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X-ray image of the SIMPA ECR ion source taken with an x-ray pinhole camera

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Experiments with Highly Charged Ions at the Paris ECR Ion Source, SIMPA - outline -

- The SIMPA^{*} Electron Cyclotron Resonance (ECR) ion source
- The Electrostatic Ion Beam Trap at SIMPA
- Electron temperature and density measurements of the plasma at the SIMPA ECR ion source
- Double crystal spectrometer for x-ray standards

* Source d'Ions Multichargés de Paris (Paris multiply-charged ion source).

The SIMPA ECR Ion Source Laboratory



Electron Cyclotron Resonance Ion Source



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Trapping ion beams at keV energies The Electrostatic Ion Beam Trap



Based on a design from the Weizmann Institute D. Zajfman et al. Phys. Rev. A pp. 1577-1580 55 (1997)

Beam energy: 4.2 keV / charge

Different from other traps:

- No magnetic fields
- No RF fields
- No mass limit
- Large field free region
- Simple to operate
- Directionality
- External ion source
- Easy beam detection









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Metastable states lifetime measurements

Measurement of the life times of metastable states in highly charged ions in the millisecond time range



Are the extracted ions from the ECR Ion Source in excited states?



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Experimental setup for electron temperature measurements





X-ray radiation detected by a silicon detector



Exponential fit

After efficiency and absorption correction, the background can be fit to ~exp(-E/kT), where the fitting parameter kT will provide the Maxwellien electron temperature



An example of the exponential fit

to the Bremsstrahlung spectrum from where the spectral temperature was obtained.





Results of the electron temperature measurements Slight increase initially at very low powers Electron temperatures around 25±1 keV



The X-ray rate increases approximately proportionally with the microwave power.

What about the ion component?



X-ray energy standards?

- X-ray standards (solid state targets excited by electrons or photons) provides broad asymmetric lines (2 eV for Sc Kα₁, 0.4 eV spectrometer resolution)
- Exotic atoms and highly charged ions provide narrow lines

Energy calibration
Line shape



Low-energy X-ray standards from hydrogenlike pionic atoms,

D.F. Anagnostopoulos, D. Gotta, P. Indelicato, L. Simons, Phys. Rev. Lett. **91**, 240801 (2003).

ECR ion source = bright, continous x-ray source

A double (flat) crystal x-ray spectrometer could be used

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NIST Vacuum Double Crystal Spectrometer



1 keV to 12 keV absolute λ determination

Two crystal spectrometer for a fixed source



Vacuum chamber, 900 kg+ spectrometer 300 kg

High stability design

Hunting for stability:

200 kg, LK3, alloy base plate, stabilized at 900 °C for 48 hours Machined, stabilized at 700 °C for 24 hours, then ground to 2μm accuracy



Crystal positioning, rotation

Crystal holder design

0.2" Heidenhain encoder (ROD 900+AWE 1024)

- Angular encoder accuracy 0.2"
- Angle range 15° to 65°
- Vacuum instrument

- Si 220 and Si 111 crystal pairs made and measured at NIST (< 0.1 ppm)
- •Si 220: 3.6 (0.45 ppm) to 12 (3.6 ppm) keV
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Positioning and alignment

Rotation of a 300 kg plate with good stability Positioning of the 1.3 t spectrometer



The new double crystal spectrometer is ready for x rays at SIMPA



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Summary

- Trapping of highly charged ions from an ECR ion source the first time with the new electrostatic ion beam trap
- Goal: Measurement of life times of meta-stable states
- Measured average electron temperature from the bremsstrahlung x-ray spectra: 25±1 keV
- The new double crystal spectrometer is ready for absolute measurement of strong transitions of HCI in the ECR ion source plasma.

Thank you for your attention!

X-ray image of the SIMPA ECR ion source taken with an x-ray pinhole camera

... in the future at SUPER-SIMPA



ECRIT used at PSI (Switzerland) at the pionic Hydrogen experiment

Frequencies ECRIT: 6.4 GHz disassembeled

To be reassembled in Paris as Super-SIMPA: 18 GHz (broadband) 14.5 GHz 6.4 GHz

Extraction: ECRIT: none Super-SIMPA: 20 kV

LHe: Continuous refilling

X-ray image of the SIMPA ECR ion source

X-ray image registered on phosphore storage image plate with the help of a Ta pinhole in approx 20 cm distance from the edge of the plasma



X-ray images on MS Image Plate at SIMPA 08-11-2007 Source settings: Kr gas, 50 W 5 min exposure time

~73 mm



no filter

FeCr filter 110 um

Cu filter 33 um

Plasma pinhole distance: min 210 mm Pinhole-IP distance: ~1 m Magnification: ~4.7

