



A novel four-trap mass spectrometer for high-accuracy mass measurements on highly-charged ions

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Outline:

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Penning traps as mass spectrometers



P.B. Schwinberg, R.S. vanDyck, H.G Dehmelt, Phys. Lett 81A, 119 1981

1989 Nobel Prize in Physics: Dehmelt, Paul, Ramsey



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1990

Smiletrap (2002)

2000

2010

www.quantum.physik.uni-mainz.de/mats

Low-energy atomic physics experiments at HITRAP and Cave A

What can be done using high accuracy mass spectrometry





and all these (and many more) can be done using highly charged ions...



In the case of ²³⁸U max. 92X higher resolving power can be achieved by using q=92+ ions.



Recent results using HCI at SMILETRAP



The layout of the cryogenic four trap-mass spectrometer





What's new? Features



~75 mm

²³⁸ U ⁹²⁺ Reference Monit	tor Timi	Timing scheme:			
• • •	T_1	T_2	T_3	Α	
Monitor trap				•	
Preparation trap2				•	
Measurement trap				• • Ca	
Preparation trap1					

Advantages:

- Cryogenic temperatures
- Highly-charged ions
- Non-destructive ion detection
- Direct electron binding energy measurement
- No ion-ion interaction
- Short measurement cycle
- Continuous *B*-field monitoring/ calibration

T = 4.2 K $\delta B/B < 10^{-7}/\text{cm}^3$, $(\delta B/\text{d}t) \cdot (1/B) < 10^{-10}/\text{h}$

> Goal: δ*m/m* ≤ 1·10⁻¹¹ δm(²³⁸U⁹²⁺) =2 eV



Cryogenic FT-ICR detection with single ion sensitivity

Pickup-Elektrode ion current signal Low Noise Amplifier FFT-Analyzer t very small

signal ~fA

Pickup-Elektrode

Fourier-Transform-Ion Cyclotron Resonance

Signal-to-noise ratio:

r_{ion}: ion motion radius Q: quality factor $\frac{S}{N} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \cdot \frac{r_{ion}}{D} \cdot \mathbf{q} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\nu}{\Delta \nu}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{Q}{kT \cdot C}}$

D: trap dimension q: charge state T: temperature C: capacity



mass

spectrum

Already available in Mainz

Precision trap





Monitoring Trap





Status



$$U(r,d) = \frac{1}{2} V_0 \sum_{keven=0}^{\infty} C_k \left[\frac{r}{d}\right]^k P_k(\cos\Theta)$$

Ideal trap: C₂=1, C_{k(even)>2}=0

 $C_4 \neq 0$, gives ω_z shift

Simulations, field calculations *-done*. Estimated S/N ratio, Cooling times T, *-available*. Trap dimensions, *-calculated*, Magnet is specified, price quotation, *-available*.





The road to high precision & accuracy with the new 4-trap spectrometer

- Precision electrodes, 1cm±5µm
- Compensation electrodes, C4, C6, D2 <<
- Stable voltage source, eg. standard cell, 100 nV in 10 V
- Strong, homogeneous and stable *B*-field, *B*=7 *T*, *δB*/*B*<10⁻⁷/*cm*³, (*δB*/*dt*)·(1/*B*)<10⁻¹⁰/*h*
- Cooling, *T*=4.2 K
- High Q-value circuit, Q>15000
- UHV- vacuum, *P*<10⁻¹²*mbar*
- single HCI,

Working programe and time table

2006	Design study; numerical simulations; field calculations; magnet specifications, CAD drawings of Penning traps
2007	Magnet ordering; cryostat specifications and drawings; trapmachining; final design for resonance circuits, beam transport in SIMION, off line ion source construction
2008	Magnet comissioning; cryostat alignement, experimental chamber alignment versus B, tests at 4.2 K
2009	Control and data acquisition system; comissioning the full setup, first test with real ions from offline source; single ion detection tests
2010	Test measurements with singly charged ions, determination of systematic uncertainties, preparation for HCI
20XX	Spectrometer is ready to take HCI beam



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