

Low Energy Nuclear Experiments

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Overview, part 1 (general properties of nuclei, mostly macroscopic)

What can experimentalists determine about a nuclear system in the lab?

- History ... the isotopes, the facilities we use
- What can we measure/is observable?
- Questions to ask about the nucleus
 - How much do they weigh?
 - What size are they?
 - What shape are they?

Attempt to use many accessible examples from recent literature, leaning towards the study of exotic nuclei where possible



Overview, part 2 (mostly direct reactions, not so exotic, microscopic)

The connection between direction reactions and nuclear structure

- History
- Reactions, reaction types, direct reactions
- Observables
- Energies, momentum
- Spectroscopic factors, occupancies (in context of 'modern' [but stable-beam] examples)
- Other reactions (pairing, cluster, charge exchange)

Attempt to steer clear of reactions for reaction's sake, rather using them as a meaningful tool to gain insights into topical nuclear structure properties



Overview, part 3 (mostly direct reactions, quite exotic, microscopic)

The connection between direction reactions and nuclear structure

- History
- Exotic beams
- Kinematics
- Spectrometers (with a focus on solenoidal spectrometers)
- A few examples from the last few years (2014, 2017, 2017, 2019) (what drove them, reaction choices, results, commentary)



Reading

- Slides from past schools (NNPSS [Heather Crawford's are exemplary], EBSS) are impressive (next slide for references)
- Books are good, but often dense and not always transparent (on direct reactions, my personal favorites are N. K. Glendenning's Direct Nuclear Reactions, and C. A. Bertulani and P. Danielewicz's Introduction to Nuclear Reactions.
- Great papers (some of the older ones can be wonderfully pedagogical, others far less so). I will attempt to highlight some as I go through.



Past schools ... slides on reactions

2002 (ORNL 1st), 2003 (NSCL 2nd), 2004 (ANL 3rd), 2005 (LBNL 4th) 2006 (ORNL 5th), 2007 (NSCL 6th), 2008 (ANL 7th), 2009 (LBNL 8th) 2010 (ORNL 9th)

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http://aruna.physics.fsu.edu/ebss_lectures/F_Lecture2.pdf (Ben Kay of Argonne, FSU 2015) ... 14th

https://people.nscl.msu.edu/~iwasaki/EBSS2016/reaction_1.pdf (Alan Wuosmaa of UConn, NSCL 2016) ... 15th https://people.nscl.msu.edu/~iwasaki/EBSS2016/reaction_2.pdf https://people.nscl.msu.edu/~iwasaki/EBSS2016/reaction_3.pdf

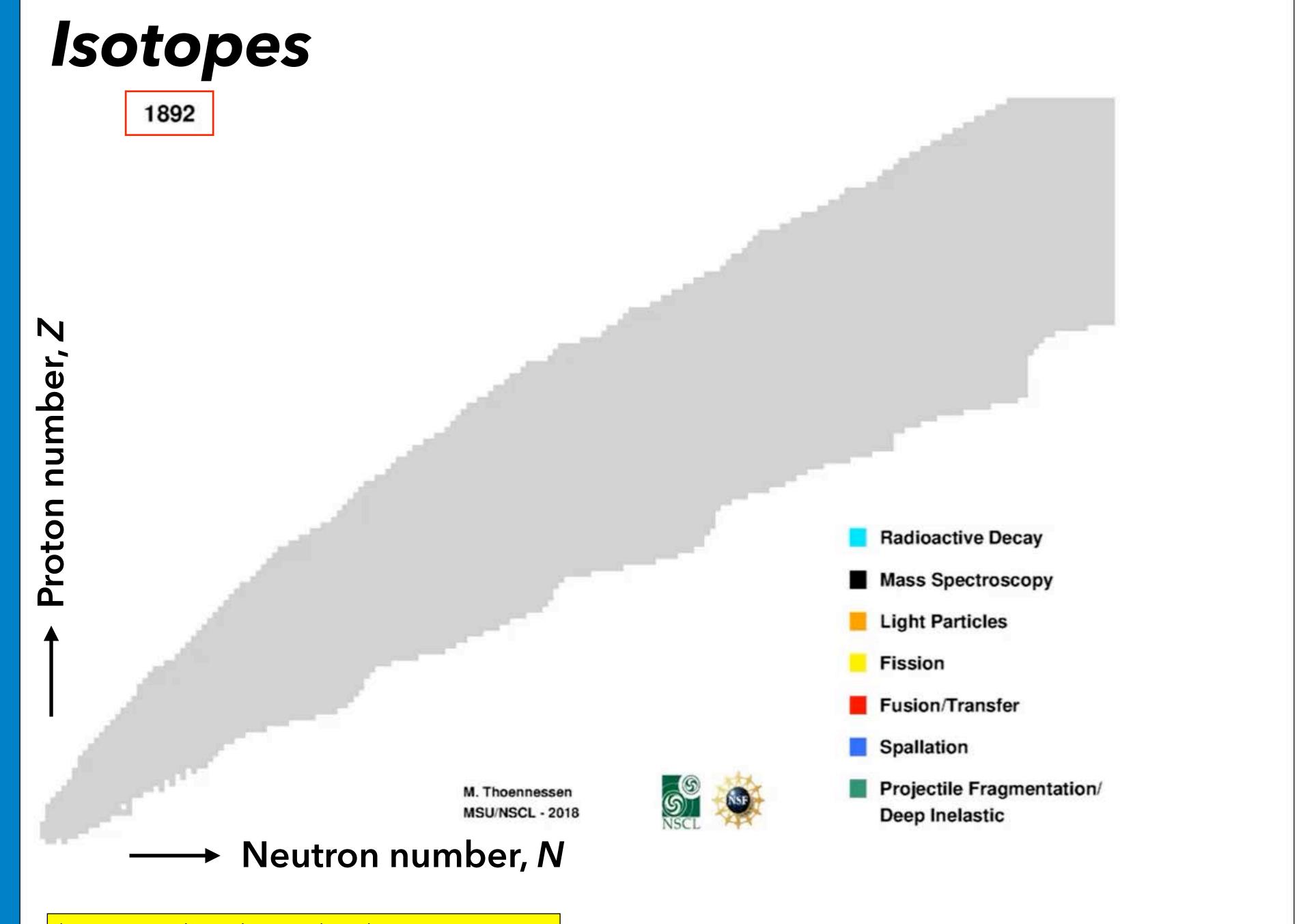
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And soon, these slides ... 17th

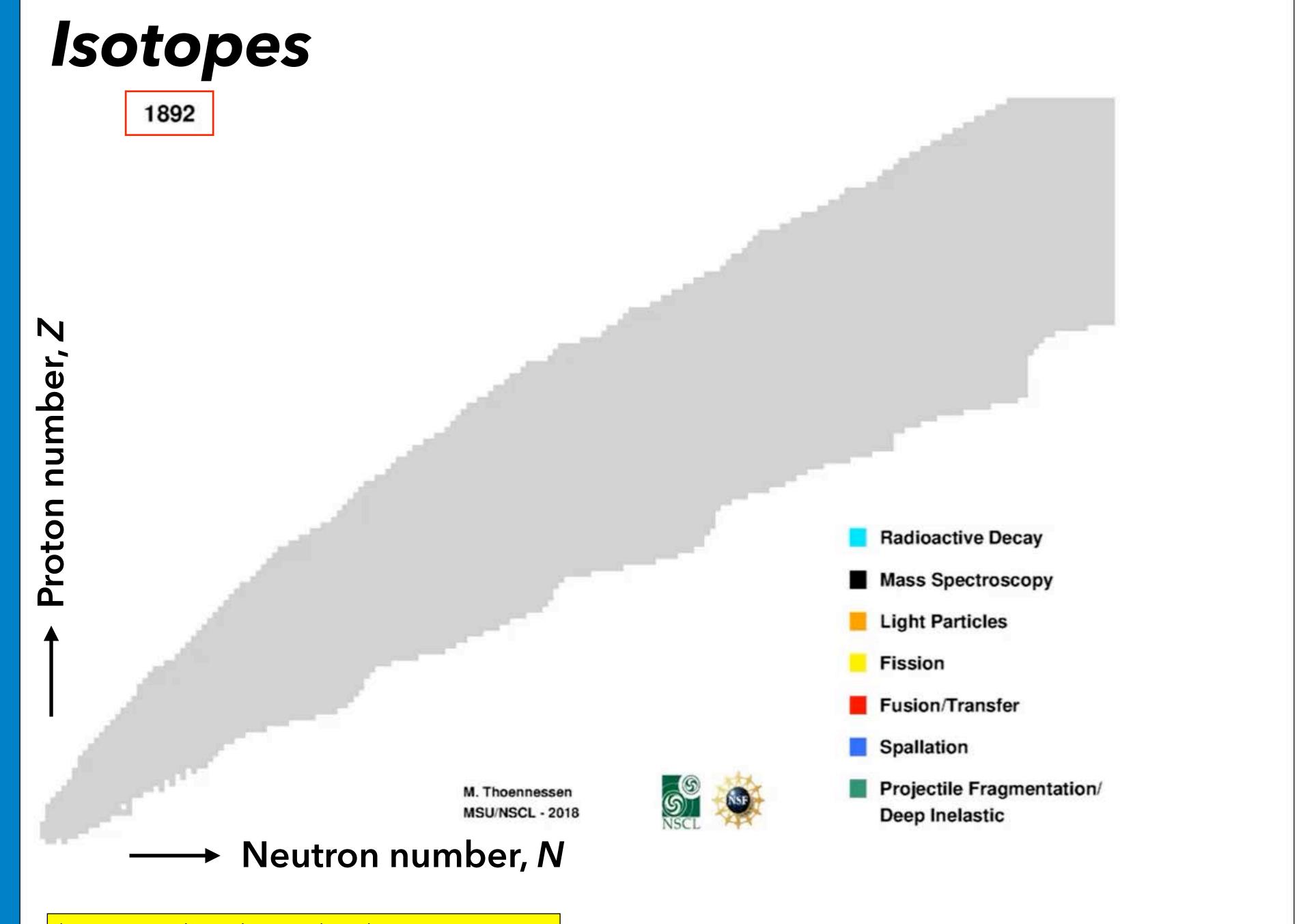


Part 1: General overview lsotopes, masses, sizes, shapes











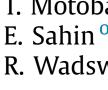
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M. Thoennessen MSU/NSCL - 2018

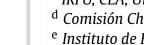


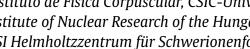






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Discovery of ⁶⁸Br in secondary reactions of radioactive beams



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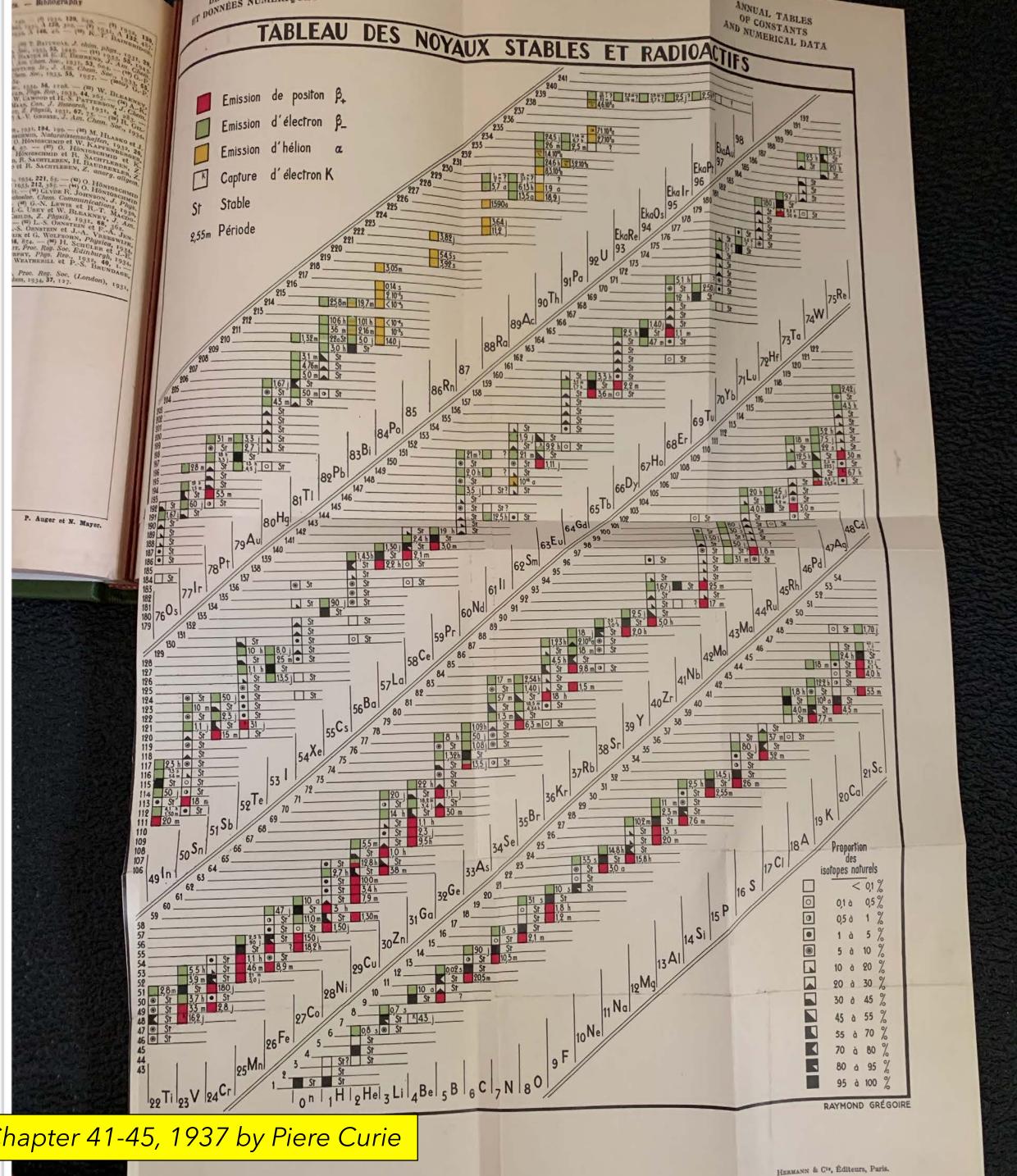
ABSTRACT

The proton-rich isotope ⁶⁸Br was discovered in secondary fragmentation reactions of fast radioactive beams. Proton-rich secondary beams of ^{70,71,72}Kr and ⁷⁰Br, produced at the RIKEN Nishina Center and identified by the BigRIPS fragment separator, impinged on a secondary ⁹Be target. Unambiguous particle identification behind the secondary target was achieved with the ZeroDegree spectrometer. Based on the expected direct production cross sections from neighboring isotopes, the lifetime of the ground or longlived isomeric state of oBr was estimated. The results suggest that secondary fragmentation reactions, where relatively few nucleons are removed from the projectile, offer an alternative way to search for new isotopes, as these reactions populate preferentially low-lying states.

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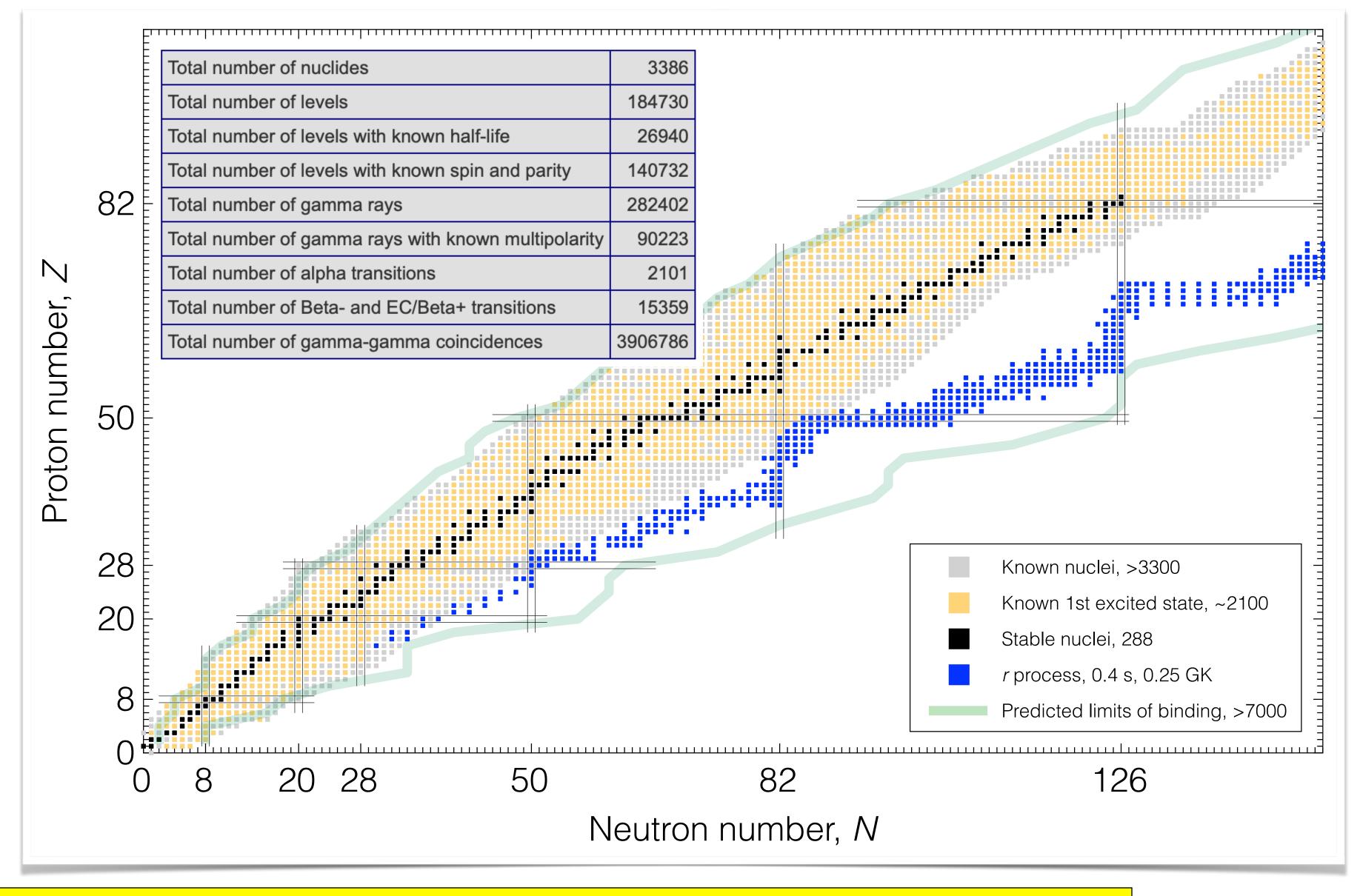
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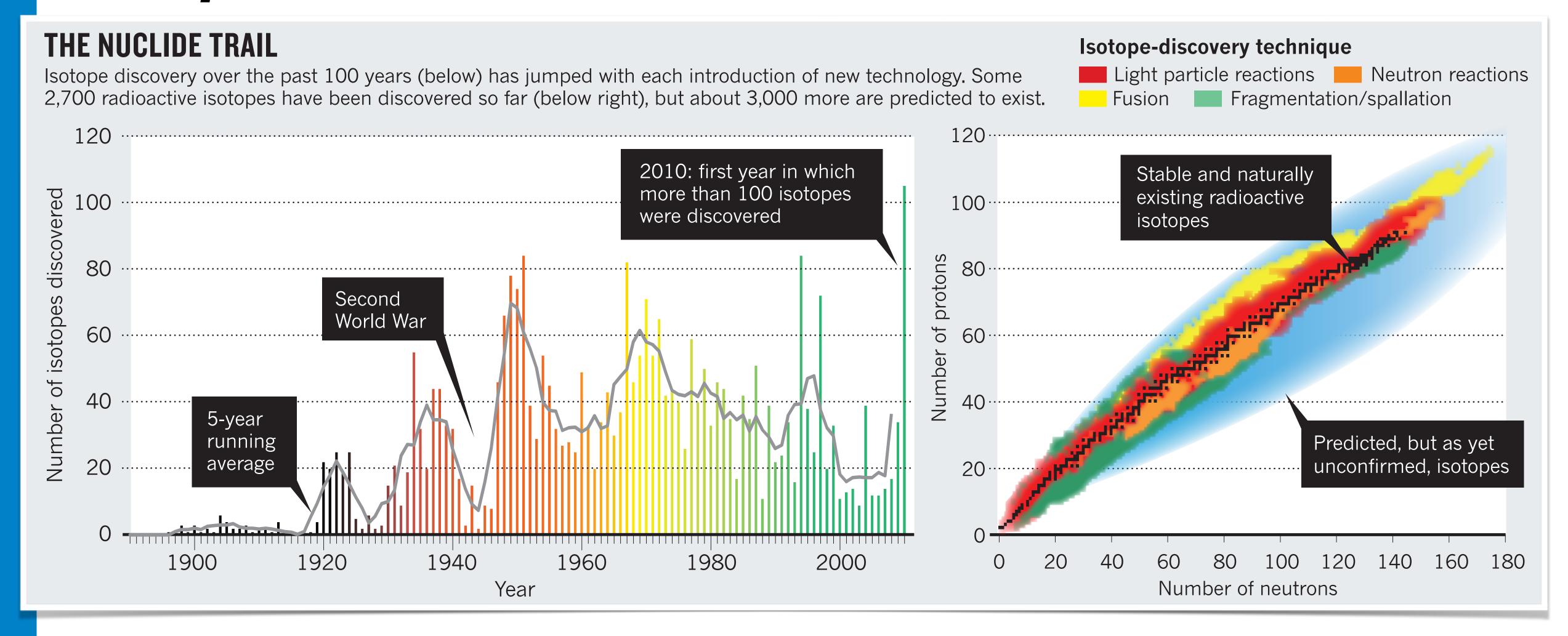


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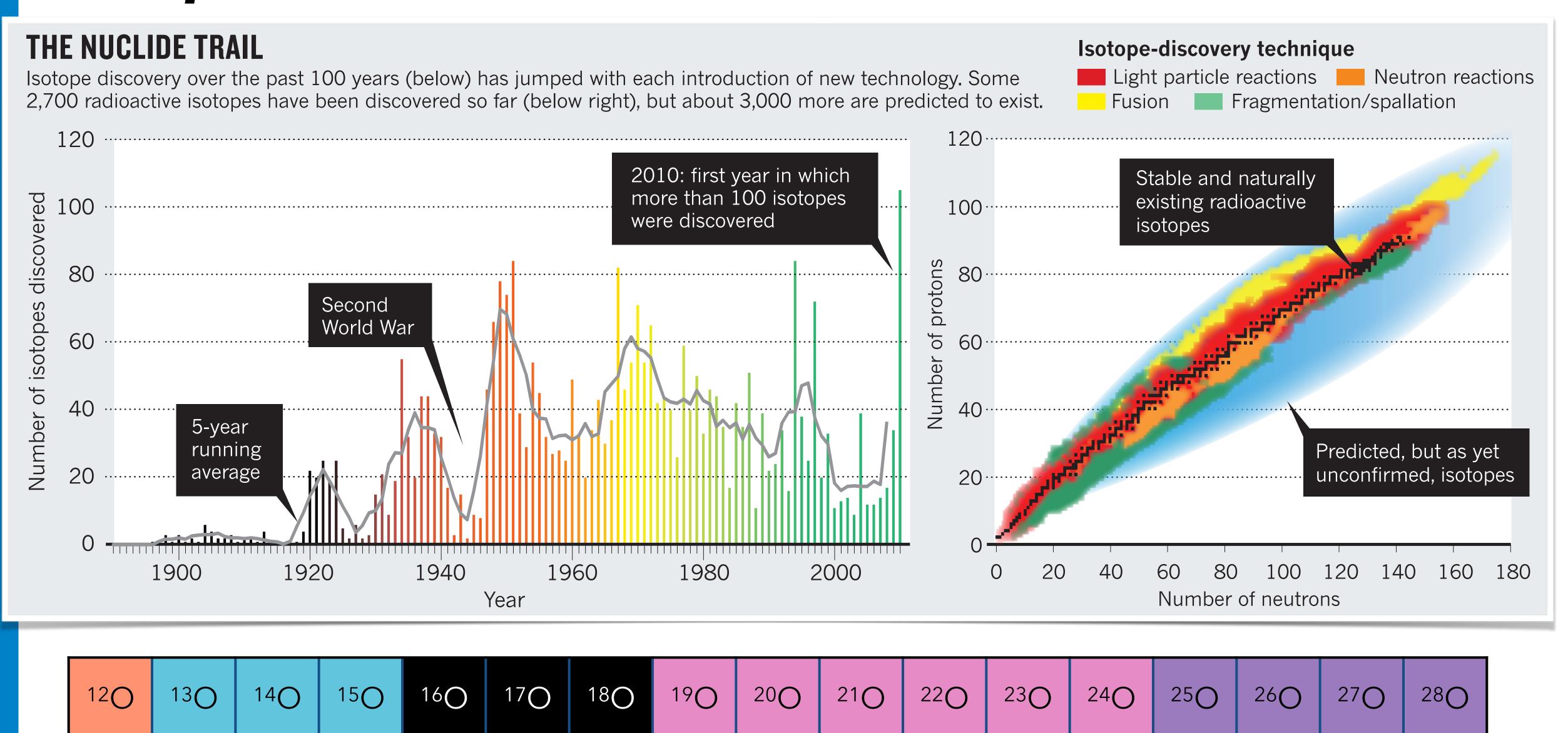
World pop: 7.53 B

Gas: 250 cents/gal.

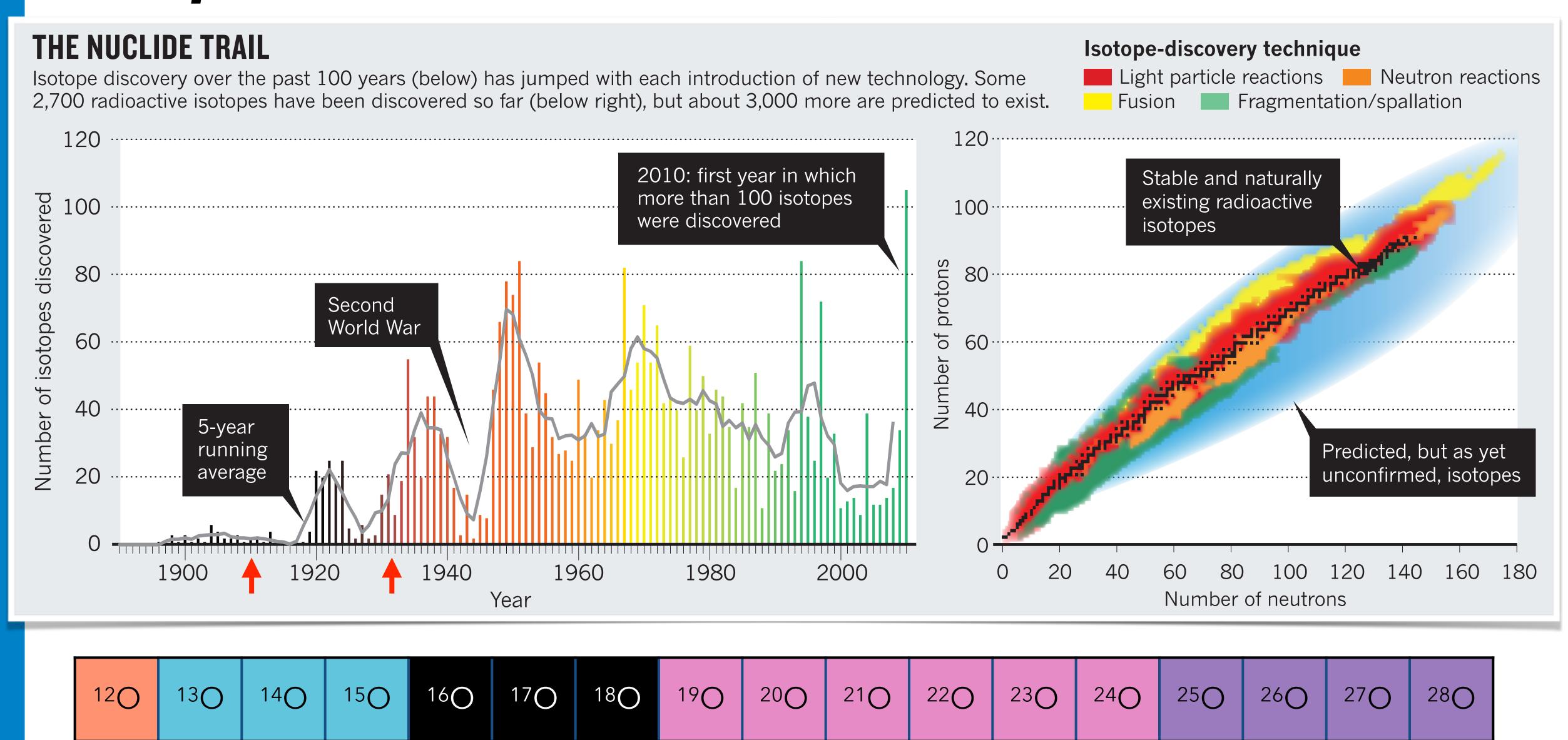






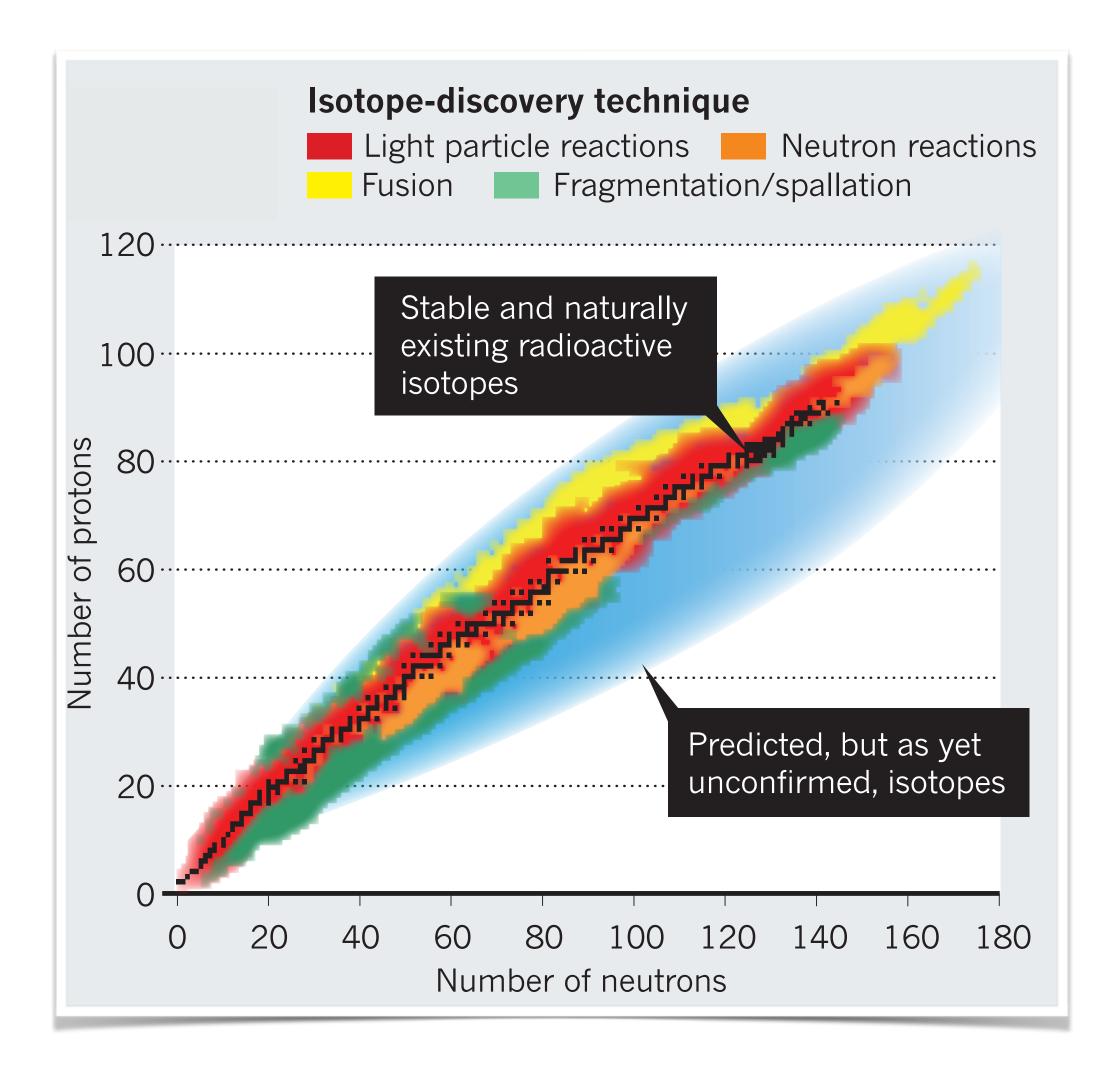






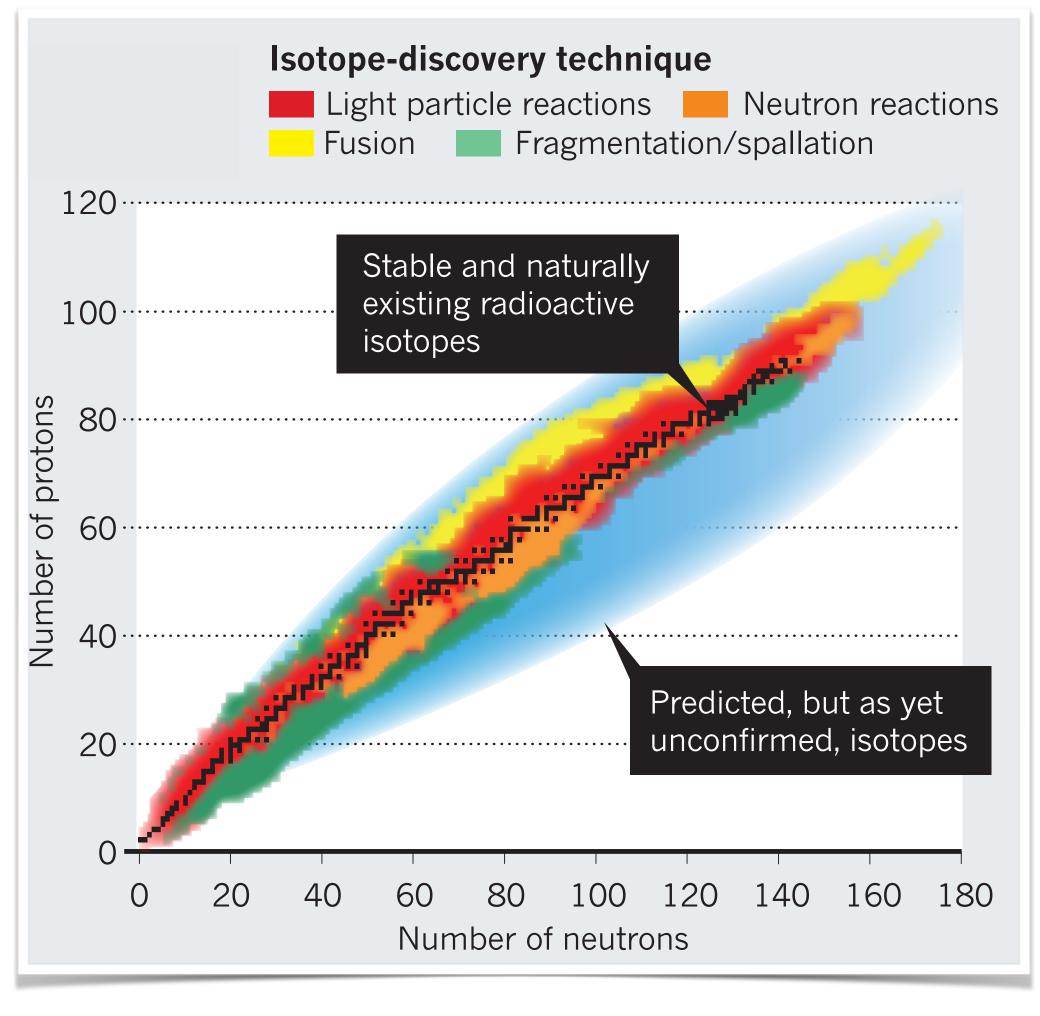


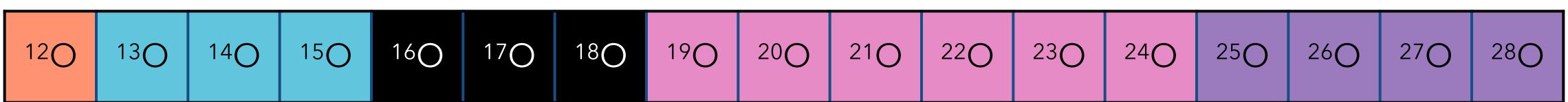
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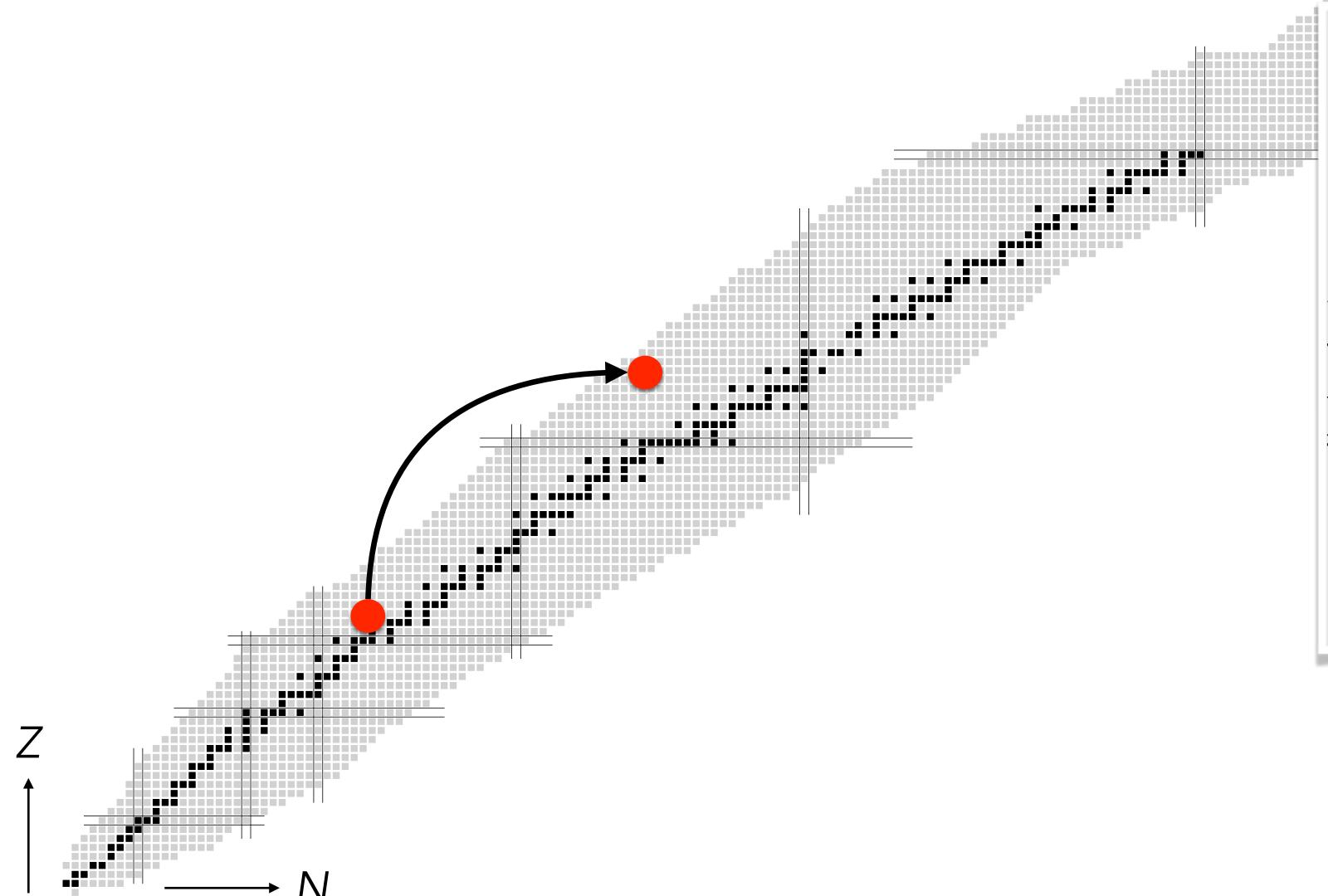


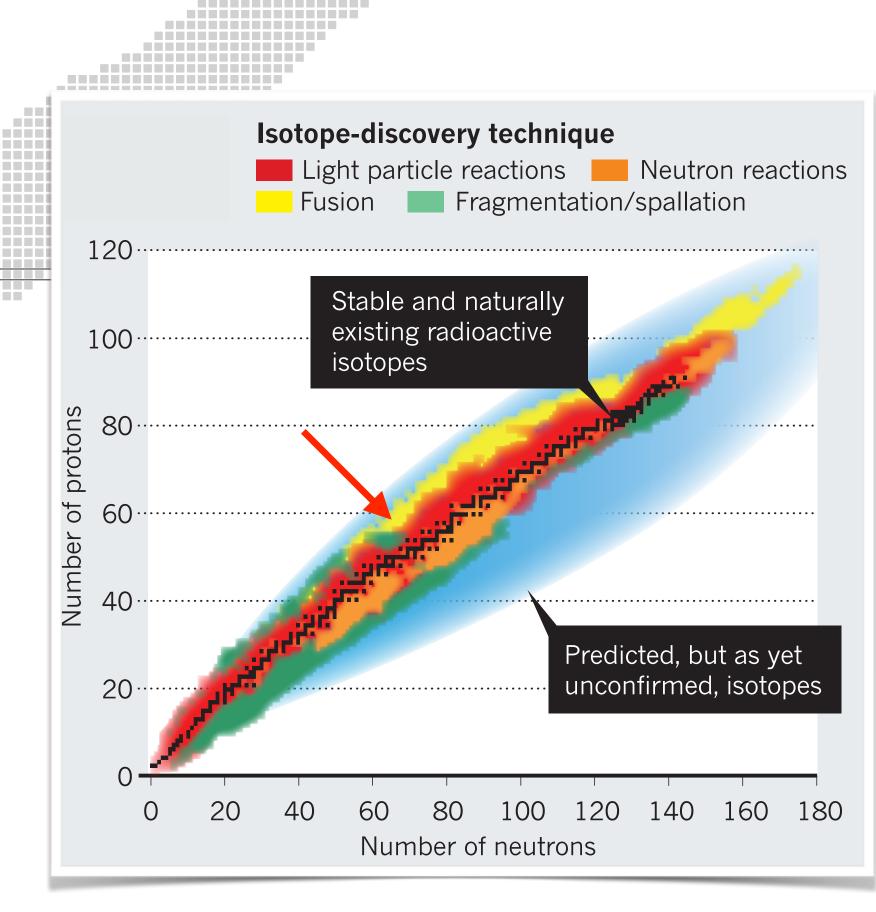




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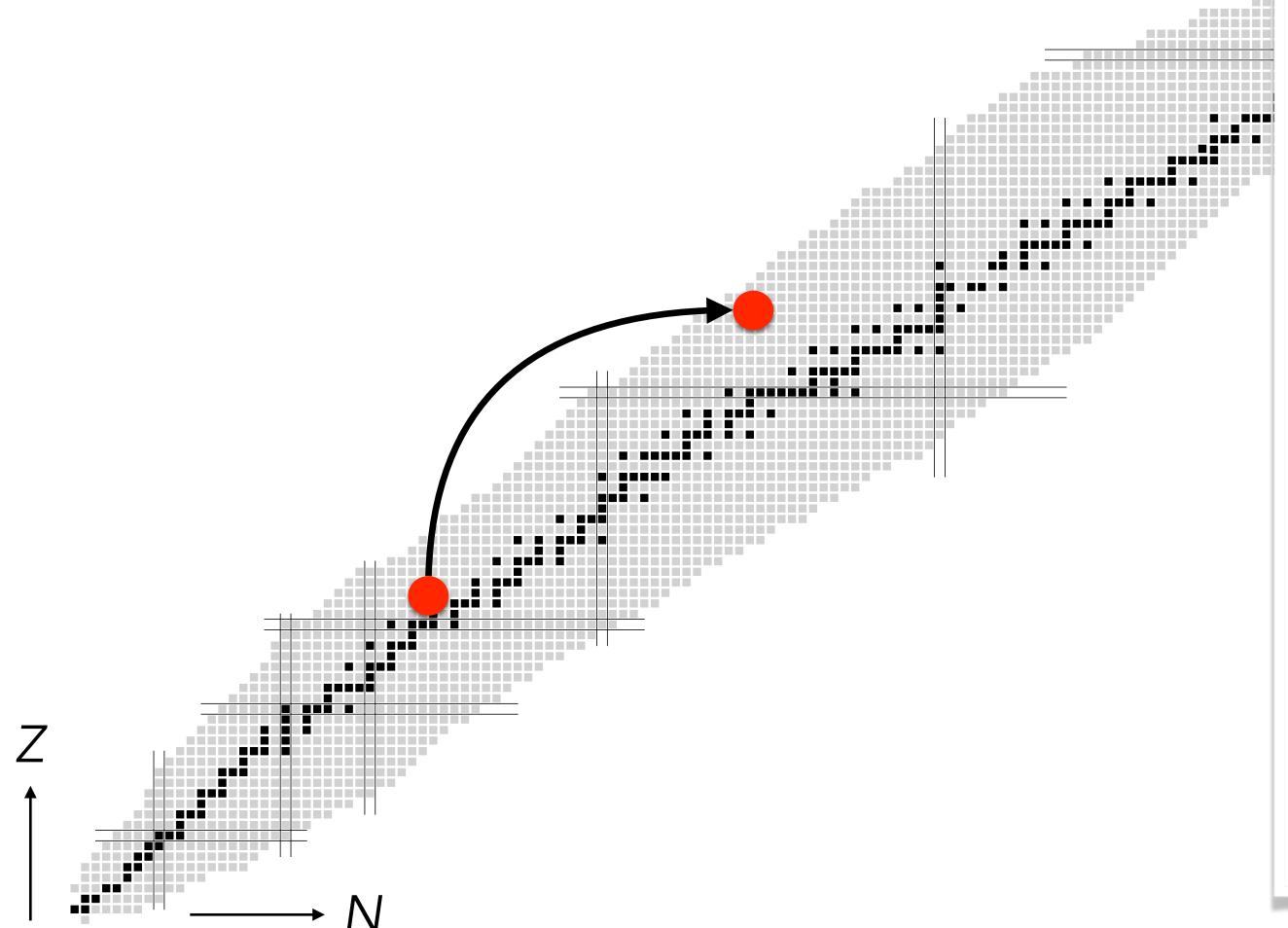


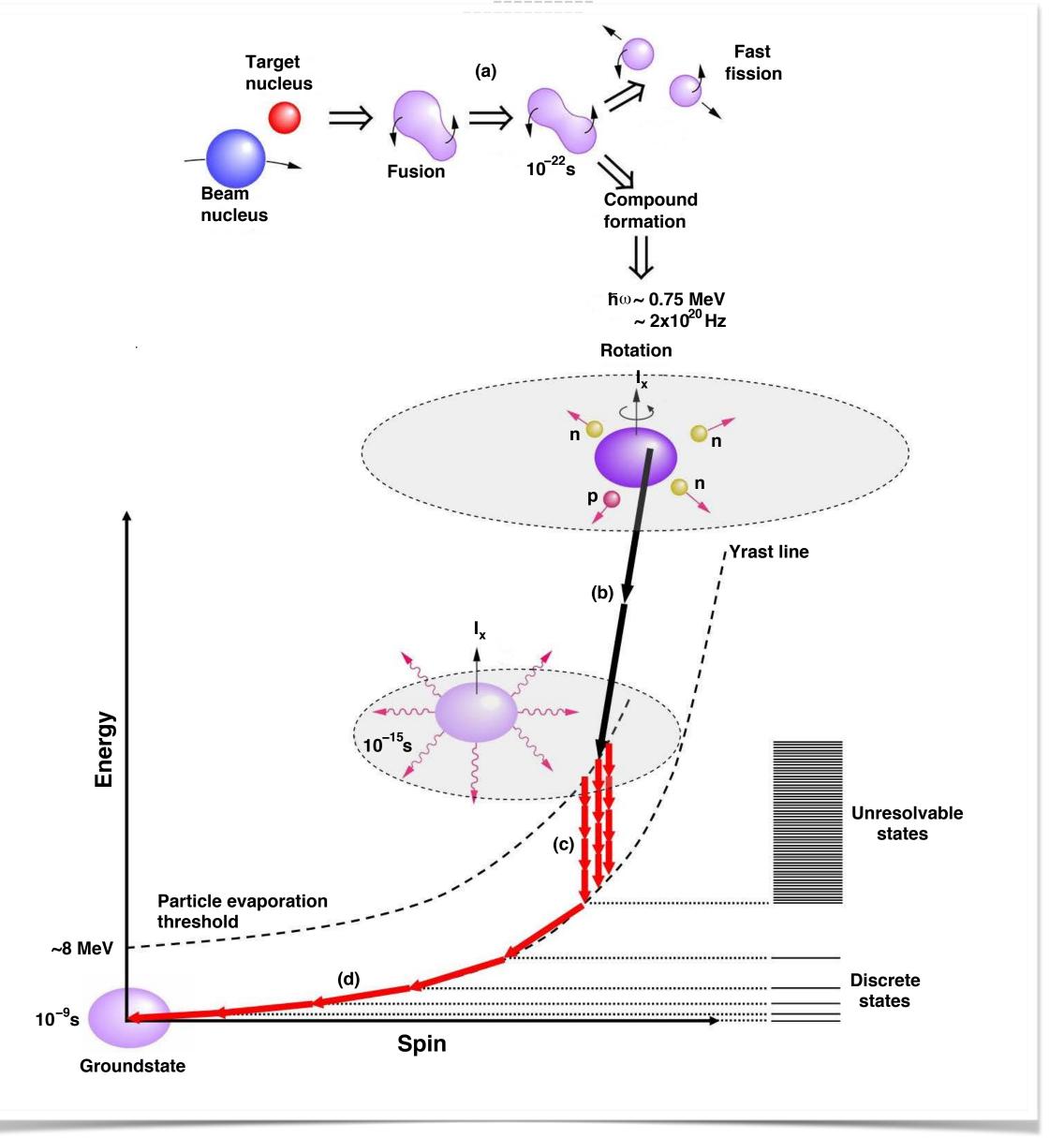




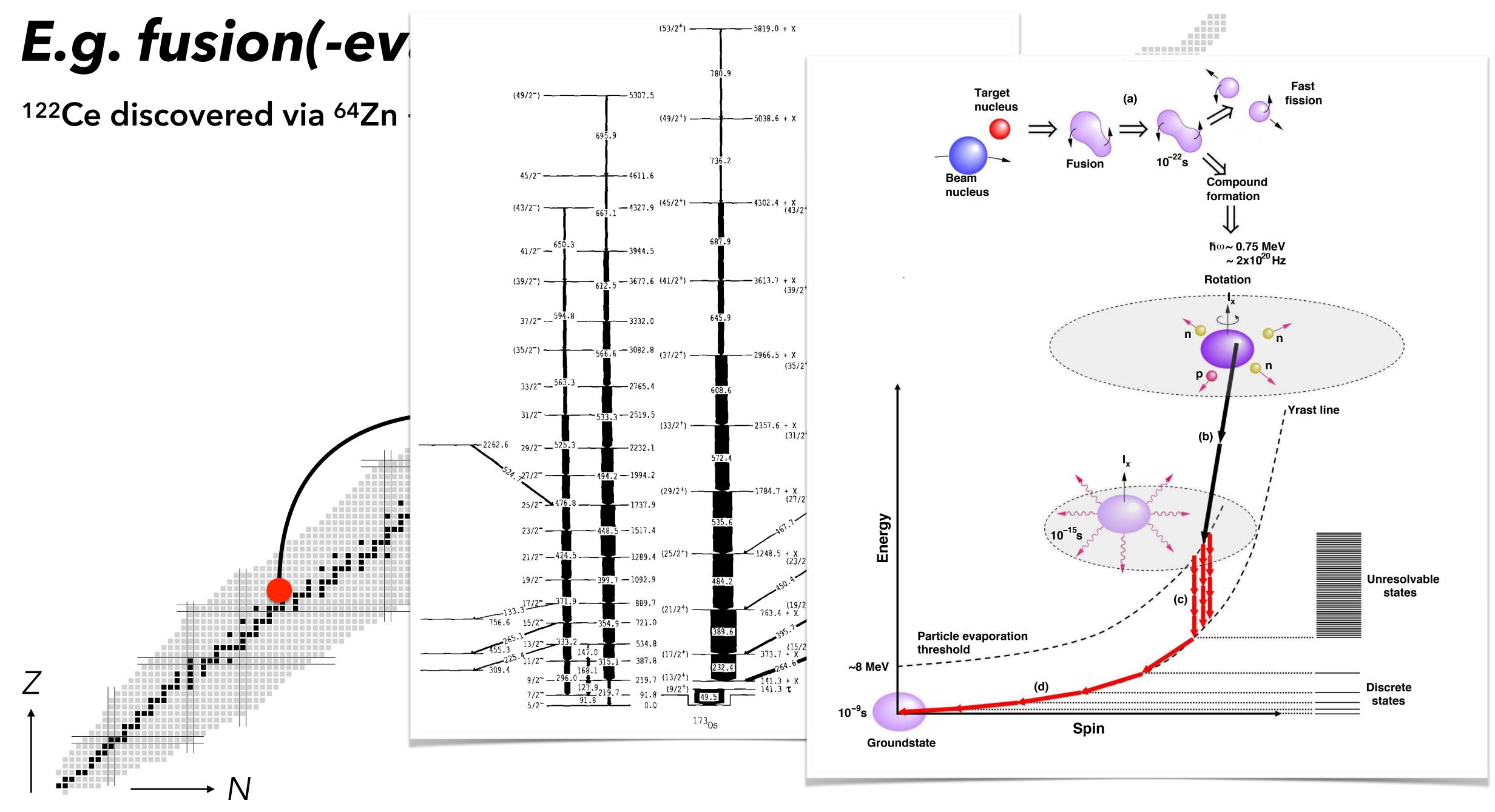
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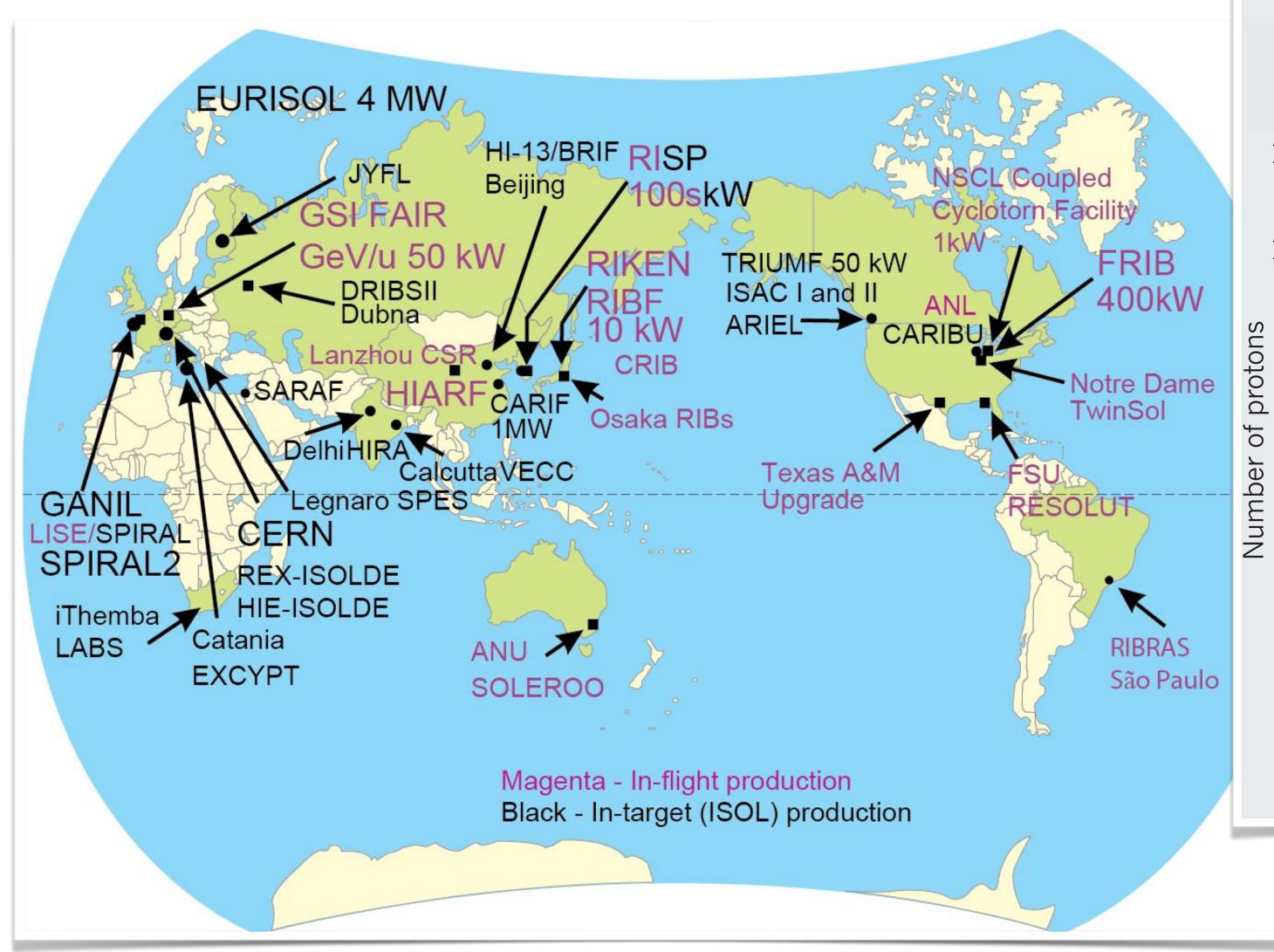


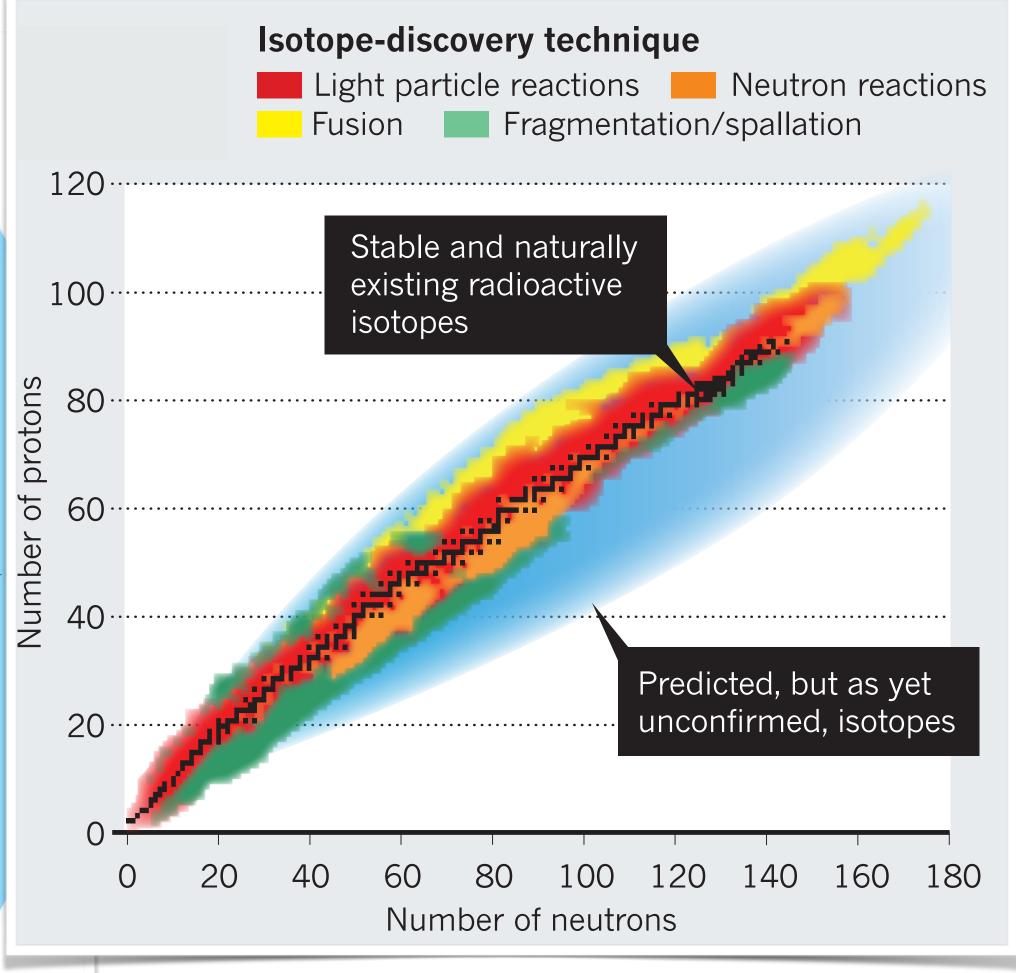






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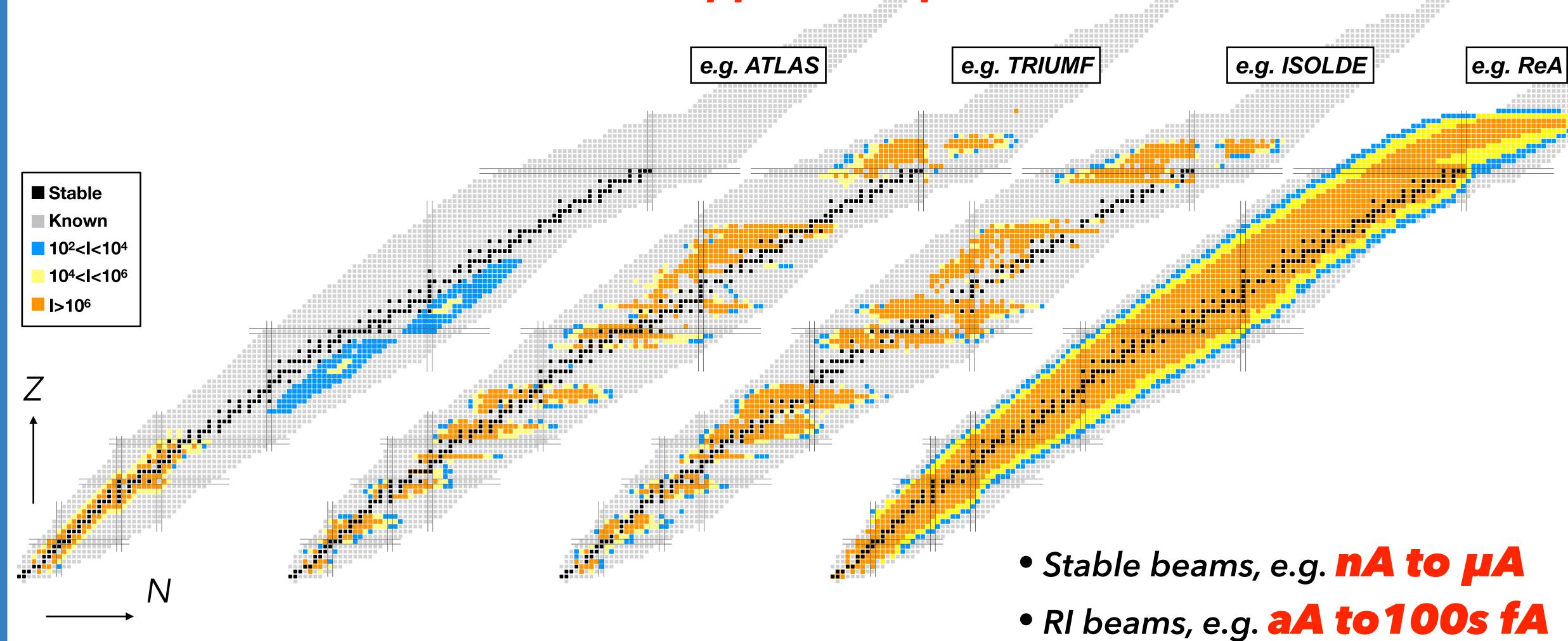






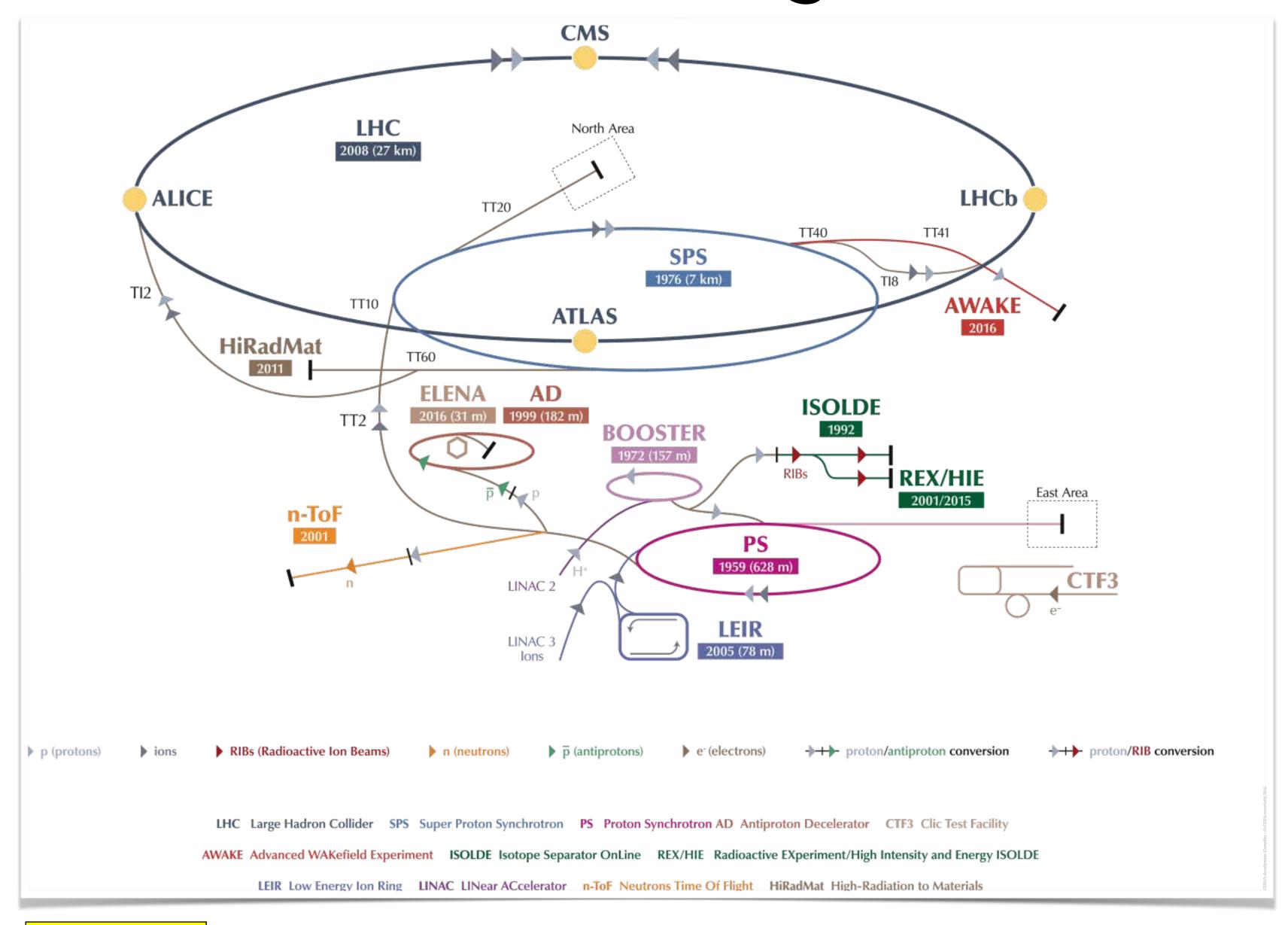
... RI beams

~10 MeV/u (3-20 MeV/u), >100s pps (and up to 100s MeV/u)





RIB facilities, ISOL at e.g. CERN, TRIUMF, ...



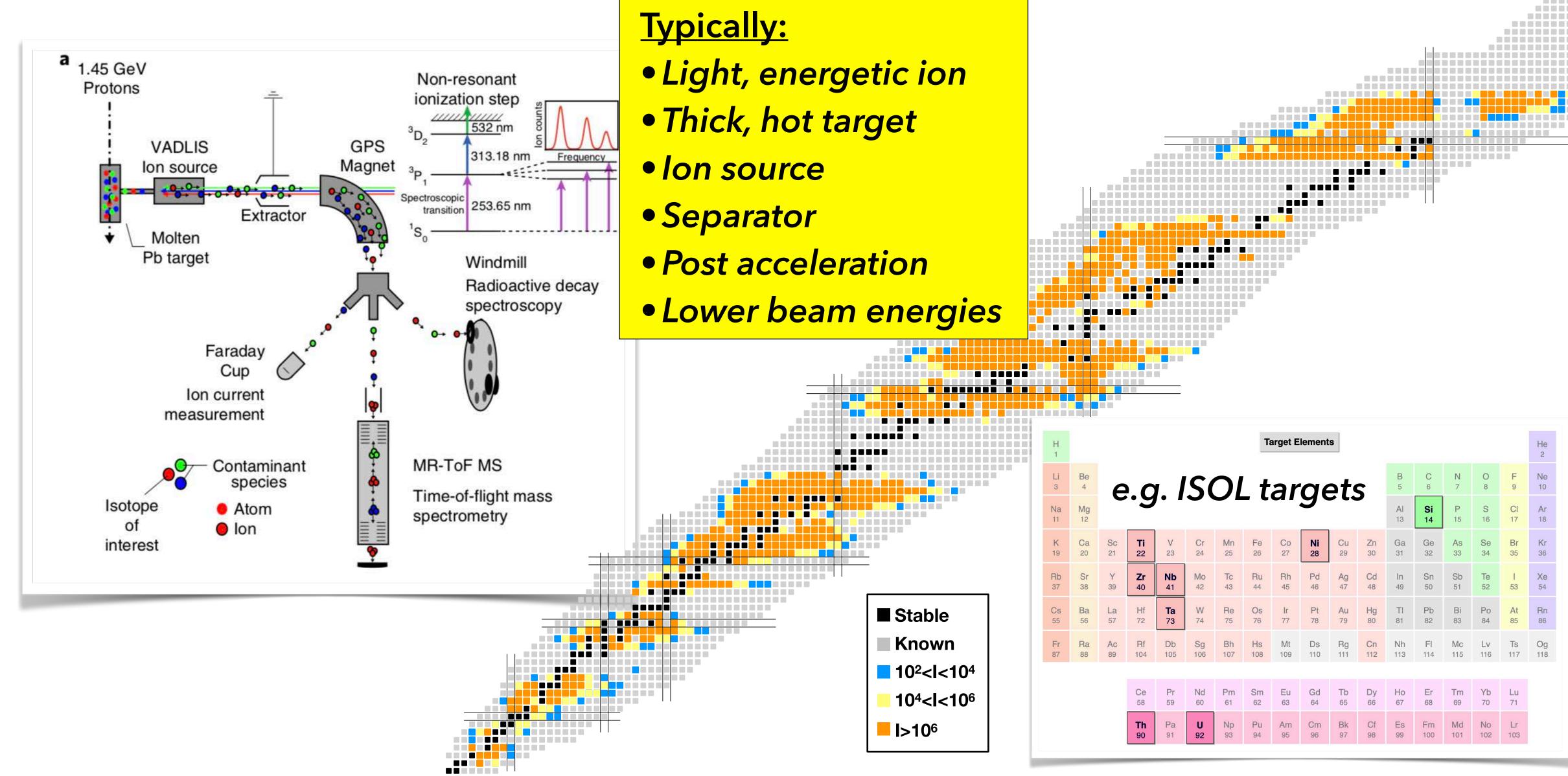
Examples of ISOL facilities:

TRIUMF (Canada)
SPIRAL/SPIRAL2 (France)
REX-ISOLDE/HIE-ISOLDE (CERN)
iTHEMBA - future radioactivebeam facility (South Africa)
JYFL (Finland) - IGISOL

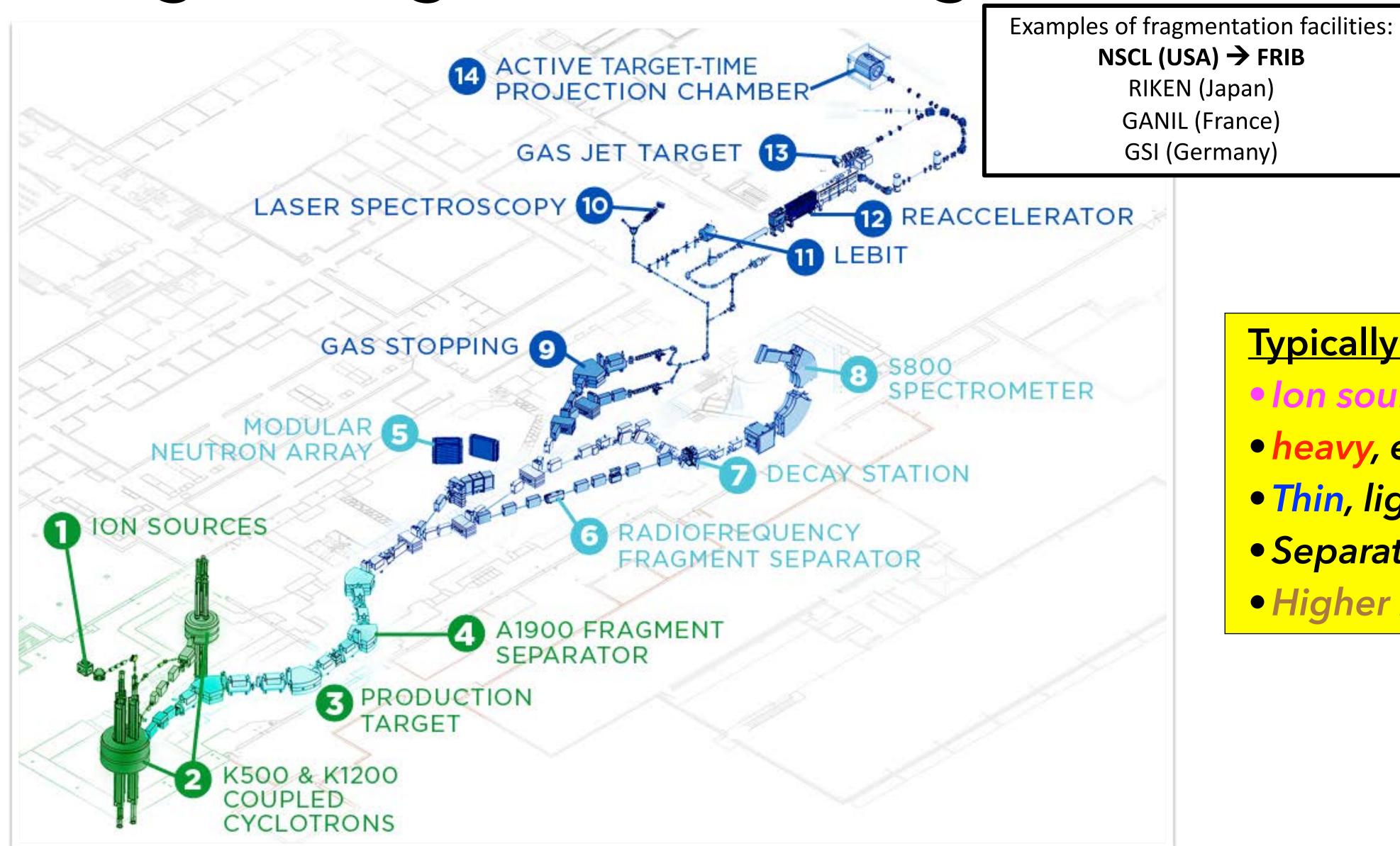
- Light, energetic ion
- Thick, hot target
- Ion source
- Separator
- Post acceleration
- Lower beam energies



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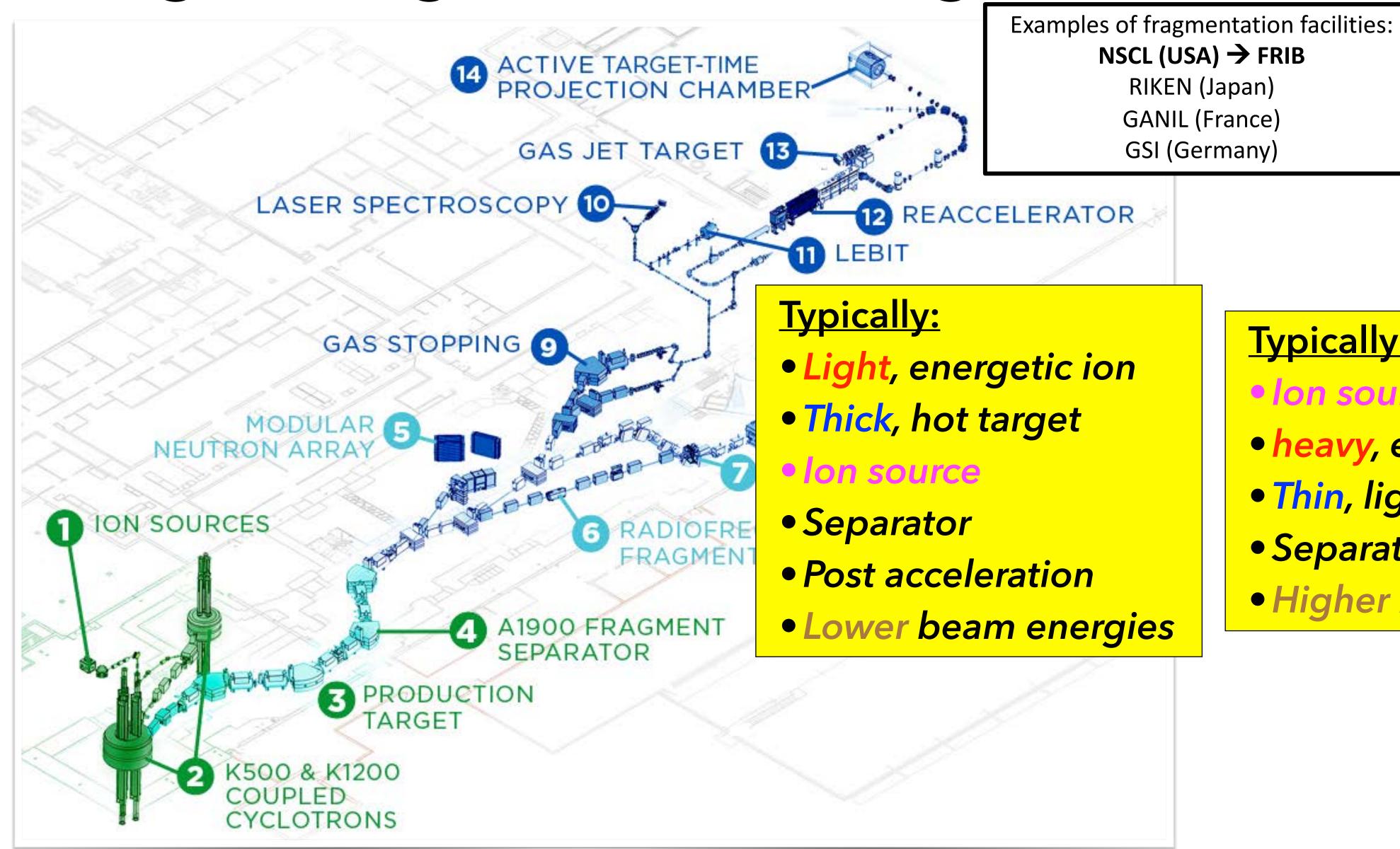
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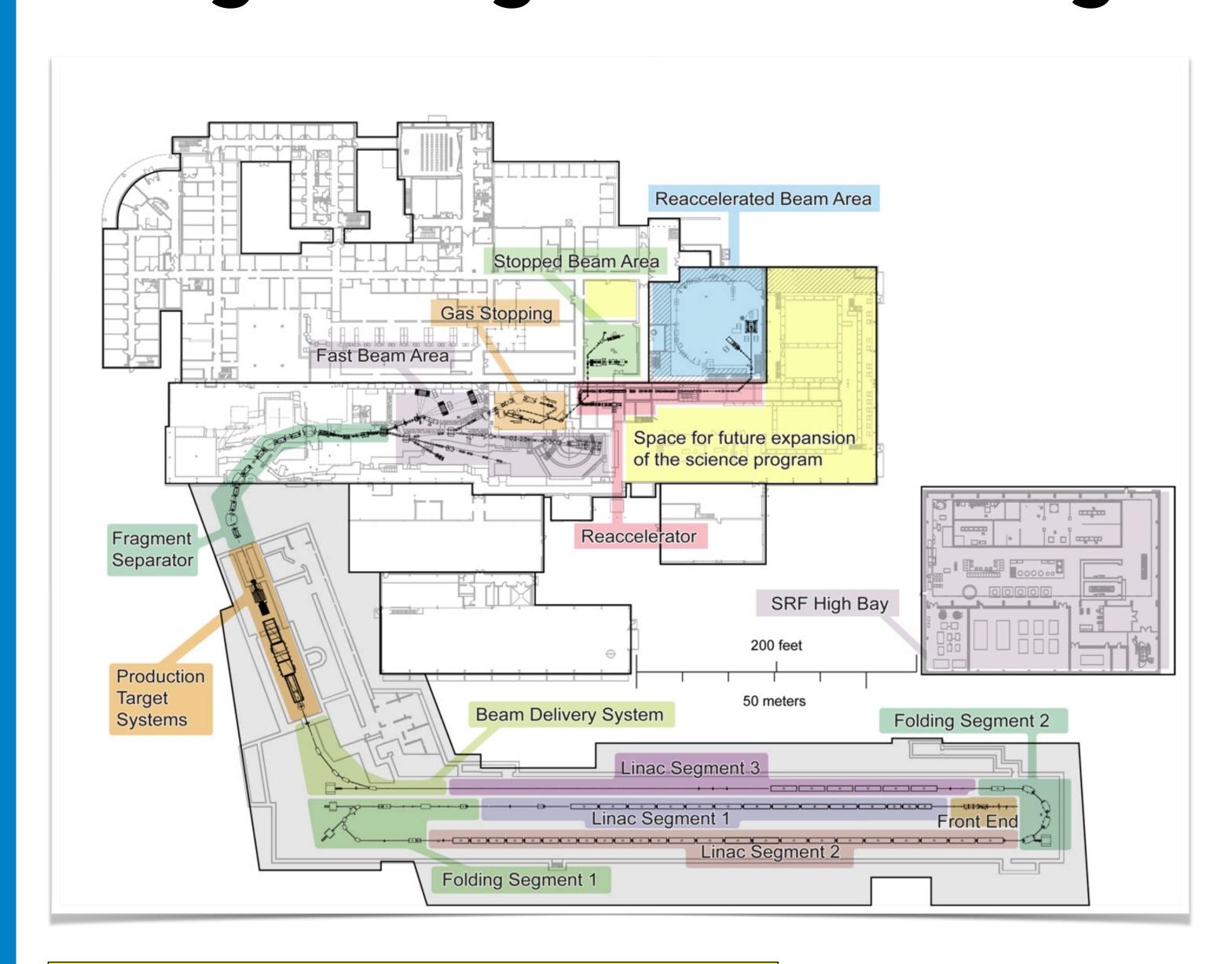


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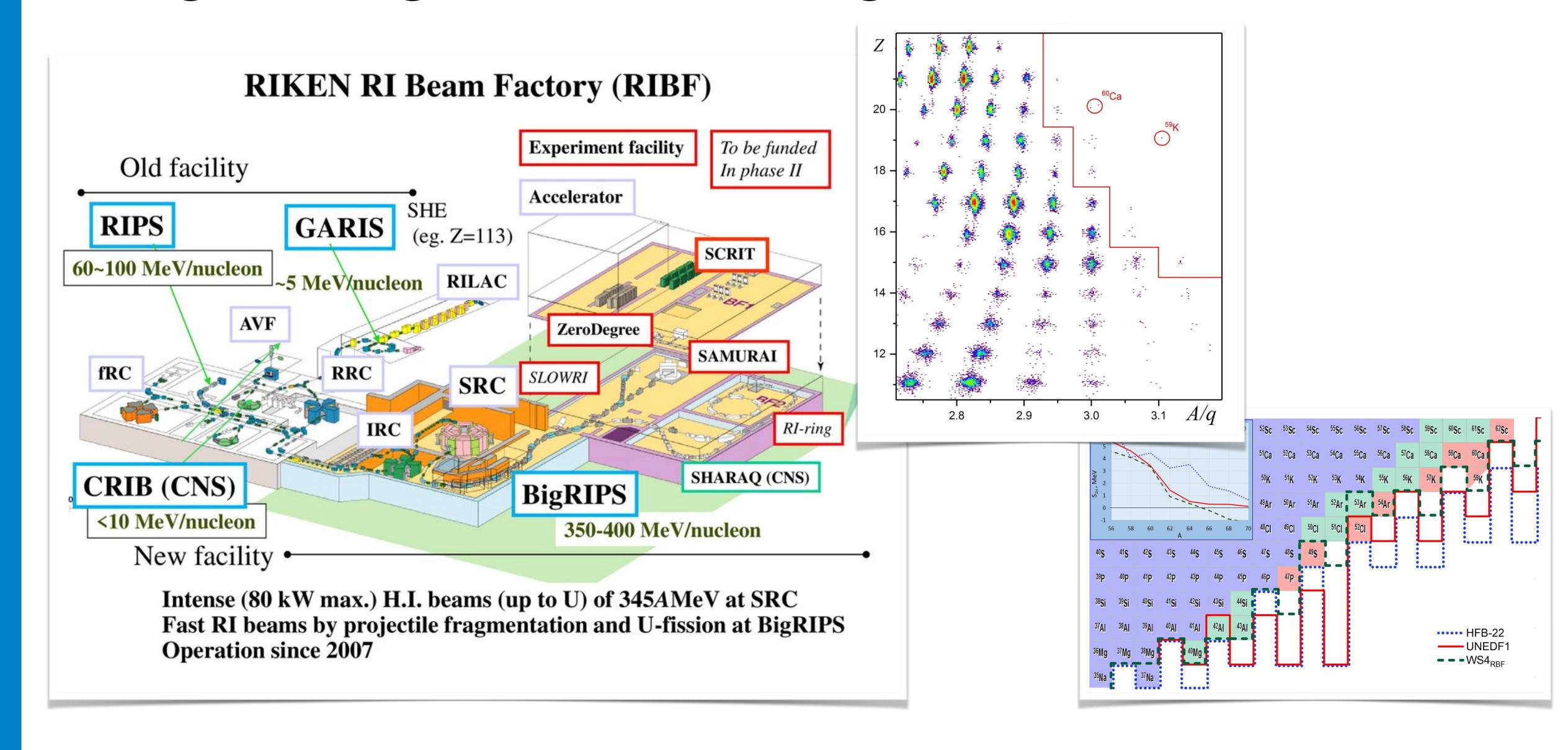
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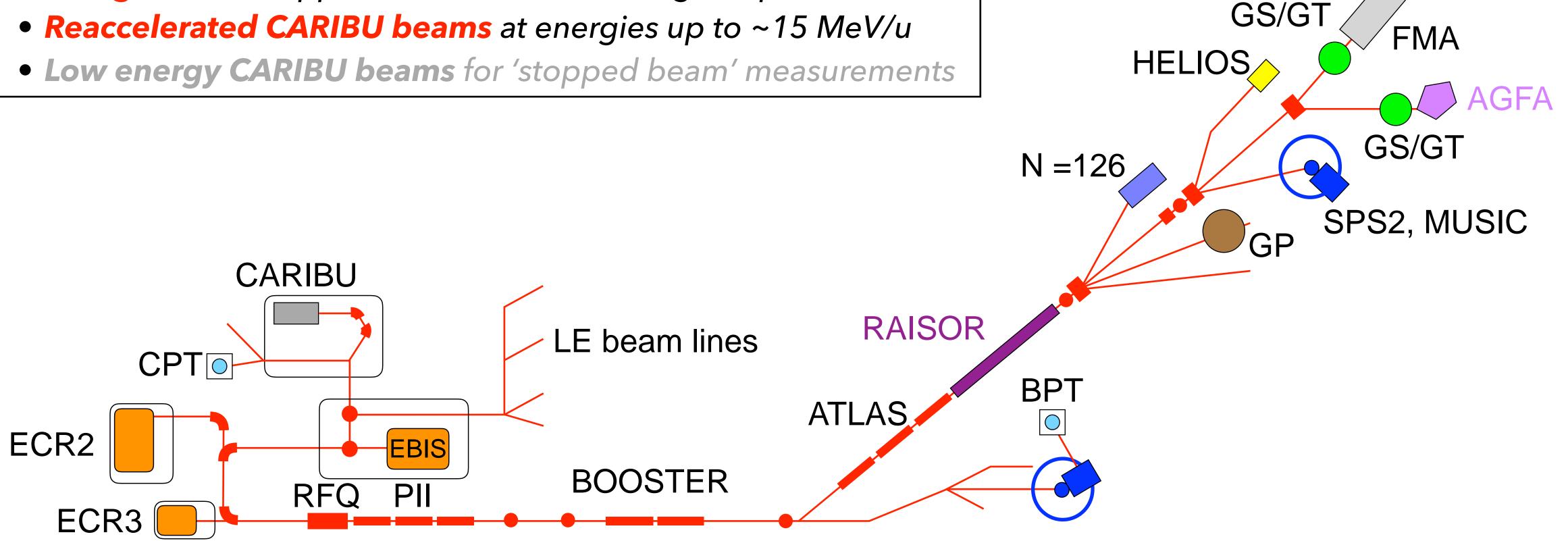
In-flight / fragmentation at e.g. RIBF, RIKEN



E.g. "ISOL" and in-flight at Argonne

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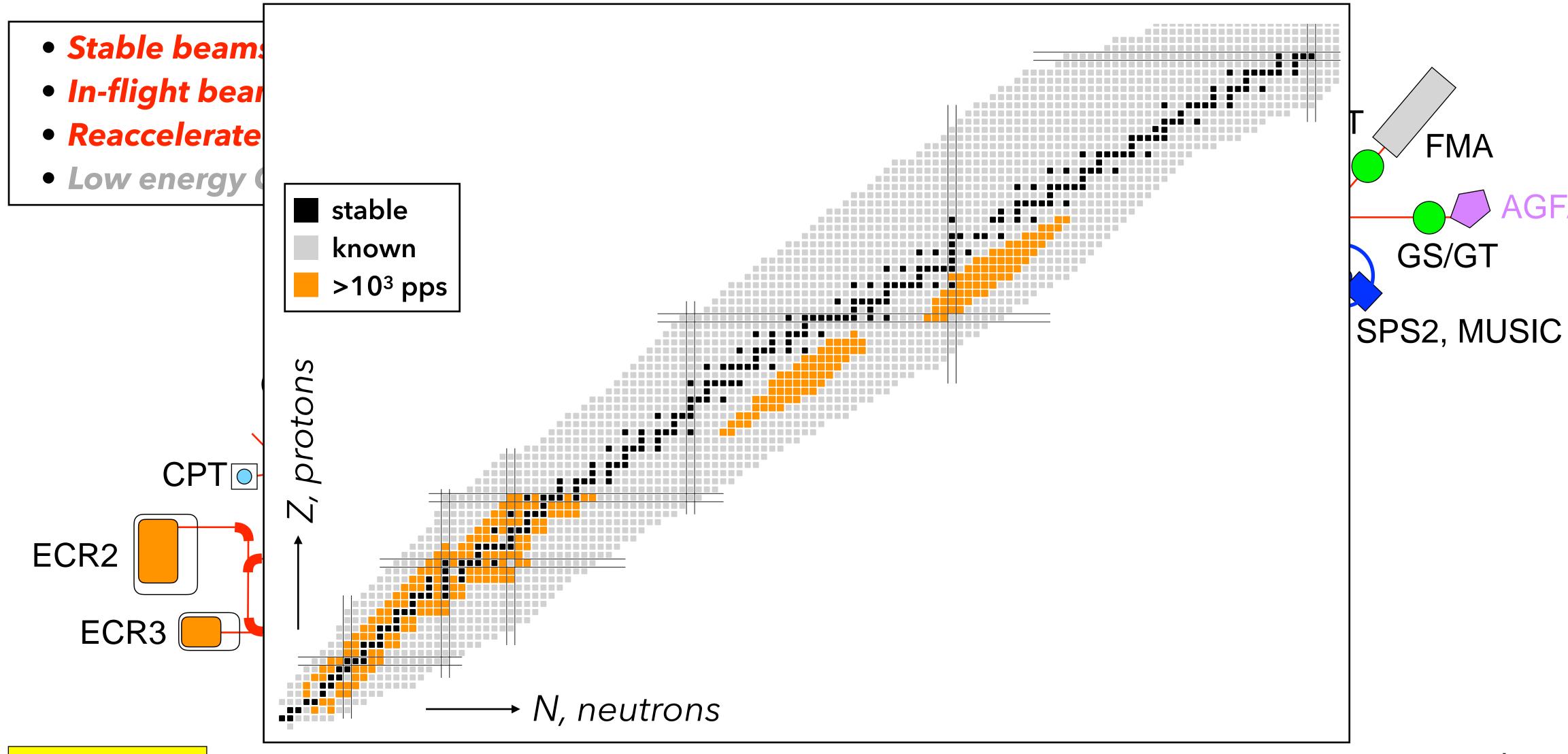
- Stable beams at high intensity and energies up to 18 MeV/u
- In-flight beams approx. 10 < A < 50 at energies up to 15 MeV/u



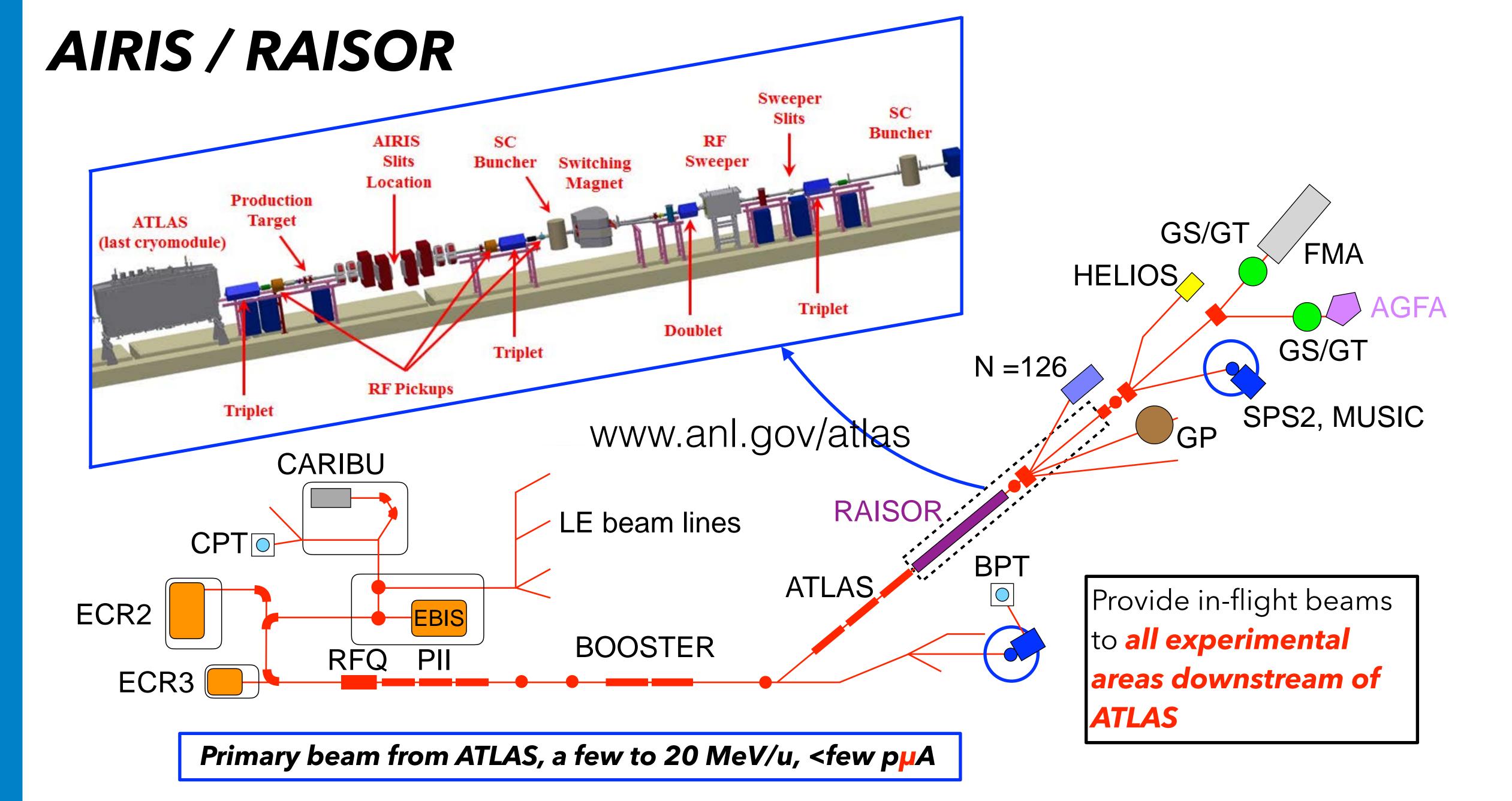


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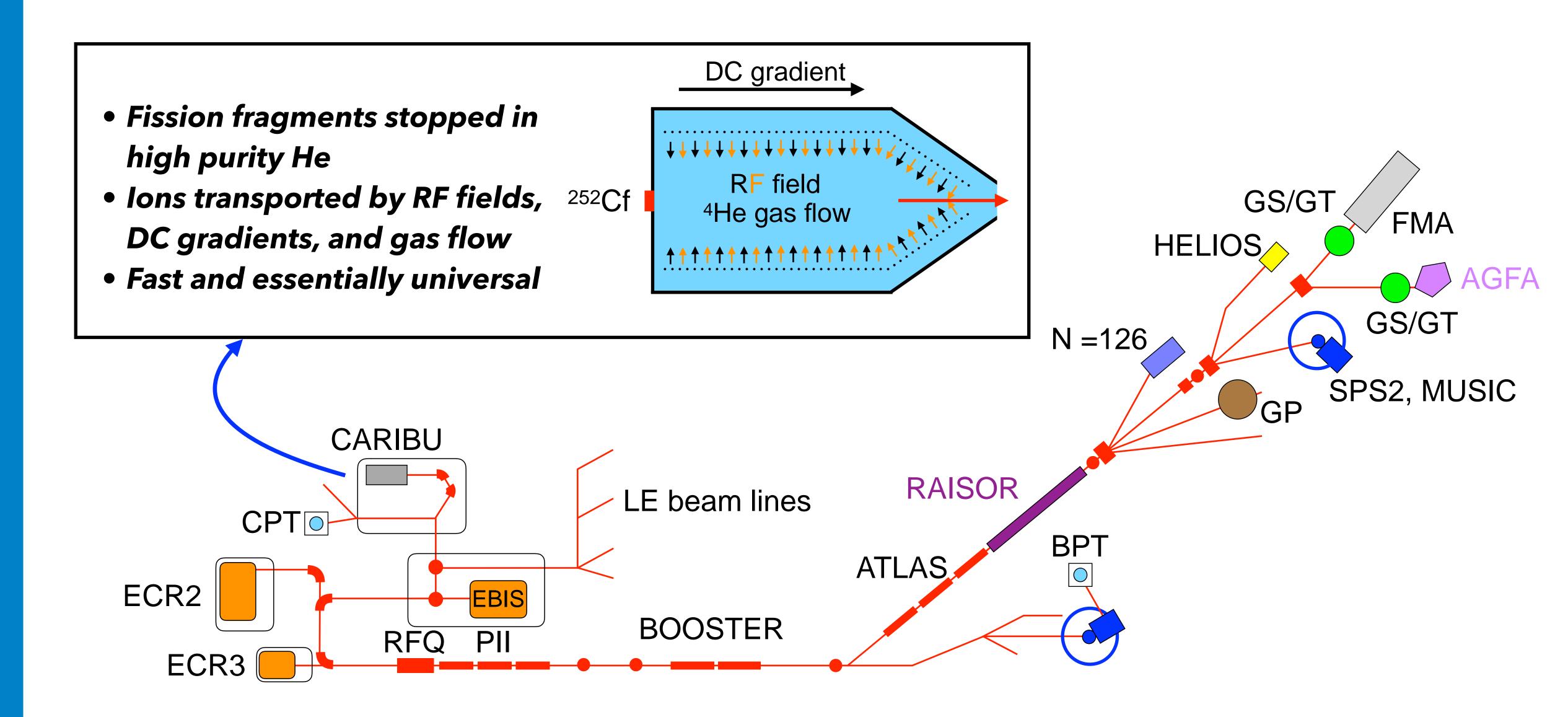






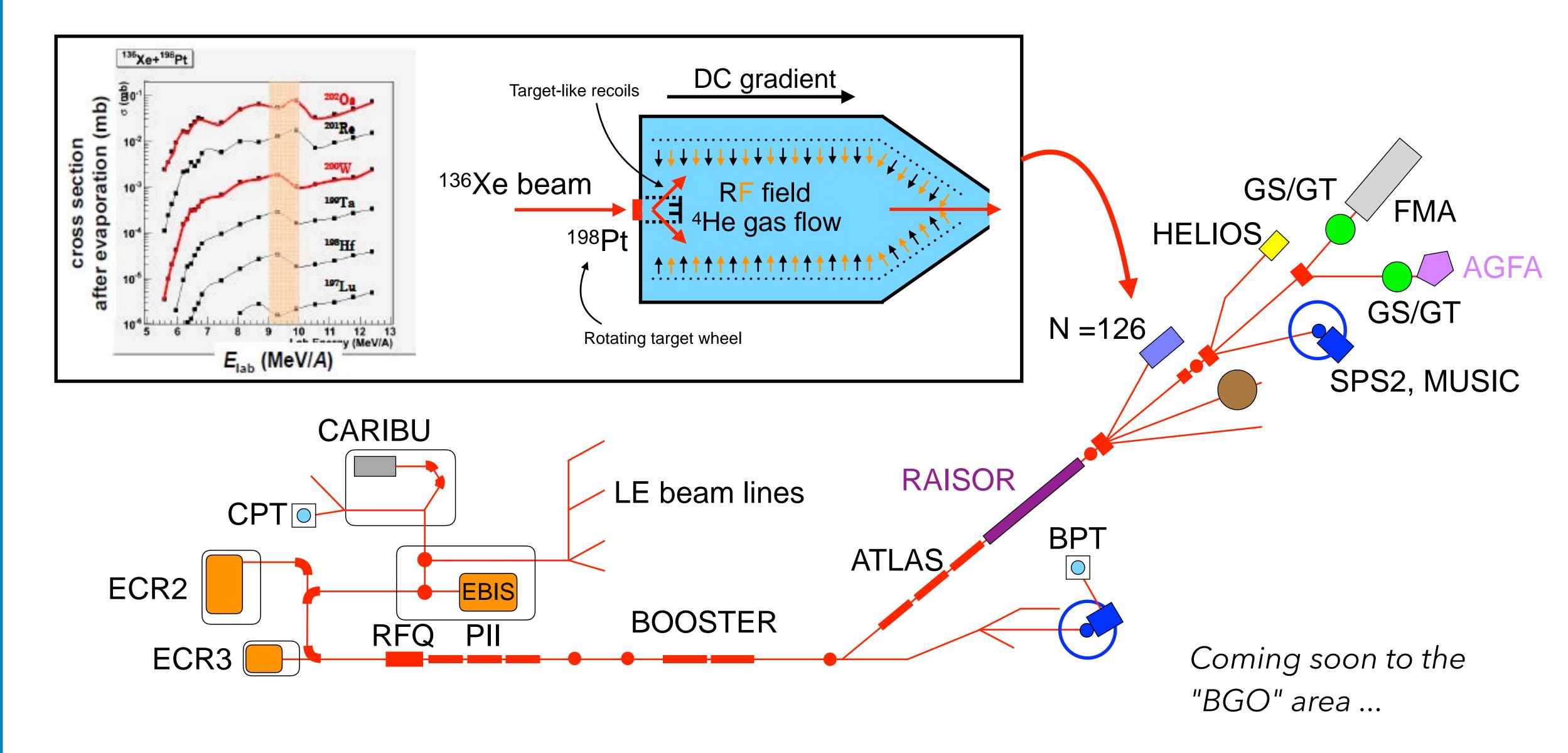


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Production of N = 126 nuclei



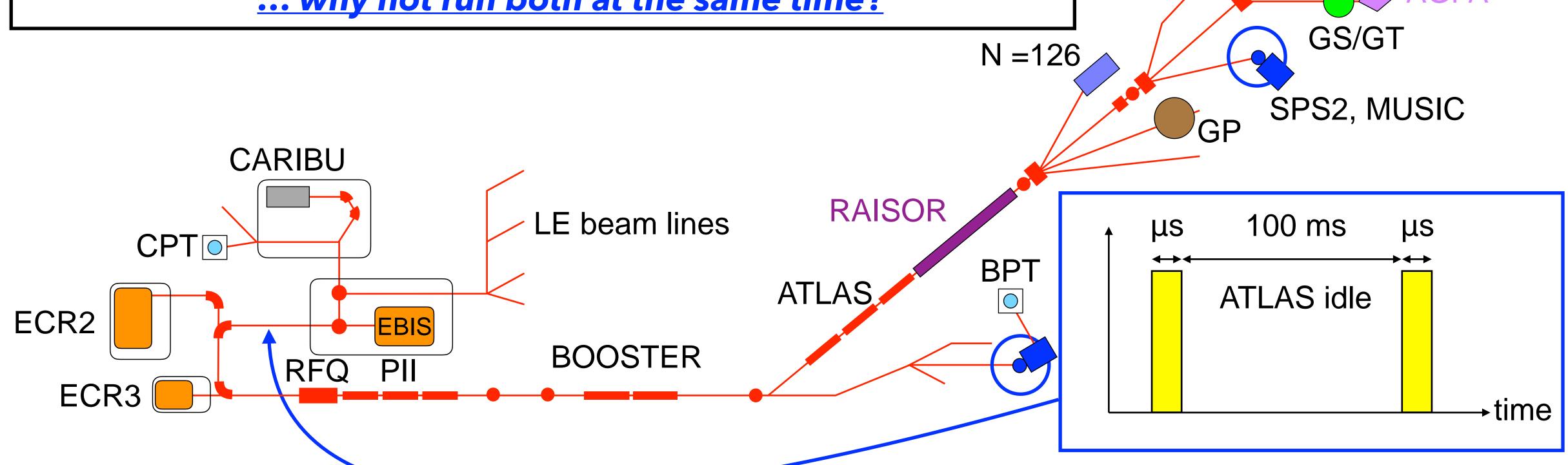


More than one beam!?

Higher demand for ATLAS beam time resolved ...

- The nations premier stable beam facility (but longer experiments, higher demand ...)
- Unique RI beams at ideal energies (naturally longer experiments, higher demand ...)

... why not run both at the same time?





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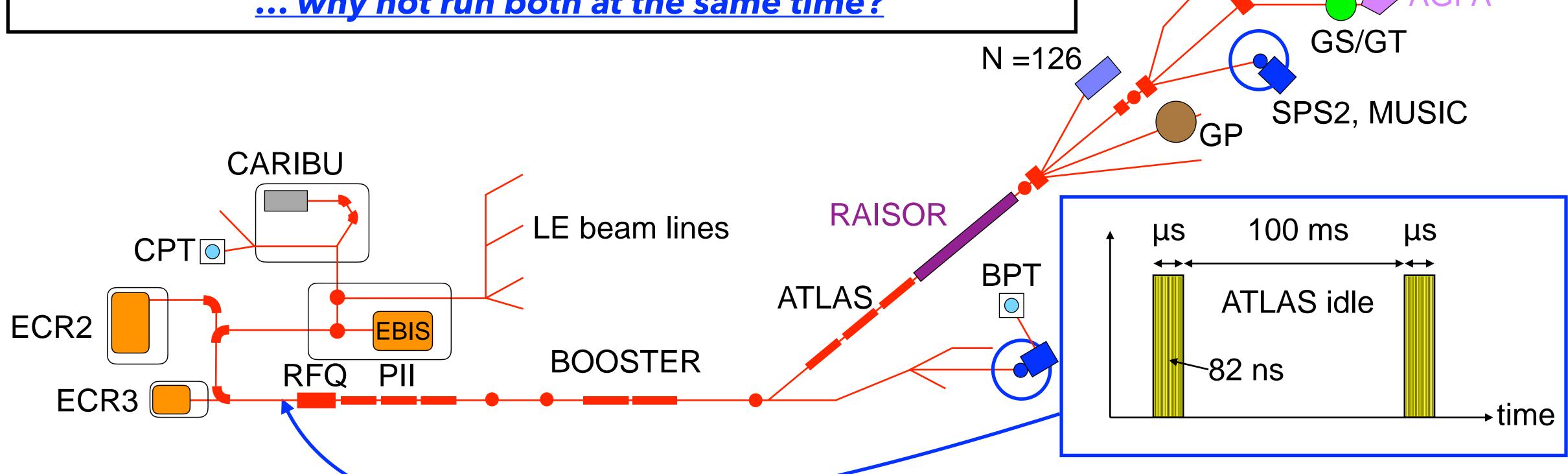
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"Multi-user" facility

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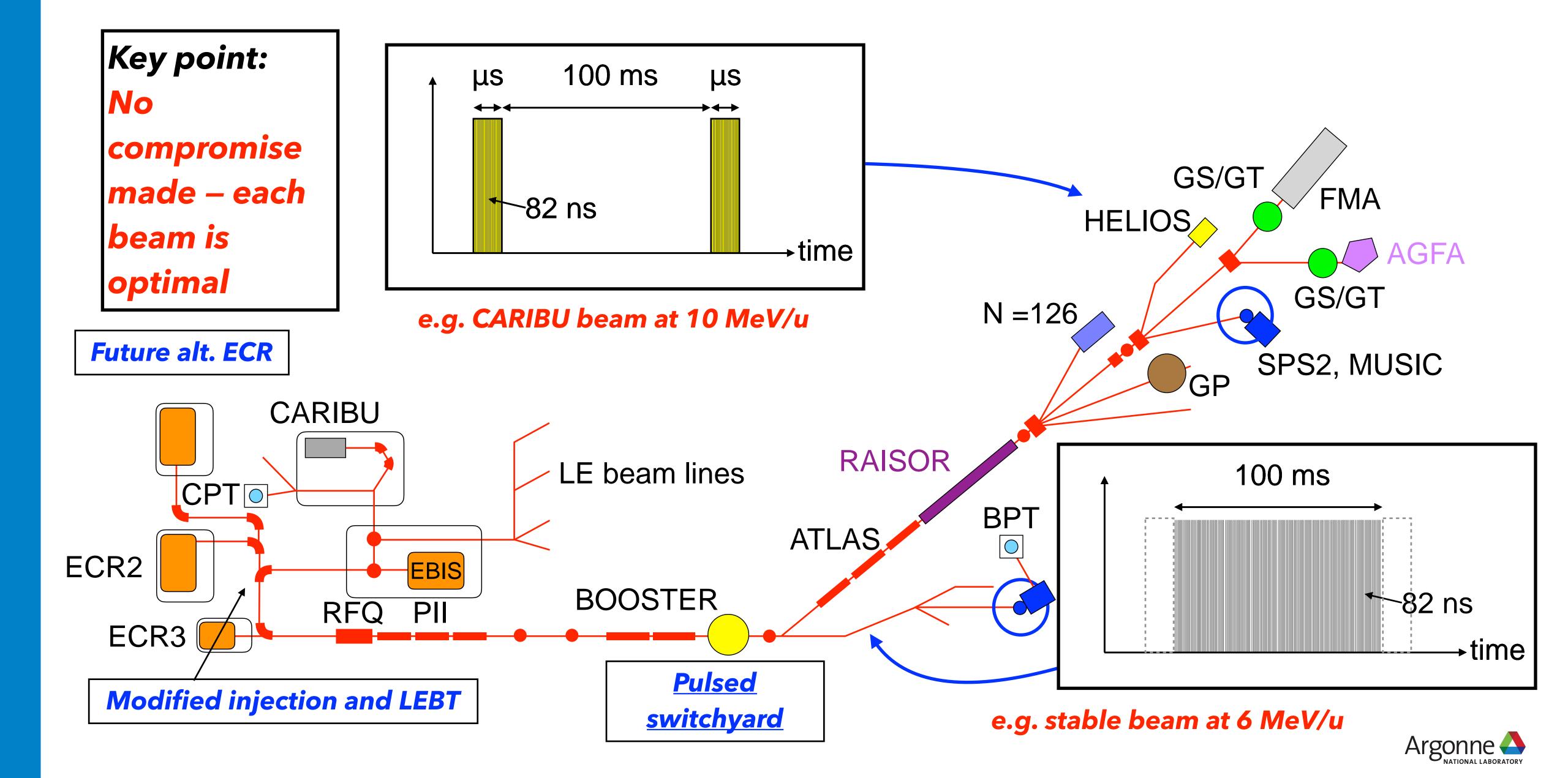


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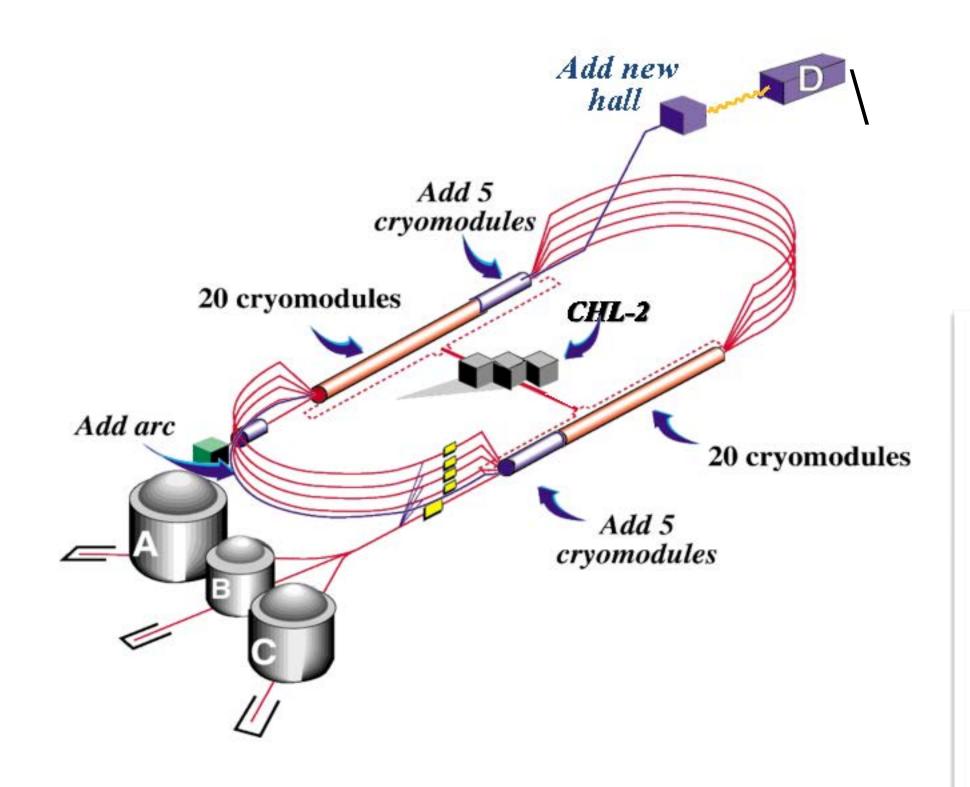
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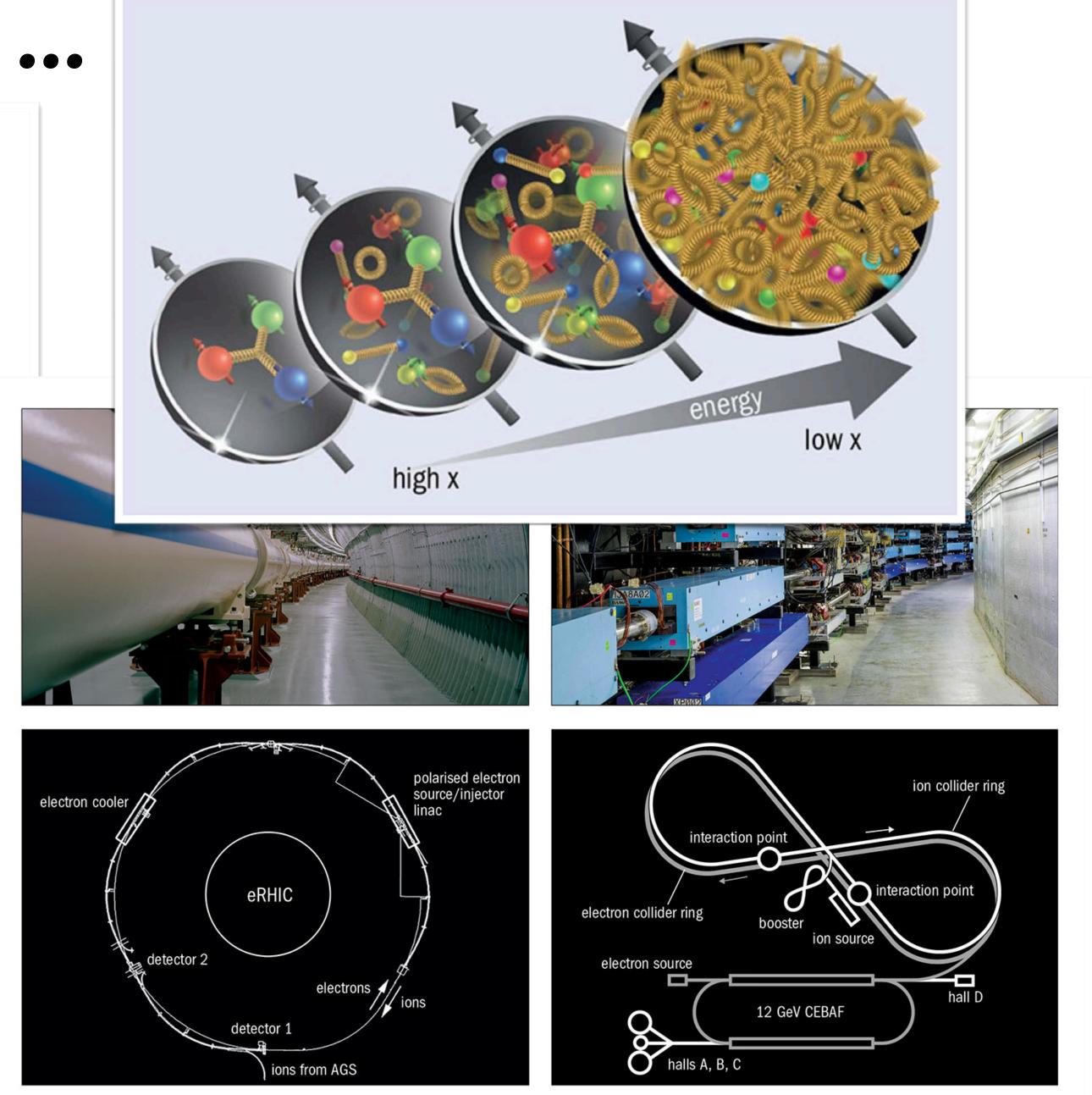
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Non-hadronic probes ...







Nuclear cartography

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Nuclear cartography: patterns in binding energies and subatomic structure

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Abstract

Nuclear masses and binding energies are some of the first nuclear properties met in high school physics, and can be used to introduce radioactive decays, fusion, and fission. With relatively little extension, they can also illustrate fundamental concepts in nuclear physics, such as shell structure and pairing, and to discuss how the elements around us were formed in stars. One way of visualising these nuclear properties is through the nuclide chart, which maps all nuclides as a function of their proton and neutron numbers. Here we use the nuclide chart to illustrate various aspects of nuclear physics, and present 3D visualisations of it produced as part of the binding blocks project.

The 3D Nuclide Chart

Putting the joy back into nuclear data.

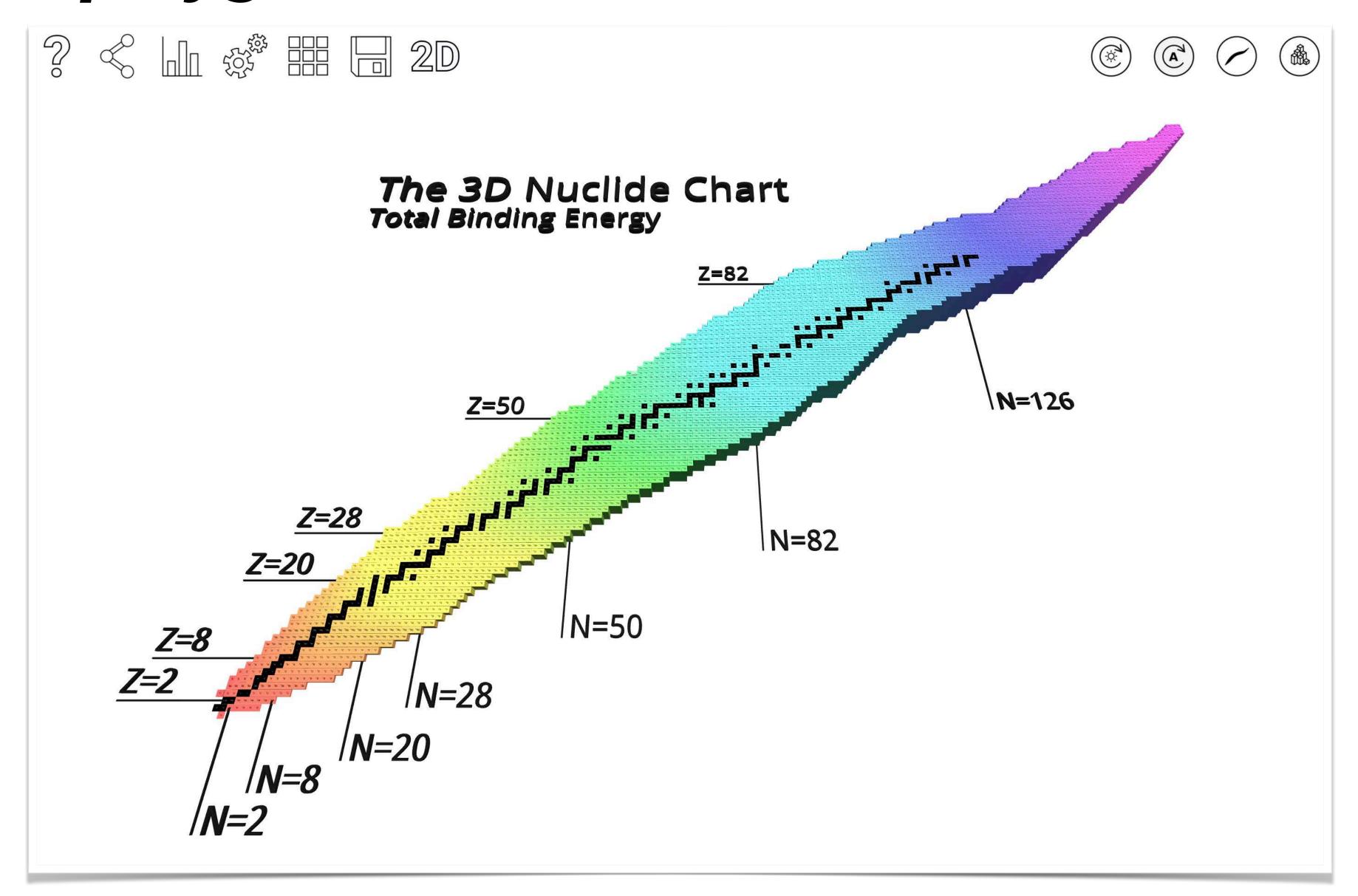


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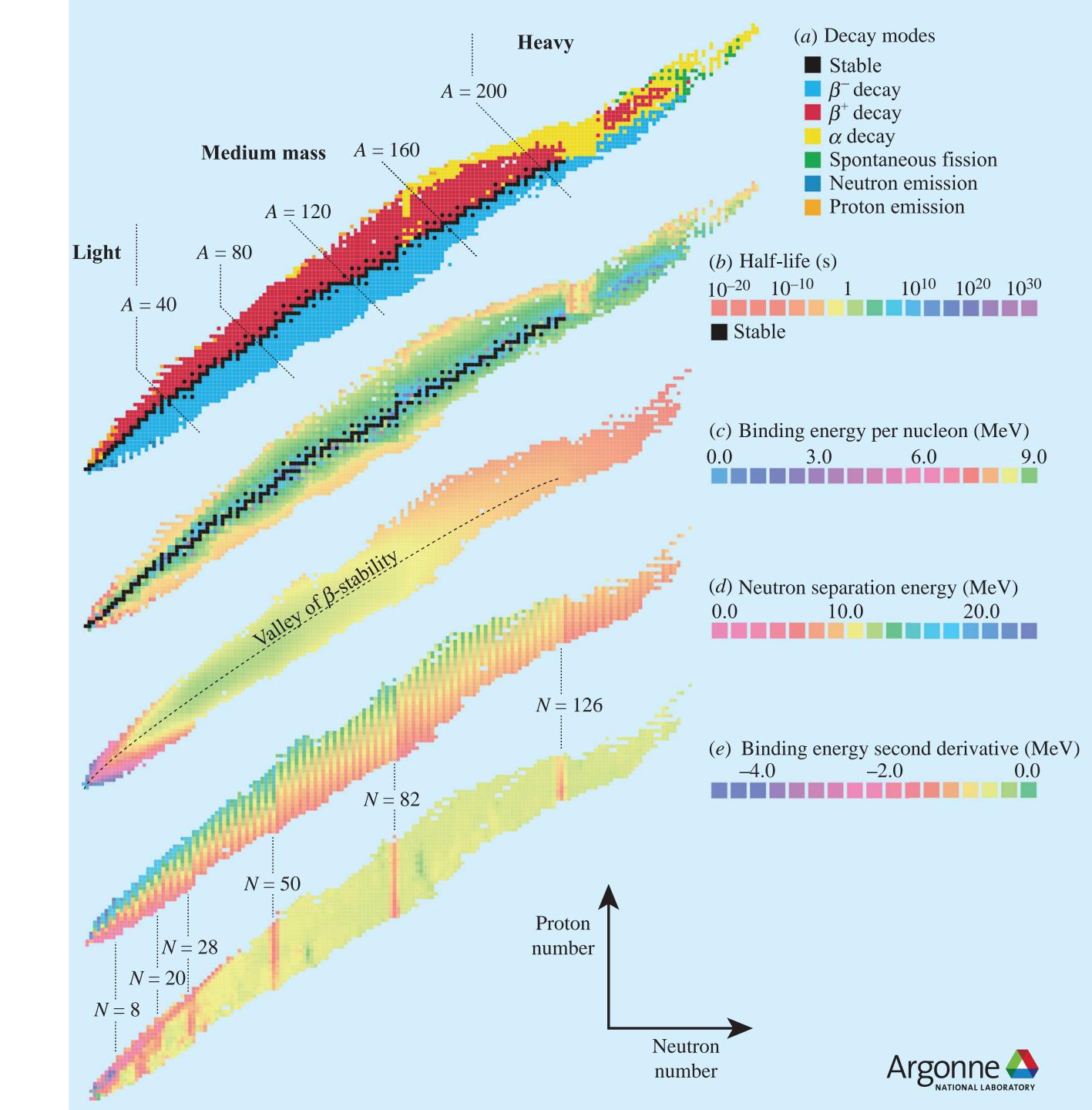
Nuclear playground



Nuclear playground

As experimentalists we can:

- Determine the decay mode
- Determine the half life
- Determine the mass, binding
- Reaction cross sections
- Moments
- Transition rates / energies



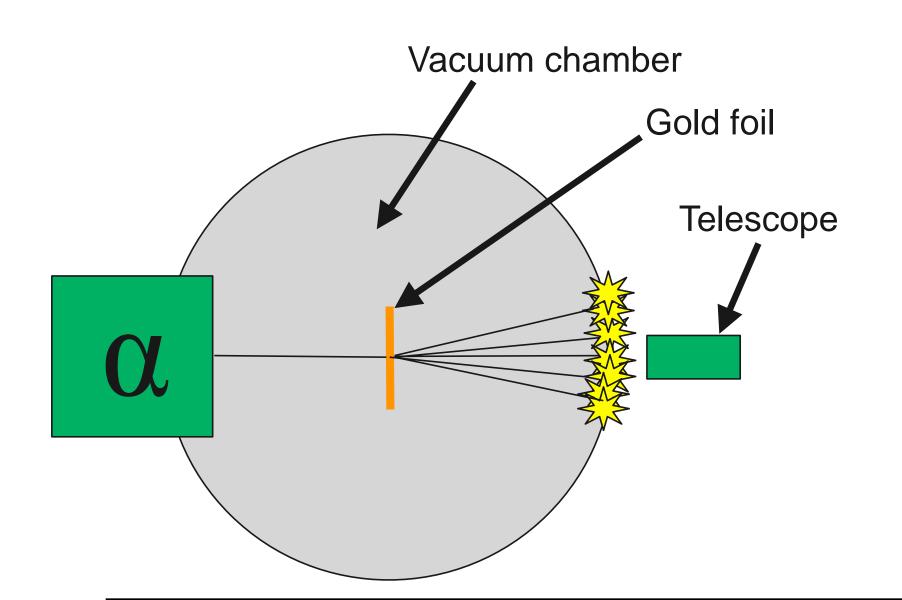
What can one observe, why is it tough?

- As you will have heard over the work shop, there are only a handful of physical properties of nuclei one can probe and link to models
- For a low-energy experimentalists the challenges are many ... as we've just seen only about 4% of the nuclei predicted to be bound are stable, the rest we have to make ...
- The best probes are typically nuclei themselves ...
- Then there is the connection to theory and understanding, what we measure are not always instructive without model-dependent conversions (plenty of discussions in lectures 2 and 3)

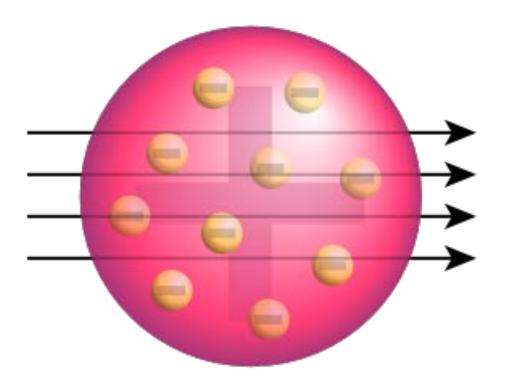


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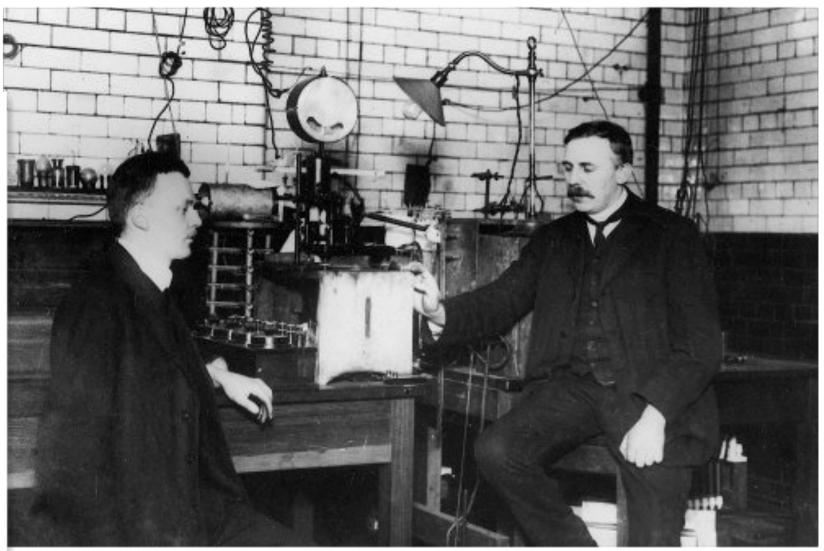
The Geiger-Marsden experiment



The plum-pudding idea seemed reasonable: this result would fit expectations



- A 0.1 Ci radium source
- ~10¹⁰ α particles per second (~ 1nA of ⁴He)
- α particles of 7.7 MeV (~1.9 MeV/u)
- A gold foil of 0.00004 cm thick (~0.8 mg/cm²)
- A telescope was used to look at flashes of light on a zinc sulphide screen

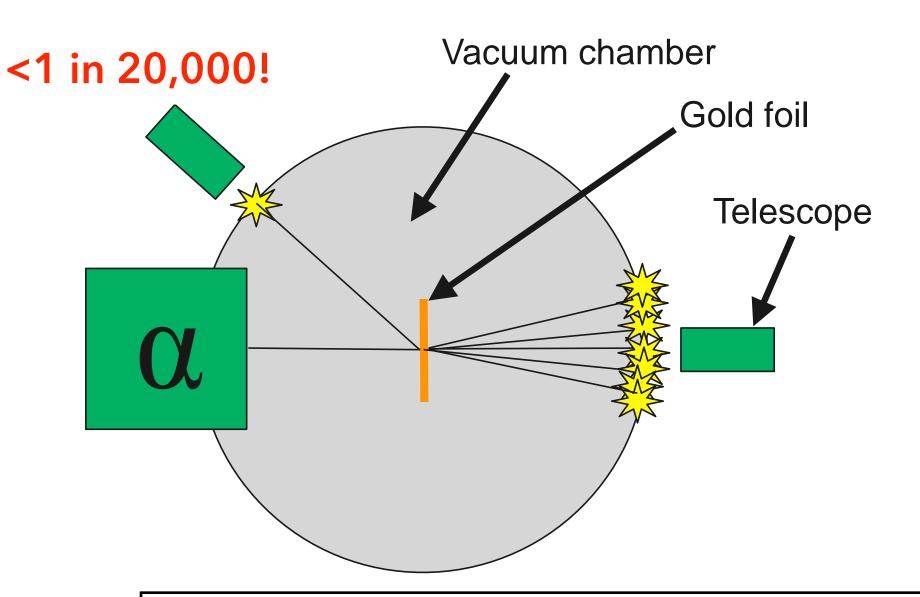




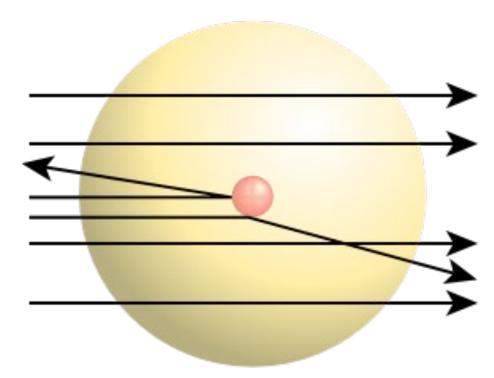


Reaction ... information

The Geiger-Marsden experiment



The atom has a dense, positive mass at the centre ... it is mostly empty!



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"It was almost as incredible as if you fired a 15-inch shell at a piece of tissue paper and it came back and hit you." – E. Rutherford.

This has all the same ingredients a modern nuclear reaction experiment:

- A beam
- A target
- A chamber
- Reaction products
- A detector
- ... deduce something about the gold ... its

SIZE, that's it's bound,...



Neutrons, strong force, shell structure

Still not quite the nucleus ... what's missing

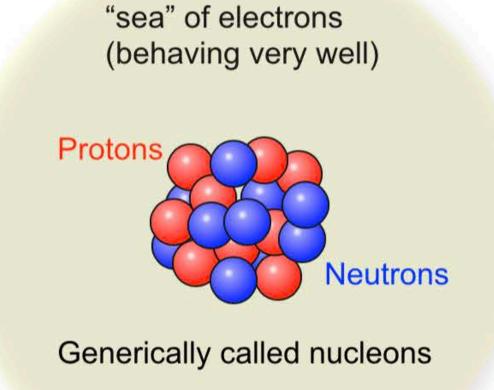
- * What is the positive charge? Protons (Rutherford)
- What else is in there? Neutrons (Chadwick)
- * How does it stick together? (A strong nuclear potential)



Neils Bohr, Atomic theory

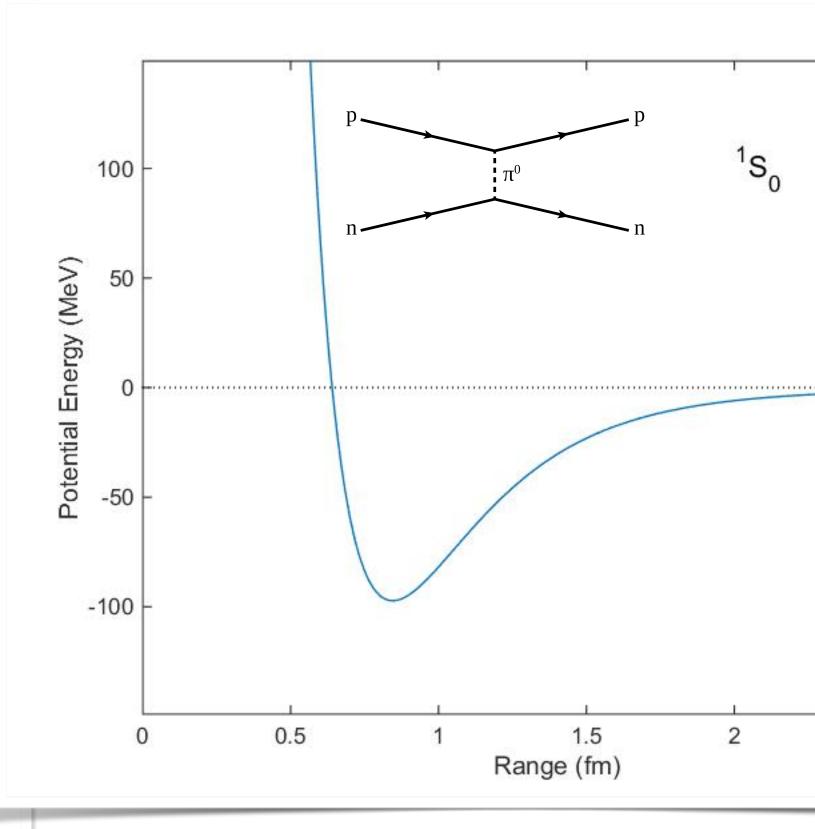


James Chadwick, neutrons





Hideki Yukawa, potential

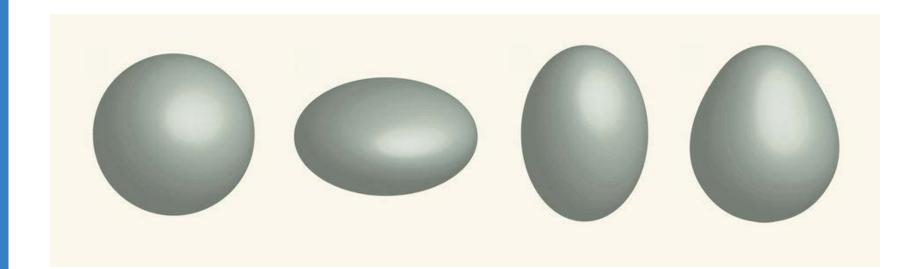


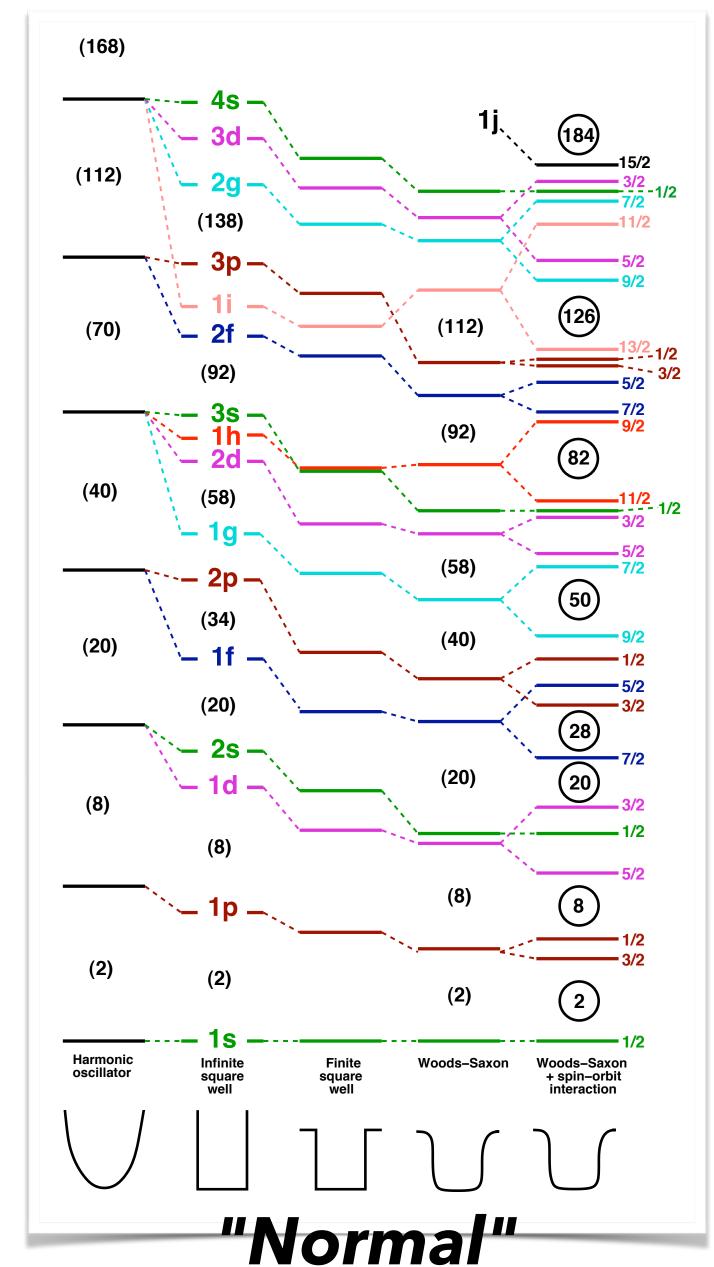
Hugely exaggerated cartoon on the atom. On this scale the nucleus would be a tiny period at the center.

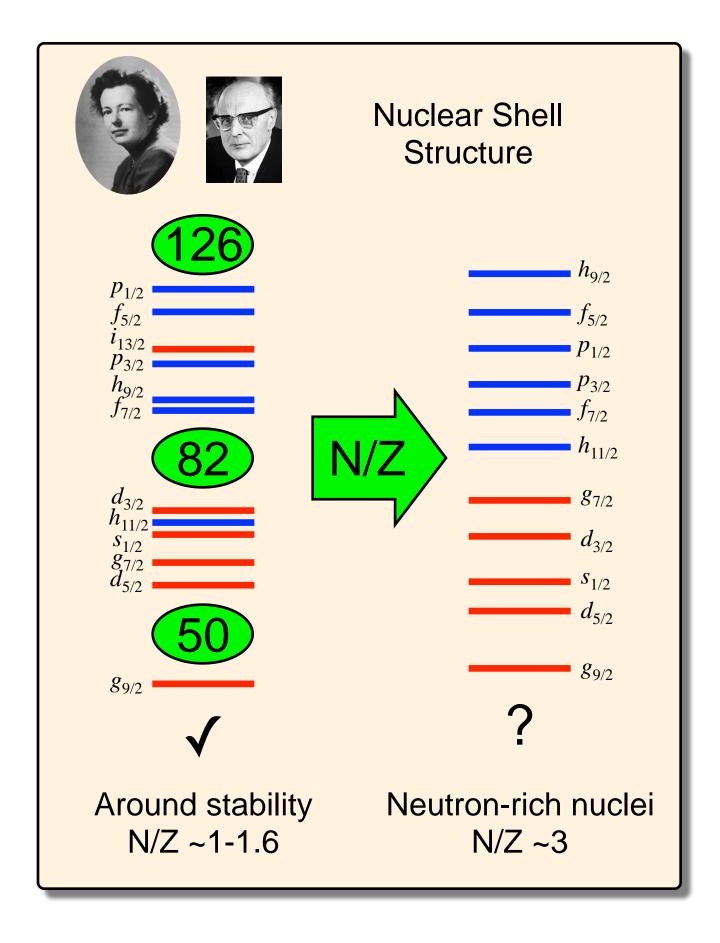


Neutrons, strong force, shell structure, shapes

- •Shapes (all nucleons, collective)
- •<u>Single-particle</u> (inert cores, valence nucleons)







"Exotic"



Magic systems still the pillars of our understanding

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Experimental⁴⁰

★ This work

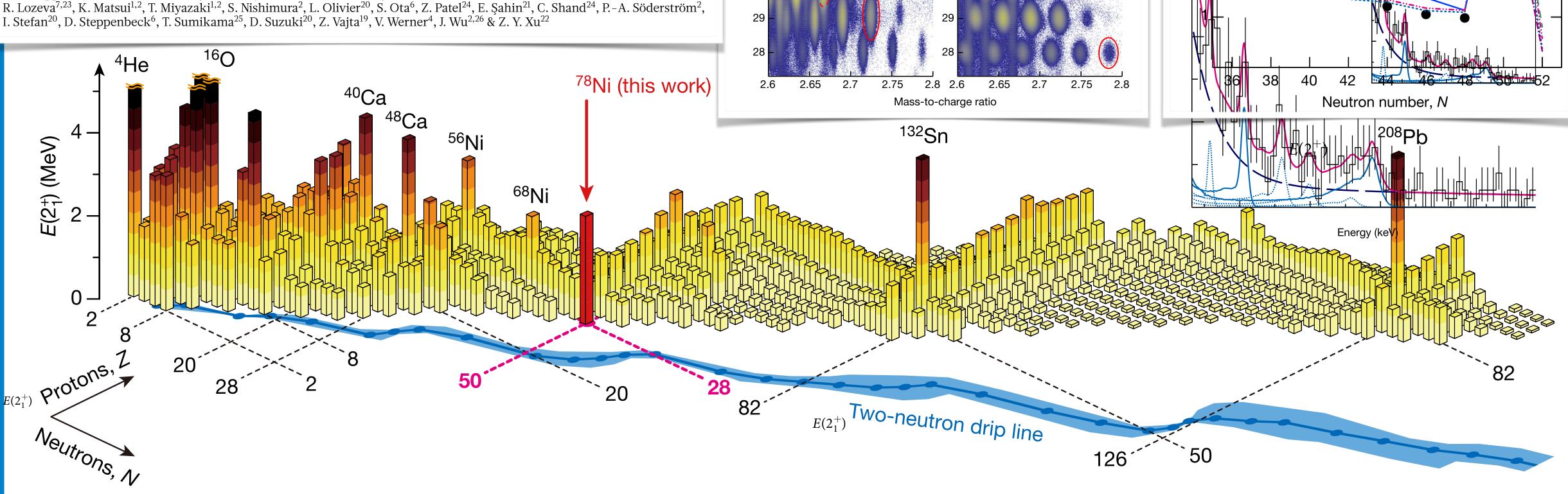
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⁷⁸Ni revealed as a doubly magic stronghold against nuclear deformation

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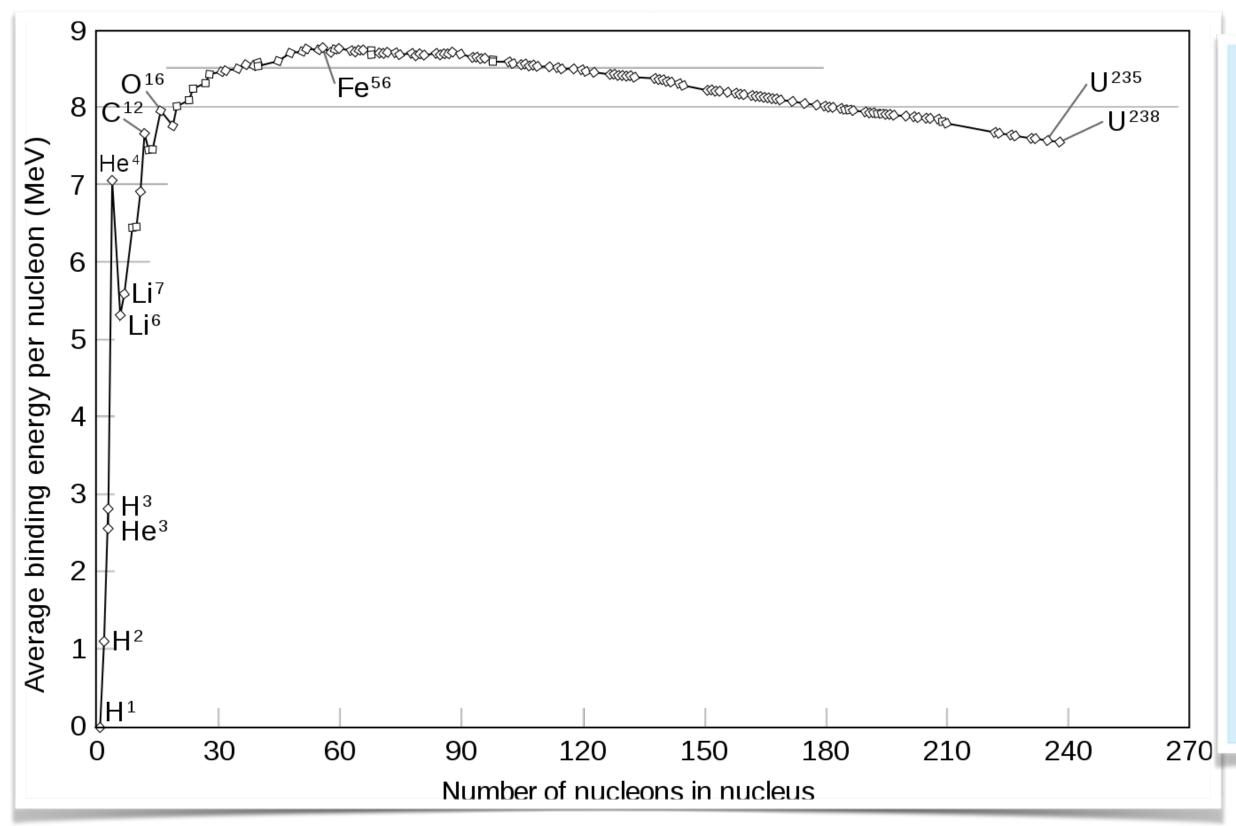


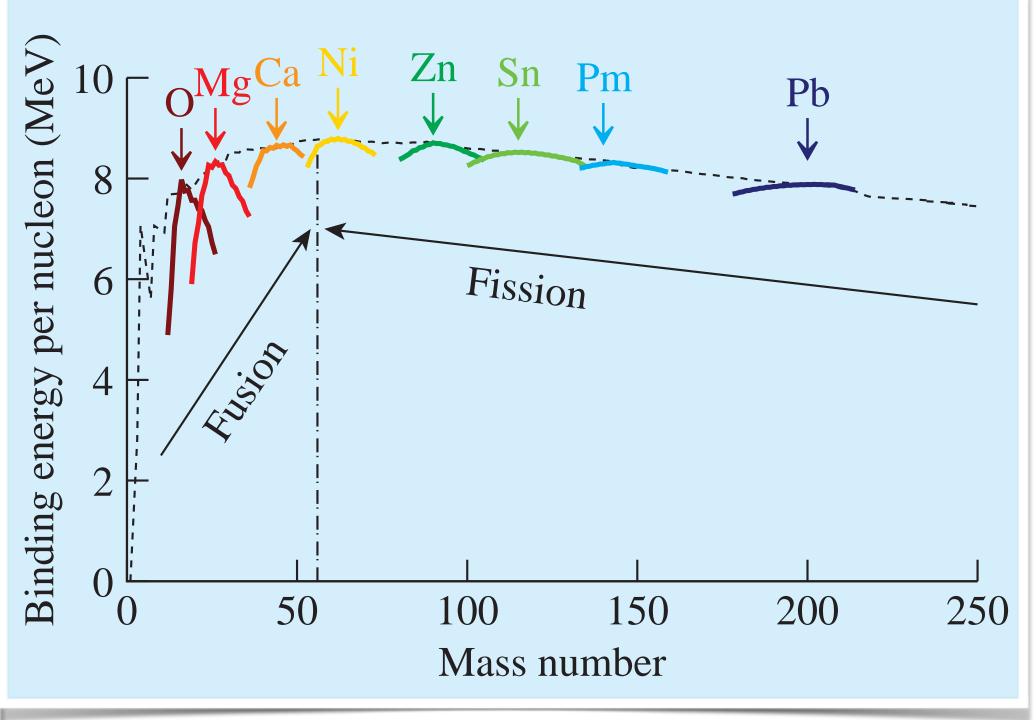
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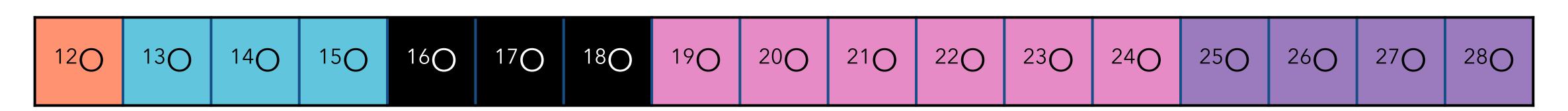
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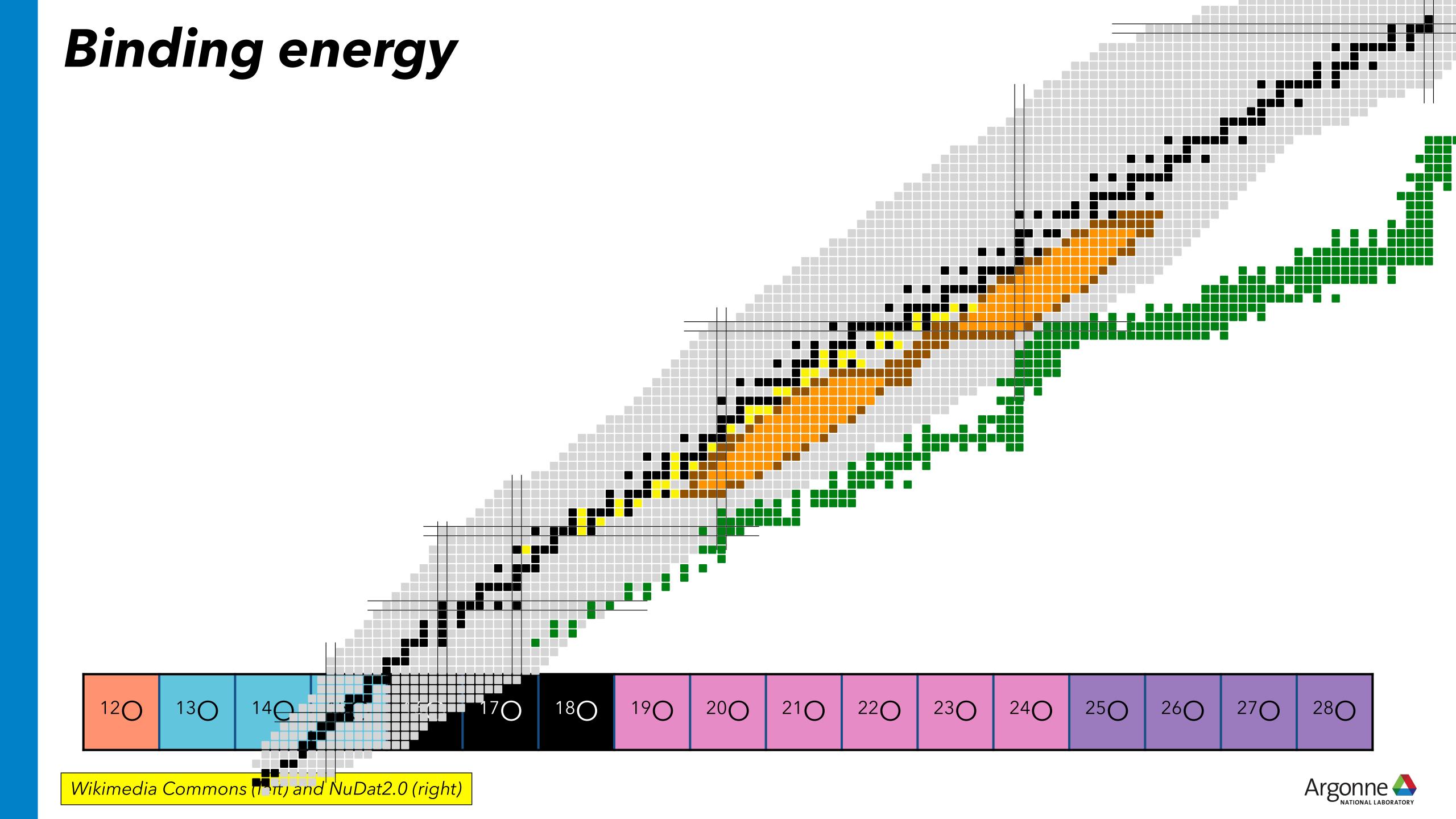


Binding energy

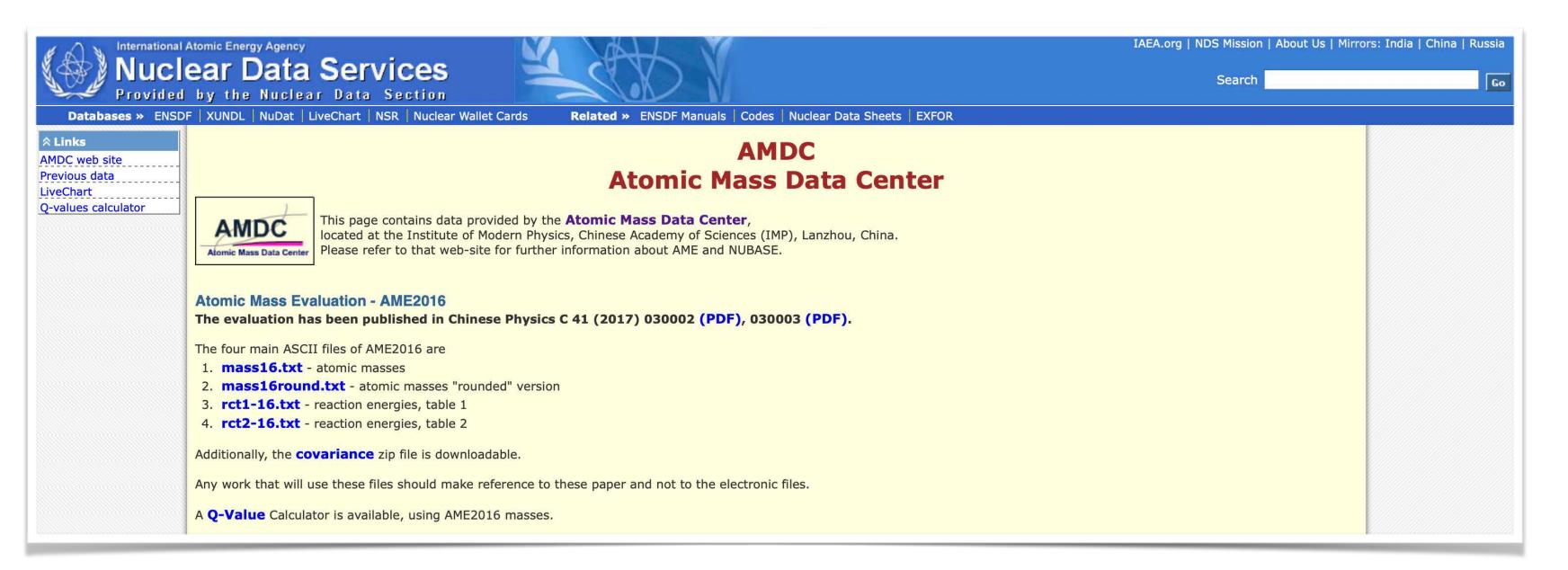








Terms and data



Nuclear mass: m(Z,N)

Binding energy per nucleon

Mass excess: $\{Zm_p + Nm_n - m(Z,N)\}c^2$

Separation energies, S_p and S_n ($S_{2p} + S_{2n}$)

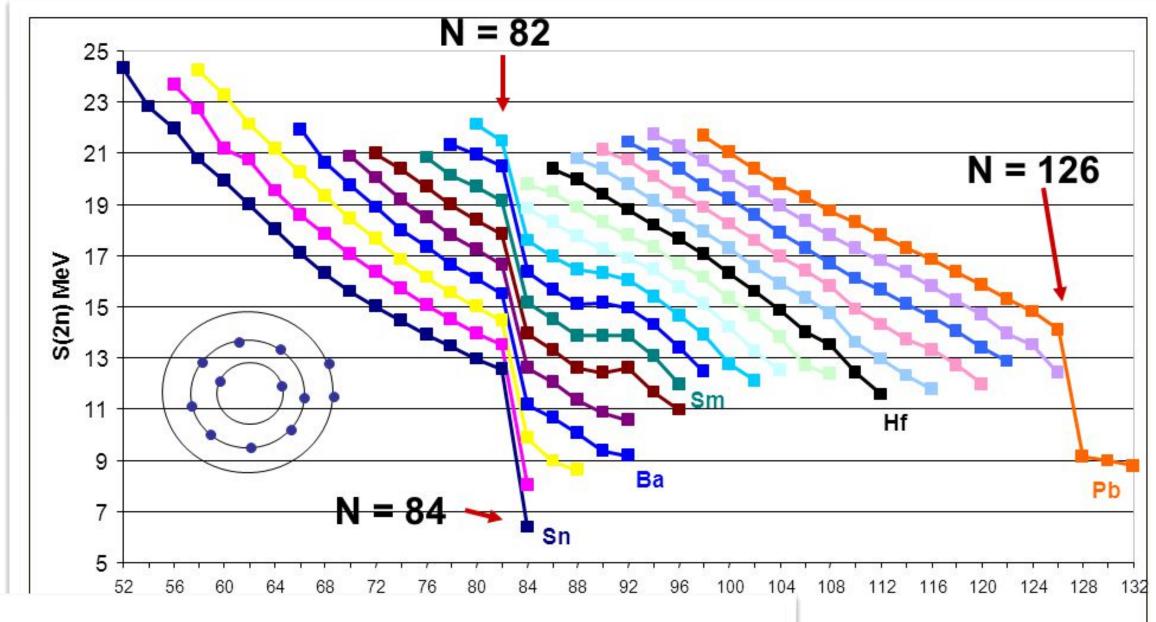
[difference in binding energies e.g. $S_n = \{m(Z,N-1) + m_n - m(Z,N)\}c^2 = B(Z,N) - B(Z,N-1)\}$

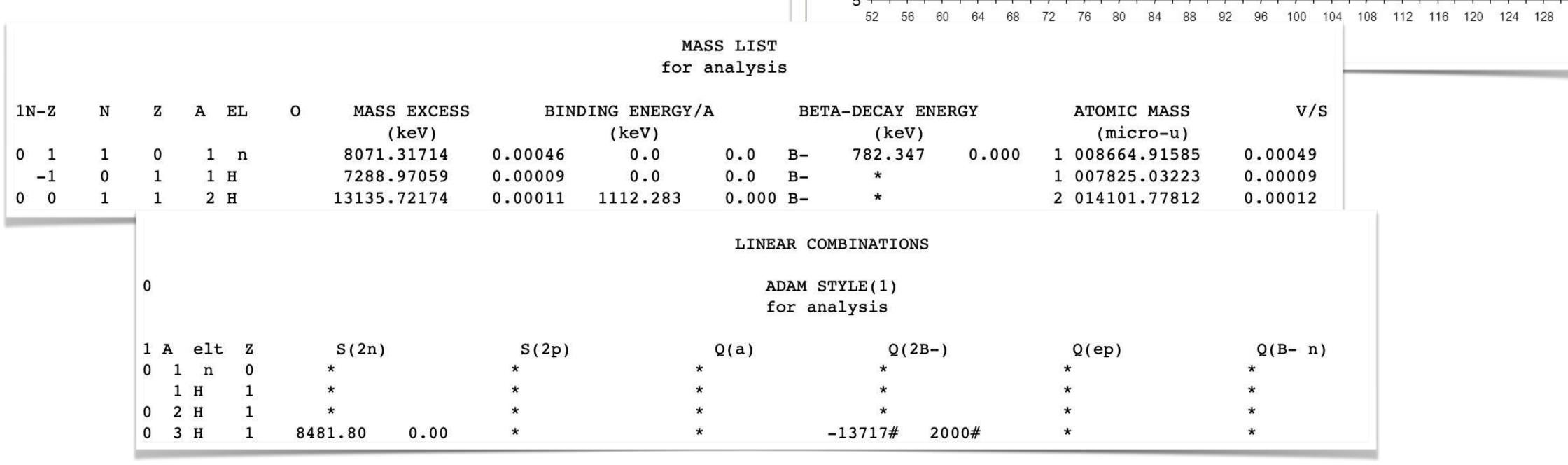
Atomic mass unit (mass of nucleon): 931.49410242(28) MeV/c²

Mass databases compile these ...



Terms and data







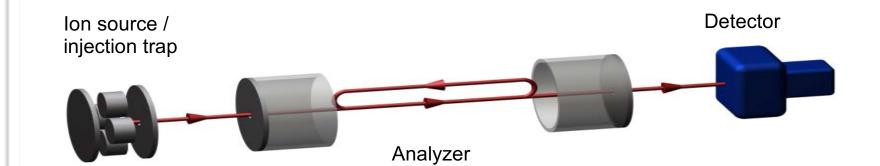
Various techniques to determine mass

- Q-values
 - Decays
 - Kinematics

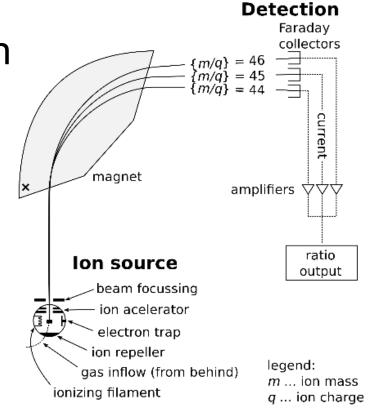
$$Q = \Sigma m_i - \Sigma m_f$$

- ToF
 - Spectrograph
- $qvB = \frac{(\gamma m_0)(L_{path}/ToF)^2}{\rho}$ $\Rightarrow m_0 = \frac{ToF}{L_{path}} \frac{qB\rho}{\gamma}$
- Multi-reflection (MR-TOF)

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = qeU \implies \frac{m}{q} \propto t^2$$

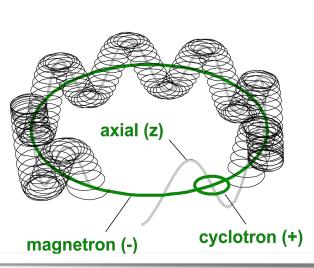


- Dispersion
 - Spectrograph

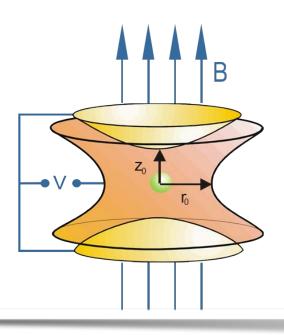


Cyclotron Frequency

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



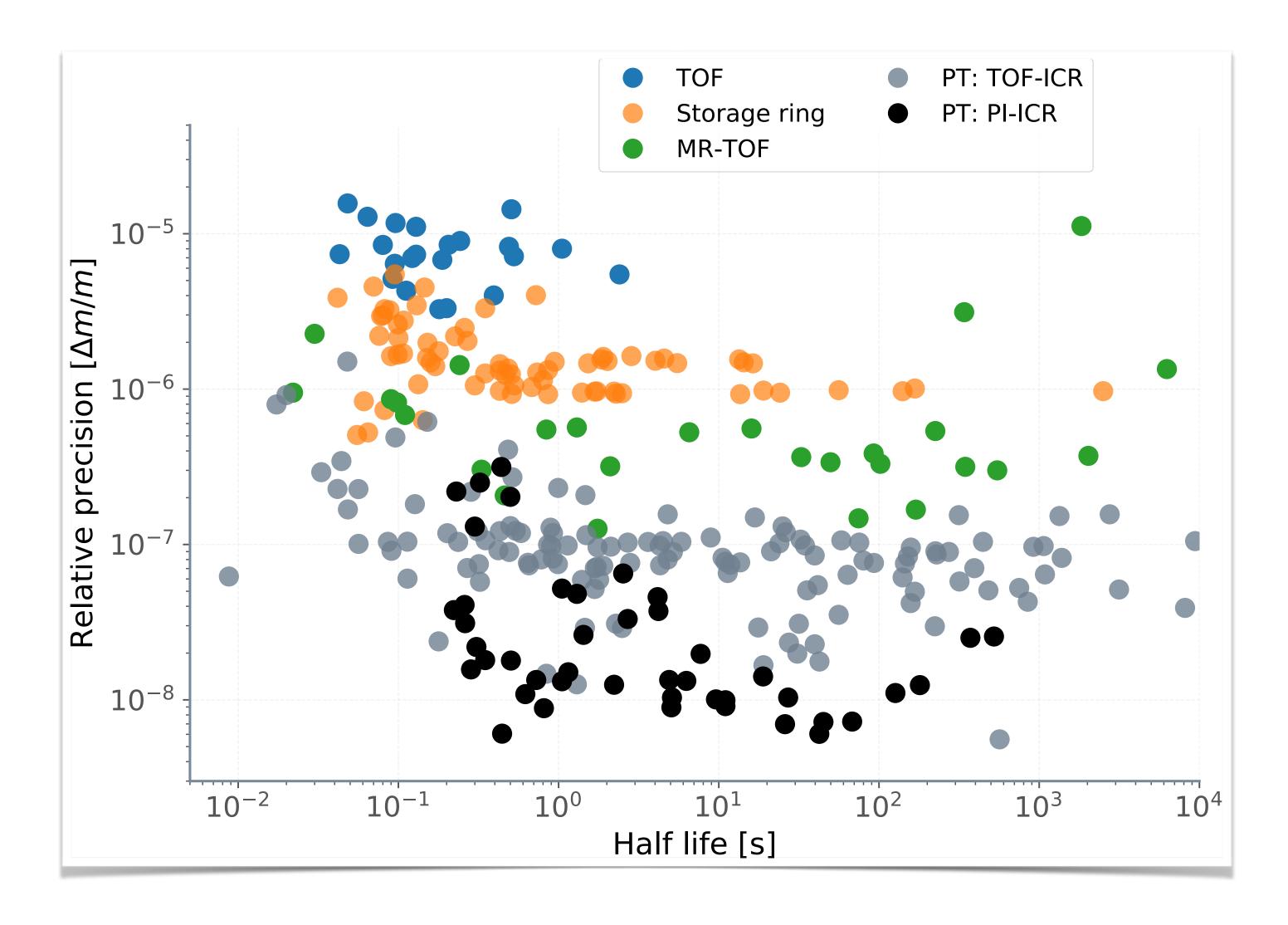
- Frequency
 - Penning trap
 - Storage rings



Precision, time, resolution

Modern techniques:

- •TOF (fast, low precision)
- •Storage rings (fast, many measurements at once)
- •MR-TOFs (fast, high resolution)
- Penning traps ("slow", high resolution, high precision)





e.g. Q value

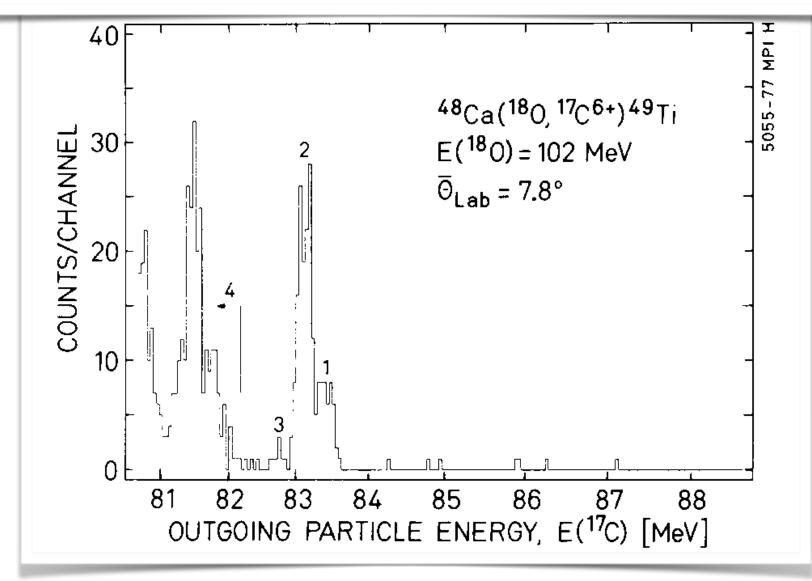
THE MASS AND LOW-LYING LEVEL STRUCTURE OF ¹⁷C

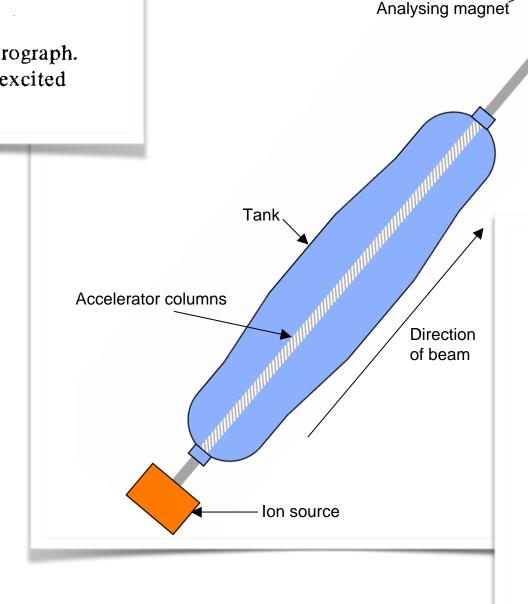
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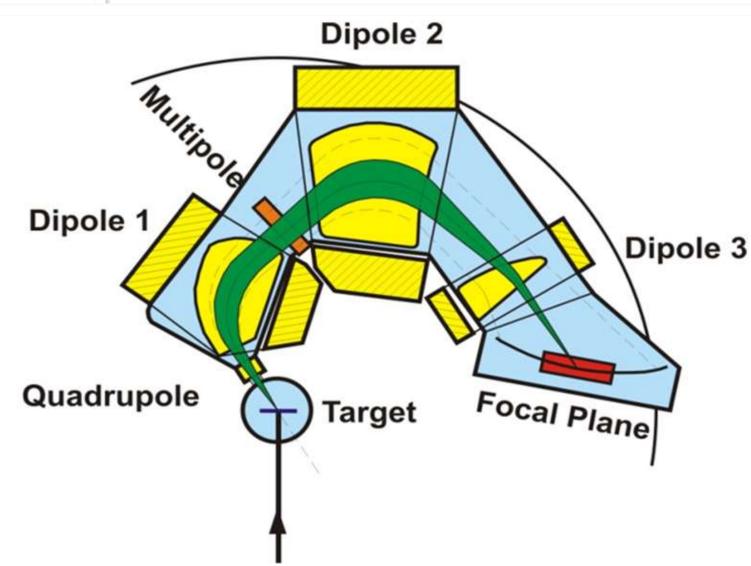
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Spectra of ¹⁷C ions from the ⁴⁸Ca(¹⁸O, ¹⁷C) ⁴⁹Ti reaction at 102 MeV were recorded with a Q3D spectrograph. The lowest state observed, assumed to be the ground state of ¹⁷C, has a mass excess of 21023 ± 35 keV. An excited state of ¹⁷C was also observed at an excitation energy of 292 ± 20 keV.





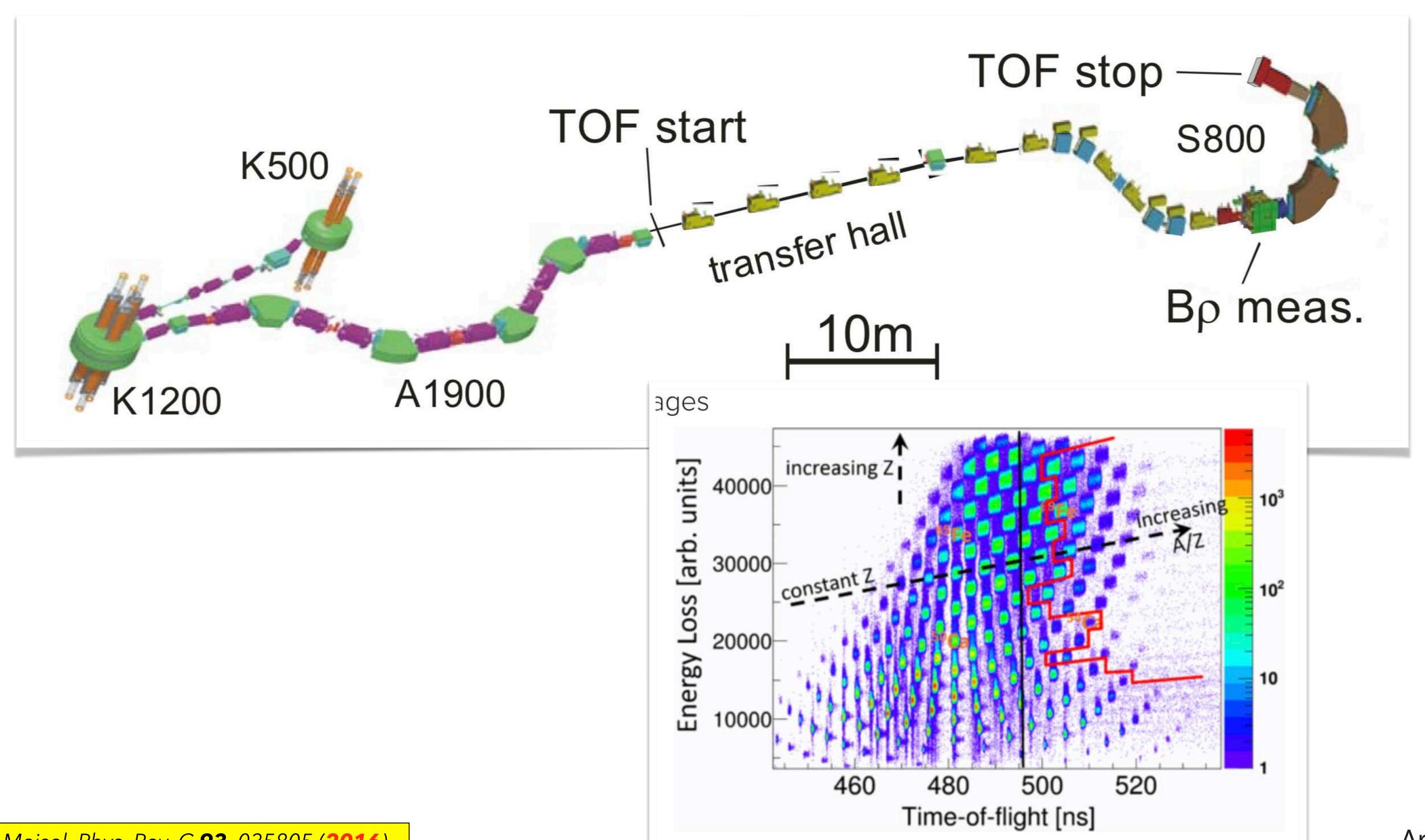
To switchir



 $S_n = \{m(Z,N-1) + m_n - m(Z,N)\}c^2 = B(Z,N) - B(Z,N-1)\} = Q$ (with knowledge of other masses and beam energies)



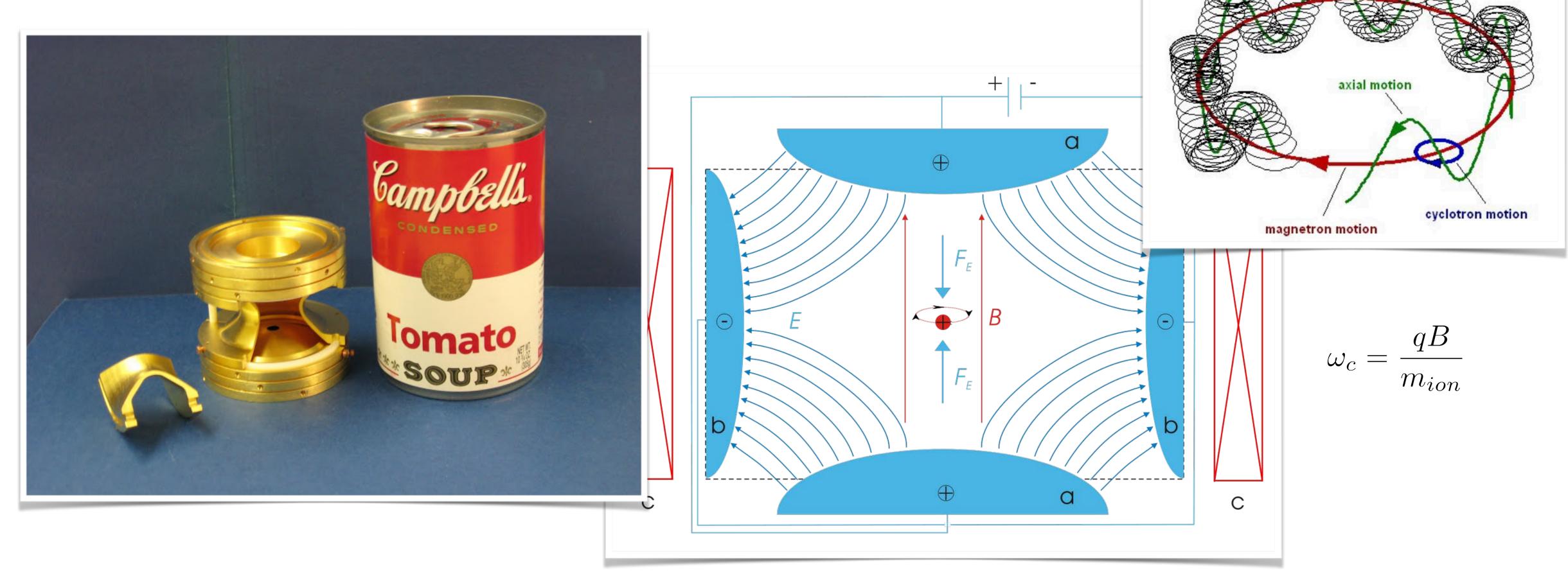
e.g. TOF (and magnetic spectrograph)





e.g. Penning traps

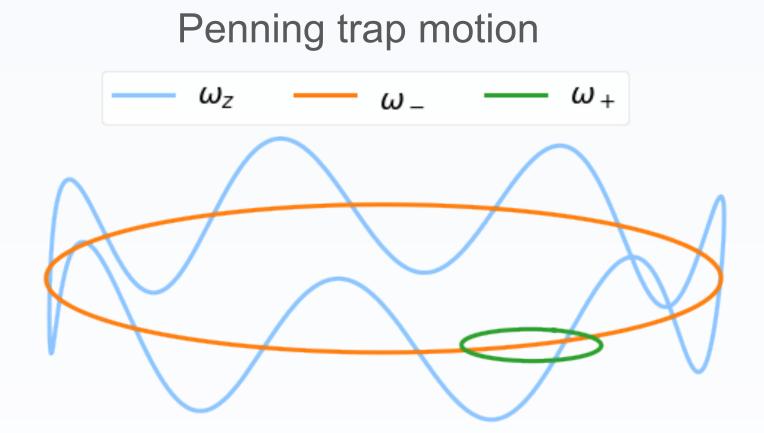
A somewhat de-facto approach for 30+ years



Ion confined in strong B field (radial confinement), with electrodes providing a potential for axial confinement and manipulation

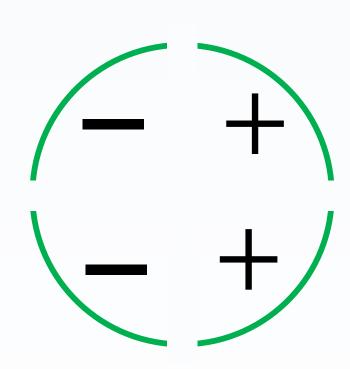


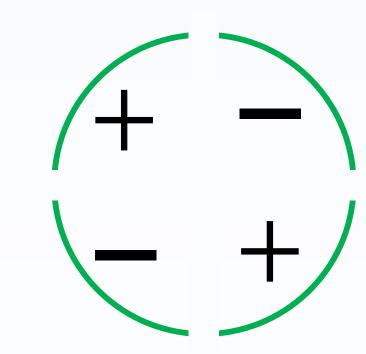
Ion motion in Penning trap



Segmented Ring electrode allows for:

- 1. Driving of orbital motions through a dipole excitation
- 2. Interconversion of orbital motions through a quadrupole excitation at ω_c







$$\omega_c = \omega_- + \omega_+$$

ω₋ ~1.6 kHz Mass independent ω_{+} ~1 MHz Mass dependent





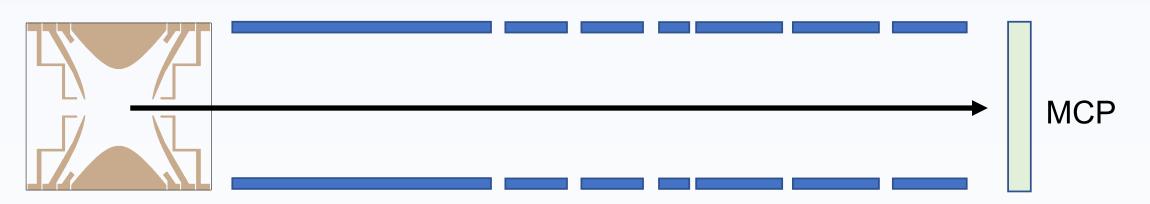
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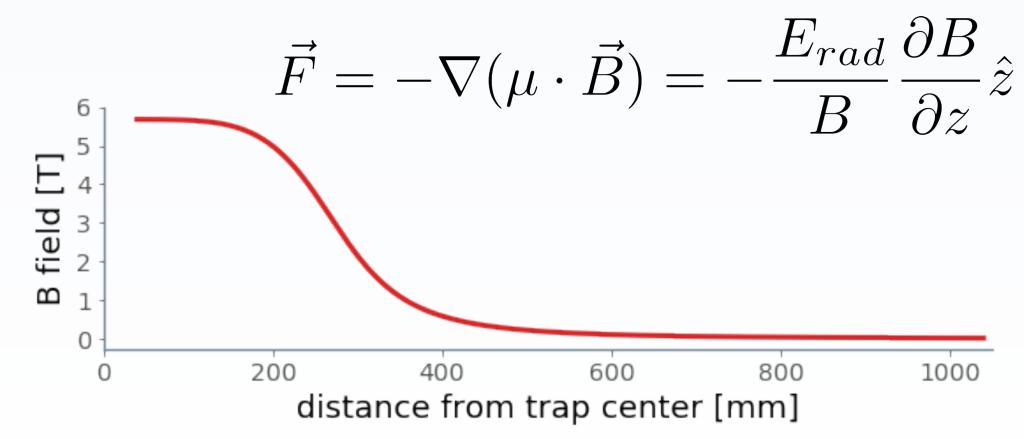
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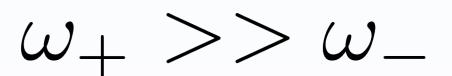


Penning trap mass measurements

TOF drift tube







Leads to Time-Of-Flight Ion-Cyclotron-Resonance (TOF-ICR) method of mass measurements

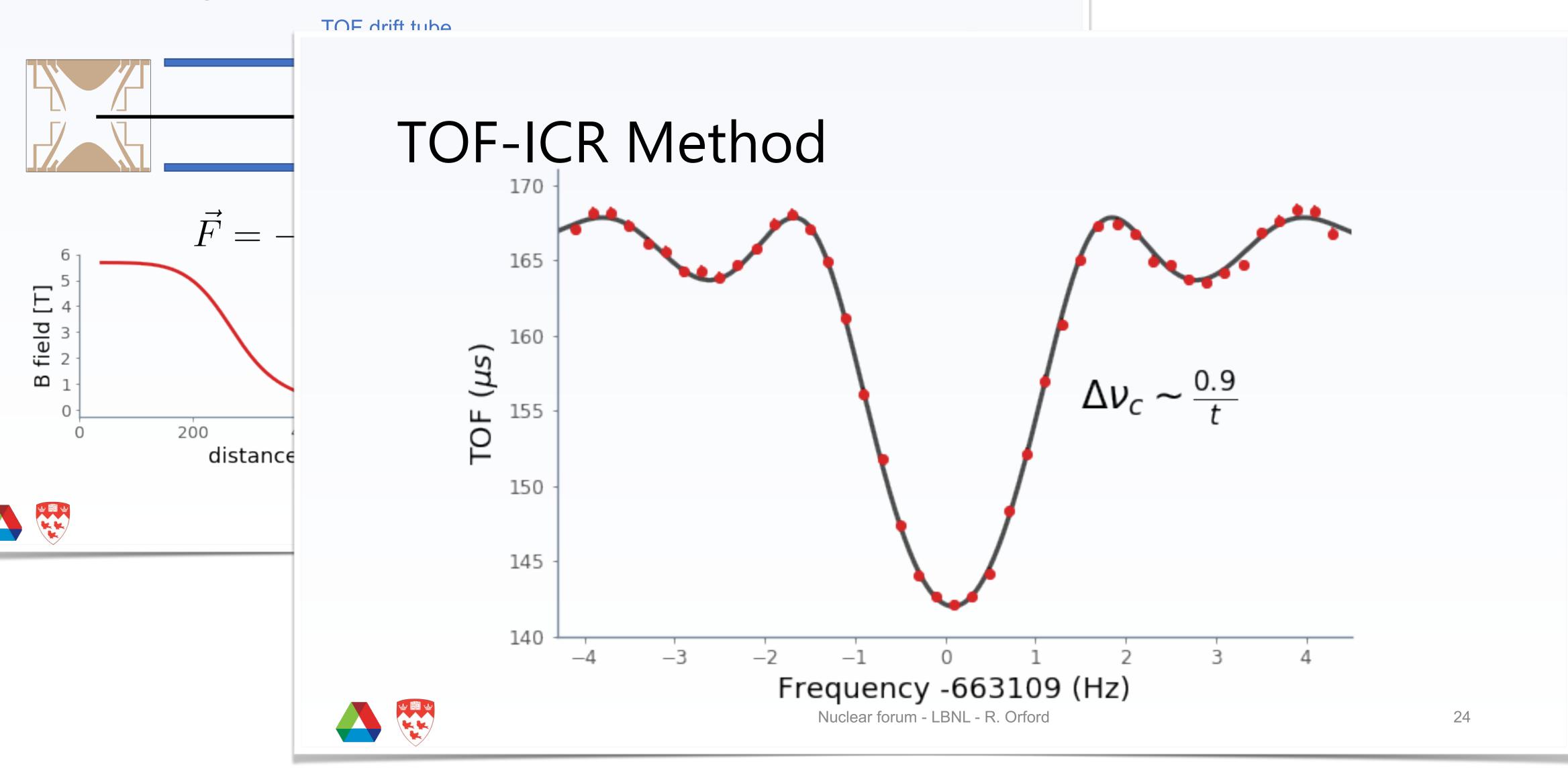




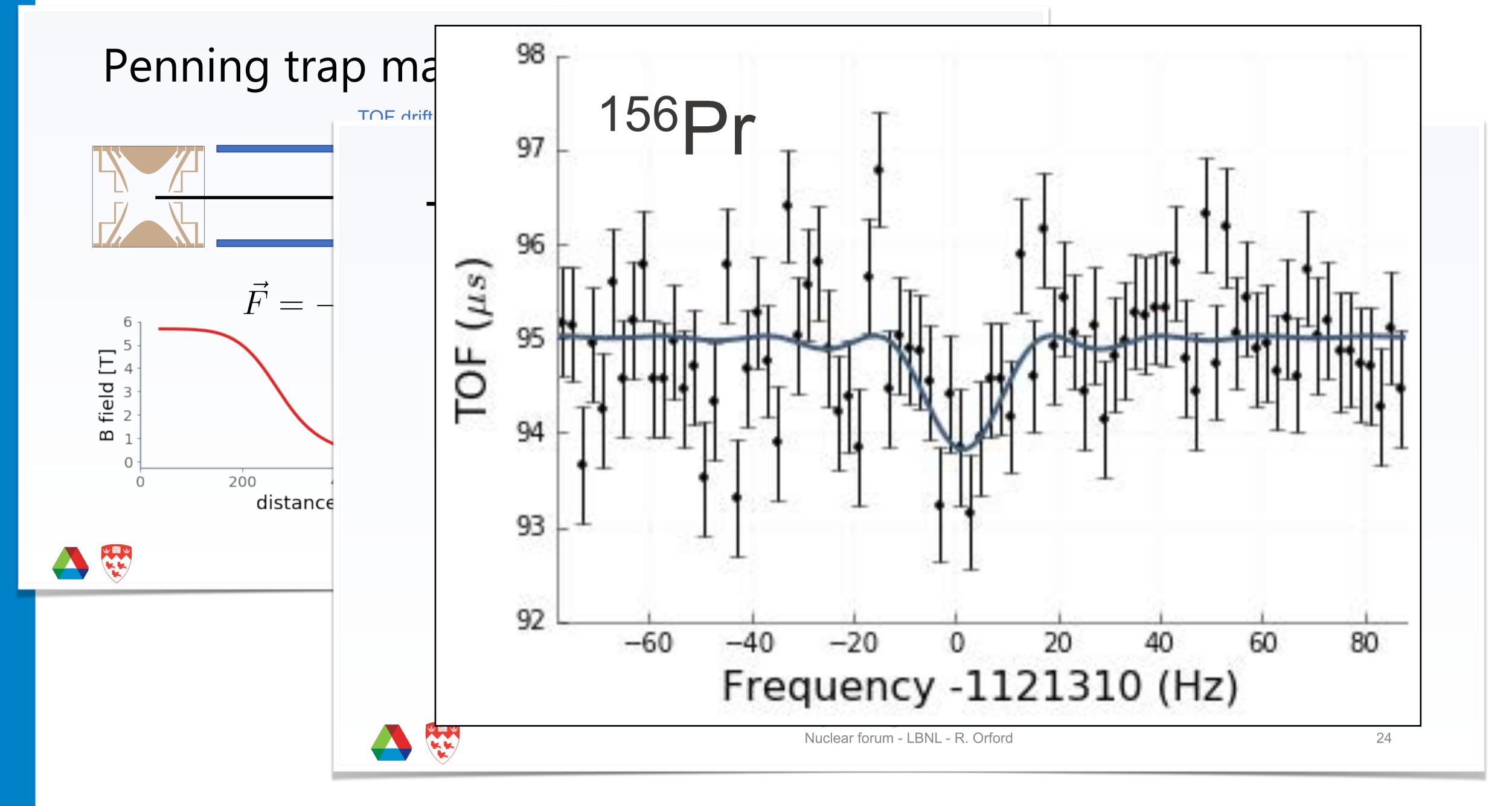
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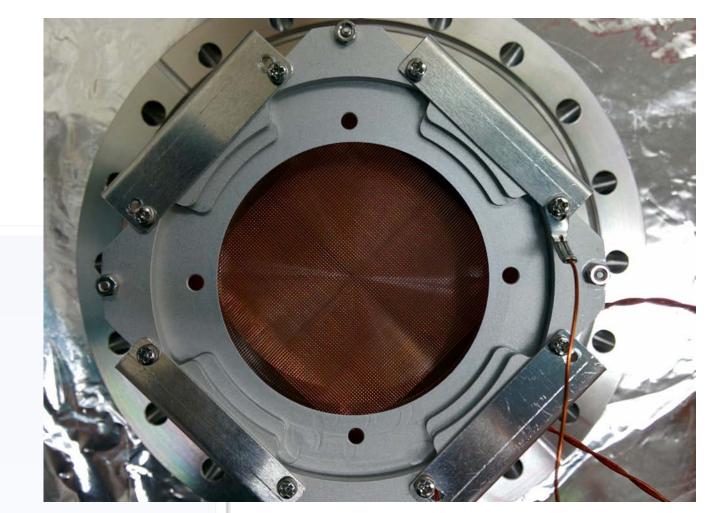
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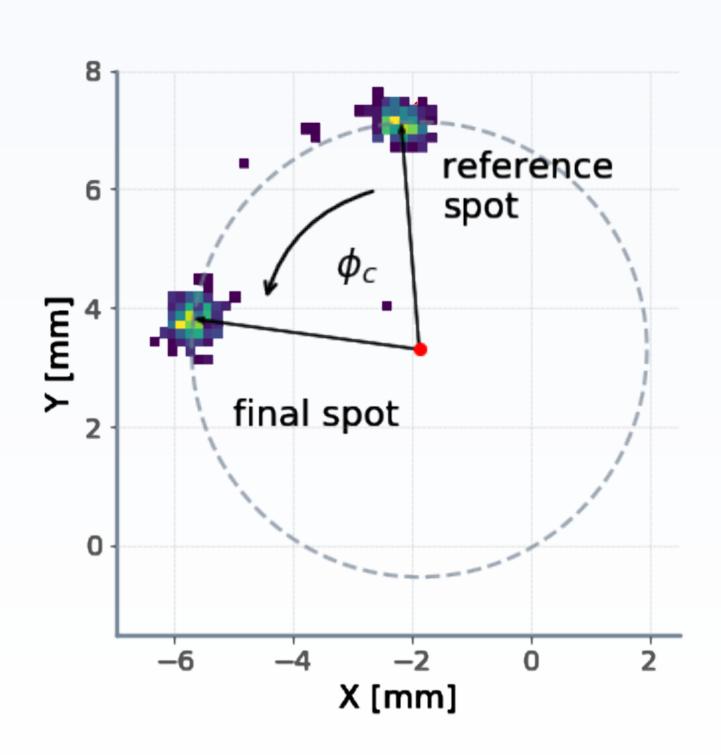








PI-ICR technique



General concept: Determine the cyclotron frequency of trapped ions by measuring the phase advance of ions over a period excitation free motion

Use a position-sensitive detector to determine ion position

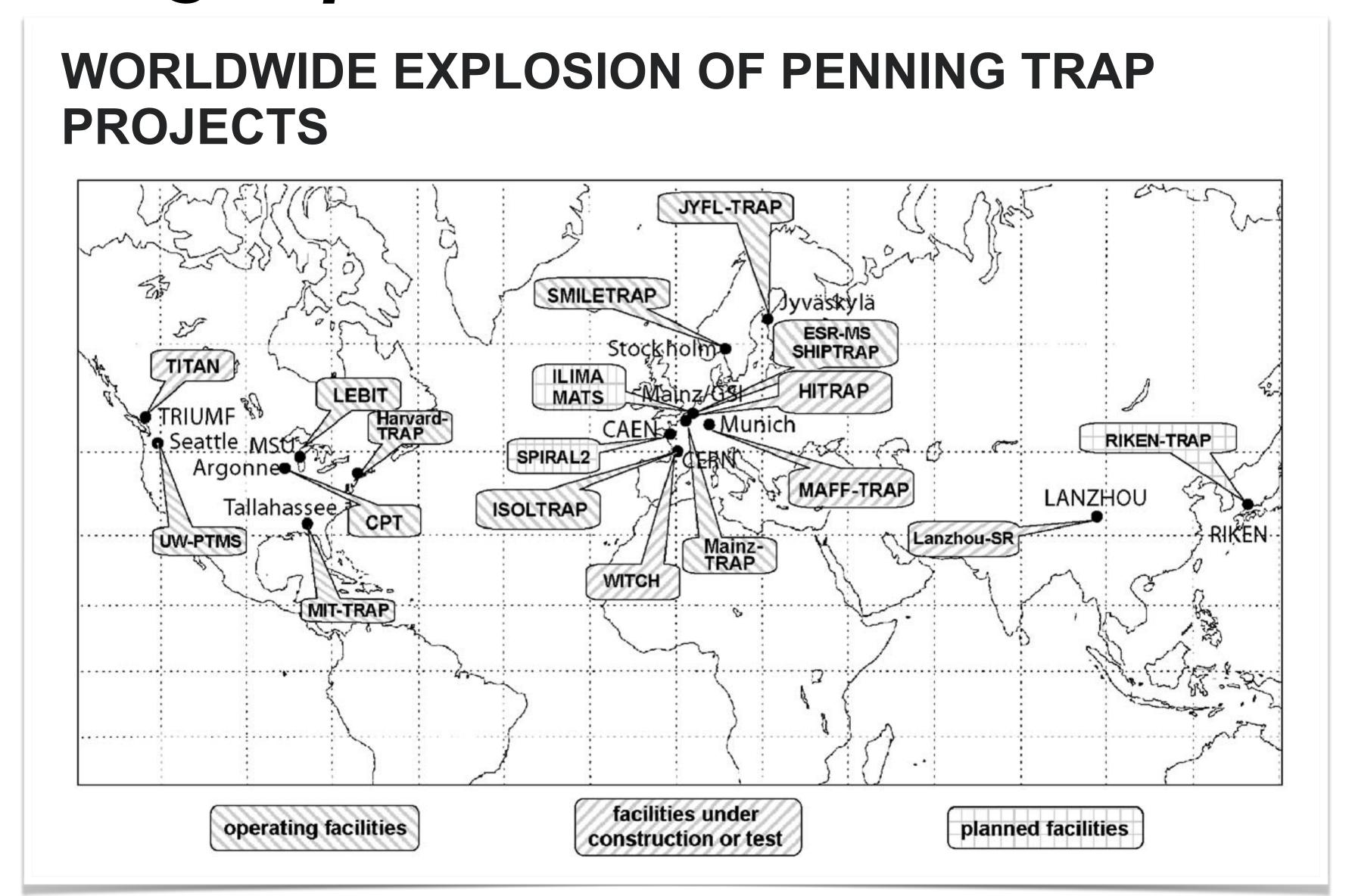
$$\omega_c = \frac{qB}{m_{ion}} = \frac{\phi_c + 2\pi N}{t_1}$$





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e.g. Penning traps



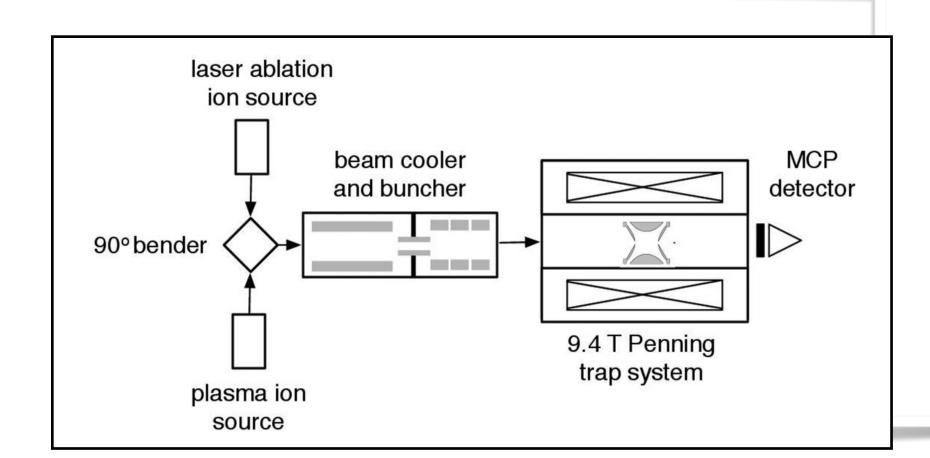
Penning traps ... popular? (last 10 days)

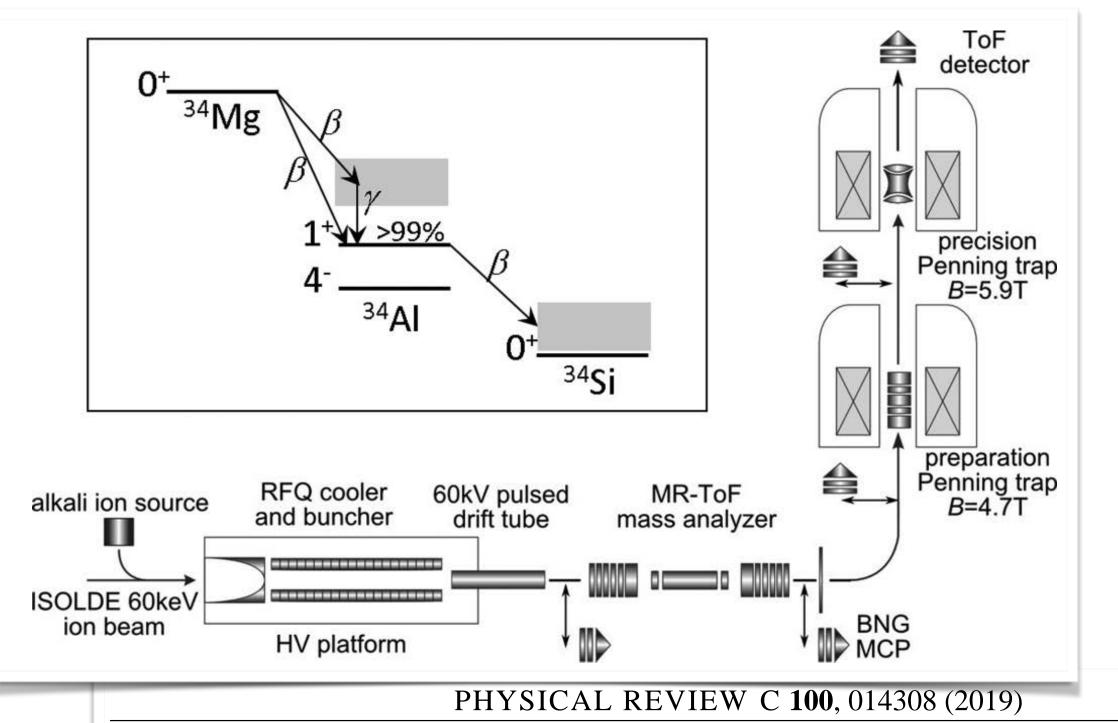
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Direct determination of the 138 La β -decay Q value using Penning trap mass spectrometry

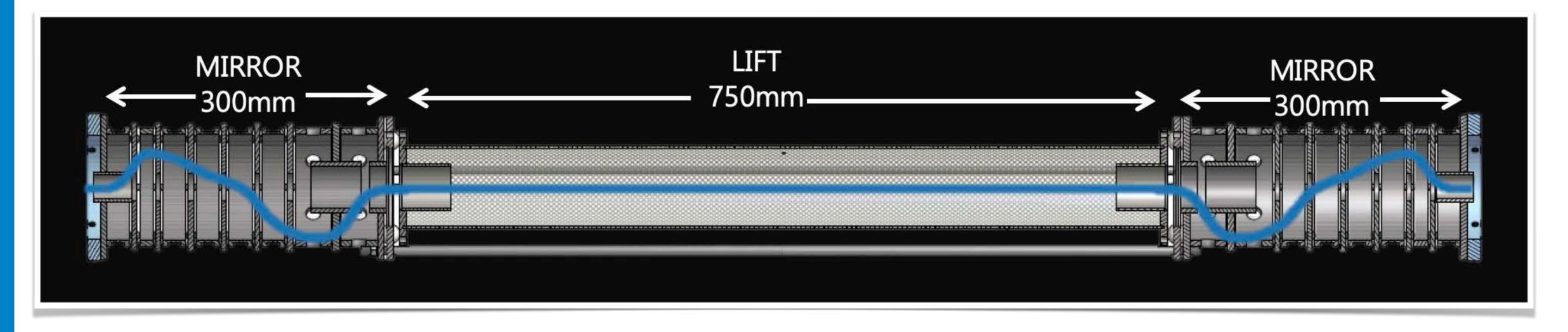
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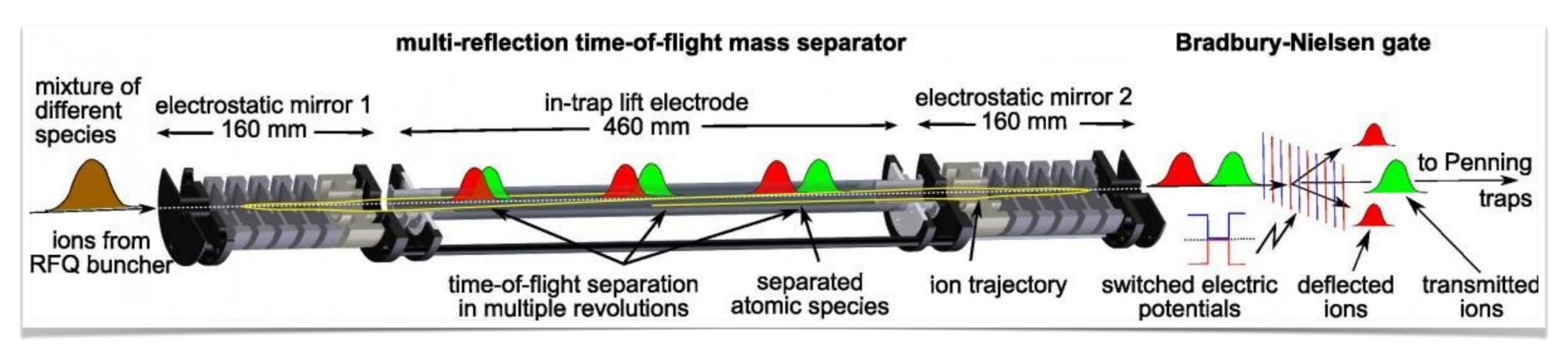


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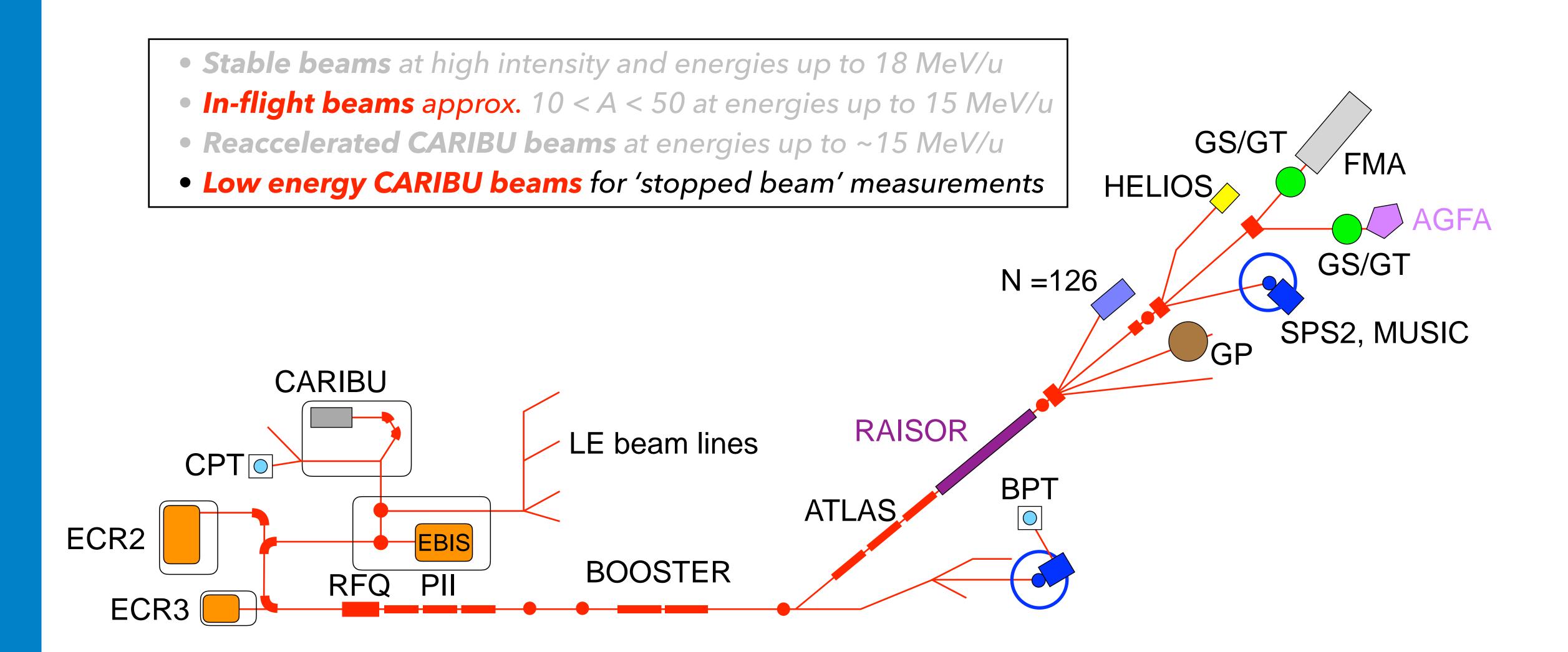




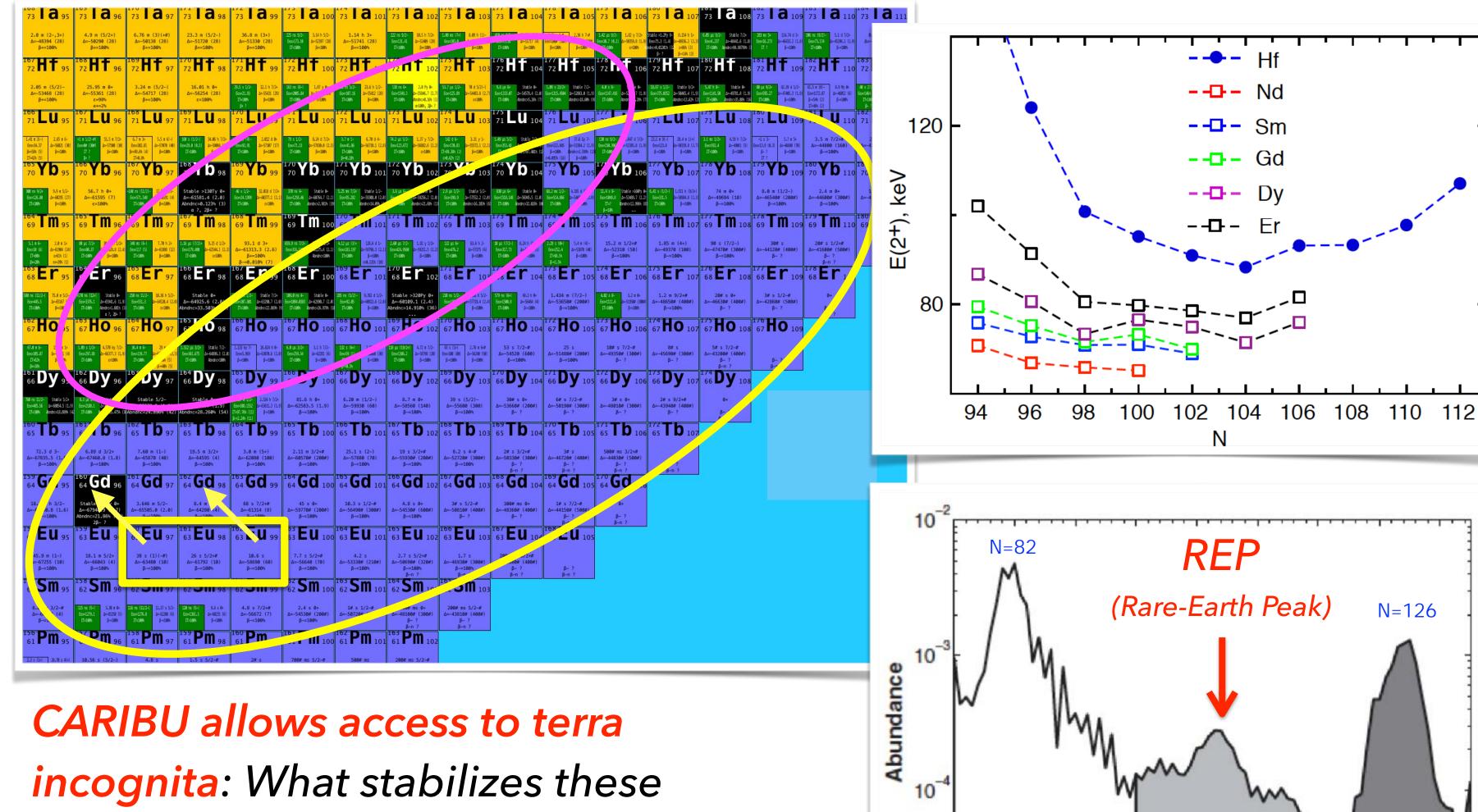
Ions cycle back and forth. A time separation occurs such that t $\sim \sqrt{m/q}$. Fast. High resolution.



ATLAS



Deformed, neutron-rich nuclei



A₁₃₀

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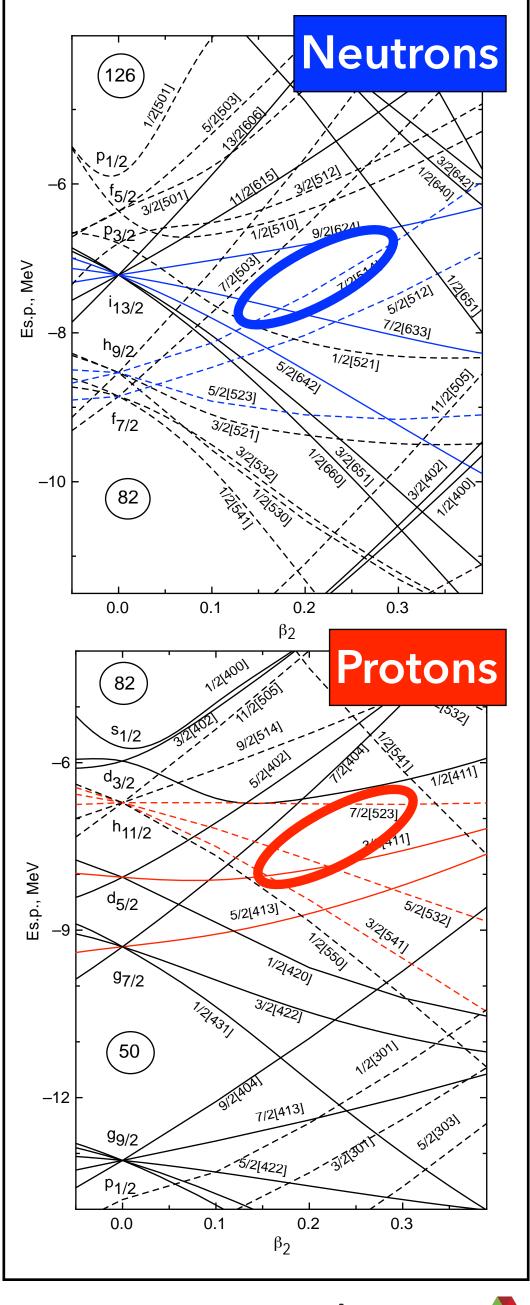
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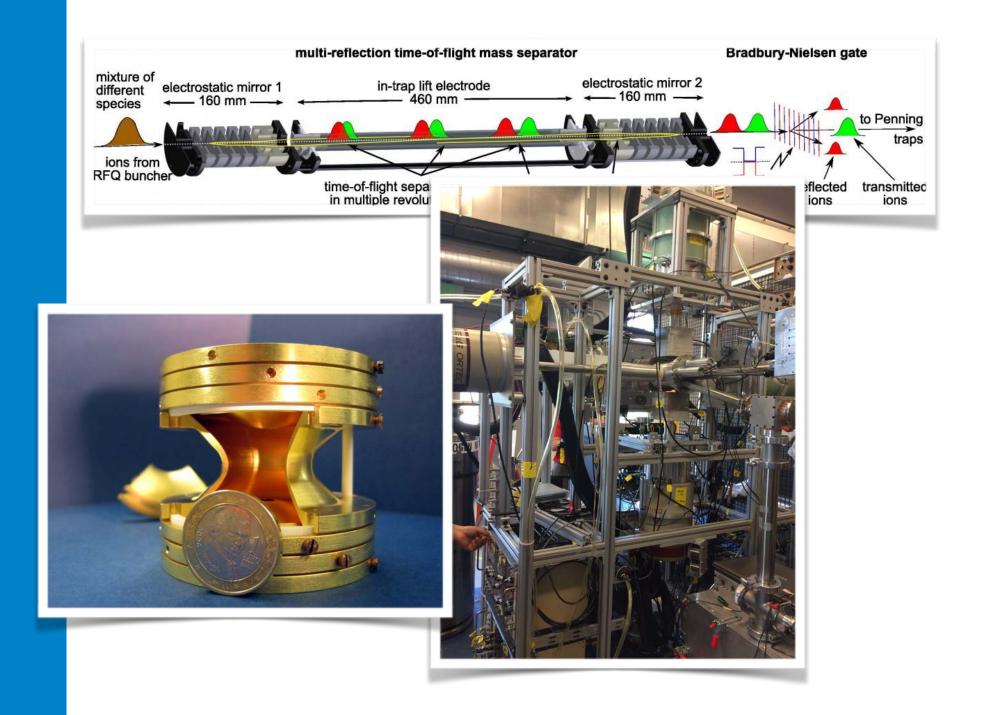
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incognita: What stabilizes these deformed shapes? What role does the structure of these nuclei have on the r-process abundance?

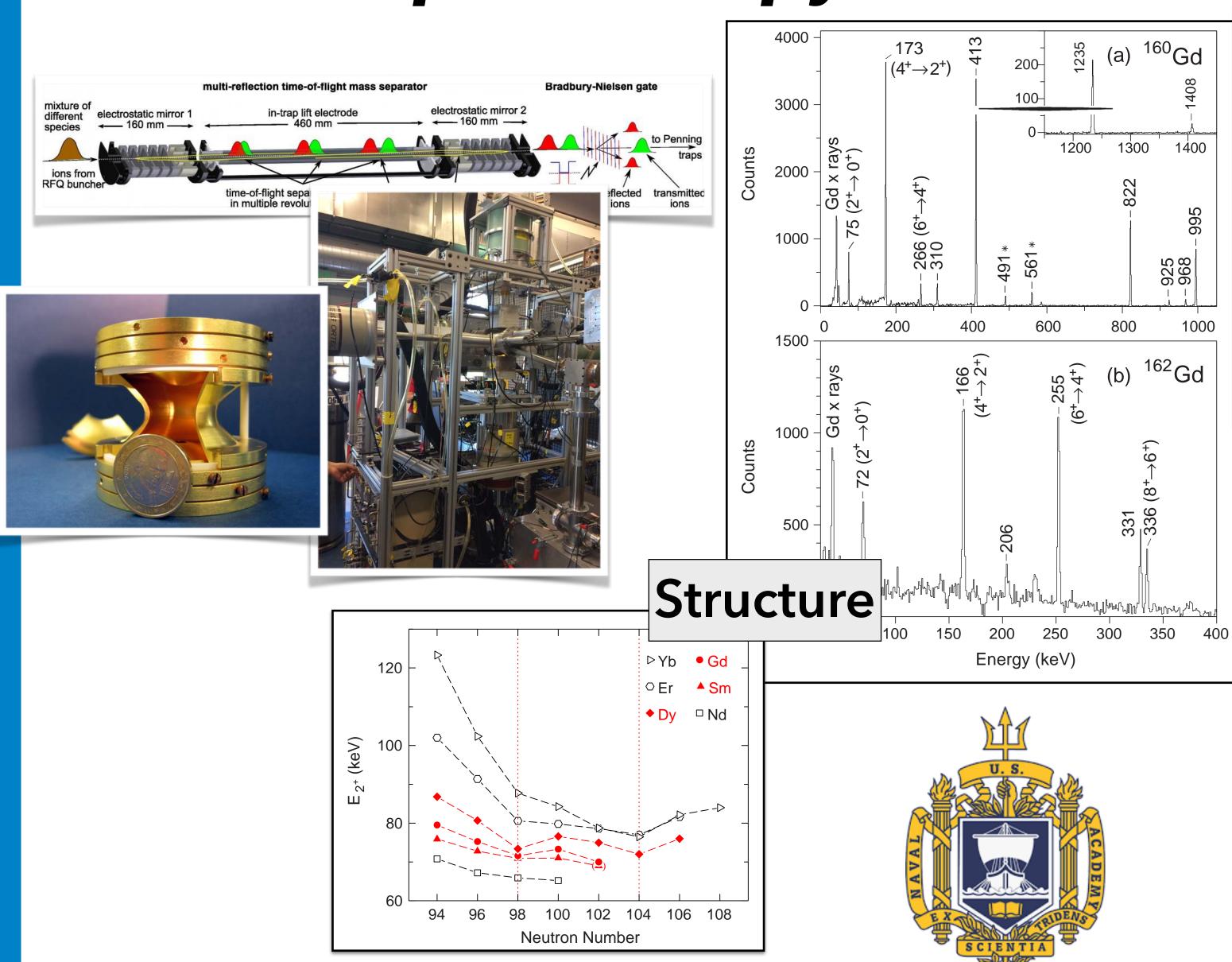
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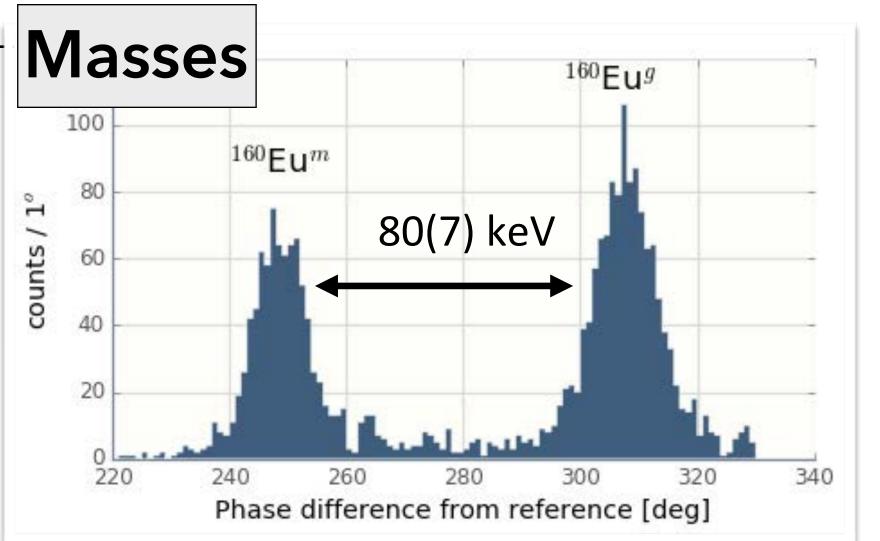


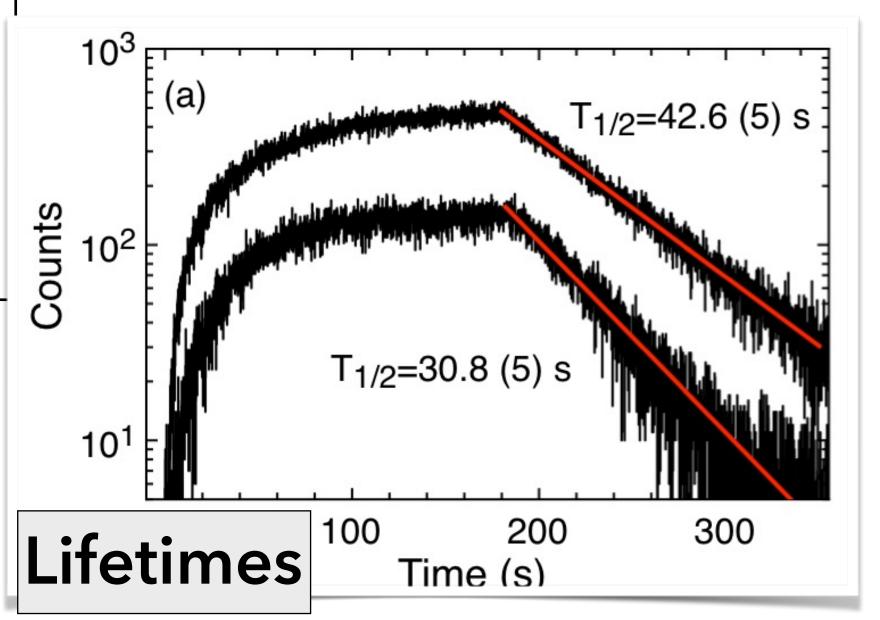


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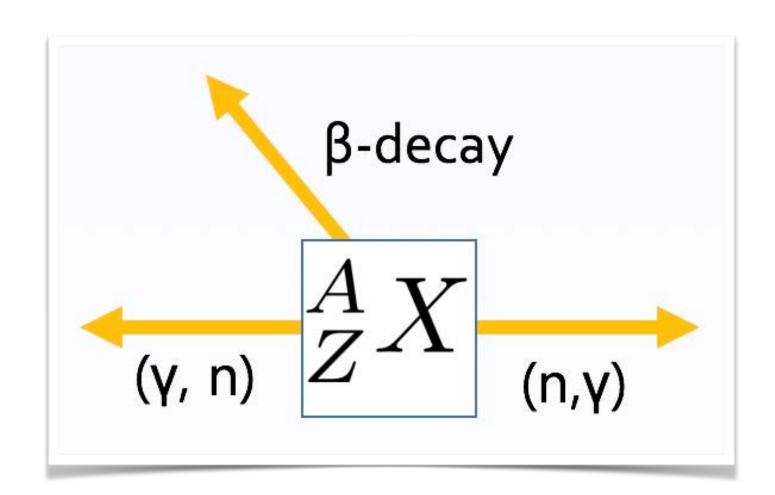








Understanding REP formation



Purpungy 10⁻³ (Rare-Earth Peak) N=126

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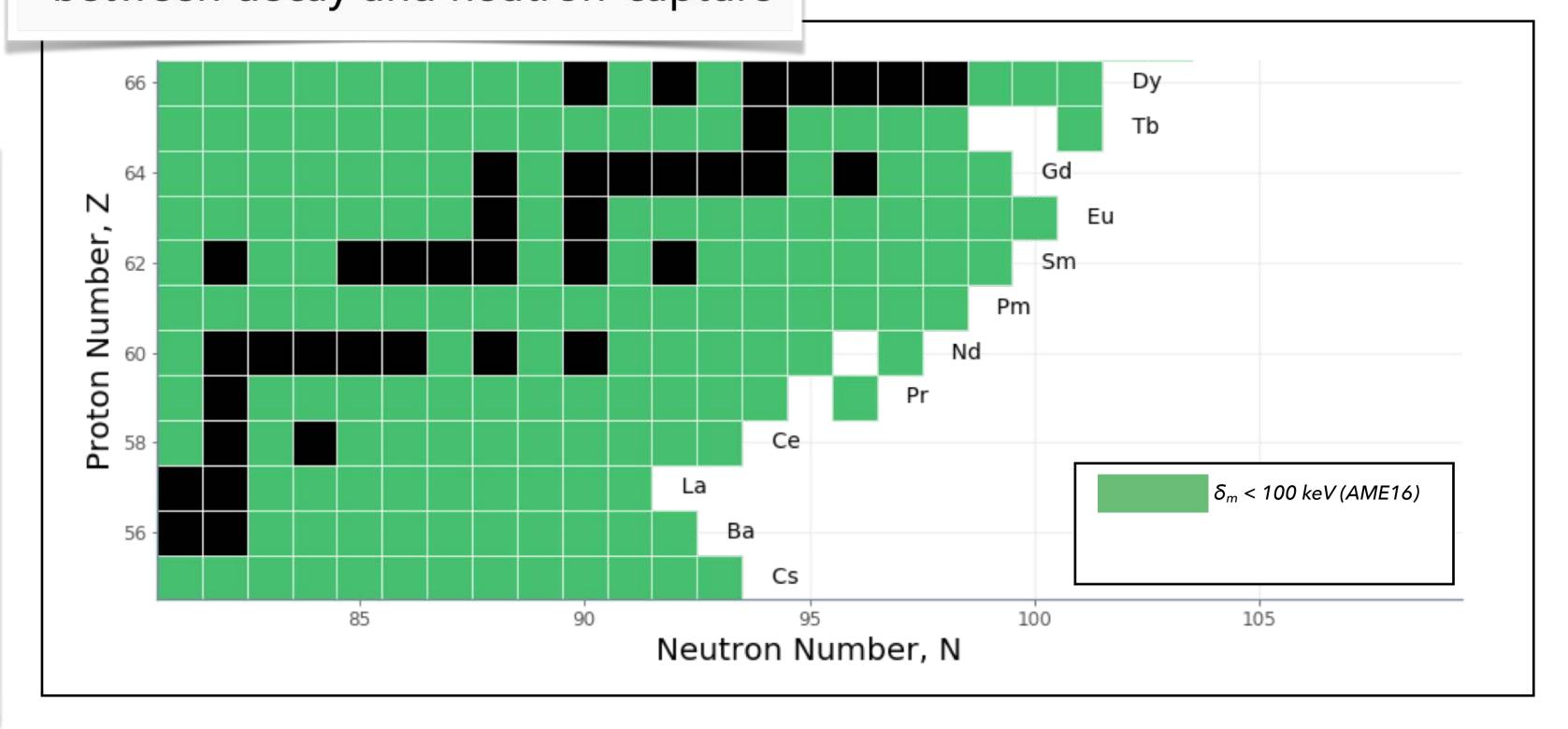
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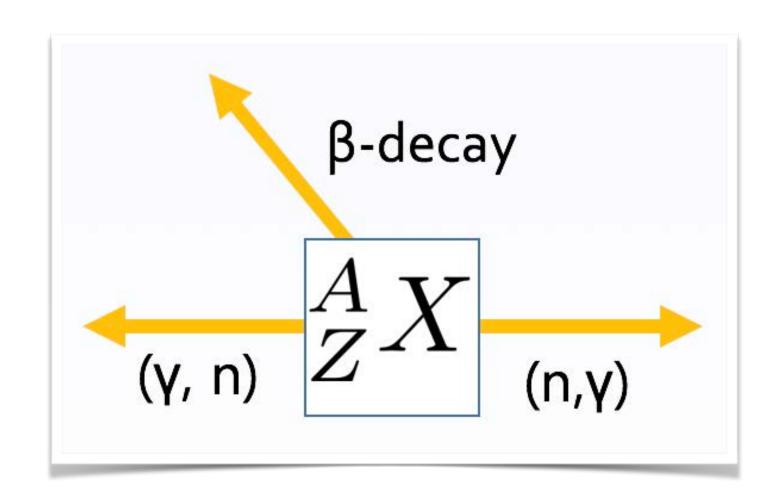
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Masses measurements
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Understanding REP formation



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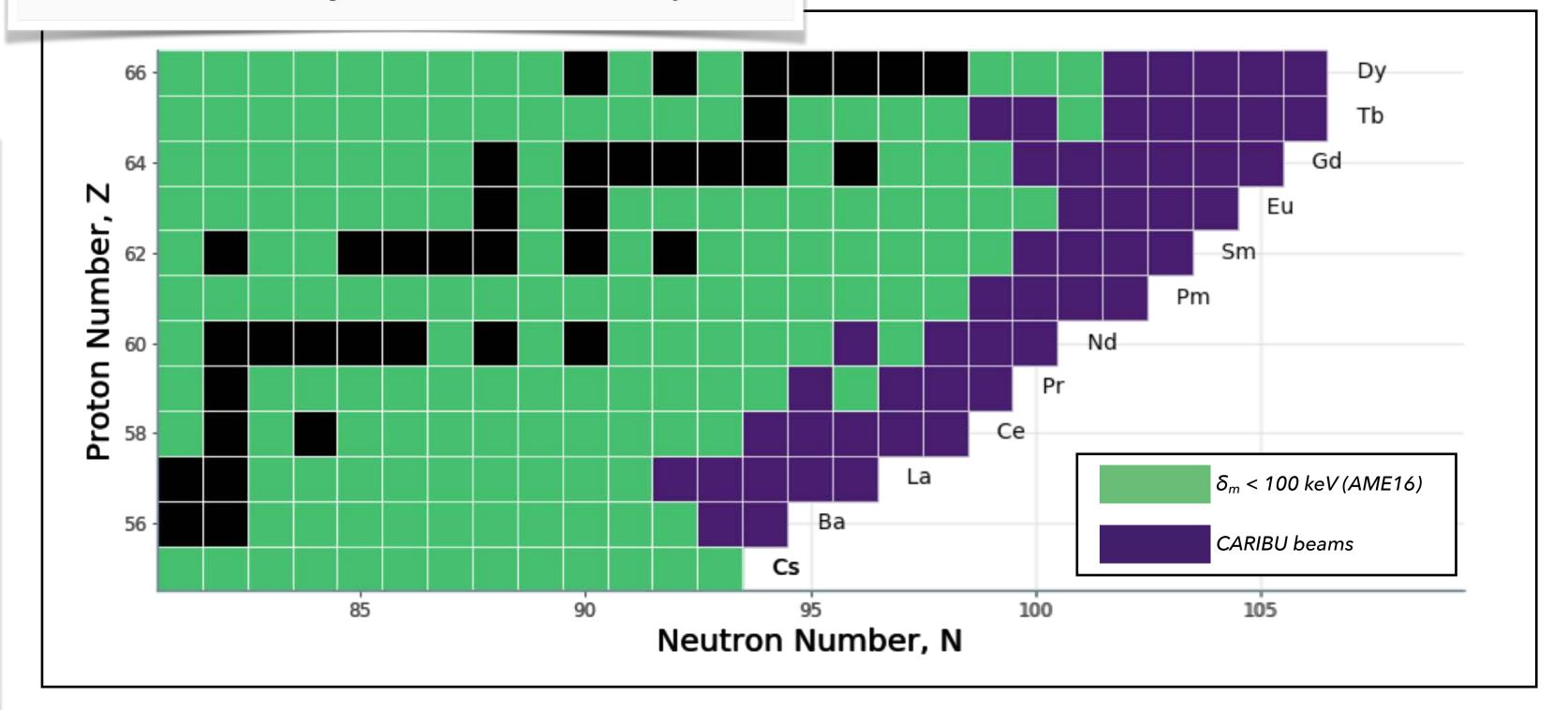
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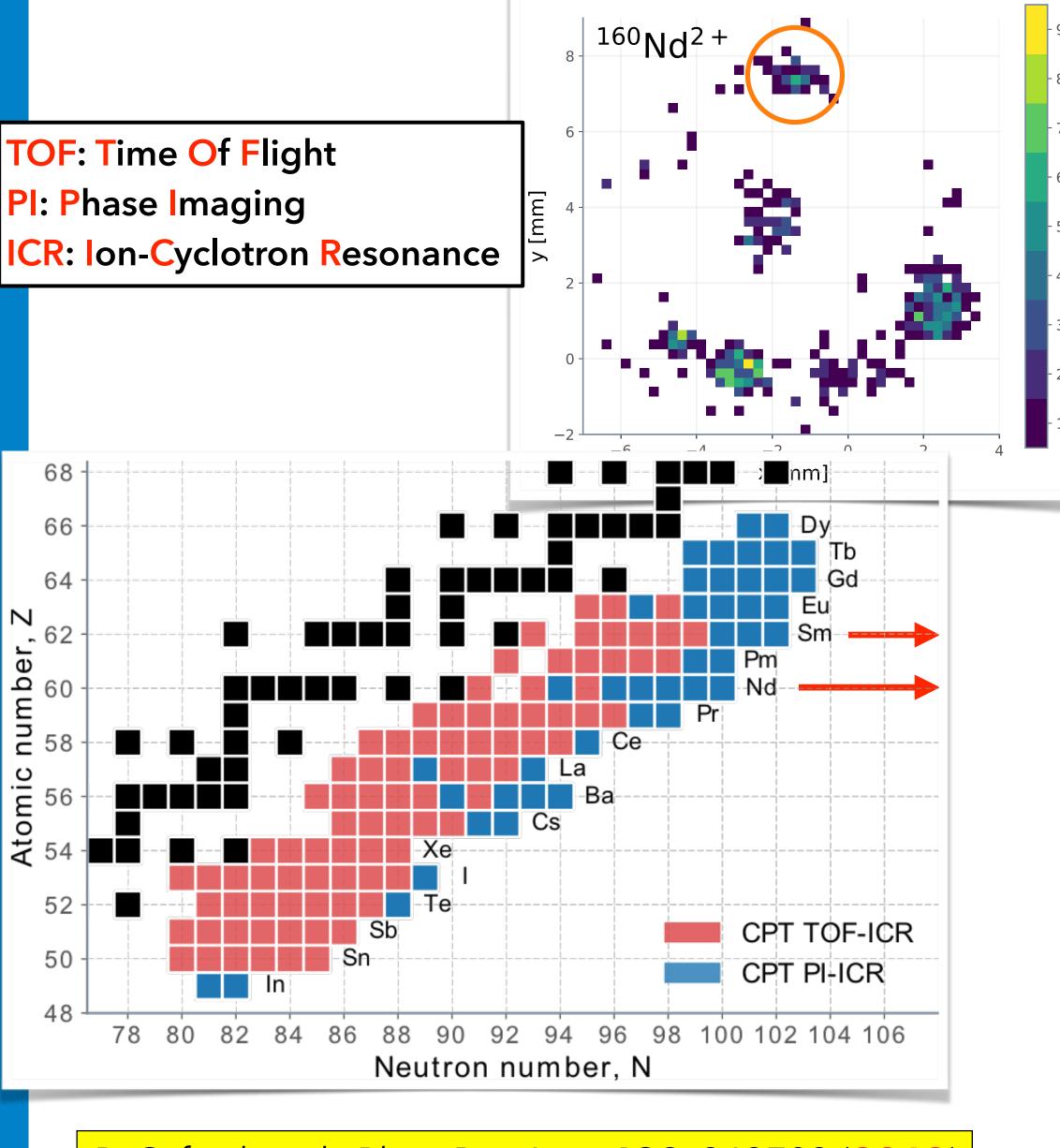
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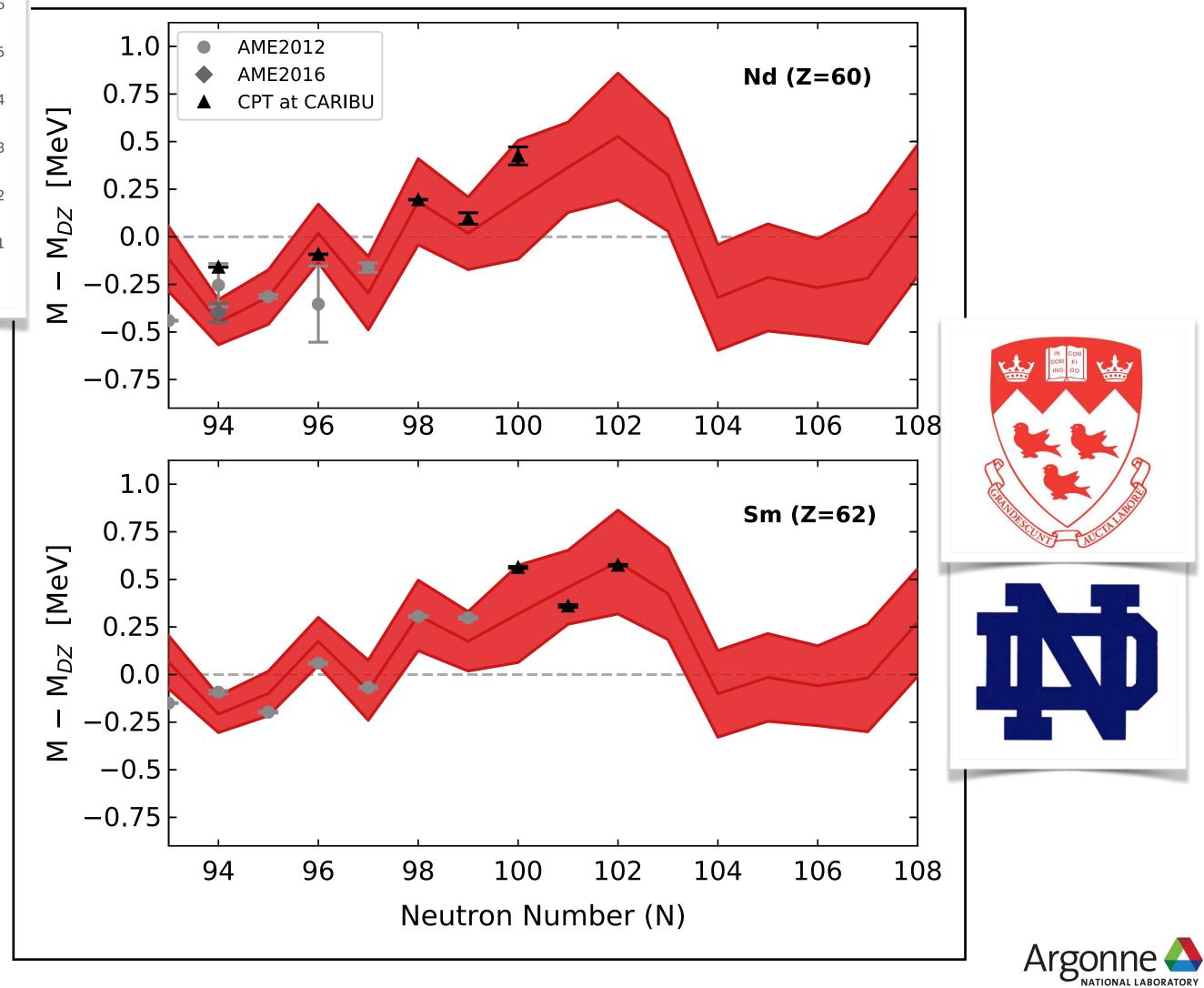




Masses, mass models

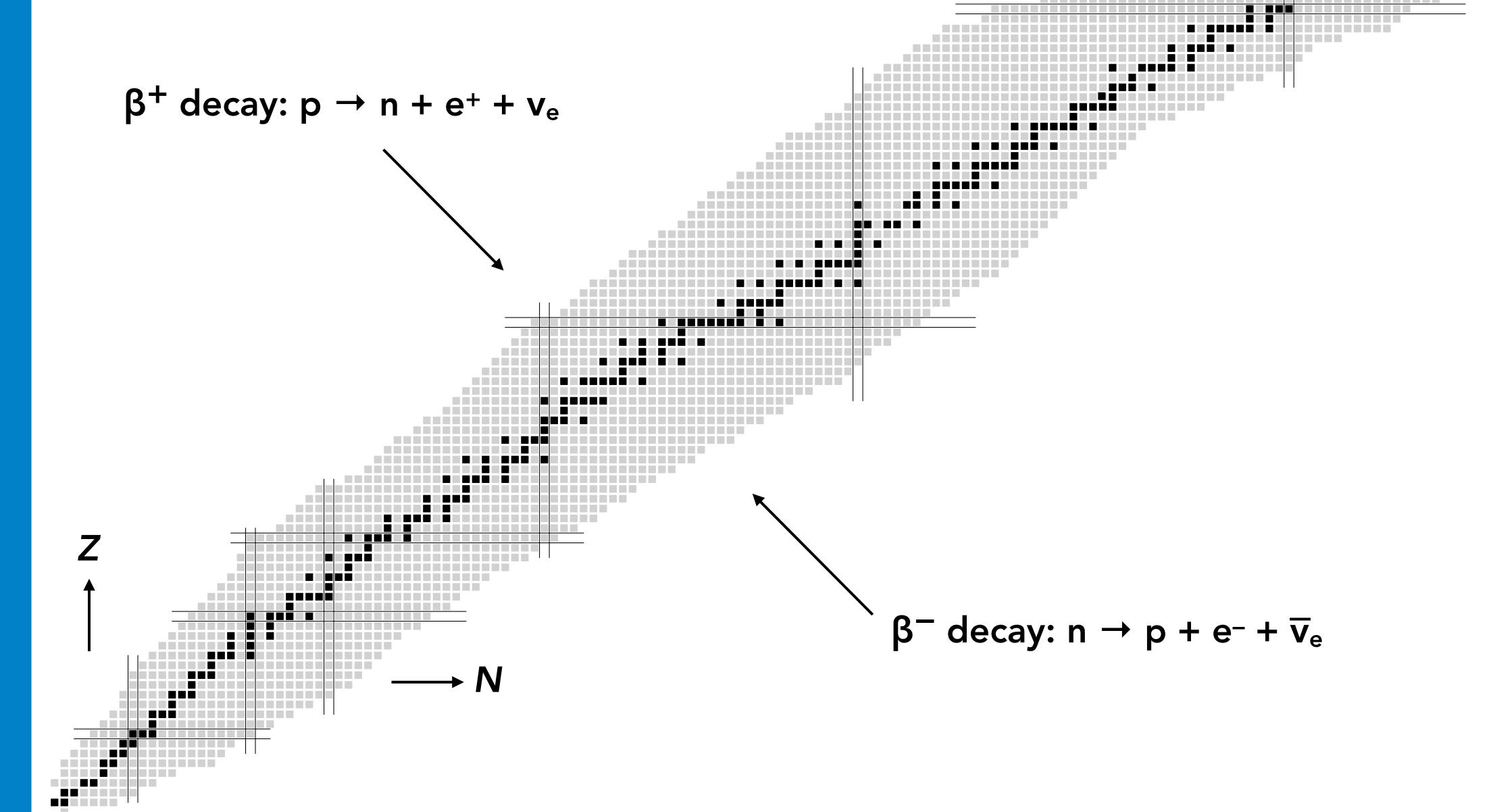


Monte Carlo Mass Corrections (MCMC): "reverse engineering" the masses



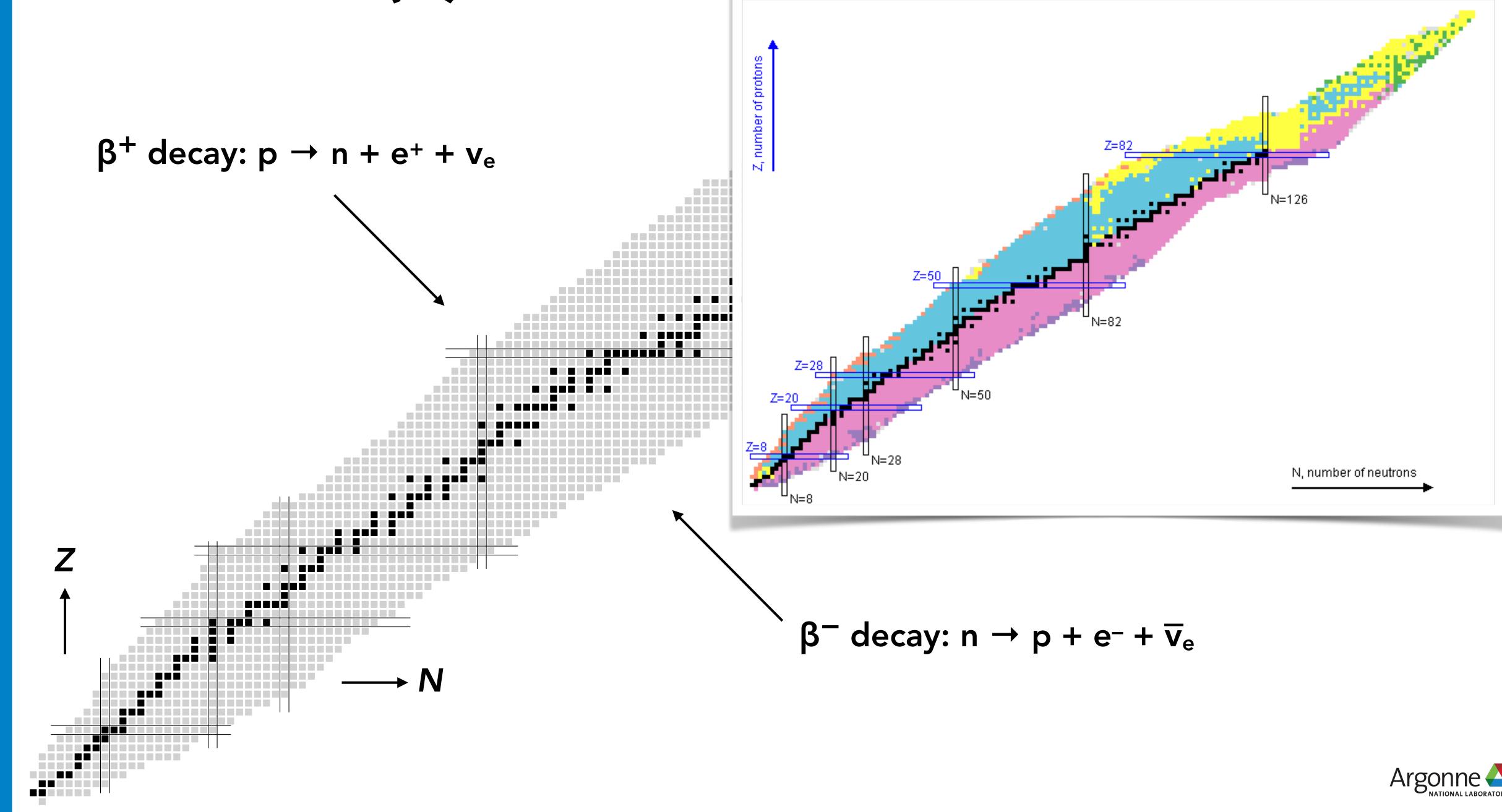
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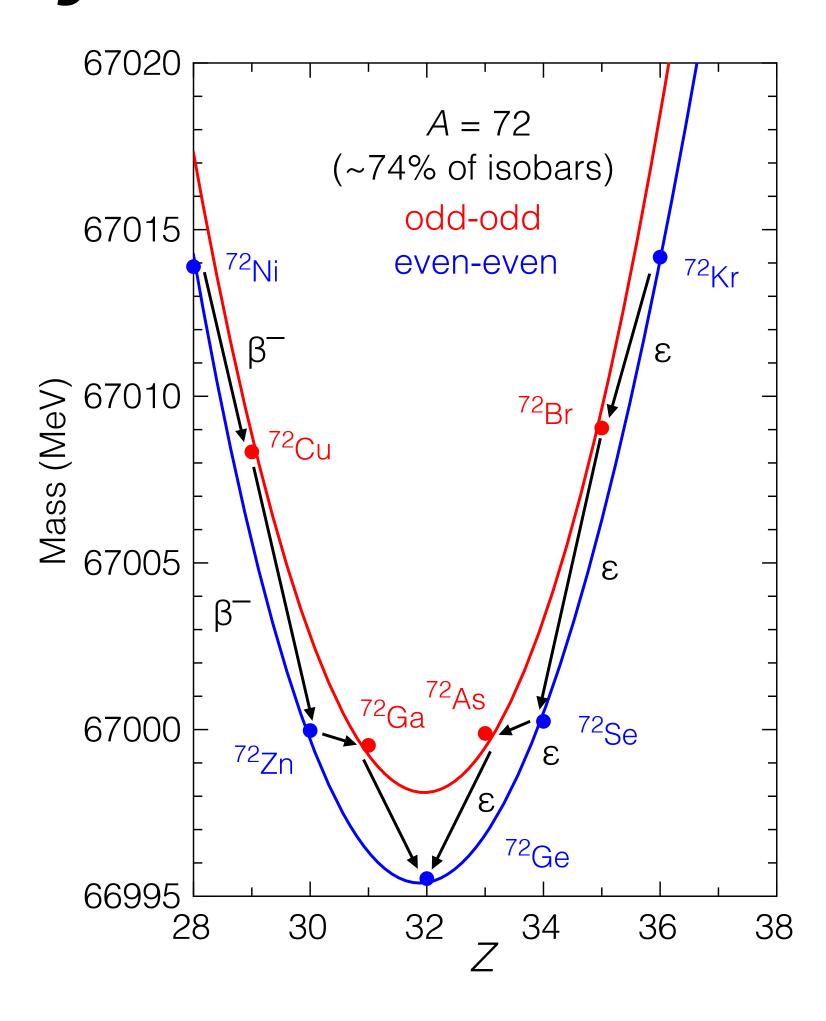


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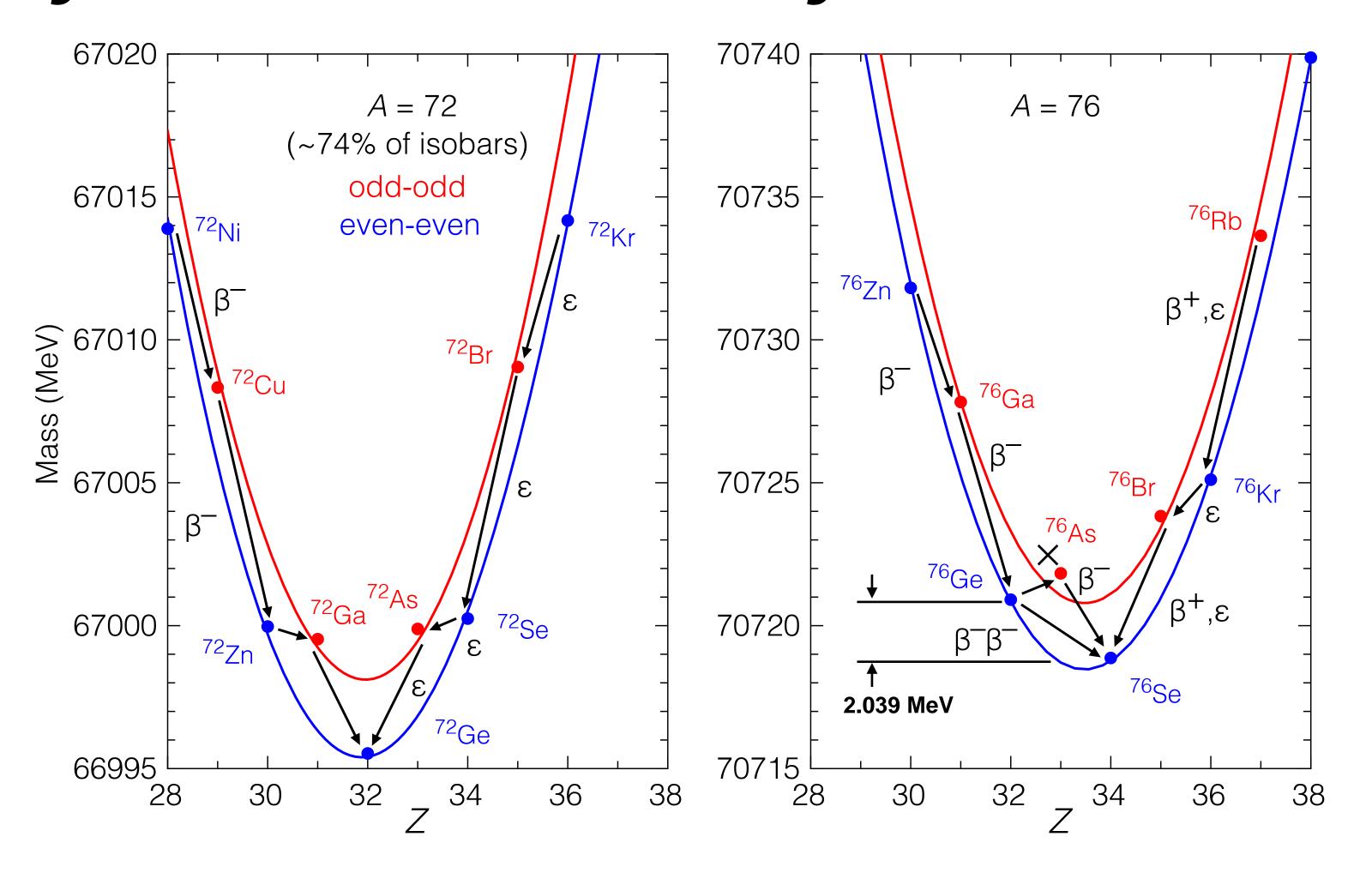
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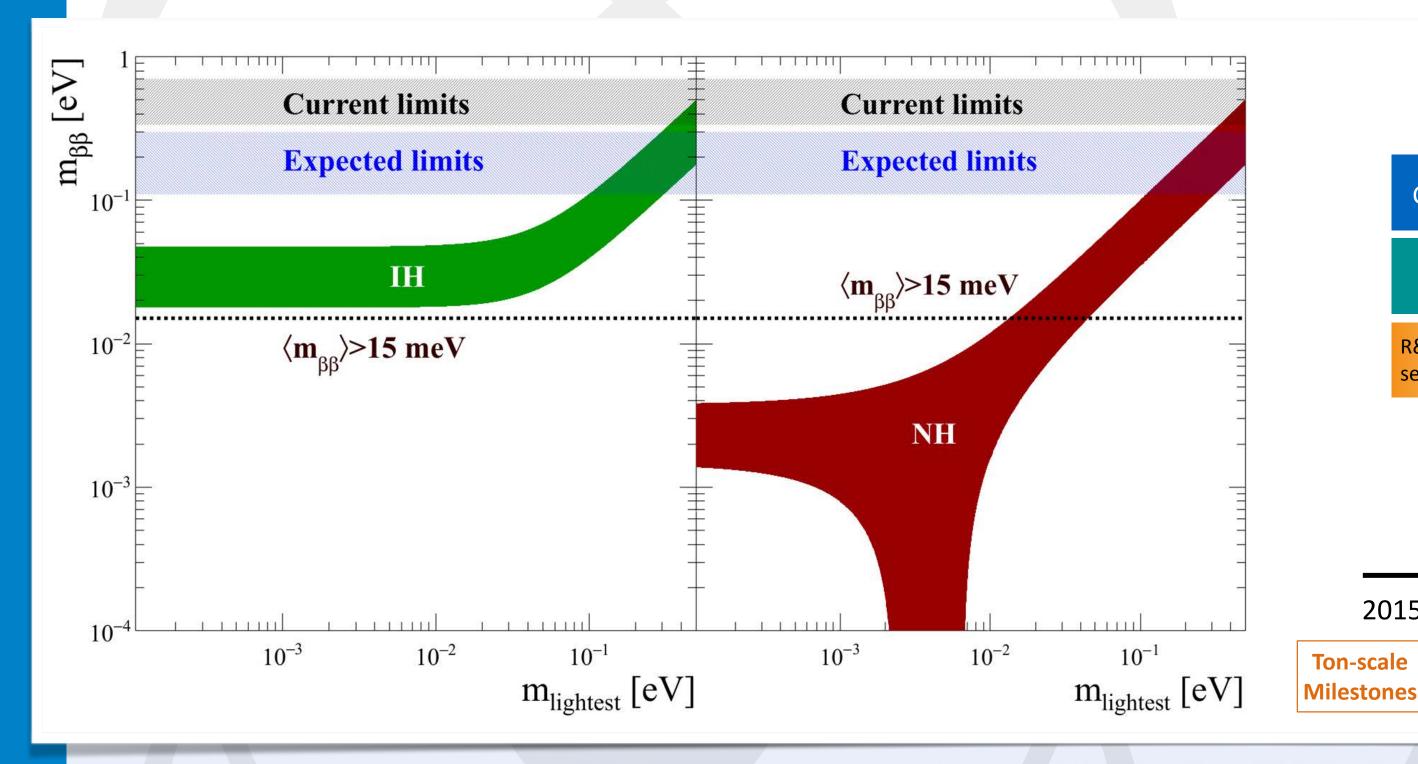
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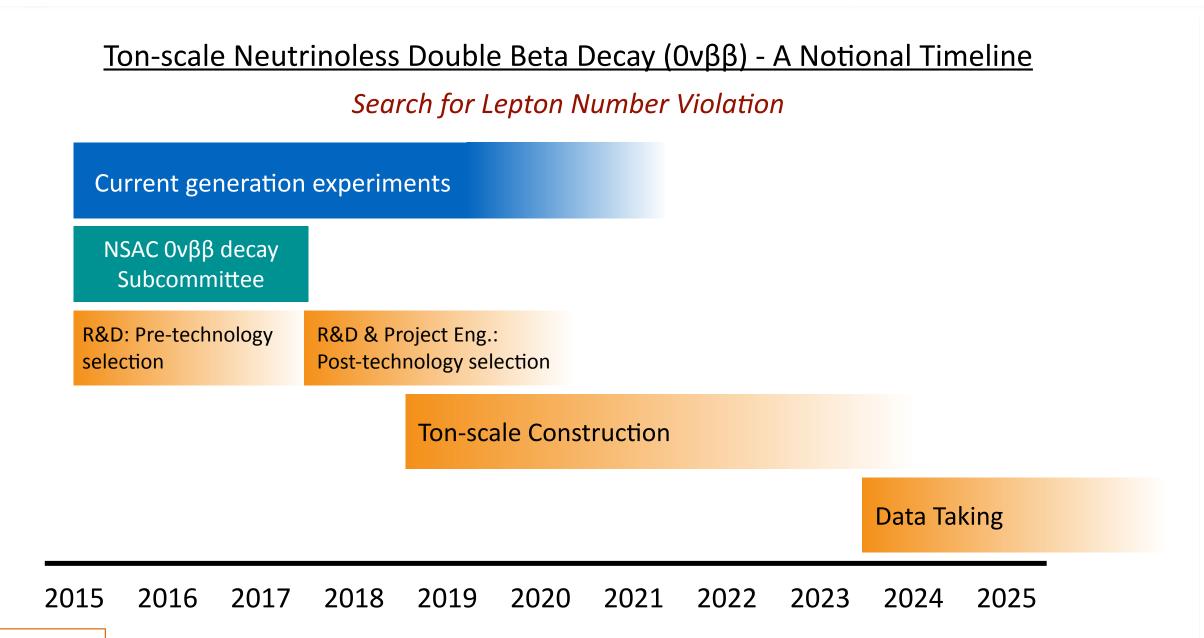
Precise masses \Rightarrow precise \mathbf{Q} value.



REACHING FOR THE HORIZON







Construction

Mission Technology

Selection

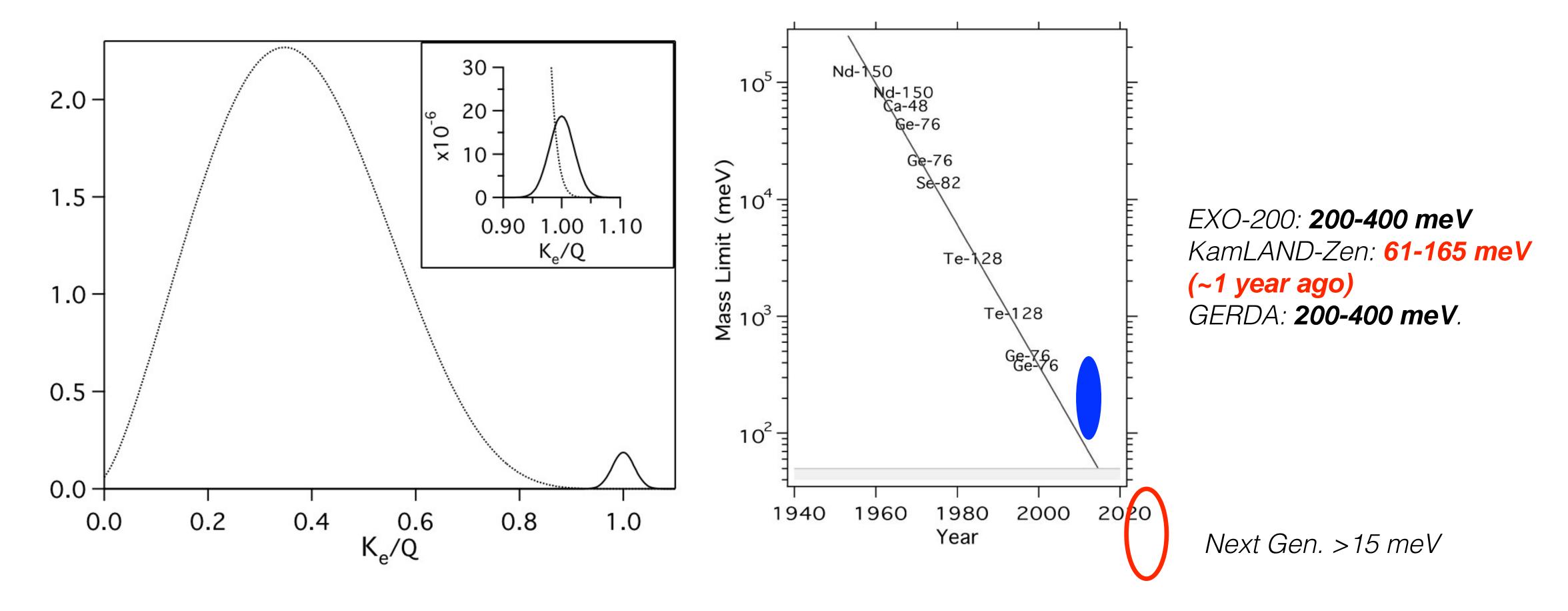
"The second recommendation specifically targets the development and deployment of a tonscale neutrino- less double beta decay experiment. Demonstration experiments at the scale of 100 kg are currently underway to identify the requirements and candidate technologies for a larger, next-generation experiment, which is needed to be sensitive to postulated new physics. An ongoing NSAC subcommittee is helping to guide the process of the down-select, from several current options to one U.S.-led ton-scale experiment."

"Construction of this flagship experiment is expected to require five years, with capital investment peaking at about \$50M/year during this period."

"Since neutrinoless double beta decay measurements use the atomic nucleus as a laboratory, nuclear theory is critical in connecting experimental results to the underlying lepton-number violating interactions and parameters through nuclear matrix elements, which account for the strong interactions of neutrons and protons. Currently, there exists about a factor of two uncertainty in the relevant matrix elements, but by the time a ton-scale experiment is ready to take data, we expect reduced uncertainties as a result of the application to this problem of improved methods to solve the nuclear many-body physics."

Data

(Neutrino-less) double beta decay

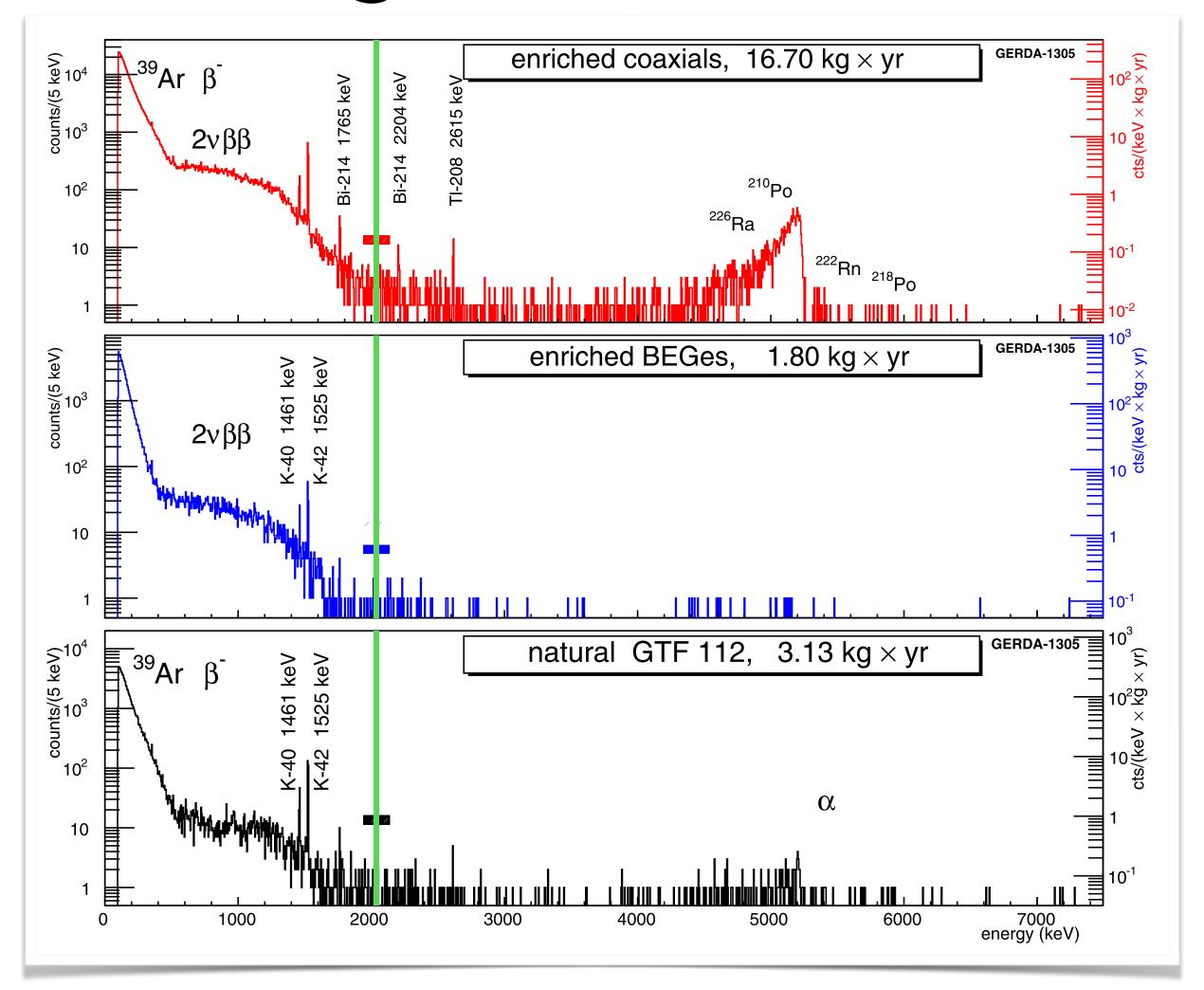


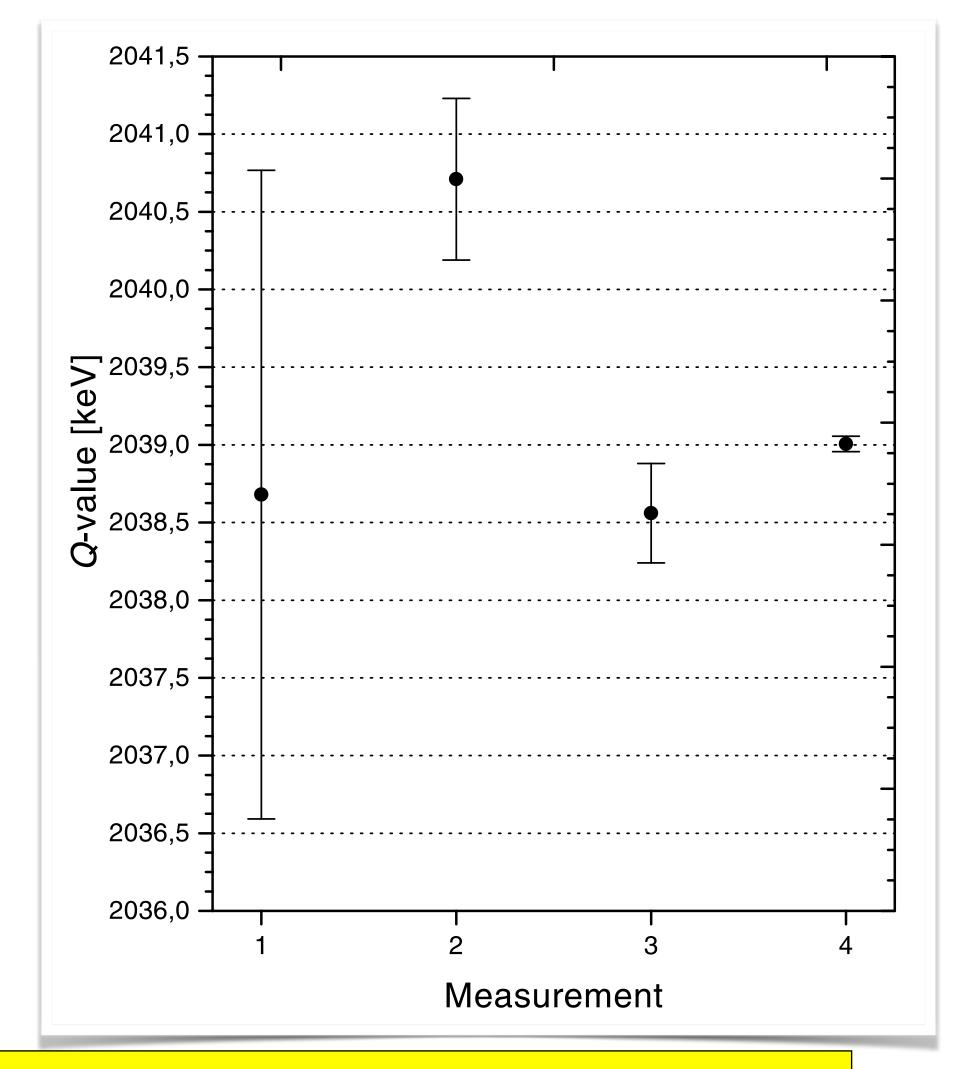
The search is on ... what does the future hold?

$$[T_{1/2}^{0\nu}]^{-1} = (\text{Phase Space Factor}) \times |\text{Nuclear Matrix Element}|^2 \times |\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle|^2$$



Knowing the Q value is essential





Q5/

 $[T_{1/2}^{0\nu}]^{-1} = (\text{Phase Space Factor}) \times |\text{Nuclear Matrix Element}|^2 \times |\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle|^2$

Sizes



ARTICLES

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Neutron and weak-charge distributions of the ⁴⁸Ca nucleus

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What is the size of the atomic nucleus? This deceivably simple question is difficult to answer. Although the electric charge distributions in atomic nuclei were measured accurately already half a century ago, our knowledge of the distribution of neutrons is still deficient. In addition to constraining the size of atomic nuclei, the neutron distribution also impacts the number of nuclei that can exist and the size of neutron stars. We present an *ab initio* calculation of the neutron distribution of the neutron-rich nucleus ⁴⁸Ca. We show that the neutron skin (difference between the radii of the neutron and proton distributions) is significantly smaller than previously thought. We also make predictions for the electric dipole polarizability and the weak form factor; both quantities that are at present targeted by precision measurements. Based on *ab initio* results for ⁴⁸Ca, we provide a constraint on the size of a neutron star.



Sizes

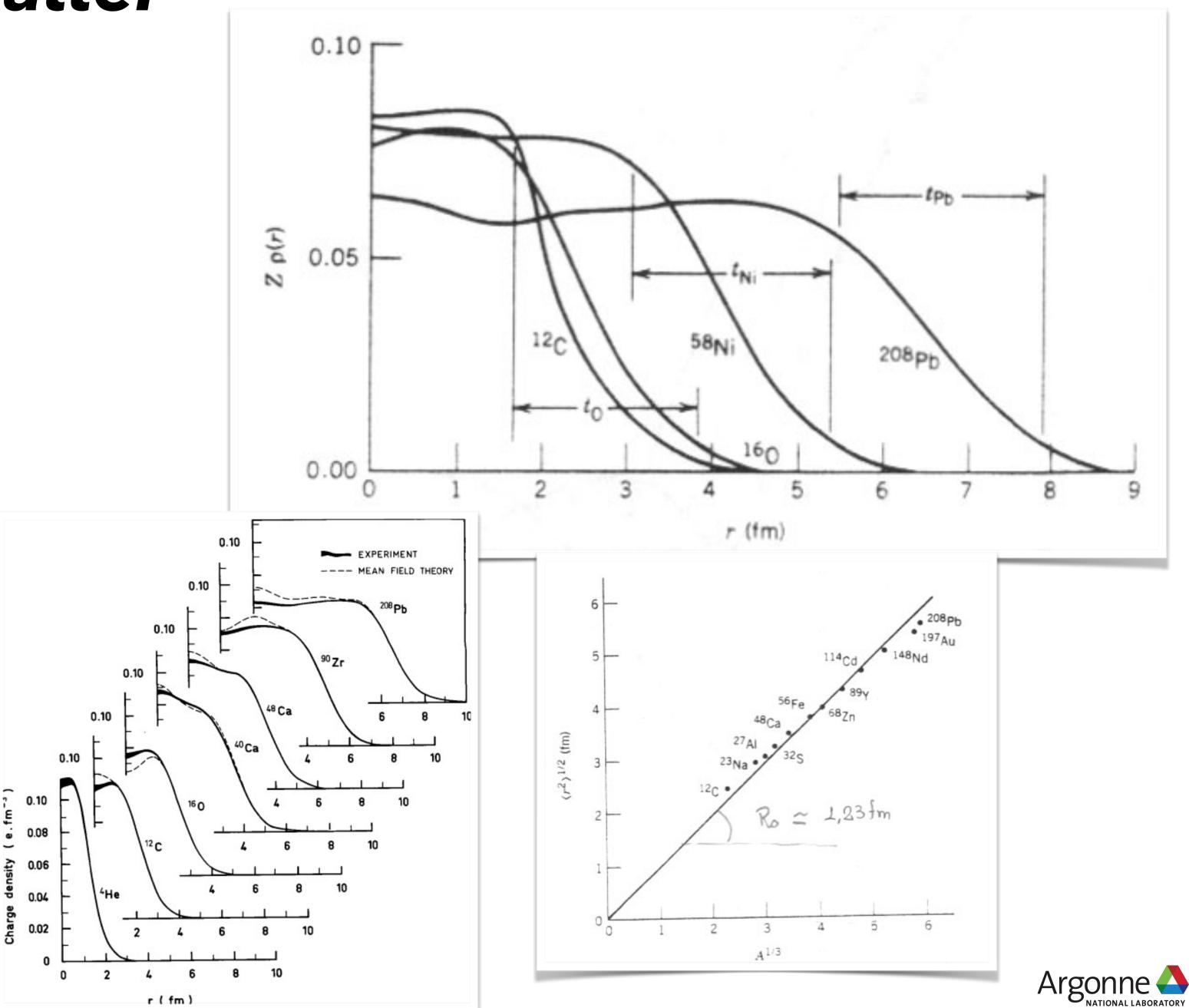
- Sizes of nuclei along with their mass (binding) is a fundamental property of the nucleus
- Radius links to size of the nuclear potential
- Matter and charge radii are similar for most nuclei, but dramatic differences seen in exotic systems
- Neutron skins
- Matter radii, neutron structure, can modify charge radius (or center-of-mass motion)?
- Shapes of nuclei can result in changes in charge radii
- a series of examples ... via dramatic examples



Proton, neutron, matter

$$r_c^2 = \frac{1}{Z} \int \rho_c(r) r^2 d^3 r$$

- Can be probed via elastic scattering, isotope shifts (precise)
- Matter distributions (radii) through interaction cross sections, or hadronic scattering reactions (less precise)
- A global picture of something like $r = r_0 A^{1/3}$ emerges $(r_0 \sim 1.15-3 \text{ fm})$



r (fm)

History: Charge Mistr. Mean Proton, neutron, " 208Pb 90Tr Mean Field 40Ca Experiment 160 (cm.3)(m) large data set was acquired on elastic electron scattering (mainly from Jent, analysis provided accurate results on charge distribution well Jefferson Lab sect (15/7 ms) 250/08 scatte 1032 precise 0.08 A global 0.04 something 1036 emerges (r₀ Argonne Argonatory Krane's text book ... Rolf's slides from this school

FORM FACTORS OF NUCLEI AT LOW ENERGY

Elastic scattering $\rightarrow W^2 = M^2 \rightarrow Q^2 = 2M(E-E') \rightarrow Q^2$ and v are correlated

 $d\sigma/d\Omega$ (and not $d\sigma/d\Omega dE$) = $\sigma_M F_0^2(q)$

- For a point charge with charge Z one has $F_0(q) = Z$.
- For a charge with a finite size $F_0(q)$ will be smaller than Z, because different parts of $\rho(r)$ will give destructive contributions in the integral that constitutes $F_0(q)$.
- Often one includes the factor Z in $\sigma_{\rm M}$ and not in F_0 , such that $F_0(0) = 1$.

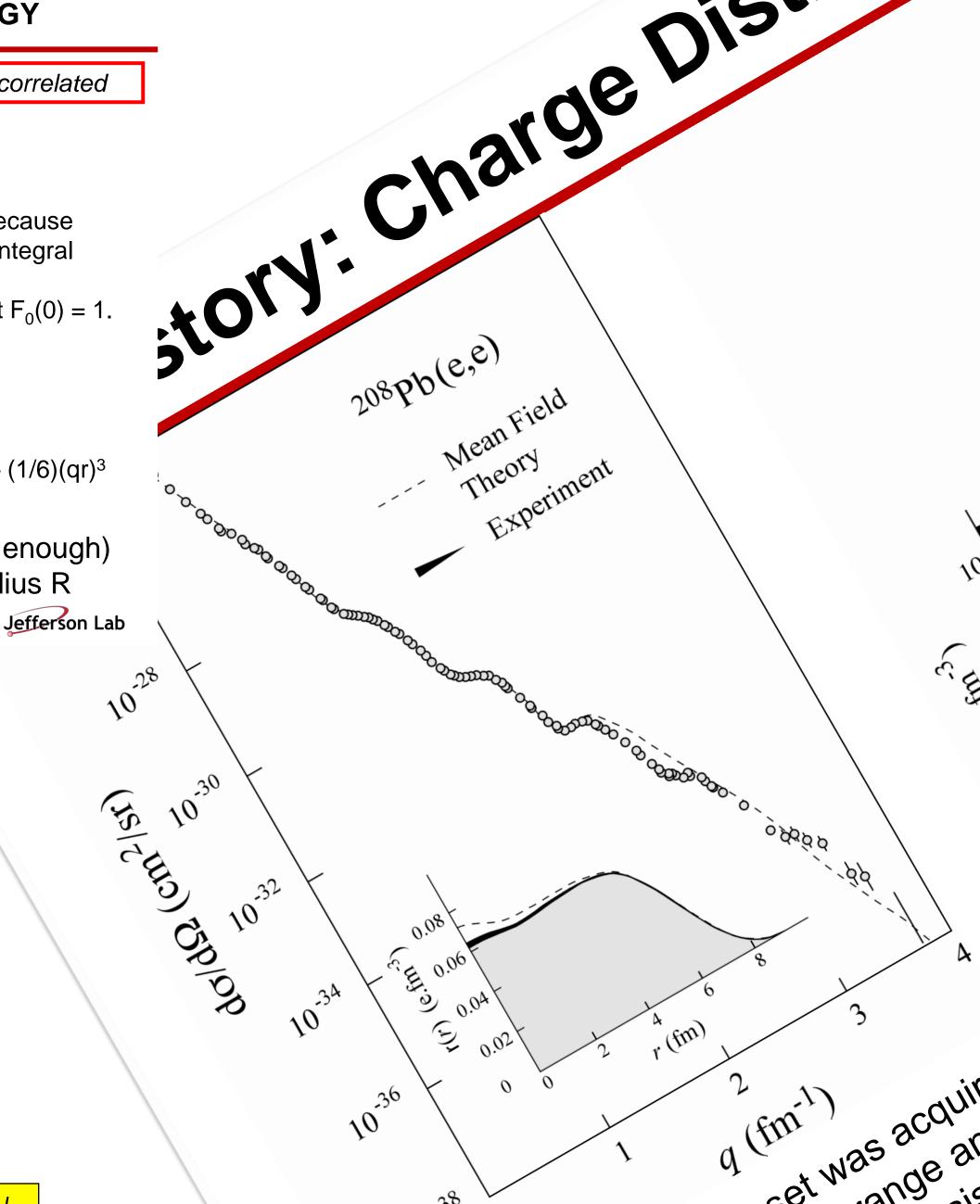
$$F(q) = \frac{4\pi}{Zq} \int \rho(r) \sin(qr) r dr$$

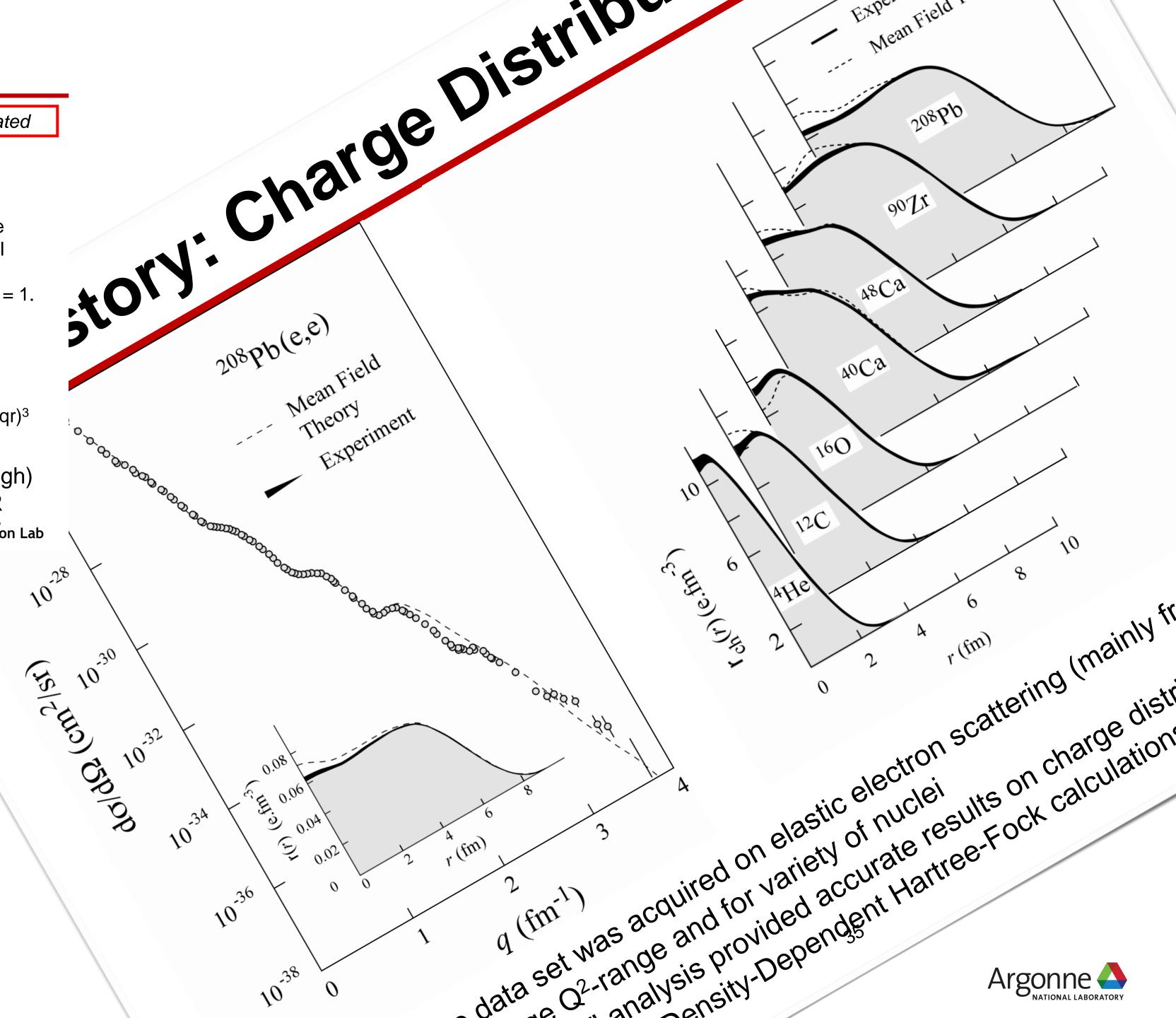
Scatter from uniform sphere with radius R at low q: $sin(qr) = qr - (1/6)(qr)^3$

1st term disappears (charge normalization)

2nd term gives direct R_{RMS} measurement (for q low enough)

At higher q pattern looks like slit scattering with radius R

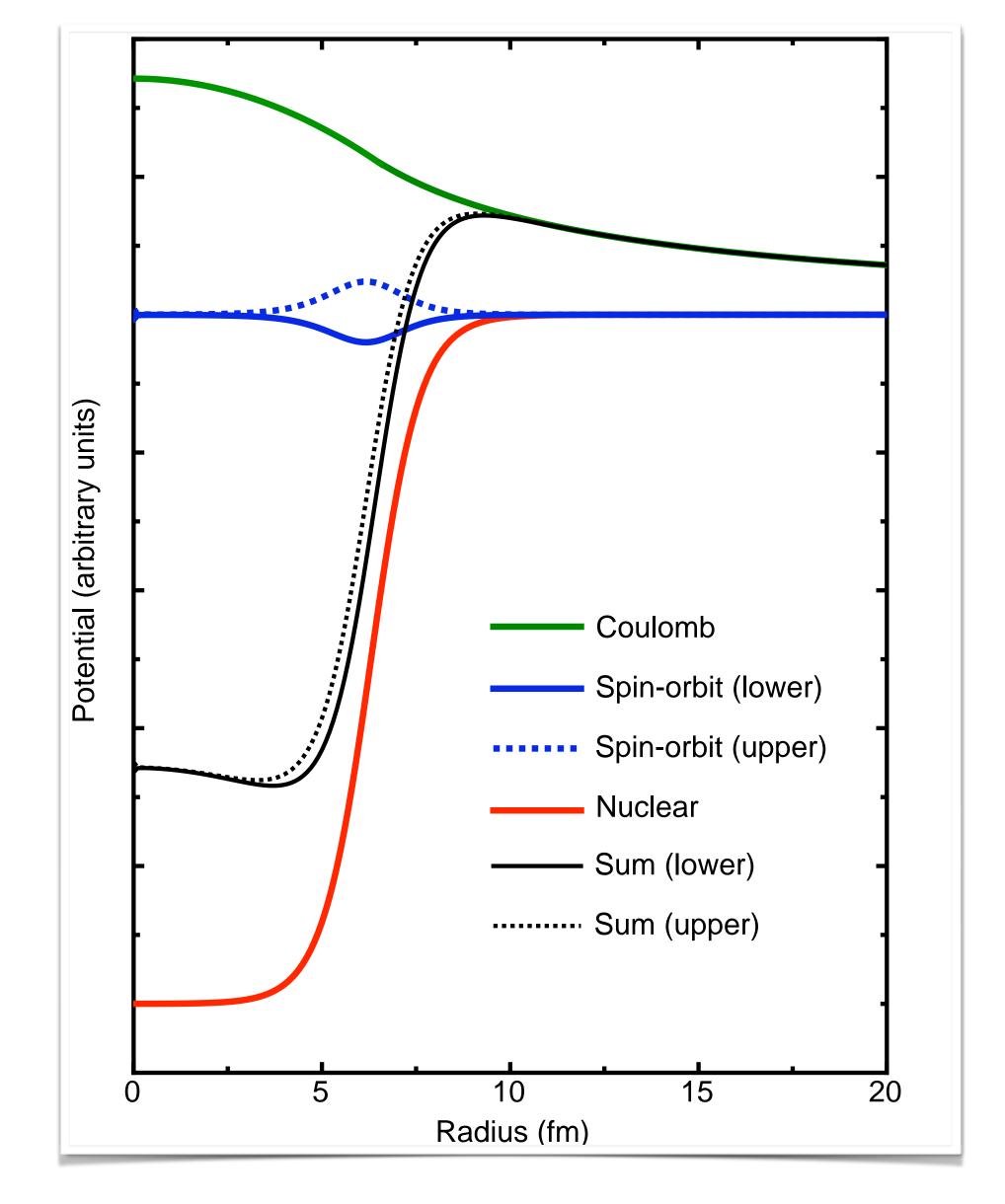




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Charge radii

Target nucleus	E_X [MeV]	J^{π}	S (e,e'p)	<i>r</i> ₀ [fm]	S (d, ³ He) literature	S (d, ³ He) reanalysis
¹² C	0.000	3/2-	1.72(11) [43]	1.35(2)	2.98 [44]	1.72
	2.125	1/2-	0.26(2)	1.65(2)	0.69	0.27
	5.020	$3/2^{-}$	0.20(2)	1.51(2)	0.31	0.11
¹⁶ O	0.000	$1/2^{-}$	1.27(13) [45]	1.37(3)	2.30 [46]	1.02
	6.320	3/2-	2.25(22)	1.28(2)	3.64	1.94
^{31}P	0.000	0+	0.40(3) [47]	1.27(2)	0.62 [48]	0.36
	2.239	2+	0.60(5)	1.18(3)	0.72	0.49
	3.498	2+	0.28(2)	1.12(3)	0.30	0.19
40 Ca	0.000	$3/2^{+}$	2.58(19) [49,50]	1.30(5)	3.70 [51]	2.30
	2.522	$1/2^{+}$	1.03(7)	1.28(6)	1.65	1.03
51V	0.000	$7/2^{-}$	0.37(3) [3]	1.30(3)	0.73 [52]	0.30 [5]
	1.554	$7/2^{-}$	0.16(2)	1.31(4)	0.39	0.15
	2.675	$7/2^{-}$	0.33(3)	1.32(3)	0.64	0.26
	3.199	$7/2^{-}$	0.49(4)	1.34(3)	1.05	0.39
	4.410	$1/2^{+}$	0.28(3)	1.22(3)	0.63	0.22
	6.045	$1/2^{+}$	0.35(3)	1.27(4)	1.10	0.30
90Zr	0.000	$1/2^{-}$	0.72(7) [3]	1.32(3)	1.80 [53]	0.60 [54]
	0.909	$9/2^{+}$	0.54(5)	1.31(2)	1.25	0.30
	1.507	$3/2^{-}$	1.86(14)	1.27(2)	3.90	1.20
	1.745	$5/2^{-}$	2.77(19)	1.30(2)	8.90	2.40
¹⁴² Nd	0.000	$5/2^{+}$	1.39(23) [55]	1.29(9)	2.53 [56]	1.25
	0.145	$7/2^{+}$	3.14(43)	1.26(8)	6.28	3.79
	1.118	$11/2^{-}$	0.56(7)	1.28(8)	0.74	0.36
	1.300	$1/2^{+}$	0.05(1)	1.26(9)	0.11	0.07
²⁰⁶ Pb	0.000	$1/2^{+}$	0.68(6) [57]	1.23(9)	1.15 [58]	1.03
	0.203	$3/2^{+}$	1.10(9)	1.27(9)	1.77	0.99
	0.616	$5/2^{+}$		1.23(8)	0.52	0.44
	1.151	$3/2^{+}$	0.52(5)	1.28(9)	0.66	0.37
	1.479	$11/2^{-}$	3.58(32)	1.25(9)	6.94	5.21
²⁰⁸ Pb	0.000	$1/2^{+}$	` /	1.25(8)	1.8 [59]	1.5
	0.350	$3/2^{+}$	2.31(22)	1.23(8)	3.8	2.2
	1.350	$11/2^{-}$		1.16(9)	7.7	5.4
	1.670	5/2+	2.93(28)	1.19(8)	3.5	3.1
	3.470	$7/2^{+}$	2.06(20)	1.15(9)	3.5	2.9





He isotopes

4He

6He

						²⁰ Na	²¹ Na	²² Na	²³ Na	²⁴ Na	²⁵ Na	²⁶ Na	²⁷ Na	²⁸ Na	²⁹ Na	30 Na	31 Na	3
				¹⁷ Ne	¹⁸ Ne	¹⁹ Ne	²⁰ Ne	21 Ne	²² Ne	²³ Ne	²⁴ Ne	²⁵ Ne	²⁶ Ne	²⁷ Ne	²⁸ Ne	²⁹ Ne	30Ne	4.0
					¹⁷ F	¹⁸ F	¹⁹ F	²⁰ F	²¹ F	²² F	²³ F	²⁴ F	²⁵ F	²⁶ F	²⁷ F		²⁹ F	
		¹³ O	¹⁴ O	¹⁵ O	¹⁶ O	¹⁷ O	¹⁸ O	¹⁹ O	²⁰ O	210	220	²³ O	²⁴ O					
I	_	¹² N	¹³ N	14N	¹⁵ N	¹⁶ N	¹⁷ N	¹⁸ N	¹⁹ N	²⁰ N	²¹ N	²² N	²³ N					
9C	10C	11C	12 C	1.3C	14C	¹⁵ C	16C	¹⁷ C	18 C	¹⁹ C	²⁰ C		²² C					
₽B		10 B	11B	¹² B	13 B	¹⁴ B	¹⁵ B		¹⁷ B		¹⁹ B							
7Be		9Be	¹ /Be	¹¹ Be	¹² Be		¹⁴ Be						1	2	4			
6Li	7Li	8Li	9Li		11Li								1	-				





 32 Na

8 He

He isotopes

Which is larger charge radius? ⁴He, ⁶He, ⁸He? Which is larger matter radius? ⁴He, ⁶He, ⁸He? ... and how were they determined?



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Colloquium: Laser probing of neutron-rich nuclei in light atoms

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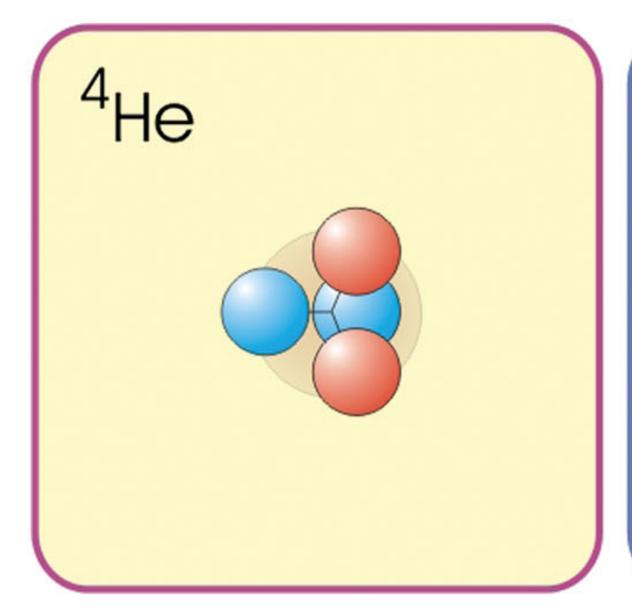
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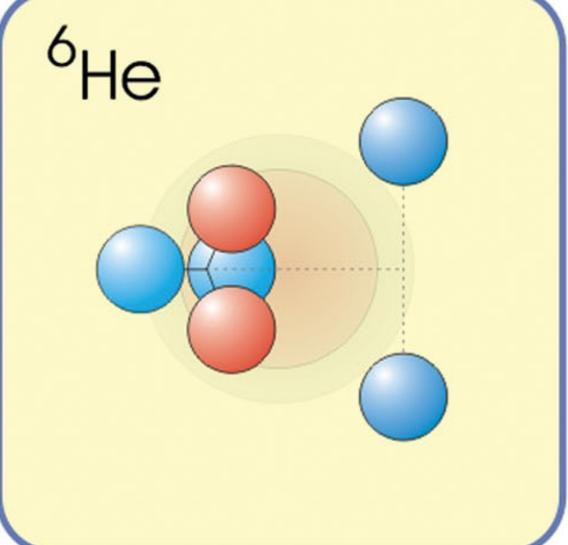


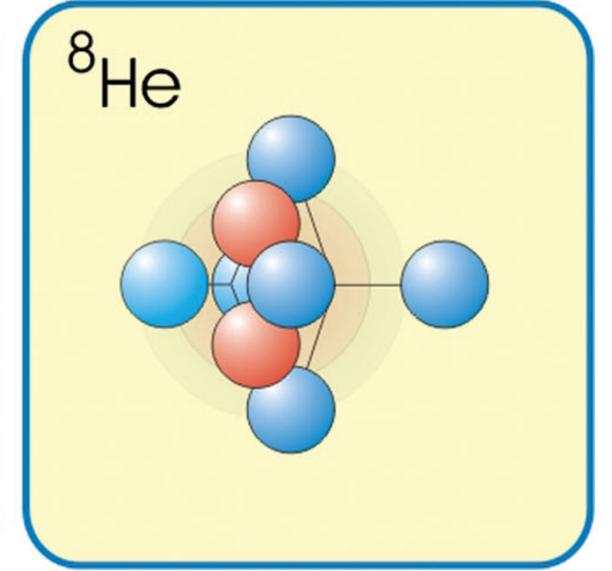
He isotopes

Which is larger charge radius? ⁴He, ⁶He, ⁸He?

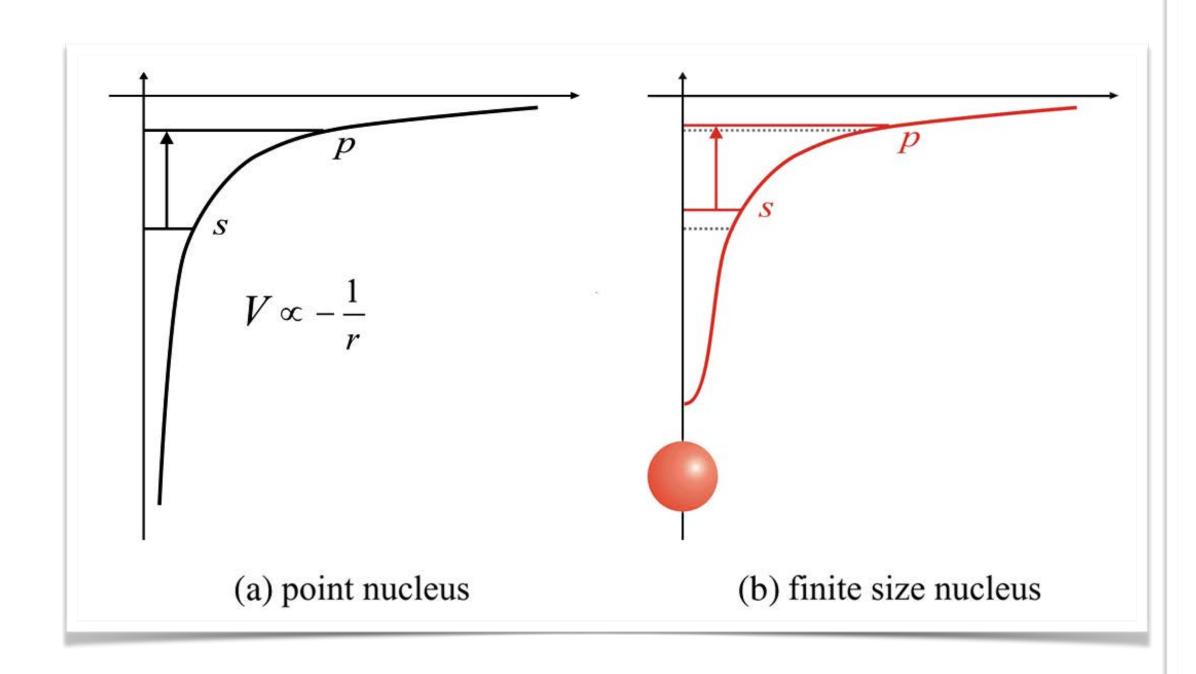
Which is larger matter radius? ⁴He, ⁶He, ⁸He?







Charge radii, isotope shift



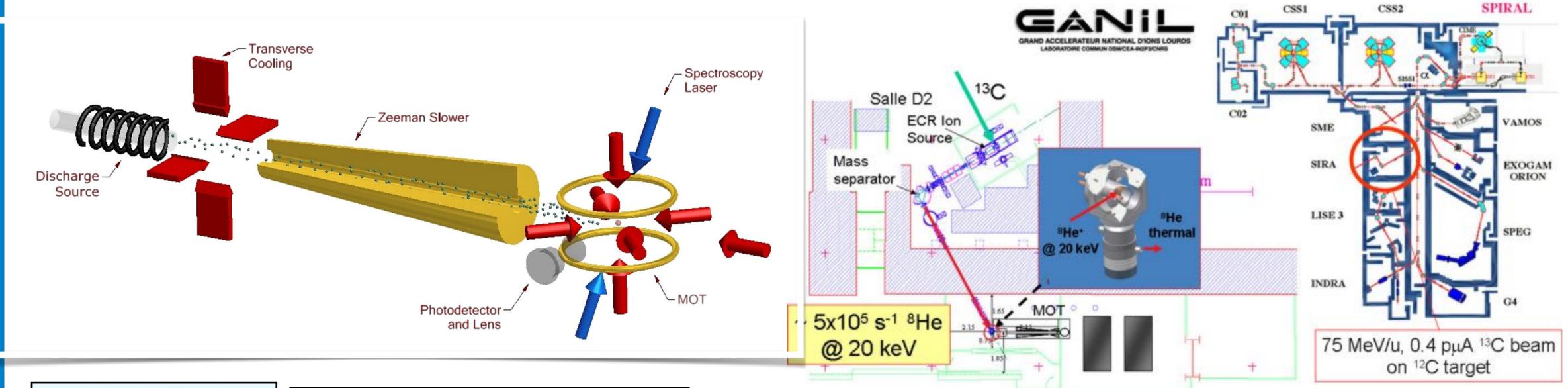
Field (Volume) Shift $\delta v_{FS} = -\frac{2\pi}{3} Ze^2 \cdot \Delta |\Psi(0)|^2 \cdot \delta \langle r^2 \rangle^{AA'}$ \boldsymbol{E} Isotope Shift |, GHz $V \sim - 1/r$ 0.01 1E-3-10 100

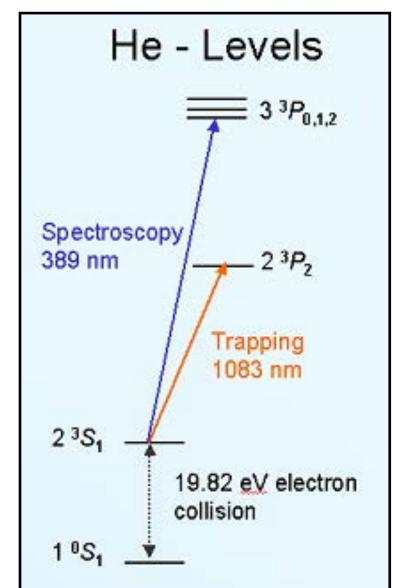
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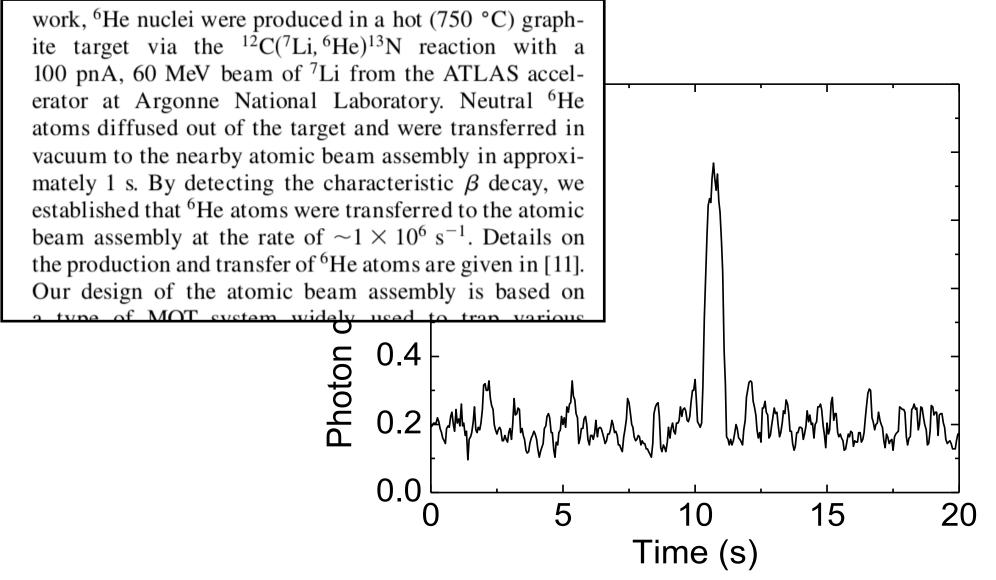
Field shift, mass shift, and radius

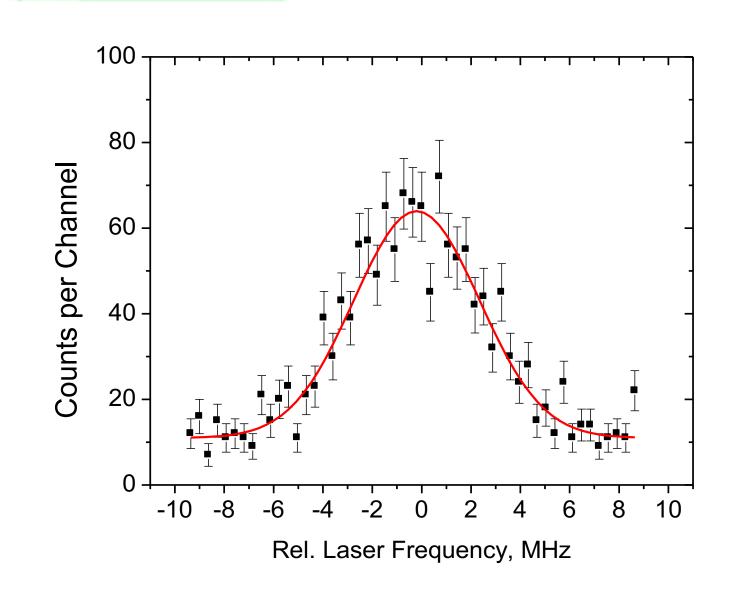
Atomic number, Z

E.g. 8He







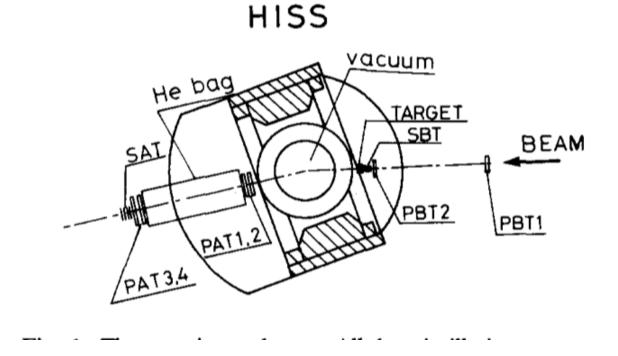


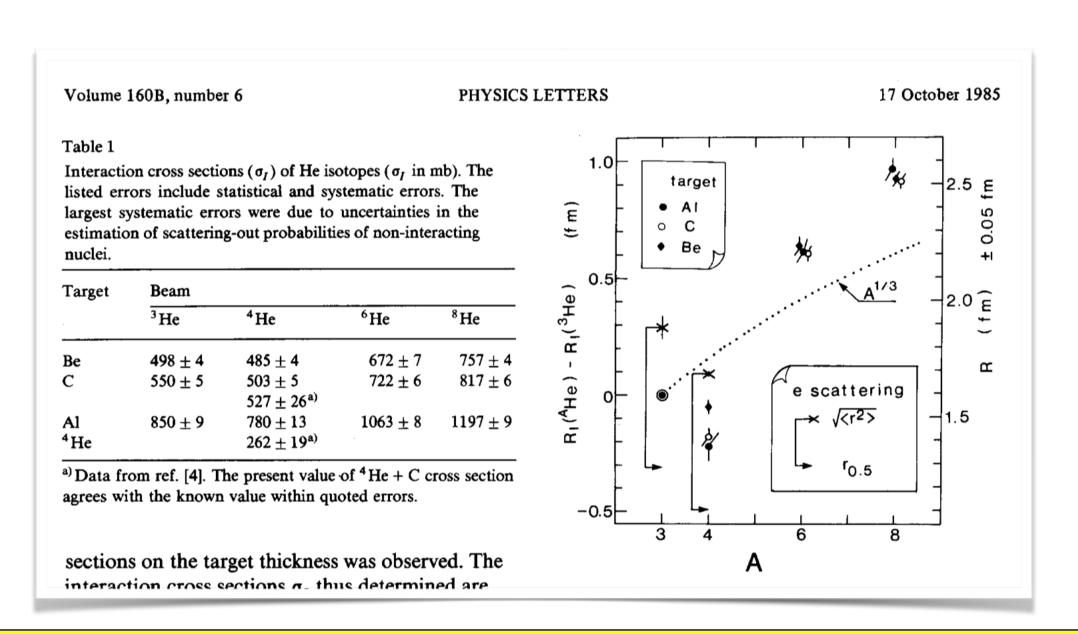


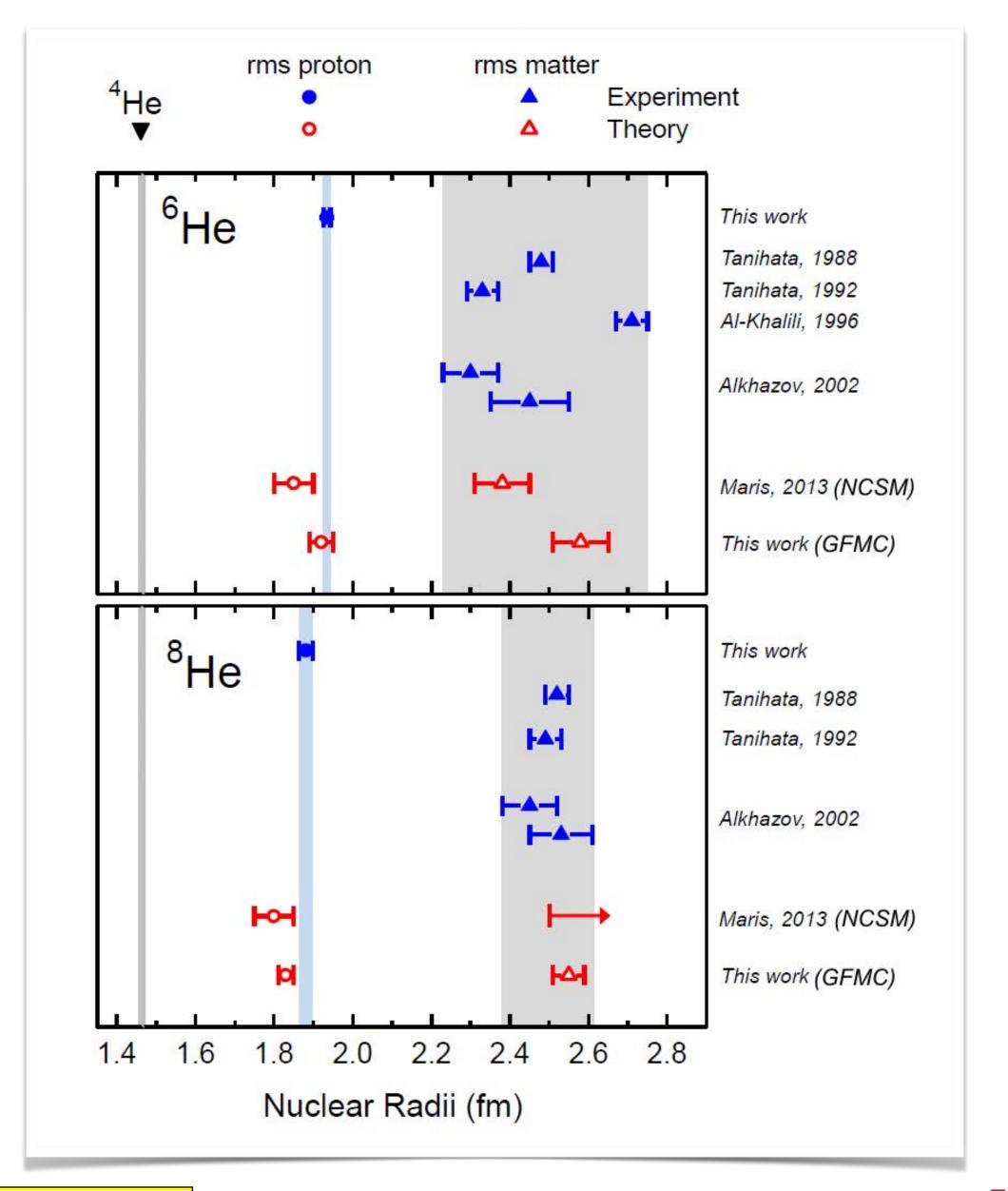
Matter radii

 Matter radii can be determined from interaction cross sections

$$\sigma_I(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{t}) = \pi \left[R_I(\mathbf{p}) + R_I(\mathbf{t}) \right]^2$$





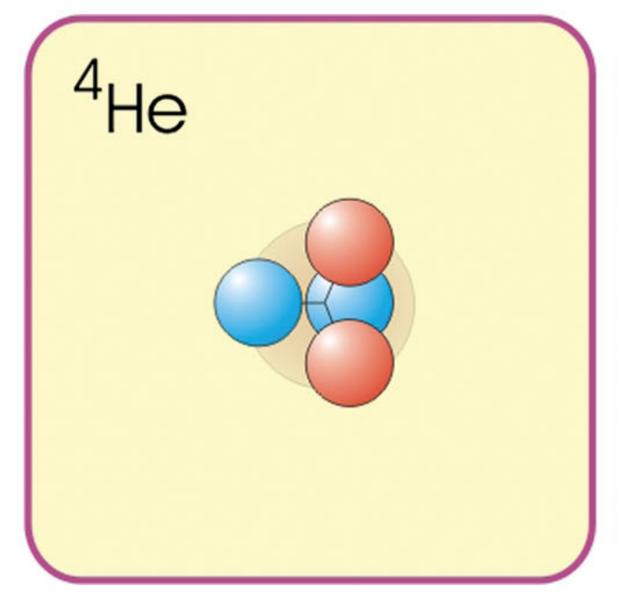




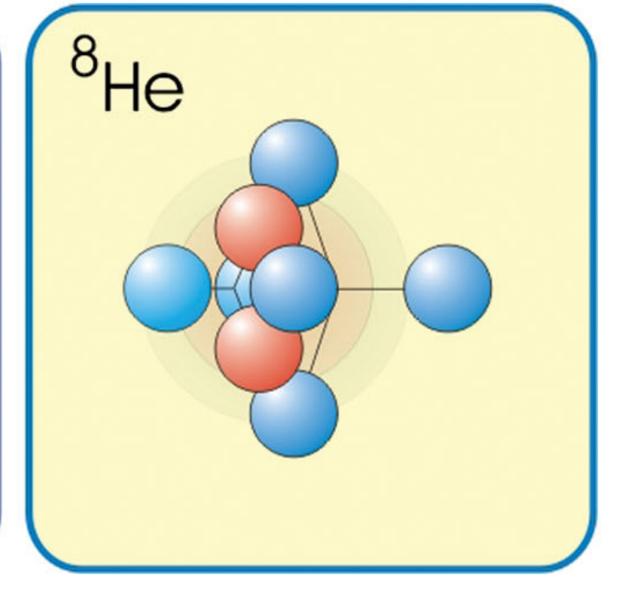
He isotopes

Which is larger charge radius? ⁴He, ⁶He, ⁸He?

Which is larger matter radius? ⁴He, ⁶He, ⁸He?



⁶He



1.681(4) fm

1.63(3) fm

2.060(8) fm

2.33(4) fm

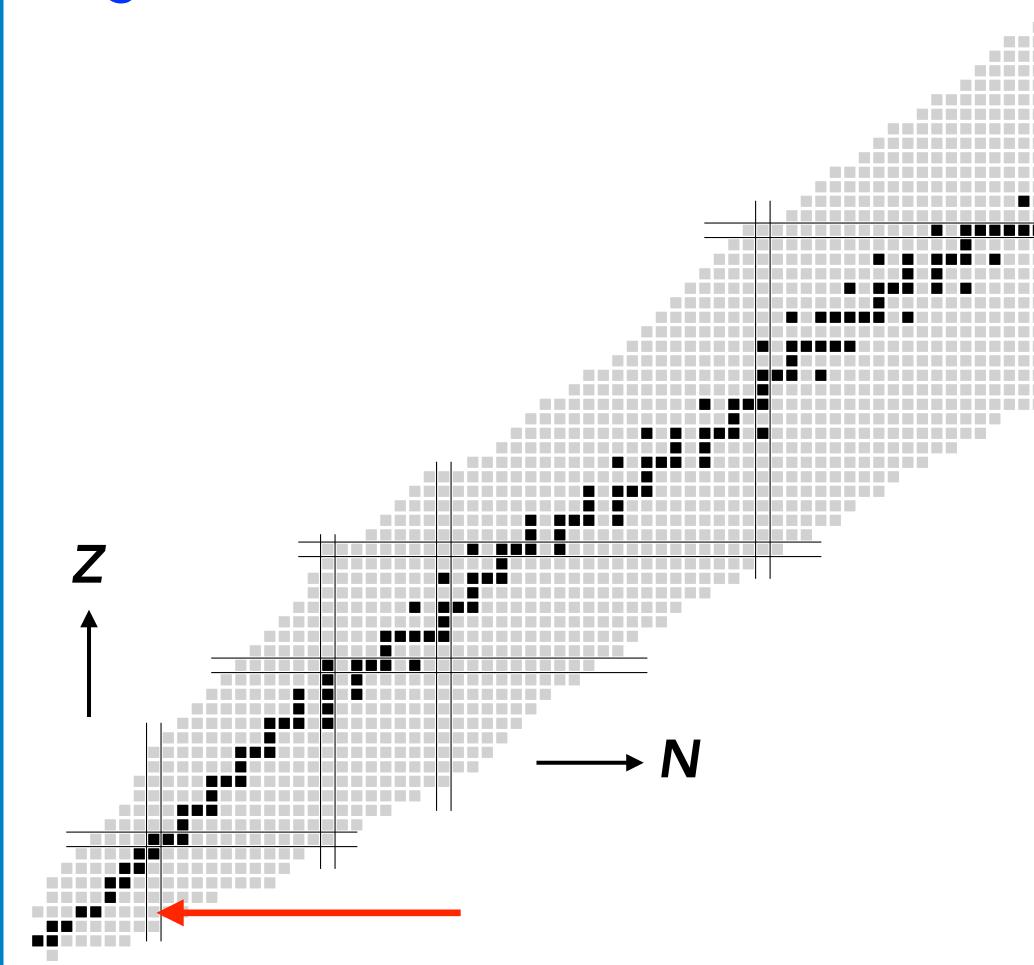
1.959(16) fm

2.49(4) fm



11Li and 208Pb

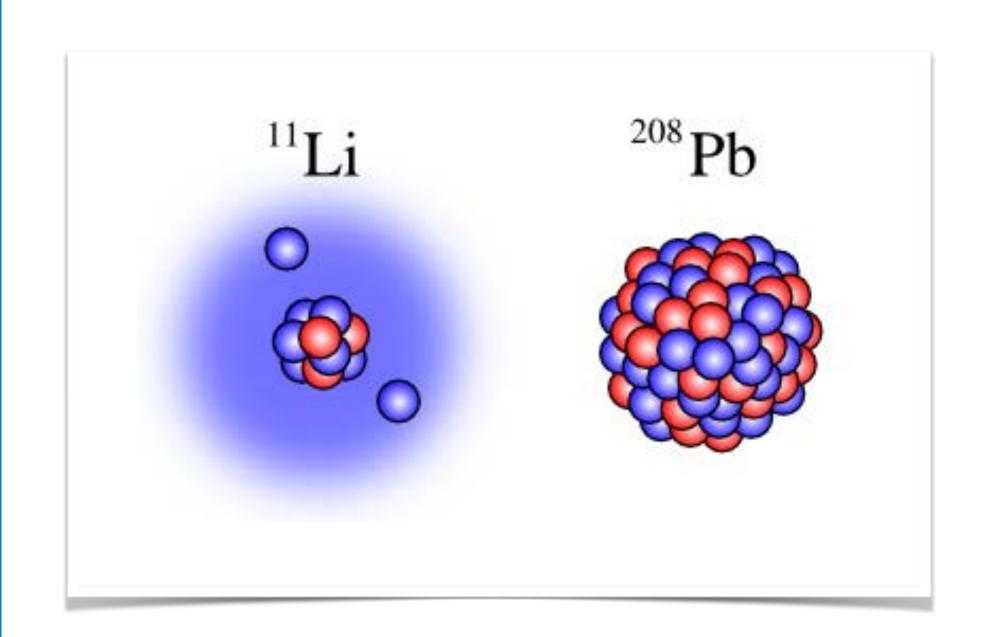
¹¹Li is the archetypal halo nucleus and ²⁰⁸Pb is the archetypal doubly magic spherical magic nucleus ... which one in larger?





11Li and 208Pb

¹¹Li is the archetypal halo nucleus and ²⁰⁸Pb is the archetypal doubly magic spherical magic nucleus ... which one in larger? About the same size!



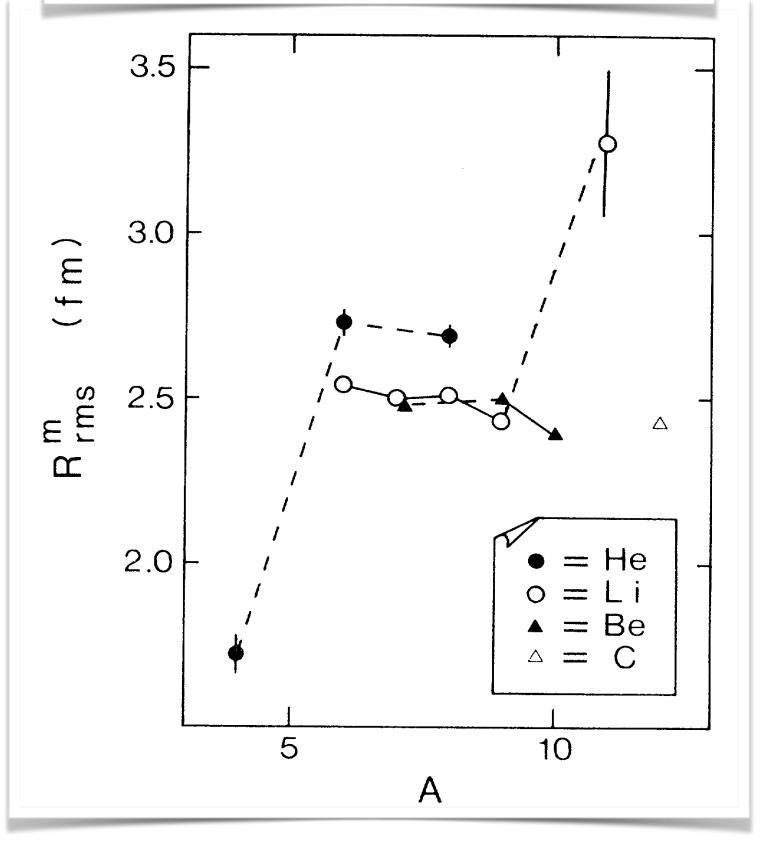
Recently, exotic-isotope beams, produced through the projectile-fragmentation process in high-energy heavy-ion reactions, were used to measure the interaction cross sections (σ_I) for all the known He isotopes.¹ This novel technique of using exotic nuclear beams makes it possible to study systematically properties of unstable nuclei. In the present paper, we report the σ_I for all the known Li isotopes (6 Li, 7 Li, 8 Li, 9 Li, and 11 Li) and 7 Be, 9 Be, and 10 Be on the target nuclei Be, C, and Al at 790 MeV/nucleon. A firm basis has been empirically established by use of a Glauber-type calculation to extract root mean square (rms) nuclear radii from the σ_I .

The Li isotopes, except ¹¹Li, and the Be isotopes were produced as secondary beams through projectile fragmentation of the 800-MeV/nucleon ¹¹B accelerated by the Bevalac at the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory. The beam of ¹¹Li was produced from a ²⁰Ne primary beam. The isotopes produced in a production target of Be were separated by rigidity with the beamline magnet system as described in previous papers.^{1, 2} The rigidity-separated isotopes were further identified before incidence on a reaction target by velocity [time-of-flight (TOF)] and by charge (pulse height in scintillation counters). No contamination more than 10⁻³ was observed in any selected isotope beam.

The interaction cross section (σ_I) was measured by a transmission experiment using the large-acceptance spectrometer as in the measurement of the He isotopes. Here σ_I is defined as the total reaction cross section for the change of proton and/or neutron number in the incident nucleus. The obtained σ_I are listed in Table I. The largest systematic error on σ_I , up to about 0.3%, came from uncertainties in the estimation of the scattering-out probability of the nonin-

TABLE I. Interaction cross sections (σ_I) in millibarns.

Beam	Be	Target C	A1		
⁶ Li	651 ± 6	688 ± 10	1010 ± 11		
⁷ Li	686 ± 4	736 ± 6	1071 ± 7		
⁸ Li	727 ± 6	768 ± 9	1147 ± 14		
⁹ Li	739 ± 5	796 ± 6	1135 ± 7		
¹¹ Li		1040 ± 60			
⁷ Be	682 ± 6	738 ± 9	1050 ± 17		
⁹ Be	755 ± 6	806 ± 9	1174 ± 11		
¹⁰ Be	755 ± 7	813 ± 10	1153 ± 16		



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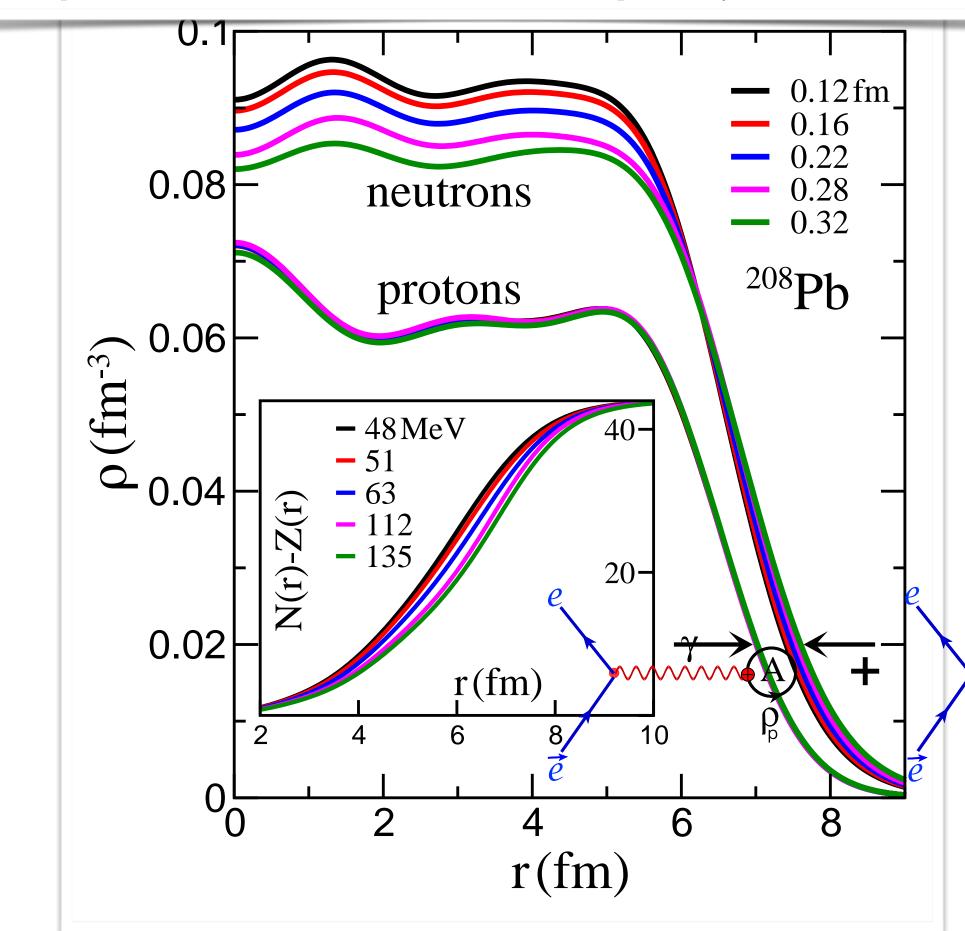


Nuclei ... neutron stars

Neutron rich matter in heaven and on Earth

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Despite a length-scale difference of 18 orders of magnitude, the internal structure of neutron stars and the spatial distribution of neutrons in atomic nuclei are profoundly connected.



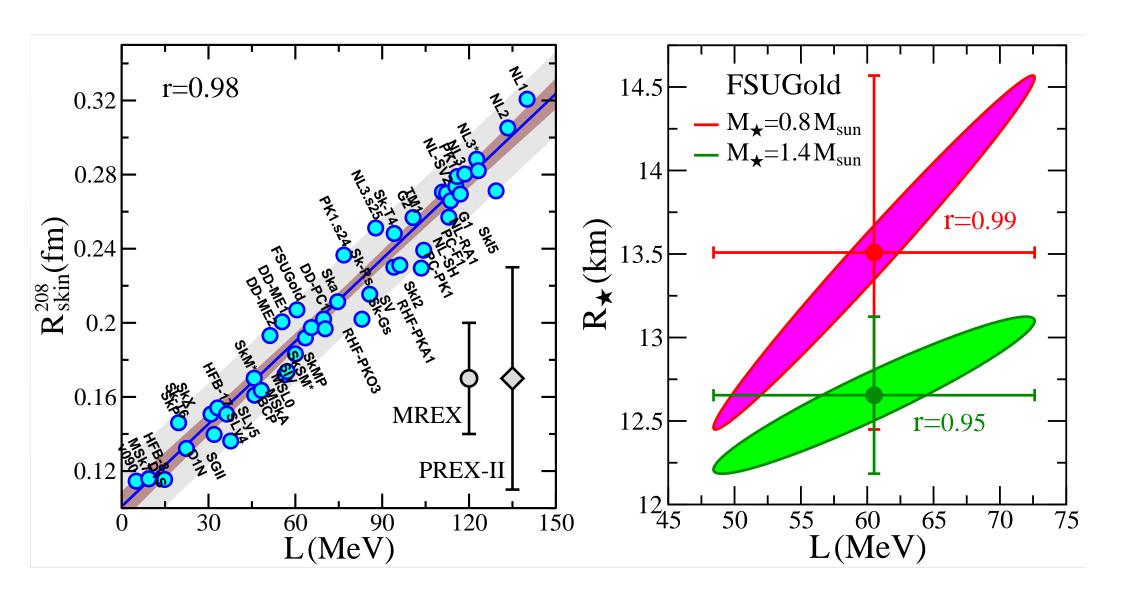
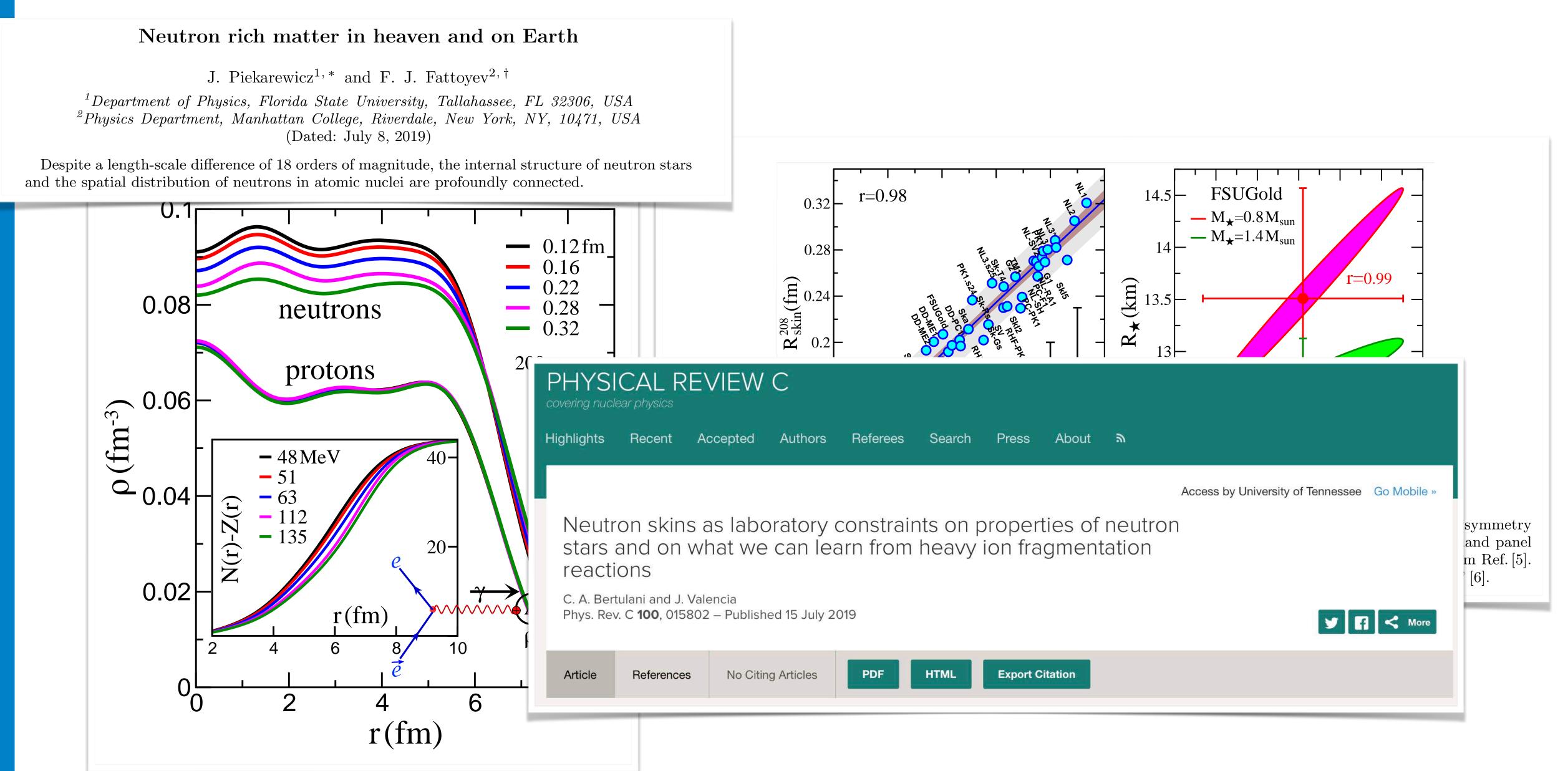


FIG. 3: Connecting the very small to the very big. Despite a difference in size of 18 orders of magnitude, the symmetry pressure L controls both the neutron skin thickness of 208 Pb as well as the radius of a neutron star. On the left hand panel a large set of highly successful models are used to illustrate the correlation between L and $R_{\rm skin}^{208}$; figure adapted from Ref. [5]. The right hand panel displays the correlation between L and neutron star radii for one of these models: "FSUGold" [6].



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Nuclei ... neutron stars





Shapes (and sizes)



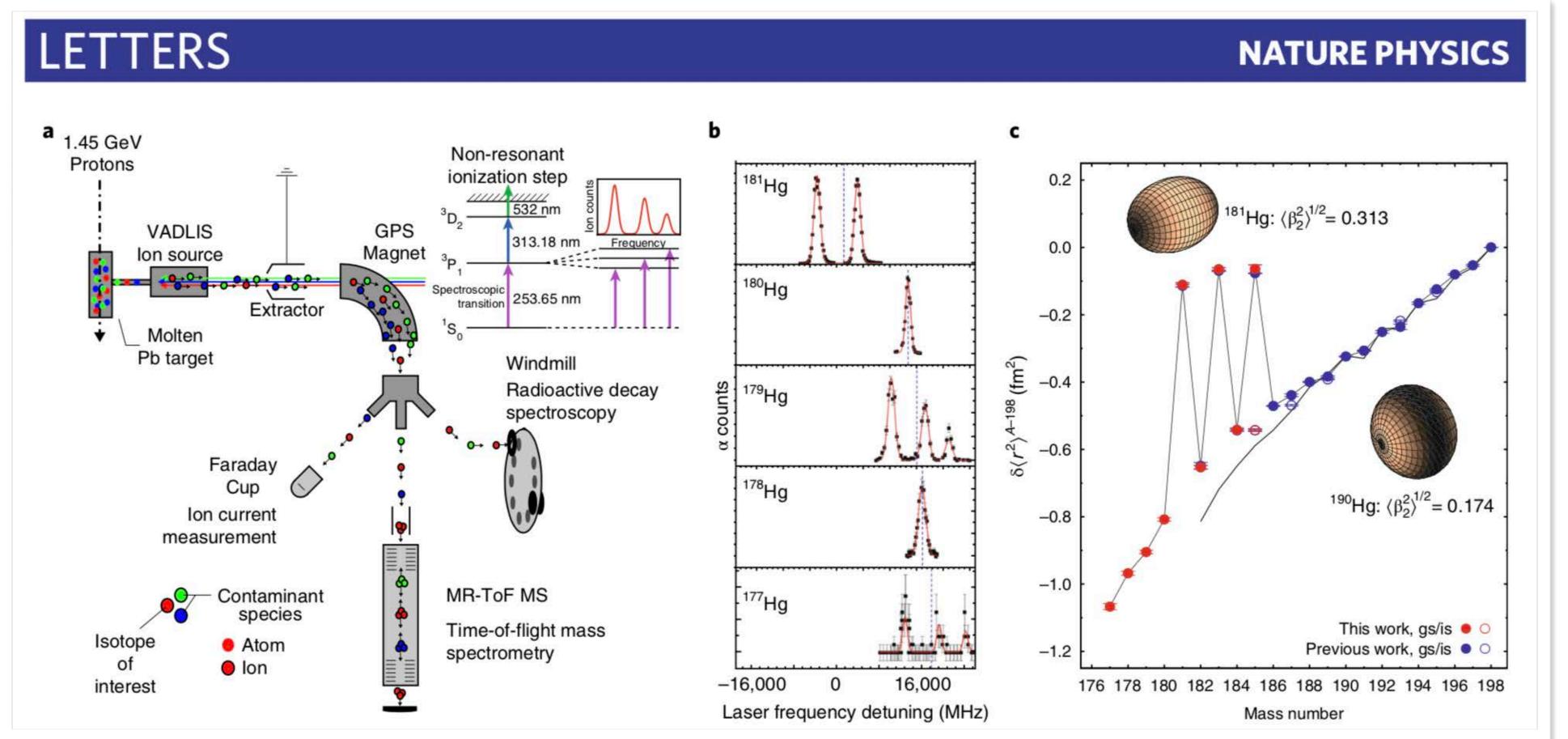
ISOLDE and Hg beams

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Characterization of the shape-staggering effect in

mercury nuclei

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Shapes

$\beta_{\lambda\mu} = 0$	$\beta_{20} > 0$	$\beta_{20} < 0$	$\beta_{40} > 0$
$\beta_{22} \neq 0$	$\beta_{30} \neq 0$	$\beta_{32} \neq 0$	$\beta_{20} \gg 0$

$$R(\theta, \phi) = c(\alpha_{\lambda\mu})R_0 \left[1 + \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\mu=-\lambda}^{\lambda} \alpha_{\lambda\mu} Y_{\lambda\mu}(\theta, \phi) \right]$$

Multipole order: 2^{λ}

 2^0 = monopole - breathing mode

 2^1 = dipole - centre of mass shift

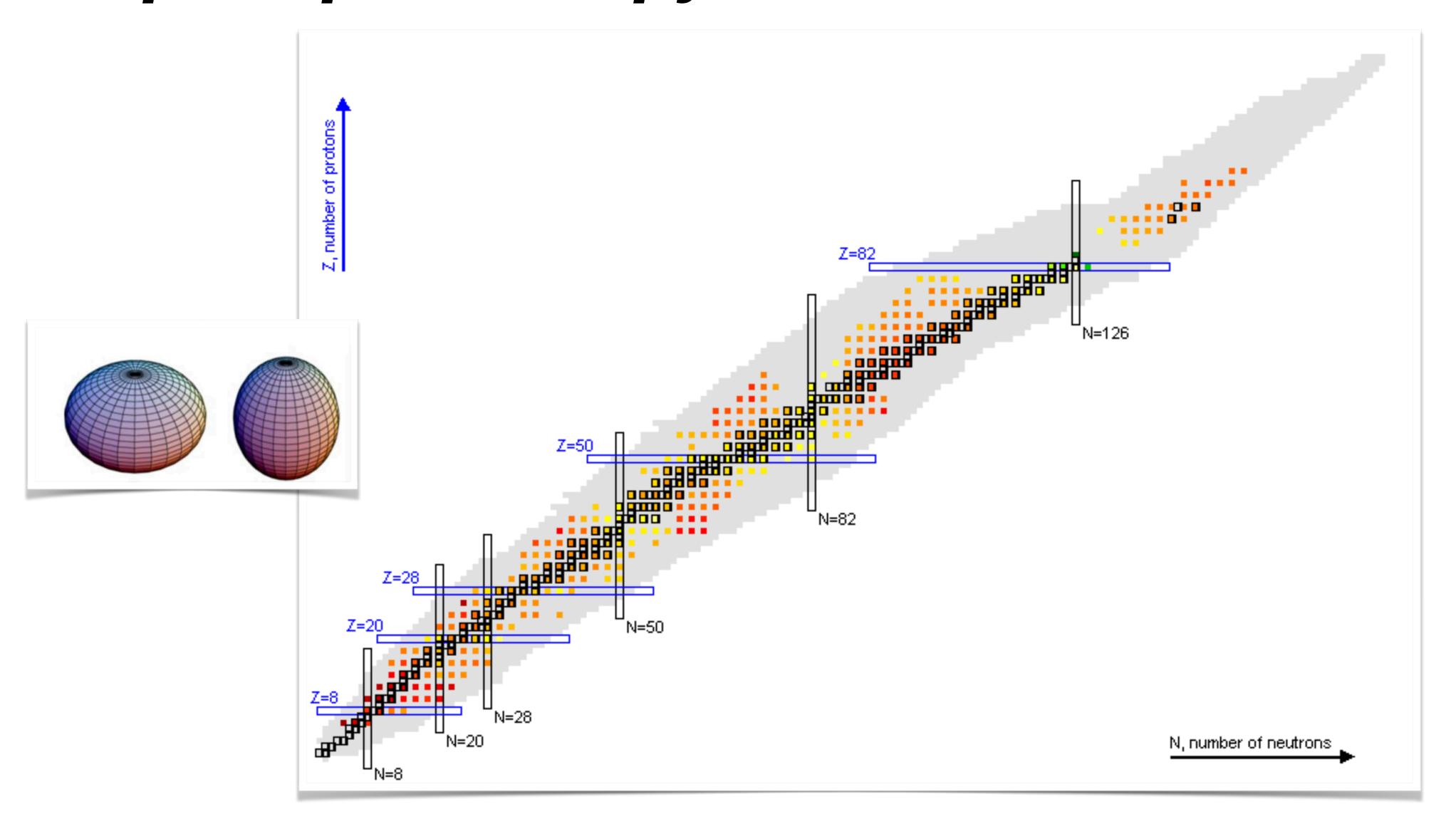
 2^2 = quadrupole - axial deformation

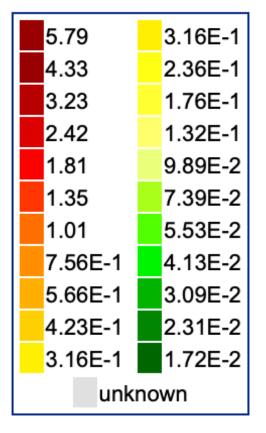
 2^3 = octupole - asymmetric deformation

 2^4 = hexadecapole - pinching



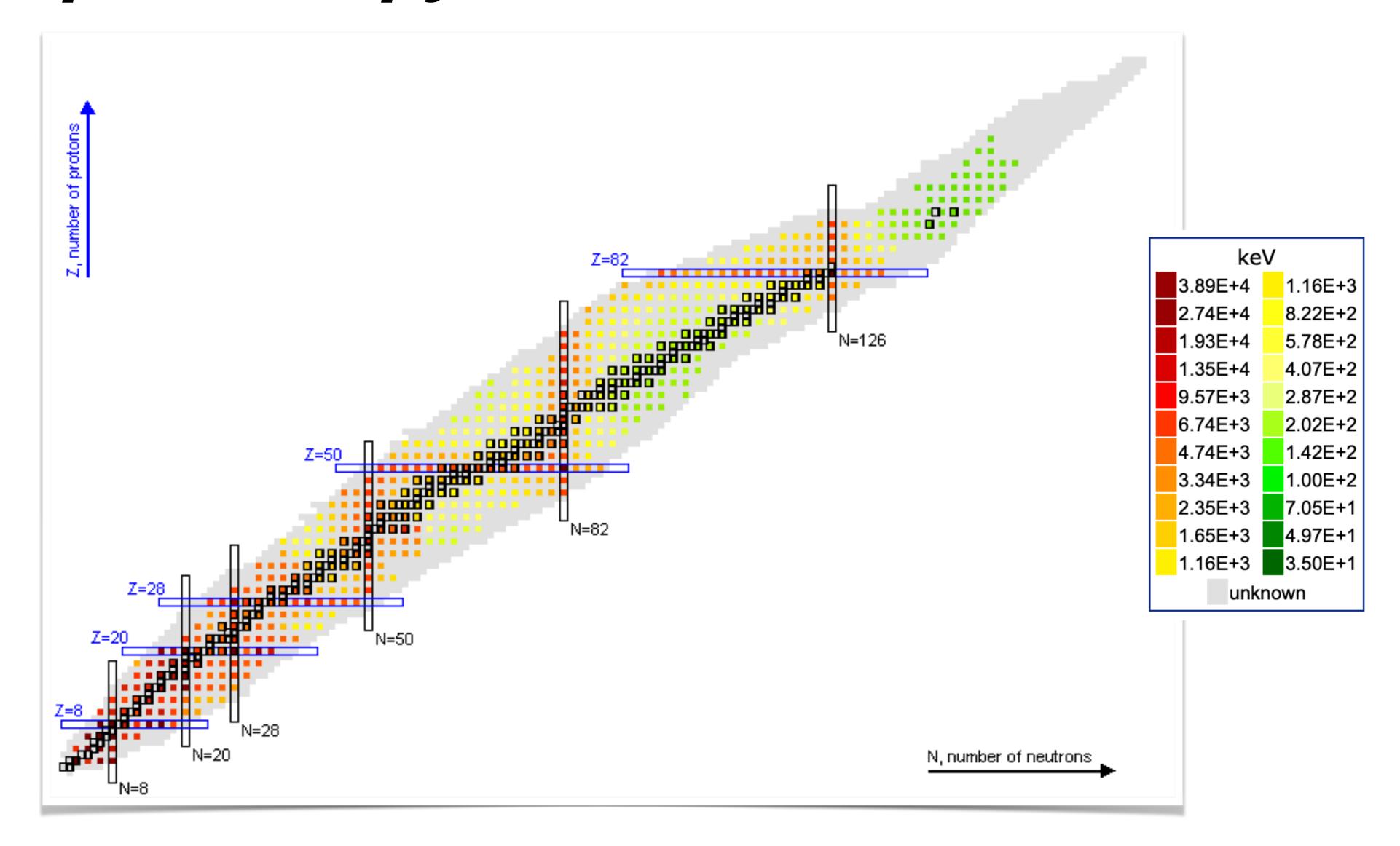
Shapes, spectroscopy







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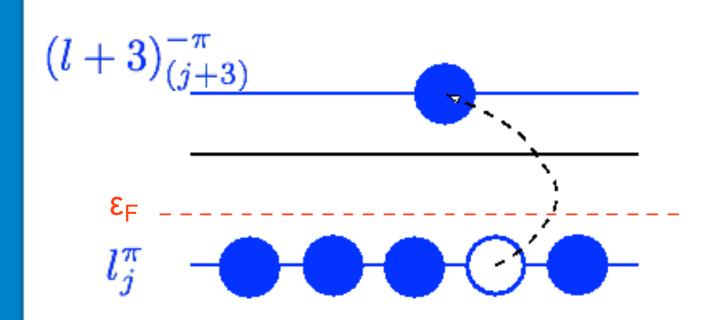


Strange shapes ... "pears"

Reflection Asymmetry

Microscopically driven...

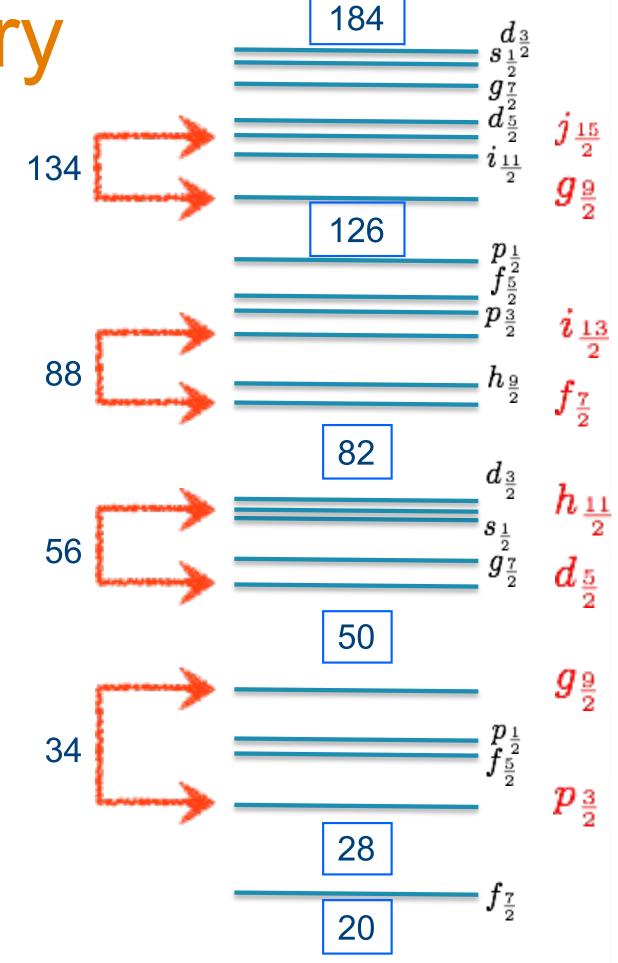
Intruder orbitals of opposite parity and ΔJ , $\Delta L = 3$ close to the Fermi level

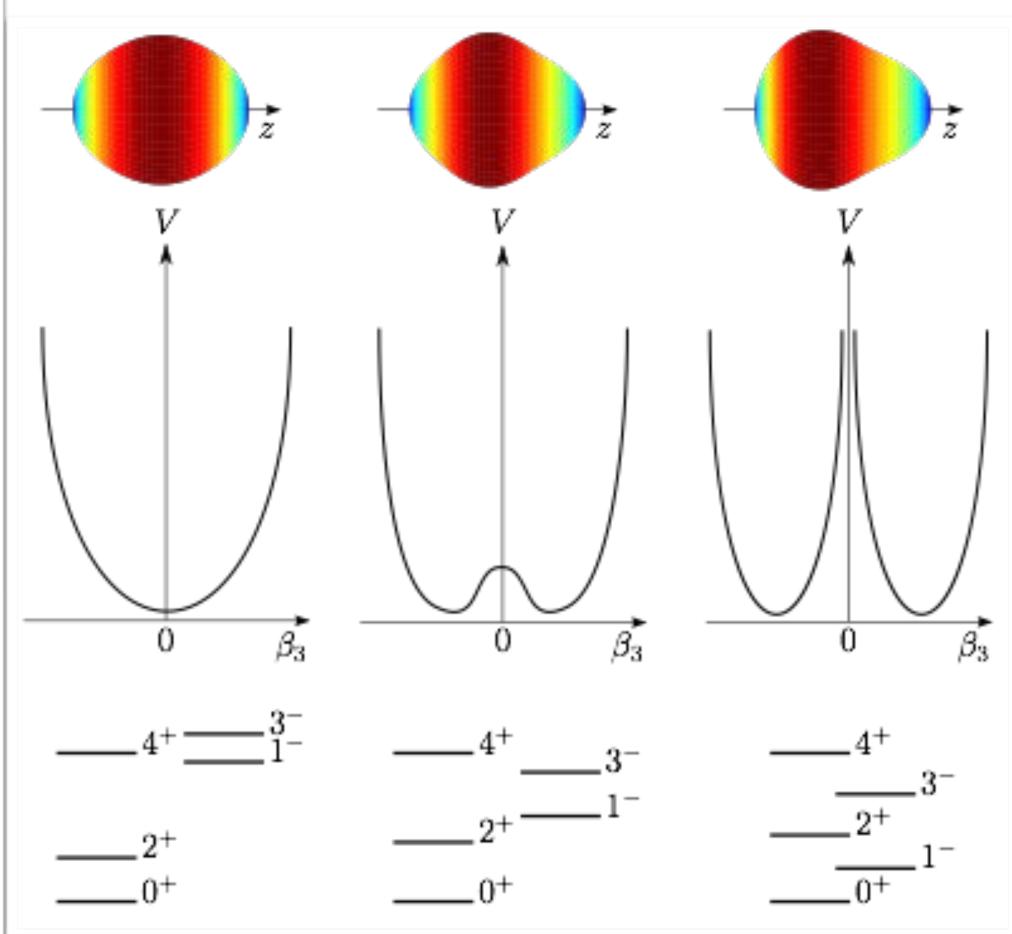


Enhancement of octupole part of nucleon-nucleon force...

- Small energy gap
- High sub-state density ∫ nuclei

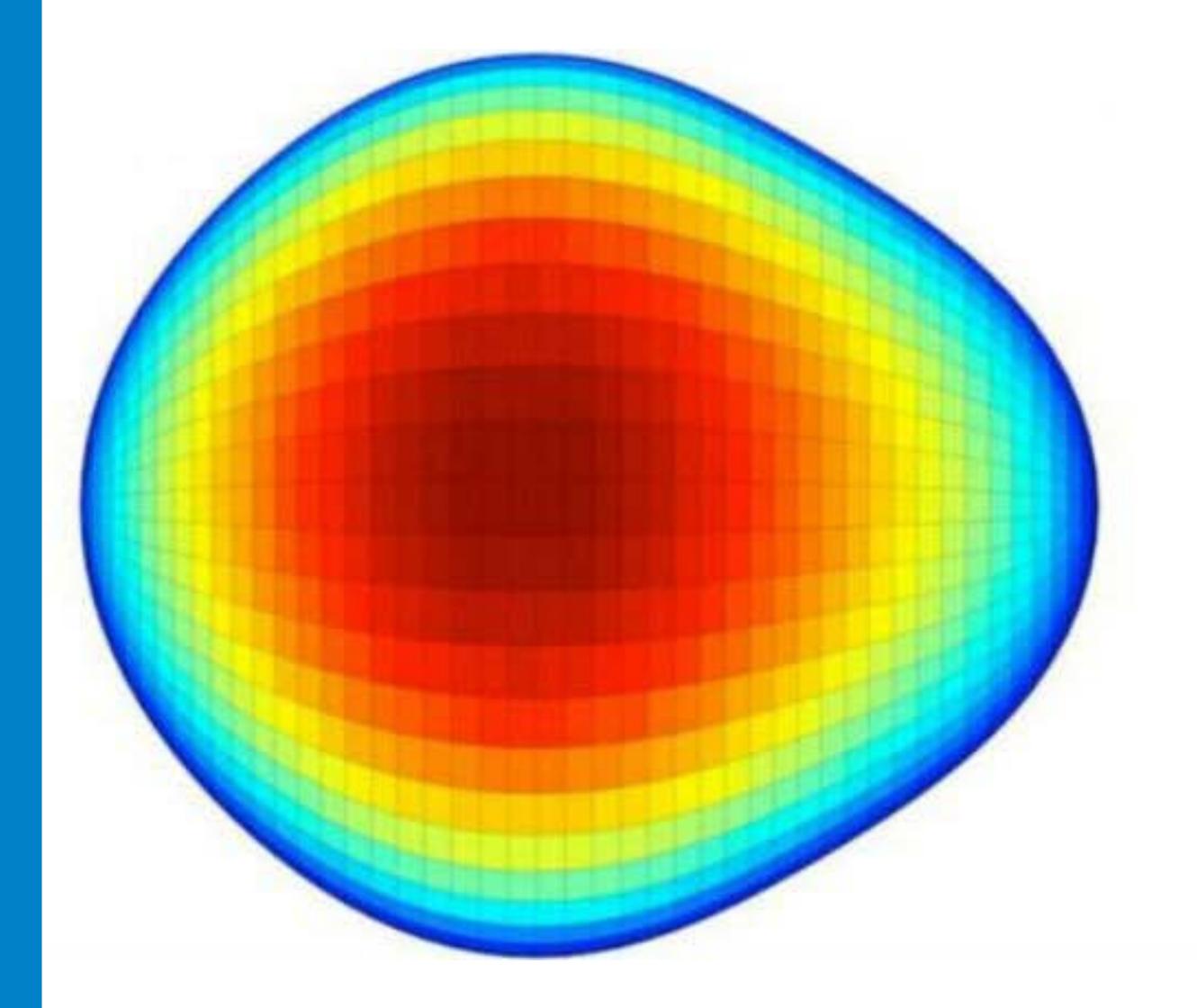
Heaviest nuclei

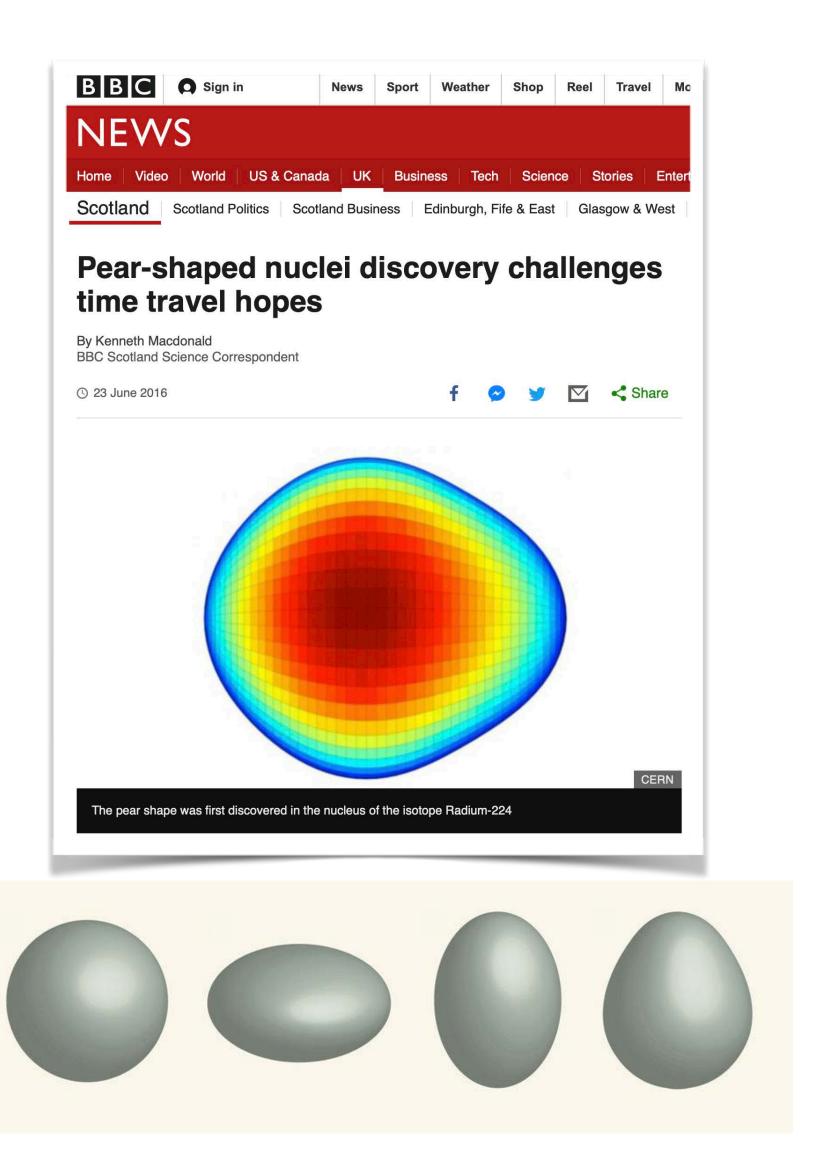






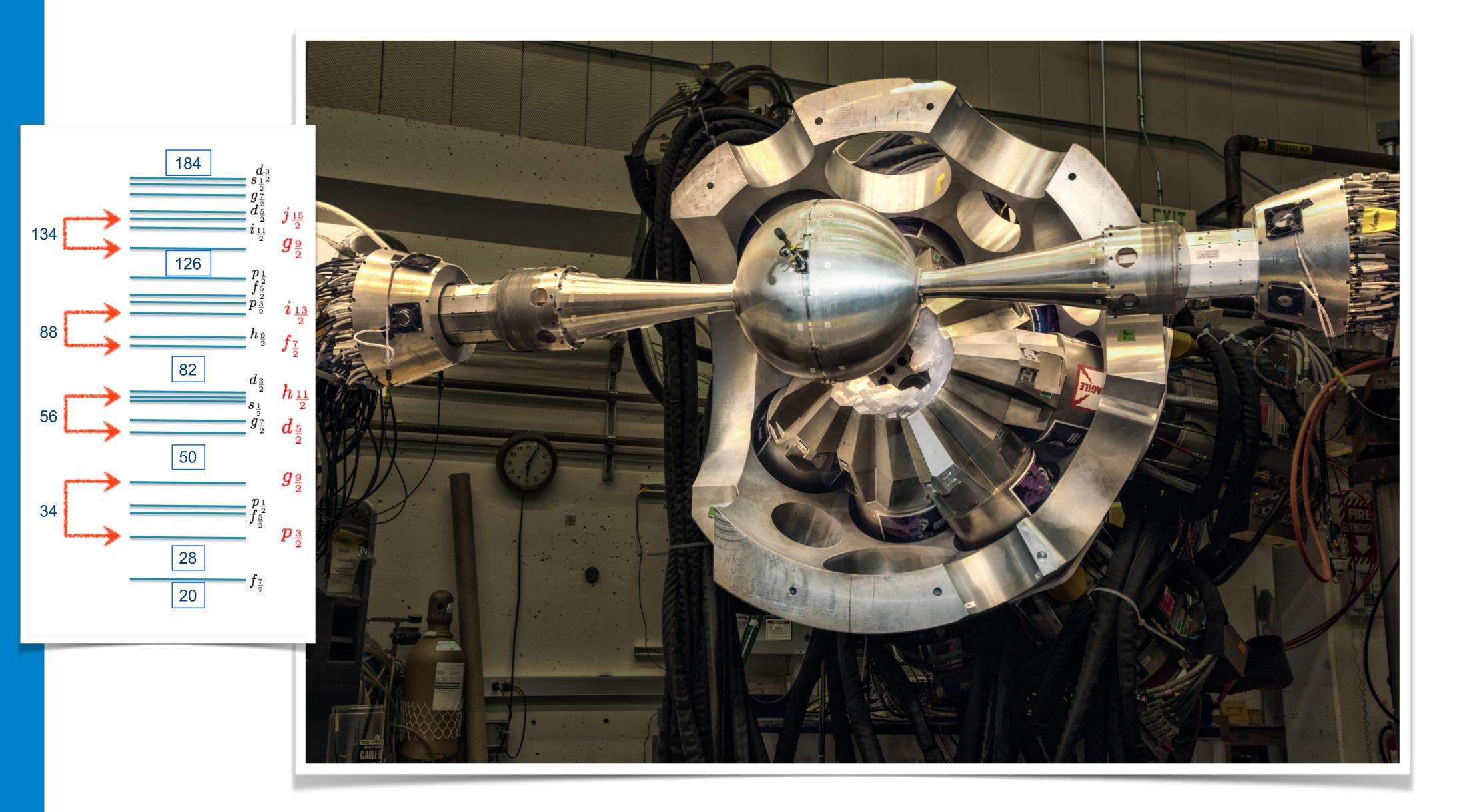
It's all gone ... pear shaped





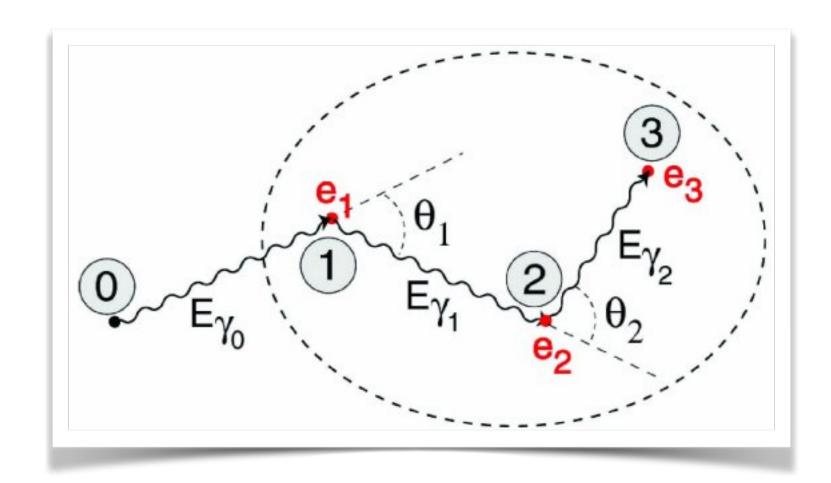


Take a look at the Ba isotopes

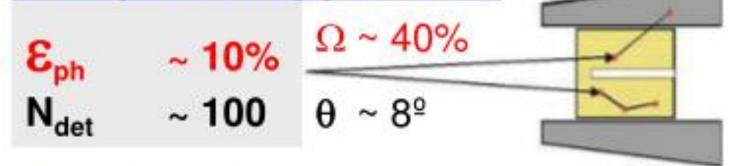


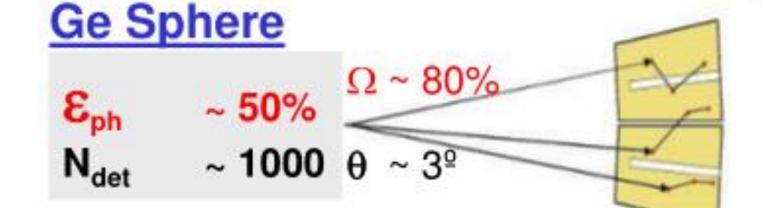


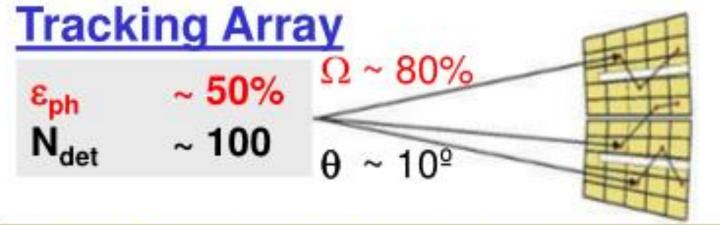
Gamma ray tracking

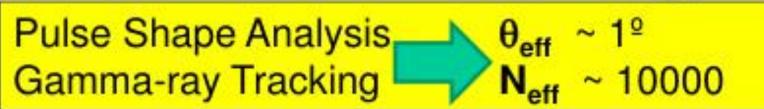












- 50% of solid angle taken by the AC shields
- large opening angle → poor energy resolution at high recoil velocity
- too many detectors needed to avoid summing effects
- opening angle still too big for very high recoil velocity

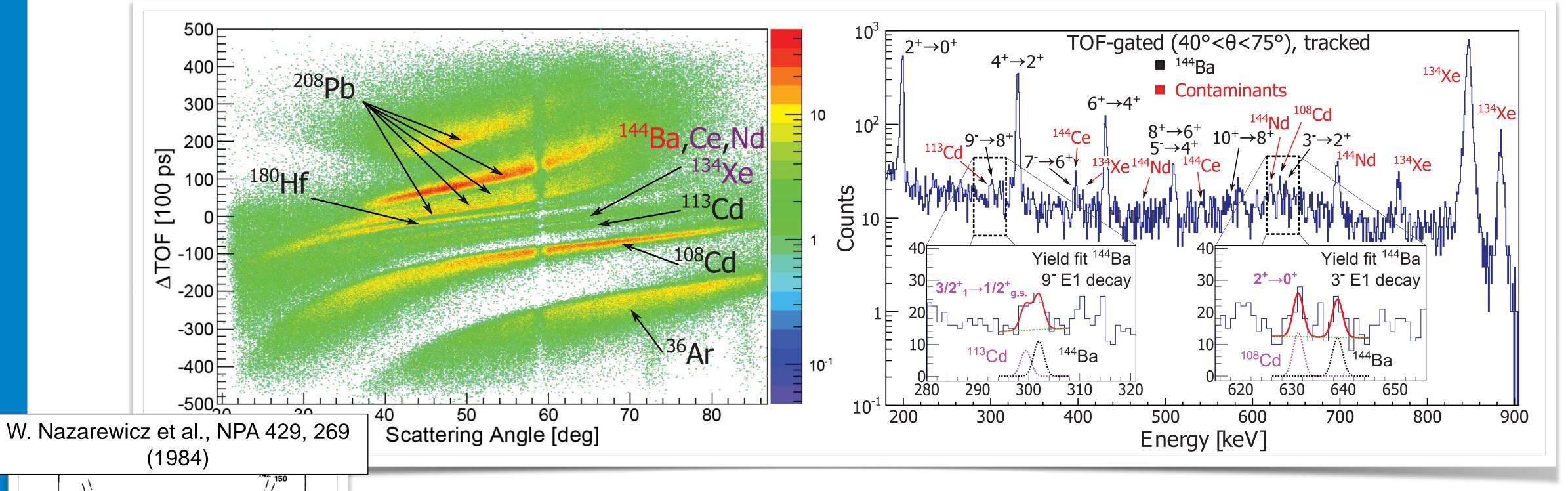
Smarter use of Ge detectors

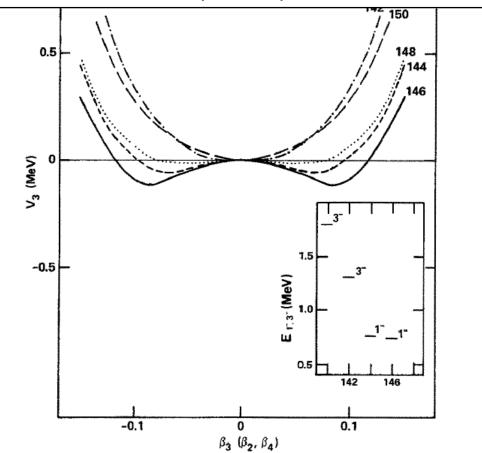
- segmented detectors
- digital electronics
- timestamping of events
- analysis of pulse shapes
- tracking of γ-rays

from Calorimetric to Position Sensitive operation mode



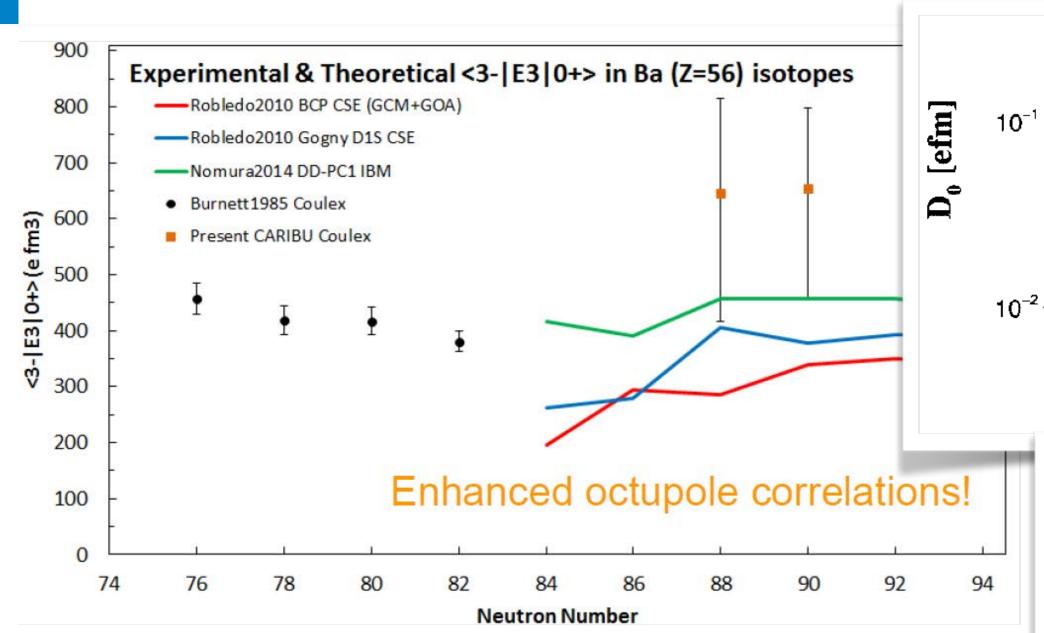
Coulomb excitation of 144Ba



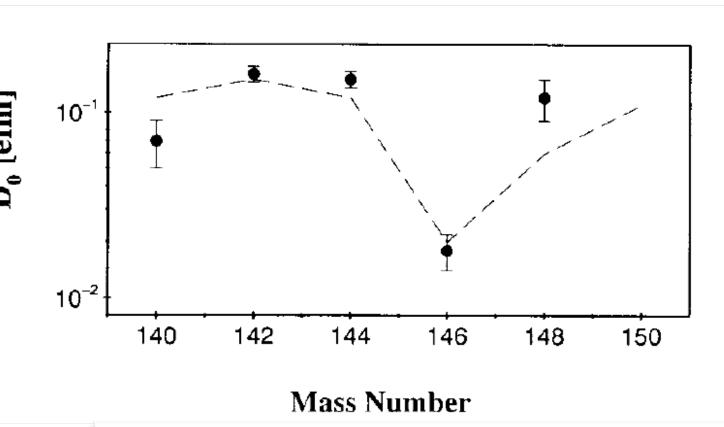


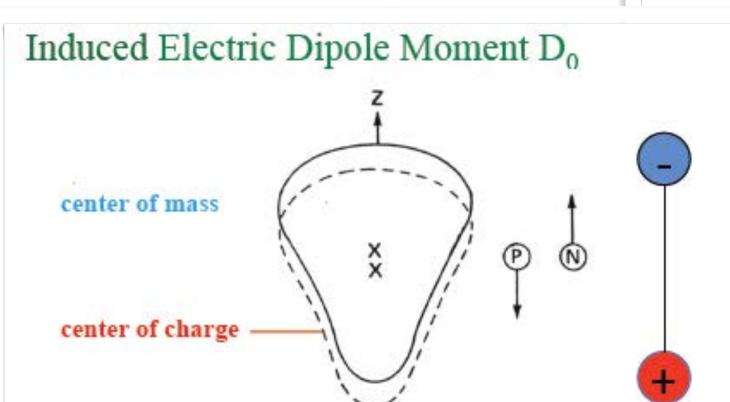
- 144Ba lies in a region where suspected enhanced octupole correlations occur
- where long-range interactions between $\Delta j = \Delta l = 3$., Phys. Rev. Lett. 11 % ଧୀ ମୁଖି ଓ ଅଧିନ ମଧ୍ୟ namely the $\pi h_{11/2} \otimes \pi d_{5/2}$ and $vi_{13/2} \otimes vf_{7/2}$, occur
 - Coulomb excitation is a reliable probe to extract B(E3) values $-B(E3) = 48(+25_{-34})$ W.u., consistent with octupole collectivity

Coulomb excitation of 144Ba

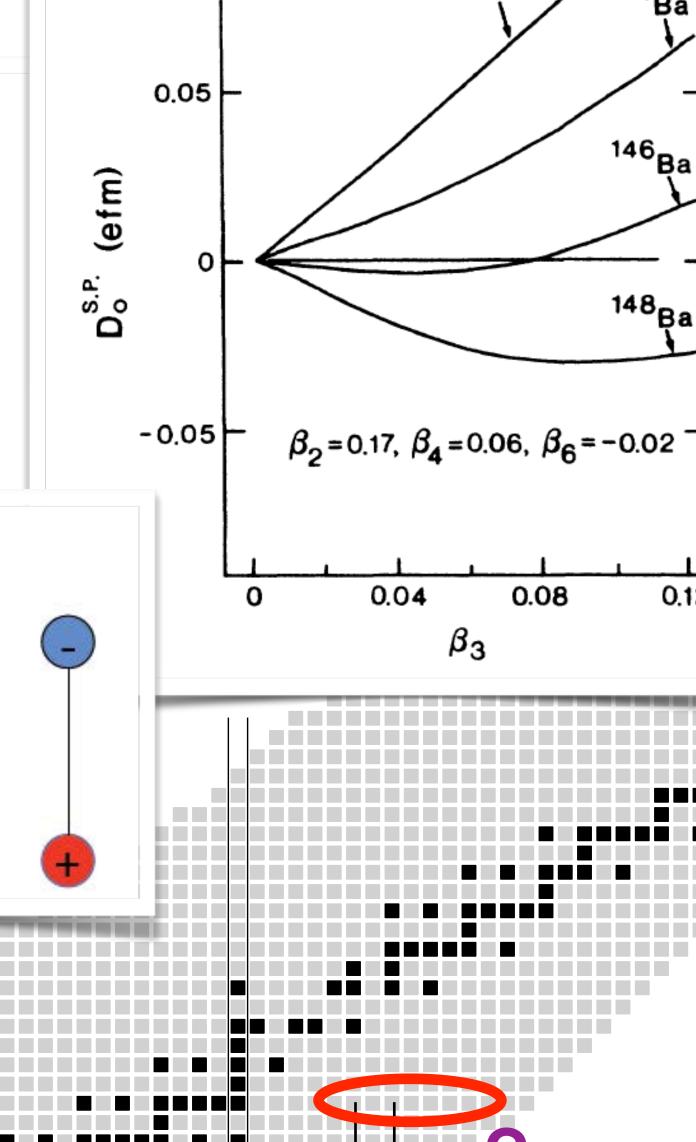


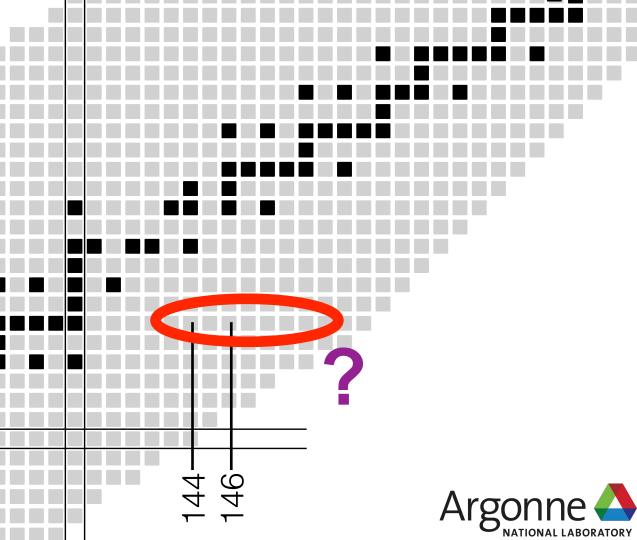
- Enhanced octupole correlations firmly established in both 144Ba and 146Ba
- Suggests a 'region' not just isolated cases (how far does it extend?)
- Behavior of the dipole strength shows interesting behavior





 $D_0 = c_{ld} Z A \beta_2 \beta_3$





0.08

0.04

 β_3

¹⁴⁶Ba ^J

B. Bucher, S. Zhu et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **116**, 112503 (**2016**)

Summary

- The many varied techniques associated with determining even simple properties of nuclei can give tremendous insights ... and we have not even delved (much) into the microscopic structure of these systems yet
- ... next two lectures focus on single-particle structure as probed through direct reactions

