

HEAVY ION SOURCES AT SATURNE

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As heavy ions were accelerated and extracted from Saturne, it is evident that N7+ or Ne10+ can be produced from Cryebis.

4.10⁸ charges of N7+ were accelerated, the Cryebis source providing 3.10⁹ charges. The overall efficiency (12,5%) is quite satisfactory and shows that the optical qualities are great. As a comparison, the efficiency is usually 3% and furthermore the results could be improved by a factor of two if we increase the beam energy at the entrance of the Linac.

In this paper, the three years work performed on Cryebis is not detailed but the importance :

- a) - Of the electron beam compression and
- b) - Of the injected low charge state ion beam quality

is pointed out.

Experimental and theoretical results will be discussed. These two main parameters are under study for Dioné, the new cryogenic EBIS, under construction.

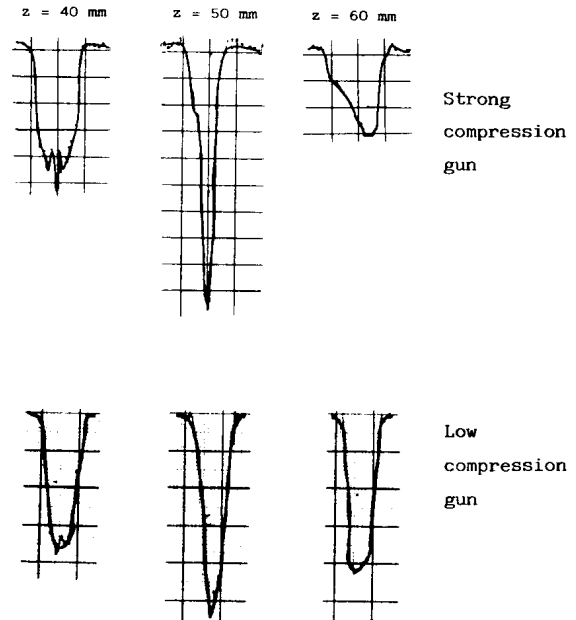


Fig.1 - Measurement of Electron beam profiles for several axial positions

- "perfect beam transmission through the drift tubes from the gun up to the collector (99,99%)
- yet rather low apparent current density (given by the comparison of the charge states evolution with computer calculation) in the range of 100 A/cm² instead of the 1000 A/cm² expected value.

ELECTRON BEAM DENSITY - EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS -

The electron gun cathode diameter was previously 36 mm. The magnetic flux through the cathode is a determinant parameter. Therefore the magnetic field in the cathode region had to be adjusted in the range of + 0.1 G. and the heating current of the cathode to be interrupted during electron emission. The stability and the reliability of the source was very poor.

First, a 7 mm diameter cathode electron gun was set up in Cryebis. The tuning became easier but the compression of the new gun was too large (~50) and the electron beam quality was still found insufficient : 20% of the beam was lost on the anode.

As theoretical calculations allowed to show that strong compression guns do not lead to laminar beams,

a new electron gun with a 4 mm diameter cathode was studied : lower compression (16) lower perveance (3.7 10⁻⁷). Experimental results are encouraging :

- measurements of better current density profiles closer to the uniform distribution than with a 7 mm cathode as shown in Fig.1

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS -

Measurements made on Cryebis during February and March 1984 are summarized in the following table :

Ions	Total Intensity charges)	Ion (charges)	Confinement time (ms)
Azote	5.6 10 ⁹	3.5 10 ⁹ (N7+)	150
Carbone	5.2 10 ⁹	3.8 10 ⁹ (C6+)	150
Neon	3.7 10 ⁹	1.10 ⁹ (Ne10+)	180
Argon	3.10 ⁹	3.10 ⁷ (Ar18+)	180
		1.3 10 ⁸ (Ar17+)	
		1.1 10 ⁹ (Ar16+)	
		etc...	

Ion beam normalised emittance was measured around 1 or 2.10⁻⁷ m.rd and does not seem to have changed under present conditions.

The electron beam current density is about 150 A/cm² with no special behaviour of Argon. According to the cathode magnetic flux we should get 1500 A/cm².

As the confinement time τ is known, the relative charge states abundance allow us to estimate $J\tau$ and then the "apparent" current density J .

Figure 2 shows that the density is decreasing when injected ions intensity increases. This will be discussed further. But, a first explanation may be the poor adaptation between electron and ion beams : one part of the ions is not trapped correctly by the electron beam which is disturbed by ions oscillations.

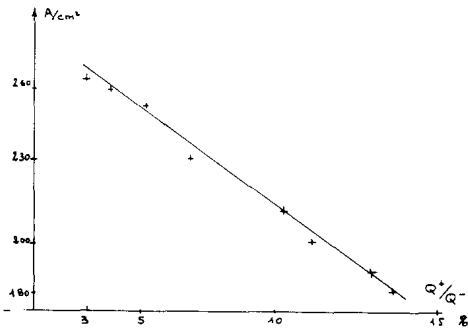


Fig.2 Apparent electronic density versus neutralisation

ELECTRON BEAM DENSITY - IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FUTURE

Suppose that a 10.000 A/cm² electron density is required, that is, about a 0.1 mm diameter beam for 1A intensity. The electrostatic compression inside electron gun will be followed by magnetic compression up to high intensity magnetic field (3 or 6 T).

Calculations performed so far show that :

a) - The electrostatic compression has to be limited in order to get a laminar beam with uniform density. If C_e is the compression factor defined as :

$$C_e = \left(\frac{r_k}{r_f} \right)^2$$

it has to be lower than 4.

$$C_e \leq 4$$

r_k : cathode radius

r_f : beam radius after electrostatic compression.

i.e. initial beam radius at 1500 G before magnetic compression.

b) - If the magnetic compression starts from a too low magnetic field value, it occurs without good adiabaticity and then the beam scallops. So we impose a minimum B value of 1500 G.

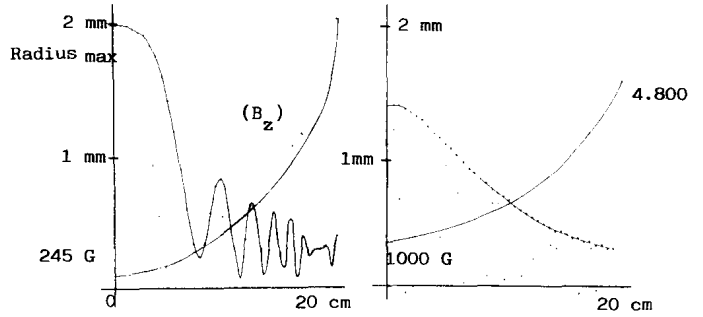


Fig.3 - Magnetic compression comparison between 245 G and 1000 G for a 0.5A; 20 kV electron gun

Hence, the magnetic compression $C_M = \left(\frac{B_{max}}{B_{min}} \right)^2$ equals 1600 under these conditions :
 $B_{min} = 1500$ G in the gun field matching coil

$$\left[C_M = 1600 \right]$$

$B_{max} = 6$ T in the cryogenic solenoid

THE NEW ELECTRON GUN COMPROMISE FOR DIONE -

The cathode radius and the cathode anode voltage are the cathode-anode remaining parameters of the electron gun.

Figure 4 shows the variation of r versus B_{min} for different cathode-anode voltages values.

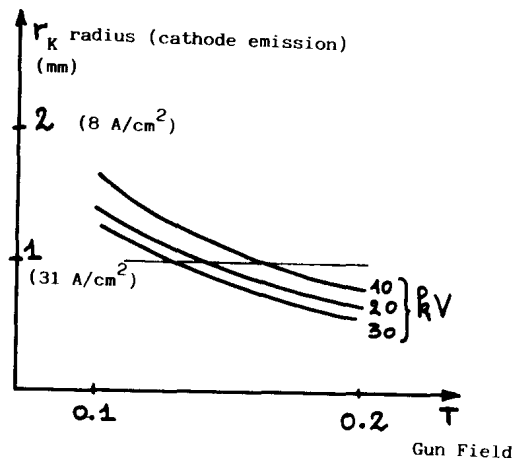


Fig.4 - 1 A electron gun

The following parameters will be adequate for the future version of the electron gun :

- 2 mm cathode diameter
- 30 kV anode voltage,
- 1 A intensity.

The required emission density becomes 30 A/cm² leading to use LaB6 as an emissive material.

