

Plasmas for Astrophysics, Nuclear Decays Observation and Radiation for Archaeometry



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> Magnetized Plasmas for interdisciplinary research at INFN-LNS



The B-min configuration suitable for multiply charged ions production

Solenoids for *Axial confinement*

Hexapole for radial confinement

Extraction system

"**B_minimum" Magnetic Field** structure

el. dens. 10¹²-10¹⁴ cm⁻³ el. temperature 0.01-10 keV

Gas injection system

Incident microwaves few **kW** at **tens GHz**

ECR Surface $B_{ECR} = \omega_{RF} m_e/e$

Confinement of highly charged ions in a magnetoplasma



According to the plasma density, temperature and confinement time, a given charge state distribution can be mainteined in a dynamical equilibrium for hours or even days!!

SECRAL source at IMP - Lanzhou, China

- 1. Plasma can be obtained by (almost) any element, including rare isotopes
- 2. The Charge State Distribution can be modulated according to the plasma density and temperature
- **3.** The decay-products can be tagged by γ-rays or by XRF on accumulation targets





Competitive/Complementary approaches



Half-lives of ⁷Be in different atomic charge states

Attempts to obtain the "true" terrestrial half-life of ⁷Be are done in numerous experiments worldwide in which ⁷Be atoms are implanted in different chemical environments, see, e.g., recent experiments in Refs. [9, 10]. The motivation for studying this decay is its impact for Solar physics, where the survival probability of ⁷Be plays a crucial role for the neutrino fluxes from the ⁷Be EC- and ⁸B β^+ -decays [11] (see Figure 2). Although the main decay channel of ⁷Be in the Sun's interior is the free electron capture, Iben, Kalata & Schwartz [12] have shown that bound electrons can significantly increase the decay probability. Theoretical predictions exist indicating that about 20% of ⁷Be in the center of the Sun might have a bound electron [12, 13]. A longer lifetime of ⁷Be in the Sun would increase the probability

Storage ring facility at HIE-ISOLDE

Technical Design Report

Table 1. Parameters of beams circulating in the TSR. See text for details.

| Ion | Nuclear | Energy | Cooling | Beam | H ₂ target | Beam | Eff. target |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| | lifetime | (MeV/u) | time | lifetime in | $(atoms/cm^2)$ | lifetime | thickness |
| | | | | residual gas | | in target | $(\mu { m g/cm}^2)$ |
| $^{7}\mathrm{Be}~3^{+}$ | (53 d) | 10 | $2.3 \mathrm{~s}$ | 370 s | | | |
| $^{18}{ m F}~9^+$ | 100 m | 10 | $0.7 \mathrm{\ s}$ | 280 s | $1 	imes 10^{14}$ | 236 s | 31000 |
| 26m Al 13 ⁺ | $6.3 \ s$ | 10 | $0.5 \ s$ | $137 \mathrm{\ s}$ | $5	imes 10^{14}$ | 23 s | 4200 |
| ${}^{52}Ca \ 20^+$ | $4.6 \mathrm{s}$ | 10 | $0.4 \mathrm{\ s}$ | 58 s | $5	imes 10^{14}$ | 9.6 s | 3000 |
| ⁷⁰ Ni 28 ⁺ | $6.0 \mathrm{\ s}$ | 10 | $0.25 \ s$ | 30 s | $2 	imes 10^{14}$ | 12 s | 1600 |
| ⁷⁰ Ni 25 ⁺ | $6.0 \mathrm{\ s}$ | 10 | $0.3 \mathrm{s}$ | 26 s | $2 	imes 10^{13}$ | $2.1 \mathrm{~s}$ | 60 |
| 132 Sn 30^+ | $40 \mathrm{s}$ | 4 | $0.4 \mathrm{\ s}$ | $1.5 \mathrm{s}$ | 1×10^{12} | $1.4 \mathrm{\ s}$ | 1.2 |
| 132 Sn 45^+ | $40 \mathrm{s}$ | 4 | $0.2 \mathrm{~s}$ | $1.4 \mathrm{s}$ | $5 	imes 10^{12}$ | $1.6 \mathrm{\ s}$ | 7 |
| 132 Sn 39 ⁺ | $40 \mathrm{s}$ | 10 | $0.25 \mathrm{\ s}$ | $7.4 \mathrm{s}$ | $2 	imes 10^{12}$ | 3.6 s | 9.5 |
| 132 Sn 45^+ | $40 \mathrm{s}$ | 10 | $0.2 \mathrm{~s}$ | 10 s | $5 	imes 10^{13}$ | $1.3 \mathrm{~s}$ | 90 |
| $^{186}{\rm Pb}~46^+$ | $4.8 \mathrm{\ s}$ | 10 | $0.25 \ s$ | 4 s | $2 	imes 10^{12}$ | $1.5 \mathrm{~s}$ | 4 |
| 186 Pb 64^{+} | $4.8 \mathrm{\ s}$ | 10 | $0.13 \mathrm{~s}$ | $5 \mathrm{s}$ | 1×10^{13} | $1.7 \mathrm{~s}$ | 20 |

7Be lifetime variation at different charge states is one of the hot-topics for HIE-ISOLDE storage ring

An exciting possibility: study of bound-ß decay in a high-energy content plasma

Physica Scripta

Manipulation of nuclear lifetimes in storage rings Fritz Bosch

Physica Scripta, Volume 1995, T59

value lead to a halflife of 42×10^9 y. For *fully ionized* ¹⁸⁷Re the continuum β^- decay is forbidden (negative Q value), whereas bound-state β^- decay with the electron bound in the K shell becomes possible. The dominant decay branch, a nonunique first forbidden transition, feeds the *first excited state* in ¹⁸⁷Os at 9.75 keV excitation energy. This effect dramatically decreases the half-life of bare ¹⁸⁷Re, as measured at the ESR (see next section), to 33 y only. The figure is taken from [42].



¹⁸⁷Re can be multi-ionized and trapped in an ECR machine: the S.R. observed lifetime variation of 9 orders of magnitude (!!) LETTER

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Spectroscopic identification of r-process nucleosynthesis in a double neutron-star merger

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"Stars in Jar" -> The issue of astrophyiscal plasma opacities

In-laboratory measurements in the MULTIMESSANGER era

OPACITIES AND SPECTRA OF THE r-PROCESS EJECTA FROM NEUTRON STAR MERGERS

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Figure 2: Left: Line opacity as a function of wavelength, comparing elements with d-shell valence shell electrons (iron, cerium) to lanthanides with f-shell electrons (e.g. Nd, Os). Right: Planck mean opacities, $\kappa_{\rm Pl} = \frac{\int_0^\infty \kappa_\nu B_\nu(T) d\nu}{\int_0^\infty B_\nu(T) d\nu}$, for ejecta containing different mass fractions of lanthanides $X_{\rm Nd}$, the remainder being non-lanthanides $X_{\rm Fe} = 1 - X_{\rm Nd}$. From Kasen et al. (2013).

"Stars in the Jar" the PANDORA project Plasmas for Astrophysics, Nuclear Decays Observation and Radiation for Archaeometry



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Fertile network of collaborations





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PANDORA's challenges

Relevant Budget for the realization of the superconducting trap 1. On-Line Measurements of n, T, CSD of the plasma + 2. Radioisotopes handling and injection into the plasma trap PANDORA feasibility study





Non-intrusive plasma diagnostics methods



Measuring the plasma density in different energy regimes: density, temperature and plasma structure evaluation under different operative parameters

Experimental setup for simultaneous measurement of density, temperature and CSD



Three detectors were used for a broad characterization of the EEDF:

- HpGe for "hot electrons" E>30 keV
- SDD for "warm electrons" 2<E<30 keV
- CCD camera for imaging and 2D resolved spectroscopy 1<E<10kEV</p>



Non-intrusive plasma diagnostics methods RF IR Visible & UV **EUV Soft-Xray** Hard-Xray (3 kHz-300 (10-100 keV) (10-120 eV) (0,12-12 keV) (300 (1,6-12 eV) GHz) GHz-430 THz) **Optical plasma** X-ray Pinhole Camera **Observation** Imaging & 2D-**SDD - HpGe** Spectroscopy 1D/2D Spectroscopy **X-ray detectors** 2D energy distribution and density-temp. **Spectroscopy** (relative) density measurement \triangle B1 10 counts/min 4.5 \square B2 T=95 keV 3.5 10^{1} T=35 keV - N₂ 3.7478GHz Temperature [KeV] з 10^{0} 🗩 N,, 2.45GHz 2.5 200 300 400 500 600 He 2.45GHz Energy [KeV] 2 1.5 0.5 150 100 Power [Watt]

Non-intrusive plasma diagnostics methods

Faraday rotation measurements Next step Polarimetry (Faraday rotation detection) Livello Cross polare Load Encoder OMT Giunto OMT (A) Rotante (B) Livello Copolare Camera Plasma $\Delta \Psi = \frac{e^3 \lambda^2}{2\pi m_e^2 c^4} \int_0^L n_e(l) B_{\parallel}(l) . dl$ LAN Controller AC 220V The polarimetric system has been Setup Block Diagram designed jointly with SICIL-Sat s.r.l. (satellite communications)

Magnetic field

plasma density

probing wave-length

E. Naselli et al., The first measurement of plasma density by means of an interfero-polarimetric setup

in a compact ECR-plasma trap SIF 2018, Otal talk Wednsday moring

In collaboration with Max Plank Institute – Institute of Plasma Physics (Germany)

Non-intrusive plasma diagnostics methods

Plasma inspection after energy filtering

Advanced design of the plasma chamber walls oriented to spatially-resolved X-ray spectroscopy

X-ray image from 2014 experiment

R. Racz et al. Plasma Sources Science and Technology, Vol. 26, No. 7 D. Mascali et al., Review of Scientific Instruments **8**7, 02A510 (2016) Advanced design of the plasma chamber walls oriented to spatially-resolved X-ray spectroscopy

High-spatial resolution, time integrated images with an **exposure time of 50 sec**

→ Counts estimated in each ROI rely to n·E, i.e. including both photon flux and energy content

Decoupling of n vs E will possible only after the spectral analysis (already acquired but not yet elaborated)

Probing turbulent plasma regimes (CYCLOTRON MASER INST.) in a Time-Resolved way

Comparison with self-consistent simulations

Road Towards Self Consistency... exit from the loop

Electron Density on xz plane (y=0)

X-ray imaging and 3D plasma modelling

3D self-consistent simulations very well reproduce energy content distribution of the plasma, which in turn fits with experimental detected displacement of Argon ions

Injection of rare isotopes in the magnetoplasma

Short lifetime (e.g. ⁷Be, ¹³N, ¹⁵O)

Long lifetime (e.g. ¹⁸⁷Re, ¹⁷⁶Lu, ⁸⁵Kr)

Charge Breeding (in-flight-in-plasma capture) **Classical evaporation systems** (resistive/inductive ovens)

Towards the PANDORA'S TDR On-line production of radionuclides at LNS with the upgraded Cyclotron

Other than the first physics case of ⁷Be, other radionuclides to be produced on-line include:

- ⁸B (for investigating the $\beta^+ 2\alpha$ decay solar neutrino problem)
- CNO cycle, ¹³N, ¹⁵O and ¹⁷F decaying β⁺

Targets of BN and/or C will be designed and irradiated by high intensity C, O and Ne beams

Charge Breeding modeling Ballistics studies

Charge Breeding efficiency versus the emittance

Charge Breeding efficiency versus the energy spread

Numerical and Experimental results suggest RF cooler is needed!

SpectroPolarimetry for C.S.D. on-line measurements

Optical Emission Spectroscopy is already widely used worldwide to measure plasma density and temperature...

BUT...

The effect of the magnetic field is rarely taken into account. It may affect in a relevant way line-ratios, etc.

----> SPECTROPOLARIMETRY is needed!

Collaboration with Cambridge Univ. and University of Michigan started to integrate astrophysical databases to ECR plasmas

SpectroPolarimetry for C.S.D. on-line measure

Spettrografo Alta Risoluzione Galileo

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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ISTITUTO NAZIONALE DI FISICA NUCLEARE,

LABORATORI NAZIONALI DEL SUD

RIGUARDANTE

Un'intensa sinergia su obiettivi comuni della ricerca scientifica al fine di incentivare le attività interdisciplinari basate sulla fisica dei plasmi ad alta densità e temperatura, di interesse per la produzione di fasci ionici, l'astrofisica nucleare e l'astrofisica osservativa, e seanatamente nel compo della propagazione a

nicroonde in plasmi magnetizzati, della spettroscopia ottica/UV, della spettropolarimetria, e dell'analisi dell'emissione di raggi X.

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PANDORA@Work

INFN-INAF MoU in progress

the first *MoU* to be signed by the two institutions

CSN III and V

- Range: 370-900 nm
- R = 160 000

Starting a new synergy with Astronomy/Astrophysics!!!

SARG has been transferred to LNS from T.N.G. in La Palma, Canary Islands Spettrografo Alta Risoluzione Galileo

• 370-900 nm

• R = 160 000

Full Stokes Capability (Leone et al. 2003, SPIE, 4843, 465) SARG@TNG, Canary Islands, has been one of the most powerful spectropolarimetry for the observation of magnetized stars' atmospheres

SARG@LNS, February 2018 -> Now in the installation phase

SpectroPolarimetry for C.S.D. on-line measurements

PANDORA's fall-out for Cosmic Magnetic Fields

Since George Ellery Hale (1908) we measure LS-coupling magnetic fields

(a) A sunspot

Building In-laboratory **DATABASE** of Landé factors

PANDORA's challenges: summary

DIAGNOSTICS: almost done for measuring plasma parameters in any spectral domain

BUT..

more space is needed! Let's think about new traps/ new plasma chambers

RARE ISOTOPES INJECTION: on line production + charge breeding

BUT...

BUT...

for heavy elements (Cosmochronometers) new techniques are welcome!!

SUPPRESSION OF PLASMA TURBULENCE: experiments are ongoing

more efforts are needed, and they are of relevance even for routine ECRIS operations.

Thank you very mych for your attention!!

NB:

PANDORA is a new experimental approach: comments, ideas, remarks, corrections... are warmly welcome!!