

Ion trapping capabilities at TRIUMF

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3 ion-trapping flavors are found at TRIUMF.

Multi-reflection / electrostatic



pair of electrostatic mirrors

Penning traps



magnet + electrostatic field

Paul traps



oscillating (RF) electric field

Differences between atomic origins and		
adaptation for radioactive ion beams (RIB).		
Precision $\delta m/m$ is	<u>AMO</u> <10 ⁻¹²	<u>Nuclear</u> 10 ⁻⁶ -10 ⁻⁹
lons are	stable	T _½ ≥ few ms
lon produced by	surface ion laser	accelerator facility reactor facility fission source
Beam energy	< 5 keV	> 20 keV
Cold	< K	~ eV

Ion traps prepare & measure RIB.

Multi-reflection / electrostatic



pair of electrostatic mirrors

- \rightarrow mass measurements
- \rightarrow beam purification
- \rightarrow decay spectroscopy



magnet + electrostatic field

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- \rightarrow beam purification
- \rightarrow charge breeding

Paul traps



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At TRIUMF, three groups use ion traps.

ALPHA particle physics

Penning trap





TITAN

nuclear physics

linear Paul trap Penning trap EBIT electrostatic trap



CANREB accelerator physics

linear Paul trap EBIT

ALPHA: cerncourier.com/a/keeping-antihydrogen-the-alpha-trap;

TITAN is TRIUMF's Ion Trap for Atomic and Nuclear science.



TITAN prepares the beam in the RFQ.



J. Dilling *et al.*, NIMB **204** (2003) 492

The buffer-gas-filled linear Paul trap accumulates, cools, & bunches the RIB.

 RadioFrequency Quadrupole → transverse confinement





• Buffer gas \rightarrow cooling

The buffer-gas-filled linear Paul trap accumulates, cools, & bunches the RIB.

- Space-charge limit of ~10⁵ e with good emittance
- Longitudinal emittance of a few eV µs depending on extraction slope
- Shortest duty cycle demonstrated 5 ms





Broadband, fast mass measurements are performed in the MR-TOF-MS.



Multi-Reflection Time-Of-Flight Mass Spectrometers are based on simple kinematics.



Separation increases with flight path → longer path length OR multiple passes on same path

Precisions up to $\sim 10^{-7}$ and for half-lives as low as 2 ms (²¹⁵Po @Giessen-GSI)

TITAN MR-TOF-MS capabilities:

- Space charge: ≤10⁶ pps
- Sensitivity: <0.1 pps
- Shortest $T_{1/2}$: 5 ms
- $\delta m/m$: > 5×10⁻⁸
- Trap lifetime: 100s ms (singly charged)



MR-TOF was used to measure masses of astrophysically important, n-rich ¹²⁵⁻¹³⁴In.

1000 ¹²⁸In+ detector Counts 100 mirror 10 127.901 127.909 127.917 127.925 Mass [u] mirror In laser ionization no laser ionization Cool, inject & separate by TOF

"Re-trapping" technique makes MR-TOF-MS its own purifier.



C. Izzo et al., in preparation

The highest precision & accuracy are achieved with Penning trap mass spectrometry.



A Penning trap accesses the cyclotron frequency & therefore the ion's mass.



RIB mass measurements with precisions up to $\sim 10^{-9}$ and for half-lives as low as 9 ms (¹¹Li⁺ @ TITAN-TRIUMF)



M. König, et al., Int. J. Mass Spec. 142 (1995) 93; S. Eliseev, et al., PRL 110 (2013) 082501; A.G. Marshall, et al., Int. J. Mass Spec. 215 (2002) 59

Accuracy is understood in theory & practice.

Exact theoretical description

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- G. Bollen, et al., J. Appl. Phys 88 (1990) 4355
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Accuracy & precision for non-ideal traps

- G. Bollen, et al., J. Appl. Phys 88 (1990) 4355
- G. Gabrielse, Int. J. Mass. Spec. 279 (2009) 107

Corrections & stabilizations

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- M. Brodeur et al., IJMS 310 (2010) 20
- C. Droese et al., NiMA 632 (2011) 15

\rightarrow Verified via tests of stable nuclides

TITAN MPET capabilities:

- Space charge: $\leq 10^3 e$
- Sensitivity: 100 pps
- Shortest $T_{1/2}$: 8 ms
- δm/m: ≥ 10⁻⁹
- Trap lifetime: >2 s (singly charged)



The Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa matrix describes quark-mixing interactions.

$$\begin{pmatrix} d'\\ s'\\ b' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{ub} & V_{us}\\ V_{cd} & V_{cb} & V_{cs}\\ V_{td} & V_{tb} & V_{ts} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d\\ b\\ s \end{pmatrix}$$

In the Standard Model, the CKM matrix describes a unitary transformation.

 $|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 = 1$

Top row is the most stringent test.

 $|V_{ud}|$ dominates the top row.

It is measured through the mass difference of superallowed β emitters and their daughters.

The Q-value of ²²Mg, a superallowed β emitter, supports quark-mixing matrix's unitarity.



TITAN Q-value measured through TOF-ICR to 220 eV & agrees with literature .

Weighted average $\delta Q = 160 \text{ eV}$, 30% more precise

M.P. Reiter, et al, PRC 96 (2017) 052501

How can higher performance be achieved?

Higher charge states increases precision, reduces exp. requirements, or boosts resolving power.



$$\frac{\delta m}{m} \propto \frac{m}{qe B T_{RF} \sqrt{N}}$$

N = statistics \rightarrow limited by production

 T_{RF} = measurement time \rightarrow limited by $T_{1/2}$

B = magnetic field \rightarrow limited by technology

q = charge state \rightarrow limited by Z



J. Dilling et al., NIMB 204 (2003) 492

The EBIT charge breeds through successive electron impact.



EBIT = Penning trap + electron beam

Charge-state distribution depends on *Z*, electron beam energy, electron current density, & charge breeding time.

EBIT also used for beam purification and storage during decay & recapture.

TITAN EBIT capabilities:

- Space charge: $\leq 10^9 e$
- Sensitivity: 1000 pps
- Shortest $T_{1/2}$: 65 ms
- Max $E_{e beam}$: 65 keV
 - Max current: 5 A
 - Highest charge state: 55Cs³³⁺ at 5 keV



• Trap lifetime: > few min

High charge states resolve isomers & reveals details of nuclear structure.



D. Lascar, et al., PRC, 96 (2017) 044323; C. Babcock, et al. PRC 97 (2018) 024312

The EBIT also boast 7 radial ports, optically accessing trapped ions.

The EBIT's optical access allows nuclear decay spectroscopy.







Magnetic field redirects β particles \rightarrow no positron-annihilation radiation.

Electron beam deepens confinement \rightarrow extends trap lifetime.

Science program:

- originally benchmarking 0v2EC nuclear matrix elements
- changes in nuclear properties as function of charge state for astro
- nuclear excitation by electron capture

EBIT's backing-free environment and reduced β background enhance certain measurements.



A. Lennarz, et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 113 (2014) 082502; K.G. Leach et al., NIMA, 780 (2015) 91

TRIUMF builds & develops ion traps for short-lived species.

- radioactive ion beams (TITAN, CANREB)
- anti-hydrogen (ALPHA)
- with strong "other" technical support (detectors, controls, DAQ, cryo, HV, ...)

TITAN focuses on nuclear-physics studies.

- mass measurements (Penning trap, MR-TOF)
- in-trap decay spectroscopy (in EBIT or trap assisted)
- beam purification & preparation (MR-TOF, EBIT, Penning trap)

Subatomic-physics vs. quantum computing

- substantial differences (species of interest, energy regime, detection technique, physical dimensions, ...)
- substantial overlap (single-ion sensitivity, ion manipulation, optical access, ...)



Discovery, accelerated