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02.01.2002 The 11 Greatest Unanswered Questions of Physics

Resolution of these profound questions could unlock the secrets of existence and deliver a new age of science within several decades by Eric Haseltine, Illustrations by Dan Winters & Gary Tanhauser

3. How were the heavy elements from iron to uranium made?

#### **The Chart of Nuclides**



## **Nuclear processes in astrophysics**

Standard Abundance Distribution (SAD) vs. A



## Stellar nucleosynthesis: fusion until iron



Nucleosynthesis after Big Bang: only He and Li are produced



No stable masses with A = 5 and A = 8

Decreasing density and temperature

Deuterons mostly destroyed by photodissociation

s process: slow n-capture and  $\beta$ - decay near valley of  $\beta$  stability at kT = 30 keV



## The r (rapid neutron capture) - process



## Are Supernovae IIa the sites of the r-process??



A possible scenario:

Supernovae IIa provide in the second of their outbreak a huge neutron flux creating a plenty of unstable neutron-rich nuclei

that decay by a chain of beta decays towards the valley of stability

## The rp (rapid proton capture) -process



In binary systems white dwarfs are accreting mass from its companion, leading to explosive hydrogen burning

 $\rightarrow$  Novae

mass accretion of a neutron star leads to

 $\rightarrow$  X ray bursts

## The rp-process: explosive H-burning



#### **Nucleosynthesis on the Chart of the Nuclides**



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## Masses and Half-lives: The deep entanglement of nuclear structure and stellar nucleosynthesis

#### Ring nebula M 57, Lyra

## 1913 - J. Thompson, Discovery of Isotopes (Nobel prize 1906)



## 1915-1925 – F.W. Aston Mass defect (Nobel prize 1922)



Aston's mass spectra for neon and chlorine, results from the first mass spectrograph in 1920



1950-60 Development of magnetic and electric sector-field separators Q-Value Measurements

1960-80 Mattauch-Herzog mass-spectrometer (quite low resolving power)

1980-90 Time-of-Flight spectrometers (quite low accuracy)

1990-Today Penning traps, storage rings

## **Masses: Fundamental Properties of Atomic Nuclei**

- Binding energies
- Mass models
- Shell structure
- Correlations
- pairing
- Reaction phase space
- Q-values
- Reaction probabilities
- > The reach of nuclei
- Drip lines
- Specific configurations and topologies
- > Nuclear astrophysics
- Paths of nucleosynthesis
- Fundamental symmetriesMetrology
- >





## Current status of experimental nuclear masses



## Up to 2004!

G. Audi et al., Nucl. Phys. A565, 1(1993); A 595, 409 (1995), A729.337(2003)

## **Predictive Powers of Mass Models**



# Production and Separation of Exotic Nuclei





## **Secondary Beams of Short-Lived Nuclei**



#### Heavy Ion Research Facility in Lanzhou (HIRFL)



## **Production & Separation of Exotic Nuclei**



Primary beams @ 400-1000 MeV/u

Highly-Charged lons (0, 1, 2 ... bound electrons)

In-Flight separation within ~ 150 ns

Cocktail or mono-isotopic beams





#### **Production & Separation of Exotic Nuclei**



#### **Production Cross-Sections for Tin-Isotopes**



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#### **Devices for precise mass measurements**

#### Penning trap



#### Storage ring



## particles at nearly rest in space relativistic particles \* ion cooling \* long storage times \* single-ion sensitivity \* high accuracy





## Magnetic rigidity

 $\frac{m \cdot v^2}{r} = q \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \to \frac{m \cdot v}{q} = B \cdot r$ 

r the bending radius of the magnets, also called  $\rho$  q the charge of the ions v the ion velocity m the mass of the ions B the magnetic field

## Storage ring vocabulary

To store ions, a set of magnetic elements such as dipoles, quadrupoles ... is needed which form the **lattice of the ring** 

Storage rings have a limited acceptance which can be expressed in terms of the beam **emittance**  $\epsilon$  and **momentum spread**  $\Delta p$ 

ε =**π α Δp**; (α angular divergence)

Liouville's law states that **emittance is strictly conserved** under the action of conservative forces. 'Tricks' to overcome this law are e.g. the various methods of '**beam cooling**'.

The ions move on periodic orbits around the ideal trajectory 's' ("Sollbahn"), performing **betatron oscillations**. The ratio of the betatron wavelength to the ring circumference is the **tune Q.** It should 'nt be a simple algebraic number such as 1, 2, ... or  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$  in order to avoid beam losses.

**Space charge sets a limit** on the maximum number of stored ions

lattice ? emittance ?

tune?

cooling?

space charge ?





## Lost planet or lost beam – all the same physics

Orbit of a former planet Ceres was periodically influenced by Jupiter

3.Kepler law:  $T^2/a^3 = const.$ 

 $\begin{array}{ll} 1 \ AU = 1.5 \cdot 10^8 \ km, & T_E = 1 \ y \\ a_M = 1.52, \ a_J = 5.20, & R_{MJ} = 0.29 \\ a_C = 2.77, & " & R_{CJ} = 0.53 \end{array}$ 



## **Tune diagram and working point**



Tuning does not demand a study of tunology, but rather the right feeling and the experience of decades

To save the beam, avoid any crossing of lines

How to do so, if the ions get acc(de)celerated ??

#### ESR : E<sub>max</sub> = 420 MeV/u, 10 Tm; e<sup>-</sup>, stochastic cooling



**Cooling techniques applied at ion rings** 

#### One may overcome Liouville theorem by applying external forces, with the aid of, e.g. :

• Lasers = transfer of momentum

#### • Electrons = mixing of temperatures

• Stochastic = self-correction





## Stochastic cooling (self-correction of trajectory)



Stochastic cooling is in particular efficient for hot ion beams Cooling time T scales as N<sub>ion</sub> / bandwith

## Stochastic cooling (self-correction of trajectory)



#### The Nobel Prize in Physics 1984

"for their decisive contributions to the large project, which led to the discovery of the field particles W and Z, communicators of weak interaction"



Carlo Rubbia ① 1/2 of the prize Italy CERN Geneva, Switzerland

Ь. 1934

Simon van der Meer 1/2 of the prize the Netherlands CERN Geneva, Switzerland

Ь. 1925

The Nobel Prize in Physics 1984 Press Release Presentation Speech

#### Carlo Rubbia Autobiography Nobel Lecture Banguet Speech

Simon van der Meer Autobiography Nobel Lecture

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# **Question 1**

In stochastic cooling one has to be very quick to send the pick-up signal to the other side of the ring, which is a nontrivial task. Why does one just not put a kicker next to the pickup and just wait when the particles come back after one revolution?

# Electron cooling (cold bath for ions)



Same mean velocity of e<sup>-</sup> and ions; strong magnetic guiding field; substitution of e<sup>-</sup> after a cycle

# **Question 2**

The cross-section for heavy highlycharged ion to capture an electron diverges at zero relative velocities! Why the electron cooling works ©

# **Electron Cooling**





# **Schottky Mass Spectrometry**

#### 1987 - B. Franzke, H. Geissel, G. Münzenberg

$$\frac{\Delta f}{f} = -\frac{1}{\gamma_t^2} \frac{\Delta(m/q)}{m/q} + \underbrace{\lambda v}_{v} \underbrace{\lambda v}_{v} \underbrace{\lambda v}_{v} \underbrace{\Delta v}_{v}_{v} \underbrace{\Delta v}_{v} \underbrace{\Delta v}_$$









# **SMS: Broad Band Frequency Spectra**



#### Direct Mass Measurement of <sup>208</sup>Hg Nuclide



L. Chen, Yu.A. Litvinov, W.R. Plass, et al., PRL 102 (2009) 122503

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# **Isochronous Mass Spectrometry**

1985 - H. Wollnik, Y. Fujita, H. Geissel, G. Münzenberg, et al.

$$\frac{\Delta f}{f} = -\frac{1}{\gamma_t^2} \frac{\Delta(m/q)}{m/q} + \underbrace{\gamma_t \gamma_t^2}_{\gamma_t \gamma_t}$$

$$\overbrace{\gamma_t \rightarrow \gamma}_{t}$$

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# **IMS: Time-of-Flight Spectra**



#### **Mass Measurements Relevant for Nucleosynthesis in Stars**

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## Star bursts pinned down

One of the main uncertainties in the burn-up of X-ray bursts from neutron stars has been removed with the weighing of a key nucleus,  $^{65}$ As, at a new ion storage ring.

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NATURE PHYSICS | VOL 7 | APRIL 2011 | www.nature.com/naturephysics

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Kein Halten am Wartepunkt

Hochpräzise Massenmessungen erklären die Kernreaktionen bei Ausbrüchen von Röntgenstrahlung. Physik Journal 10 (2011) Nr. 6



X.Tu, et al., PRL 106 (2011) 112501



#### Mass Measurements of <sup>58</sup>Ni Projectile Fragments New masses of <sup>43</sup>V, <sup>45</sup>Cr, <sup>47</sup>Mn, <sup>49</sup>Fe, <sup>51</sup>Co, <sup>53</sup>Ni, and <sup>55</sup>Cu



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Ca-Sc Cycle [L. Van Wormer, ApJ 432 (1994) 326]



X.L. Yan et al., ApJL 766 (2013) L8

#### **Direct Mass Measurements on the Chart of the Nuclides**



# **Half-life modifications**

Fundamental question:

"Can we change the decay rate or the half-life of a nucleus is its basic property ?!"

Nuclear decay constant is a fundamental constant which cannot be changed by external, non-nuclear processes

Rutherford E and Soddy F The radioactivity of thorium compounds II. The cause and nature of radioactivity J. Chem. Soc. Transactions 81 837–860 (1902)

Pressure, Temperature, Electromagnetic fields, Chemistry ...

G.T. Emery, Annu. Rev. Nucl. Sci. 22 (1972) 165: Effects of less than 1%

Modification of the electron density at the nucleus

# **Radioactive decays of highly-charged ions**

Nuclear weak decay in general form:  $n + \nu_e \leftrightarrow p + e^-$ 

i) continuum beta decay:

 $\begin{array}{l} n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e \\ p \rightarrow n + e^+ + \nu_e \end{array}$ 

ii) two-body beta decay:

 $\begin{array}{c} p+e_b^- \rightarrow n+\nu_e \\ n \rightarrow p+e_b^- + \bar{\nu}_e \end{array}$ 

 $p + e^- \rightarrow n + \nu_e$ 

Orbital electron capture (EC)

 $\beta^- - \text{decay}$ 

 $\beta^+ - \text{decav}$ 

Bound state beta decay  $(\beta_{\rm b}^-)$ 

Free electron capture



### **Nucleosynthesis on the Chart of the Nuclides**



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# **Radioactive decays of highly-charged ions**

Few-electron ions well-defined quantum-mechanical systems

New decay modes (bound-pair-creation, bound-state beta decay, etc.)

Influence of electrons on radioactive decay

Astrophysical scenarios: high temperature = high degree of ionization





## **Nuclear Decays of Stored Single Ions**

#### Time-resolved SMS is a perfect tool to study decays in the ESR



EC,  $\beta$ +, $\beta$ -, bound-state  $\beta$ , and IT decays were observed



# **Bound-State β-decay**



# Bound-State $\beta$ -decay of <sup>163</sup>Dy

s process: slow neutron capture and  $\beta$ - decay near valley of  $\beta$  stability at  $kT = 30 \text{ keV}; \rightarrow \text{high atomic charge state} \rightarrow \text{bound-state } \beta \text{ decay}$ 



branchings caused by bound-state  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  decay

M. Jung et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 69 (1992) 2164

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### **Bound-State β-decay of <sup>187</sup>Re**



F. Bosch et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 77 (1996) 5190

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#### The 7 Nuclear Clocks



#### **Bound-State Beta Decay of <sup>205</sup>Tl Nuclei**



#### New ESR proposal to study <sup>205</sup>TI<sup>81+</sup>

F. Bosch, Yu.A. Litvinov et al., GSI Proposal E100 (2010)



# **Two-Body Beta Decay**



# **Orbital Electron Capture Decay of Few-Electron Ions**



## **3-body Beta Decay**



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# **Orbital Electron Capture Decay of Few-Electron Ions**



# **Electron Capture in Helium-like Ions**

Gamow-Teller transition  $1^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ 



# **Orbital Electron Capture Decay of Few-Electron Ions**



Possibility to address the electron screening in beta decay under very clean conditions !

Yu.A. Litvinov, Int. J. Mod. Phys. E18 (2009) 323



### **New Resonant Schottky Cavity**



The signal-to-noise ratio is improved by a factor of about 100



F. Nolden et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. A (2011) in press





# **Three Parent He-Like <sup>142</sup>Pm Ions**



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For a (longitudinally) unpolarized beam the distribution should have a rectangular shape

For a (steadily controlled) polarized beam the distribution would provide the helicity of the neutrino



From  $v_r$  and  $m_r$  one gets the momentum of the (monochromatic) neutrino:  $(pc)_d = m_d cv_d = (pc)_v$ 

From m<sub>p</sub> and m<sub>d</sub> one gets its energy:  $E_v = (m_p - m_d) c^2$ and then  $\beta_v = E_v / (pc)_v$ 



# Exotic (radioactive) nuclides in high atomic charge states stored for an extended period of time

## **Radioactive ion beam facilities**

## High kinetic energies or electron beam ion source

## **Ultra-high vacuum conditions**





### β-delayed neutron emission probability



A. Evdokimov et al., Proc. NIC XI, PoS (NIC XII) 115

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# **CRYRING@ESR**

Project coordination: F. Herfurth & M. Lestinsky



**Slow extraction** 

Working group report: http://www.gsi.de/en/start/fair/fair\_experimente\_und\_kollaborationen/sparc/news.htm

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# The case of CRYRING

- ESR: beam energies > 4.0 MeV/ureaction rates measurements in the Gamow window of the **p-process**
- Q. Zhong et al., J. Phys. CS 202 (2010) 012011

Cryring+ESR: beam energies 0.1-1.0 MeV/u reaction rates measurements in the Gamow window of the **rp-process R.** Reifarth et al., Cryring Physics Book



S. Bishop et al., Cryring Physics Book

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#### **ILIMA Set-Up at FAIR**



## **ILIMA: Masses and Halflives**





#### **Physics at Storage Rings**



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