Record Nr. UNINA9910373932203321 Autore Valverde Adrian A **Titolo** Precision Measurements to Test the Standard Model and for Explosive Nuclear Astrophysics / / by Adrian A. Valverde Pubbl/distr/stampa Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Springer,, 2019 **ISBN** 3-030-30778-6 Edizione [1st ed. 2019.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (112 pages) Collana Springer Theses, Recognizing Outstanding Ph.D. Research, , 2190-5053 Disciplina 539.72 Soggetti **Nuclear physics** Heavy ions **Astrophysics** Mass spectrometry Physical measurements Measurement Nuclear chemistry Nuclear Physics, Heavy Ions, Hadrons Astrophysics and Astroparticles Mass Spectrometry Measurement Science and Instrumentation **Nuclear Chemistry** Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali "Originally presented as the author's thesis (Ph. D.)--University of Notre Dame, 2018"--Title page. Nota di contenuto Chapter 1. Introduction -- Chapter 2. Half-life Measurement of 11C for Testing the Standard Model -- Chapter 3. The LEBIT Facility and Penning Traps -- Chapter 4. Mass Measurement of 56Cu for the Astrophysical rp Process -- Chapter 5. A Cooler-Buncher for the N = 126 Factory -- Chapter 6. Summary and Outlook. Sommario/riassunto This thesis presents two significant results in the field of precision measurements in low-energy nuclear physics. Firstly, it presents a precise half-life determination of 11C, leading to the most precise ft-

value for a beta decay transition between mirror nuclides, an important

advance in the testing of the electroweak sector of the Standard Model. Secondly, it describes a high-precision mass measurement of 56Cu, a critical nucleus for determining the path of the astrophysical rapid-proton capture process, performed by the author using the LEBIT Penning trap at the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory. This new measurement resolves discrepancies in previously-reported calculated mass excesses. In addition, the thesis also presents the construction and testing of a radio-frequency quadrupole cooler and buncher that will be part of the future N=126 factory at Argonne National Laboratory aimed at producing nuclei of interest for the astrophysical rapid-neutron capture process for the first time.