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In-flight ion separation using a linac chain

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- High-mass beam delivery
 - RFQ requires A/q<30; q=1 ⇒
 A<30 limit
 - Need to increase q, lower A/q before acceleration
- Charge State Booster (CSB)
 - ECR-based charge breeder
 - Boosts RIB to high charge states, A/q < 7
 - 10s to 1000s of pA of stablebeam background





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Why in-flight separation?

- RIB are vulnerable to contamination
 - Low count rates 10³/s or less
- Measurable stable-beam currents can render many experiments impossible
- In-flight separation is needed to provide the necessary beam purity for experiments





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Challenges

- Tunes have to be established with contaminated beams before they can be purified
 - Can't lose RIB component
- ISAC was not designed as a mass separator
 - Operation outside initial design envelope
 - The techniques needed to use existing infrastructure for beam purification have had to be developed
- One advantage? A long linac chain several possible locations for A/q separation



A/q selection in DSB (S-bend)

- S-bend between DTL and SC linac
- Common ion velocity;
 beam energy of
 1.5 MeV/u ± 0.2%
- Slits in dipole sections can separate A/q with ~1/500 resolution





- Additional gains are possible with stripping
- Different beam components will have different charge-state distributions
- Final A/q can be chosen to optimize ratio of RIB to stable contaminants



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Time-of-flight separation in LEBT



- Ions of different A/q have different velocities, ToF
- RF phase of prebuncher (MHB), RFQ can be adjusted to accept/reject beam depending on ToF
- Can use ToF for A/q selection



Time-of-flight separation in LEBT





Time-of-flight separation in DSB

- Stripping (degrading) introduces a Δv by energy loss
- Δv results in Δt from stripper to buncher
- Result: ~1/800
 resolution in v:

$$\frac{\Delta v}{v} \bigg|_{accept} = \frac{(\pi/6)(0.056)(3 \times 10^8)}{2\pi (106 \times 10^6)(10)} = 0.13\%$$





Diagnostics





Diagnostics





Bragg detector

- Stopping gas counter in ISAC-II experimental hall
- Particle ID from ΔE-E after acceleration
- Tolerant of high count rates
- Thickness can be adjusted by varying gas pressure





Diagnostics





Prague station



- Multi-purpose detector station:
 - Faraday cup, low-intensity purity monitor, beta/gamma counters for RIB identification
- Allows rapid characterization of beams crucial for development, setup and tuning



- EPICS control system application to scale beamline optics and accelerator RF
 - Voltages for electrostatic elements
 - Currents for magnetic quads and steerers
 - Magnetic fields for dipoles (with Hall probe readback)
 - RF amplitudes
- Allows rapid scaling between A/q (far) faster and more reliable than manual scaling



- Web app to simulate RIB delivery from CSB
- Includes known backgrounds, stripping efficiencies, energy losses in foils, etc.
- Allows accelerator and beam delivery experts to identify promising initial A/q and to determine strategies for in-flight separation before and while tuning beam
- A simplified version is available to experimenters for guidance in preparing proposals, etc.
 - http://trshare.triumf.ca/~garns/CSB/

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Charge-State Booster Page

UNDER DEVELOPMENT - PLEASE REPORT ERRORS OR SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS

The Charge-State Booster (CSB) is intended to produce radioactive ion beams in charge states greater than 1+. Stable isotopes are also ionized and produced by this device so must be considered when selecting which beam to extract. This page may help identify which charge-state might be the cleanest.

Select CSB liner material: Aluminium Select Mass and Element: 94 Rb Show A/Q values

or Enter A/Q Value: Show Species

Enter resolving power: 100

Rb has an atomic number: 37 94Rb has an atomic mass of: 93.926405 amu. You have selected an Aluminium liner for the CSB ECR source. You have selected a resolving power of 100

Blue font indicates species which can currently be delivered to ISAC II (i.e. have an A/Q value between 5 and 6.4 only). Purple font indicates species which may be delivered to ISAC II in the future with upgrades (i.e. have an A/Q value between 6.4 and 7 only).

"Possible Companions" includes any stable species with an A/Q value within +/-0.5% (1/100 resolving power of magnet) of the species of interest. Obviously not all of these stable species will be present and the amount of each species will depend on the operating conditions of the CSB (temperature/pressure etc.) as well as the recent CSB history (i.e. isotopes recently injected into the device).

Red font indicates elements which are known to come from the CSB. (Residual gases and the material of the CSB itself).

The masses used here to calculate A/q values are taken from the AME2003 atomic mass evaluation available at http://www.nndc.bnl.gov/masses.

Species C	harge	A/Q Value	Possible Companions
St	tate	-	-
94Rb 1		93.926	
94Rb 2		46.963	
94Rb 3		31.308	
94Rb 4		23.481	
94Rb 5		18.785	
94Rb 6		15.654	
94Rb 7		13.418	
94Rb 8		11.740	
94Rb 9		10.436	
94Rb 10)	9.392	
94Rb 11	l	8.538	
04Rh 12	,	7 827	





Recent results

- August 2012 development run:
 - UO₂ production target with FEBIAD ion source isobaric RI contaminants expected but unavoidable
 - All tools, techniques available for use
 - Goal: Demonstrate RIB delivery to the ISAC-II experimental hall
- A=94, 15+ ID'd as most promising case
 - A/q=6.26 beam tuned through ISAC-I
 - Stripped after DTL; charge-state distributions determined at Prague station



Expected beam components

 $^{25}Mg^{4+}=6.246$ ⁴⁴Ca⁷⁺=6.279 ⁵⁰Ti⁸⁺=6.243 ${}^{50}V^{8+}=6.243$ ${}^{50}Cr^{8+}=6.243$ ⁶⁹Ga¹¹⁺=6.265 ⁷⁵As¹²⁺=6.243 ⁸⁸Sr¹⁴⁺=6.278 94 Zr¹⁵⁺=6.260 ⁹⁴Mo¹⁵⁺=6.260 ¹⁰⁰Mo¹⁶⁺=6.244 100Ru16+=6.243 ¹⁰⁶Pd¹⁷⁺=6.229 ¹⁰⁷Ag¹⁷⁺=6.288 106Cd17+=6.229 113Cd18+=6.272 $^{113}In^{18+}=6.272$ ¹¹⁹Sn¹⁹⁺=6.258 ¹²⁵Te²⁰⁺=6.245 ¹³¹Xe²¹⁺=6.233 ¹³²Xe²¹⁺=6.281

• From CSB Assistant:

- A/q = 6.229–6.233:
 - ¹⁰⁶Cd¹⁷⁺, ¹⁰⁶Pd¹⁷⁺, ¹³¹Xe²¹⁺
- 6.243–6.246:
 - ²⁵Mg⁴⁺, ⁵⁰Ti⁸⁺, ⁵⁰V⁸⁺, ⁵⁰Cr⁸⁺, ⁷⁵As¹²⁺, ¹⁰⁰Ru¹⁶⁺, ¹⁰⁰Mo¹⁶⁺, ¹²⁵Te²⁰⁺
- 6.258–6.265:
 - 6.258: ¹¹⁹Sn¹⁹⁺
 - 6.260: 94**Zr/Mo¹⁵⁺**
 - 6.265: ⁶⁹Ga¹¹⁺
- 6.272–6.288:
 - ¹¹³Cd¹⁸⁺, ¹¹³In¹⁸⁺, ⁸⁸Sr¹⁴⁺, ⁴⁴Ca⁷⁺, ¹³²Xe²¹⁺,
 ¹⁰⁷Ag¹⁷⁺



Stripping at 1.5 MeV/u





Stripping at 1.5 MeV/u







Calculated charge states, A=94



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⁹⁴Rb²²⁺ at Bragg detector

Before final filtration

After final filtration





- Techniques for in-flight separation using a linac chain that was not designed for it have been developed
 - A/q, stripping, time-of-flight
 - New diagnostics and software
- The use of these techniques for beam purification has been demonstrated
 - A=94 from UO₂ target
- Proposals for high-mass experiments will be sought in the next call for submissions (tomorrow)



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