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Moon Halo

Nuclear Halo

Mass measurements of Halos

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LABORATOIRE NATIONAL CANADIEN POUR LA RECHERCHE EN PHYSIQUE NUCLÉAIRE ET EN PHYSIQUE DES PARTICULES

Propriété d'un consortium d'universités canadiennes, géré en co-entreprise à partir d'une contribution administrée par le Conseil national de recherches Canada



- 1. What binds protons and neutrons into stable nuclei and rare isotopes and where are the limits of existence? Fundamental understanding of the strong force and leading to extreme nuclei, as close to neutron stars as we get!
- 2. When and how did the elements from iron to uranium originate? Can we explain observed element abundances and do we understand reaction processes?
- 3. What is the origin of simple patterns in complex nuclei? Where does symmetry affect nuclei, and can we use it to understand symmetry concepts that shape the Universe?
- 4. What causes stars to explode? The life and death of stars, & nuclear reaction fuel stars, and emitted particles (like neutrinos) and light help us understand better how the Universe functions.





Perspectives on Subatomic Physics in Canada 2006-2016

The Frontiers of Nuclear Science, a tone assure an Global quest in understanding these questions.

Multi facetted approach with various facilities and experiments

Need combined effort in theory and experimental nuclear physics.



Rare isotopes is what we need

Example regions to study:

- 1: halo nuclei
- 2: nuclear structure, 'Island of Inversion'
- 3: nuclear astrophysics; v-rp-, rp-process,
- & Test of CVC
- 4: neutron-rich: r-process, crust process and nuclear structure
- 5: super-heavy nuclei







Strange form of matter: Halo nuclei an 'old' phenomena, but new methods



Very low binding of neutrons

WTRIUMF The helium isotope chain

Shows many interesting features:



lives 806 ms

lives 108 ms

They are exotic short lived nuclei & they can be investigated experimentally. From a comparison of theoretical predictions with experiment we can test our knowledge on nuclear forces in the most neutron rich region.

RIUMF Halo Nuclei = extra large nuclei

Halo

⁸He

¹¹Li

¹⁴Be

T_{1/2}

119 ms

8.8 ms

4.4 ms

Know halos (more out there)





- Short-lived
- few nucleon system
 - test for theory at extreme conditions
 - difficult to produce and measure
 - Few have ever been directly measured

RIUMF Halo Nuclear: Size

Nuclear radius: R_N ~r₀ A^{1/3} Nuclear Radii





Halo nuclei = very low binding energies @ the drip lines



6 Be 2p=100%	7 Be EC=100%	⁸ Be α=100%	9 Be Abundance=100.%	10 Be β ⁻ =100%	¹¹ Be β ⁻ =100%	12 Βe β ⁻ =100%	¹³ Be n?	¹⁴ Be β⁻=100%	
5 Li p=100%	6 Li Abundance=7.59%	7 Li Abundance=92.41%	8 Li β⁻=100%	9 Li β ⁻ =100%	10 Li n=100%	11 Li 3⁻=100%	12 Li n?		drip line
4 He Abundance=99.999863%	⁵ He n=100%	<mark>⁶ Ηe</mark> β ⁻ =100%	7 He n=100%	⁸ He β ⁻ =100%	⁹ He n=100%	¹⁰ He 2n=100%			

WTRIUMF Halo Nuclei: Borromean Rings



- Three rings interlinked in such a way that
 - All three hold together
 - Remove any one, and the other two fall apart!
 - Like: 9Li + n + n
 - But not 9Li + n
 - Not n + n

Borromean rings, the heraldic symbol of the Princes of Borromeo, are carved in the stone of their castle at Lake Maggiore in northern Italy.

Жтпим Halo Nuclei: A simple model 9Li + 2n

Schrödinger equation for a spherically symmetric square-well:

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \rho^2} + \frac{2}{\rho}\frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} + 1 - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2}\right)R_l(r) = 0$$



$$\frac{I}{\rho = \alpha r} \qquad Hi$$

$$\frac{P = i\beta r}{\rho = i\beta r}$$

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{2m(V_0 - |E|)}{\hbar^2}} \qquad \beta = \sqrt{\frac{2m|E|}{\hbar^2}}$$

$$\frac{R_1(r) \propto j_1(\alpha r)}{R_1(r) \propto h_1^{(1)}(i\beta r)}$$

$$\frac{R_0(r) \propto \frac{\sin(\alpha r)}{r}}{r} \qquad R_0(r) \propto \frac{e^{-\beta r}}{r}$$

G.P. Hansen & B. Jonson EPL 4, 409, 1987

WTRIUMF Halo Nuclei – 'real' theory

halo nuclei are a challenge to theory

- It is difficult to describe the extended wave function properly
- They test nuclear forces at the extremes, where less has been described theoretically or tested



Cluster models:



3-body models with phenomenological interactions
⁶He, ¹¹Li - borromean systems
can do reactions, specialized calculations
but difficult to add core polarizations



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Ab-initio calculations: treat the nucleus as an A-body problem



full antisymmetrization of the w.f.

use modern Hamiltonians to predict halo properties

 $H = T + V_{NN} + V_{3N} + \dots$

Methods: GFMC, NCSM, CC

EXTRIUME Testing and refining theory

- In order to test and improve the theoretical models or approaches we need
 - Experimental data; accurate and precise
 - Data from ground states (moments, masses, size and shapes)
 - Data from excited states and decay
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TITAN does precision mass spectroscopy on very short-lived isotopes.







- CKM unitarity test
- CVC hypothesis
- search for scalar currents



TITAN can measure

- singly charged ions
- highly charged ions (HCIs)



Neutron number N



 \rightarrow Key collaboration with MPI-K HD

TRIUMF ISAC @ TRIUMF, today



Yields: ¹¹Li 4*10⁴/s, ⁷⁴Rb 2*10⁴/s, ⁶²Ga 2*10³/s Ion sources: surface, laser, FEBIAD, ECR (test)

Highest power for On-Line facilities, we go up to $100\mu A$ @ 500MeV DC proton

ISAC has 3 exper. areas:

- Low energy (60keV)
- ISAC I (cont. up 1.8 MeV/u)
- ISAC II (up to 18 MeV/u, present licence to 5 MeV/u)

Many experimental stations:

- TRINAT, Beta-NMR, 8pi, tape-station, TITAN, Co-linear laser spec, polarised beam line, etc DRAGON, TUDA, TACTIC, GPS (Leuven)
- TIGRESS, EMMA (2010), GPS (Maya)





TRIUMF ISOL production @ TRIUMF in the future



Proposal:

•BL4N is proposed to deliver 500-MeV protons to two actinide target stations for beam production

•Provide independent production for 'new isotopes' and for 12 months running (during cyclotron sgutdown)

•Develop new ISAC front end to permit three simultaneous RIB beams (two accelerated)

CFI proposal for e-linac approved with \$M17.7 (+\$M17.7)



TITAN system overview





TITAN set-up @ ISACI





PT Mass accuracy and HCIs





Electron Beam Ion Trap

- Ion trap, which traps & produces highly charged ions (HCI's) with high-current electron beam compressed to high current densities by a strong (~Tesla) axial magnetic field.
- The advantage of an EBIT over other charge breeders is the possibility of reaching welldefined high charge states and a rapid breeding process needed for short-lived isotopes.





HCIs from the EBIT

What we expect from 'theory':

B-field (6 T) compresses e^{-} beam $\Rightarrow e^{-}$ density up to 40 000 A/cm² \Rightarrow increased ionization rate





requirements for charge breeding:

- efficient
- fast





TITAN EBIT on the move from HD









The EBIT @ TITAN (4 weeks later)

LEGe X-ray detector ~3 – 100 keV



WTRIUMF TITAN RESULTS & IMPACT

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TITAN mass measurements on very shortlived halo isotopes.





- TITAN mass measurements for Li-6
- solved conflict with AME (SMILETRAP had found different value than JILA-trap)
- M. Brodeur visited G. Audi (Orsay) and performed AME (* private communication)
- •TITAN agrees with SMILE-trap value
- TITAN most precise value for new AME
- Submitted to Phys Rev C (M. Brodeur)

6Li	Δ (keV)	δm/m
AME03	14086.793(15)	3×10 ⁻⁹
SMILETRAP	14086.880(37)	7×10 ⁻⁹
TITAN	14086.890(21)	4×10-9
NEW AME*	14086.881(15)	3×10 ⁻⁹



TITAN contributes to mass table even for stable ions!



-AME03 (keV)

Meas-

-60

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AME2003 δm=19 keV

TITAN_(stat)δm(¹¹Li)=0.555 keV

Halo mass measurements



- TITAN mass measurement of 6,7,8,9,11Li
 - Improved precision, S_{2n} improved by factor 7
 - Shortest-lived isotope ($T_{1/2}$ =8.8ms) for Penning trap mass measurement!
 - Final analysis $\delta m = 650 \text{ eV}$
 - PRL M. Smith et al PRL 101, 202501 (2008)



CRIVMF On-line measurements: Helium

- First direct measurement of ^{6,8}He
- factor 10 improvement in precision over previous indirect result for ⁸He
- ⁶He also measured (publication in prep.)







	Δ_{TITAN} (keV)	$\Delta_{ m AME03}$ (keV)	δm/m
⁴ He	2424.914(26)	2424.91565(6)	7×10-9
⁸ He	31610.77(69)	31598(7)	9×10-8



One neutron halo: Beryllium



- New measurements of the mass of ^{9,10,11}Be measured, stable masses changed!
- ¹¹Be mass improved by over factor 10.

R. Ringle et al., Phys Lett B 675, 170-174 (2009)



Highest precision halo mass measurement

TITAN halo harvest & one more mass





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Experimental data as input for theory:

GFMC Quantum Monte Carlo Method, Uses local two- and three-nucleon forces



short range phenomenology



RIUMF

parameters of the IL2 force are obtained from a fit of 17 ground states masses and excitation of A \leq 10

TITAN measured 8 ground state masses, found deviations up to 7 σ from AME 2003 and reached for some up to one order of mag. improvements in precision.

Reached precision will not 'help' here, BUT check for consistency & needed for charge radius determination

NOW: let's use theory to PREDICT properties: masses and radii

Binding Energy predictions



Experimental data



SOME IMPROVEMENT NEEDED: But very promising progress. **EXTRIUMF** Let's look at Charge Radius

Isotope Shift = Frequency difference in an atomic (electron) transition between two isotopes



Charge radius predictions





TITAN: first Highly Charged Ions



TITAN: stable HCI mass measurements





- TITAN mass measurement program underway for accurate and precise mass measurements on short-lived isotopes
 - Li-11 shortest-lived isotope every measured in PT, resolved conflict in mass measurements with existing data. Our precision leads to charge radius re-evaluation and reduced error.
 - Be-11, 12 tremendous improvement of precision in mass. New atomic physics calculation and our mass leads to exclusion of systematic uncertainty due to mass.
 - He-6,8 measured. Lightest isotopes ever mass measured at on-line PT
- TITAN is performing very well, systematic studies with stable ions to check precision and accuracy, confirmed 2ppb-level precision
- More measurements planned for Halo- and neutron-skin program: Be, C, Ne,...
- Fastest PT system coupled to on-line facility
- EBIT for high charge states is operational, coupled to TITAN and on-line run carried out, mass measurements to be done this year....
- Stay tuned
- New cooler trap system for HCIs, planned for installation in Winter 2009 (V. Simon, MPI-K, will work on system)



Other TITAN experiments: 2v2β-decay for nuclear matrix elements

 Help nuclear theory to aid the neutrino physics community understand the neutrino-mass problem (for example:







Rare, spontaneous nuclear reaction:

 $2\nu\beta\beta: (Z, A) \to (Z+2, A) + e^{-} + e^{-} + 2\nu \quad \Delta L = 0 \quad (T_{1/2} \sim 10^{21} \text{ y})$ $0\nu\beta\beta: (Z, A) \to (Z+2, A) + e^{-} + e^{-} \qquad \Delta L = 2 \quad (T_{1/2} > 10^{25} \text{ y})$

Lepton number violation (unexpected in the SM)





- What is the nature of neutrinos? Dirac or Majorana?
- Which mass hierarchy is realized in nature?
- What is the absolute mass-scale for neutrinos?

A neutrinoless double beta decay experiment, like GERDA has the potential to answer all three questions, **but 'rocky road' via nuclear physics!**



Double beta decay

$$(T_{1/2}^{0\nu})^{-1} = G^{0\nu} |M^{0\nu}|^2 m_{\beta\beta}^2$$
 Linking decay rate to effective neutrino mass via Nuclear Matrix Element M^{0v}

PROBLEM: need M⁰^v to ~ 20% to make useful statements F. Deppisch and H. Päs *PRL* 98 232501 (2007) & models are often in conflict with experimental results (single branch).



Shell model: E. Caurieratal. Rev. Mod. Phys. 77, 427 (2005).



theoretical models:

- proton-neutron Quasiparticle Random Phase Approximation (pnQRPA)
- nuclear shell model
- interacting boson model
- adjustable particle-particle parameter \mathbf{g}_{pp}
- fix \mathbf{g}_{pp} with $2\nu\beta\beta$ decay (very sensitive on \mathbf{g}_{pp})



• $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay much less dependent on \mathbf{g}_{pp}





Branching ratio determination



EC-signature: X-ray after electron capture

β-signature: electrons

BUT:

small BR (10^{-4/5}) and difficult signature of low-energy Xray in gamma background

possible bremsstrahlung background

isobar and decay daughter contamination



Novel concept: use Penning trap



EBIT in Penning trap mode confinement:

- axial by electrostatic field
- B-field (6 T)



in-trap spectroscopy:

strong B field \rightarrow spatial separation of X-ray and b-particles segmented trapping electrodes \rightarrow close placement of X-ray detectors extract ions after observation time \rightarrow low

background β -dectector \rightarrow anti-coincidence



TITAN-EC Set-up





¹⁰⁷In well known X-ray (mainly due to EC) and γ intensities

Main Goals: • can we trap and store ions? (done with stable ions)

- do the β detector (PIPS) and X-ray detectors work in B- field?
- can we detect X-ray and γ –rays?
- can we detect β from trap?

Optimistic Goal: can we reproduce X-ray, γ –ray intensities and EC-BR?





Detector performance in B-field





Relative Intensities

use 205 keV with I = 47.2% as a reference

Ge 1st h: γ-rays

peak [keV]	intensity [%]	uncertainty [%]	
321	10.3	2.6	
	10.2	0.3	literature
506	13.6	4.2	
	11.9	0.4	literature

Ge 1st h: X-rays:

peak [keV]	intensity [%]	uncertainty [%]	
23	35.1	10.5	
	40.5	1.48	literature
26	10.0	3.2	
	7.84	0.24	literature

$$\Rightarrow BR(EC) = (58 \pm 16) \%$$

Ge: not resolved; LeGe: too few counts





- Can we load ions in trap and store efficiently for long time? ☑
- How many ions can we load? Need to do more off-line work; want 10⁶ in the trap.
- Can we put X-ray detectors near the trap (hence into the B-field)? ☑ need to check resolution.
- Can we use beta Si(Li) detector in the B-field? ☑ looks go, we did systematic tests and did not see change in resolution for 0,2,3,5 Tesla for x-ray lines (question for γ-energy?) Complete digital read-out system (Tig10-units)
- Can we suppress background nuclei be extracting trap content backwards? ☑

we extracted the beam backwards and could see some contribution from the daughter isotopes Cd. Need to investigate looses (maybe deeper trap?)

- Overall very successful run, good proof of principle experiment for first in-trap gamma spectroscopy.
- Next test scheduled for Summer 2009, and full detector system in Fall 2009.



- Rare isotopes provide a unique window into some of the most pressing questions in understanding the universe:
 - Strong force
 - Symmetries
 - Neutrinos
 - Nucleo-synthesis
 - Life and death of stars
 - ...
- TITAN carries our precise and accurate mass measurements on halo nuclei, breaking a number of PT records.
- TITAN offers other unique experimental opportunities, like double beta-decay (and more...)
- ISAC @ TRIUMF is one of the world leader in rare isotope physics, with bright future, much, much more to come.

Thank you for your attention!

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See you in Vancouver!



TITAN EBIT

Design values	
Max. e-beam energy	~70 keV [reached 25 keV]
Max. e-beam current	500 mA [reached: 400 mA]
Max. magnetic field strength	6 Т
Beam diameter (FWHM)	~40 μm
Electron beam current density	~10 ⁵ A/cm ²
Number of trapped ions	10 ⁶ -10 ⁸
Beam energy spread	~50 eV
Highest charge state	~ He-like U, q=90+









X-ray spectroscopy:

- diagnostics tool for charge breeding
- EC-BR measurement (approved proposal S1066)

Dipole Cleaning in EBIT







ion trap technique to get rid of unwanted species:

- apply RF at reduced cyclotron frequency of species (↔ eigenmotion)
- increases radius until ions leave the trap

E-beam energy: 3.880 keV E-beam current: ~5 mA Breeding time: 100 ms Extraction (dump) time: 1 ms (E-beam switched)

Efficiency & Time Budget

A+	Efficiency	time
RFQ	~65 %	10ms – 1s
RFQ to MPET	~100%	
MPET	~ 100% (?)	10ms – 1s
Total	~65 %	10ms – 1s



A ^{+q}	Efficiency	time
RFQ	~65 %	10ms – 1s
RFQ to EBIT	~100%	
charge breeding	~50%	< 200 ms
(He or Ne-like)	(simulations)	(dep. on e⁻ current)
EBIT to MPET (A ⁺)	50-60 %	
EBIT to MPET (A ^{+q})	not measured	
MPET	~ 100% (?)	10ms – 1s
Total	~16-20 %	30ms - 1.2s



Coupling to ISAC: TITAN RFQ

Linear gas filled Paul trap, to convert 'hot' DC ISAC beam into cool bunches. Uses fast switches to generate RF-field (broad-band, no amplifier needed)











- Emittance $\epsilon_{95\%}$ = 6.1 π mm mrad
- 68% DC efficiency for ¹³³Cs⁺ in He
- 15% DC efficiency for ^{6,7}Li⁺ in He
- 60% DC efficiency for ${}^{6}\text{Li}^{+}$ in H₂
- Pulses as short as 50 ns FWHM @ up to 1 kH



 Will be used for laser spectroscopy to improve S/N ratio using cooled bunches



