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Crystals of ⁴⁰Ca⁺ and ⁹Be⁺ in a Compact Penning Trap¹ BRIAN MCMAHON, BRIAN SAWYER, Georgia Tech Research Institute — Penning ion traps are useful experimental platforms for quantum simulation, mass spectrometry, precision metrology, molecular spectroscopy, and measurements of fundamental constants. We recently developed a compact, permanent-magnet based Penning trap that is compatible with cold ion physics experiments at 0.6 T [1]. We will describe the results of trap magnetic field characterization (both stability and uniformity) using confined, laser-cooled ⁴⁰Ca⁺ and ⁹Be⁺ as probes. We have also demonstrated a laser cooling technique for ⁴⁰Ca⁺ at high magnetic field that allows for spin state detection without the need for shelving to metastable D levels. This cooling and detection scheme reduces the laser requirements for Penning trap experiments with atomic ions possessing low-lying D states. [1] B. J. McMahon, C. Volin, W. G. Rellergert, and B. C. Sawyer, Phys. Rev. A **101**, 013408 (2020)

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