

# Penning mass spectrometry using optical detection with $^{40}\text{Ca}^+$ as sensor ion in an unbalanced crystal

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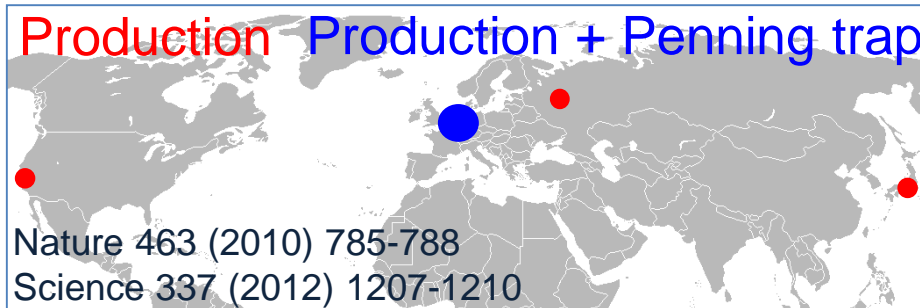
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5. Dynamics of the unbalanced crystal (calculations)
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# Motivation

- Mass measurements of SuperHeavy Elements (SHE)



$$W_c = \frac{q}{m} B$$

Low production rates / Fixed charge states / Half-lives



Single ion sensitivity / Universal technique / Half-lives above 1 second

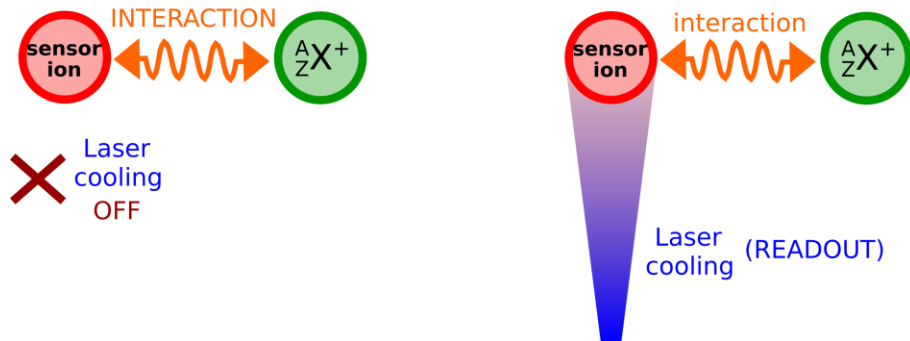
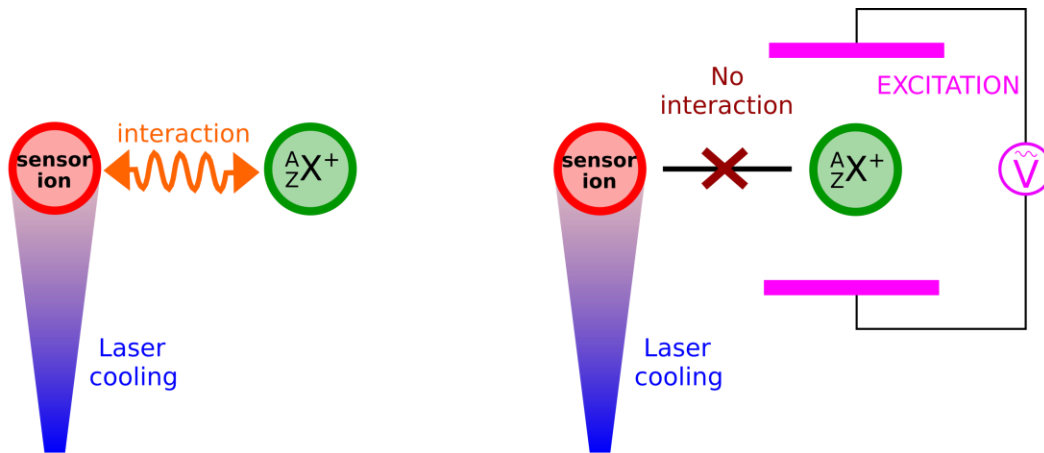
- Techniques in use

- TOF-ICR: Several tens of ions
- PI-ICR: About 10 ions and implemented for SHE.
- IIC: Successfully used in many experiments but not yet implemented for SHE (New approach in collaboration with M. Block's group).

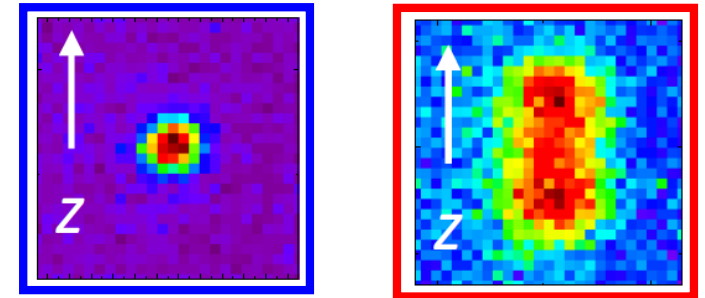
- Mass measurements can be done in Granada.

# Mass Meas. Using Optical Detection

## ➤ Measurement Scheme



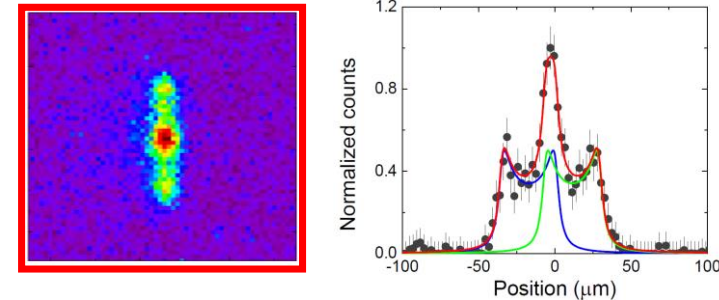
## □ Optical study of a single ion



Single  $^{40}\text{Ca}^+$  ion  $T \sim 10$  mK  
Interaction with lasers + RF external field

Sci. Rep. 7, 8336 (2017)

## □ Optical study of two-ions



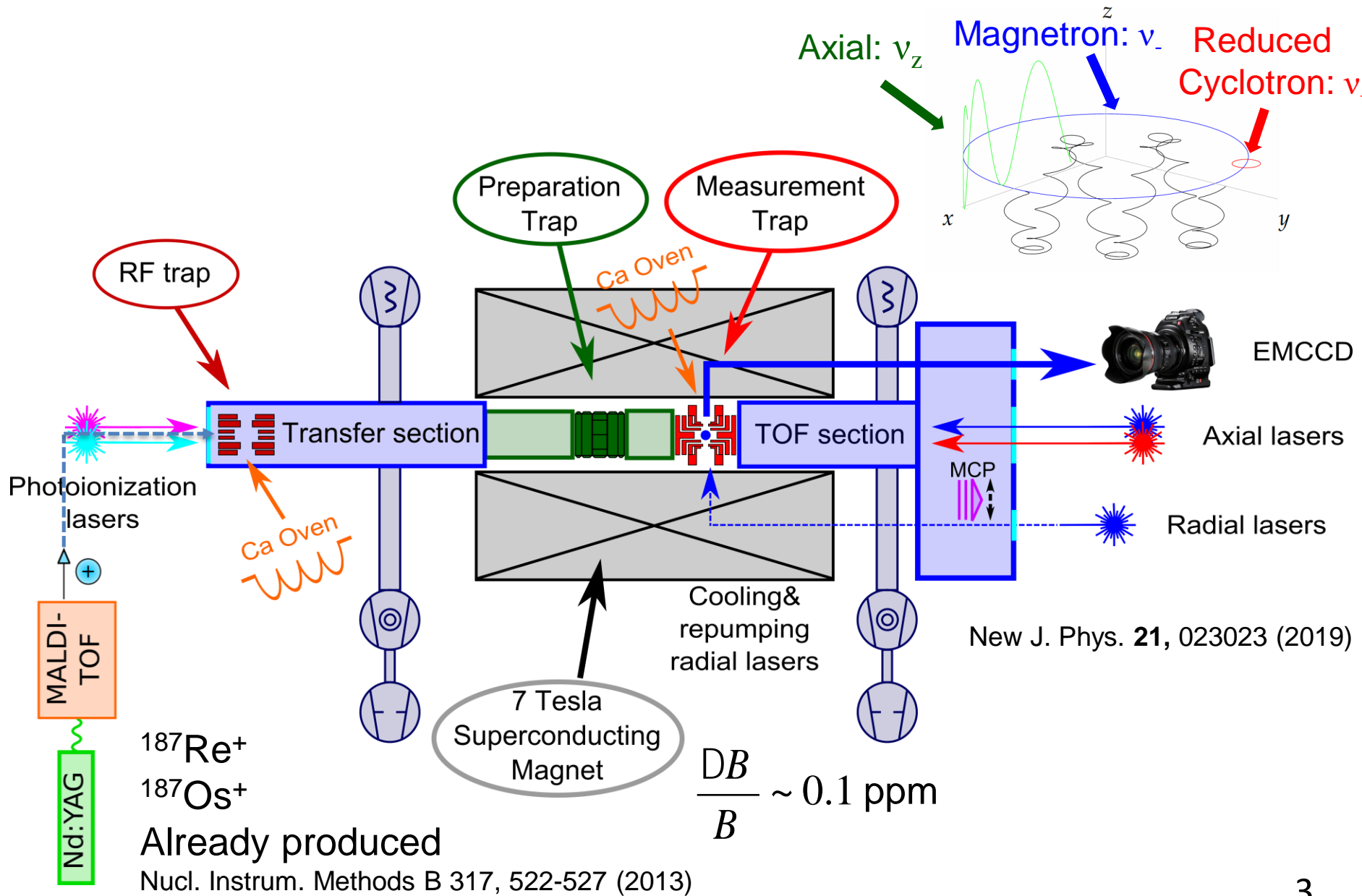
Two  $^{40}\text{Ca}^+$  ion +RF external fields  
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J. Mod. Opt. 65 613-621 (2018)

D.J. Heinzen, D.J. Wineland, Phys. Rev. A 42, 2977 (1990)

Appl. Phys. B 107, 1031-104 (2012) (for applications in Mass Spect. on SHE and Neutrino Physics)

# The TRAPSENSOR Beamline



New J. Phys. **21**, 023023 (2019)

$^{187}\text{Re}^+$   
 $^{187}\text{Os}^+$   
**Already produced**  
 Nucl. Instrum. Methods B 317, 522-527 (2013)

$$\frac{DB}{B} \sim 0.1 \text{ ppm}$$

# The TRAPSENSOR beamline





# Doppler Cooling in 7 T

➤ Cooling lasers → 2 frequencies  
axial + radial

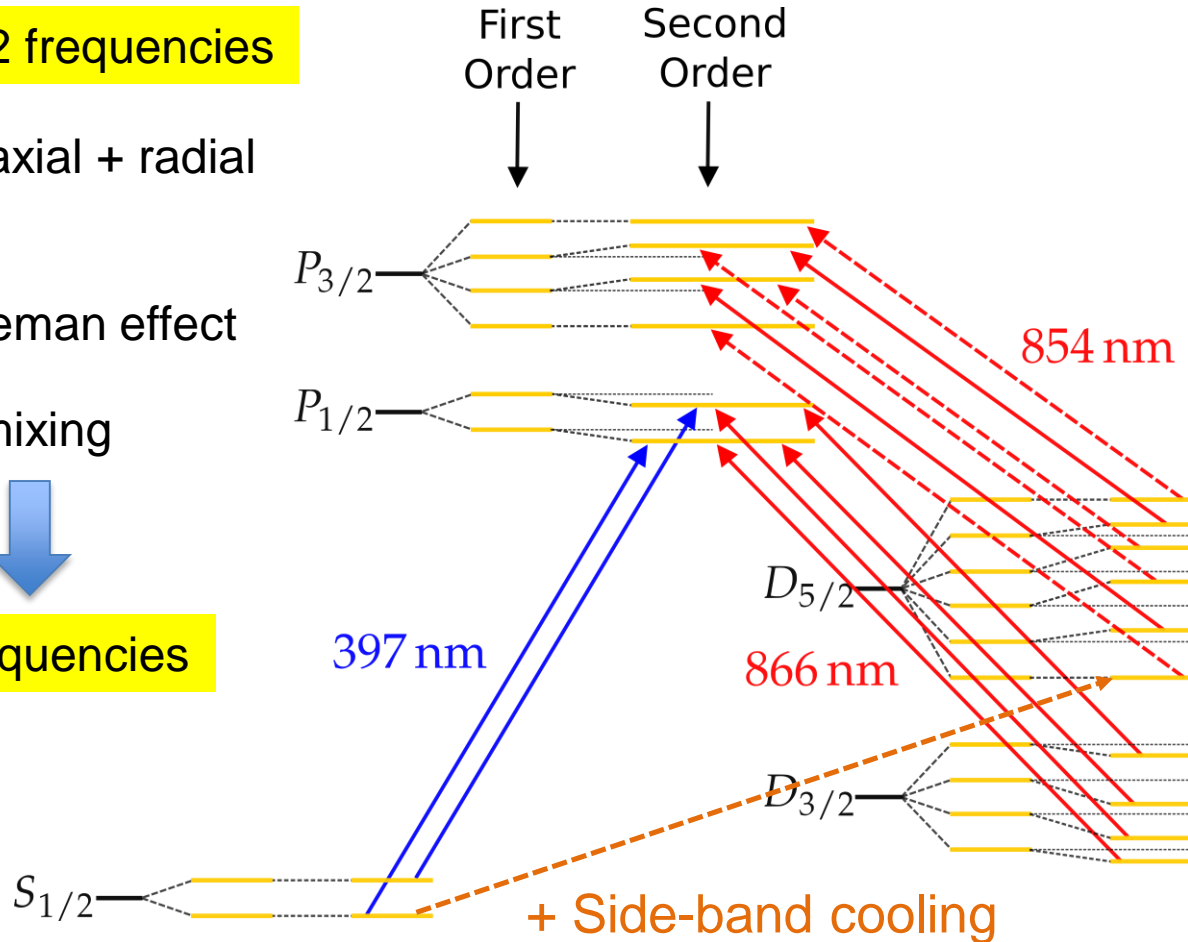
➤ Repumping lasers

- Zeeman effect
- J-mixing

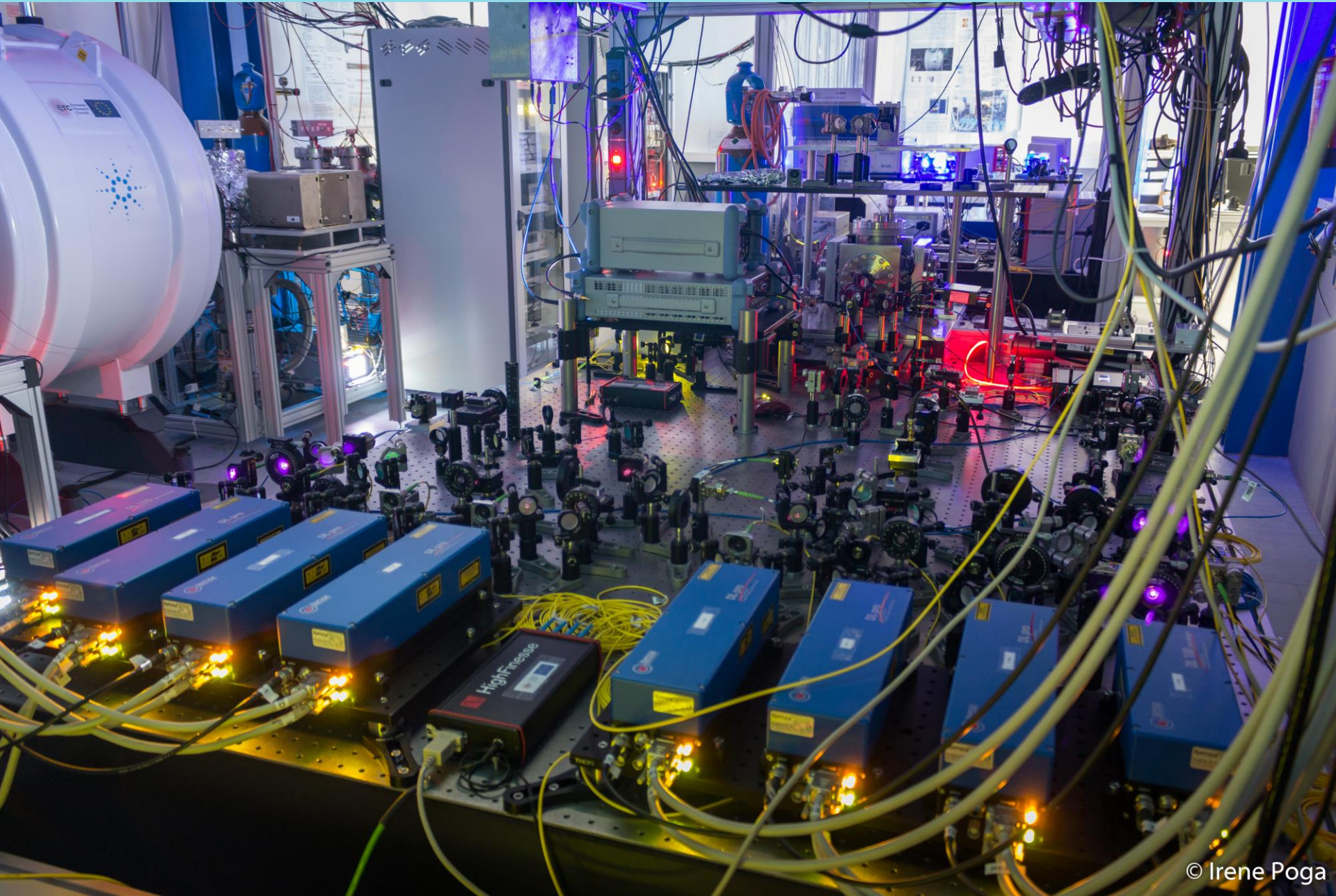
10 frequencies

➤ Laser system

- 397-nm lasers (x2)
- 866-nm lasers (x4)
- 854-nm lasers (x2) + EOM
- Ultra-high accuracy WM



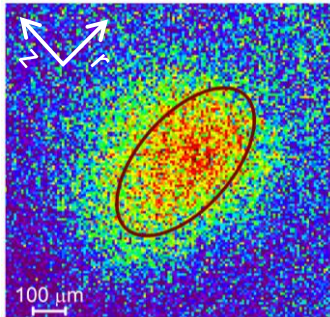
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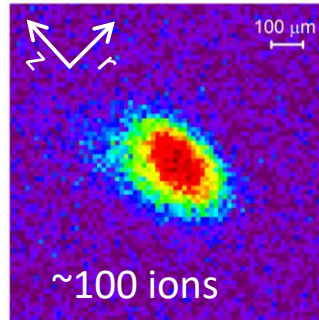


# Doppler Cooling in 7 T

➤ Axial cooling

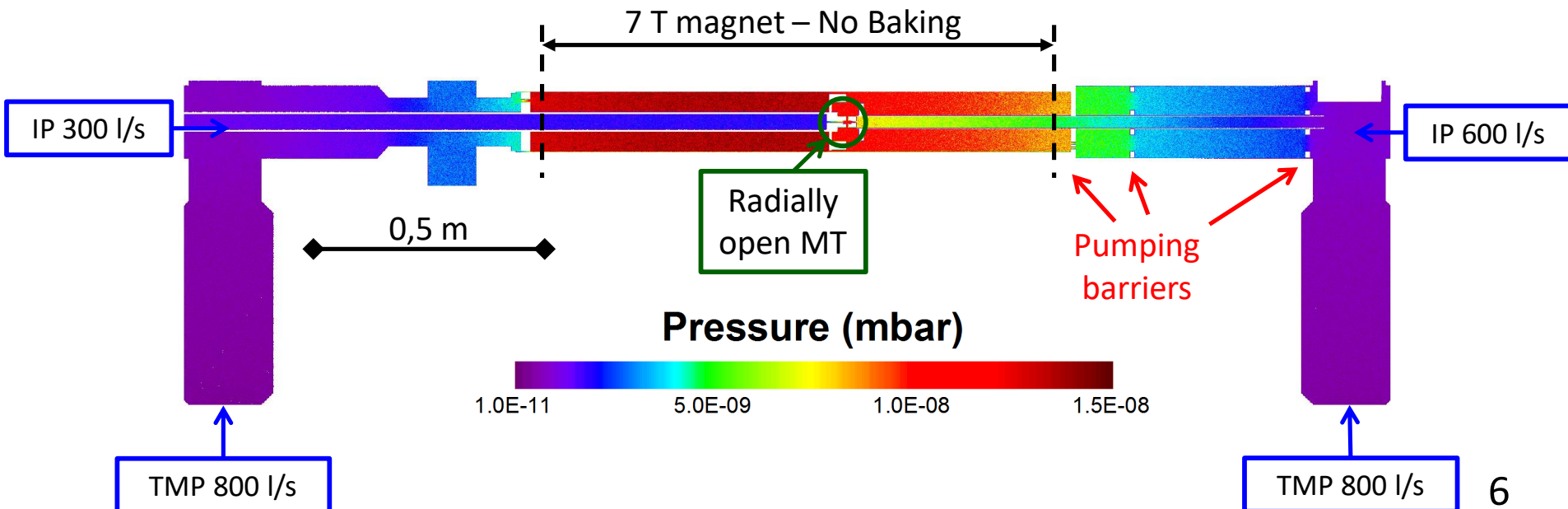


➤ Radial cooling



- ✓ Expected shape
- ✓ ~10 ions detection limit
- ✗ ~30 s ion lifetime (in a first experiment)

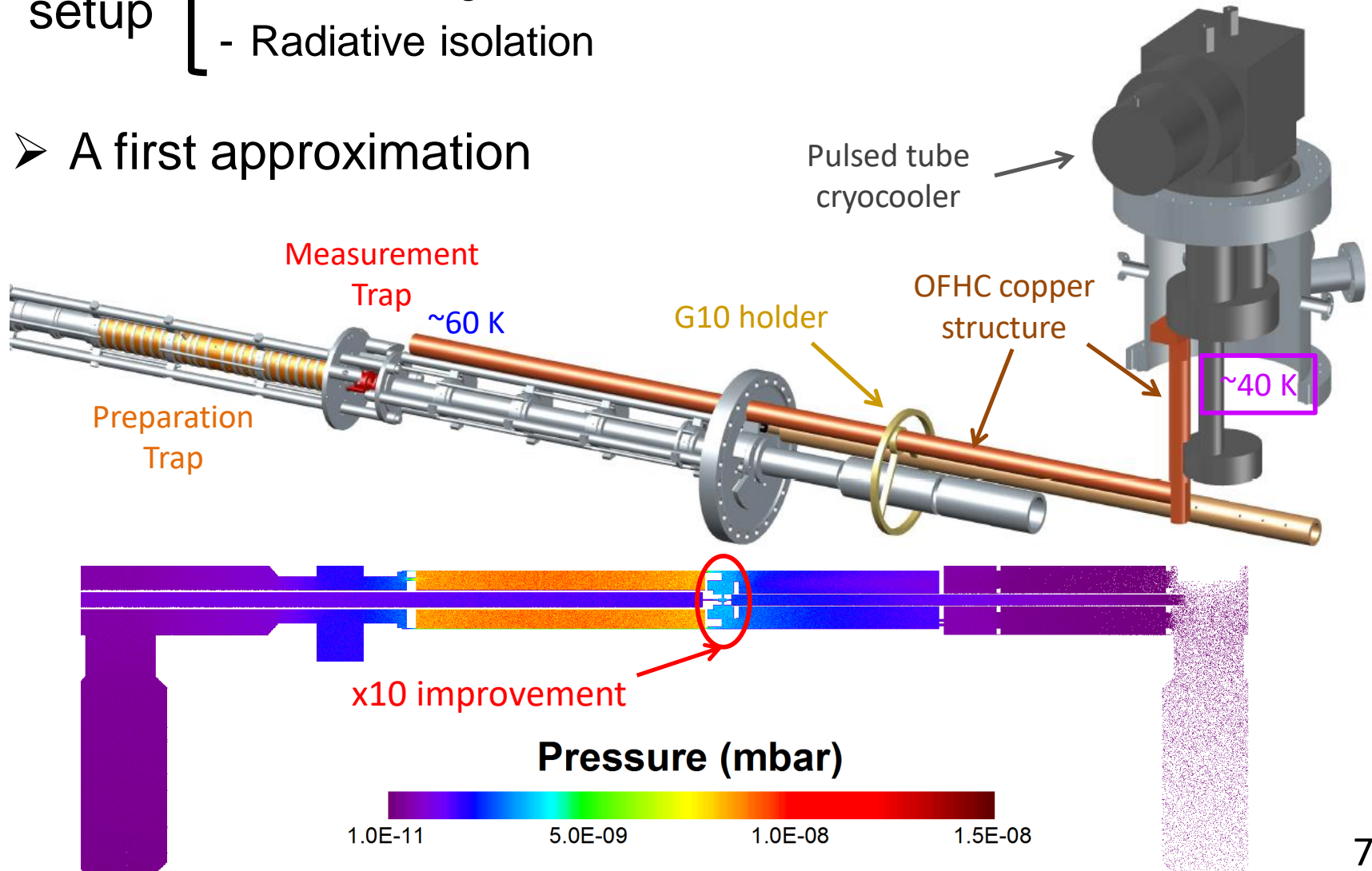
➤ Vacuum simulations → Molflow+ (CERN)



# Doppler Cooling in 7 T. Cryogenics.

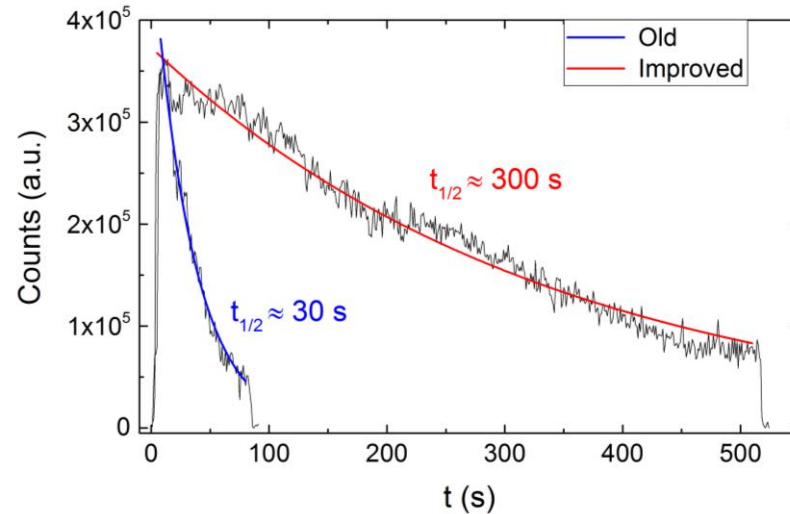
- Final setup
  - Trap can at 4 K →  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{N}_2$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{O}_2$ ... condensation
  - Surrounding at 40 K → Conductive + Radiative isolation
  - Radiative isolation

- A first approximation



# Doppler Cooling in 7 T. Results

## ➤ Lifetime improvement

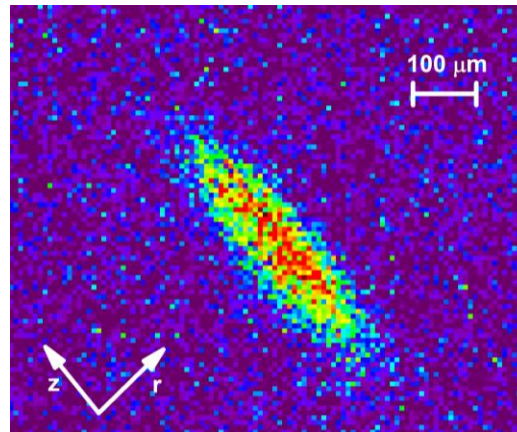
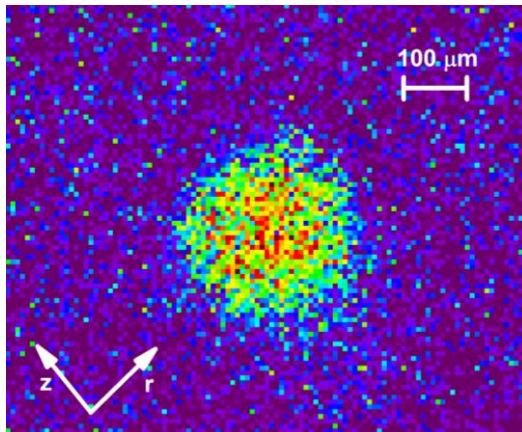


- $p \sim 10^{-9}$  mbar
- ✓ Enough to detect two-ion crystal

## ➤ Evidence of axialization

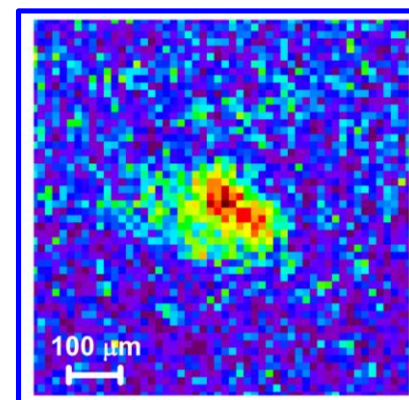
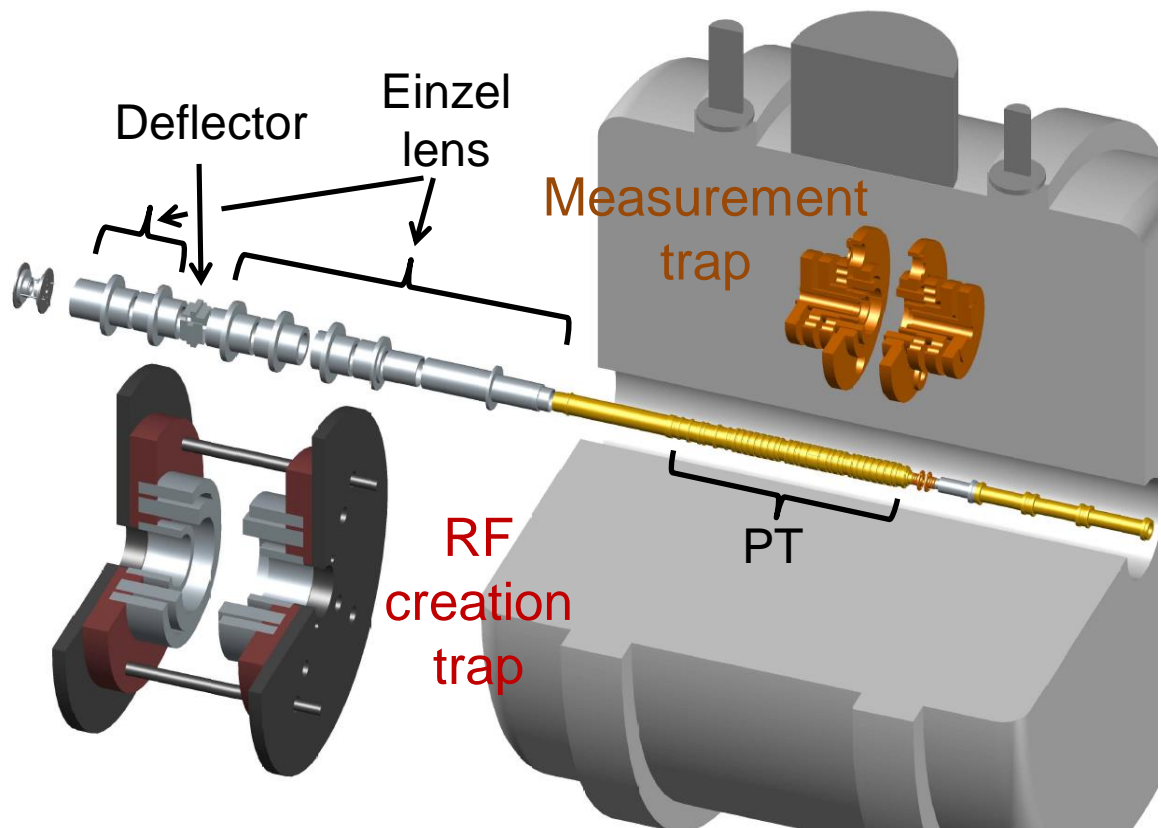
Ax. OFF

Ax. ON



- Cooling lasers:  $\Delta \approx -\gamma/2$
- Radial spot:  $\sim 100 \mu\text{m}$
- Quad. Field:  $\nu_c \approx 2.7$  MHz  
 $V \approx 300$  mV<sub>pp</sub>

# Doppler Cooling in 7 T. External Production



~10 ions

## ➤ Simulation work (SIMION)

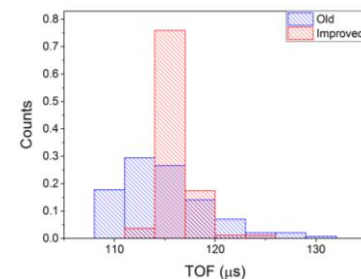
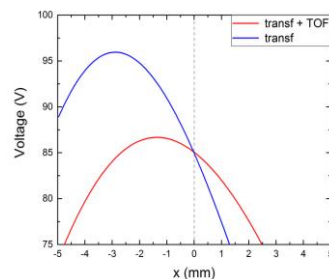
Previous



Optimum



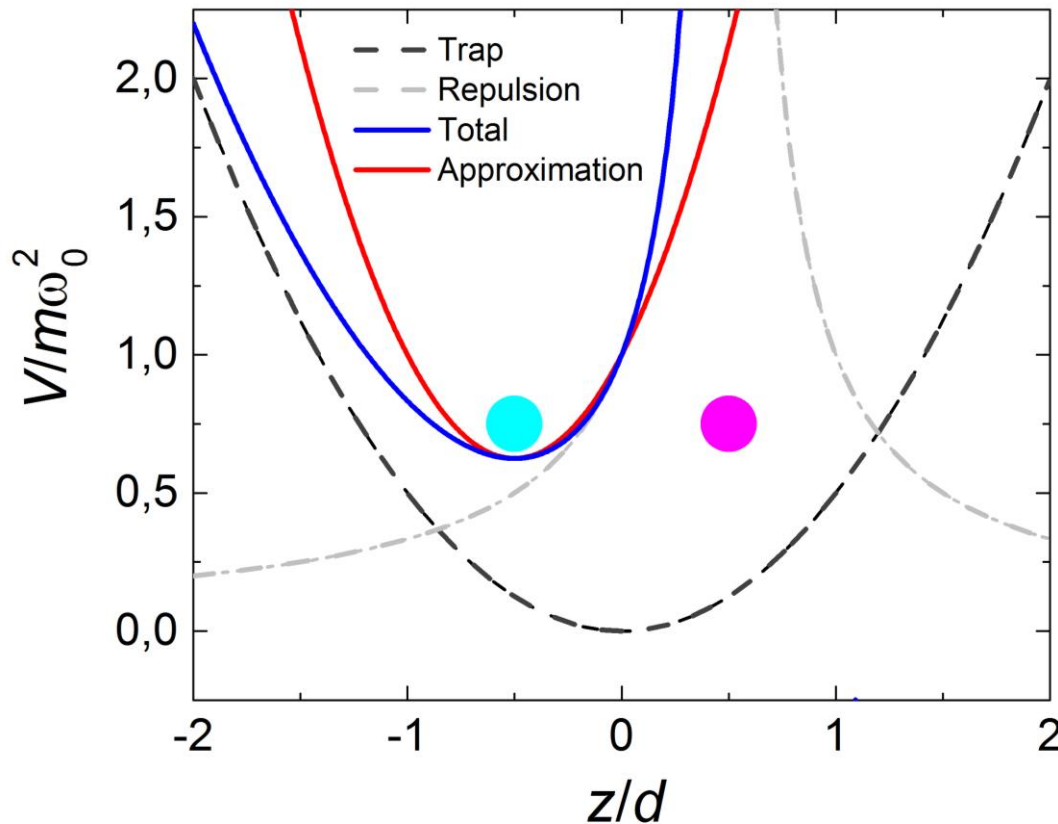
Flutter ext. pulse → Narrower bunch





# Dynamics of an Unbalanced Crystal

- Two ions in a harmonic potential



- Crystal alignment on z axis

- Nomenclature

$$\Omega_{z/c'/m}^{\pm} \quad \rho_{t/s}^{\pm}$$

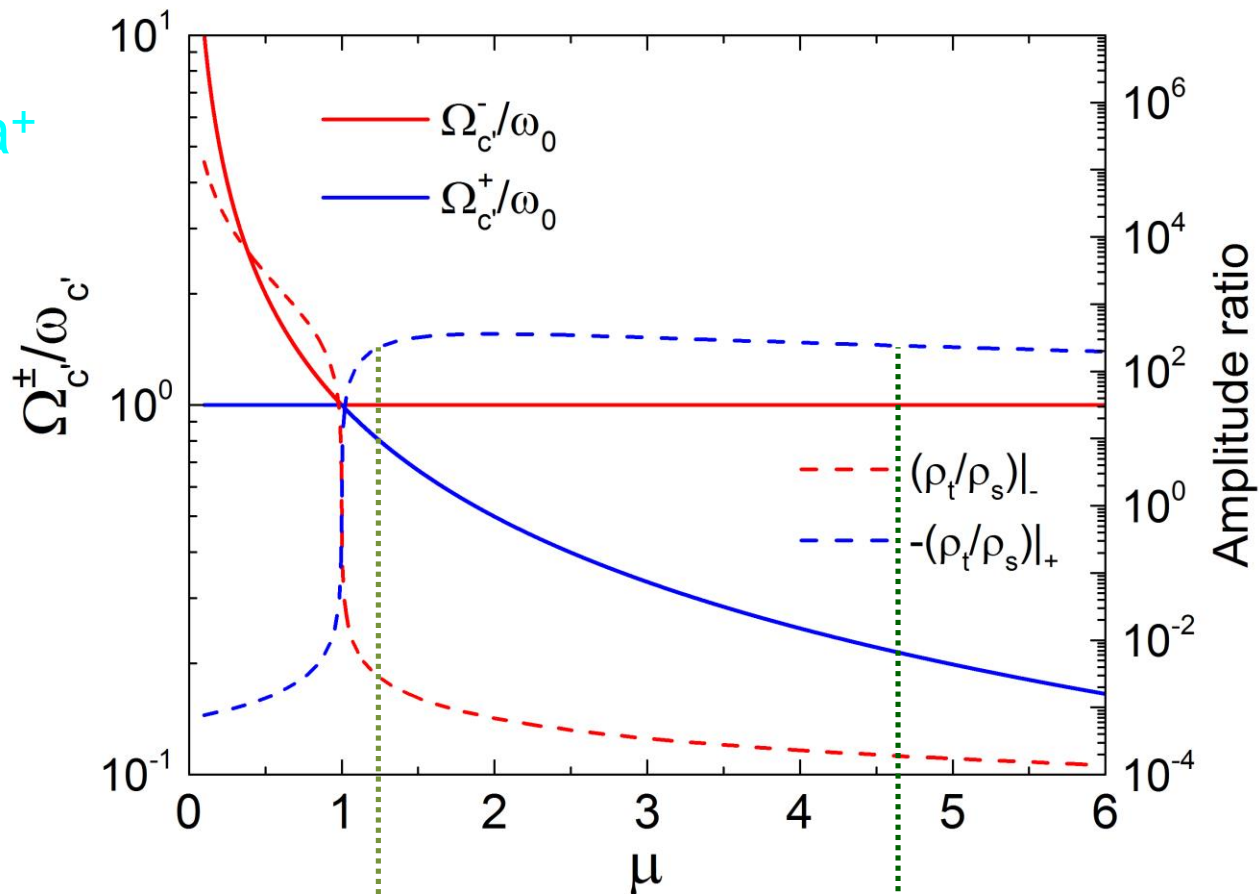
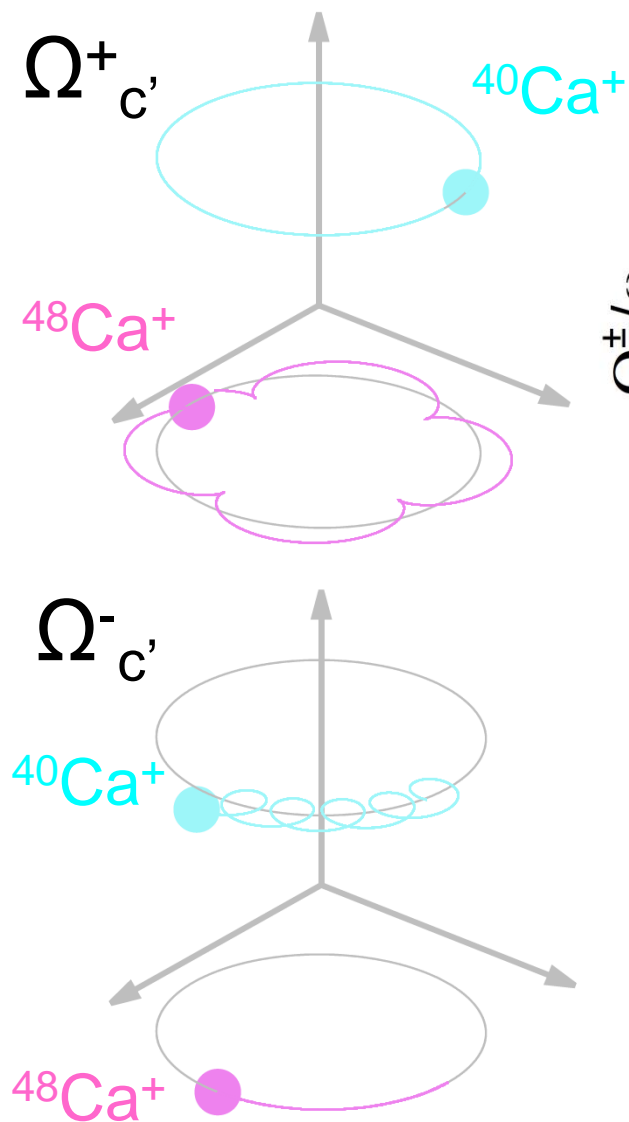
- Axial motion equivalent to Paul trap

Eur. Phys. J. D 13(2), 261-269 (2001), Phys. Rev. Lett. 93 (2004) 243201.

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# Dynamics of an Unbalanced Crystal

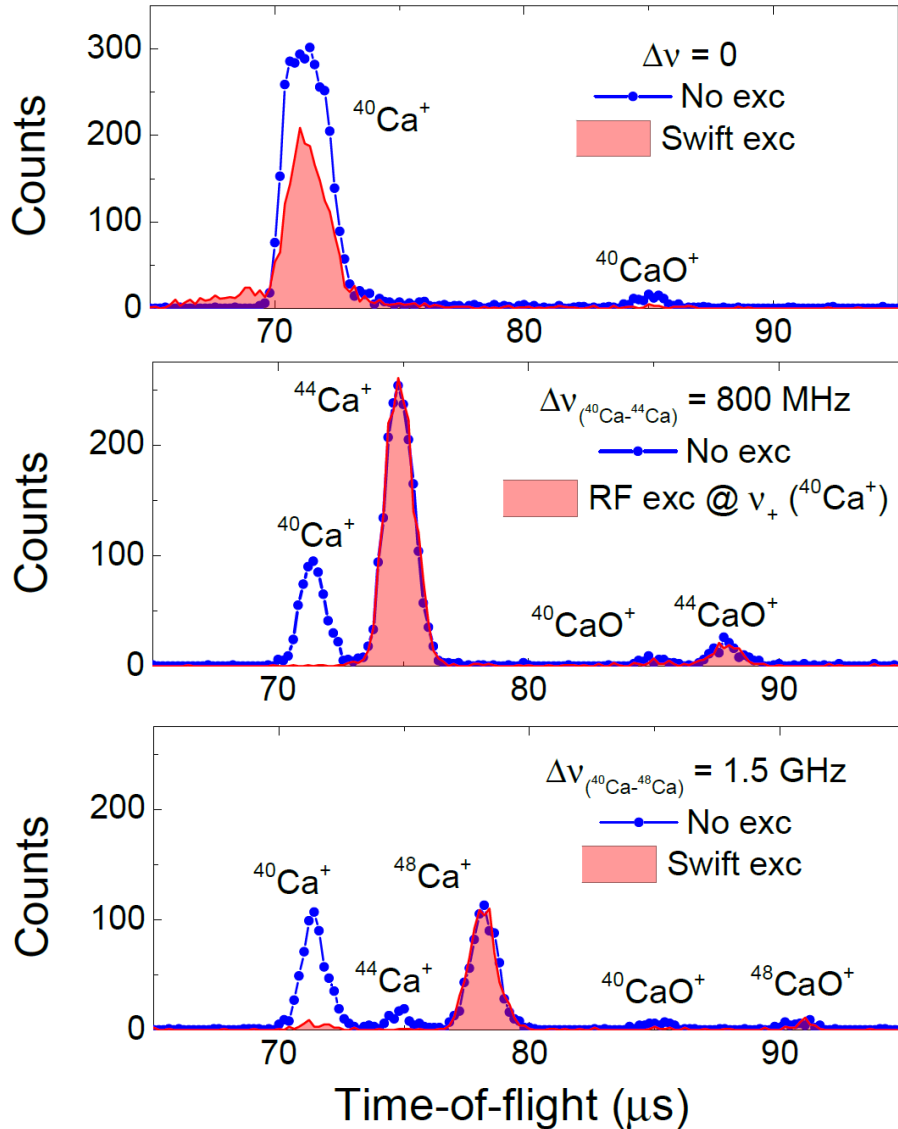
## ➤ Radial motion



$^{40}\text{Ca}^+ - ^{48}\text{Ca}^+$

$^{40}\text{Ca}^+ - ^{187}\text{Re}^+$

# A Very Close (in Time) Experiment



➤ Optical detection

Mass measurement

$$\sum_{i=1}^6 \omega_i^2 = \omega_{cs}^2 + \omega_{ct}^2$$

[arXiv:1812.06755v2](https://arxiv.org/abs/1812.06755v2)

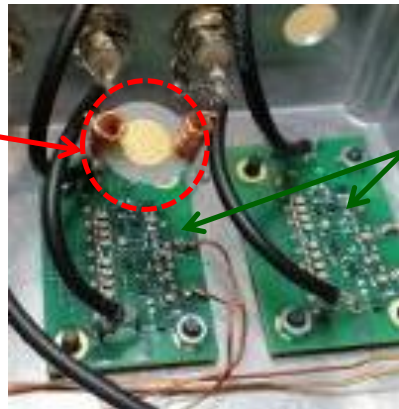
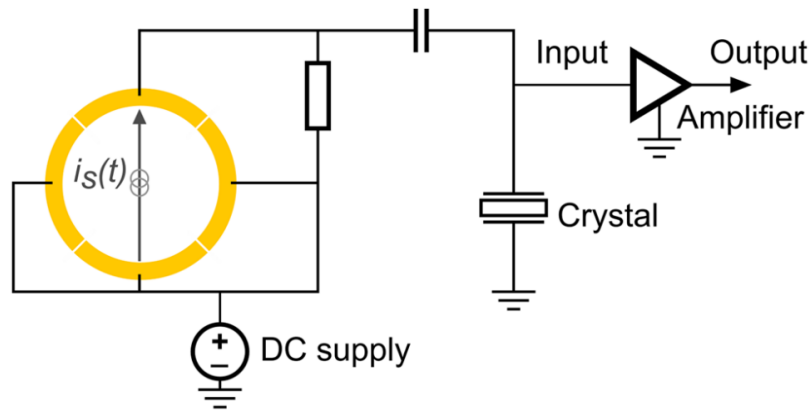
➤ Frequency shifts

$$\Delta\Omega = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 6 \times 6 \\ \text{matrix} \end{array} \right\} \left[ n_{\text{ph}} \right]$$

Need still to perform this measurement in a Penning trap

# IIC using a quartz amplifier

## ➤ Detection scheme

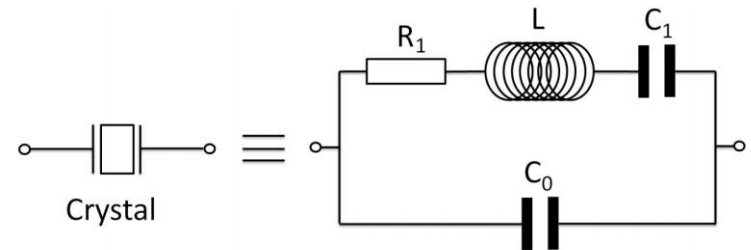


Quartz crystal

PCB amplifier circuits

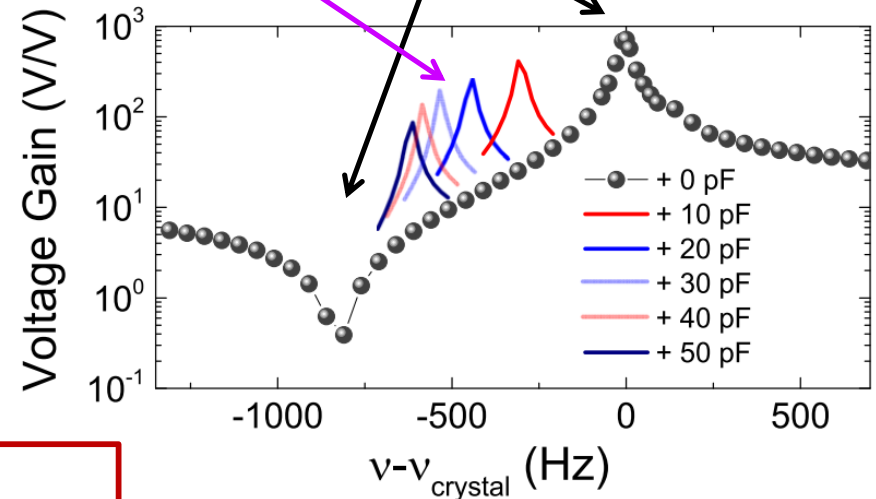
GaAs HJ-FET low-noise transistors

## ➤ Quartz crystal circuit model



circuit/ trap tuning

2 resonances



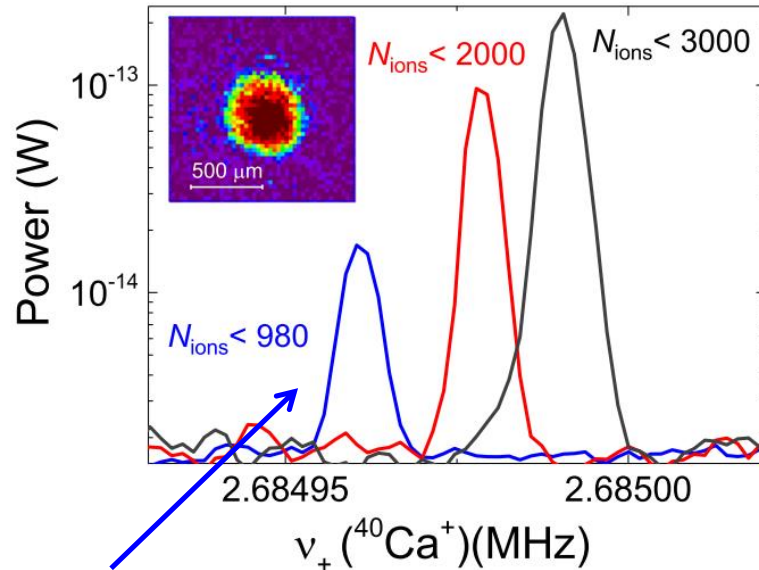
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- Univ. Mainz (M. Block's group)



# IIC using a quartz amplifier

## ➤ Broadband results



S/N ~ 9



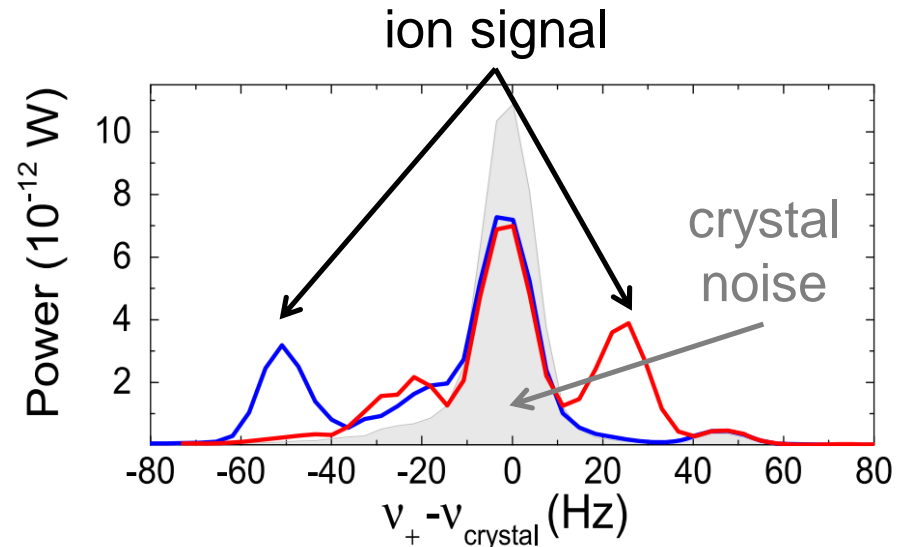
~110 ions  
lower limit

- Number of photons
- Cloud dimensions

$$n_0 = \frac{2m\epsilon_0\omega_p(\omega_c - \omega_p)}{q^2}$$

✓ Factor of **40** improvement

## ➤ Narrowband results



✓ First signal with ions



✓ New results on heavy ions (Mainz) {

- cryogenics
- near to trap

# Conclusions

- ❑ A new Penning-trap mass spectrometry technique based on optical detection under development at the University of Granada.
- ❑ Cooling of all the motions of trapped  $^{40}\text{Ca}^+$  ions in a 7-tesla Penning trap has been accomplished (also axialization). Successful cooling of externally injected ions has been carried out.
- ❑ The Eigenmodes and frequency shifts of an unbalanced two-ions crystal in a Penning trap have been studied in detail.
- ❑ We can also combine optical detection with other techniques: Quartz Crystal Amplifier.

# Perspectives

- ❑ We still has to reach the single laser-cooled ion. A very first experiment with e.g.  $^{40}\text{Ca}^+$ - $^{48}\text{Ca}^+$  should take place soon.
- ❑ Measurements using any other isotopes like  $^{187}\text{Re}^+$  and  $^{187}\text{Os}^+$  (already produced in the system) can be performed using the external injection.
- ❑ Performing side-band cooling will be possible since very soon will get the laser equipment to access the clock transition in  $^{40}\text{Ca}^+$ . From this moment we will be able to measure precisely our frequencies using a comb.

# Thank you for your attention

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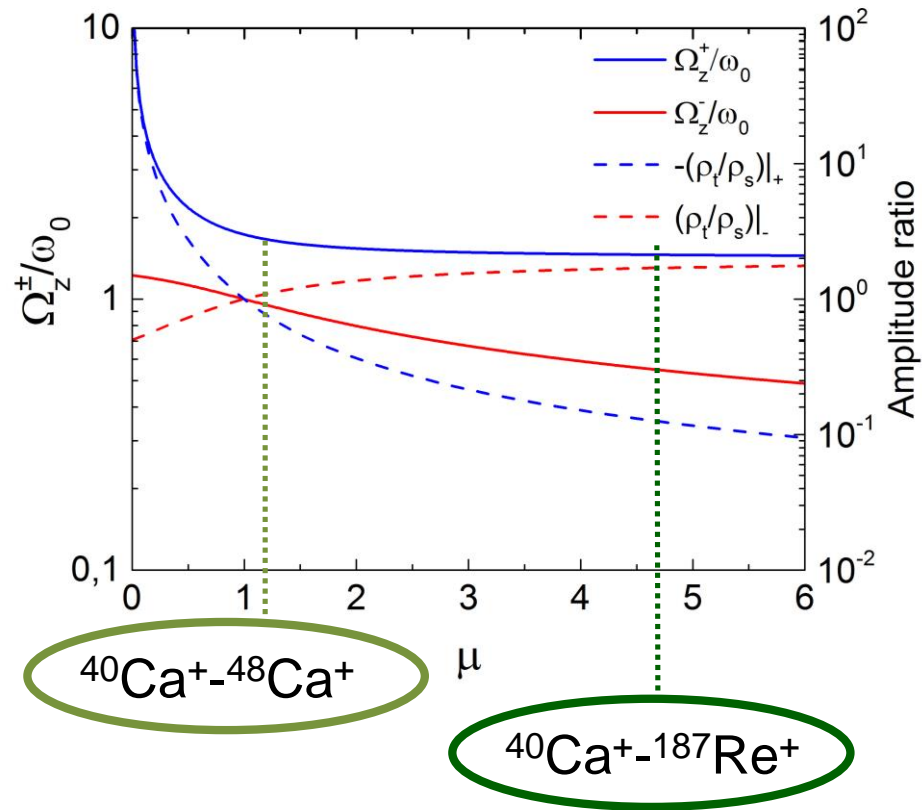






# Axial motion

## ➤ Axial motion



# 6x6 matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta\Omega_{c'}^- \\ \Delta\Omega_{c'}^+ \\ \Delta\Omega_m^+ \\ \Delta\Omega_m^- \\ \Delta\Omega_z^- \\ \Delta\Omega_z^+ \end{pmatrix} = 2\pi \times \begin{pmatrix} 0.0004 & 0.0016 & 0.3967 & 0.0000 & -0.0012 & -0.0162 \\ 0.0016 & 0.0004 & 0.4942 & 0.0000 & -0.0010 & -0.0124 \\ 0.3967 & 0.4942 & -0.4094 & -0.0003 & 2.0643 & -1.2477 \\ 0.0000 & 0.0000 & -0.0003 & -0.0000 & 0.0000 & 0.0000 \\ -0.0012 & -0.0010 & 2.0643 & 0.0000 & -0.0014 & 0.0172 \\ -0.0162 & -0.0124 & -1.2477 & 0.0000 & 0.0172 & 0.0469 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} n_{c'}^- \\ n_{c'}^+ \\ n_m^+ \\ n_m^- \\ n_z^- \\ n_z^+ \end{pmatrix} \text{ Hz}$$