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Doppler- and sympathetic cooling for the investigation of short-lived radionuclides





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Outline

- Doppler and sympathetic cooling as versatile cooling techniques to deliver highquality radioactive ion beams to experiments
- Experimental demonstration @ MIRACLS
- Comparison with ion optical simulations & numerical cooling model
- Envisioned applications at RIB facilities



Doppler Cooling

- Powerful technique to reach sub-K atom and ion temperatures [1]
- Standard tool for high-precision measurements: atomic clocks [2], quantum information science [3], physics beyond the standard model [4]



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[2] D. Ludlow et al, Rev. Mod. Phys. 87, 637 (2015).
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Doppler Cooling at RIB Facilities

- Specific applications with RIBs [1]
- unexplored as cooling technique to deliver high quality RIBs
- This work: Demonstration that laser cooling is
 - ... compatible with $\rm T_{\rm 1/2}$
 - ... compatible with existing instrumentation at RIB facilities
 - ... universally applicable (via sympathetic cooling)
 - ... improving precision and/or sensitivity of various experimental techniques



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Doppler Cooling principle



- Moving ions observe Doppler shift in laser frequency
- Absorption of photon in one direction
- Spontaneous emission of photon in random direction
- Net-cooling or heating effect since photon momentum is subtracted from/added to the Mg ion momentum Red-detuning: cooling, blue detuning: heating



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[1] K. Lynch, PhD thesis, University of Manchester, 2013.[2] Sb run COLLAPS, 2018.



Experimental Demonstration @MIRACLS



Experimental results





Sympathetic cooling

... extends the availability of cold ion ensembles to ionic systems which cannot be directly laser-cooled.



	0 ₂ +	K+
Peak width residual-gas or buffer-gas cooling	113(5) ns	180(13) ns
Sympathetic cooling	58(4) ns	145(5) ns
Improvement in countrate	Factor 2.6	Factor 2

Can be done better analogous to existing work, e.g. [1],[2]

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Needed cooling time

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Experiment:

- 1e-5 to 1e-8 mbar residual gas present within Paul trap
- ➤ cooling time ≈ 100 ms

<u>Simulations + numerical model:</u> Presence of buffer gas speeds up the cooling



3 mW & -200 MHz detuning, varying cooling times:



Applications at RIB facilities



→ Improvements in precision and/or sensitivity for various experimental techniques such as collinear laser spectroscopy or mass spectrometry



Improved R in MR-ToF devices



Summary & Outlook

Demonstration that laser cooling is

- ... compatible with $T_{1/2}$
- ... compatible with instrumentation at RIB facilities
- ... universally applicable (via sympathetic cooling) to deliver low-emittance beams

Envisioned applications at RIB facilities:

- Improved mass resolution in MR-ToF devices
- Increased precision for mass measurements in Penning traps
- Increased sensitivity for collinear laser spectroscopy
- Cooling option for radioactive molecules for fundamental physics research
- Preparation step for high precision laser spectroscopy (king plot non-linearities)

Current setup:



improved setup: multi-stage Paul trap:







Thanks!





<u>New publication:</u> S. Sels, F. Maier et al. *Doppler- and sympathetic ion cooling for the investigation of short-lived radionuclides.* In preparation.

