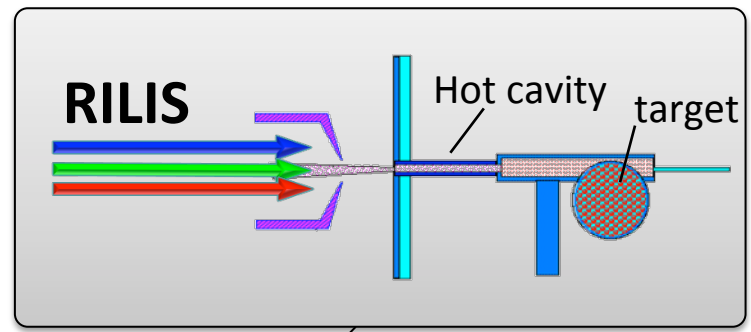
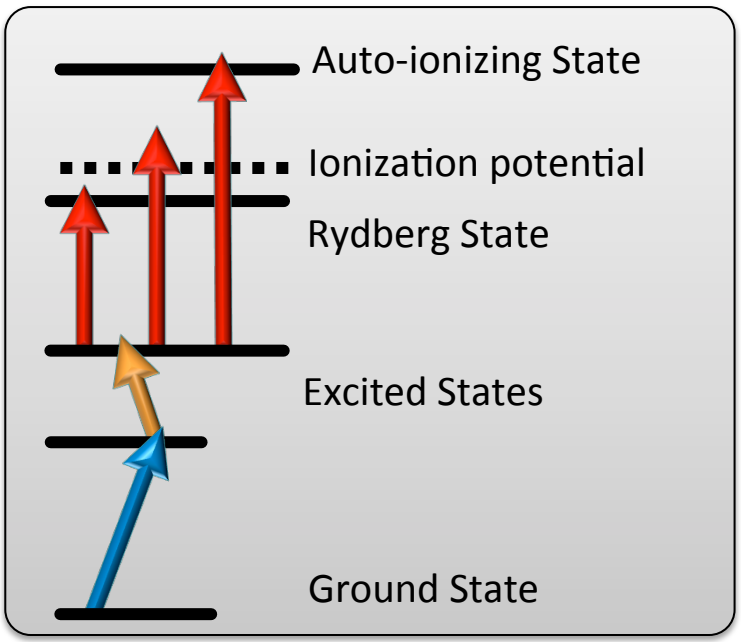
ISOL beams



- Low energy beam
- Excellent optical quality
- Slow extraction (>100 ms)
- Unfavorable chemical properties lead to “production gaps”



The Resonance Ionization Laser Ion Source (RILIS)

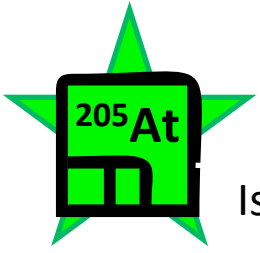


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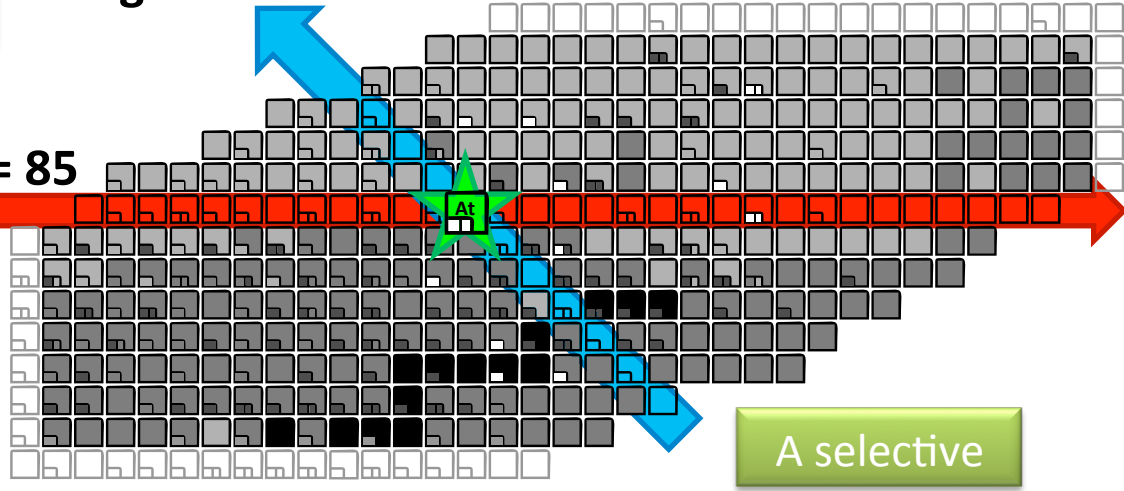
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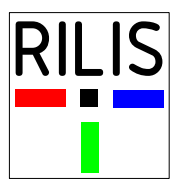
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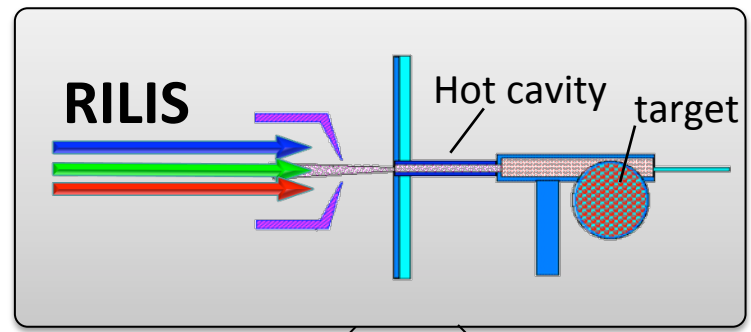
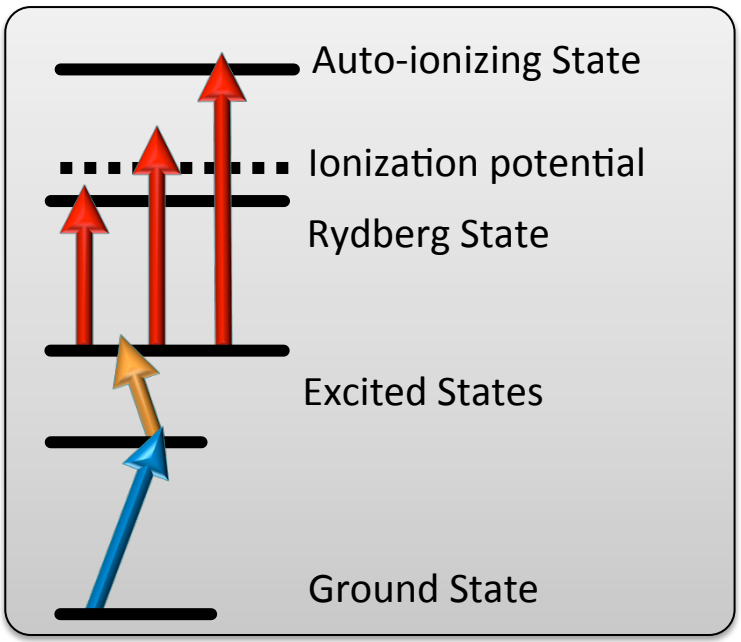


Isotope of interest





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Laser ion source

IS and HFS probe

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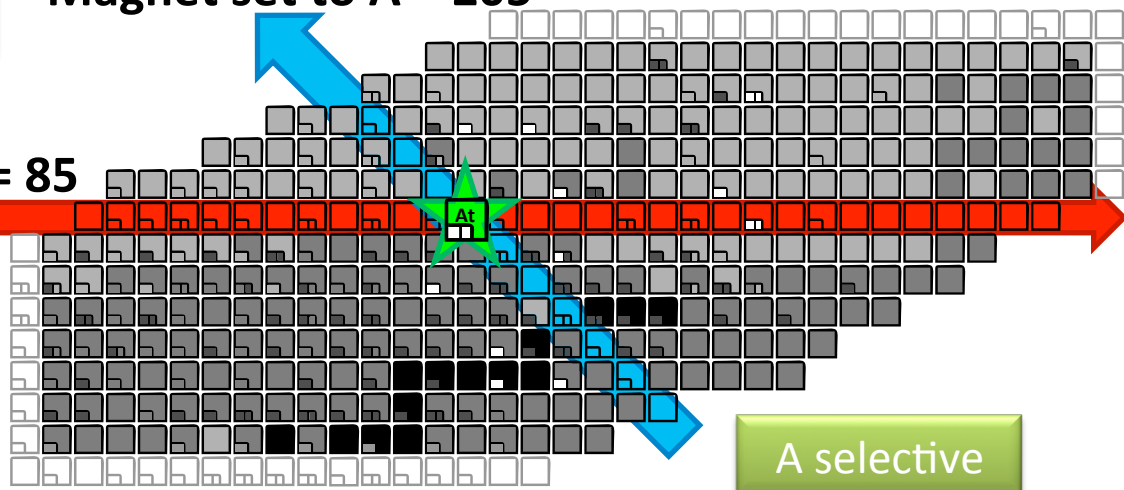
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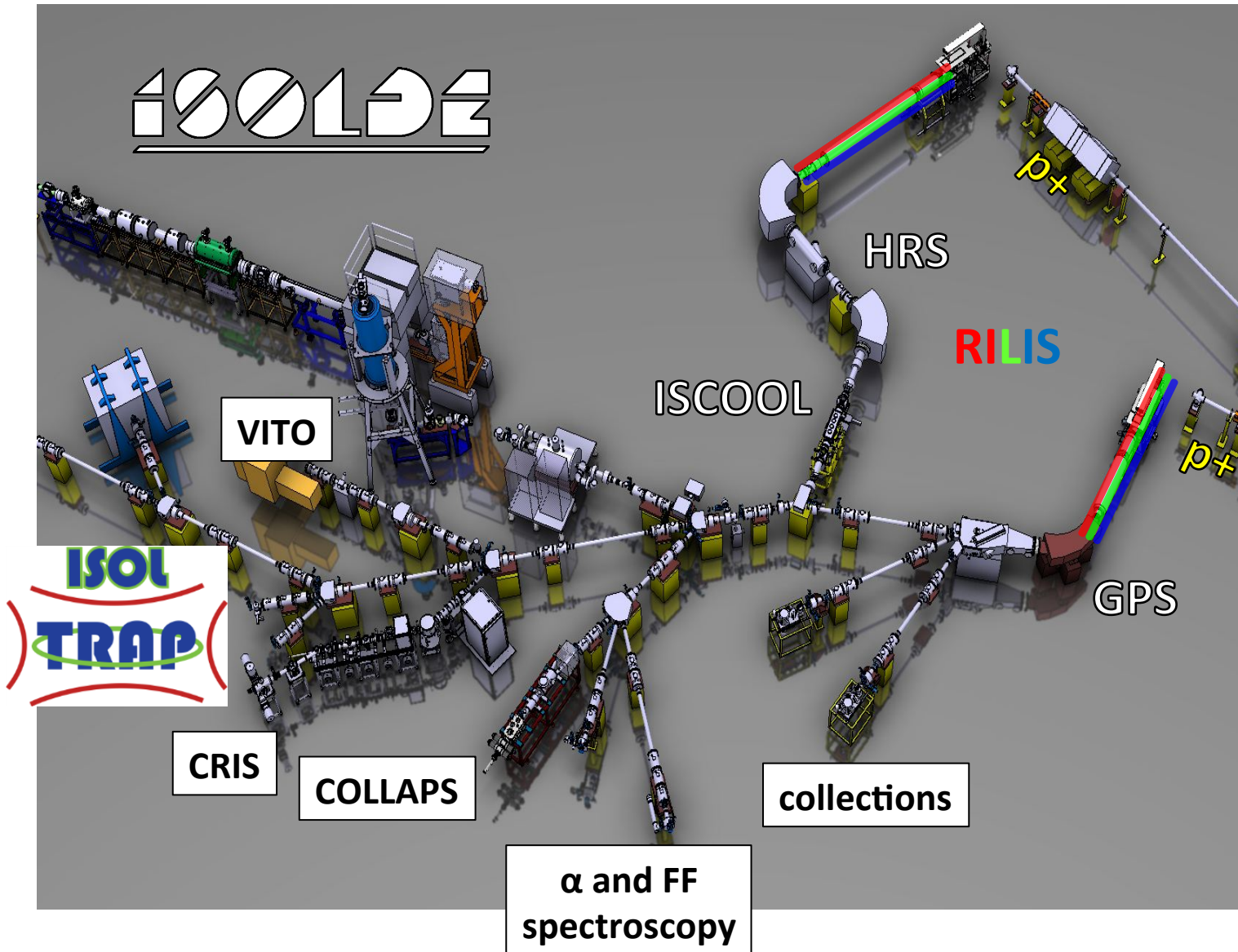
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30 years of ISOLTRAP

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PHENOMENON OF SITE-CHANGING COLLISIONS

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Abstract. We have observed the phenomenon of site-changing collisions by bombarding Re and Pt foils with 60 keV Ba ions. The foil was heated after implantation to temperatures, sometimes higher than the melting point of Pt and the evaporating ions were detected and mass-separated by time of flight. Only potassium was observed irrespective of the Ba⁺ beam intensity. This phenomenon might be explained by site-changing collisions or by a new Barium-Snapper model.

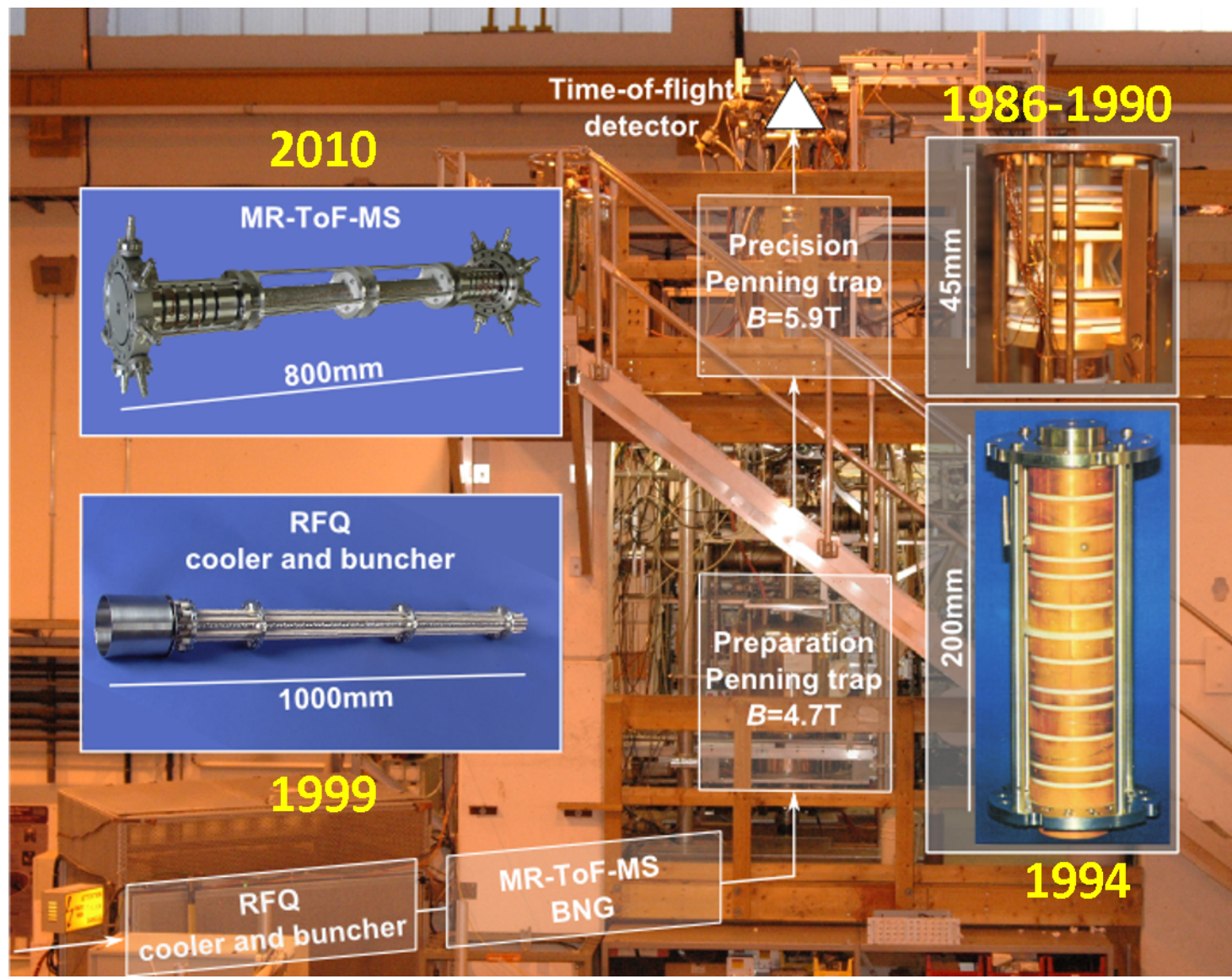
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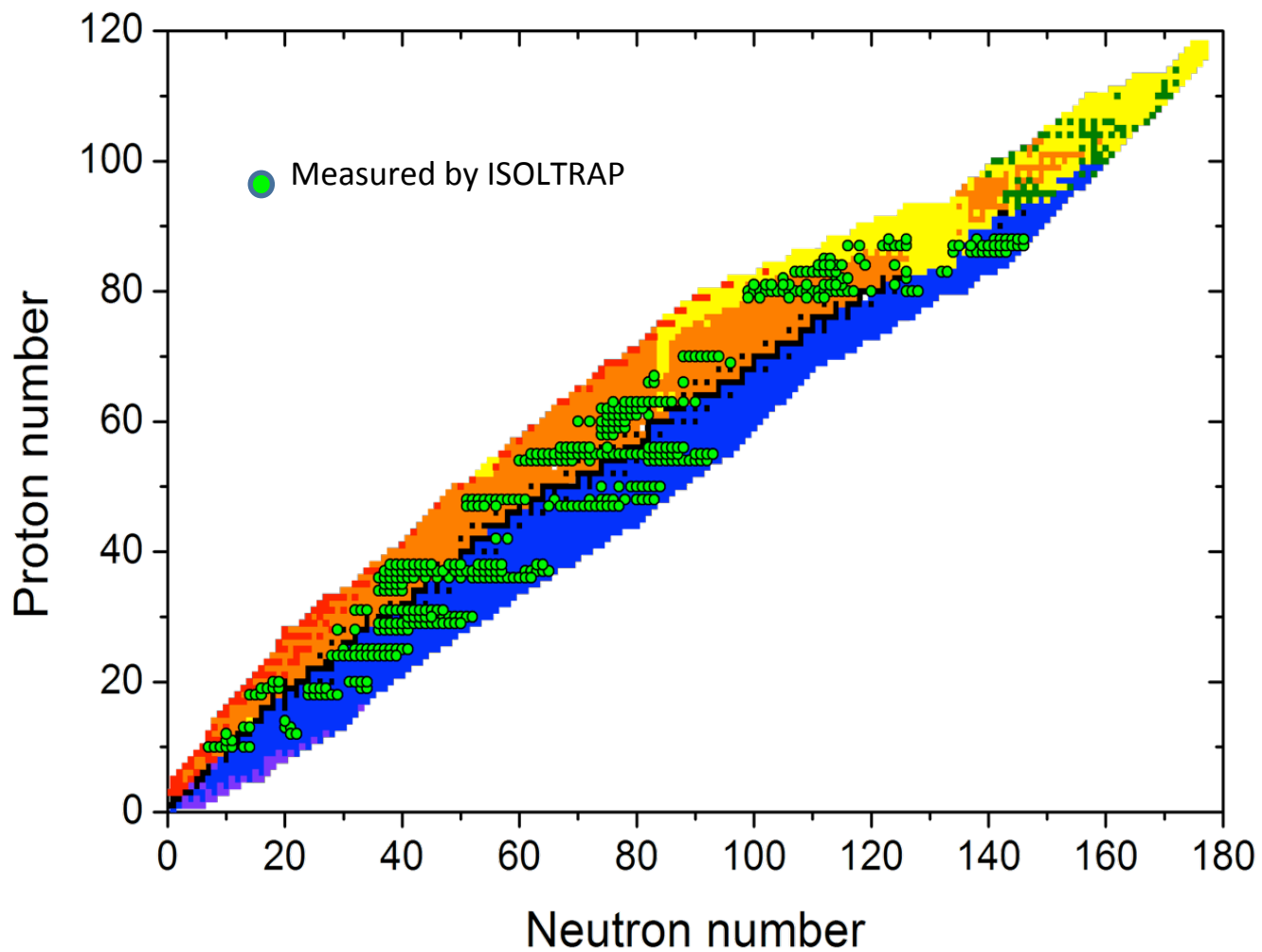


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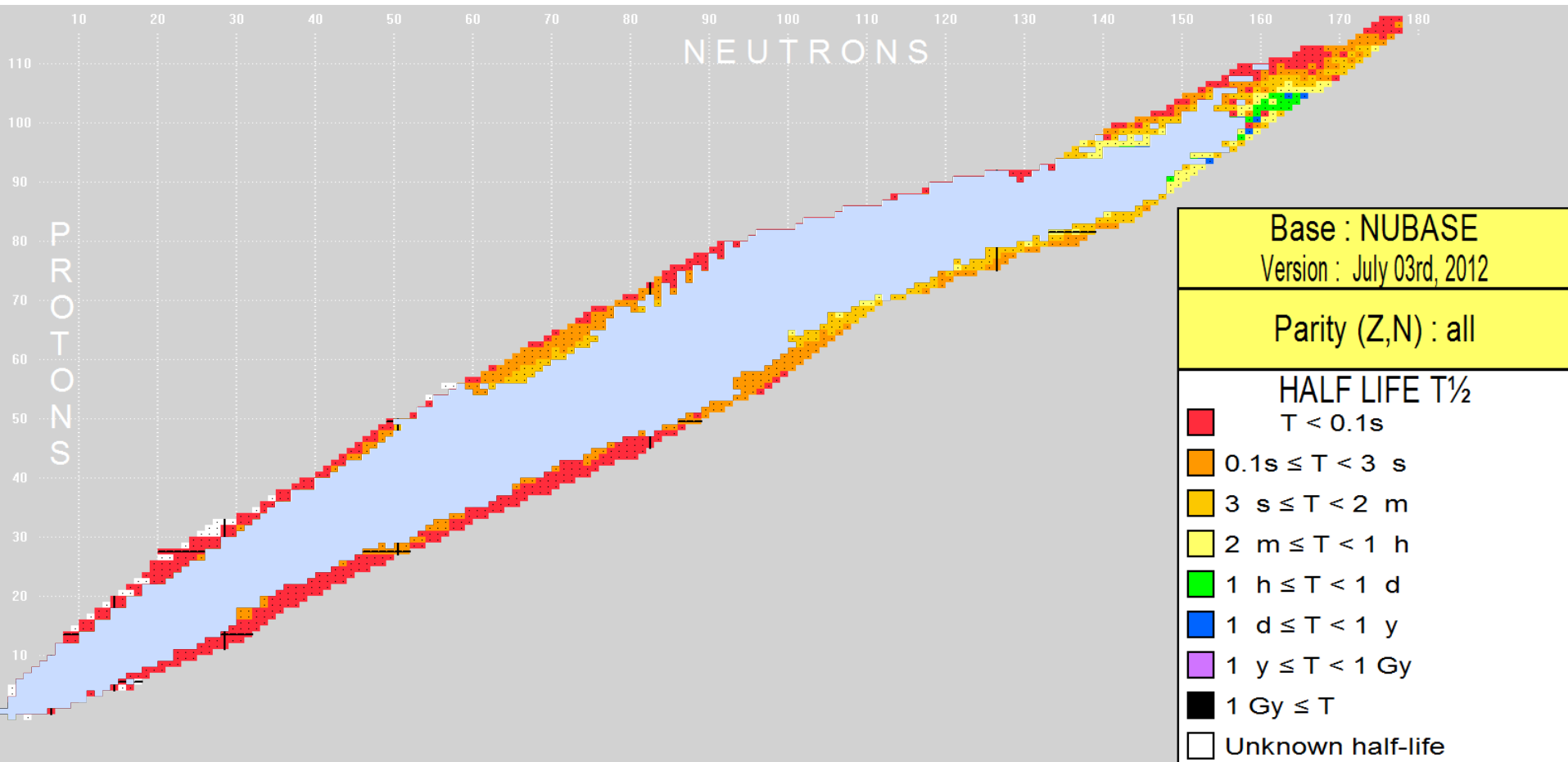


Nuclides measured by ISOLTRAP

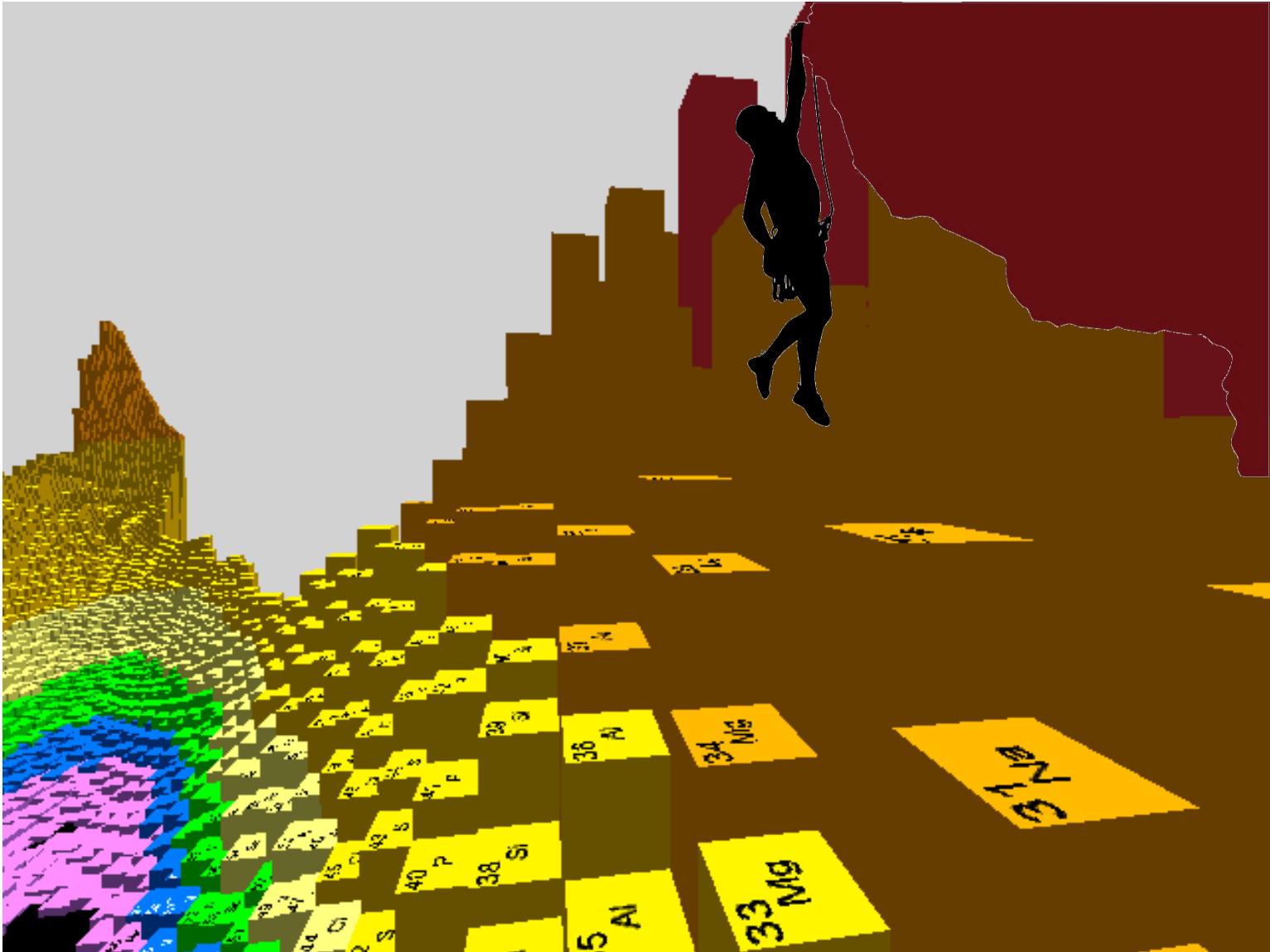


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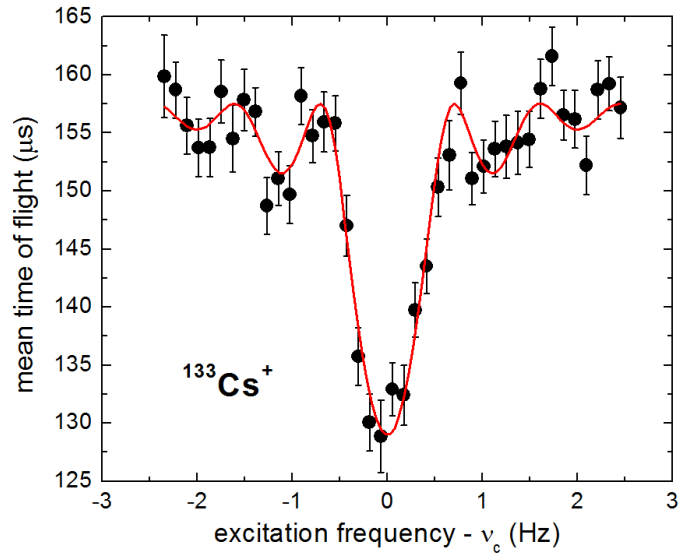
- The nuclides of unknown mass.



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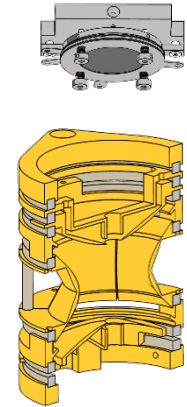
ISOLTRAP spectrometer



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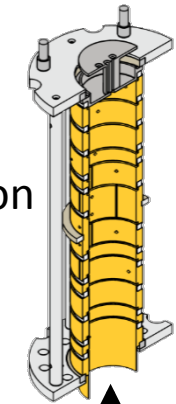
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Yield > 1000 / s
Half-life > 50 ms
Precision $\sim 2 \times 10^{-8}$



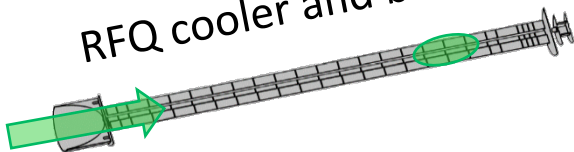
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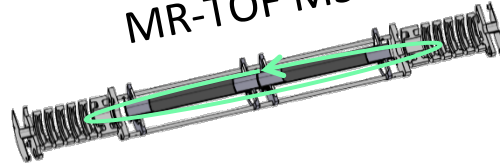
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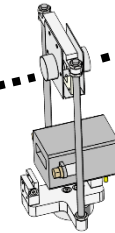


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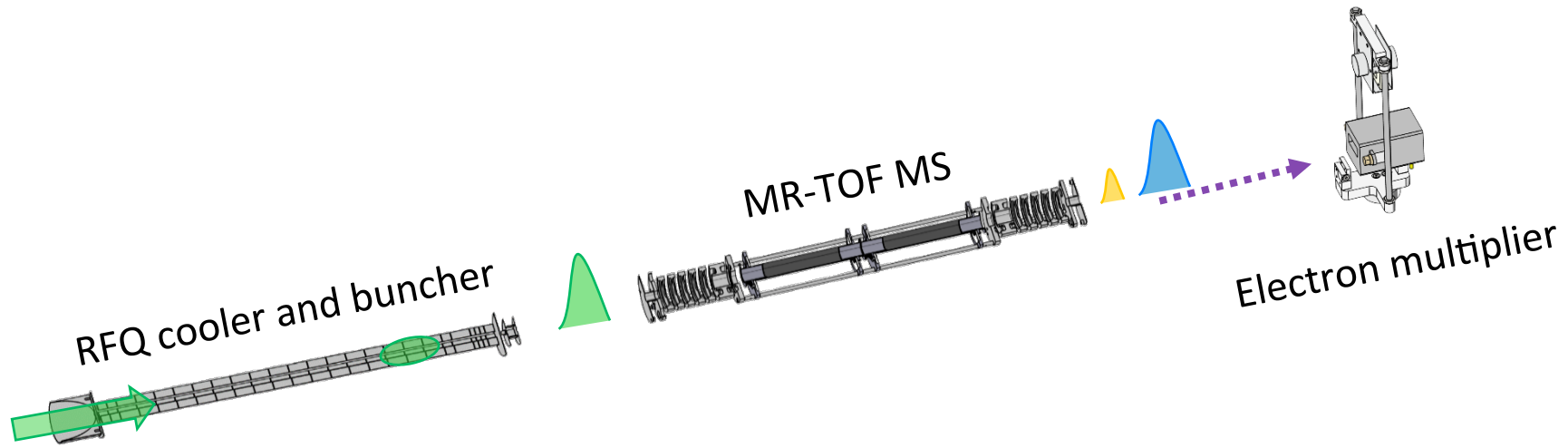


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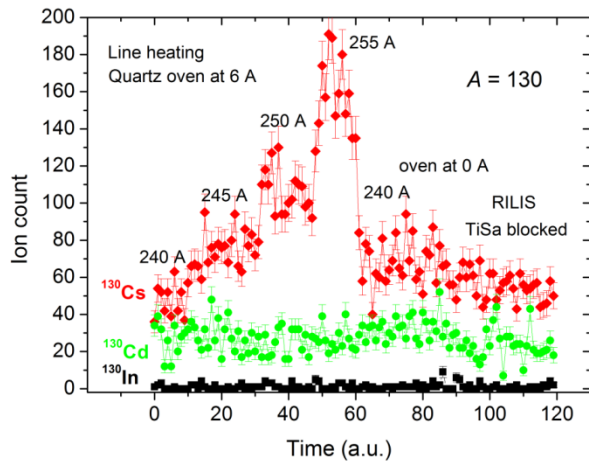


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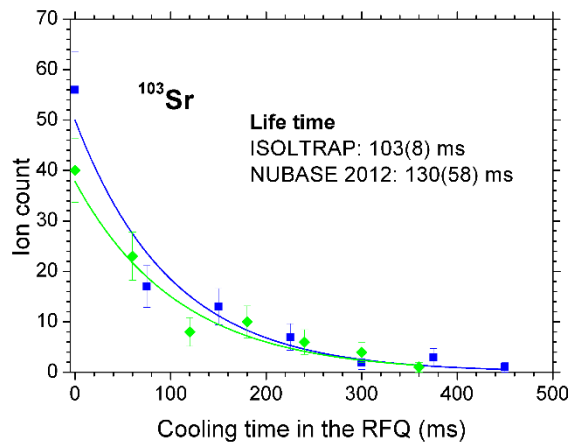
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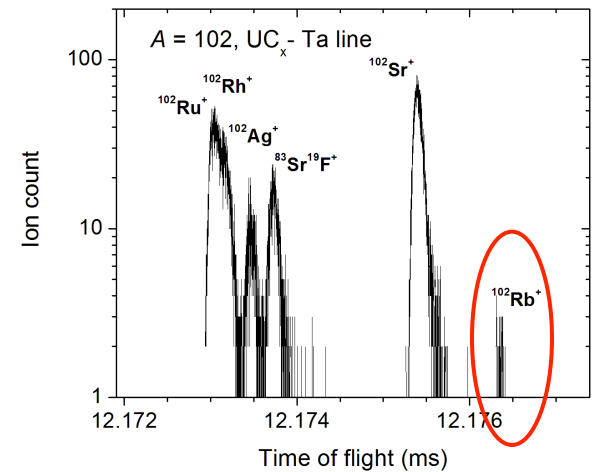
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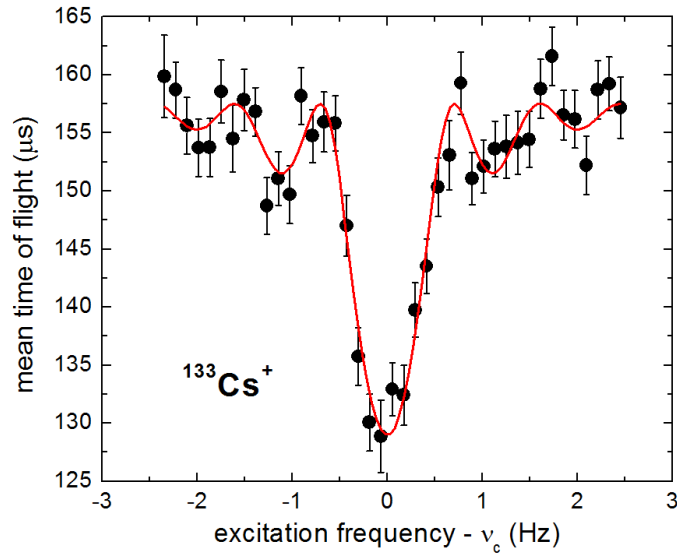
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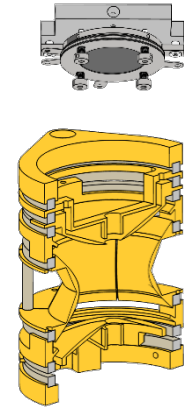
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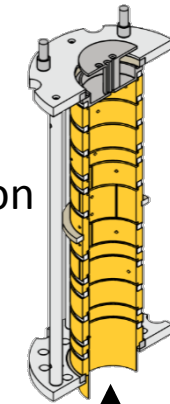
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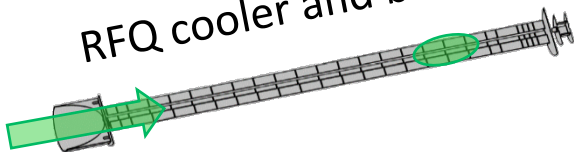
Preparation trap

Yield > 1 / s
Half-life > 10 ms
Precision $\sim 2 \times 10^{-7}$



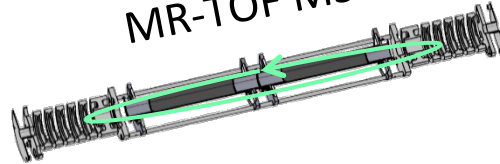
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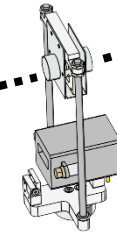


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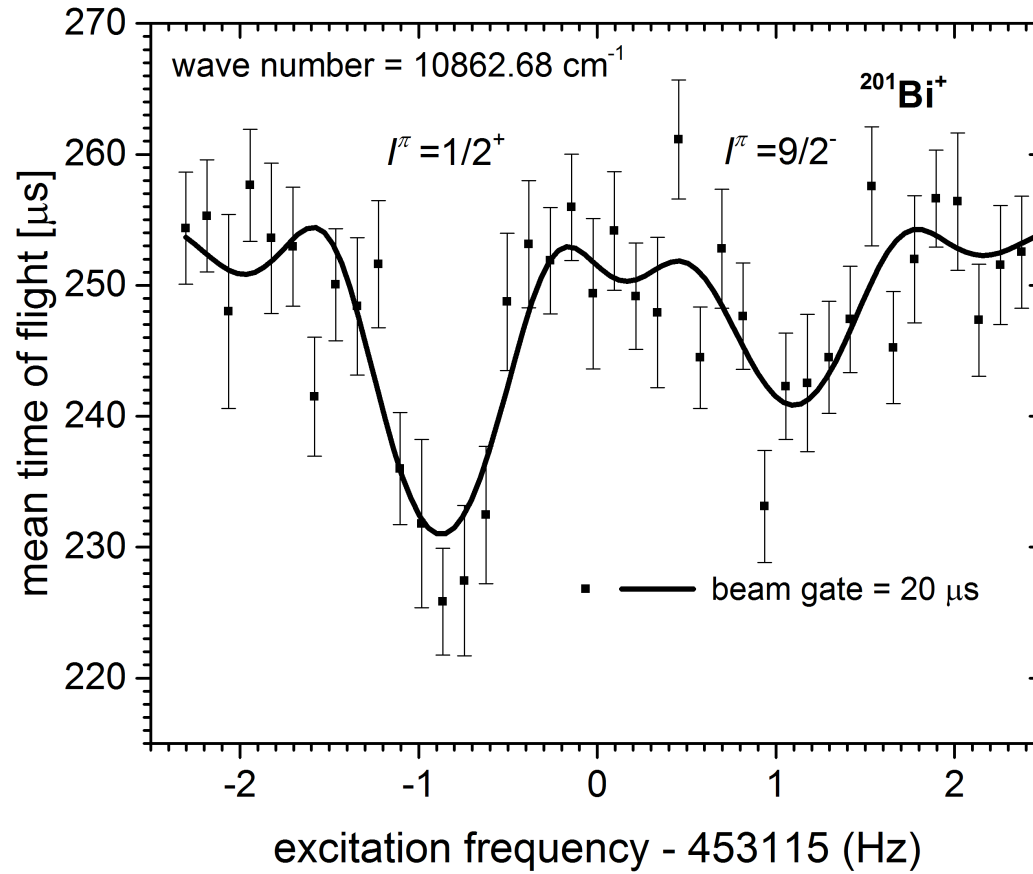


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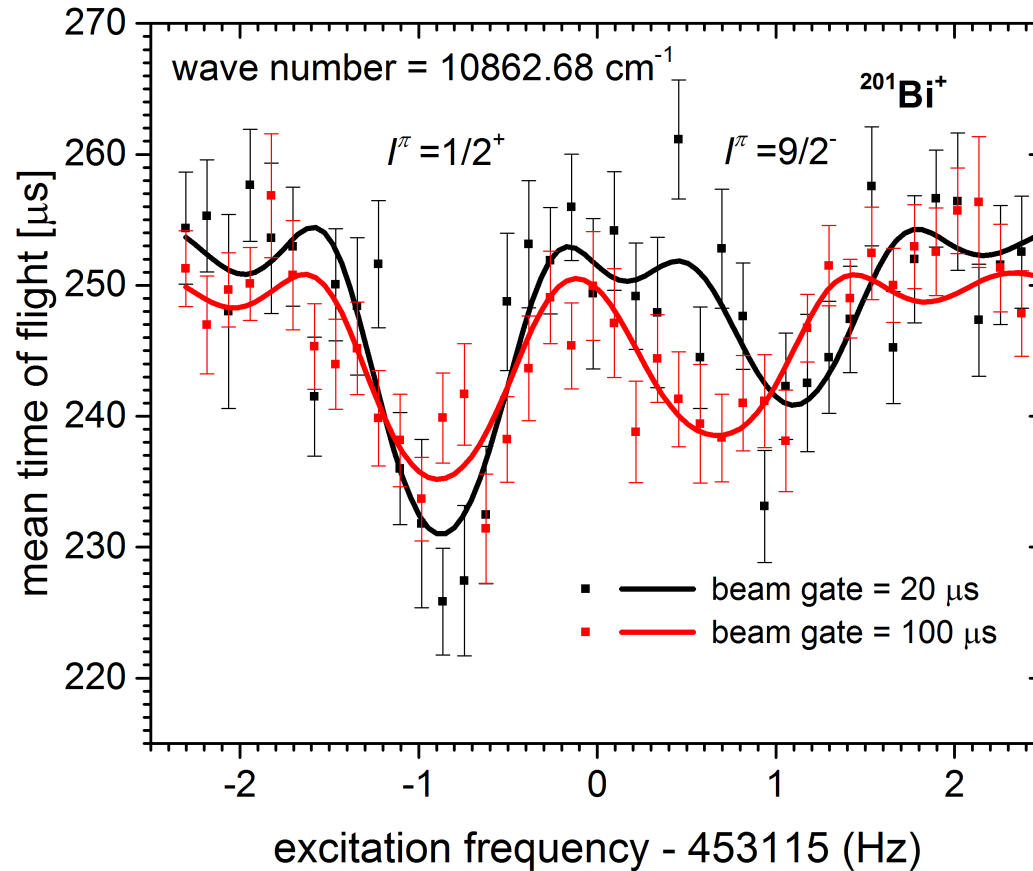


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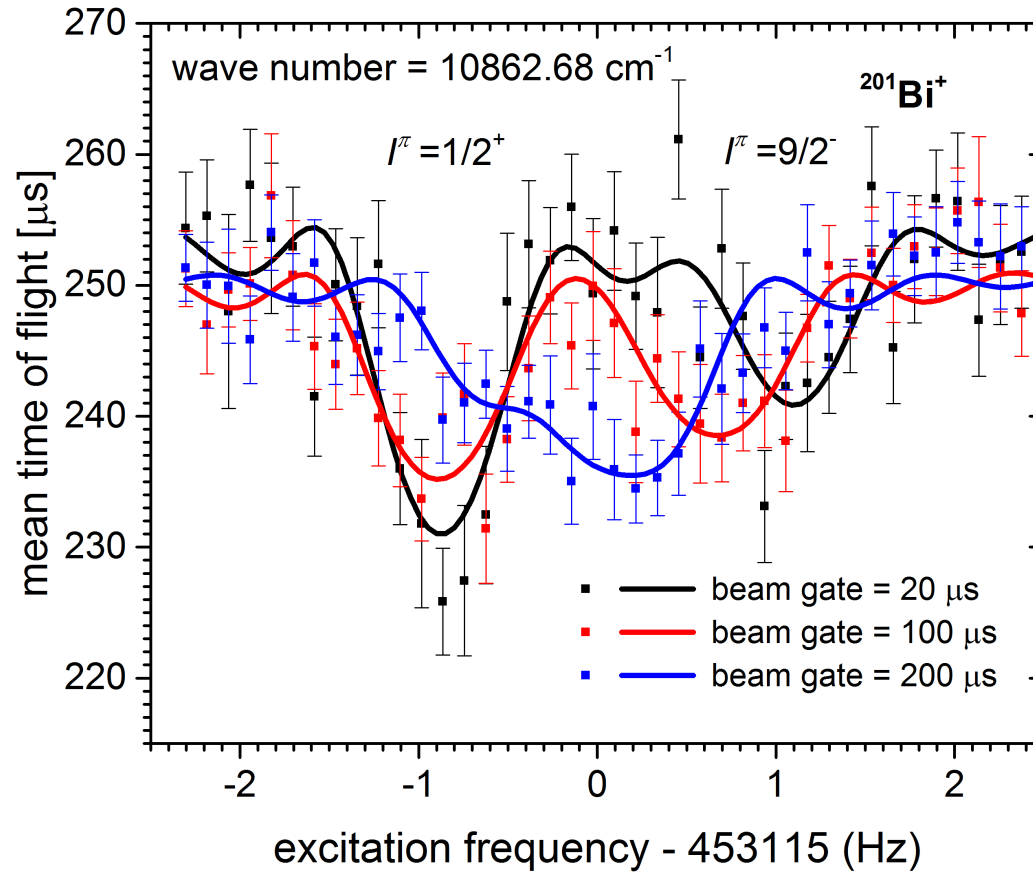


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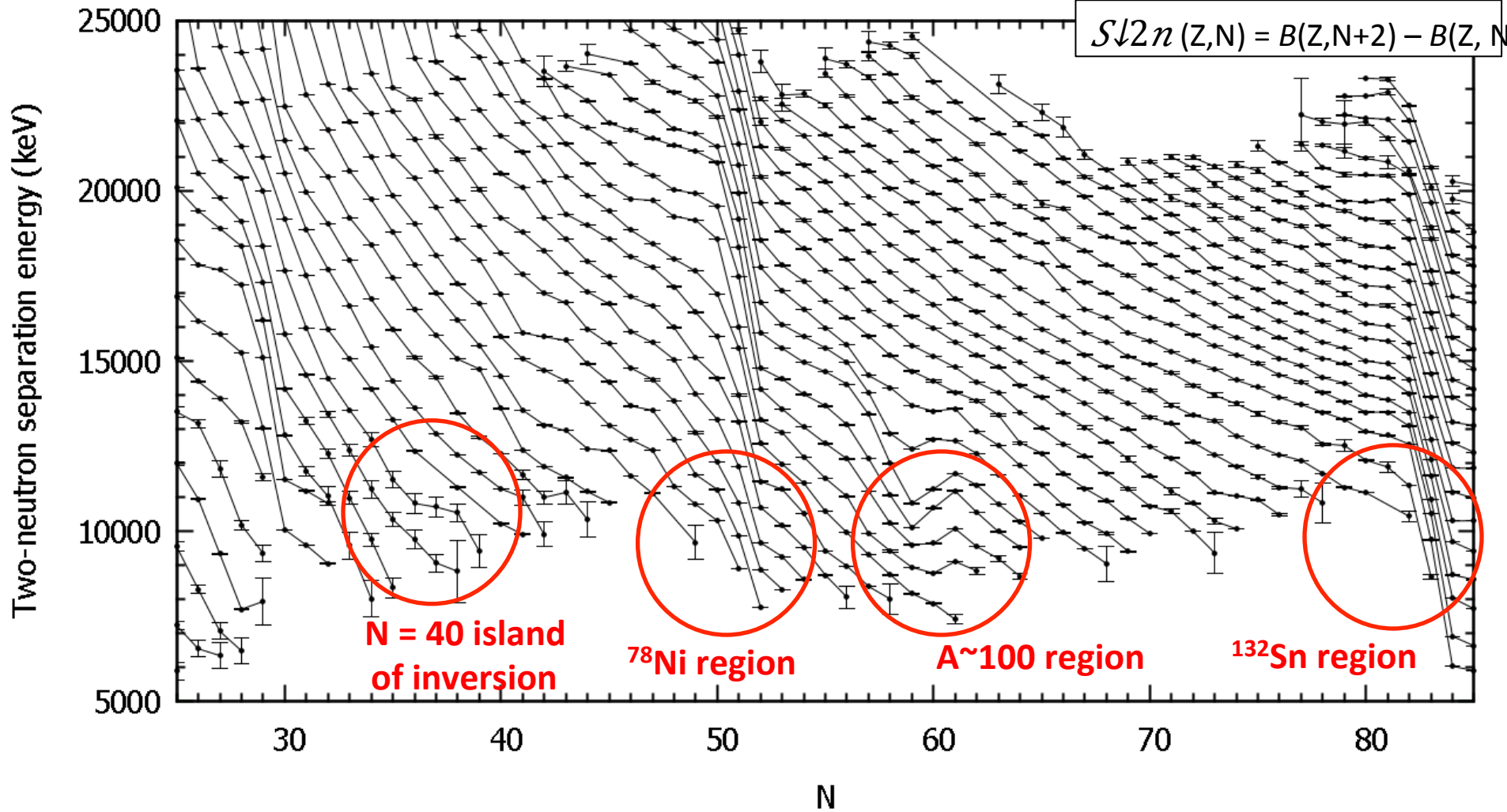
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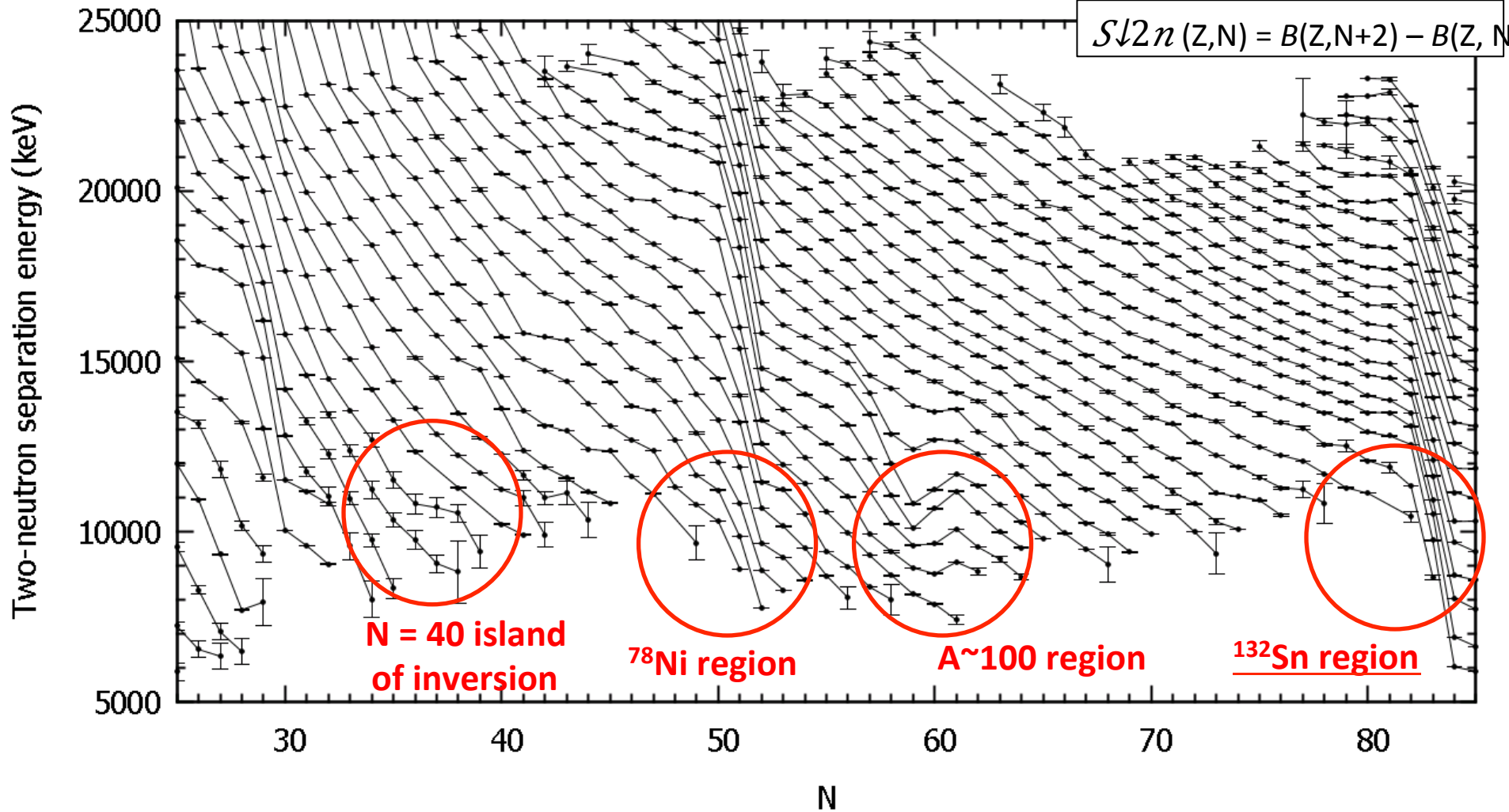
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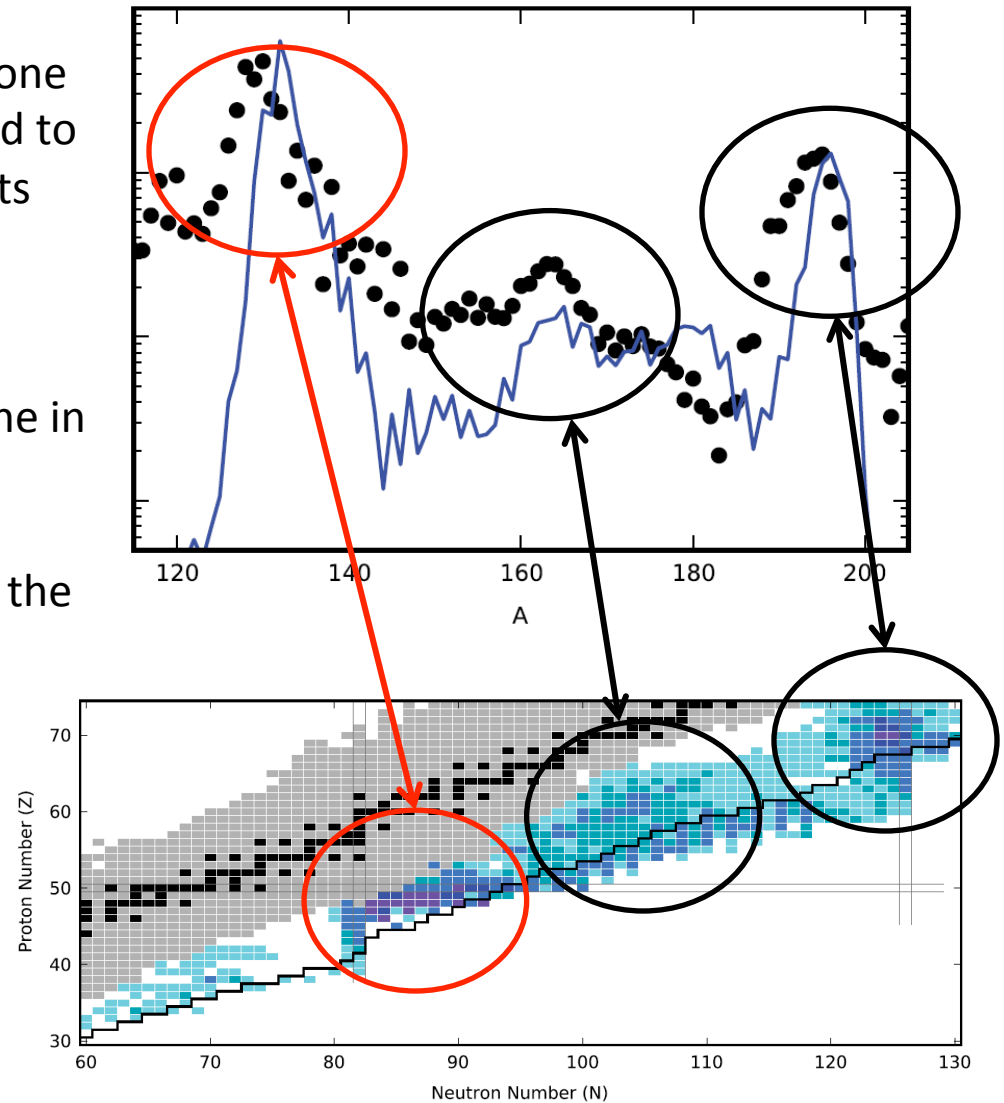


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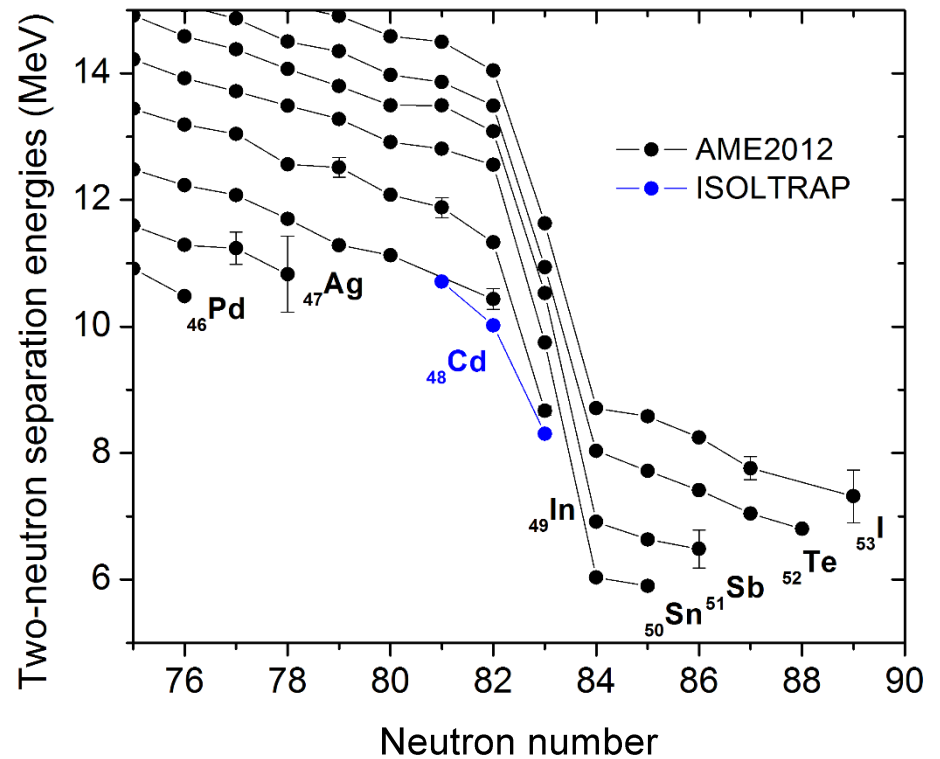
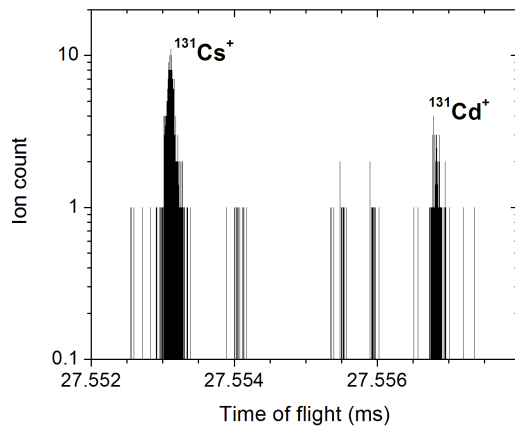
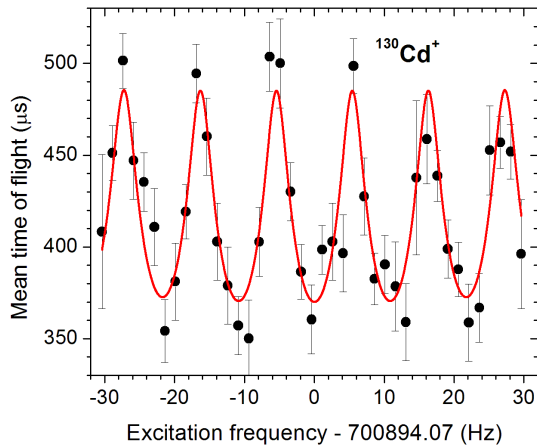
Neutron-rich cadmium isotopes

- The **rapid neutron-capture process** is one of the important mechanisms proposed to explain the nucleosynthesis of elements heavier than iron.
- **Atomic masses** are a crucial input for r-process simulations.
- The masses of $^{>129}\text{Cd}$ isotopes intervene in the description of the $A = 130$ peak of isotopic abundance.
- $^{128-132}\text{Cd}$ masses reveal the strength of the $N = 82$ magic number below $Z = 50$.



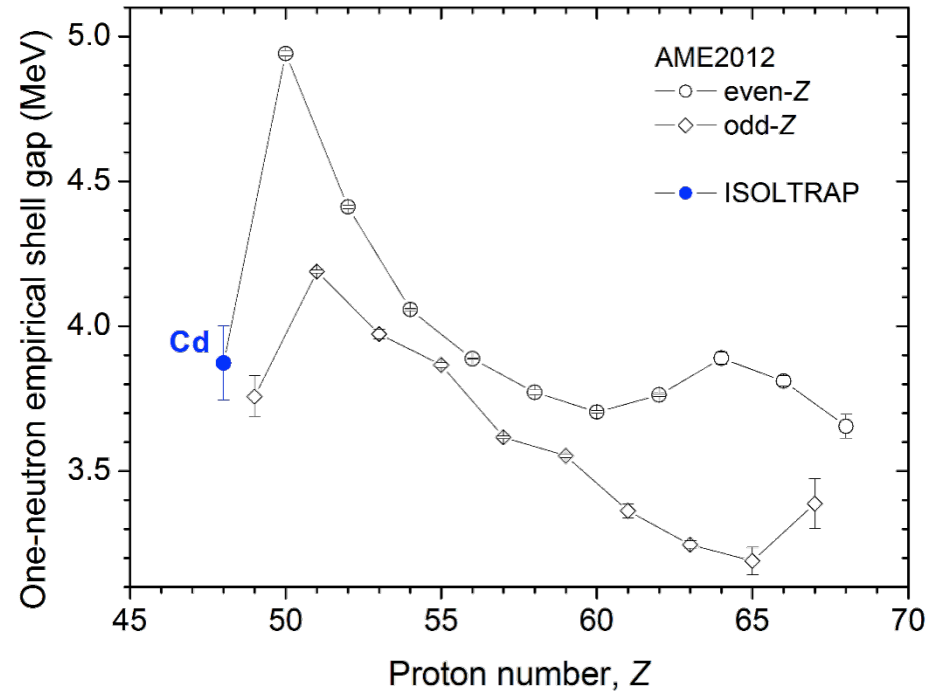
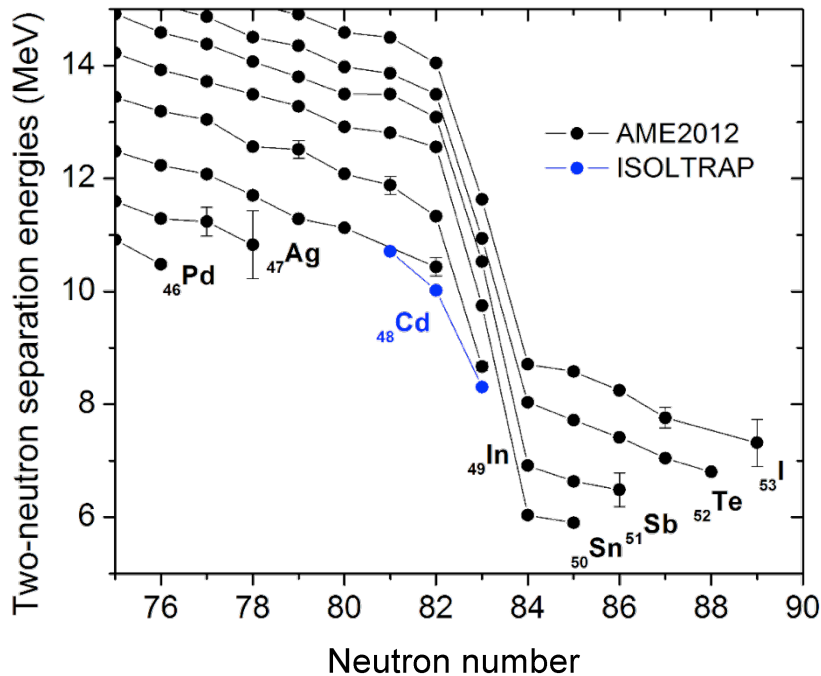
Mass measurements of $^{129-131}\text{Cd}$

- N-rich cadmium beams from UC_x with neutron converter and cold quartz line.
- Masses of $^{129-130}\text{Cd}$ were determined with the precision Penning trap, of ^{131}Cd with the MR-TOF MS.



Mass measurements of $^{129-131}\text{Cd}$

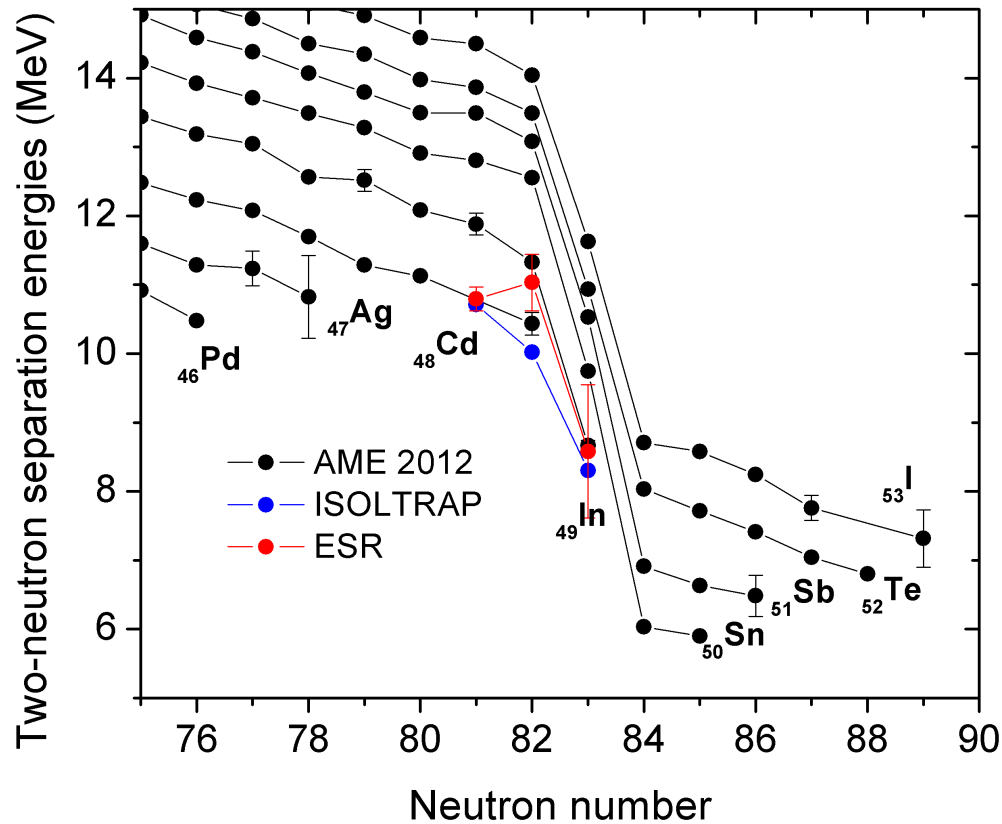
- Because we are missing the mass of ^{132}Cd , we can only compute the one-neutron shell gap.



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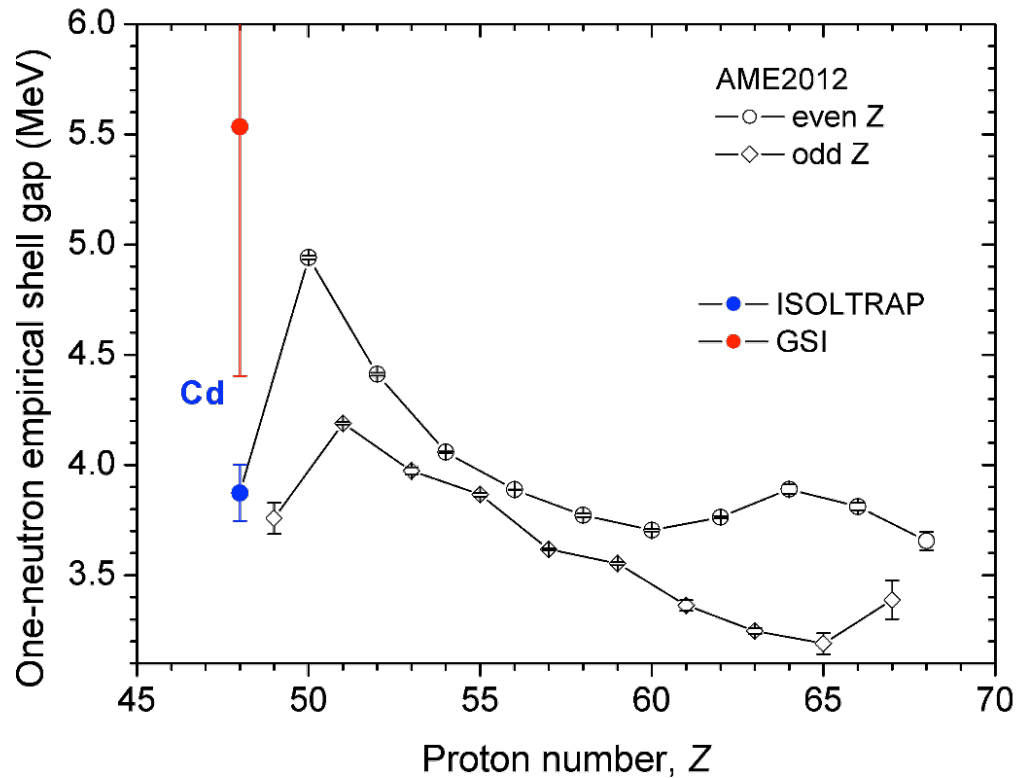
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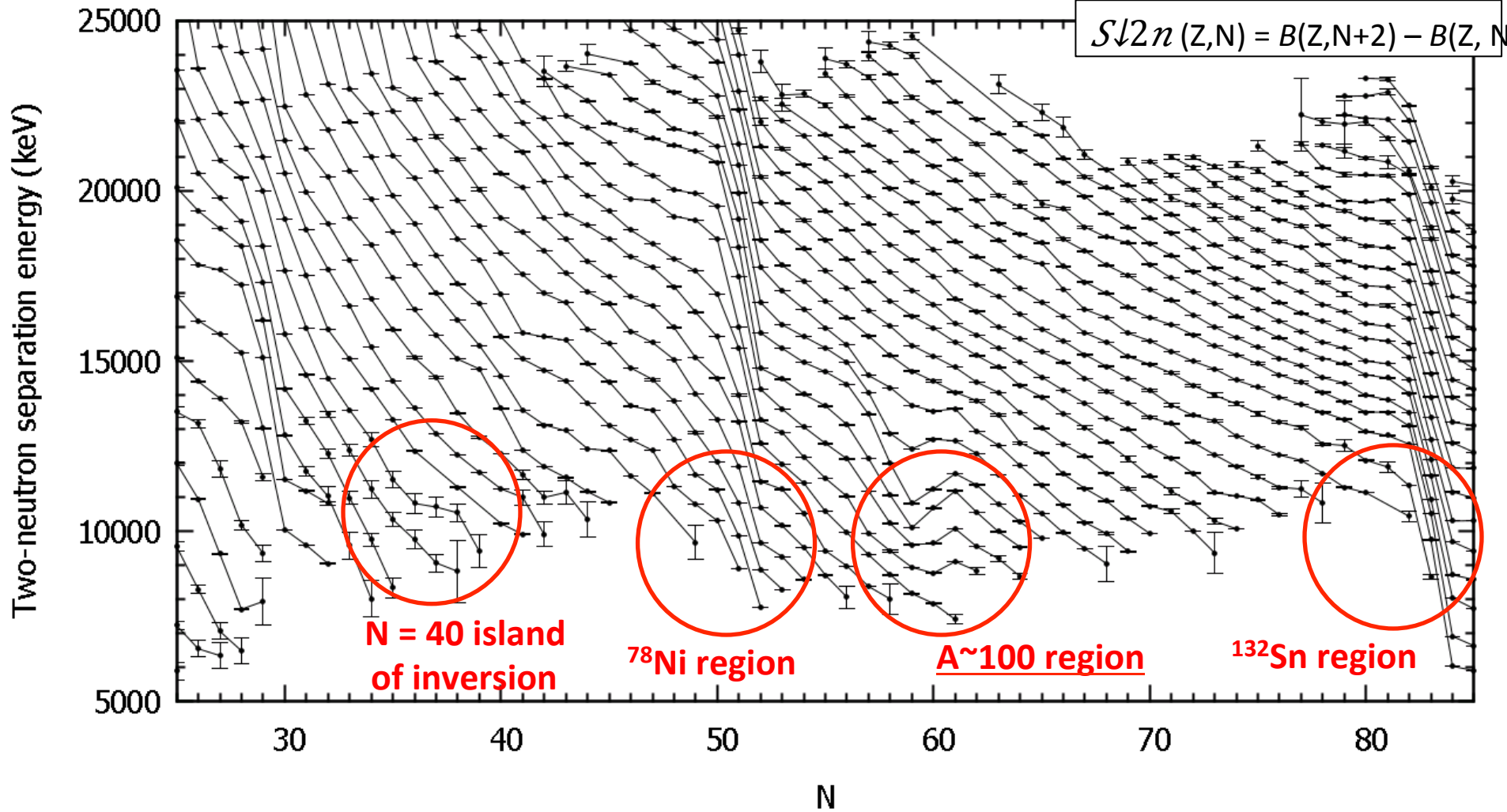
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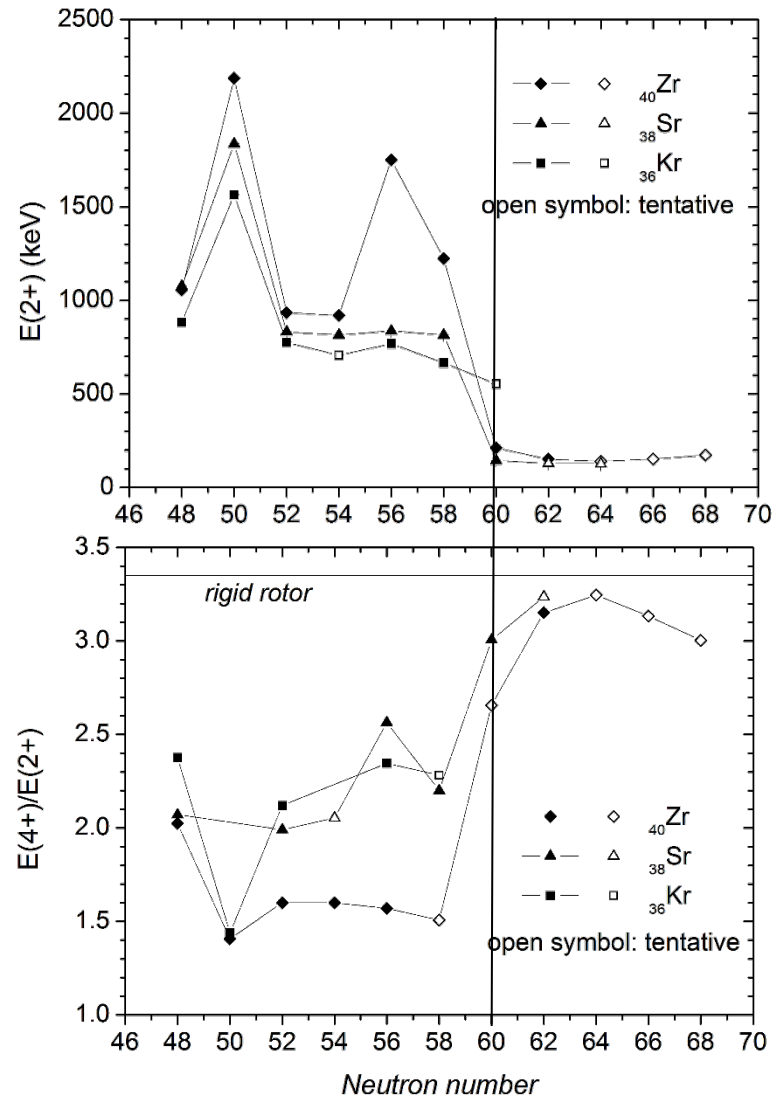
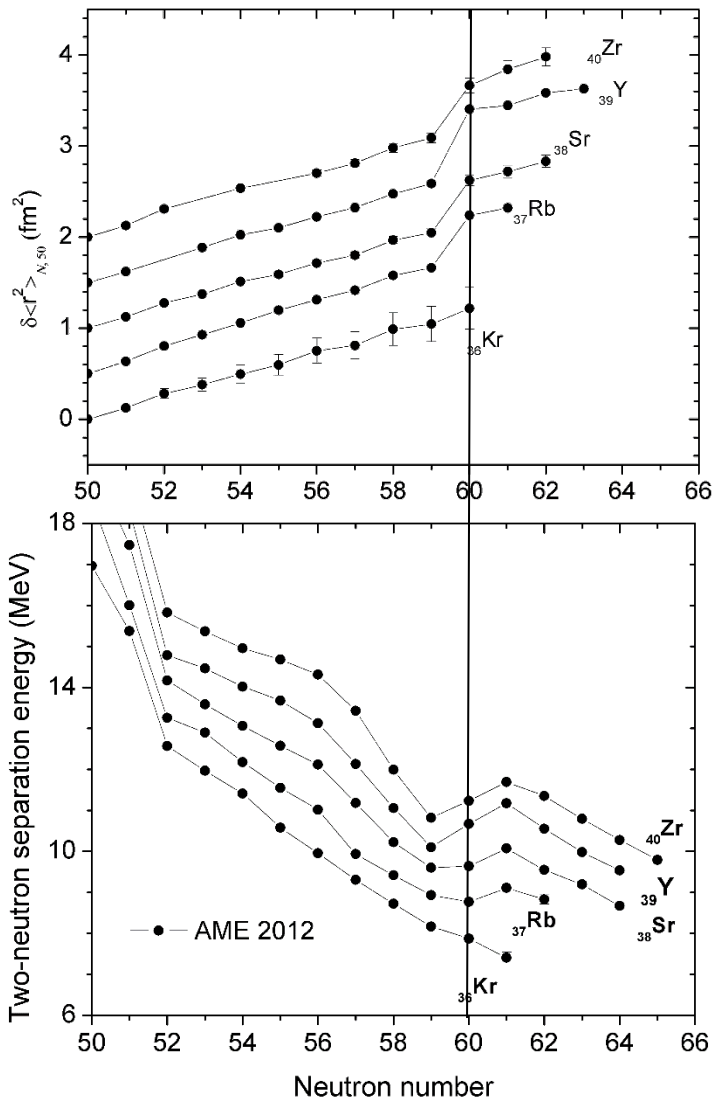


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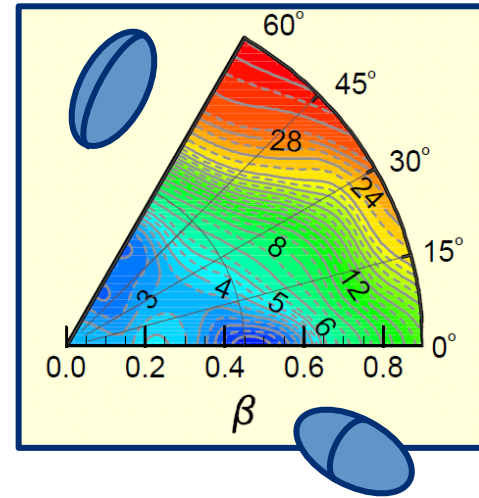
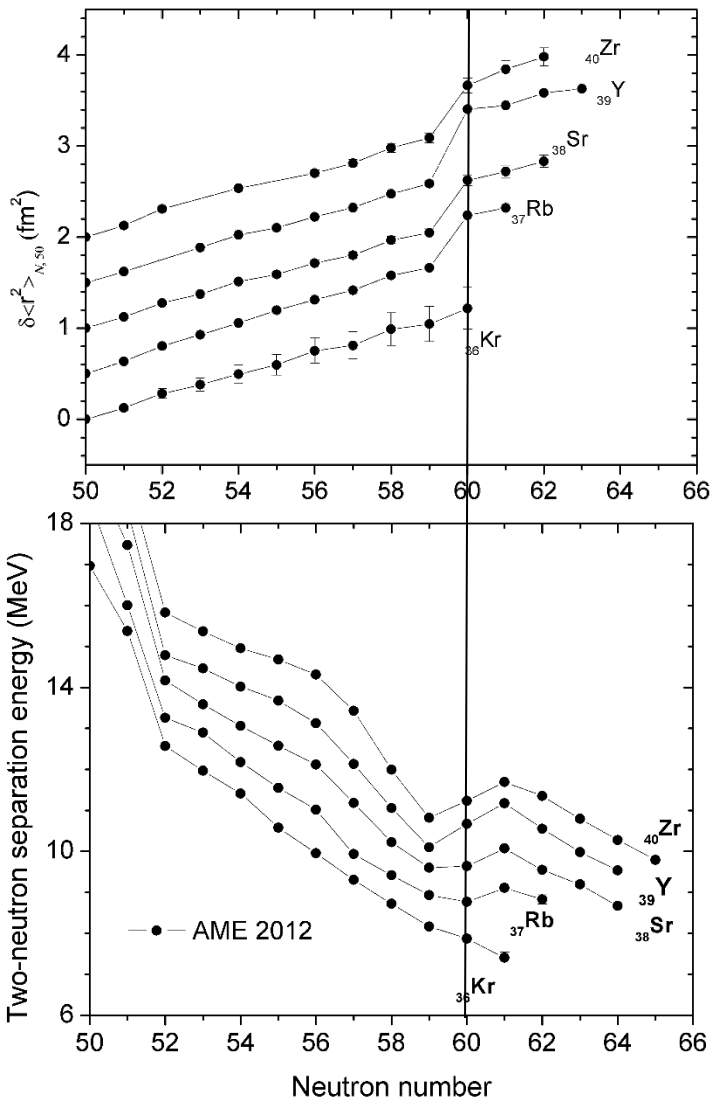


A ≈ 100 nuclides: onset of collectivity at $N = 60$

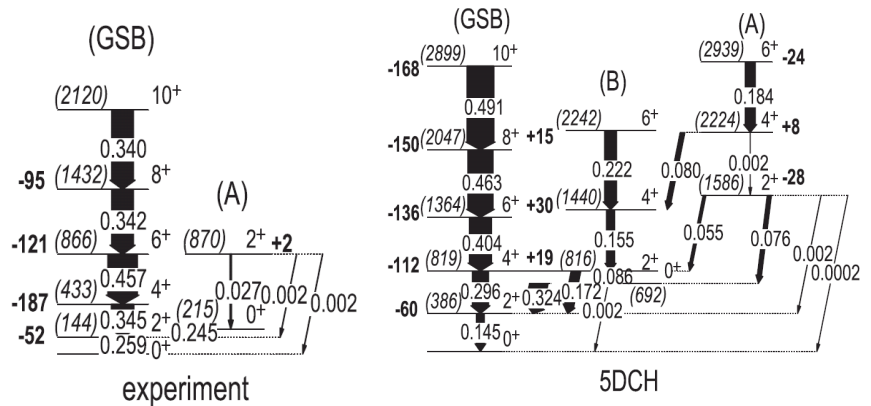


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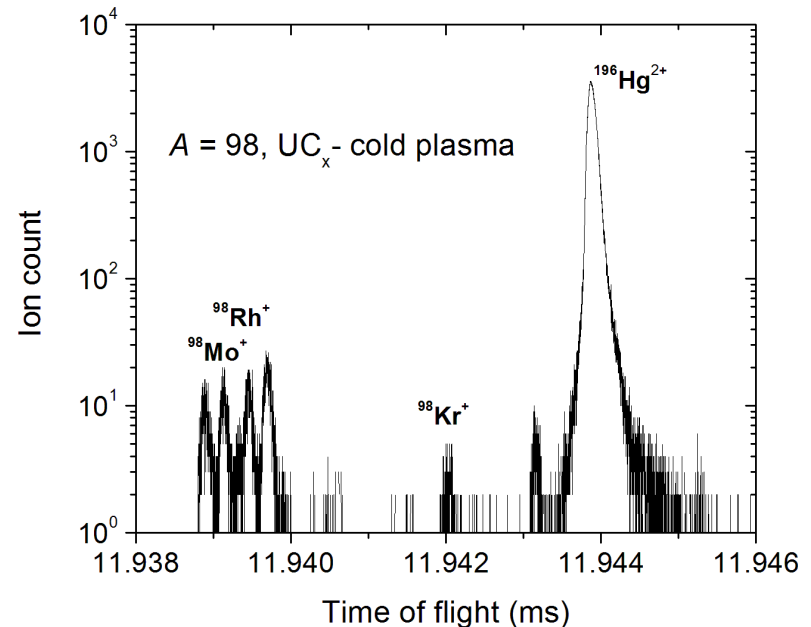
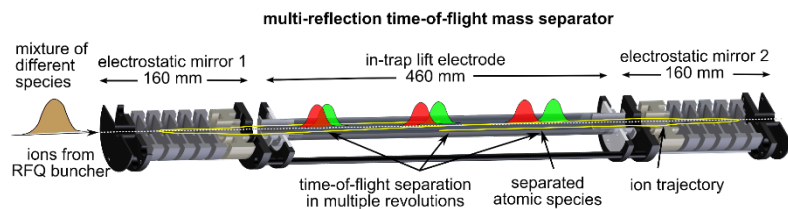
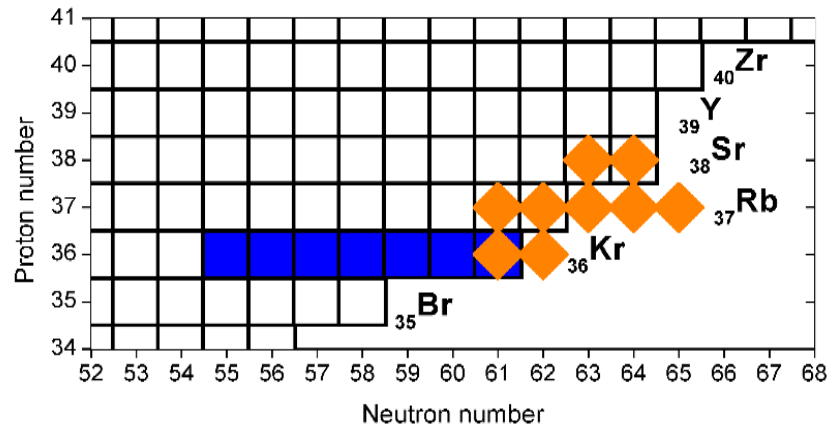
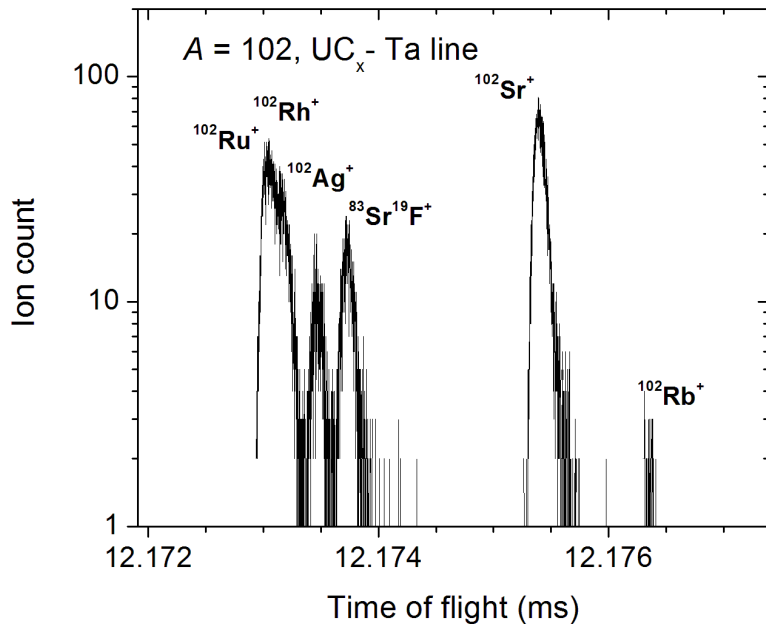


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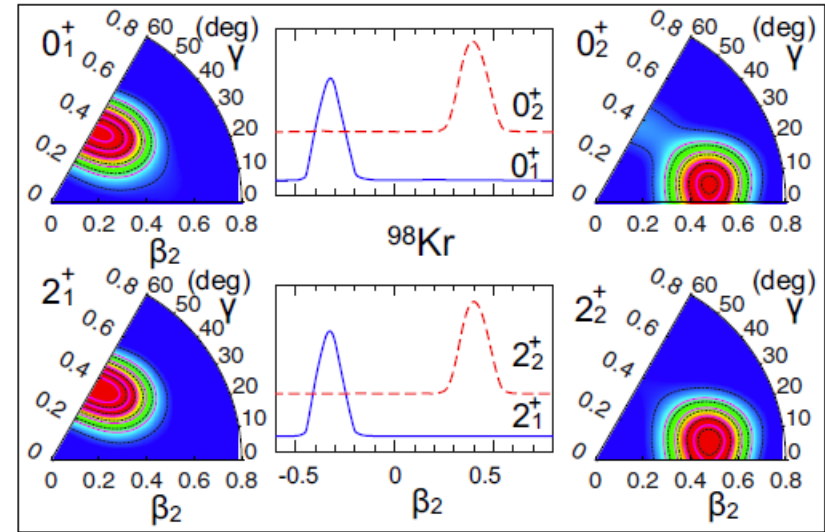
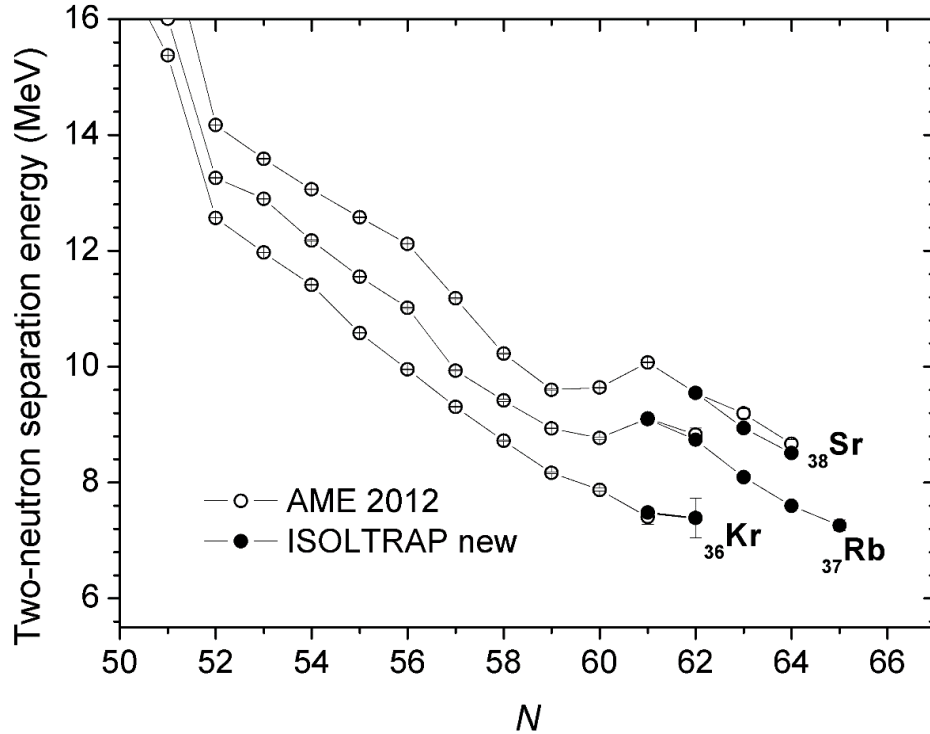


Masses of neutron-rich nuclides in the $A \approx 100$ region

- Three campaigns in the $A \approx 100$ region during the last four years.
- $^{101,102}\text{Sr}$, $^{98-100}\text{Rb}$, ^{97}Kr measured with Penning trap, $^{100-102}\text{Rb}$, ^{98}Kr with MR-TOF MS.



Two-neutron separation energies around $A \approx 100$



- New ISOLTRAP data continue the previous trends in the Sr and Rb chains. More precise measurements in the Kr chain are needed.
- Beyond-mean-field calculations show that the Kr configurations don't mix strongly in the ground state.

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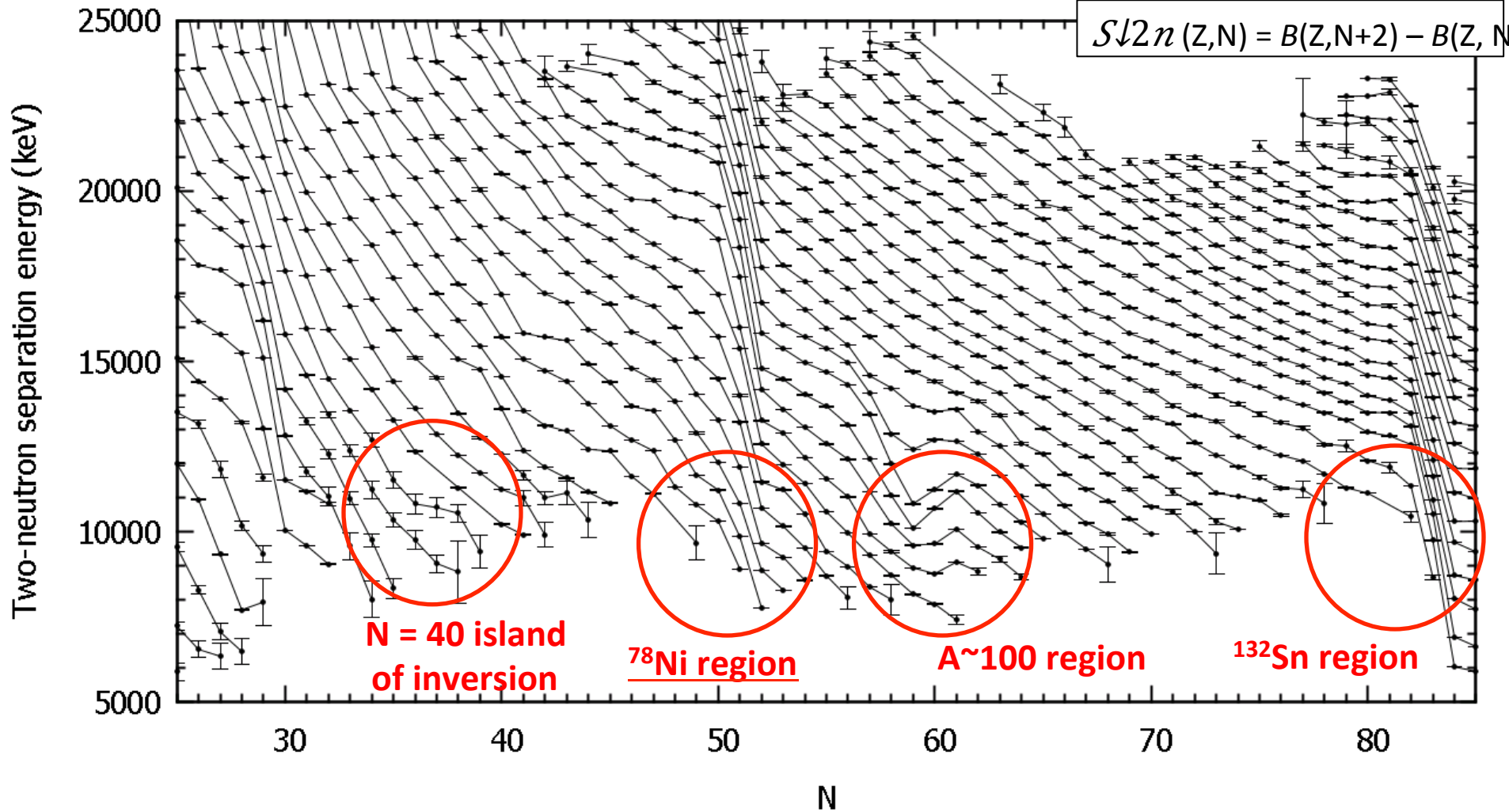
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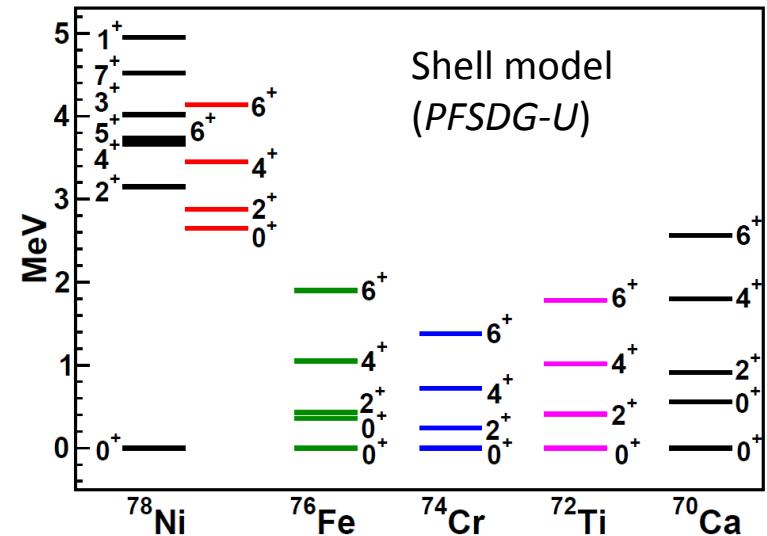
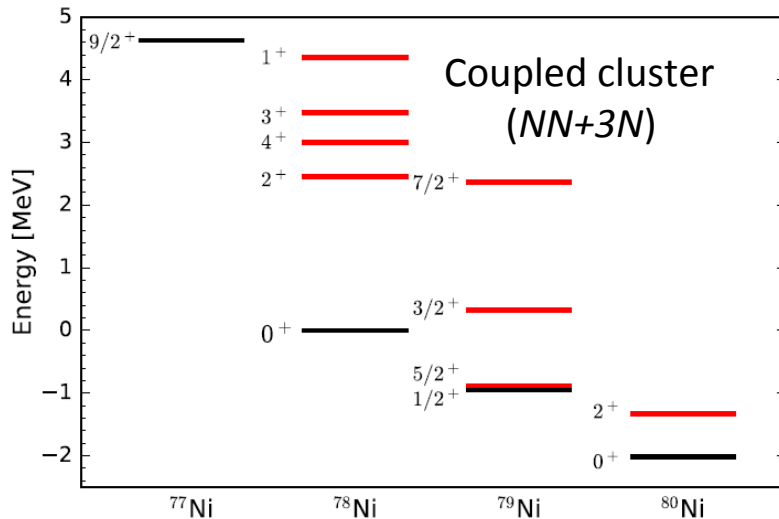
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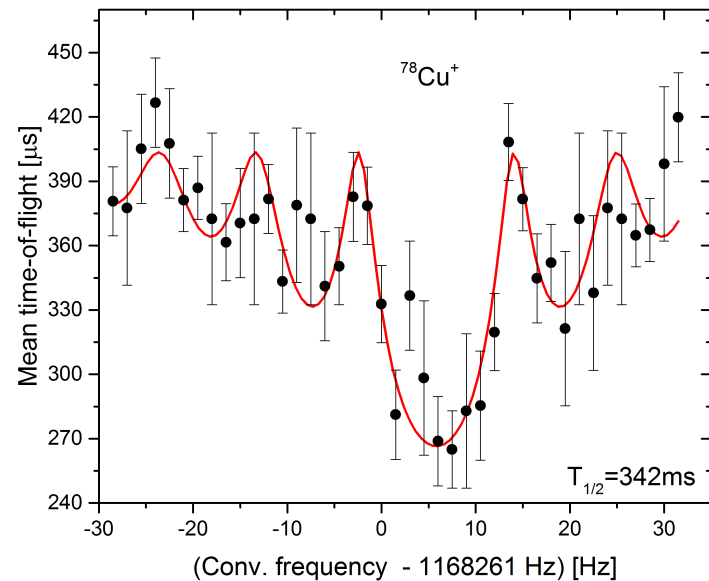
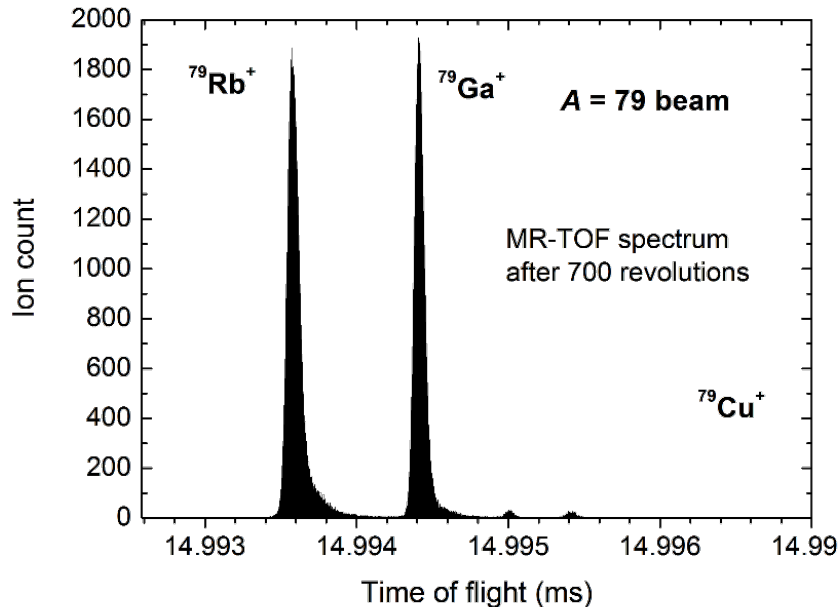
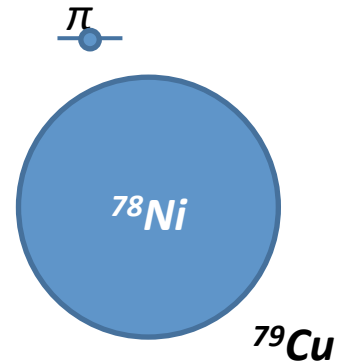
- ^{78}Ni region is (re-)becoming a hot topic with the emergence of new data and new calculations.
- The expectation is that ^{78}Ni is **doubly-magic** but that shell-model requires **cross-shell excitations** (proton and neutron) to describe the properties of neighbouring nuclides.



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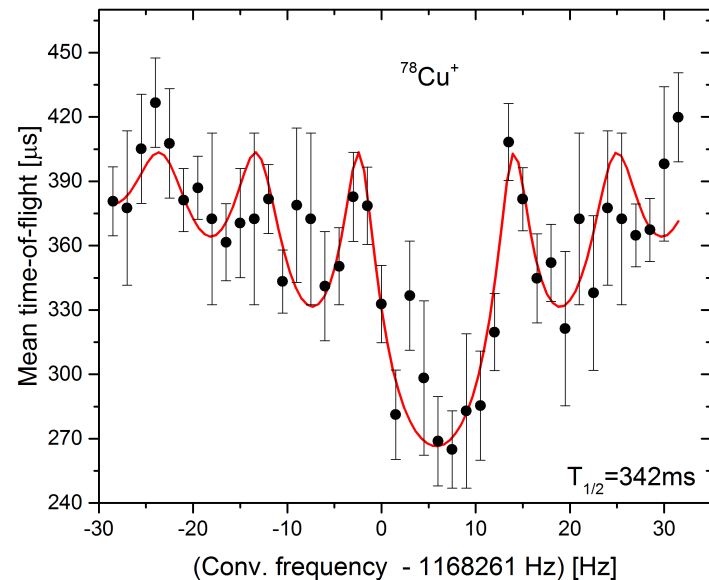
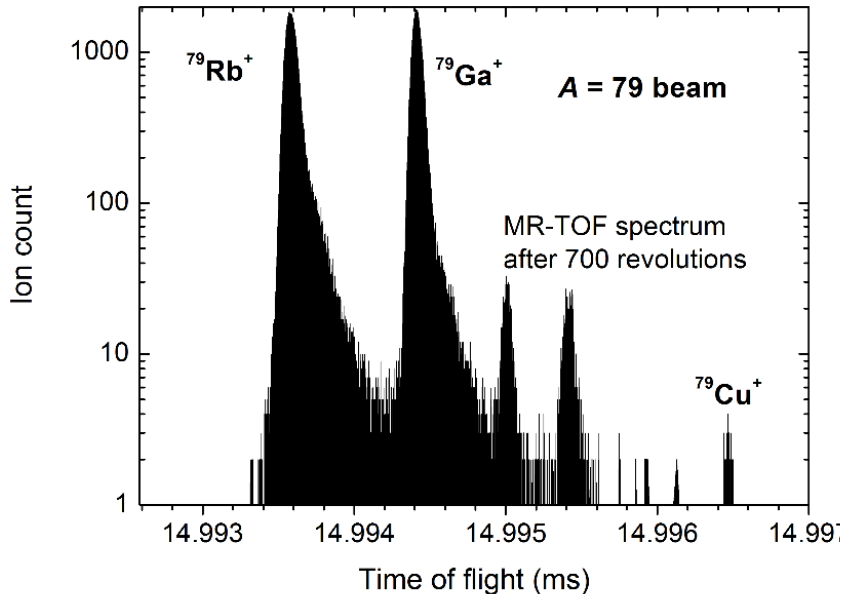
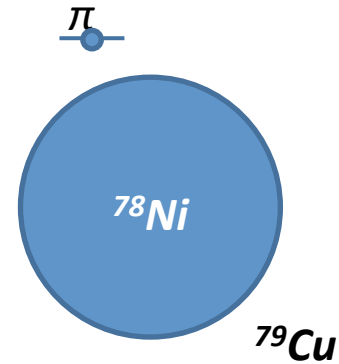
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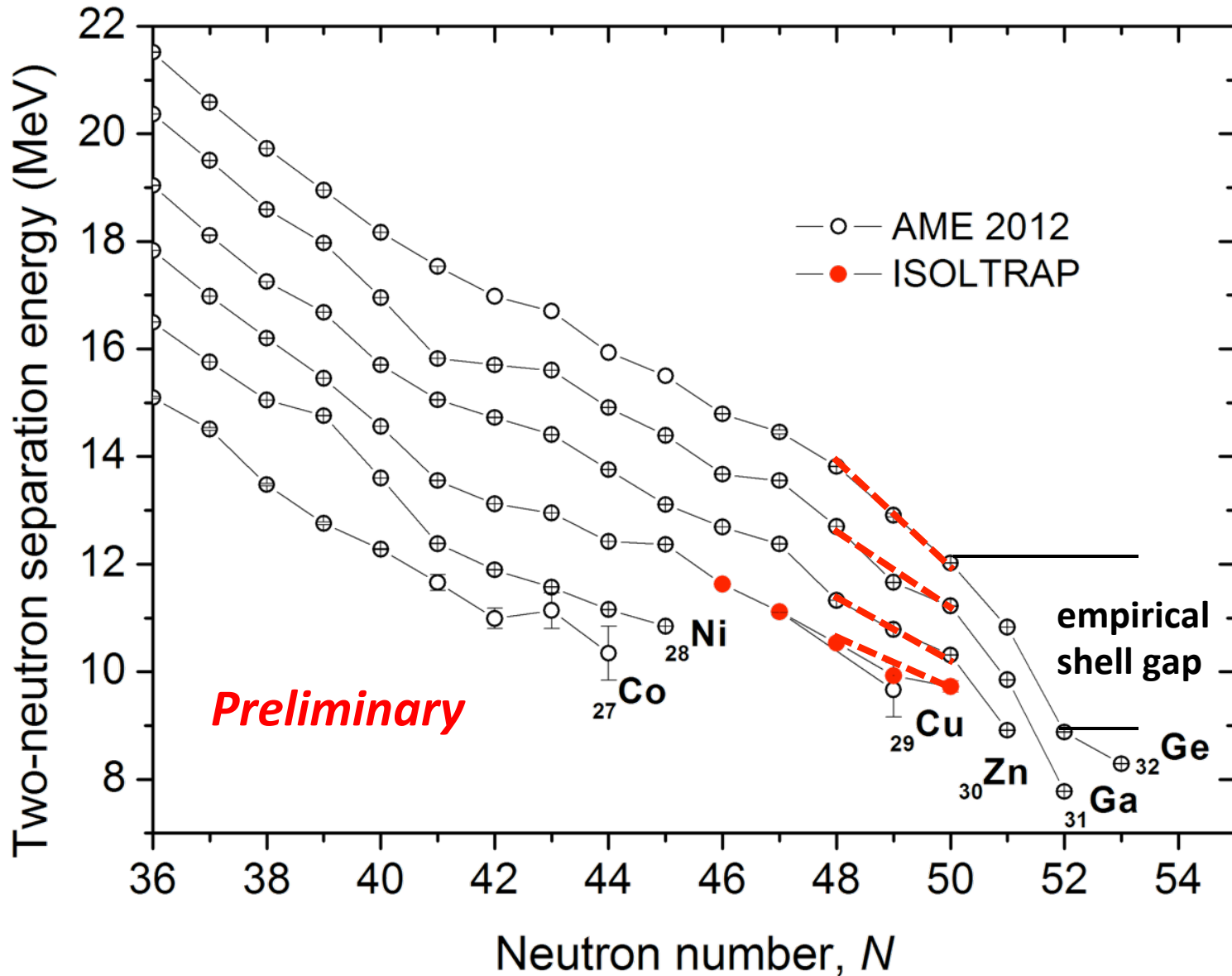
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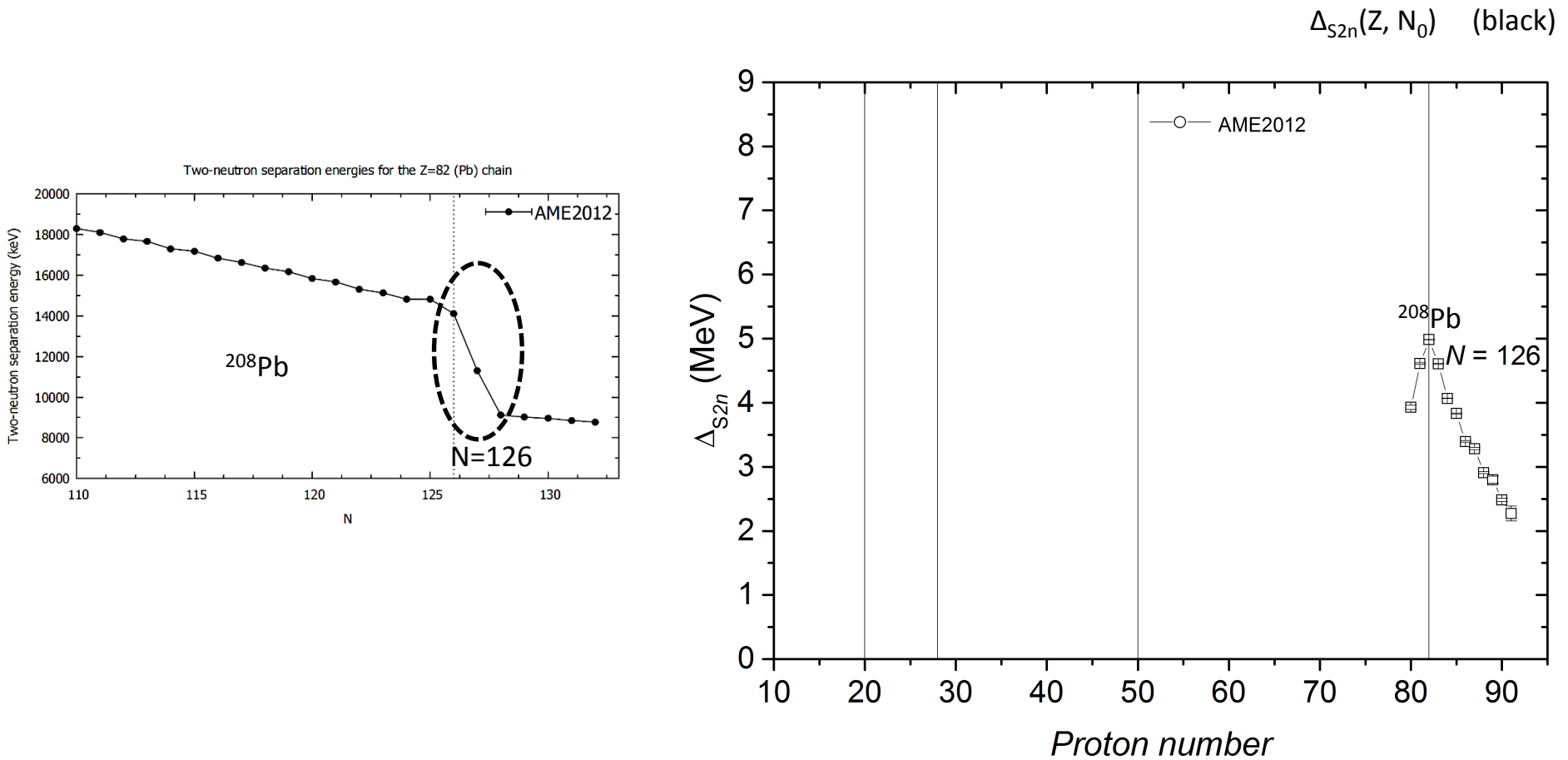


What can't and what can we tell?



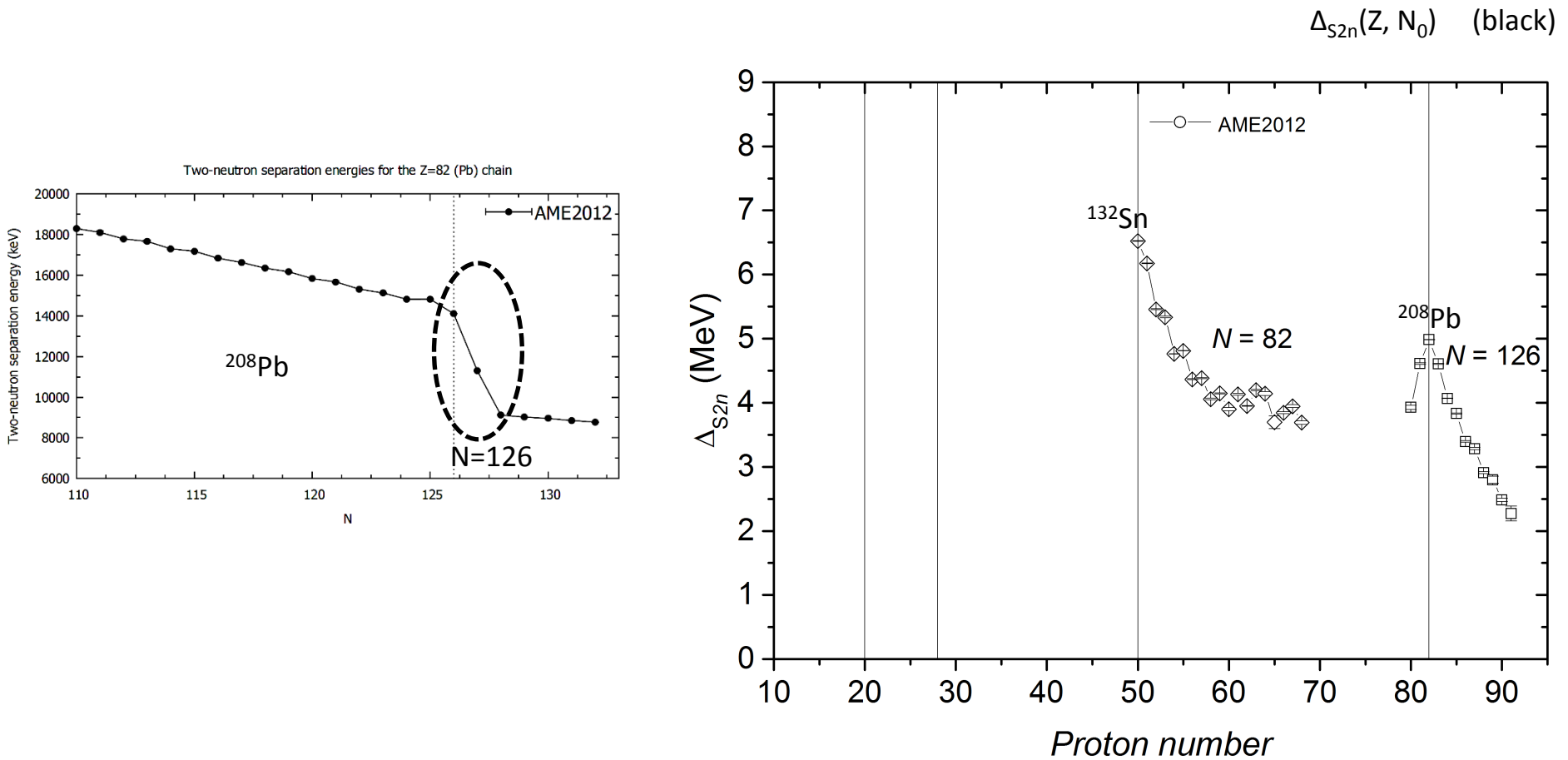
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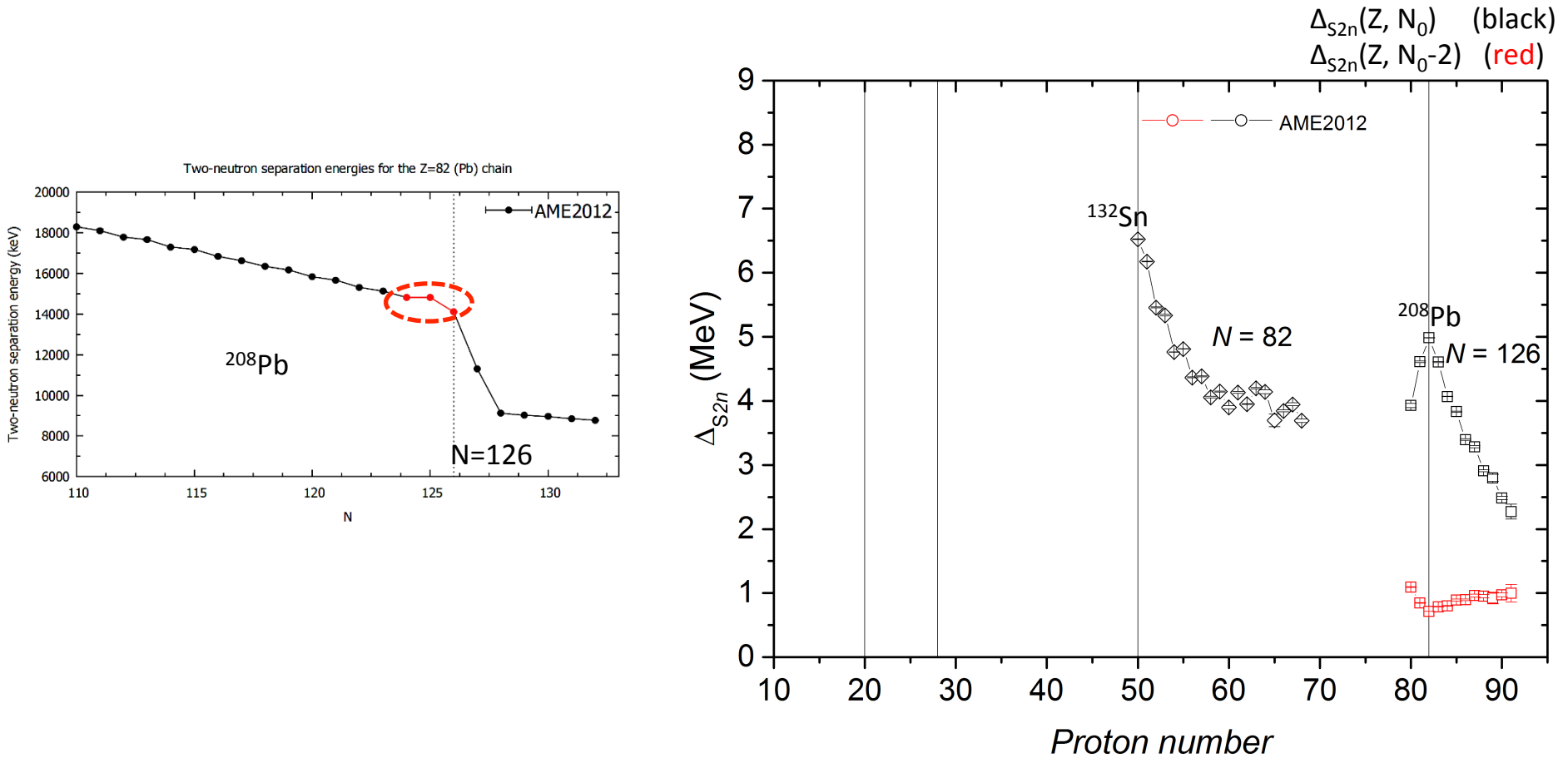
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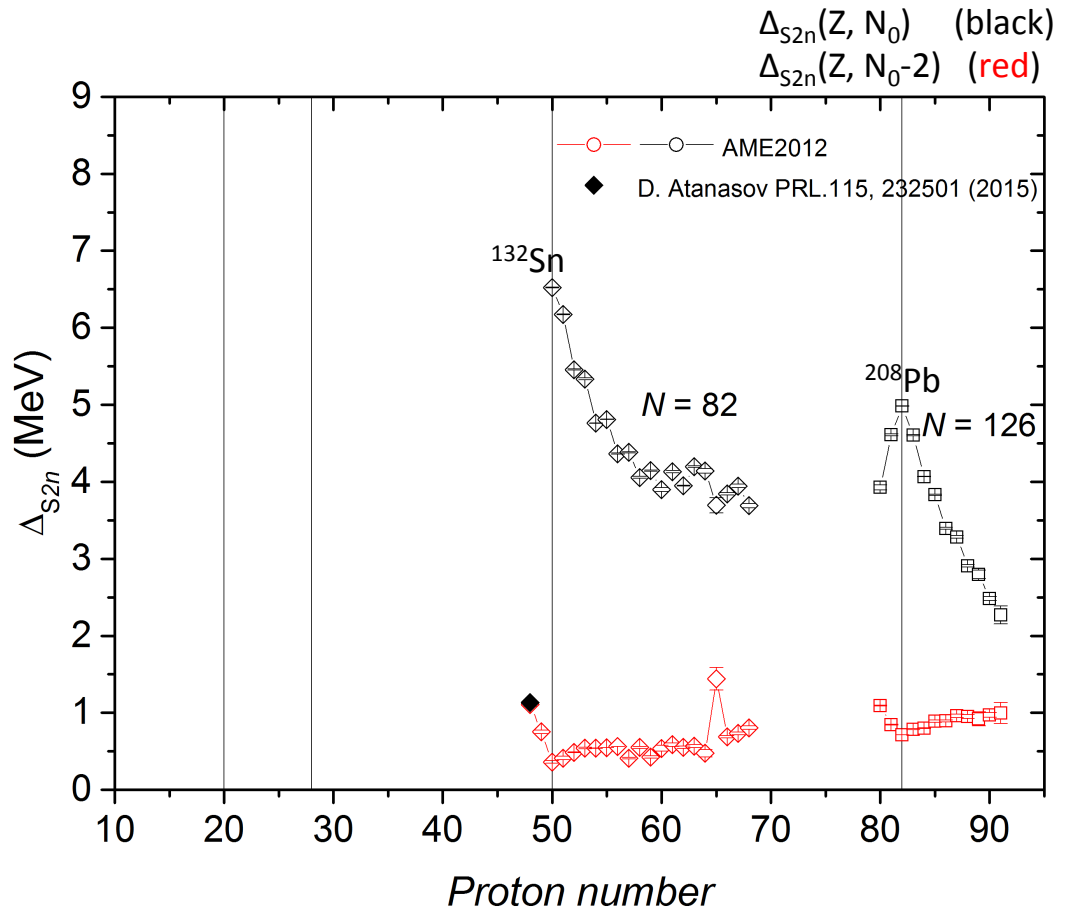
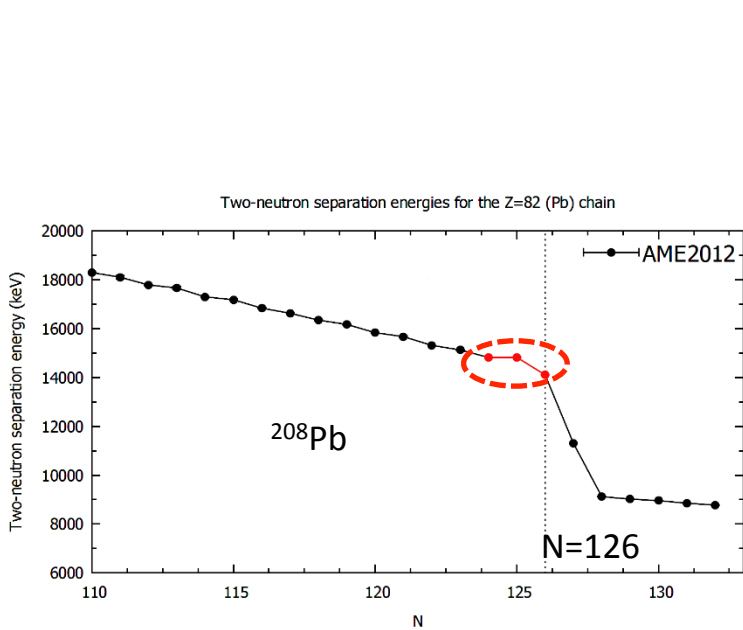
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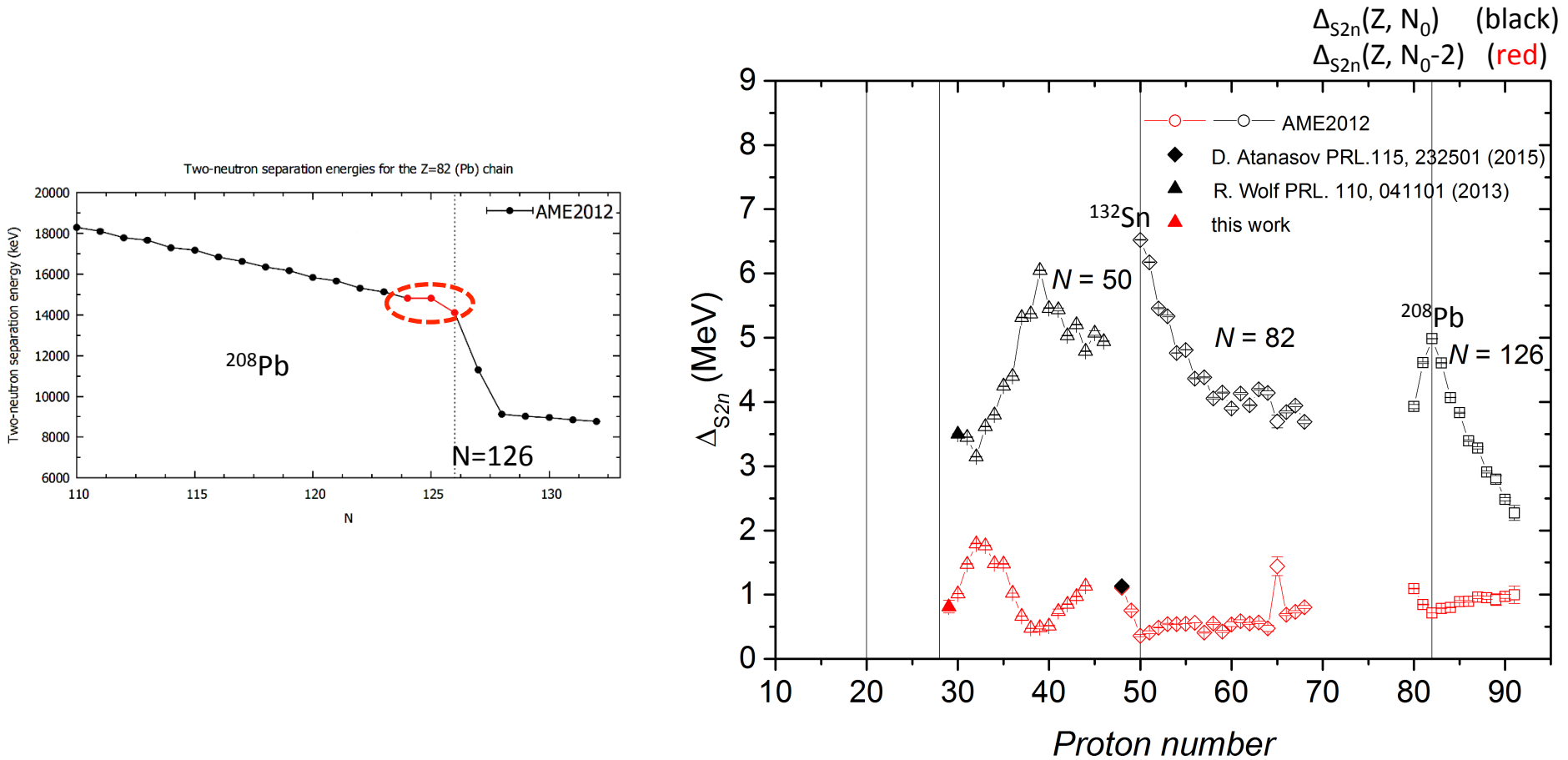
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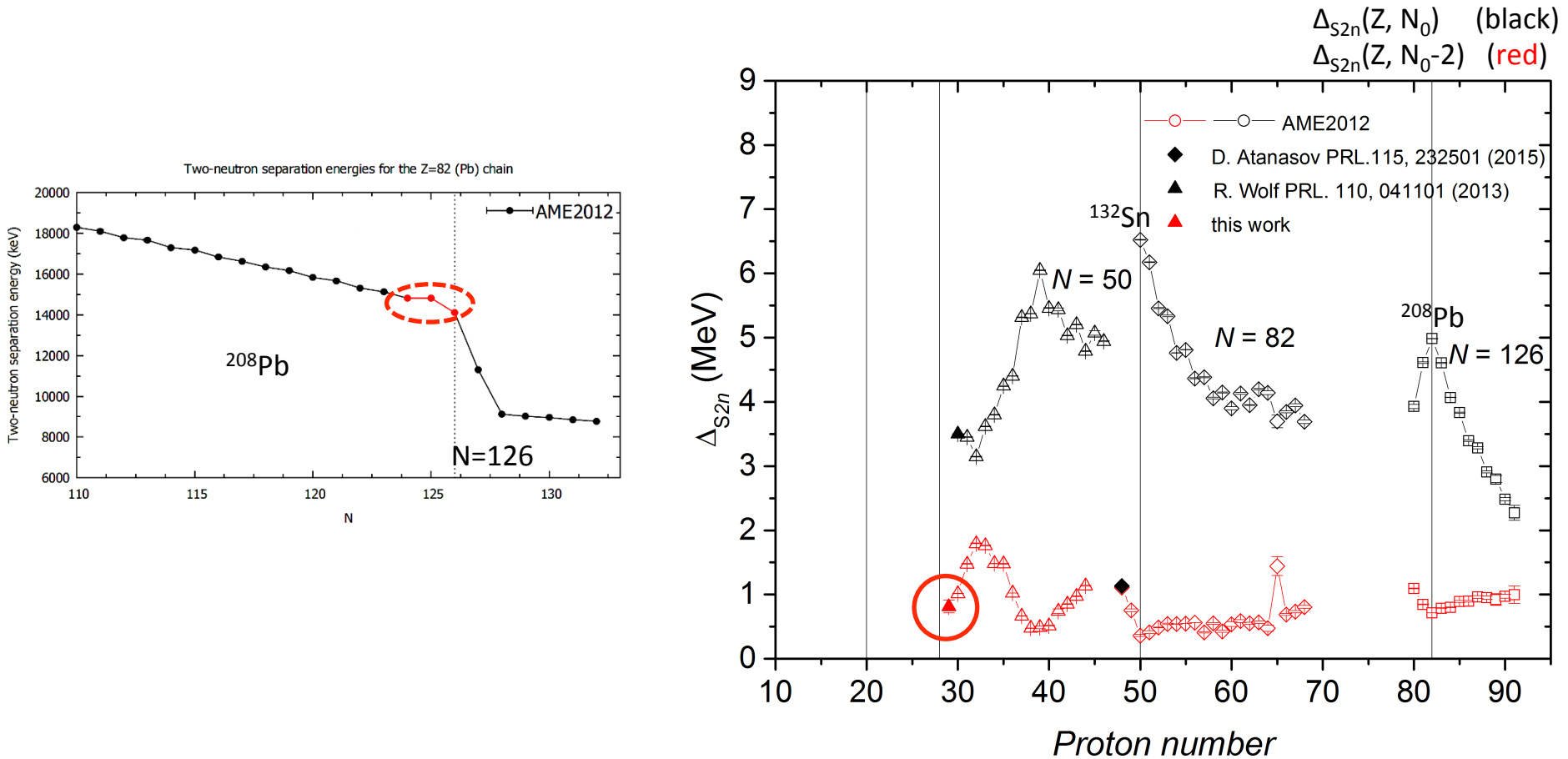
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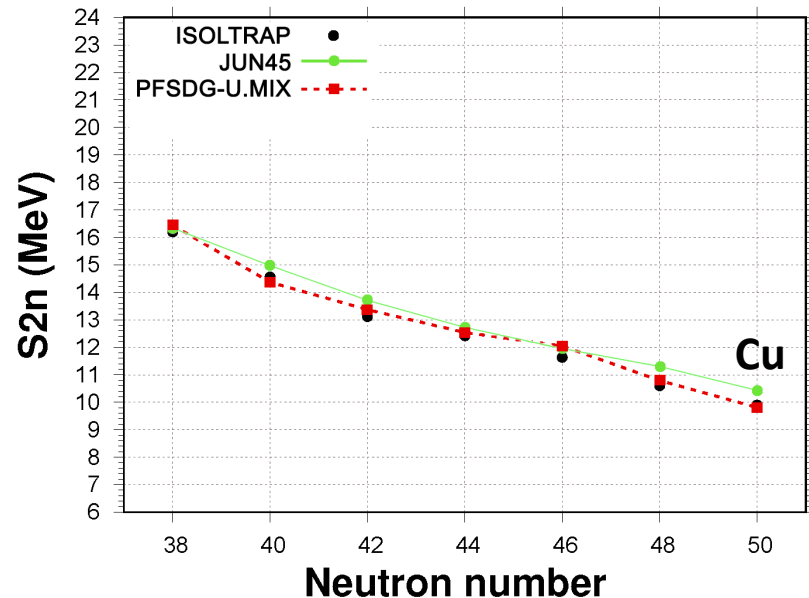
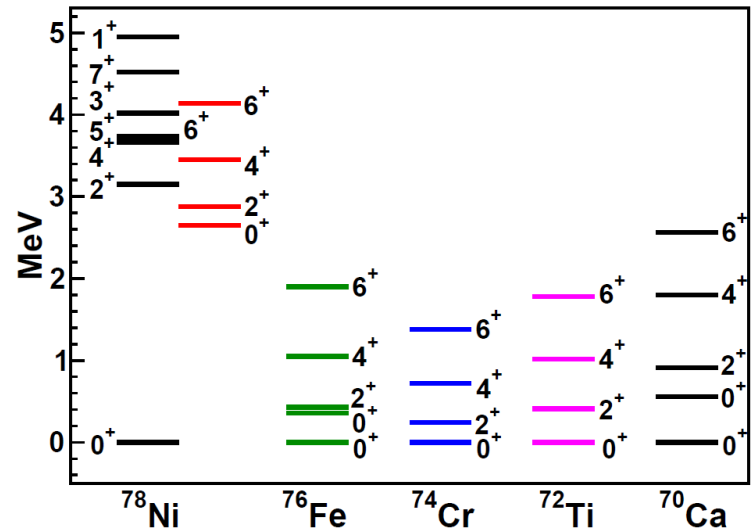
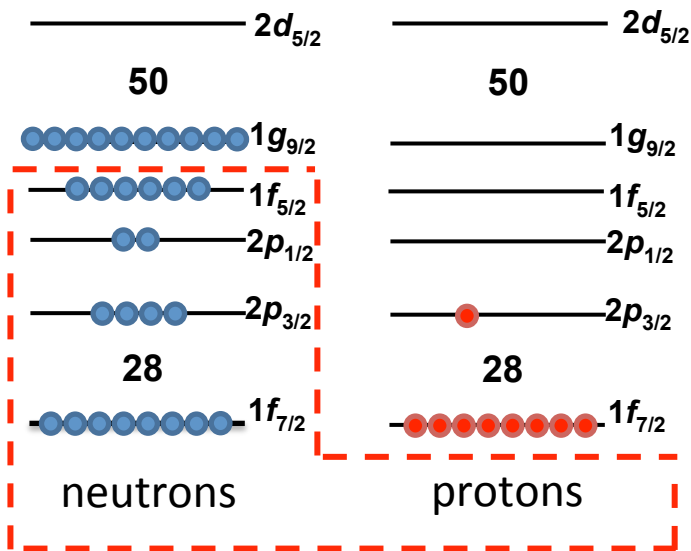
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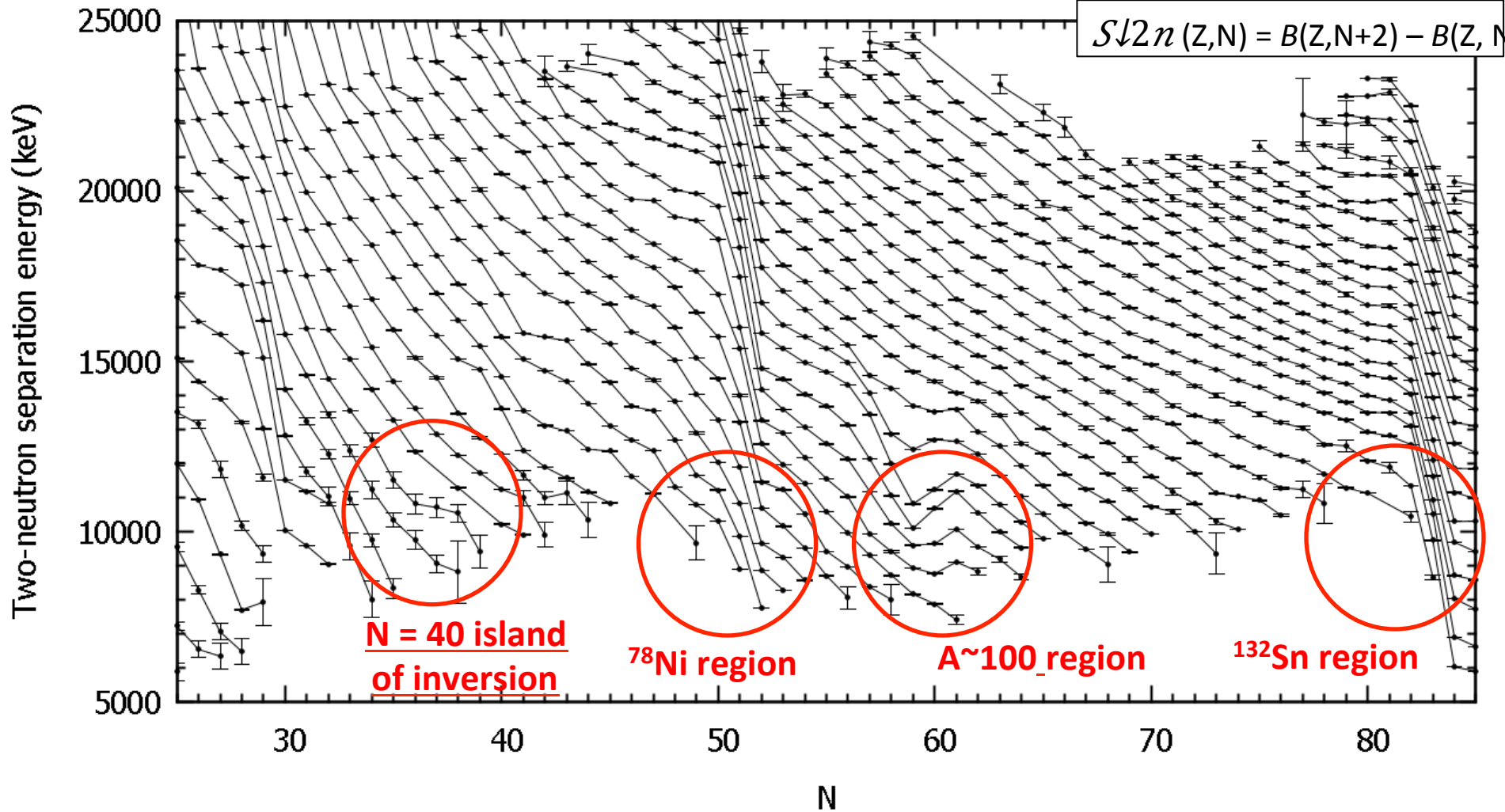


Neutron-rich copper isotopes

- PFSDG allows excitations across $Z = 28$ and $N = 50$.
- Improve description of S_{2N} values and observe the impact on the predicted properties of ^{78}Ni .

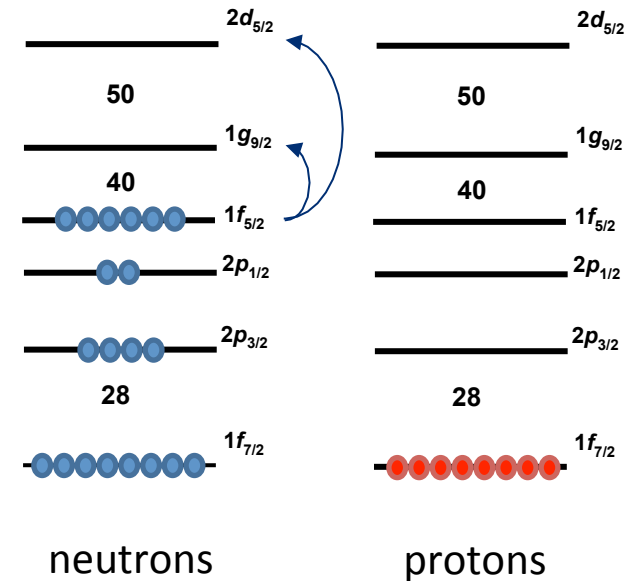
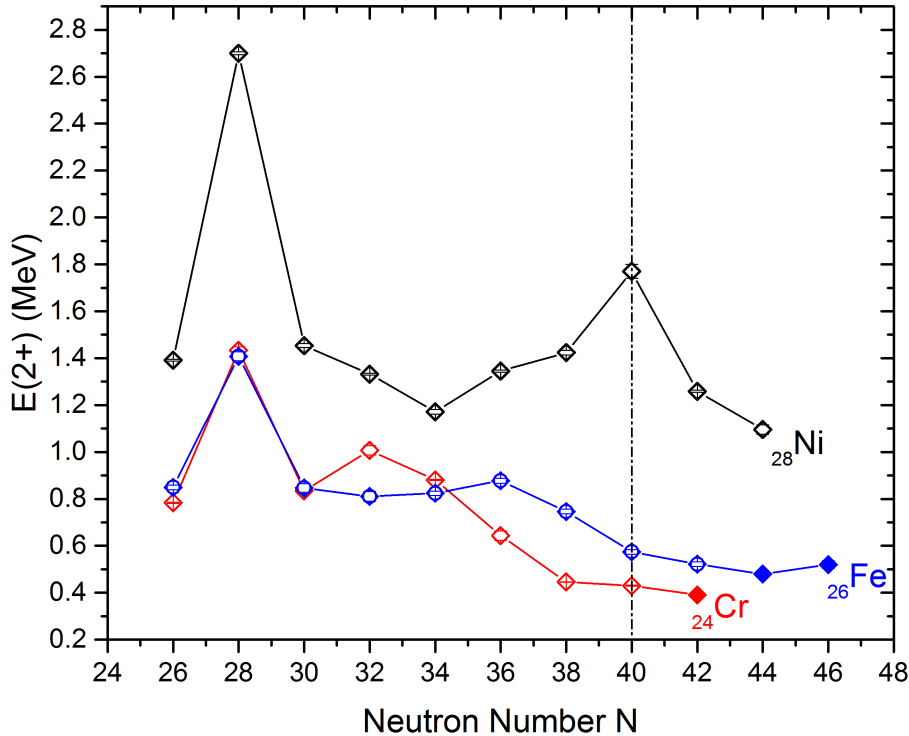


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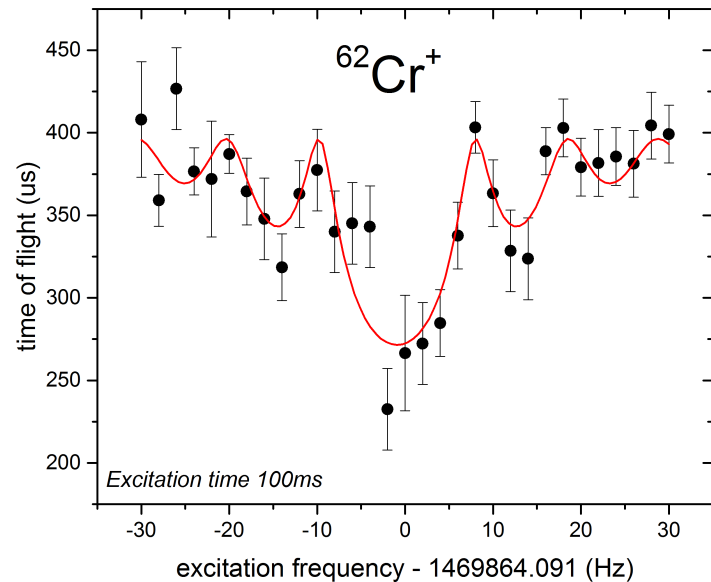
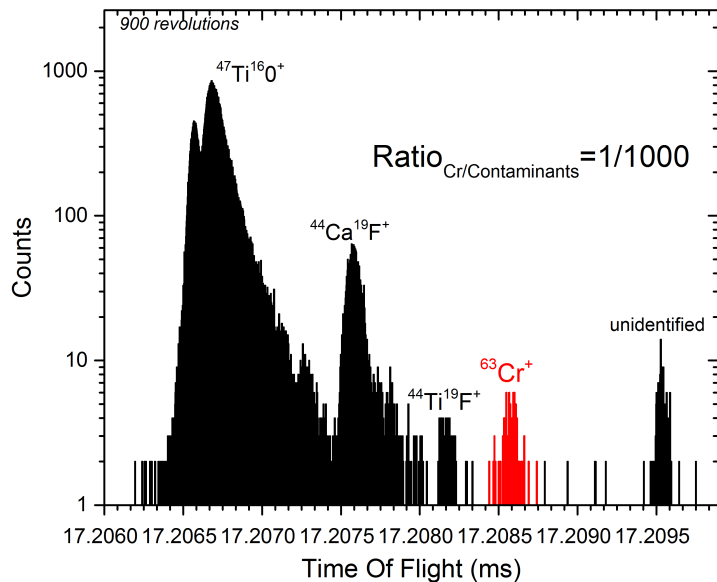
The $N = 40$ island of inversion

- Quick evolution from doubly-magic like ^{68}Ni to deformed-like ^{64}Cr .



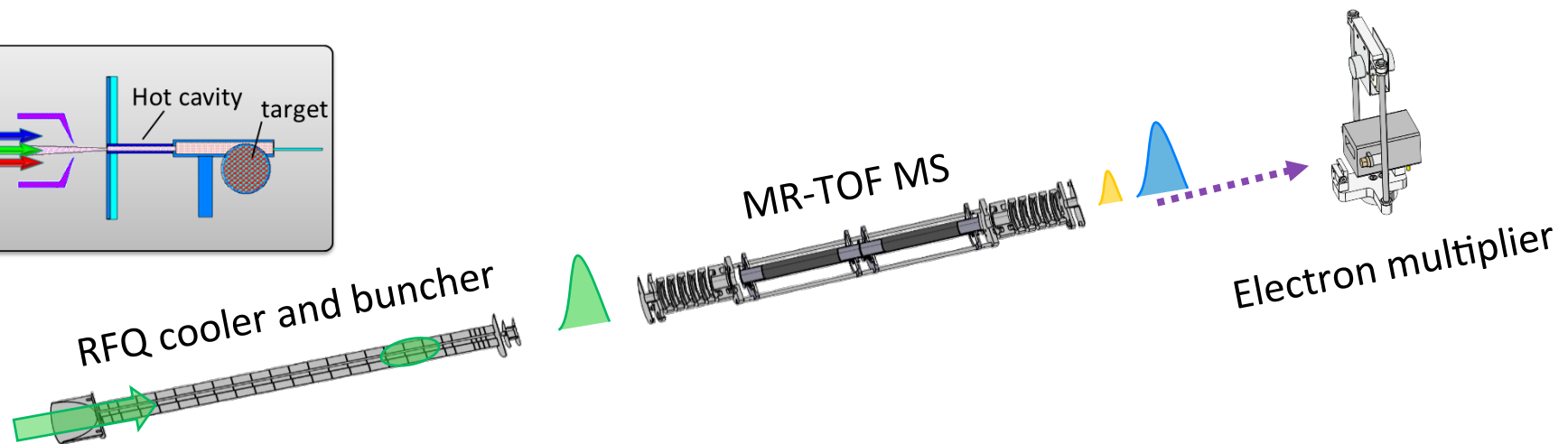
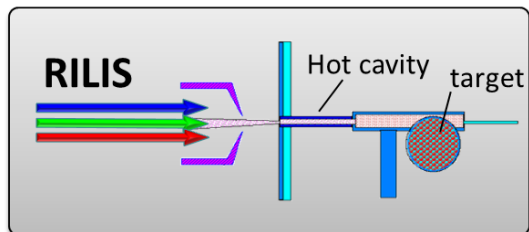
Neutron-rich chromium isotopes

Isotope	Measured with	Half life (ms)	Yield (ions/s)
^{59}Cr	Penning Trap/MR-TOF	1050	3E5
^{60}Cr	Penning Trap/MR-TOF	490	2E4
^{61}Cr	Penning Trap/MR-TOF	243	2E3
^{62}Cr	Penning Trap/MR-TOF	206	3E2
^{63}Cr	MR-TOF	129	30

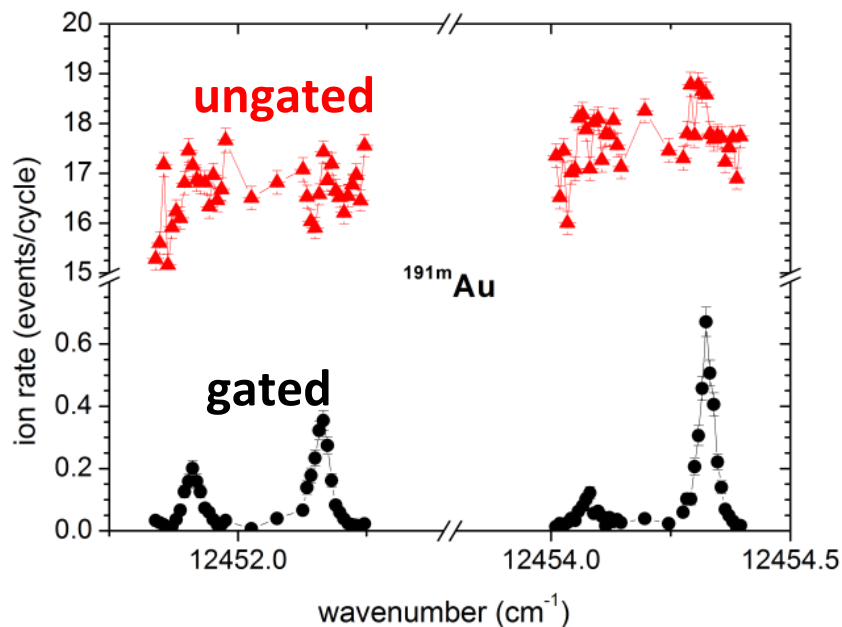
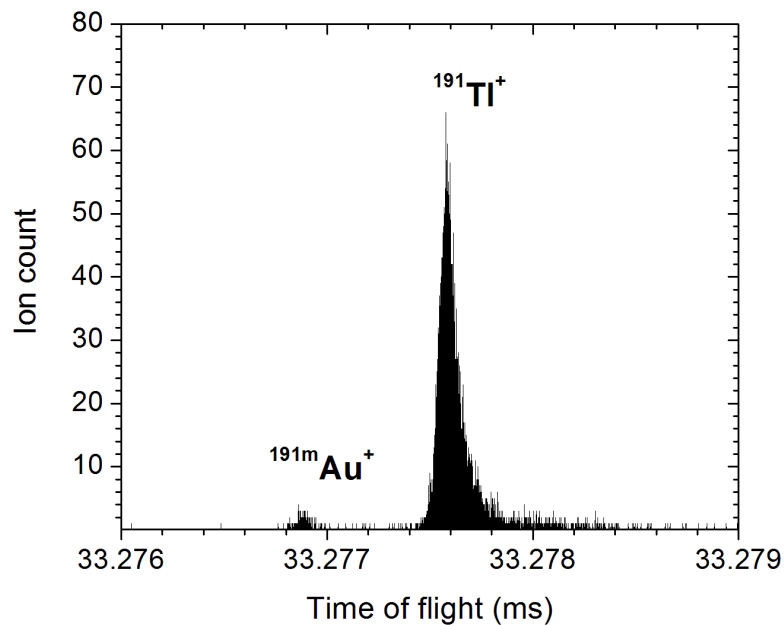


Perspectives

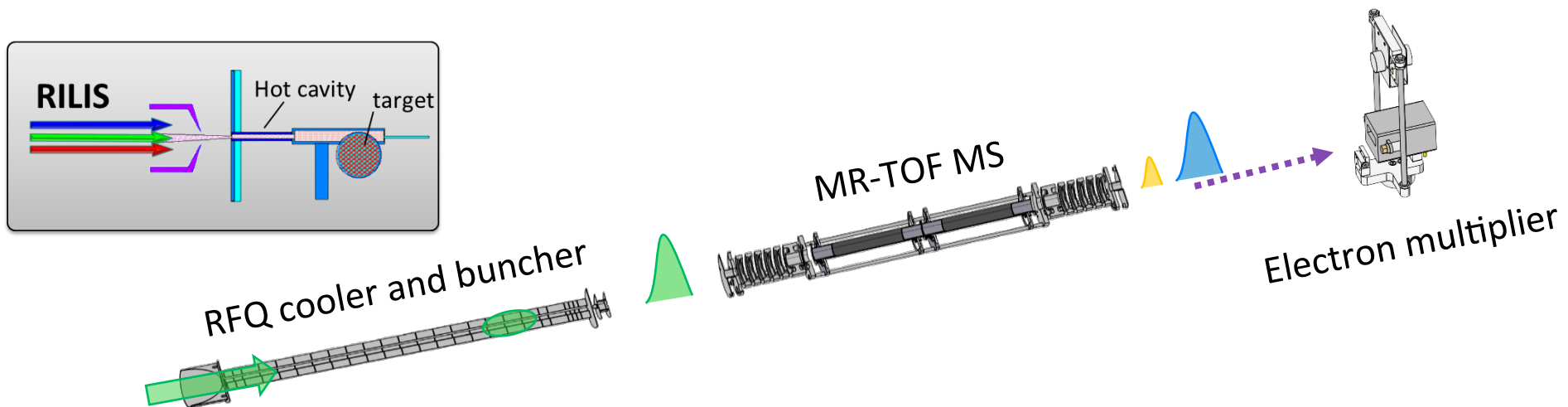
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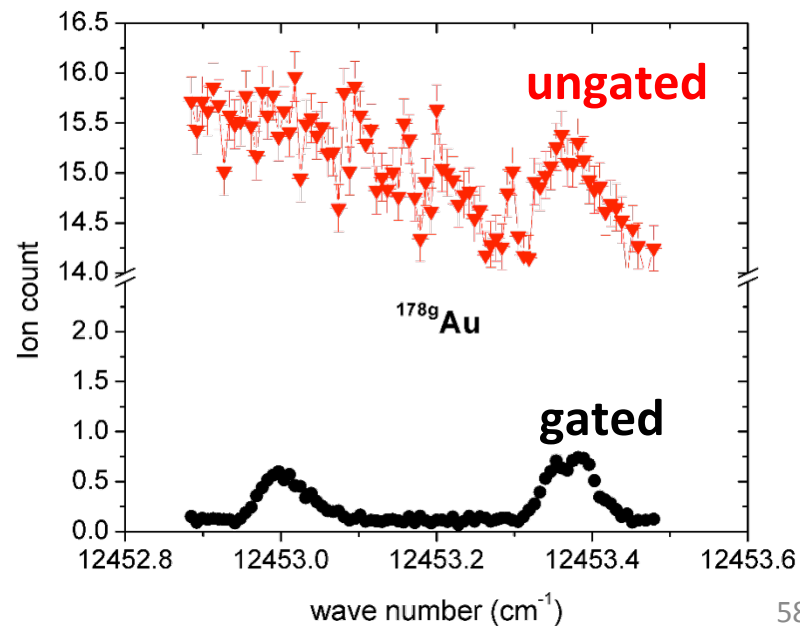
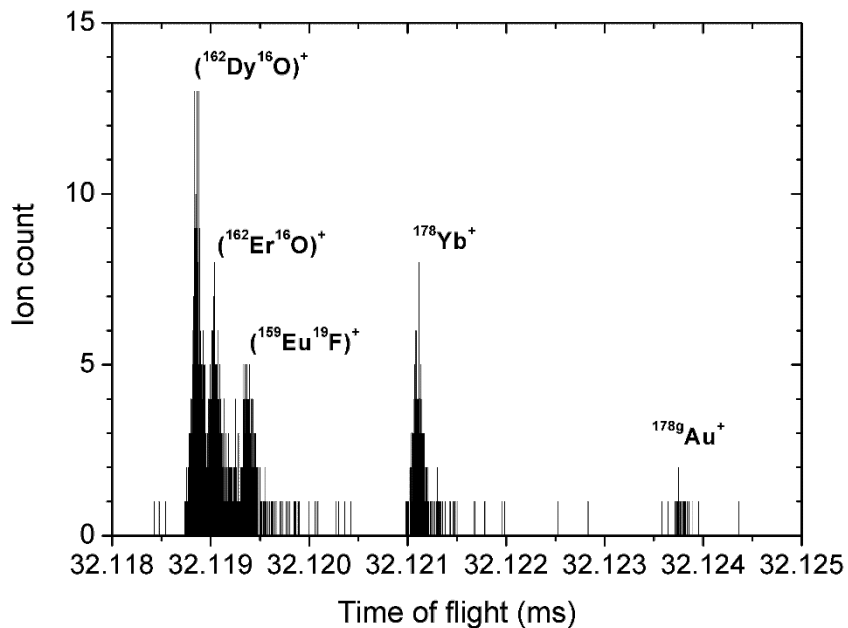
Direct ion detection: no decay mode/half-life limit.



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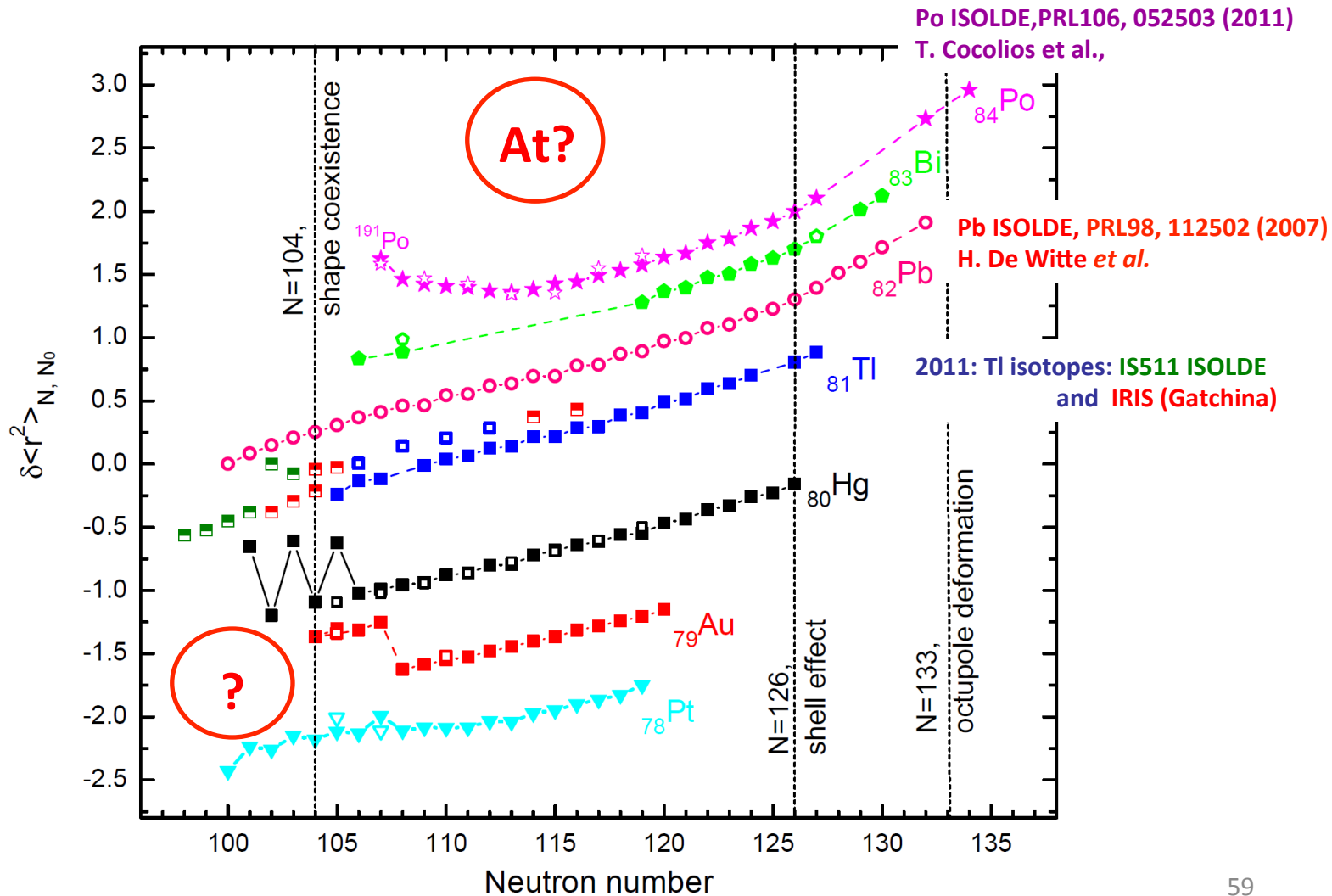
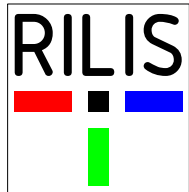


High sensitivity: rare isotopes are accessible.

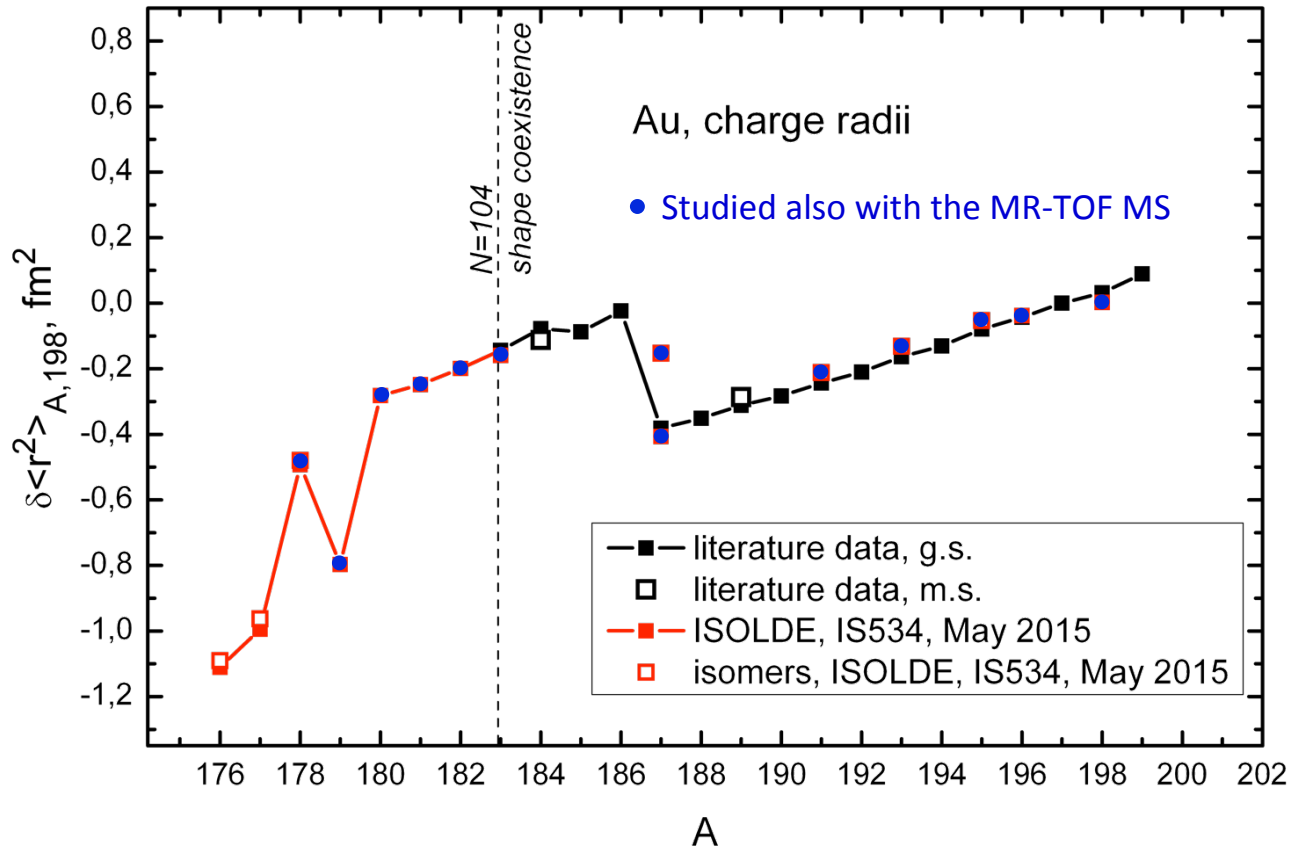
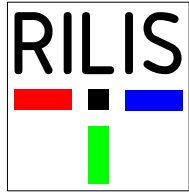


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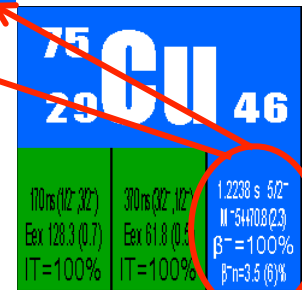
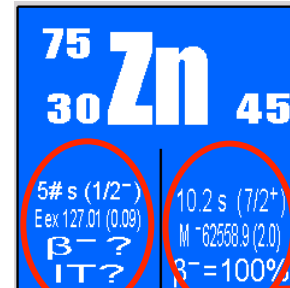
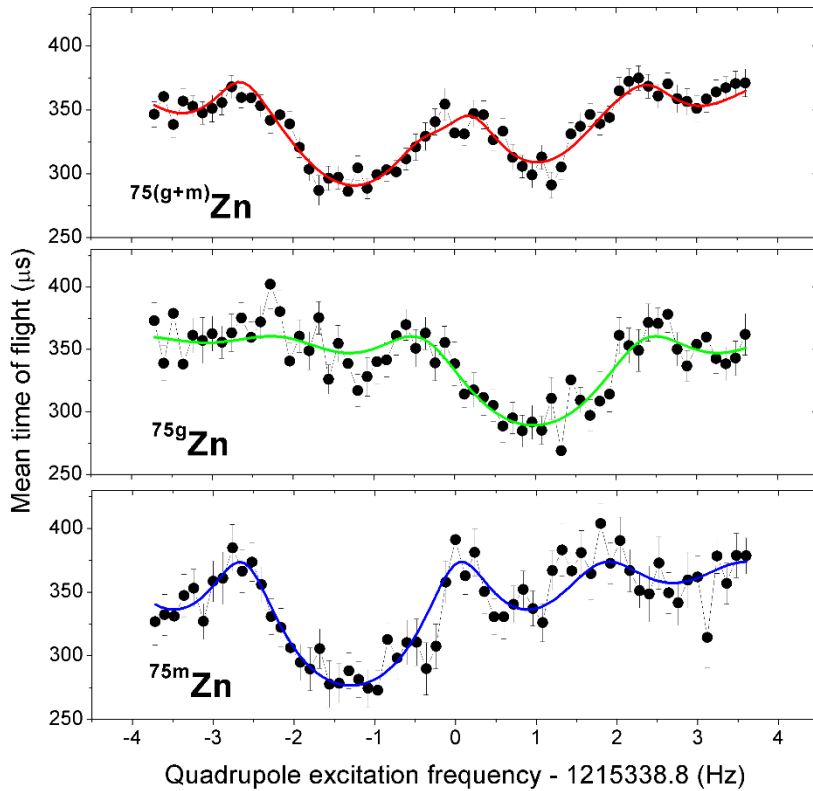
Charge radii of n-deficient gold isotopes



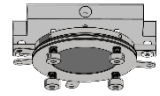
➤ An end of the region of collectivity.

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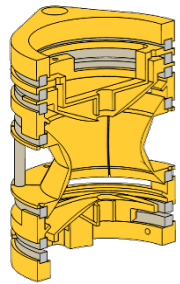
- $^{75g,m}\text{Zn}$ produced by in-trap decay of ^{75}Cu ions.
- The two states were subsequently measured with the Penning trap.



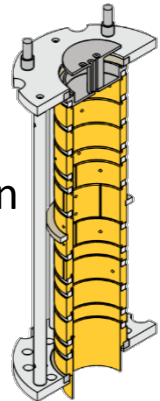
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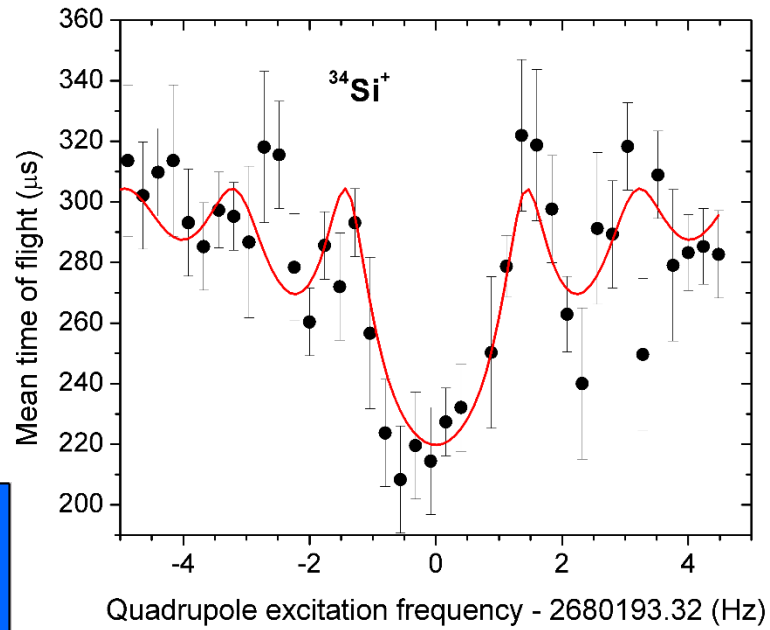
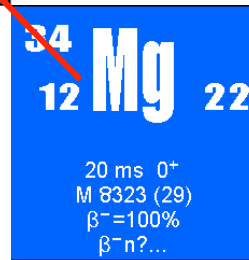
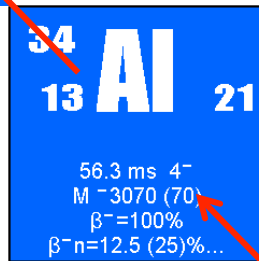
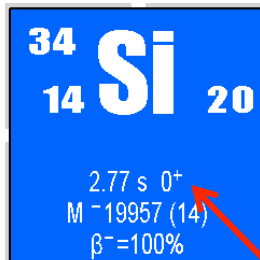


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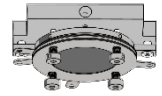


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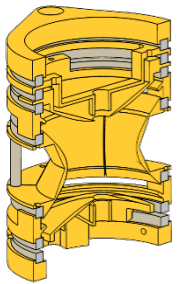
- Double in-trap decay from ^{34}Mg to ^{34}Si was tested.



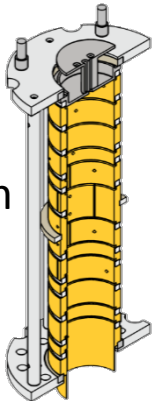
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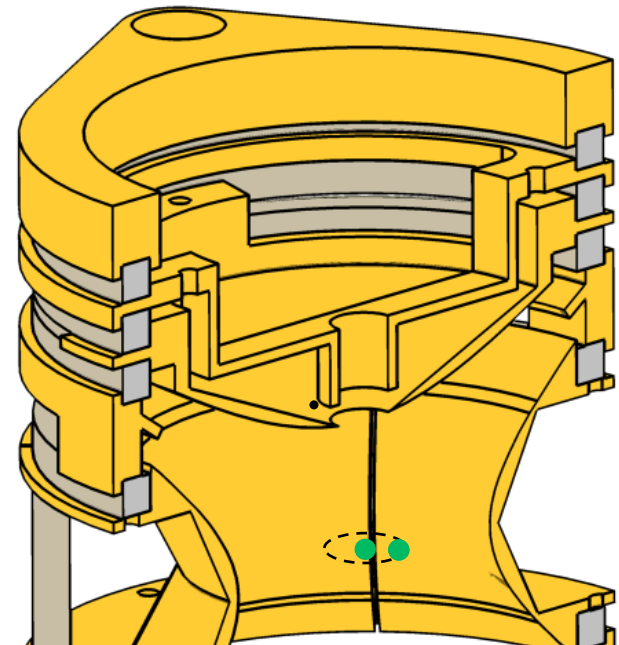
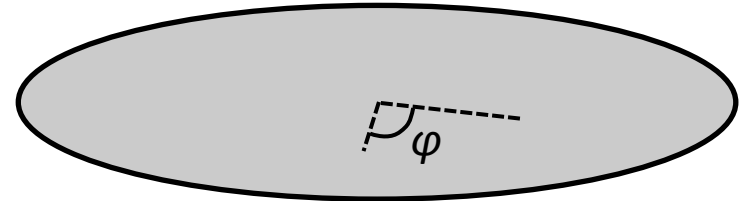
Phase-imaging ion-cyclotron-resonance technique

- ✓ No excitation (center position)
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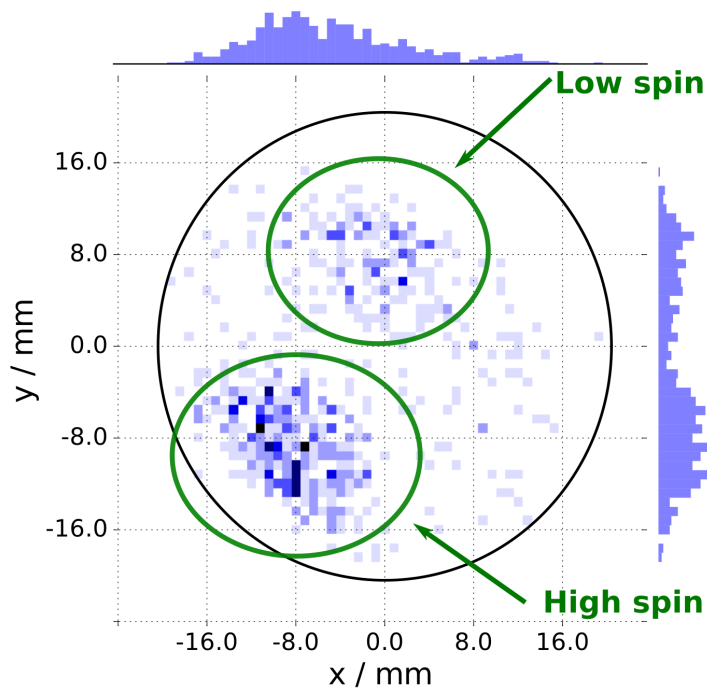
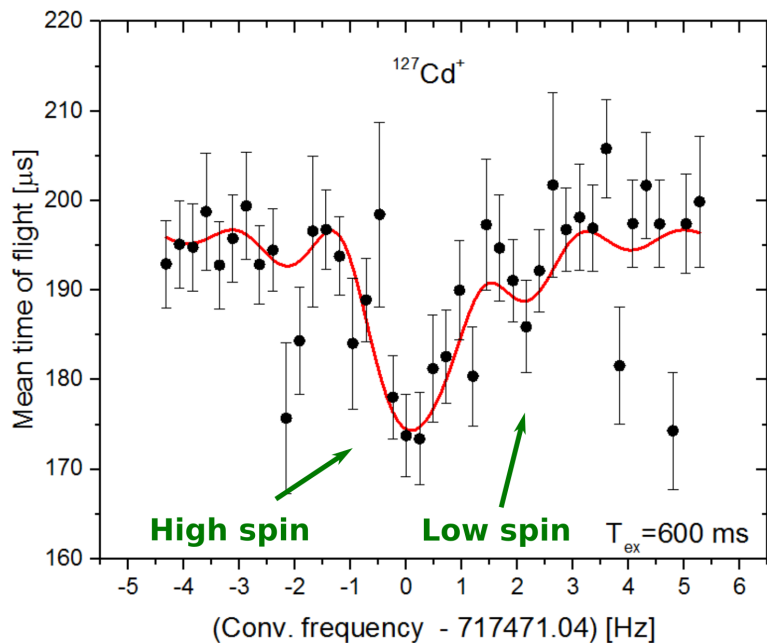
$$\omega = 2\pi n + \varphi / \Delta t$$

- ✓ Has much higher resolving power and precision than TOF-ICR
- ✓ Requires some prior knowledge of the frequency
- ✓ Requires timing stability on \sim ns level

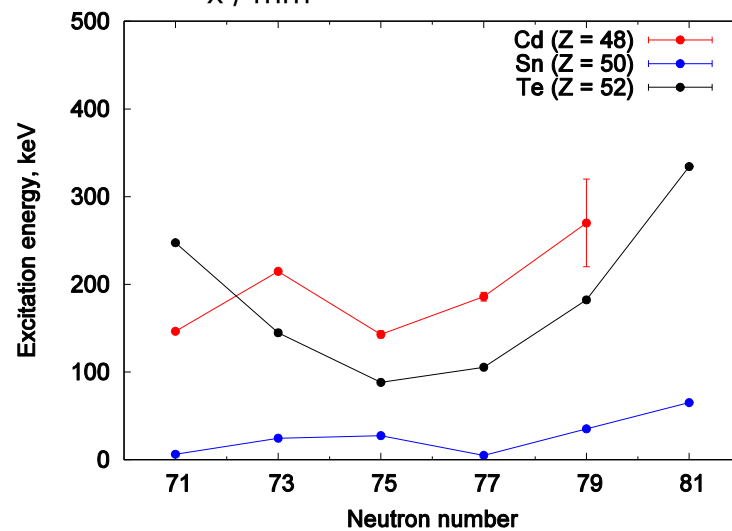
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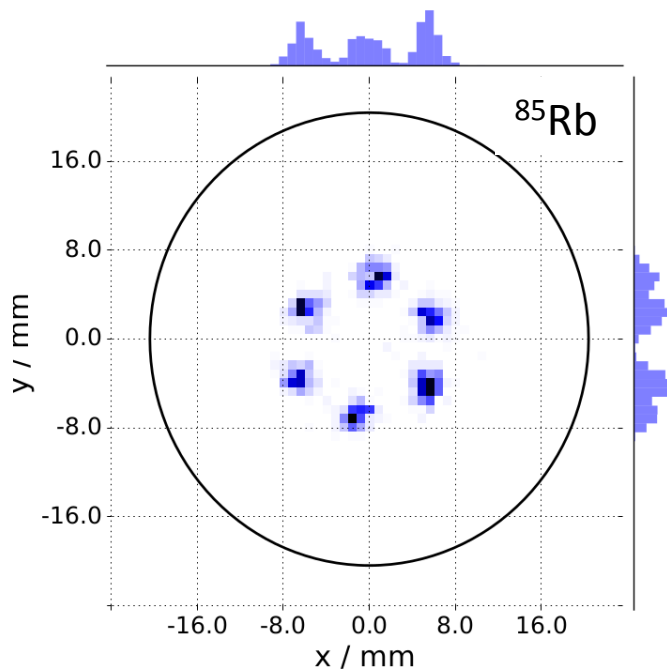
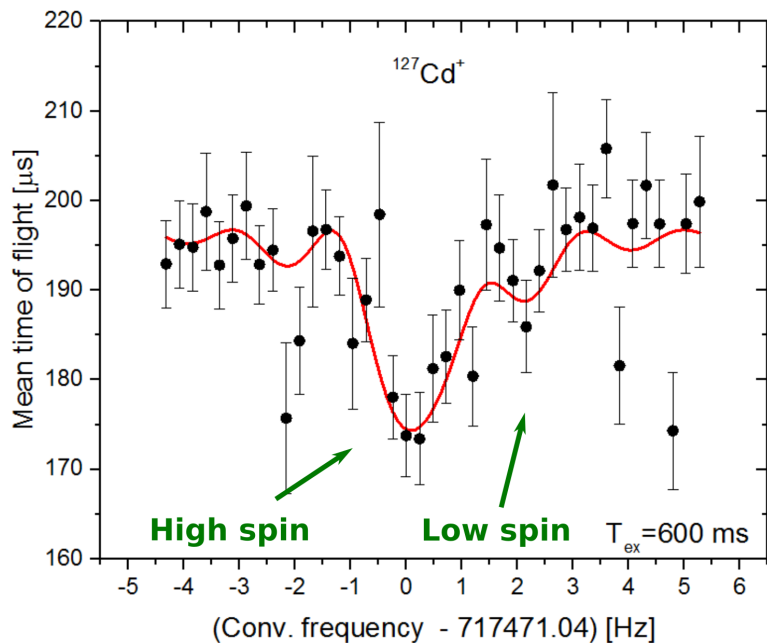
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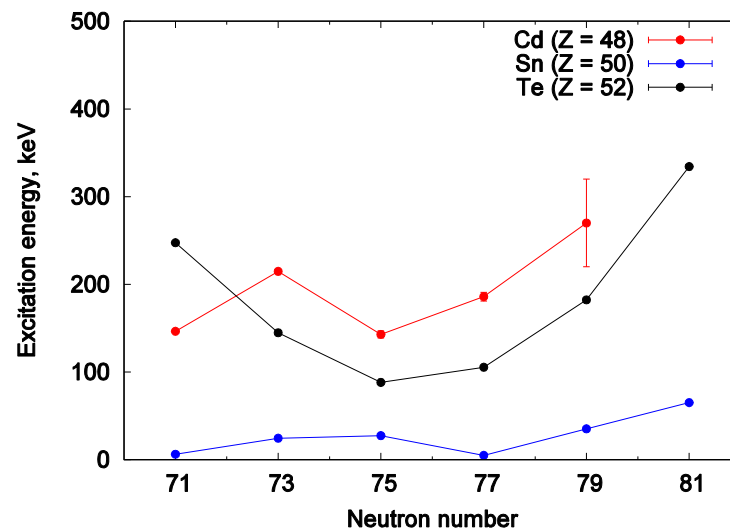
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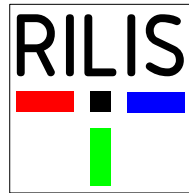
- Ion traps offer a different approach to low-energy nuclear physics.
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- ISOLTRAP is in the possession of a wide range of techniques for beam purification, mass measurements and trap-assisted studies.
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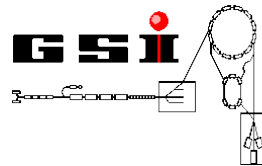
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