

# SEY and other material properties studies at cryogenic temperatures

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## Surface sensitivity of SEY



Secondary Electron Emission

#### Three-step process:

- Production of SE at a depth z
- Transport of the SE toward the surface
- Emission of SE across the surface barrier

#### Electron mean free path up to ~10 nm (few monolayers)



Surface conditions influence SEY measurements

R. Cimino & T. Demma, Int. J. Mod. Phys. A (2014)



Energy Distribution Curve (EDC) of the electrons produced by a 112 eV primary energy electron beam impinging on a Cu technical surface

### SEY and chemical state of the surface

From the talk "SEY from noble metals" given by L. GONZALEZ GOMEZ

#### **Effect of contaminants of the atmosphere**

SEY measurements at room temperature

L. A. Gonzalez et al., AIP Adv. (2017)



<u>Chemisorbed</u> compounds modify the chemical bonds at the metal surface and interact directly with the impinging electrons

#### SEY at cryogenic temperature



# Study of SEY at cryogenic temperature forcooling channelsparticles accelerators

- Low temperature
  (LHC beam screen T~5-20 K)
  - UHV (P <10<sup>-11</sup> mbar)
  - Surface characteristics





# Mitigation of the beam induced effects by acting on the surface characteristics

R. Larciprete et al., Appl. Surf. Sci. (2015)



#### **Modification of surface chemistry**

Amorphous C-coating (thermal graphitization of thin amorphous C layers deposited by magnetron sputtering on Cu substrates)

**Engineering the surface morphology** 



Laser ablation and conditioning

R. Valizadeh et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. (2014)



R. Valizadeh et al., Appl. Surf. Sci. (2017)

#### Vacuum stability at cryogenic temperature



Independently on the substrate treatment, the vacuum stability due to the desorption of residual contaminant gases has to be guaranteed





#### Strategy and experimental set-up at LNF

#### Ultra high vacuum systems



- LNF-cryogenic manipulator
- Sample at **15-300 K**









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### It's known that...





















## Distinguish single layer from thick film formation by Low-Energy SEY (LE-SEY)

#### **Desorption kinetics by SEY and TPD**



TPD curve obtained in the representative case of 100 L of Ar on a clean Cu substrate

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SEY measurements performed during the thermal desorption process











R. Valizadeh et al., Appl. Surf. Sci. (2017)

Ideal  $\delta < 1$ 

## What about the influence of the surface features on the vacuum stability?





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- For the LASE-Cu substrate the Ar adsorption energy at the undercoordinated surface defect sites increases and desorption occurs at higher T. However, at high coverage, multilayer desorption at T~30 K is also observed.

D. E. Lott, Geochem. Geophy. Geosy. (2001)



## Desorption processes in charcoal and other cryotraps

Comparison of the Stainless Steel CryoTrap (SSCT) and charcoal cryogenic trap release characteristics for argon as a function of temperature



#### **Morphology of LASE-Cu by SEM**

Highly rough and inhomogeneous surface with nanometric features (undercoordinated surface defect sites) At higher coverages the desorption is dominated by usual Ar/Ar Vander-Waals interaction





At low coverages the desorption is dominated by Ar/LASE interaction

#### Implication for the vacuum stability



#### **Concluding remarks**

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Saturated vapour pressure from Honig and Hook (1960) (C2H6 Thibault et al.)

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Surface properties of materials, which are useful in the context of particle accelerators, have to be carefully evaluated from all points of view, considering both requirements and constrains. WARNING: If confirmed also with other molecular species, the use of highly porous materials at cryogenic temperature must be considered with great care!



# Thank you for your attention



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