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# 60 GHZ ECR ION SOURCES

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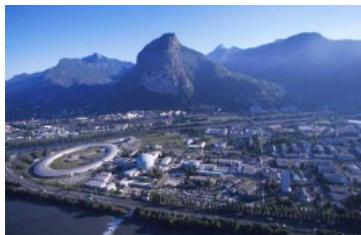
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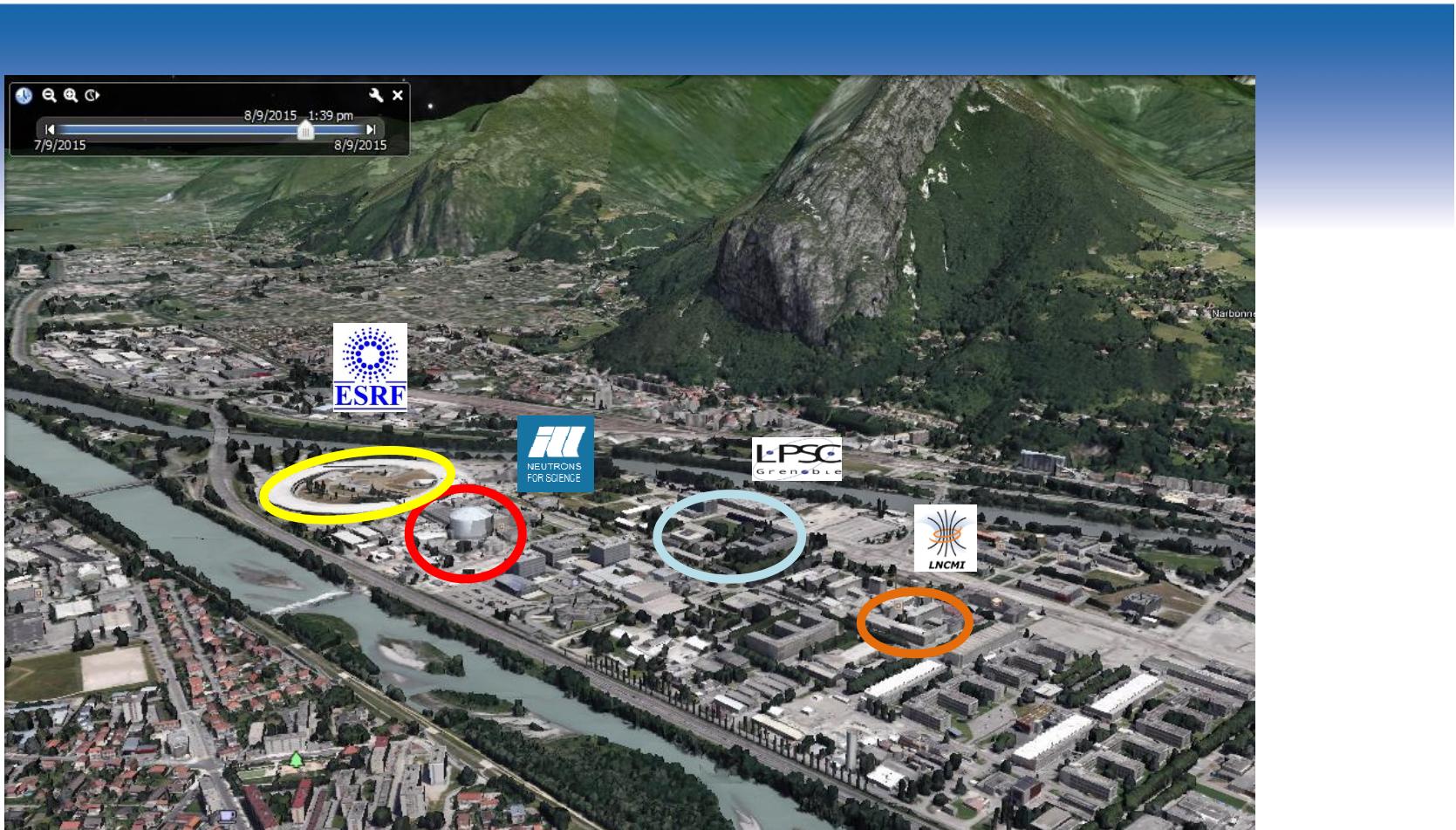
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# ECRIS BASIC PRINCIPLES

## – Electron heating

- Electromagnetic wave (frequency  $\omega_{EM}$ ) in a cavity under a magnetic field
- ECRIS resonance condition insures an energy transfer from the wave to the electrons  
 $\omega_{EM} = \omega_{ec}$ ,  $\omega_{ec} = eB/m$  electron rotation frequency so  $B_{ecr} = m \omega_{EM} / e$
- Magnetic field insures plasma confinement and ‘possibly’ stability (MHD)

## – ‘Step by step’ ionization, successive electron - ion collisions

- Highly charged ion beams can be produced if ions are confined for a sufficient time ( $\tau_i$ ) in a dense plasma ( $n_e$ ), for O<sup>8+</sup> :  $n_e \tau_i \sim 10^{10} \text{ s.cm}^{-3}$
- If we increase significantly the density, the confinement time can be decreased

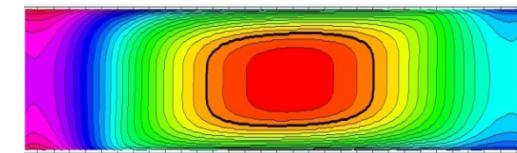
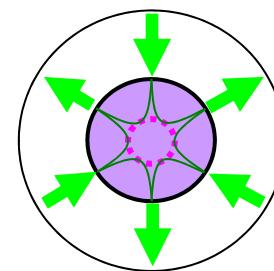
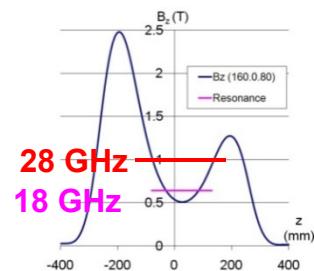
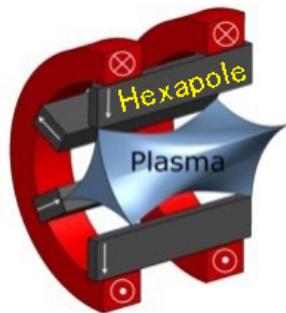
## – Plasma density

- The wave can't propagate in a too high electronic density : cut-off density, it depends on the magnetic field and on the electronic density
- It is commonly admitted that in ECRIS  $n_e \propto (\omega_{EM})^2$  or  $(B_{ecr})^2$
- A straightforward way to increase the ion intensities is to increase the EM wave frequency

# ECRIS STATE OF THE ART

## – Present most performing ECRIS (intensity and charge state)

- Minimum-B magnetic field, increase in every direction from the plasma center
- Superposition of an axial magnetic field (solenoids) with a radial one (hexapole)
- Follow scaling laws  $B_{\text{inj}} \sim 4 B_{\text{ECR}}$ ,  $B_{\text{rad}} \sim 2 B_{\text{ECR}}$ ...
- Double frequency heating: (24 +18) or (28 +18) GHz, 28 GHz : BECR~ 1T
- Are fully superconducting, (very) high cost, (very) long development
- Next step : about 60 GHz, 8T axial, 4T radial, technological limits of NbTi, so Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn...
- Who is enough crazy (and rich) to build such a machine ?



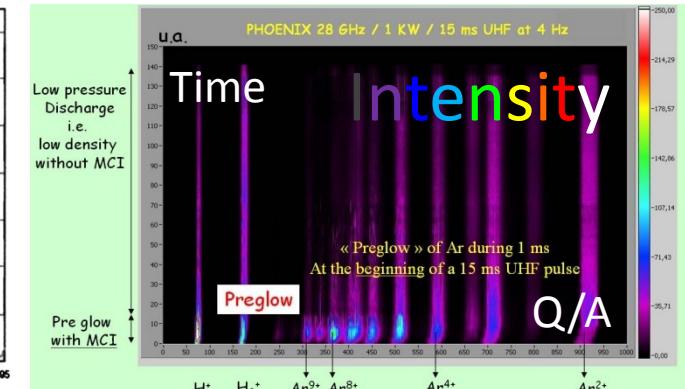
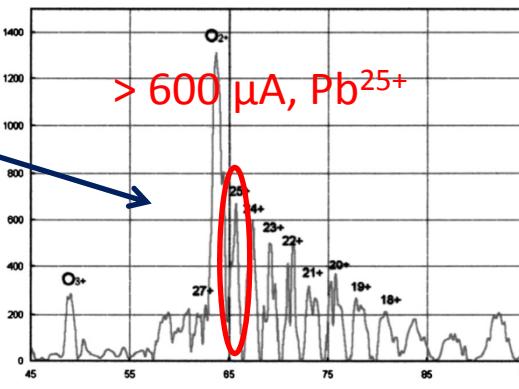
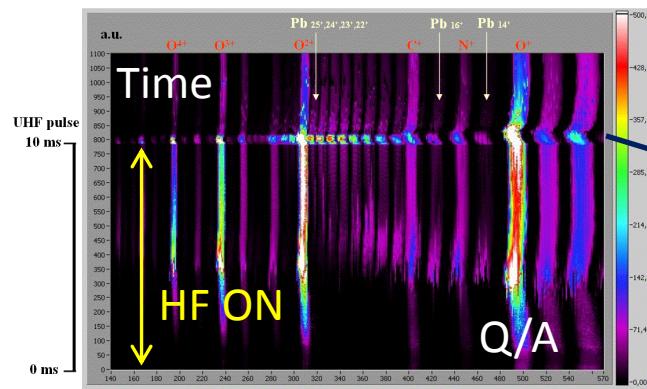
## HIGH FREQUENCY ECRIS ORIGINAL IDEAS

- Classical ECRIS (solenoids + hexapole)
  - A lot of **simulation work** to optimize magnetic structures, some doubts too...
    - (LBNL, Berkeley) and (IMP, Lanzhou) Nb3Sn 56 GHz; NbTi 40 GHz (ICIS 2015)
- From fusion machines to ECRIS... Let's go back to fusion machines
  - **Yin-Yang coil** ARC-ECRIS (JYFL- Jyväskylä)
    - With NbTi given for **60 GHz**
  - **Torus stellarator style** (Dept. of App. Phys. and App. Math., Columbia University)
    - The plasma chamber is the poloidal coil (**0.73 V, 3.5 MA**), the hexapolar field is provided by 6 coils (**30-300 kA**), given for **at least 56 GHz**

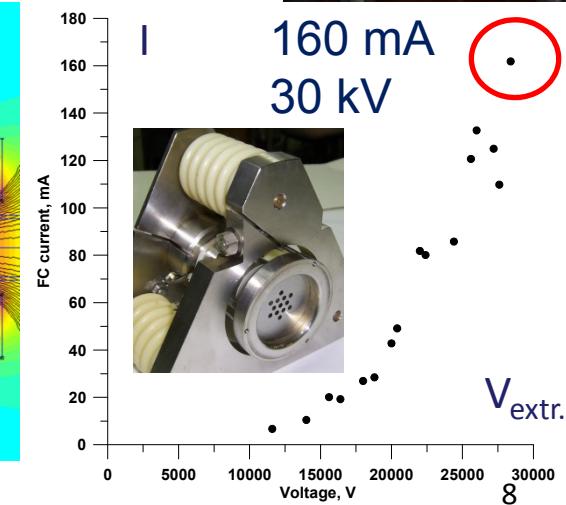
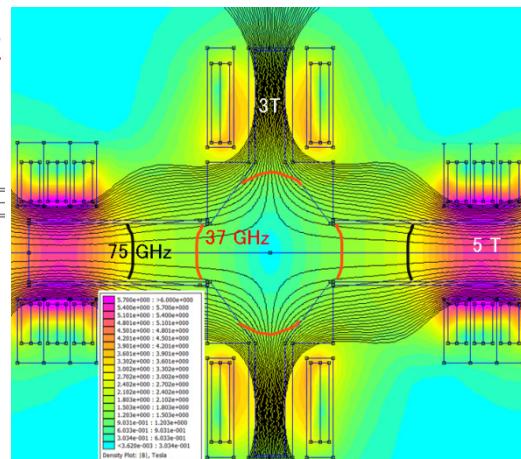
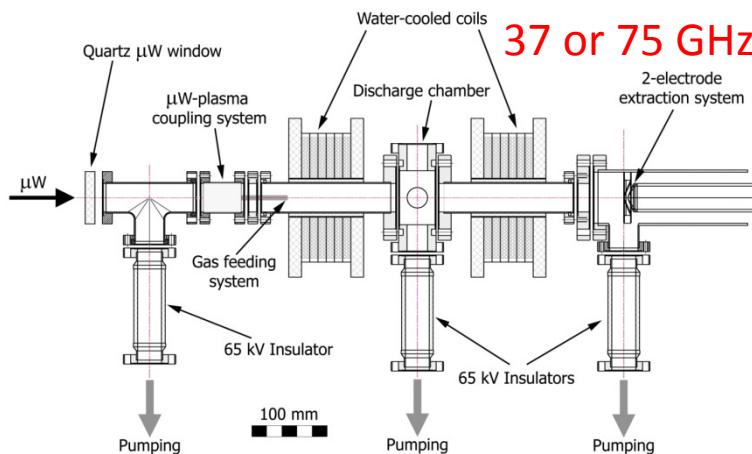
# LPSC INGREDIENTS TOWARDS 60 GHZ

## – Activities with pulsed beams

- Afterglow and preglow experimental development and characterization
- 28 GHz PHOENIX source development for CERN-LHC lead beam
- Collaboration with Institute of Applied Physics SMIS 37.5 GHz (Nizhny Novgorod-Russia)

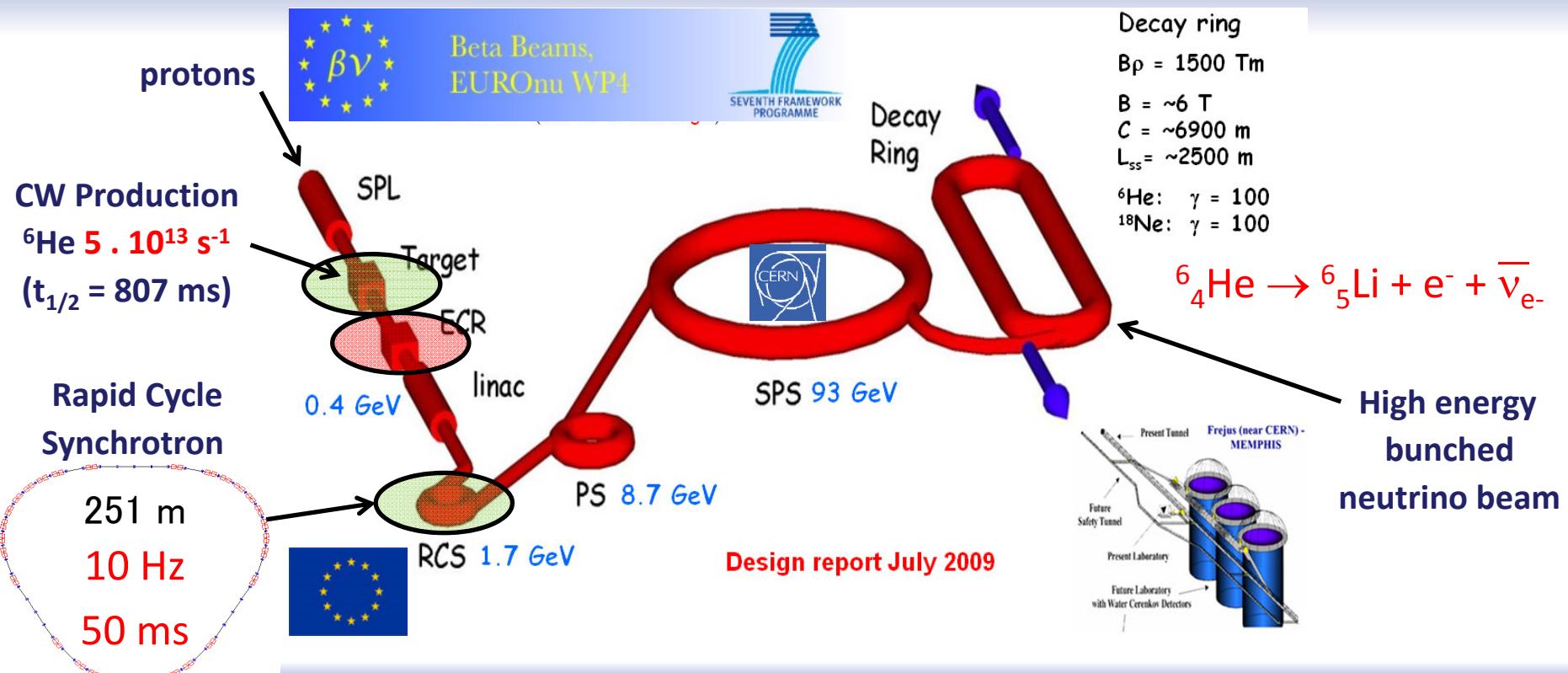


- Since more than 15 years
- Experimental studies with SMIS37
  - Cusp or magnetic bottle, non closed ECR surfaces at 37 or 75 GHz
- Experimental and theoretical work on preglow (LPSC PHOENIX)



# THE BETA BEAM PROJECT

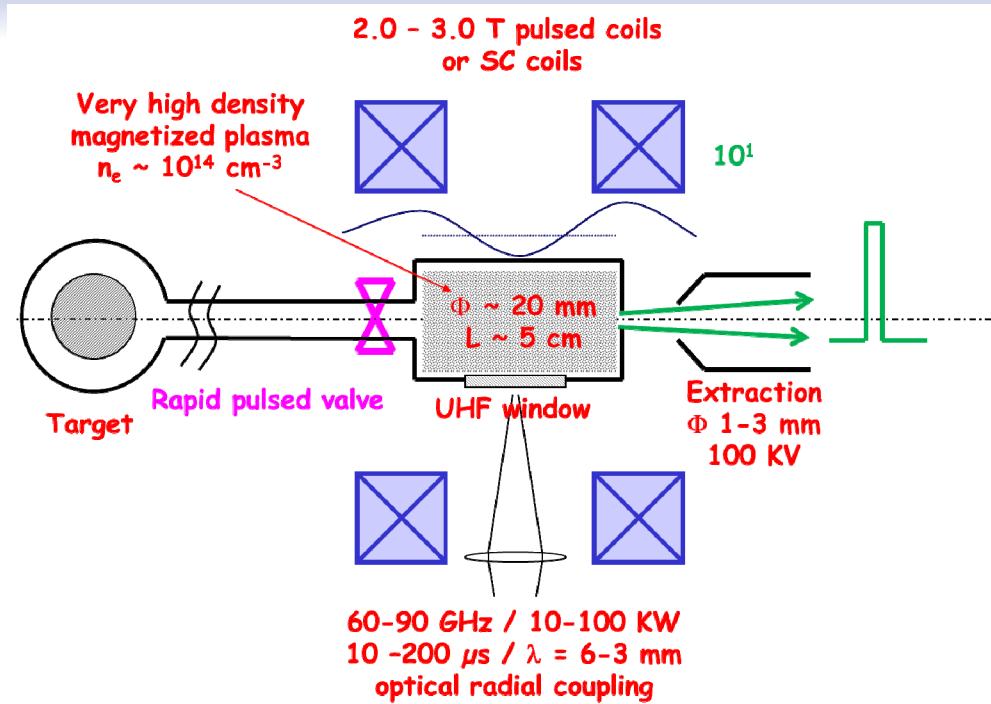
Intense neutrinos beams from accelerated ions disintegrating by beta decay



# A 60 GHZ SOURCE FOR WHAT PURPOSE ?

2003: P. Sortais proposed a 60-90 GHz « ECR Duoplasmatron » for gaseous RIBs

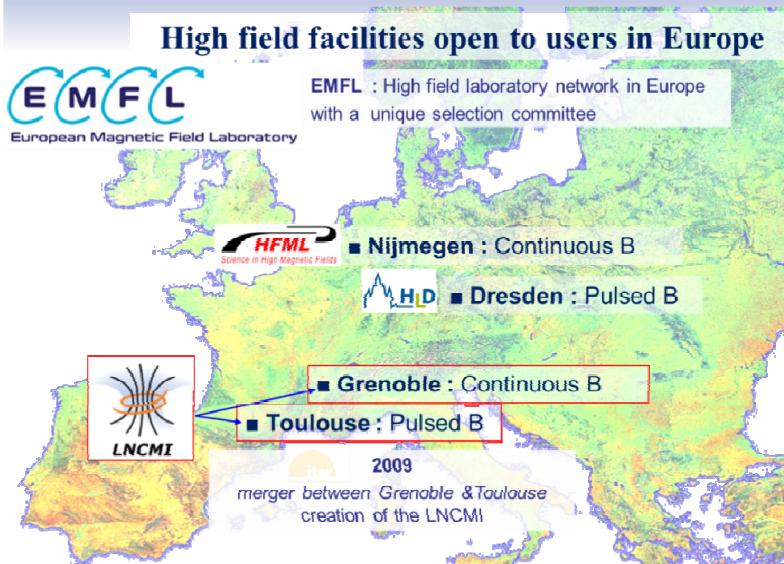
CW Production  
 ${}^6\text{He}$   $5 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ s}^{-1}$



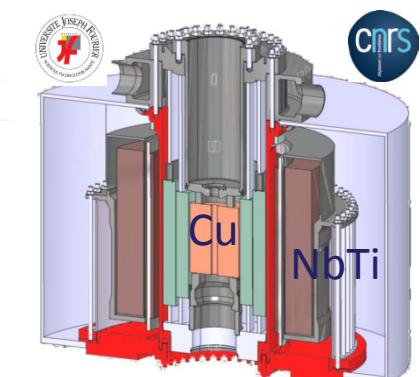
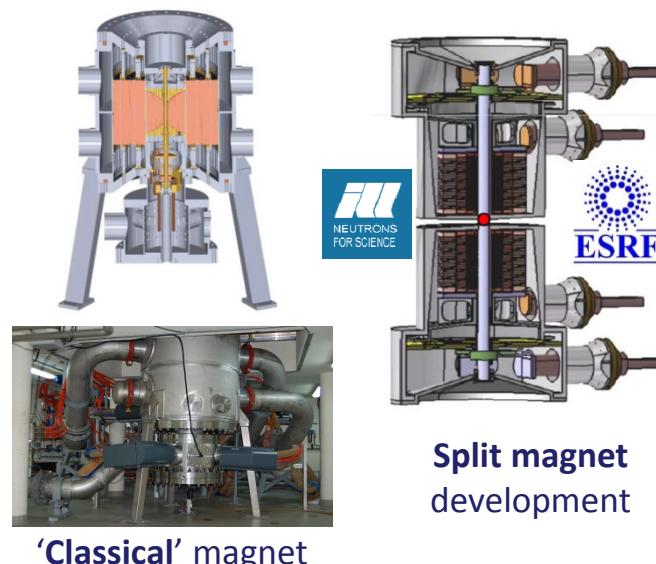
$10 \text{ Hz} - 20 \mu\text{s}$   
 $I(\text{He}+) = 40 \text{ mA}$   
+  
All others species produced...  
the source may deliver  
Several 100's mA

How we could build such a prototype ?

# THE HIGH MAGNETIC FIELD LABORATORY

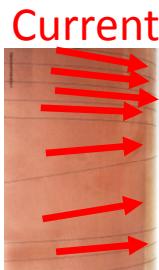


Continuous field 24 MW → 36 Tesla  
 30 scientists, 30 PhD & postdocs, 65 technical staff  
 200 access proposals/year

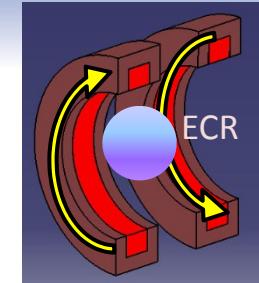
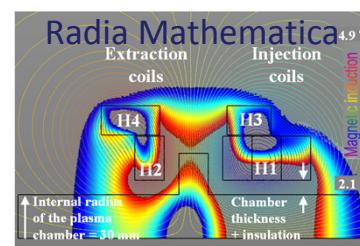
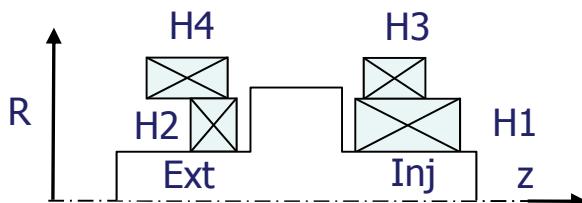


# LPSC-LNCMI COLLABORATION

- Design of a 60 **cusp** GHz ECRIS with a closed resonance surface (2.14T) and a magnetic field respecting scaling laws



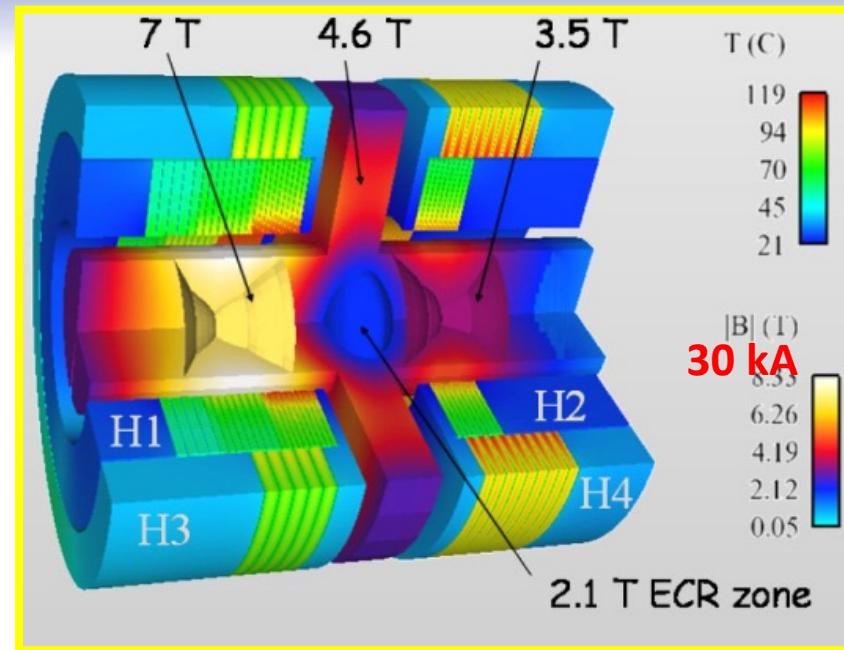
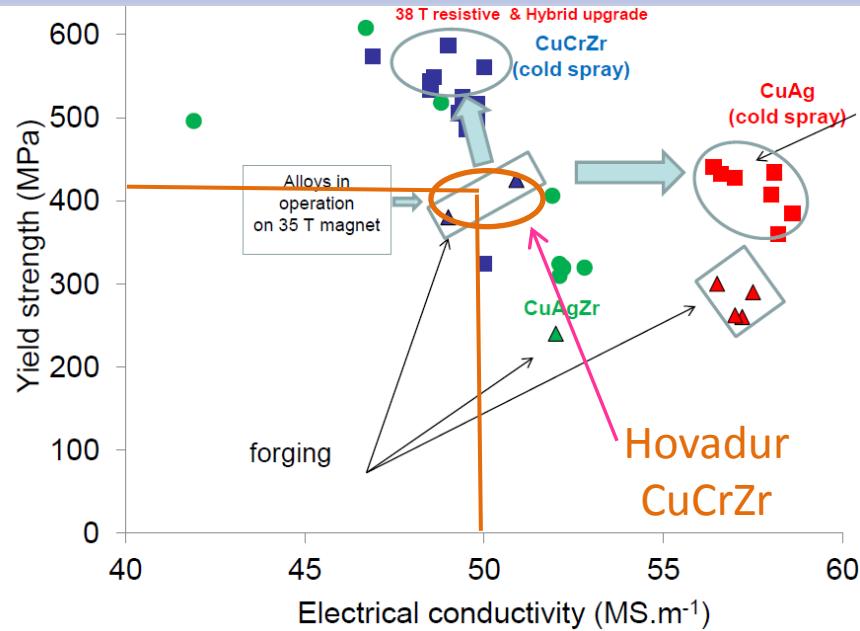
- An ECRIS is a split magnet (at least for the axial field)
- Use of the high field magnet technology
- A cusp is simple, we have to learn the technique...
- Allows the fine tuning of the current density during the design (variable width at each turn), and so, of the magnetic field
- 2D calculations : 4 radially cooled polyhelices are suitable for the design



Good ! in 2D → 3D

# 60 GHZ SOURCE DESIGN

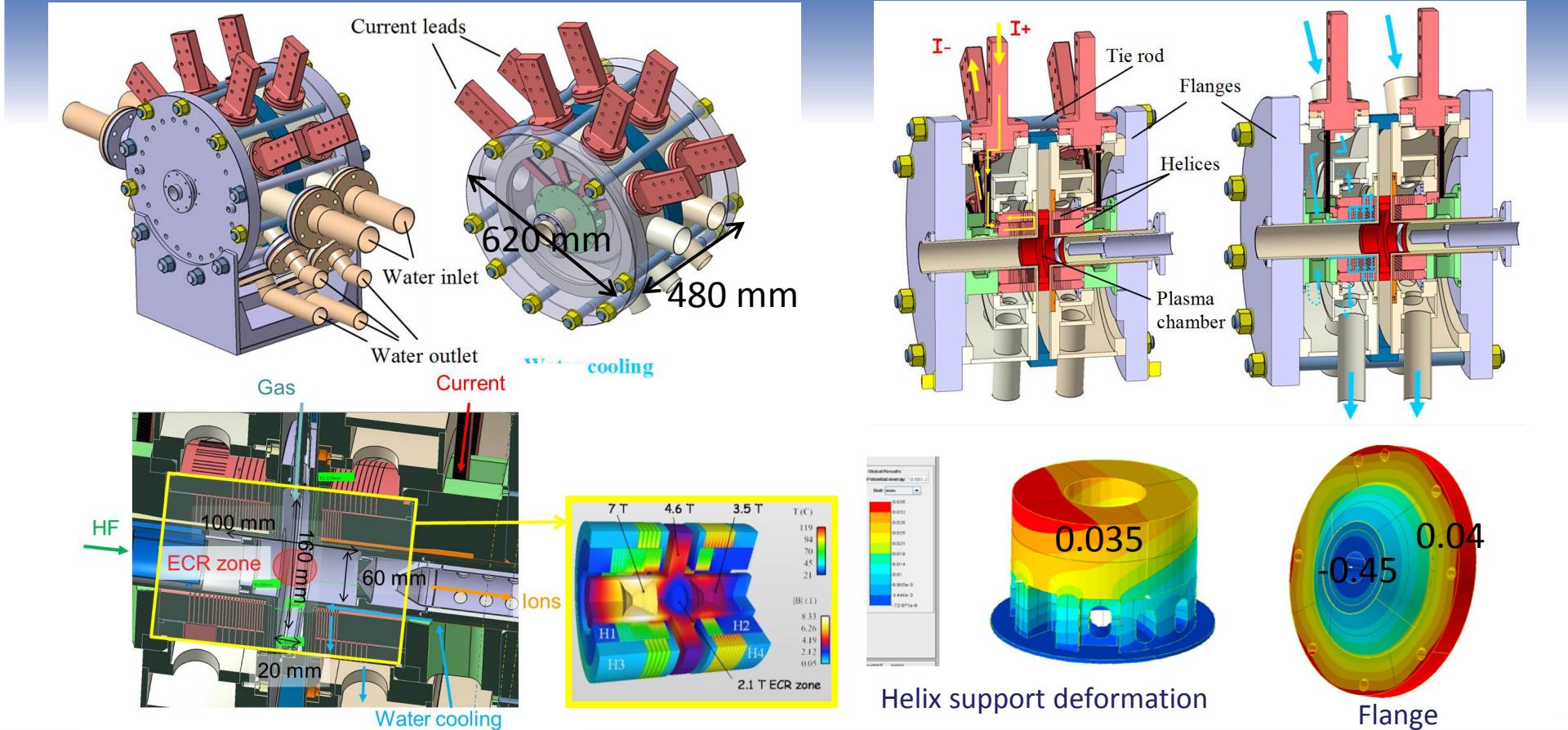
## Magnetic and temperature simulation



4 Hovadur helices : maximum current density 600 A/mm<sup>2</sup>(the highest ever performed)

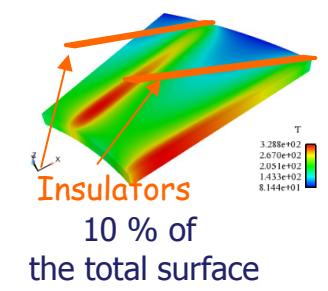
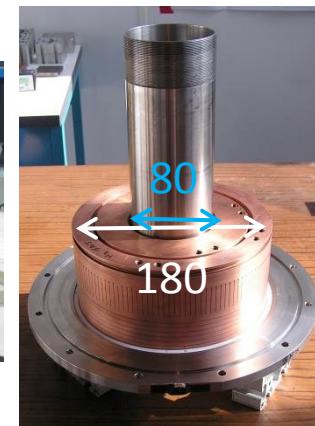
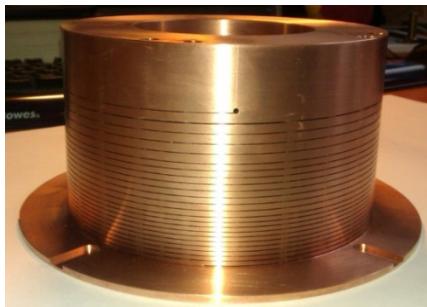
Small volume plasma chamber : plasma < 100 cm<sup>3</sup>

# GENERAL DESIGN



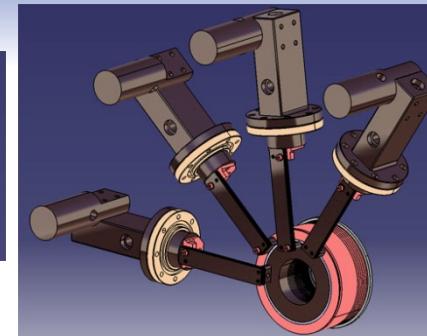
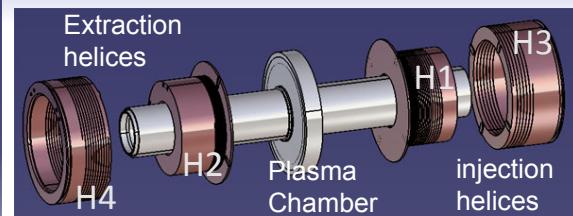
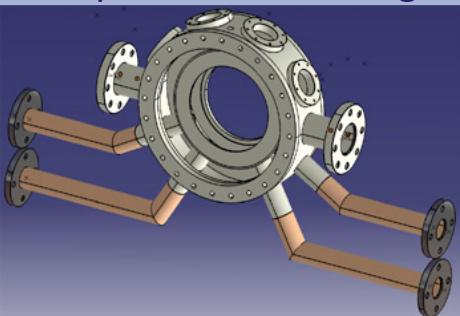
# HELICES FABRICATION

Slit electro erosion  
Computer-Aided Manufacturing

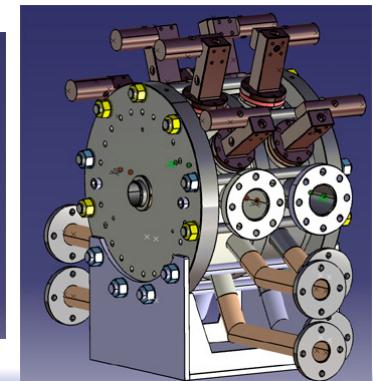
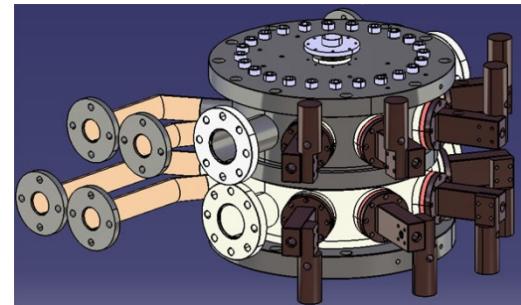
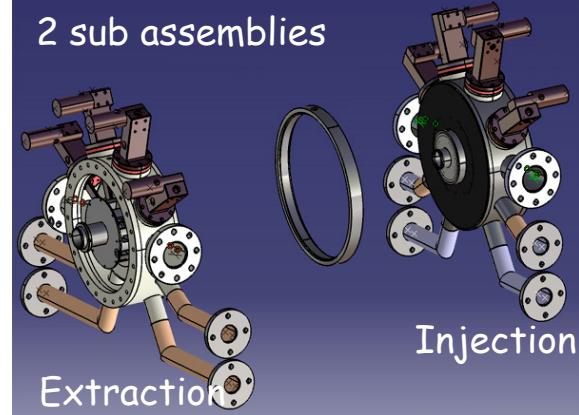
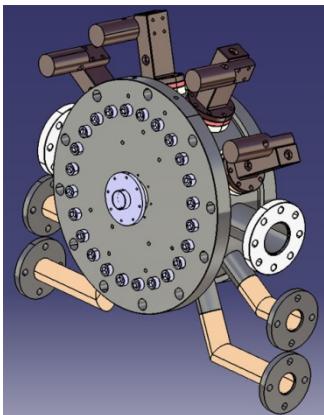
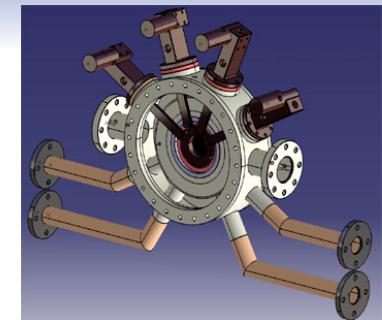


# PROTOTYPE MOUNTING

Basic part: heat exchanger



Helices and current leads



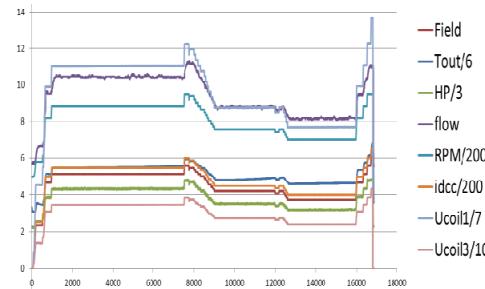
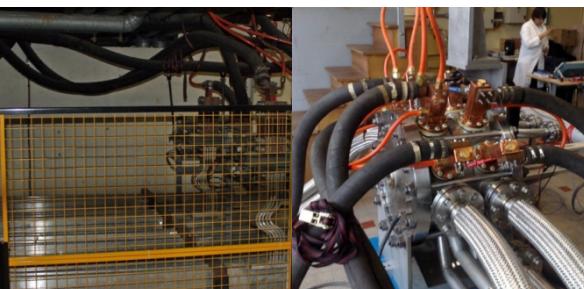
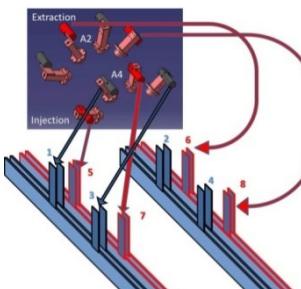
# PROTOTYPE FABRICATION



# MAGNETIC FIELD MEASUREMENT...?

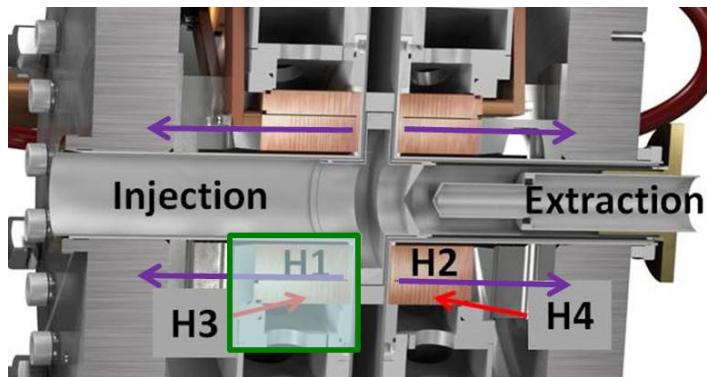
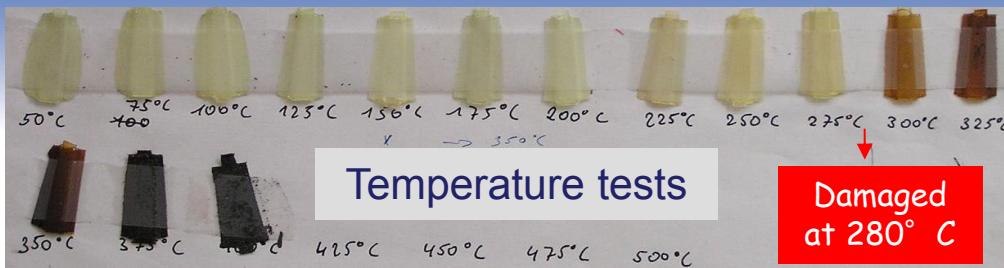


- Objective : to reach 26 kA (6T at the injection)
  - Radial and axial fields already measured at 15 kA (28 GHz)
  - Allows a significant variation of the 60 GHz resonance zone size (closed at about 20 kA)
  - Injection and extraction helices in series (only 2 DC convertors necessary (more flexibility for experiments) : **no differential tuning between injection and extraction**
  - 7500 A cooled down cables
  - Procedure to reach 26 kA, Multi ramping from 0 to a given Ig, increase Ig at each ramp and record U(I) until Imax is reached, the system checks for a deviation from the previous curves and set an alarm for abnormal deviations

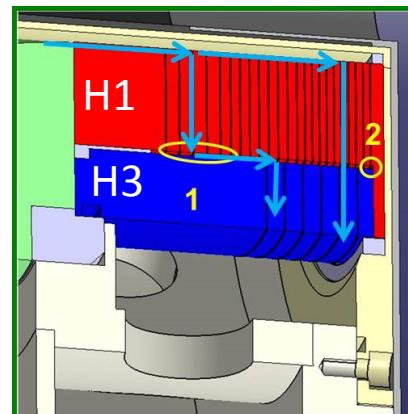


**At 21 kA  
a voltage drop  
occurred...**

# 21 KA MAGNET FAILURE ANALYSIS



@ 21000 A, total repulsive force : 300 kN



Cooling design  
problem



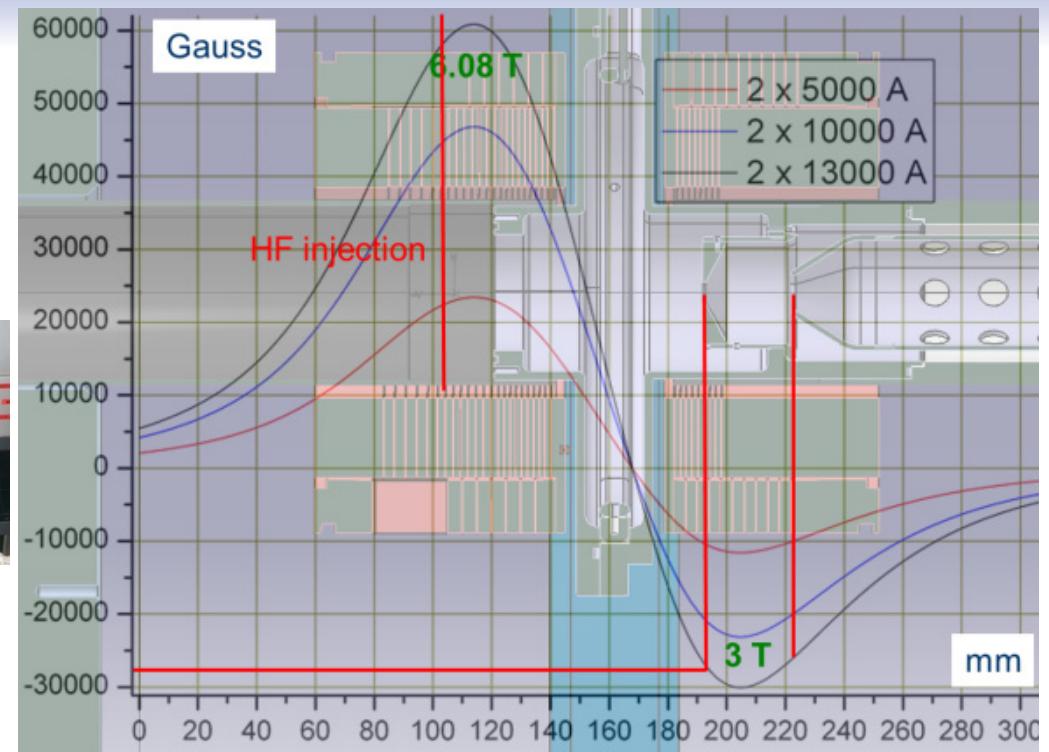
H3 modification

Since then, prototype run  
hours with no failure

# SO, MAGNETIC FIELD MEASUREMENTS...!

LNCMI Flux integration measurement

Integration interval: 0.1mm

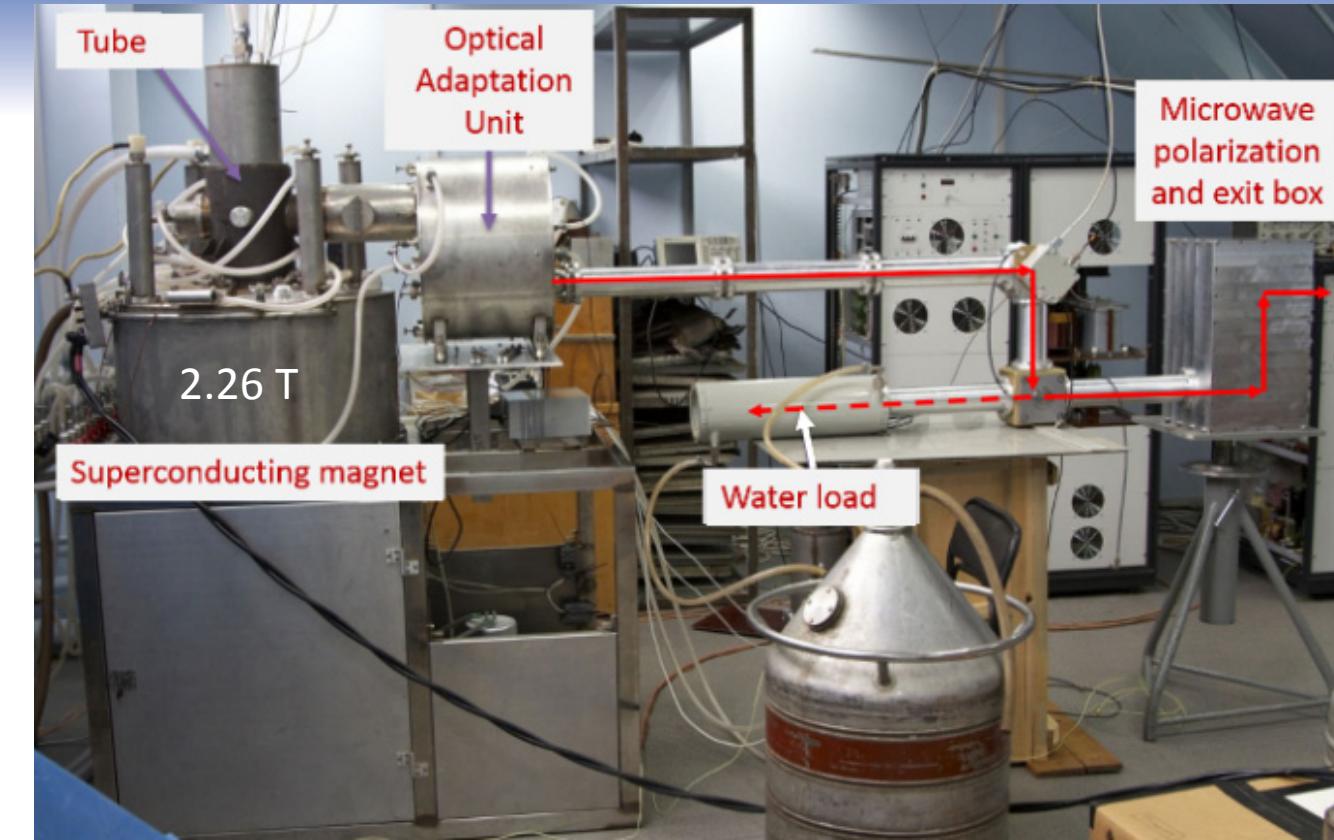


# LPSC-IAP-GYCOM COLLABORATION

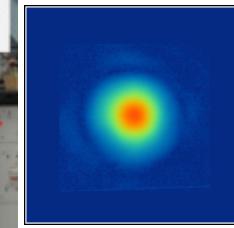
- International Science and Technology Center contract (2010-2012)  
“Design, Manufacturing and Tests of Short Pulse ECR Multi-Charged Ion Source Prototype with High Ionization Efficiency”  
**Gyrotron to be delivered to LPSC-CNRS**

Characteristics	Spécifications	Realized	
Frequency	60 GHz	60.089 GHz	<b>Cathode power supply</b> Pulses -20 to 40 Kv/3-18 A 1ms/3 Hz Instability < 1%
Power output	300 kW	313 kW	
Pulse length	50µs – 10 ms	100µs – 1 ms	<b>Anode power supply</b> Pulses 2 to 20 Kv / 100 mA 0.5 - 1.0 ms/3Hz
Repetition rate	10 Hz	2 Hz (5Hz @100 kW)	
Efficiency	> 45 %	45.3 %	Instability < 1% Rise and fall times < 20 ms

# GYROTRON SYSTEM



Quasi  
Gaussian  
beam

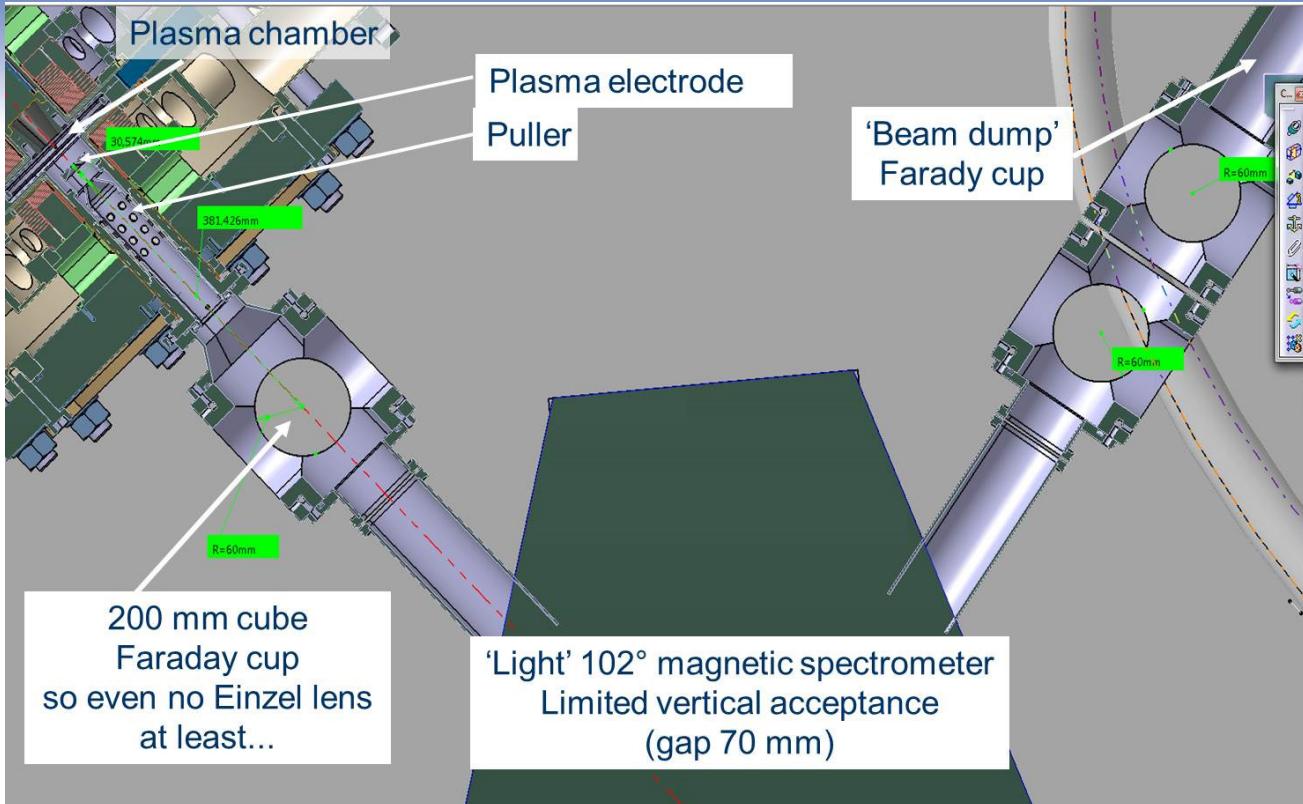


Control  
rack

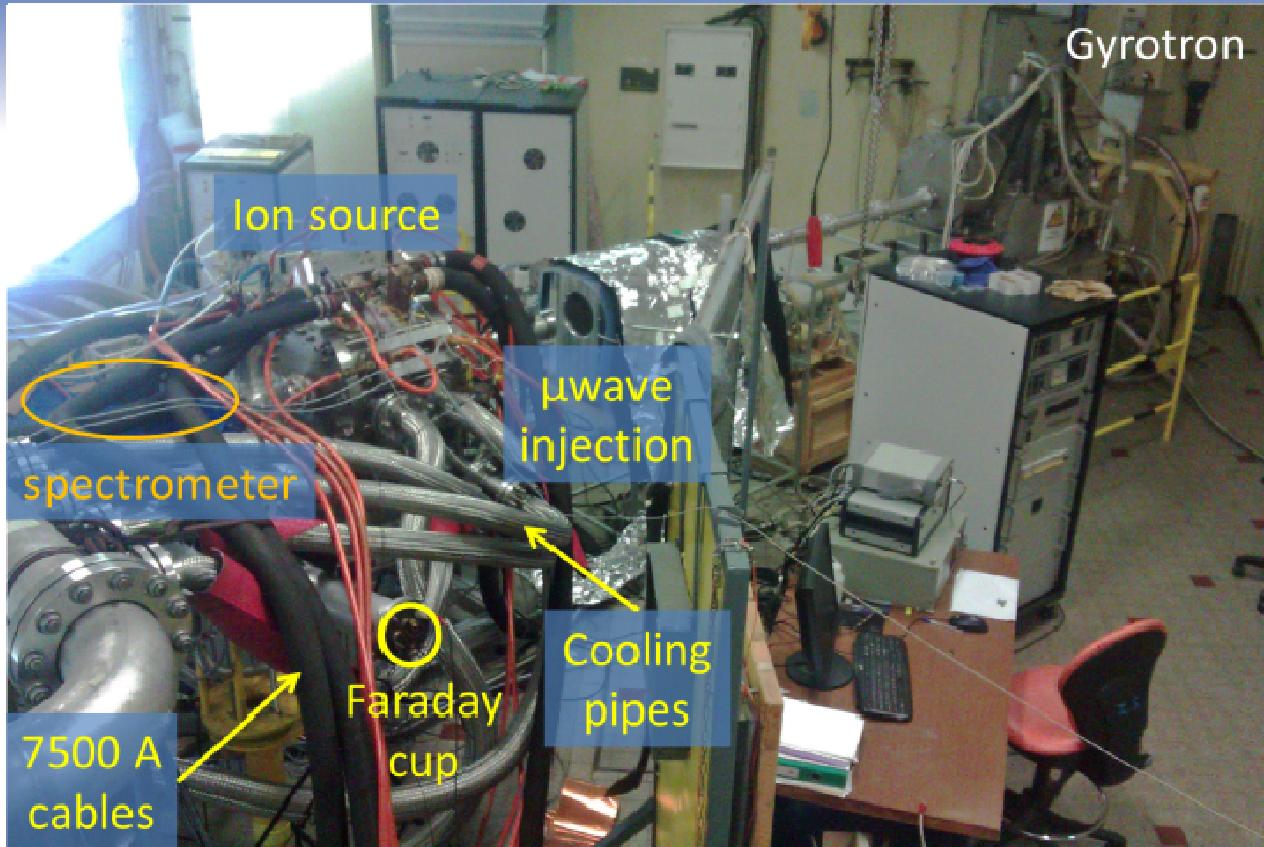
Beam centering !  
One Bang !



## “THE (...TOO SIMPLE...) BEAM LINE”

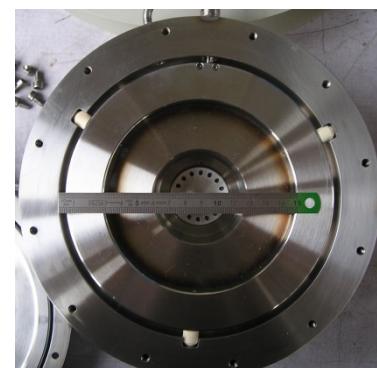
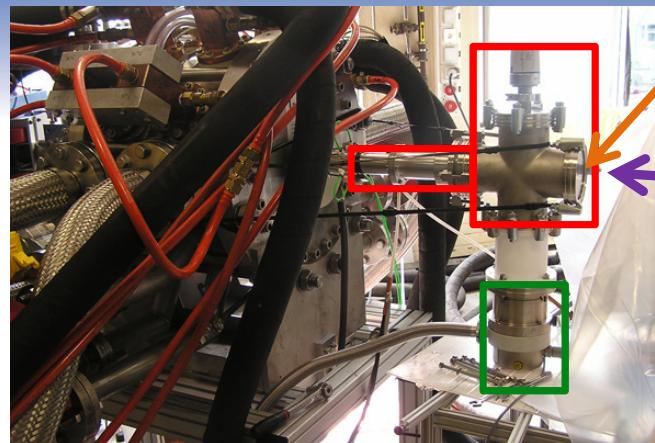
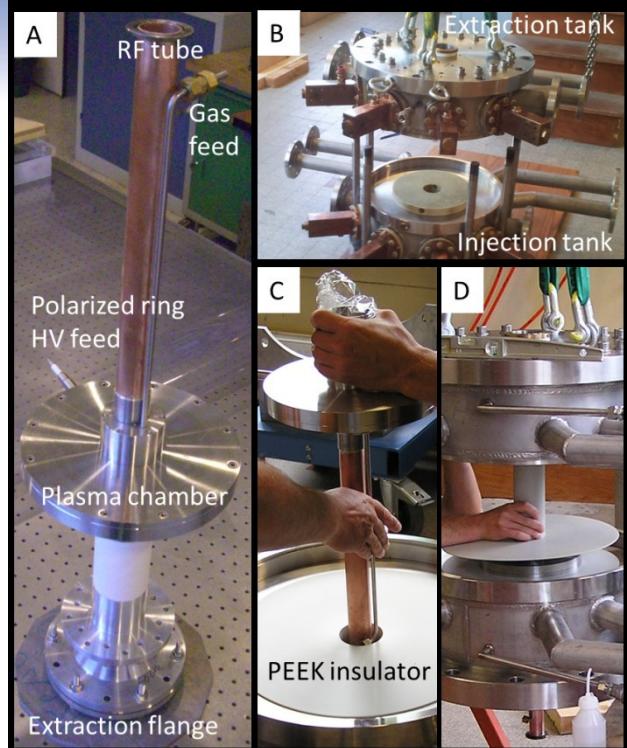


## VIEW OF THE “EXPERIMENT”



Called  
“The octopus”  
by LNCMI  
Staff...

## “INSIDE THE SOURCE”



30 kV

# VERY FIRST PLASMA

Maximum power due to X rays

100 kW – 200  $\mu$ s – 2 Hz

22 kA

1,1 E-05 mbar

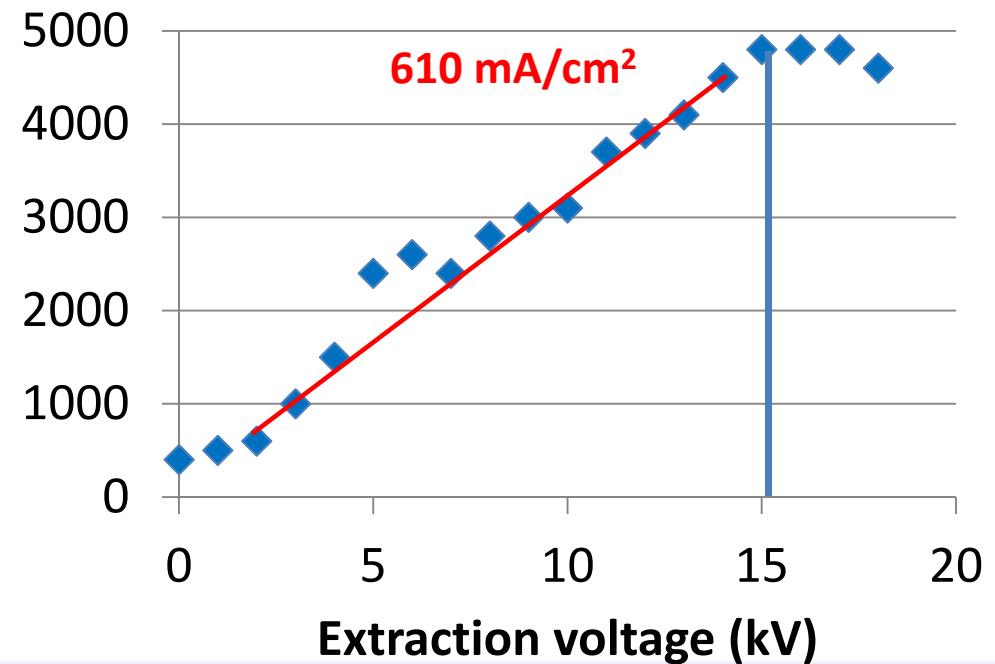
Plasma electrode hole

D = 1mm

Distance from puller 30 mm

Total current extracted

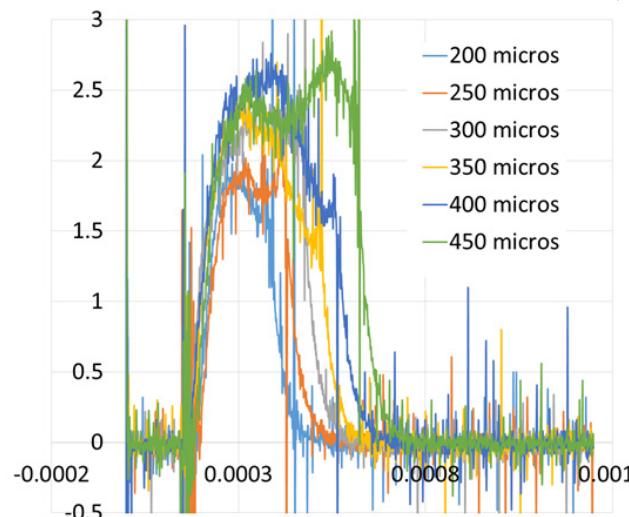
$$\mu\text{A} \quad I_{\text{CFextr}} = F(\text{extraction voltage})$$



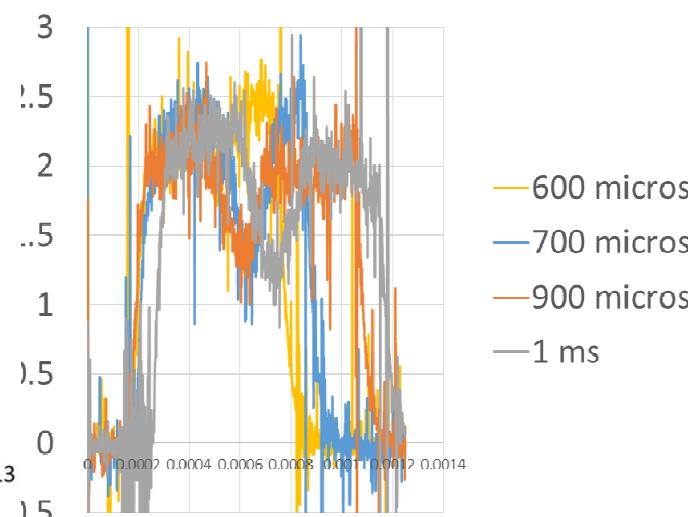
# HF PULSE LENGTH VARIATION

$O^{2+}$  15 kV / Helices 20 kA  
6.3 E-06 mbar

100's  $\mu A$



100's  $\mu A$

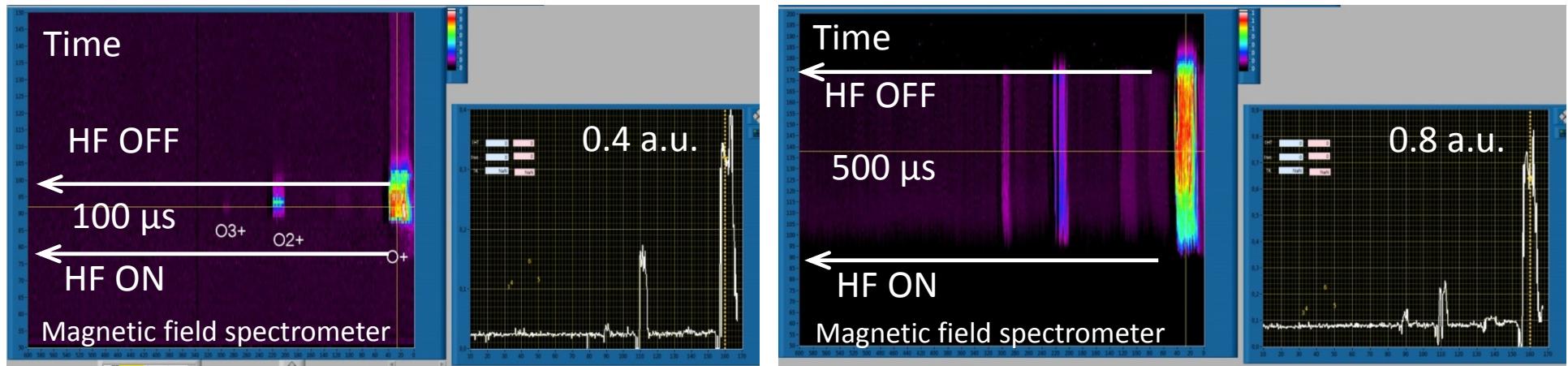


Intensity increases  
then no gain

For longer pulses  
some instabilities appear  
decrease of the intensity

# 3D SPECTRA FOR DIFFERENT HF PULSE LENGTH

## Intensity

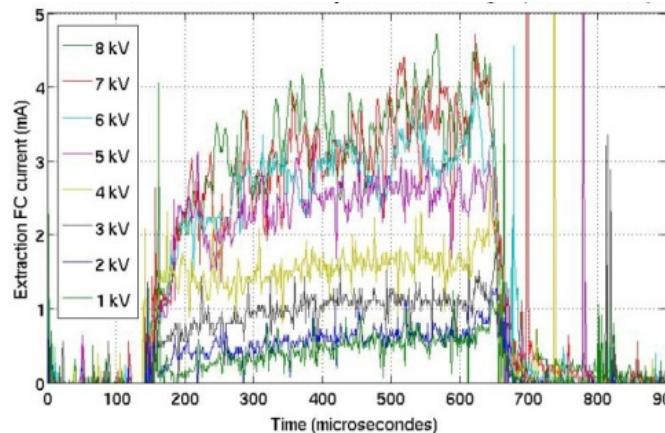


All beam intensities increase with the pulse length up to 500  $\mu$ s

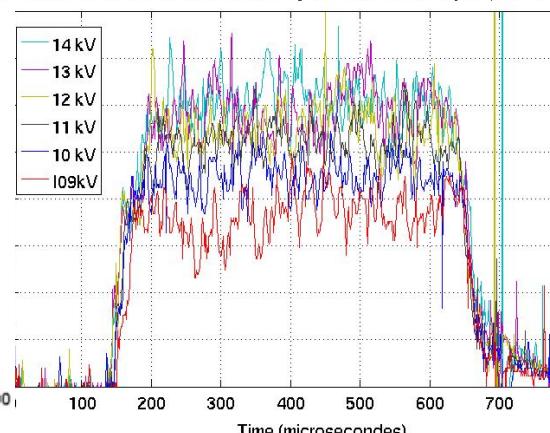
# TIME EVOLUTION OF THE TOTAL CURRENT VERSUS EXTRACTION HIGH VOLTAGE

22kA - 80 kW / 500  $\mu$ s - 1.1 E-05 mbar

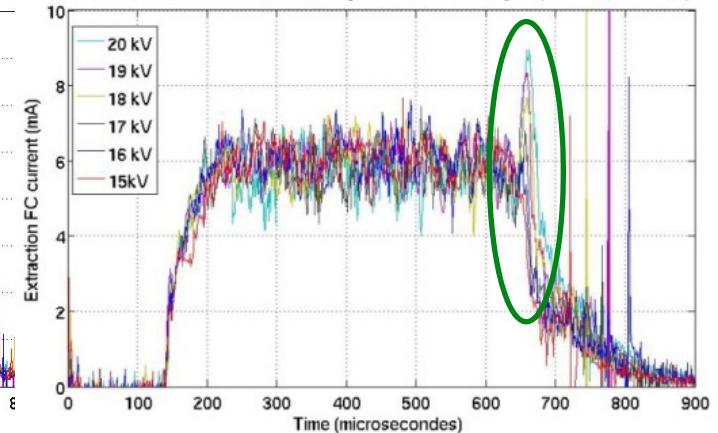
From 1 to 8 kV



From 9 to 14 kV



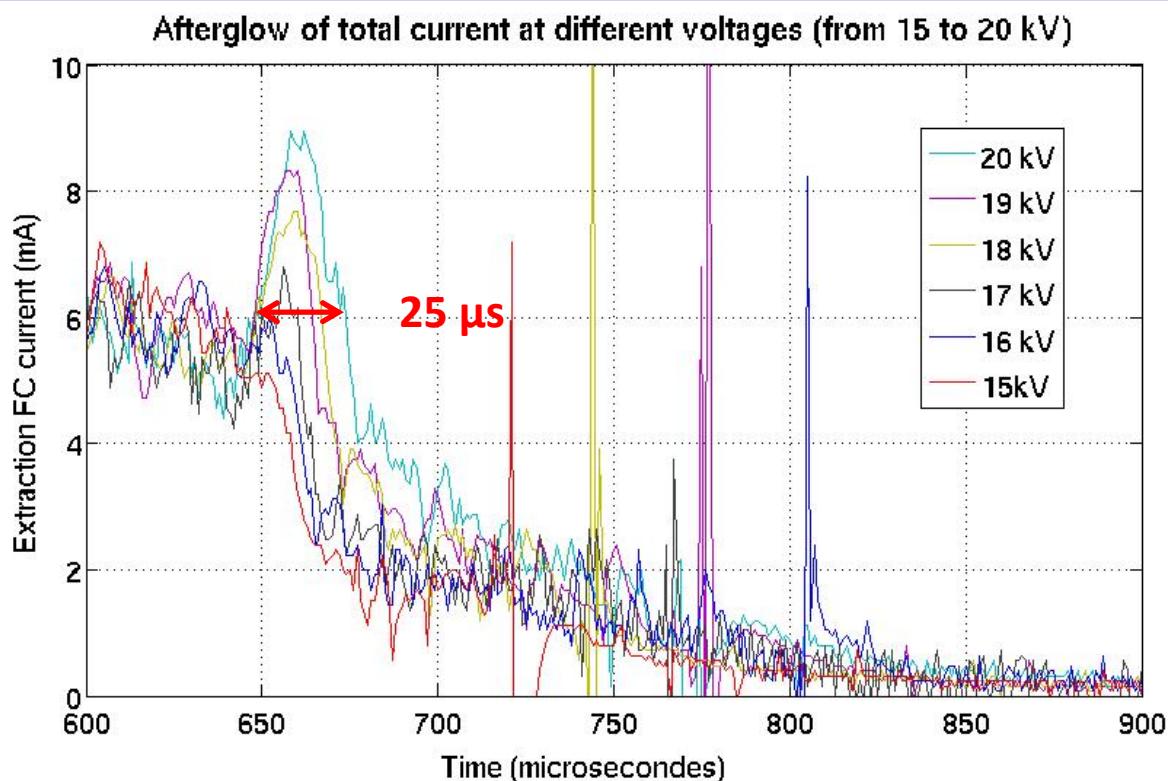
From 15 to 20 kV



The steady state intensity is reached in 50  $\mu$ s (the rising time of the HF !)

Afterglows appear at voltages higher than 15 kV

# ZOOM ON AFTERGLOWS

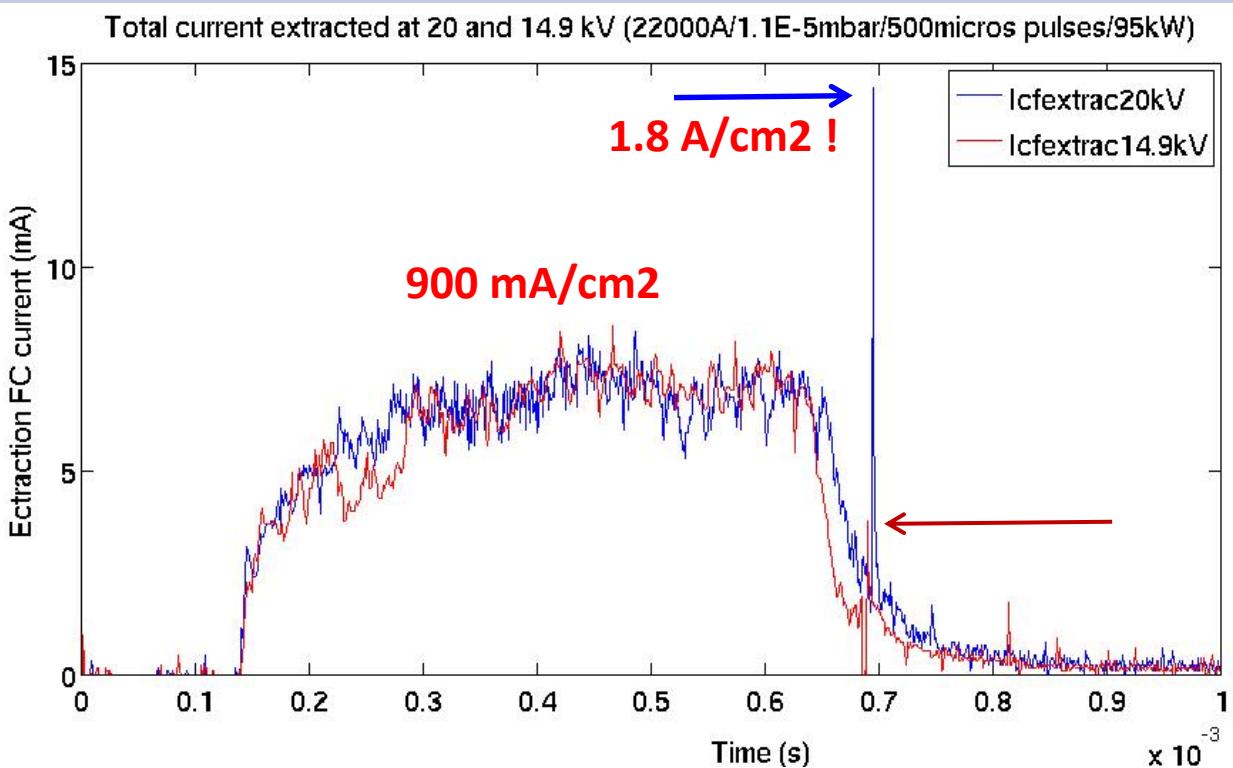


Afterglows appear at voltages  
 $> 15\text{kV}$

Their intensity increase when  
increasing the extraction  
voltage

Width  $\sim 25 \mu\text{s}$   
(10 times shorter than the  
ones obtained in PHOENIX  
CERN 28 GHz)

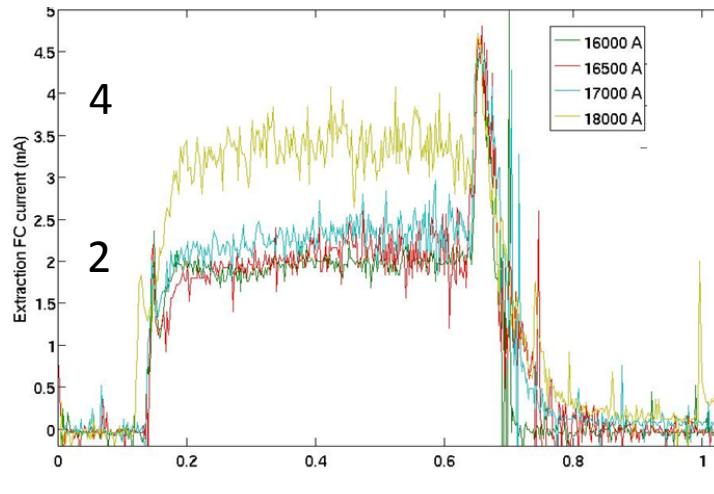
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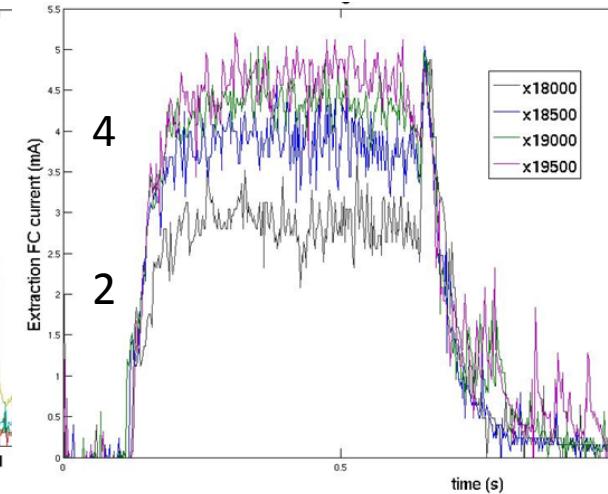
For some tunings  
reproducible short peaks  
appear with a  
very high current density

# TOTAL CURRENT VERSUS COILS INTENSITY

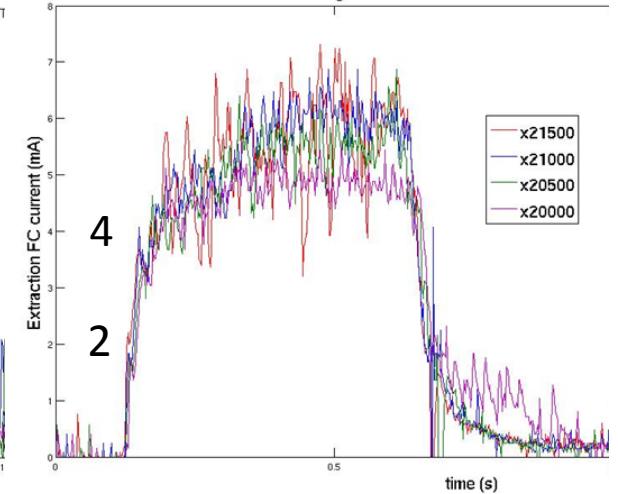
From 16 to 18 kA



From 18 to 19.5 kA

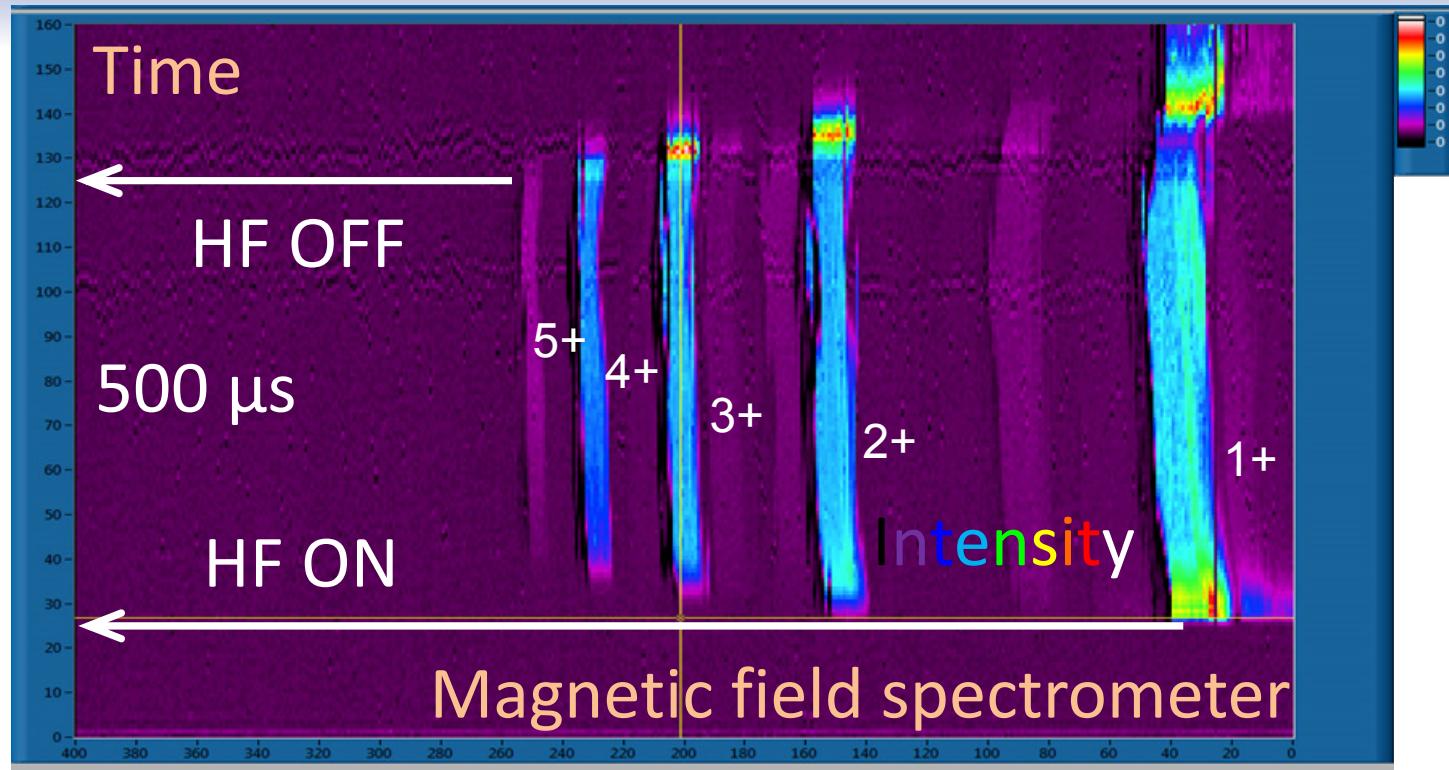


From 20 to 21.5 kA



The intensity of the steady state increases, the afterglows stays constant !  
(opposite of classical ECRIS)

# 3D OXYGEN SPECTRUM

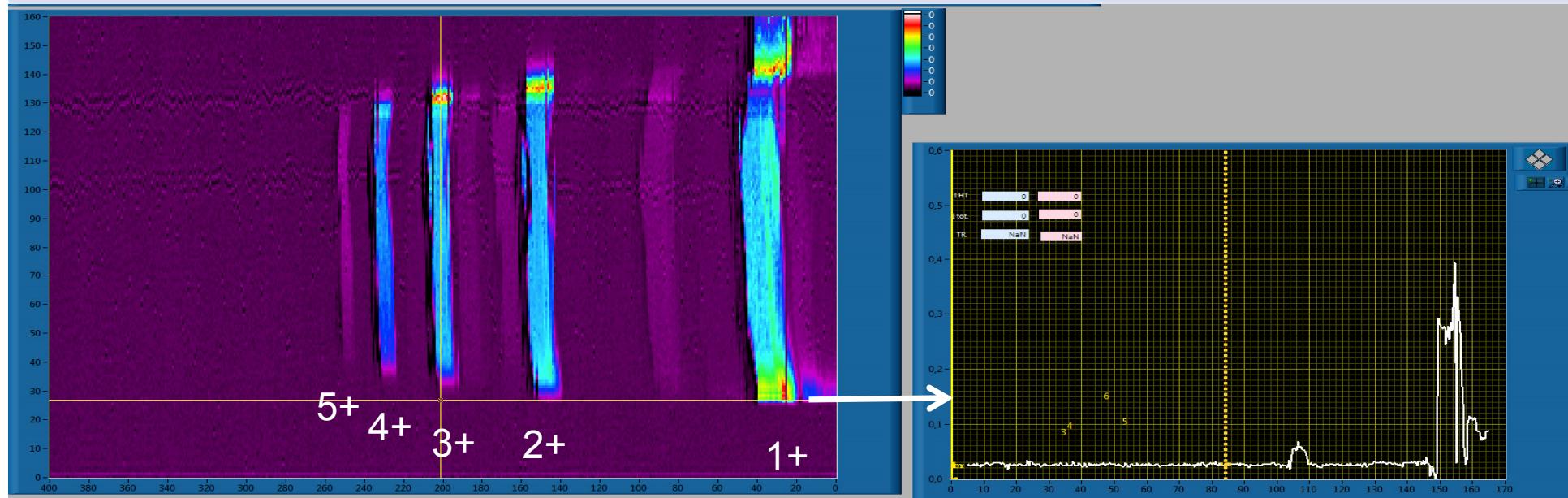


Intensity  
normalized to  
the highest one

Multicharged  
ions up to 5 +

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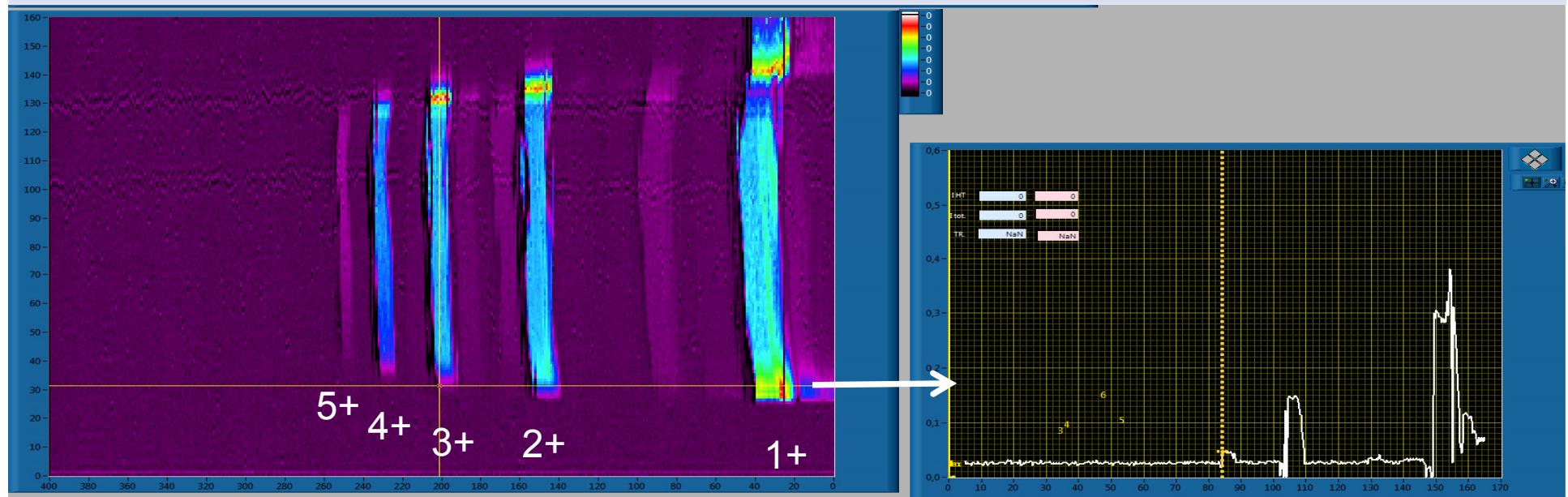
18000 A – 15 kV – 56 kW



Ion creation

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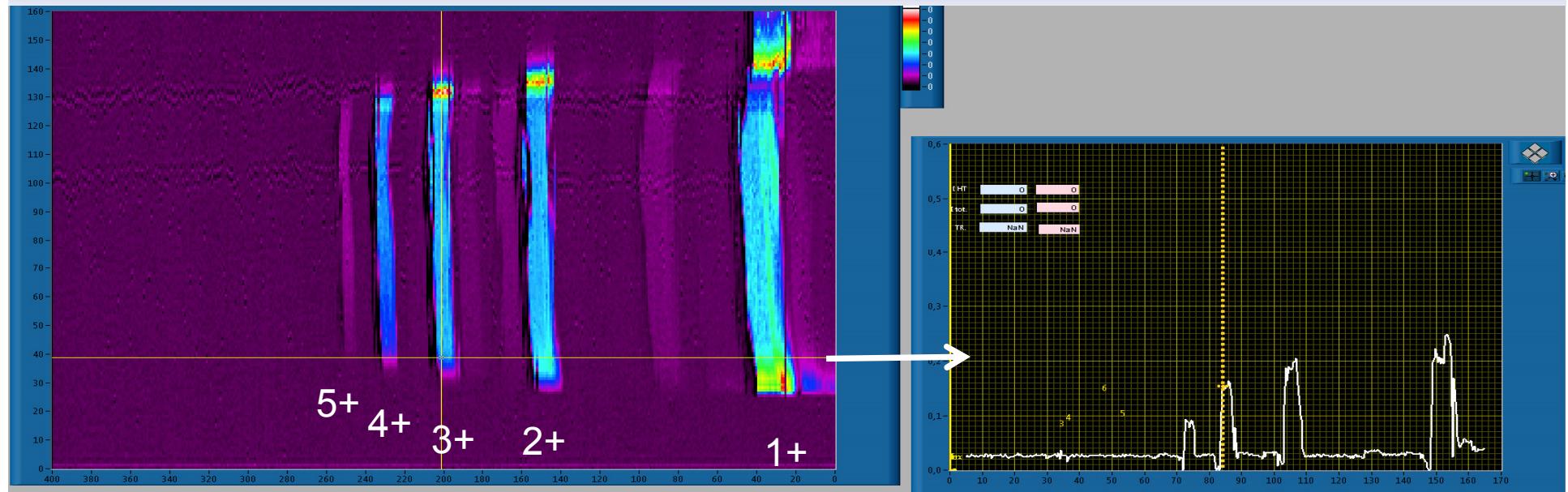


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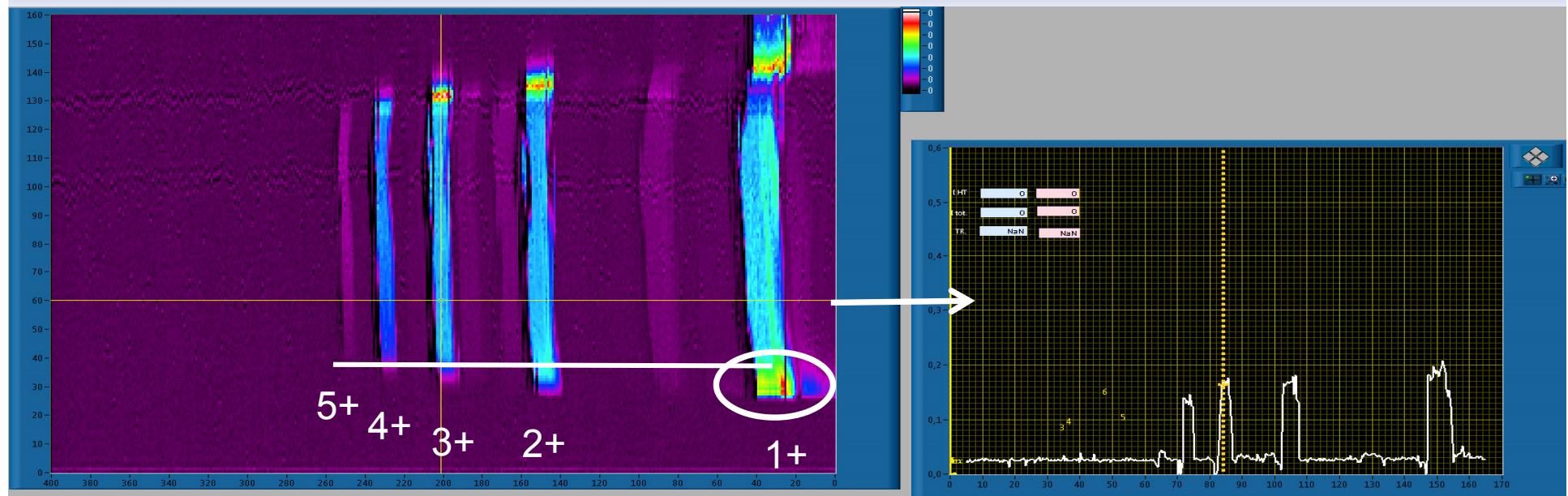


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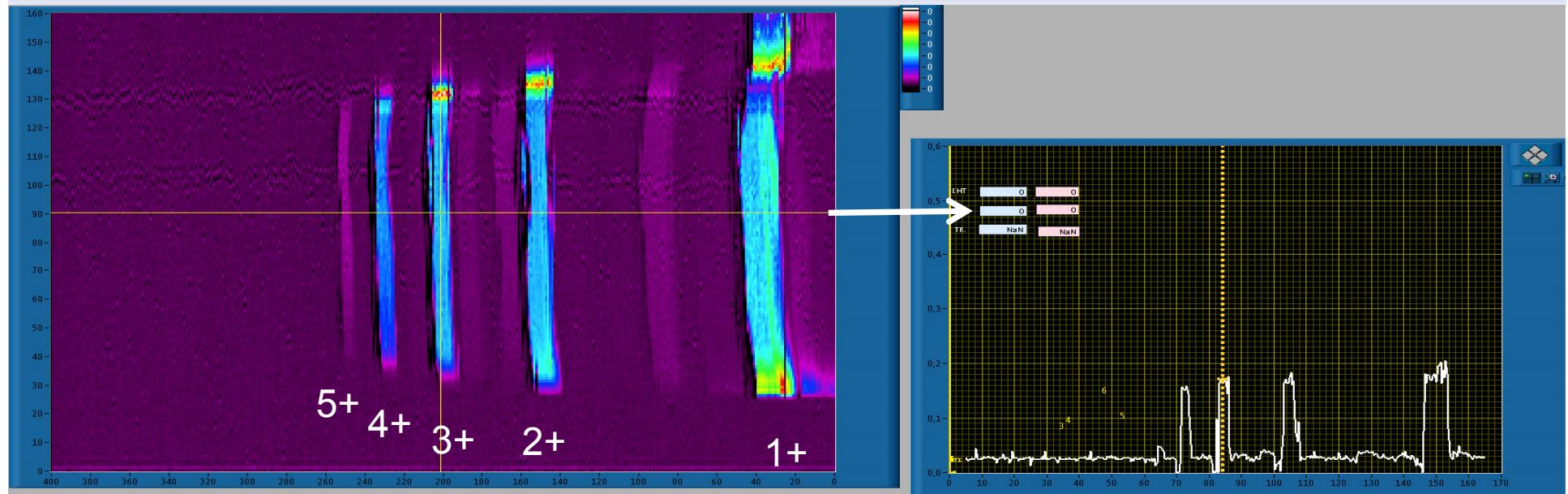


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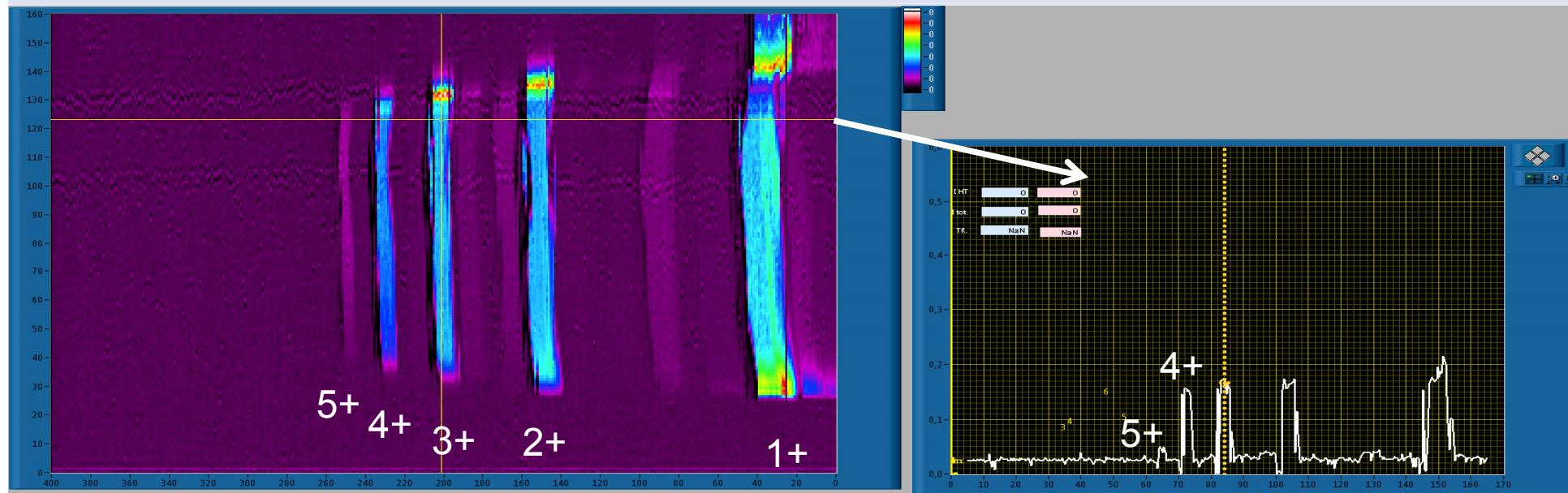


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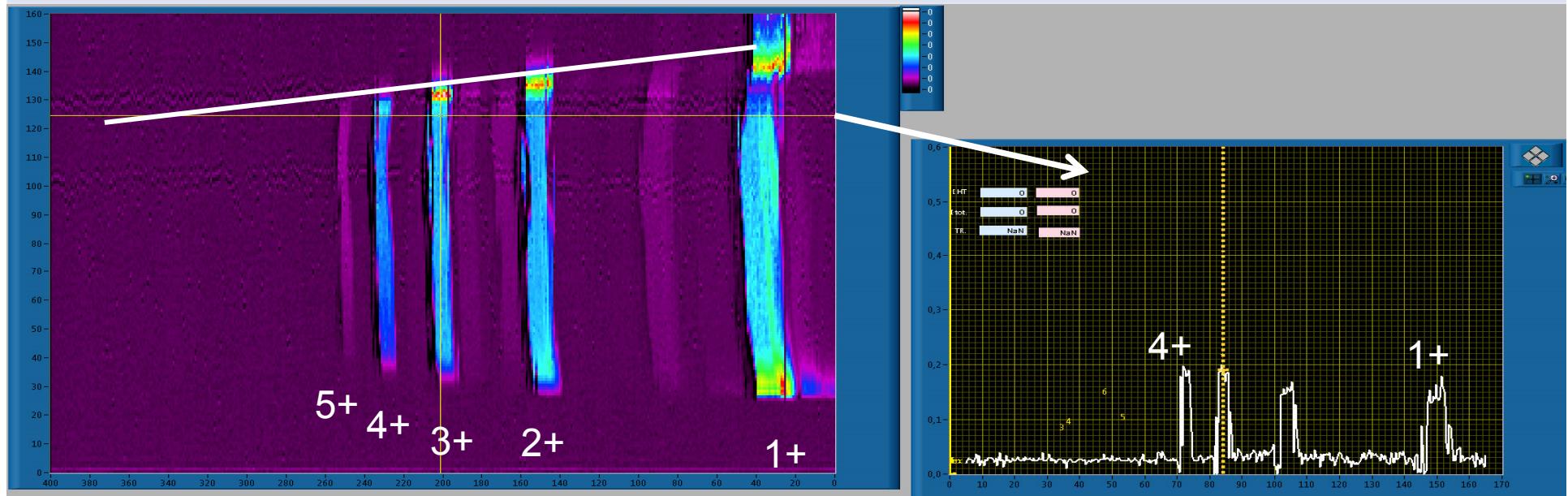
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**Ionization equilibrium (and HF stop)**

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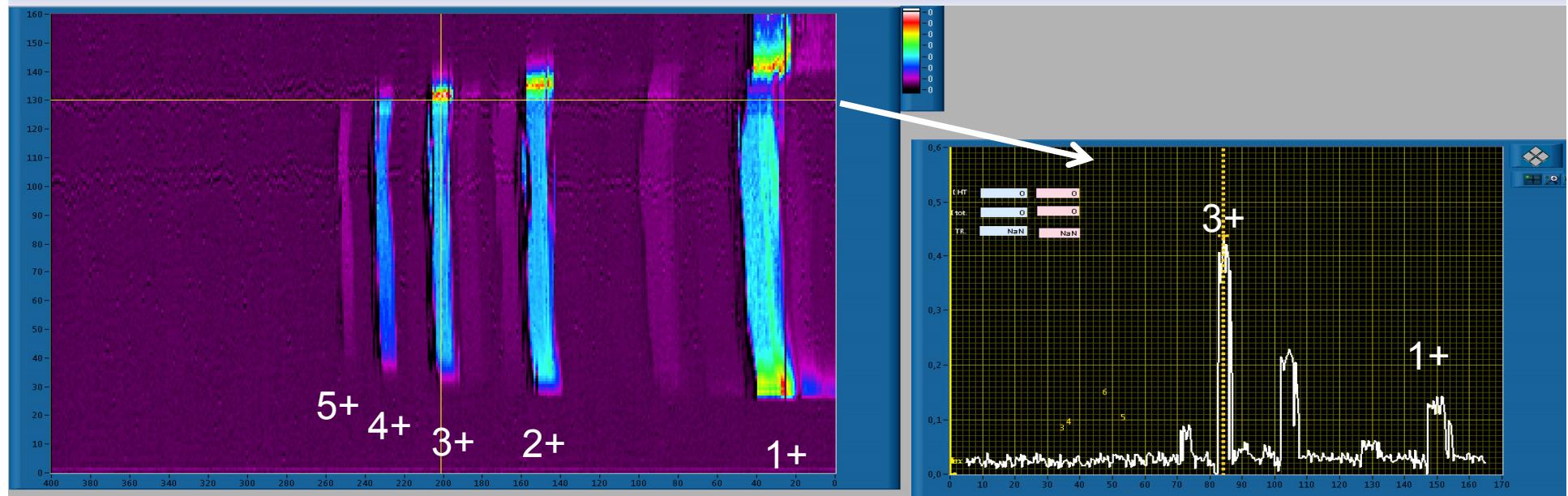


4+ Afterglow

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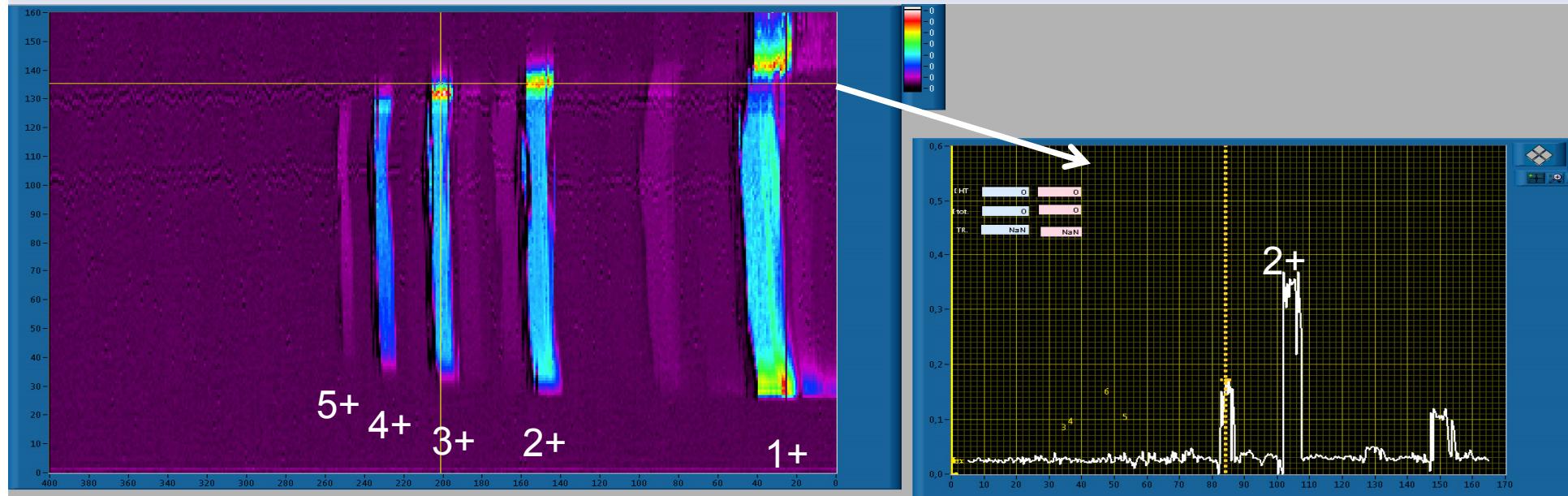
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## 3+ Afterglow

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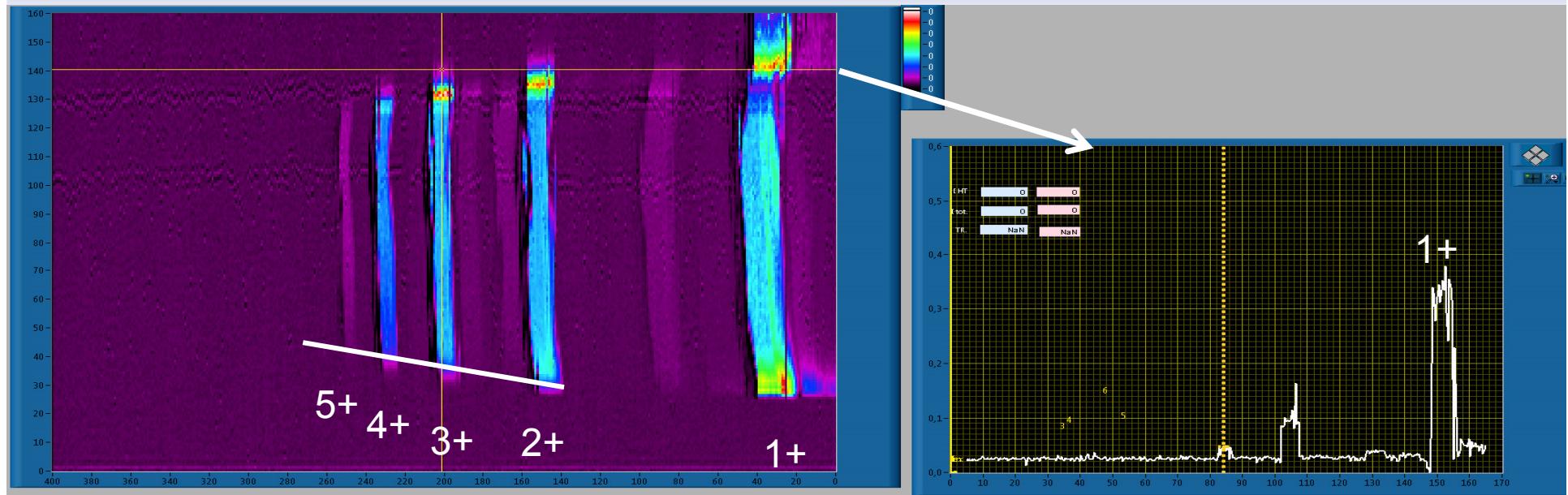


## 2+ Afterglow

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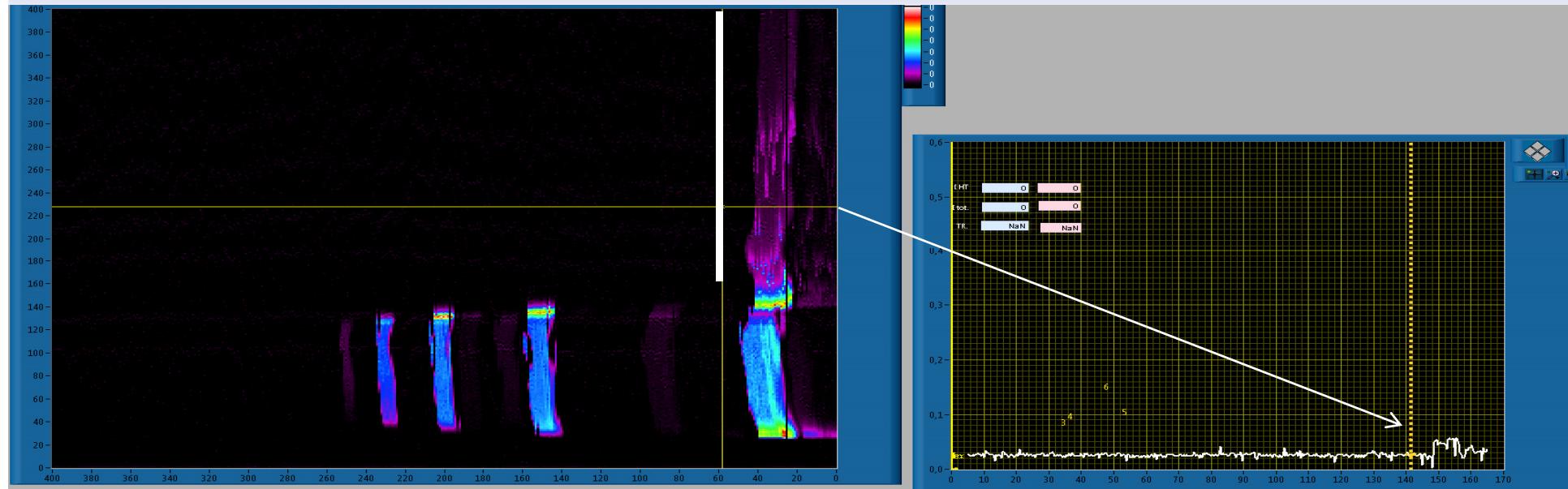
## 1+ Afterglow

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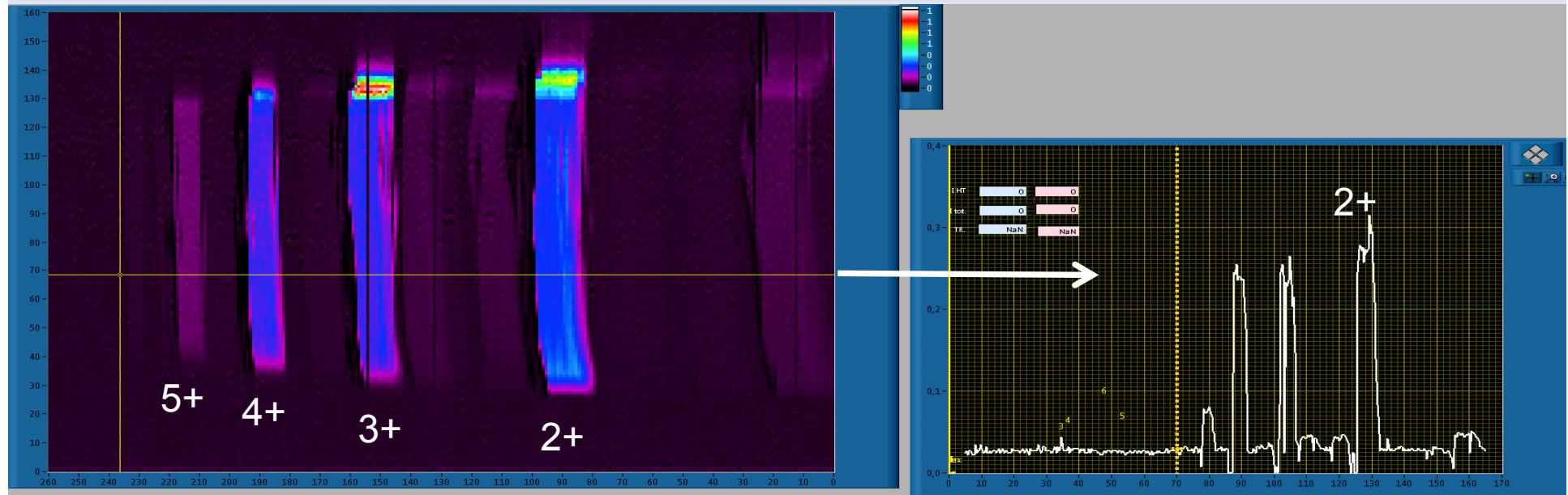
1+ tail



# 3D OXYGEN SPECTRUM

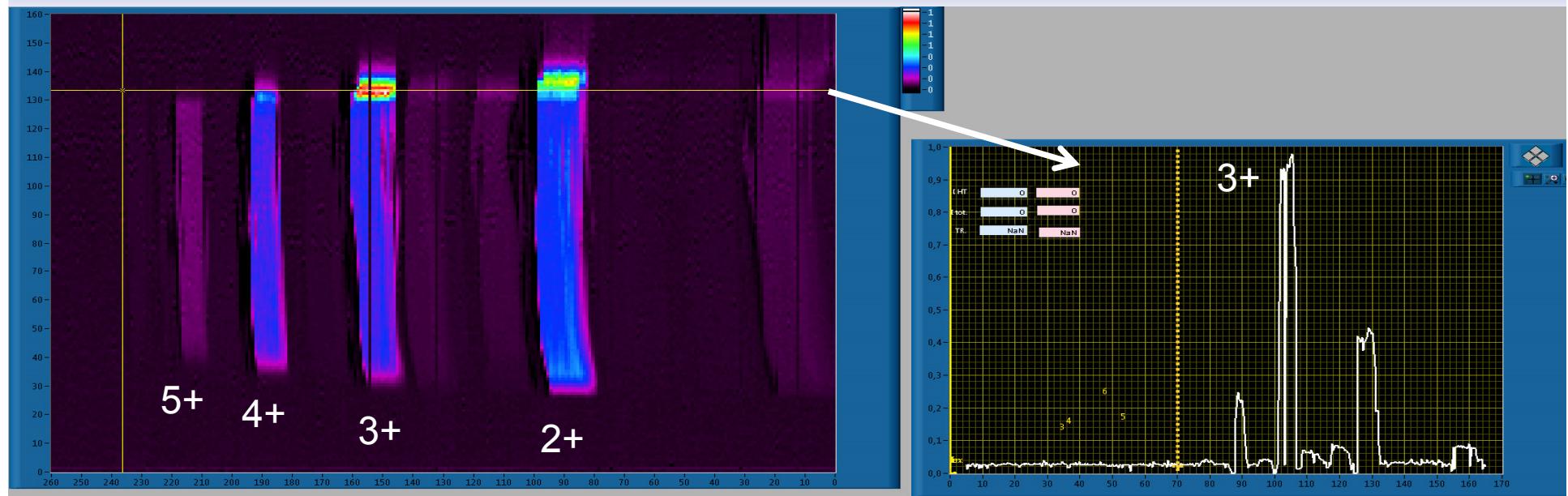
18000 A – 22 kV – 56 kW

To maximize afterglows without too many breakdowns

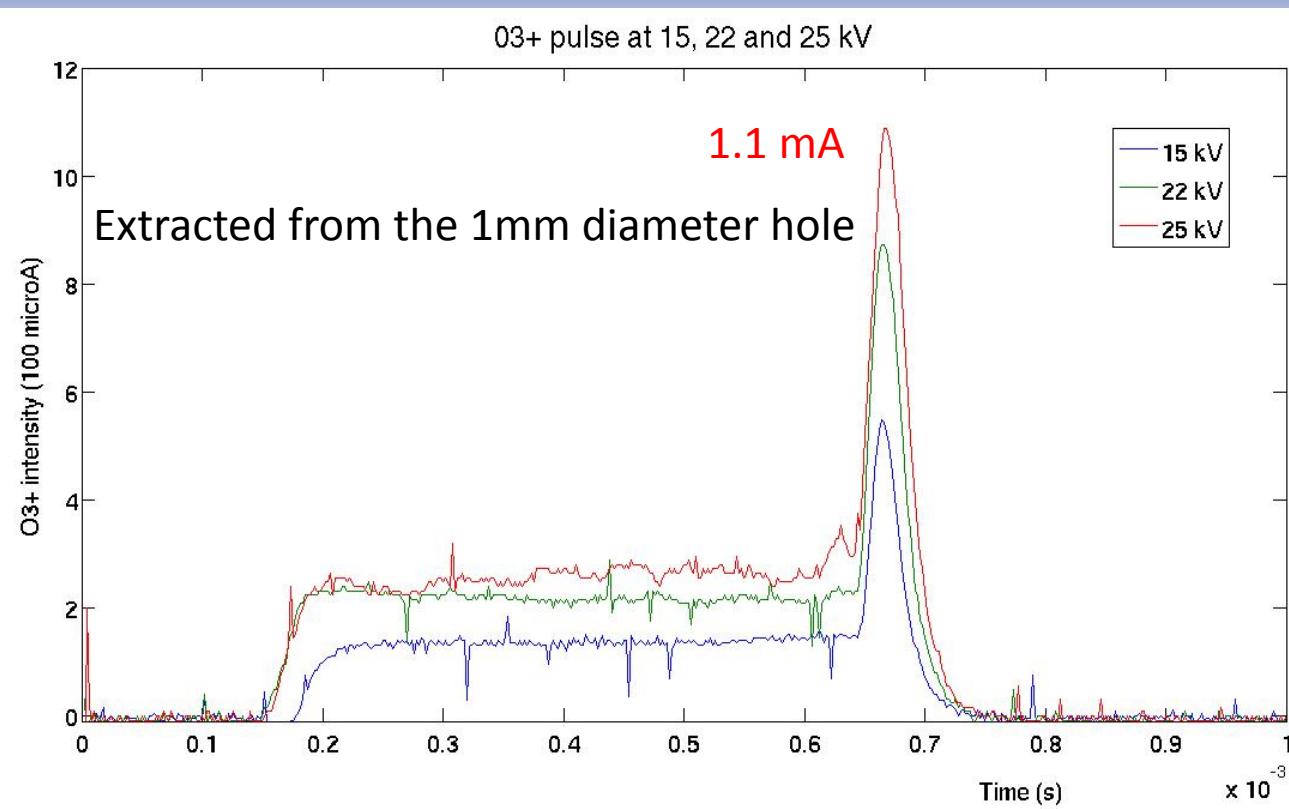


# 3D OXYGEN SPECTRUM

18000 A – 22 kV – 56 kW



# O<sup>3+</sup> SIGNAL AT DIFFERENT EXTRACTION VOLTAGES



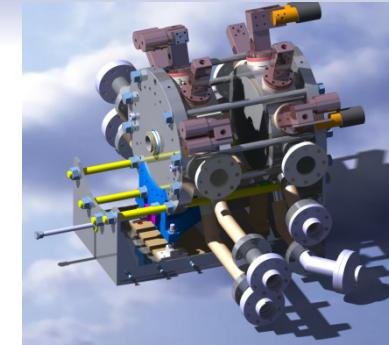
Such a stability !

Such beautiful afterglows !

About 50  $\mu$ s duration

## PERSPECTIVES

- Add electric switches to the LNCMI bus bars or build a 26000 A rheostat...
  - To tune the injection and extraction independently
- Allow the variation of the cusp length
  - will allow too the study of the magnetic bottle
- Construct one helix with the cold spray method
  - Will improve the conductivity
- Find the funding for a European project (Grenoble – Nizhny Novgorod – Jyväskylä) with satisfying experimental conditions Study the feasibility of a ‘classical’ minimum-B 60 GHz ECRIS to study their physics
- Evaluate the feasibility of superconducting helices (solid MgB<sub>2</sub>)
- Bring the LNCMI current to LPSC with MgB<sub>2</sub> cables (600m)



## CONCLUSIONS

- All the results presented have been obtained in 1.5 week, a few days of beam
- A high frequency ECR source based on a cusp with high magnetic field and a closed ECR zone has obvious confinement properties
- It is able to produce amperes of ion beams
- A lot of plasma physics studies can be considered...
- We have a unique opportunity to experiment 60 GHz ECRIS for the future

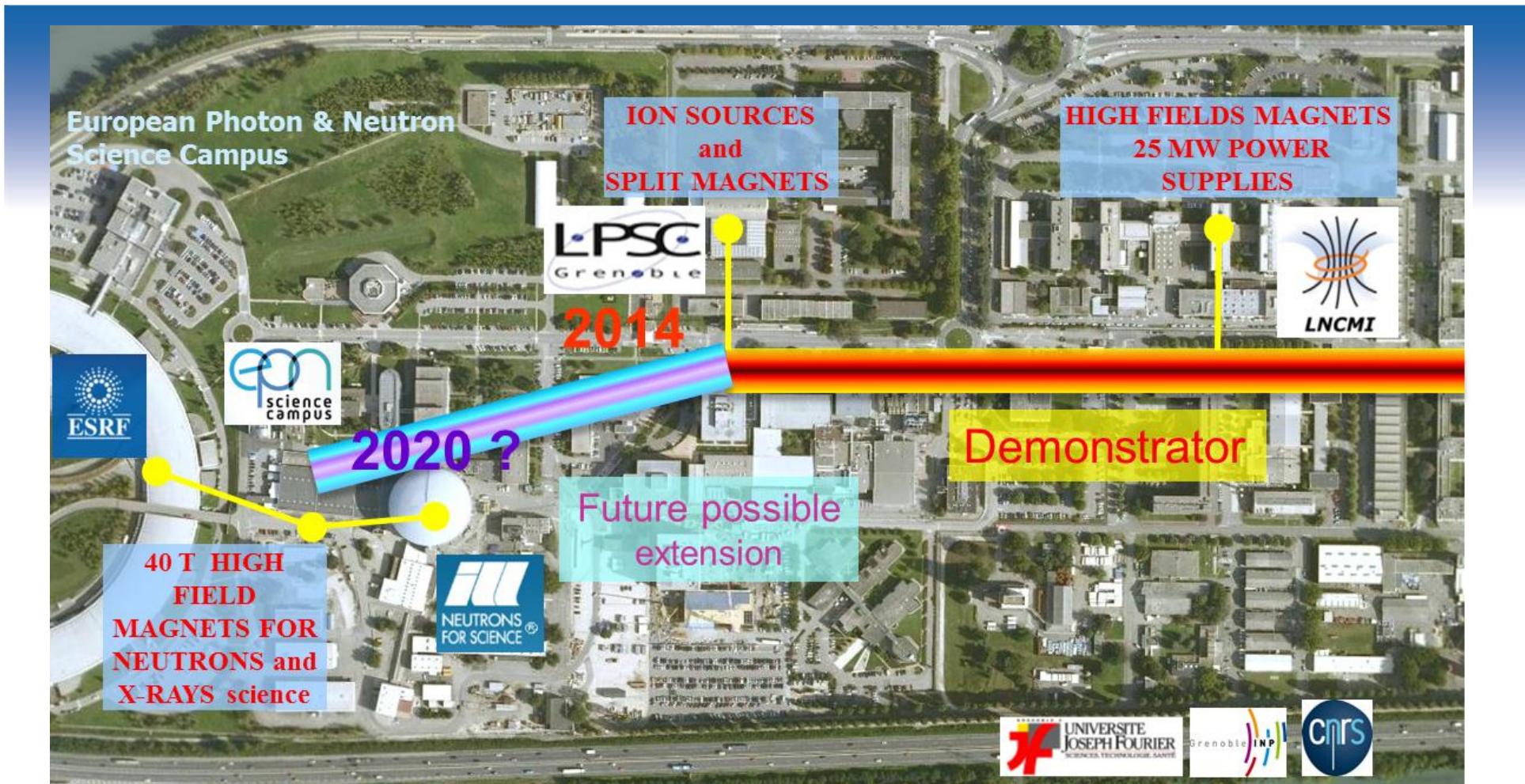
Vadim Skalyga invited talk at ICIS2015, New York City, USA

‘New Progress of High Current Gasdynamic Ion Source’

The real performance of gasdynamic ECRIS for multicharged ions production  
should be demonstrated in Grenoble



**Thank you so much for your attention !!**



## Zero-dimensional model of gas breakdown in an ECRIS magnetic trap with ${}^6\text{He}$

$$\frac{\partial N_e}{\partial t} = N_e \cdot \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 \sum_{i=0}^q k_{i,i+1}^\alpha N_i^\alpha - \frac{N_e}{\tau_e}$$

Electronic density (for 3 ionic species)

$$\frac{\partial N_i^1}{\partial t} = (k_{i-1,i}^1 N_{i-1}^1 - k_{i,i+1}^1 N_i^1) \cdot N_e - \frac{N_i^1}{\tau_i^1}$$

Ion density (buffer gas)

$$\frac{\partial N_i^2}{\partial t} = (k_{i-1,i}^2 N_{i-1}^2 - k_{i,i+1}^2 N_i^2) \cdot N_e - \frac{N_i^2}{\tau_i^2} - \frac{N_i^2}{\tau^*}$$

Ion density ( ${}^6\text{He}$ )

$$\frac{\partial N_i^3}{\partial t} = (k_{i-1,i}^3 N_{i-1}^3 - k_{i,i+1}^3 N_i^3) \cdot N_e - \frac{N_i^3}{\tau_i^3} + n_i^*$$

Ion density ( ${}^6\text{Li}$ )

**Efficiency:**  
 $\eta = N_{ion\ ext} / N_{atoms\ ini}$

$$\frac{dN_0^\alpha}{dt} = I^\alpha(t) - k_{0,1}^\alpha N_0^\alpha N_e$$

Neutral density

$$\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{d(N_e \cdot \langle E \rangle)}{dt} = P - \frac{N_e}{\tau_e} (\langle E \rangle + \varphi_0) - \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 \sum_{i=0}^q k_{i,i+1}^\alpha N_e N_i^\alpha I_i^\alpha$$

Energy balance

$$\frac{1}{\tau_e} = \frac{1}{N_e} \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 \sum_{i=1}^q \frac{i N_i^\alpha}{\tau_i^\alpha}$$

Quasi-neutrality condition