

# The Magnetic(-)Trapping Mode EBIT as a Penning trap

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20 Years of EBIT, Berkeley, Nov. 2006

20 Years of Spectroscopy with the  
Electron Beam Ion Trap  
10 Years of/since the Magnetic-Trapping Mode  
(a highly personal recollection)

- 1989 First visit to LLNL
- 1992 First (published) ICR-EBIT ideas (Schweikhard et al.)
- 1993 First detailed description (Elliott et al.)
- 1994 Proof of principle (Beiersdorfer et al.)
- 1995 Charge-state determination with FT-ICR MS
- 1996 Coining of the term in “FT-ICR Analysis of the **Magnetic Trapping Mode** of the Electron Beam Ion Trap”, Beiersdorfer et al., IJMSIP, (received Jan 02!)
- 1996, i.e. immediately afterwards: “**The Magnetic Trapping Mode** of EBIT - New Opportunities for Highly Charged Ion Research”, Beiersdorfer et al., RSI
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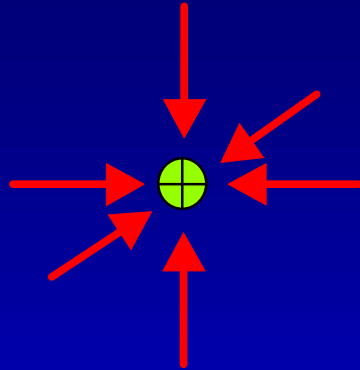
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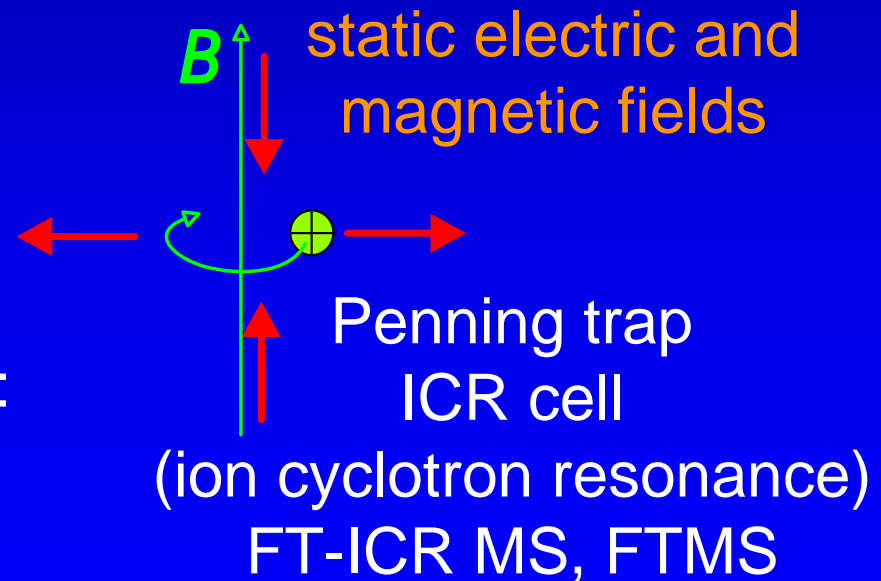
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# My standard introduction: How to trap ions?



~~electrostatic trapping~~

not possible due to  
Laplace:  $\Delta\phi = 0$



An alternative approach  
to ion trapping

replace

Laplace:  $\Delta\phi = 0$

by

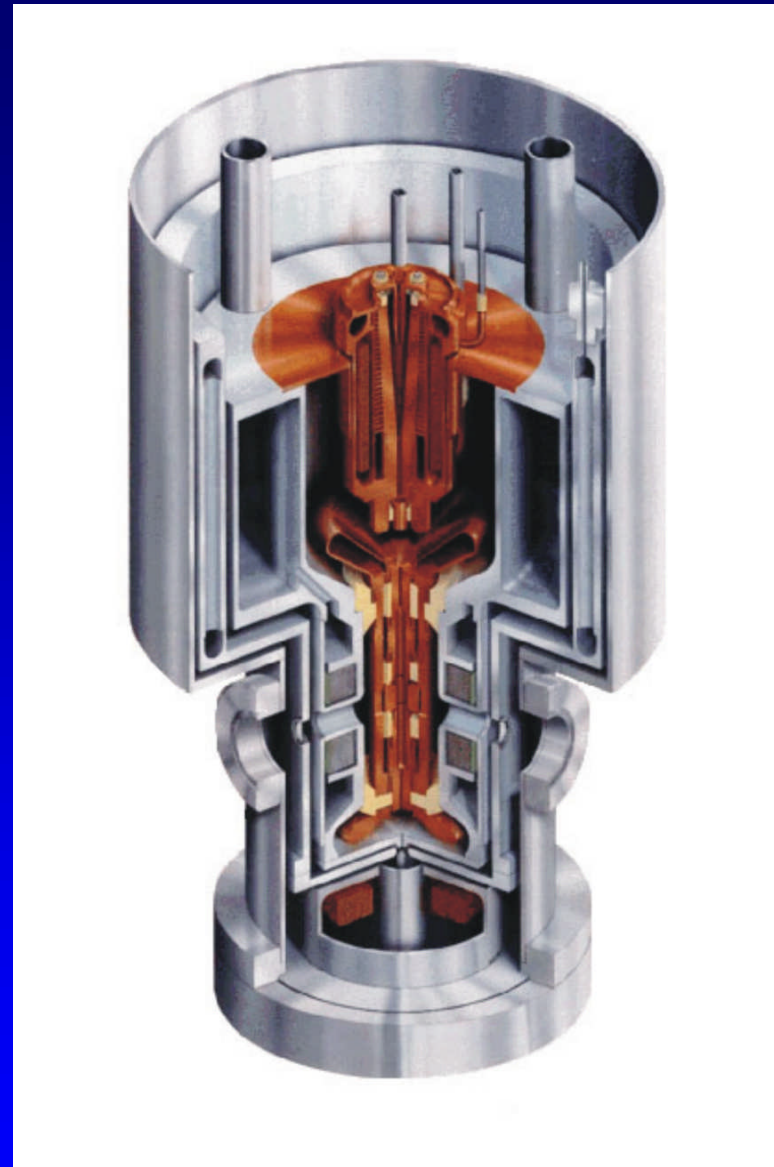
Poisson:  $\Delta\phi = \rho/\epsilon_0$

i.e. space-charge  
confinement in an

Electron Beam

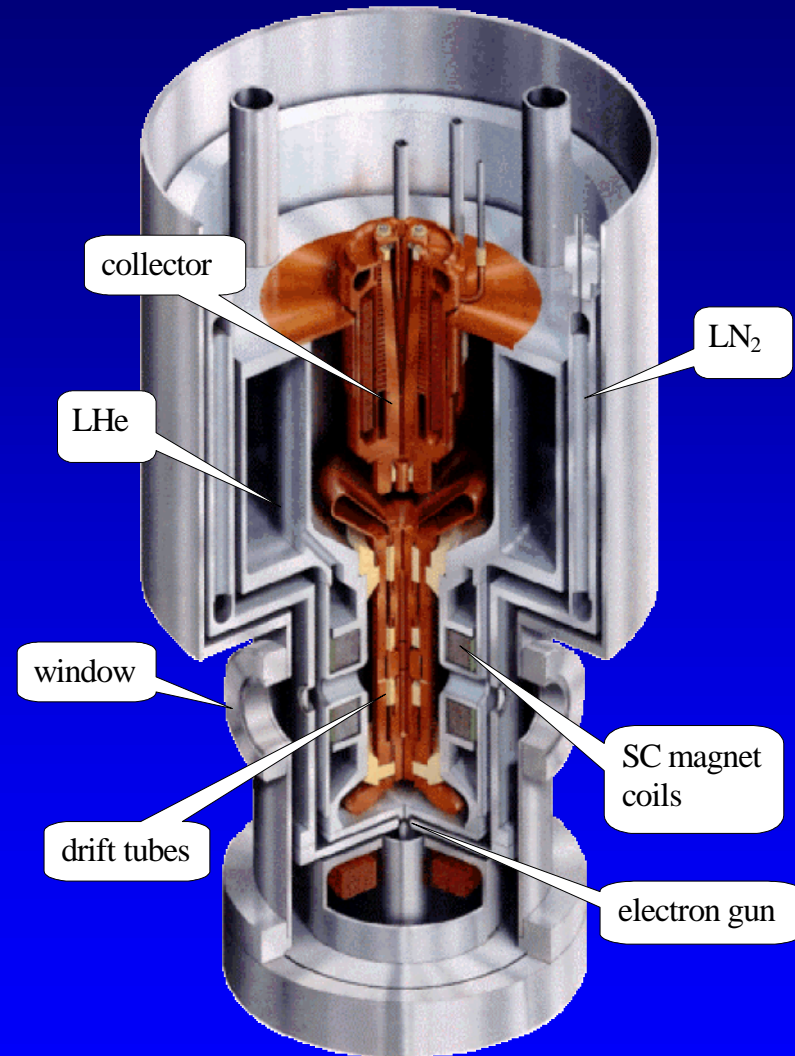
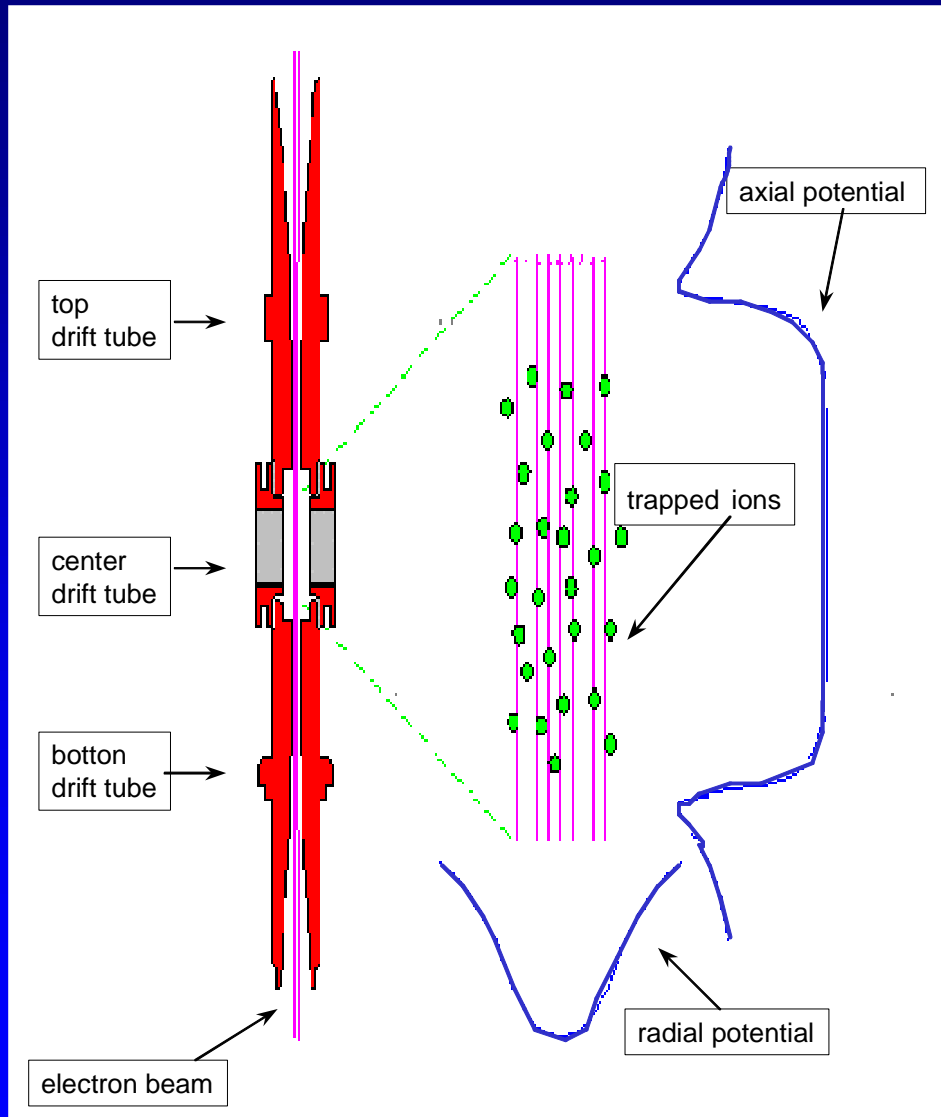
Ion Trap

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LLNL, Livermore/CA

# HCI production and confinement in an EBIT



**EBIT II**

Note:

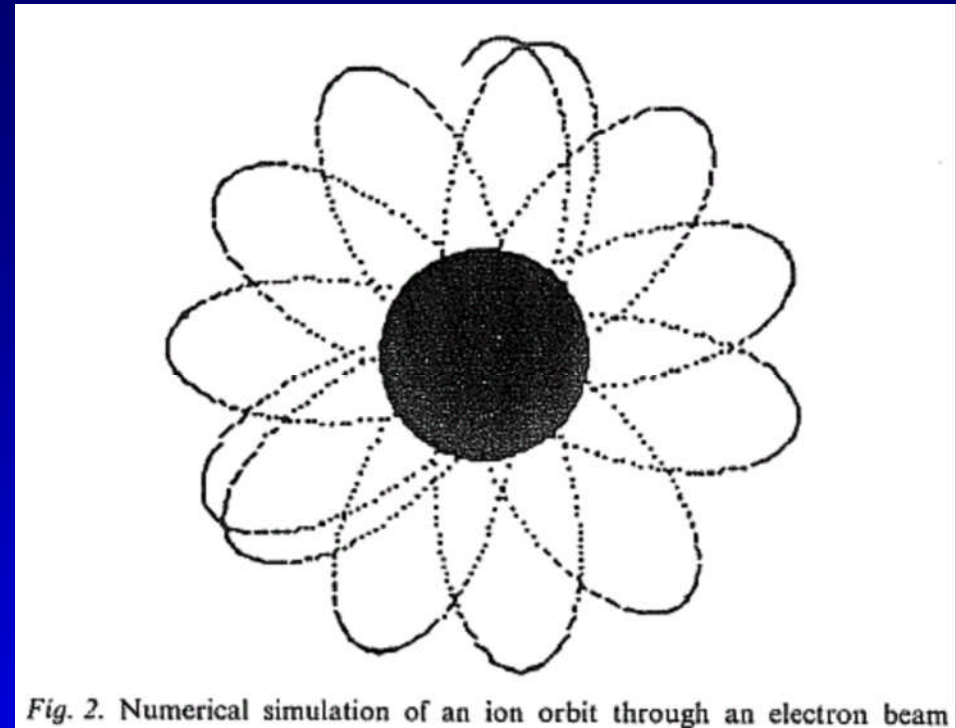
The ions may not stay continuously right inside the electron beam.

Nevertheless, they are effected with respect to

(a) their motional modes  
and

(b) their internal structure

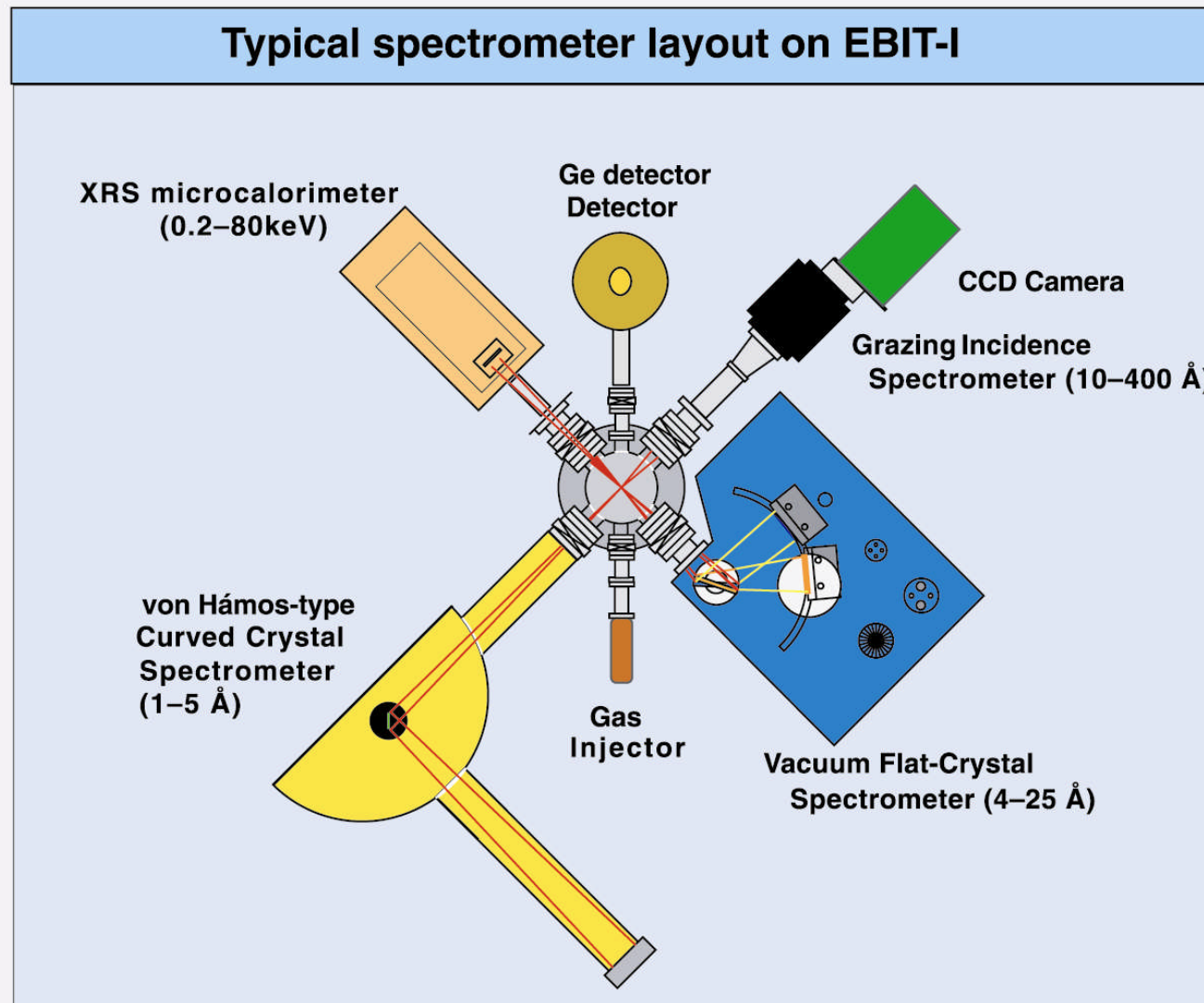
due to the short- and long-range interaction, resp., with the electron beam.



*Fig. 2.* Numerical simulation of an ion orbit through an electron beam

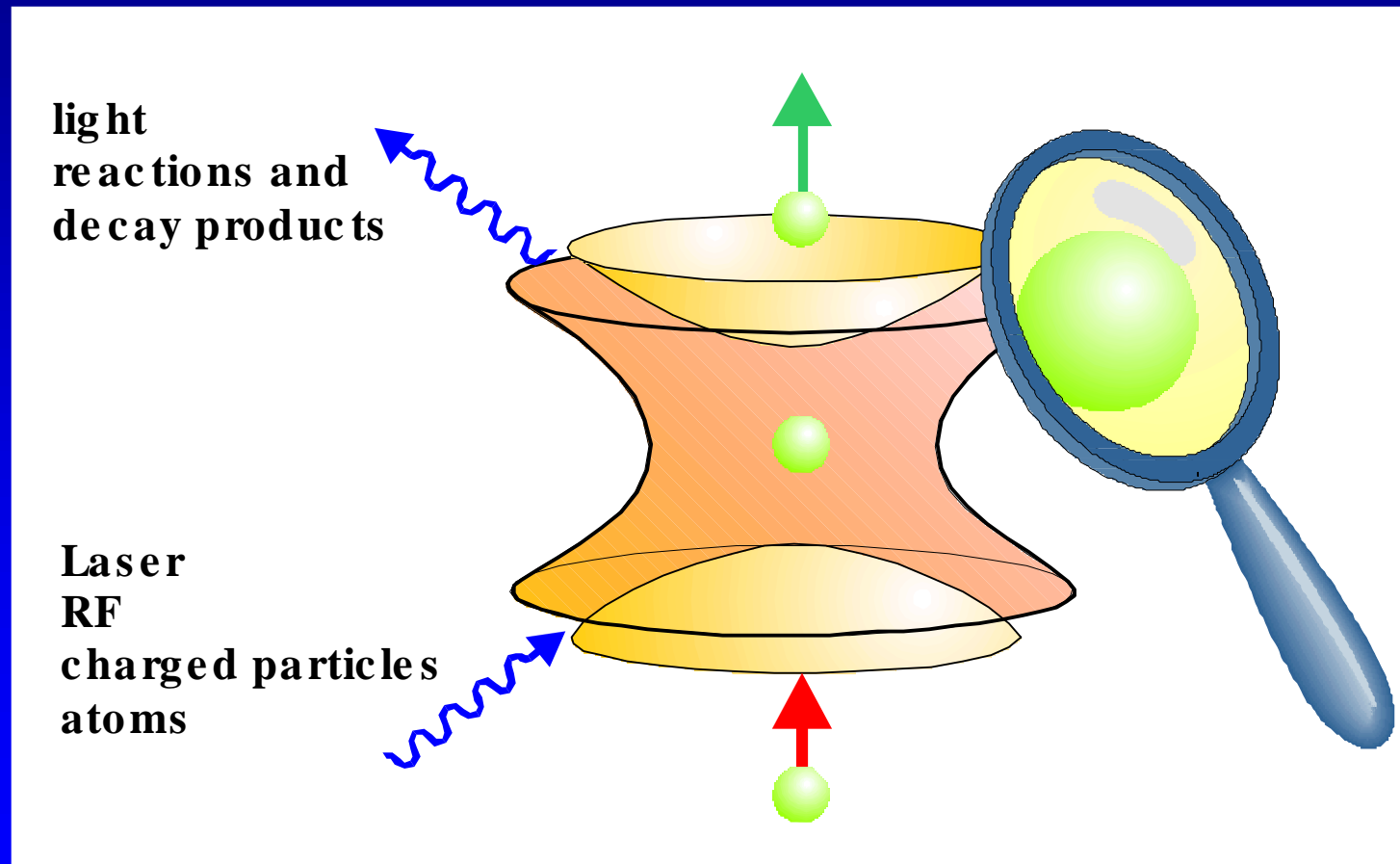
Gillaspy et al., Physica Scripta 1995

# There are lots of interesting things to be done at EBIT





However, there are circumstances where ion trapping in a “wall-less container” is chosen to **eliminate any interaction** but only the one of interest, and in particular to **study the re-action** after a defined interaction



In more general terms ion trapping allows

extended preparations,  
extended interactions,  
extended re-action periods,  
extended multi-step sequences.

Which leads to

- effective (non-destructive) (re-)use of rare species,
- easy manipulation of motion and internal modes,
- highly-accurate determination of  $m/q$ ,
- selection by  $m/q$ -separation,
- accumulation & bunching ,
- charge breeding (ionization, electron attachment),
- cooling (again of motion and internal modes),
- ...

# Prominent argument: Fourier Limit

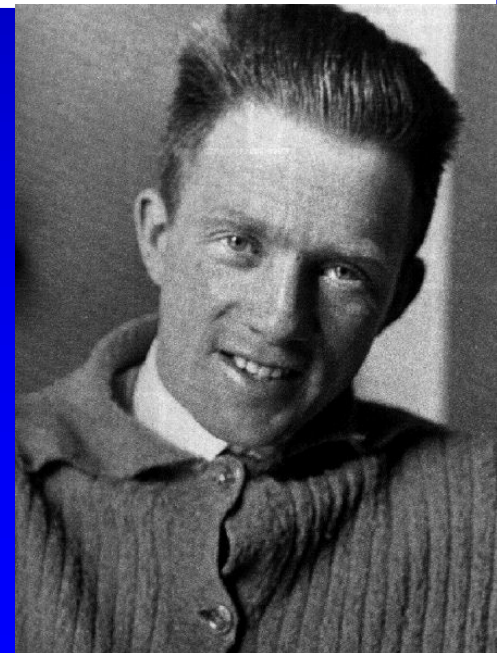
Important factor for

- all kinds of spectroscopy (laser, microwave, etc.)
- mass separation
- mass determination
  - analytical applications and
  - precision measurements

Storage                      Resolving Power

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$$\Delta t \cdot \Delta \nu > 1$$
$$\Delta t \cdot \Delta E > h$$



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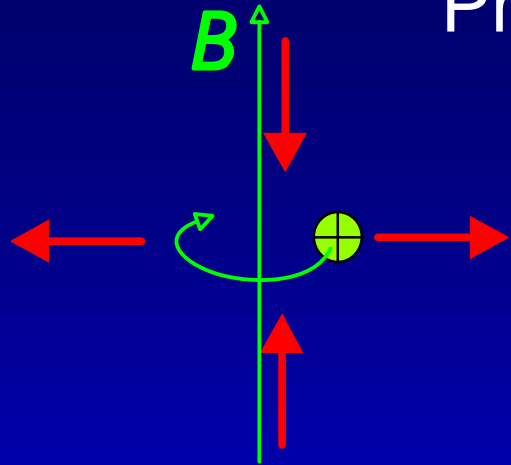
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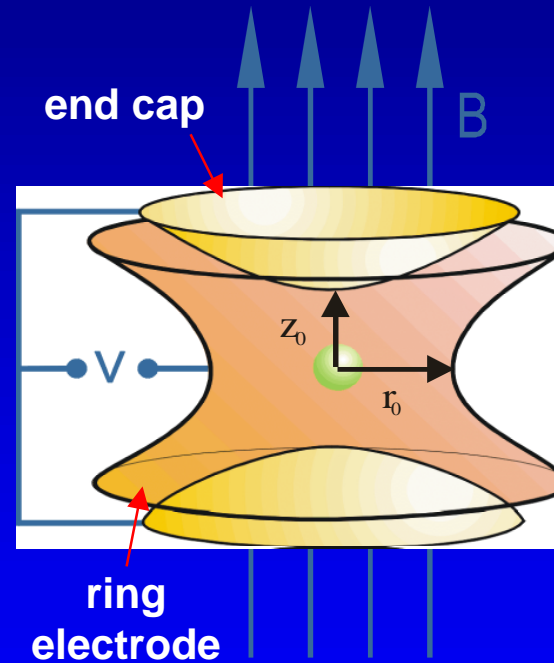
# Principle of Penning traps



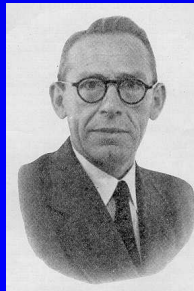
Cyclotron frequency: 
$$\nu_c = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{q}{m} \cdot B$$

## PENNING trap

- Strong homogeneous magnetic field
- Weak electric 3D quadrupole field



Frans Michel Penning  
(Penning discharge  
at Philips 1936)

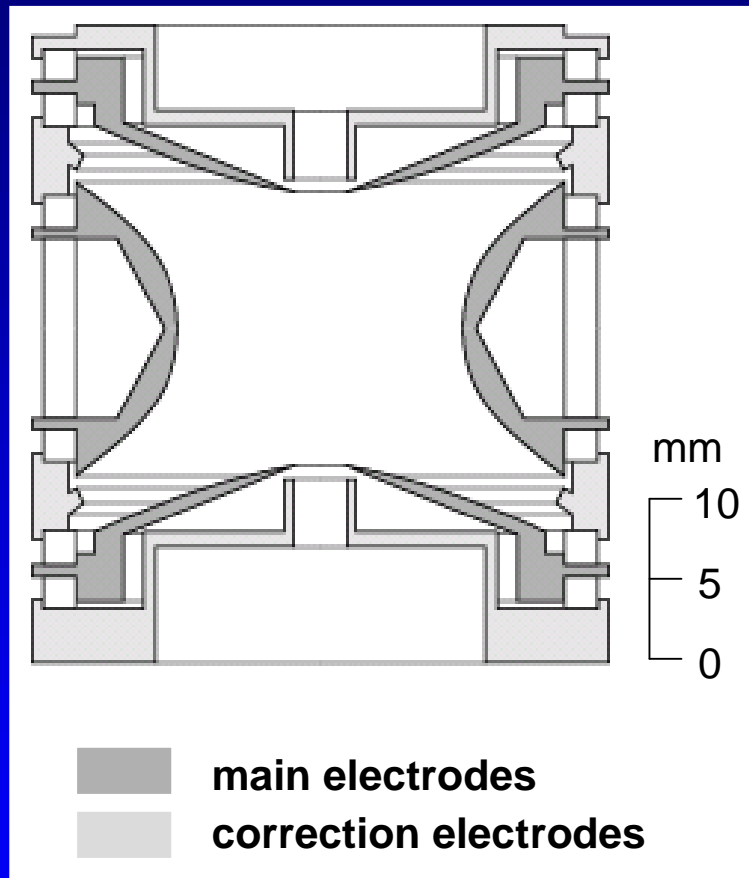


Hans G. Dehmelt  
(Nobel prize in physics 1989)



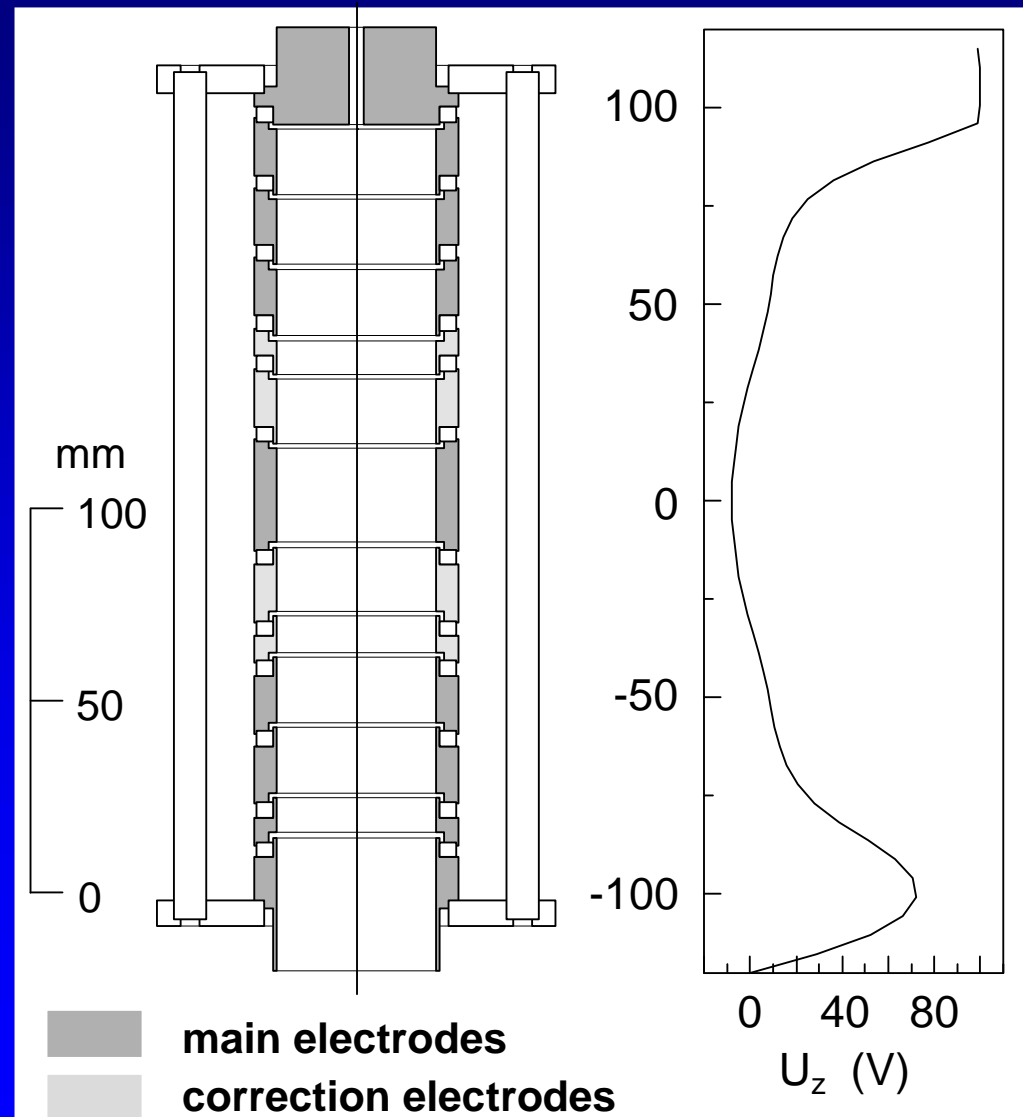
# Penning trap configurations

Hyperbolic  
Penning trap



$z_0 = r_0 / \sqrt{2}$  often used but  
not necessarily the best choice

Cylindrical  
Penning trap



# Equation of motion in a Penning trap

El. plus Lorentz force:

$$\vec{F} = -q\nabla\phi(r) + q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$

equation of motion:

$$q(\nabla\phi(r) + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) + m\ddot{\vec{r}} = 0$$

## axial oscillation

$$\frac{qU_0}{md_0^2} \cdot z + m\ddot{z} = 0$$

$$\omega_z = \sqrt{\frac{qU_0}{md_0^2}}$$

**z or axial frequency**

## radial oscillation

substitution:  $u = x + iy$

$$\omega_c = \frac{e_0}{m} B \quad i\omega_c u - \frac{\omega_z^2}{2} u + \ddot{u} = 0$$

$$u(t) = u_0 e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$\omega_+ = \frac{\omega_c}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{\omega_c^2}{4} - \frac{\omega_z^2}{2}}$$

**modified or reduced cyclotron frequency**

$$\omega_- = \frac{\omega_c}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{\omega_c^2}{4} - \frac{\omega_z^2}{2}}$$

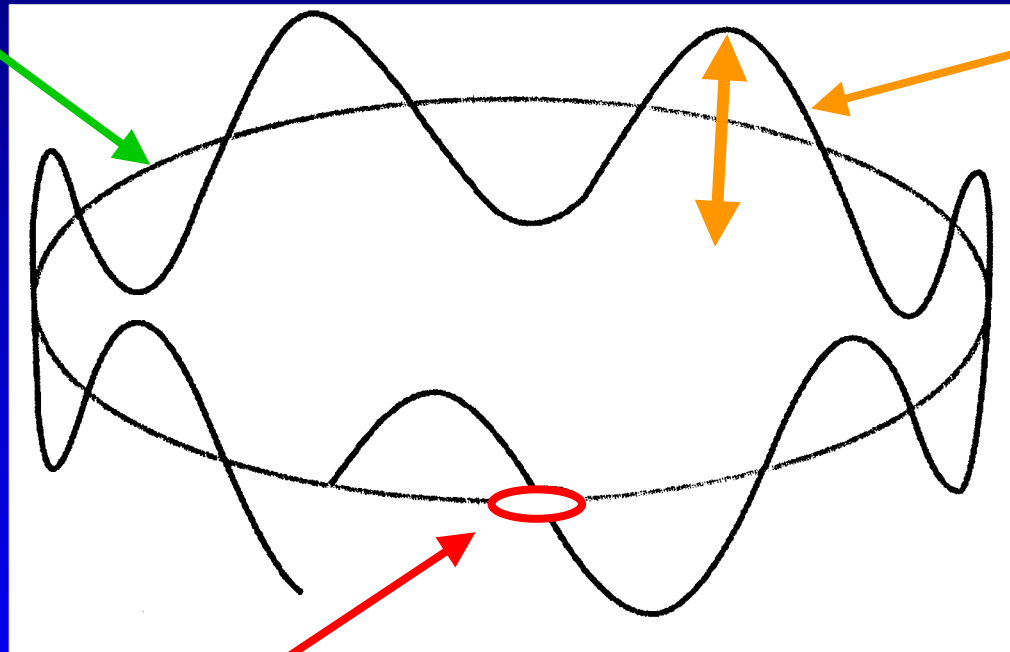
**magnetron frequency**

# Ion motion in a Penning trap

magnetron motion

$$\omega_- = \frac{\omega_c}{2} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{\omega_c}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{\omega_z^2}{2}}$$

kHz range



trapping motion

$$\omega_z = \sqrt{\frac{qU}{md^2}}$$

cyclotron motion

$$\omega_+ = \frac{\omega_c}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{\omega_c}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{\omega_z^2}{2}}$$

MHz range



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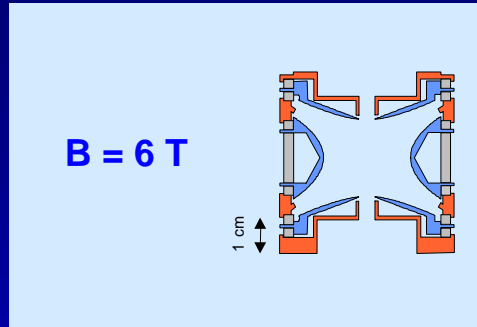
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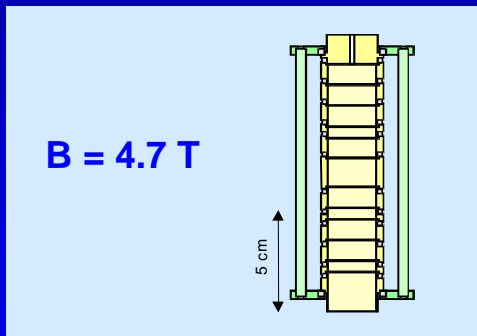
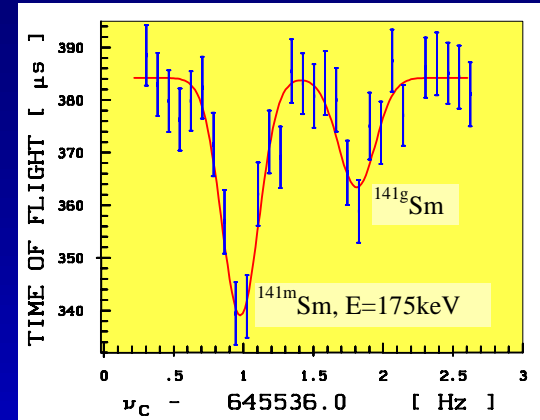
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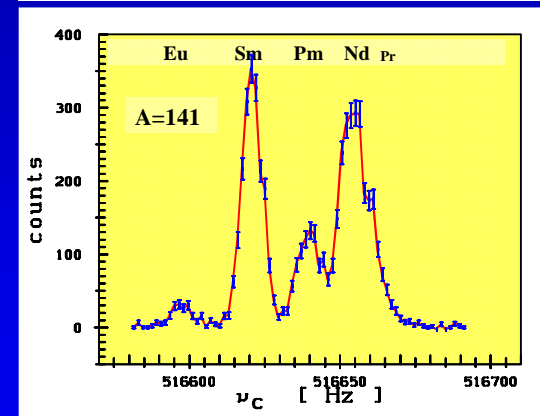
# Example for Precision Mass Measurements: ISOLTRAP AT ISOLDE/CERN



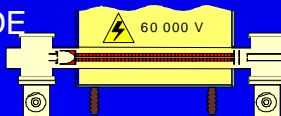
**Precision Trap:**  
Determination  
of cyclotron  
frequency  
Isomer separation



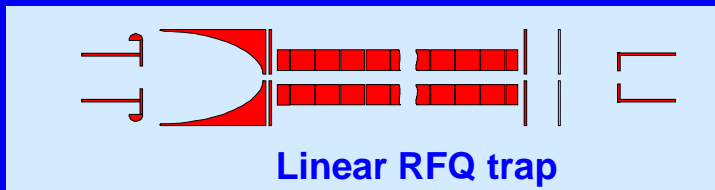
**Preparation Trap:**  
Accumulation  
Cooling  
Isobar separation



60keV ISOLDE  
ion beam



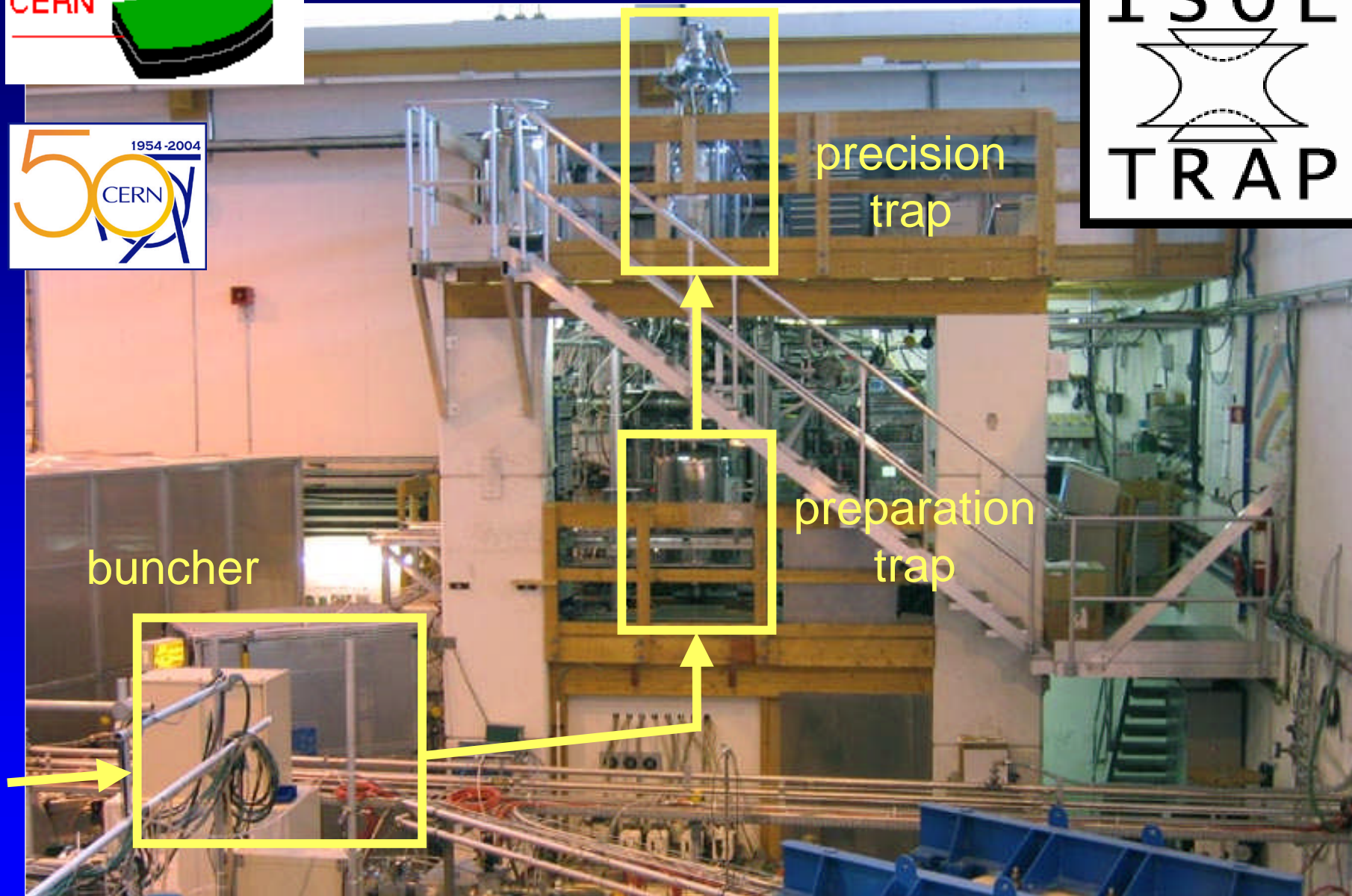
1m



**Retardation**  
**Cooling**  
**Accumulation**  
**Bunching**

H. Stolzenberg et al., PRL (1990)  
G. Bollen et al., NIM A (1996)  
F. Herfurth et al., NIM A (2001)

<http://isoltrap.web.cern.ch>



For some highlights see PRL **92**, 112501, **93**, 072502, **93**, 150801 (all 2004)

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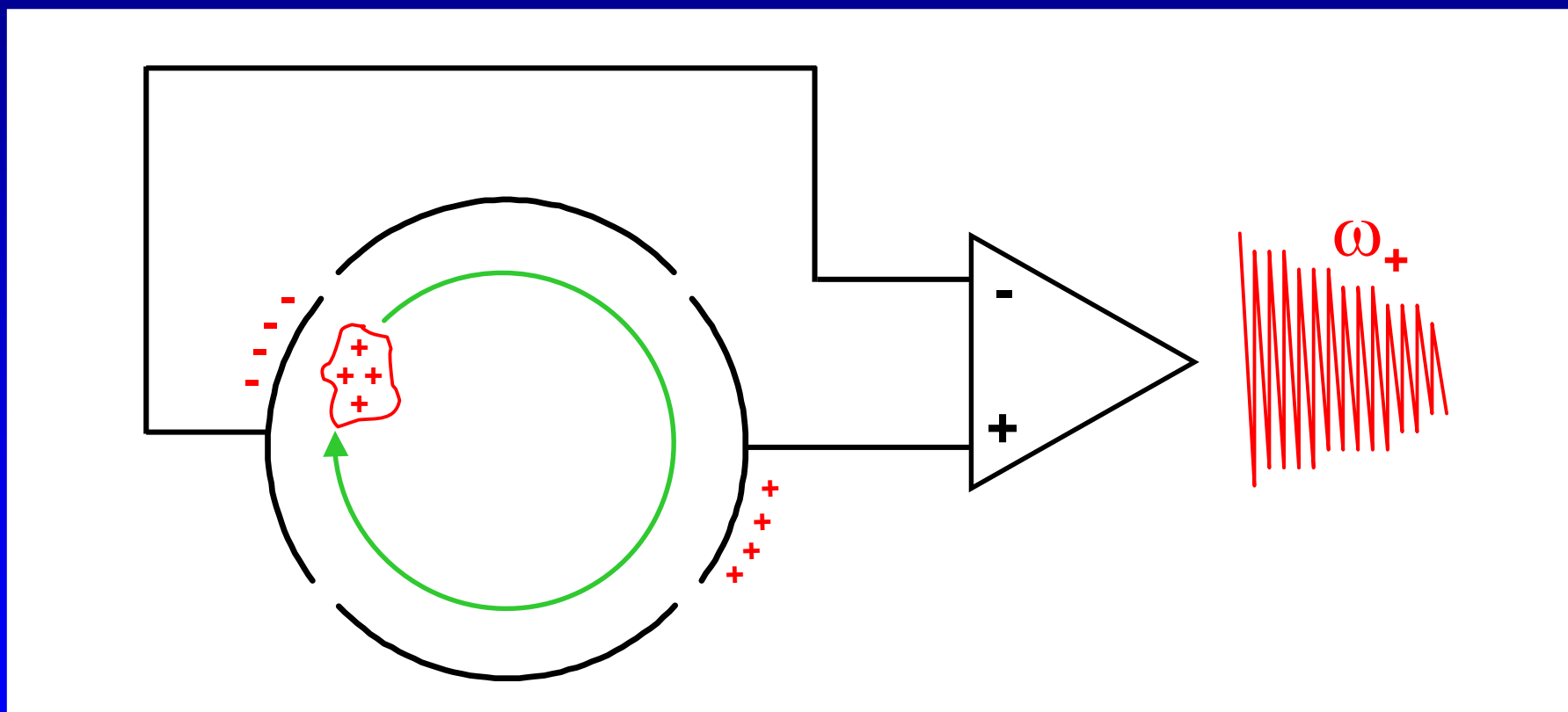
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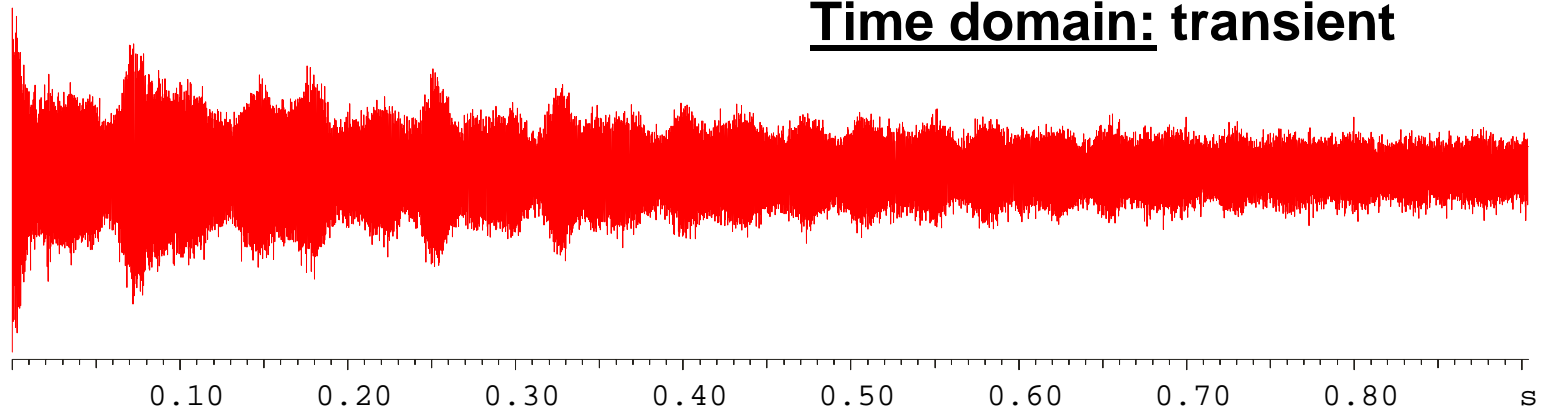
Mass Spectrometry for **Analytical Chemistry**:  
**Fourier Transform Ion Cyclotron Resonance  
Mass Spectrometry (FT-ICR MS or short FTMS)**  
Broadband excitation and detection



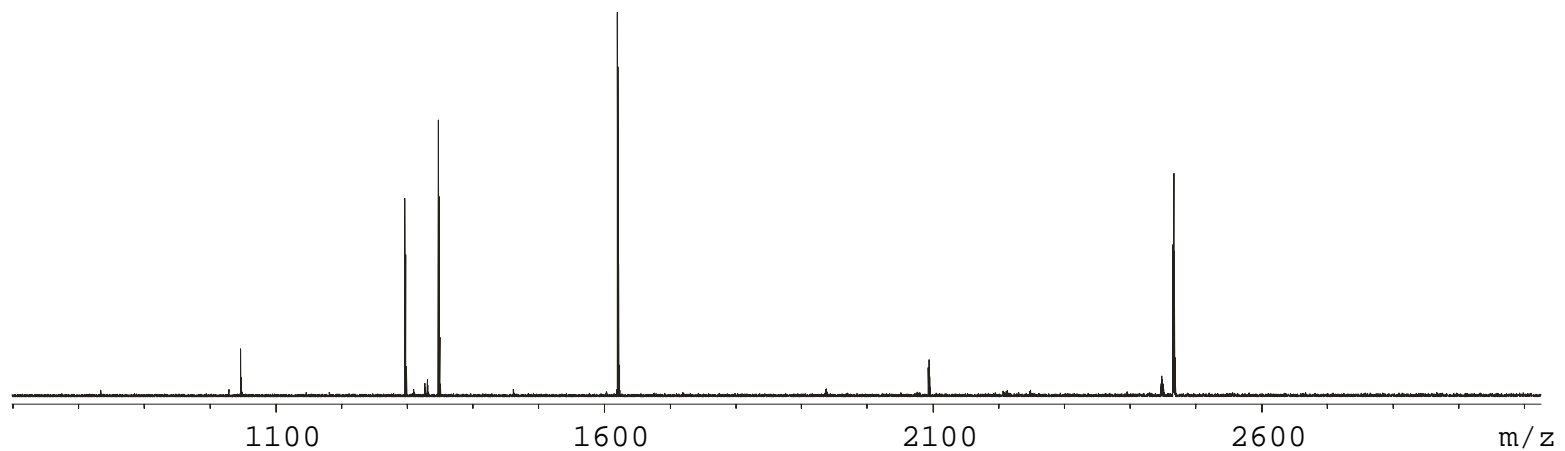
Comisarow & Marshall, 1974

# Fourier Transformation

Time domain: transient

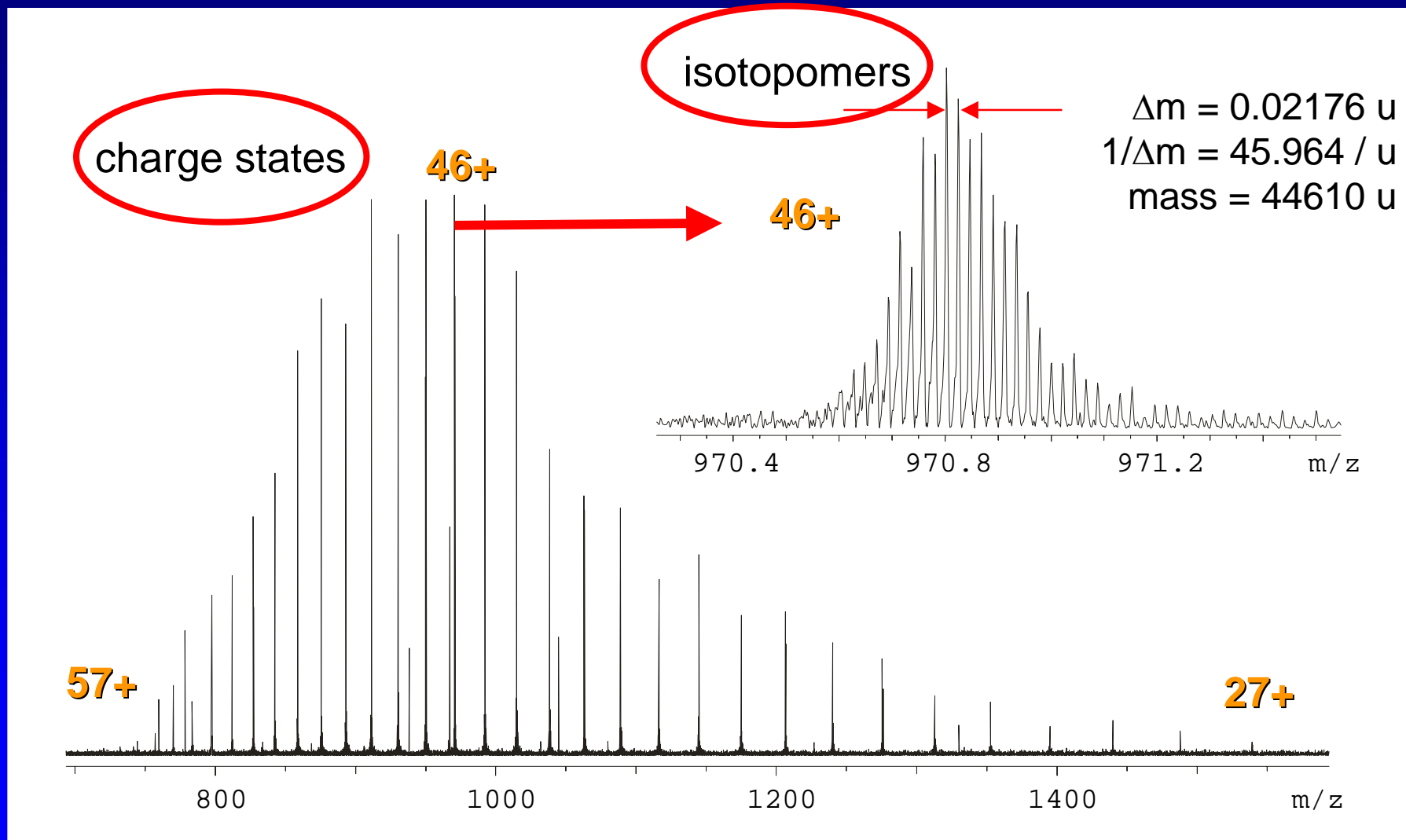


Frequency domain: mass spectrum



# Boom since early 1990s in bio-chemistry

## Example: Protein A (44kDa) Broadband Spectrum



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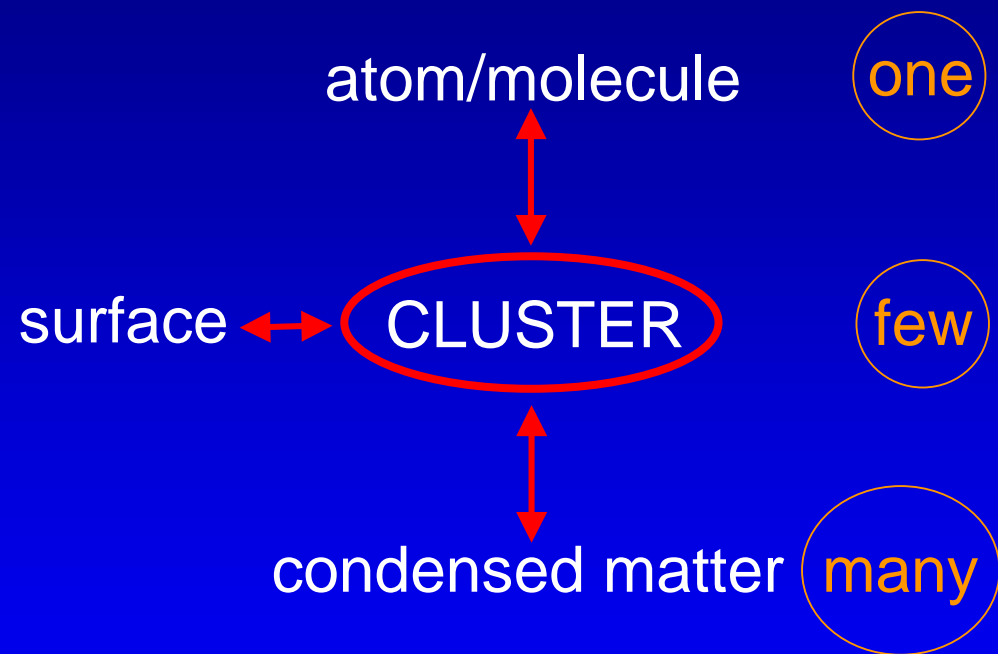
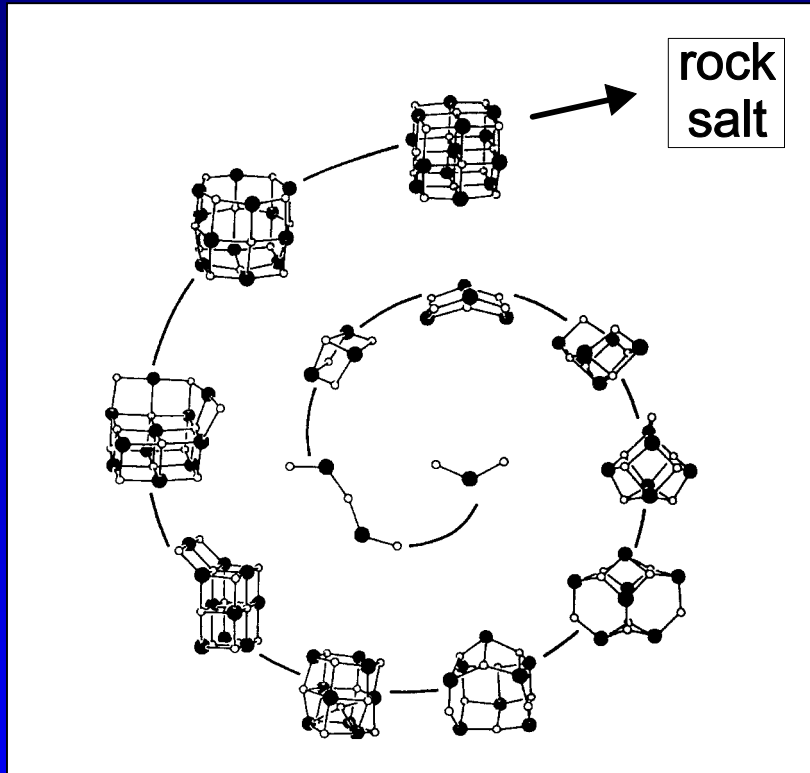
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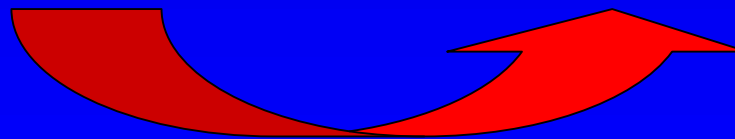
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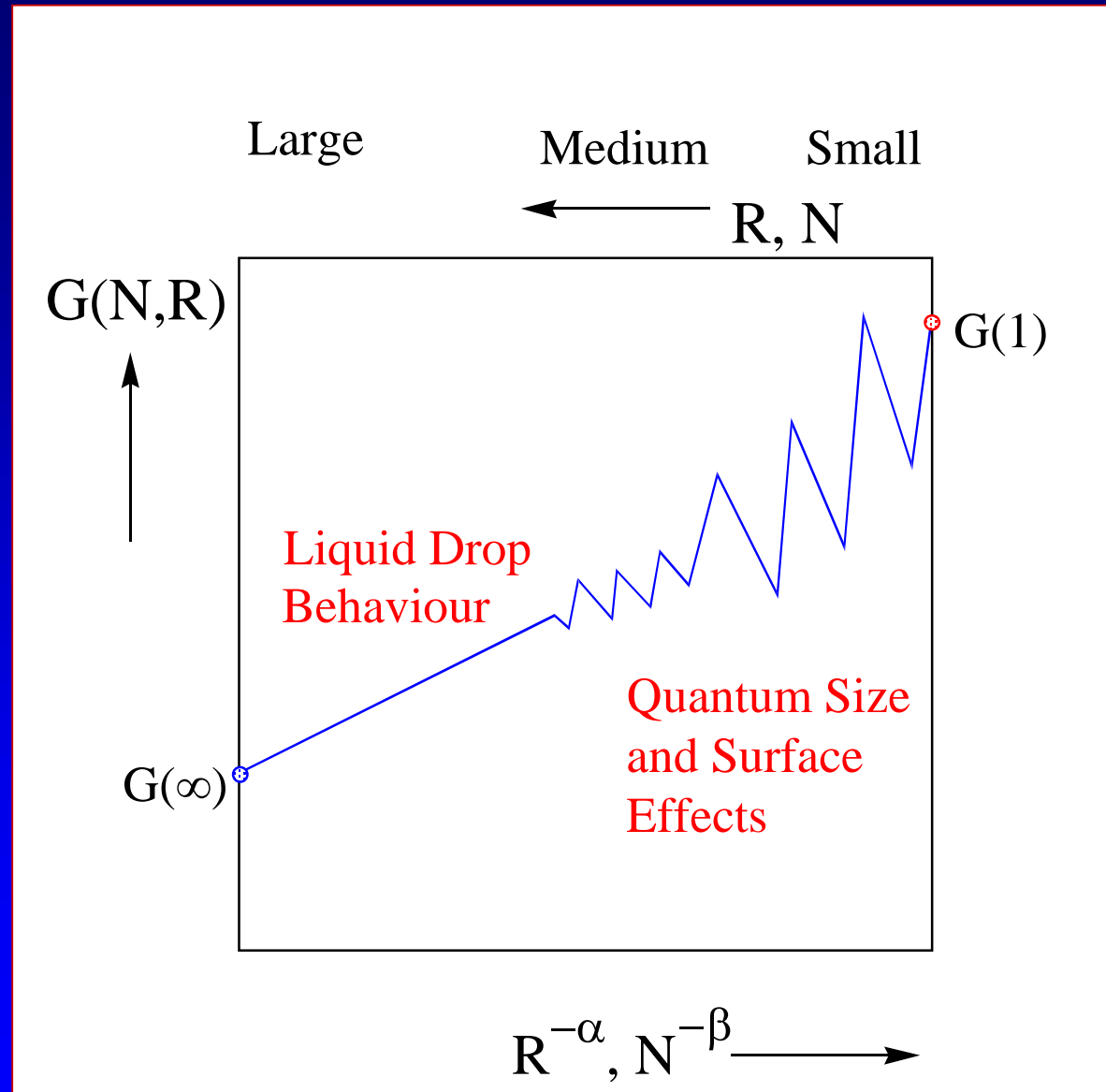
# From Atoms to Bulk Matter: Clusters



T.P. Martin (1984)

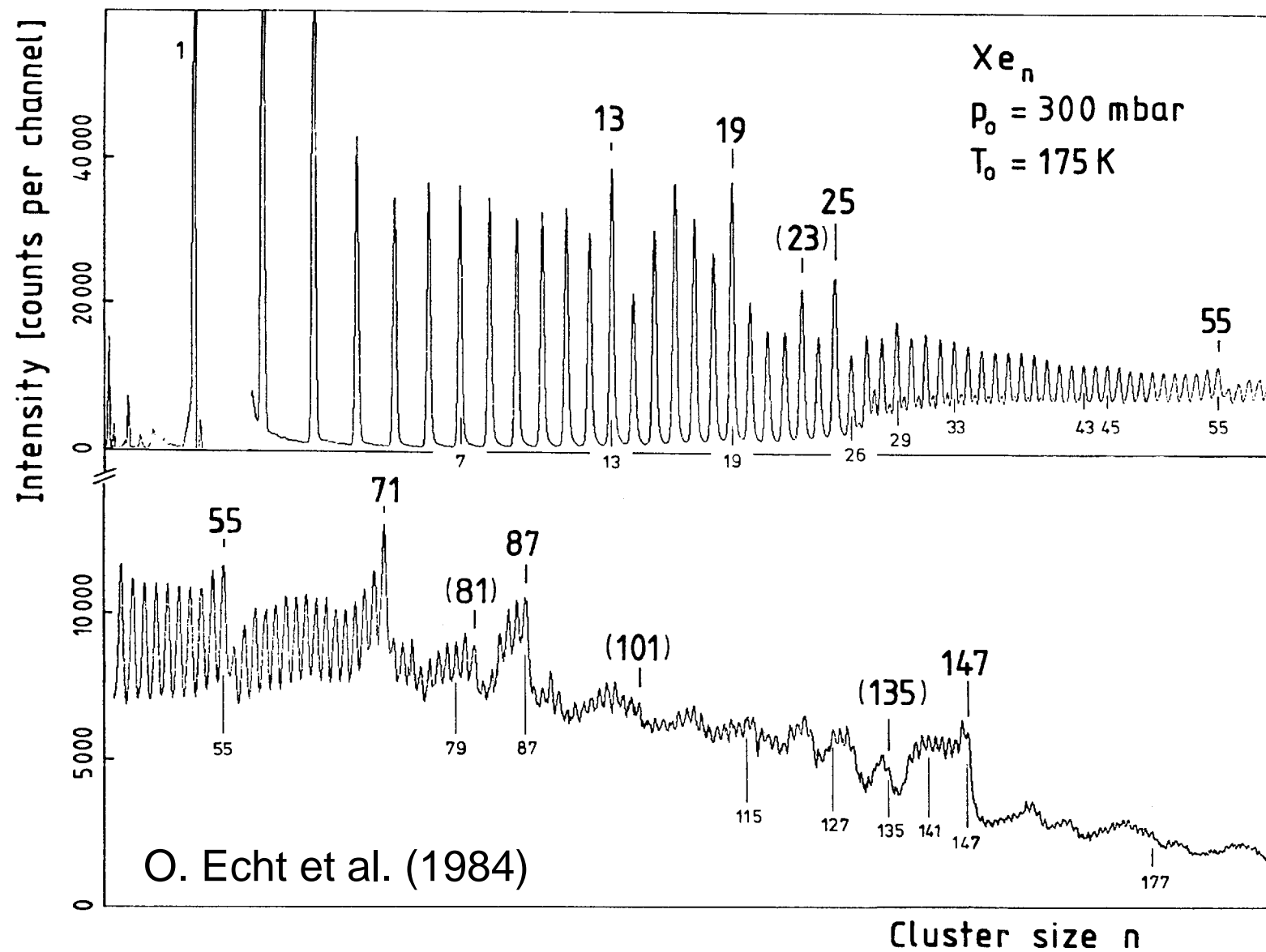


# Scaling Laws

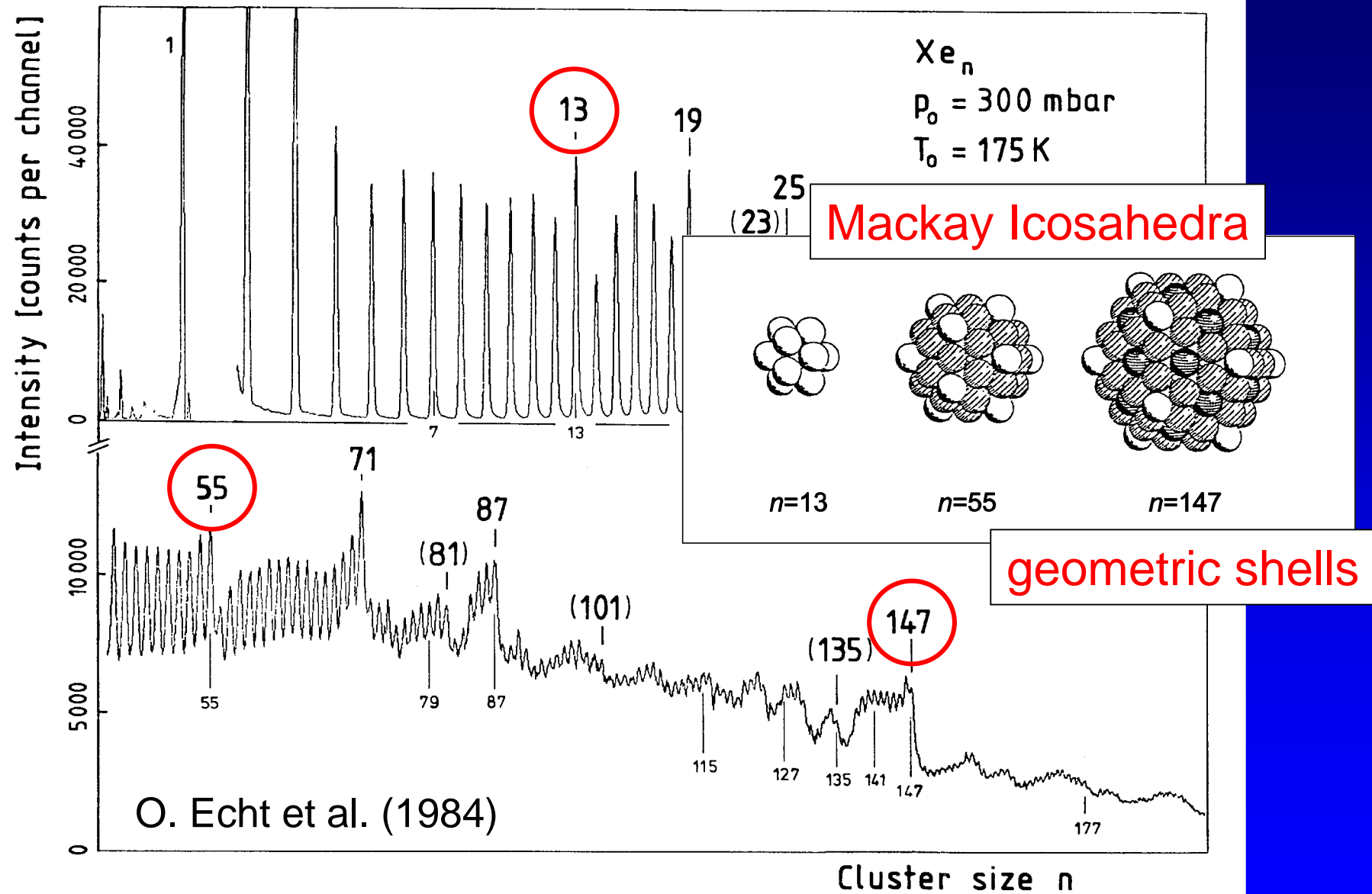


Roy L. Johnston:  
Atomic and  
Molecular Clusters  
(London, New York, 2002)

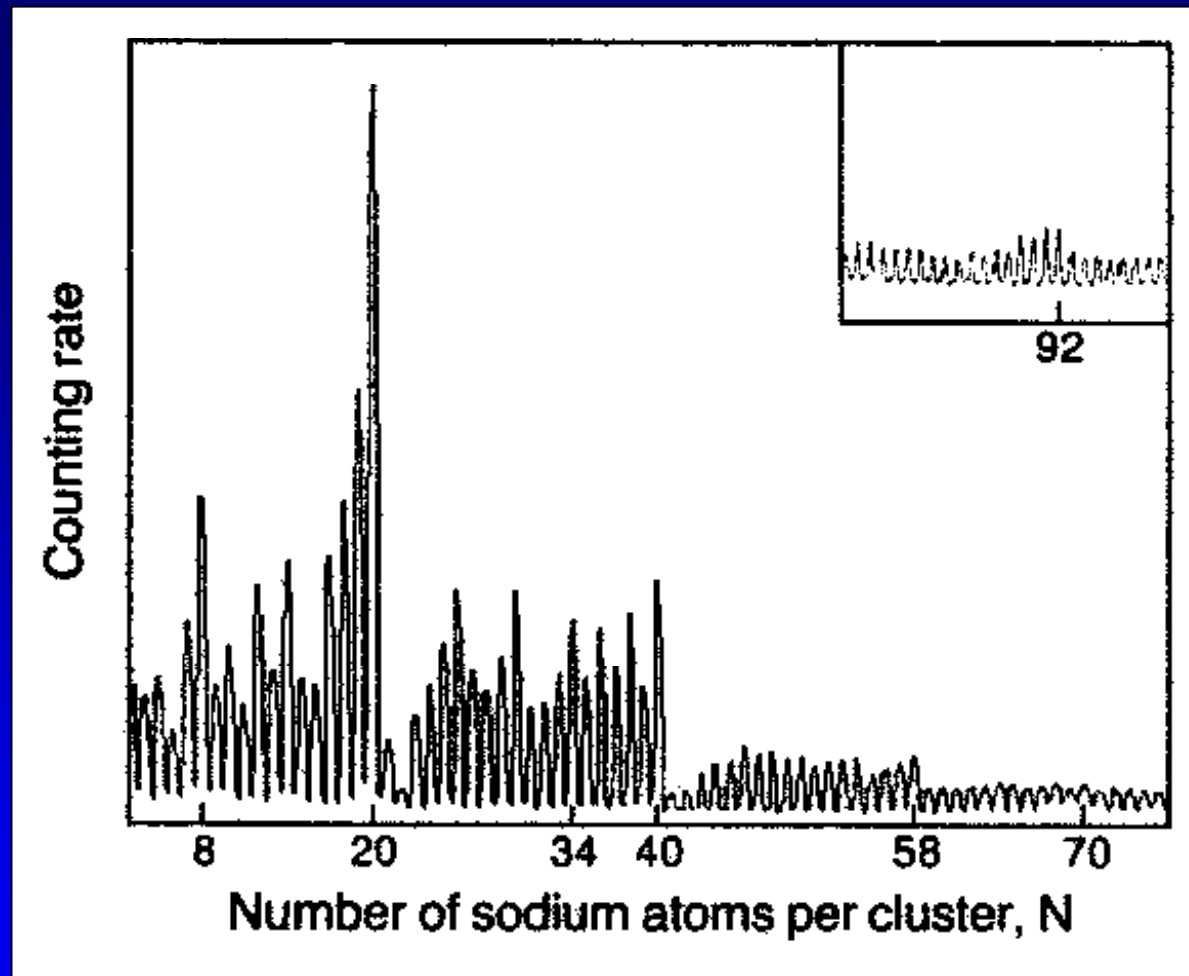
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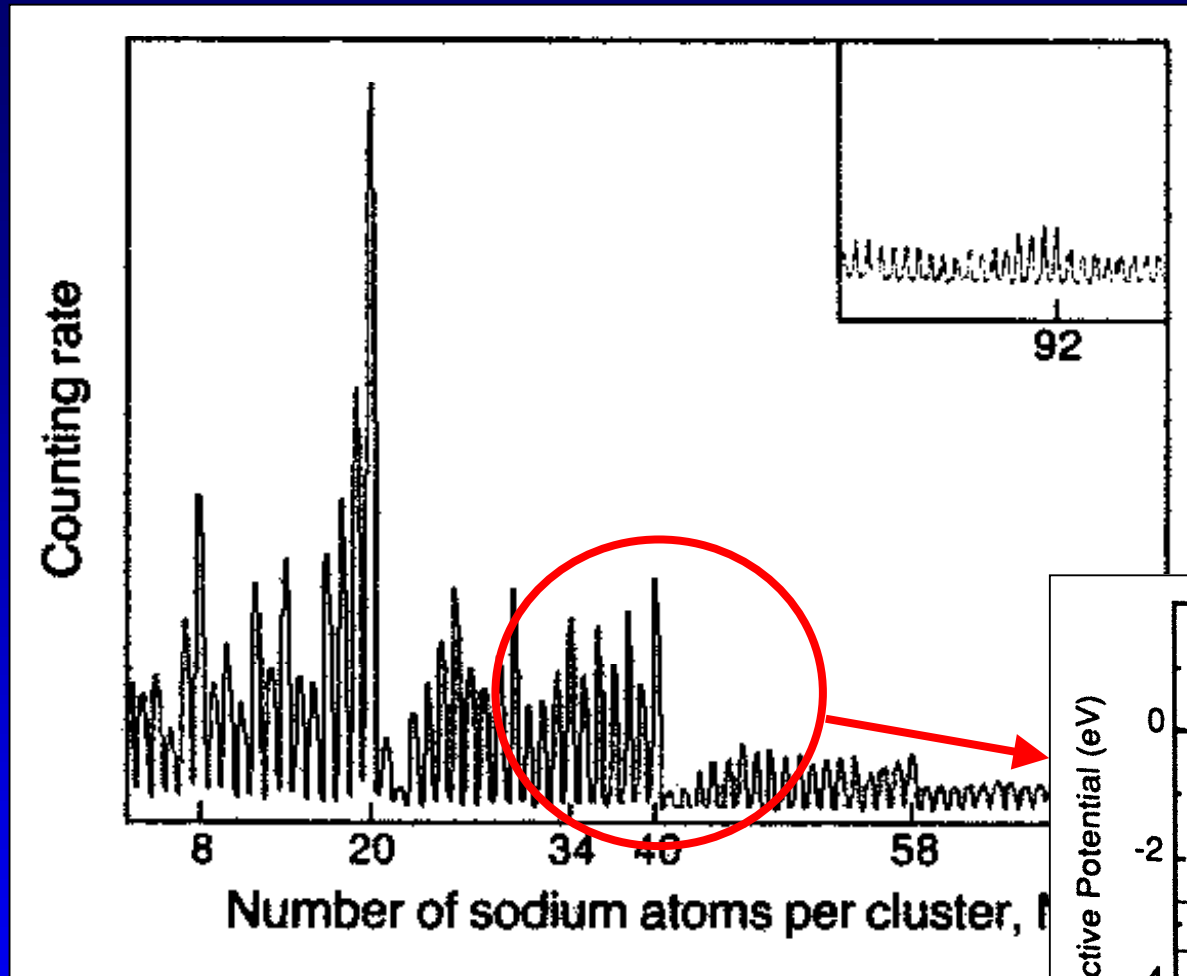


# Metal clusters



W. D. Knight et al. (1984)

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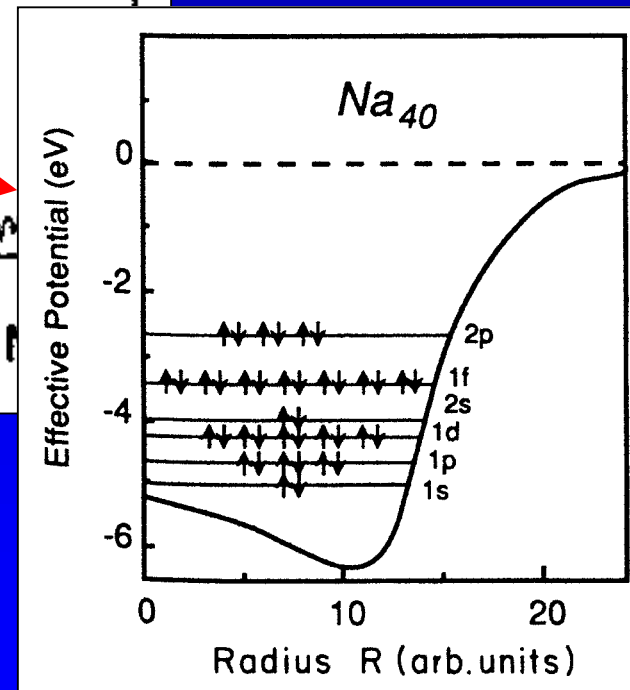


Closed electronic shells



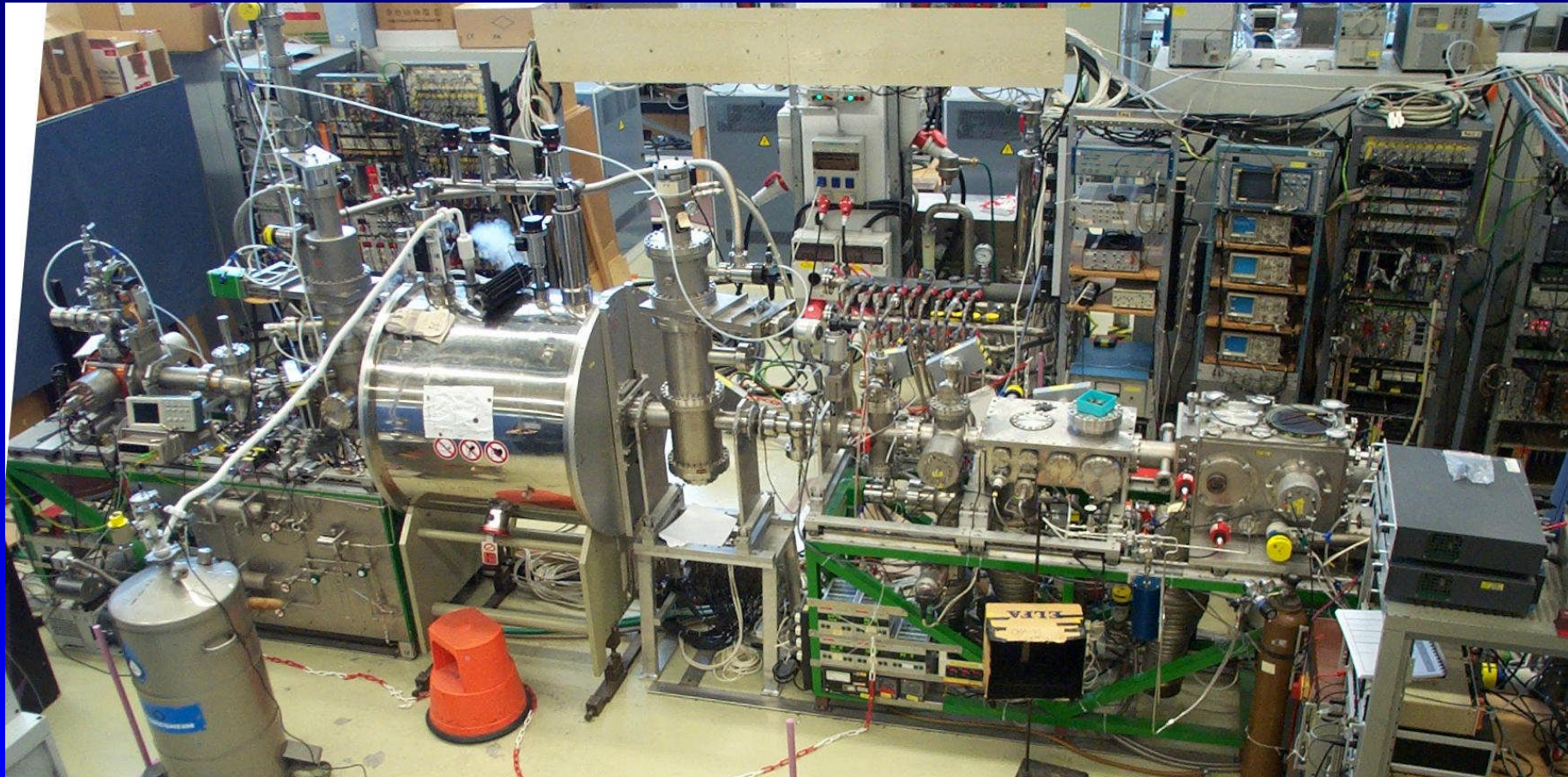
at  $n=8,20,40,58,92$

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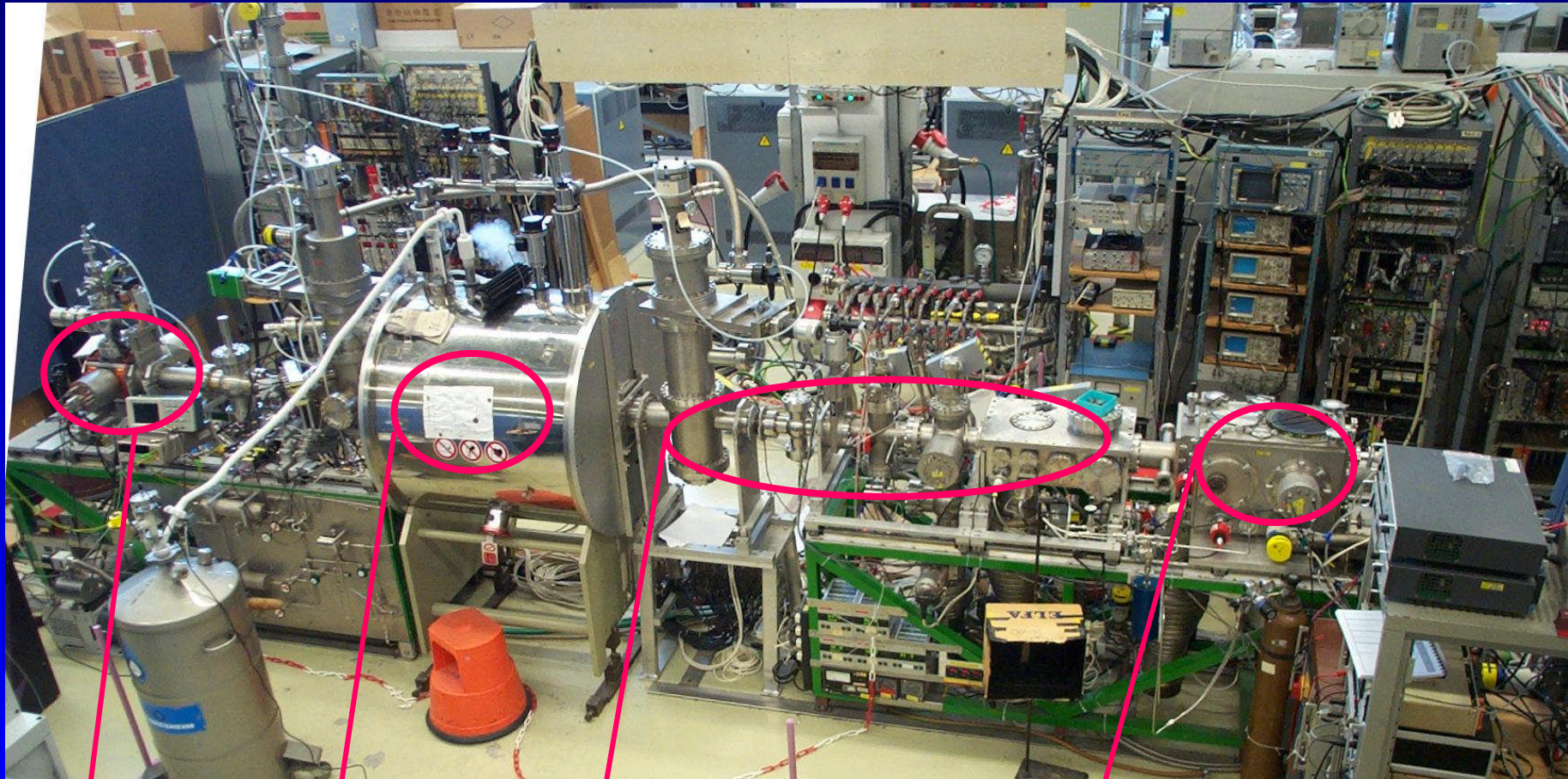


# The ClusterTrap setup





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Detector

Penning-trap

Transfer section

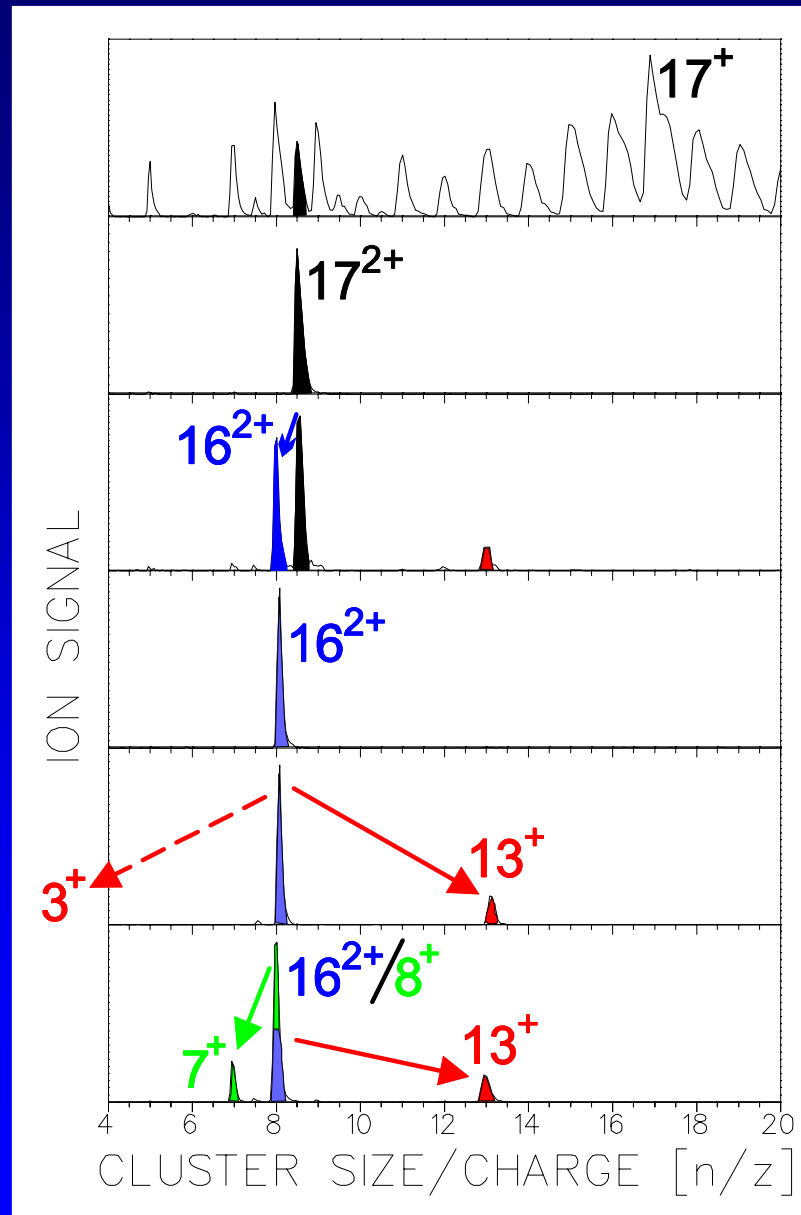
Ion source



Max-Planck-Institut  
für Plasmaphysik



# CID of product ions



capture/accumulation and  
electron bombardment

1. selection

CID

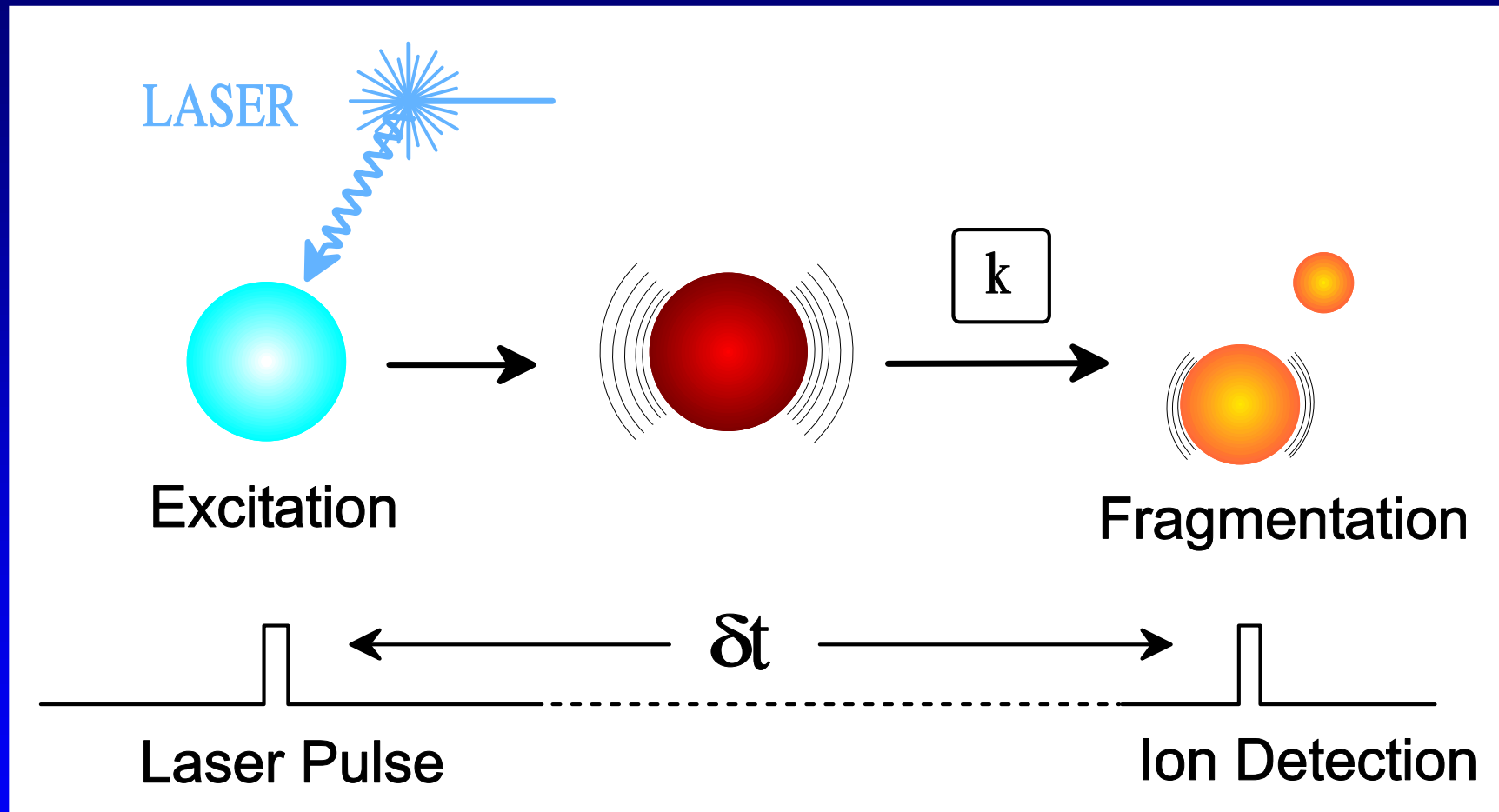
2. selection

CID

CID after first selection

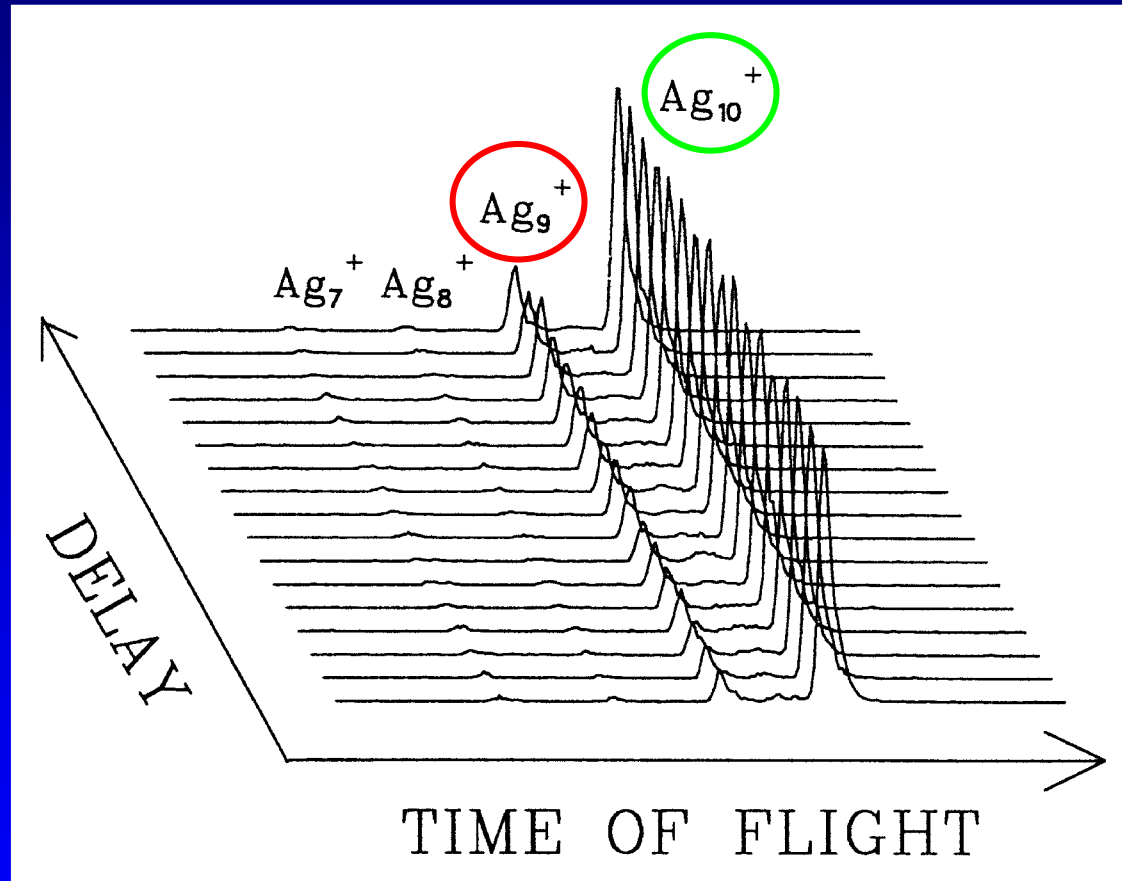
S. Krückeberg et al., ZPD (1997)

# Time – resolved photodissociation

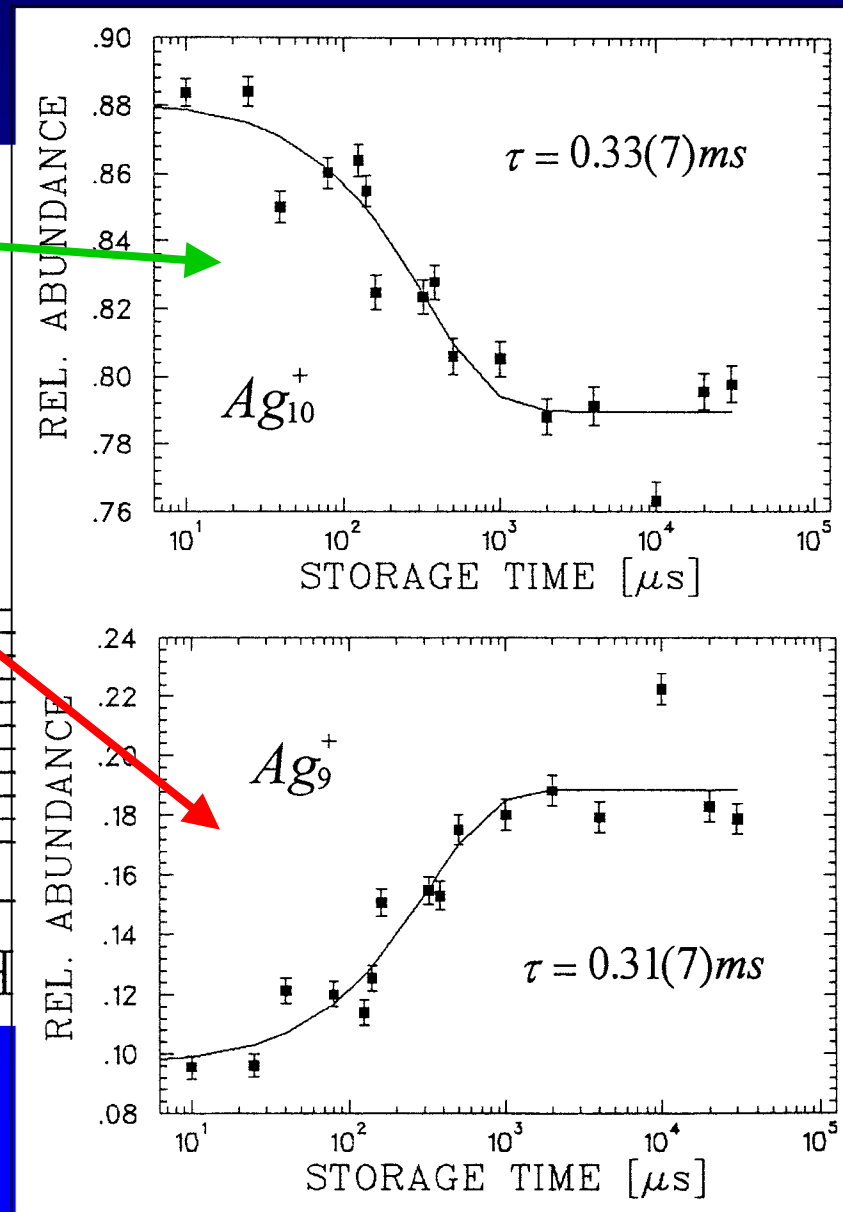
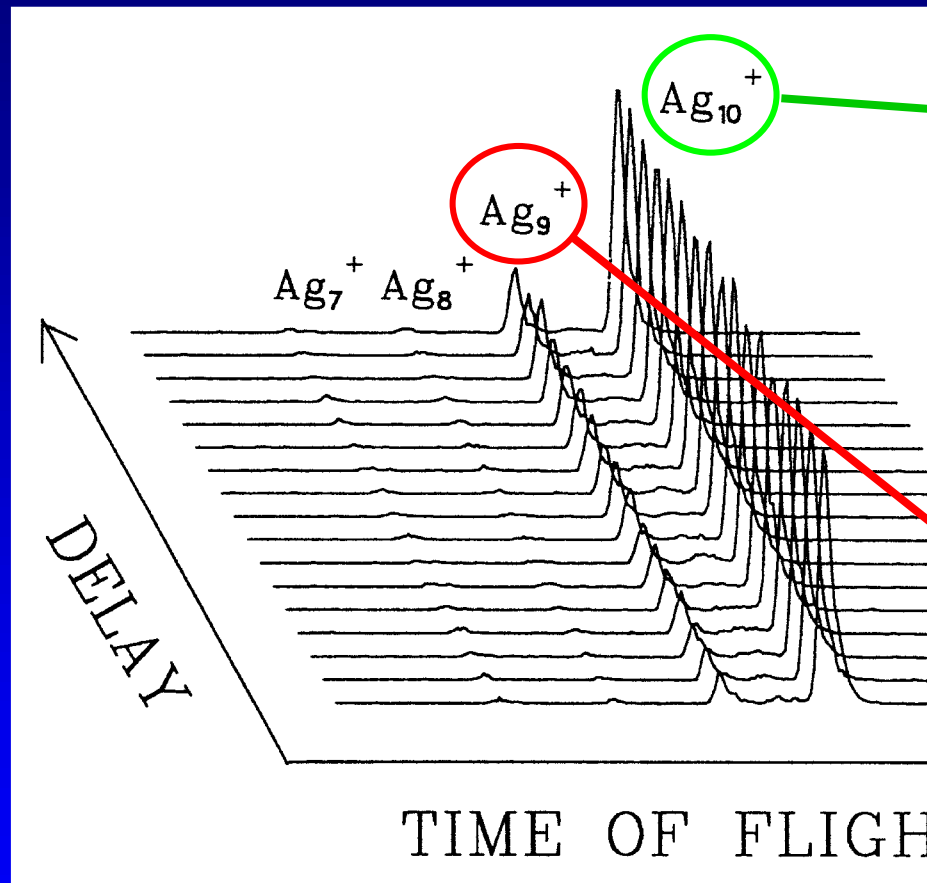


C. Walther et al., CPL (1996), M. Lindinger et al., ZPD (1997)

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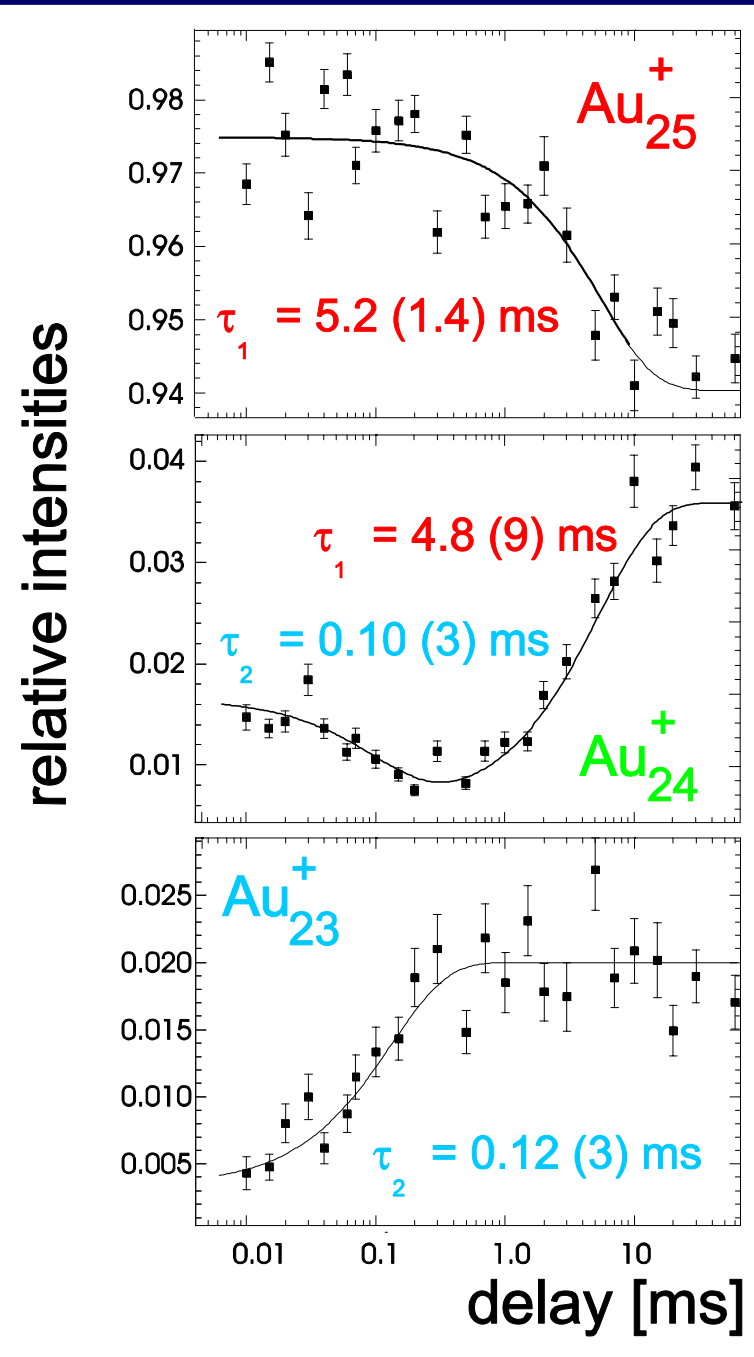


L.S. et al., RCMS (1997)  
U. Hild et al., PRA (1998)

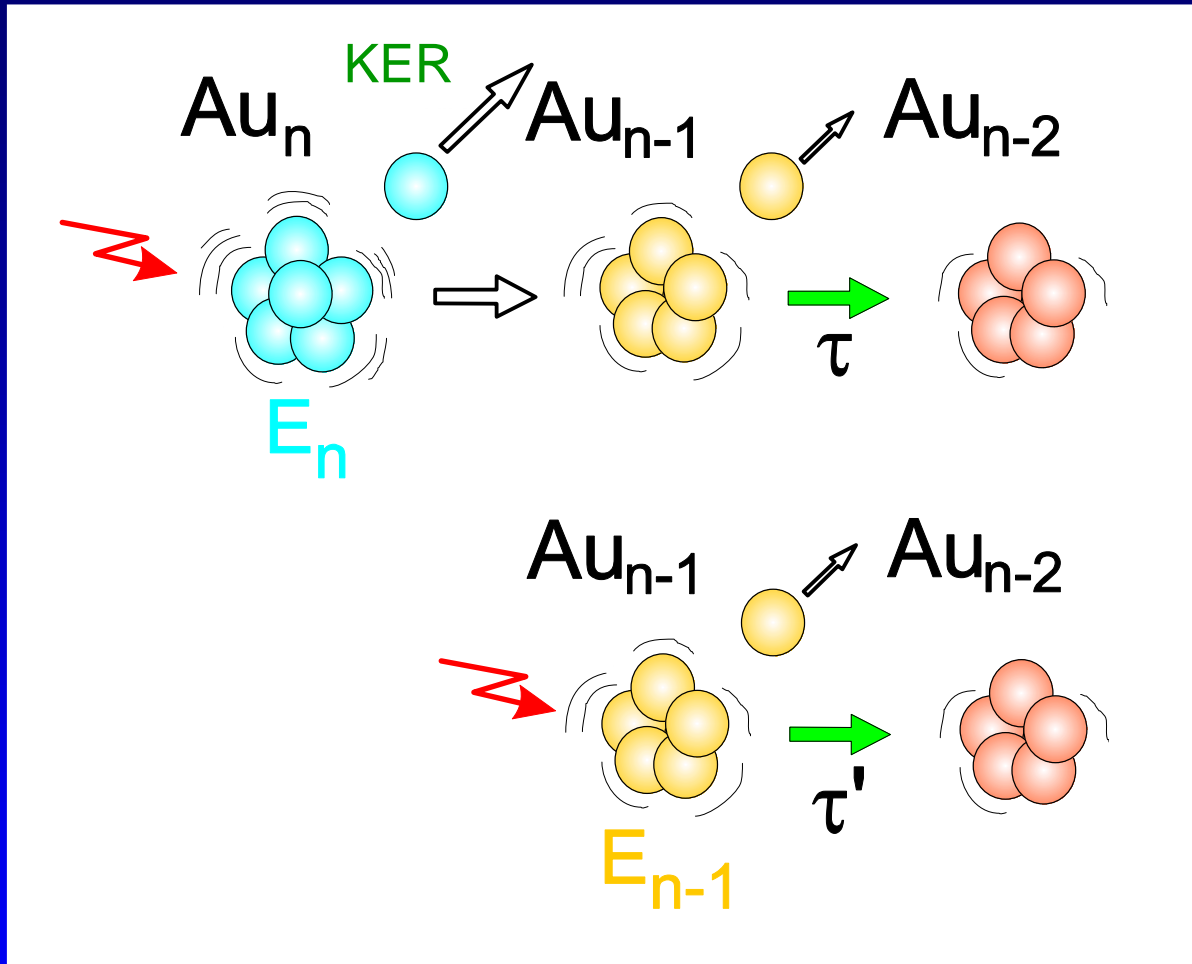
decay cascades

i.e.  
sequential  
time – resolved  
decays

U. Hild et al., PRA (1998)  
M. Vogel et al., PRL (2001)



=> model-free determination of dissociation energy **D**

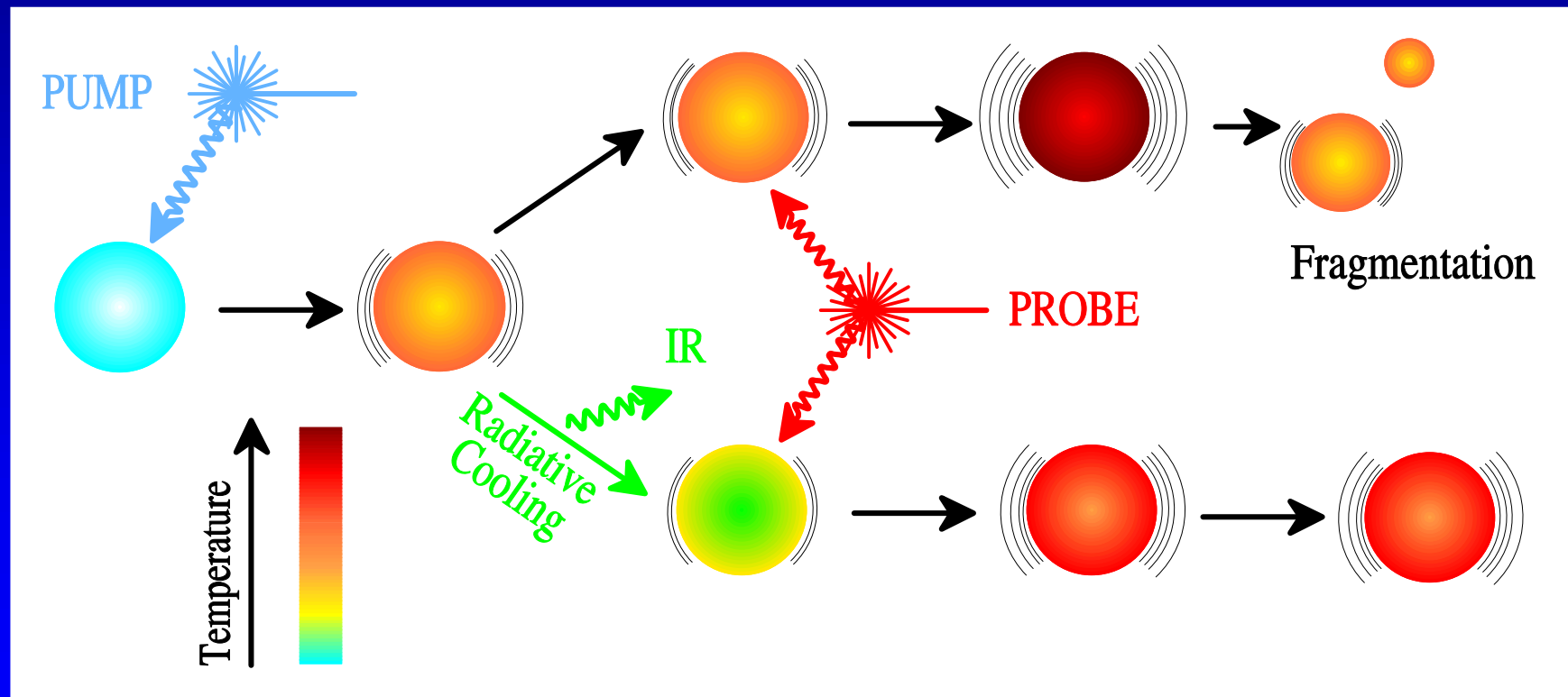


M. Vogel et al.  
PRL (2001)

for  $\tau = \tau'$ :  $E_n - D_n - \text{KER} = E_{n-1}$

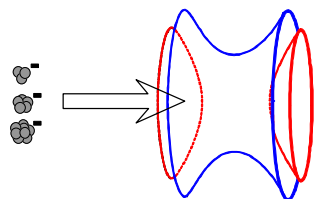
$\longrightarrow D_n = E_n - E_{n-1} - \text{KER}$

Sequential photoexcitation  
=> Study of **Radiative Cooling**  
(„blackbody“ radiation in the limit of small particles)

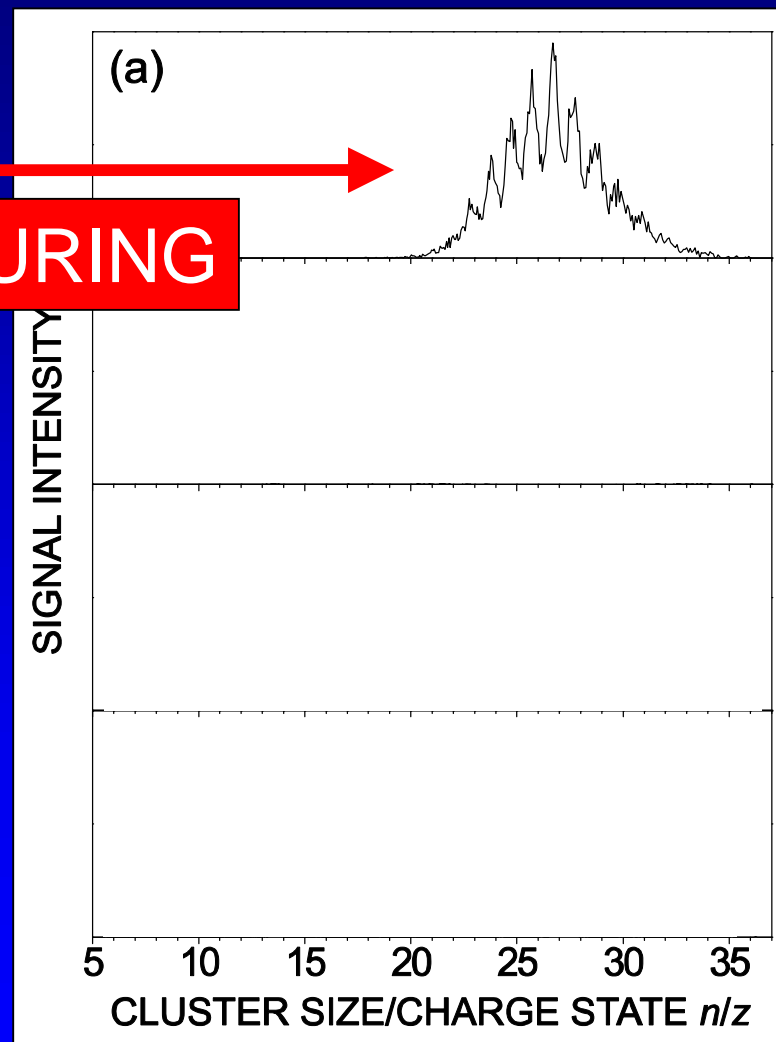


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# Dianion production

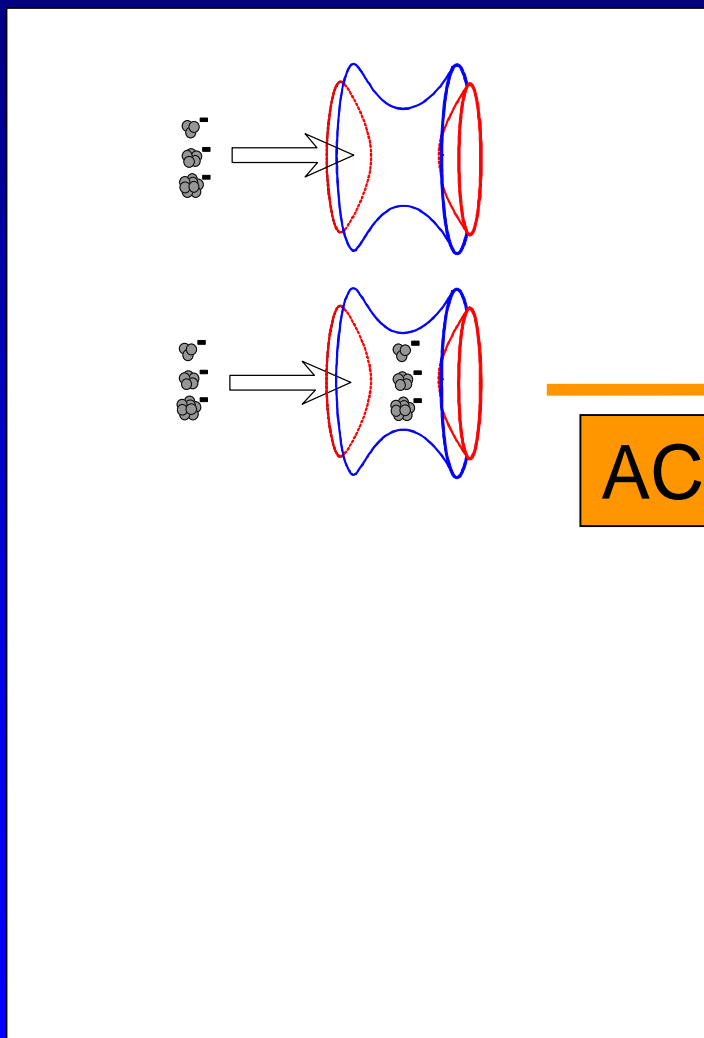


**CAPTURING**

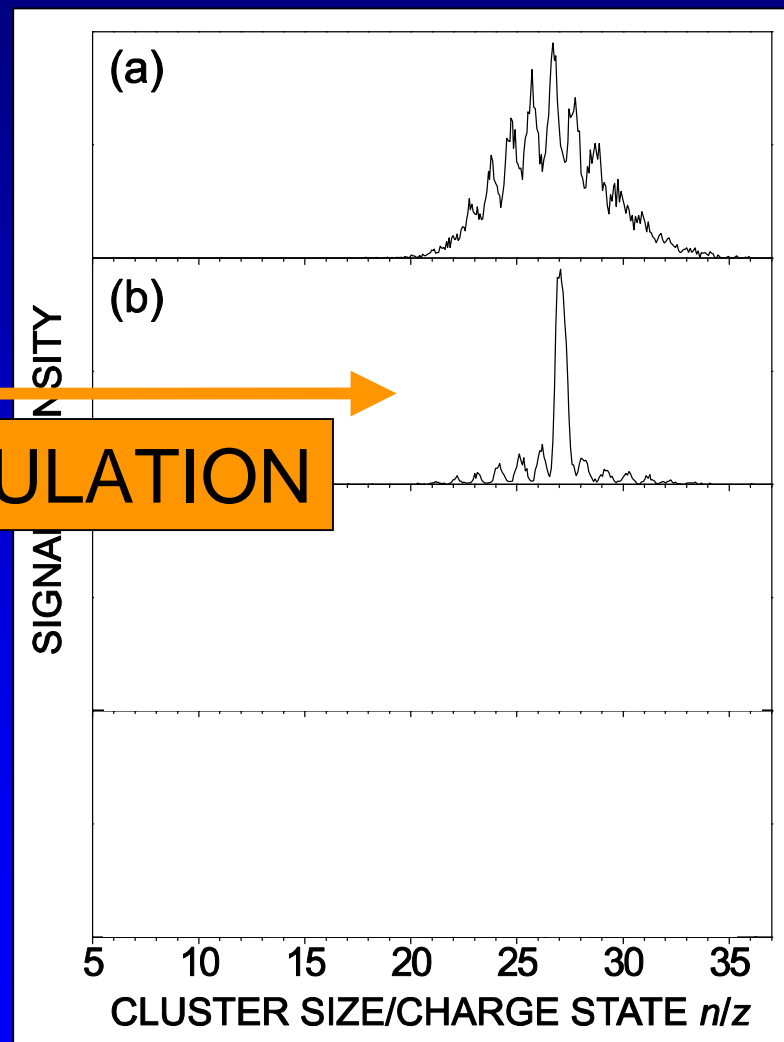




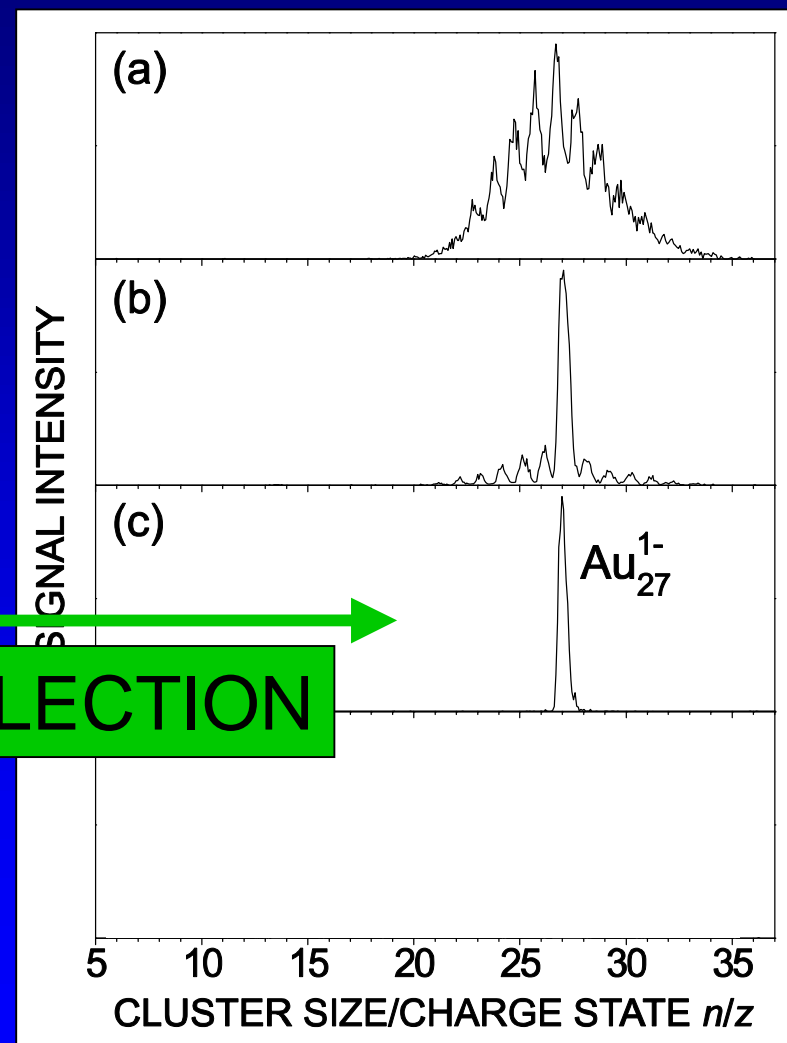
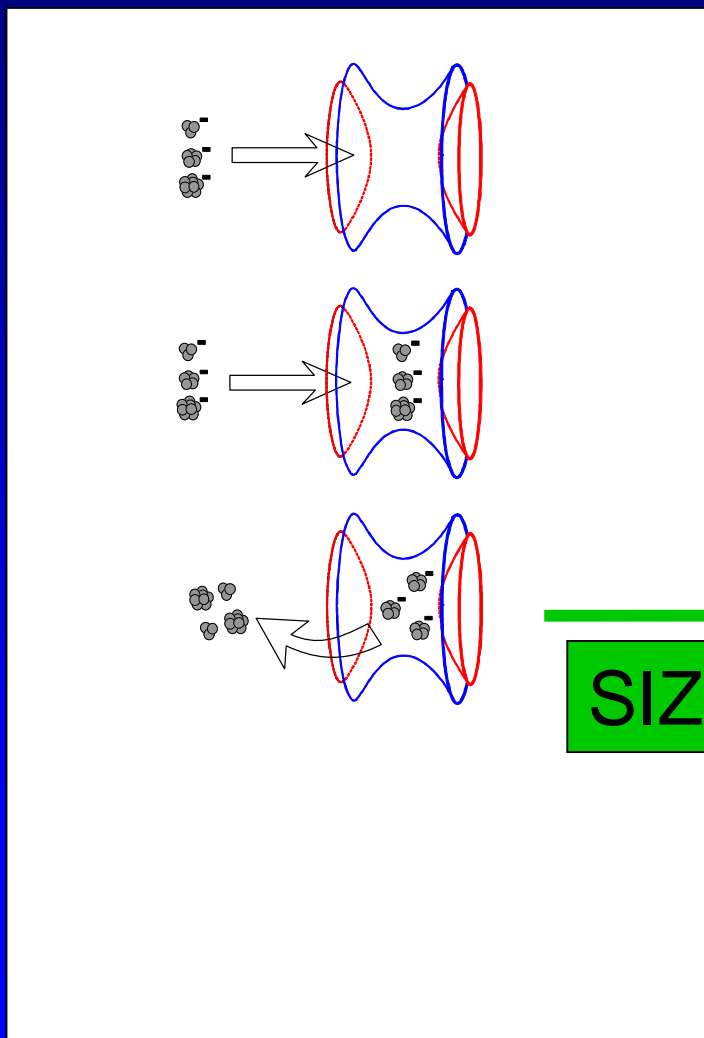
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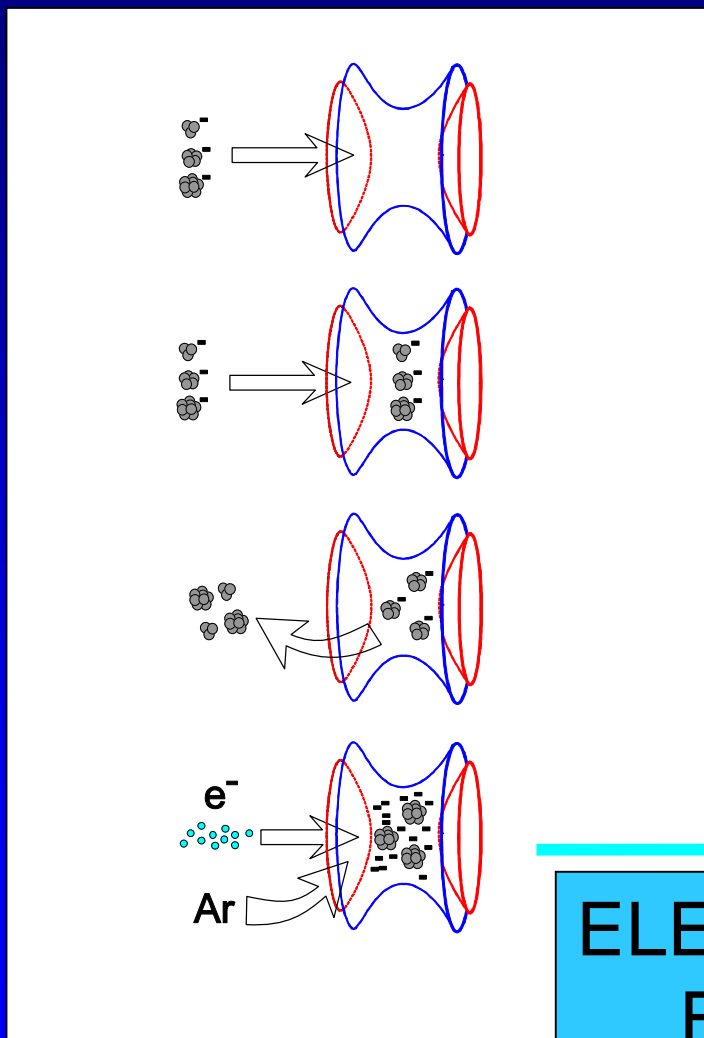
ACCUMULATION



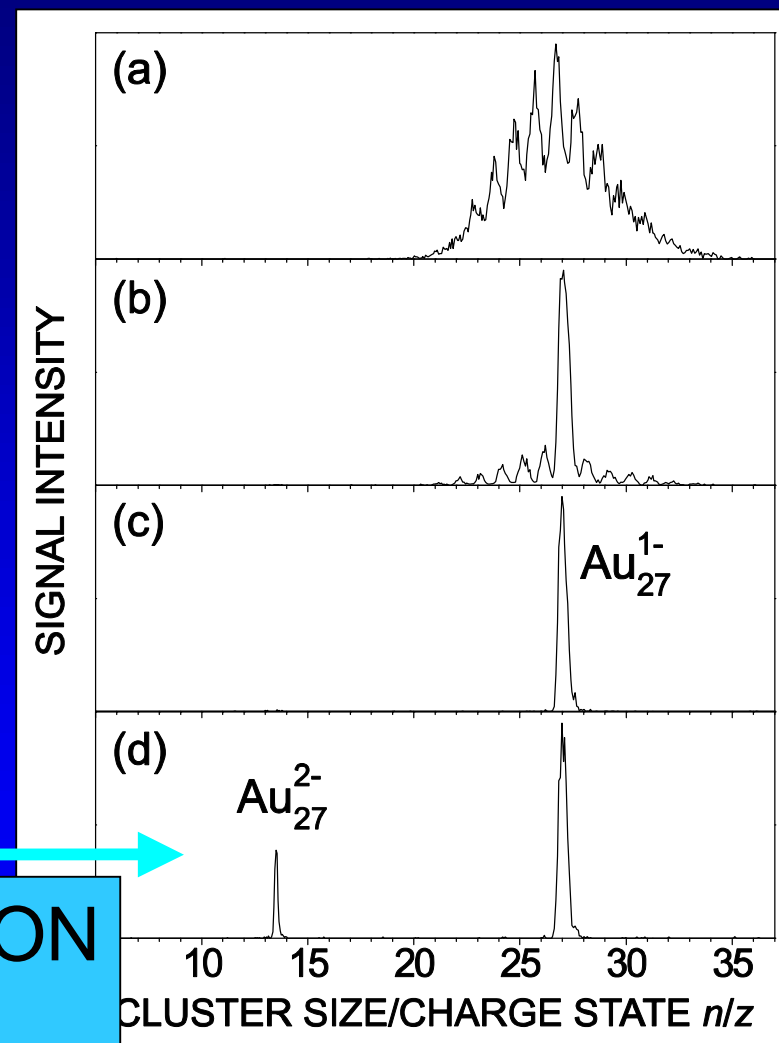
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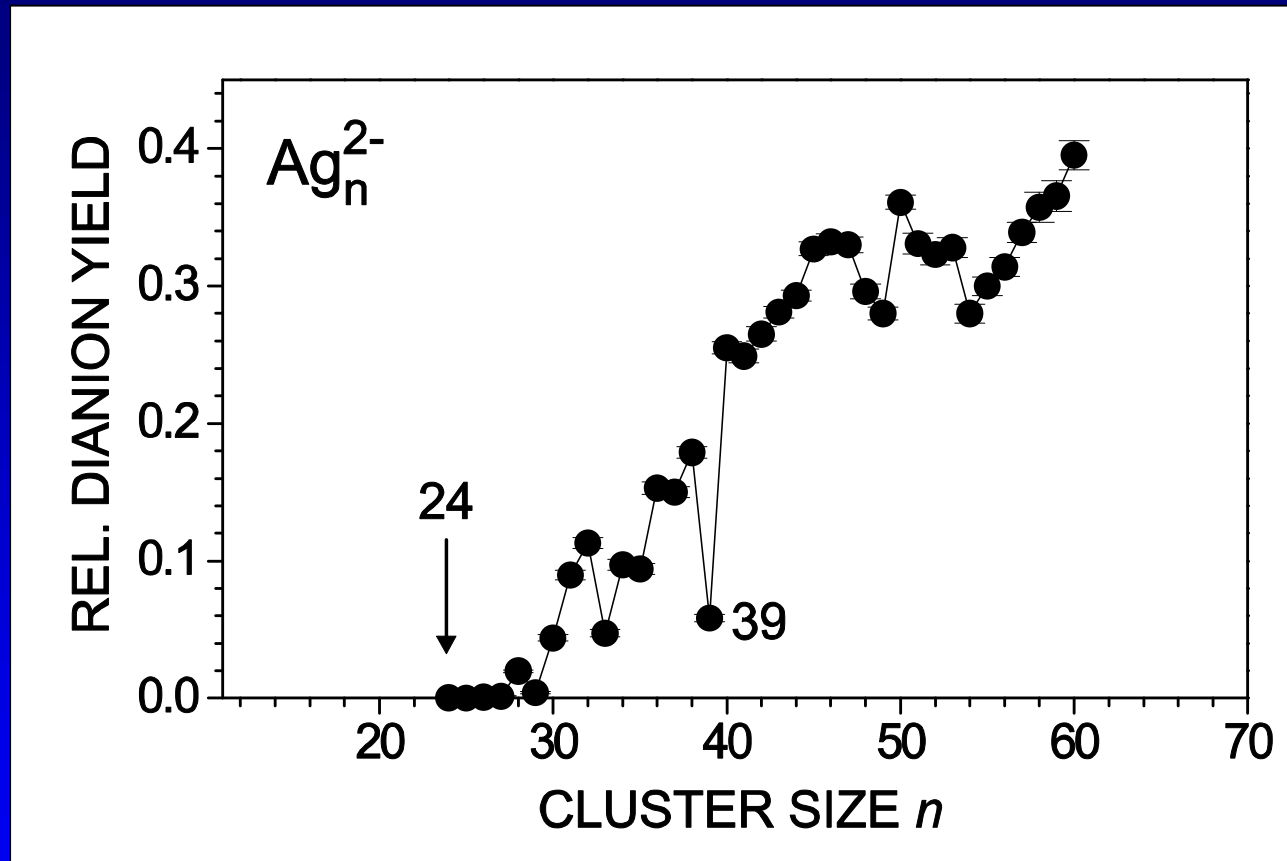


**ELECTRON  
BATH**



A. Herlert et al. (1999)

# Dianion abundancies

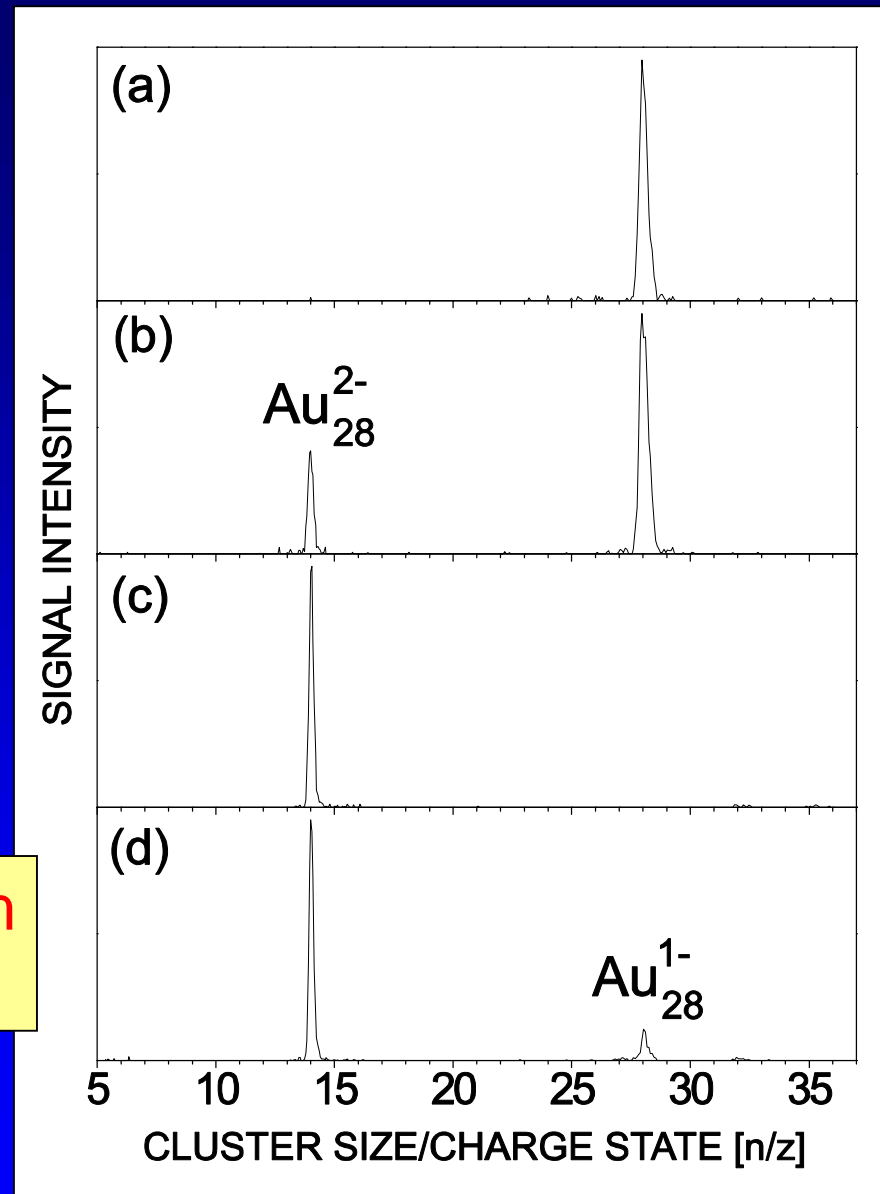


A. Herlert et al.  
EPJ D (2001)

For gold di- and trianions see L.S. et al., Phil. Mag. B 1999  
C. Yannouleas et al., PRL 2001

# photoexcitation of dianions

10 ns pulse,  $\lambda=355\text{nm}$   
 $E=1\text{mJ}$



# Ion trapping for cluster research

## Interaction Partners

atoms  
molecules  
electrons  
photons  
(clusters)  
(ions)  
...

and

## Reactions

dissociation  
(evaporation, fission)  
ionization  
recombination  
electron attachment  
adsorption  
radiative cooling  
(fusion)  
...

Why cluster trapping?

- extended interactions
- extended reaction periods
- multi-step preparation

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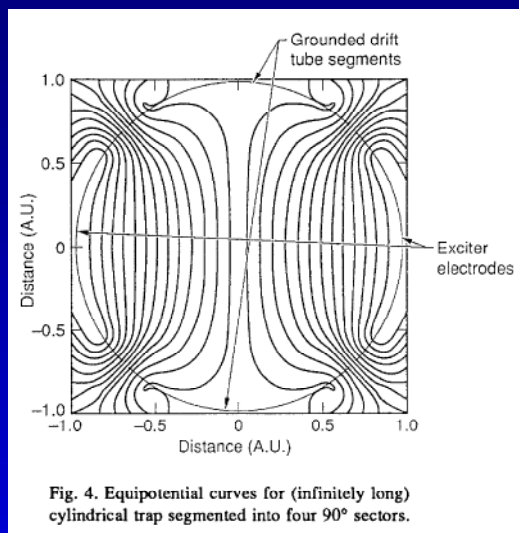
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# In-situ analysis by FT-ICR MS

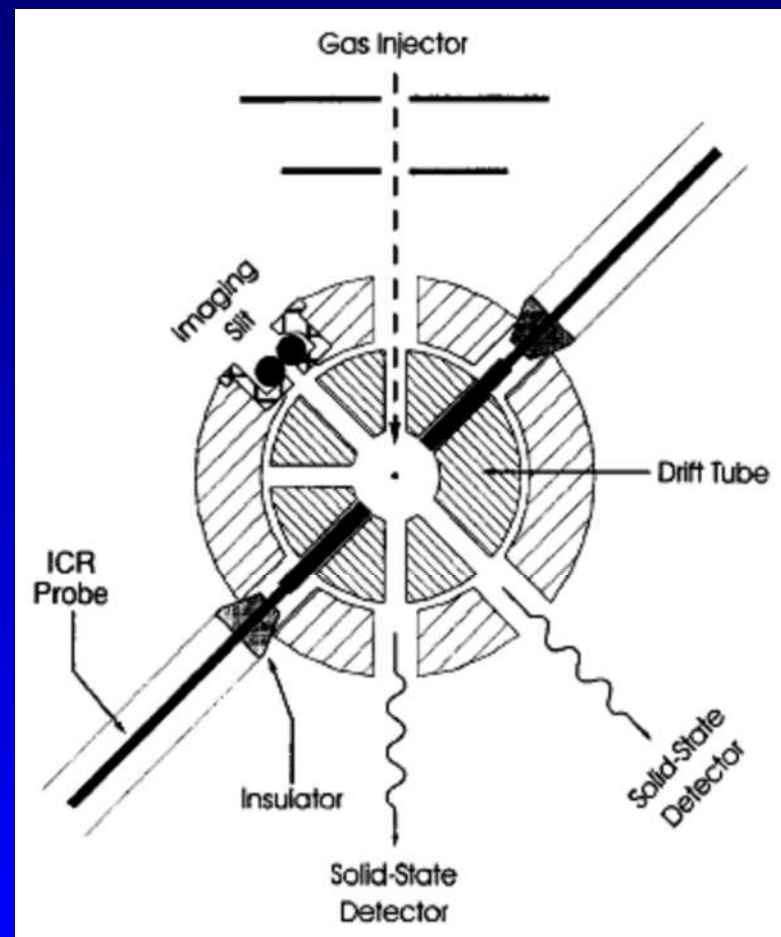
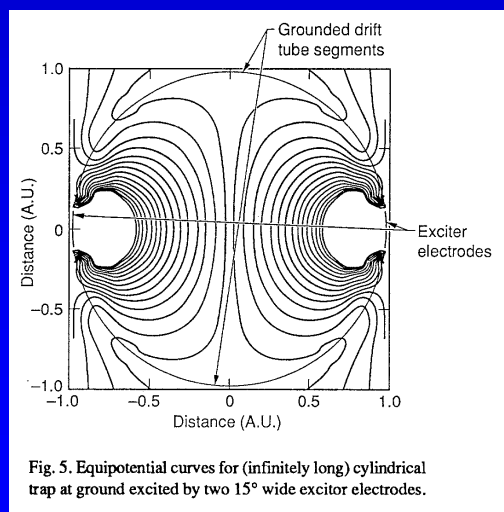
What you want



Elliot et al.  
Hyp. Int. 1993

Note: Similar  
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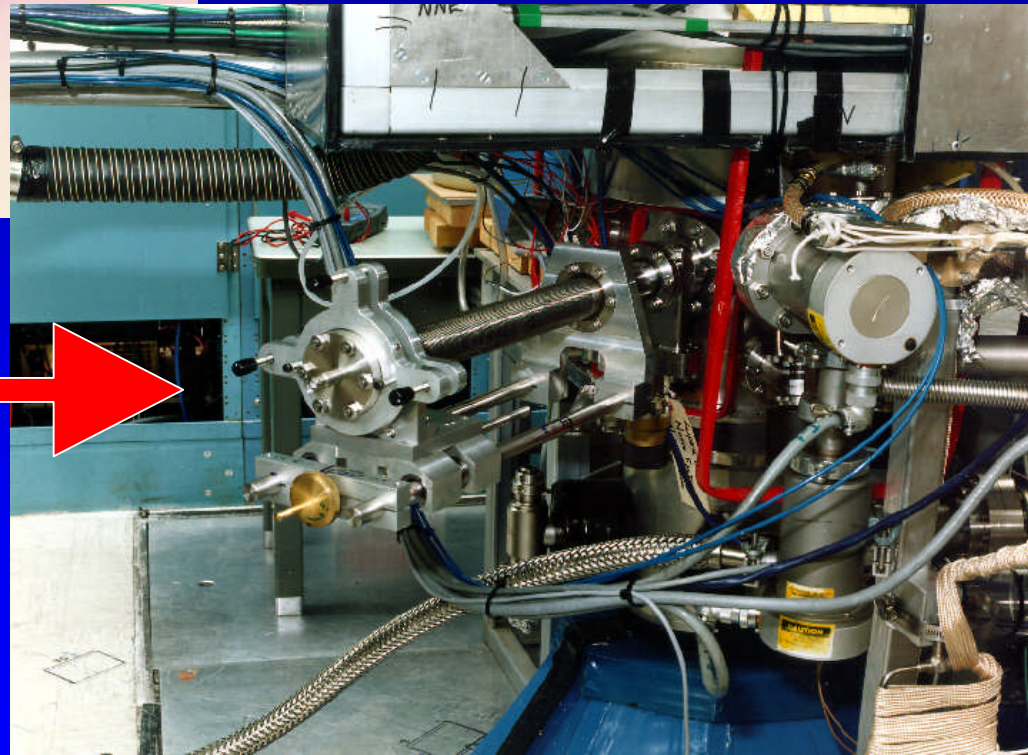
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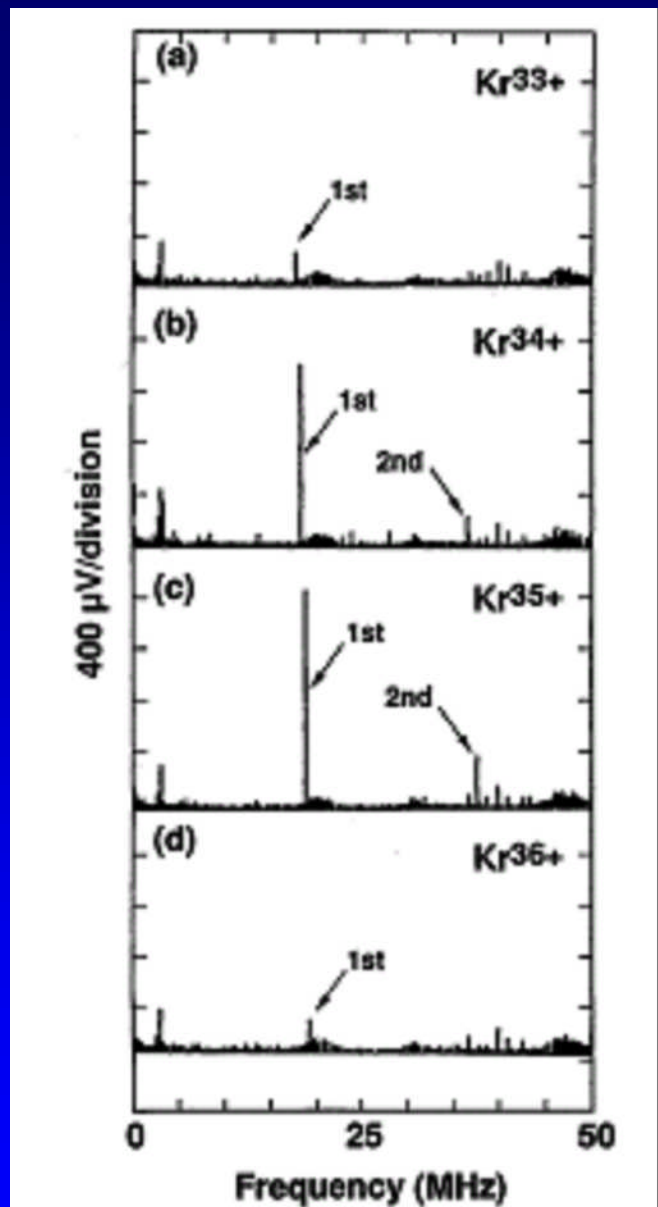


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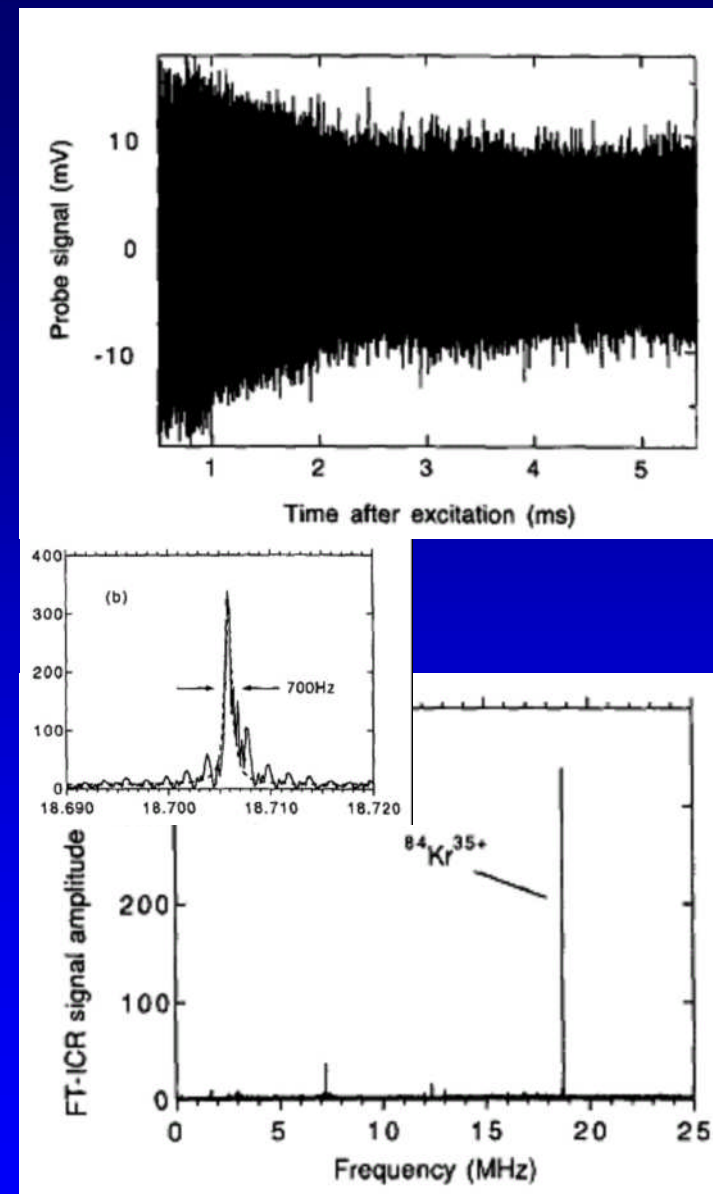


# Excitation and Detection Electrodes



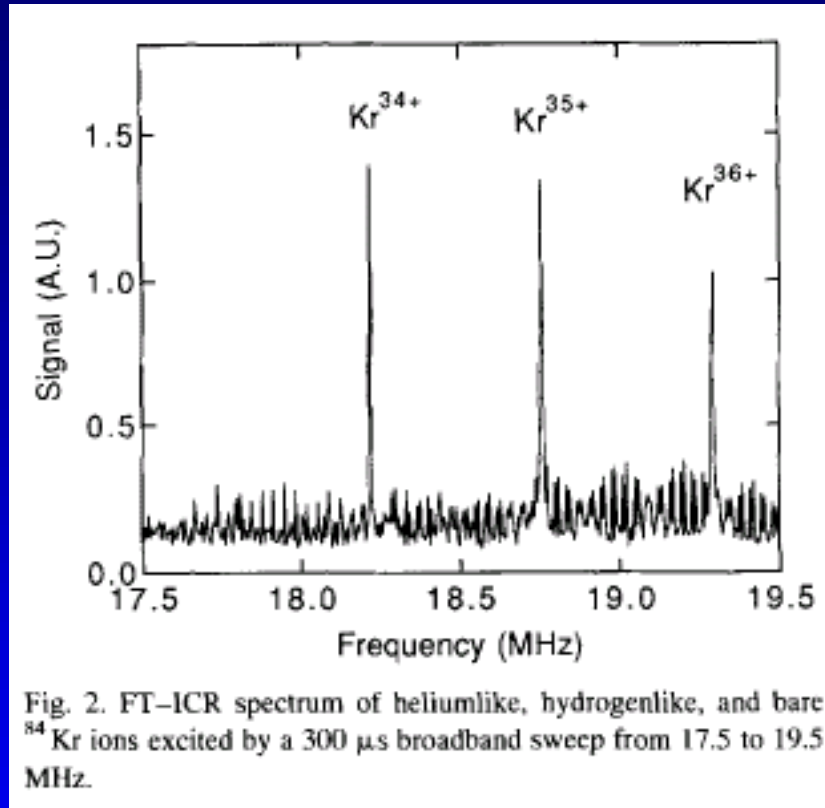


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# Broad-band FT-ICR MS

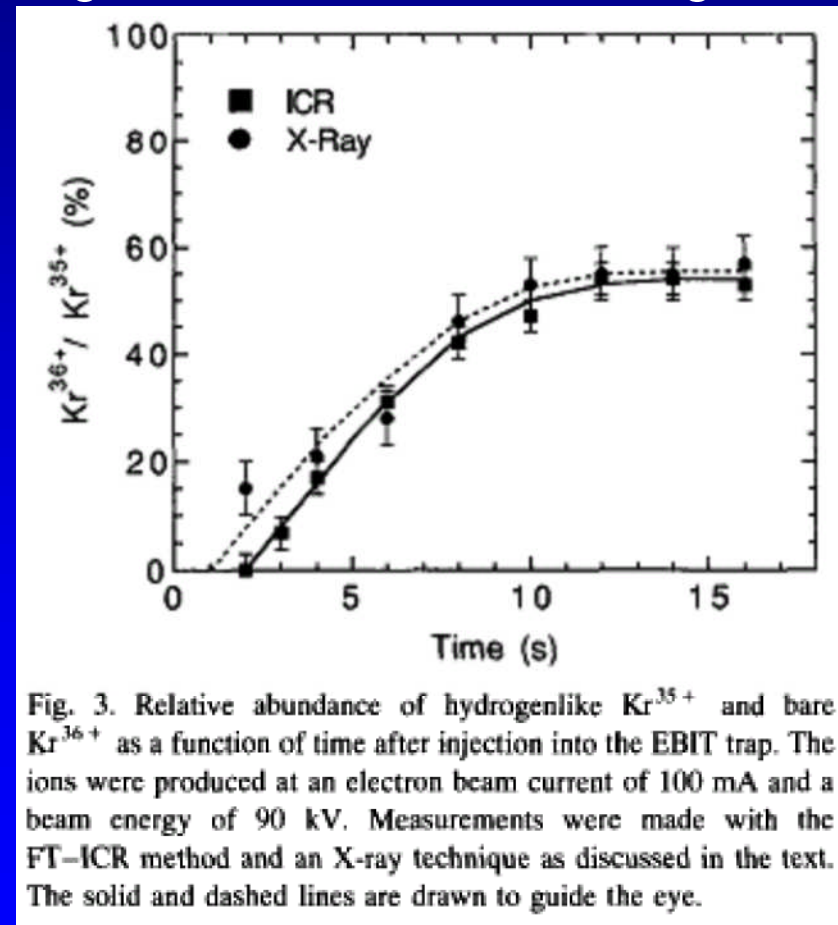


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NIM B 1995

confirmed by x-ray meas.  
but 20 times faster !

# Relative charge-state abundances

e.g. as a function of breeding time



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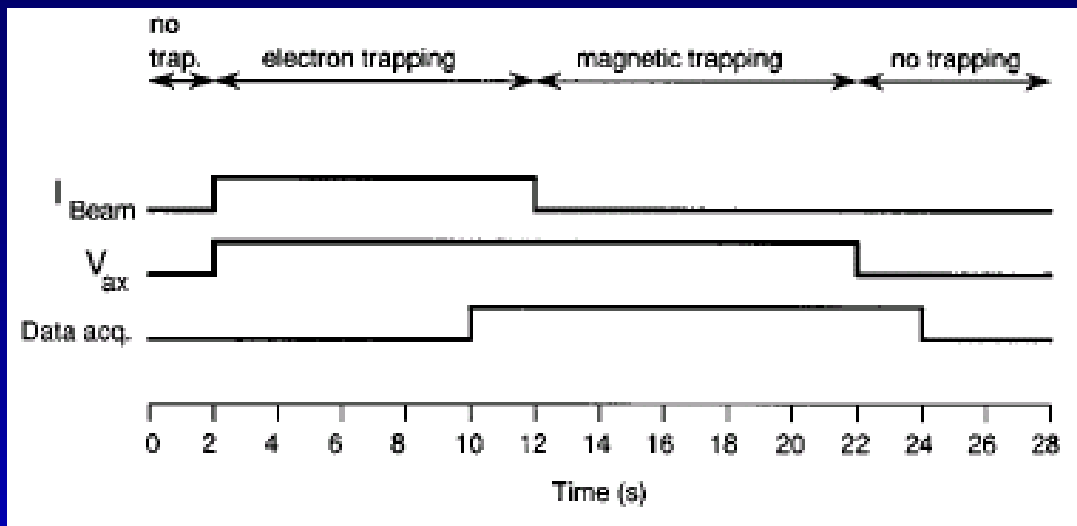
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**EBIT's Magnetic-Trapping Mode:**

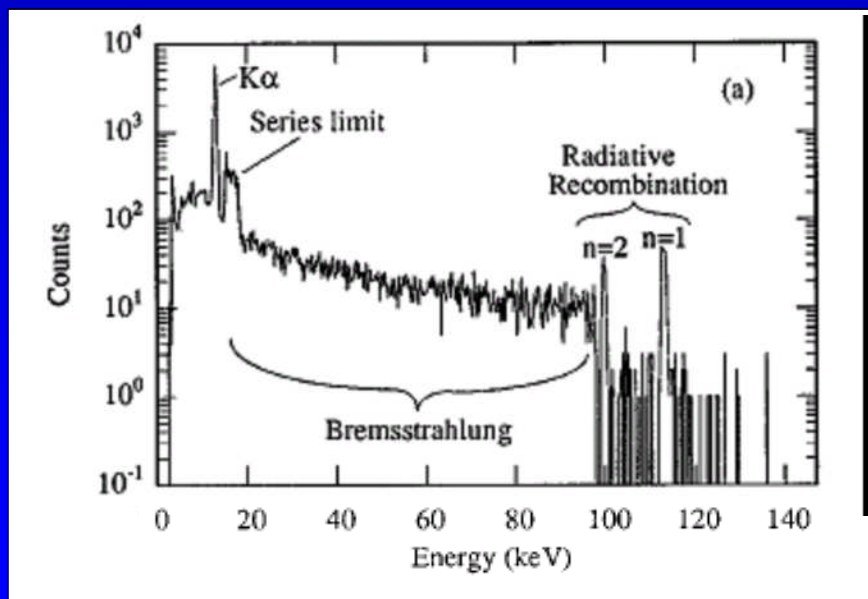
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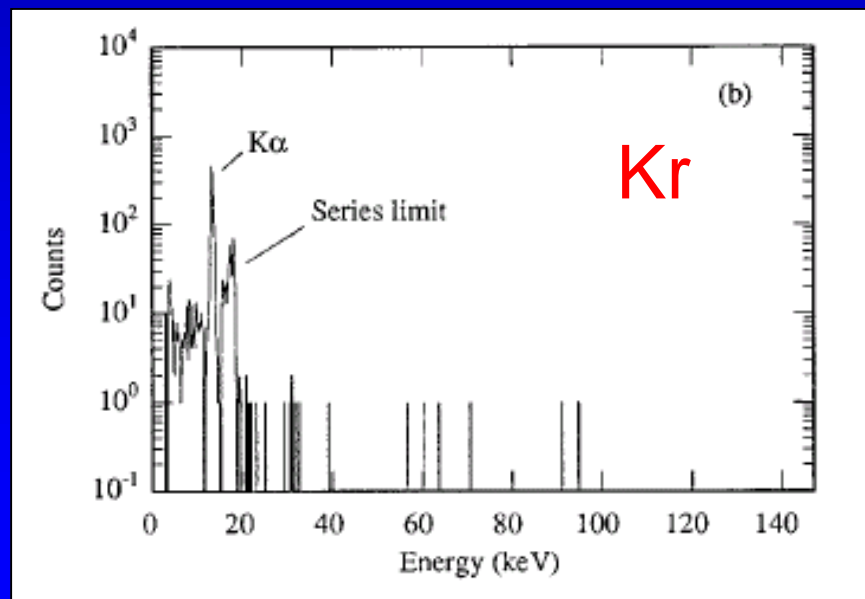
The **magnetic trapping mode** of an electron beam ion trap: New opportunities for highly charged ion research



electron trapping mode

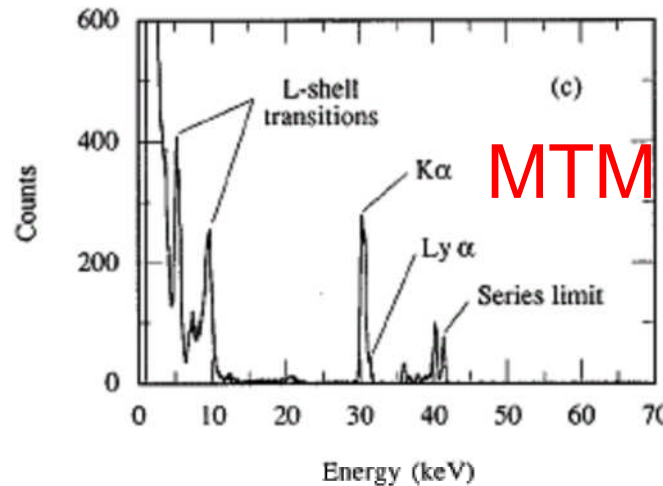
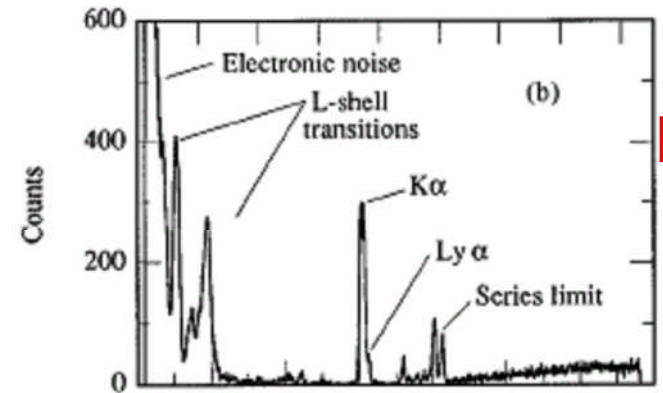
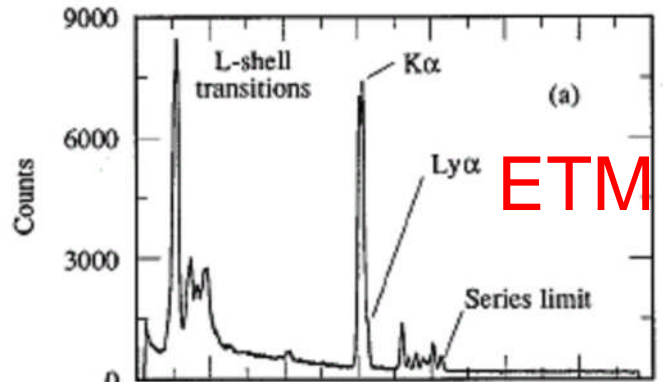


**magnetic trapping mode**

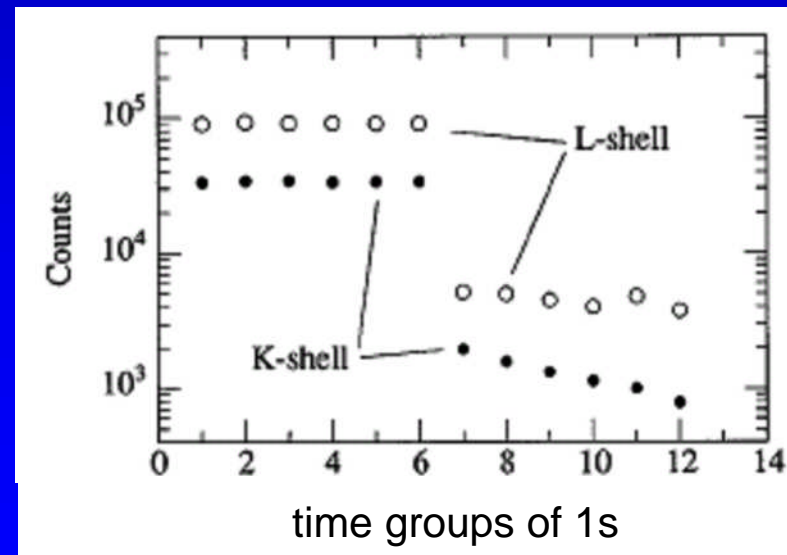
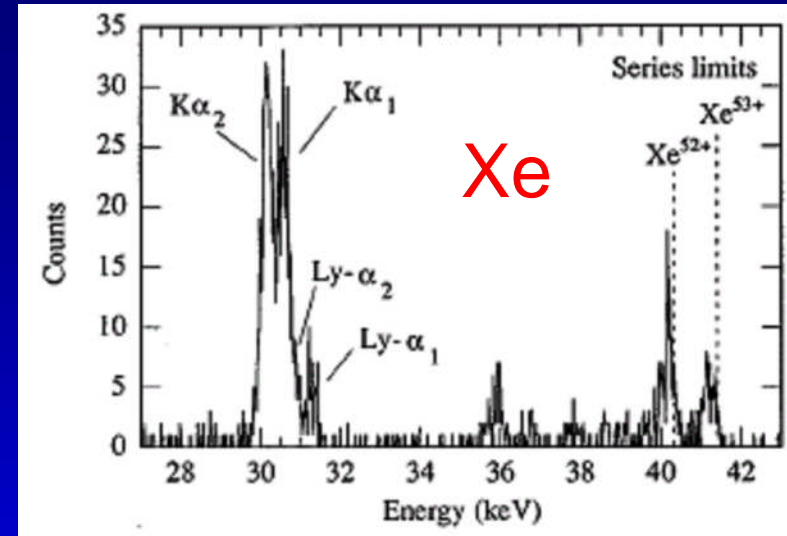




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MTM  
but with  
e-gun  
voltage  
on



# S/N enhancement by Pulsed Gas Injection

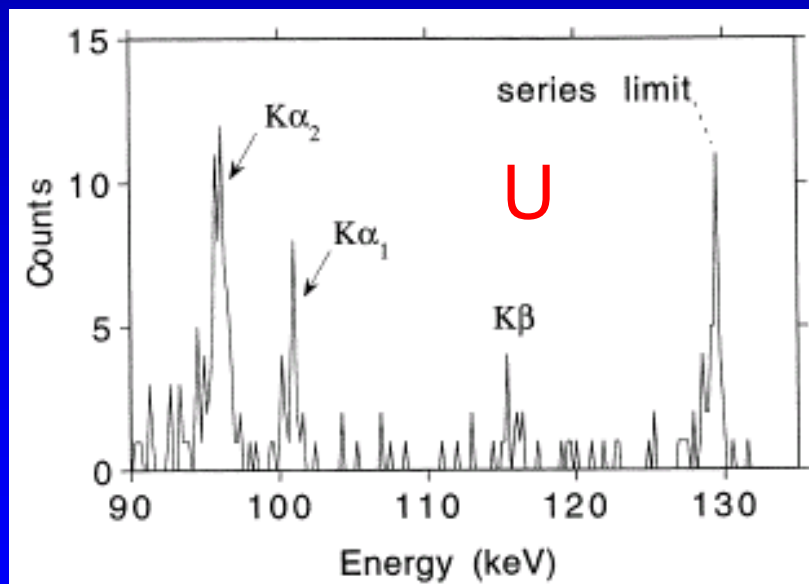
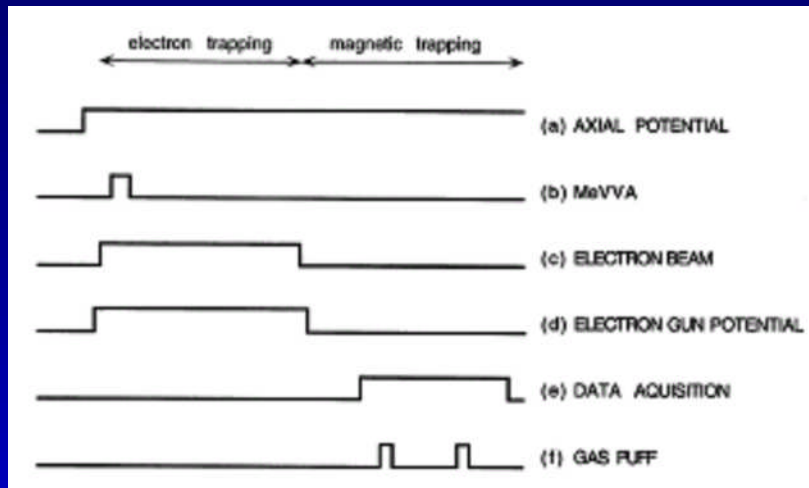


Fig. 8. K-shell spectrum of  $U^{90+}$  observed in the magnetic trapping mode.

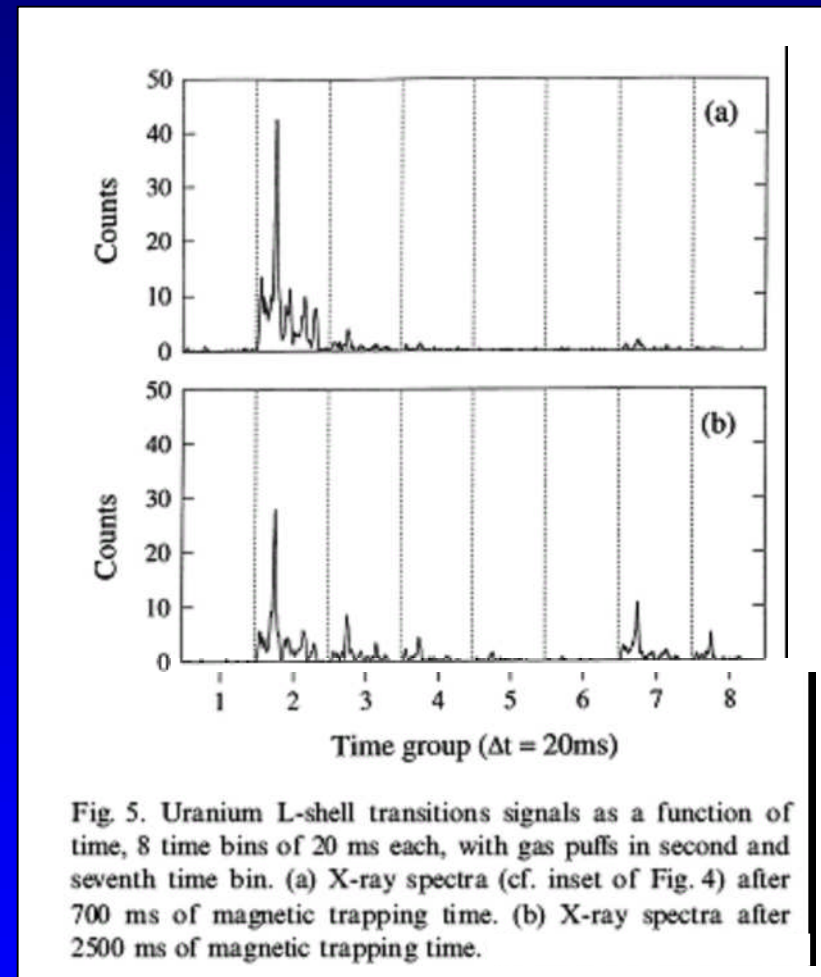


Fig. 5. Uranium L-shell transitions signals as a function of time, 8 time bins of 20 ms each, with gas puffs in second and seventh time bin. (a) X-ray spectra (cf. inset of Fig. 4) after 700 ms of magnetic trapping time. (b) X-ray spectra after 2500 ms of magnetic trapping time.

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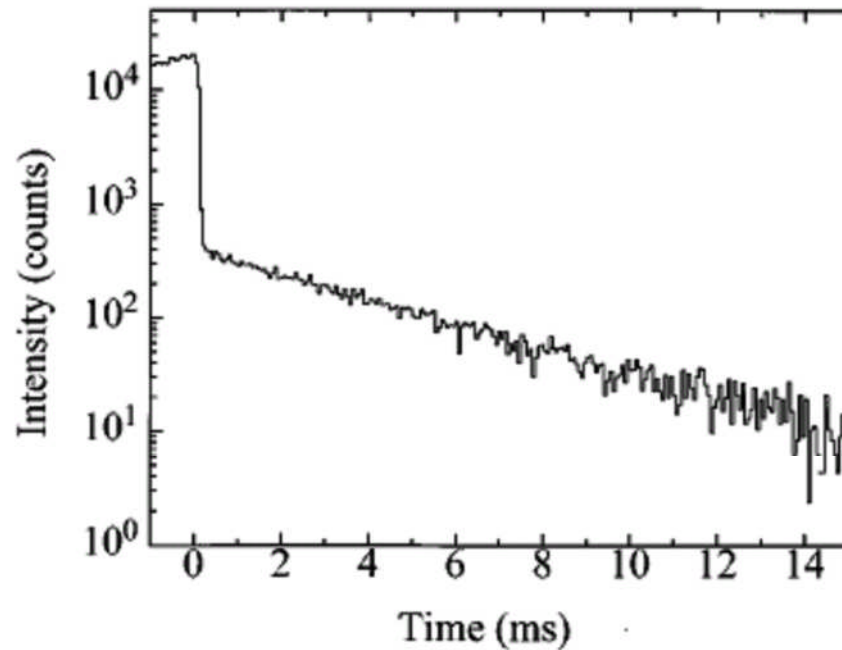
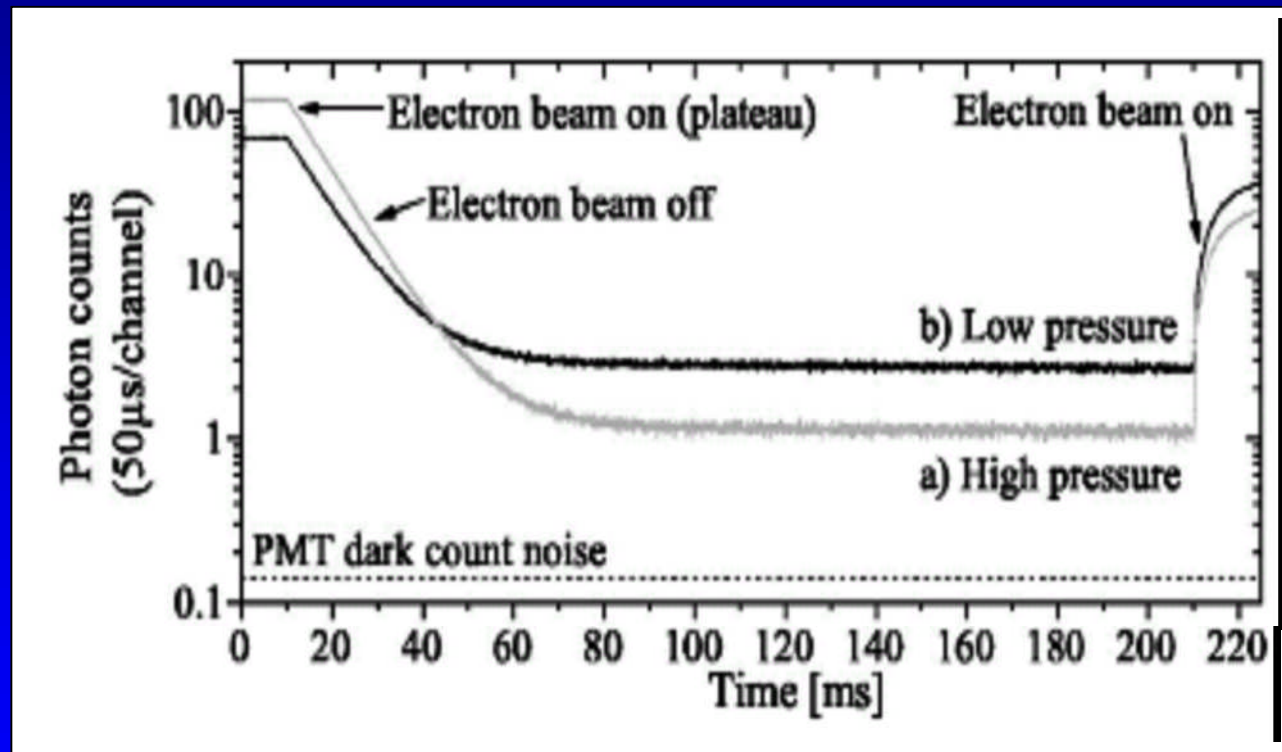


FIG. 10. Time dependence of the *K*-shell x-ray emission from  $N^{5+}$ . At  $t=0$  ms, EBIT operation is switched from the electron to the magnetic trapping mode. The x rays observed in the magnetic mode are the result of the fluorescent decay of the  $1s2s\ ^3S_1$  level in heliumlike  $N^{5+}$ . An exponential decay in the signal intensity is evident.

Lifetimes from  
time-resolved  
fluorescence  
measurements  
in the x-ray regime

Also: Lifetimes from  
time-resolved fluorescence  
Measurements in the optical regime

e.g.  
boron-like  
Ar XIV  
as studied  
at Heidelberg



Lapierre et al., PRA 2006 / PRL 2005

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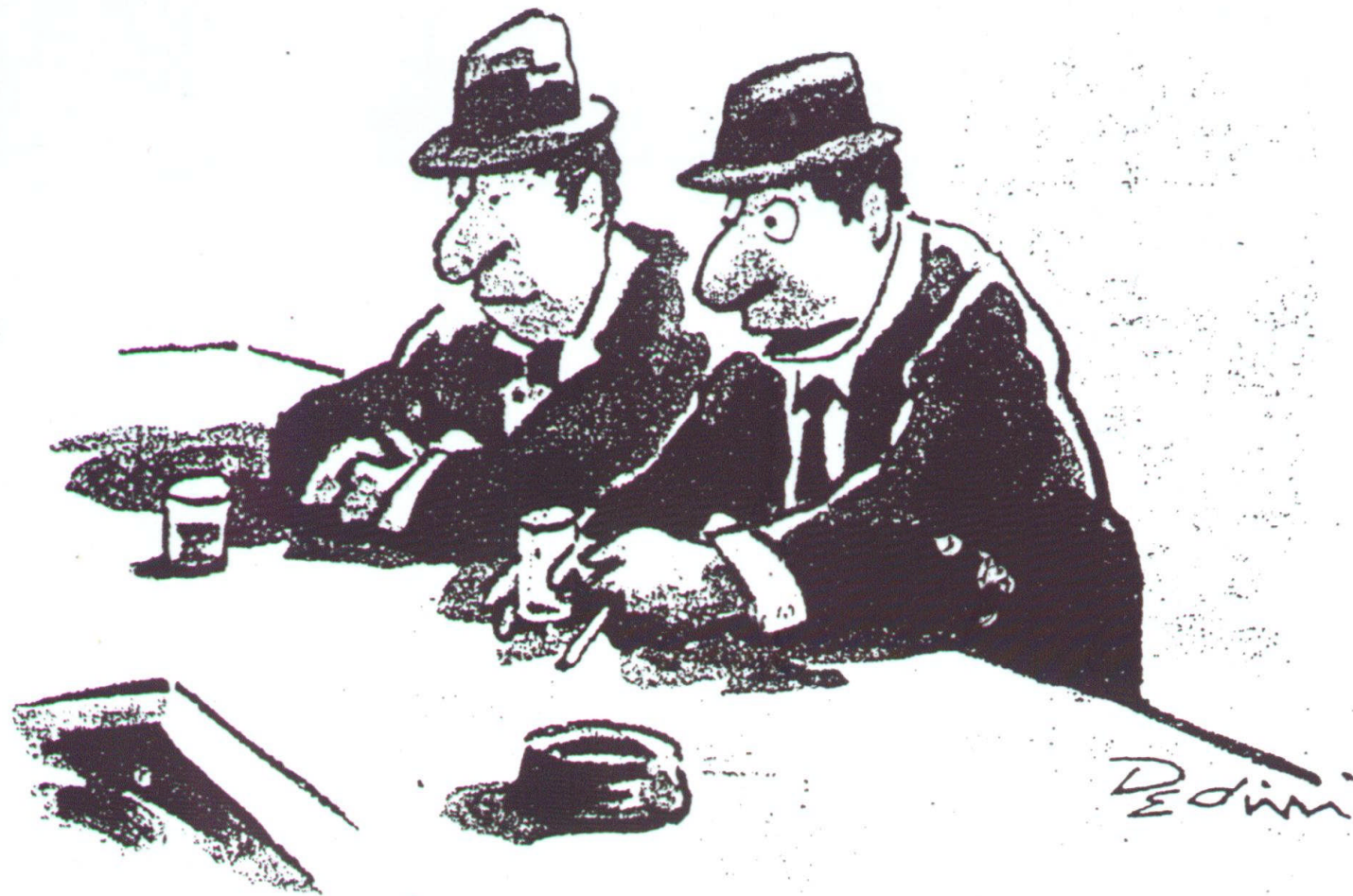
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*"Everything's a trap if you're not careful."*

Well, sometimes a trap may not be that bad, after all.





