

HIGH INTENSITY ION BEAMS PROSPECTS FOR ACCELERATORS WITH PHOENIX 28 GHZ

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Abstract

The classical PHOENIX 28 GHz electron cyclotron resonance ion Source (ECRIS) has been developed to prospect high pulsed multi charged lead ion (MCI lead) beams for the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) [1,2]. The goal of the experiment is to reach 1 emA pulses of Pb^{27+} during 0.4 ms with a 10 Hz repetition rate. This high beam current is one order of magnitude higher than the ones available nowadays. The strategy to take up this challenge is based on an increase of the radio frequency (RF) to 28 GHz and an increase of the RF power density. A new high acceptance, high resolution analysing beam line has been coupled to PHOENIX in order to study efficiently the intense beams delivered by the source. Thus, 0.6 emA of Xe^{20+} has been measured in the afterglow (AFG) among 9 emA analysed in the Faraday Cup (FC). The lead production is under study and a preliminary beam of 0.6 emA of Pb^{24+} AFG has already been obtained. The cross check of a 3D beam simulation program and measured beam characteristics enables to estimate the beam emittance to be $\sim 200\pi$ mm.mrad.

1 THE CLASSICAL PHOENIX 28 GHZ SOURCE

The PHOENIX 28 GHz ECRIS has already been presented [3,4]. For completeness, a summary of its specifications are recalled here. See Fig.1 For an overall view of the ECRIS. The PHOENIX source is based on an extrapolation of ECR4 performances at 14 GHz RF injection [5]. ECR4 provides ~ 100 emA of Pb^{27+} in AFG mode at CERN. The LHC project needs to increase beam luminosity and 1 emA is required for Pb^{27+} AFG. The PHOENIX strategy to increase the ion beam by a factor of 10 has been developed in [4].

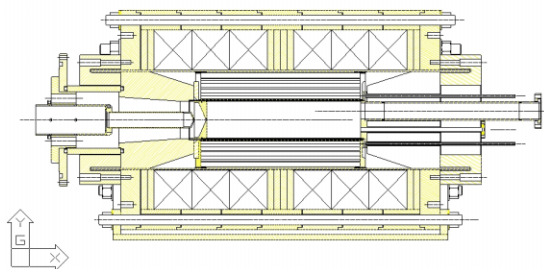


Fig. 1 : PHOENIX General Structure.

A first factor of 3 to 4 in total ionic current is expected through the frequency doubling from 14 to 28 GHz. A second multiplication factor comes from a medium magnetic confinement structure that increases

plasma leakages and hence total ionic current (see the large bold $B=1$ Tesla line in Fig. 2). In parallel, to maintain the charge state distribution in a weak magnetic confinement, a high RF power density is required to feed the plasma with energetic electrons. Here, the 1.2 litre volume of PHOENIX plasma chamber enables to launch up to 8 kW/litre of RF with the present gyrotron.

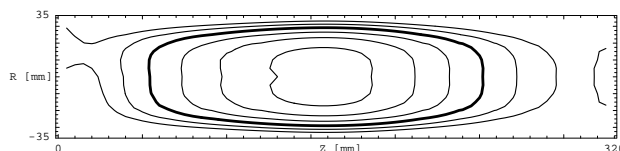


Fig. 2 : iso B surfaces in PHOENIX plasma chamber ($B=1$ Tesla is the bold line).

2 THE NEW HIGH CURRENT ANALYSING BEAM LINE

2.1 The new beam line

A new, high acceptance, high resolution beam line has been designed and installed during winter 2001 to analyse the high currents provided by PHOENIX (see Fig. 3). Ions are extracted at 60 kV via a movable monogap puller and, due to the space charge, expands rapidly into the $\varnothing 100$ mm line.

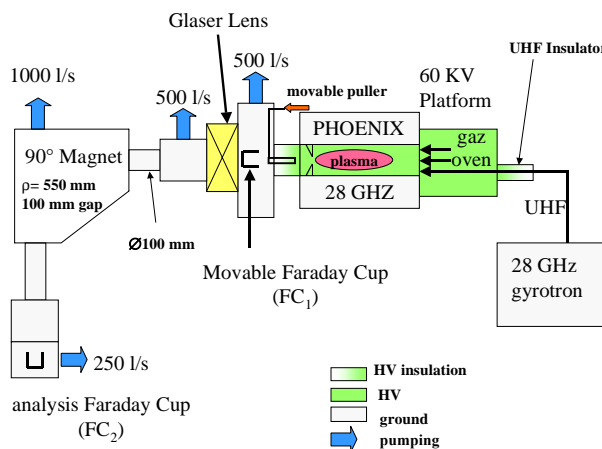


Fig 3 : Sketch of the high current PHOENIX bench.

A movable Faraday cup is located at the exit of the puller to measure the total current delivered by the ECRIS. The beam is then focused by a Glaser Lens with $B_{max}=1.4$ T and FWHM ~ 120 mm, placed the nearest possible from the movable puller. Next, the selected ion enters quasi parallel in a large acceptance 90° bending

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magnet with a curvature radius $\rho=550$ mm and a 100 mm gap. The 3D magnetic structure has been calculated with RADIA [6] and used to build a 3D magnetic data map used in the simulation program presented in section 3.3.

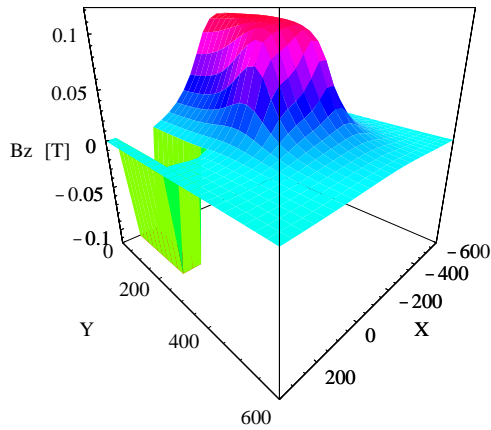


Fig 4 : example of the Bz magnetic field map given by RADIA in the mid-plane gap of the bending magnet.

The beam focuses after the analysing magnet to a set of movable slits and a Faraday Cup to measure MCI currents. The vacuum is insured by a set of turbomolecular pumps, with pumping speed indicated in Fig. 3.

2.2 The data analysis program

The analysis of the MCI currents produced by PHOENIX is performed on a PC with an A/D converter data card enabling current pulses sampling rate at 250 kHz. The acquisition software has been developed under LABVIEW and is triggered at the beginning of the RF pulses injected into PHOENIX. The use of this technique enables to record time resolved MCI spectrum and provides a powerful tool to analyse the dynamics of the ECR plasma during the discharge.

3 INTENSE BEAM PRODUCTION

3.1 Very high current densities production

The first experiments were dedicated to show the ability of PHOENIX to produce very high ion current densities in order to prove the plasma capability to deliver high particle flux. The measurements consisted in using a $\varnothing 2$ mm extraction hole to insure the transmission through the beam line to be 100% ; thus, ion extraction and transport troubles were avoided permitting to focus on the ECRIS plasma characteristics.

It has been possible to observe densities from 20 to 40 emA/cm^2 with O, Ar and Xe (~ 3 emA of total current analysed), so roughly 10 times more current than in a standard 14.5 GHz ECRIS. Table 1 reports some remarkable densities observed. Hydrogen experiment at 30 kV has given a measured total current density of ~ 200 emA/cm^2 with ~ 140 emA/cm^2 on H^+ , while ~ 100 emA/cm^2 total current density of N has been extracted with ~ 30 emA/cm^2 on N^{3+} .

Table 1 : Example of high current densities measured with PHOENIX 28 GHz in a $\varnothing 2$ mm extraction hole.

| Element | Extraction Voltage [kV] | Total Current density [A/cm^2] | I n+ [emA] |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---|------------|
| H^+ | 30 | ~ 200 | 4.5 |
| N^{3+} | 48 | ~ 100 | 0.9 |

3.2 Heavy ion pulses production

The experiments are performed at a repetition rate of 10 Hz and pulse duration varies between 10 and 20 ms, depending on the source tuning. The results presented here were done with a $\varnothing 12$ mm plasma electrode, an acceleration gap of 45 mm with an extraction voltage of 55 kV.

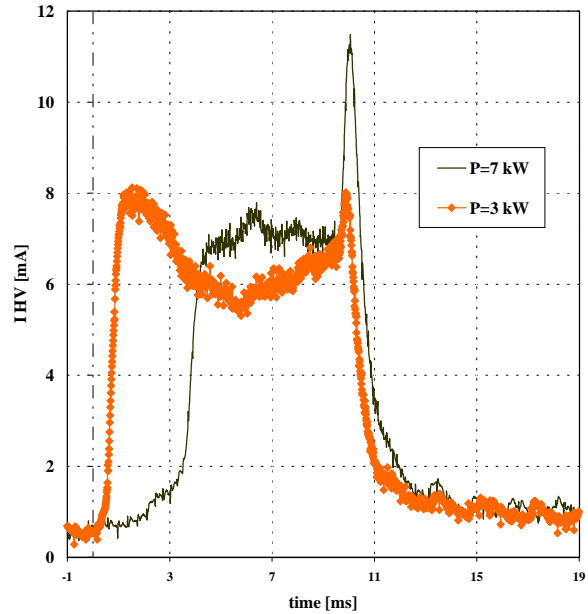


Fig. 5 : Example of the ECRIS HV current evolution with RF power in PHOENIX 28 GHz ($\text{Xe}+\text{O}_2$ mixing).

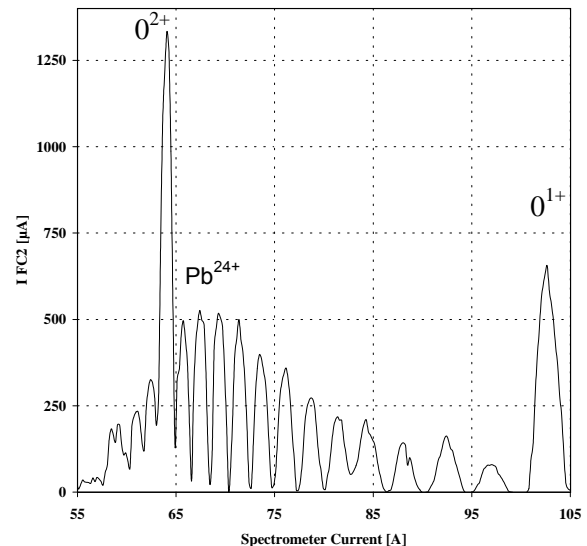


Fig. 6 : typical lead AFG spectrum of PHOENIX 28 GHz.

At RF power below 3-4 kW, the average charge of the plasma is low as expected (see section 1), and a total ionic peak current occurs at the beginning of the RF discharge, like on Fig. 5. When RF power increases ($P \geq 4-5$ kW), the plasma confinement increases as well and this first peak decreases progressively. At this stage, the total current remains small for several ms, then MCI extraction amplifies to reach an equilibrium value in the range of 5 to 10 emA, depending on the tuning, while the average charge state increases with time. At the RF stop, a strong AFG occurs with a total current between 10 and 15 emA for Xe.

Fig. 6 shows a typical and very stable lead tuning of PHOENIX with $^{208}\text{Pb}^{24+} \sim 500 \mu\text{A}$. The AFG time structure was in this case of 280 μs FWHM.

Table 2 summaries best PHOENIX tuning achieved with AFG xenon (612 μA) and preliminary result of lead beam production (600 μA). IFC_2 is the measured intensity for each element after the bending magnet. IFC_1 is the total ionic current at the exit of the puller, while ΣIFC_2 is the sum of the charge state currents reaching FC_2 and IHV is the total current on the High Voltage power supply. These results, which should be improved, validate the PHOENIX strategy to produce high beam currents with a classical ECRIS and medium magnetic field confinement.

Table 2 : Heavy MCI currents produced in AFG mode with PHOENIX.

| Element | IFC_2 [μA] | IFC_1 [emA] | ΣIFC_2 [emA] | I HV [emA] |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| $^{132}\text{Xe}^{20+}$ | 612 | 12 | 10 | 15 |
| $^{208}\text{Pb}^{24+}$ | 600 | 10 | 9 | 11 |

3.3 Emittance and simulation program

An emittance scanner [7] is under construction at the ISN and is scheduled to be installed on the high current beam line this summer. Meantime, the 3D simulation program of ECR ion extraction and transport, developed at ISN, has been used to put constraints on the beam modelisation and provides an estimate of the real emittance of the beam, using the available experimental Xenon beam parameters :

- total ionic Current in FC_1 versus Voltage extraction,
- width of the n+ beam before FC_2 (measured with movable slits)
- ionic n+ current in FC_2 .

The fit result implies that the Xenon beams are within an emittance lower or equal to 200π mm.mrad for an

extraction voltage of 60 kV (see Fig. 7). This result should obviously be confirmed by the experimental emittance measurements. It must be underlined that the emittance scanner will enable beam back tracing toward the source extraction hole and will give very interesting information on space charge neutralisation and boundary plasma parameters [8].

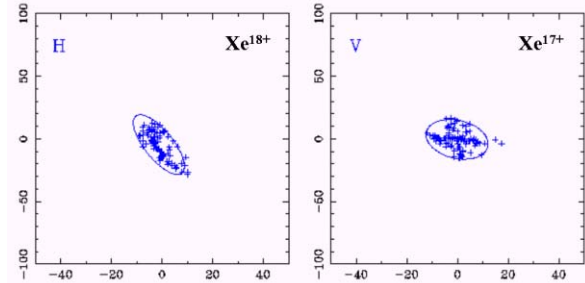


Fig. 7 : Simulation results of the Xe^{18+} and Xe^{17+} emittances fitting experimental beam constraints.

4 CONCLUSION

PHOENIX 28 GHz clearly shows the feasibility to produce very high current densities of MCI using high plasma densities and medium magnetic confinement. The average charge state of the plasma is therefore maintained and the current amplified. The goal is now to enhance the extraction system to these high current densities and to check experimentally that emittance is $\sim 200\pi$ mm.mrad.

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