Characterization of Very Low Intensity Ion Beams from CERN REX/HIE-ISOLDE Linear Accelerator

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The CERN Accelerator Complex



LHC - Large Hadron Collider // SPS - Super Proton Synchrotron // PS - Proton Synchrotron // AD - Antiproton Decelerator // CLEAR - CERN Linear Electron Accelerator for Research // AWAKE - Advanced WAKefield Experiment // ISOLDE - Isotope Separator OnLine // REX/HIE - Radioactive EXperiment/High Intensity and Energy ISOLDE // LEIR - Low Energy Ion Ring // LINAC - LINear ACcelerator // n_TOF - Neutrons Time Of Flight // HiRadMat - High-Radiation to Materials



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REX-ISOLDE



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Slow Extraction



"Slow Extraction of Charged Ion Pulses from the REXEBIS", N. Bidault, et al., AIP Conf. Proc. 2011 (2018) 070003.



Axial energy distribution

Technique Variation of REXEBIS extraction potential and monitoring of escaped ions to reconstruct the axial energy distribution.



Time-of-Flight of ions measured after the A/q-Separator when gating with the outer barrier.



Ionic axial energy distribution measured at REXEBIS extraction, as a function of the electron beam current.

Assumption lon energy distributions are Maxwell-Boltzmann with 5 degrees of freedom: $f_i(E_{\phi})dE_{\phi} = \frac{4}{3}N_i\sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi}}(E_{\phi})^{3/2}\left(\frac{1}{k_BT_i}\right)^{5/2}\exp\left(\frac{-E_{\phi}}{k_BT_i}\right)dE_{\phi}$

Energy dynamics
$$\frac{\mathrm{d}k_B T_i}{\mathrm{d}t} = \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}k_B T_i}{\mathrm{d}t}\right)^{\mathrm{Spitzer}} + \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}k_B T_i}{\mathrm{d}t}\right)^{\mathrm{Ionisation}} + \sum_j \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}k_B T_i}{\mathrm{d}t}\right)_j^{\mathrm{Transfer}} - \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}k_B T_i}{\mathrm{d}t}\right)^{\mathrm{Escape}}$$

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EBISIM code: Charge state and energy dynamics

EBISIM package collection of tools for simulating the evolution of the charge state distribution inside an Electron Beam Ion Source / Trap (EBIS/T) using Python. <u>GitHub (https://github.com/HPLegion/ebisim#readme</u>). Developed by Hannes Pahl (CERN).



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EBIS plasma: Dielectronic recombination process

Experimental setup ³⁹K^q for q = 13...17 @ 4 keV/u . RR = 1 Hz; Breeding time = 995 ms; I_{e-} = 50 mA. Potential use for charge state selectivity



Measurement of the charge state relative abundancies and comparison with EBISIM code featuring dielectric recombination effects in REXEBIS.



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Space charge potential inside an EBIS



Space charge potential from the electron beam only.

With uniform e-beam:

$$\phi(r) = U_t - \phi_0 \cdot \begin{cases} \left(2\ln\frac{r_t}{r_e} - \frac{r^2}{r_e^2} + 1\right) &, |r| \le r_e \\ 2\ln\frac{r_t}{|r|} &, |r| > r_e \end{cases}$$





Space charge potential including ion beam compensation.

Gauss law:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial \phi(r)}{\partial r} \right) = \frac{e}{\varepsilon_0} (n_e(r) - \sum_i \sum_q q_i n_{i,q}(r))$$

Using Boltzmann distribution:

$$n_i(r, t = \infty) = n_i(0) \exp\left(-\frac{Q_i\phi(r)}{k_B T_i}\right)$$



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Beam properties at extraction from an EBIS



Average radius of the ion cloud versus temperature.

Ion cloud characteristic radii:

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$$r_i = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} r^2 n_i(r) \mathrm{d}r$$
 $r_i^{\mathrm{rms}} = \sqrt{\int_{\mathbb{R}_+} r^3 n_i(r) \mathrm{d}r}$

Deduction of the overlap factor between electron and ion distributions.

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Normalized emittance of extracted beam in a field free region.

Transverse emittance in EBIS (Cartesian coordinates):

$$\varepsilon_x = \sqrt{\frac{k_B T_i}{2m_i v_z^2}} \left[(r_i^{\rm rms})^2 - \frac{r_i^2}{\pi} \right]$$

Emittance in field free region, from canonical momentum conservation,

$$\varepsilon_x^2(B=0) = \varepsilon_x^2(B=B_d) + \frac{Q_i^2 B_d^2}{16m_i^2 v_z^2} \left(r_i^{\text{rms}}\right)^2$$

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Measurement of the overlap factor

Experimental setup Neutral gas injection of ¹²⁹Xe. Electron beam with a current of 200 mA and energy about 6 keV. Axial energy scans with varying breeding time.





Method

Fitting of three free parameters, using the lower gamma incomplete function:

$$f(U) = I_0(1 - \gamma \left(\frac{q_i U - E_0}{k_B T_i}, \frac{5}{2}\right))$$

Results

Estimate of the ion temperature. Deduce the ion radial distribution. Calculate the overlap factor.



Conclusion

The ion cloud remains confined within the electron beam.

Heating rate:

- Measured: 3.5 keV/s
- From Landau-Spitzer: 2.4 keV/s





Estimation of the effective electron current density

Objective Estimate the effective electron current density j_{eff}, when comparing the measured charge state distributions with the EBISIM code.



Method

Measurement of the charge state distribution of ¹²⁹Xe^{q+} for different breeding time.

Result

Deduce the effective electron current density from a least-square minimization between the EBISIM code and the measurements.

Conclusion

□ $j_{eff} = 600 \text{ A/cm}^2 \text{ for } I_{e_-} = 300 \text{ mA}.$ □ $j_{eff} = 400 \text{ A/cm}^2 \text{ for } I_{e_-} = 200 \text{ mA}.$

The decreasing trend can be explained with the reduction of the overlap factor.



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Abundant contamination

Technique Variation of REX A/q-Separator magnet, monitoring of current passing through slit on Faraday cup.



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From epA to single-ion detection

Technique Instead of varying REX A/q-Separator magnet, all necessary beam optics and RF, from REXEBIS to the Si detector, are scaled for each A/q step.



Objective Anticipate on the beam purity and probe A/q-areas where Faraday cups do not allow for identification

Experimental setup in 2020, using non-adiabatic gun with IrCe cathode at higher electron beam density:

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- Confirmation of the capability to probe rare contaminants.
- Residual gas ions were accelerated through the RFQ and acquired on a large Si detector installed directly afterward.
- Intensities are representative of reality.



Rare contaminants



Method A/q-scan measured with a silicon detector. $I_e = 200 \text{ mA}$, $E_e = 6 \text{ keV}$.

Application Investigation on the presence of Ir or Ce from the electron gun cathode using the silicon detector energy histograms.





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HIE-ISOLDE: Transverse beam profiles at low intensity



Bias and exclusion (threshold) analysis.

Measurement of transverse beam profiles at the same location, with a

Faraday cup for pA current range or a silicon detector below 1 fA.

Faraday cup (left) and silicon detector (right) beam profile measurements

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Result Capability to measure transverse profiles of very low intensity ion beams.



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HIE-ISOLDE: Transverse beam properties characterization

Experimental setup ³⁹K¹⁰⁺ @ 3.82 MeV/u, thin-slits and quadrupoles are used to probe the tranvserse phase-space for two ranges of intensity.



"Characterization of the transverse properties of very low intensity ion beams at the REX/HIE-ISOLDE LINAC", N. Bidault, et al., NIM-A, in-review.



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Results	Plane	Parameter	Value SD	Value FC
		$\varepsilon_x \ [\pi.mm.mrad]$	0.80(5)	0.82(5)
		α_x	-0.10(15)	0.05(15)
	x-plane (a)	$\beta_x \; [\mathrm{mm.mrad}^{-1}]$	4.8(5)	5.1(5)
		$\gamma_x \text{ [mrad.mm^{-1}]}$	0.21(3)	0.20(3)
		$\chi^2_{SD/FC}(\sigma^2_{11})$	0.988	
		$\varepsilon_y \ [\pi.\text{mm.mrad}]$	0.71(5)	0.75(0.5)
		$lpha_y$	-0.64(15)	-0.60(15)
	y-plane (b)	$\beta_y \; [\text{mm.mrad}^{-1}]$	2.4(3)	2.8(3)
		$\gamma_y \; [mrad.mm^{-1}]$	0.25(11)	0.23(9)
		$\chi^2_{SD/FC}(\sigma^2_{11})$	0.984	

Method With the quadrupole scan the tranvserse phase-space rorated and sliced once.



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HIE-ISOLDE: Beam energy distribution measurement

Technique Use of an HEBT dipole as energy-spectrometer and three vertical slits. Acquisition of the beamlet current with a silicon detector.



Method Estimate the inherent spread introduced by the thin slits in the measurement channel and deconvolute the energy distribution measured from a RIB.

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HIE-ISOLDE: Longitudinal phase-space characterization

$\mathscr{E}(z_0): \gamma_z(\Delta t)^2 + 2\alpha_z \Delta t \Delta W/A + \beta_z (\Delta W/A)^2 = \varepsilon_z$



Experimental setup ²⁰Ne⁸⁺@ 6.64 MeV/u, 10 superconducting cavities (SCC) at nominal accelerating phase, 1 SCC acting as a buncher at zero-crossing phase.



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Results

Beam Property	From ΔW	From Δt
$\varepsilon_z \; [\pi.\mathrm{ns.keV/u}]$	1.25(8)	1.18(10)
$lpha_z$	-3.54(30)	-4.68(50)
$\beta_z \; [\text{ns.}(\text{keV/u})^{-1}]$	0.0183(20)	0.0194(30)
$\gamma_z \; [{\rm keV/u.ns^{-1}}]$	970(40)	1110(50)

Method Time structure measurement.

"Longitudinal beam properties characterization of very low intensity ion beams at REX/HIE-ISOLDE", N. Bidault, et al., NIM.A, in prep.



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Summary

Analysis of REXEBIS performance and produced ion beam quality

- Capability to measure rare contaminants over a wide A/q-range
- o Possibility to modulate the macro-time structure of the ion pulse
- Methodology for accessing the axial energy distribution of trapped ions
- Estimation of REXEBIS electron current density for the new electron gun

Post-accelerated ion beam characterization

- o Reliability of transverse beam profile measurements in the sub-femto Ampere range
- Methodology for probing the transverse beam properties at very low intensity
- Consolidation of the beam energy measurement technique

Conclusion

• Characterization of the longitudinal phase-space parameters at very low intensity



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Non-adiabatic immersed electron gun





Post anode used to adjustment the phase of cyclotron wrt iron ring for different beam currents

Results

Current and losses

I_e well behaved to 300 mA
<15 uA anode losses
<100 uA losses on drift tube in front of suppressor

EBIS breeding efficiency

19.7% for $^{39}{\rm K}^{1+}$ to $^{39}{\rm K}^{10+}$ Almost as high as for old gun

Effective current density

 T_{breed} =44 ms for ¹³³Cs¹⁺ to ¹³³Cs³¹⁺ j_e estimated to ~400 A/cm²

Problems

1. Excessively high cathode work function (activation not helpful)

2. Electron beam losses rises exponentially when $I_e > 300$ mA. Believed to be caused by back-scattered or elastically reflected electrons from the collector region.



 ϕ =2 mm lrCe

cathode

Non-adiabatic immersed electron gun

- Immersed electron gun positioned in low B-field (few hundred Gauss)
- Reduce cyclotron motion with local magnetic element
- Produce a laminar beam that is thereafter adiabatically compressed by main B-field





A. Pikin et al., "A method of controlling the cyclotron motion of electron beams with a non-adiabatic magnetic field", accepted PRAB



EBIS plasma: Analytical framework

Kinetic theory applies to classical plasmas that respect the inequations: Landau distance << Interparticle distance << Debye length

Boltzmann Equation

$$\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla}_r f_i + \frac{Q_i}{m_i} (\boldsymbol{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \boldsymbol{B}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla}_v f_i = \left(\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial t}\right)_{\text{col}}$$

Unique Maxwellian steady state. Collisionless plasma in electromagnetic fields, i.e. Maxwell-Vlassov equation.



Figure Self collision rate calculated for multicharged xenon with a density 10⁴ mm⁻³.

Total collision rate

 $u_i = \nu_{ie} + \sum_j \nu_{ij}$ Relaxation to Boltzmann distribution.

Self-collision rate and isotropization

$$\nu_{ii} = \frac{1}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2} \frac{4\sqrt{2\pi}}{3} n_i \left(\frac{q_i^2 e^2}{m_i}\right)^2 \left(\frac{m_i}{k_B T_i}\right)^{3/2} \ln\Lambda_{ii} \qquad T_\perp - T_\parallel \simeq \frac{3T_i}{\nu_{ii}} \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \ln(\frac{B_d}{n_i^{2/3}})$$

Ion Heat Capacity

 $\partial C_V = \frac{\partial E_i}{k_B \partial T_i} = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{q_i}{k_B} \int \frac{\partial \phi(\mathbf{r}) f_i(\mathbf{r})}{\partial T_i} d\mathbf{r}$ Degrees of freedom. Trapping effectiveness.



Silicon Detector specifications



Figures Diagram of the Silicon Detectors DAQ at HIE-ISOLDE.

	Canberra's model	Radius [mm]	Resolution	
Туре			Energy* [keV]	Time [ns]
1	PD50-11-300RM	4.0	11	5
2	TMPD50-16-300RM	4.0	15	0.2
3	PD600-20-300RM	13.8	20	5



Figure Saturation curves.

Table Basic parameters of 300 µm-thick PD-PIPS detectors used at HIE-ISOLDE (* ²⁴¹Am, 5.486 MeV alphas).

