The Cryogenic Storage Ring CSR and its Application to Molecular Recombination Physics

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- Limits of present-day storage rings
- Electrostatic storage
- Low-temperature XHV
- DR @ CSR
 - Electron cooler
 - Detector concept
- **Experimental Perspectives**
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Today: Electron cooler storage rings for DR studies



- Maximum beam rigidity: $r B_{\text{max}}$ for TSR: $\approx 1.4 \text{ Tm}$
- Maximum velocity of stored beam:

$$v_{max} = \frac{q}{M} r B_{max}$$



• There is a **practical** maximum *M* Ion loss rate by residual gas collisions exceeds electron cooling rate ...



Why electrostatic storage rings?

- Use static electric field to deflect ions: Deflecting force becomes velocity-independent. Momentum selective ↔ energy selective.
- Higher velocities for very large *M*: Longer storage times

$$q \mathrel{v} B \leftrightarrow q \mathrel{E}$$

$$v_{\rm max} \sim M^{-1}$$
 vs. $v_{\rm max} \sim M^{-1/2}$

• Economic

Power consumption!

• "Easy" to operate both at room and cryogenic temperature.



First electrostatic storage rings

- ELISA (Aarhus, 1998) Racetrack design, 25 keV/q, room temp.
- TMU Ring (Tokyo, 2004) ELISA design, 77 K (LN₂)

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- DESIREE (Stockholm, in constr.) ٩ Double ring (ion-ion interact.), < 20 K. 25 kV and 100 kV injectors
- CSR (Heidelberg, in constr.) < 10 K, 300 keV/q electron cooling (\rightarrow DR !)

beam



• CSR: a full-featured next generation storage ring



- Electrostatic beam optics
 - 4-fold symmetric storage ring All CSR corner sections identical
 - 4 x 2 pairs of focussing quadrupoles
 - 4 x 2 6°-deflector electrodes (30 kV)
 - 4 x 2 39°-deflector electrodes (30 kV)
 - 4 free straight sections (2.6 m each)



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- Cryogenics
 - Multi-layer cryostat
 - Inner vacuum chamber (≤ 10 K) cooled by superfluid He (20 W).
 - 2 radiation shields (40 and 80 K) cooled by 5-K He return line (600 W)
 - Superinsulation
 - Isolation vacuum chamber









Electrostatic beam optics

- Electrodes thermally anchored to cold chamber walls (≤ 10 K) ...
- ... but mechanically decoupled from them.

(thermal shrinking of beam pipe!)







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XHV: Extremely High Vacuum

• In 300-K-operation: $\sim 10^{-11}$ mbar

200°C – 300°C bakeout, Ion-getter pumps, NEG surfaces, bakeable charcoal cryopumps



In < 10-K-operation: ~ 10⁻¹³ mbar RTE cryoadsorption at 10-K-walls, 2-K cryocondensation pumps

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 Successful. ✓
- Isolation vacuum chamber: Complete. ✓
- Inner chambers Available for 1st corner section. ✓











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- Thermal radiation shields: Being manufactured ...
- Cooling lines: Being manufactured ...
- First corner section: To be complete by end of 2010







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Benefits

• Extremely High Vacuum:

Storage of large or heavy (= slow) molecules for long times.

Phase-space cooling with CSR electron cooler

Cold Environment:

State-selective experiments on IR-active species







Experimental challenges

• Electron cooler/target

Low ion velocities \rightarrow low cathode potential e.g. for M = 160 u @ 300 keV : $E_e \approx 1$ eV (!)

DR fragment detectors

Low-energetic particles difficult to detect

Wide fragmentation cones for light fragments / large KER

Extreme requirements on materials (10 ... 600 K, 10⁻¹³ mbar, ...)





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Electron cooler

- Low energy electron beam: 0 ~ 1000 eV ... 1 eV
- "parallel beams" merging scheme less disturbance of stored CSR beam.
- Photocathode e-source ۲

vacuum compatibility





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Low energy electron cooling

• Experience from TSR

CF⁺ (31 u, 2.6 MeV) : $E_e = 46 \text{ eV}$ DCND⁺ (30 u, 3.1 MeV): $E_e = 56 \text{ eV}$ NO⁺ (30 u, 2.0 MeV) : $E_e = 34 \text{ eV}$

- Cooling time:
 - $\tau \sim \frac{M T_e^{3/2}}{q^2 n_e}$

At low E_e : n_e limited by e-gun perveance!

• Beam temperature becomes the decisive factor!







Electron energy

• Calibration of E_{e} against cathode potential

taking beam space charge and work function differences into account



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DR fragment detectors

• Detectors for charged fragments:

Placed after bending elements.

Open, secondary-electron converter for good efficiency at low energies.

frag.

 $\mathbf{AB^{+}} + \mathbf{e} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \mathbf{A^{+}} + \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{e} \\ \mathbf{A^{+}} + \mathbf{B^{-}} \end{cases}$

converter

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DR fragment detectors

• Detectors for neutral fragments:

Placed in chambers of 39° bending elements

MCP with delay-line anode readout \rightarrow Fragment imaging

Maximum opening cone $\pm 1^{\circ}$ limited by electrode geometry.



 $AB^+ + e \rightarrow A + B$



± 1°



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State selective DR

- H_2^+ produced in rotational state-selective ion source: $v \in \{0, 1\}, J \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ ("LISE", X. Urbain et al.)
- Storage in TSR (300 K) possible due to missing dipole moment.
- IR active species (HD⁺) need cryogenic environment to reach and preserve lowest rovibrational states.

 $\mathbf{H}_{2}^{+}(v=0) + \mathbf{e} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}(1s) + \mathbf{H}(n=2)$ (2008)Scaled rate coefficient (cm³ s⁻¹eV^{1/2}) ×100 10-7 Novotny, PhD 10⁻⁸ 10⁻⁹ **J** = 1 10-1 10-3 10-2 10⁻¹ Electron energy (eV)

IR active species (e.g.)

۹ HeH^+ (v = 0) + e \rightarrow He (1s²) + H ($n \ge 2$)



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IR active species (e.g.)



Incident electron energy, eV

D. J. Haxton, C. H. Greene, Phys. Rev. A 79, 022701 (2009)



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Incident electron energy (eV)

Slow heavy ions

- ... difficult to study because of technical limits:
 - Slow ions
 - short storage times
 - no electron cooling
 - high residual gas collision rate i.e. high non-DR background, ...

• ... but CSR has:

- Extremely High Vacuum
- Long storage times
- Electron cooling
- Good recombination/collision signal ratio



- Slow heavy ions
 - Heavy noble gas dimers: Ar_2^+ , ...
 - Large organic molecules $C_x H_y$, ...
 - Fluorines CF_n^+

Industrially important CF+ heaviest ion studied at TSR

• Cluster ions ...

Dependence of rate coefficients on cluster temperature ...





- CSR, a next-generation storage ring is in construction.
- The first corner of the ring will be finished by end 2010.
- Its low-energy electron cooler makes the CSR the first electrostatic ring suitable for precision DR studies.
- Extremely high vacuum, cryogenic environment and ability to store large-mass ions provide unique new experimental opportunities for DR.



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