UPGRADES TO TAMUTRAP FACILITY AND MASS MEASUREMENTS OF <sup>23</sup>NA

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### OUTLINE

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- Spherical Deflector & Beam Steerer
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#### BACKGROUND: BETA DECAY

- The Standard Model predicts that the  $\beta$ -v angular correlation parameter,  $a_{\beta\nu} = 1$
- However, if anything other than a W<sup>+</sup> boson is exchanged, a<sub>βν</sub> < 1.</li>
  This will be indications of physics beyond the Standard Model.
- TAMUTRAP will study  $a_{\beta\nu}$  for isospin T=2, 0+ $\rightarrow$ 0+ superallowed beta delayed proton emitters such as 32Ar



### BACKGROUND: PENNING TRAP

- Ions in a Penning trap are confined to a small area using a static electric field and a linear magnetic field
- TAMUTRAP uses a 7T magnet



## BACKGROUND: MOTION IN A PENNING TRAP



- Trapped ions undergo a combination of three eigen motions, axial(ω<sub>z</sub>), magnetron(ω<sub>-</sub>) and reduced cyclotron(ω<sub>+</sub>).
- Since  $\omega_+ + \omega_- = \omega_c$ , we can couple the frequencies by applying an oscillating field.
- The cyclotron frequency can then be used to find the mass of the particle.

$$\omega_c = \frac{QB_0}{M}$$



# TAMUTRAP

#### Beam Steerer

 Beam Steerer installed with a gate valve into section I of the beamline



# TAMUTRAP

### Spherical Deflector

 Replaced cylindrical deflector at 3<sup>rd</sup> 90 degree turn of the beamline



#### SPHERICAL DEFLECTOR





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#### After Deflector



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- Dis-assembled the beamline
- Cleaned each component
- Aligned the optical transit
- Installed new beam supports
- Re-installed components → coupled new components
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## THE PENNING TRAP

- New Trap Dimensions:
  - Inner radius = 90 mm
  - Length = 335 mm
  - $l/r_0$  = 3.72, much smaller than other traps such as ISOLTRAP, where  $l/r_0$  = 11.75
- Large inner radi will allow us to study the decay of ions whose protons have even a large Larmor radi, up to 42.7mm in the case of <sup>20</sup>Mg



Prototype Penning Trap





## THE PENNING TRAP

**Extraction Tube** 

- New design for the extraction tube has three segmented cooper tubes instead of only one solid tube
- Will allow us to re-accelerate particles as they leave the penning trap → hopefully lead to a decrease in beam loss.

#### MASS MEASUREMENTS

Time-of-flight cyclotron resonance technique

- Apply an RF at  $\omega_{,} \rightarrow$  increase in magnetron radius
- Apply excitation near  $\omega_c \to$  increase in radial energy and coupling of radial motions
- Ions are ejected along magnetic field lines → radial energy is converted to axial energy
- When rf is at resonance, ions will have greater axial energy and a shorter time of flight
- Run scans for two ions, and use one as a reference mass to negate need to know the magnetic field

$$\omega_c = \frac{QB_0}{M} \qquad \qquad m_{23Na} = \frac{f_{39K}}{f_{23Na}} (m_{39K} - m_e) + m_e$$



#### MASS MEASUREMENTS



#### 39 K

- Potassium was used as our reference mass
- Resonance frequency: 2766438.05(63) Hz
- Trapped Ion Energy: 115 eV
- Excitation time: 100ms

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#### 23 Na

- 23 Sodium is our subject ion
- Resonance frequency: 4688683.43(213) Hz
- Trapped Ion energy: 115eV
- Excitation time: 100ms
- Calculated mass: 22.98976593 (18)u
- Agrees with literature value to a precision of 1.5×10<sup>-7</sup>



#### TESTING OF SPHERICAL DEFLECTOR



39 K

- Demonstrate spherical deflector works
- Resonance frequency: 2766445.33(18) Hz
- Trapped Ion Energy: 90 eV
- Excitation time: 100ms

## CONCLUSIONS & FUTURE WORK

- We have the capabilities to measure the mass of ions to very high precisions
- These high precision mass measurements allow us to characterize the facility and perform better measurements in the future.
- Hardware upgrades will facilitate the use of radioactive beam at TAMUTRAP
- Gold plating of Penning trap & installation
- Realignment of Section I & II of the beamline + RFQ

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#### CYLINDRICAL DEFLECTOR





#### ASSEMBLY & CLEANING



#### SPHERICAL DEFLECTOR & BEAM STEERER

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