

# Paul traps

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# Radiofrequency ~~Paul~~ traps

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  1. experimental set-up; rf drive, helical resonator, how to p the drive  $\pm V_0$  or  $\pm V/2$
  2. how to detect ions in the trap
    1. by construction (die glaserne Paulfalle, with inegr fibers, stylus ion trap)
    2. by optical means
    3. by electronic means
  
- I. Tutorial: how to design an ion trap?

## A. Paul's work on ion traps

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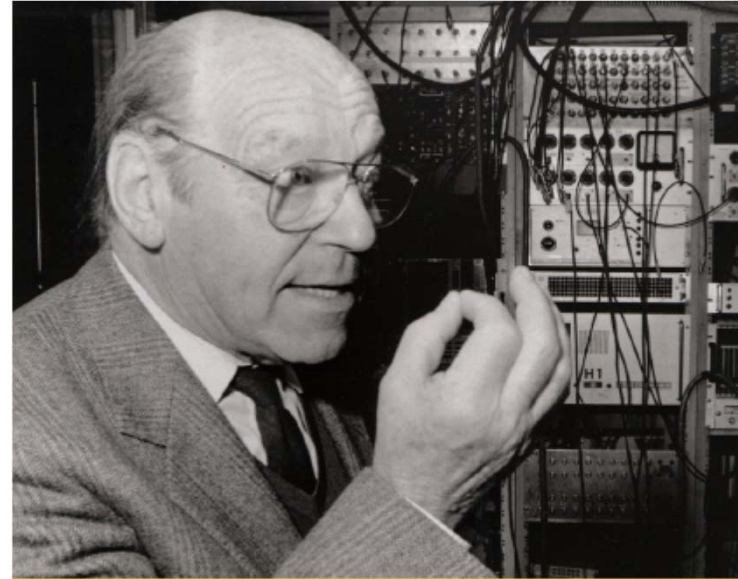
« Mich dünkt , es ist ein trauriger Umstand bei unserer ganzen Chemie, dass wir die Bestandteile der Körper nicht frei suspendieren können »

« I believe, it is a sad fact in all our chemistry, that we are not able to freely suspend the elementary constituents »

*Georg Christoph Lichtenberg (1742-1799)*

# A. Paul's work on ion traps

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## Wolfgang Paul

- 1913 – 1983
- was an expert in mass filters
- since 1952, professor at University Bonn
- responsibilities at KFA Jülich, CERN (director of Nuclear Physics Division), DESY
- intended to work on « strong focussing » for a 500 MeV synchrotron
- the ion trap was a by-product of the mass selection efforts

# A. Paul's work on ion traps

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Dr. rer. nat. Otto Osberghaus  
Dipl.-Phys. Erhardt Fischer  
Physikalisches Institut der Universität Bonn

Ein Ionenkäfig

1958

« An ion cage »



## The Nobel Prize in Physics 1989

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has awarded this year's Nobel Prize in Physics for contributions of importance for the development of atomic precision spectroscopy



**Hans Dehmelt**  
University of Washington  
Seattle, USA

**Wolfgang Paul**  
Universität Bonn  
Federal Republic of  
Germany

**Norman F. Ramsey**  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, USA

**for the development of the  
ion trap technique**

**for the invention of the  
separated oscillatory  
fields method and its  
use in the hydrogen  
maser and other atomic  
clocks**

# A. The ion cage

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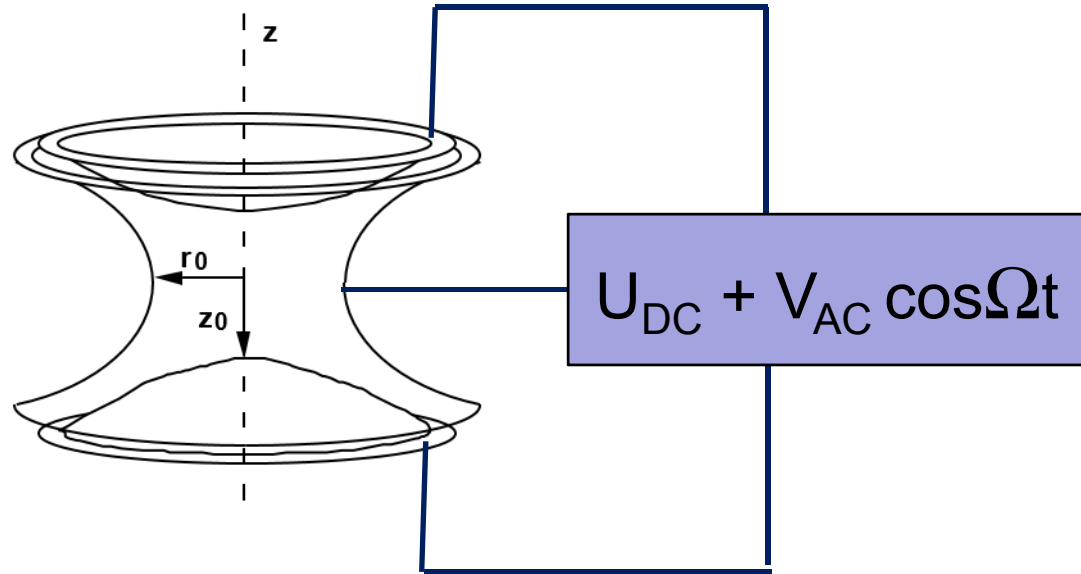
## B. Operation of Paul trap

$$r_0^2 = 2z_0^2$$

- a ring and 2 endcaps of hyperboloid shape

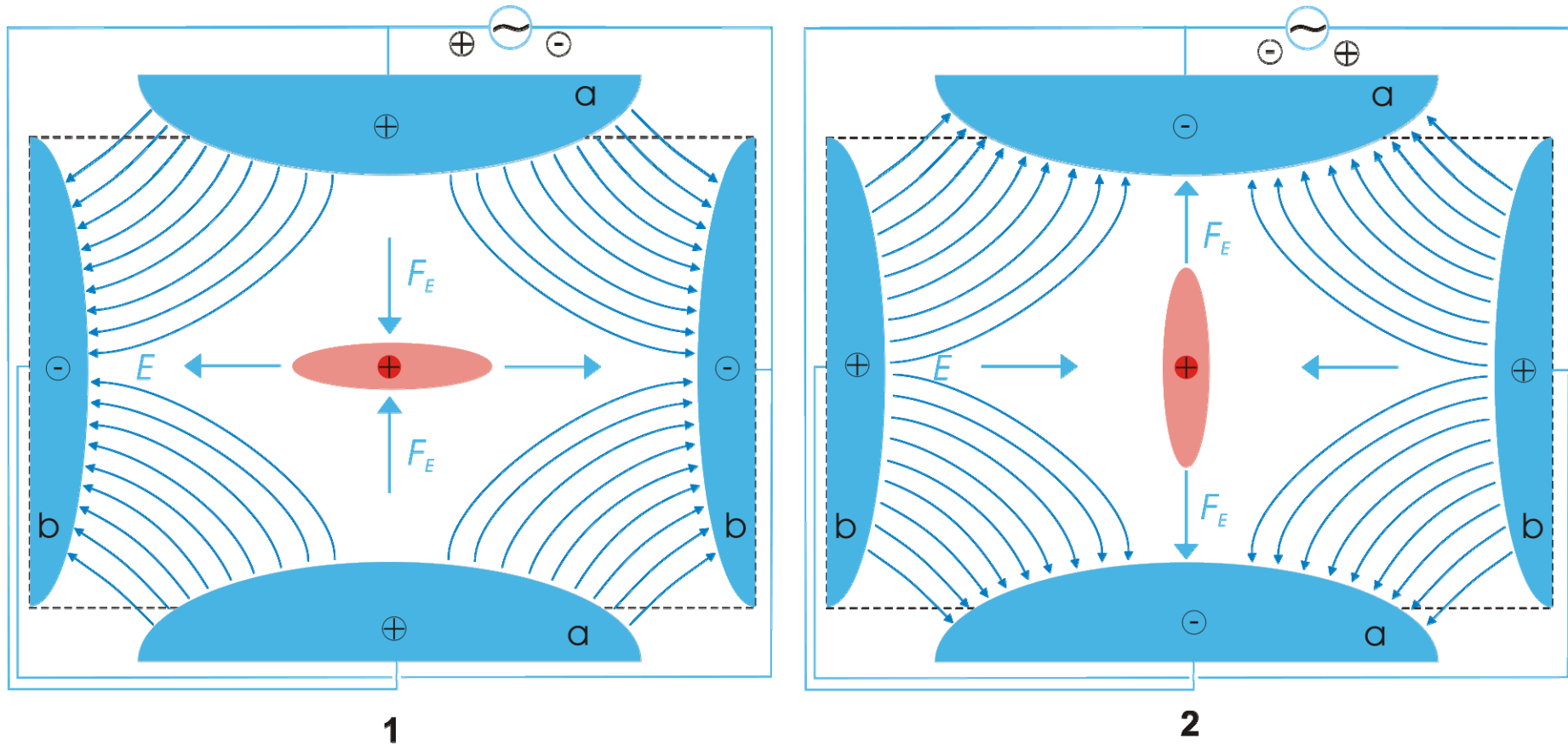
- apply an oscillating voltage between the electrodes

- the resulting potential is :



$$\varphi(x, y, z, t) = (U_{DC} + V_{AC} \cos \Omega t) \frac{x^2 + y^2 + 2z^2}{2r_0^2}$$

## B. Operation of Paul trap



[www.nobelprize.org](http://www.nobelprize.org)

## B. Motion of a single trapped ion

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The motion of a single particle with  $e/m$  evolving in this potential is described by

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dt^2} + \frac{\Omega^2}{4} (a_u - 2q_u \cos \Omega t) u = 0 \quad \text{for } u=x,y,z$$

$$\text{with } a_x = -\frac{a_z}{2} = \frac{8eU_{DC}}{2r_0^2 m \Omega^2} \text{ and } q_x = -\frac{q_z}{2} = \frac{4eV_{AC}}{2r_0^2 m \Omega^2}$$

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→ Mathieu equat

### MÉMOIRE

sur

#### LE MOUVEMENT VIBRATOIRE

D'UNE MEMBRANE DE FORME ELLIPTIQUE;

PAR M. ÉMILE MATHIEU [\*].

Imaginons une membrane tendue également dans tous les sens, et dont le contour, fixé invariablement, est une ellipse. Notre but, dans ce Mémoire, est de déterminer par l'analyse toutes les circonstances de son mouvement vibratoire; nous y calculons la forme et la position des lignes nodales et le son correspondant. Mais ces mouvements sont assujettis à certaines lois générales qui peuvent être définies sans le secours de l'analyse.

Lorsqu'on met la membrane elliptique en vibration, il se produit deux systèmes de lignes nodales qui sont, les unes des ellipses, les autres des hyperboles, et toutes ces courbes du second ordre ont les mêmes foyers que l'ellipse du contour.

Tous ces mouvements vibratoires peuvent être partagés en deux genres. Dans l'un de ces genres, le grand axe reste fixe et forme une ligne nodale, et si l'on considère deux points symétriques par rapport au grand axe, leurs mouvements sont égaux et de sens contraire. Dans l'autre genre, au contraire, les extrémités du grand axe situées entre les foyers et les sommets forment des ventres de vibration, tandis que la partie située entre les deux foyers offre un minimum de vibration,

[\*] Ce Mémoire a été exposé au mois de janvier 1868 dans un cours à la Sorbonne.

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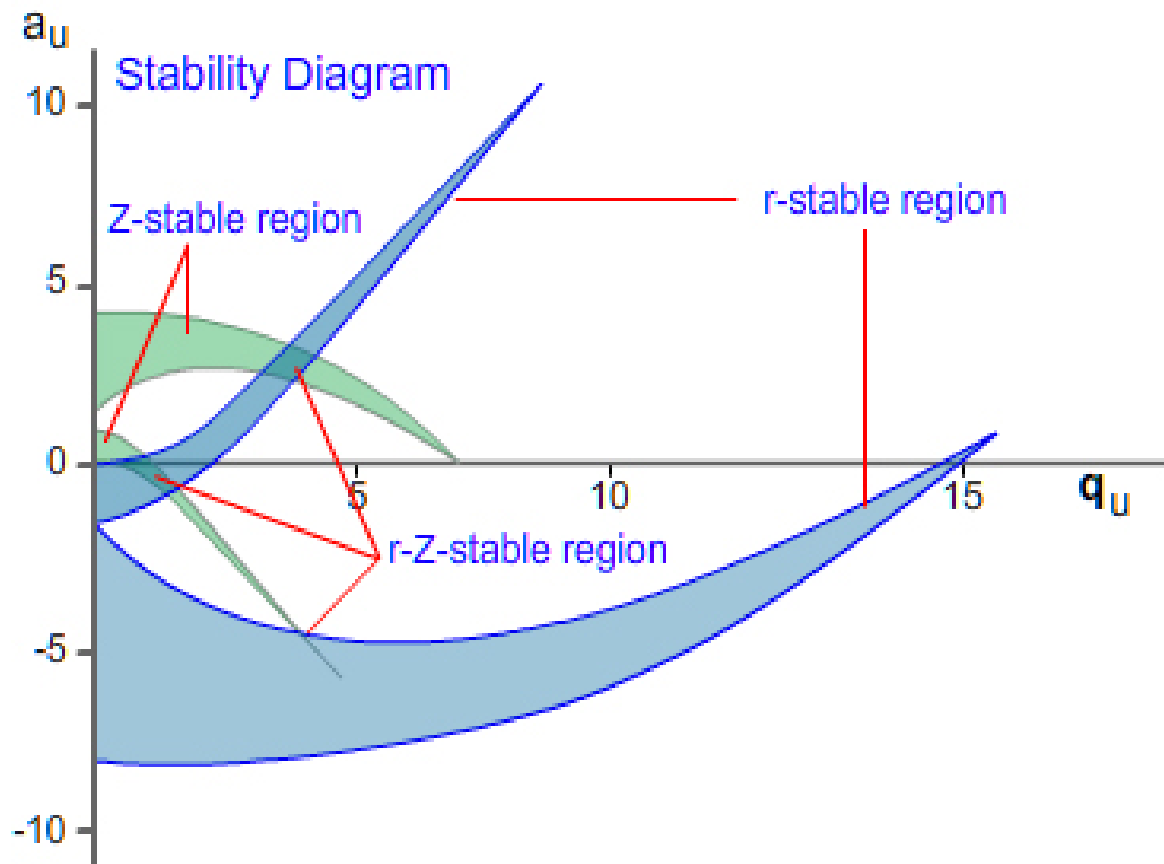
stability of the solution only depends on  $e/m$ ,  $r_0$ ,  $\Omega$ ,  $U_{DC}$  and  $V_{AC}$

→ stability diagram

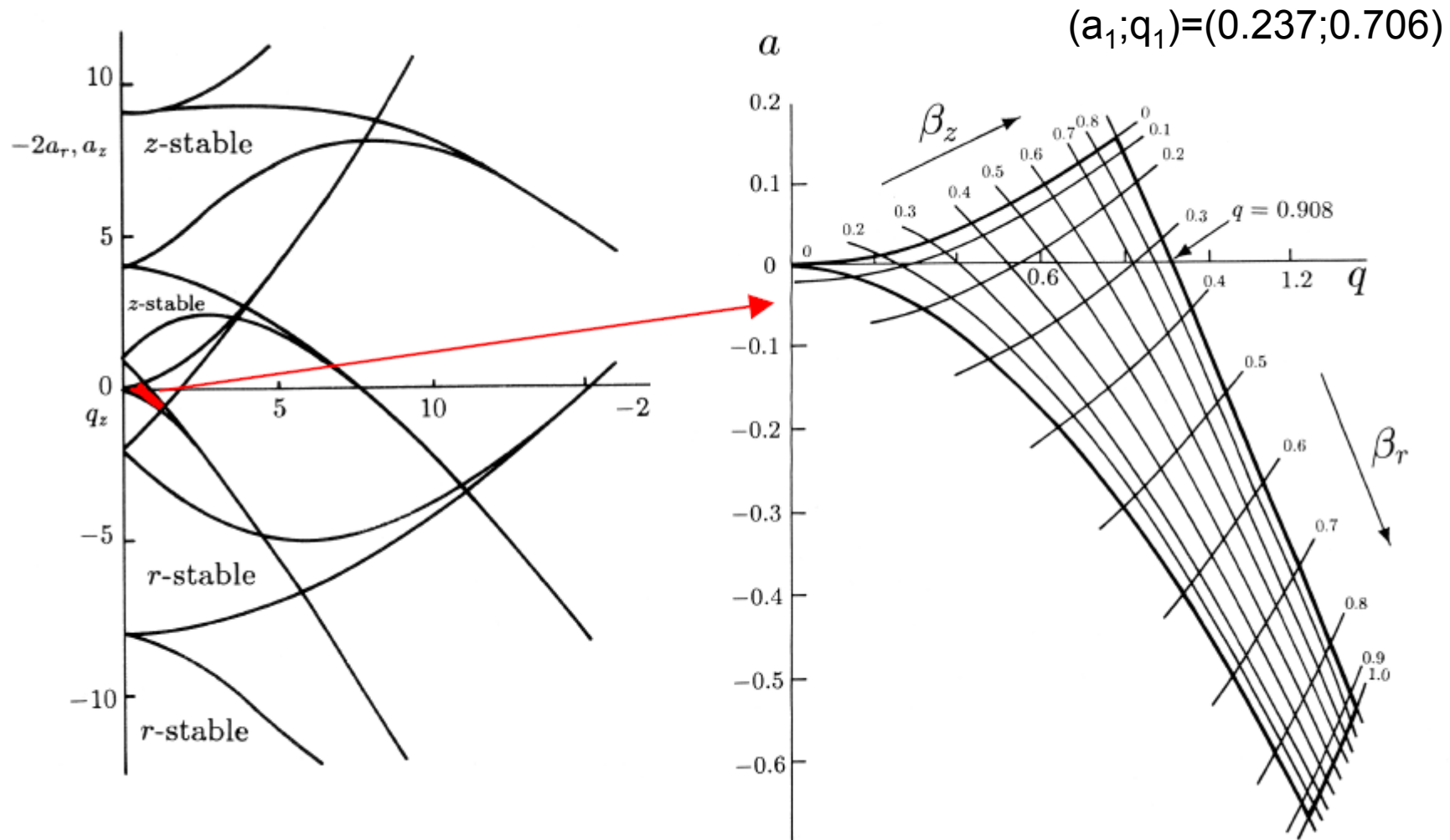
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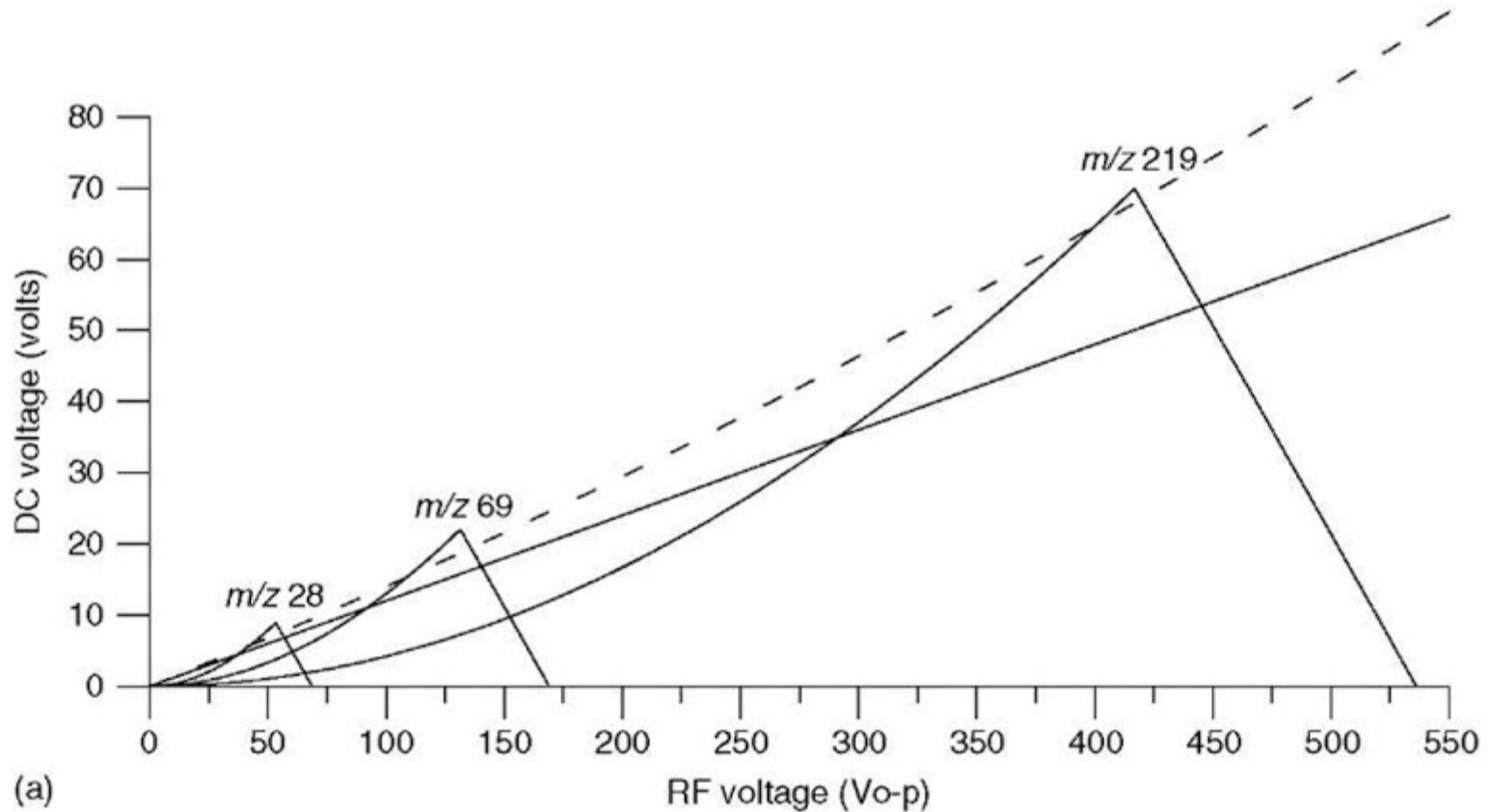
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(a)



## B. Frequencies of motion

exact solutions of the Mathieu equations are

$$u(t) = A \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} C_{2n} \cos(\beta + 2n)\Omega t/2 + B \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} C_{2n} \sin(\beta + 2n)\Omega t/2$$

- where  $A$  and  $B$  are constants depending on initial conditions. The coefficients  $C_{2n}$ , which are the amplitudes of the Fourier components of the particle motion, decrease with increasing  $n$ .

$$\omega_u = \beta_u \Omega$$

$\beta$  can be exactly determined by

$$\beta_u^2 = a_u + \frac{q_u^2}{(\beta_u + 2)^2 - a_u - \frac{q_u^2}{(\beta_u + 4)^2 - a_u - \frac{q_u^2}{(\beta_u + 6)^2 - a_u - \dots}}$$

$$+ \frac{q_u^2}{(\beta_u - 2)^2 - a_u - \frac{q_u^2}{(\beta_u - 4)^2 - a_u - \frac{q_u^2}{(\beta_u - 6)^2 - a_u - \dots}}$$

## B. Motion of the single particle

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for the large majority of cases the adiabatic approximation is sufficient:

for  $q_u < 0.4$  and  $a_u \ll q_u$

$$u(t) = R_u \cos\omega_u t \left(1 + \frac{q_u}{2} \cos\Omega t\right)$$

with

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and

$$\beta_u = \sqrt{a_u + \frac{q_u^2}{2}}$$

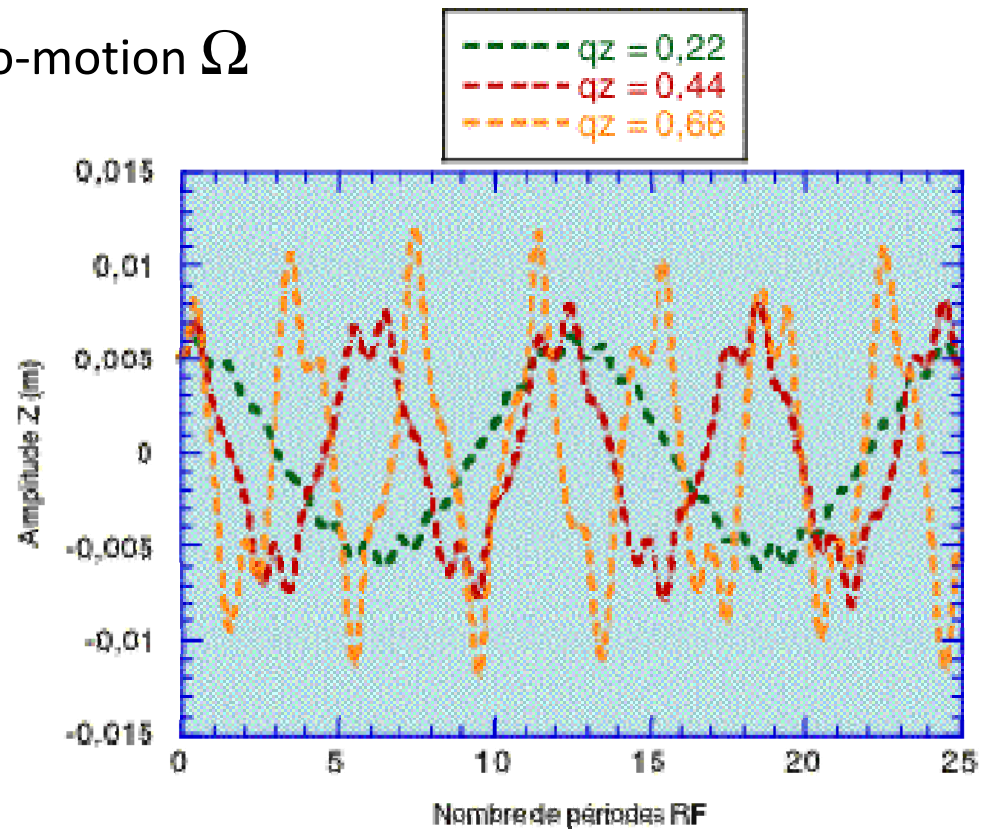
H.G.Dehmelt, *Radiofrequency spectroscopy of stored ions I: storage*  
Advances in Atomic and Molecular Physics **3**, 53-72 (1967)

## B. Motional frequencies

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$$u(t) = R_u \cos\omega_u t \left(1 + \frac{q_u}{2} \cos\Omega t\right)$$

- harmonic oscillation
- secular motion  $\omega_u$  and micro-motion  $\Omega$



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**!! Values diverge rapidly for  $q > 0.4$  !!**

A better approximation can be found in

J.P.CARRICO *Applications of inhomogeneous oscillatory electric fields in ion physics*

*Dyn.Mass Spectrom.* **3**, 1-65 (1972)

$$\beta_\xi \approx \left[ a_\xi - \frac{(a_\xi - 1) \cdot q_\xi^2}{2(a_\xi - 1)^2 - q_\xi^2} - \frac{(5a_\xi + 7) \cdot q_\xi^4}{32(a_\xi - 1)^3(a_\xi - 4)} - \frac{(9a_\xi^2 + 58a_\xi + 29) \cdot q_\xi^6}{64(a_\xi - 1)^5(a_\xi - 4)(a_\xi - 9)} \right]^{1/2}$$

## C. Strong confinement

$$u(t) = R_u \cos \omega_u t \left(1 + \frac{q_u}{2} \cos \Omega t\right)$$

- the amplitude of the ion motion increases with the distance from the trap center
- only in the trap center  $r=0$  can it be 0
- harmonic oscillator in a potential well of limited length  
→ discretisation of frequencies (energy levels)

◆ if amplitude of motion  $R_u$  is smaller than  $\lambda/2\pi$  → discrete spectrum for  $\omega_u > \gamma$

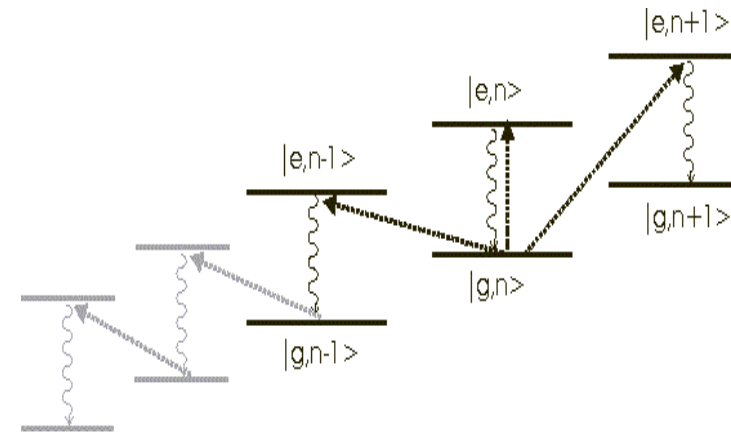
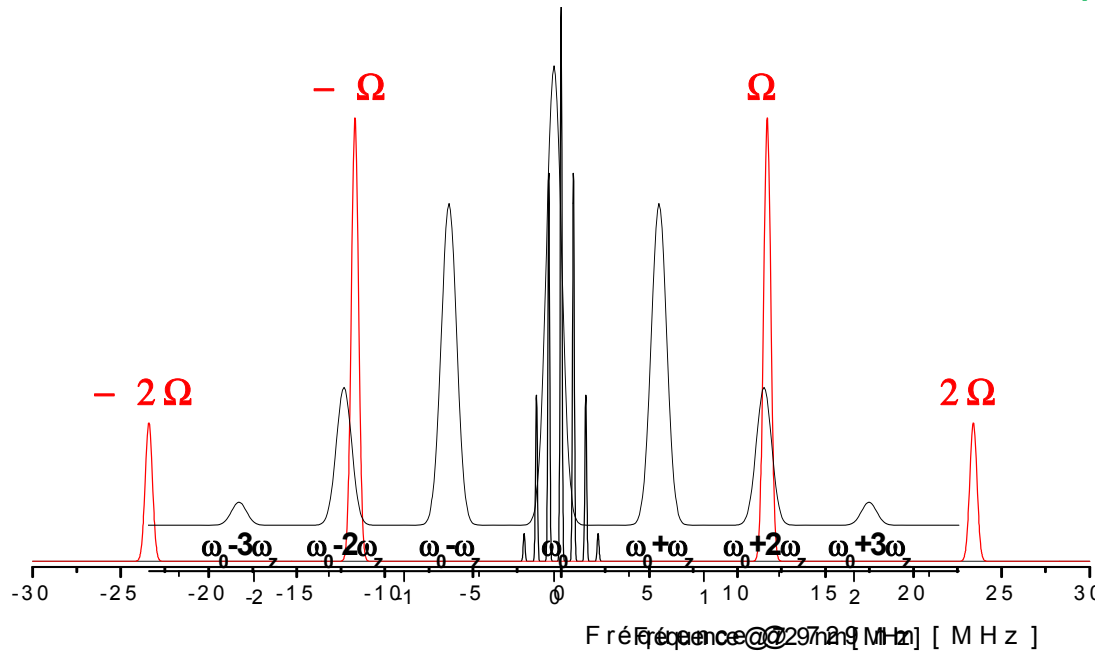
◆ for a given energy (Doppler limit) :  $R_u$  is smaller for higher motional freq.s

$$\omega_u/2\pi \gg 1 \text{ MHz} \rightarrow \Omega/2\pi \gg 10 \text{ MHz}$$

→ **single ion(s) in miniature traps**

# C. Lamb-Dicke regime

!!! simplified illustration!!!!



Vibrational energy levels of the ion,  $\langle n \rangle$

- secular motion  $\omega_u$ : laser-cooled

**Doppler limit**  $T_{\text{limit}} = \frac{h}{(2k_B \tau_{\text{nat}})}$   
 ( $\text{Ca}^+$ :  $0.55\text{mK}@23\text{MHz}$ )

- micromotion  $\Omega$  : driven motion

# Single ions or electrons

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## Schroedinger 1952:

Erstens ist es angemessen festzustellen, dass wir mit einzelnen Teilchen nicht EXPERIMENTIEREN, ebensowenig wie wir Ichtyosaurier im Zoo züchten können. Wir prüfen Spuren von Ereignissen, lange nachdem sie stattgefunden haben...

*First it has to be stated, that we do not EXPERIMENT with single particles, as much as we do not raise ichtyosauri in a zoo. We look for evidences of facts, long after they have happened*

Zweitens ... ist... die Tatsache ...zuzugeben, dass wir nie mit EINEM Elektron, Atom oder (kleinen) Molekül experimentieren. In Gedankenexperimenten geben wir manchmal vor, es zu tun, allerdings stets mit lächerlichen Konsequenzen.

*Second, the fact is, that we never experiment with a SINGLE electron, atom, or (small) molecule. In gedankenexperiments, we sometimes pretend to do so, but always with ridiculous consequences*

# Visual observation of a single $Ba^+$ - ion

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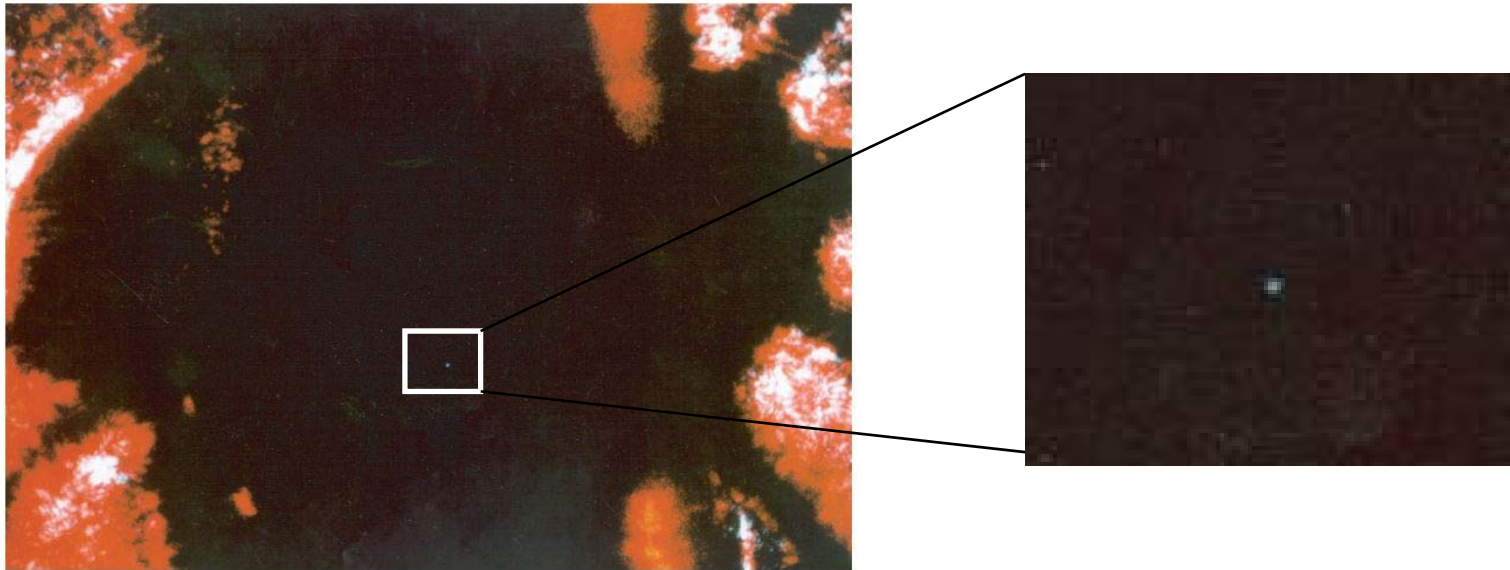


Abb. 1.2: Optischer Nachweis eines einzelnen Bariumions in einer Paul-Falle.

Experiment Heidelberg, Toschek group, 1980

Neuhauser et al., *Localized visible  $Ba^+$  mono-ion oscillator*, Phys Rev A 22, 1137 (1980)



## D. More than ion

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### space charge effects

- limit the ion density to  $10^6/\text{cm}^3$
- shift the frequencies of motion to lower values ( depending on the geometry of trap and size of cloud)
- distort the observed stability diagram

## D. Spatial and density distribution of an ion cloud

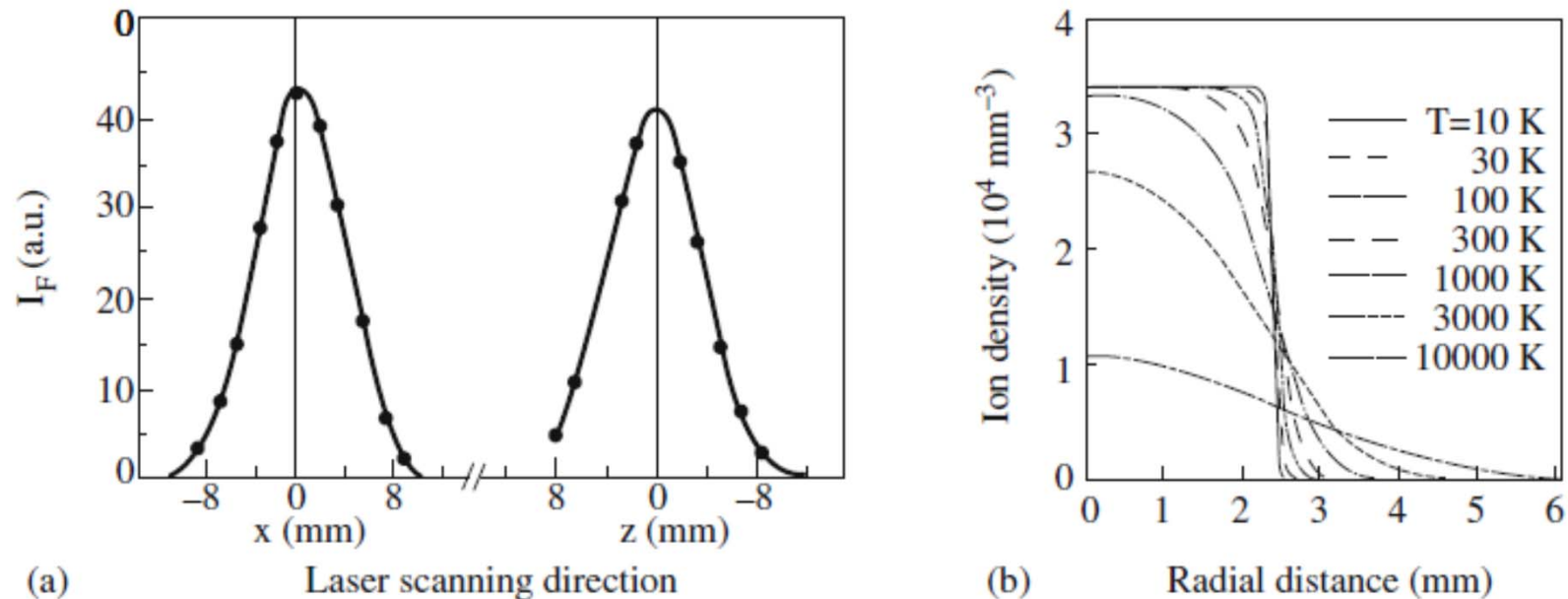


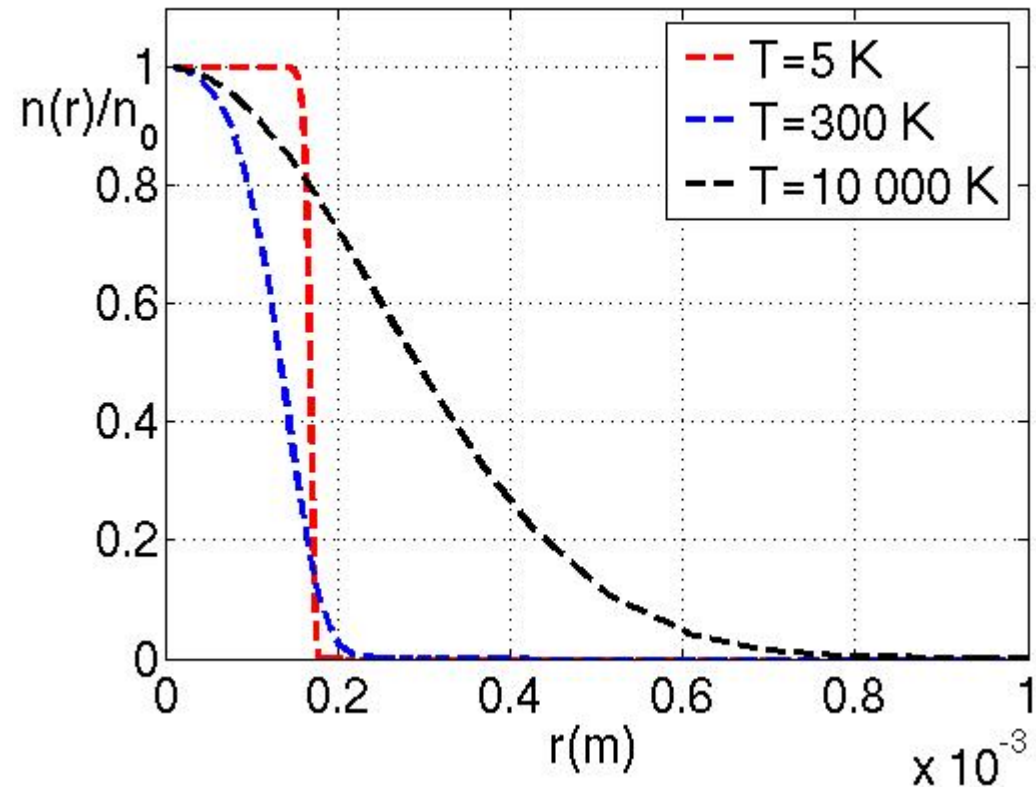
Fig. 1.7. (a) Fluorescence  $I_F$  of  $\text{Ba}^+$  ions in axial and radial direction in a Paul trap of 4 cm ring radius showing a Gaussian density distribution [10]. (b) Calculated density distributions for different ion temperatures [11]

H. Schaaf, U. Schmeling, G. Werth,  
Appl. Phys. 25, 249 (1981)

L.S. Cutler et al.,  
Appl. Phys. B 36, 137 (1985)

## D. Density distribution of an ion cloud

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C. Champenois

## D. Optimal trapping point

Ifflaender and Werth, Metrologia 1977

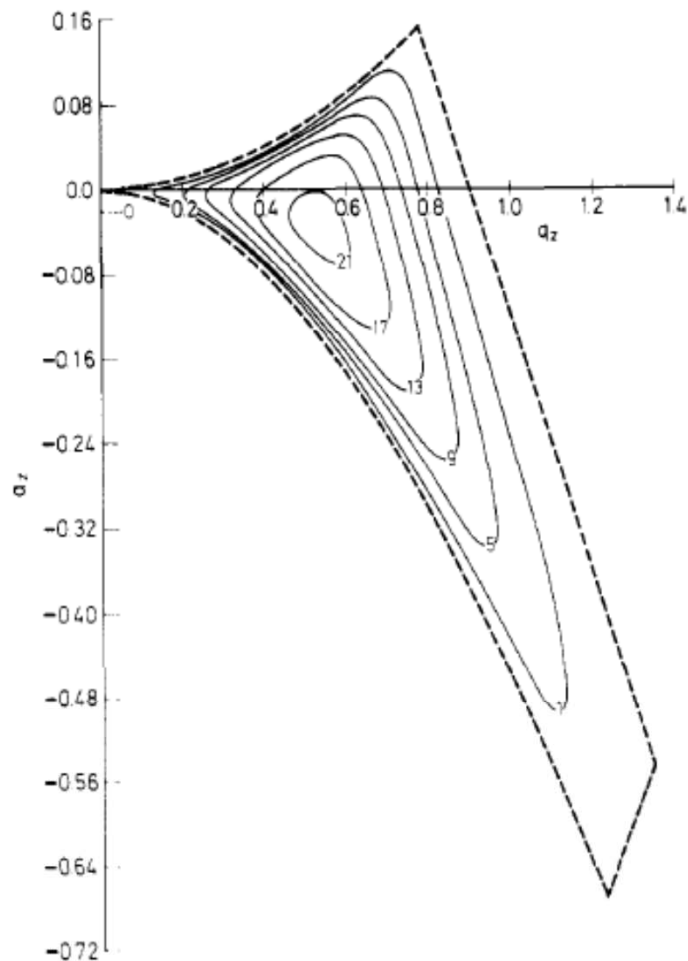


Fig. 3. Computed iso-density lines. Dotted lines: boundary of stable region

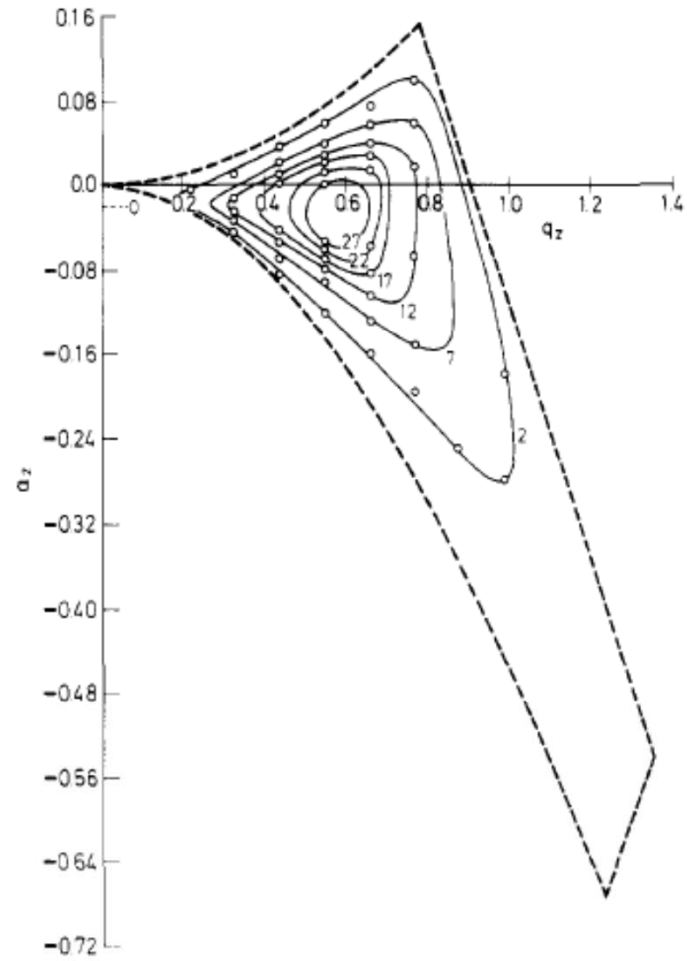
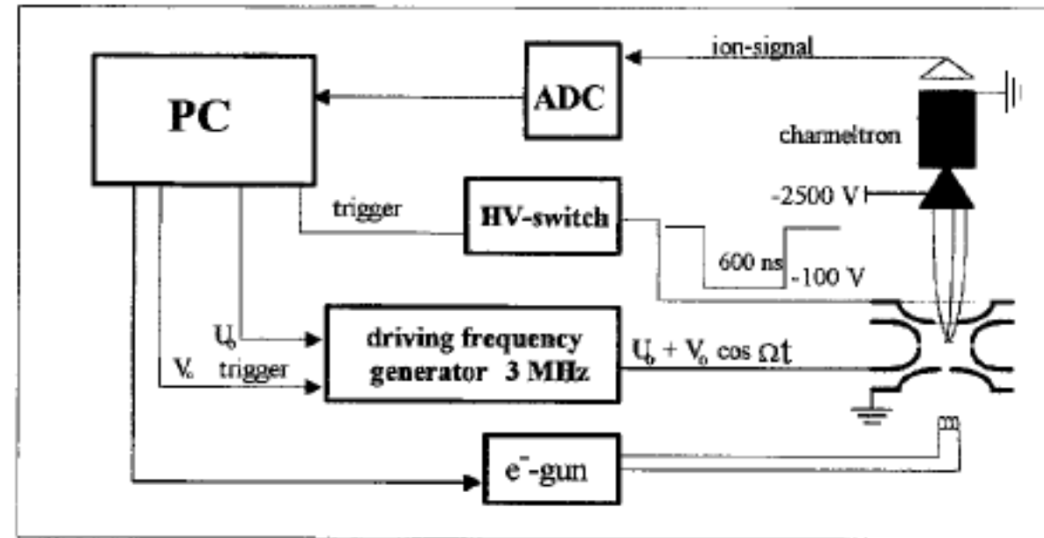
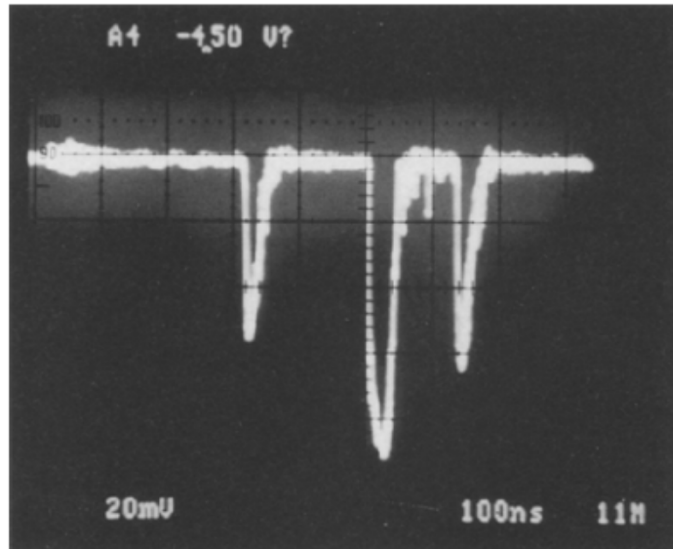


Fig. 4. Experimental lines of equal fluorescence intensities. The numbers give relative intensities

# E. Characterisation of ion trap

R Alheit et al., Appl. Phys.B. 61, 277-283 (1995)

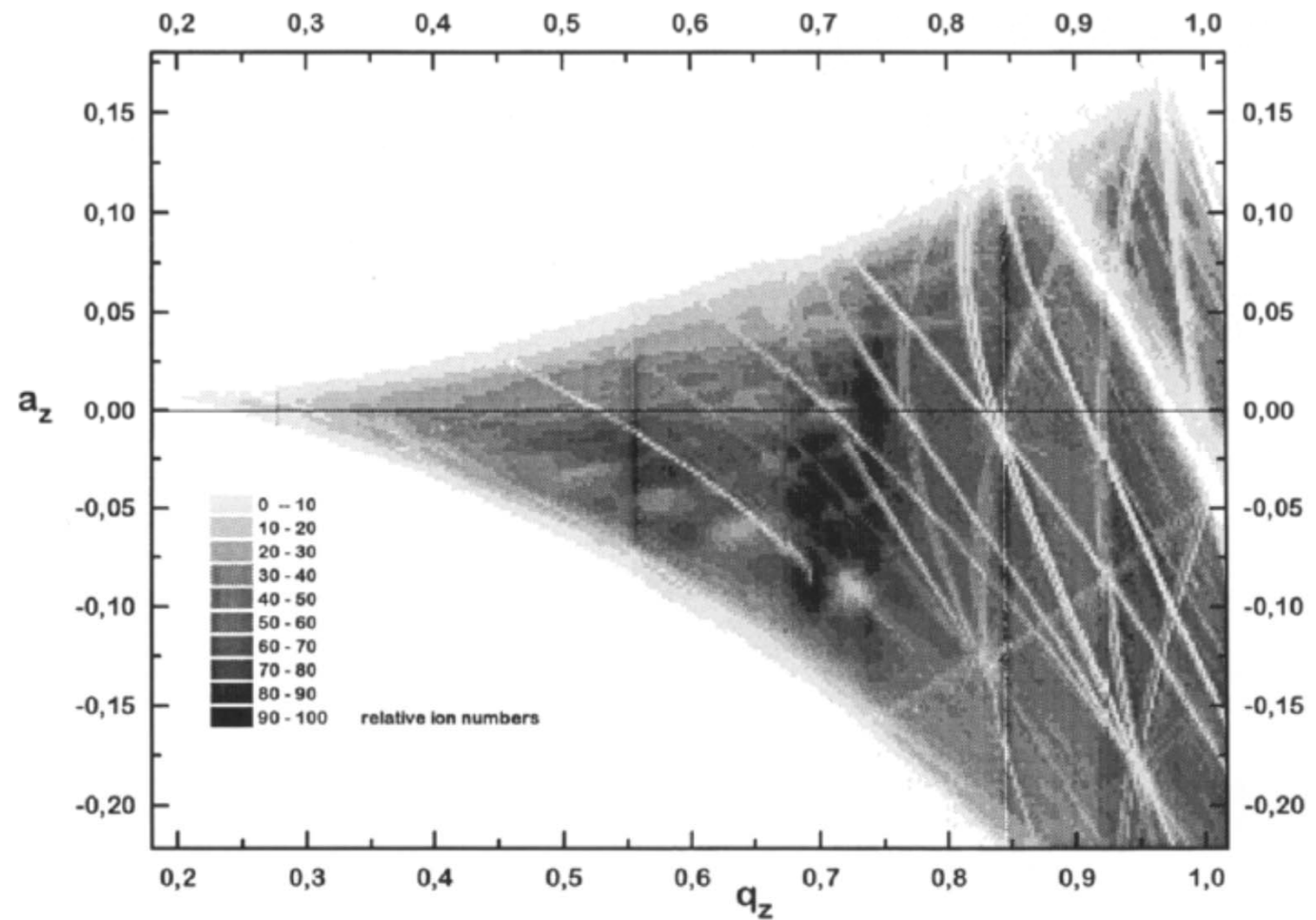
- number of stored ions
- maximum 5000 ions



# E. Instabilities in an ion trap

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- number of stored H<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ions



## E. Instabilities in an ion trap

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work by Dawson&Whetten, IJMSIP (1969), Vedel et al., IJMSIP (1990), Morand et al, Mass Spectrom. 1991 and Guidugli&Traldi, Mass Spectrom.

Wang, Franzen &Wanczek, IJMS (1993) showed that for a 3D trap in the first stable region ( $\beta_r > 0$ ,  $\beta_z < 1$ )

$$n_r \frac{\beta_r}{2} + n_z \frac{\beta_z}{2} = 1 \quad \text{with } N \text{ the order of perturbation and } |n_r| + |n_z| = N$$

where  $n_r$  and  $n_z \geq 0$

also coupling between macro- and micromotion produces « black holes » for higher-order contributions

for example  $\beta_z = 1/2$  (octupole) or  $\beta_z = 2/3$  (hexapole)



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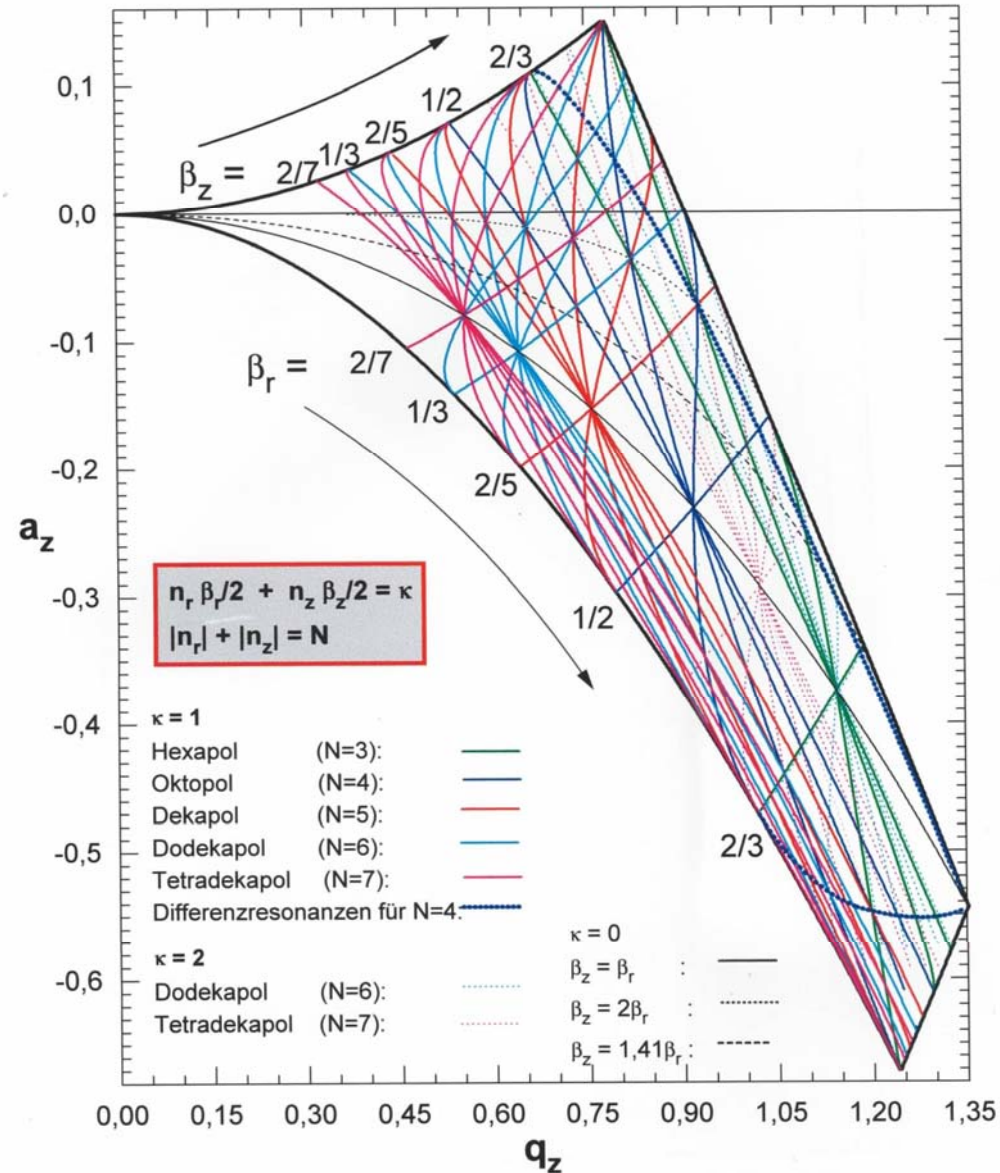
for example  $N=4$

$$\beta_r = 1/2 ; \beta_z = 1/2$$

$$1/2 \beta_z + 3/2 \beta_r = 1$$

$$3/2 \beta_z + 1/2 \beta_r = 1$$

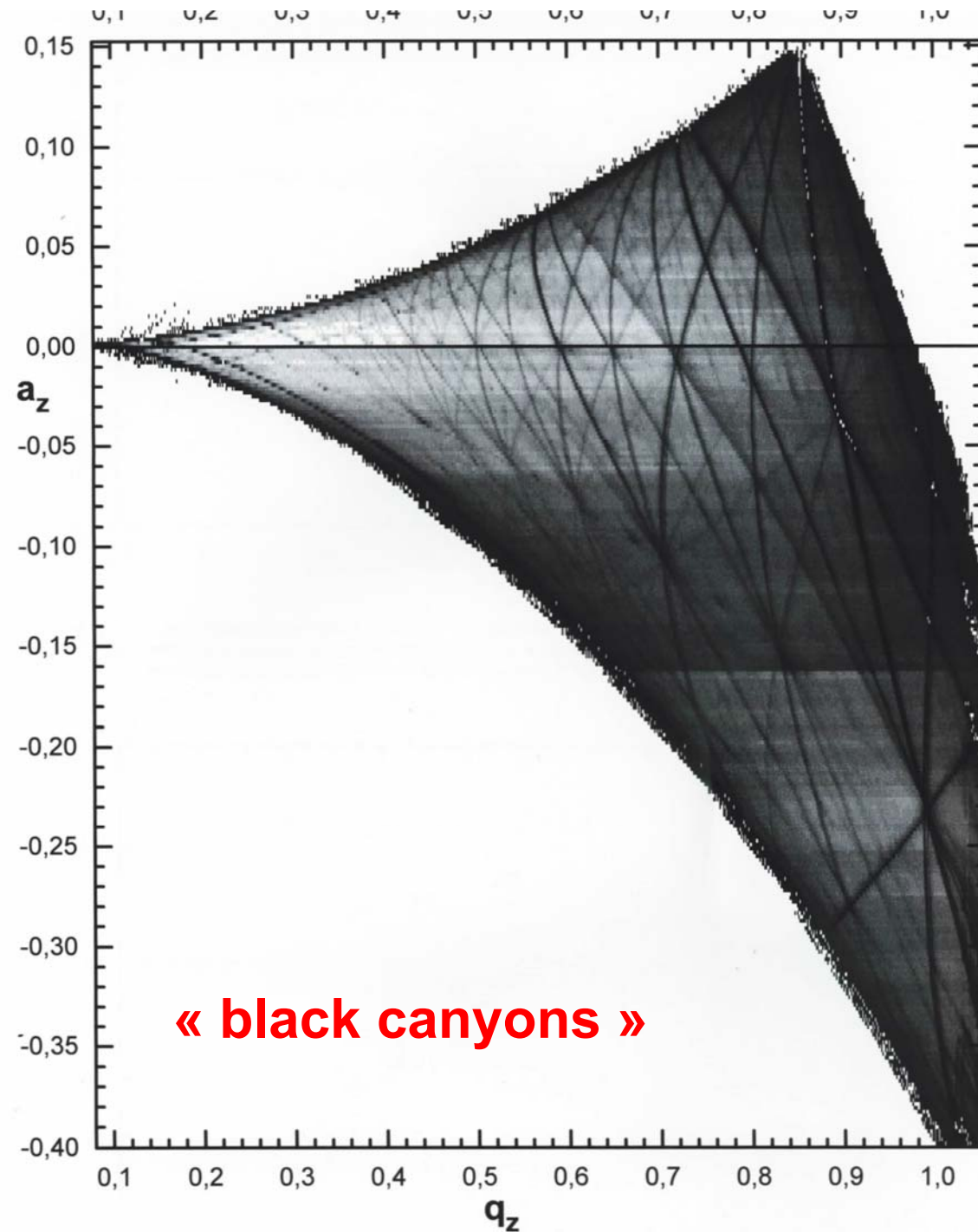
$$\beta_z + \beta_r = 1$$





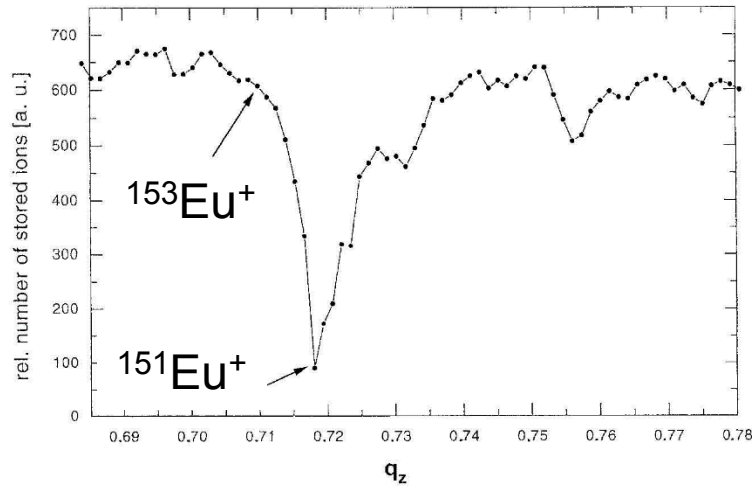
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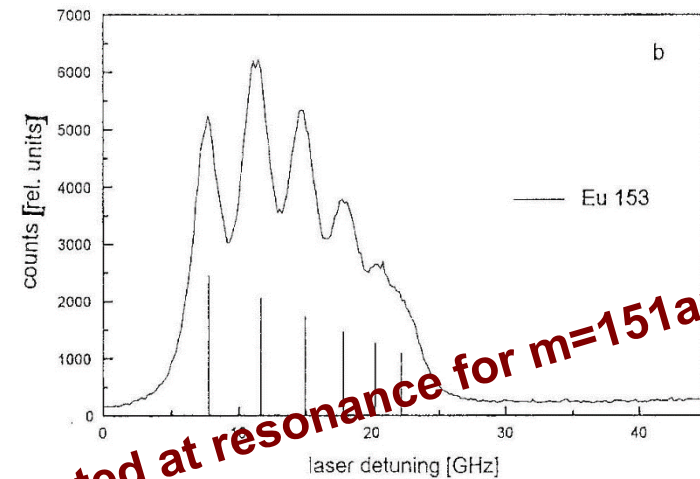
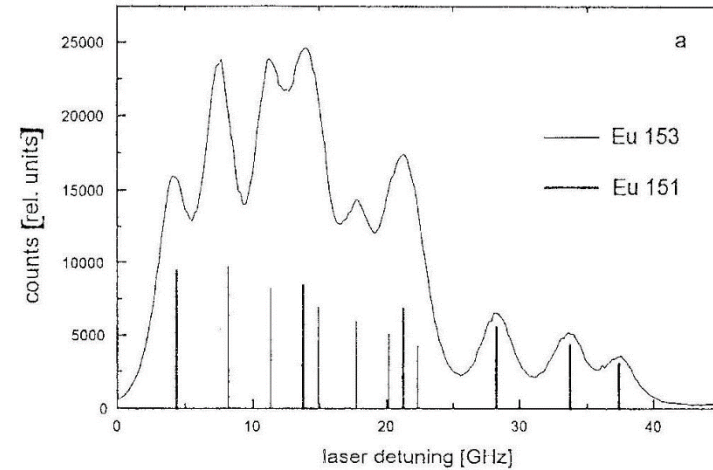
# Nonlinear resonances – used for isotope separation

R. Alheit, K. Enders, G. Werth, Appl. Phys.B 62, 511-513 (1996)



$$a = -0.013, q_z = 0.719, \Delta q/q = 90$$

Laser-induced fluorescence from a cloud of natural mixture  $\text{Eu}^+$  showing the hyperfine structure of the  $^9\text{S}_4 - ^9\text{P}_5$  resonance line at 382 nm.

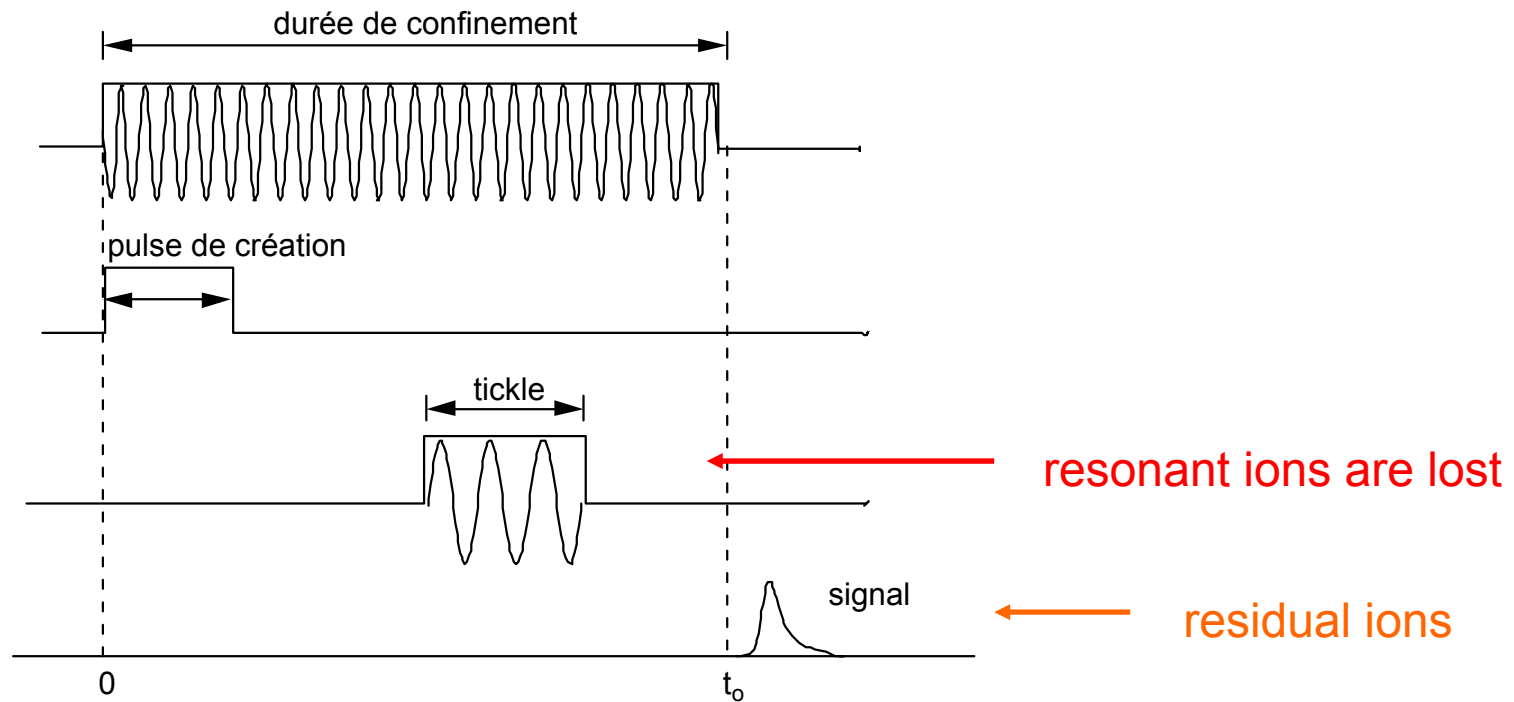


Operated at resonance for  $m=151\text{amu}$

# 2<sup>nd</sup> part of lecture

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# Ejection with tickle



F Vedel, M Vedel, RE March, IJMSIP 99, 125 (1990)

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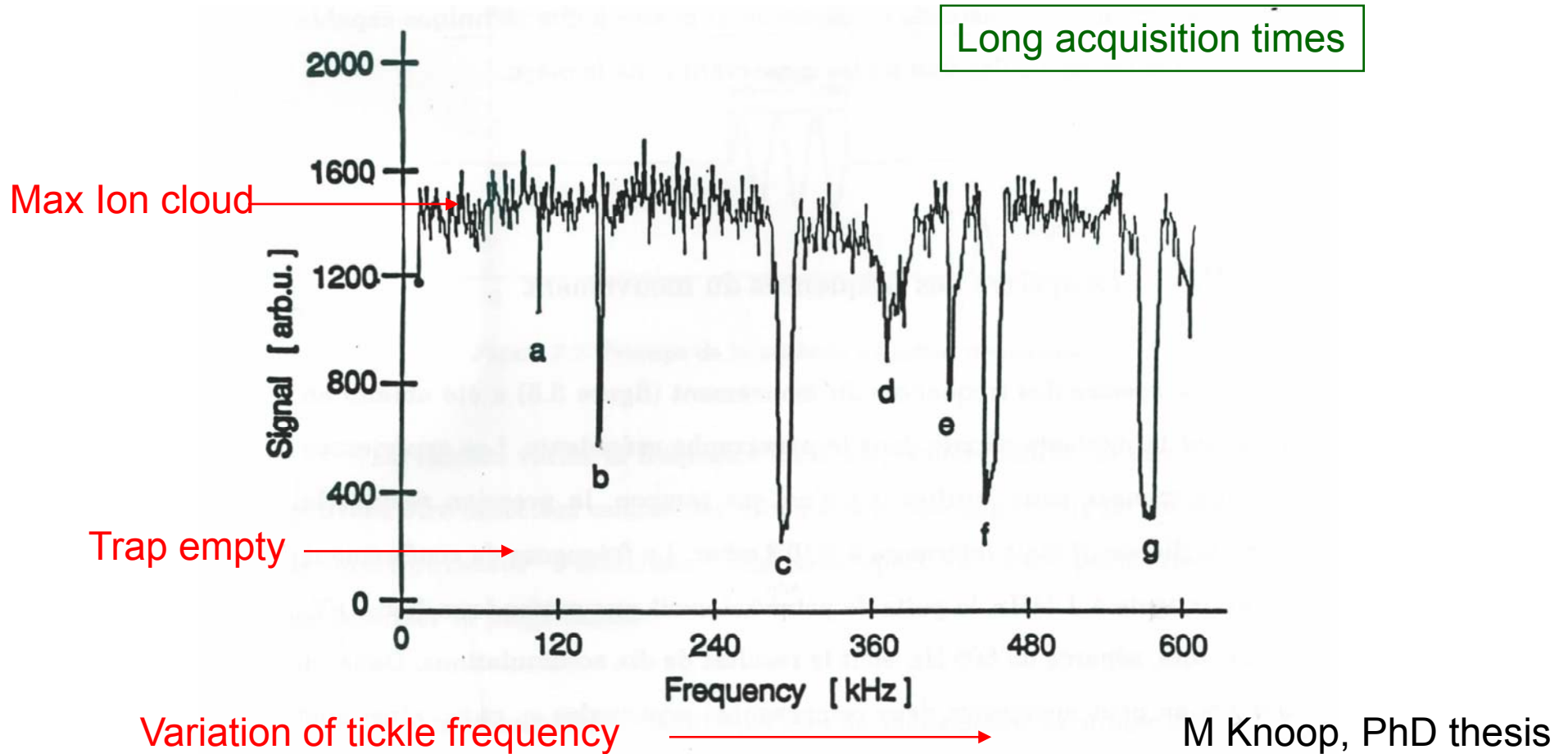


Figure 3.8. Spectre des fréquences de mouvement des ions calcium dans le piège.  
 $\Omega/2\pi = 1$  MHz. a:  $\omega_r/2$ , b:  $\omega_r$ , c:  $\omega_z$ , d:  $\omega_z + \omega_r/2$ , e:  $2\omega_z - \omega_r$ , f:  $\omega_r + \omega_z$ , g:  $2\omega_z$ .

# Detection of image currents

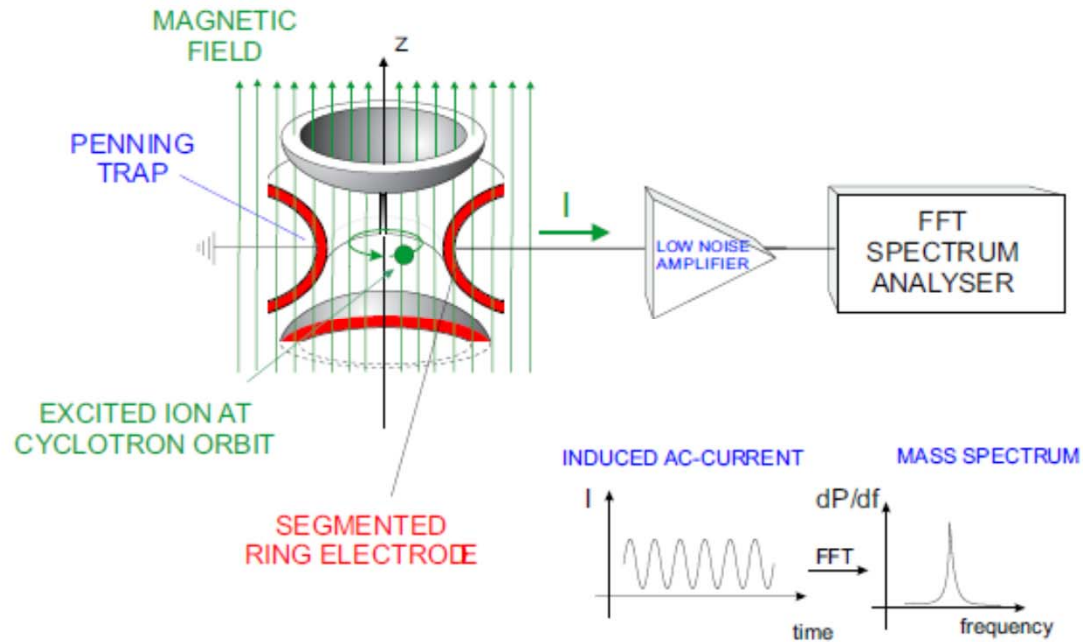
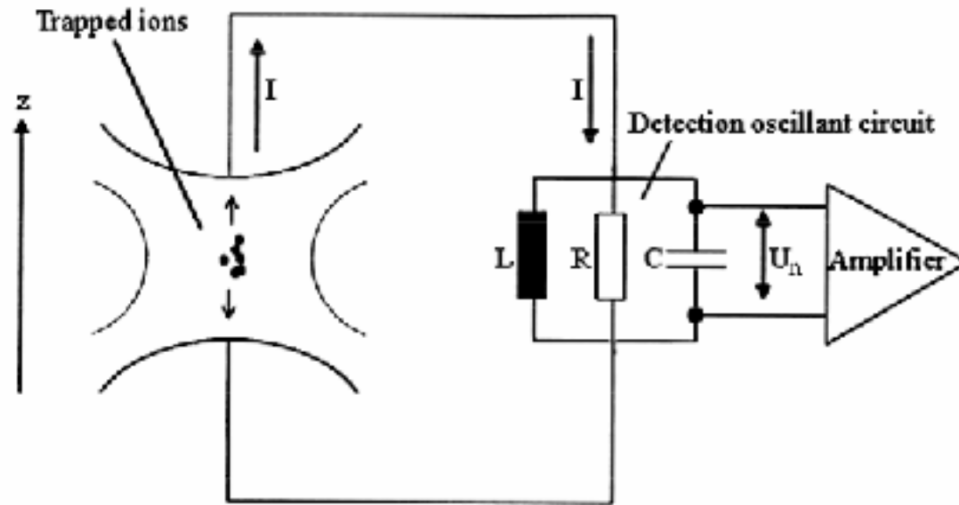


Image from K Blaum

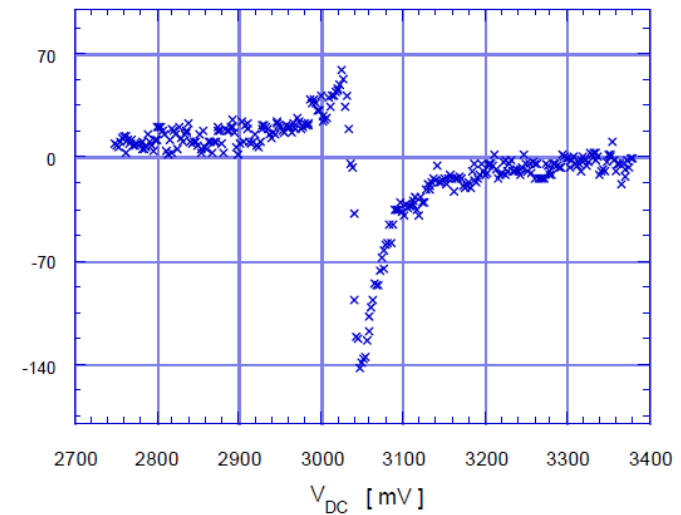
# Detection of image currents



Ramping of d.c. trap voltage.

$$\omega_z \sim V^{1/2}.$$

When  $\omega_z = \omega_{Res}$ , ions absorb energy from circuit  $\rightarrow$  damping

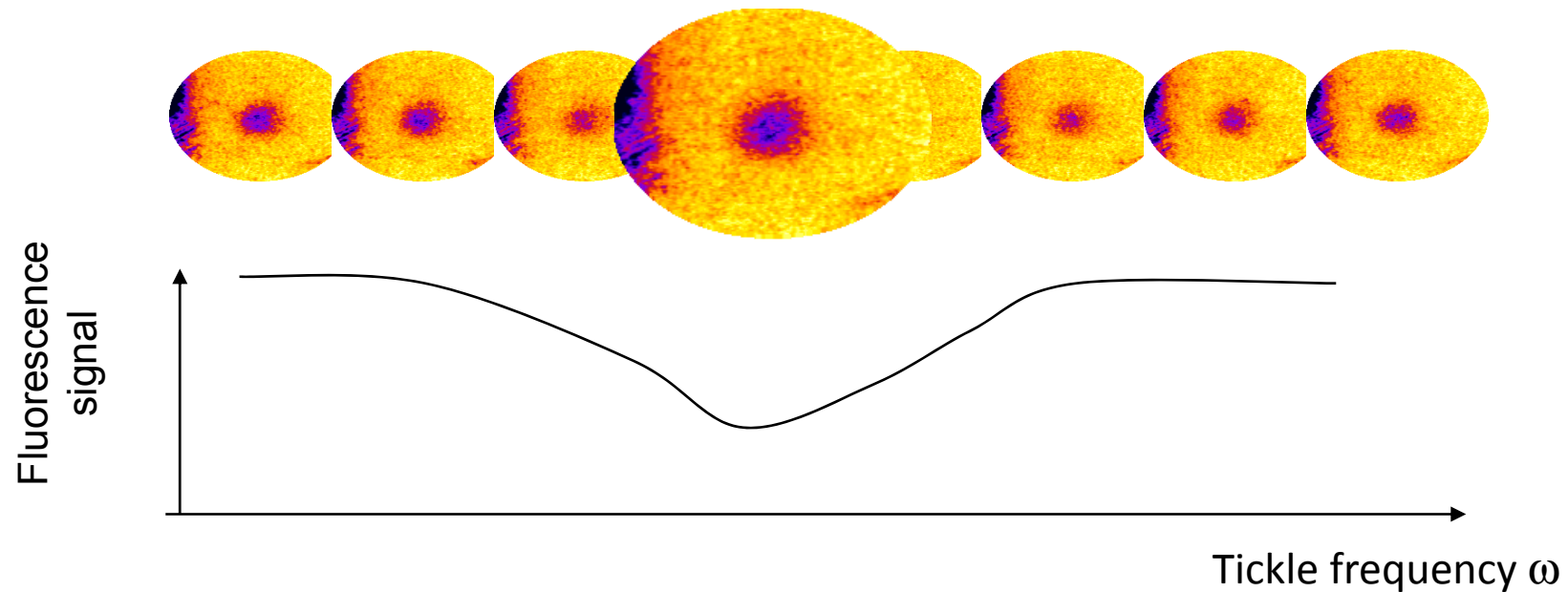


circuit G Werth

# Cloud with “tickle”

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- Additional small amplitude exciting secular frequencies
- → heating

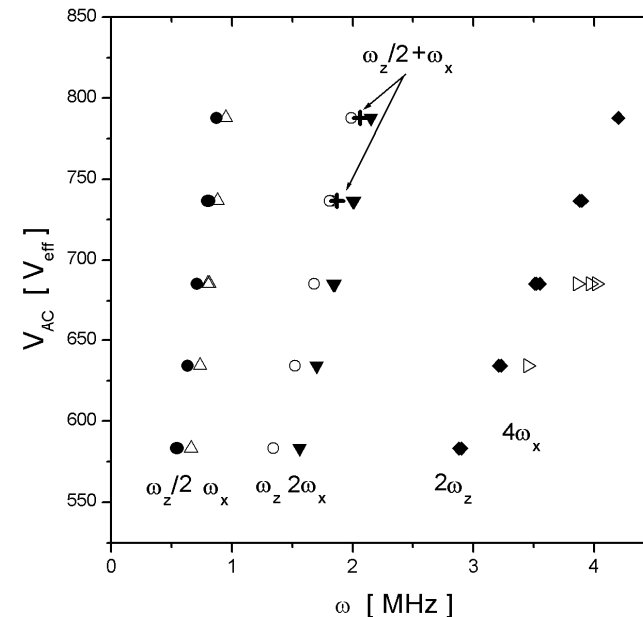
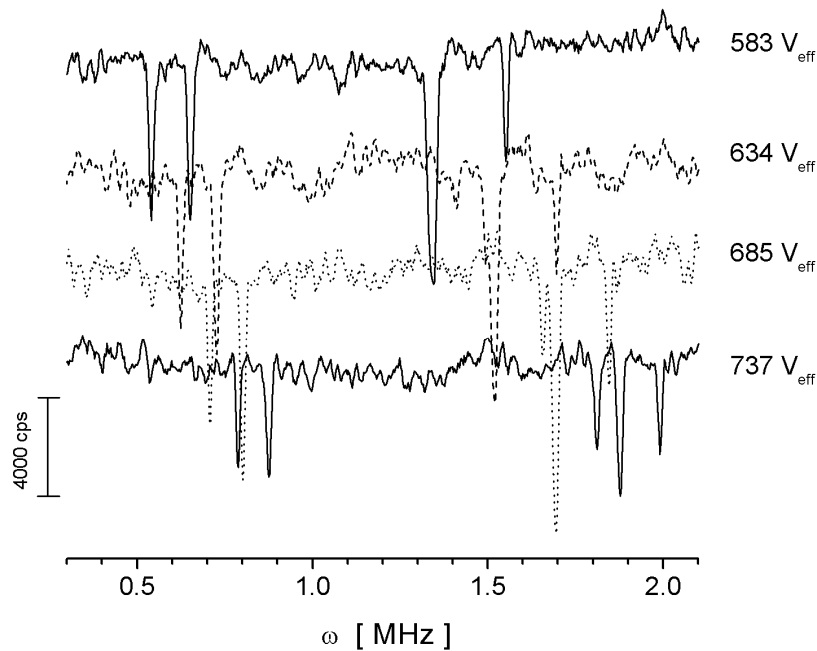


**NON - DESTRUCTIVE**



# Characterization of the miniature trap

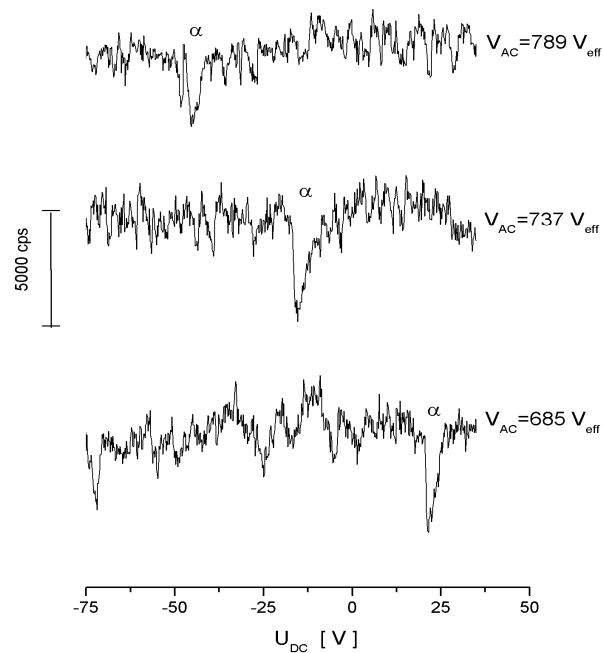
- application of an additional  $V_{AC}$ -voltage of small amplitude (« tickle »)



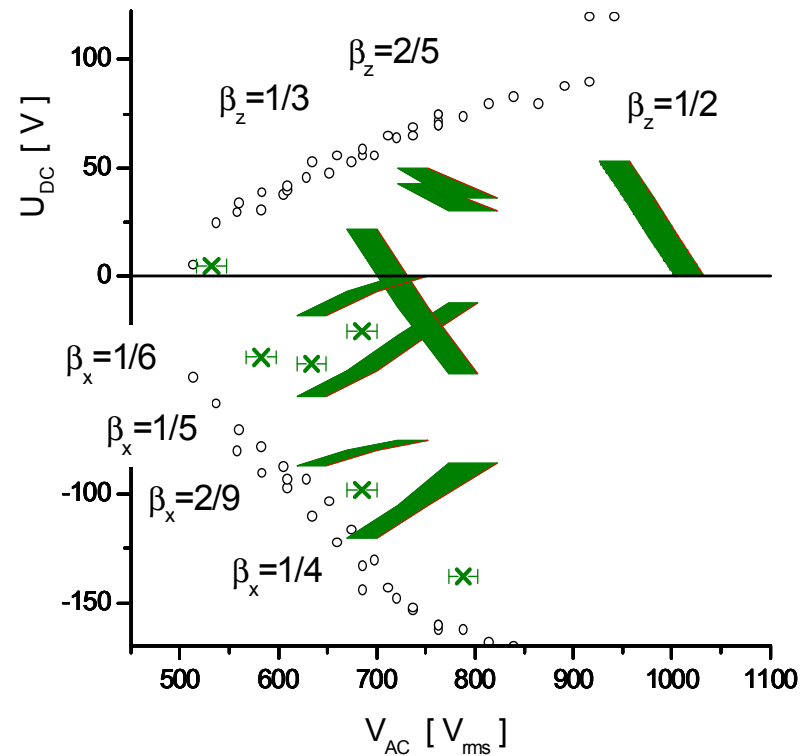
- for the Paul-Straubel case:  $a_z = \frac{8eU_{DC}}{mr_1^2\Omega^2\mathcal{L}}$  and  $q_z = -\frac{4eV_{AC}}{mr_1^2\Omega^2\mathcal{L}}$
- different geometric defects lead to :  $a_z\mathcal{L}_z = -2a_x\mathcal{L}_x$  and  $q_z\mathcal{L}_z = -2q_x\mathcal{L}_x$
- for  $580V_{rms} \leq V_{AC} \leq 790V_{rms}$  :  $8.0 \geq \mathcal{L}_z \geq 7.6$  and  $7.0 \leq \mathcal{L}_x \leq 7.1$

# Stability diagram: limits and canyons

- scan of the applied continuous voltage  $U_{DC}$  gives information about the confinement efficiency of the trap without any external perturbation
- « black canyons » can be followed through the stability diagram

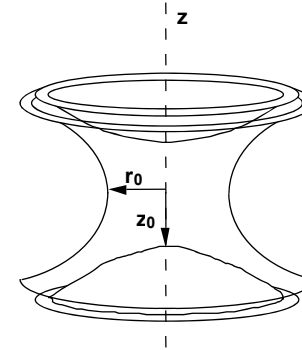


*Eur.Phys.J.D15,105-111(2001)*



# F. Modified geometries

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holes, truncated electrodes...

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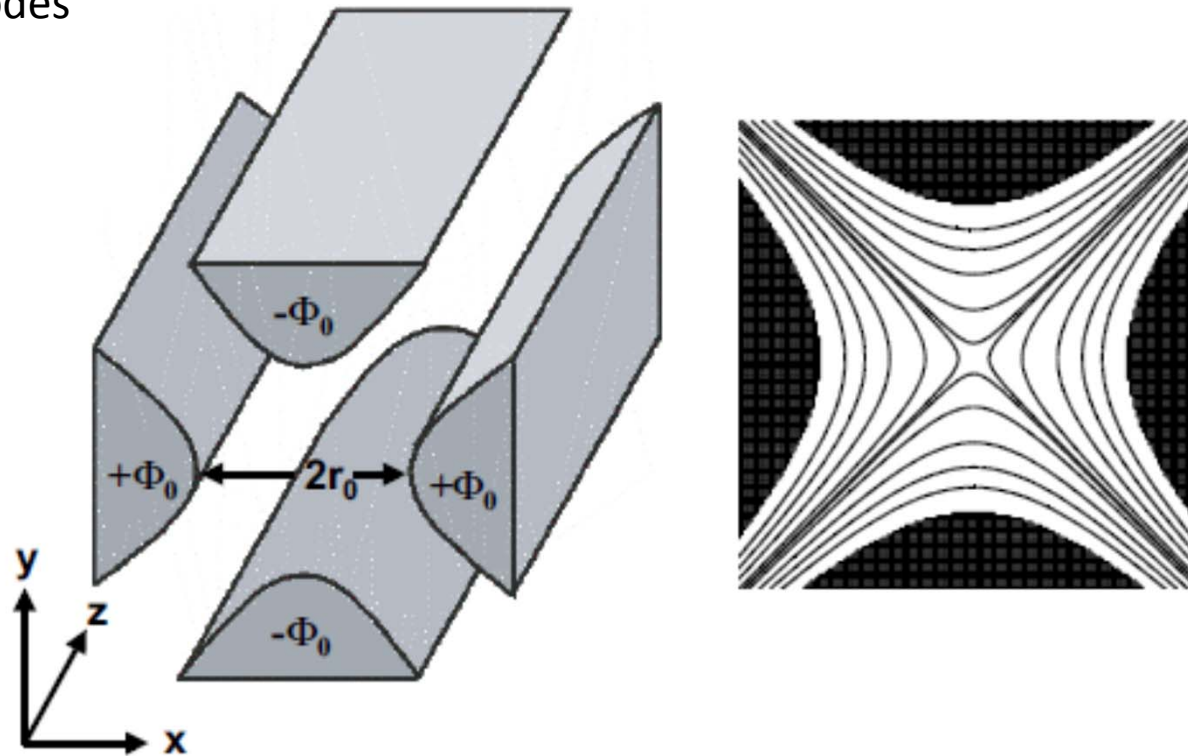
spectroscopy and lasers?

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# Linear ion trap – Paul’s mass filter !

- extend along the z-axis
- add end electrodes

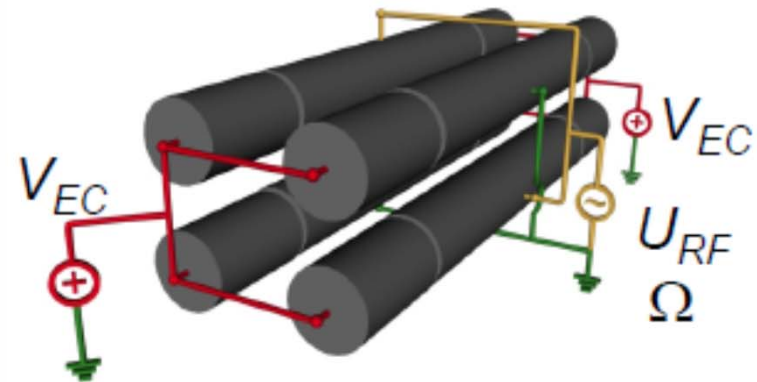
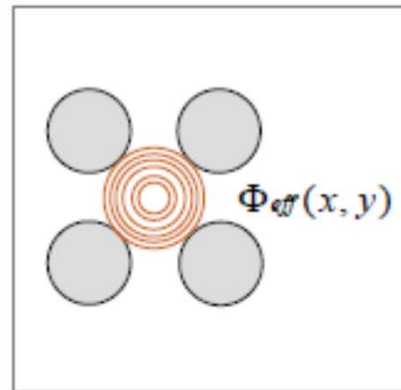


→ a line where the potential is 0 !

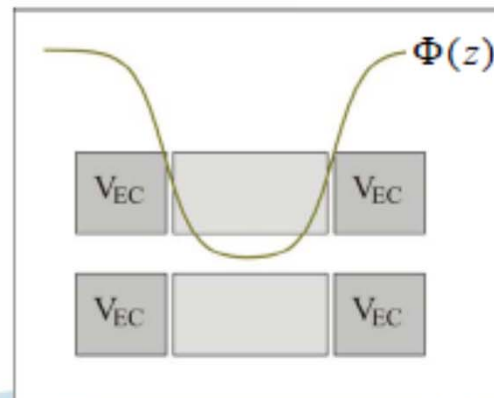
# Linear ion trap

slide B Roth

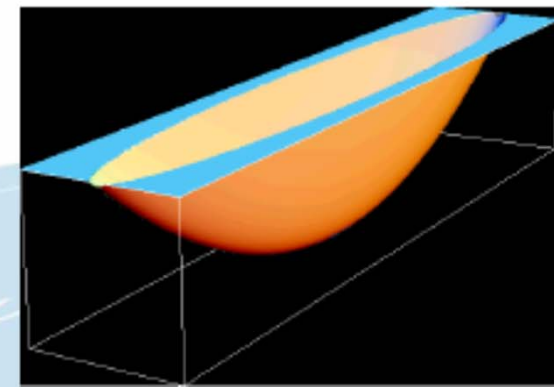
- RF field yields transverse pseudopotential



- End electrodes yield axial confinement



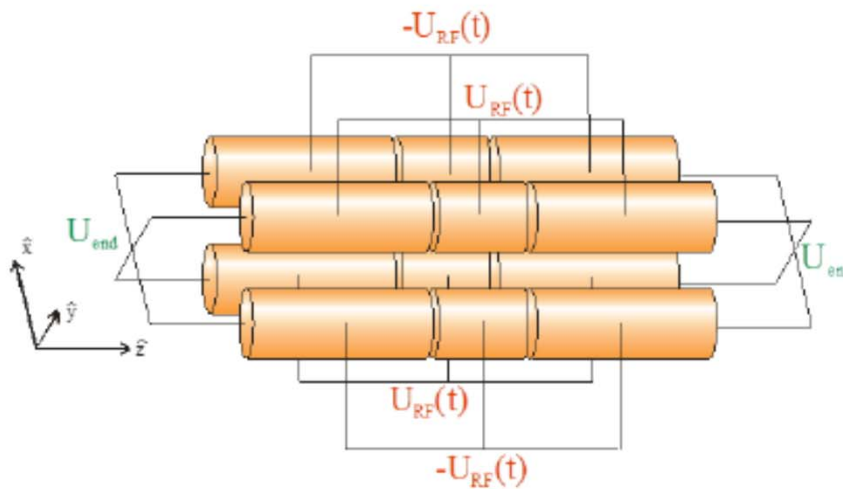
Simulation of quasipotential for linear rf trap



- Large storage capacity
- Many particles near axis with small micromotion
- Good optical access

## The Aarhus linear Paul trap

### The linear Paul trap



Sinusoidal RF potential:

$$U_{RF}(t) = U_{RF} \sin(\Omega t)$$

Effective oscillation freq.'s:

$$\omega_r = 1/2 \beta \Omega, \quad \beta = (1/2 q^2 + a)^{1/2}$$

$$\omega_z = (-1/2 a)^{1/2} \Omega$$

Stability parameters:

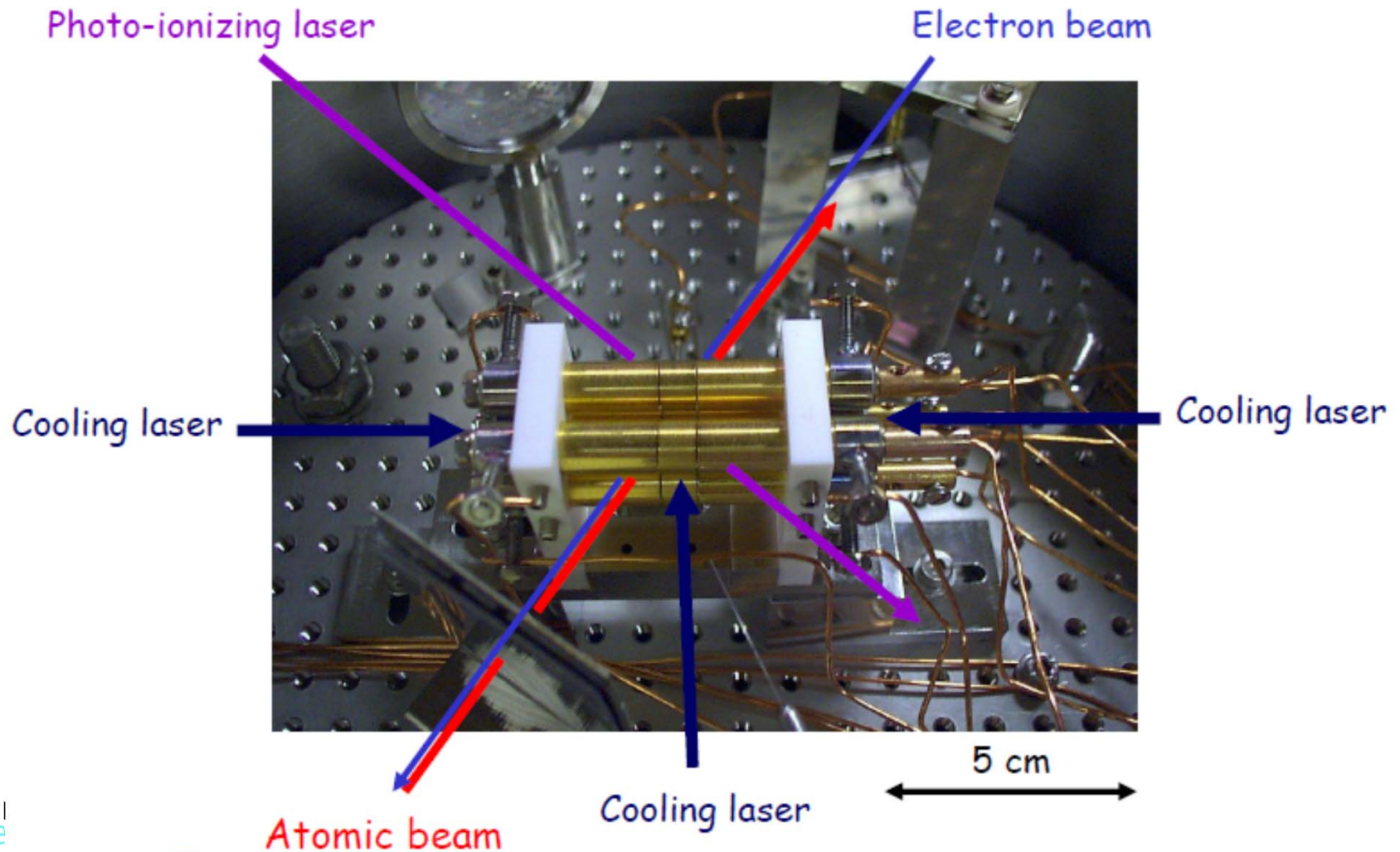
$$q = \frac{4Q U_{RF}}{m \Omega^2 r_0^2} \quad a = - \frac{\alpha Q U_{end}}{m \Omega^2 r_0^2}$$



# Linear ion trap

slide M Drewsen

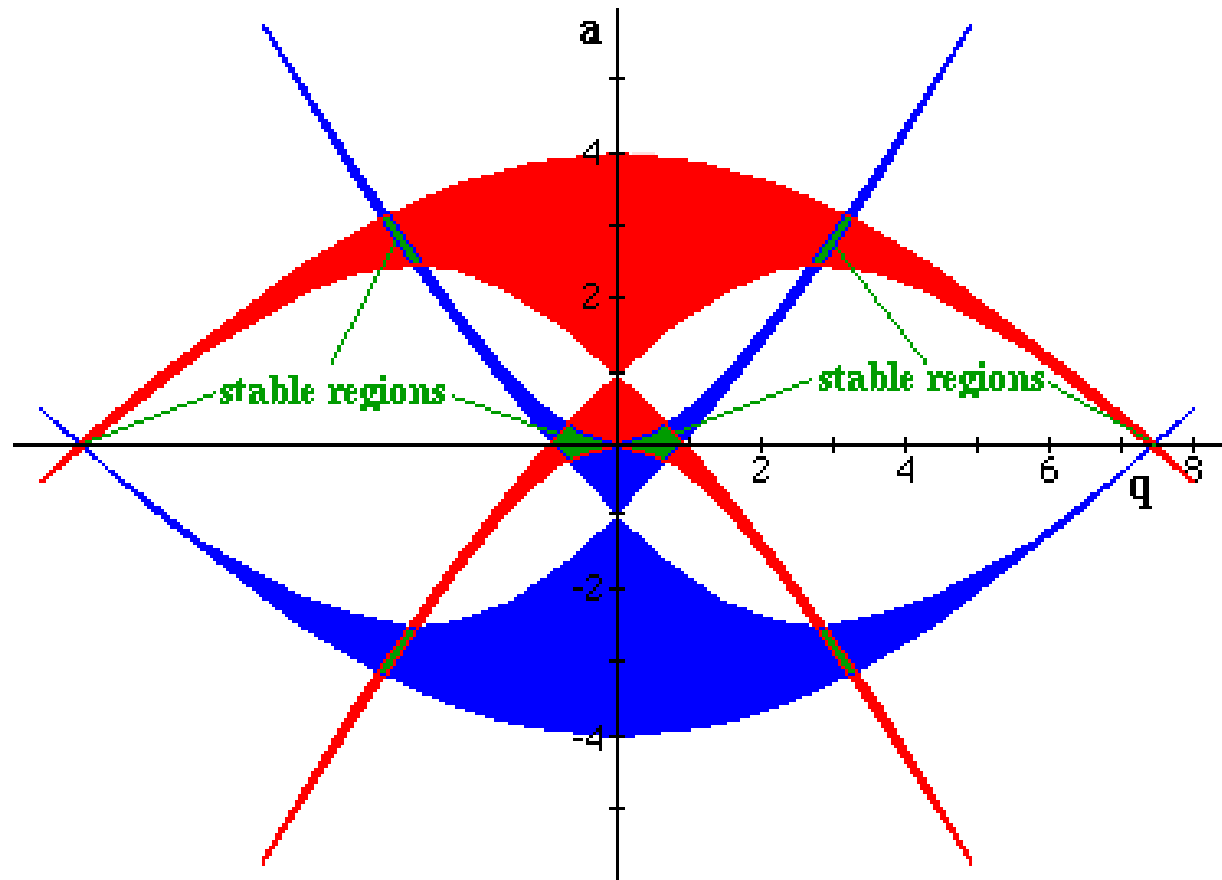
## The Aarhus linear Paul trap



# Linear ion trap

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- symmetric stability diagramm



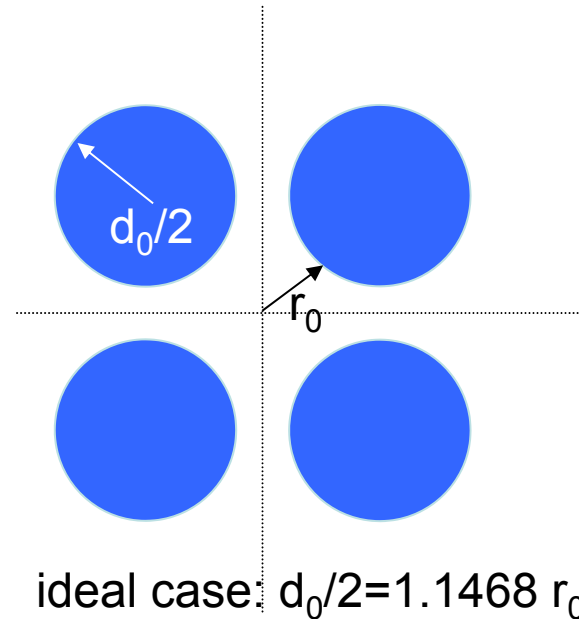
*Harmonic linear Paul trap: Stability diagram and effective potentials,*  
M. Drewsen and A Broner, Phys Rev A 62, 045401 (2000)  
!! some errors!!



# Linear ion trap

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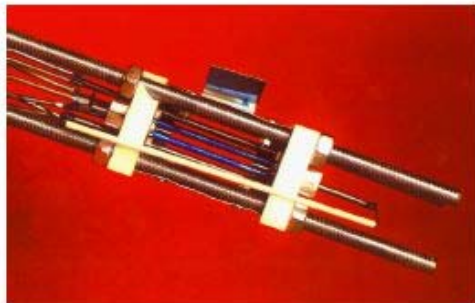
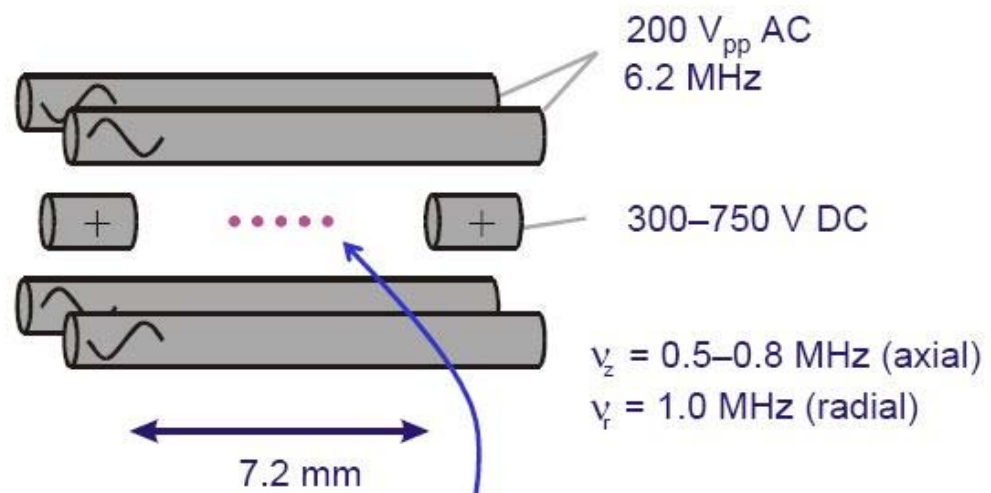
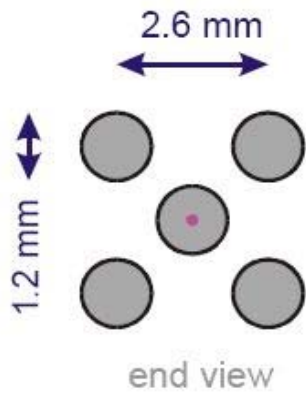
- shape of the rods



Reuben et al., *Ion trajectories in exactly determined quadrupole fields*,  
IJMS 154, 43-59 (1996)

# Linear ion trap

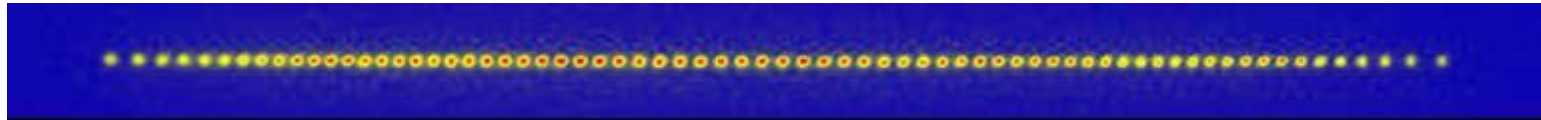
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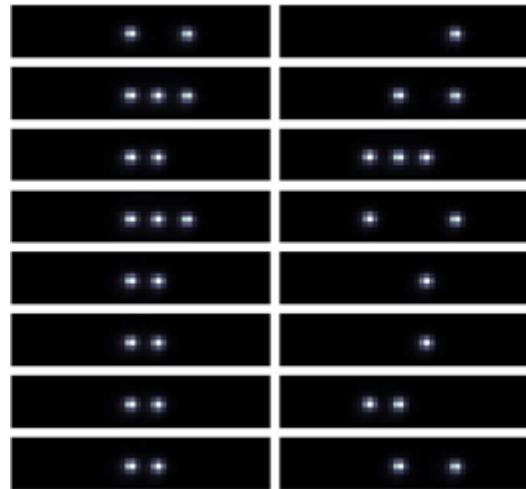
10  $\mu$ m

# Crystals

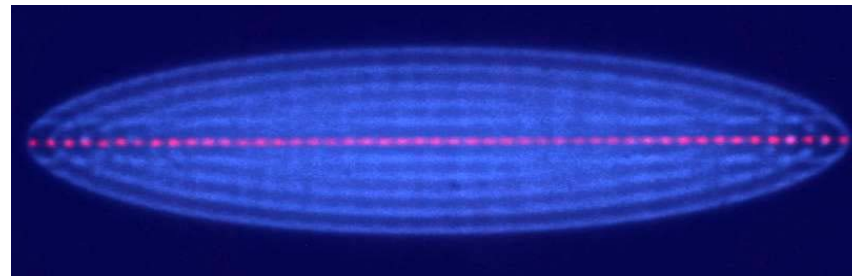
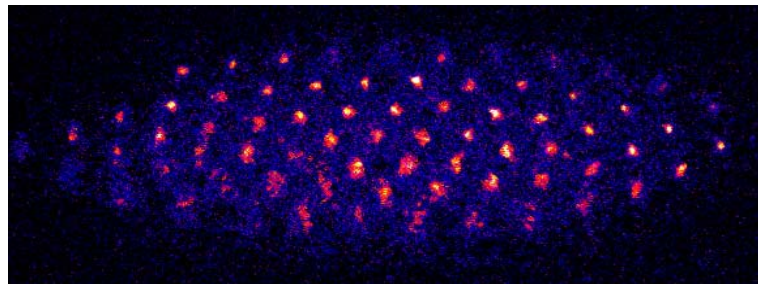
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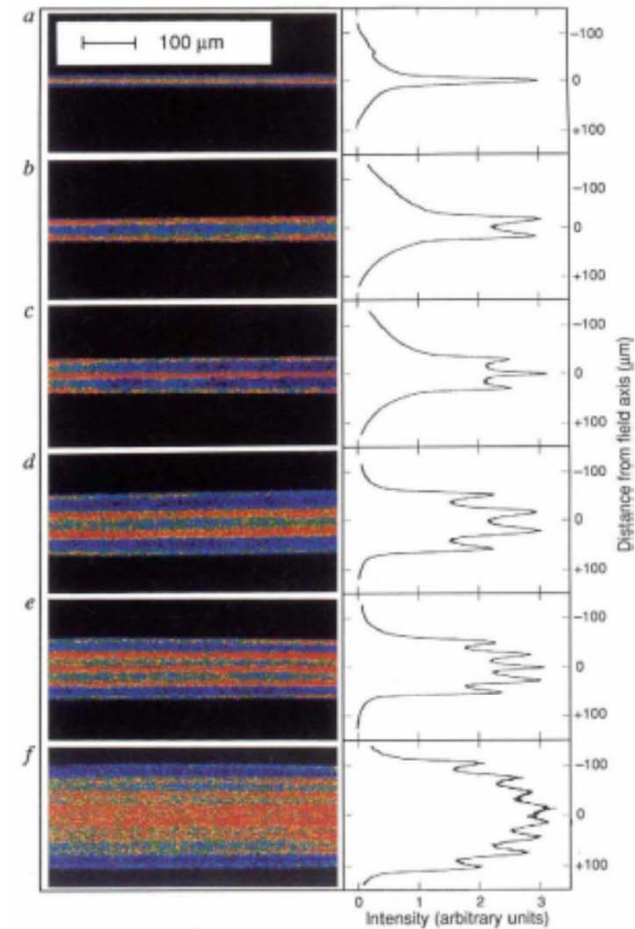
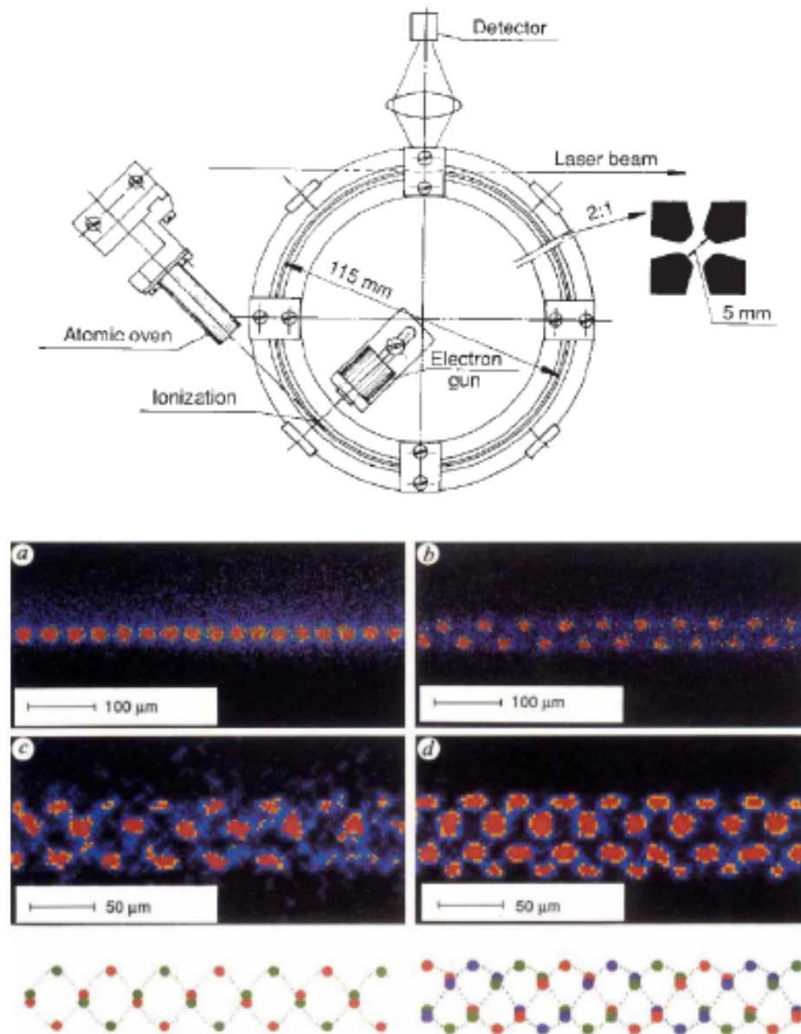


Aarhus

# The race-track trap

slide courtesy M  
Drewsen

## Observation of multi-shell structures in a quadrupole storage ring



**G. Birkl, S. Kassner & H. Walther**

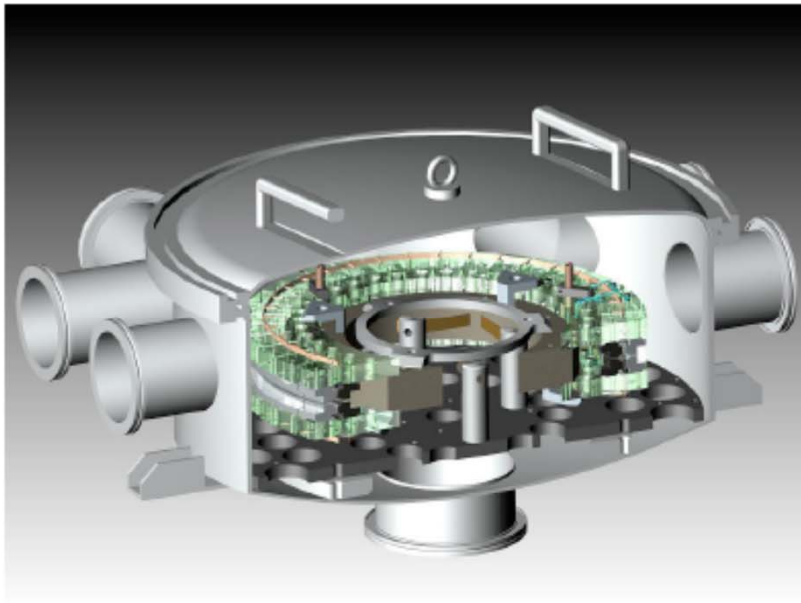
NATURE · VOL 357 · 28 MAY 1992

# The ion circus

CSNSM

## The ion circus project

- The ion circus is a circular Paul trap that can simultaneously cool and mass separate isobaric nuclides.
- The resolving power is increased as the ions orbit in the ring. Since they are buffer-gas cooled, the transmission is not degraded





# The ion circus

CSNSM

## The ion circus project

### Main characteristics

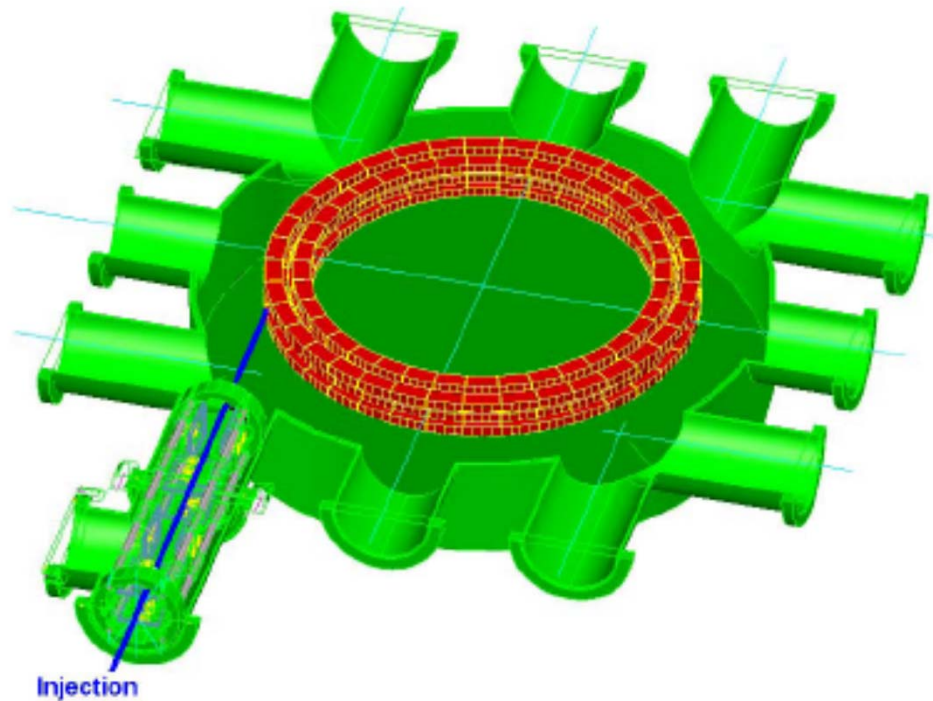
Goal  $m/\Delta m=5000$

- The ion circus is composed of 36 segments of radiofrequency quadrupole mass filter bent into a circle
- Ring diameter : 400 mm
- Distance between two opposite electrodes : 10 mm
- Acceptance : 3 mm
- Energy @ injection : 100 <> 1500 eV
- Frequency  $\simeq$  2 MHz
- Potential on electrodes : +/- 500 V
- Time of trapping < 1 s
- Energy @ ejection : a few eV

« *The ion circus: A novel circular Paul trap to resolve isobaric contamination* »  
E. Minaya Ramirez, S Cabaret, D Lunney, NIM B 266, 4460-4465 (2008)

# The ion circus

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Main challenge:  
capacity of electrodes

ions injected from an  
external source.

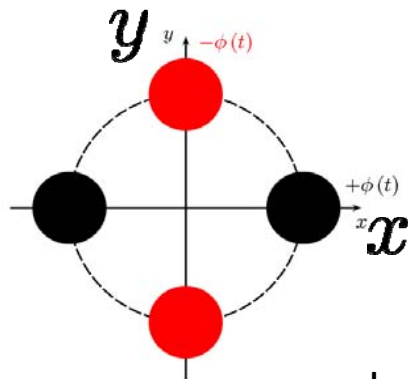
# 2k-pole traps

Pseudo-potential  $V^*(r)$  :

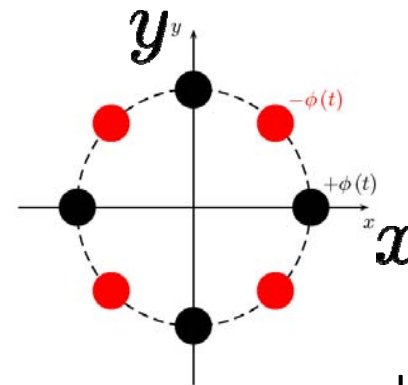
*radial part*

*axial part*

$$V^*(r) = \frac{k^2 q^2 V_0^2}{16m\Omega^2 r_0^2} \left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)^{2k-2} + \frac{q\kappa V_{end}}{2z_0^2} (2z^2 - r^2)$$



k=2 : quadrupole

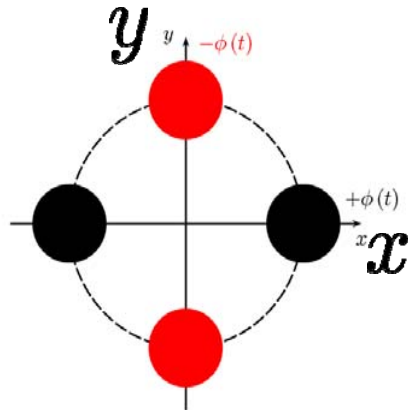


k=4 : octupole

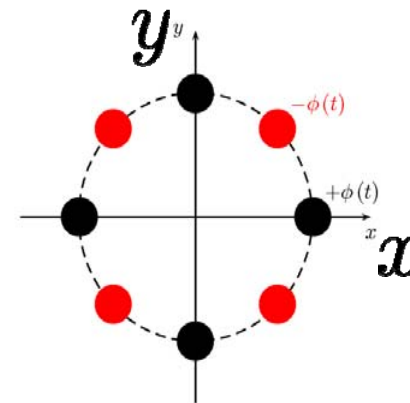


# 2k-pole traps

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- stability of the trajectories governed by Mathieu's equations
- Mathieu parameter

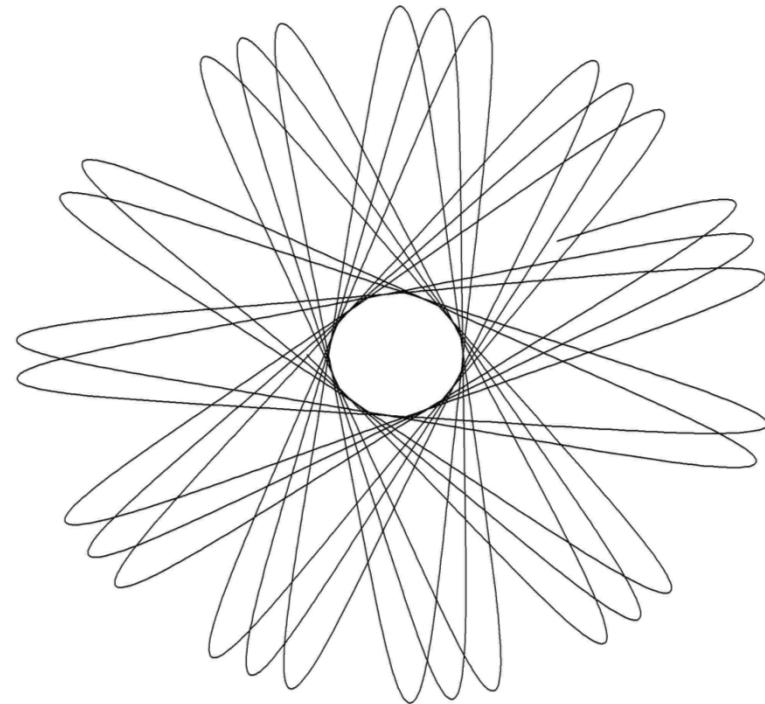


- non-linear dynamics.
- no more exact stability criteria and sensibility to initial conditions
- adiabaticity parameter  $\eta_{ad}(r)$  empirically limited to  $\simeq 0.36$

# Motion in a multipole

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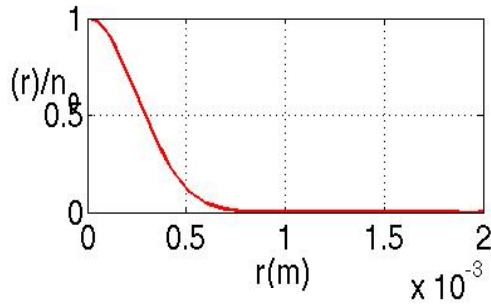
- In the radial potential
- Molecular Dynamics to accompany the evolution of structures
- Monte-Carlo methods for crystal structures



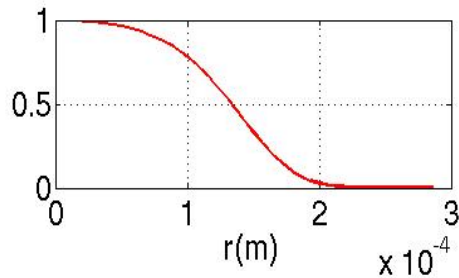
# Non-neutral plasma (cold charged fluid)

DHE Dubin and TM O'Neil, Rev Mod Phys (1999)

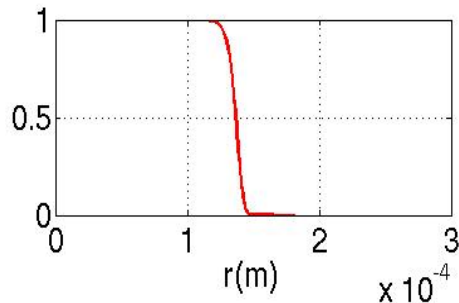
Quadrupole



T=10 000K

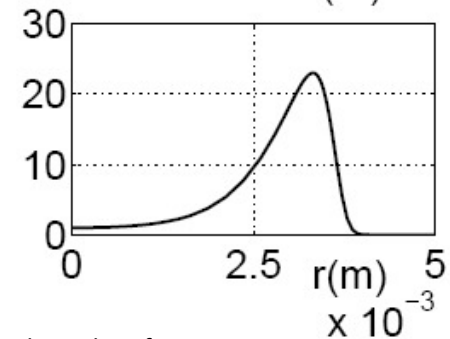
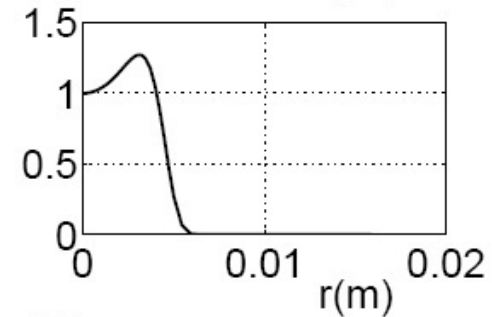
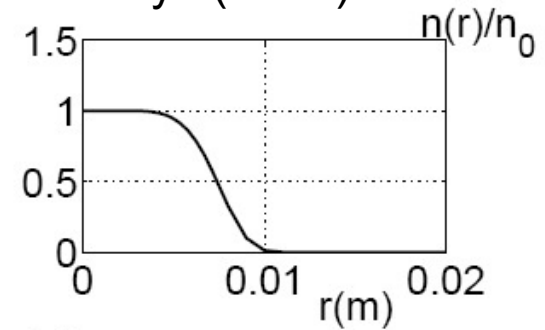


T=300K



T=5K

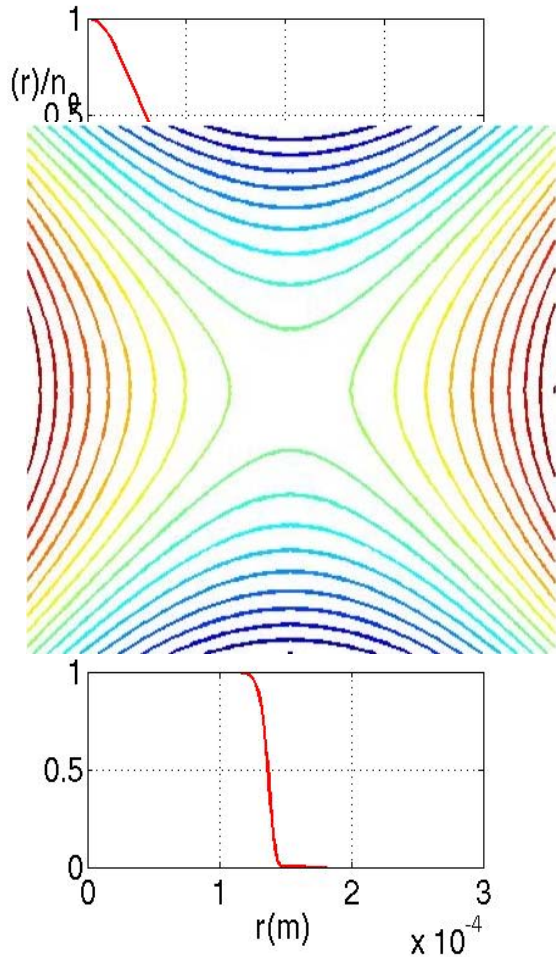
Multipole



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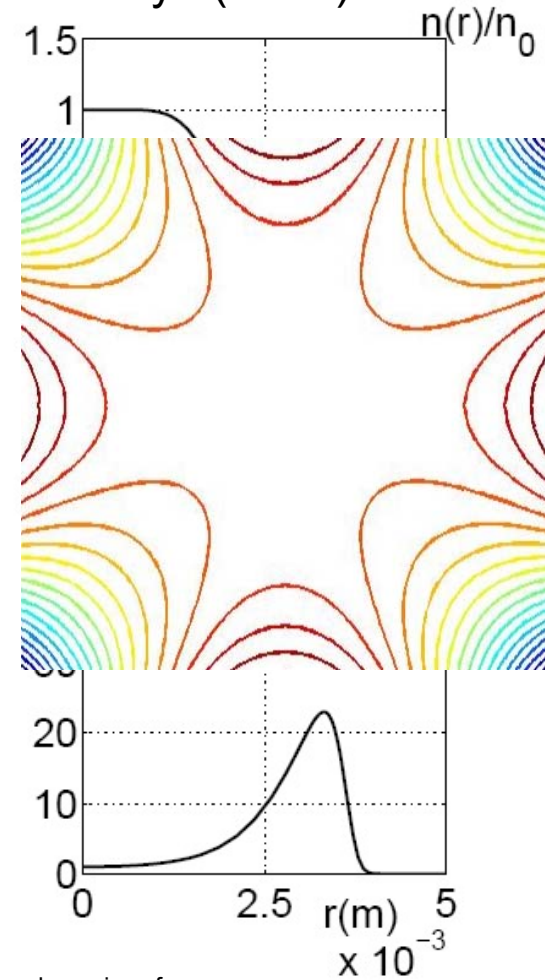


$T=10\ 000\text{K}$

$T=300\text{K}$

$T=5\text{K}$

Multipole



C. Champenois, "About the dynamics and thermodynamics of trapped ions", *J. Phys. B: At. Mol. Opt. Phys.* **42** 154002 (2009)

# 2k-pole trap

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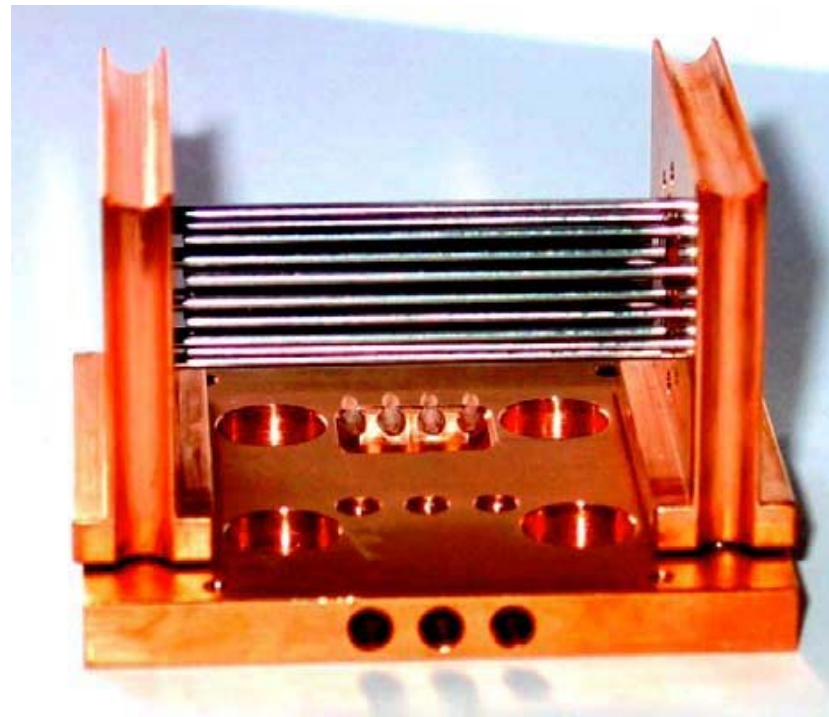
Radial potential  $V^*(r) \propto r^{2k-2}$

Potential well depth  $V^*(R_{max}) \propto k^{-2}$

Higher order  
→ flatter and more shallow

22 pole trap  
D Gerlich, Uni Chemnitz, Germany

*Adv Chem Phys* LXXXII, 1 (1992)



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# 2k - poles

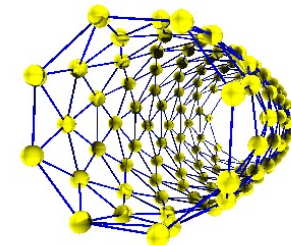
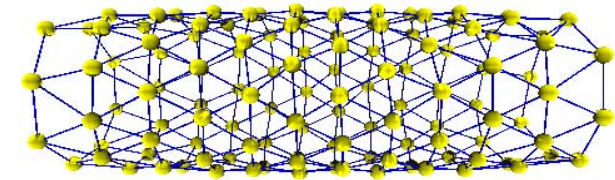
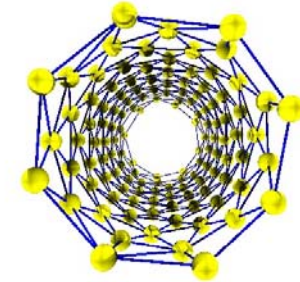
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- Less rf heating
- Creation of different (crystal) structures : tubes, rings
- Symmetric structures (2D)



- ?? Trapping range, initial conditions
- Laser power
- Detection efficiency



# Miniature traps

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# Systematic effects - *experimental constraints* -

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$$\Delta\nu_{\text{nat}}/\nu \approx 3 \cdot 10^{-16}$$

to resolve 1Hz at 411 THz ( $2.4 \cdot 10^{-15}$ ) :

ion cooled to Doppler limit, $\langle n \rangle \approx 10$	<i>Doppler 2<sup>nd</sup> order</i>
a magnetic field $< (0.1 \pm 0.05 \mu\text{T})$	<i>quadratic Zeeman quadratique, AC Stark</i>
a residual electric field $< 1\text{V/mm}$	<i>DC Stark</i>
gradient of electric field $< 1\text{V/mm}$ over 1 mm (spherical traps)	<i>quadrupole moment</i>
3 optical axis (orthogonal)	<i>measurement of quadrupole moment</i>
T= 300K	<i>BBR</i>
P $< 0.75\mu\text{W/mm}^2$ @ 729nm	<i>AC Stark (light shift)</i>



# Miniature traps

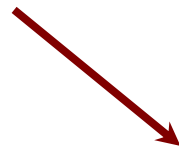
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to reach strong confinement at Doppler limit

→ need high motional frequencies

→ requires high trapping frequencies ( $\Omega/2\pi > 10$  MHz) with non-negligible amplitudes (a few 100 V)

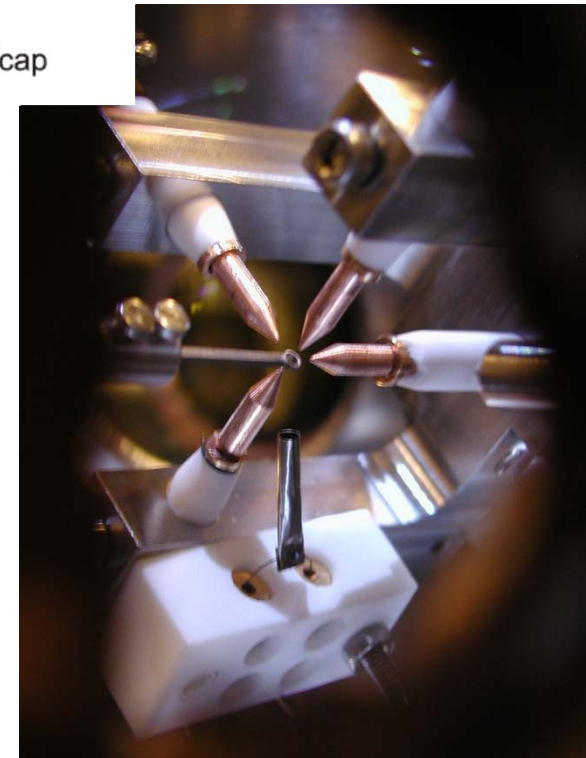
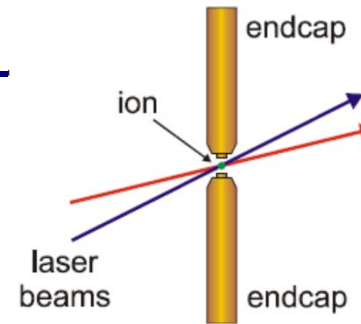
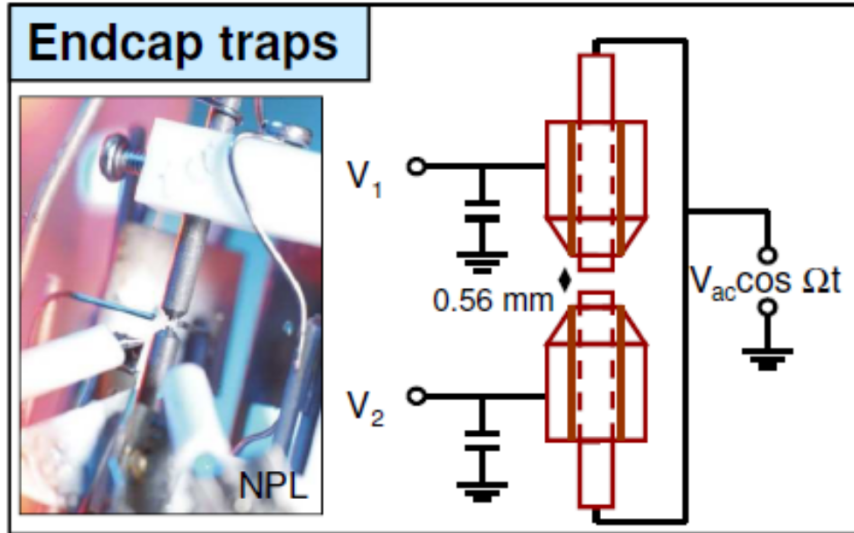
$$q_x = -\frac{q_z}{2} = \frac{4eV_{AC}}{2r_0^2m\Omega^2}$$



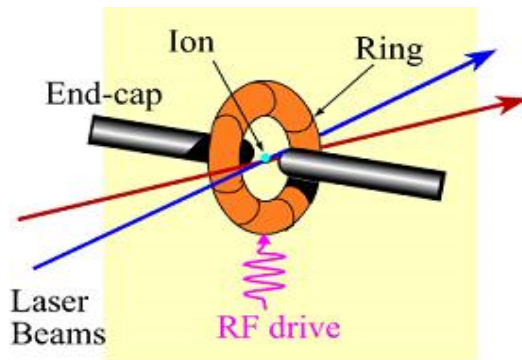
**reduce  $r_0$**

« Novel miniature ion traps », Schrama et al., Opt. Comm 101, 32-36 (1993)  
- shows that if the potential is harmonic in the central 10% of the structure  
this is largely sufficient for a single ion !

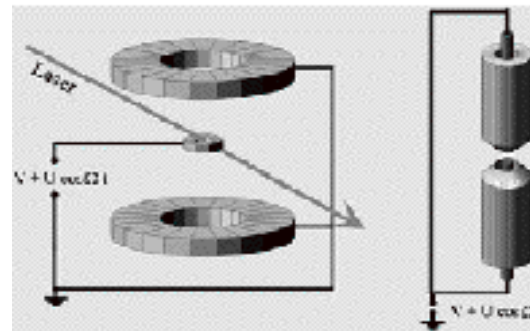
# Miniature ion traps



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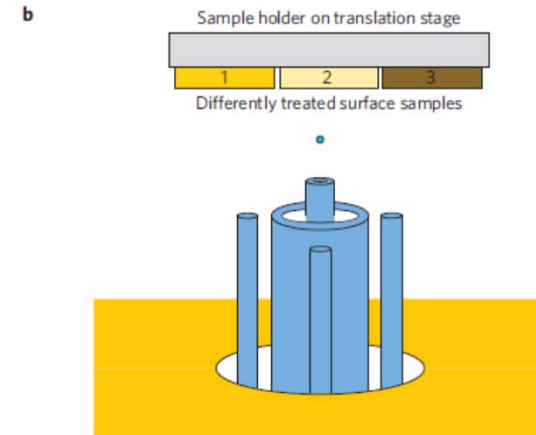
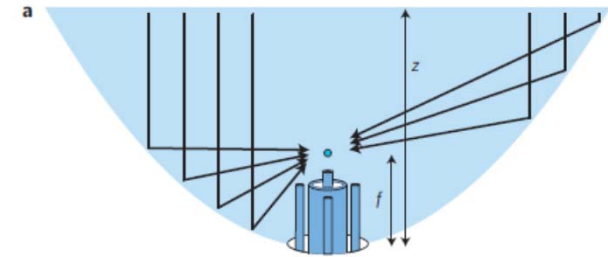
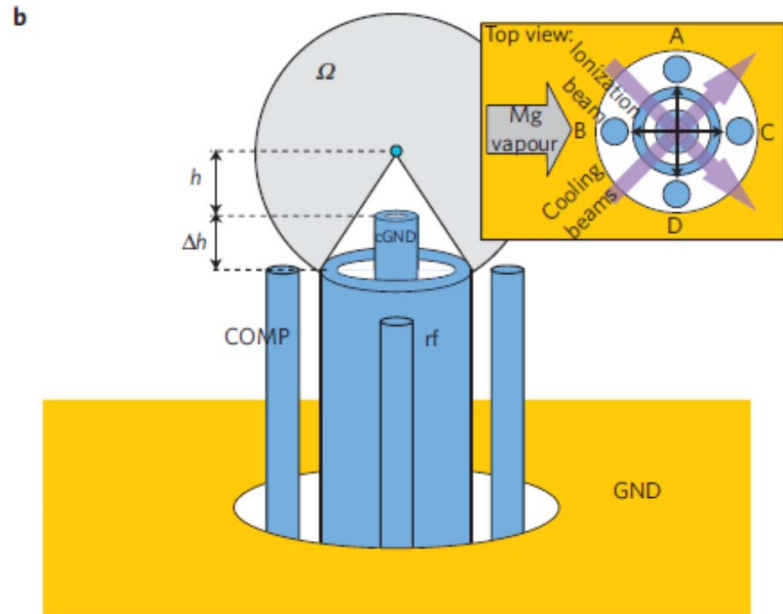


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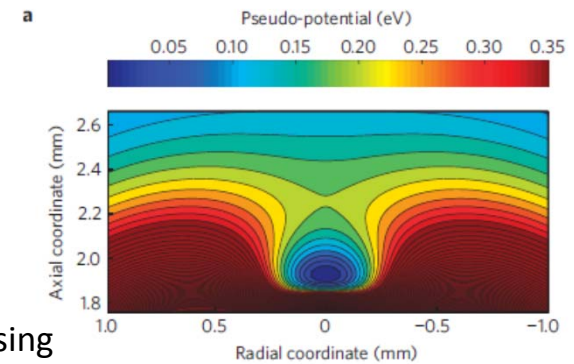
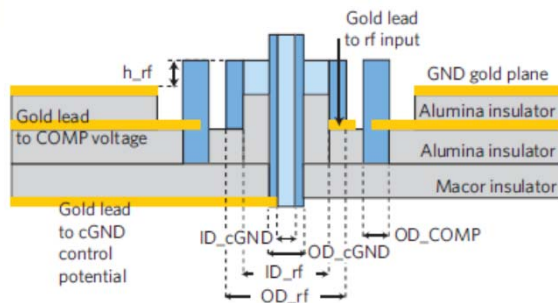


MPQ, Garching

# The stylus trap (or $4\pi$ trap)



**Figure 3 | Potential applications of the trap geometry.** **a**, Placement of the ion in the focus  $f$  of a parabolic mirror with depth  $z$  to maximize photon-ion coupling. **b**, Scanning of different surfaces with the ion as a sensitive probe.



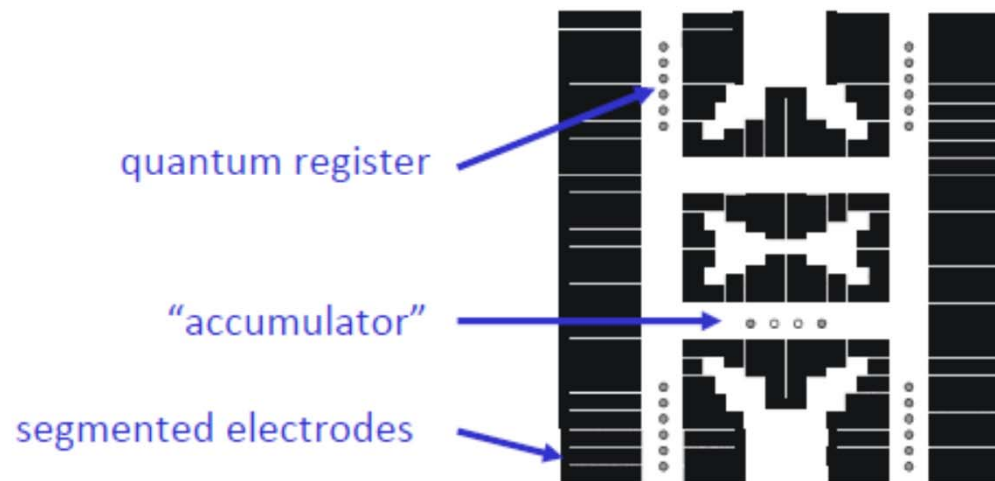
Stylus ion trap for enhanced access and sensing  
 Robert Maiwald, Dietrich Leibfried, Joe Britton, James C. Bergquist, Gerd Leuchs and David J. Wineland, Nature Physics 2009, DOI: 10.1038/NPHYS1311

# Microfabricated traps

- scalable architectures

D.Kielpinski, C. Monroe, and D. J. Wineland,  
*Nature* 417, 709 (2002)

“quantum CCD” architecture – Wineland *et al.* (1998)



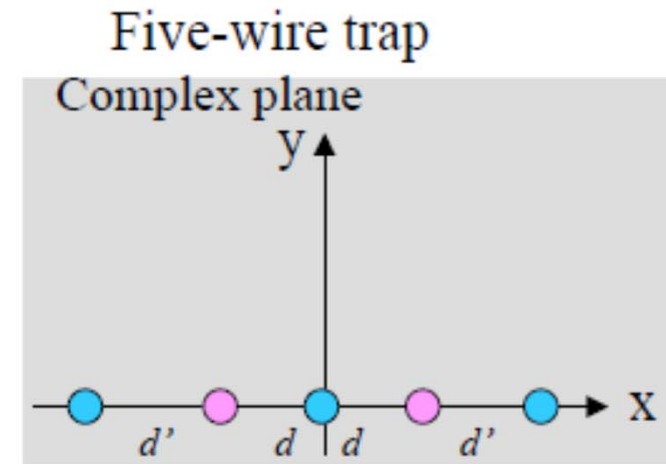
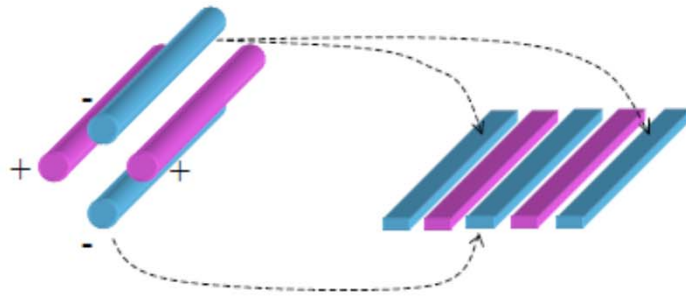
and

$$\omega_r = \frac{eV_{AC}}{\sqrt{2} m\Omega d^2}$$

with  $d$  the distance to the electrodes

# Microfabricated traps

- 3D and surface traps



# Microfabricated surface traps

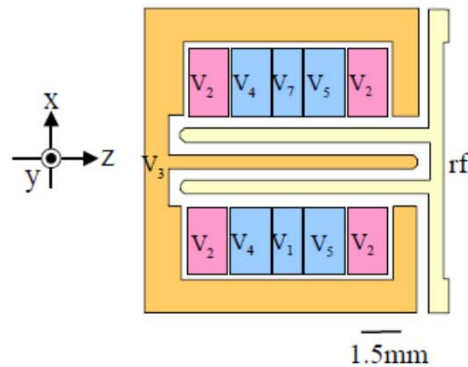
## Simulated pseudopotential

$$\Phi_{\text{sec}} = \frac{Q^2 |\nabla \phi_{\text{rf}}|^2}{4m\Omega^2} + Q\phi_{\text{dc}}$$

$Q$ : ion charge,  $m$ : ion mass

$\phi_{\text{rf}}$ : rf potential     $\phi_{\text{dc}}$ : dc potential

$\Omega$ : rf frequency



$$\Omega = 2\pi \times 11 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz}$$

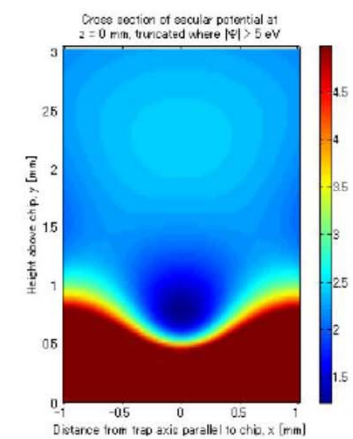
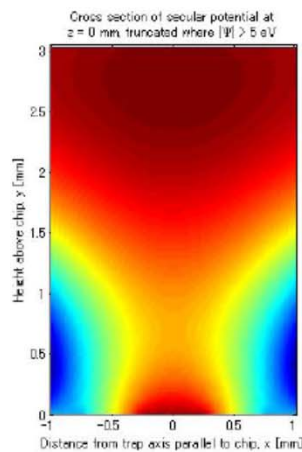
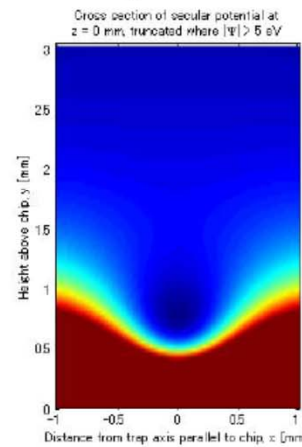
$$V_{\text{rf}} = 700 \text{ V}_{\text{amp}}$$

$$V_1 = V_7 = -15 \text{ V}$$

$$V_2 = +90 \text{ V (End electrode)}$$

$$V_3 = +2 \text{ V (Center electrode)}$$

$$V_4 = V_5 = -15 \text{ V}$$



$$\Phi_{\text{rf}} = \frac{Q^2 |\nabla \phi_{\text{rf}}|^2}{4m\Omega^2}$$

$$\Phi_{\text{dc}} = Q\phi_{\text{dc}}$$

$$\Phi_{\text{sec}} = \Phi_{\text{rf}} + \Phi_{\text{dc}}$$



# Microfabricated surface traps

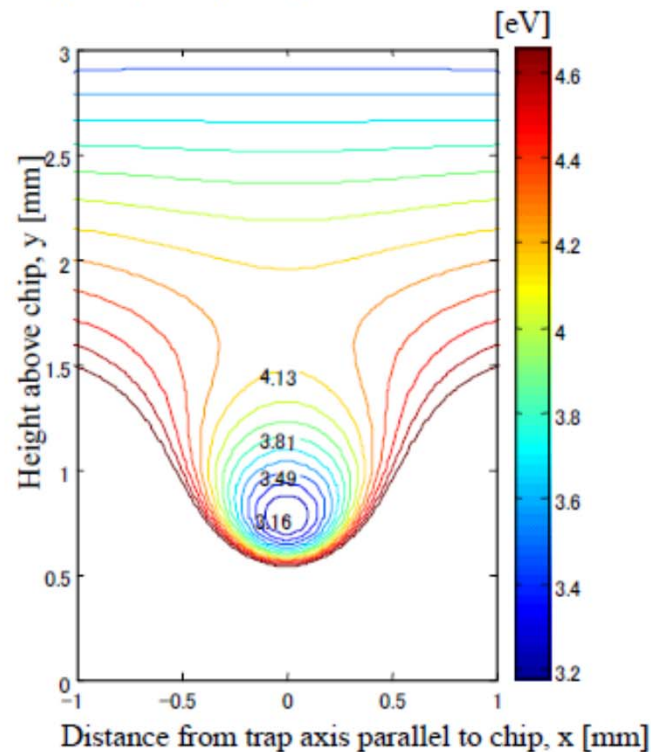
## Simulated pseudopotential -trap depth-

$$\Omega = 2\pi \times 11 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz}$$

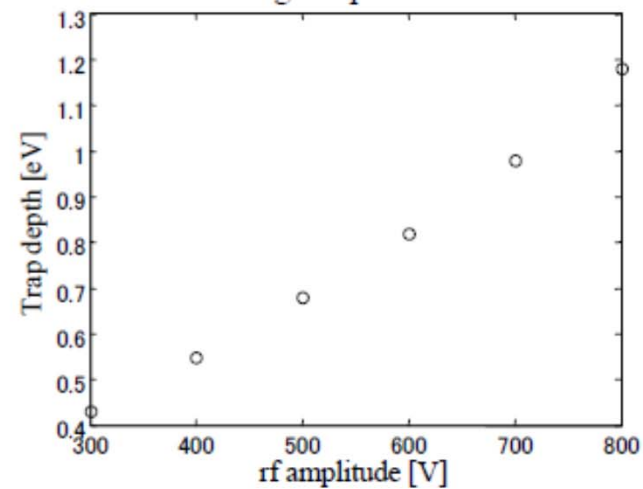
$$V_{\text{rf}} = 700 \text{ V}_{\text{amp}}$$

$$V_2 = +60 \text{ V(End)}, V_3 = +4 \text{ V(Center)}$$

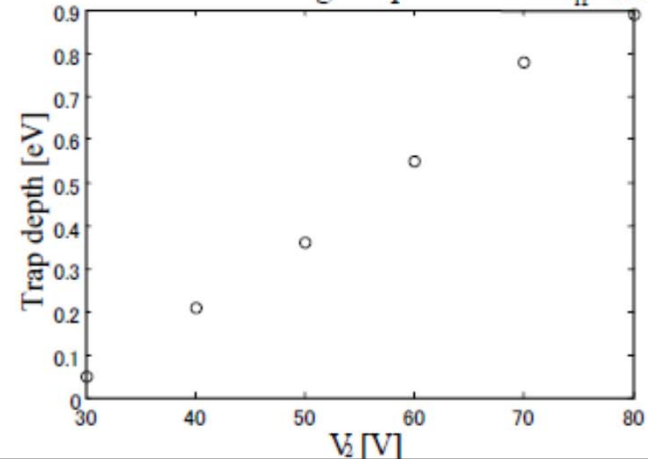
$$V_1 = V_7 = V_4 = V_5 = 0 \text{ V}$$



rf voltage dependence

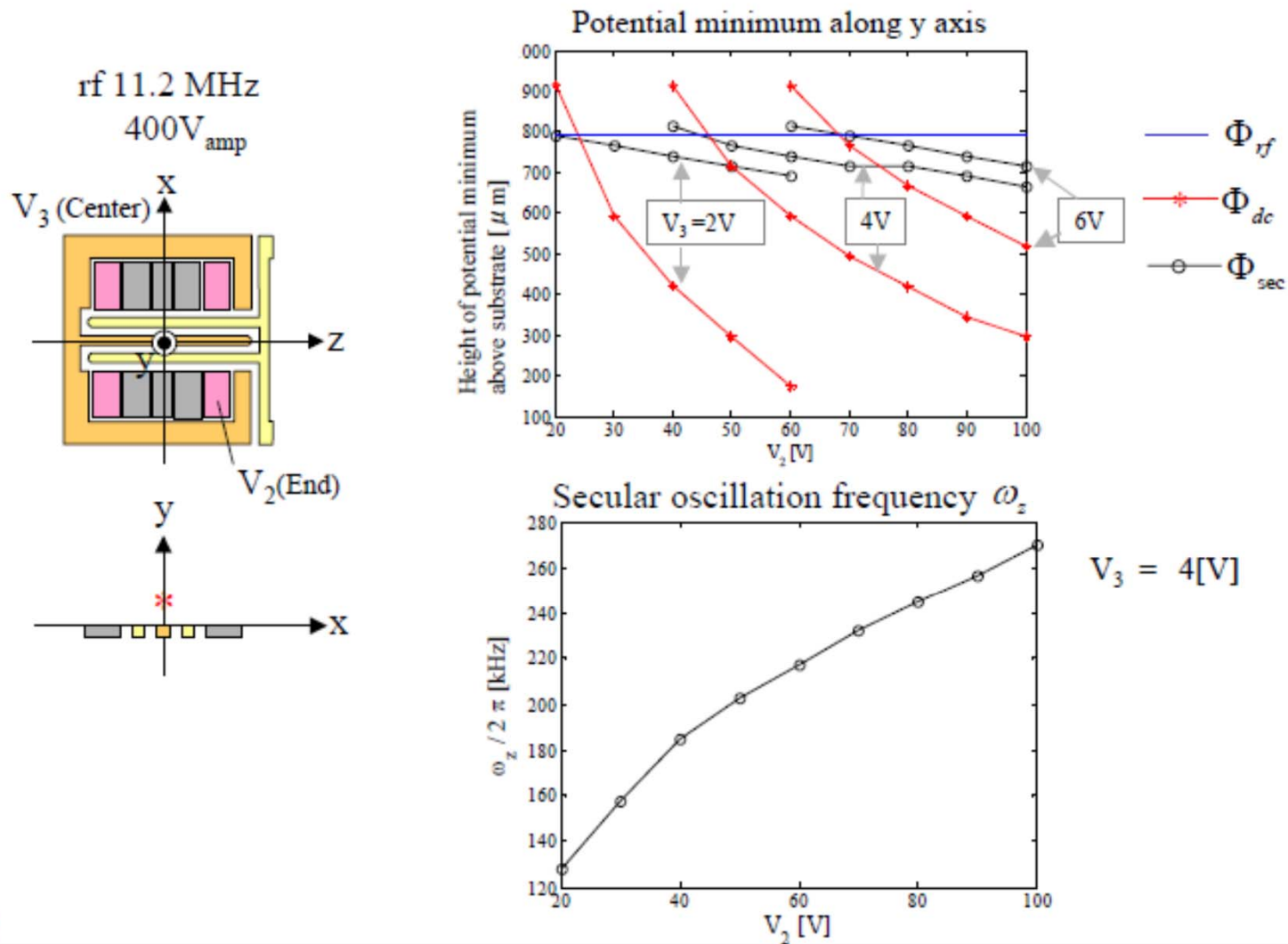


End electrode voltage dependence  $V_{\text{rf}}=400\text{V}$



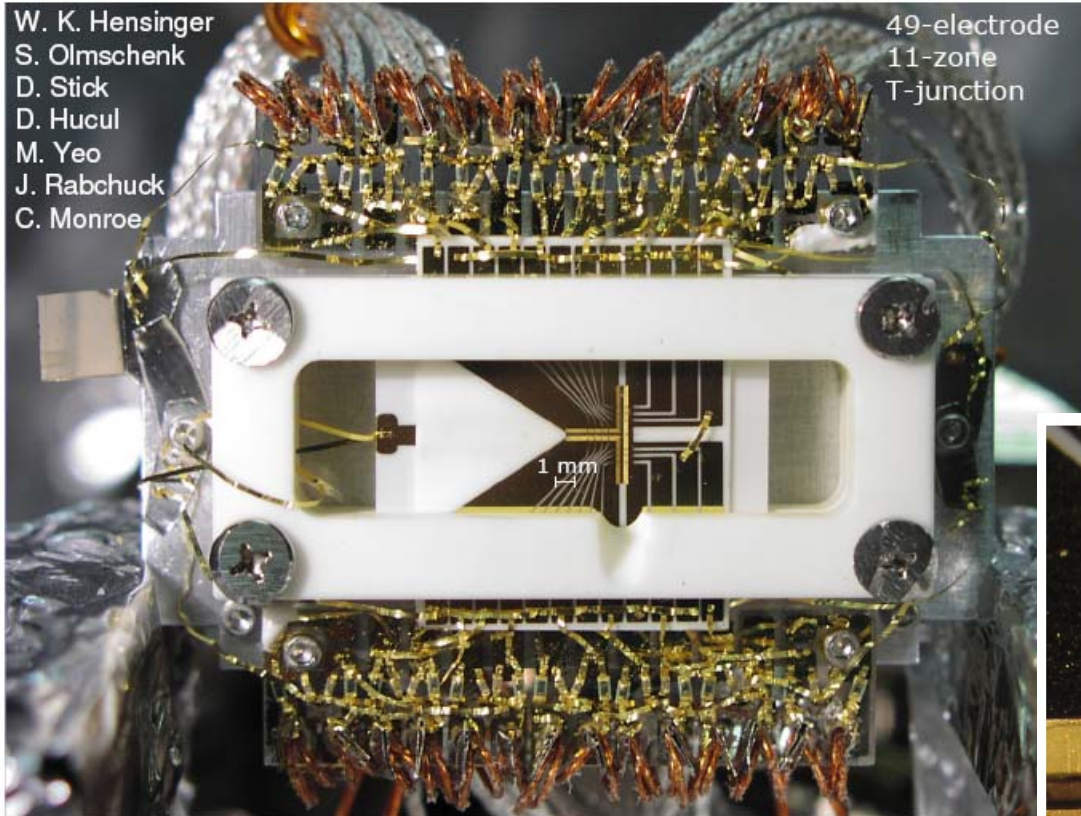
# Microfabricated surface traps

## Simulated pseudopotential - dc dependence -

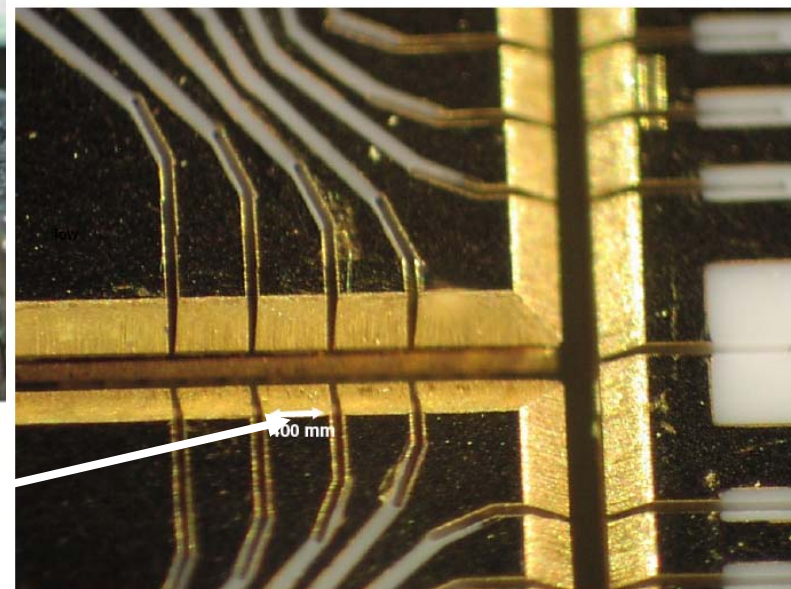
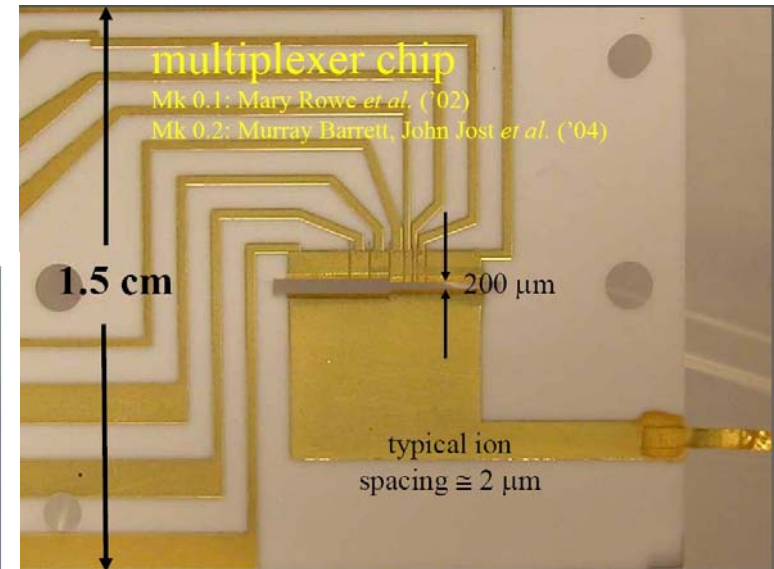




# Micro-traps with junctions



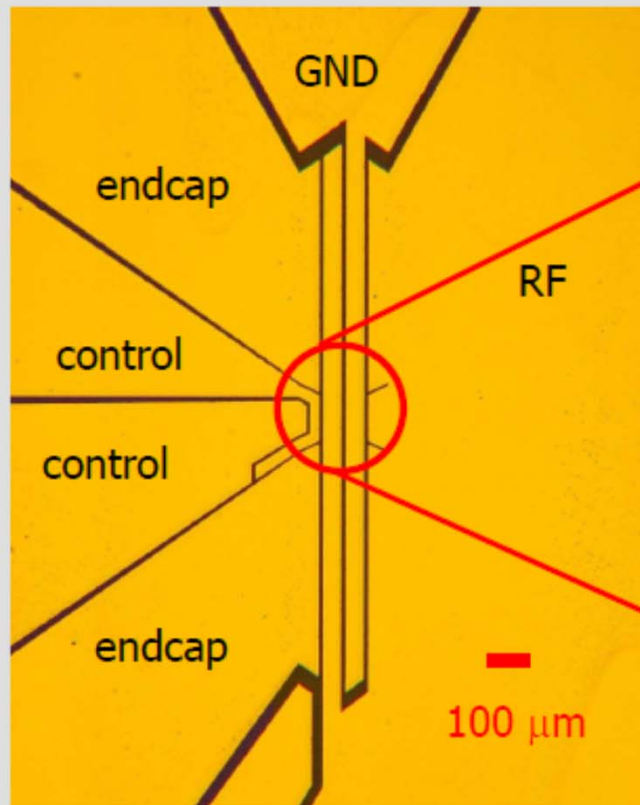
400μm



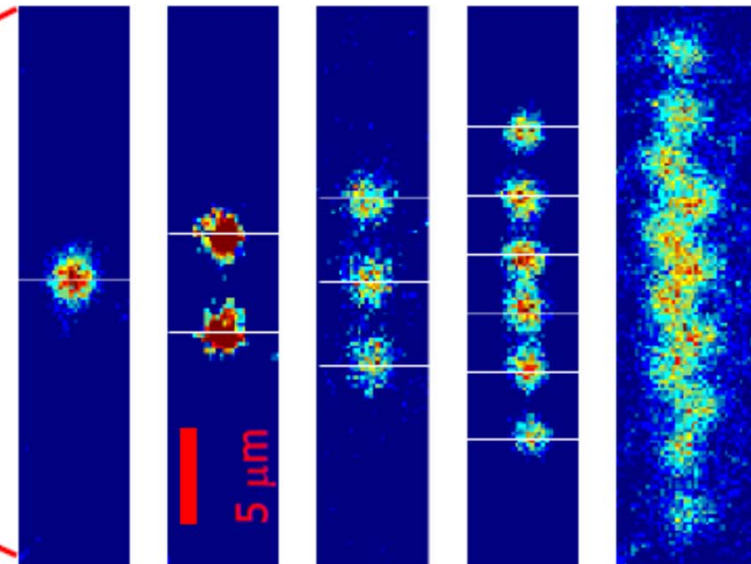
# NIST trap

## Planar Trap Chip

Magnified trap electrodes



CCD pictures of strings of Mg<sup>+</sup> ions (trapped 40 μm above surface)





# NIST race-track

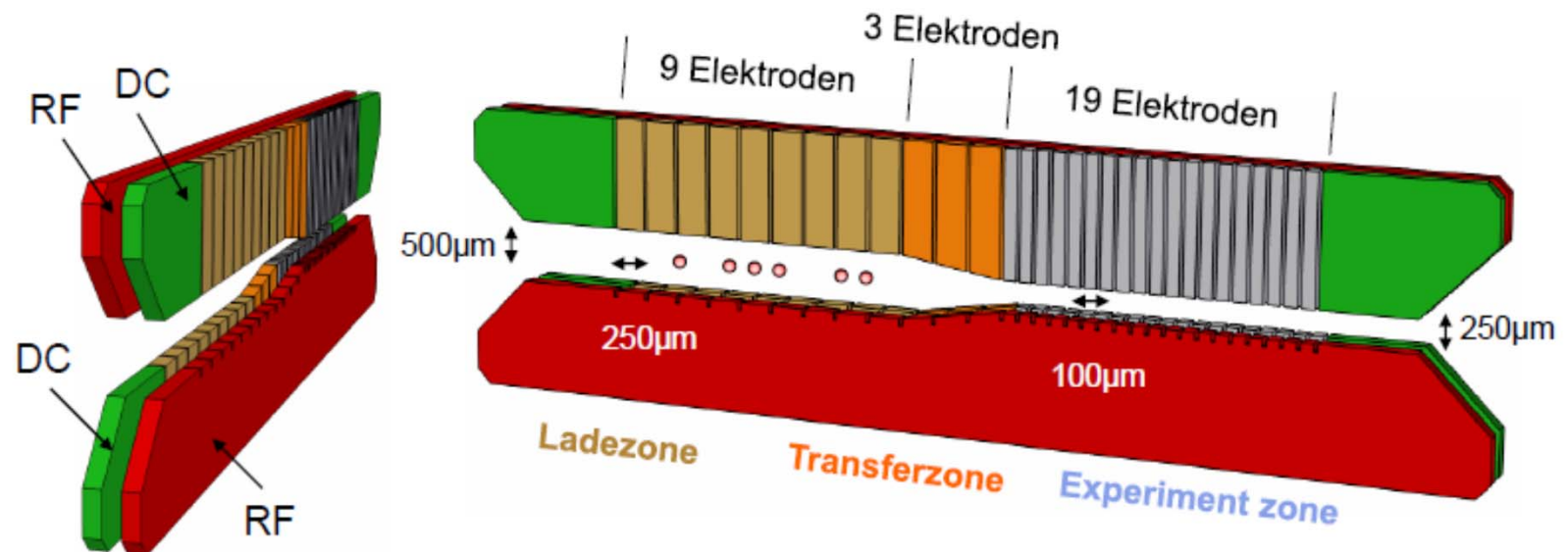
## NIST trap chip module (Jason Amini)

- 2 load zones
- 6 improved junctions
- 150 control electrodes

- backside loading
- motion through junctions
- utilize for multi-qubit work

# Mainz trap

## Mainzer segmentierte Mikrofalle

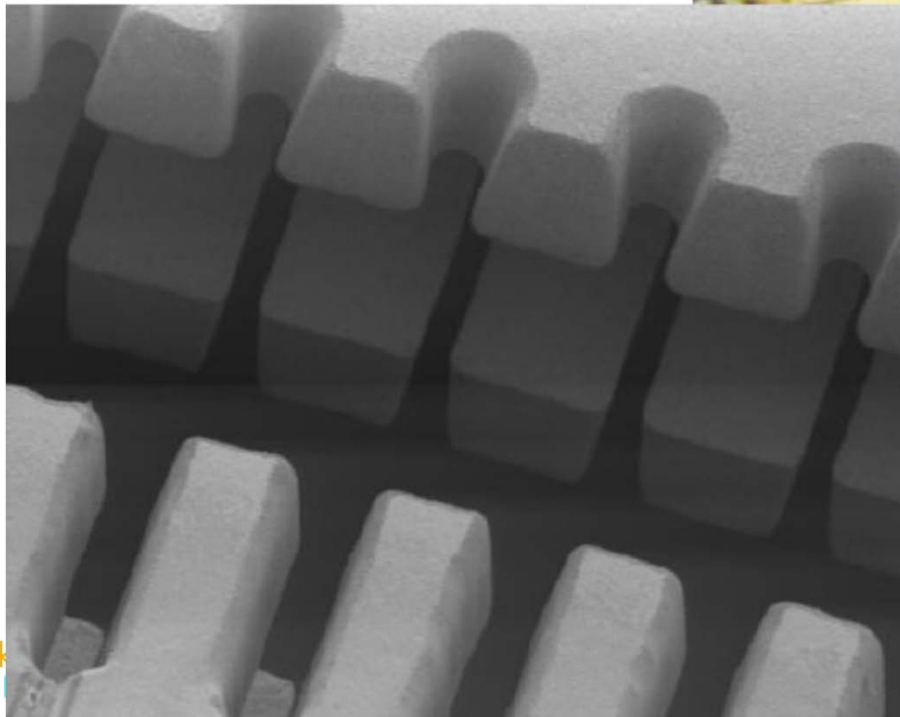
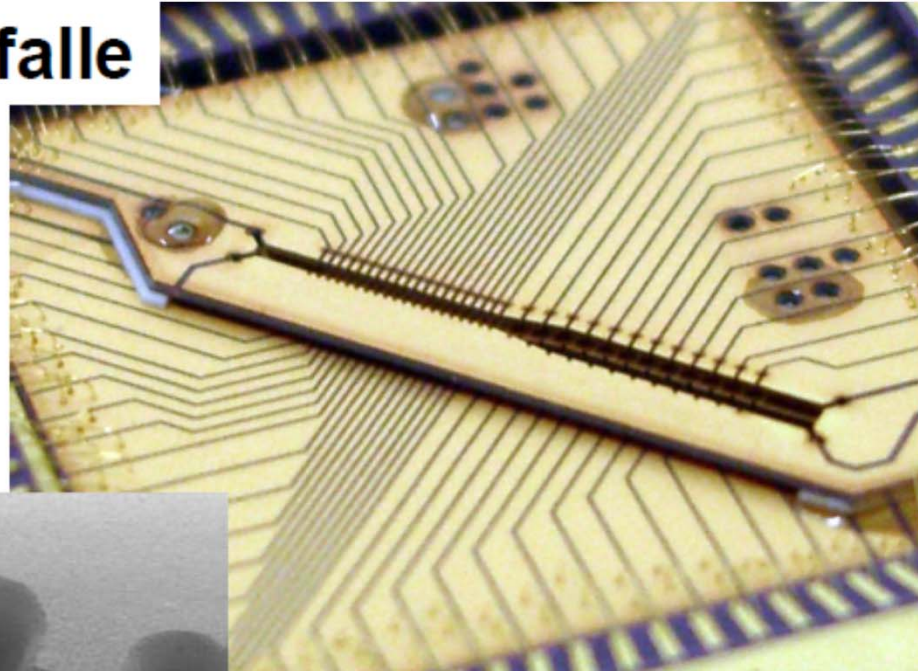


- **Mikro-Struktur** - viele Ionen können gespeichert werden
- **Segmentierung** - Prozessor und Speichereinheit  
- Transport von Ionen

# Mainz trap

## segmentierte Mikrofalle

- Ti/Au on  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ -Wafer (10nm/400nm)
- fs-Laser Schnitt in Au/Ti and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$
- Justage und Fixierung in den Chiphalter
- bonding

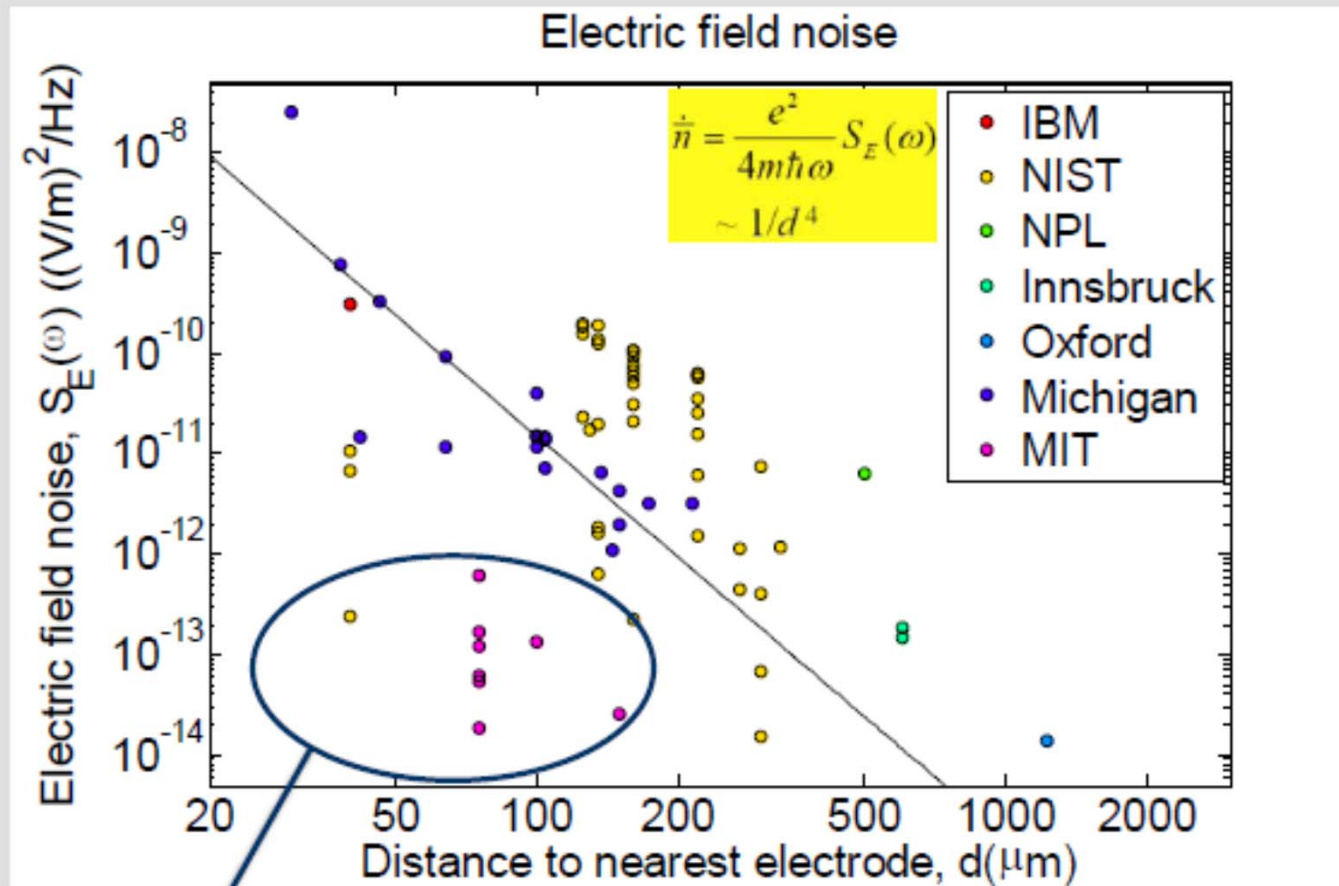


Elektronen-  
Mikroskop  
Aufnahme



# Motional heating

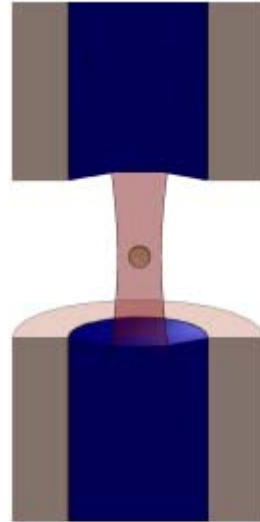
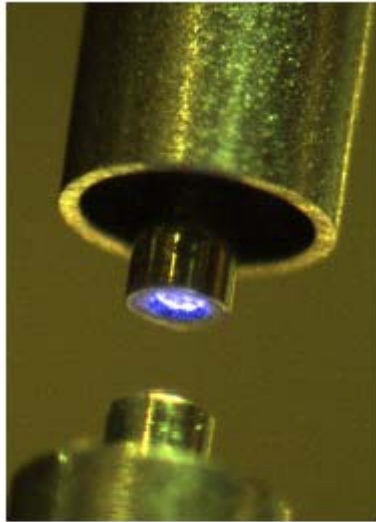
Heating rate orders of magnitude over Johnson noise, physical origin unknown



electrode temperature < 12 K

# Integrated fibers

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- Fluorescence detection
- Cavity

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