

# MR-TOF-MS for yield and mass measurements during the p2n target commissioning

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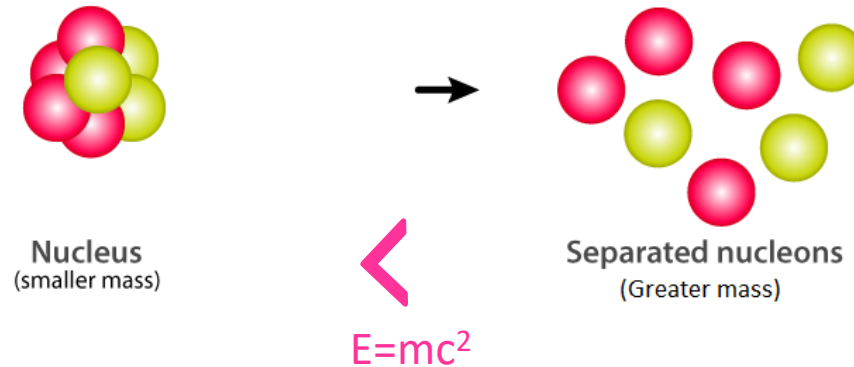
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# Mass and binding energy

Mass is one of the most fundamental properties of particles which reflects the **binding energy** of a bound system and can reveal information about its properties.



## The mass of a neutral atom:

$$M = [(Z \times m_p) + (N \times m_n) - B_{nucleus} + (Z \times m_e) - B_{atom}] / c^2$$

$Z$ : number of protons/electrons

$N$ : number of neutrons

$m_p$  and  $m_n$ : mass of free protons and neutrons

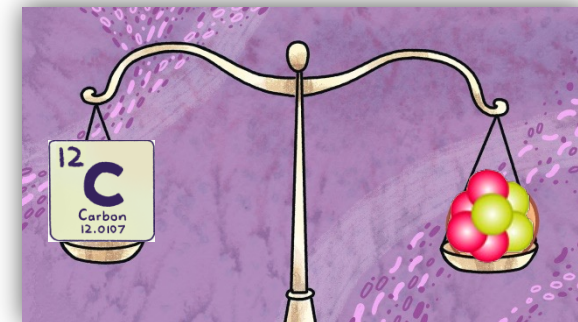
$m_e$ : mass of free electron

$B_{nucleus}$ : binding energy of nucleons

$B_{atom}$ : binding energy of electrons

$c$ : speed of light

## Mass



# Mass Measurement in Nuclear Physics

## Nuclear Structure

- Evolution of shell closure and sub-shell
- Nuclear deformation
- p/n driplines
- Decay properties
- Halo nuclei
- Etc.

$$\delta m/m \approx 10^{-6} - 10^{-7}$$

MR-TOF-MS  
Storage Ring

## Nuclear Astrophysics

- Nuclear Synthesis models:
  - r-process
  - s-process
  - rp-process
- Abundance of heavy elements
- Etc.

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## Fundamental symmetries and interactions

- Physics beyond Standard Model
- CKM matrix elements
- Neutrino Physics
- Double beta decay
- Interactions
- Etc.

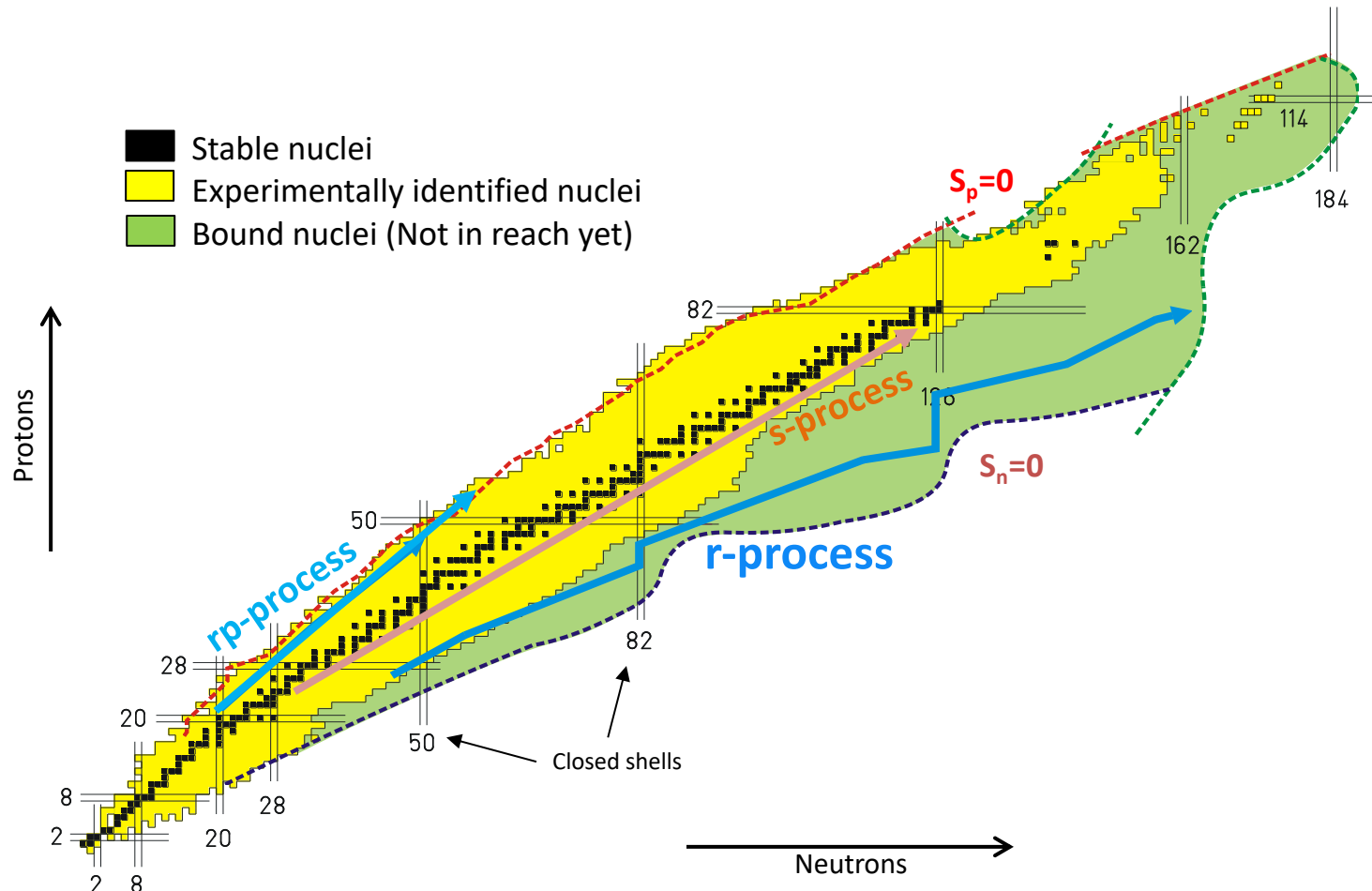
$$\delta m/m \approx 10^{-9}$$

Penning Trap



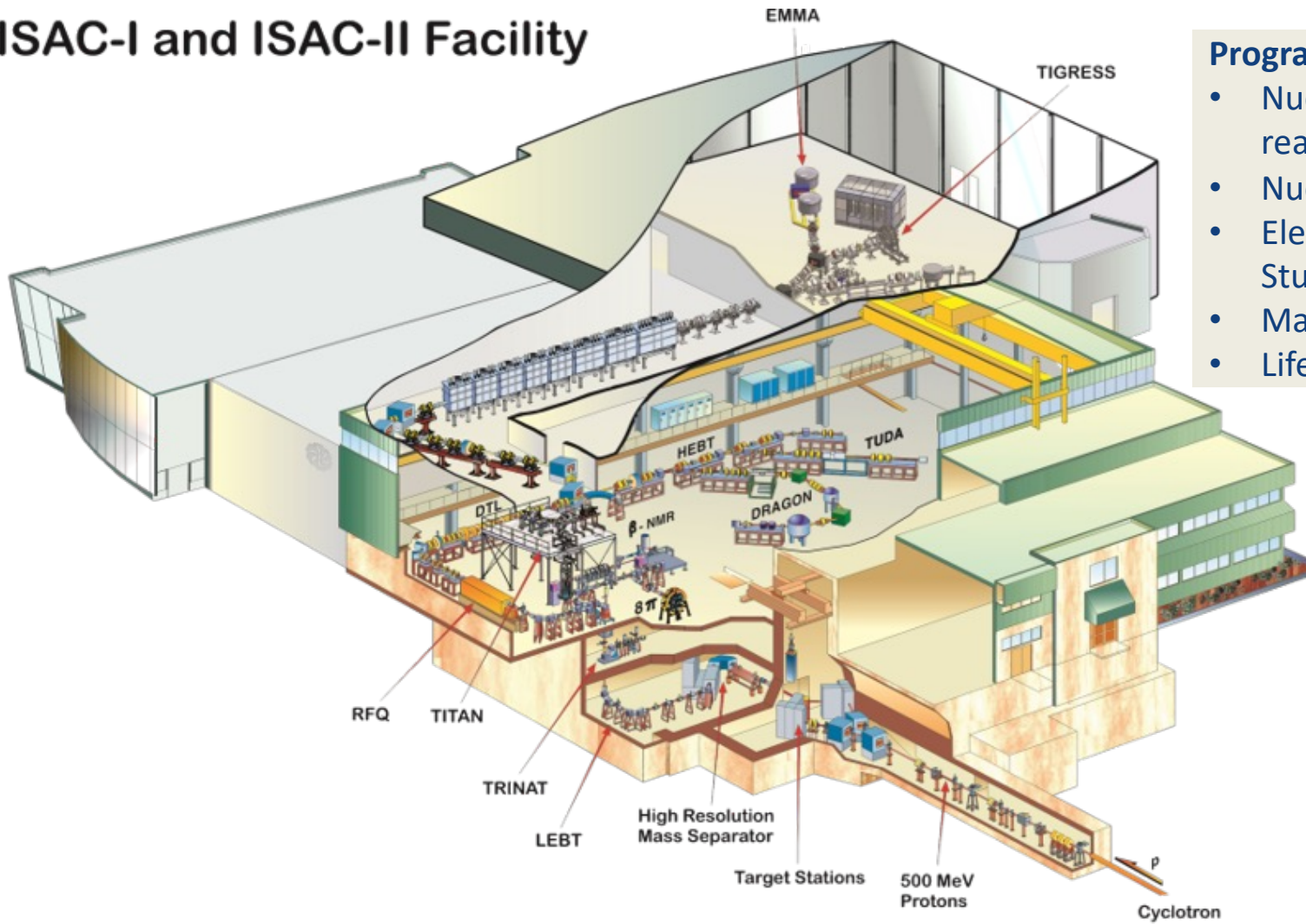
# Nuclear Structure and Astrophysics

- Studying nuclear structure and astrophysics **within the r-process path**
- At the limit of facilities or beyond
- **Need for continues developments and upgrades**



# RIB beam at TRIUMF

## ISAC-I and ISAC-II Facility



### Programs in

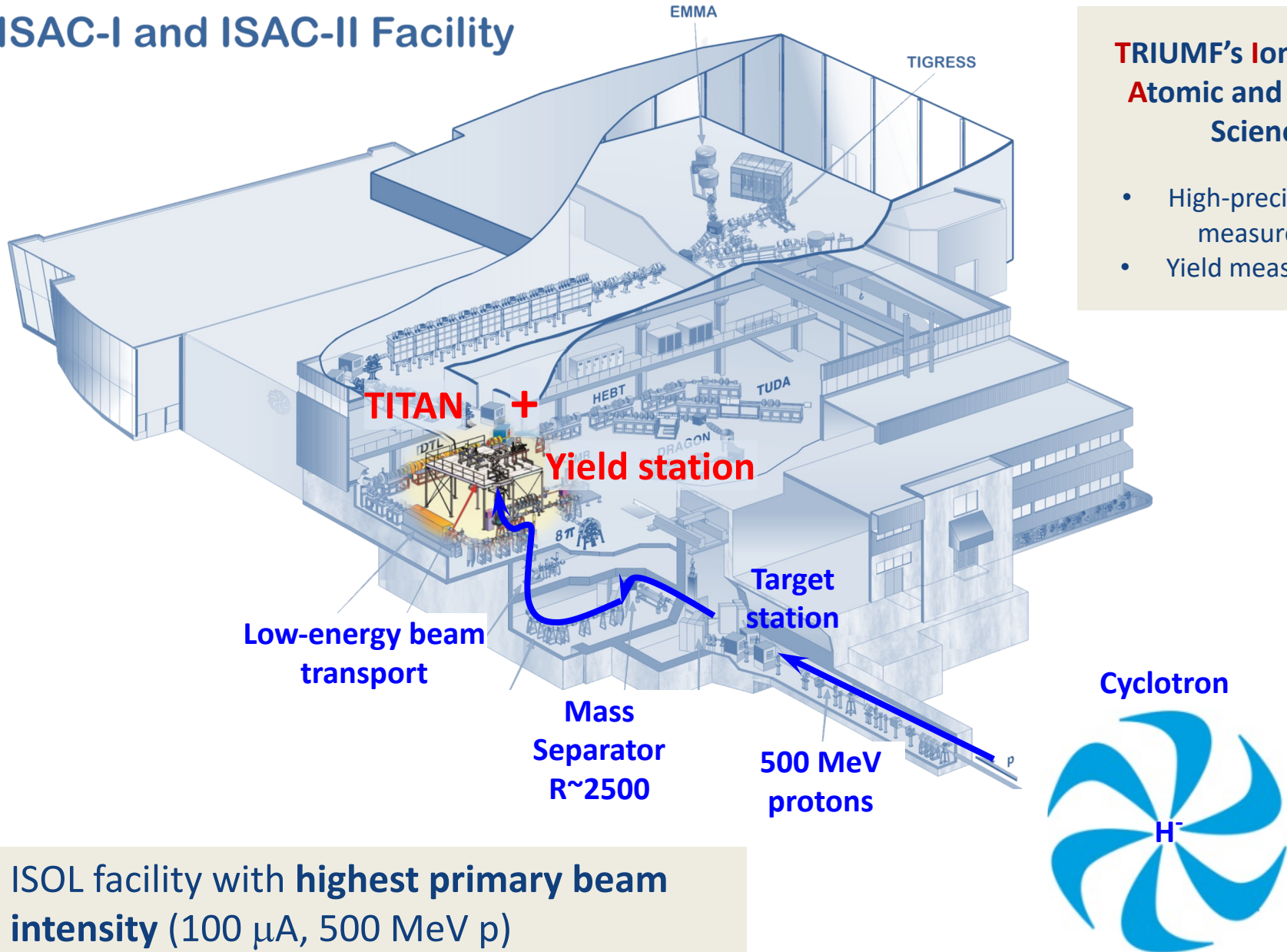
- Nuclear structure & reactions
- Nuclear astrophysics
- Electroweak interaction Studies
- Material science
- Life science

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# TITAN and Yield Station at ISAC/TRIUMF

## ISAC-I and ISAC-II Facility

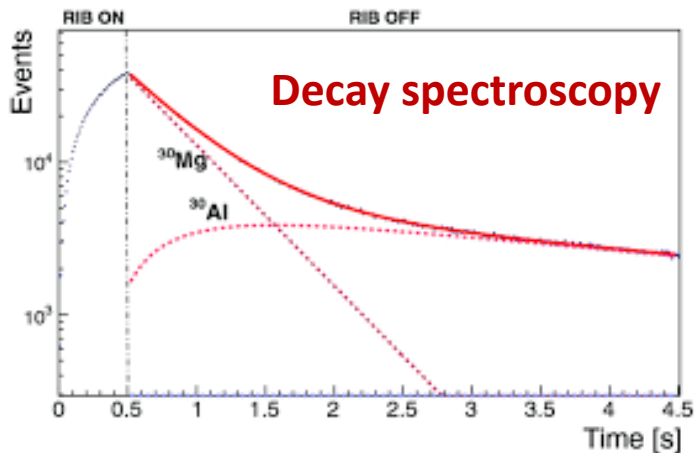
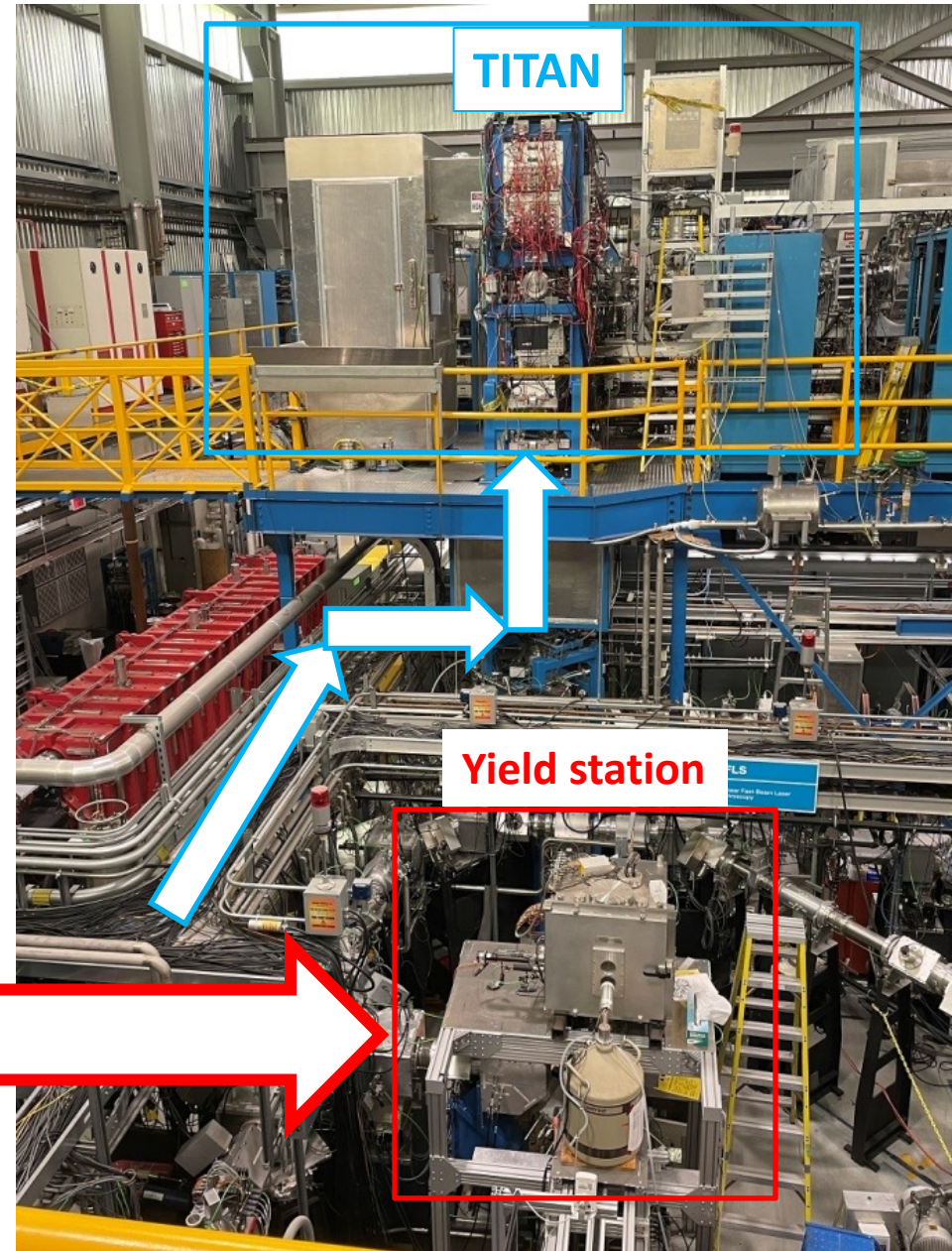
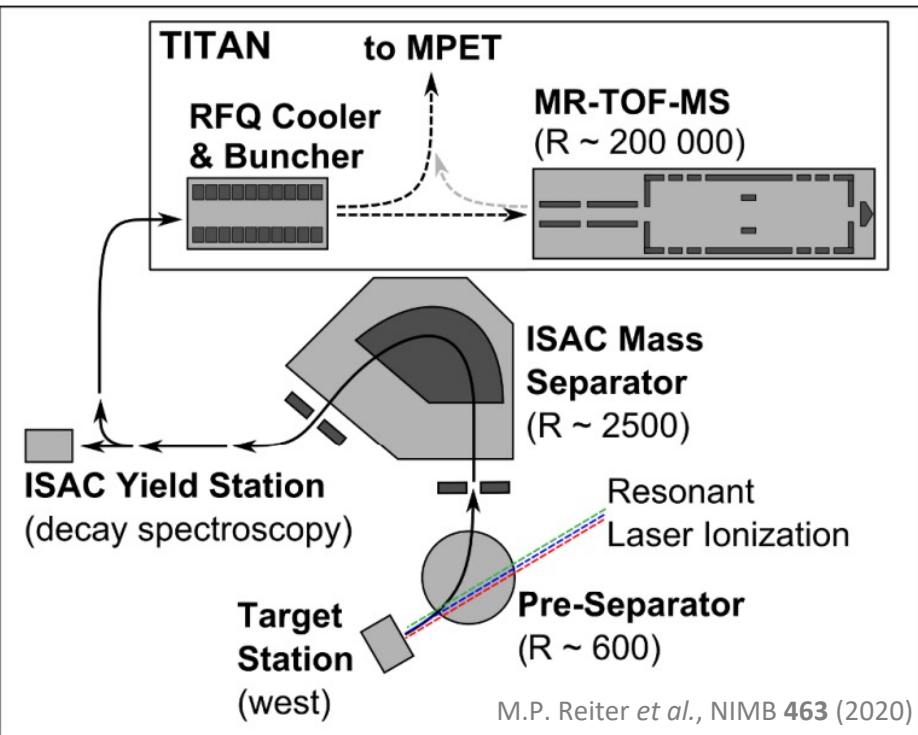


**TRIUMF's Ion Trap for Atomic and Nuclear Science**

- High-precision mass measurements
- Yield measurements

ISOL facility with **highest primary beam intensity** ( $100 \mu A$ , 500 MeV p)

# Yield measurements at ISAC I



P. Kunz *et al.*, Rev. Sci. Instrum. 85 (2014)

# TITAN ion traps

## MR-TOF:

Mass measurements  
Beam diagnostic & yields  
RIB beam purification

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## MR-TOF

isobaric  
purified  
beam

1.3-2.2 keV

cooled SCI  
bunches

RFQ cooler-buncher

20 keV

hot RIB

## MPET

**MPET:**  
Penning trap for  
mass measurements

$$\frac{\delta m}{m} \propto \frac{1}{qBT_{RF}\sqrt{N_{ions}}}$$

## EBIT:

Charge State Breeding  
and  
decay spectroscopy

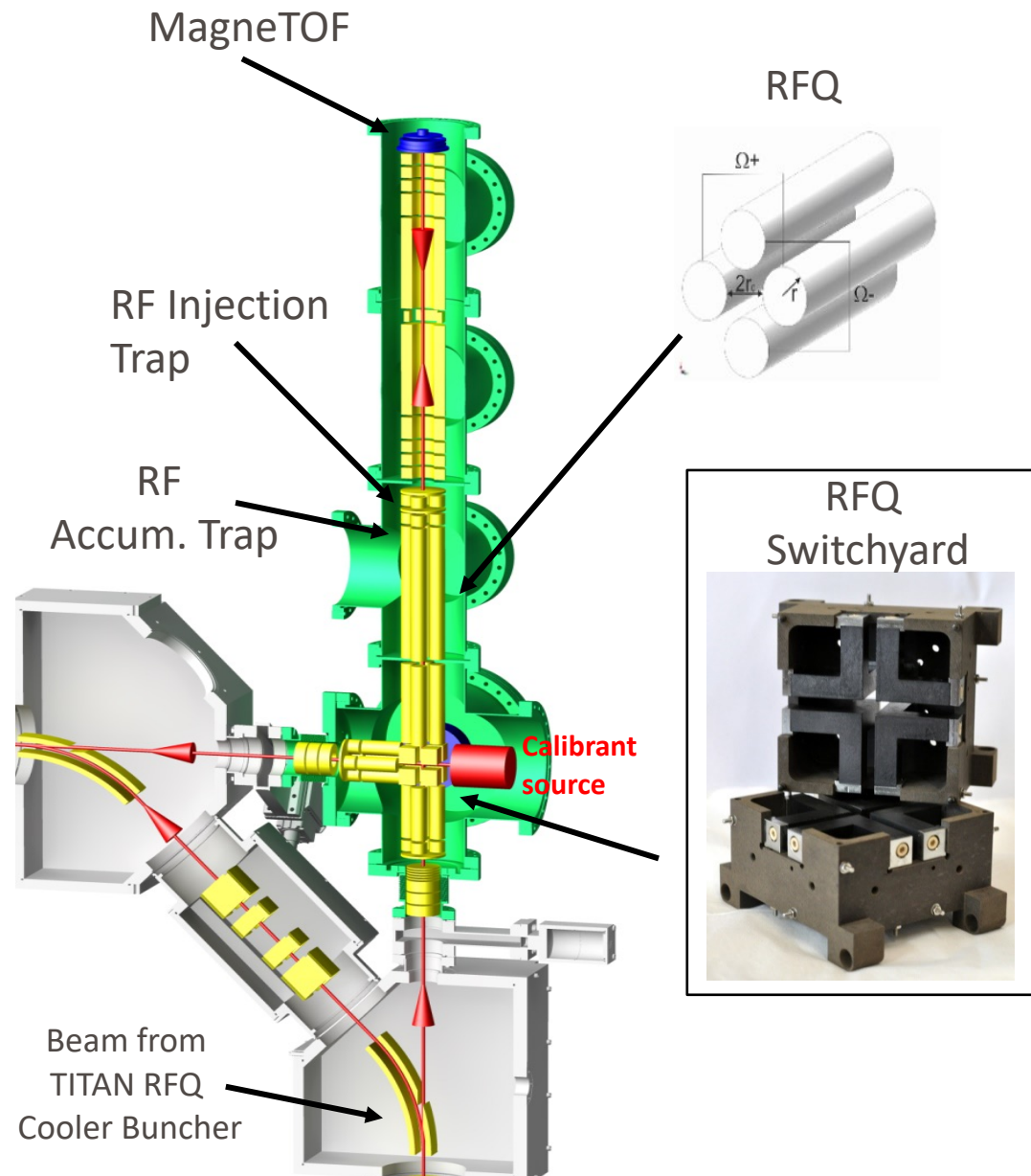
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J. Dilling *et al.*, NIMB 204 (2003) 492,  
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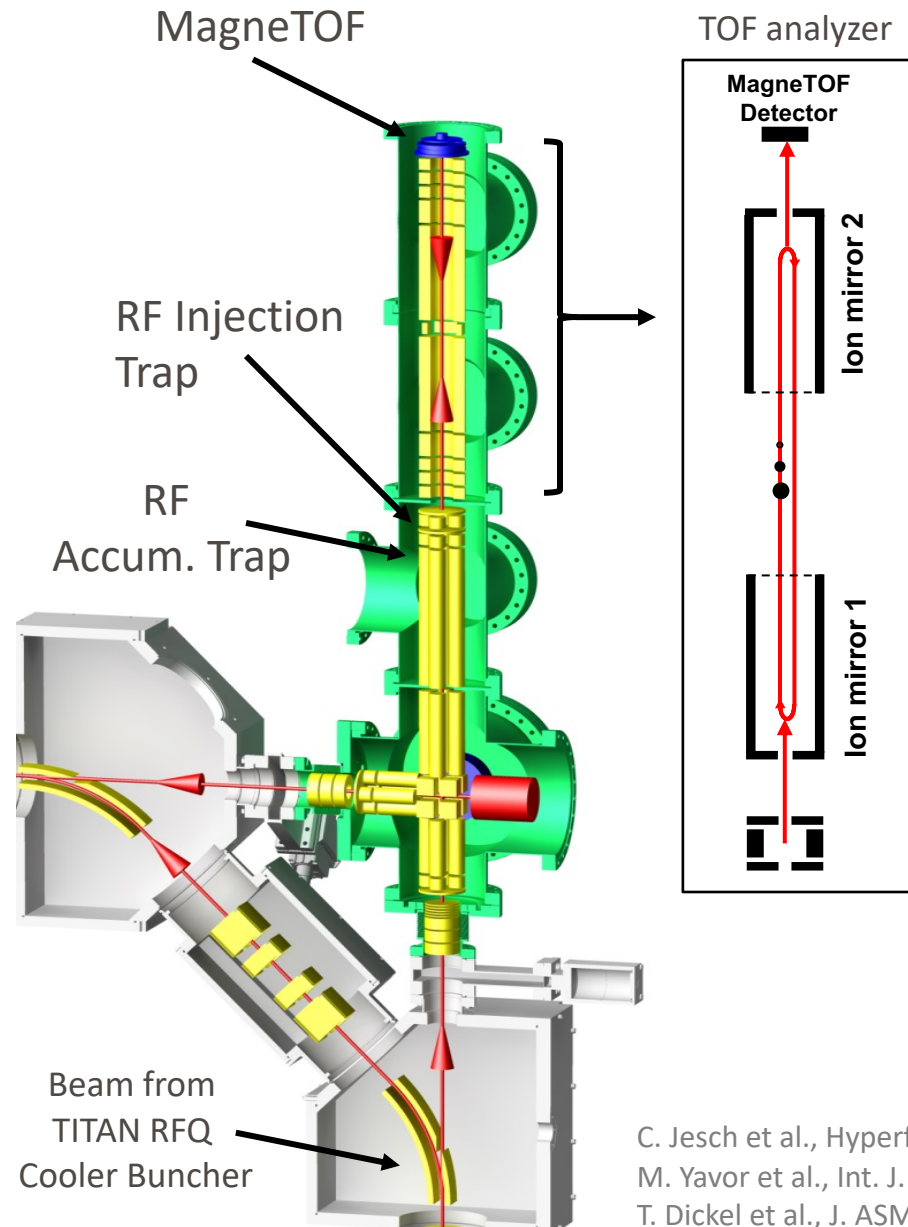
# Low-energy beam transport to MR-TOF-MS



- **Gas filled RFQs:**
  - Beam re-capture and cooling ( $10^{-2}$  mbar)
- **RFQ Switchyard:**
  - Merging of calibrations ions
  - Redirection of cleaned ions
- **RFQ Trap:**
  - Prepare ion bunch

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T. Dickel et al., *J. ASMS* 28 (2017) 1079

# Multiple-Reflection Time of Flight Mass Spectrometer



- Measurement of **mass-to-charge ratio** by measurement of time-of-flight:

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = qeU$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m}{q} \propto TOF^2$$

- **Yield Measurements**
- Isobaric separator and beam purification for **itself** and **other traps**

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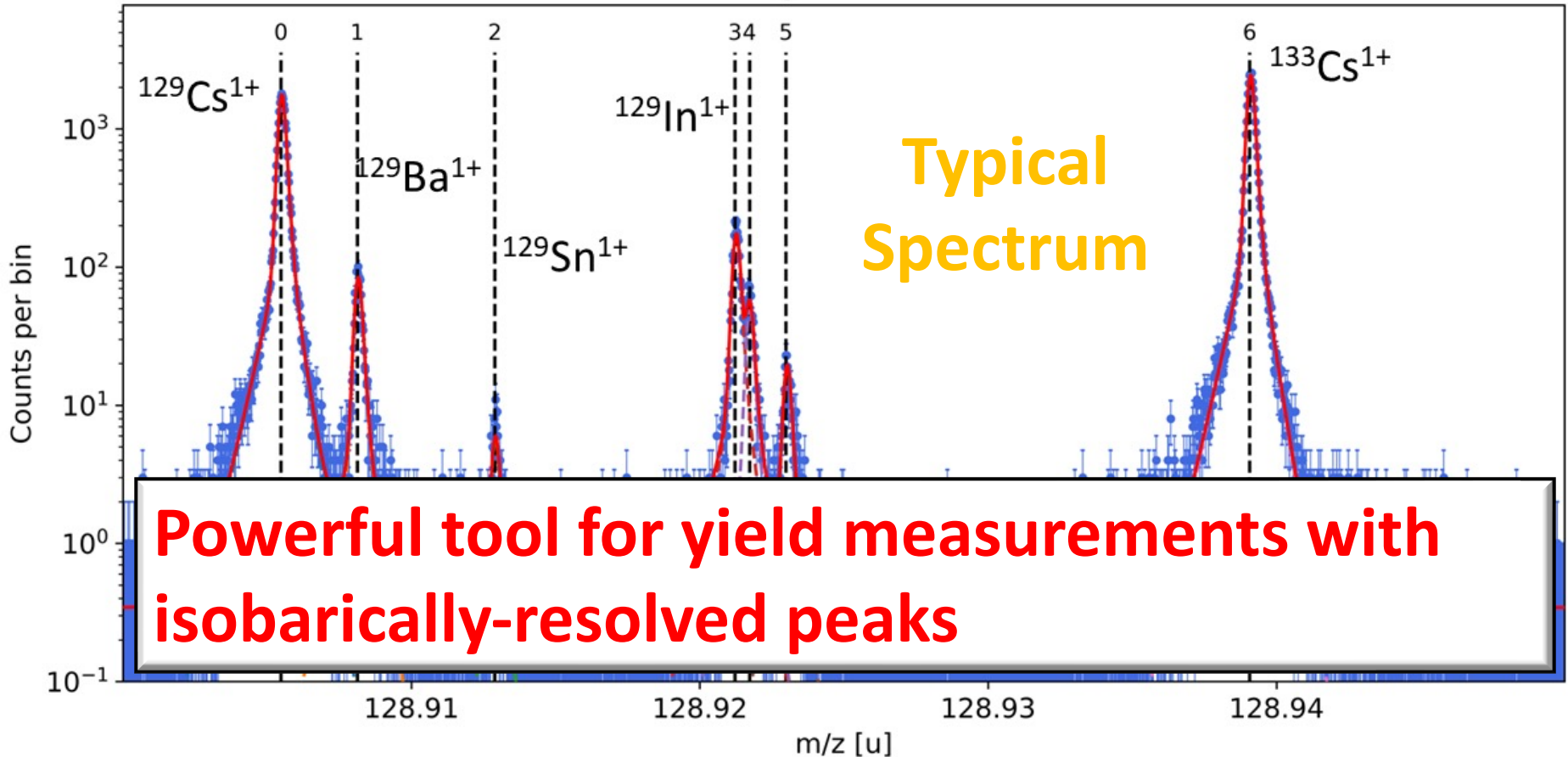
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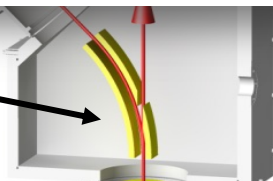
TOF analyzer

MagneTOF  
Detector

➤ Measurement of mass-to-



Beam from  
TITAN RFQ  
Cooler Buncher

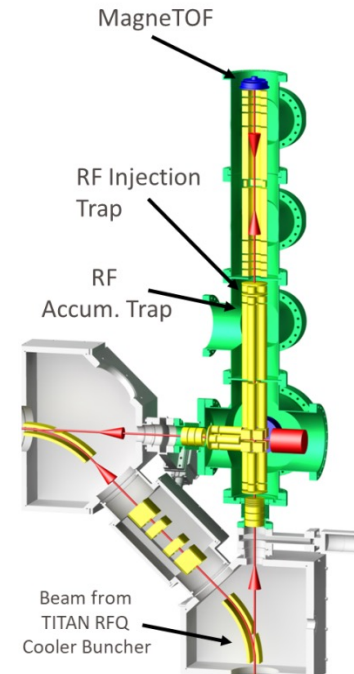


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# MR-TOF-MS **complementary** to the yield station

- Non-scanning and Broadband (RIB beam profile)
- Fast measurement cycles (~10s ms)
- Background handling  $\sim 1: 10^8$
- 3-4 orders of magnitude **more sensitive** than yields station
- Monitoring **stable species** as well as RIB isotopes (resolved peaks) and radioactive **molecules**
- Yields determination without relying on decay scheme for radioactivity
- **Optimize RIB delivery through magnet separator** for species-of-interest or its ratio to contamination (isobar sensitivity, low-intensity species)
- Live laser tuning and monitoring only the isotope of interest (not channeltron/FC)

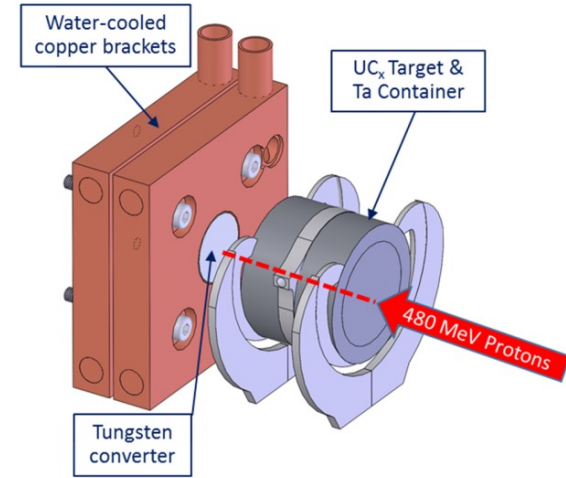
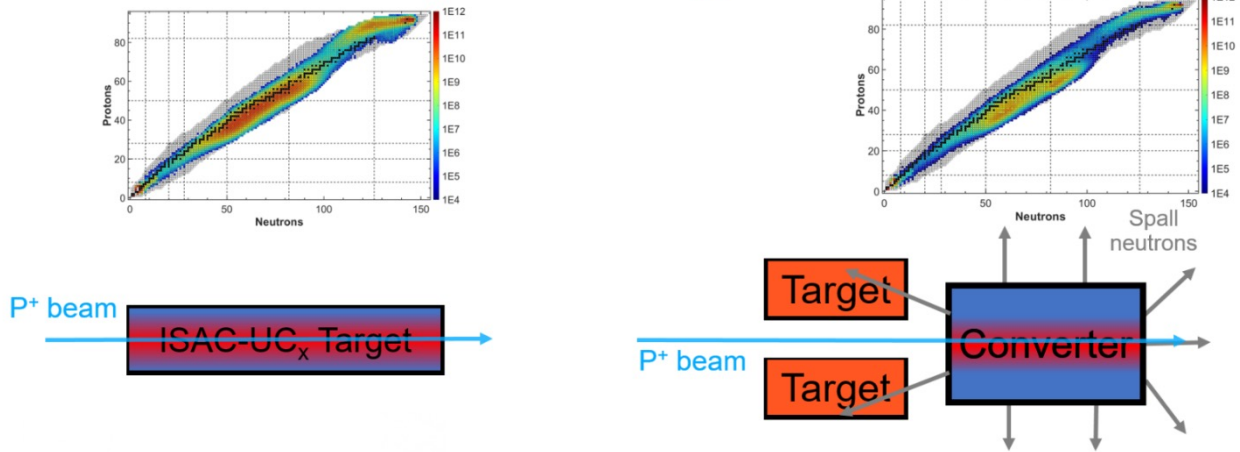
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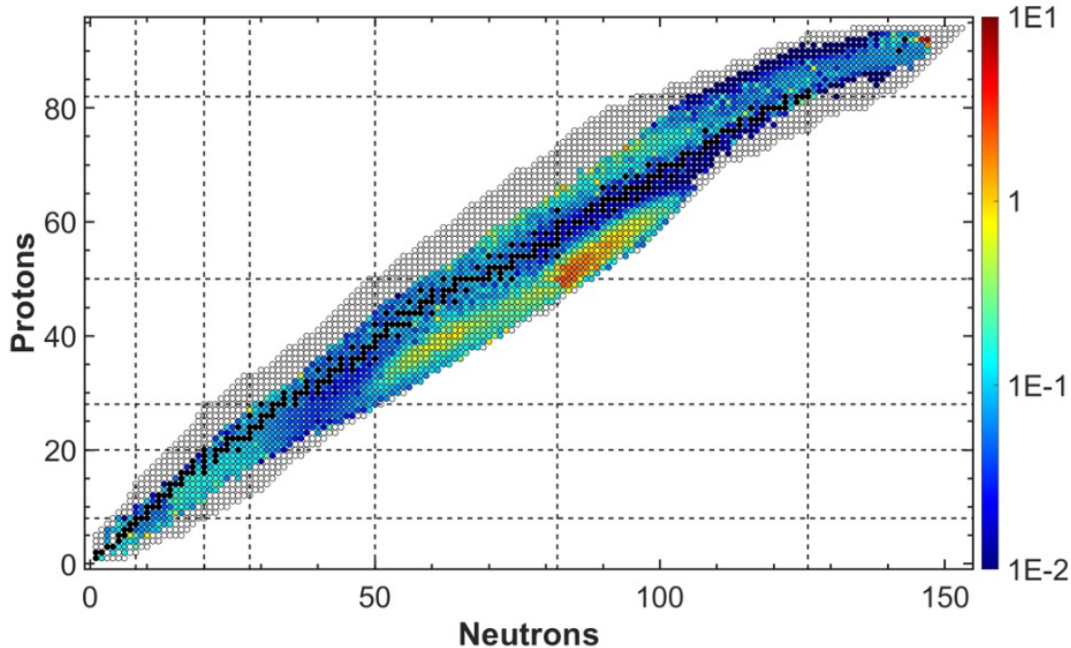
**Complements the present capabilities at ISAC for yields determination and beam delivery**  
**Yield station is well suited for high-intensity species through their radioactivity**

# P2n target commissioning

## Conventional ISAC vs Converter targets



L. Egoriti et al., J. Phys.: Conf. Ser. **1067** (2018)



Plots from Luca Egoriti  
(recently presented in "All  
Hands Meeting")

# Win-win game (Yield and mass measurements)

**2021 (take 1):**

Cs, Rb (yields)

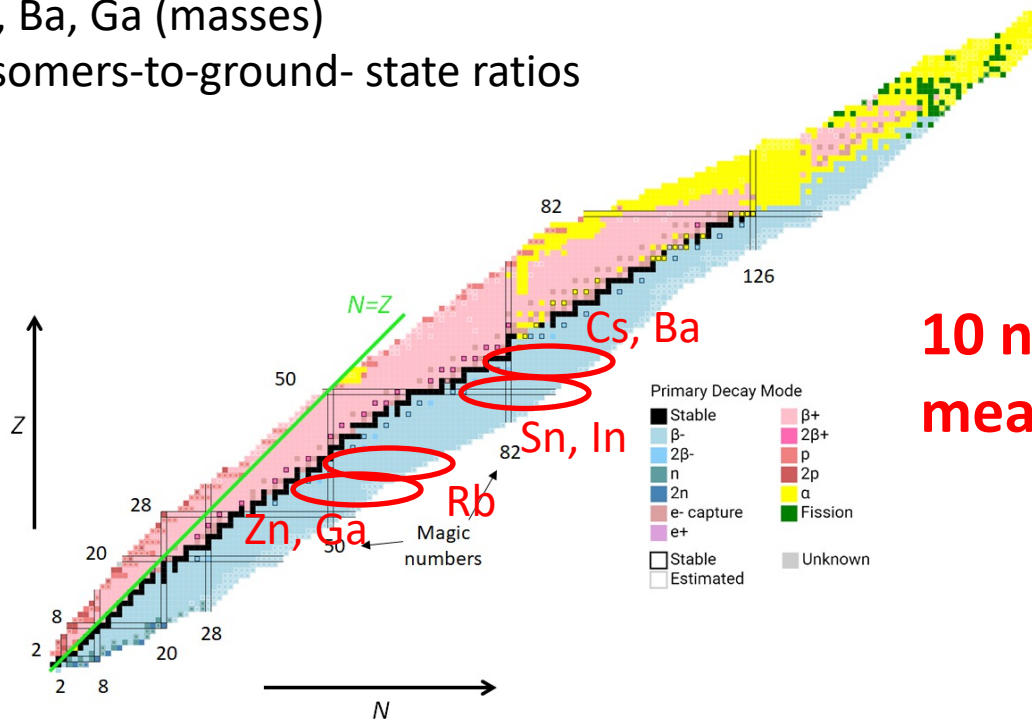
Zn, Cs (masses)

**2022 (take 2):**

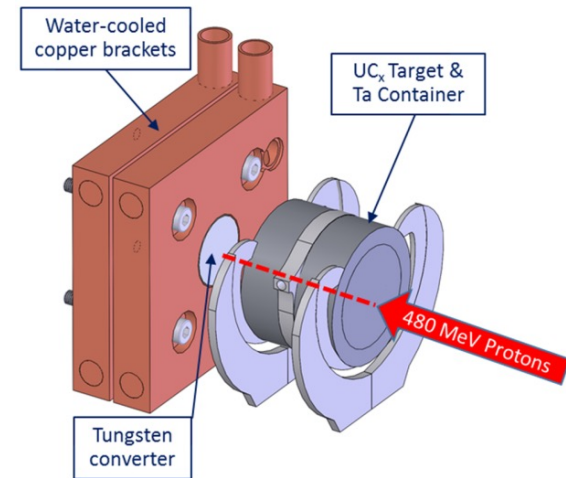
Sn, Rb, Cs (yields)

Sn, Cs, Ba, Ga (masses)

$g,^m$ In isomers-to-ground-state ratios

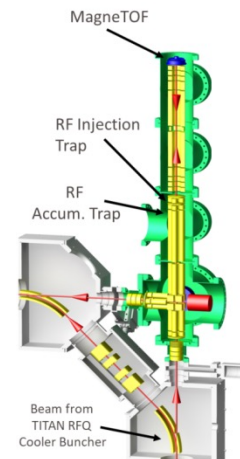


**10 new mass measurements**

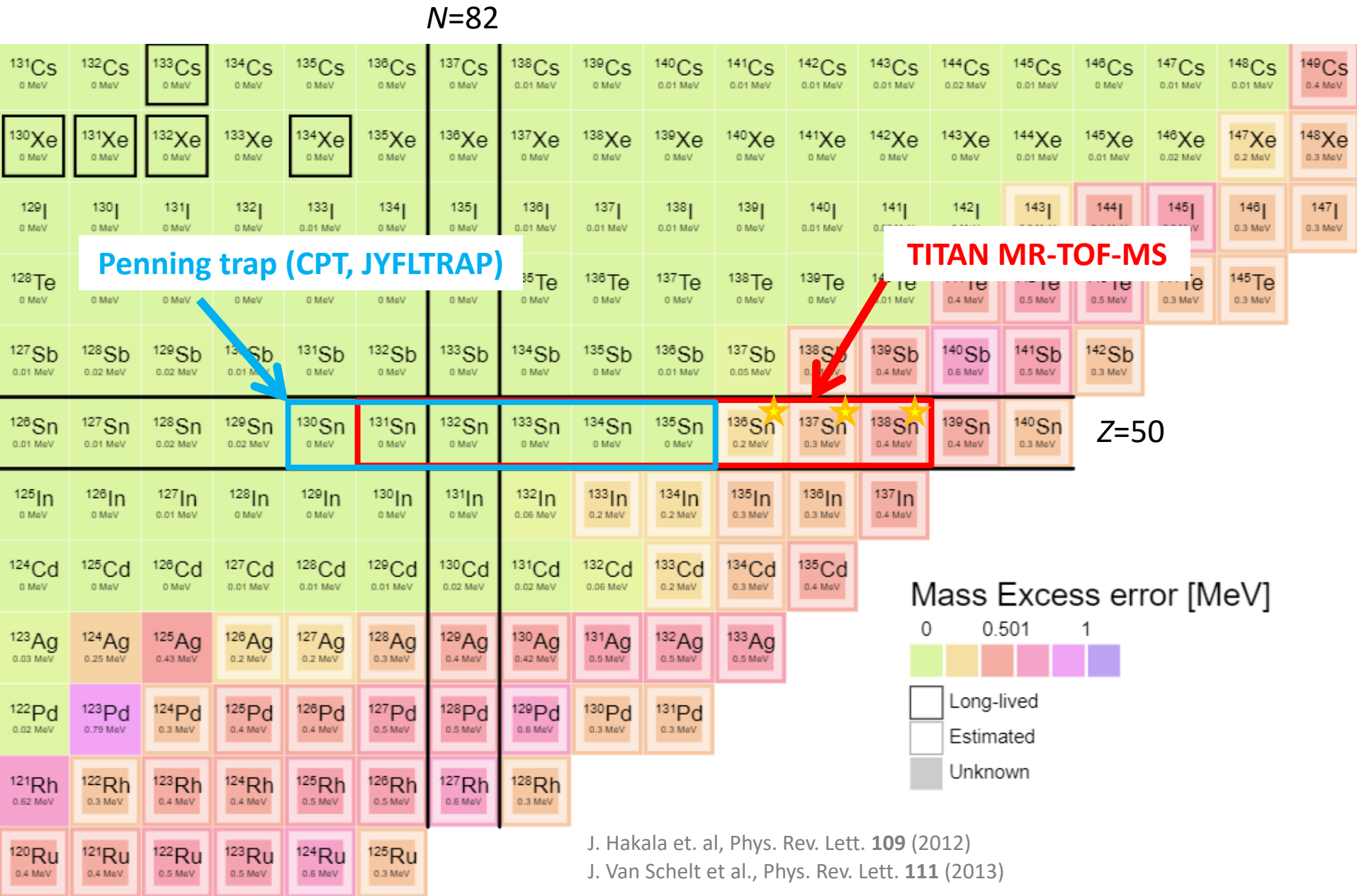


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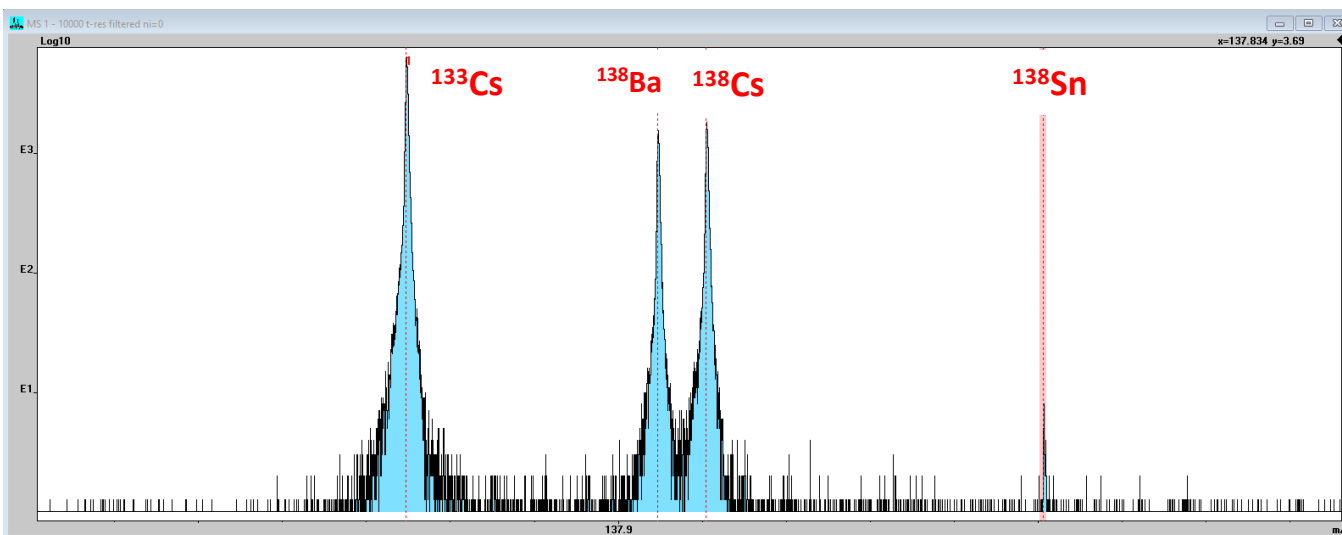
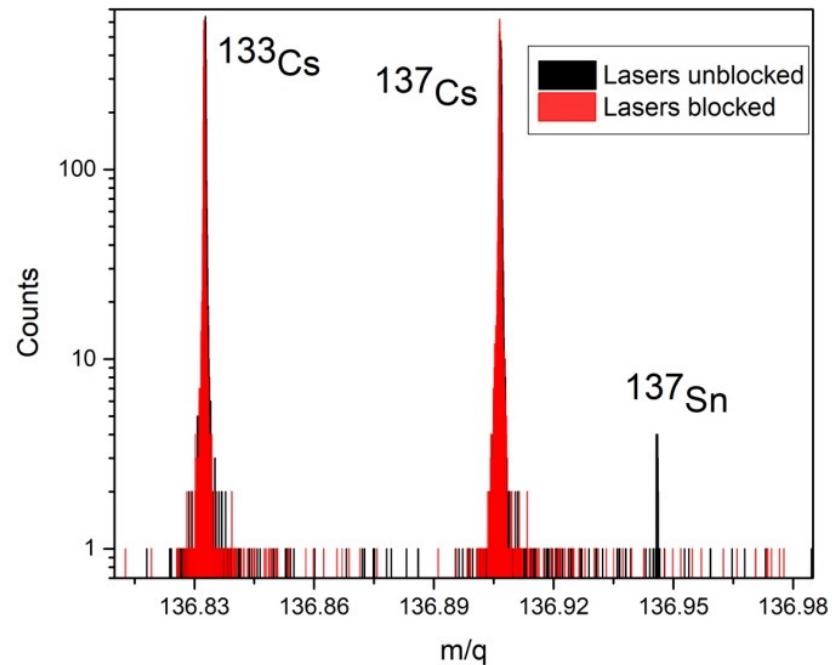


# First mass measurement of neutron-rich Sn isotopes



# Neutron-rich Sn isotopes

- TRILIS Laser ions source (ionization of Sn isotopes)
- Laser Block/unblock for identification
- Cs and Ba as mass calibrants (surface ionization)





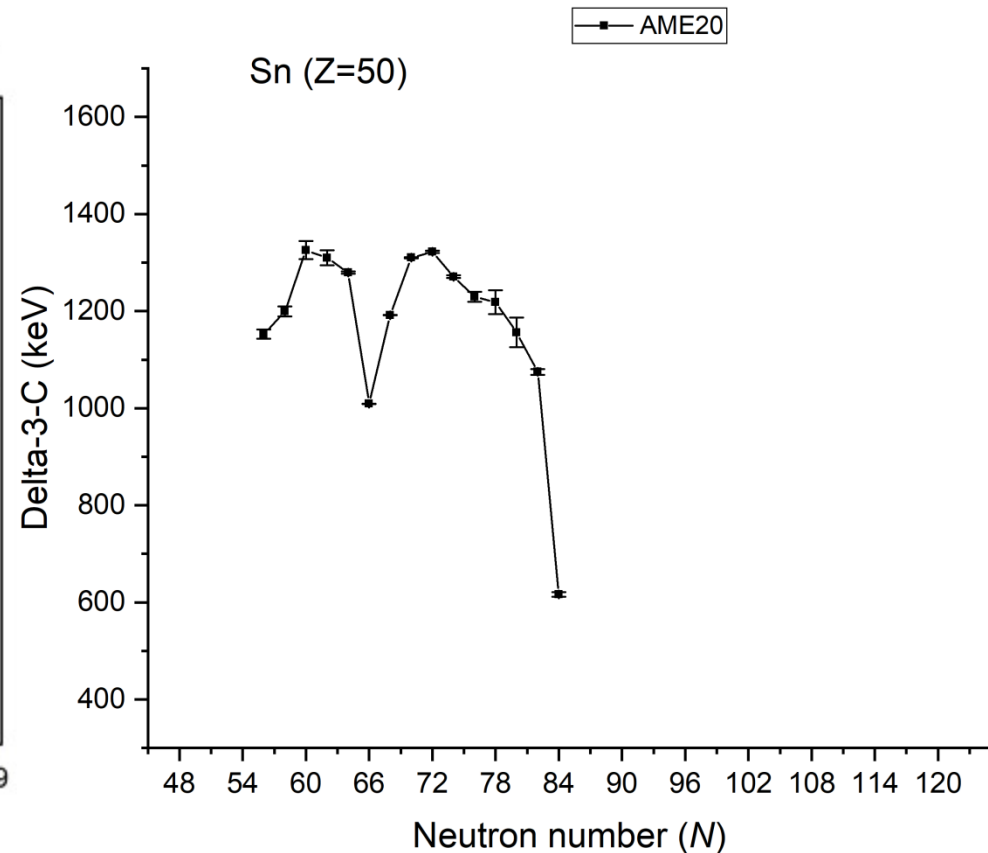
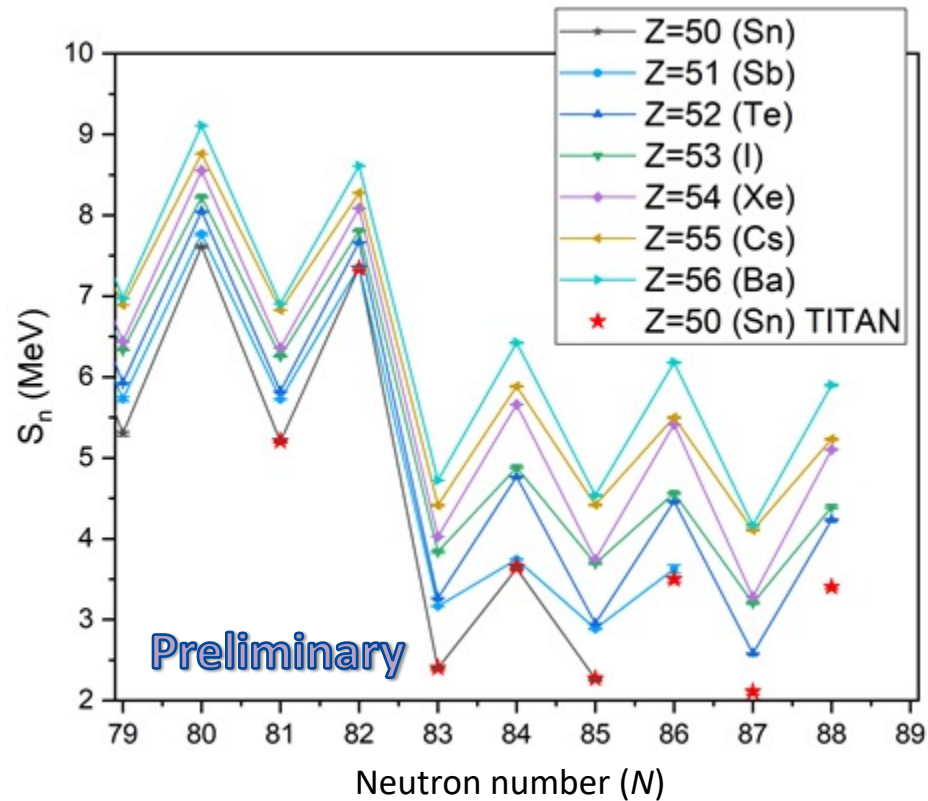
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One neutron separation energy

Neutron paring gap

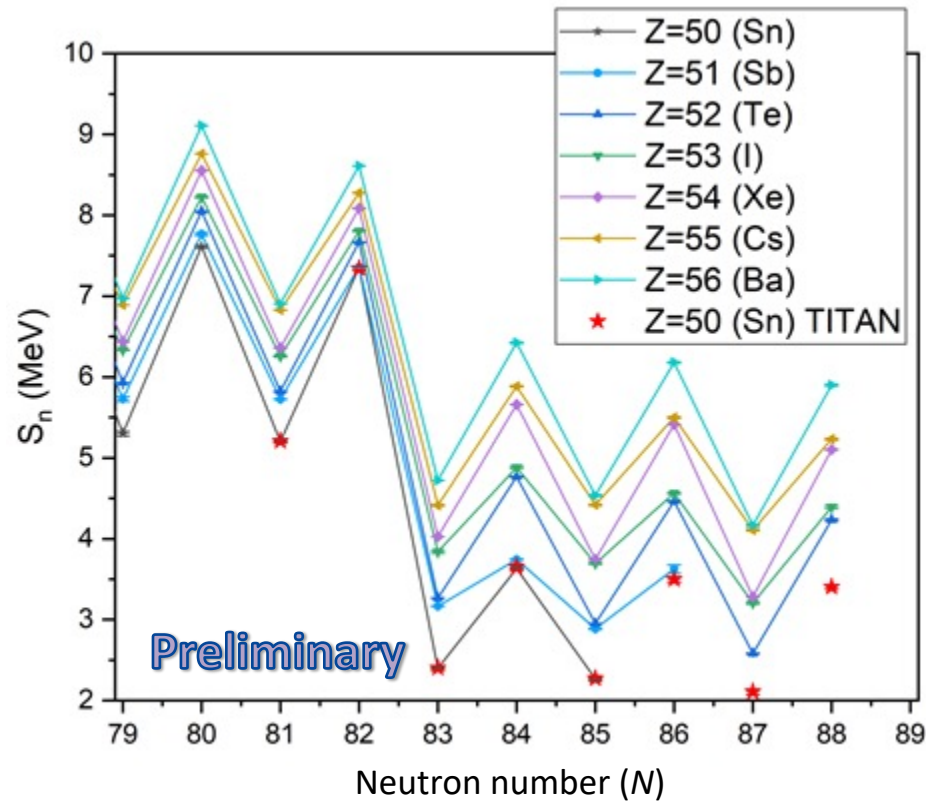


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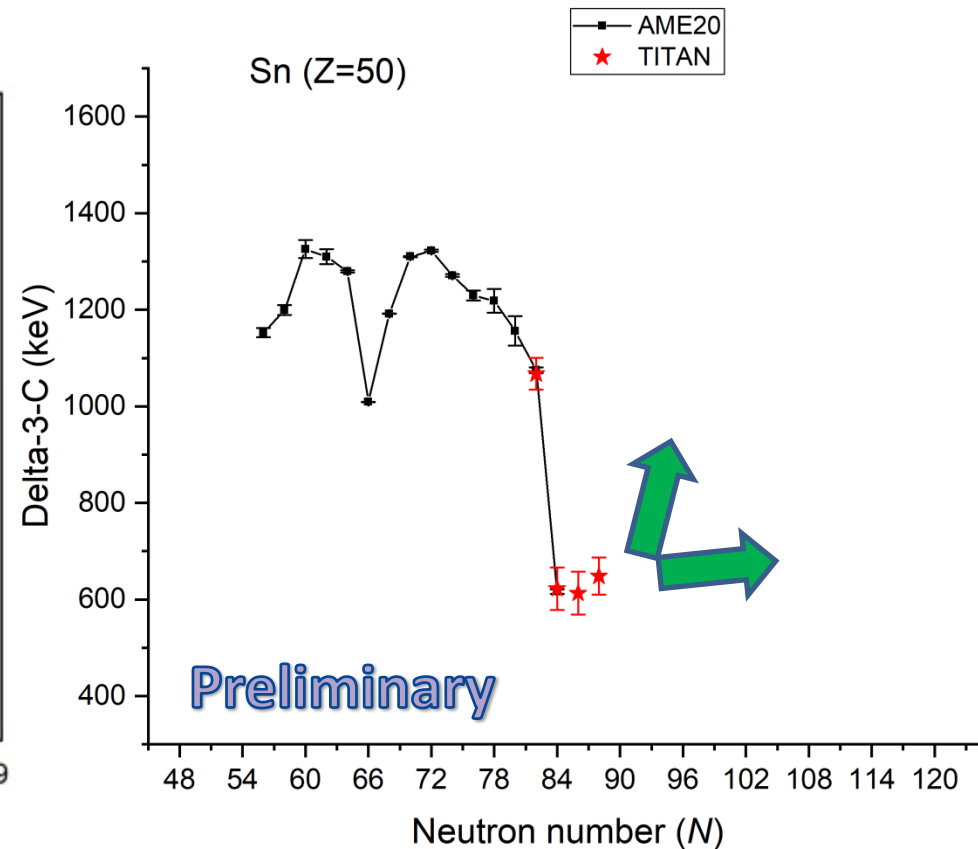
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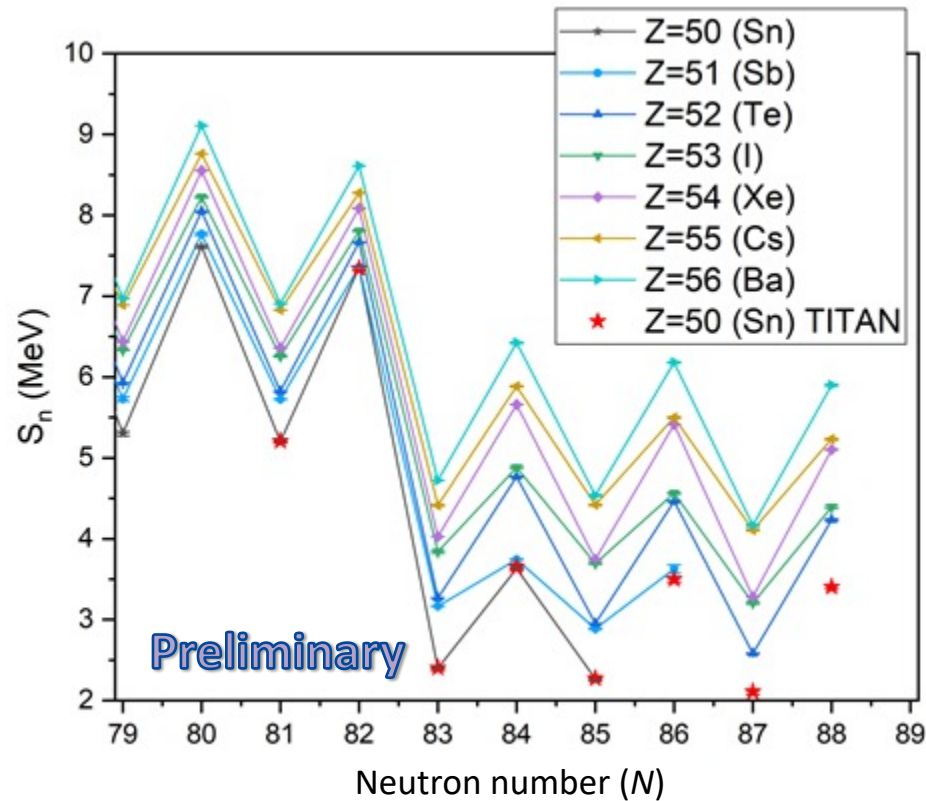


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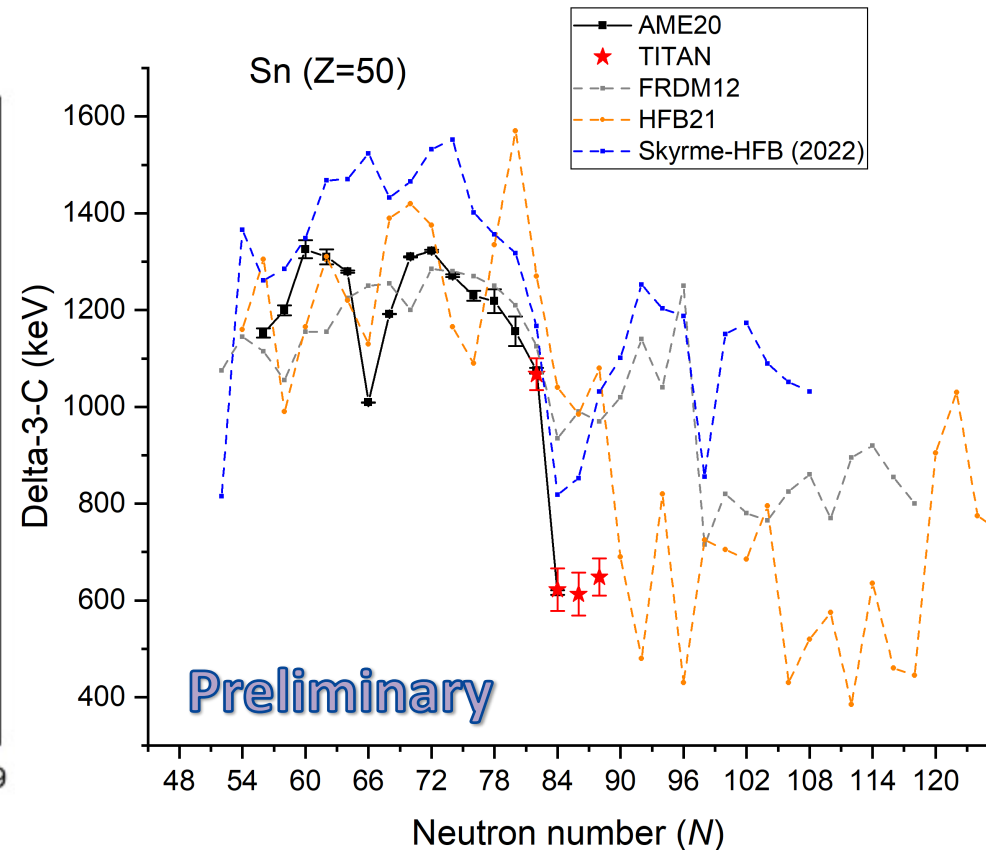
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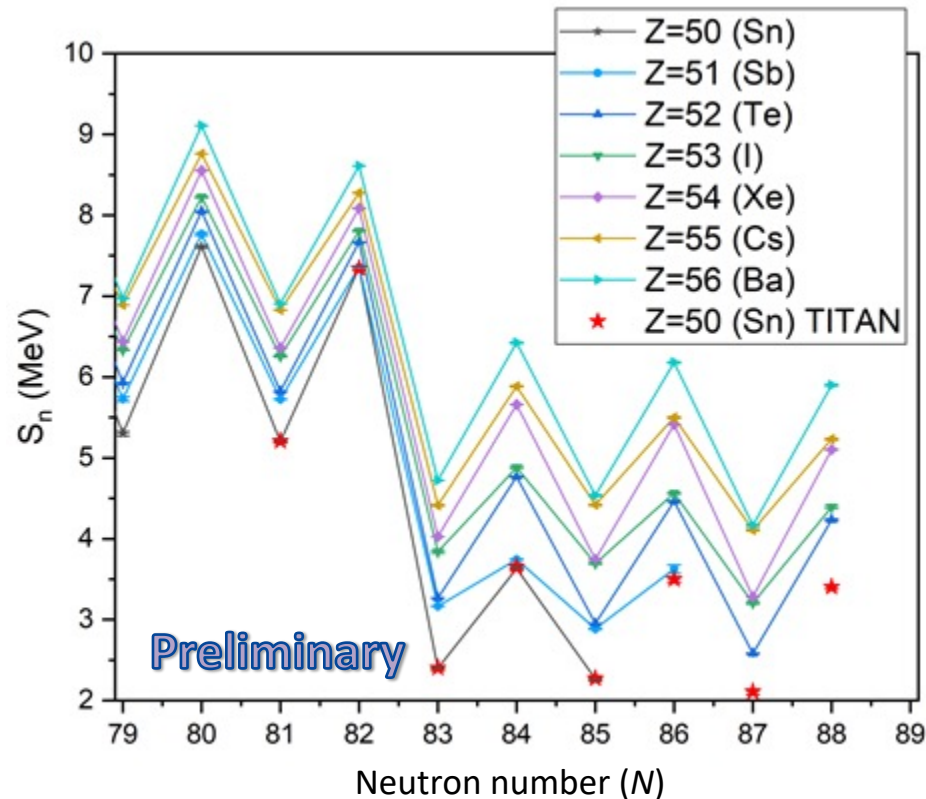


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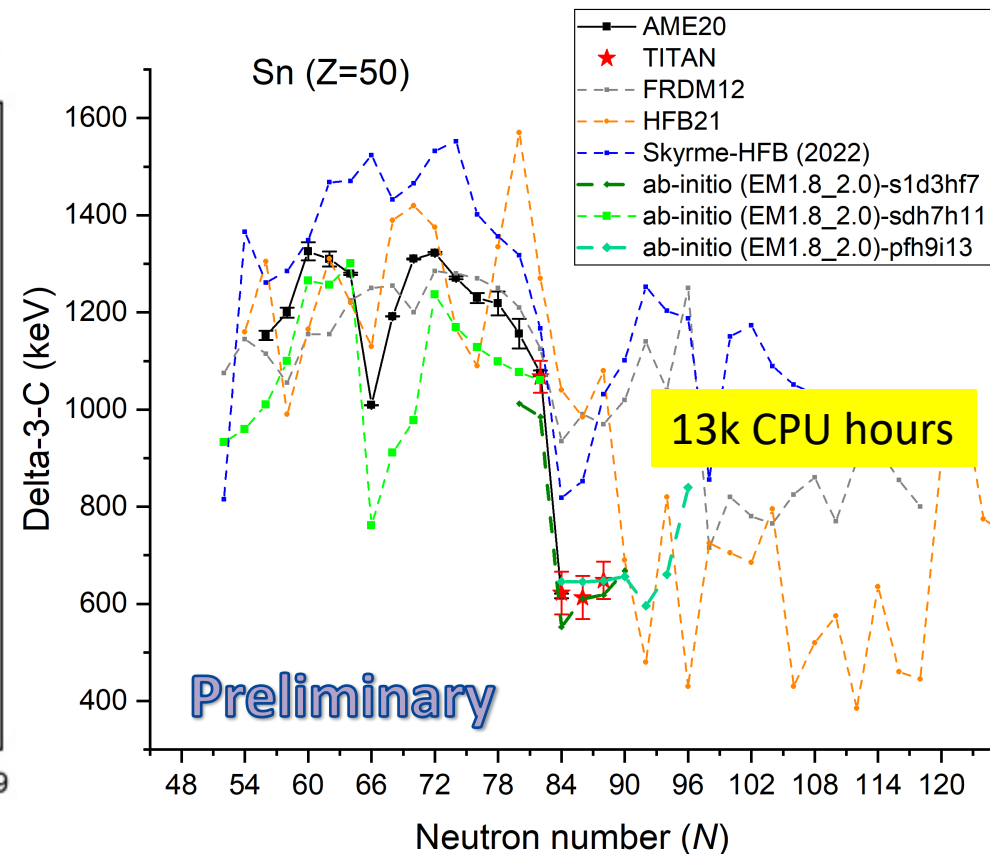
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ab-initio calculations in house: Jason Holt, Takayuki Miyagi

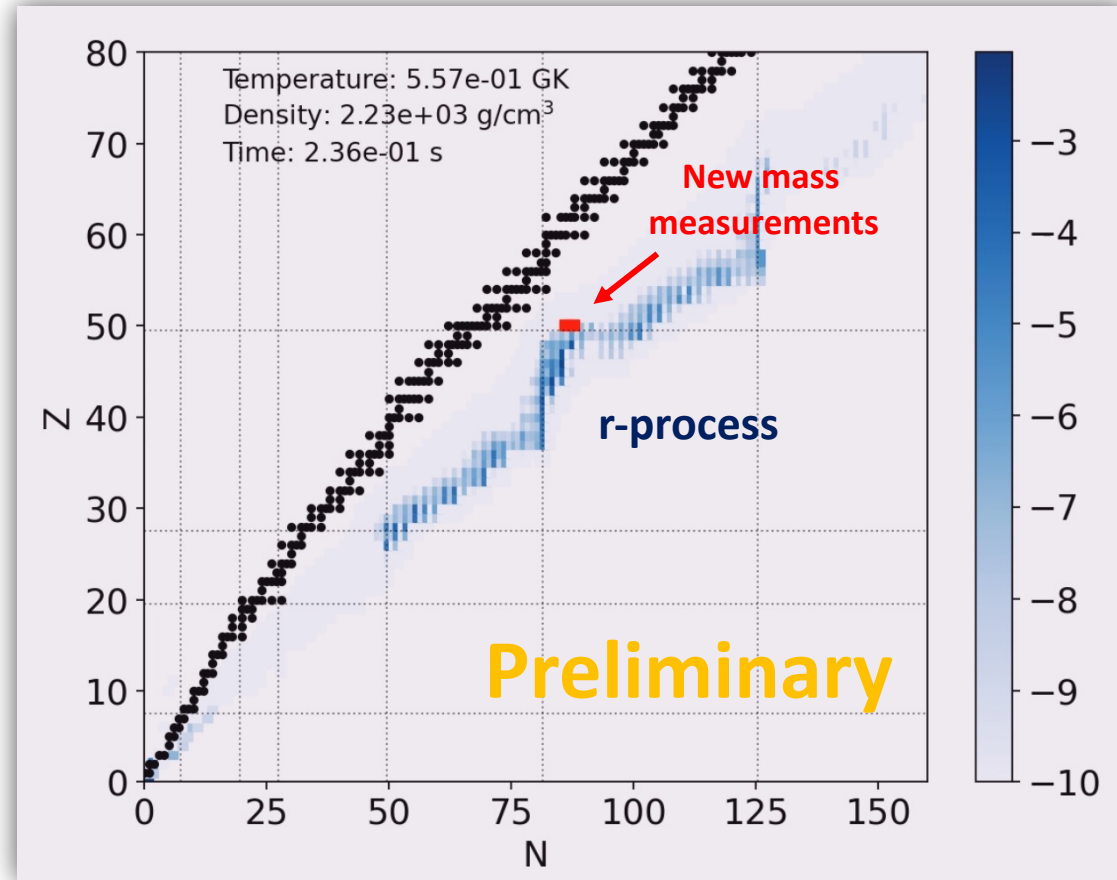
## Path-line and abundance Calculations:

- N capture cross sections
- Decay modes
- Half-lives
- Branching ratios
- **Binding energies**

Saha equation:

$$\frac{Y(Z, N + 1)}{Y(Z, N)} \propto \frac{G(Z, N + 1)}{2G(Z, N)} \frac{N_n}{(kT)^{3/2}} \exp \left[ \frac{S_n(Z, N + 1)}{kT} \right]$$

M.R. Mumpower et. al, Phys. Rev. C **92** (2015)



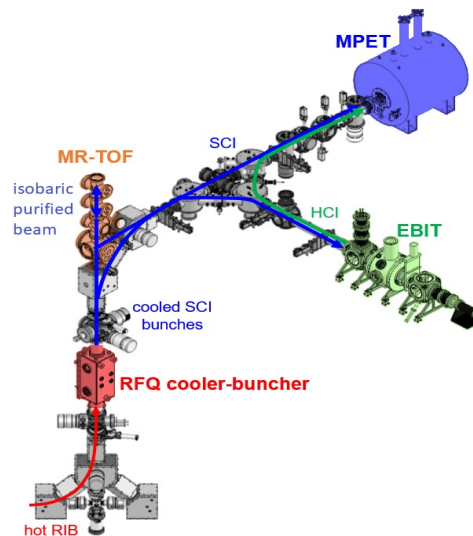
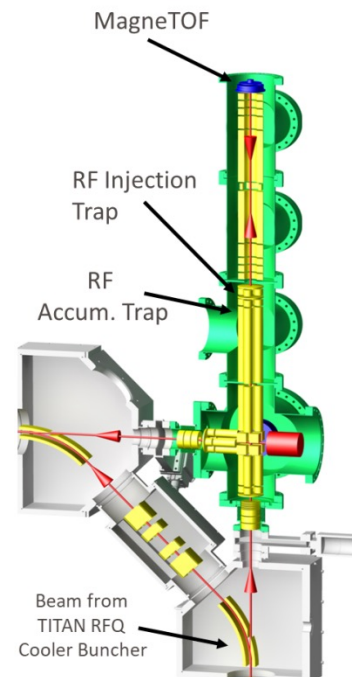
Gabriel Mrtinez and Andre Sieverding

$Y(Z, N)$ : Abundance  
 $G(Z, N)$ : Partition function  
 $N_n$ : Neutron density  
 $kT$ : Temperature (MeV)  
 $S_n$ : Neutron separation energy

# Summary and Outlook

- TITAN's MRTOF-MS with a complementary role at ISAC I
- MR-TOF-MS contribution to p2n target commissioning
- Win-win game (yields and masses)
- Sn isotopic chain got extended including three new mass measurements
- Nuclear structure (neutron pairing gap)
- Impact on "Nuclear Astrophysics" in calculations (r-process)

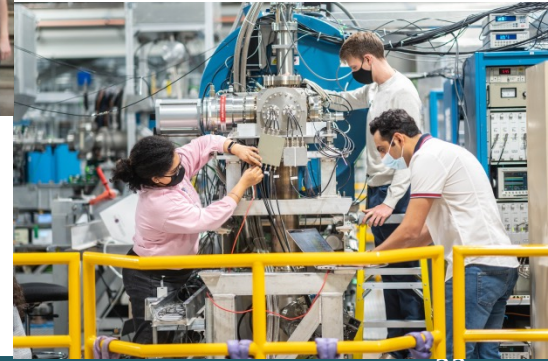
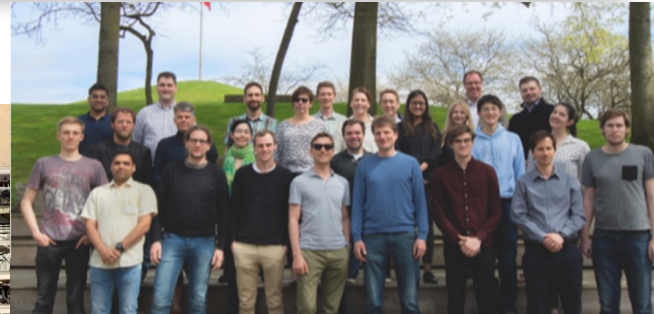
## MR-TOF-MS



# MR-TOF Students

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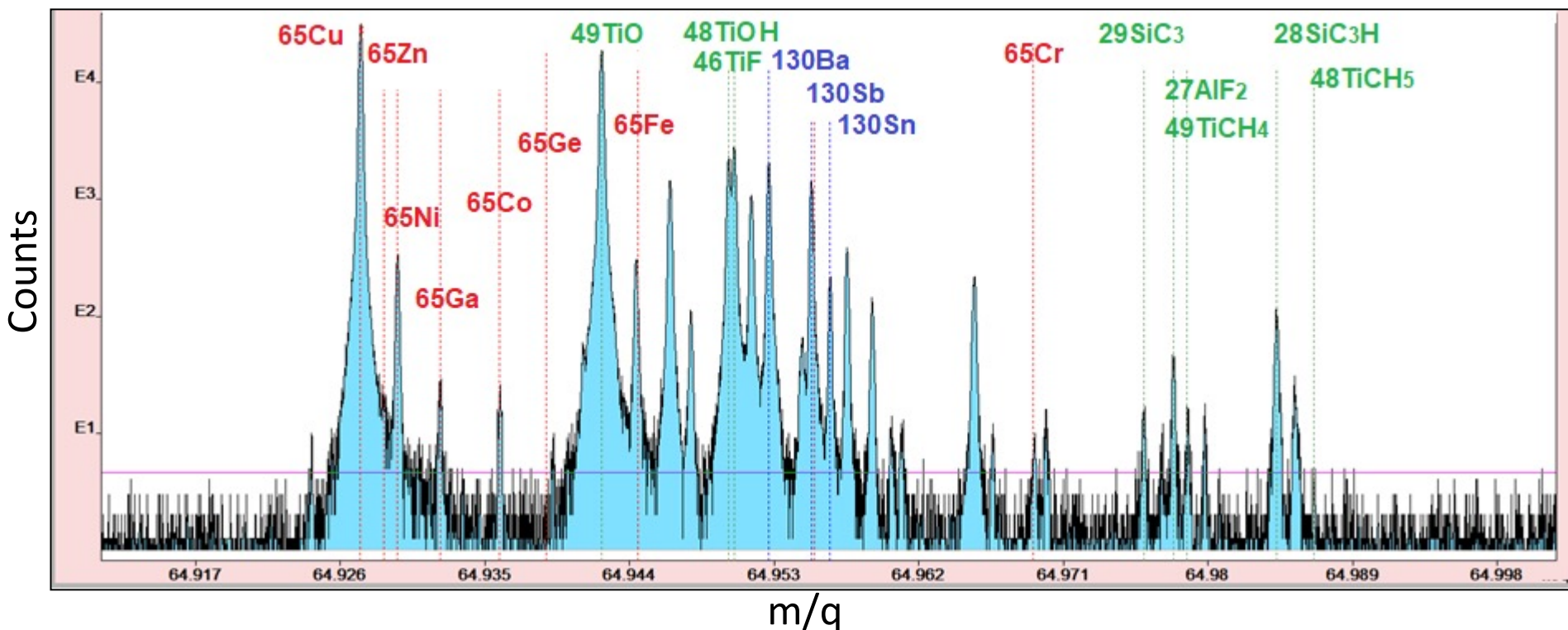
On behalf of TITAN's Collaboration



# ISOL beams at TRIUMF

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- $A/q=65$
- UCx target
- TRILIS ion source

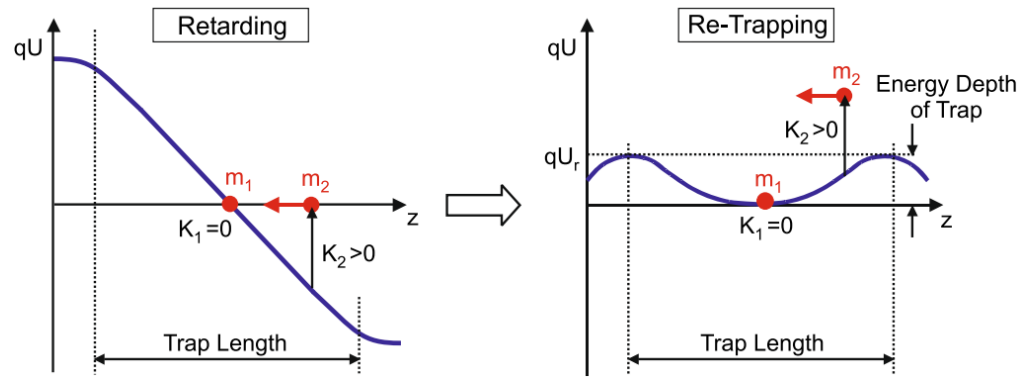
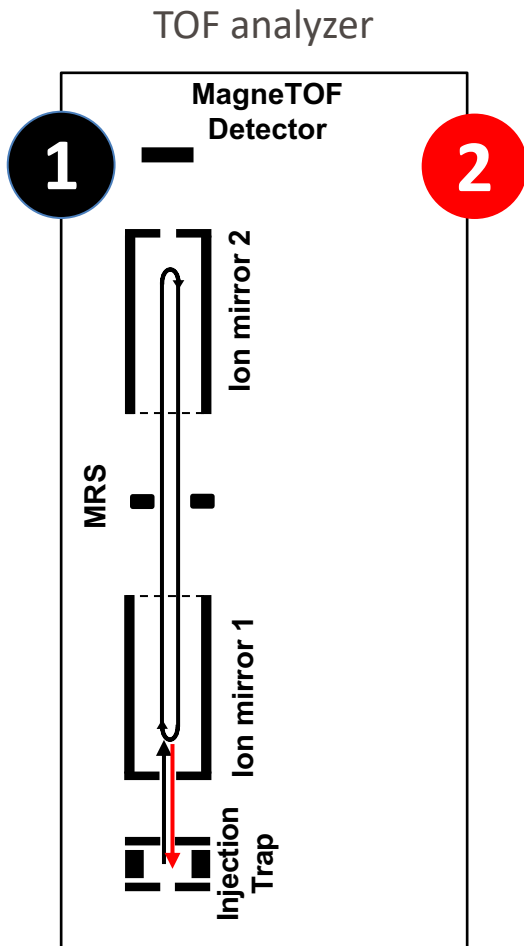
Singly charged ions  
Doubly charged ions  
Molecular ions



**Need for a more powerful separation method**

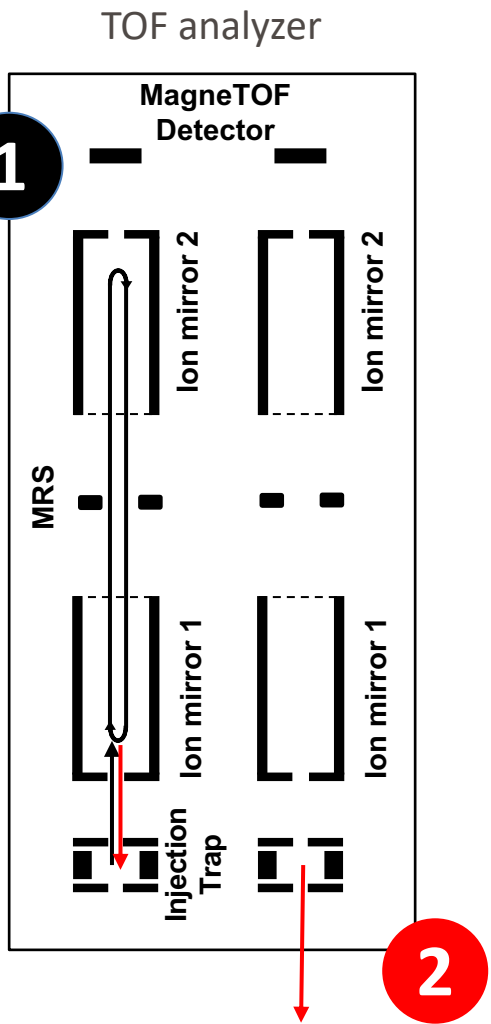


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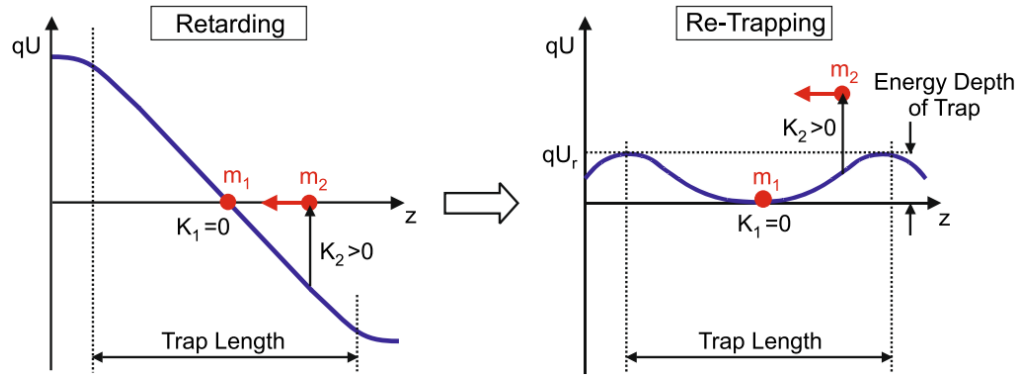


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- Combined **isobar separation** and **mass measurements**

# Mass selective re-trapping



Send purified beam  
to  
**MPET, EBIT**



- Use the MR-TOF-MS as its own beam purifier
- Combined **isobar separation** and **mass measurements**
- Provide isobarically-purified beam for downstream experiments (e.g., for Penning trap)

**Boost in dynamic range**  
**Selection of High-lying isomer/ isobars**  
**Improve precision in mass measurement mode**