

## World-wide Development of Intense Highly-charged SC-ECR Ion Sources

(ECR: Electron Cyclotron Resonance)

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## Outline

**D** ECR ion source brief introduction

**D** Review of SC-ECR development

**D** Future development

### High Power Heavy Ion Accelerator is driving force for Intense Highly Charged Ion beams



### Why Highly Charged Ion Beams (Q: Charge Sate)

- Higher Q, higher energy.  $E \propto Q$  or  $Q^2$
- Higher Q, higher energy gain, accelerator more compact and lower cost

-2001, RIA project, U<sup>28+</sup>, 400MeV/u, 400kW, cost range 950M\$ -2009, FRIB project, U<sup>33+</sup>+U<sup>34+</sup>, 200MeV/u, 400 kW, cost range 550M\$

## • Higher Q, more intense beam without stripping

- RIKEN ECRIS is running U<sup>35+</sup> directly for RIBF
- IMP SECRL is running  $Bi^{31+}$  directly for HIRFL

## Ion Sources for Highly Charged Beam

## • ECRIS

- CW and pulsed beam ( $\sim$ 10ms), *I*: e  $\mu$  A-emA
- **EBIS** Electron Beam Ion Source

Only pulsed beam (10-50  $\mu$  s), *I*: few emA-tens emA

• **LIS-** Laser Ion Source Only pulsed beam (a few µ s), *I*: few emA-tens emA

## **ECR Ion Source**

- > Plasma device to produce intense highly charged ion beams
- > Plasma is produced and heated by microwave (6 GHz-28GHz)
- > Plasma is confined by minimum B structure—solenoids+sextupole
- > Highly charged ions are produced by stepwise ionization process
- A resonant interaction between electrons and RF takes place when :  $\omega_{HF} = \frac{eB(\mathbf{r})}{m}$
- > Plasma parameters:  $n_e 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  Te tens keV,  $\tau_{\text{ion}}$  ms

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- Higher Q and higher I  $\longrightarrow$  Higher  $n_e \tau_i \longrightarrow$  Higher  $\omega_{rf} \longrightarrow$  Higher B That is why we need to build SC-ECRIS, and also good device to study ECRIS physics.

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ECRIS physics is not completely understood!

W Microwave

M power m

#### **ECR Ion Source Development**

- In the Beginning Supermafios in 1974
- First generation 6 to 10 GHz sources
  - Minimafios, ECRVIS , LBL ECR, RT-ECR ...
- Second generation 14 to 18 GHz
  - CAPRICE, AECR-U, LECR ......
  - RIKEN 18 GHz
  - SERSE 18 GHz Superconducting
  - A-PHOENIX
  - GTS 18 GHz Grenoble
- Third Generation 24 to 35 GHz
  - VENUS Operating at 28 GHz Berkeley
  - SECRAL Operating at 18 -24GHz Lanzhou
  - MS-ECRIS Under construction for 28 GHz for FAIR
  - RIKEN SC-ECR Operating at 18 GHz for RIBF
  - MSU-NSCL SUSI Operating at 18 GHz
- Fourth Generation ,35GHz-60GHz??

Typical beam intensity enhancement in the last 10-30 years

lons	Year Intensity By ECRIS	Year Intensity By ECRIS	By factor
O <sup>6+</sup>	1974, 15 e µ A Supermafios	2004-2006, >2000 e µ A IMP SECRAL LBNL VENUS	30 ys >130
Xe <sup>30+</sup>	1997-1998, 10-15 e µ A, RIKEN 18 GHz, LBNL AECR-U	2008, >150 e µ A, IMP SECRAL	10 ys >10
Xe <sup>35+</sup>	1997 <i>,</i> 1.5 e µ A LBNL AECR-U	2009, >45 e µ A IMP SECRAL	10 ys >30
U <sup>34+</sup>	1997, 20 e µ A, LBNL AECR-U	2006, >200 e µ A LBNL VENUS	10 ys >10

#### IMP ECRIS Evolution from Normal Conducting to Superconducting Magnet

Xe Beam Current from INIP ECRIS					
lons	LECR1 10GHz e µ A	LECR3 14.5GHz e µ A	SECRAL 18-24GHz e µ A		
Xe <sup>20+</sup>	20	160	505		
Xe <sup>27+</sup>	*	50	455		
Xe <sup>30+</sup>	*	7	152		
Xe <sup>35+</sup>	*	*	45		
Xe <sup>42+</sup>	*	*	3		







SECRAL(2005), 3.7T, 5-7 kW, 18-24GHz



LECR3(1999), 1.5T, 1.5 kW, 14.5GHz

LECR1(1991), 0.8T, 0.5 kW, 10GHz

#### LBNL ECRIS Evolution from Normal Conducting to Superconducting Magnet



Slide from C.Lynies and D.Leitner talk at ICIS09

### First successful SC ECR ion source

#### ECREVIS circa 1983

#### **ECR Ion Source Pioneers**



6th ECR Ion Source Workshop Berkeley 1985



Yves Jongen, Louvain-la Neuve, Belgium

Slide from LBNL C.Lyneis talk at ICIS09

### **SERSE in INFN-LNS Catania**



G. Ciavola, S. Gammino, IFN-LNS, Catania

Superconducting ECR designed for 18 GHz Tested at 28 GHz • I ~  $f^2$ , from 18 GHz to 28 GHz • P  $\ge$  3 kW • Optimum B<sub>rad</sub> at 28 GHz > 1.45 T First test at 28GHz in 2000 and demonstrated frequency scaling up to 28 GHz



#### LBNL VENUS 28 GHz — The first 3<sup>rd</sup> generation ECRIS





#### Sextupole-in-Solenoid Conventional coil structure

Achieved magnetic fields  $B_{inj} \leq 4 T$ ,  $B_{ext} \leq 3 T$ ,  $B_{rad} \leq 2.2$ 

#### 18-28GHz, >9 kW rf power

Courtesy of C.Lyneis and D.Leitnerat LBNL

1997 : Magnet prototype
2002: The first test at 18GHz
2006-2007: The best results achieved at 28GHz

#### •10 years from construction to the best results.

•Sextupole lead was burned in Jan.2008 and has taken more than two years to repair! It will be online test soon.

#### VENUS has addressed many of technologies and challenges firstly Now being incorporated into other 3rd Generation Sources

Advanced cryostat with cryocoolers



Beam transport with high transmission dipole magnet



Aluminum plasma chamber for high power operation with incorporated tantalum x-ray shield Water cooling for high power Ta X-ray shield

**Courtesy of C.Lyneis and D.Letner at LBNL** 



28 GHz ceramic HV break

#### LBNL VENUS: Achieved the best uranium performance



C.Lynies and D.Leitner at LBNL, talk at ICIS09

## **MS-ECRIS for FAIR**

#### — The third Generation ECRIS collaborated by 9 EU institutions







#### Fabrication of magnet started in 2007

#### Designed specifications

28GHz, B<sub>ini</sub> 4.5 T, B<sub>ext</sub> 3.2 T, B<sub>rad</sub> 2.7 T

- All single coils reached the specified demands.
- But the whole magnet system quenched randomly with different ramping strategies (50% maximum)
   Restarted mechanical modification recently



Courtesy G. Ciavola, S. Gammino, IFN-LNS, Catania

## **SUSI ECRIS at NSCL/MSU**







 Achieved magnet field (lower field): 18- 24GHz, B<sub>inj</sub> 2.5 T, B<sub>ext</sub> 1.4 T, B<sub>rad</sub> 1.5T
 Unique feature : Flexible axial field distribution with 6 solenoid coils

**Chamber volume adjustable from 3.1 to 3.9 l** 

Started operation for accelerator at 18GHz Courtesy of G.Machicoane at MSU

#### **RIKEN 28GHz SC-ECRIS** — The fastest construction 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation ECR



#### **RIKEN SC-ECRIS** — Very nice device to study ECRIS physics



## All existing or under-construction SC-ECRIS utilize conventional magnet structure

#### ECREVIS, SERSE, VENUS, SUSI, MS-ECRIS, RIKEN SC-ECR....

#### Conventional Structure: Sextupole-inside-Solenoid



#### RIKEN SC-ECRIS (18-28 GHz)

#### Advantage:

Higher sextuple field; Larger plasma chamber; Higher rf power.





#### VENUS in Berkeley (18-28 GHz)

#### **Disadvantage:**

- Very strong interaction forces;
   Much longer sextupole;
- Bigger source body;
- Hard to build

That is why SERSE and VENUS took so many years to build and MS-ECRIS magnet failed .

#### IMP SECRAL Utilizes a New Magnet Concept and an Innovative Superconducting Coil Configuration



## **Unique Features for SECRAL**

- ✓ Axial solenoids are located inside of sextupole
- Reduce interaction force Easier to build and cost-effective
- Compact source body
   Efficient rf coupling and effective extraction
- Lower rf power and higher power density —> Good long-term stability
- Cold iron structure with iron segments as field booster and coil clamping
   Increase sextupole field
- Reduce stray field, easy support and suspend the cold mass
- Very simple clamping scheme

#### > Disadvantage:

- Plasma chamber and sextupole field are limited.
- But: 3.7 T injection field, 2.0 T sextupole field at the wall and φ126 mm chamber, sufficient for 28 GHz, and higher power density!

#### **Open questions: Do we need very big plasma chamber with very high rf power?**

# SECRAL 24GHz/7kW — the first $3^{rd}$ generation ECRIS being operated to deliver thousands-hours-beam for accelerator



 Achieved magnet field: 18- 24GHz, B<sub>inj</sub> 3.7 T, B<sub>ext</sub> 2.2 T, B<sub>rad</sub> 2 T
 2002, fabrication
 2005, the first beam at 18 GHz
 2009, the first test at 24 GHz
 SECRAL beam commissioning at 24GHz is just at initial stage. Better results will be coming up.





#### The best results from SECRAL and VENUS

- SECRAL and VENUS have led the way in developing implementations of 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen ECRIS, and have demonstrated feasibility and the nice source performance of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen ECRIS, and have provided new opportunities for related research and heavy ion accelerators.
- Now almost all record beam intensities are produced by SECRAL and VENUS
- SECRAL performances at lower frequency and lower power could be comparable or even better than those of higher frequency and higher power ECF sources.

SECRAL with an innovative magnet structure and unique features may open a new way for developing high performance and compact SC ECR ion source.

			SECRAL	SECRAL	VENUS
		Q	18 GHz	24GHz	28 GHz
			<3.2 kW	3-4 kW	5-9kW
			μA	μA	μA
ŀ	<sup>16</sup> <b>O</b>	6+	2300		2860
		7+	810		850
.y	<sup>40</sup> Ar	12+	510	650	860
		14+	270	440	514
		16+	73	149	270
		17+	8.5	14	36
ľ	<sup>129</sup> Xe	20+	505		320
5		27+	306	455	270
		30+	101	152	116
		31+	68	85	67
		34+	21	60	40
r		35+	16	45	28
•		38		17	7
D.		42+	1.5	3	0.5
'n		43+	1		
	<sup>209</sup> Bi	28+	214		240
2		30+	191		225
ŭ Q		41+	22		15
,C		44+	15		7.7
		48+	4.2		<b>1</b> <sub>24</sub> .4
		50+	1.5		0.5

#### **SECRAL Operation for HIRFL Accelerator since May 2007**

SECRAL is dedicated only for operation of highly charged heavy ion beams.

## HIRFL Accelerator Complex at IMP lanzhou



#### **SECRAL Operation for HIRFL Accelerator**

Typical Beams delivered to HIRFL accelerator: 209Bi<sup>31+</sup>, <sup>129</sup>Xe<sup>27+</sup>, <sup>78</sup>Kr<sup>19+</sup>, <sup>58</sup>Ni<sup>19+</sup>

typical beam current: 120-150 eµA for Bi, Xe, Kr (V>15kV) 50-70 eµA Ni<sup>19+</sup>(9.8kV)

Total beam time from SECRAL for HIRFL: >3000 h

SSC cyclotron Xe beam intensity was increased by a factor 50

With <sup>78</sup>Kr beams at CSRe, 9 new nuclides ( $^{63}$ Ge, $^{65}$ As, $^{67}$ Se...) were identified firstly in the world with  $\Delta m/m = 10^{-5} - 10^{-6}$ 

# Significant issues during design, construction and operation of high field high performance SC-ECRIS

- Only if you need high current and high charge state heavy ion beams, go to superconducting ECRIS.
- To build a high performance SC-ECRIS, you have to achieve a good compromise among those key issues, such as rf frequency, rf power, magnetic field configuration, plasma chamber size, expertise of SC magnet and cryogenics , reliability, long-term operation, cost , construction time and risk.
- Challenges to build high field SC-magnet for the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation ECR:
- Need to keep enough safety margin for maximum fields and critical current
- Try to reduce the interaction forces and design a reliable clamping system to prevent the wires and the coils from moving.
- Stability and reliability of the SC-magnet are the most important for SC-ECR

# Significant issues during design, construction and operation of high field high performance SC-ECRIS

- Challenges to design and operate cryogenics system for the SC-magnet of the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation ECRIS.
- Very strong x-ray with energy tens keV to MeV has to be taken into account in cryogenics design. Keep in mind that heat load from x-ray: 1 W/kW, much higher than that from magnet itself. X-ray flux and energy increase with rf frequency and power.
- High power two stage cryocoolers or close-loop liquefy machine must be installed for long-term operation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation ECRIS.
- Beam quality from the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation ECRIS and beam formation, beam transmission should be studied carefully. We only need high brightness beam.
- Reliable interlock and alarm system is very crucial.
- It is hard to build high field 3<sup>rd</sup> generation ECRIS. Sometimes it may take more than 5 years.

## The 4<sup>th</sup> Generation ECRIS—Future Development



# What SC-magnet structure shall we design for 4<sup>th</sup> generation ECRIS?



1. Sextupole-inside-solenoid 2.

2. Some new structure?

3. Solenoid-inside-sextupole

## The **continuing demand of higher beam intensities** makes the development of 4<sup>th</sup> Generation ECR ion sources necessary

4<sup>th</sup> Gen ECRIS 56 GHz design at LBNL





Study supported by FRIB R&D funds

#### **Courtesy of D.Leitner at LBNL**

## The most challenging tasks in 4<sup>th</sup> generation ECRIS

- 1. SC-magnet with the max field at the coil 15-17 T and the huge interaction forces between the solenoids and the sextupole( >few tens tons).
- 2. Laboratory available 50-60GHz /10-30 kW gyrotron system operated at both CW and pulse mode. Long-term stability and reliability are crucial.
- **3.** Extremely strong X-ray flux to insulation material and very strong head load to the cryogenics system. Online close-loop LHe liquefy machine may have to be utilized.
- 4. 40-60 mA mixed highly charged ion beam transmission issues.

**Technical R&D is absolutely necessary and should be supported .** 

## Studies on ECRIS physis for intense highly charged ion beam formation are urgent

- ECRIS physics for intense highly charged ion beam formation is far from understanding because it is so complicated.
- Design of high performance ECRIS still remains semi-empirical and tricky.
- ECRIS physics study is extremely slower that than experimental progress.
- That is why there has been no big significant breakthrough in the past 20 years although great progress has been made.
- High performance ECR ion source is becoming a very big machine and too much rely on high technology instead of new ideas.



Graph courtesy of S.Gammino at LNS

Original and innovative ideas that may result in great breakthrough for HCI beam production are extremely significant at present

# We are still under "ECRIS father" Prof. Geller's guideline established more than 30 years ago!

#### "... we propose a bolder extrapolation. ...With a 56 GHz generator, TRIPLEMAFIOS should furnish up to U<sup>50+</sup> ions!"

Richard Geller, IEEE-Trans NS-23, 1976

"New microwave power generators (called gyrotrons) in the range up to 120 GHz will be commercially launched in the next five years. Combined with superconducting stripping stages they will enable the production of completely stripped heavy ion beams for cyclotron injection."

Richard Geller, IEEE Trans NS-26, 1979



#### courtesy of C.Lyneis at LBNL

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### Hybrid SC-ECRIS: SC solenoid+NdFeB sextupole





Courtesy of T.Nakagawa at RIKEN And A.Roy at NSC/New Delhi



The first LHe–free hybrid ECRIS developed by RIKEN . 18GHz

- Performance of such hybrid ECR is nice, but beam current for high Q is not so good because of low field.
- Be careful to demagnetization of sextupole due to solenoid Br



The first high Tc HTS ECRIS developed by Pantechnik and NSC /New Delhi . 18GHz

#### **Bremsstrahlung spectra measurement and study are** important to ECRIS physics and particularly crucial to cryogenics design of the SC-magnet



power from 0.5 to 3.0 kW at 24GHz SECRAL

Courtesy of C.Lyneis at LBNL

The total X-ray flux increases with increasing RF power and frequency. Very stong heat load to the cryostat of SC-magnet. 24-28GHz results from VENUS and SECRAL: 1W/kW rf power, rf power could be more than 10 kW. Typical heat load from magnet itself is less than 1 W.

# The gradient of magnetic field at the resonance zone influences the X-ray flux and energy strongly



The X-ray flux and energy of the Bremsstrahlung spectra increase with the decreasing field gradient at the resonance zone strongly, which indicates that the ECR heating is more efficient with a gentle gradient at the resonance. As a consequence, the heat load and LHe consumption are higher at a gentle gradient (higher  $B_{min}$ ).

The heat load induced by Bremsstrahlung is one of the major challenges for the development of high field SC-ECRIS, and what can we do aiming at this challenge?

- Shielding between plasma chamber and cryostat, but there is no efficient shielding material above 500 keV.
- Double frequency heating with strong field gradient at ECR zone and aluminum plasma chamber may reduce Bremsstrahlung radiation.
- More powerful cryocoolers or close-loop LHe liquefy machine



#### Courtesy of C.Lyneis at LBNL





Five cryocoolers installed at SECRAL

### Beam quality, beam formation and transmission

1.00E-06

5.00E-07 0.00E+00

200

**SECRAL** 

220



JYFL 14GHz ECRIS, Ar8+ beam, H.Koivisto talk at ICIS09





SECRAL Ar beam at different settings of the focusing solenoid.



Xe<sup>25+</sup> beam current and brightness vs solenoid lens setting

solenoid lens current(A)

260

280

240

50

0

300