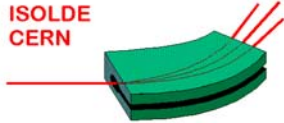


# The refinement of REX-ISOLDE

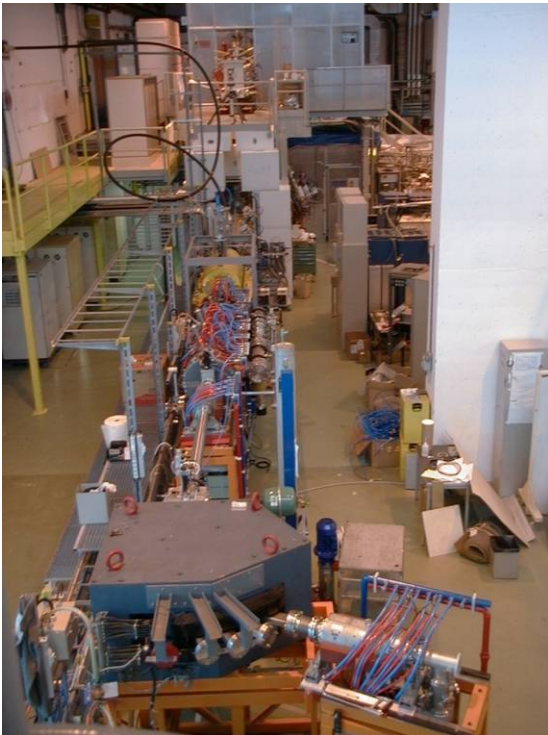
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CERN



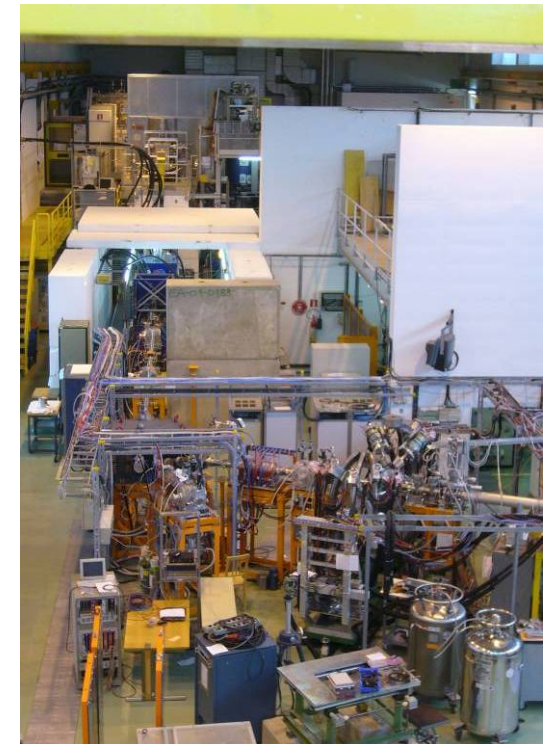
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8 June 2009



Then mid 2001 -  
no beam accelerated yet



Now 2009



Meanwhile

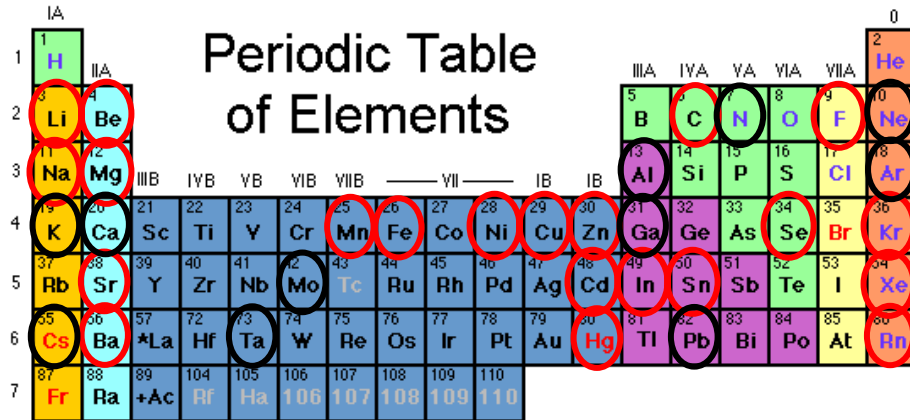
- \* 9-gap cavity added
- \* new experimental hall
- \* moved Miniball
- \* concrete shielding



# Harvest incl. 2008

[8](#)Li<sup>3+</sup>(2006), [9,11](#)Li<sup>2+</sup>(2004), [9](#)Li<sup>2+</sup>(2005),  
[10,11](#)Be<sup>3+,4+</sup>(2006), [11,12](#)Be<sup>3+,4+</sup>(2005),  
[10](#)C<sup>3+</sup>(2008), [17](#)F<sup>5+</sup>(2004), [17](#)F<sup>5+</sup>(2007), <sup>24</sup>-  
<sup>29</sup>Na<sup>7+</sup>, [29,31](#)Mg<sup>9+</sup>(2006), [30](#)Mg<sup>9+</sup>(2007),  
[30](#)Mg<sup>7+</sup>(2008), [30,31](#)Mg<sup>9+</sup>(2007),  
[28,30,32](#)Mg<sup>8+</sup>, [61,62](#)Mn<sup>15+</sup>(2008),  
[61,62](#)Fe<sup>15+</sup>(2008), [68](#)Ni<sup>19+</sup>(2005),  
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[74,76,78](#)Zn<sup>18+</sup>(2004), [80](#)Zn<sup>21+</sup>(2006),  
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<sup>96</sup>Sr<sup>23+</sup>(test), <sup>96</sup>Sr<sup>27+</sup>(2007),  
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[138,138,140,142,144](#)Xe<sup>34+</sup>,  
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<sup>153</sup>Sm<sup>28+</sup>, <sup>156</sup>Eu<sup>28+</sup>,  
[184,186,188](#)Hg<sup>43+,43+,44+</sup>(2007),  
[182,184,186,188](#)Hg<sup>44+,44+,44+,45+</sup>(2008),  
[202,204](#)Rn<sup>47+</sup>(2008)

# ...and beams accelerated



\* Lanthanide Series  
 + Actinide Series

58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu
90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr

○ radioactive  
 stable

Legend - click to find out more...

- H - gas
- Li - solid
- Br - liquid
- Tc - synthetic
- Non-Metals
- Transition Metals
- Rare Earth Metals
- Halogens
- Alkali Metals
- Alkali Earth Metals
- Other Metals
- Inert Elements

2009

9 experiments  
171 shifts (8 h)

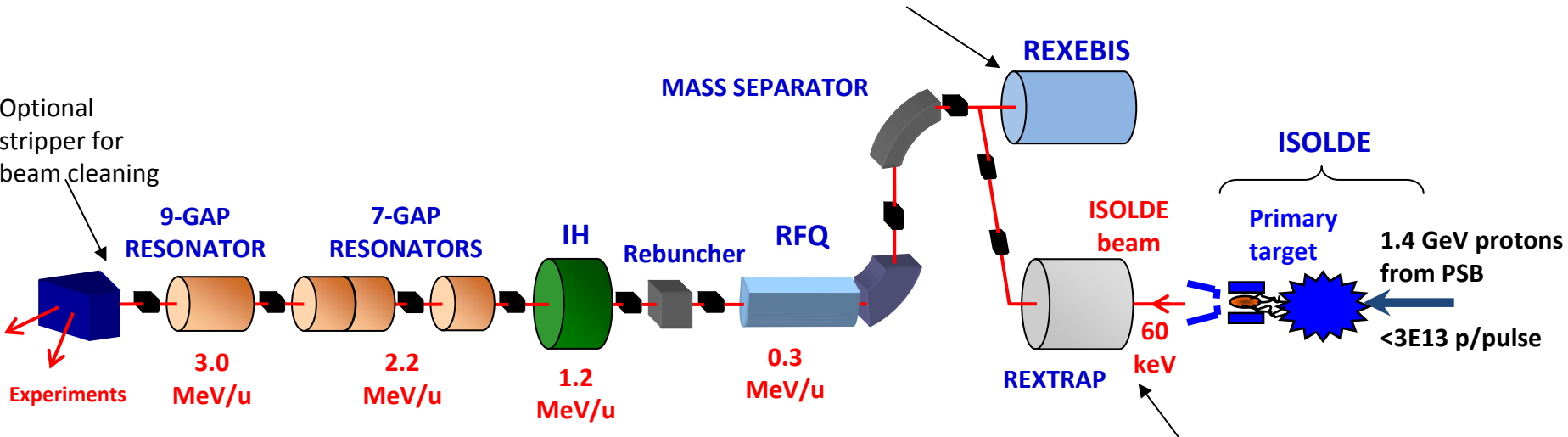
24 different radioactive elements and over 60 isotopes accelerated

Further info at <http://isolde.web.cern.ch/ISOLDE/REX-ISOLDE/index.html>

# Machine layout

**Electron beam ion source**

- \*  $1+$  ions to  $n+$
- \* Super conducting solenoid, 2 T
- \* Electron beam  $<0.4$  A, 3-6 keV
- \* Breeding time 3 to  $>200$  ms

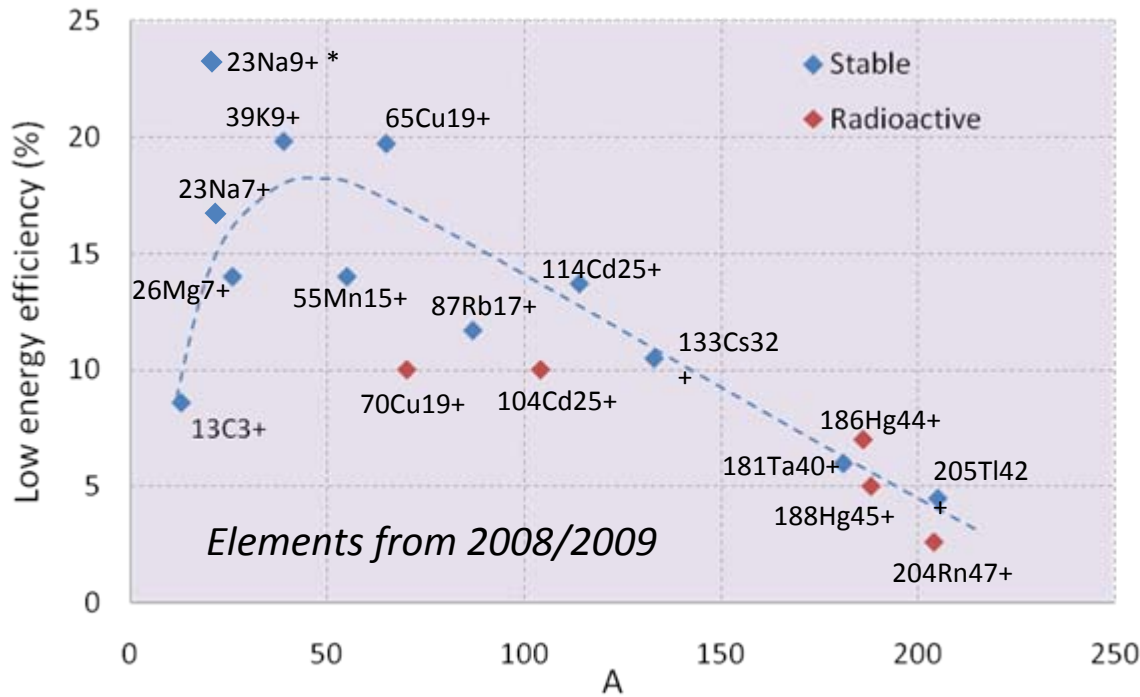


Linac	
Type	normal conducting 6 accelerating cavities
Length	11 m
Freq.	101 MHz (202 MHz for the 9GP)
Duty cycle	1 ms 100Hz
Energy	300 keV/u, 1.2-3 MeV/u (variable)
A/q max.	4.5

**Penning trap**

- \* Longitudinal accumulation and bunching
- \* Transverse phase space cooling
- \* 3 T solenoid field  
+ quadratic electrostatic potential  
+ RF cooling
- \* Buffer gas filled ( $5E-4$  mbar)
- \* Cooling time  $\sim 20$  ms

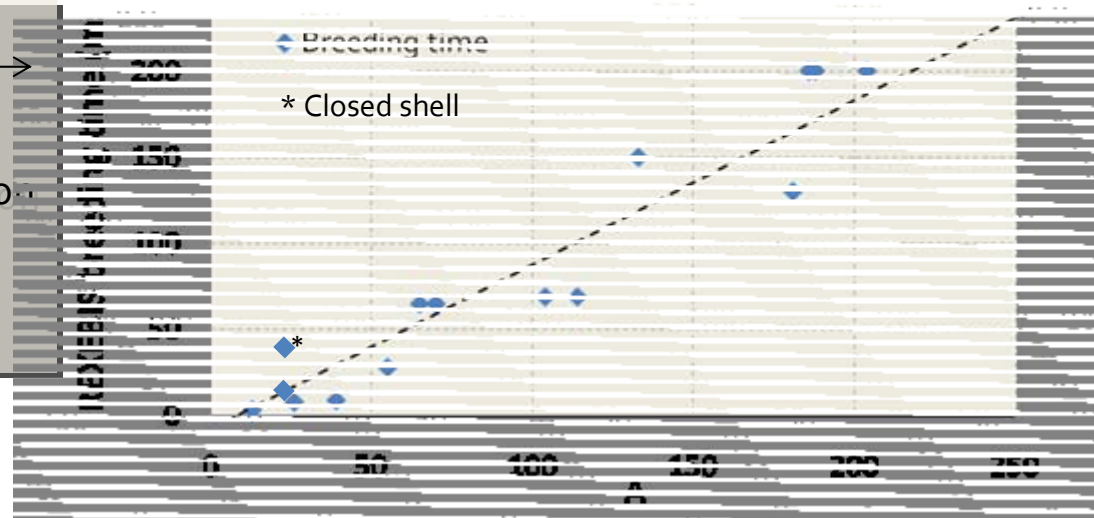
Efficiency = Trap+EBIS+REX mass separator



## Present performance

- \* REX low energy = 2-16 %
- \* Depends on:  
mass, A/q, experience
- \* Linac transmission x 0.6-0.85
- \* A < 20 ions still difficult
- \* Heavy ions low efficiency:  
charge exchange?  
heating losses? *under investigation*  
broader CSD?

- \* Trap time excluded; same as the breeding time (at least 20 ms)
- \*  $T_{\text{breed}}$  depends on A/q & injection conditions (High efficiency -> short breeding time)
- \* Half-lives down to some 10 ms



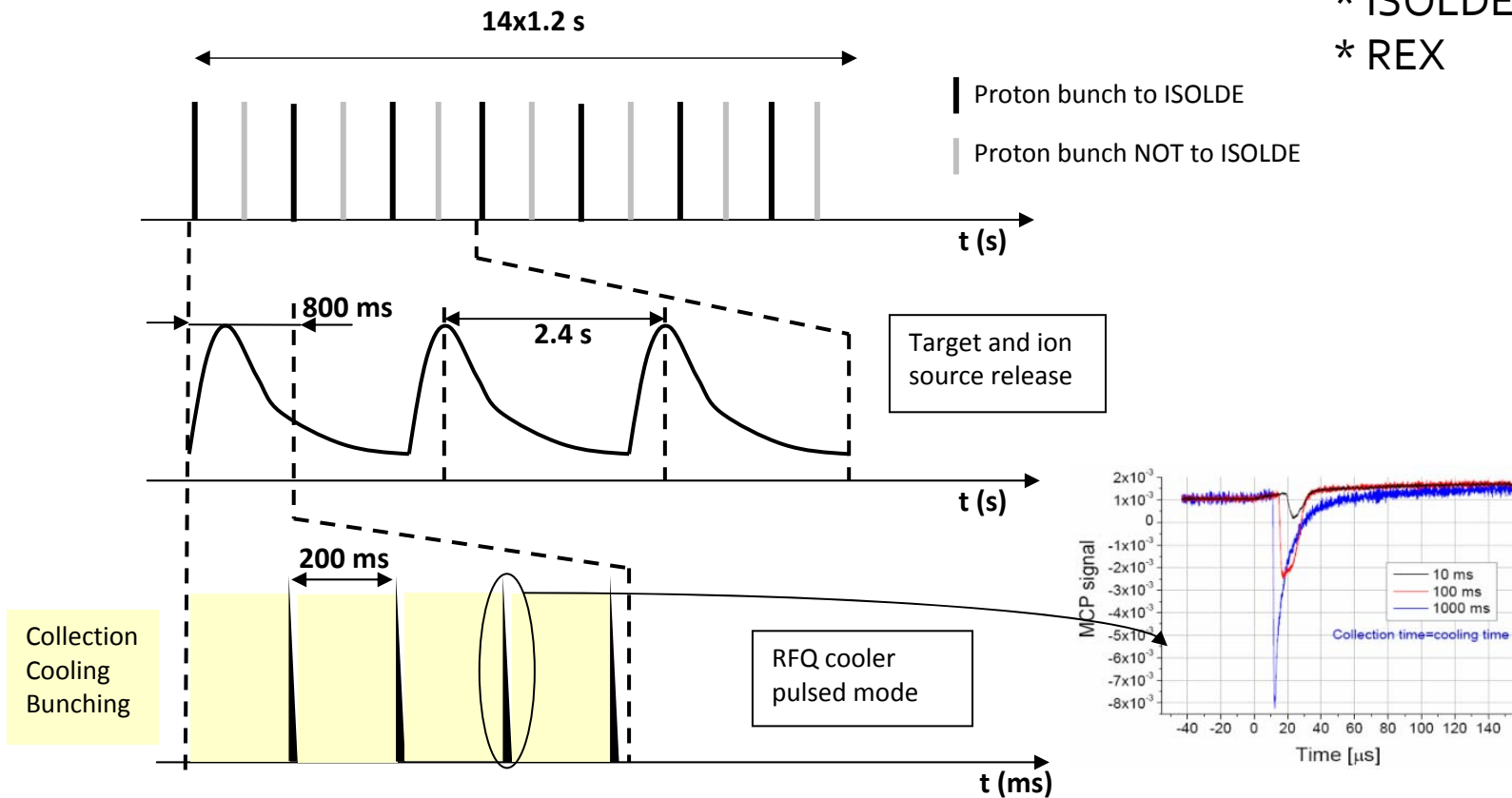
All this is standard operation...

(although manpower consuming)

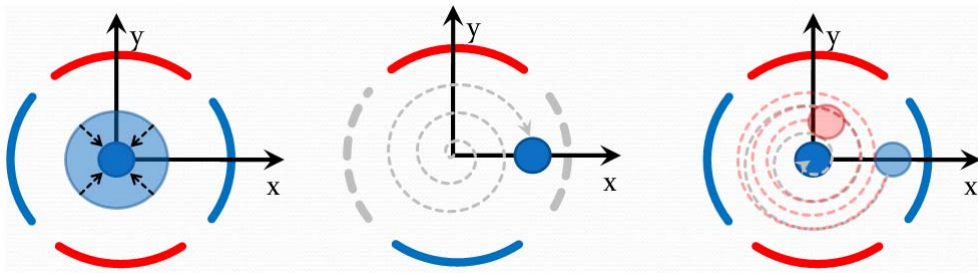
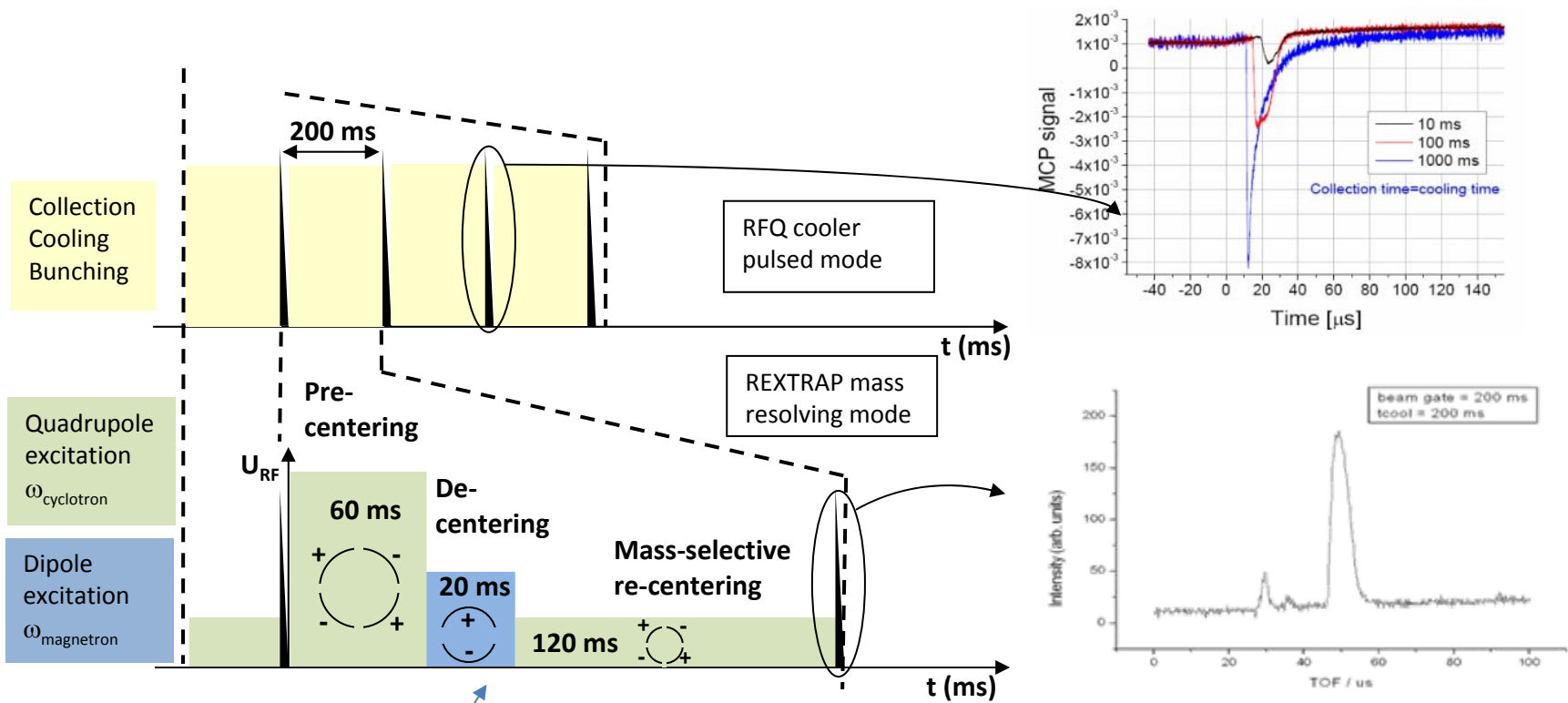
...the following is over-drive

# Time structure

- \* ISOLDE
- \* REX



- \* RFQ cooler recently installed at ISOLDE
- \* Before REXTRAP -> beam gymnastics
- \* Pulsed or CW mode



### Mass separation operation cycle

- cool down the ion cloud
- shift out the ion cloud with a dipolar excitation
- selectively re-centre the desired species

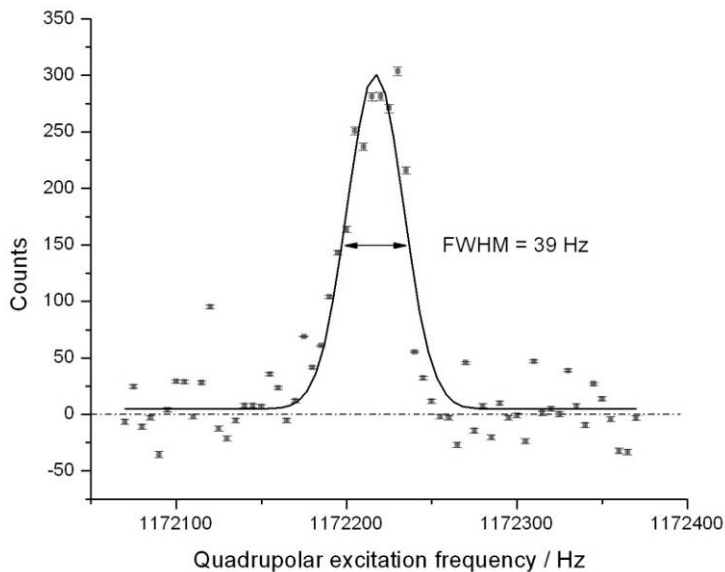


# Isobaric mass resolution

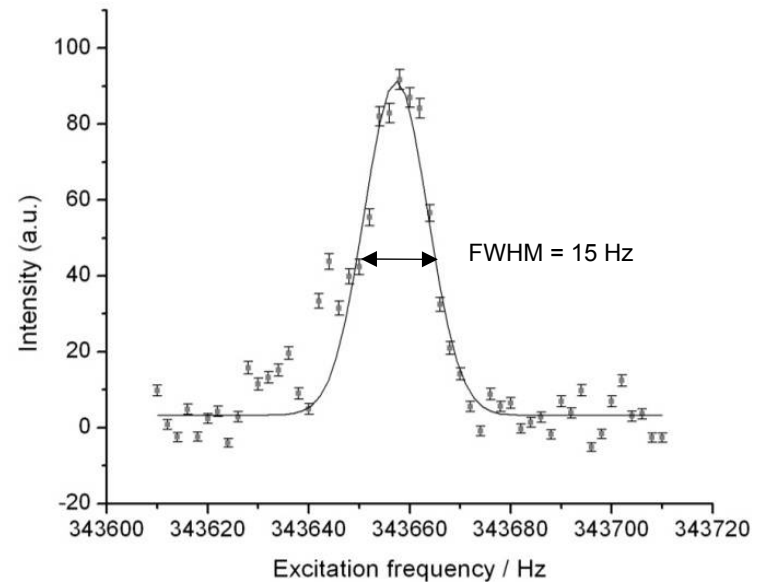
Already: isobaric separation inside REXTRAP previously proven  
only trap, low efficiency, suppression unknown

*S. Sturm, Master Thesis, Universität Heidelberg (2007)*

Now: measured after the REXEBIS -> trap cooling sufficient  
contamination suppression 20-50 (lower limit)

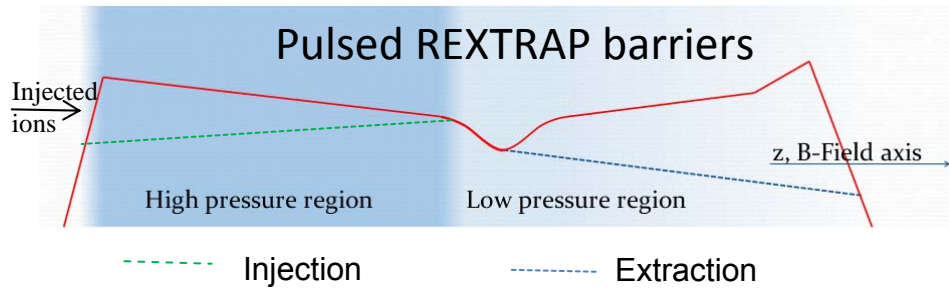


Resonance curve for  $^{39}\text{K}$   
Mass resolution =  $3.0 \times 10^4$   
REXTRAP + REXEBIS transmission  $2.5\%$   
 $98\%$  suppression  
ISCOOL used as pre-buncher and cooler



Resonance curve for  $^{133}\text{Cs}$   
Mass resolution =  $2.3 \times 10^4$   
 $96\%$  suppression  
From local ion source



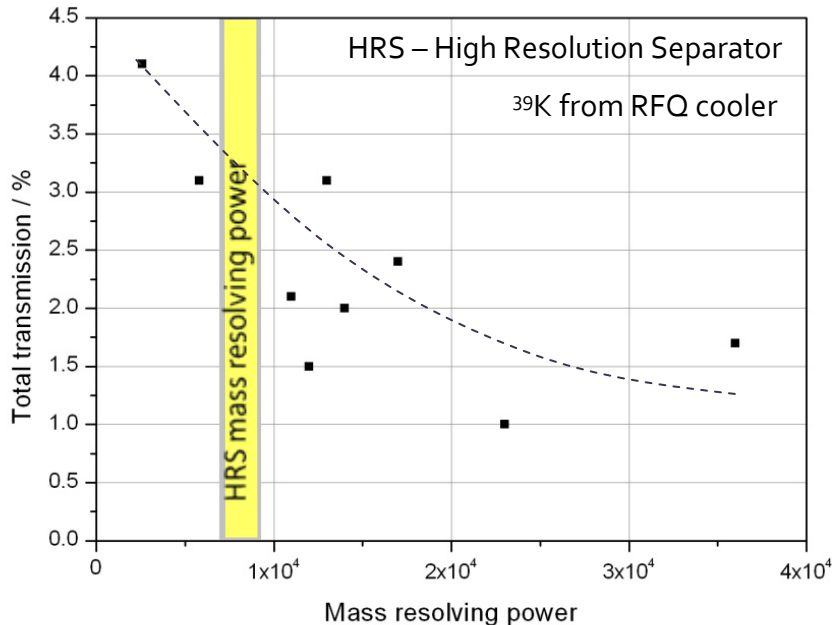


# Mass resolution

Efficiency

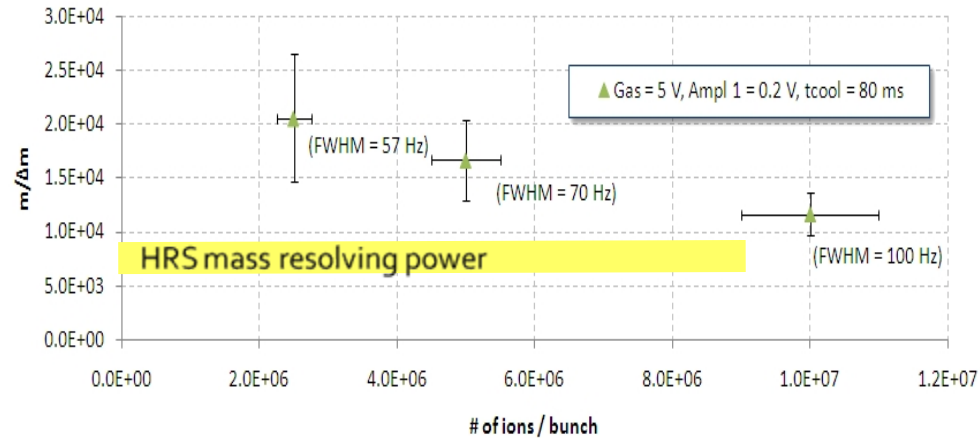
Resolution

- Transmission increased a factor 10
- Depending on: mass resolution suppression factor



Space charge effects > 1E6 ions/pulse  
Frequency shifts – can be compensated for  
Peak broadening -> reduced mass resolution

Limit includes stable contaminants



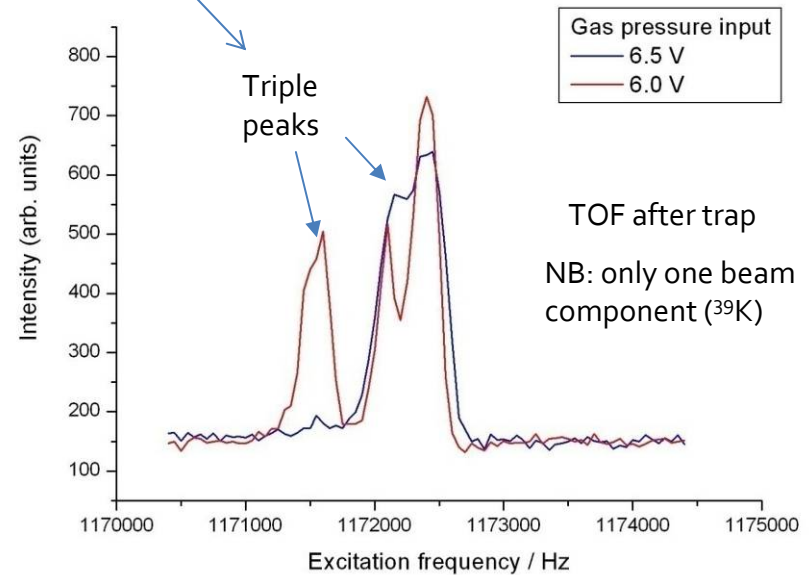
Compare with 17% without mass resolution

# Mass separation reservations

Apart from efficiency and space charge...

1. Total cycle time 100 to 200 ms  
Limits the use of nuclides with halflives < 100ms
2. Setup not evident – at least 8 h; slowly gaining experience
3. Multiple peaks appearing (for single element)
4. Processes in trap not fully understood

Final test to come:  
isobarically contaminated  
radioactive beam



Multiple peaks sometimes visible

**Undesired for:**  $^{80}\text{Zn}$  ( $t_{1/2}=537$  ms)  
 – also got  $^{80}\text{Ga}$  ( $T_{\text{trap}}=80$  ms,  $T_{\text{breed}}=78$  ms)

**The idea:** *Let easily produced elements decay in REX low-energy part prior to acceleration to provide post-accelerated beams of difficultly produced elements*

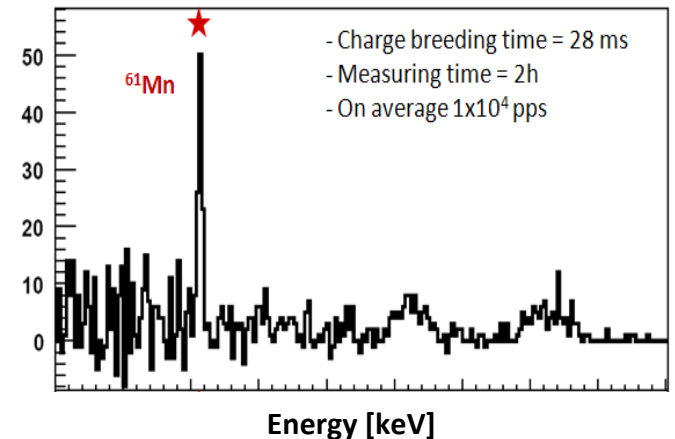
*previously used at ISOLTRAP; A. Herlert et al., New J. Phys. 7 (2005) 44*

Tested first time at REX-ISOLDE with  $^{61}\text{Mn}$  ( $T_{1/2}=675$  ms;  $1.7 \times 10^6$  atoms/s)

$T_{\text{trap}}$	$T_{\text{breed}}$	Result
200-1100 ms	28 ms	no Fe detected at Miniball
300-1100 ms	298 ms	57(7)% Fe detected agrees with predictions

## In-trap decay for better or for worse

Doppler corrected Coulex spectra (Miniball)

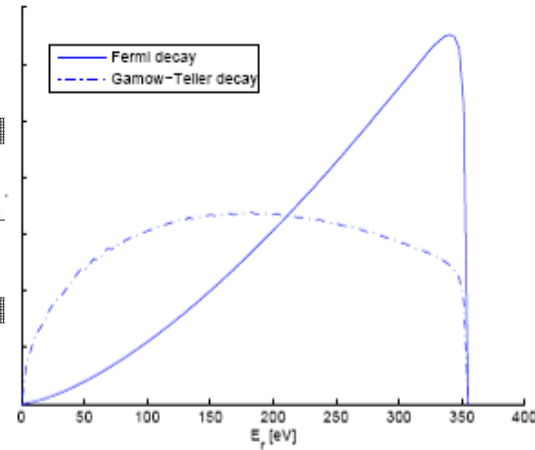
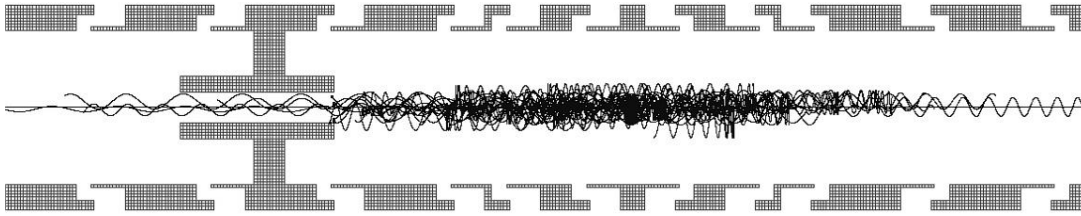


J. Van de Walle

# Mn -> Fe in-trap decay

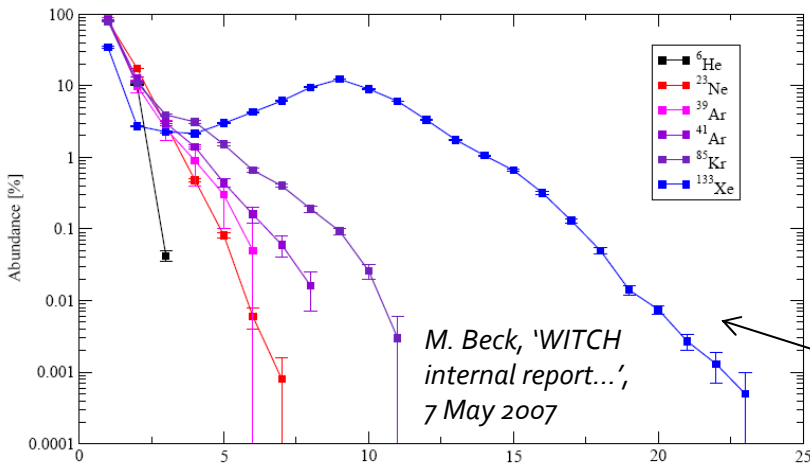
Why not working in REXTRAP?

SIMION simulations show that 90% of the recoiling daughter ions are trapped in REXTRAP



F. Ohlsson's Diploma thesis  
Chalmers university of  
Technology 2007

Charge state distribution after  $\beta^-$ -decay



*M. Beck, 'WITCH  
internal report...',  
7 May 2007*

Example of a recoil energy distribution function.

Fraction of daughter depends on

1.  $X^+ \rightarrow \beta^+ \rightarrow X^0$      $X^+ \rightarrow \beta^- \rightarrow X^{++}$
2. half-life + trapping and breeding time
3. ion recoil energy and distribution

(Fermi vs Gamow-Teller decay)

4. trapping potentials (trap and EBIS)
5. Auger and shake-off effects
6.  $n^+$  recombination time

File: bmtm2.your  
Details: q0He.dat, q23Ne.dat, q39Ar.dat, q41Ar.dat, q85Kr.dat, q133Xe.dat

A. H. Snell and F. Plesston, Phys. Rev. 107 (1957) 740  
A. H. Snell and F. Plesston, Phys. Rev. 111 (1958) 1338  
T. A. Carlson, F. Plesston and C. H. Johnson, Phys. Rev. 129 (1963) 2220  
T. A. Carlson, Phys. Rev. 130 (1963) 2361  
T. A. Carlson, Phys. Rev. 131 (1963) 676

# Future in-trap decay applications

- \* Choice: decay in trap or in EBIS
- \* Prefer decay in trap to EBIS
  - No linac A/q rescaling
  - No disturbing residual A/q-peaks
  - No ion losses due to electron heating

Further test in July

**New!**

Daughter	Mother	$T_{1/2}$ mother
$^{12}\text{B}$	$^{12}\text{Be}$	23.6 ms
$^{33,34,35}\text{Si}$	$^{33,34,35}\text{Al}$	54, 60, 150 ms
Ti	Sc	
$^{61,62,63}\text{Fe}$	$^{61,62,63}\text{Mn}$	710, 880, 250 ms
$^{98-103}\text{Zr}$	$^{98-103}\text{Y}$	0.23 s to 3.75 s

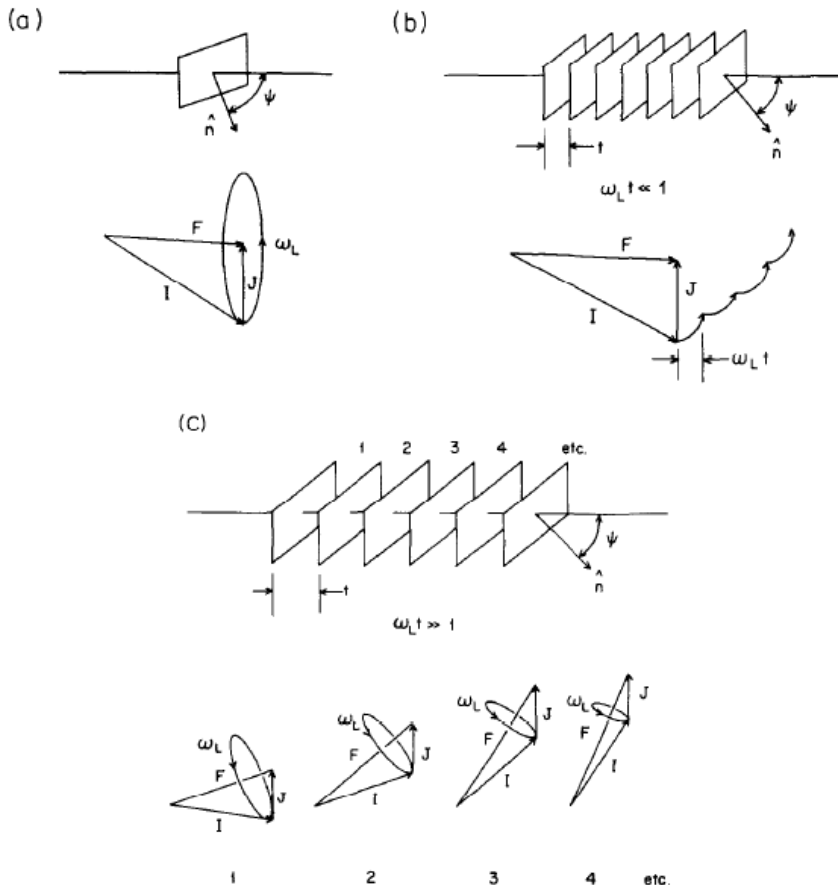
Prospective new beams for REX-ISOLDE  
produced with  $\beta^-$  in-trap decay.

## Limitations

- Good yield from ISOLDE
- Reasonable  $t_{1/2}$  mother: 10 ms to 2 s
- $\beta^-$  decay -> daughter  $2^+$  or  $n^+$  charged
- $\beta^+$  decay -> daughter neutral or  $n^+$
- Daughter recoil energy  
limited trapping potentials in  
trap (100-200 V) and EBIS (300-400 V)

# Polarized beams

## Induced Nuclear Polarization using Multi Tilted Foils



M. Hass et al., NPA 414, 316 (84)

- \* Polarization - ion - surface interactions (no bulk - effects influences)
- \* Atomic polarization  $\rightarrow$  nuclear polarization
- \* Nuclear polarization degree  $P_I$ :  
 higher polarization level at higher  $I$  (nuclear spin)  
 faster "saturation" at lower  $I$  (fewer foils needed)  
 strong velocity dependence

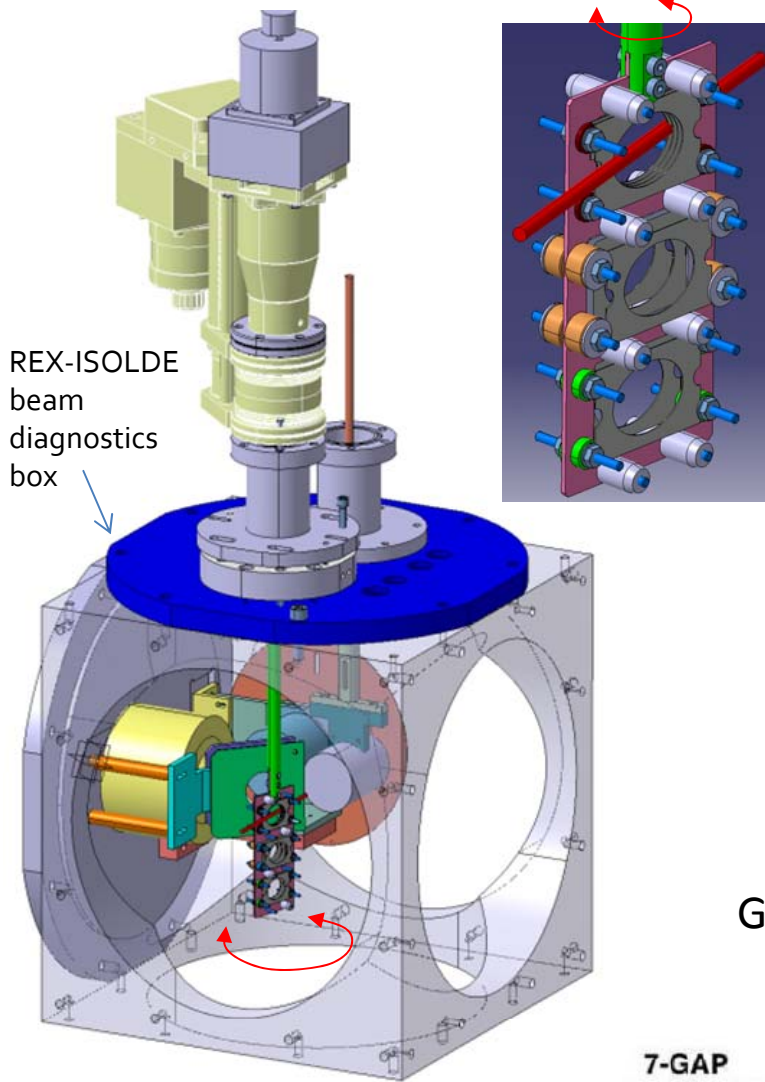
Previously shown for  $^{51}\text{V}$   
 $P_I > 10(1) \%$  at  $\beta = 4.6\%$

### Physics

- \* Transfer reactions
- \* Decay spectroscopy

First tests with  $^{27}\text{Na } 5/2^+$   
 or Coulex  $^{21}\text{Ne } 3/2^+$

# Mobile tilted foil setup



## Modular foil stack

1. Adjust intermediate foil distance with spacers
2. Adjust number of foils
3. Adjust beam inclination angle
4. Ladder with three different foil configurations

## Aperture size

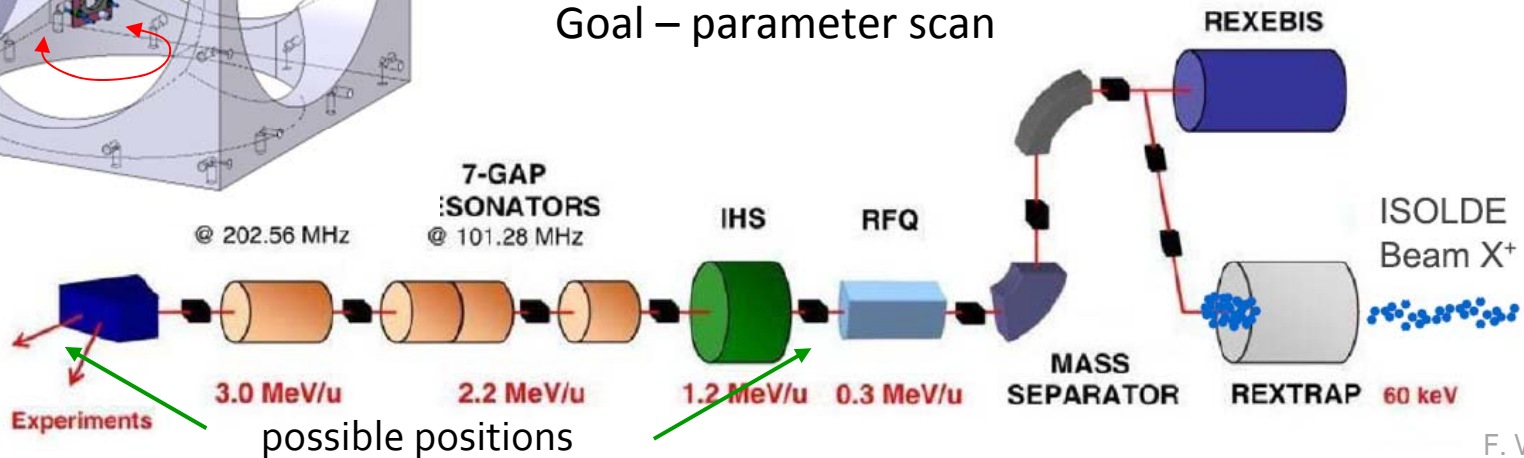
first version 20\*14 mm

second version 30 to 35 mm large axis

## Foil type

laser ablated C, 4 ug/cm<sup>2</sup> from TU Munich  
pA beam flux -> no life-time problems

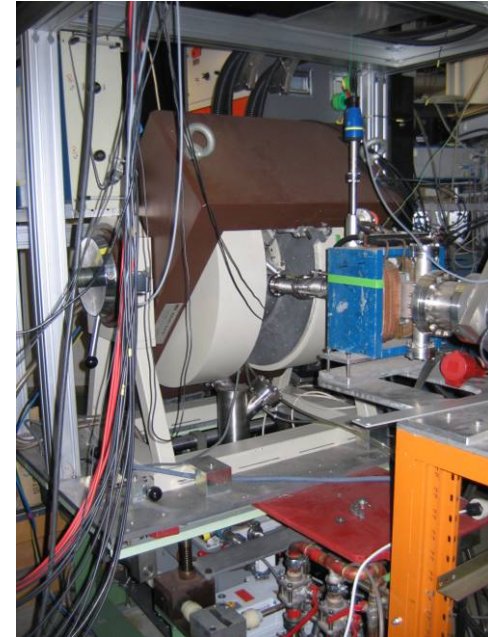
## Goal – parameter scan



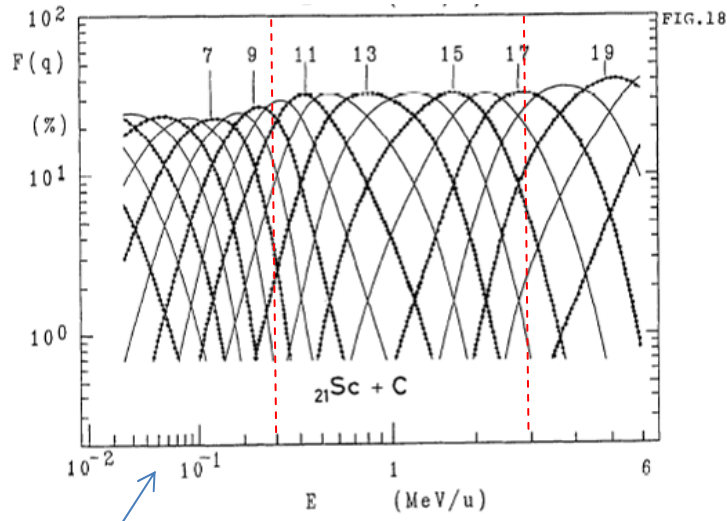


# Constraints and Alternatives

1. Tilted foil -> charge state distribution  
-> low overall efficiency  
(or install foils after all magnetic elements)
2. Post-acceleration after polarization?  
Noble-gas like charge states
3. Beam energy for optimal polarization  
should coincide with charge state  
distribution for magic number



Equilibrium charge fraction of ion after passage through a carbon foil as function of exit energy



K. SHIMA et al., Atomic data and nuclear data tables, 1992, vol. 51, n°2, pp. 173-241

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HIAT 2009

- \*  $\beta$ -NMR setup from HMI Berlin
- \* To be installed after the linac  
-> beam energy 0.3 to 3 MeV/u
- \* nuclear structure (moments, reactions ...)  
nuclear methods in the solid-state physics  
biophysics etc. ...

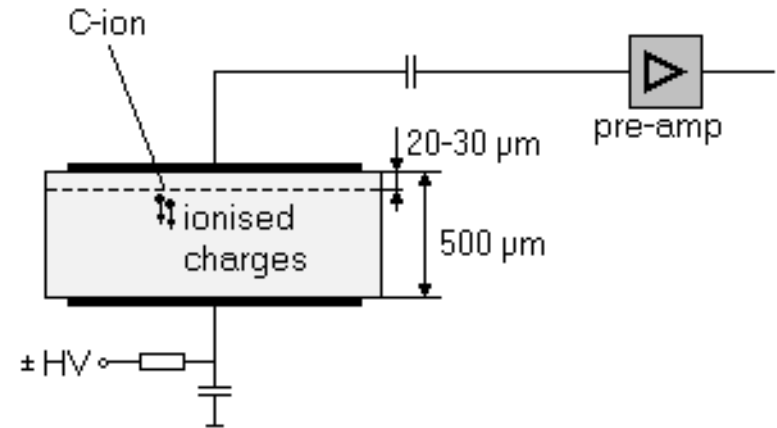
## Wish list - 1<sup>st</sup> phase

current amplification  
 beam profiler / beam position  
 <1 pA beam intensity  
 <0.5% energy measurement

## - 2<sup>nd</sup> phase

TOF  
 cavity phase measurements

# Diamond detector tests



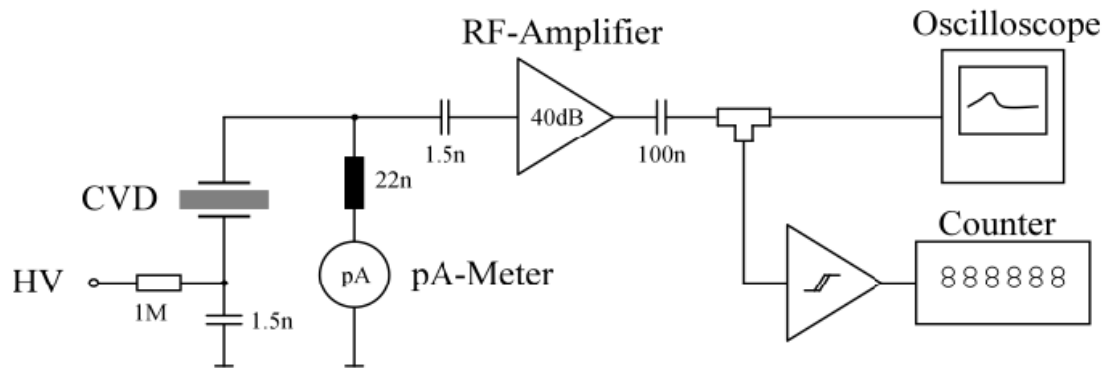
## Test 'outsourced' to:

E. Griesmayer, ATLAS/CERN and  
 Bergoz Instrumentation, St Genis, France

**pCVD**, 10x10 mm<sup>2</sup>, 500 μm thick  
 plated with square 8x8 mm<sup>2</sup> Al electrodes  
 thickness of 25 nm

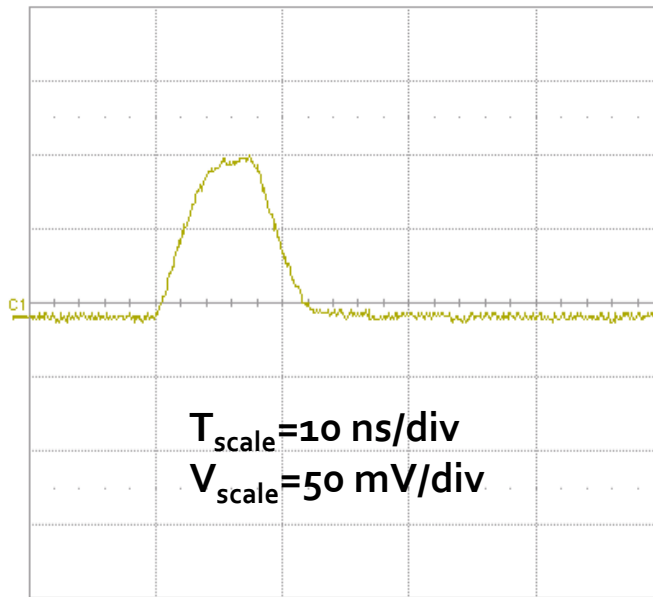
**sCVD**, 5x5 mm<sup>2</sup>, 500 μm thick  
 plated with 3 mm diameter Au electrodes  
 thickness of 500 nm

Manufacturer: Diamond Detectors Ltd  
 own contact layers

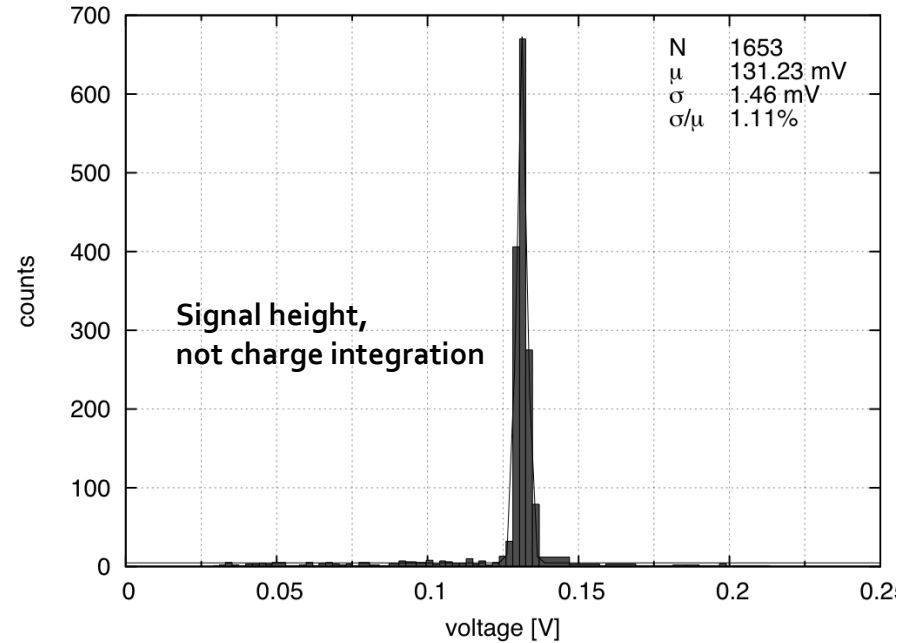


# sCVD results

- + Very low noise level ( $< 1\text{ mV}$ )  
-> Noise discrimination easy
- + Particle counting up to  $1\text{E}4$  part/s  
(duty factor =>  $\sim 1\text{E}7$  part/s)



Single pulse example, +500 V bias  
Pulse height 109 mV  
Pulse width 7.7 ns



+  $\sim 1\%$  energy resolution  $^{12}\text{C}^{4+}$  1.9 MeV/u  
sCVD with 1000 V bias

- Cases with worse resolution  
Solved with polarity change  
Space charge? Charge trapping?

- Expensive – 3 kCHF for  $5 \times 5 \text{ mm}^2$

1. fluctuating leakage current (tens pA to nA)  
-> current amplification mode not viable
2. signal height polarity and time dependent  
-> counting problems
3. signal size decreases with beam loading / time  
-> position tuning difficult; always better at fresh pixel  
-> counting problems

## pCVD results

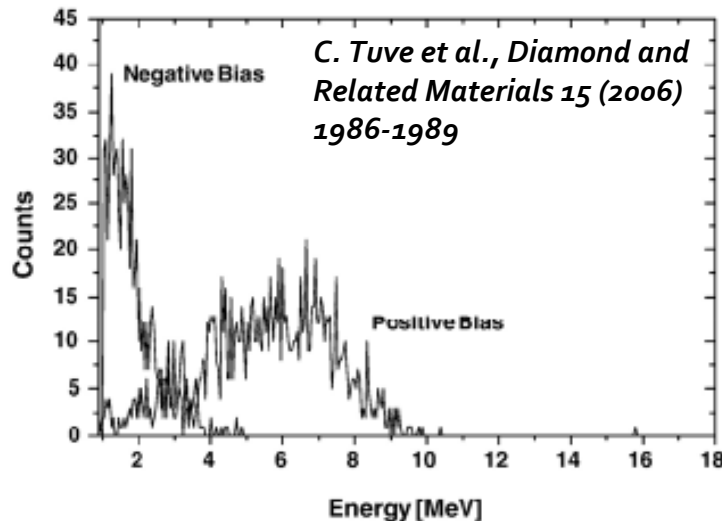
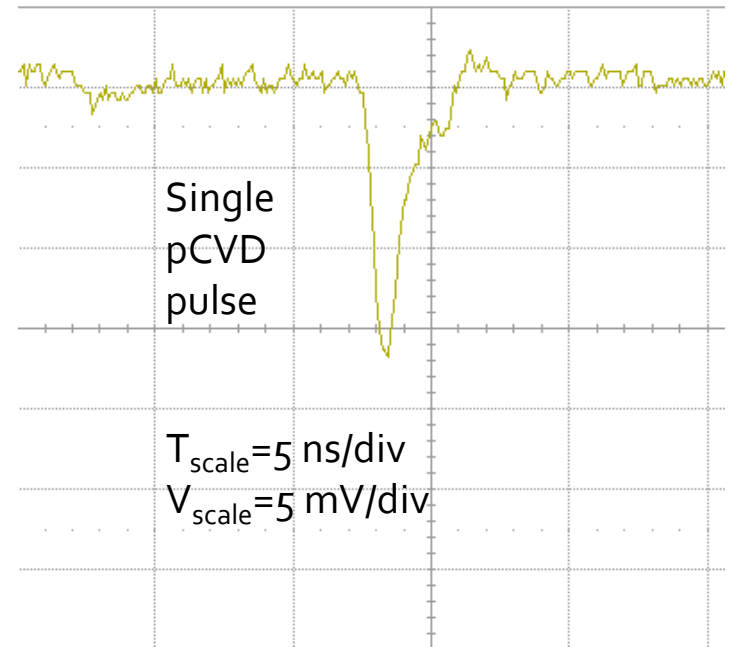


Fig. 1. Energy spectrum of a pCVD diamond detector (50  $\mu\text{m}$  thick;  $V_{\text{bias}} = \pm 50 \text{ V}$ ) for  $^{12}\text{C}$  of 16.2 MeV.

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### Reasons?

- \* charge trapping
- \* polarization
- \* structural defects
- \* contact layer
- \* ...

'High-Resolution Energy and Intensity...'.  
E. Griesmayer et al., CERN BE Note, 2009, tbp

# Last word

Stable  $^{23}\text{Na}^+$  cw from HRS

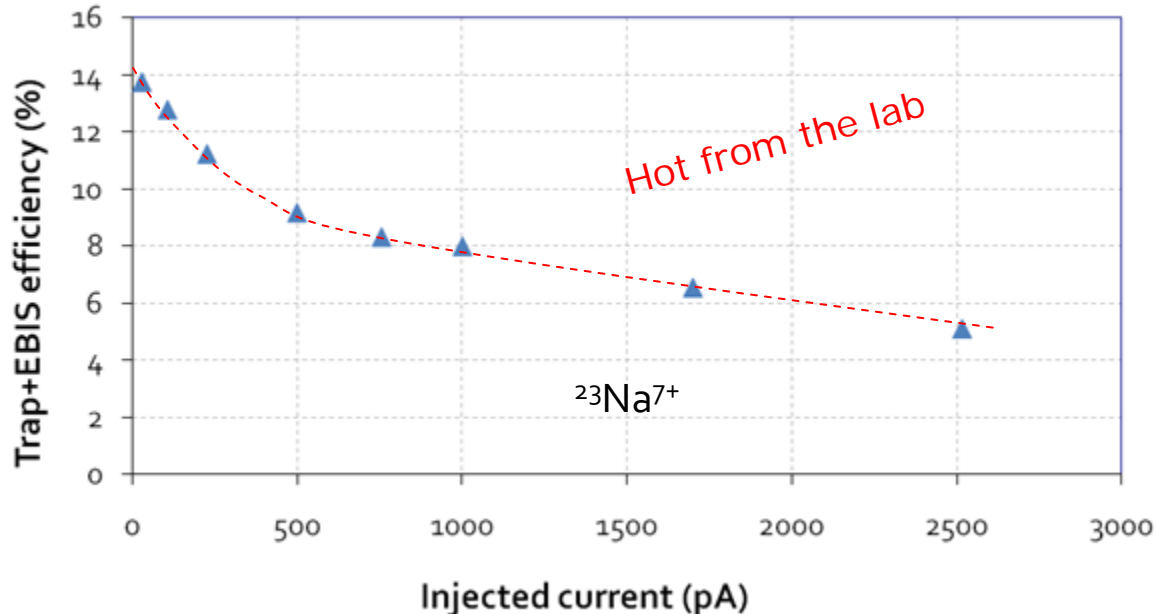
Modest ebeam current

$T_{\text{period}}=20$  ms

Only adjusted  $\omega_c$

$T_{\text{breeding}}=11-13$  ms

*NB! M. Pasini talk  
on HIE-ISOLDE*



Repetition rate 50 Hz:

2.5 nA ->

$1.5\text{E}10$  ions/s ->

$3\text{E}8$  ions/pulse

with > 5% eff

Worse for RI

discharges

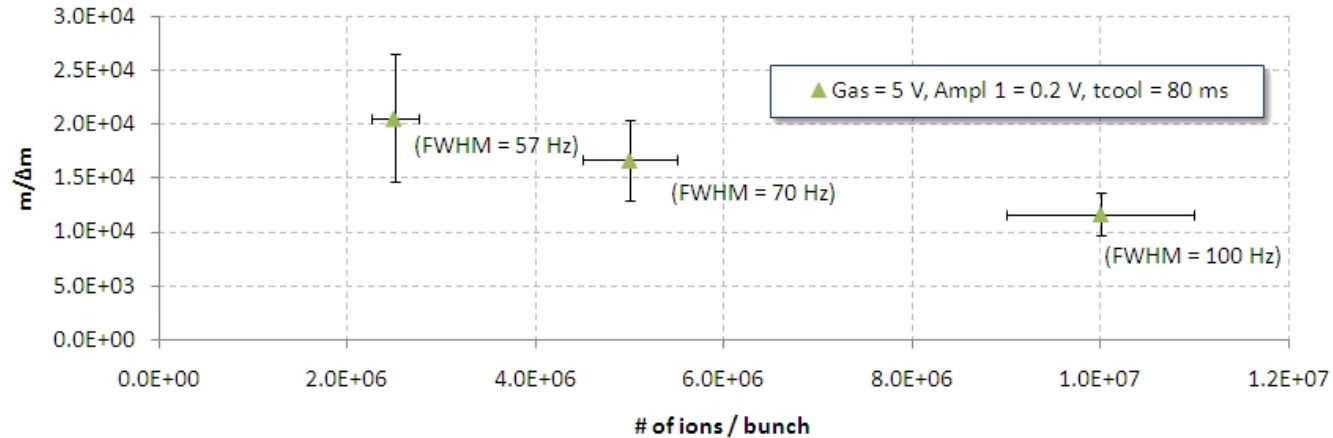
recombination

Thanks to A. Gustafsson, D. Voulot,  
J. Van de Walle, R. Scrivens, E. Griesmayer, T. Aumeyr...

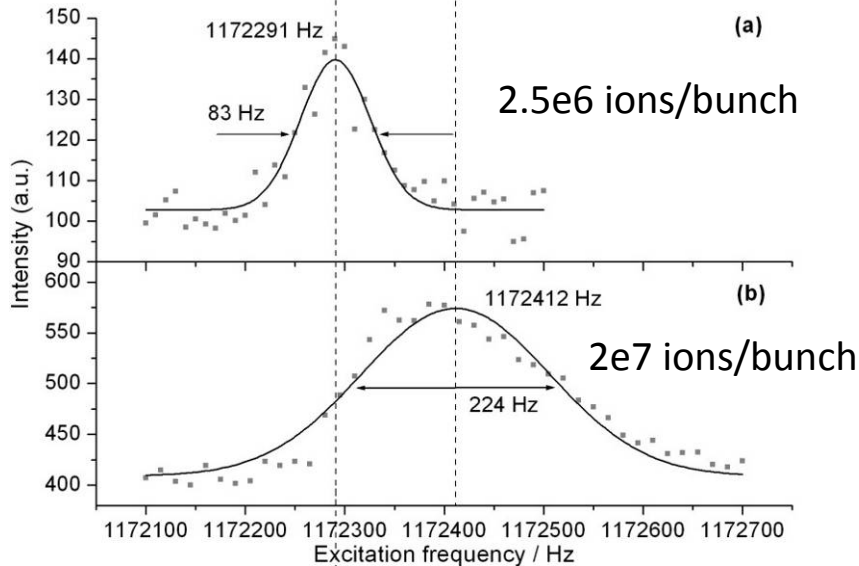
*Wait for the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation!*

# Mass separation in REXTRAP - Space-charge effects

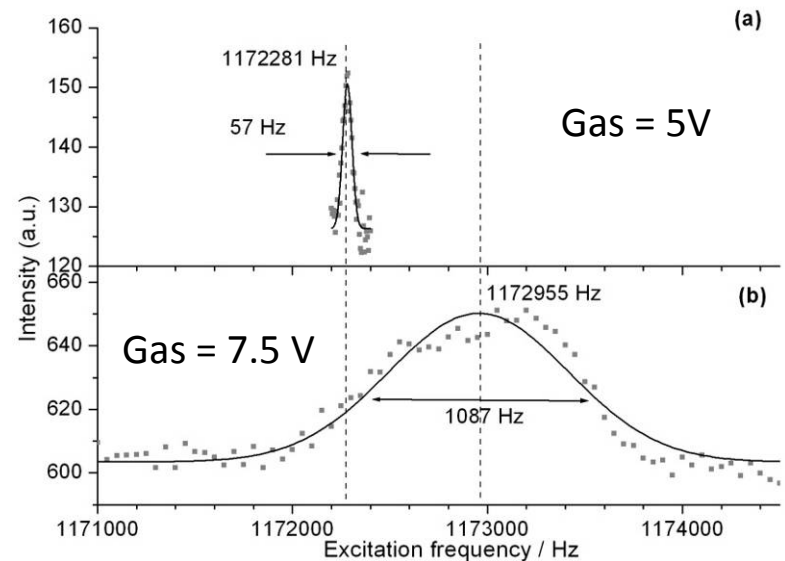
- Frequency shifts
- Peak broadening



## Gas pressure control = 5 V



## 2.5e6 ions/bunch



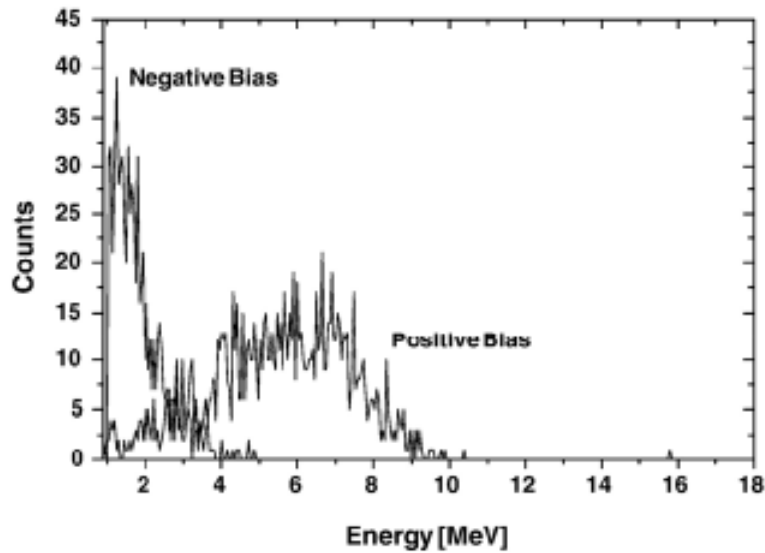


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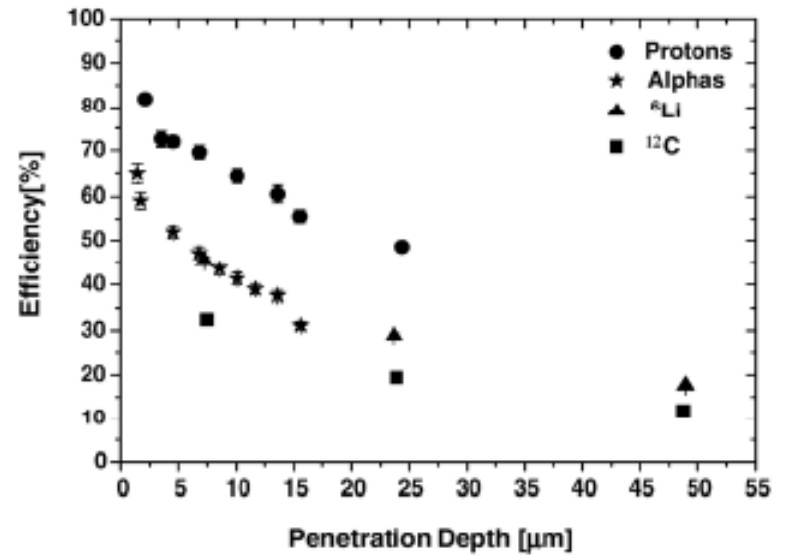


Fig. 3. The same data as Fig. 2, in positive polarity, not corrected for pulse height defect.

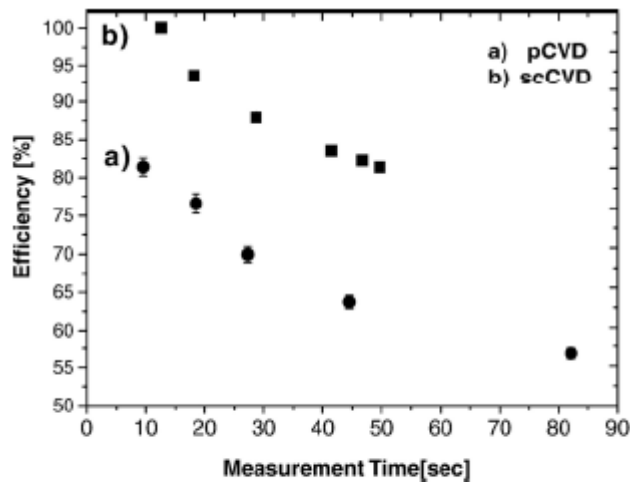


Fig. 6. Time dependence of pulse heights produced during a measurement of charge collection efficiency with protons of  $E_{\text{inc}} = 1.5$  MeV. a) for a pCVD; b) for a scCVD.

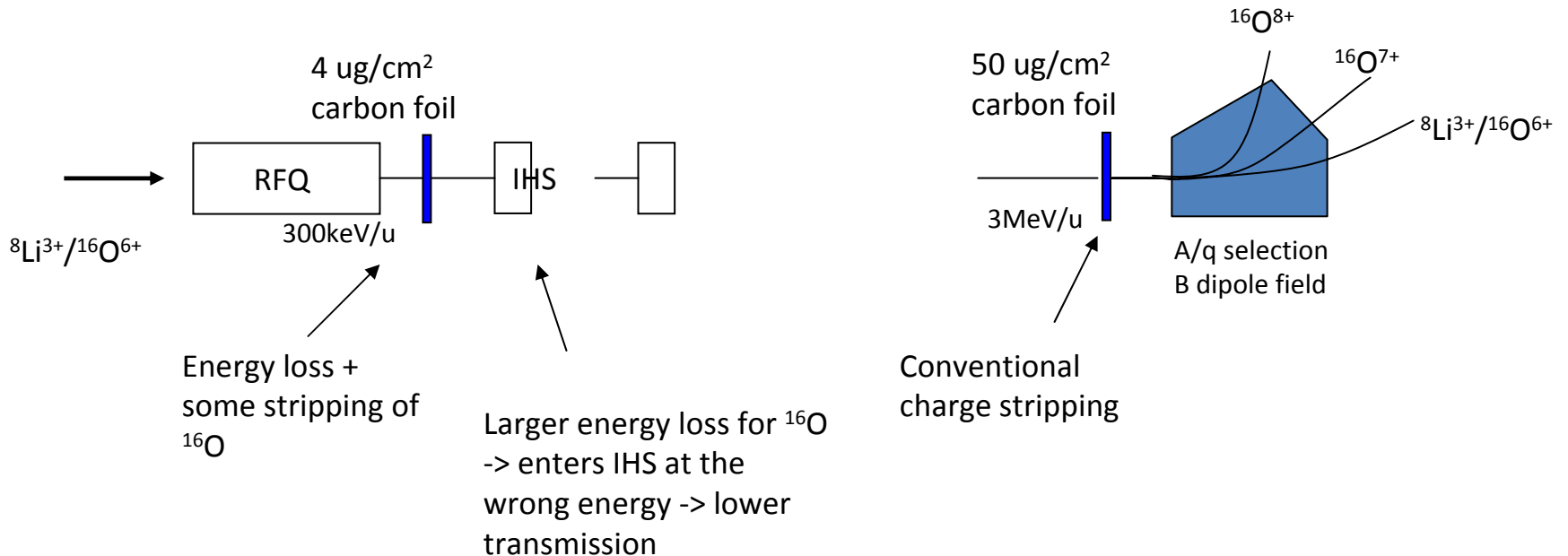
C. Tuve et al., Diamond and Related Materials 15 (2006) 1986-1989

Did we have the same for the energy measurement?



# Double stripping

Can we make use of the different energy loss through a stripping foil to eliminate selectively heavy contaminant? (8Li run Oct. 2006)



- ${}^8\text{Li}/{}^{16}\text{O}$  ratio increased by a factor 13 (expected a factor 3 with single stripping foil)
- Beam intensity decreased by a factor 3 -> can only be used in case of sufficiently intense beams

## Time Structure

1 shift at REX  
= 19 min actual measuring time

- ✓ Bunched beam : high instantaneous rate !  
⇒ deadtime ...
- ✓ Good signal/background ...

