



# Binding energy studies for nuclear astrophysics

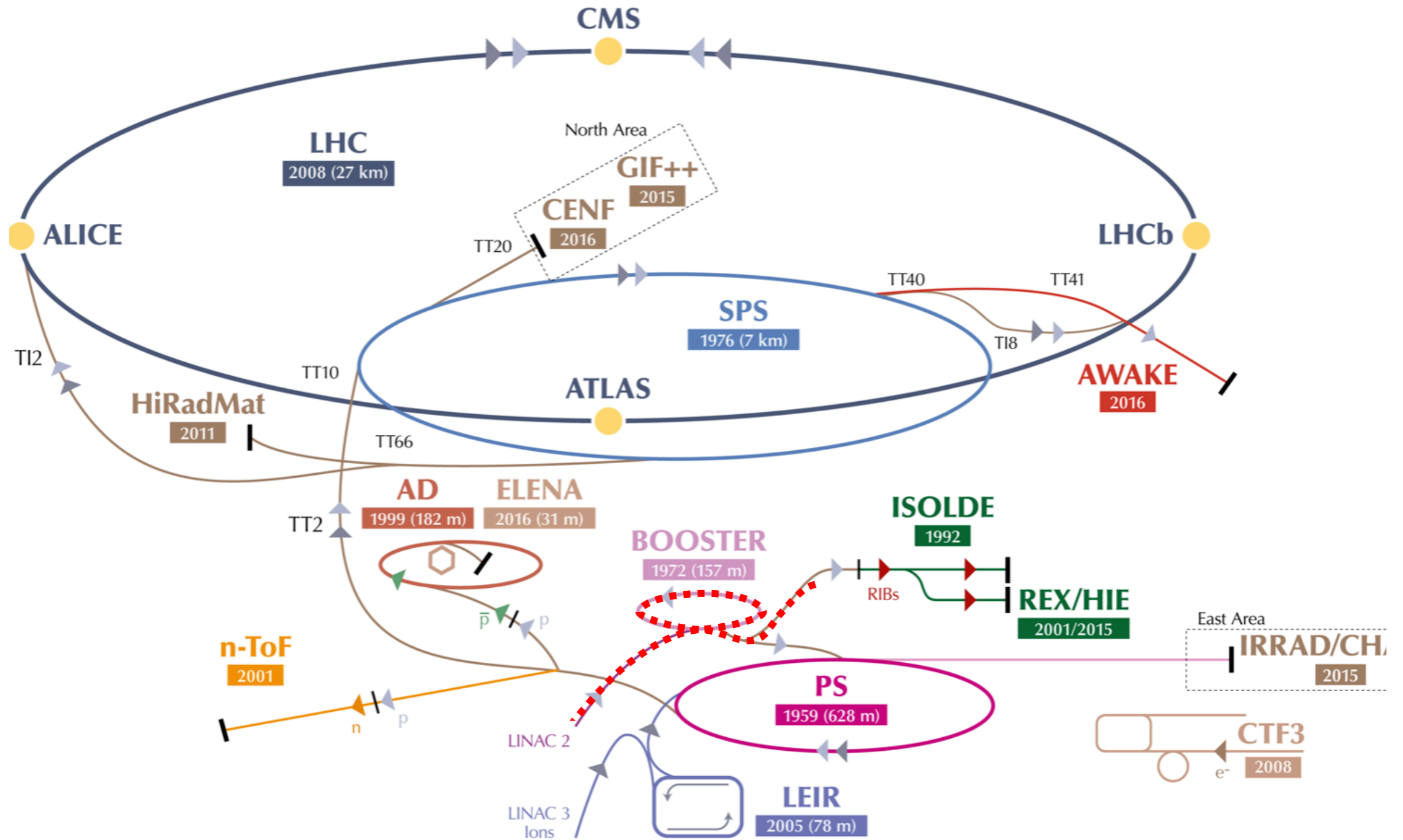
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# Outline

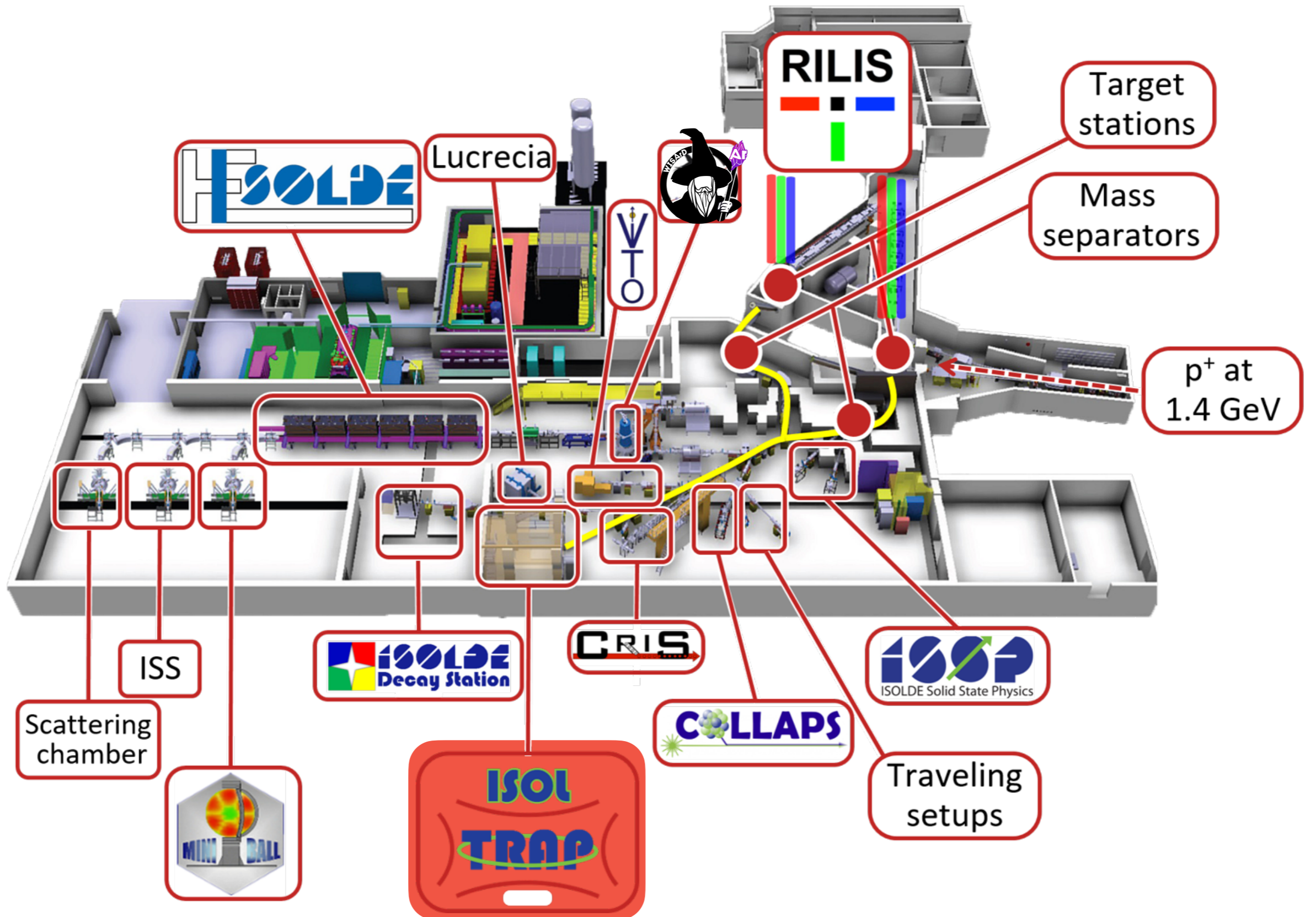
- Introduction :ISOLTRAP@ISOLDE@CERN
- Neutron-rich Cadmium isotopes
- Neutron-deficient Indium isotopes
- Projects at IGISOL/University of Jyväskylä
- Conclusion

# INTRODUCTION

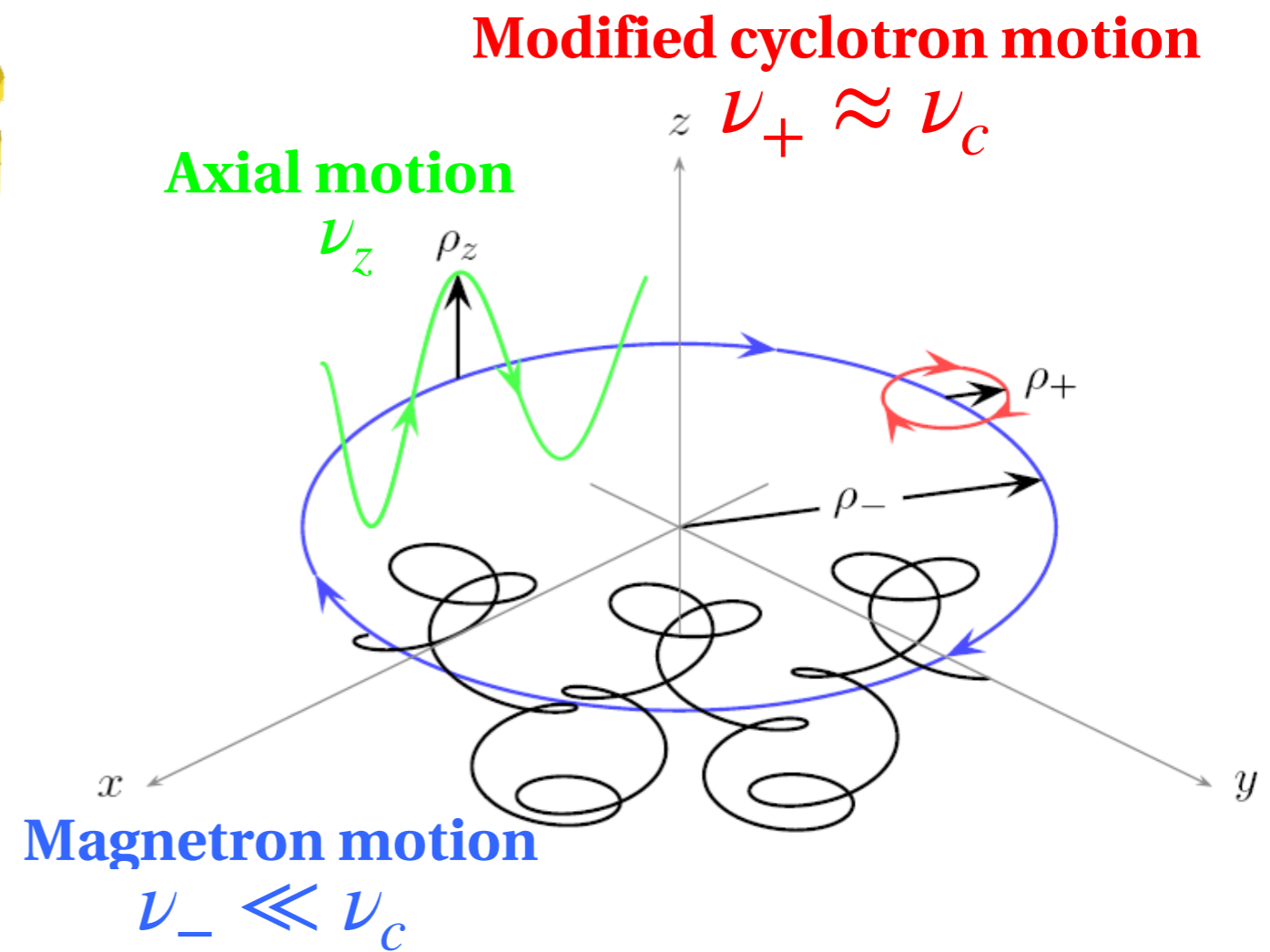
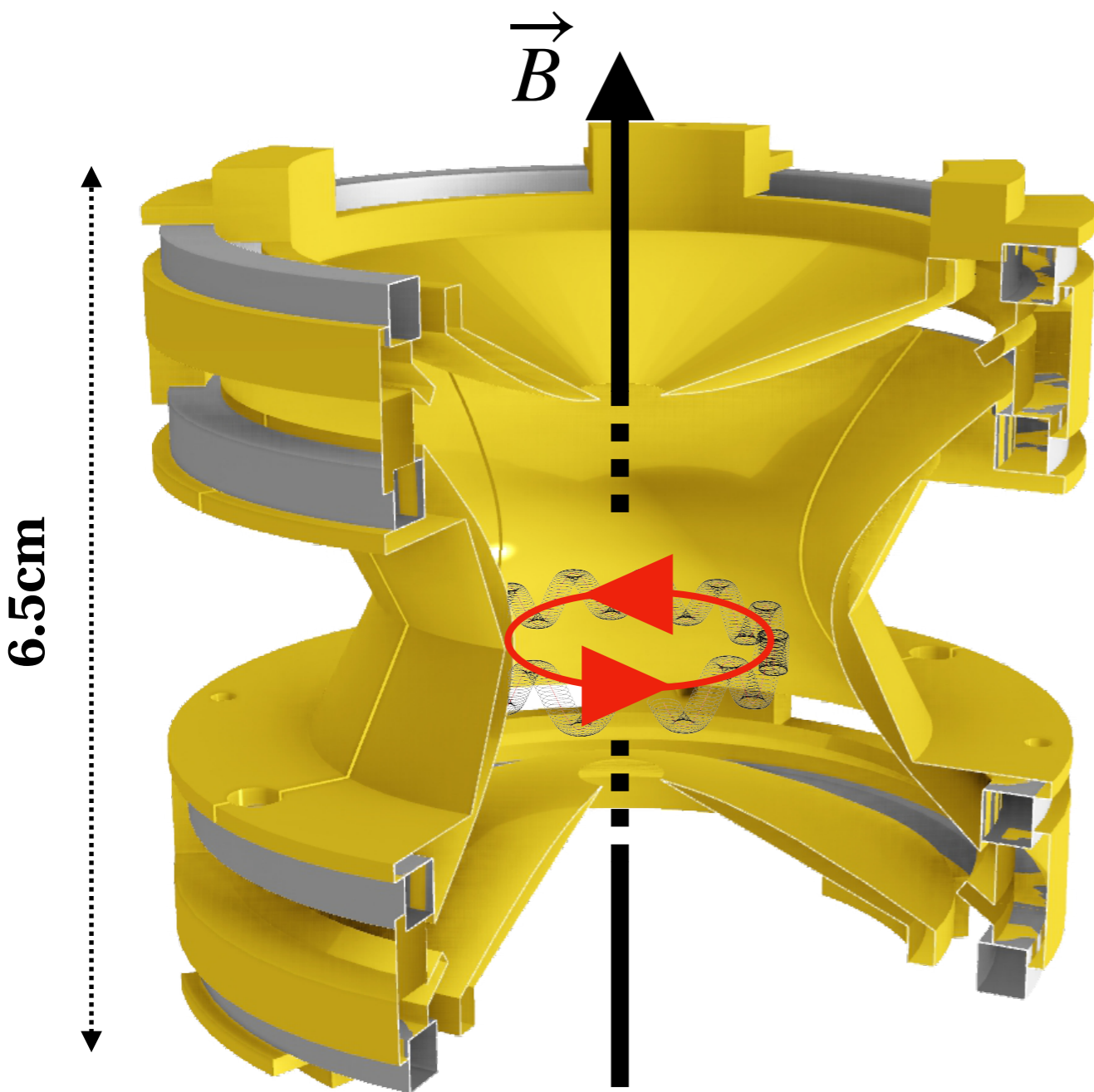
# ISOLDE@CERN



# ISOLTRAP@ISOLDE

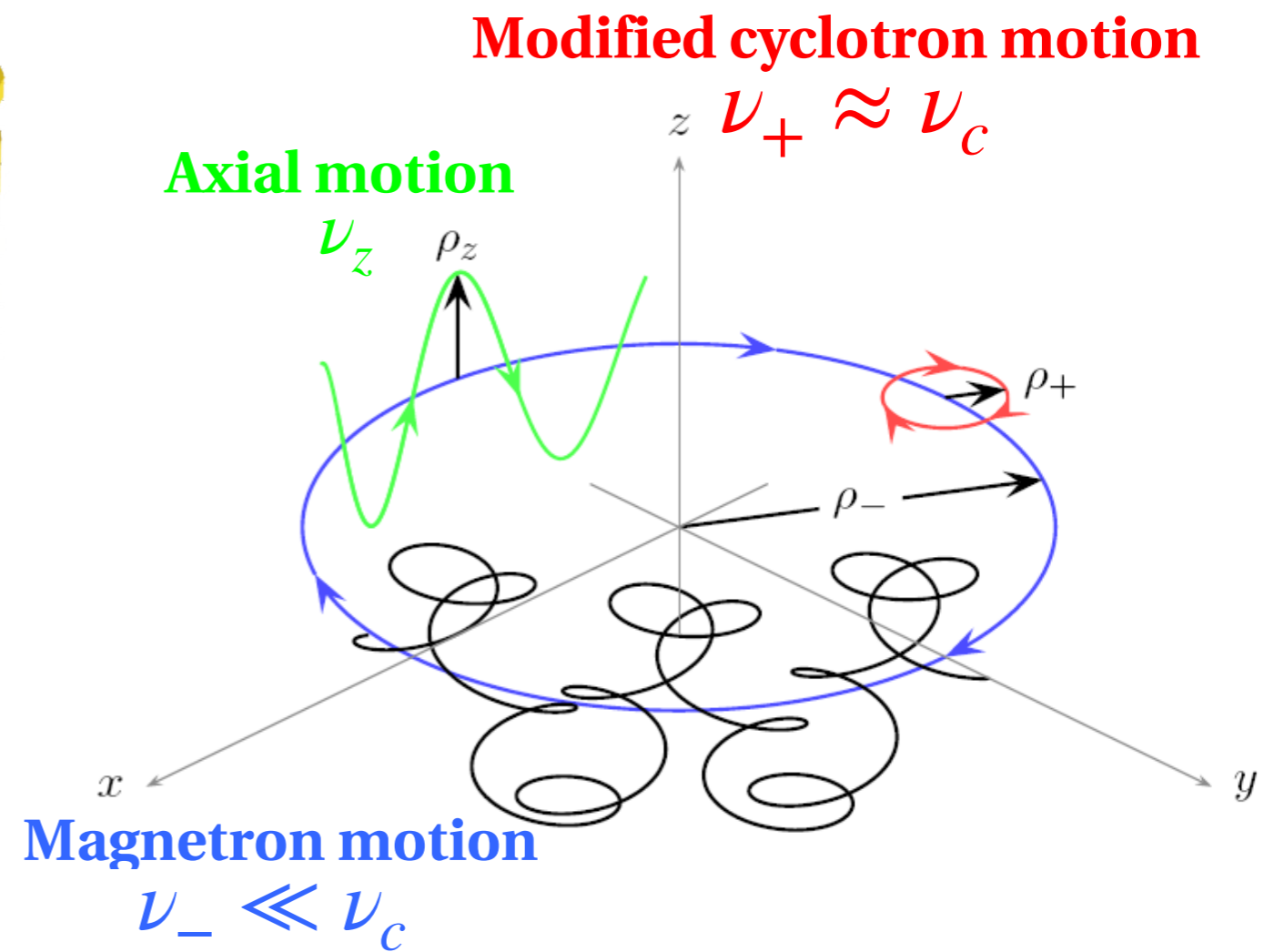
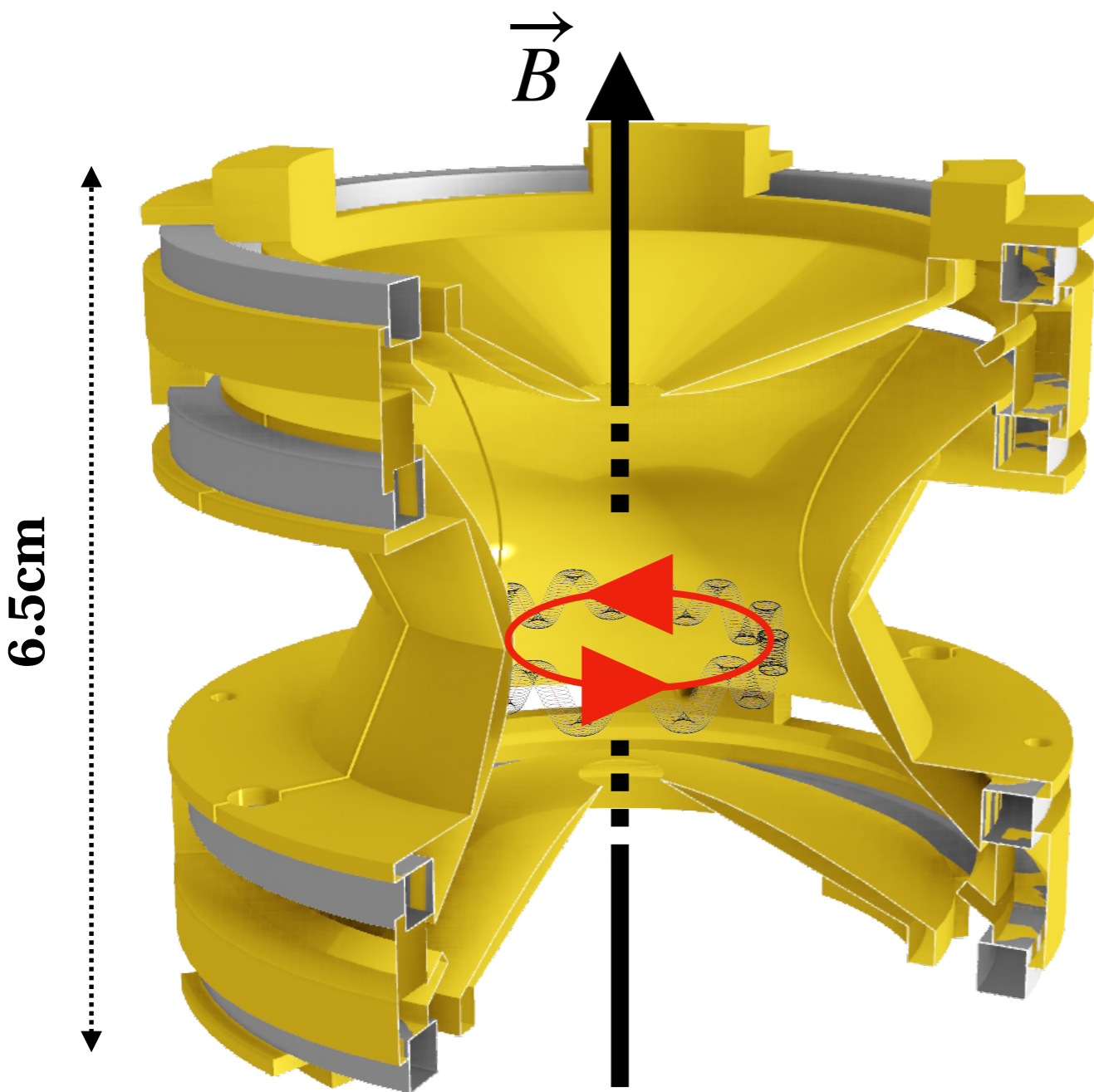


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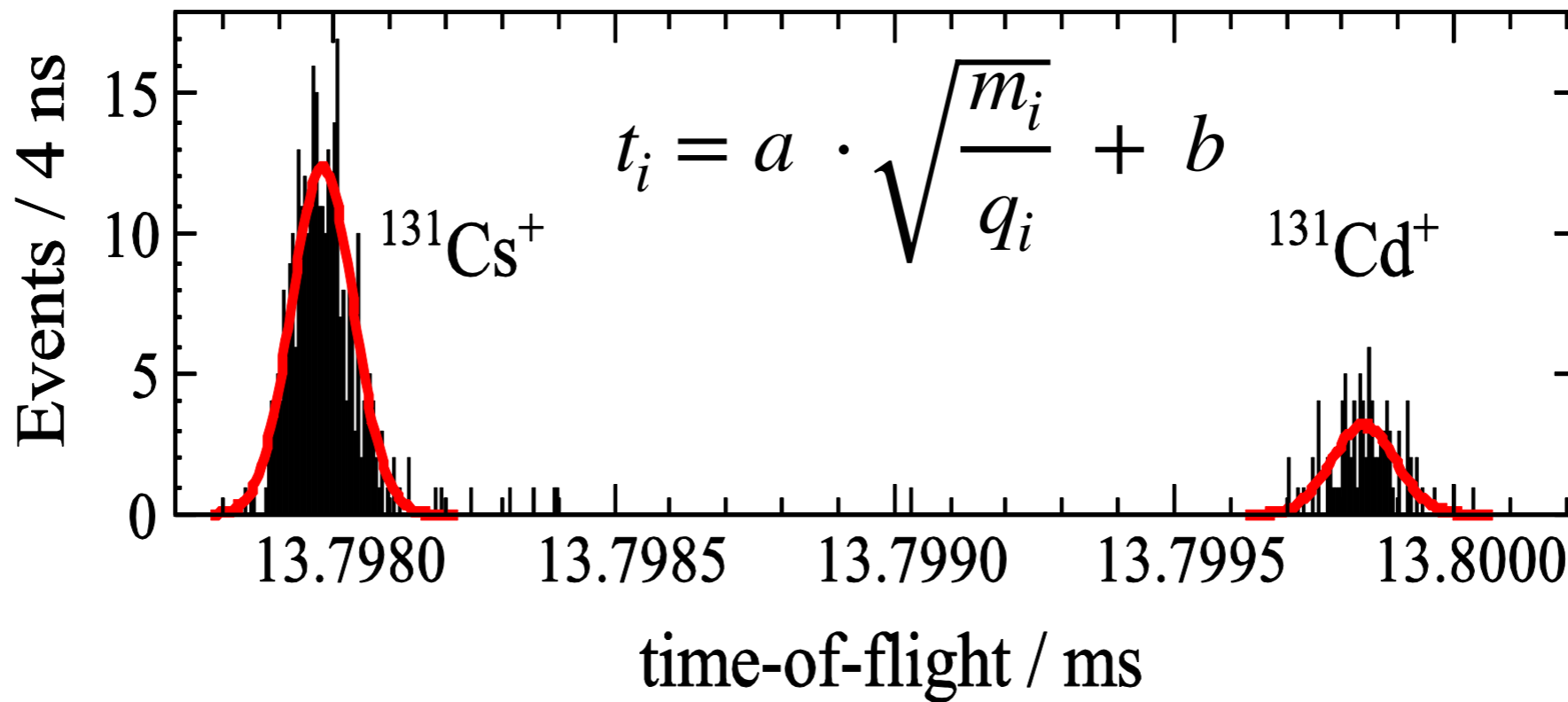


Where is the Ion of Interest?





# The MRTof-MS

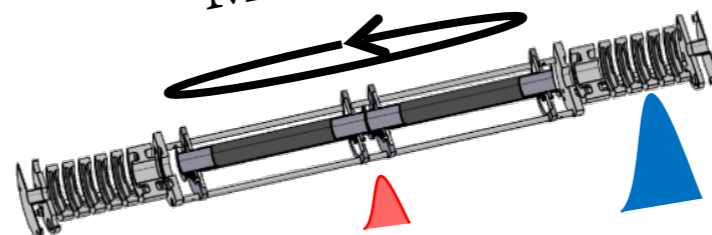


- Limitation < 1 pps / 10 ms half-life
- Resolving power  $\approx 10^5$  in  $\sim 20$  ms
- Precision  $\approx 10$ -20 keV

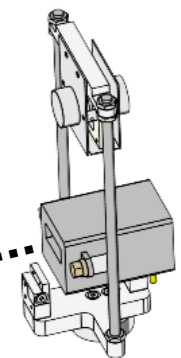
5 - 20 ms  
RFQ cooler and buncher



$\sim 20$  ms  
MR-ToF MS



ToF detector

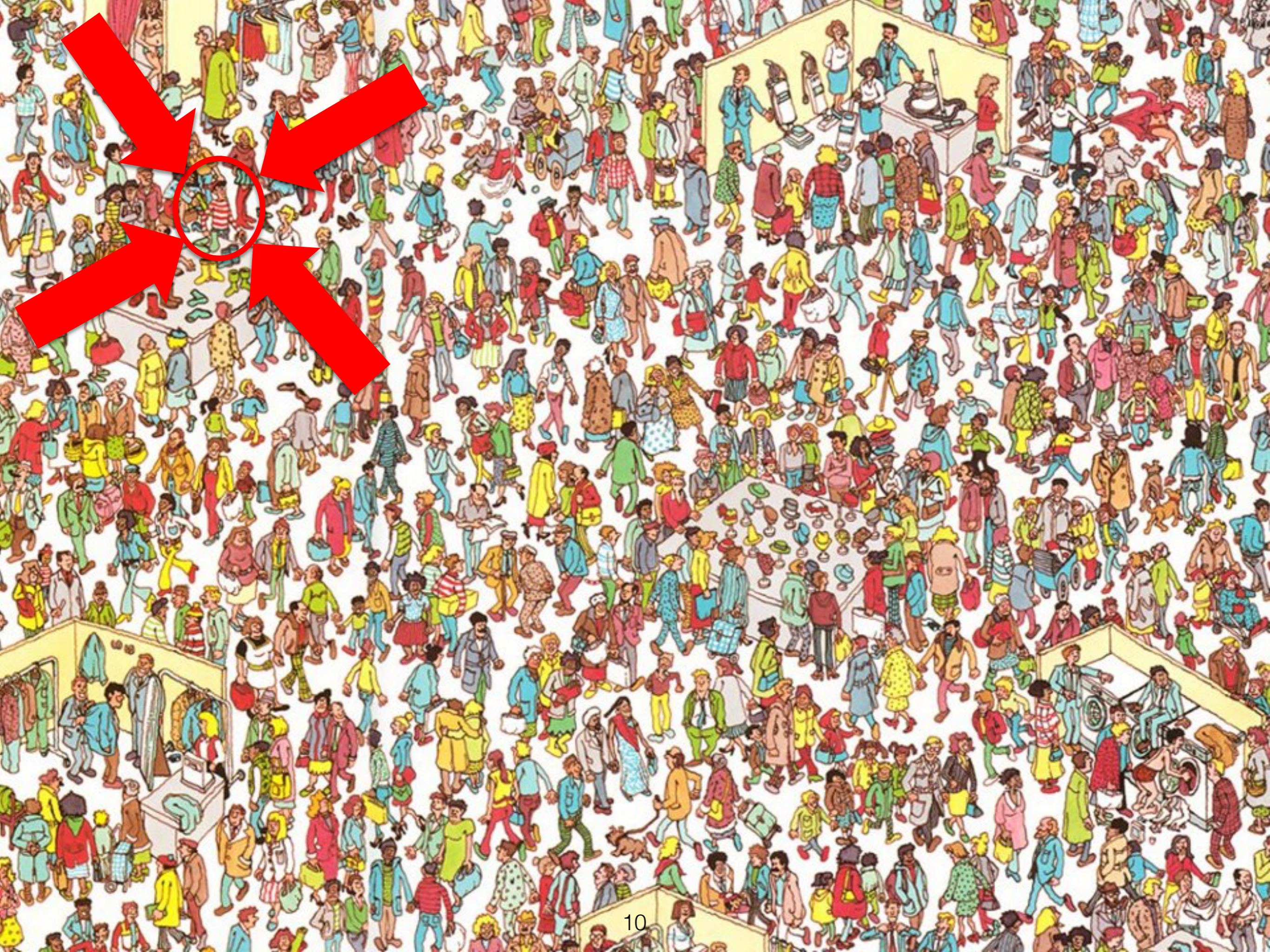


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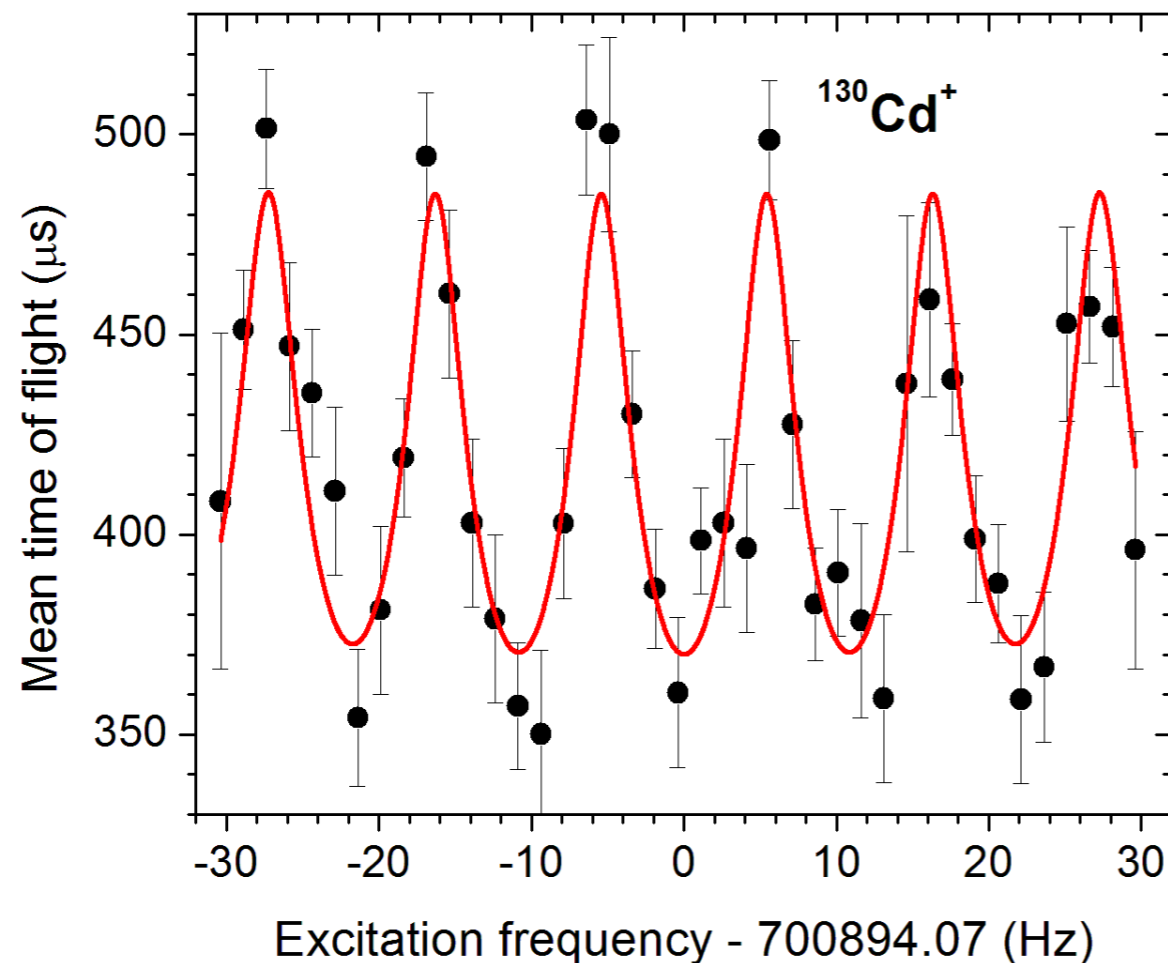
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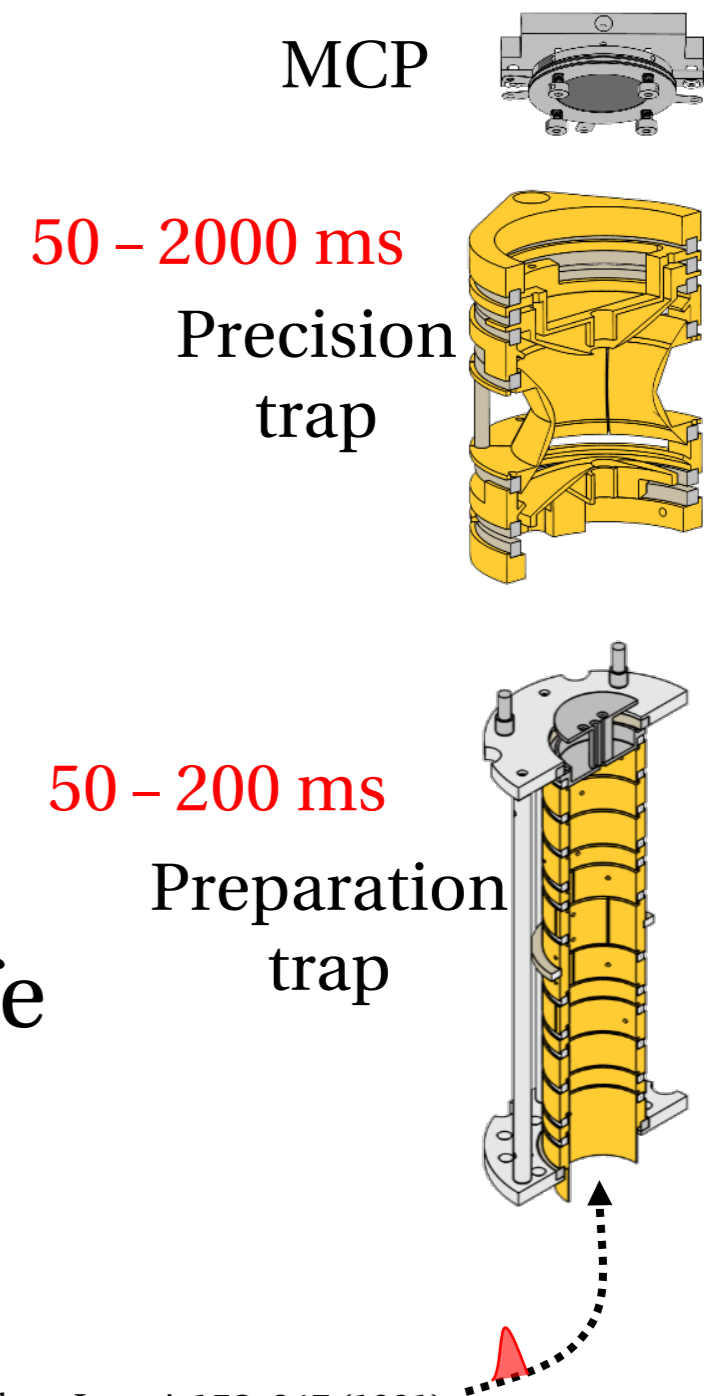
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# The ToF-ICR technique



- Limitation  $< 100$  pps / 50 ms half-life
- Resolving power  $\approx 10^6$  in  $\sim 1$  s
- Precision  $\approx 0.1$ -10 keV
- **Main disadvantage**  
→ **Scanning technique**



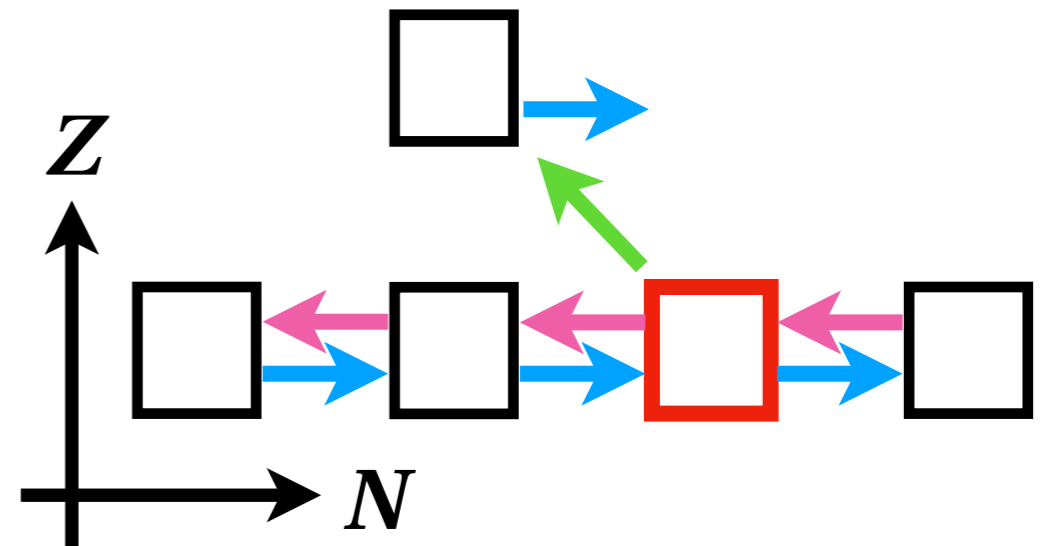
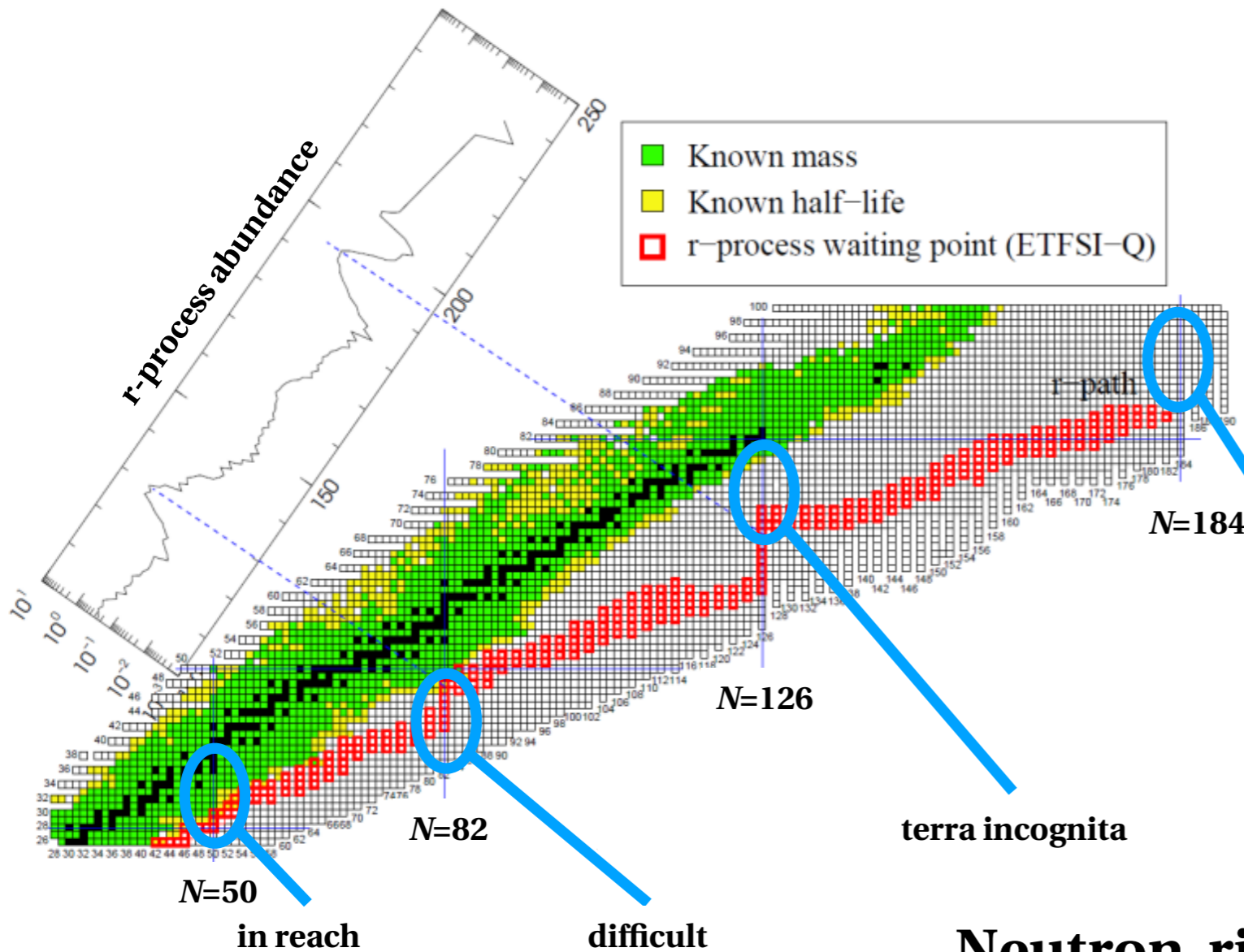
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# Neutron-rich Cadmium isotopes

# r-process



**waiting point:**  
 → n-capture and photo-disintegration rate equilibrium




- neutron capture
- photodisintegration ( $\gamma, n$ )
- $\beta$ -decay

- Neutron-rich environments required (core-collapse supernova, n-star merger, ...)
- High temperatures: GK
- Densities  $\sim 300 \text{ g/cm}^3$
- Timescales  $\sim \text{ms-}\mu\text{s}$

Slide courtesy J. Karthein

# Strength of $N=82$ gap ?

$Z=50$

|                                   |                           |   |   |  |                           |                  |
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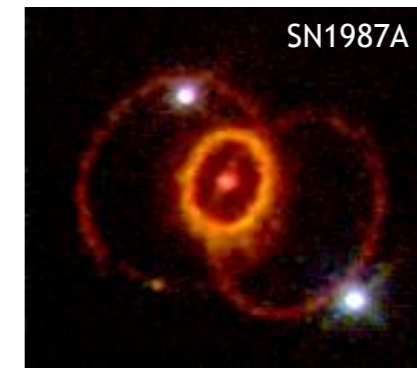
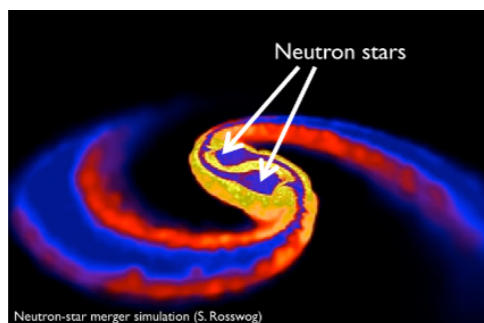
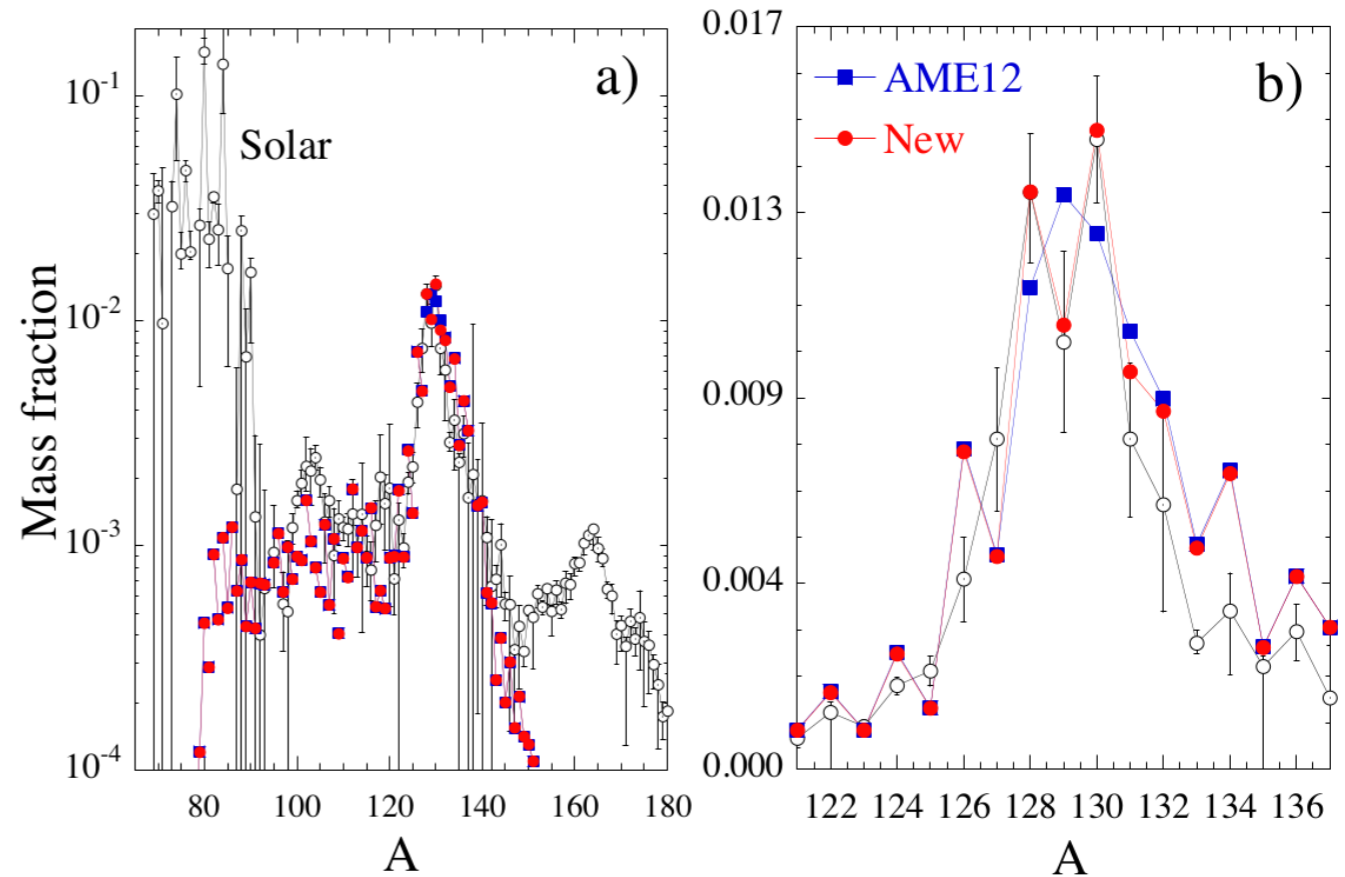
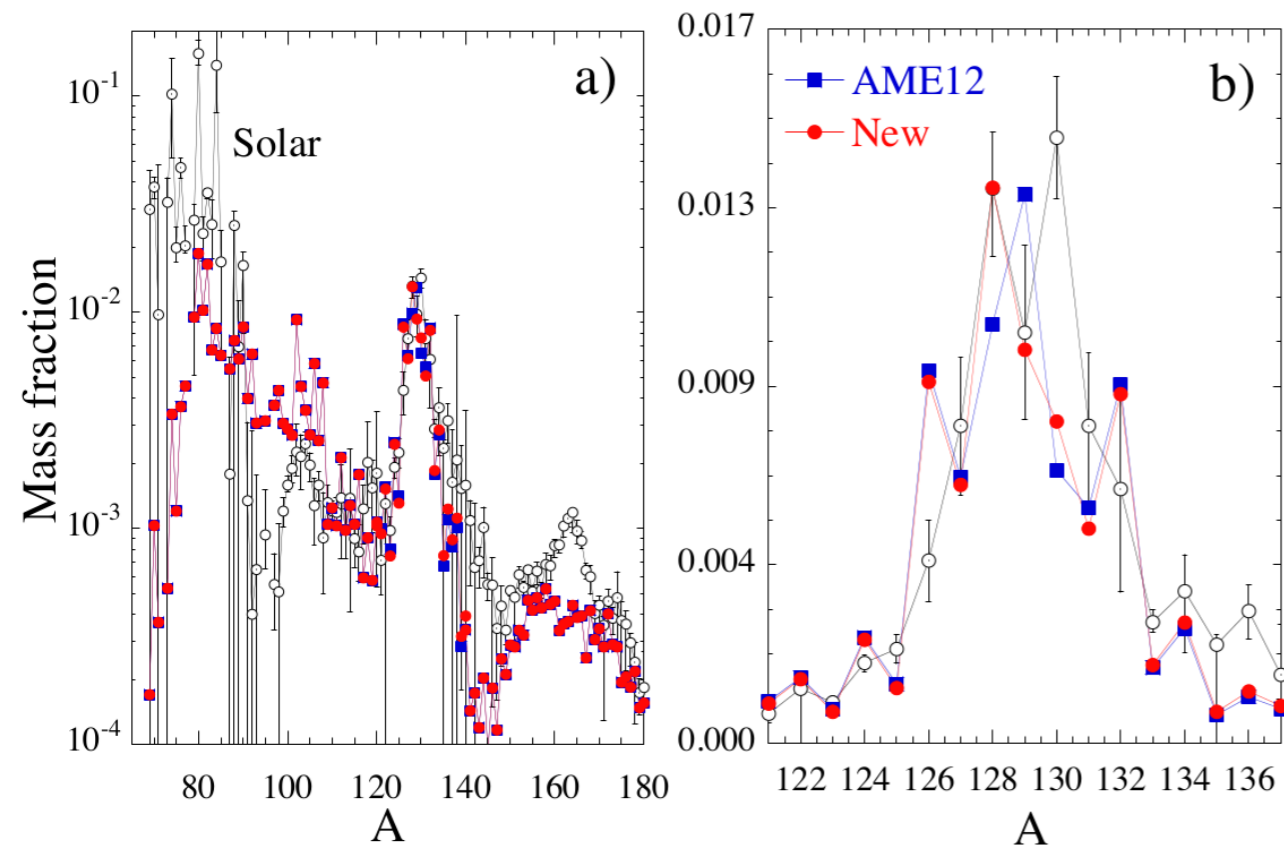
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# Impact on the abundance pattern

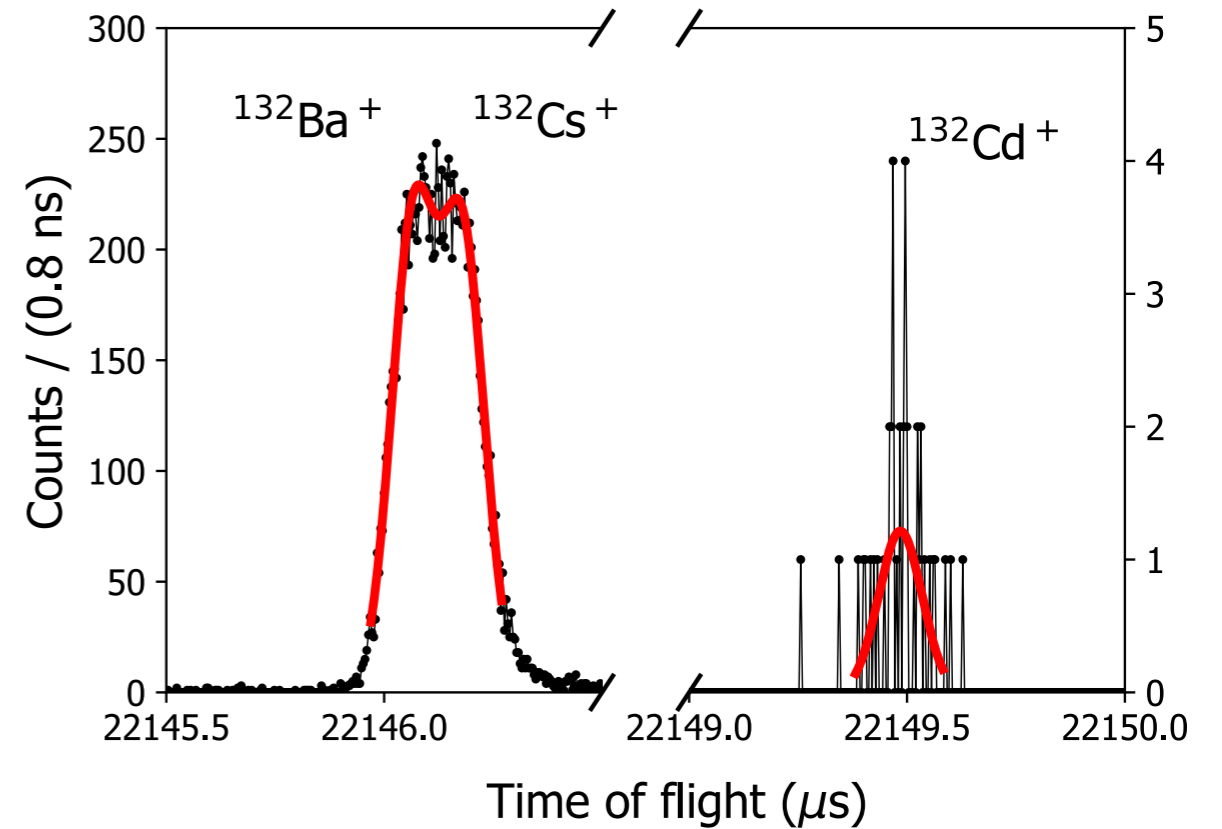
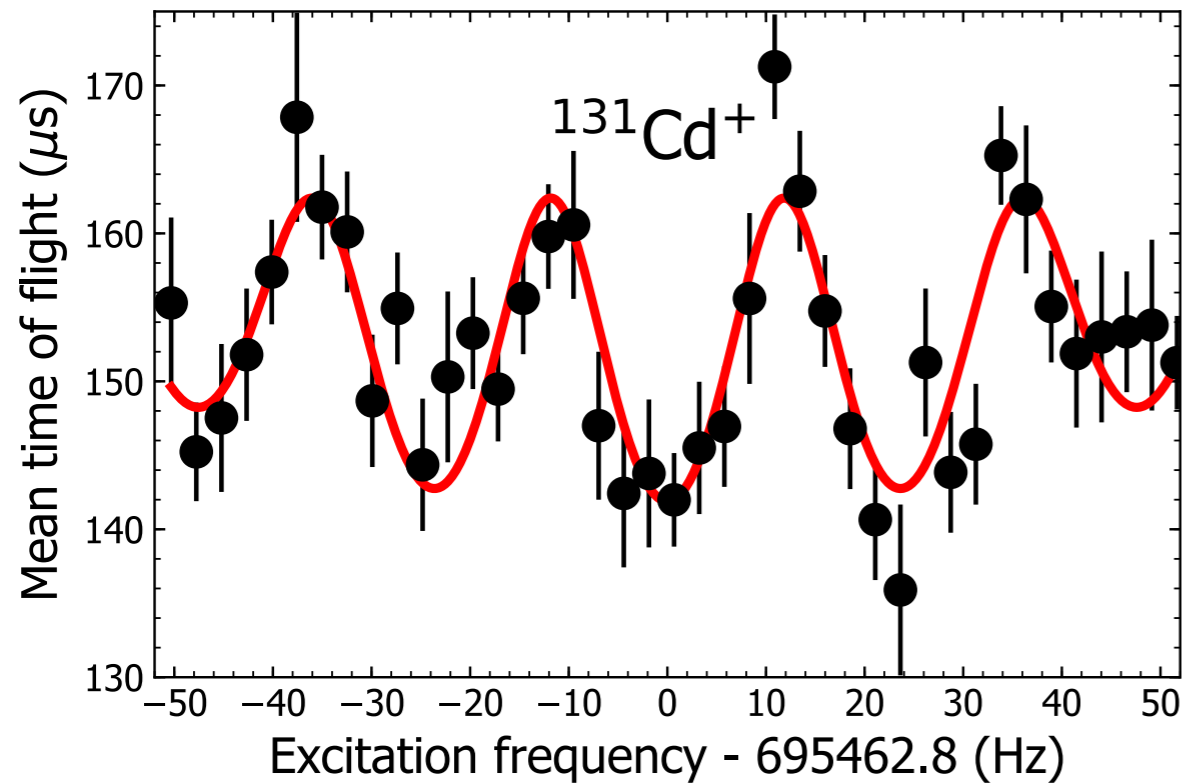
- Neutron star mergers scenario :

- Core-collapse supernova scenario :



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# $A > 130$ isotopes



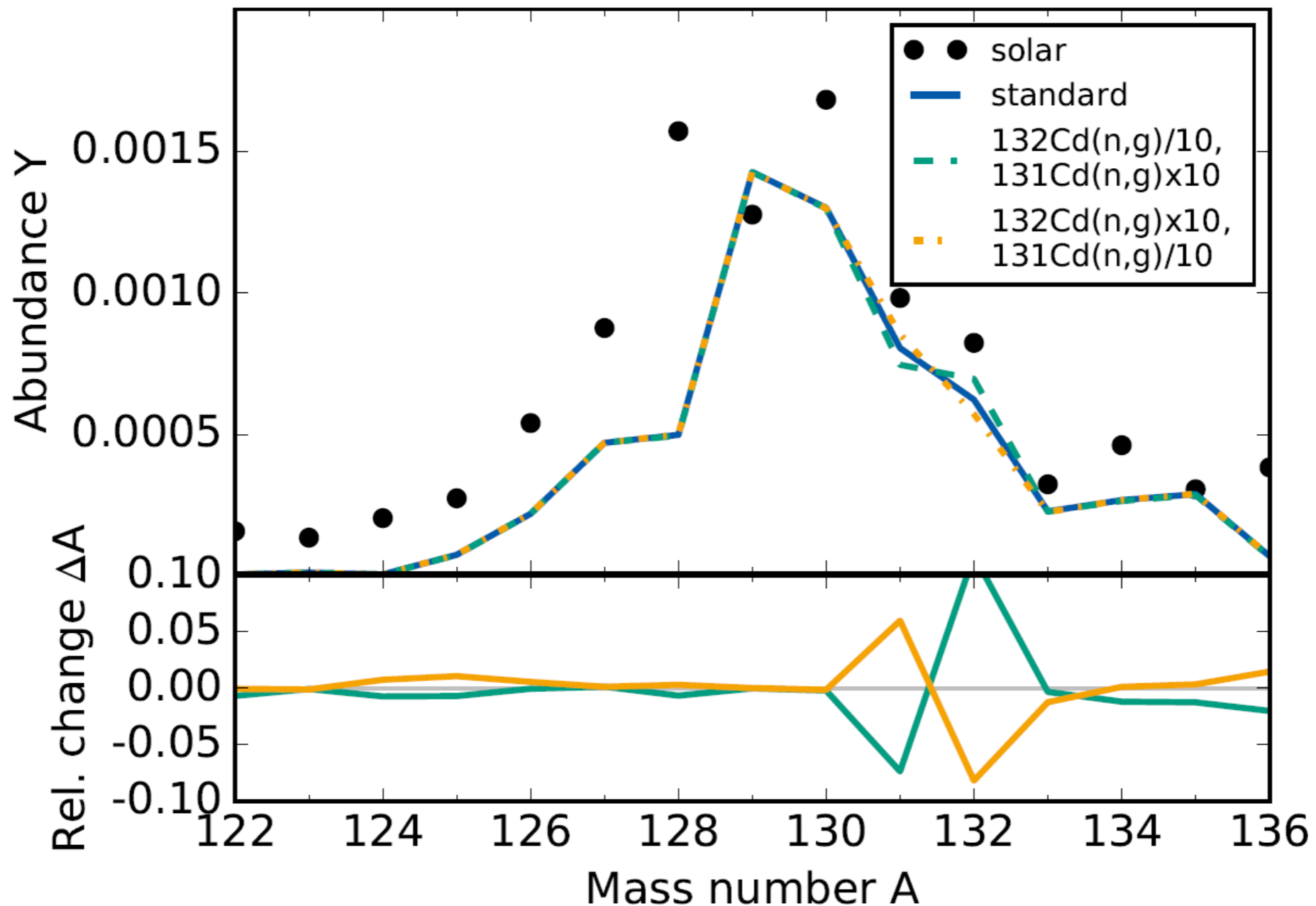
- Confirms previous MRToF result.
- Three-fold improvement of the uncertainty.

- Clean spectrum
- Unambiguously identified
- **First mass measurement !**

V. Manea, J. Karthein *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **124**, 092502 (2020)



# r-process impact ?

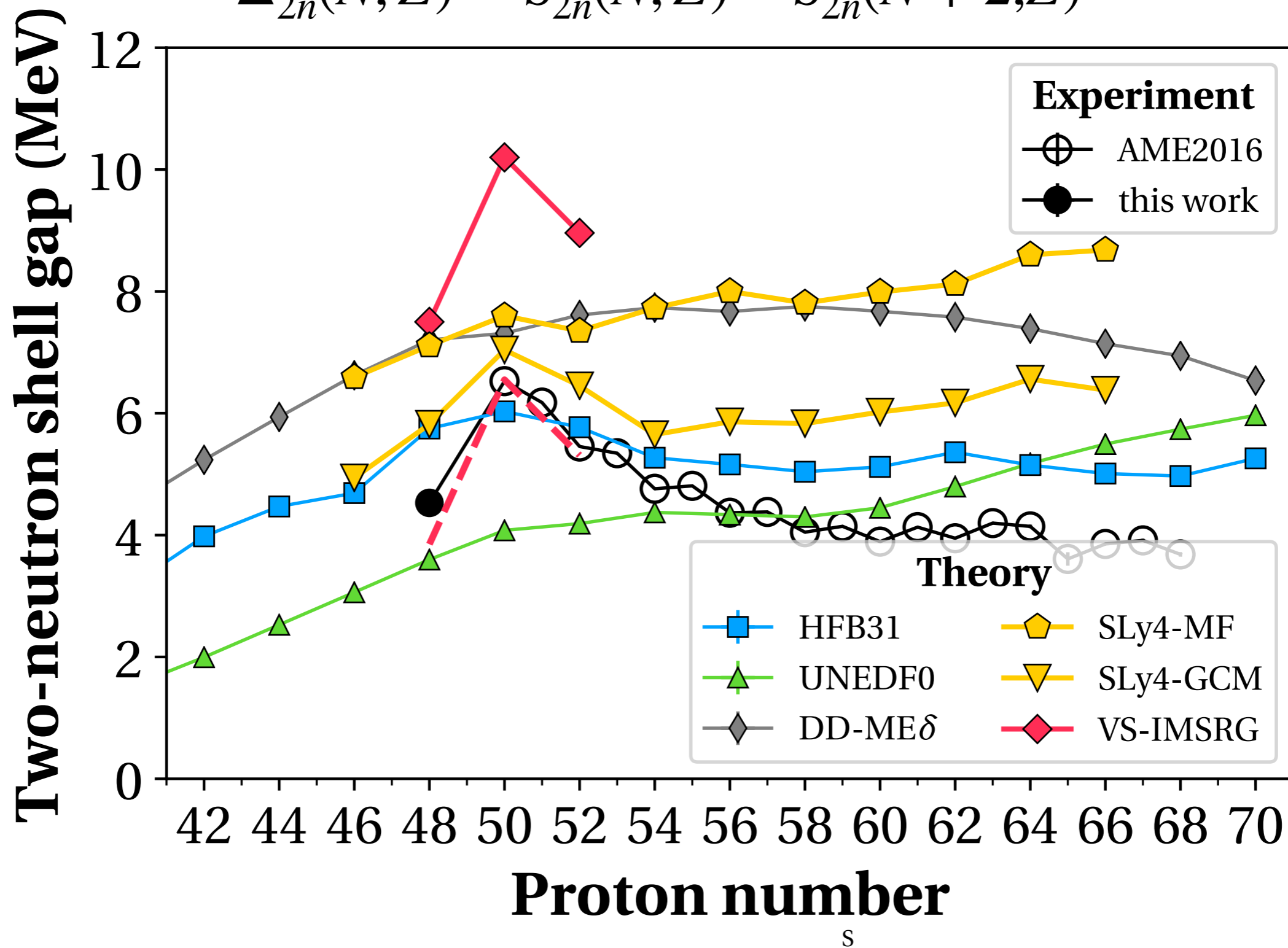


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- R-process simulations are not specifically sensitive to the new masses → fission recycling

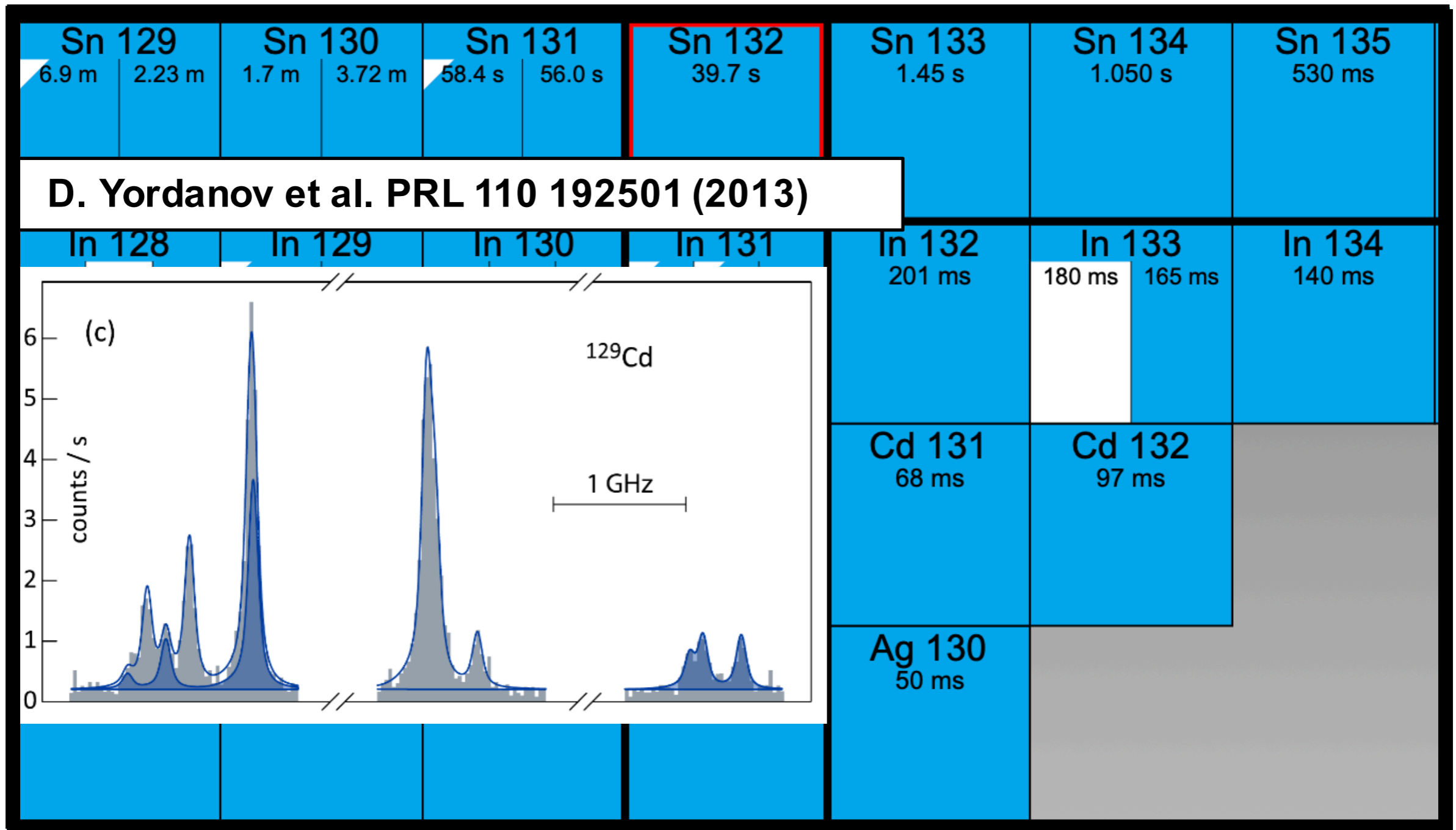
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$$\Delta_{2n}(N, Z) = S_{2n}(N, Z) - S_{2n}(N + 2, Z)$$



# What about $A < 130$ ?





$Z=50$



★ Recently measure at ISOLTRAP  $N=82$

# $^{127,129}\text{Cd}$ : Isomeric separation

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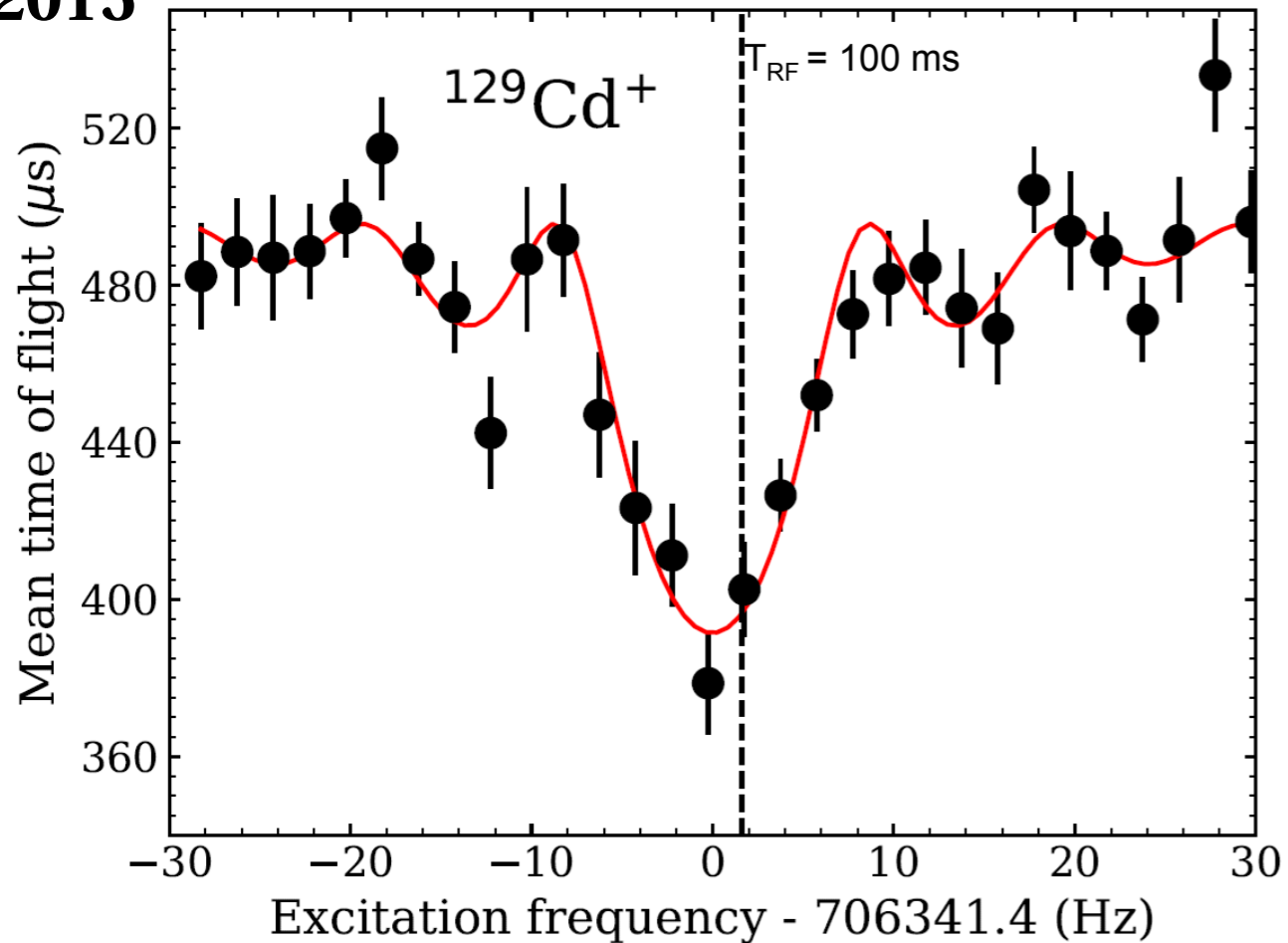
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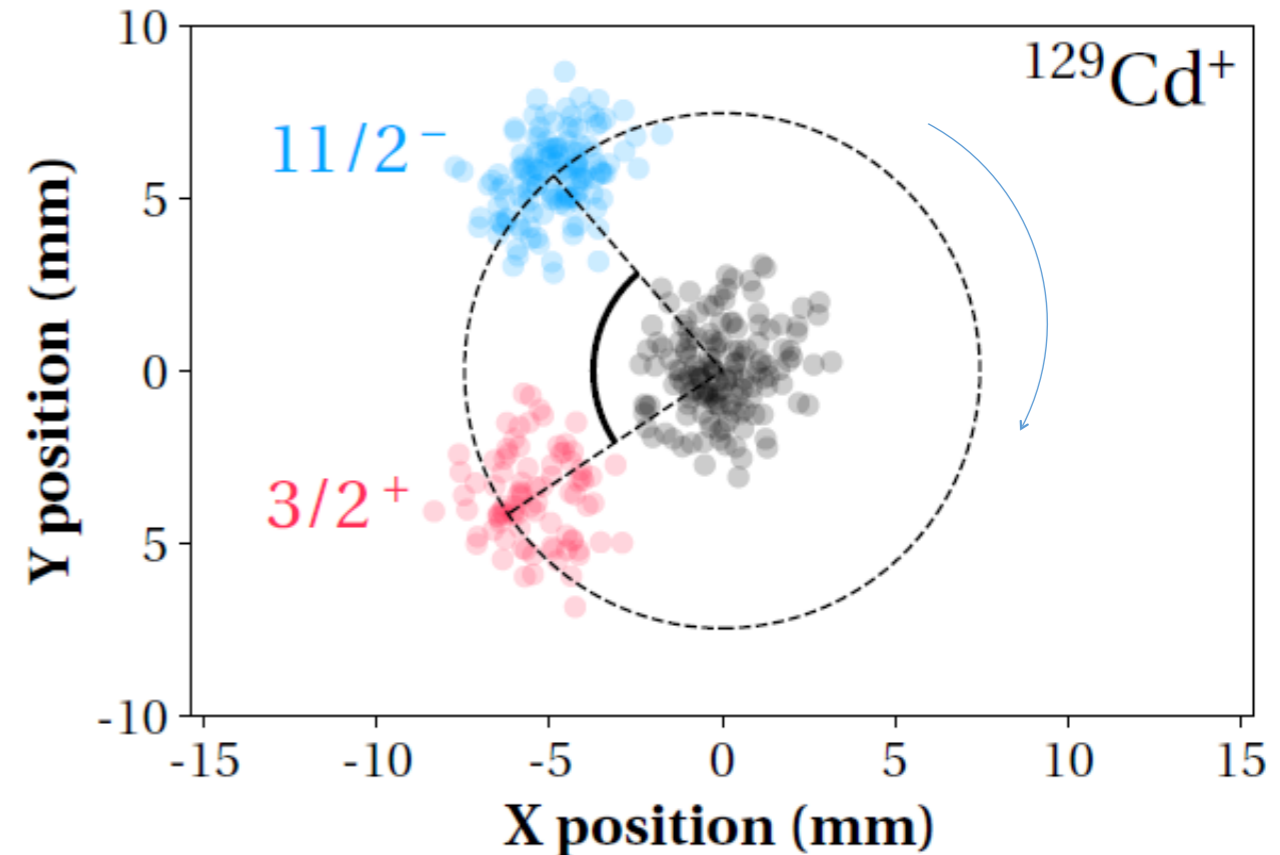
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# $^{129g,m}\text{Cd}$ isomeric separation

2015



2018



- Resolving power  $> 10^6$  in  $\sim 100 \text{ ms}$
- $^{129m}\text{Cd}$  excitation energy measured for the first time
- COLLAPS: ratio  $(11/2^-)/(3/2^+) = 2.4(2)$
- ISOLTRAP: ratio  $(11/2^-)/(3/2^+) = 2.2(2)$

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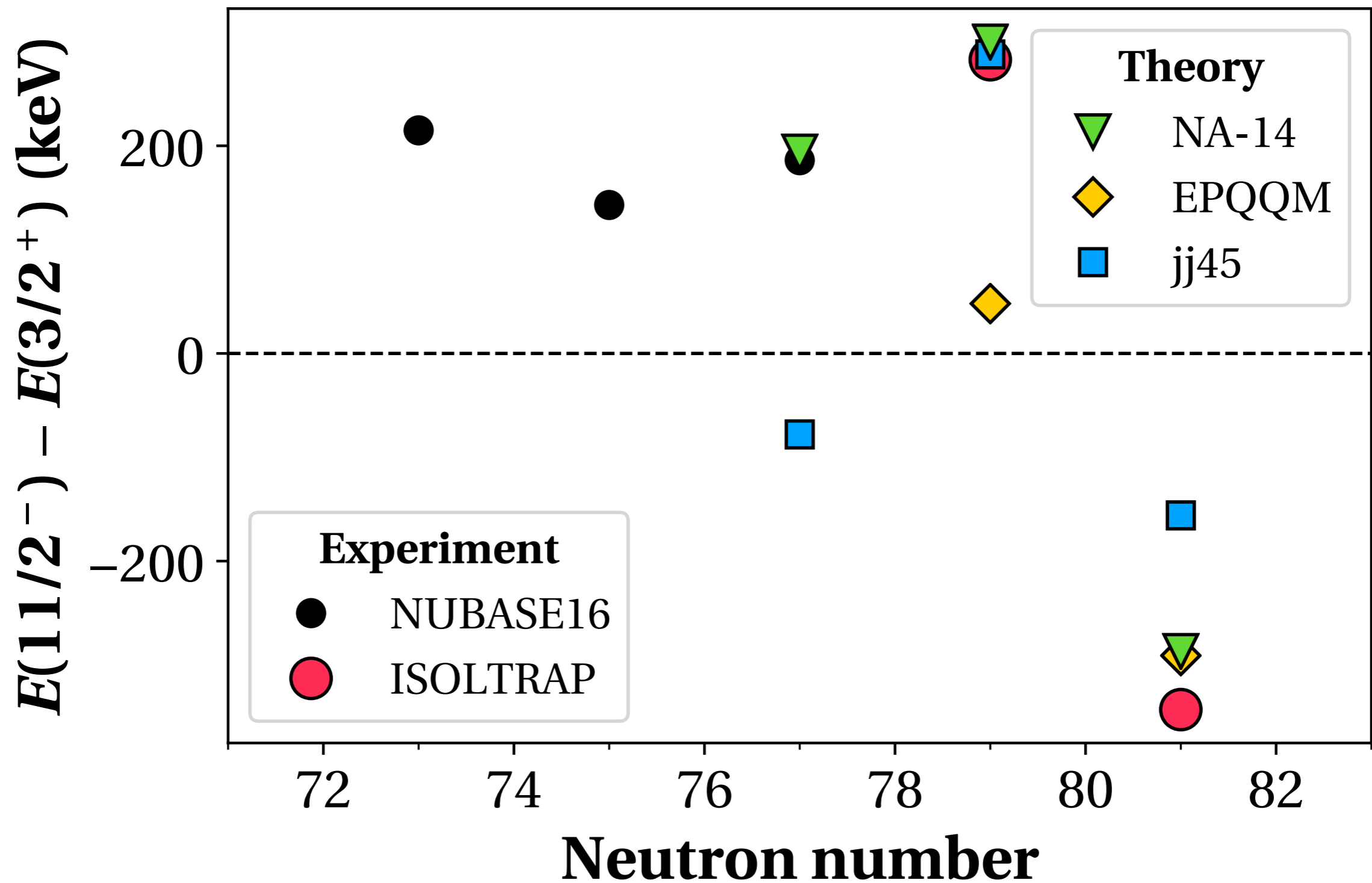
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Technique of particular interest for astromer studies  $\rightarrow$

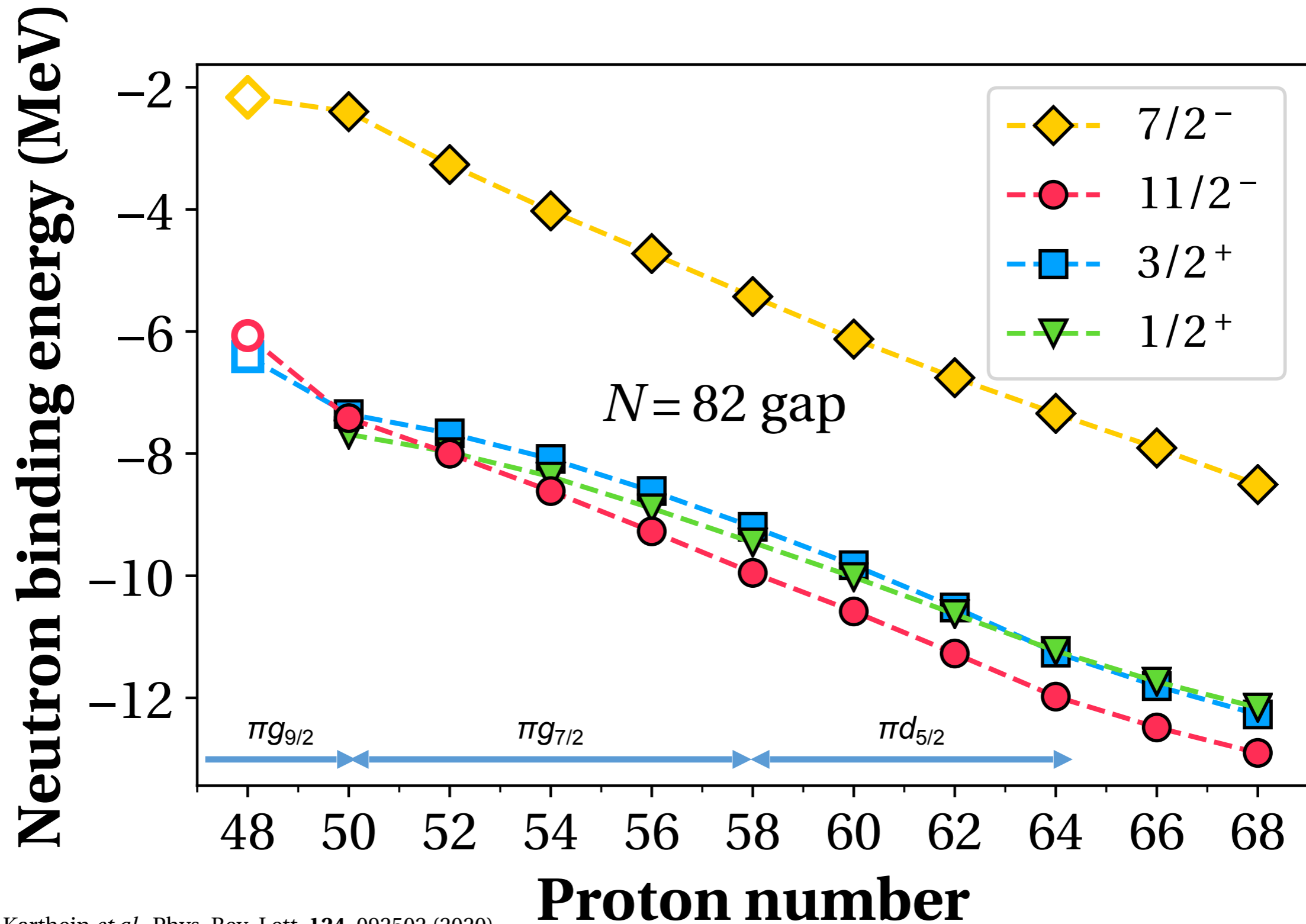
G. W. Misch *et al.*, Astron. Journ. Lett. **913** 1 (2021)

# 127-129g,mCd : State inversion



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# Evolution of the $N=82$ gap for $Z < 50$



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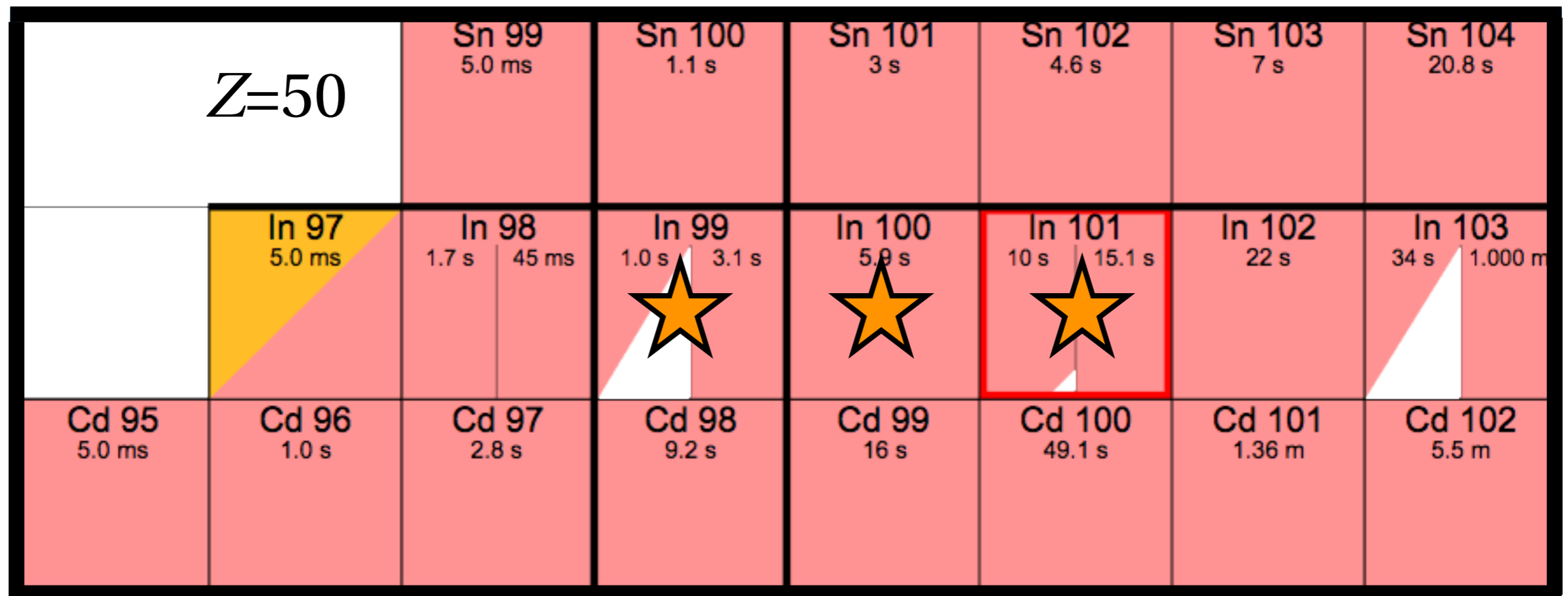
# Neutron-deficient Indium isotopes

# The $^{100}\text{Sn}$ region

|                 |                |                 |                        |                        |                  |                         |                  |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| $Z=50$          |                | Sn 99<br>5.0 ms | Sn 100<br>1.1 s        | Sn 101<br>3 s          | Sn 102<br>4.6 s  | Sn 103<br>7 s           | Sn 104<br>20.8 s |
|                 |                | In 97<br>5.0 ms | In 98<br>1.7 s   45 ms | In 99<br>1.0 s   3.1 s | In 100<br>5.9 s  | In 101<br>10 s   15.1 s | In 102<br>22 s   |
| Cd 95<br>5.0 ms | Cd 96<br>1.0 s | Cd 97<br>2.8 s  | Cd 98<br>9.2 s         | Cd 99<br>16 s          | Cd 100<br>49.1 s | Cd 101<br>1.36 m        | Cd 102<br>5.5 m  |

$N=50$

# Opportunistic mass measurement



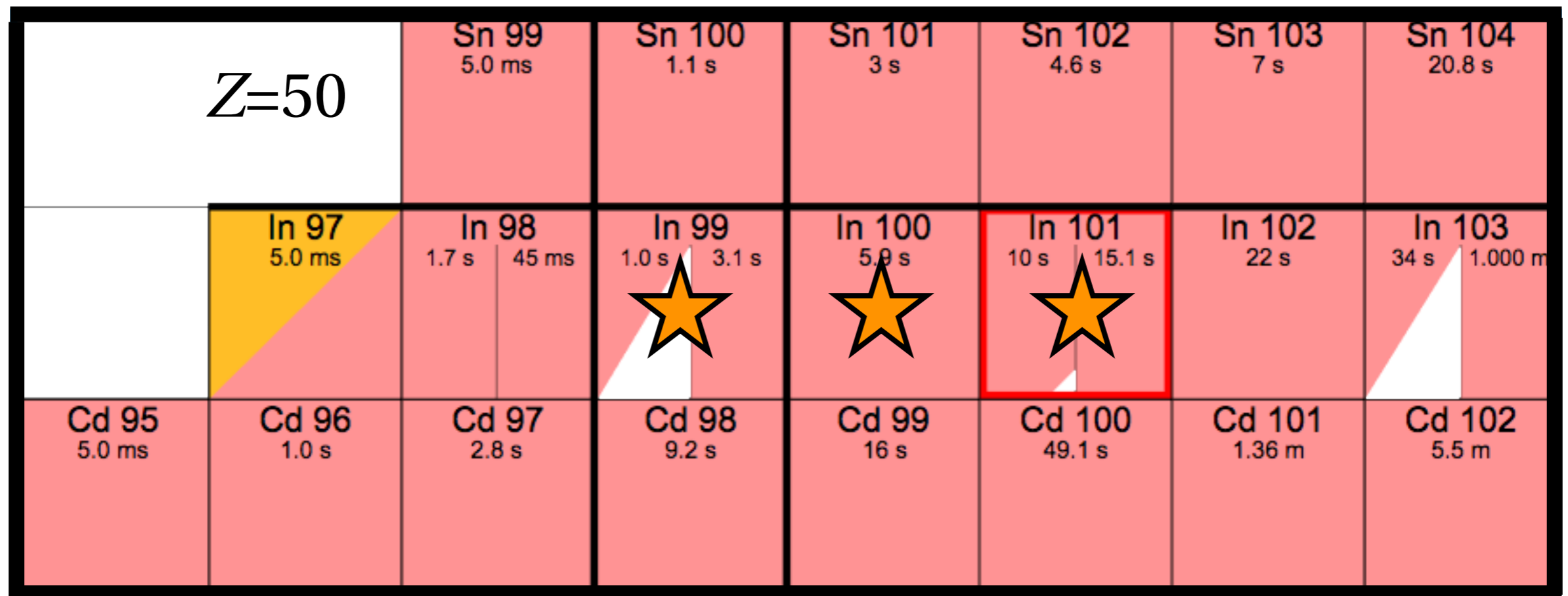
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Recently measured at ISOLTRAP

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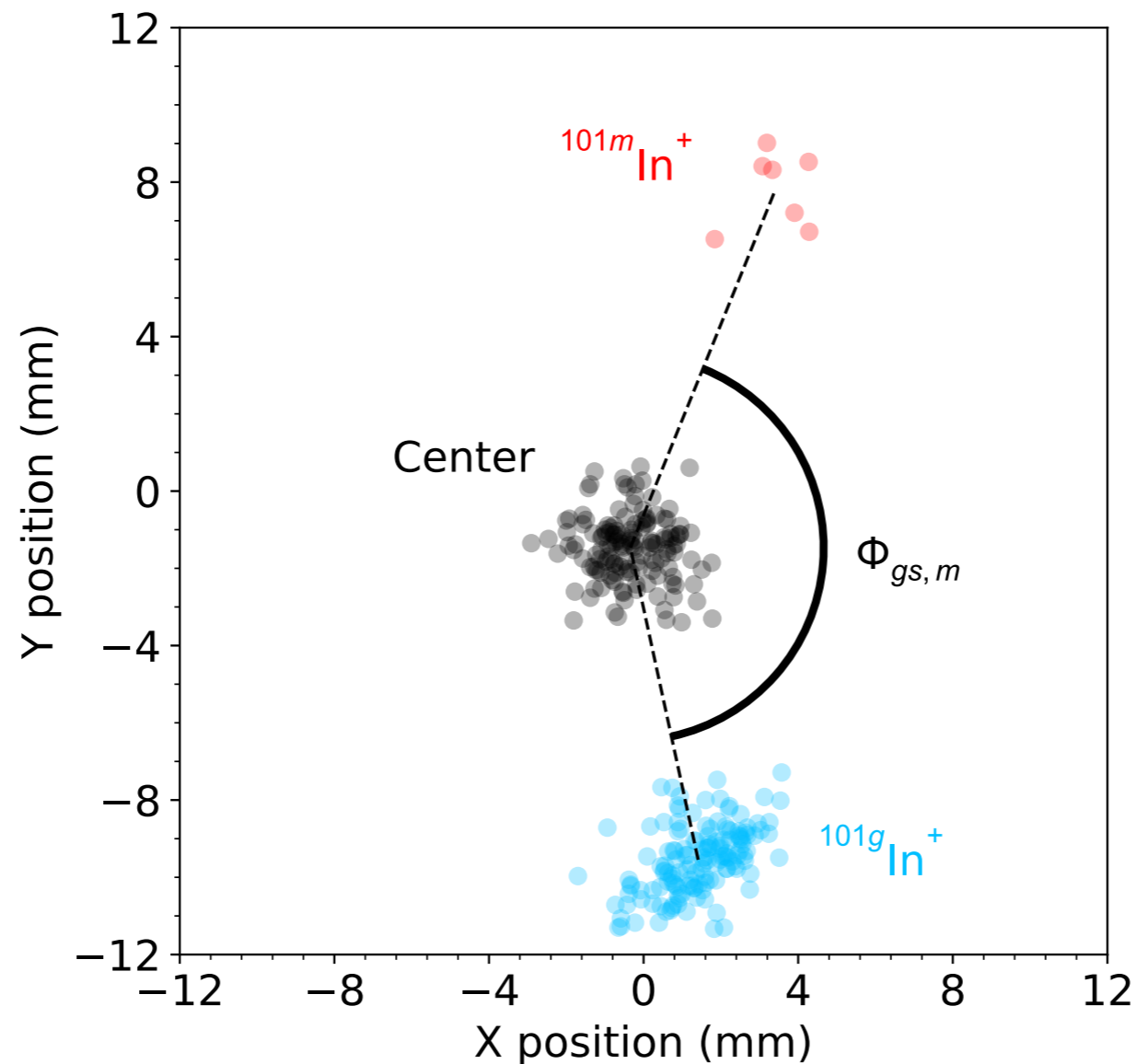
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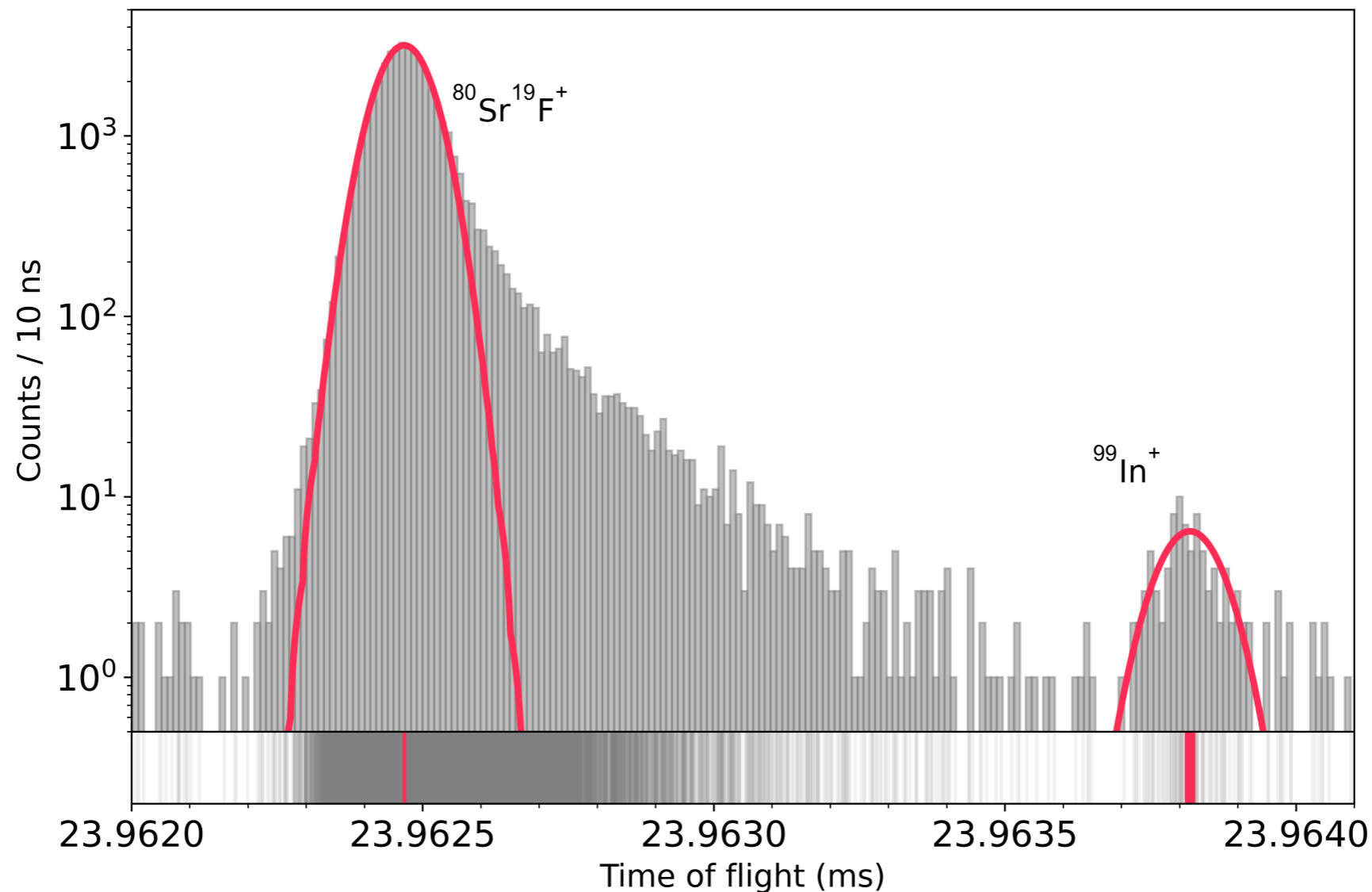
# $^{101}\text{In}$ PI-ICR separation



- Resolving power  $>10^6$  in  $t_{\text{acc}} = 65\text{ms}$
- Uncertainty  $< 10\text{ keV}$
- **Agrees with and improve on previous measurements**

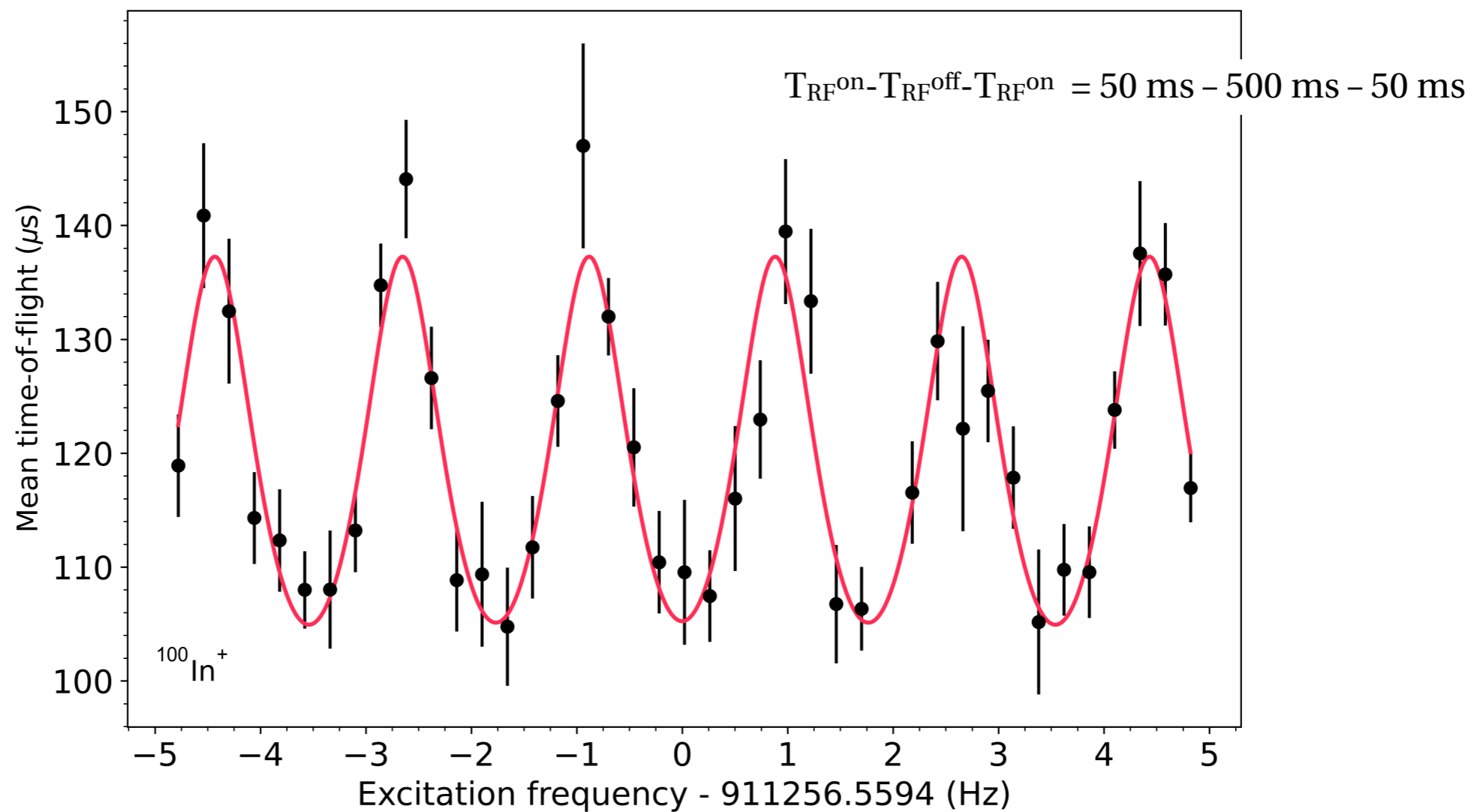
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C. Hornung *et al.*, Phys. Lett. B 802, 135200 (2020)  
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# $^{99}\text{In}$ MRToF-MS measurement

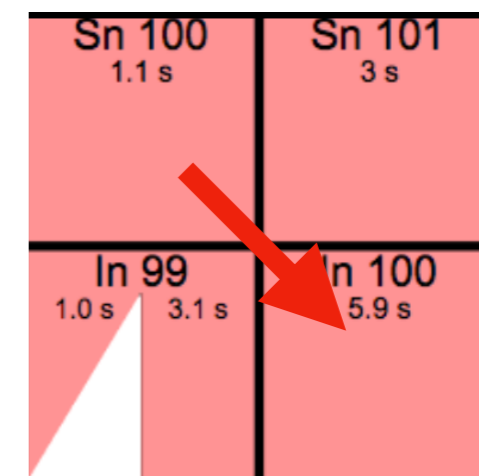


- Well separated
- Clear laser on/off effect
- A few hundred ions collected
- **First measurement!**

# $^{100}\text{In}$ ToF-ICR measurement

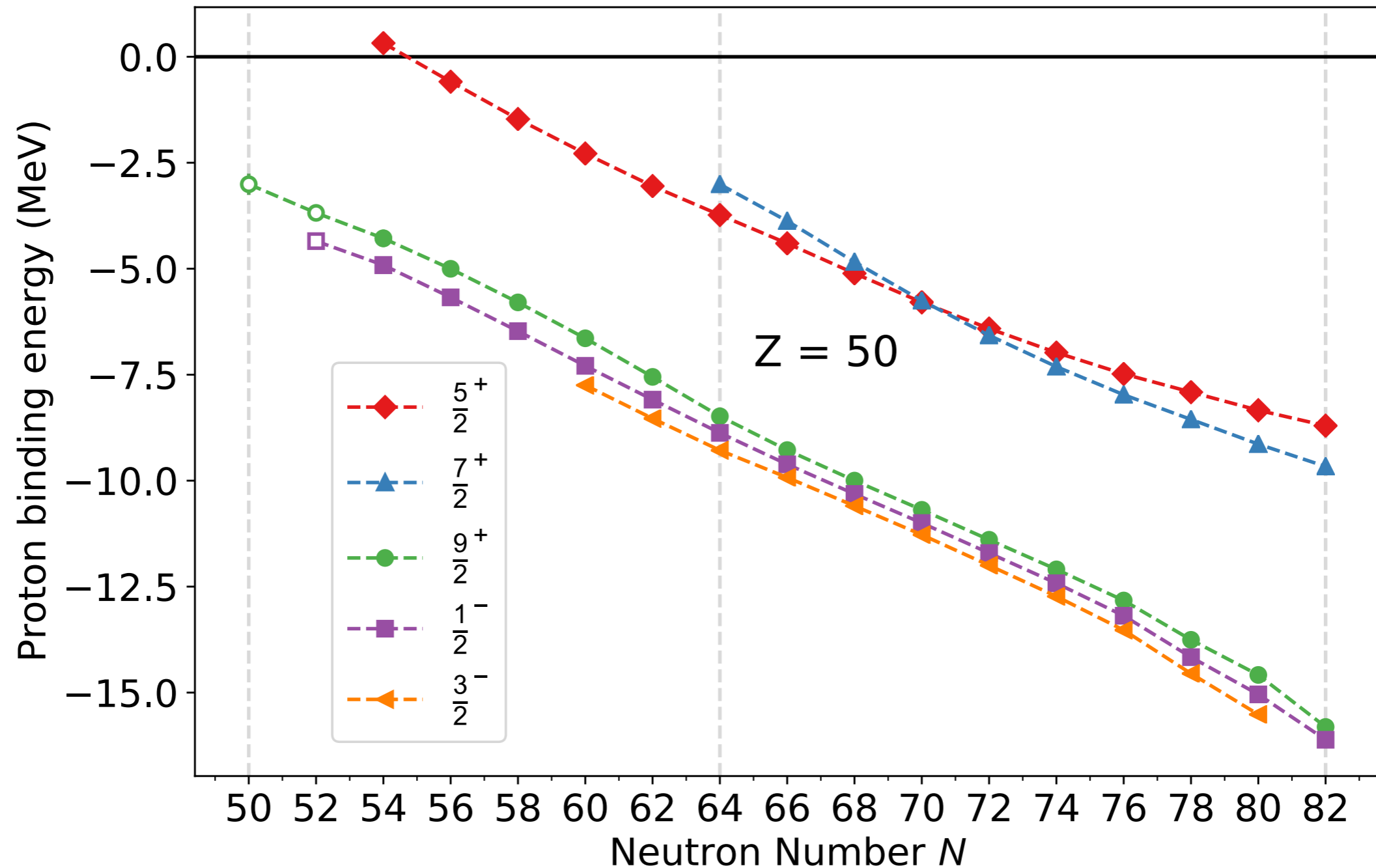


- $\sim \text{keV}$  precision (90 times more precise)
- 2 resonances
- PI-ICR study  $\rightarrow$  No long lived isomers
- **Direct link to  $^{100}\text{Sn}$  !**



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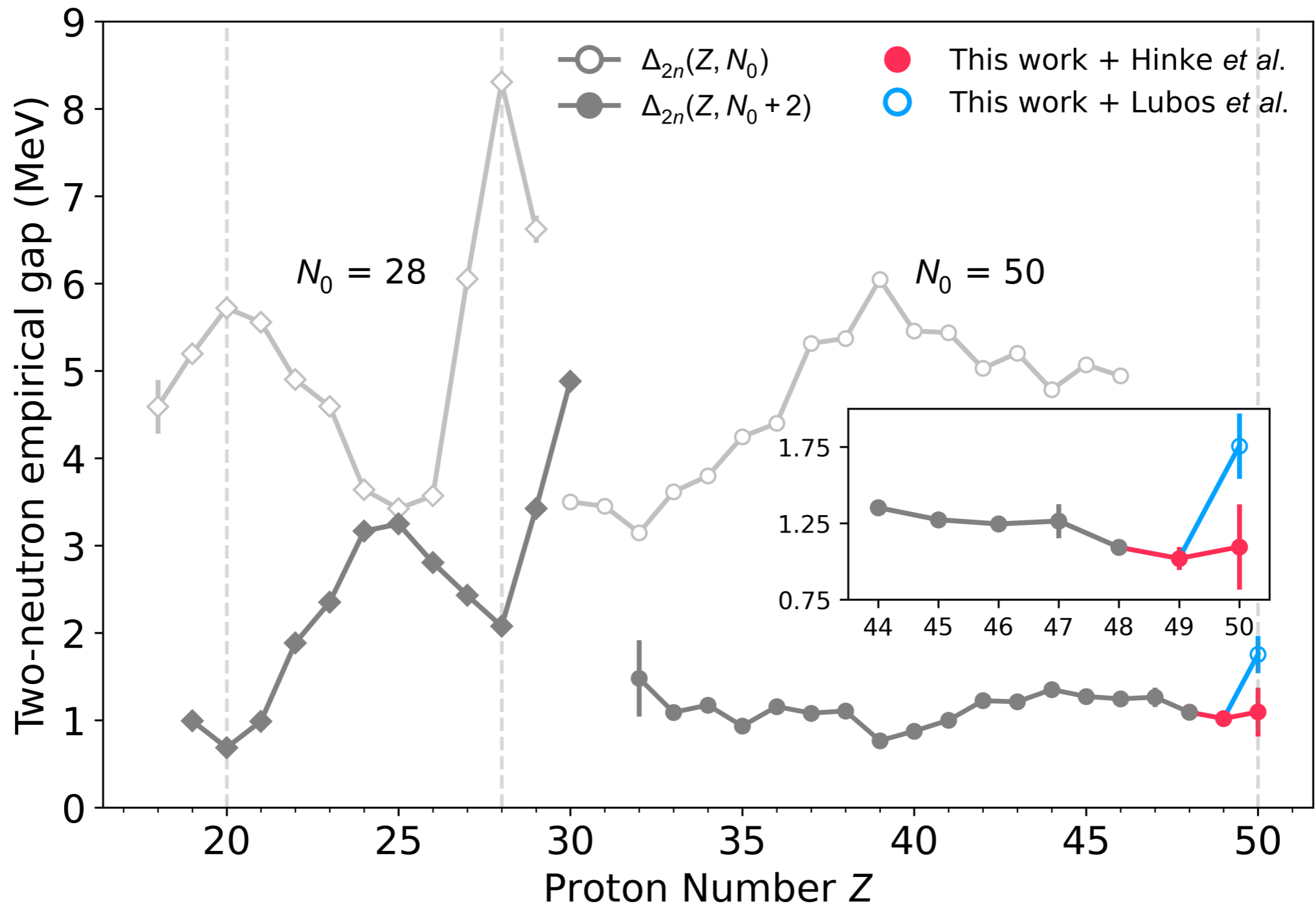
# Journey towards $N = Z = 50$



- Important input for phenomenological shell-model



# A closer look at $^{100}\text{Sn}$

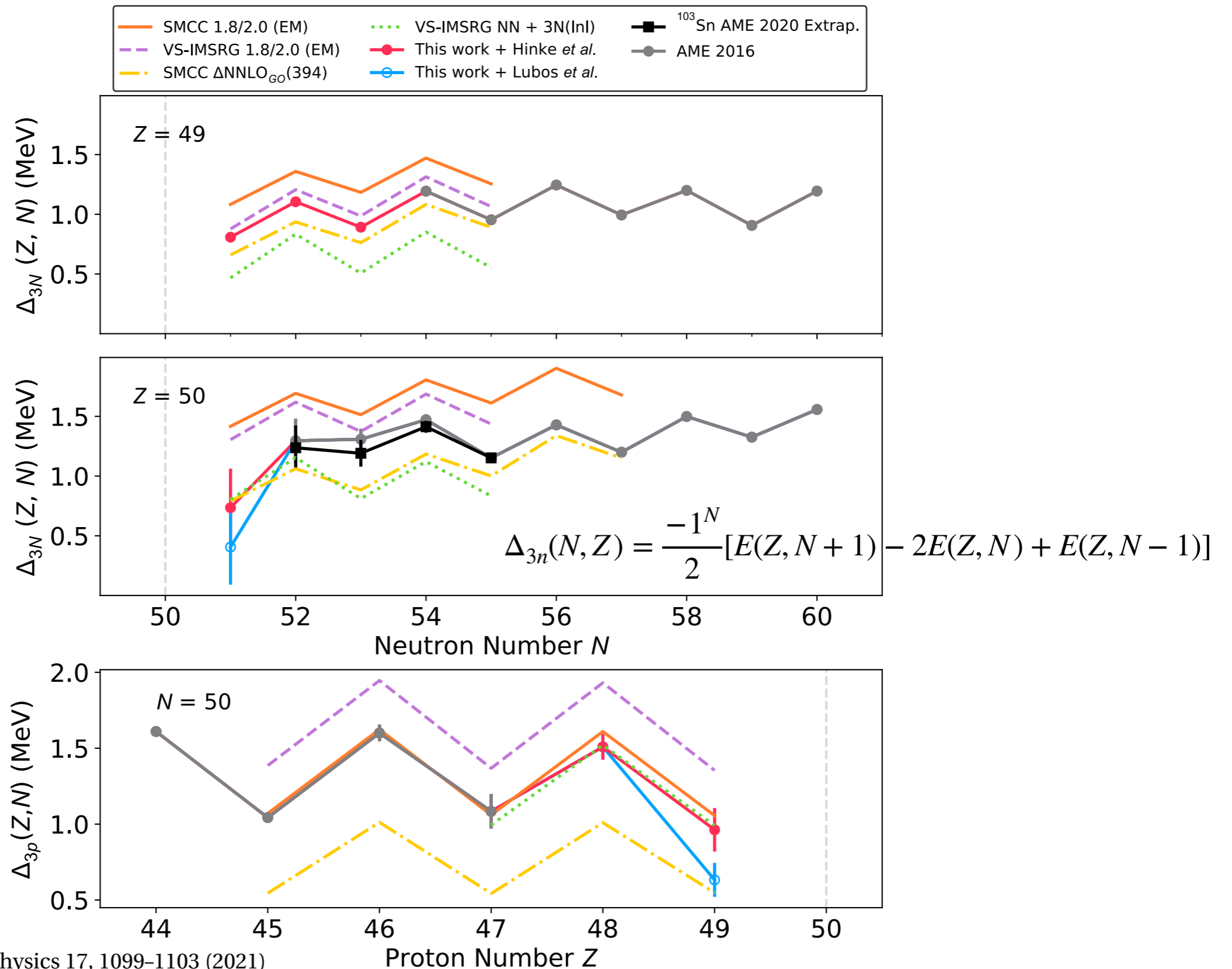


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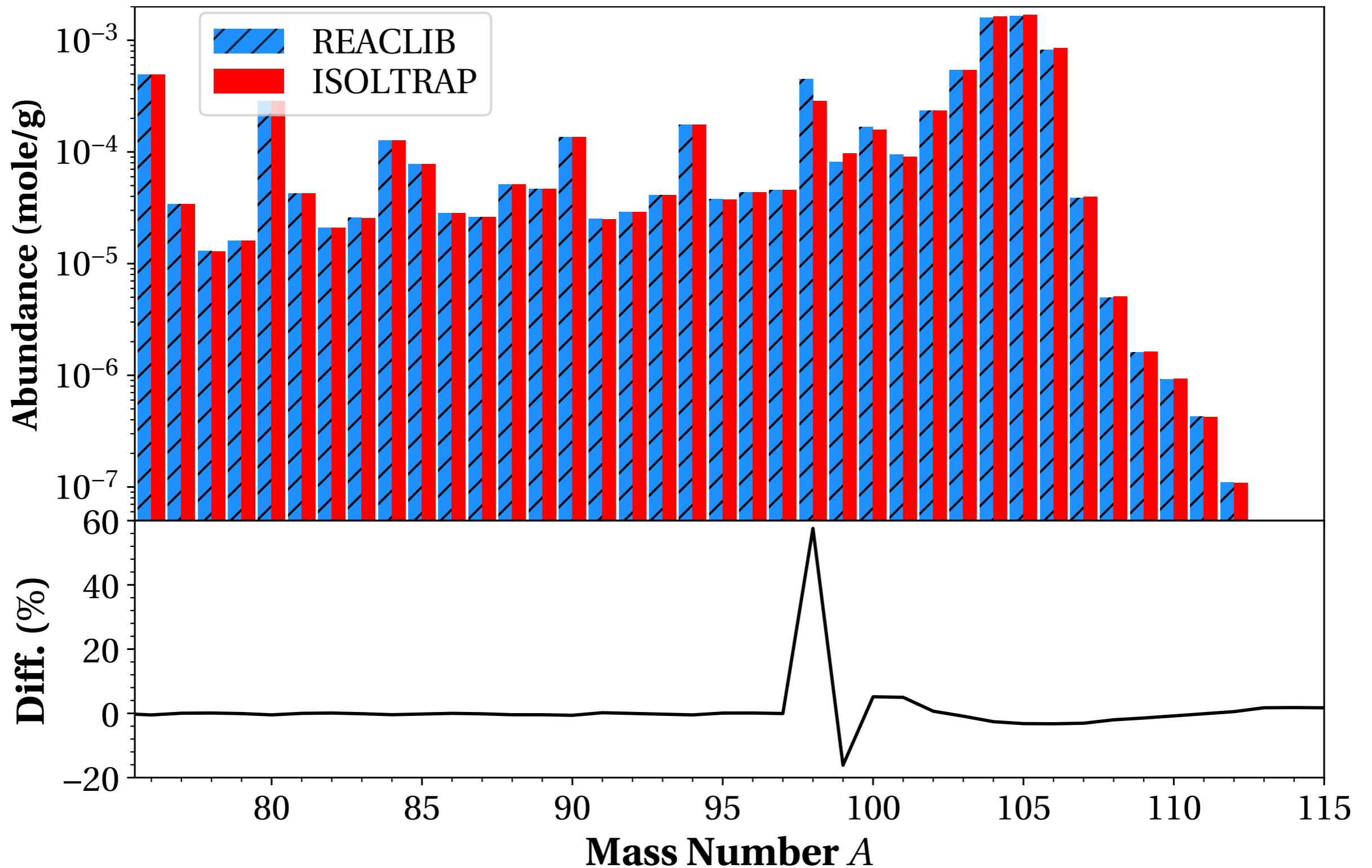
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# Testing *ab initio* theories



# Impact on the rp-process:



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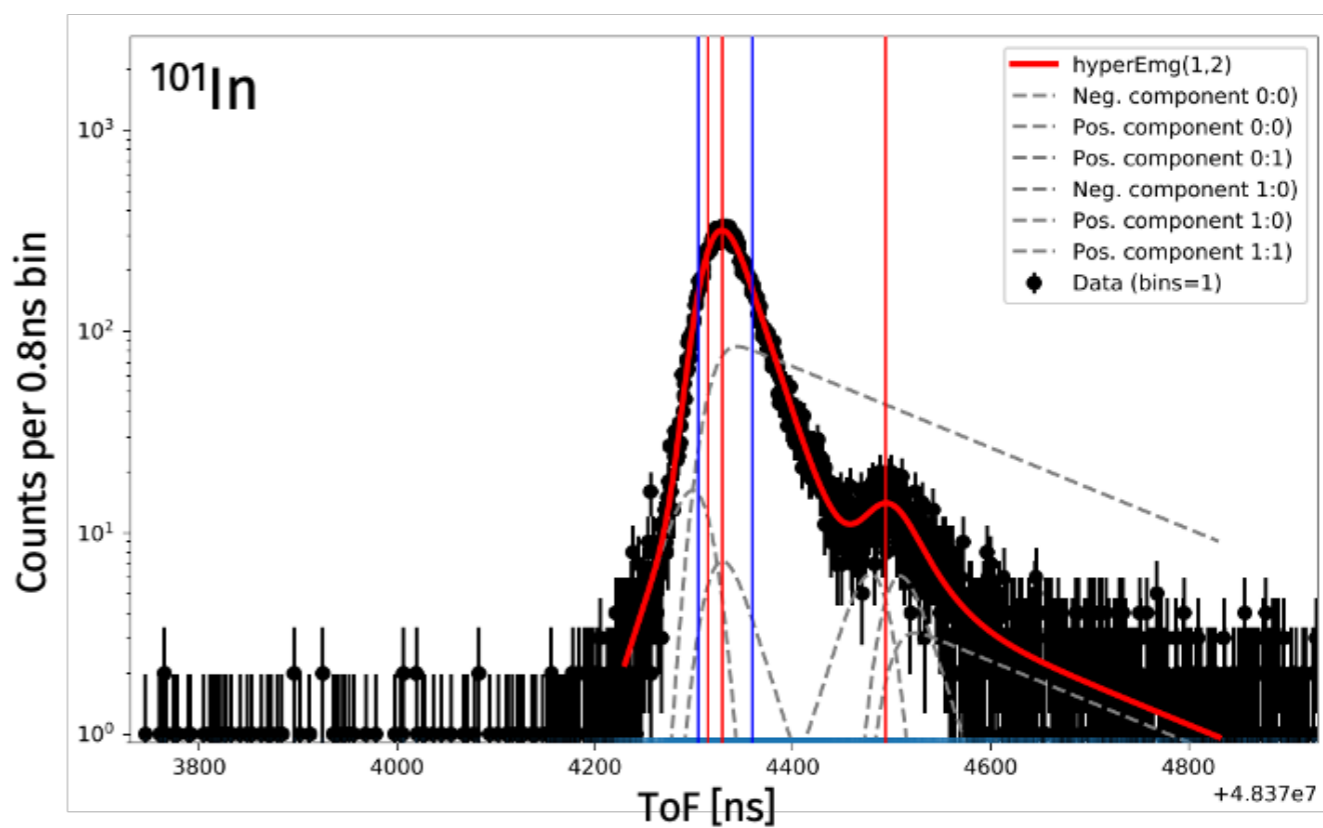
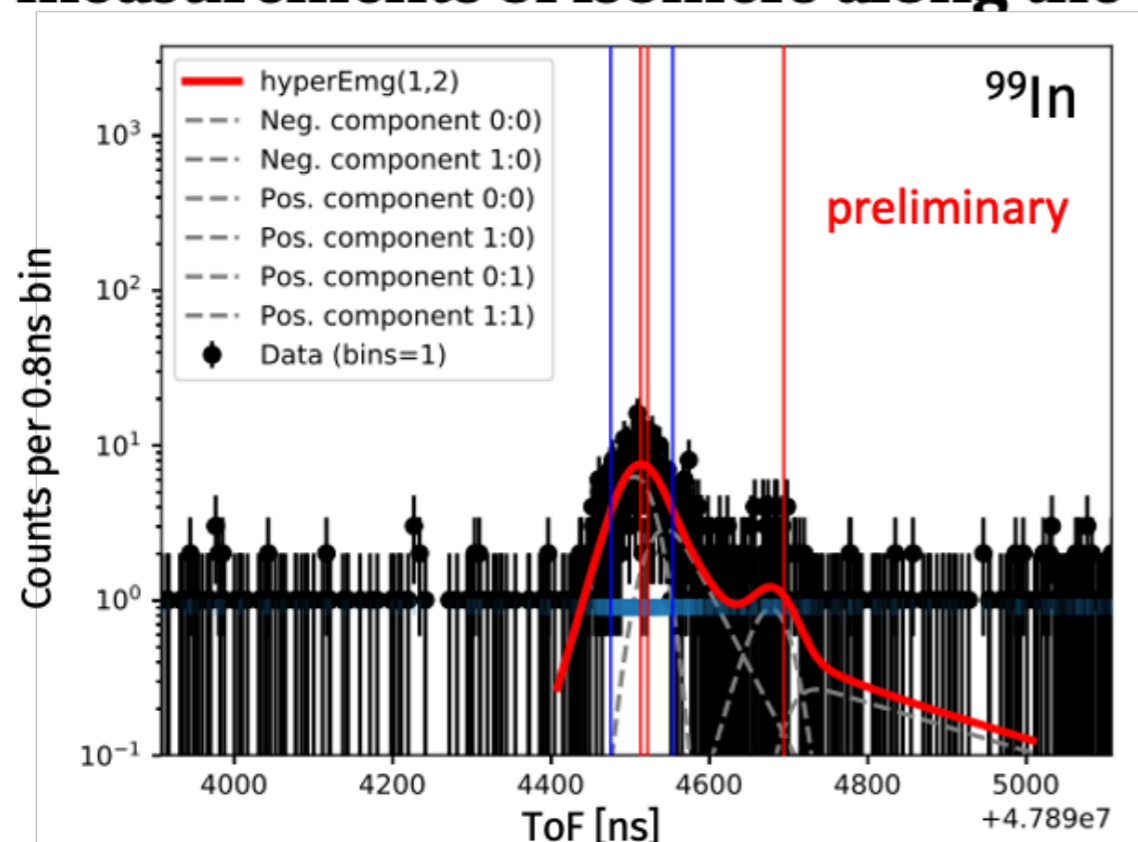
# The 2021 campaign

## MR-ToF MS measurements of full neutron deficient indium chain

- 11 Ground states and 7 isomers for physics and systematic studies
- First isomeric separation of  $^{99g,s,m}\text{In}$



## Unprecedented MR-ToF mass resolving power at ISOLTRAP enables measurements of isomers along the chain



L. Nies *et al*, in preparation

# Perspectives



European Research Council  
Established by the European Commission

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# Perspectives: IGISOL-4

## The IGISOL production technique

1. Primary beam from cyclotron hits a thin target
2. The recoils are stopped in He buffer gas
3. Supersonic jet guides products into a sextupole: SPIG

Fast and chemically insensitive technique, thus universal

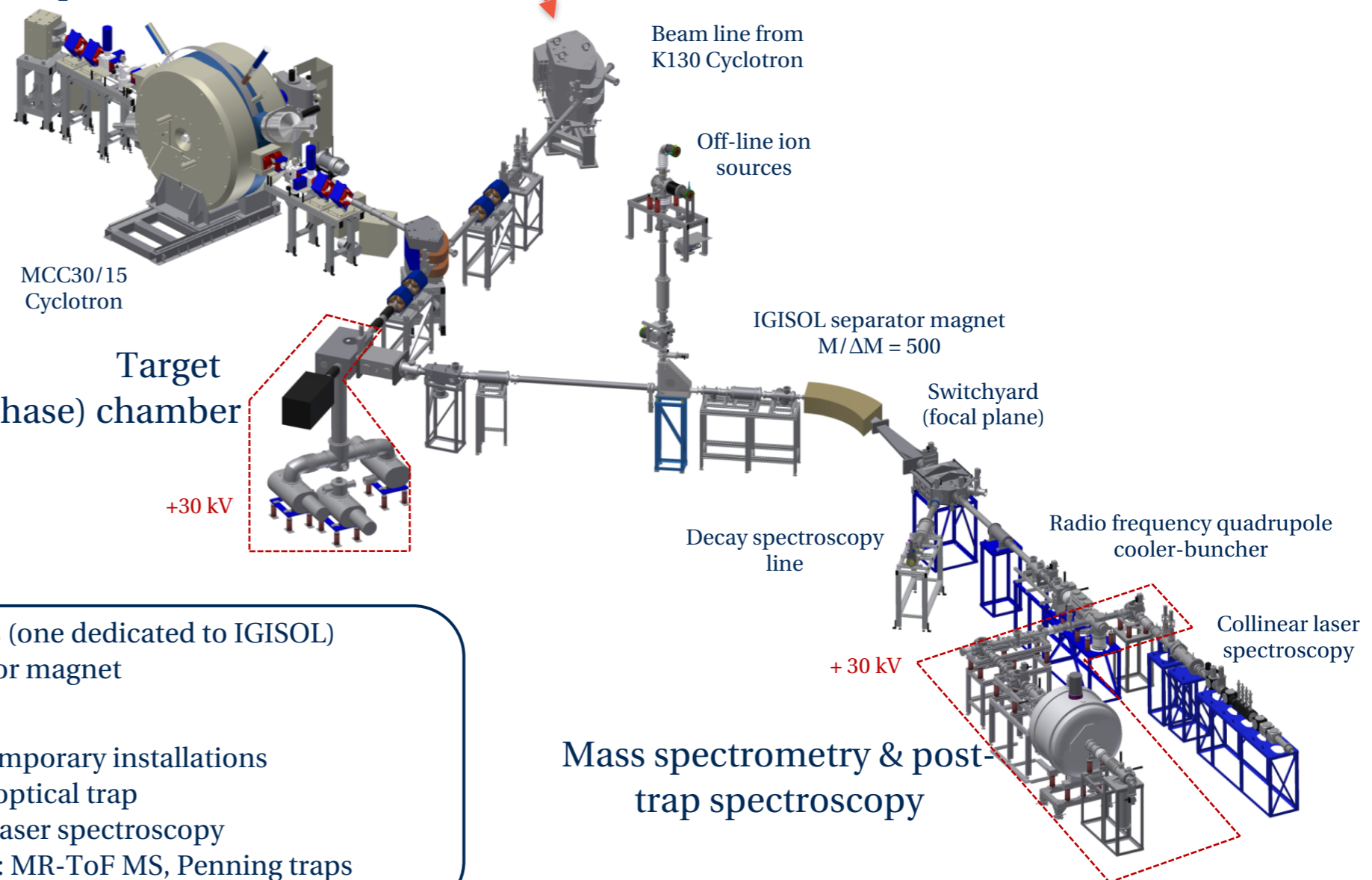


K130 cyclotron

## IGISOL

Different geometries for

- Light-ion fusion
- Fusion evaporation
- Fission
- n-induced fission (testing phase) chamber
- Cryogenic (building)



- Two cyclotrons (one dedicated to IGISOL)
- Dipole separator magnet
- Beamlines:
  - Line for temporary installations
  - Magneto-optical trap
  - Collinear laser spectroscopy
  - JYFLTRAP: MR-ToF MS, Penning traps

Courtesy A. De Roubin

# Future campaigns at IGISOL 1/2

## I284: Mass measurements in the vicinity of $^{78}\text{Ni}$ for nuclear astrophysics and nuclear structure studies

In the vicinity of  $Z = 28$  and  $N = 50$  closed shells for

1. Study of abundances origin
  - Understanding the residual solar abundances associated to the  $r$ -process
  - Better constrain theoretical models with precise mass measurements
2. Nuclear structure studies
  - Is the  $Z = 28$  shell gap modified for neutron rich nuclei?
  - Contradictory experimental observations  $\rightarrow$  possible shape coexistence
  - Subshell gap  $N = 40$  exhibits doubly magic features in  $^{68}\text{Ni}$ , but not in  $^{69}\text{Co}$   $\rightarrow$  shape coexistence ?
  - Nuclear mass can provide an experimental estimation of the gaps

Utilization of two experimental techniques:

- The double Penning traps with the **PI-ICR** technique for high precision measurements
- The new **MR-TOF MS** for beam purification and fast mass measurements

11 allocated days:

- First part from 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of October this year
- Second part during Spring next year, to be schedule

*L. Canete et al., Phys. Rev. C* **101**, 041304 (2020)

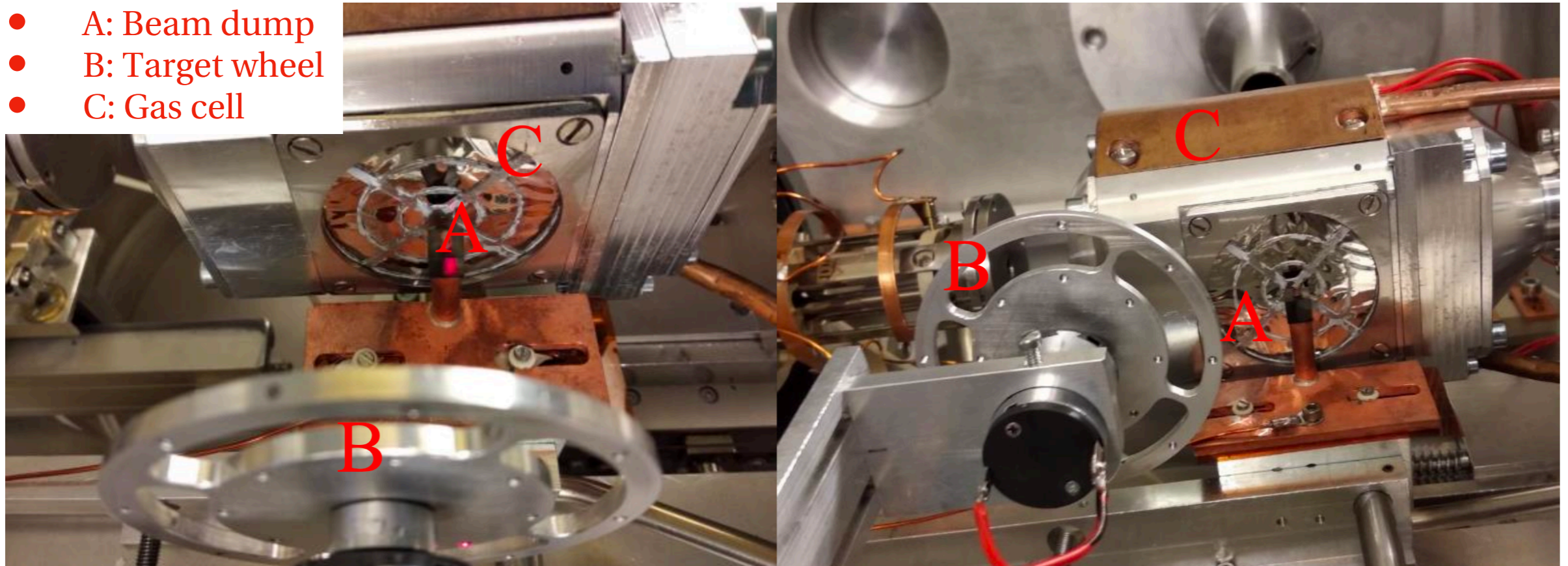
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Project lead by A. De Roubin

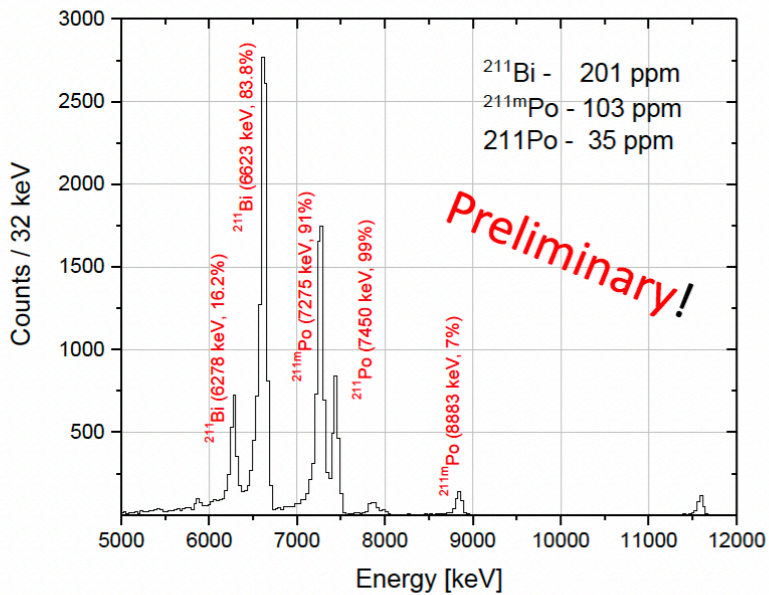
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# Future campaigns at IGISOL 2/2

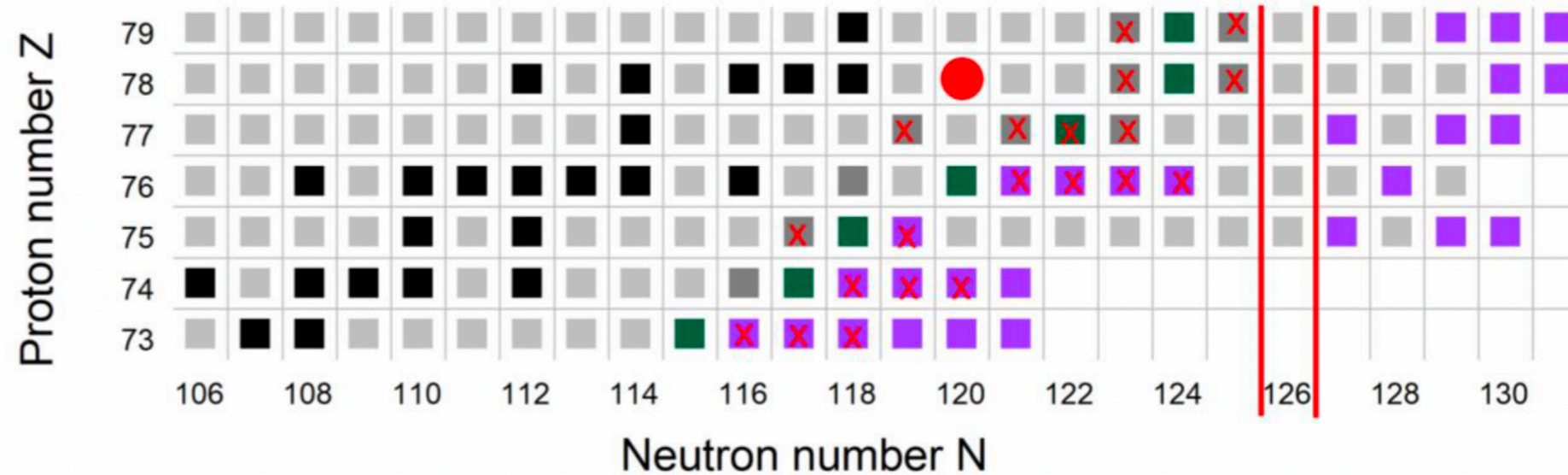
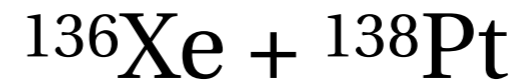
- A: Beam dump
- B: Target wheel
- C: Gas cell



Nov 2021, SW Si, 270mbar, 33pnA, 62min, no foils,  $^{136}\text{Xe} + ^{209}\text{Bi}$



Project lead by O. Beliuskina





# Conclusion

# Summary

## **High-precision mass measurements for nuclear astrophysics:**

- Key to guide nuclear astrophysical modelling
- Particularly challenging measurements but ion manipulation techniques always more performant
- New projects/upgrades at existing facilities (MNT at IGISOL, EPIC at ISOLDE)

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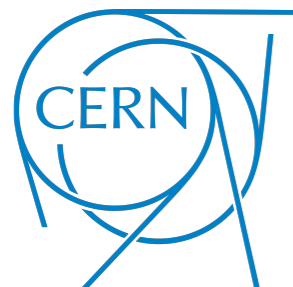
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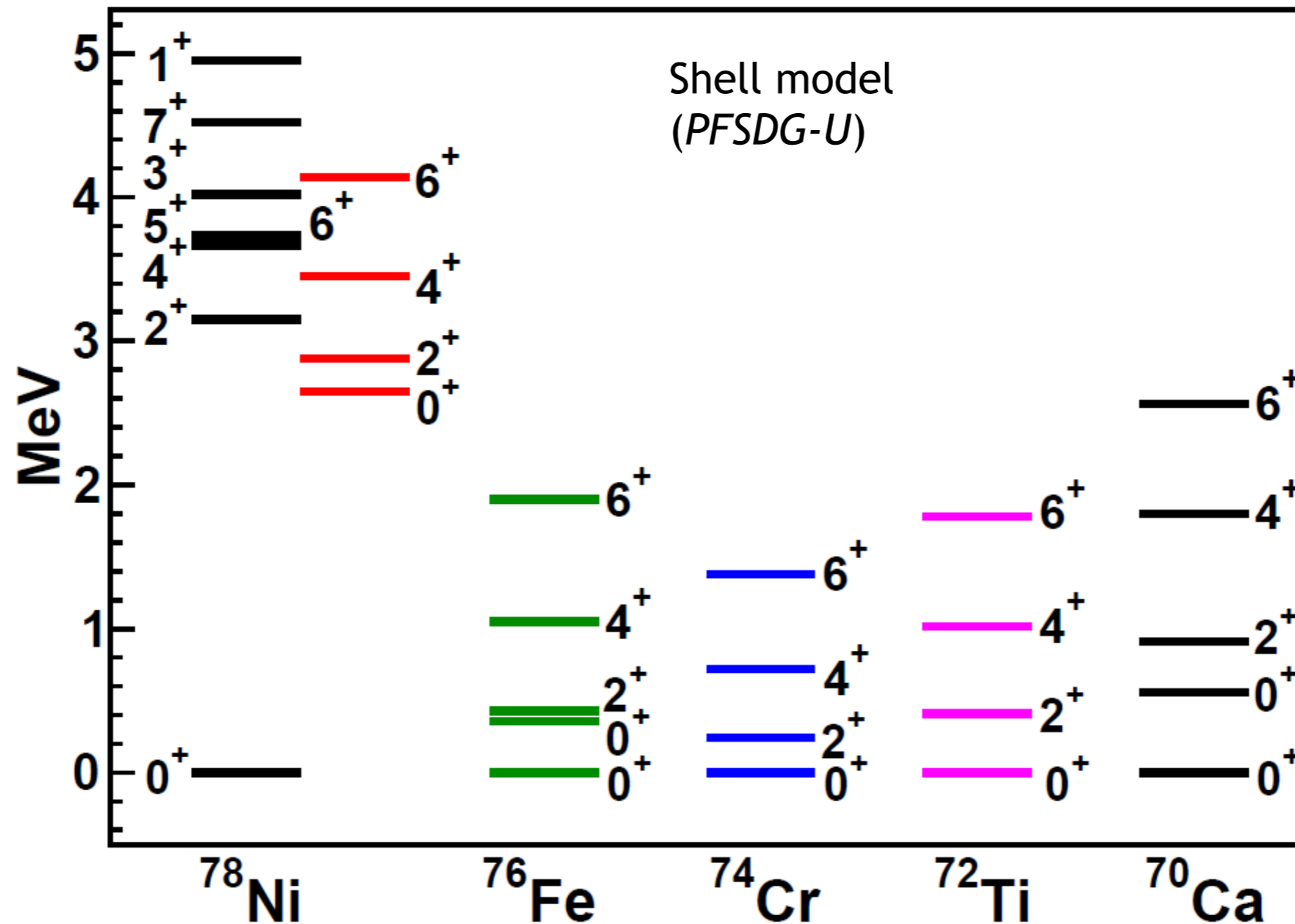


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# Neutron-rich Copper isotopes

# The neighbouring of $^{78}\text{Ni}$ ?

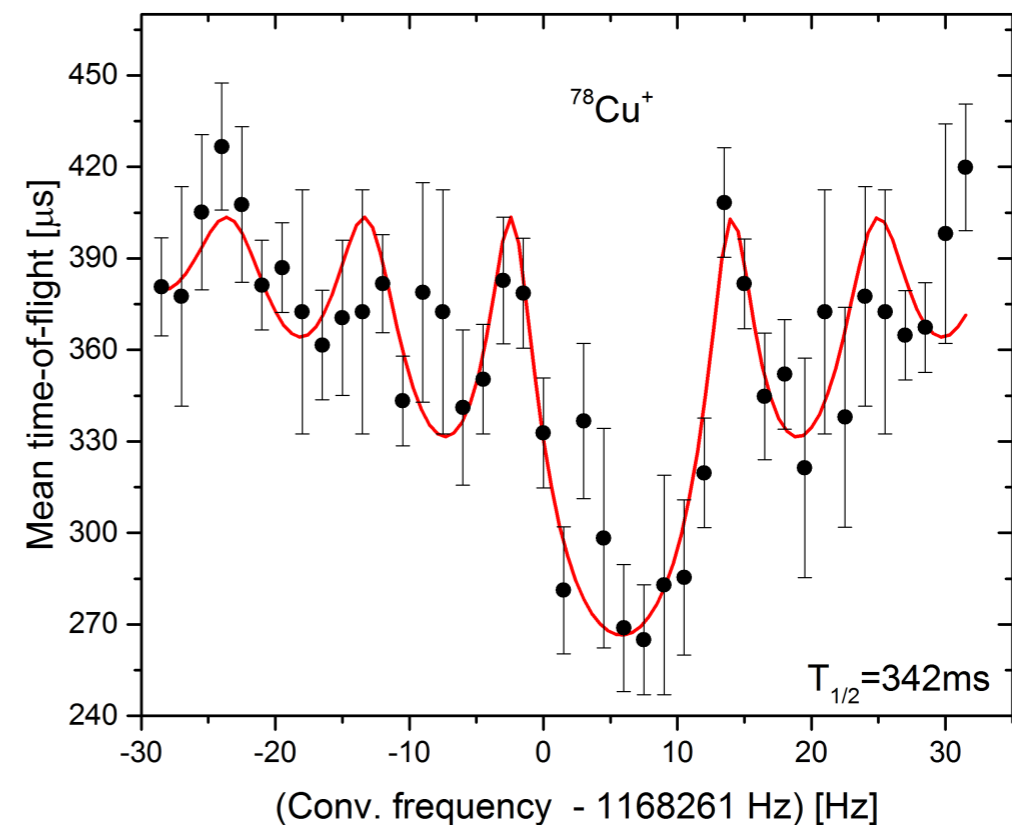
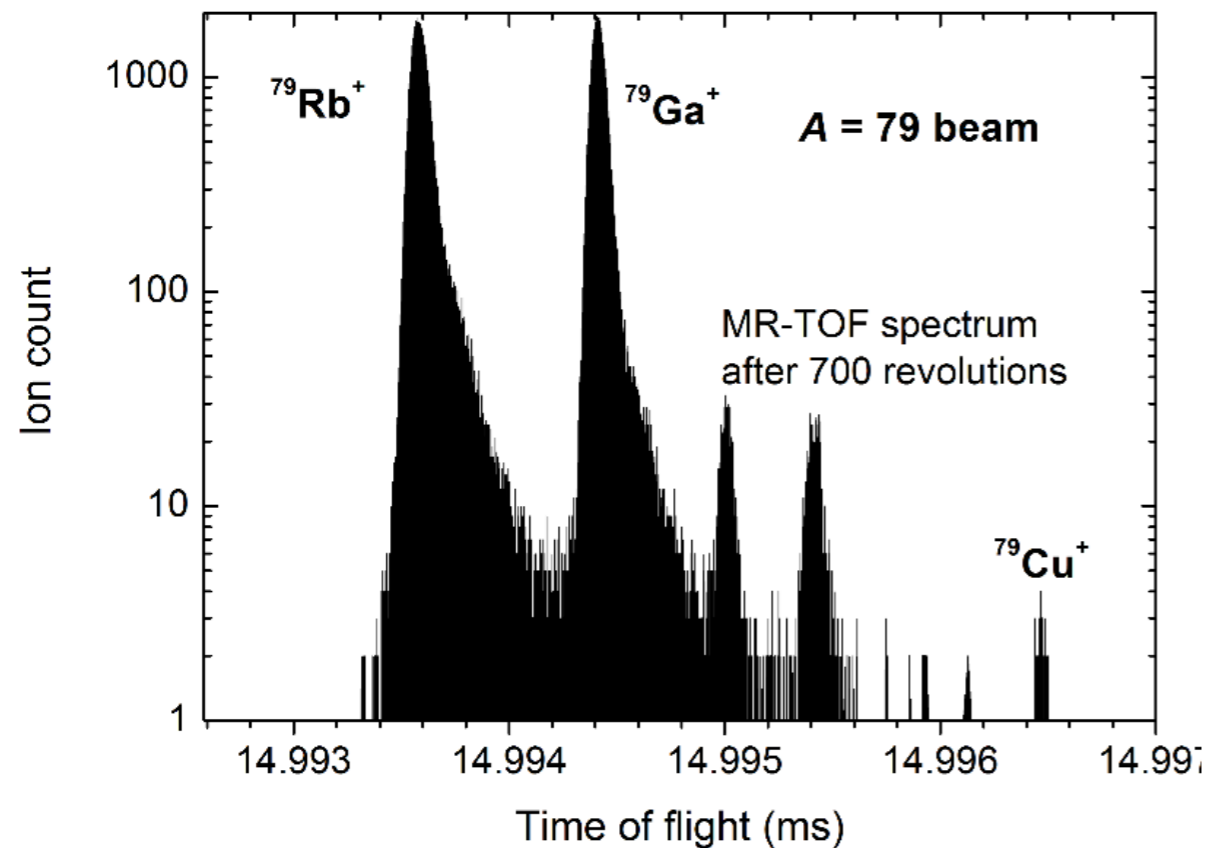
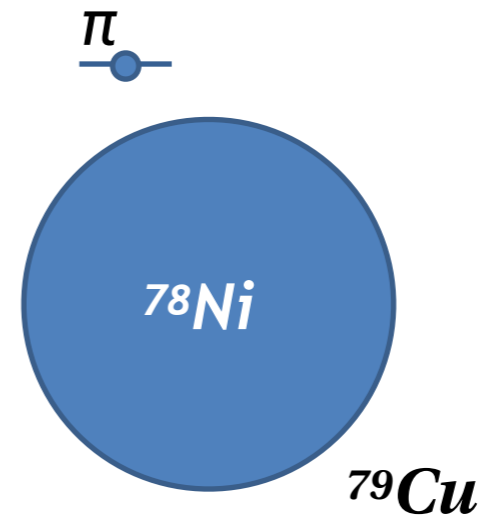
- $^{78}\text{Ni}$  seems to have a doubly-magic character but shell-model requires **cross-shell excitations** (proton and neutron) to describe the properties of neighbouring nuclides.



# Mass Measurement of $^{75-79}\text{Cu}$

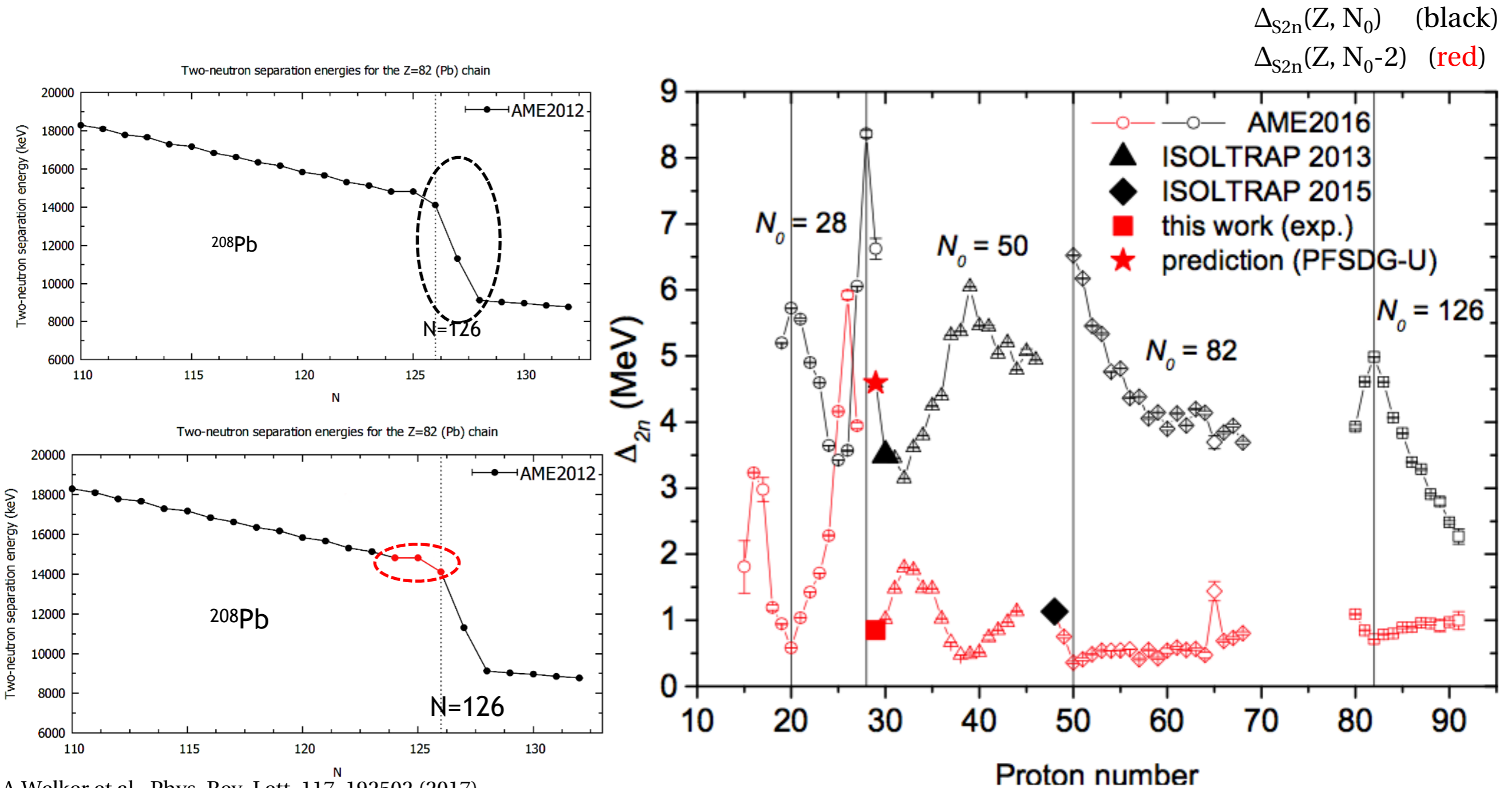
- Masses of  $^{75-78}\text{Cu}$  were determined with the precision Penning trap, of  $^{78,79}\text{Cu}$  with the MR-TOF MS.

Highly contaminated by Rb and Ga  
Rate of less than 10 ions/s.

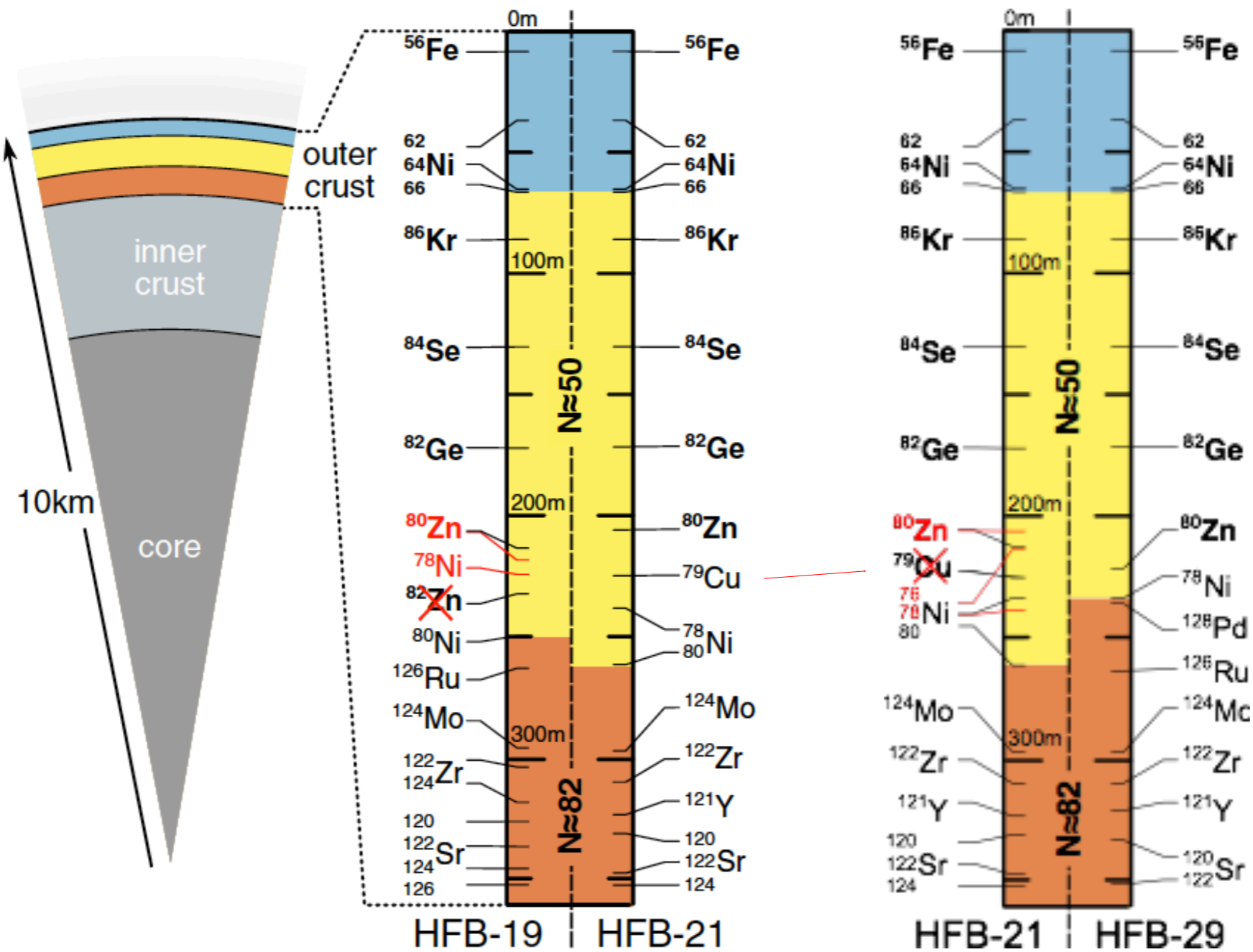


# A glimpse at the nature of $^{78}\text{Ni}$

- The trend of  $S_{2N}$  in the copper chain before  $N = 50$  behaves as if we are approaching a doubly-magic  $^{78}\text{Ni}$ .



# Is $^{79}\text{Cu}$ present in Neutron Star Crust?



$^{82}\text{Zn}$  from Wolf et al.  
PRL (2013)

New calculations by S. Goriely  
and N. Chamel  
 $^{79}\text{Cu}$  mass from A. Welker et al.  
PRL (2017)