

Table-Top Experiments, Workshop at MIT 2017

Precision tests of fundamental interactions and their symmetries with cooled and stored exotic ions

- Precision atomic/nuclear masses
- The (anti)proton charge-to-mass ratio
- **g**-factors of bound electrons and $m_{\rm e}$



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Atomic and nuclear masses

Masses determine the atomic and nuclear binding energies reflecting all forces in the atom/nucleus.



 $m_{\text{Atom}} = N \bullet m_{\text{neutron}} + Z \bullet m_{\text{proton}} + Z \bullet m_{\text{electron}} - (B_{\text{atom}} + B_{\text{nucleus}})/c^2$ $\delta m/m < 10^{-10} \qquad \delta m/m = 10^{-6} - 10^{-8}$

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Storage of ions in a Penning trap



The free cyclotron frequency is inverse proportional to the mass of the ion!

 $\omega_{\rm c} = qB / m_{ion}$

Invariance theorem:

$$\omega_{c}^{2} = \omega_{+}^{2} + \omega_{-}^{2} + \omega_{z}^{2} \qquad \omega_{c} = \omega_{+} + \omega_{z}^{2}$$

L.S. Brown, G. Gabrielse, Rev. Mod. Phys. 58, 233 (1986).





Detection techniques

δ*m/m* ≈ 10⁻⁹

460

6

data points theoretical line shap

excitation frequency v - 1107794.28 / Hz

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BASE: A Penning-trap setup at CERN

A balance for protons and antiprotons.









Masses I

Test of the unitarity of the quark-mixing matrix





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Superallowed β-decays

• Corrected value:

$$\mathcal{F}t = ft \left(1 + \delta_R'\right) \left(1 + \delta_{NS} - \delta_C\right) = \frac{K}{2G_V^2 \left(1 + \Delta_V^R\right)}$$

- Corrections about 1% [Towner and Hardy, Phys. Rev. C 77, 025501 (2008)]
- Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa quark mixing matrix $\begin{bmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} |d\rangle \\ |s\rangle \\ |b\rangle \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} |d'\rangle \\ |s'\rangle \\ |b'\rangle \end{bmatrix}$
- Quark-mass eigenstates |x > to weak eigenstates |x'>

$$V_{\rm ud} = \frac{K}{2G_F^2 \left(1 + \Delta_R^V\right) \overline{\mathcal{F}t}}$$





Superallowed β-decays







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Test of the CKM unitarity

Check unitarity via first row elements:

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

 V_{us} and V_{ub} from particle physics data (*K* and *B* meson decays)

Present status:

 V_{ud} (nuclear β -decay) = 0.97417(21) V_{us} (kaon-decay) = 0.2253(14) V_{ub} (B meson decay) = 0.0037(5)

$$|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 = 0.99978(55)$$

Hardy&Towner, Phys. Rev. C 91 (2015) 025501





Neutrino physics applications









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THe-TRAP for KATRIN

A high-precision Q(³T-³He)-value measurement





eV $\Delta T < 0.02$ K/d at 24°C $\Delta B/B < 10$ ppt / h $\Delta x \le 0.1$ μ m

First ¹²C⁴⁺/¹⁶O⁶⁺ mass ratio measurement at $\delta m/m = 1.4 \cdot 10^{-11}$ performed.



The ECHo (¹⁶³Ho) project



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Atomic masses III

Test of CPT symmetry





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Most stringent baryonic CPT test

Compare charge-to-mass ratios R of p and \overline{p} :

$$(q/m)_{\overline{p}}/(q/m)_{p} = 1.000\ 000\ 000\ 001\ (69)$$

S. Ulmer et al., Nature 524, 196 (2015)



It is not that easy!

$$m_{\rm H^-} = m_p \left(1 + 2 \frac{m_e}{m_p} + \frac{\alpha_{\rm pol, H^-} B_0^2}{m_p} - \frac{E_b}{m_p} - \frac{E_a}{m_p} \right)$$







Atomic masses IV

The mass of the electron – A fundamental constant



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Measurement principle





g-factor resonance of a single ²⁸Si¹³⁺ ion



 $g_{exp} = 1.995 348 958 7 (5)(3)(8)$ $g_{theo} = 1.995 348 958 0 (17)$ Electron mass can be improved by a factor of >10 if repeated for ¹²C⁵⁺.

Most stringent test of BS-QED in strong fields.



Theory colleagues: Harman, Keitel, Zatorski

S. Sturm *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 023002 (2011)

A. Wagner et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 133003 (2013)



A 13-fold improved electron mass

Electron mass from ultra-high precision g-factor of hydrogenlike carbon:

$$m_e = \frac{g_{theo}}{2} \frac{\omega_c}{\omega_L} \frac{e}{q_{ion}} m_{ion}$$





 $m_{\rm e} = 0.000548579909067(14)(9)(2)$ u

A factor of 13 improved value !

S. Sturm et al., Nature 506, 467 (2014)



A 3-fold improved proton mass



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What comes next? α

- ALPHATRAP: A high-precision Penning-trap setup at MPIK & HITRAP
- Production of HCl ²⁰⁸Pb^{77+,81+}
- Larmor-to-cyclotron frequency ratio measurement in a double Penning trap yields $\delta g/g \approx 10^{-12}$
- Experiment and theory provide stringent test of BS-QED and FSC α









Conclusion

Exciting results in high-precision experiments with stored and cooled exotic ions have been achieved!

Presently running experiments: 10-fold improved n mass 10-fold improved *E=m*c² test 1000-fold improved anti-p *g*-factor

Thanks a lot for the invitation and your attention!





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