



Direct measurement of the ${}^3\text{He}^+$ magnetic moments

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Outline

1. Motivation for the HFS-measurement
2. Penning-trap measurement-principle
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4. Results and outlook



Motivation

First high-precision measurement of the ${}^3\text{He}^+$ hyperfine structure and direct measurement of the helion g -factor

g_e (bound-state electron g -factor)

- Comparison with theory value $\delta g_{e,\text{theo}} / g_{e,\text{theo}} \sim 10^{-13}$

g_I (shielded nucleus g -factor)

- Establish ${}^3\text{He}$ NMR probes for accurate magnetometry

| | Water NMR | ${}^3\text{He}$ |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Dependence on temperature | 1 | ➤ 1/100 |
| Dependence on probe shape | 1 | ➤ 1/1000 |
| Diamagnetic shielding | 1 measured | ➤ 1/10 calculated |

- Application: muon $g-2$ experiment

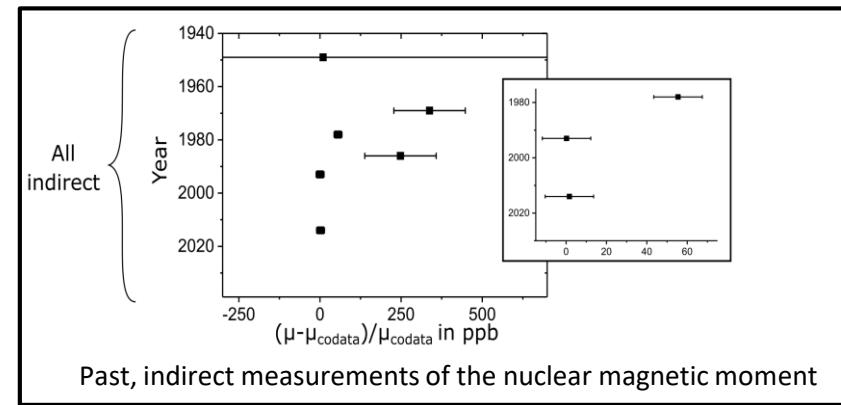
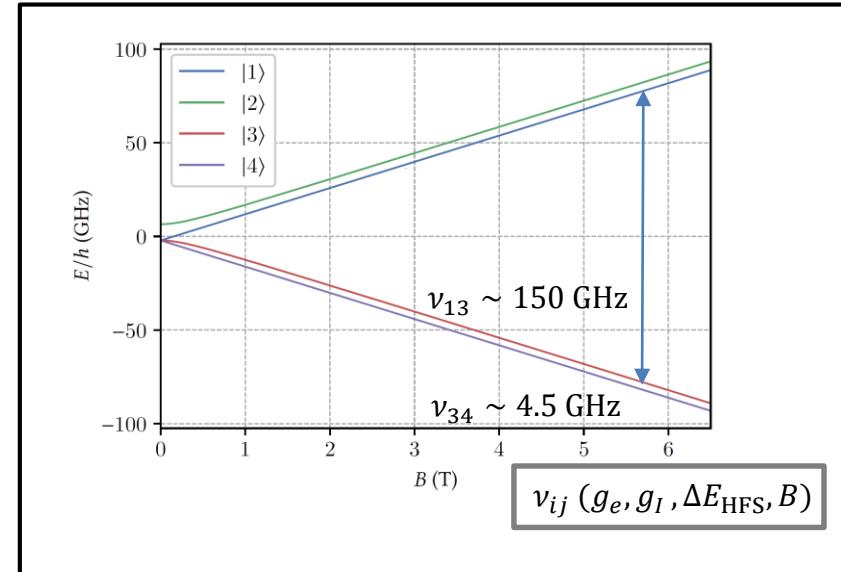
ΔE_{HFS} (zero-field hyperfine splitting)

- Extract nuclear structure with theory model

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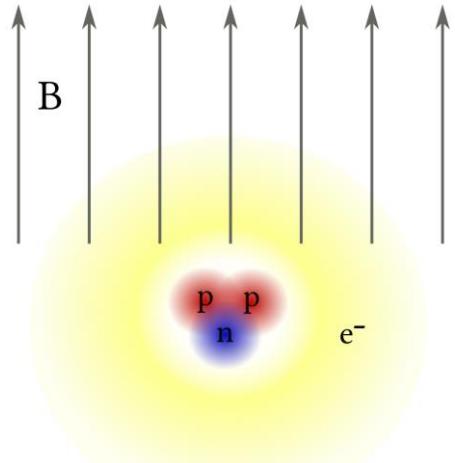
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Past, indirect measurements of the nuclear magnetic moment

Hyperfine structure of ${}^3\text{He}^+$

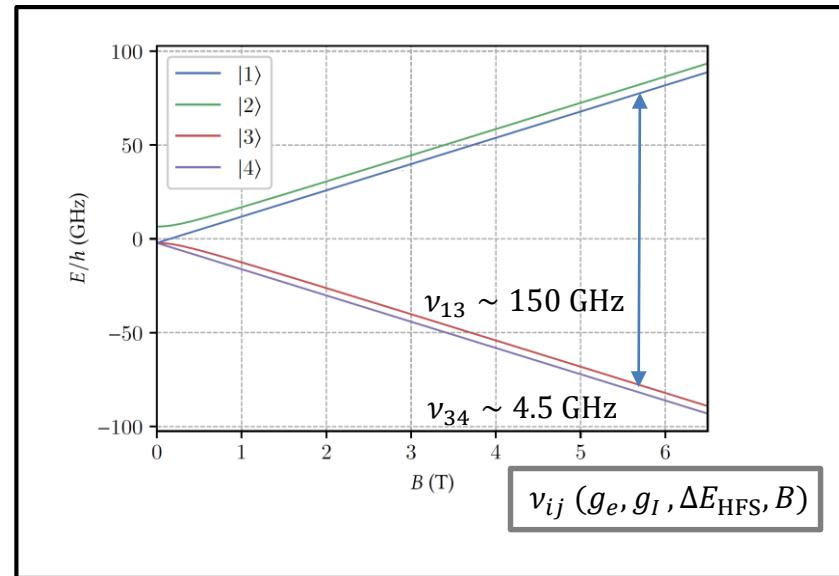


${}^3\text{He}^+$ in the electronic ground state

$$H = -\frac{1}{4} \Delta E_{\text{HFS}} (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^e \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}^I) - (\mu_e \boldsymbol{\sigma}^e + \mu_I \boldsymbol{\sigma}^I) \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

$-9 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{ J/T}$
 $-1 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ J/T}$

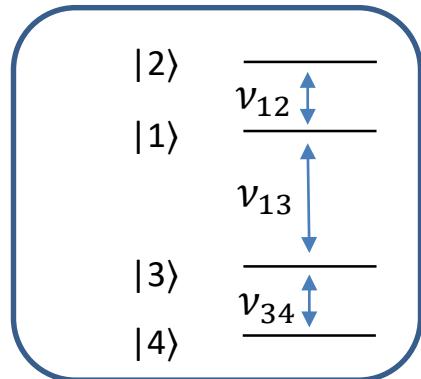
Energy eigenstates of the form:
E.g. $|2\rangle = a|+-\rangle + b|+-\rangle$



Breit-Rabi diagram of ${}^3\text{He}^+$

g-factor/HFS measurement

Excitation of spin transition



$$\nu_{ij} (g_e, g_I, \Delta E_{\text{HFS}}, B)$$

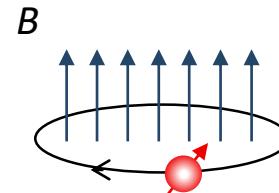
${}^3\text{He}^+$

$$g_e \sim \frac{1}{B} \frac{m_e}{e} f(\nu_{12}, \nu_{13}, \nu_{34})$$

$$g_I \sim \frac{1}{B} \frac{m_p}{e} f(\nu_{12}, \nu_{13}, \nu_{34})$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{HFS}} = h(\nu_{12} + \nu_{34})$$

Simultaneous cyclotron frequency measurement



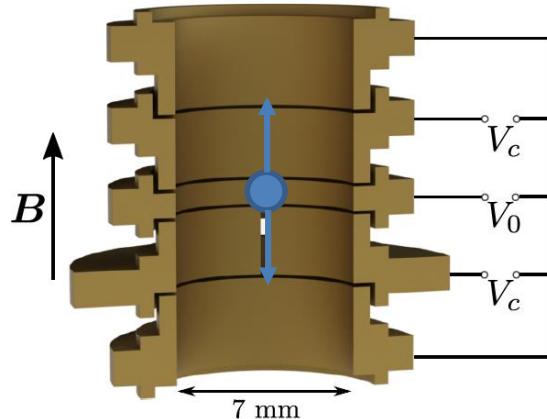
$$\nu_c = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{e}{m_{\text{He}}} B$$

B-field independent measurement of g_e , g_I and ΔE_{HFS}

Penning trap measurements with single ions

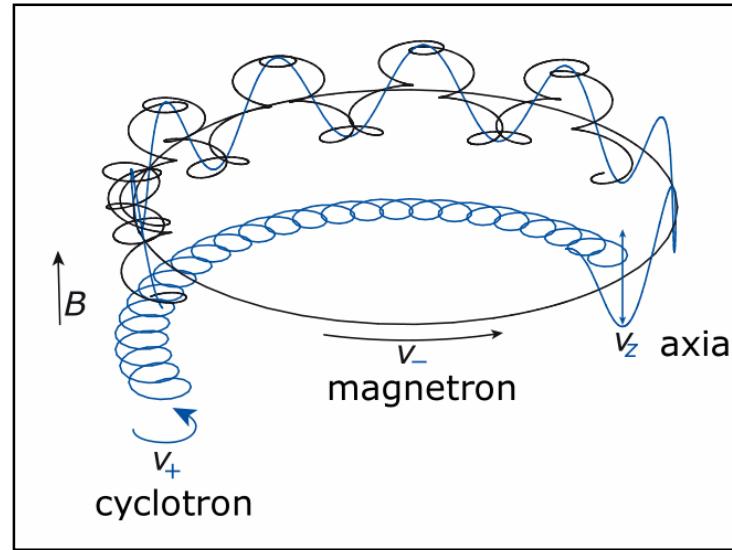
Radial confinement: $\mathbf{B} = B_0 \mathbf{e}_z$

Axial confinement: $\Phi(\rho, z) = V_0 C_2 (z^2 - \frac{\rho^2}{2})$



$$\nu_z = \sqrt{2C_2 V_0 q / m}$$

$$\nu_c = \sqrt{\nu_+^2 + \nu_-^2 + \nu_z^2} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{q}{m} B$$



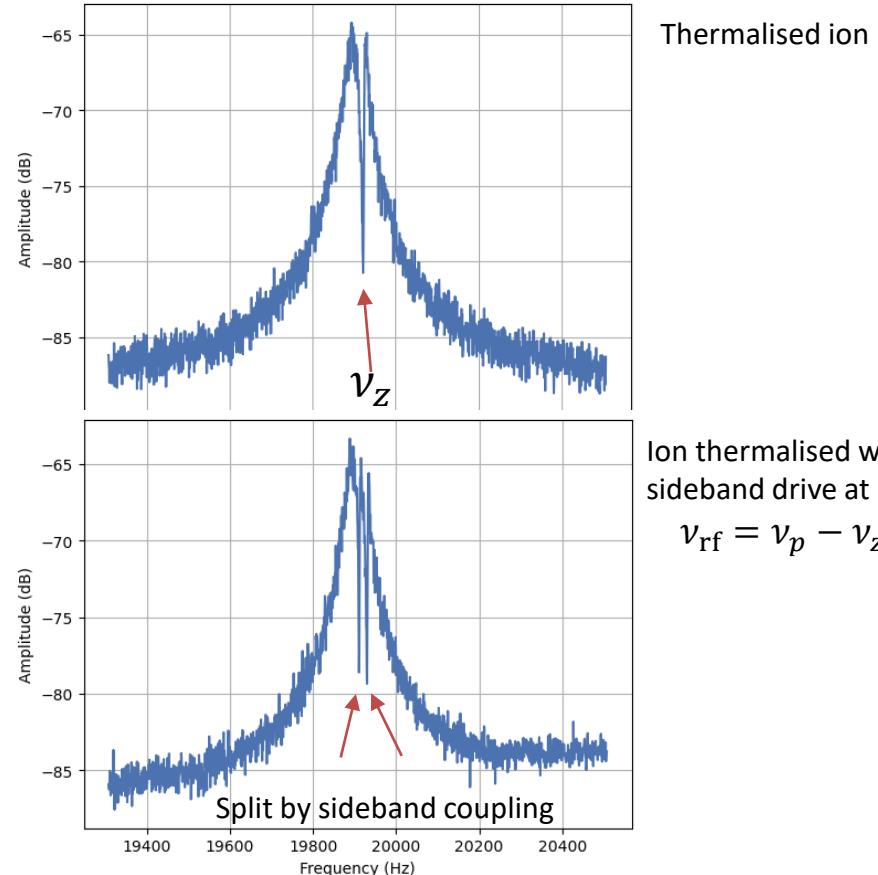
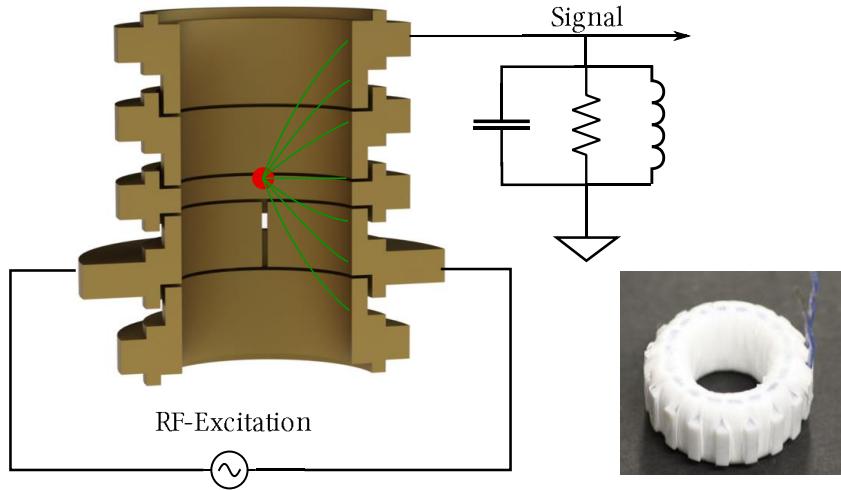
Typical values:

$$\nu_+ = 30 \text{ MHz}$$

$$\nu_- = 5 \text{ kHz}$$

$$\nu_z = 500 \text{ kHz}$$

Penning trap frequency detection



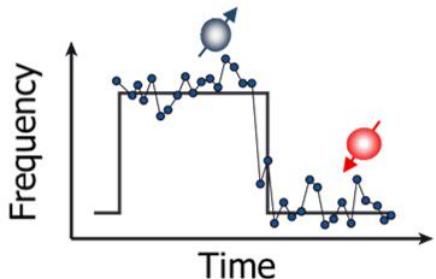
- Thermal noise spectrum of RLC circuit is measured
- By tuning the ion's ν_z to the resonance of the RLC circuit it thermalises to 4K

Penning trap spin-state detection

Addition of magnetic bottle inside separate analysis trap:

$$B_z = B_0 + B_2 z^2 \rightarrow \Delta\Phi(z) = -2 \frac{B_2}{m} \mu_i z^2$$

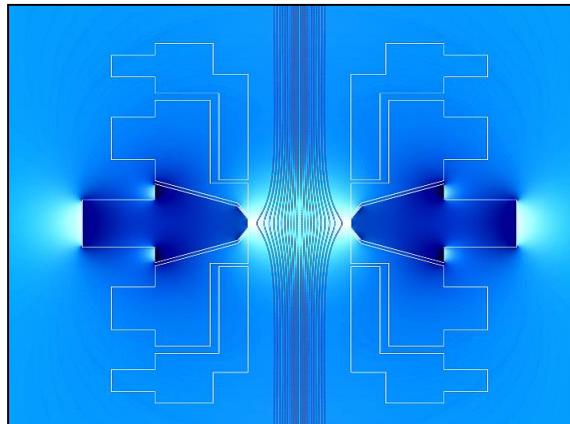
→ Spin-state i dependent axial frequency



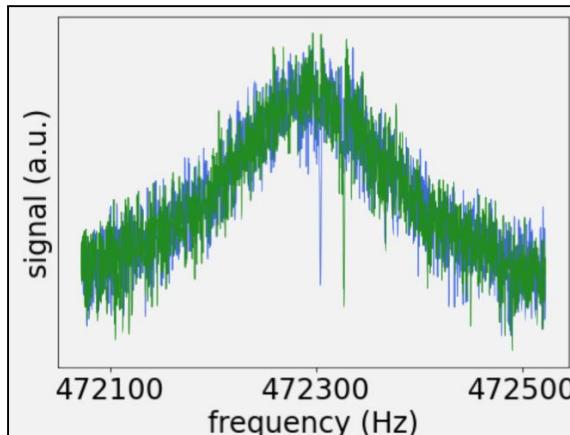
${}^3\text{He}^+$:

$$\Delta\nu_{z,e} \approx 22\text{Hz}$$

$$\Delta\nu_{z,I} \approx 100\text{mHz} \ll \nu_z \text{ fluctuations}$$



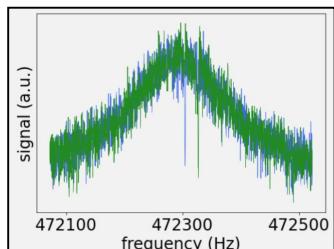
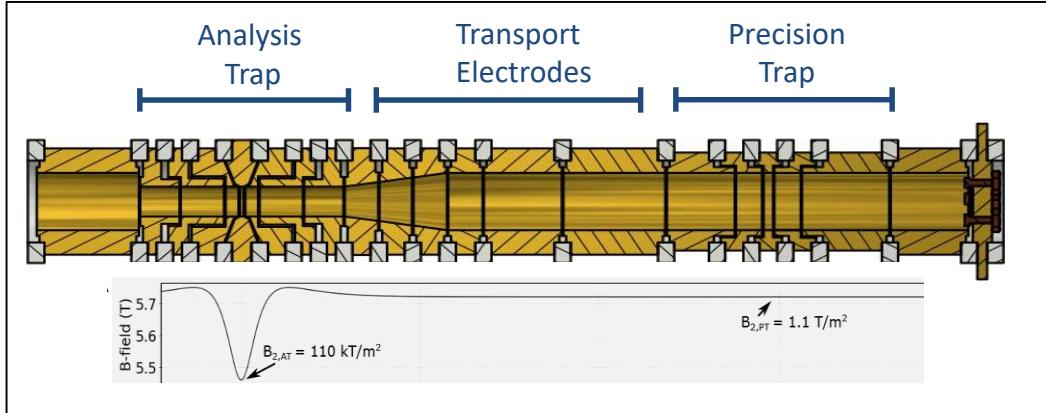
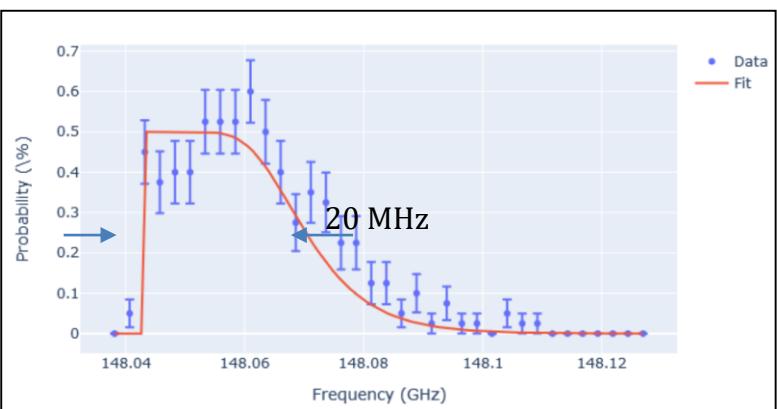
Nickel ring electrode



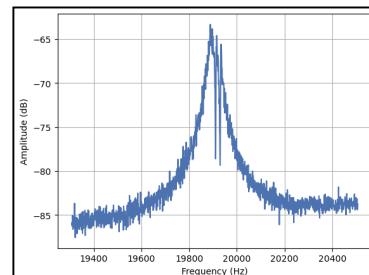
Signal for different spin states

The double-trap technique

B_2 leads to broadened resonance

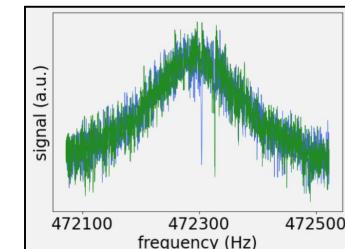


2. Transport
to the PT



1. Spin-state determination in AT

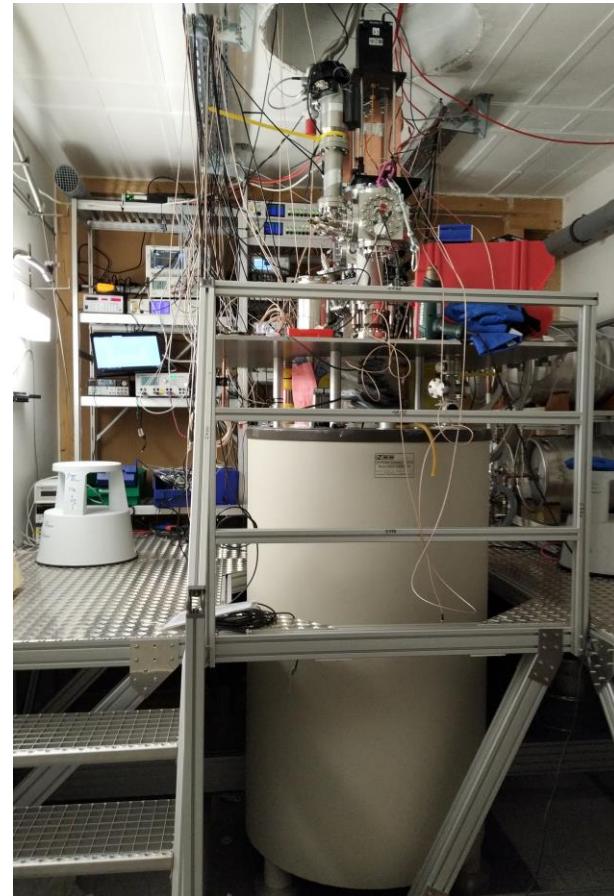
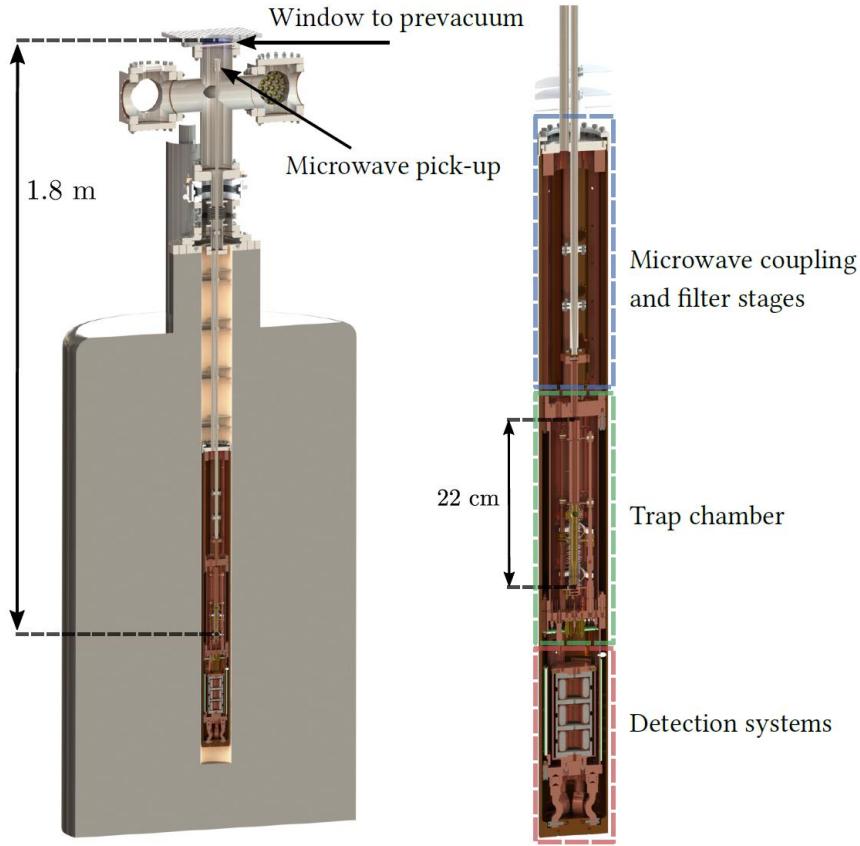
3. Cyclotron frequency measurement and simultaneous spin-flip drive in the PT



4. Transport
to the AT

5. Spin-state determination in AT

Experimental setup



The Penning-trap setup

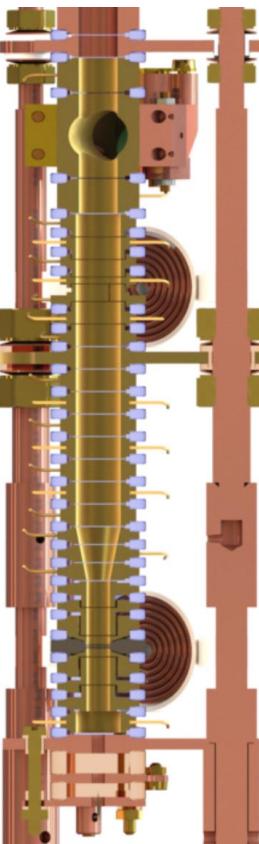
^3He filled glass-sphere

Precision measurement
of ν_c

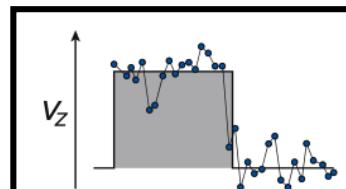
Transport section

Spin-state detection:
 $\Delta\nu_z \propto \mu_z B_2$
(Continuous Stern-Gerlach-Effect)

Field emission point for
ionization



RF-Excitation of spin-state via
Waveguide/external coil



Hyperfine structure measurement data analysis

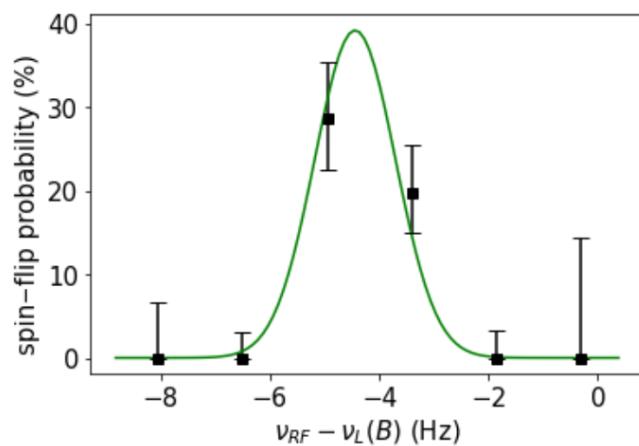
What was measured?

- Each cycle: Data_i = {ν_c, Flip}

Maximum likelihood estimation

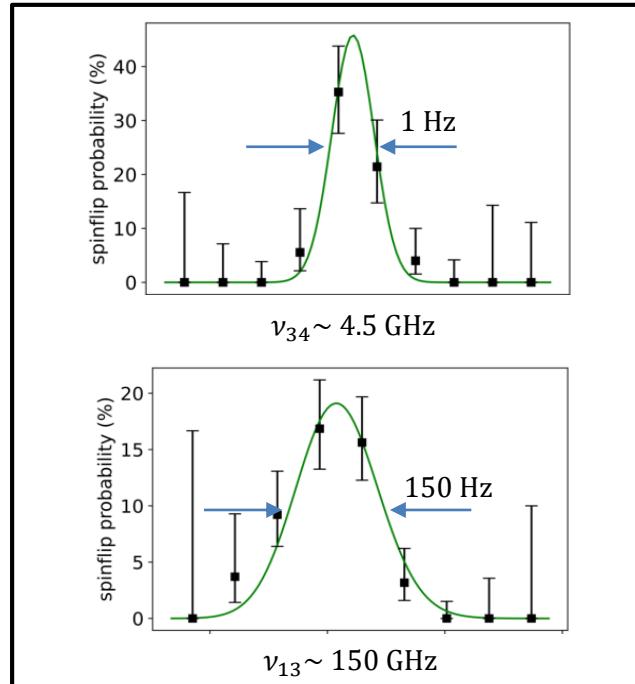
$$\mathcal{L}(g_e, g_I, E_{\text{HFS}} | \{\text{Data}_i\}) = P_0 \cdot P_1 \cdot \dots \cdot P_n$$

- $P_i = P(\mu_e, \mu_I, E_{\text{HFS}} | \text{Data}_i) = P_{\text{SF}}(\Delta_i)^{\text{Flip}_i} \cdot (1 - P_{\text{SF}}(\Delta_i))^{1-\text{Flip}_i}$
- $\Delta_i = \nu_{\text{RF},i} - \nu_{L,i}(g_e, g_I, E_{\text{HFS}}, \nu_{c,i})$
- P_{SF} depends on T_{ion} and $B_{2,\text{PT}}$ → limits our precision of g_e and g_I



Results

HFS measurement is completed



➤ Group of Zoltan Harman contributed theory calculations

$$\frac{\Delta g_{e,\text{theo}}}{g_{e,\text{theo}}} = 1.5 \cdot 10^{-13}$$

$$\frac{\Delta g_{e,\text{exp}}}{g_{e,\text{exp}}} = 2.5 \cdot 10^{-10}$$

$$g'_I = g_I \cdot (1 - \sigma_{^3\text{He}^+})$$

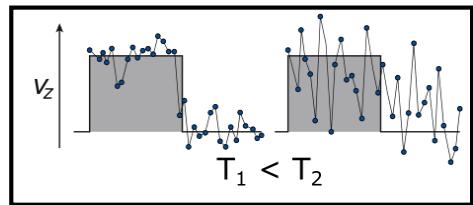
$$\frac{\Delta(1 - \sigma_{\text{theo}})}{1 - \sigma_{\text{theo}}} = 3 \cdot 10^{-11}$$

$$\frac{\Delta g'_{I,\text{exp}}}{g'_{I,\text{exp}}} = 1 \cdot 10^{-9}$$

Current status

Measurement of the g -factor of ${}^3\text{He}^{2+}$ (not shielded!)

- Requires much lower temperature of the ion



- Introduce sympathetic cooling to laser cooled Be^+ ions
- Addition of coupling traps

