

Sorgenti ioniche di nuova generazione per acceleratori ad alta intensità

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Big Facilities over the world require intense beams of multiply charged ions

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Boosting Accelerators performances: production of intense beams of highly charged ions

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Increase of Accelerators' performances without hardware modifications



High power proton accelerators require 100 mA of monocharged ions or more





High charge states (ECRIS):

high electron density, high plasma confinement time \rightarrow high frequency, high magnetic field

High current (MDIS):

high electron density (overdense plasmas), low plasma confinement time \rightarrow 2.45 GHz frequency, low magnetic field

High current ion sources: achievements & challenges

Since the end of '80s INFN has supported a relevant investment in high current ion sources, along three main directions:

- Electron Cyclotron Resonance (ECR) ion sources for multiply charged heavy ion beam production (with the corollary of charge breeders for radioactive beams);
- Microwave discharge ion sources (MDIS) for high power proton accelerators (HPPA);
- Laser ion sources;

→ Laboratori Nazionali del Sud, Catania (important achievements in modeling within a collaboration LNS-LNL, additional collaborations with Universities)

In the last two decades most of results have been made possible by the availability of more powerful magnetic system and microwave generators, but this is not an "ad libitum" process and the better comprehension of the behavior of the plasmas is mandatory, with increased emphasis w.r.t. what was done in the past, that is not negligible.

Let's start from historical information.



The Electron Cyclotron Resonance heating

During the plasma start-up an exiguous number of free electrons exist

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Electrons turn around the magnetic field lines with the frequency: $\omega g = qB/m$

The ionization up to high charge state is a step by step process which requires long ion confinement times and large electron densities

The energetic electrons ionize the gas atoms and create a plasma. A circulary polarized electromagnetic wave transfer energy to the electrons by means of the ECR : @RF = @g

Microwave discharge & ECR ion sources scheme

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Plasma Confinement in compact traps



Particles trajectories in plasmas are affected by several drifts, due to spontaneous or induced E fields, B lines curvature, B gradient, gravity, etc...

Particles rebounce inside the trap and are contemporaneously affected by the "phi" drift around the magnetic axis, due to the B curvature and axial gradient



High density – long lifetime required for fusion



Approximately the same requirements are valid for ion source plasmas

 $I_{ext} \propto \frac{n_e}{\tau_i}$; $< q > \propto n_e^* \tau_i$

Plasmas at high electron density and characterized by long ion lifetimes are specifically required. They can be produced by high intensity electron beams and/or sustained by microwaves

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A challenge similar to the "fusion dream" ...





The main goal of ion sources is the production of high quality ion beams to be injected into particle accelerators, minimizing beam losses and maximizing the overall reliability

The requirements of Ion sources employed for accelerators like LINACS or Cyclotrons are:

Production of intense beams of highly charged ions

Low emittance.

High stability and long-time operations without significant maintenance



Time machine - I

1987-90

- 1. LNS future machine, K-800 Superconducting Cyclotron (CS), is under construction.
- 2. The project is based on the radial injection of the beam accelerated by the Tandem and matched to the CS after a stripping and bunching process. Axial injection is considered but not designed.
- 3. The current from the Tandem is limited because of the two stripping process.
- 4. The maximum energy is limited by the maximum charge states obtained.





Time machine - II

1987-90

- 1. An additional scheme is viable, through the installation of an inflector and of a central region allowing to inject highly charged ions, but....
- The best ion sources are the Electron Cyclotron Resonance Ion Sources ; unfortunately the best available ones at that moment (GANIL, Julich, LBL) are not sufficient for LNS needs
- 3. The LNS management starts a R&D program to answer to the question: how to design an ECR able to replace the Tandem ?



Scaling laws Studies of plasma R. Geller (Grenoble, 1987,1990) has inferred from the experimental data some useful relations: physics 1) $\tau_i \propto L_{plasma}^2 B_{ECR}^{1.5}$ 2) B $\propto \omega$ 3) $n_e \propto \omega^2$ + 4) $T_e \propto P_{rf} \propto \bar{q}^2$ 5) $P_{rf} \propto \sqrt{\omega} \cdot \bar{q}^3 V$ Accidental \rightarrow 6) $I_{q+} \propto \omega^2 \text{ M}^{-\beta}$ $\beta = 0.5 \div 1$ \rightarrow 7) $\bar{q} \propto log(B_{max})$ situations Microscopic paremeters ne, Te, Ti, 9 14 Heroscopic paremeters V, Lylasure, B, W, PRF, H

History: accidents force humans to new ideas...

Sometime in Sixties

Prof. Richard Geller, during an experimental night shift, worked to maintainance of a PIG source and a small accident happened, resulting in a leg injury.

Result: he said himself that a new type of ion source was absolutely necessary, which does not need daily maintainance.

1965: the main ideas that led to the Electron Cyclotron Resonance Ion Source design are set by Geller (he used to be a "FTP" or "maquis" and during the war he knew Frederic Joliot-Curie, founder of CEA)

1974: Geller's scaling laws are mentioned for the first time (technical R&D in'80s).





Time machine - III

- 1. Luciano Calabretta and Giovanni Ciavola ask Prof. Migneco to arrange a period of stage at GANIL or KVI, where ECRIS developments are ongoing, for the newcomer of Accelerator Division
- 2. GANIL is not interested to host an external guest in this field.
- 3. KVI accepts to host the INFN guest (accident#1)
- 4. The research about ECRIS is carried out by Dr. Arne Drentje, who is counselor of the Director for the accelerators and has not much time for development of same ideas to improve the existing 10 GHz source and for the commissioning of the new 14 GHz source. Good to host a good-will junior scientist, said Arne (especially if paid by INFN !!!)
- Dr. Drentje appreciates the ability of the young guest to operate AUTONOMOUSLY the two sources with the help of the technician Jans Sijbring and ask to follow the programme of development on his behalf, but...



History: accidents pushed us to new ideas...

1989-90

...but... the 14 GHz source, in spite of the fulfillment of the Geller's scaling laws does not work properly in terms of high charge states production, and the amount of X-rays is awful and restricts the R&D. (accident#2)

Discussion Gammino-Drentje: evidently the Geller's laws are not complete. What's wrong? Why this time they do not work (September 1989)? Phone/message discussions with Ciavola at LNS: no solutions.

About the same period: somebody at KVI (maybe Ronnie Hoekstra) has shown Nd-Fe-B magnets \rightarrow I risked my finger to be injuried (accident#3)

November 1989: Two months of full immersion in plasma physics' world (access to Russian and US textbooks at RUG Groningen) takes to the **formulation of High B mode** (in the meantime back to LNS \rightarrow days of discussions with Giovanni Ciavola \rightarrow improvement of the concept \rightarrow key question of Giovanni "**is the magnet the right one?**", answer of Santo "no, it isn't, <u>a 20% larger hexapole would be the right one</u>, new type? " \rightarrow Drentje purchases a hexapole based on a new VACODYM-type (Nd-Fe-B)

March-April 1990 : replacement of the hexapole \rightarrow excellent results, no X-rays up to 300-400 W ! Current records of KVI cancelled in a week. ¹⁷



First report which describes the High B mode concept, first proposal to Prof. Geller to prepare a MoU for the construction of a source based on HBM

1991

Presentation to the Ion Source community, positive (4th ICIS, Bensheim, Germany): at the same time the paper on "Biased Disk" is presented. Negotiation between Ciavola and Geller, preparation of the TDR.







O voi che siete in piccioletta barca, desiderosi d'ascoltar, seguiti dietro al mio legno che cantando varca, tornate a riveder li vostri liti: non vi mettete in pelago, ché forse, perdendo me, rimarreste smarriti.

Provando e riprovando, mettemmo la piccioletta barca in pelago...



A superconducting electron cyclotron resonance source for the L.N.S.

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(Presented on 3 October 1991)

At the "Laboratorio Nazionale del Sud" (L.N.S.) the K-800 Superconducting Cyclotron (C.S.) is under construction and by the end of 1992 it will be completed in order to work as a booster for the 15-MV Tandem. With this facility fully stripped light ions will reach 100 MeV/amu, while the heaviest ions are foreseen to get 16 MeV/amu. In order to increase both charge states and intensities, mostly for the heaviest ions, of the beams injected into the C.S. a project for a superconducting electron cyclotron resonance (ECR) ion source has been developed and it will be carried out as a joint venture between the L.N.S. and the C.E.N. of Grenoble. This source will be the first superconducting ECR source to be coupled to a superconducting cyclotron in Europe, and it is particularly suited to exploit the capabilities of our K-800 superconducting cyclotron. The source will be working at 14.5 GHz and the confinement will be performed by superconducting magnets able to give 1.3 T on the plasma chamber wall, permitting attainment of a very good confinement. The design is at a preliminary level, but the main characteristics of the source have been established. The construction is scheduled to begin in 1992 and the source is expected to be working in 1995.

1992

Experiment with a biased disk at the K.V.I. ECRIS

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(Presented on 3 October 1991)

Some measurements have been done on the source ECRIS 1 at K.V.I., showing the beneficial effect to the output currents when a biased disk is positioned in the first stage, as reported by the Grenoble ECRIS group. The increase is in the order of 40% and it can be explained by the enrichment of the electron density in the plasma. Different saturation voltages for different charge states tend to confirm this explanation, suggesting new experiments, as, for example, the substitution of the first stage by an electron gun.

Approval by LNS Director and proposal for funding, positively evaluated by the INFN Executive Board

1993

Positive accidents (**accident#4**): while at MSU Rad. Ion Beam Conf., we propose the operation of SC-ECRIS in High B mode \rightarrow all records exceeded by far in 2 days and one night (bad coffee, impossible to do more) \rightarrow unscheduled invited talk because the HBM behavior is promising for charge breeders and paper by Antaya, Gammino, Ciavola, Loiselet *Selective enhancement of highly charged ions extracted from the SCECR ion source*, Proc. 3rd Int. Conf. on Radioactive Nuclear Beams \rightarrow first relevant paper for charge breeding



MSU SC ECR 1993

First vertical superconducting ECR

Most years in operation

Designed for 6 and 14 GHz

High B-mode demonstration at 6.4 GHz (Gammino, Ciavola, Antaya, Loiselet)

Sextupole field too low for 14 GHz (Quenching)









ECRIS magnetic structure

The necessity of the minimum B structure



ECR ION SOURCES AND SCALING LAWS

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The development of Electron Cyclotron Resonance (ECR) ion sources has been continuous during twenty years but the knowledge of the laws which determine their behaviour is not yet complete. In 1987 a list of tentative scaling laws was proposed by Geller and coworkers¹ and for a few years these semiempirical laws have been the guidelines for the design of new ECR sources and the improvement of the existing ones.

In order to prove or to reformulate these laws, we have made some systematic tests on the superconducting source SC-ECRIS at the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory of the Michigan State University, devoted to the definition of the role of different parametres which determine the performance of ECR sources. The results of such tests and the conclusions which we have drawn will be outlined, with particular attention on the role of the confining magnetic field.

A fundamental parameter appears to be the ratio of particle pressure to magnetic pressure, $\beta = n_e k T_e / (B^2/2\mu_0)$, which has been decreased in order to obtain a stable plasma, by increasing the confining field in each direction.

The superconducting electron cyclotron resonance 6.4 GHz high-*B* mode and frequency scaling in electron cyclotron resonance ion sources^{a)}

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We would like to present the initial results and description of the superconducting electron cyclol (Yee) resonance ion source (SCECR) operating in the high-*B* mode—a new high magnetic fi low-frequency mode of operation. First, we describe the operating characteristics of this mode which include very high mirror confinement in all directions, yet having a minimum field enough for electron cyclotron resonance heating of 6.4 GHz. The source performance for oxys neon, argon, krypton, and xenon is presented and comparisons are made with several exist high-performance of all existing ECR sources. These results perhaps invalidate the classical freque squared source performance scaling law, and suggest the new possibility of high-performance low-frequency (and hence low cost) sources as will be discussed.









LNS Superconducting Cyclotron

Bending limit	K=800
Focusing limit	Kfoc=200
Pole radius	90 cm
Yoke outer radius	190.3 cm
Yoke full height	286 cm
Total weight	176 tons
Min-Max field	2.2-4.8 Tesla
Main coil At	6.5 10 ⁶
Sectors	3
Min. hill gap	8.6 cm
Max valley gap	91.6 cm
Trim coils	20
Dees	3
RF range	15-48 MHz
Oper. Harmonics	1,2,3,4
Peak dee voltage	100 KV



SERSE installation at LNS

1994

Contract with Ansaldo for the B-min trap superconducting magnet

1995-96

Poor performance of the Ansaldo magnetic system, new order to ACCEL; construction of the other components of the source.

1997

Successful operation on the CEA testbench

1998

March: end of developments at the testbench, preparation to transfer May 11th, boxes on the truck, I declare to CEA colleagues that we will install at LNS in one month: smiles and laugh... May 14th SERSE arrives at LNS June 13th - St. Anthony day - SERSE first plasma (miracle of

LNS technical staff)



SERSE @ LNS





SERSE typical currents at 18GHz (1997-2000)

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Kr19+ 107 Xe36+ 2 Au41+ 0.3	Kr19+	107	Xe36+	2	Au41+	0.35
Kr20+ 74 Xe38+ 0.9 Au42+ 0.03	Kr20+	74	Xe38+	0.9	Au42+	0.03

28 GHz operations 1 μ A Xe42+, 8 μ A Xe38+, 100 μ A Xe30+



CAESAR installation at LNS

1997

SERSE is on the good track, but CS needs another ECRIS, as a working horse → commercial one (Hypernanogan) but with many improvements 1998

Call for tender and construction

1999

CAESAR in operation at LNS 2000

CAESAR (and SERSE) coupled to the CS



CAESAR for EXCYT



N5+	515	Ne7+	230	Ar16+	2
N6+	160	Ne8+	170	Ca12+	52
15N7+	25	Ne9+	14	Ni17+	18
06+	720	Ar11+	120	Kr28+	1
07+	105	Ar14+	10	Ta27+	10

Operating frequency	14 and 18 GHz
Maximum radial field on the wall	1.1 T
Maximum axial field (injection)	1.58 T
Maximum axial field (extraction)	1.35 T
Minimum axial field	0.4 T
Hexapole	NdFeB made 1.1 T
Extraction system	Accel-decel, 30 kV/12 kV max
Plasma chamber	St. steel or Al made

Catana: eye tumours protontherapy facility required beam current stability, high reliability and reproducibility







<u>Figure 6</u>: Principle of the irradiation The range shifter and the modulator wheel are represented by the range modulator.



- >350 patients treated (since Feb. 2002)
- uveal melanomas
- conjunctival melanoma
- other malignancies (orbital RMS, non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, various metastases)
- Follow-up: 95% of success



INFN-CEA experiment (5th Framework Programme)









Some experimental 'strange' data



Overcoming the current limits of ECRIS

Roadmap indicated by the ECR Standard Model:

- High Frequency Generators;
- High Magnetic Fields;

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Investigations about RF energy transfer to the electrons may allow to overcome the limits

By quickly replacing the hot electrons lost for insufficient confinement we can increase the Electron Density, the heating rapidity and finally the main part of the energy content, i.e. $n_e kT_e$



 $< q > ~ n_e \tau_i$ I ~ n_e / τ_i

The optimization of the wave-electron energy transfer allow to slightly relax the confinement conditions
1994 Eur. Cycl. Prog. Meet., Dubna:

scaled version of SERSE for 28 GHz was presented ("gyroSERSE") but scaling laws for magnetic field and frequency were still questionable.



Assembled coil arrangement (constant perimeter with coil heigh 60 mm). The conductor surfaces are coloured according to the absolute value of the flux density. Five sextupole coils are omitted for a better view.



Steps towards III generation sources

From Gyro-SERSE (bridging Scaling Laws to 28GHz operations)...

...to MS-ECRIS (2005): the first attempt of a Bmin trap suitable for 28 GHz. No mature technology for SC magnets at that time: end of the story ?









Evidences

 LUCKY ACCIDENTS + TECHNOLOGICAL
IMPROVEMENTS + STUDY OF PLASMA
PHYSICS

 → now something more is necessary and plasma diagnostics to check numerical simulation is a key element for the next progress.

- The microwave coupling to plasma cannot be managed in terms of 'brute force'.
- The position of the waveguide and the matching give different results either in terms of available beam current and (more important) in terms of beam emittance.
- To have bright beams, we need to optimize the microwave coupling, not to increase the power.
- To improve ECRIS performance, we need to know better how they work.

The "prophecy" of Richard Geller

Already in 1990 Geller, who was the "father" of ECRIS, underlined the importance of plasma physics for future improvements of the source performances:

We want to show that without a minimum of plasma science no progress is possible in ECRIS and probably also in other source development.

R. Geller

Experimental Results on magnetic scaling on VENUS

Analysis of CSD for Krypton (left) and counts integrals of emitted X-rays at different energy intervals (right)





Magnetic field impact on plasma temperature

Slight variations of B are critical for hard-X rays generation (exp. with VENUS@Berkeley, and CAESAR@INFN-LNS)



Hot tail electron temperature jump for different Bext values

Hot tail electron temperature jump for different gradients (for few % of changes) of the magnetic field

What we learn from the experiments at INFN- LNS and Berkeley ? Which tile is lacking to complete the mosaic?

GOOD performances

The production of very hot electrons (up to MeV energies) is detrimental for superconducting 3rd gen. ECRIS

The optimization of the alternative heating mechanisms may allow to fully exploit the potentiality of new ECRIS

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Signs about the importance of the frequency tuning effect came already in 2001-2004 from an experiment carried out on SERSE [L. Celona et al., ECRIS04]



Comparison between trends of O^{8+} at 18 *GHz* for klystron (up to 800 W) and TWT1 operating in the same range of frequency.

TWT worked better than klystron: why?



Explanation of Frequency Tuning Effect

impact on the ion beam structure



Frequency Tuning Effect

The density distribution explains why for some frequencies the beams appear hollow





Electric field pattern



The Frequency Tuning strongly affects the beam shape and brightness

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	L. Celo	ona et al.	
-40 MHz	-38.933 MHz 10/11/2006 11:32:08	-32.533 MHz 10/11/2006 11:32:20	
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-8 MHz	-2.666 MHz 10/11/2006 11:33:16	+1.067 MHz 10/11/2006 11:33:23	
+15.467 MHz 10/11/2006 11:33:50	+21.3 MHz	+25.067 MHz 10/11/2006 11:34:08	



Frequency Tuning Effect was crucial for the achievement of CNAO request



CNAO layout



Modified SUPERNANOGAN

Contribution to CNAO: Centro Nazionale di Adroterapia Oncologica







ECR Ion Sources for CNAO

Ions	Current (requested) [µA]	Current (available) [µA]	After improvements by INFN-LNS [μA]	Emittance (requested) π mm.mrad	Emittance (new extractor) π mm.mrad	Stability [99,8%]
C ⁴⁺	200	200	250	0.75	0.56	36 h
H_2^+	1000	1000		0.75	0.42	2 h
H_3^+	700	600	1000	0.75	0.67	8 h
He ⁺	500	500		0.75	0.60	2 h

Major improvements

- Frequency tuning for the microwave injection: improvement to beam intensity and emittance (tested for the 1st time with HIT sources in July 2005)
- 2) New extraction system: improvement to beam emittance and stability
- 3) Changes to gas input system: much better stability



Tuning of frequency allows plasma density optimization

critical limitation still remains: the cutoff density, limiting also nuclear fusion rate in Tokamaks and Stellarators

Towards a radically different plasma heating mechanism: Synergies and cross-fertilization with Fusion Research come again onto the scene



Generation of extremely overdense @3.76 GHz plasmas through EBW-heating in flat-B-field devices



The overdense plasma is accessible only to plasma waves, that can be excited by pumping electromagnetic waves under proper injection properties



A new heating method has been attempted, modifying the magnetic field profile (doublebeach structure) and providing an off-resonance discharge.



Optimization of EBW generation is possible via suitable microwave launching schemes



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Phase

Launcher by "two-waveguides-array": lobe tilt by phase shift for otimizing oblique coupling of O-modes --> modal conversion





The non linear transition of electron temperature and the cutoff density overcoming confirm that plasma modes were formed

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Experimental observation shows a non-linear growing of plasma temperature and density, with a JUMP above a certain threshold of the RF power.

INFN Bitte Neder Non-intrusive plasma diagnostics methods



The X-ray space-resolved spectroscopy allows to investigate the morphology of the plasma \rightarrow very important to optimize the energy deposition mechanism.



X-ray space resolved spectroscopy: the X-ray pin-hole camera





X-ray sensitive CCD - camera

X-ray imaging can be performed with a **pin-hole camera technique**

The pin-hole is mounted between the plasma and a X-ray sensitive **CCD camera having 1024x1024 pixels in the 0.5-30 keV energy domain**





First direct observation of a HOT ELECTRON LAYER in the X-ray energies domain



Investigation of the plasma structure under different conditions of plasma heating (RF freq. B-field, etc.)

Varying the pumping wave frequency (F.T.E.)



Varying the magnetic field strength



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Synergic research with fruitful implications in material analysis and Archaeometry



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Perspectives: new research field are possible



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Plasmas for Astrophysics, Nuclear Decays Observation and **Radiation for Archaeometry**

A proposal has been submitted to INFN commissions by D. Mascali & A. Musumarra



A MHD stable,

magnetized plasma,



Living several hours or days with on average constant local density and temperature constant values is an attractive environment for:

Trapping in a dynamical equilibrium BETA/EC-DECAYING radionuclides, in order to measure their "in-plasma" decay time

Making "in-laboratory" observations of astrophysical interest, especially in the field of magnetized stars

In case of overdense plasma production via Electron Bernstein Waves, R&D can be done in order to apply the plasma produced UV/X radiation for material analysis

Plasmas for Astrophysics, Nuclear Decays Observation and Radiation for Archaeometry





Injection of ⁷Be in ECR plasma





Remarks about past and future

For any kind of ion species, ECRIS have increased the current with a rate close to one order of magnitude per decade





May we maintain this trend for the next decades ?



Scaling to 3rd and 4th generation ECRIS

If we consider a simple scaling law for the magnetic field and frequency, we obtain 3-5 T for the 3rd generation ECRIS and 28-37 GHz operational frequency; 6-8 T for the 4th generation and 56-75 GHz frequency.

The former case is still within the existing technology of magnets and RF generators.

The latter case it is not for the magnets, as these field can be obtained only with Nb₃Sn magnets, but maybe it will be in the next decade (progresses are ongoing).



- The increase of magnetic field is close to saturation.
- If you find a wall, you should dig a hole below it!
- The "hole" in our case is an appropriate microwave injector
- Plasma diagnostics and modeling are essential to fulfill the microwave coupling optimization.
- There is room for improvements of the existing sources and large possibilities for the future ECRIS.



Investment

Any equity fund would invest in a tool that increases the asset by a factor 5 or 10 per decade...

The investment in ECRIS has been rewarding in 3 decades 1987-2016.

Why not to continue to invest?



AISHA Advanced Ion Source for HAdrontherapy



AISHA is a hybrid ECRIS: the radial confining field is obtained by means of a permanent magnet hexapole, while the axial field is obtained with a **Helium-free superconducting system.**

The **operating frequency of 18 GHz will permit** to maximize the plasma density by employing commercial microwave tubes meeting the **needs of the installation in hospital** environments.

Radial field	1.3 T
Axial field	2.7 T - 0.4 T - 1.6 T
Operating frequencies	18 GHz – 21 GHz
Operating power	1.5 + 1.5 kW (max)
Extraction voltage	40 kV (max)
Chamber diameter / length	Ø 92 mm / 360 mm
LHe	Free
Warm bore diameter	274 mm
Source weight	1400 kg



An example of new source for M.C.I.: the Advanced Ion Source for Hadrontherapy (AISHa)

Parameter	Dimension
ø chamber	92 mm
L chamber	357 mm
Frequency	18 GHz
RF Power (max)	1.5 kW
Extr Voltage (max)	40 kV

Expected Currents

lon	AISHa (18 GHz + TFH)
H⁺	4000
H ₂ ⁺	2000
H ₃ ⁺	1500
³ He⁺	2000
¹² C ⁴⁺	800
⁶ Li ²⁺ - ⁷ Li ²⁺	800
¹⁰ B ³⁺ - ¹¹ B ³⁺	600
¹⁸ O ⁶⁺	1000
²¹ Ne ⁷⁺	500
³⁶ Ar ¹²⁺	150



Magnetic system based on four coils

- ✓ high stability
- high reproducibility
- Iow maintenance time
- ✓ Compact setup

6 9 highly charged ion beams



AISHA Advanced Ion Source for HAdrontherapy





- The set of four superconducting coils independently energized realize a *flexible magnetic trap*, which is fundamental to test alternative heating schemes based on Bernstein waves excitation and heating in subharmonics.
 - The use of a *broadband microwave generator* able to provide signal with complex spectrum content, will permit to efficiently tune the frequency increasing the electron density and therefore the performance in terms of current and average charge state produced.
 - The chamber dimension and the injection system are designed in order to *optimize the microwave coupling* to the plasma chamber taking into account the need of space to house the *oven for metallic ion* beam production.



• An adequate study of the *extraction system* has been carried out taking into account the production of high current and high charge states.

AISHa



Experimental setup





Reliable sources for high intensity proton accelerators

MIDAS, a high efficiency microwave discharge ion source for the EXCYT facility

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A microwave discharge ion source has been designed in order to obtain high efficiencies for positive ionization of the recoils to be produced at the exotics at the cyclotron Tandem facility. After a charge exchange process the negative ions will be injected into the 15-MV Tandem, already working at the Laboratorio Nazionale del Sud. The short ionization time and the fast wall recycling make this source very well suited for the purpose of high efficiency ionization of the recoils. The operational principle and the design are described in the following.


MIDAS



[♥]Beam axis



TRASCO was devoted to the conceptual study and the prototyping of components for an accelerator driven system for nuclear waste transmutation, and involved research agencies and Italian companies, about 15 years ago. Further programmes from Italian and European agencies supported the evolution of the TRASCO project.

80 keV 5 MeV 100 MeV ~200 MeV ~500 MeV >1000 MeV

Proton Source	+ RFQ	Medium energy ISCL linac	sections high energy SC linac
Source	RFQ	ISCL	High Energy SC Linac
Microwave RF Source High current (ო რ mA) 쮢 keV	High transmission 5% 3 mA, 5 MeV (35 ~ MHz)	5 - 100 MeV SC linac Baseline design: Reentrant cavities (352 MHz) Alternative design: $\lambda/2, \lambda/4$ 8 $\beta\lambda$ FODO focussing with sc magnets	 3 section linac: 100 - 190 MeV, β=0.47 190 - 450 MeV, β=0.65 450 - 1000/(1600) MeV, β=0.85 Five(six) cell elliptical cavities Quadrupole doublet focussing: multi-cavity cryostats between doublets (352.2 MHz CERN/LEP) 704.4 MHz

The TRASCO-AC Group,

Status of the high current proton accelerator for the TRASCO program. Report No. INFN/TC-00/23

TRIPS (TRasco Intense Proton Source)

Proton beam current: 35 mA dc Beam Energy: 80 keV Beam emittance: $\epsilon_{RMS} \leq 0.2 \pi$ mm mrad Reliability: close to 100%

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11/11/05 TRIPS moved to LNL

	Requirement	Status
Beam energy	80 keV	80 keV
Proton current	35 mA	55 mA
Proton fraction	>70%	80% at 800 W RF power
RF power, Frequency	2 kW (max) @2.45 GHz	Up to 1 kW @ 2.45 GHz
Axial magnetic field	875-1000 G	875-1000 G
Duty factor	100% (dc)	100% (dc)
Extraction aperture	8 mm	6 mm
Reliability	≈100%	99.8% @ 35mA (over 142 h)
Beam emittance at RFQ entrance	≤0.2 πmmmrad	$0.07\div0.20 \pi$ mmmrad



Space charge compensation with ⁸⁴Kr



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Emittance plot (99%) without injecting gas in the beam line: $p=1.8 \cdot 10^{-5} T \Longrightarrow \underline{\varepsilon}_{RMS} = 0.335 \pi \text{ mm mrad}$



Emittance plot (99%) injecting 84Kr in the beam line: $p=3.0\cdot10^{-5} T \Longrightarrow \underline{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{RMS}}=0.116 \pi \text{ mm mrad}$

R. Gobin, R. Ferdinand, L.Celona, G. Ciavola, S. Gammino, Rev.Sci.Instr. 70(6), (1999), 2652





Versatile Ion Source (2008)





VIS test configuration





Test Results



- 9 ----->12.2 mA H₂⁺ maximum beam @F.C.
- + 35% total improvement w.r.t. standard VIS chamber
- 75% transmission factor implies source generates >16 mA H_2^+ beam

INFN contribution to the European Spallation Source



INFN is in charge of the management of the WP3-Normal Conducting Linac

- 1. Ion Source & LEBT (INFN-Laboratori Nazionali del Sud, Italy),
- 2. RFQ (CEA-IRFU, France),
- 3. MEBT (ESS Bilbao, Spain)
- 4. Drift Tube Linac with some diagnostics (INFN-Laboratori Nazionali di Legnaro, Italy)

and of the in-kind contribution of :

5. superconducting elliptical cavities for WP5: INFN is involved in the design and construction of SC elliptical cavities of medium beta section (Milan-Lasa)

\rightarrow know-how for ESS construction, industrial background for series construction



Road to realizing the world's leading facility for research using neutrons





It is possible to envisage the use of such high intensity beams for direct measurements of nuclear astrophysics interest in the < 100 keV range



The high intensity proton source for the European Spallation Source

- Peek
- Alumina
- Electrodes water cooling
- Four electrodes extraction system (75, 0, -3, 0 [kV])
- AlN electric insulator with high thermal conductivity
- First LEBT segment with two emittance measurements, a Faraday cup and a turbo molecular pump
- X-ray protection
- · Triple point new geometry
- -3kV connection





- Three coils magnetic system to test new plasma heating mechanism
- ARMCO magnetic shielding
- Copper plasma chamber
- Water cooling
- /• Two plasma chamber ends with BN disks
- Microwave injection
- Gas injection



TO BE COMPLETED IN 2016: OK



Ion Source & LEBT



Maximum proton beam current at the target: 62.5 mA (>90 mA of source's output current)
Pulse during neutron production: 2.86 ms
Beam Stability: ±2.5%
Beam emittance 0.25 π mm mrad
The peak beam current must be variable from 6.3 mA to 62.5 mA (step size of 6.3 mA, precision of 1.6 mA)



PS-ESS and LEBT 05/08/2016



Source completed Control system to be completed within end of September

The proton source for ESS accelerator



INFN

First Plasma ignited in June'16, first beam one week ago...



Measurement of RF power to plasma matching

RF probes



Software interface of the two RF probes





Phase 1: IS with FC and DSM Phase 2: Phase 1 + EMU

Beam performance	Value	Measureme nt device
Maximum beam current	> 90 mA	FC
Nominal proton beam current	74 mA	
Pulse length	3 ms	
Pulse length maximum	6 ms	
Flat top stability	±2 %	
Pulse to pulse stability	±3.5 %	56
Repetition rate	14 Hz	FC
Repetition rate range	1-14 Hz, 1 Hz step	
Pulse length range	1 ms - 3 ms	
Recovery after 5 s downtime	1 pulse	
Proton fraction	> 75 %	DSM
Beam energy	75 keV	
Beam energy fluctuation	±0.01 keV	HV power
Energy adjustment range	±5 keV	converter
Energy adjustment precision	± 100 eV	
Transverse emittance (99 %) at IS-LEBT lattice interface	1.8 μm	
Beam divergence (99 %) at IS-LEBT lattice interface	80 mrad	
Beam alignment at solenoid 1	±0.5 mm	EMU
Beam center offset at IS-LEBT lattice interface	±0.1 mm	
Beam angle offset at IS-LEBT lattice interface	±1 mrad	



Study of different parameters:

- Insulating/conductive plasma walls
- Magnetic configuration

- Extraction geometry
- Gas injection
- Pressure



Phase 3: beam characterization after the first solenoid

Beam performance	Value	Measurement device
Beam current range	7-74 mA	
Beam current range step size	2 mA	Faraday cup
Beam current precision	±1 mA	
Orbit control with respect to beam axis	±0.5 mm	NPM
Transverse emittance	-	
Beam center offset	-	EMU
Beam angle offset	-	



Study of different parameters:

- Addition LEBT gas injection
- LEBT pressure
- Solenoids configuration
- Repelling electrodes voltage



Phase 4: beam characterization at the LEBT-RFQ lattice interface

Beam performance	Value	Measurement device
Nominal beam current	74 mA	
Beam current transmission	95 %	
Pulse length	2.86 ms	
Maximum pulse length	2.88 ms	ACCT / Faraday cup
Pulse length range	0.005-2.88 ms	
Single pulse production	-	
Transmission of transient	>1 %	
Transverse emittance (norm, rms) at LEBT-RFQ lattice interface	0.25 μm	
Transverse emittance (99%) at LEBT-RFQ lattice interface	2.25 μm	EMU
Beam alignment at LEBT-RFQ lattice interface	±0.1 mm	
Transverse twiss α at LEBT-RFQ lattice interface	1.02 ± 20 %	
Transverse twiss β at LEBT-RFQ lattice interface	0.11 mm ± 10 %	



	Study of different parameters:
\triangleright	Addition LEBT gas injection
\succ	LEBT pressure
\succ	Chopper voltage and rise/fall time speed
\succ	Solenoids configuration
\triangleright	Repelling electrodes voltage



Phase 5: long duration tests (to be completed after RFI)

Consists of several tests:

- study the long-term reliability of the ion source and define which parts get degraded over time,
- study the current range that can be produced by the ion source (6-74 mA, ISrc.SyR-13),
- analyze potential beam trips to evaluate and prevent downtime,
- define a sequence for an automatic start-up of the ion source,
- simulate the time needed to restart the ion source after shut down (16 hours, ISrc.SyR-14),
- simulate the time needed to restart the ion source after maintenance, such as replacing the boron nitride disks (32 hours, ISrc.SyR-15),
- ensure that the different beam requirements can be satisfied at the same time (ISrc.SyR-22, LEBT.SyR-20),
- improve the design (for example of the extraction system) and ion source and LEBT settings to ensure that the requirements settled are satisfied.





PS-LEBT updated schedule

Feb. 10th, 2015

March to Nov., 2015 Dec. to May 20, 2016

Jun to Nov, 2016

May'15 to May 2016 Nov. 1st,2016 Nov, 2016 to Aug.'17 Nov. 1st, 2017

July, 16 to Mar,17 Sept, 17 to Mar, 18 Mar to Sept, 2018 Nov, 2018 Successful CDR

Procurement (second phase) Tests of source components and ancillaries Full tests of proton source with diagnostics&controls LEBT Procurement Diagnostics available from ESS Full tests with LEBT First source ready for installation

Procurement PS#2 Assembly PS#2 Tests with diagnostics and controls PS#2 Delivery PS#2



To be evaluated: possibility to adapt the PS-ESS design for other needs



Laser Ion Sources



LASER ION SOURCES have been used either to directly produce the highly charged ions and to produce Q<10+ ions that are injected into ECRIS for HCI productions

Limits to the adoption of LIS as accelerators' injector: Emittance, energy spread, reproducibility, stability





ECLISSE project: The assembly of the hybrid source







ECLISSE project: a detail of the plasma chamber





Numerical simulation of ion injection into the ECR source



Tantalum ion production vs. time as expected from the ECLISSE experiment.



Ion focalization by magnetic field





With LIS (red) and without LIS (blue)





A few charge state distributions



Analyzing magnet field (gauss)







A few charge state distributions







The ECLISSE method is the best one for refractory elements and for some others.

There are some advantages even for elements which can be obtained by conventional methods (oven, sputtering) but the complexity of the setup is too high.

⇒ A large gain can be obtained with 3rd generation ECRIS



Target and ELIMED areas





Conclusions

A great to the field of positive ion sources have been carried out at INFN during last decades;

The impact of the achievements have been remarkable for many accelerator facilities worldwide and the networking with other R&D teams in other EU laboratories has been precious since '90s. The amount of challenges in front of us, either for intense beams of highly charged ions and for hundreds of mA of protons and monocharged ions is breathtaking and plenty of ideas for further developments are in the agenda of the INFN researchers for this sake. The cross-dissemination with other fields of physics and engineering is

promising and maybe it will disclose new horizons in other disciplines