Heavy Molecular Ions in Electron Cooler Storage Rings

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Recombination of molecular ions



Electrons and molecular ions: **Dissociative Recombination (DR)**

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DR of molecular ions



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Electron cooling molecular ions

• Maximum rigidity: $r B_{max}$ for TSR: ≈ 1.4 Tm

• Maximum velocity:

$$v_{ion} = \frac{Z_{ion}}{M_{ion}} r B_{max} \rightarrow U \sim \frac{Z_{ion}^2}{M_{ion}^2}$$

e.g. CHD⁺ (15 u) : $v_{ion} \sim 0.030 \text{ c}$, $U \sim 230 \text{ V}$ $D_3 \text{O}^+$ (22 u) : $v_{ion} \sim 0.020 \text{ c}$, $U \sim 110 \text{ V}$ DCND⁺ (30 u) : $v_{ion} \sim 0.015 \text{ c}$, $U \sim 55 \text{ V}$ HCl⁺ (36 u) : $v_{ion} \sim 0.012 \text{ c}$, $U \sim 40 \text{ V}$ $D_2 \text{Cl}^+$ (41 u) : $v_{ion} \sim 0.010 \text{ c}$, $U \sim 31 \text{ V}$

• Both storage and electron cooling of molecular ions are difficult!

... short storage times (res. gas losses)

... long e-cooling times



















Cooling time

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 $\tau \sim \frac{M_{ion} T_e^{3/2}}{Z_{ion}^2 n_e}$

Storage time [ms to s]

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High beam rigidity (low v_{ion}): \rightarrow low electron energy (~Ue) \rightarrow low $n_e (I_{max} \sim U^{3/2})$

For molecular ions: $M_{\rm ion} \gg 10 \,\mathrm{u}$ $Z_{\rm ion} = 1$





Electron temperature

Thermionic cathodes:

$$J \sim T^2 \exp\left(\frac{-\Phi}{k_B T}\right)$$



established technology high *J* are possible ...

high electron-T($k_{\rm B}T > 100 \text{ meV}$)





Electron temperature

Photocathodes:

• Electrons overcome Φ by absorbtion of photons ($hv > \Phi$)



 Semiconductor Negative Electron Affinity (NEA) photocathodes: e's can thermalise to states close to vacuum energy.





 $T_{\rm e} \sim T_{\rm cath}$ ($k_{\rm B}T \approx 10 \dots 24 \text{ meV}$)

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GaAs photo cathodes

Ti/Cr ~

10 mm





Photo cathode electron cooler







Photo cathode electron cooler



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Ions	$M_{\rm ion}$	$E_{\rm e}({\rm cool.})$	$B\rho_{\rm TSR}$ (Tm)
 H ₃ ⁺	3 u	735 eV	0.49
HD_2^+	5 u	327 eV	0.55
CHD ⁺	15 u	231 eV	1.37
HF^{+}	20 u	112 eV	1.28
DF^+	21 u	115 eV	1.31
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 $\rightarrow M_{\rm ion}/Z_{\rm ion} \sim 200$

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CSR Electron Cooler

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Slow molecular ion beams are fun but challenging.

e-cooling of them requires cold, slow electron beams. GaAs photo-cathodes are ideal sources.

The photocathode e-cooler at TSR has cooled molecular ions up to mass 41 to emittances of $\sim 0.01 \ \mu m$ in a few seconds.

A low energy (1 eV) e-cooler based on the same emitter is being build for the electrostatic Cryogenic Storage Ring.

Thank you!

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GaAs photo cathodes

Negative Electron Affinity:

• To reach the vacuum level, we still need to overcome the **electron affinity**.

GaAs photo cathodes

- Negative Electron Affinity:
 - electron-phonon scattering broadens the electron energy distribution ...
 - ... but in practice, only a narrow part of the energy distribution is extracted. $\rightarrow T_e \approx T_{GaAs}$

Photo-cathode electron cooler

A fully-featured next generation storage ring

The CSR electron cooler

Interaction region

Drift tube

Collector

Shornikov, t.b.p.

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Electron energy: towards 1 eV an below ...

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