# LOW VOLTAGE NUCLEAR TRANSMUTATION WORK IN PROGRESS

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# **PROJECT GOALS**

- 1. TO SHOW NUCLEAR TRANSMUTATION USING EVs OPERATING AT LOW VOLTAGE
- 2. TO PRESENT DATA IN MASS SPECTROMETRIC FORM
- 3. TO DEFINE THE TRANSMUTATION PATHWAY
- 4. TO PROVIDE A VERY LOW-COST MASS SPECTROMETER DESIGN FOR EASY CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION BY ANYONE HAVING INTERMEDIATE SKILLS

# DEMONSTRATION METHOD IN BRIEF

- 1. A sample of chosen material, such as, aluminum oxide, is placed in a miniature reactor vessel that can be periodically accessed by an ion trap type of mass spectrometer.
- 2. The material is reacted with EVs generated by a spark process allowing long, EV boring type runs through the material.
- 3. After a few seconds of reaction time, the material is sampled by the mass spectrometer. This sampling process requires only a fraction of a second and then the sample record is stored for later reference.
- 4. The reaction is continued for several minutes with periodic sampling to determine accumulated changes occurring in the mass spectrum as indicated by isotope shift.
- 5. When a comparison with the previous samples shows that isotopes are being shifted or translated, the spectrometer is adjusted to follow chosen peaks more closely.
- 6. When the reaction is terminated after a few minutes, the operator can open the reactor chamber and remove the newly translated material for further analysis on a different type of instrument.

# **REACTOR TYPES**

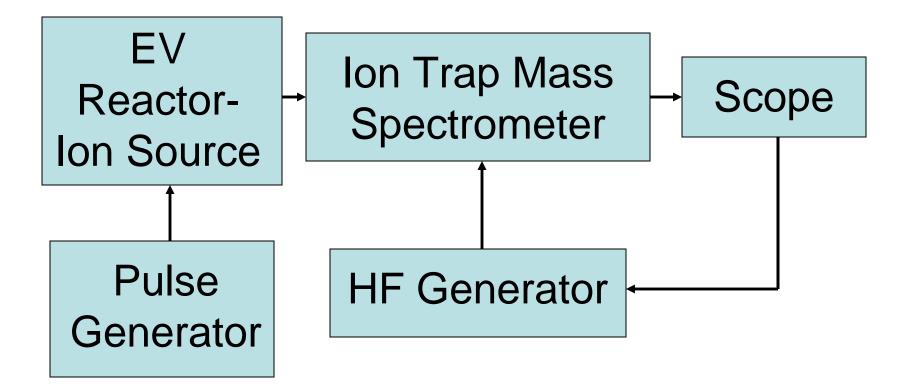
#### METAL "BLACKS"

Metal blacks are "splattered" or sputtered into the volume of the reactor giving a highly interactive path for EVs. These materials are similar to almost all successful cold fusion surfaces or EV targets (see "EVs in Cold Fusion" by Ken Shoulders). Although the EV interaction is initially high, the blacks are soon consolidated into surface films consisting of islands like those shown in the SEM photos below. This resultant film has low EV interaction efficiency and is equivalent to a bulk metal.

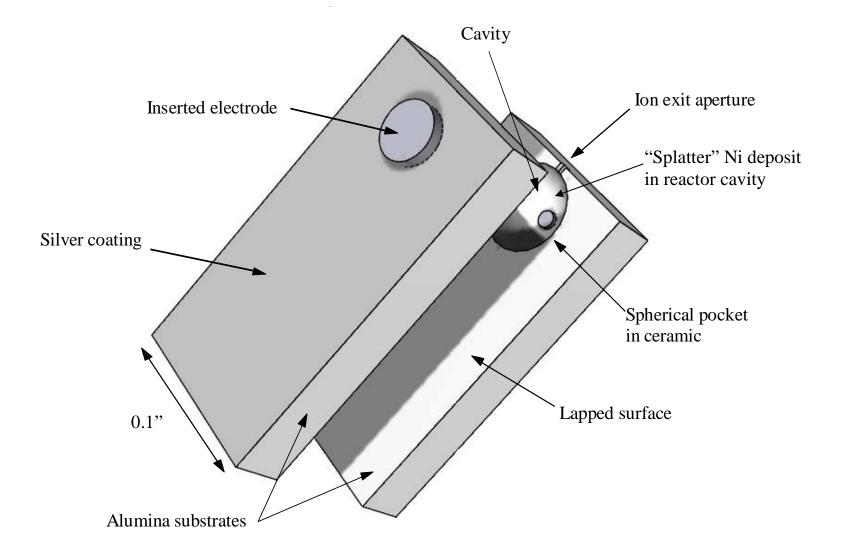
#### **POWDER BORING**

Various compounds in the reactor, in dispersed form and usually semiconductor compounds or metal oxides, can be bored by EVs with high efficiency (see "Charge Clusters in Action" by Ken Shoulders). These materials are good candidates for nuclear transmutation studies although they give results that are more difficult to interpret than simple metals due to the higher nuclear complexity of the starting material.

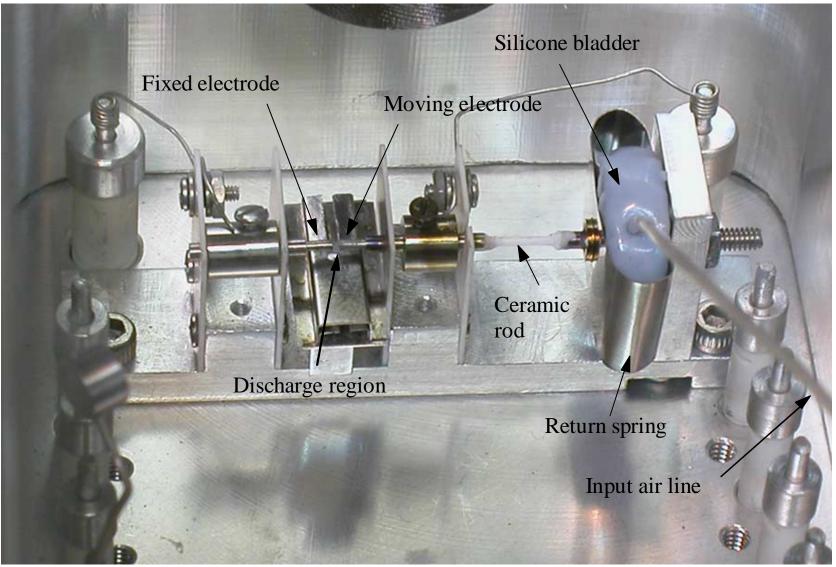
# **BASIC APPARATUS**



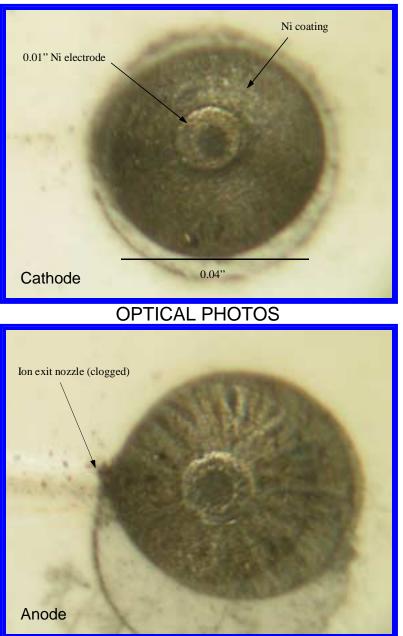
# **EV REACTOR - ION SOURCE**

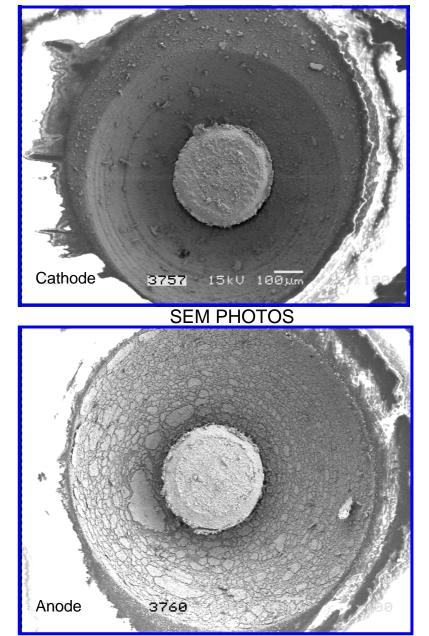


# "SPLATTER" DEPOSITION SOURCE

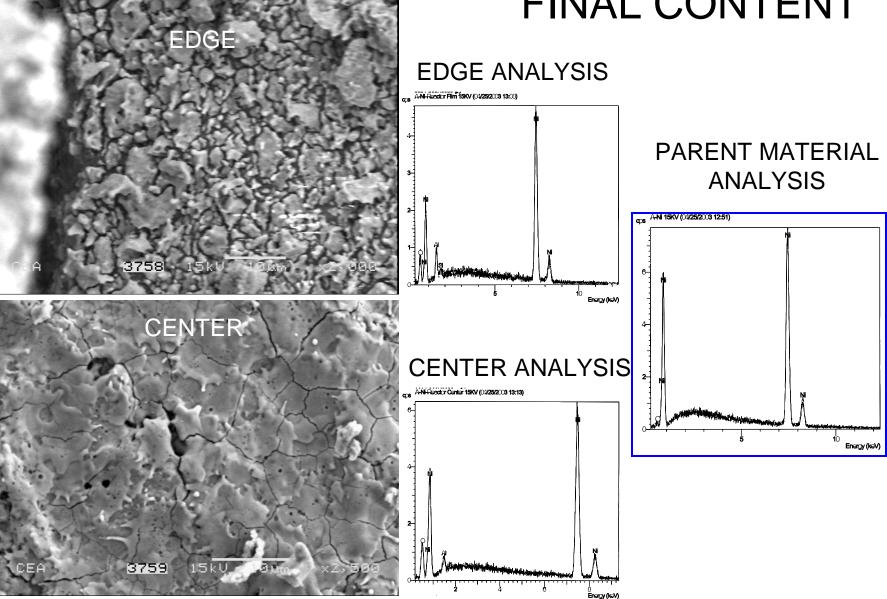


#### CONSOLIDATED NICKEL DEPOSITS IN CAVITY

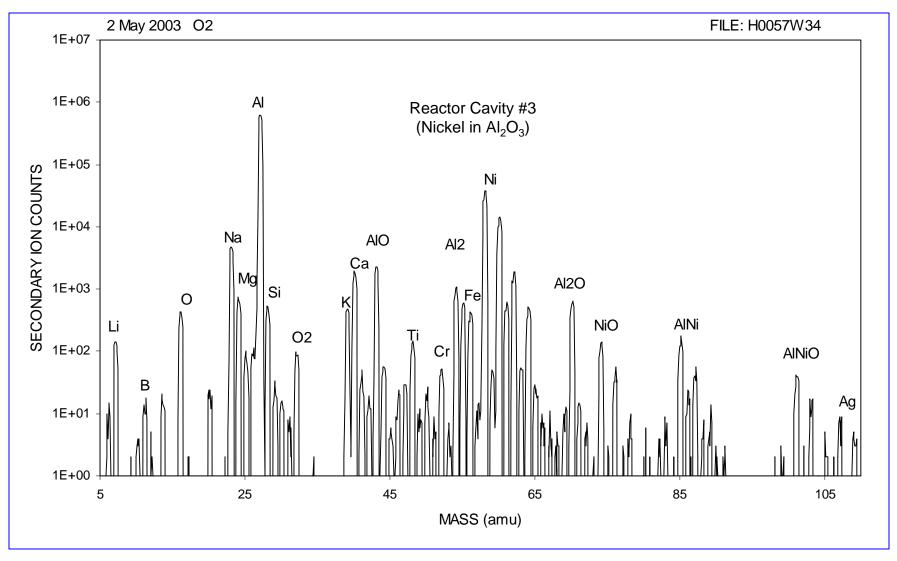




#### SEM AND X-RAY ANALYSIS OF REACTOR FINAL CONTENT



# SIMS ANALYSIS OF REACTOR FINAL CONTENT BY C.E. EVANS ASSOC.



# THE HARD WAY

**1. FULL ELECTRONIC CONTROL** 

2. HYPERBOLIC ION TRAP ELECTRODES MADE OF METAL WITH ADDED INSULATORS

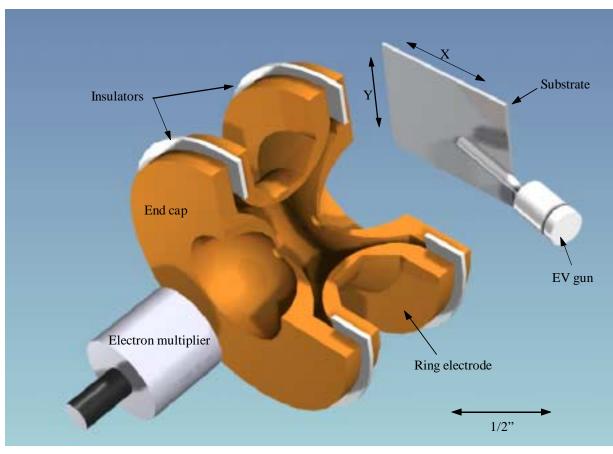
3. USE OF HIGH VACUUM PUMPING

4. SHIELDED EV ION SOURCE

5. COMMERCIAL ELECTRON MULTIPLIER

6. CASH OUTLAY ABOUT \$8,000.00

#### NUCLEAR MASS MODIFICATION AND ANALYSIS USING AN EV GUN AND A QUADRUPOLE ION TRAP MASS SPECTROMETER

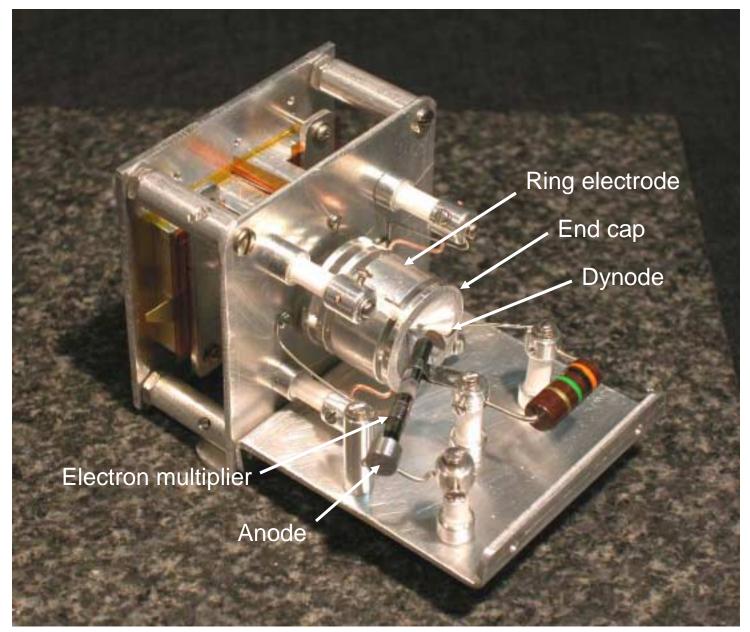


SCHEMATIC CUTAWAY OF ION TRAP MASS SPECTROMETER

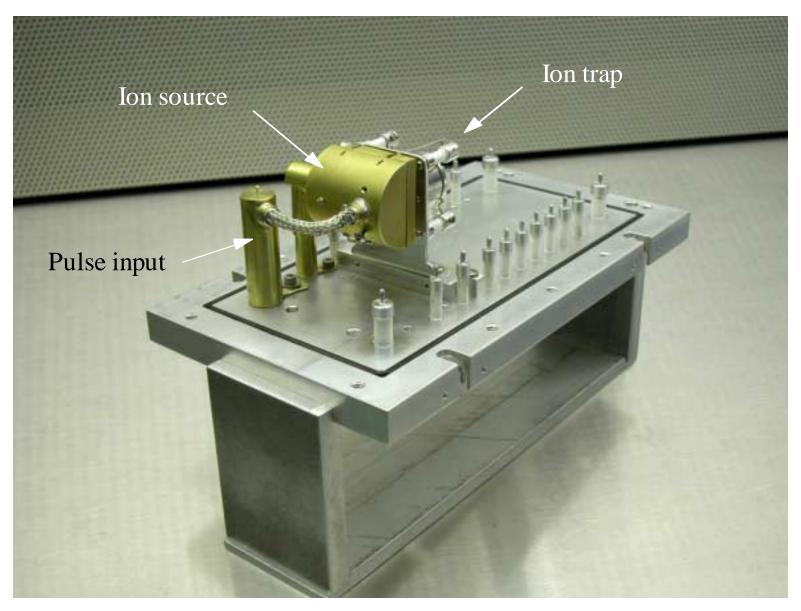
#### **CAPABILITIES**

- PRODUCTION OF NEW ISOTOPES BY EV BOMBARDMENT
- SHAPE ANALYSIS
  BY USE OF <u>S</u>CANNING
  <u>E</u>LECTRON
  <u>M</u>ICROSCOPY (SEM)
- ISOTOPE ANALYSIS BY USE OF MASS SPECTROMETER
- MICROSECOND DURATION ISOTOPE LIFETIME MEAS.
- X-RAY AND FAST NEUTRAL PARTICLE MEASUREMENT.

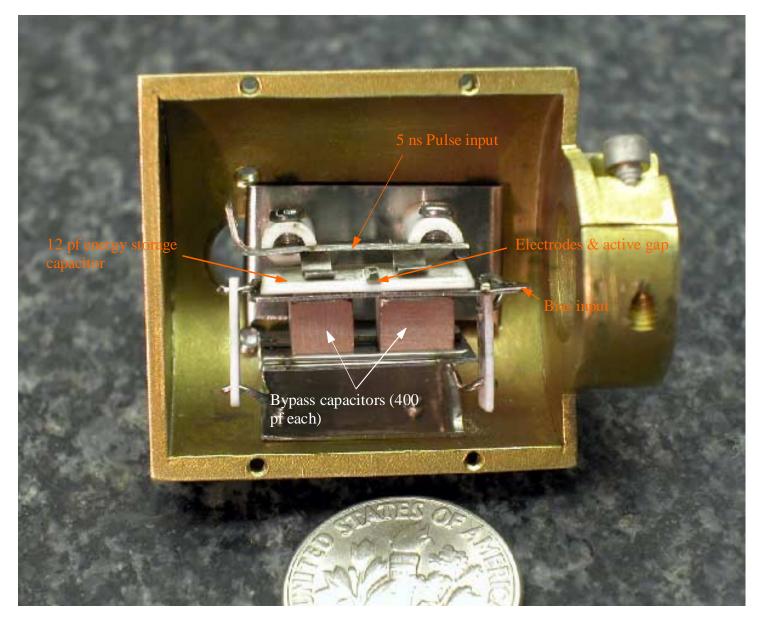
### ION TRAP MASS SPECTROMETER



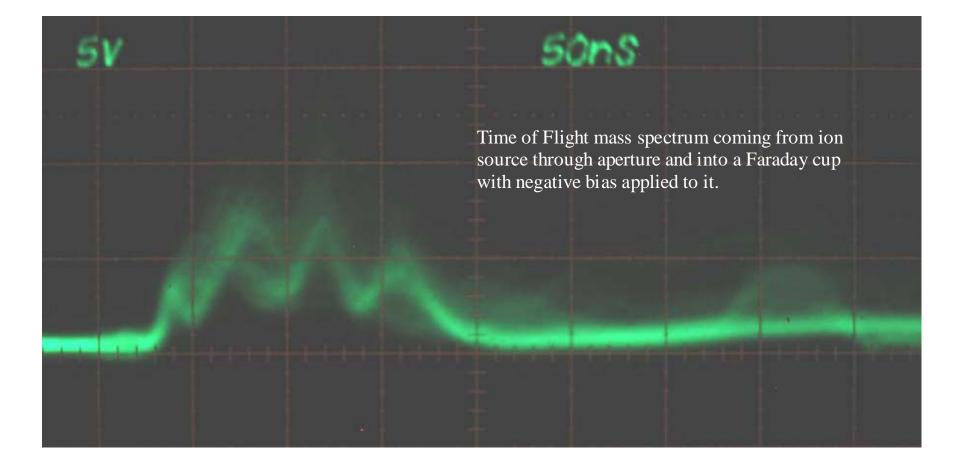
# EV ION SOURCE AND ION TRAP



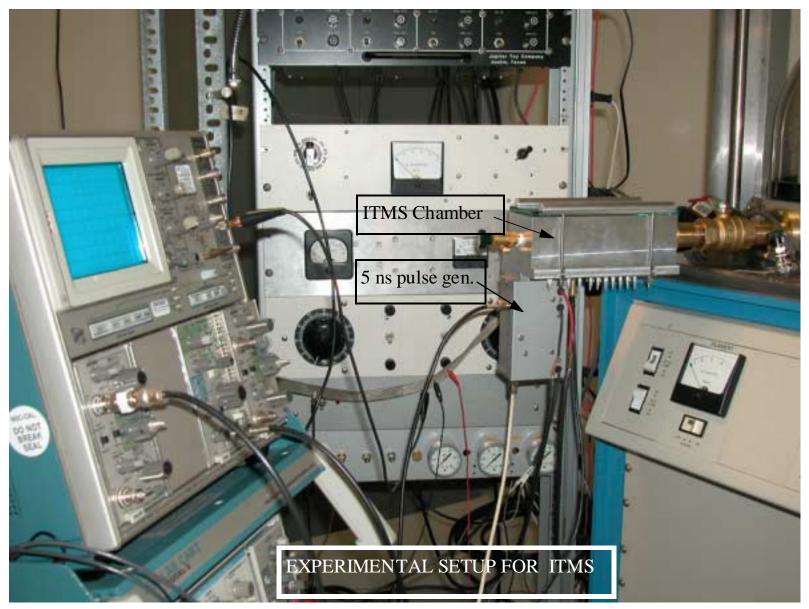
# EV REACTOR ION SOURCE DETAILS



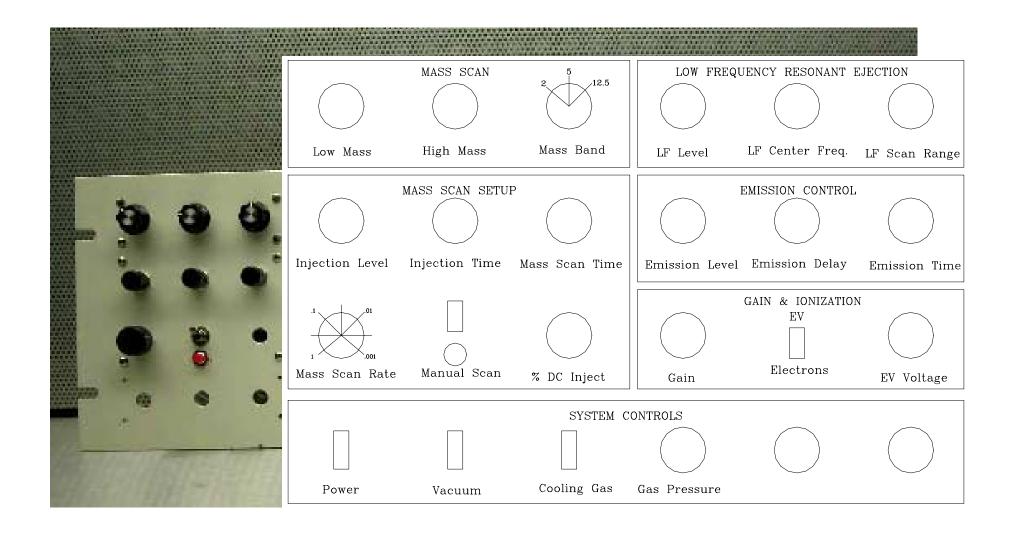
# TIME-OF-FLIGHT SPECTRUM OF Ni MULTIPLE SHOTS FROM ION SOURCE



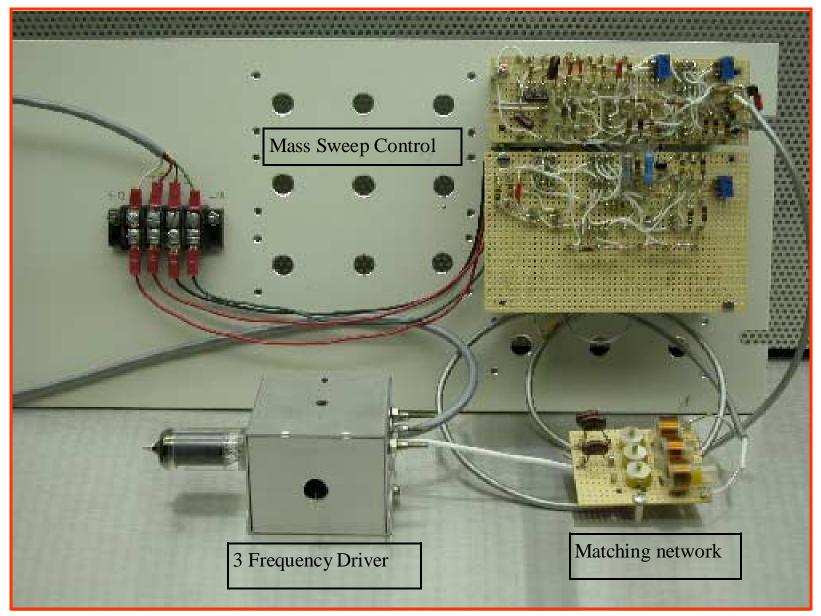
# ION TRAP MASS SPECTROMETER

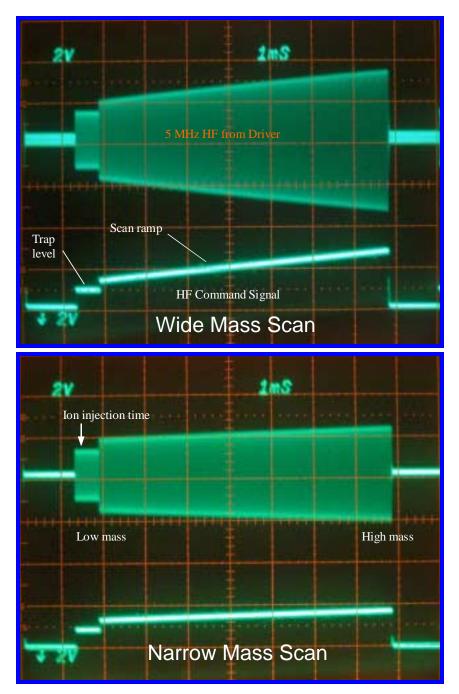


# ION TRAP SPECTROMETER CONTROLS



### BACK PANEL VIEW OF CONTROL



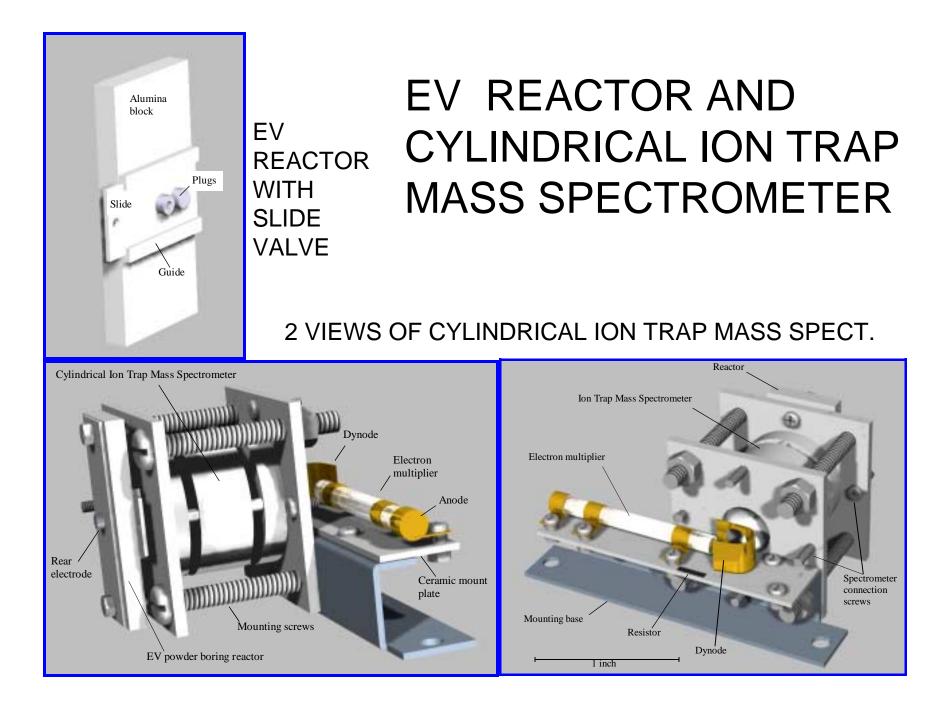


SCOPE PHOTOS OF ION TRAP MASS SPECTROMETER CONTROL WAVEFORMS

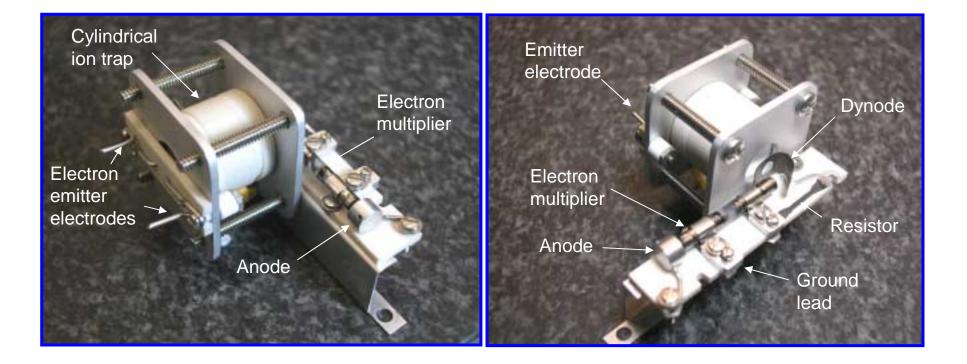
# THE EASY WAY

- 1. MANUAL CONTROL USING HAM TRANSMITTER HF SOURCE
- 2. CYLINDRICAL ION TRAP SPECTROMETER MADE OF CERAMIC WITH METAL COATING
- 3. ROUGH PUMP VACUUM ONLY
- 4. UNSHIELDED EV ION SOURCE
- 5. HOMEMADE CERAMIC ELECTRON MULT.

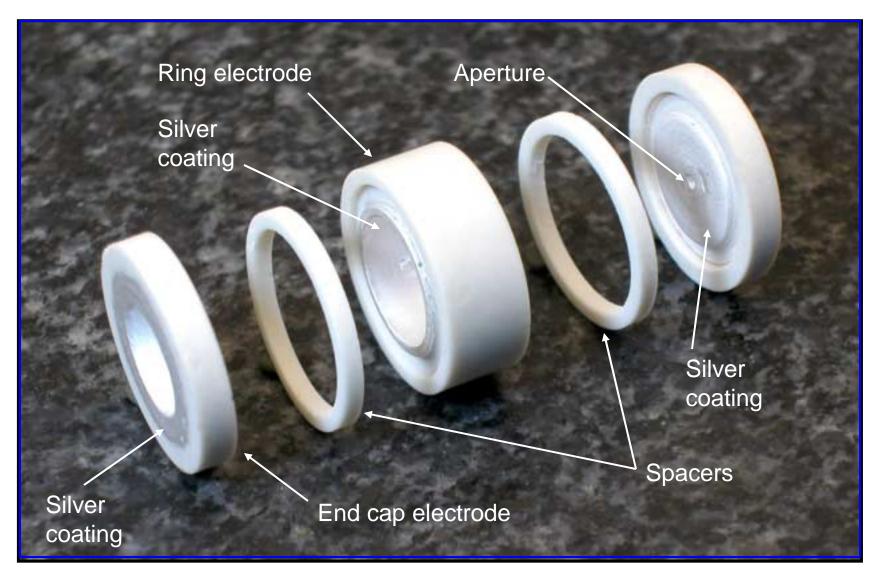
6. CASH OUTLAY ABOUT \$1,800.00

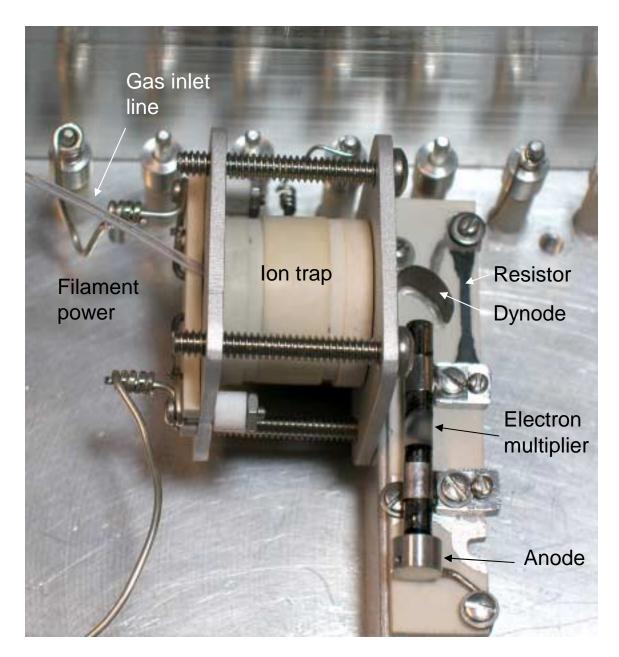


### 2 VIEWS OF CYLINDRICAL ION TRAP MASS SPECTROMETER WITH ELECTRON IONIZER FOR OPERATION WITH GAS



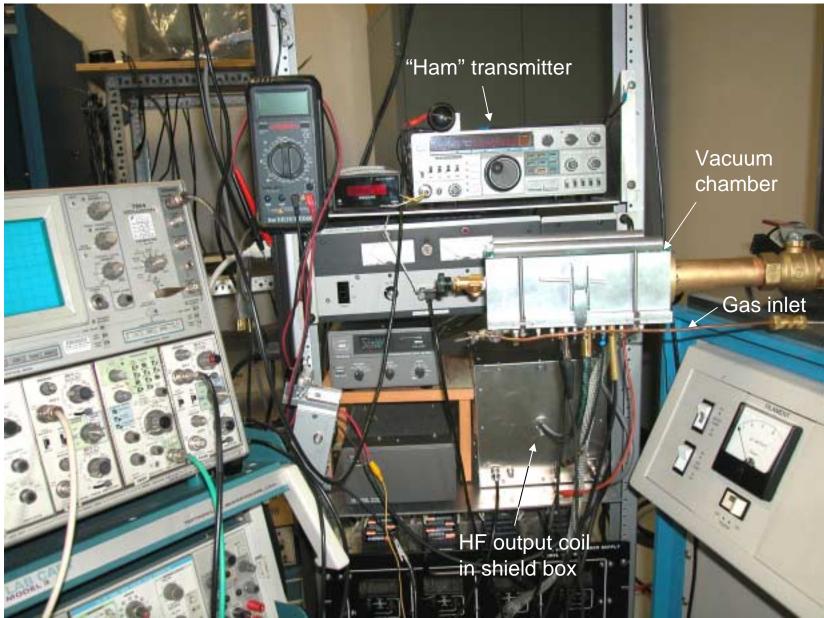
# CYLINDRICAL, CERAMIC ION TRAP MASS SPECTROMETER



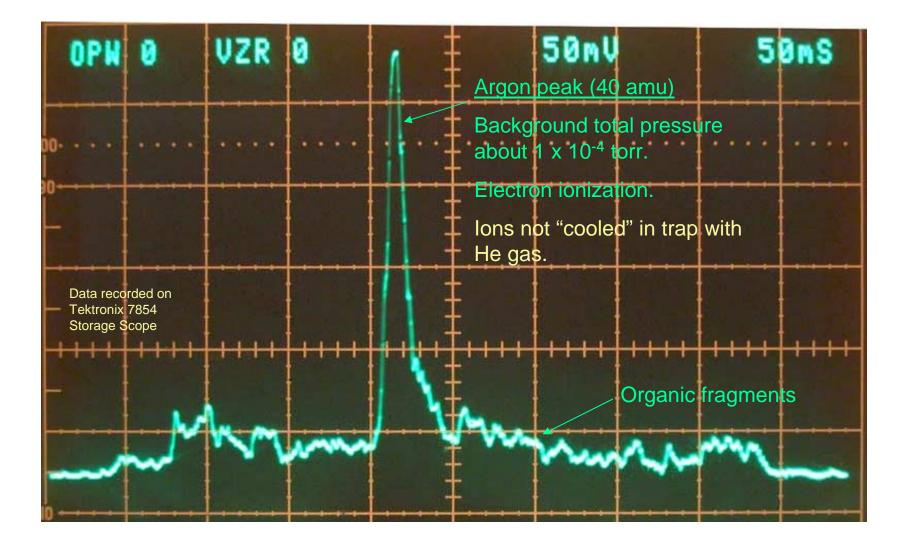


**ION TRAP** WITH **ELECTRON IONIZATION** SOURCE **INSTALLED IN VACUUM** SYSTEM

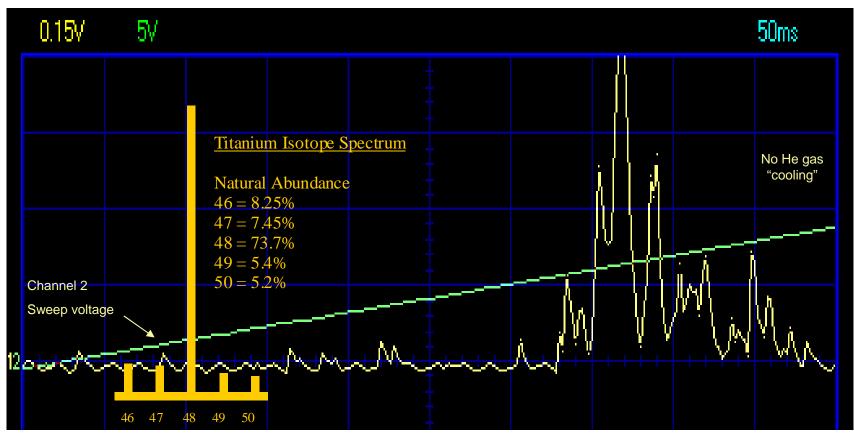
# TEST SETUP USING "HAM" TRANSMITTER



### SCOPE PHOTO OF ARGON SPECTRUM FROM CERAMIC, CYLINDRICAL ION TRAP



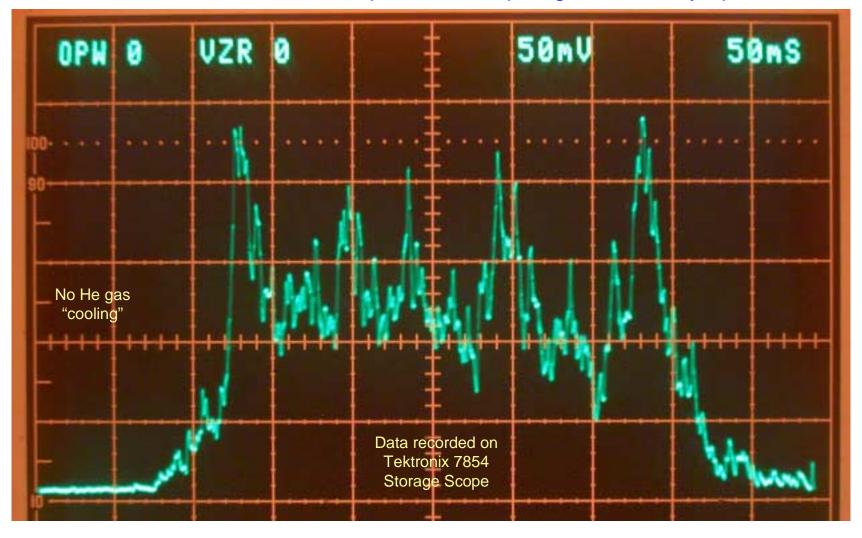
# EV SPARK, TITANIUM ION SOURCE FED INTO CYLINDRICAL TRAP OPERATING IN ROUGH-PUMPED VACUUM



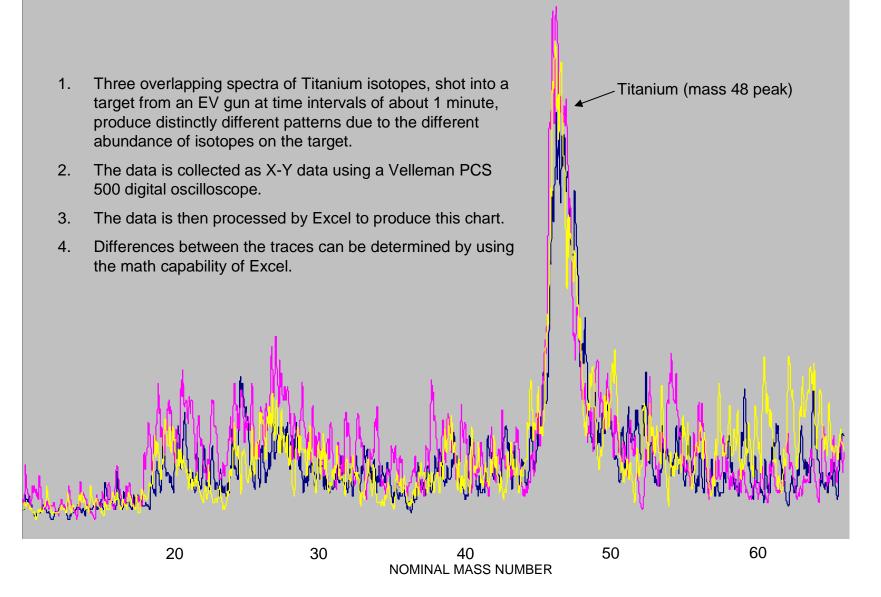
Data Recorded on Velleman PCS 500 Digital Oscilloscope (\$450.00)

### WHAT IS THIS MESS!

Titanium ions from EV source striking exit inside of trap yield a form of SIMS. To remove effect: Make exit aperture of trap larger than entry aperture.



# FINDING WHAT'S NEW



### HIGH RESOLUTION ION TRAP SPECTROMETER

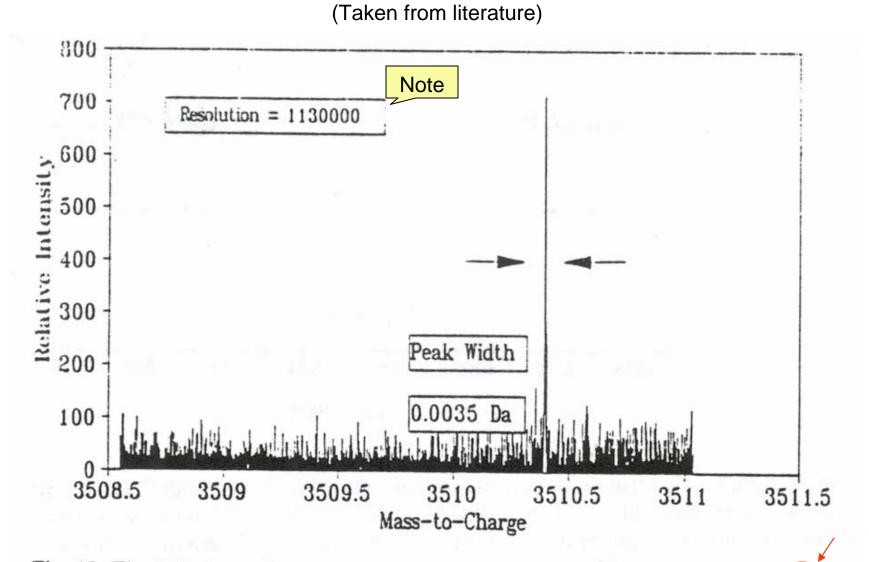
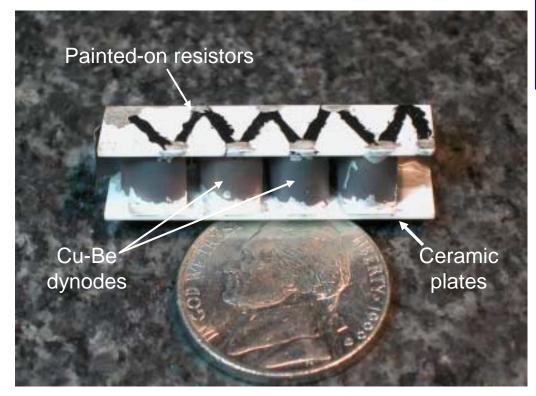
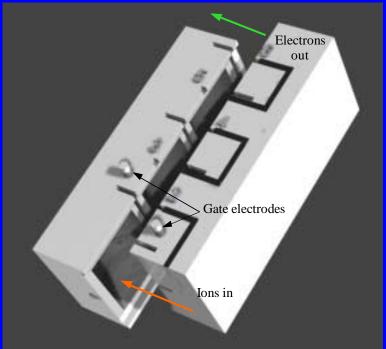


Fig. 12. The CsI cluster ion at m/z 3510 showing mass resolution in excess of 10<sup>6</sup> [18].

# CERAMIC ELECTRON MULTIPLIERS

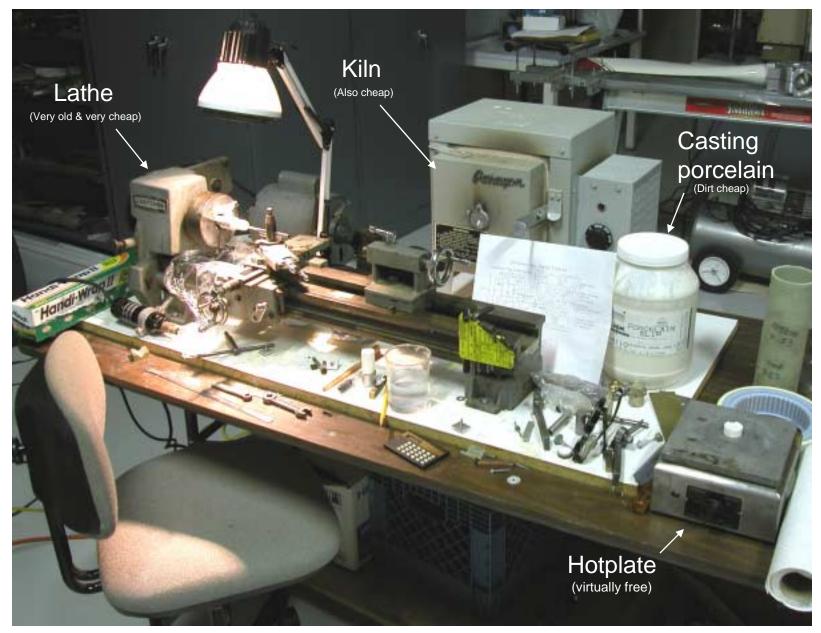
#### MULTISTAGE Cu-Be MULTIPLIER WITH RESISTORS

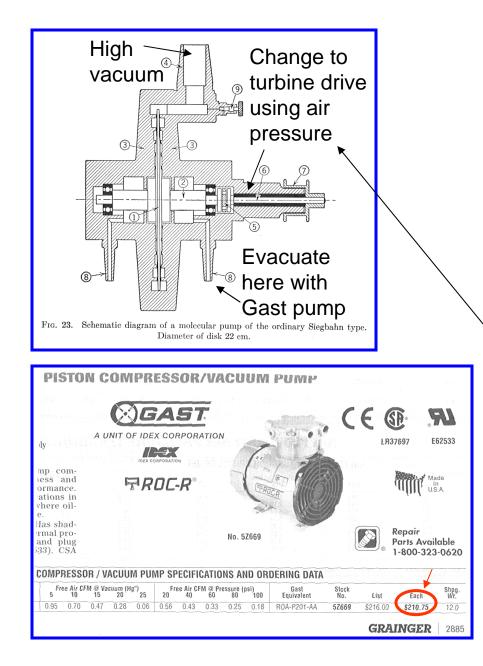




#### PROPOSED, CAST ELECTRON MULTIPLIER CONFIGURATION

# LOW-TECH. CERAMIC SHOP





# INEXPENSIVE VACUUM PUMP COMBINATION

Use air pressure output from Gast pump to drive 2" diameter turbine of Siegbahn vacuum pump to about 60,000 rpm.



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