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ELECTRON CYCLOTRON RESONANCE ION SOURCES - I

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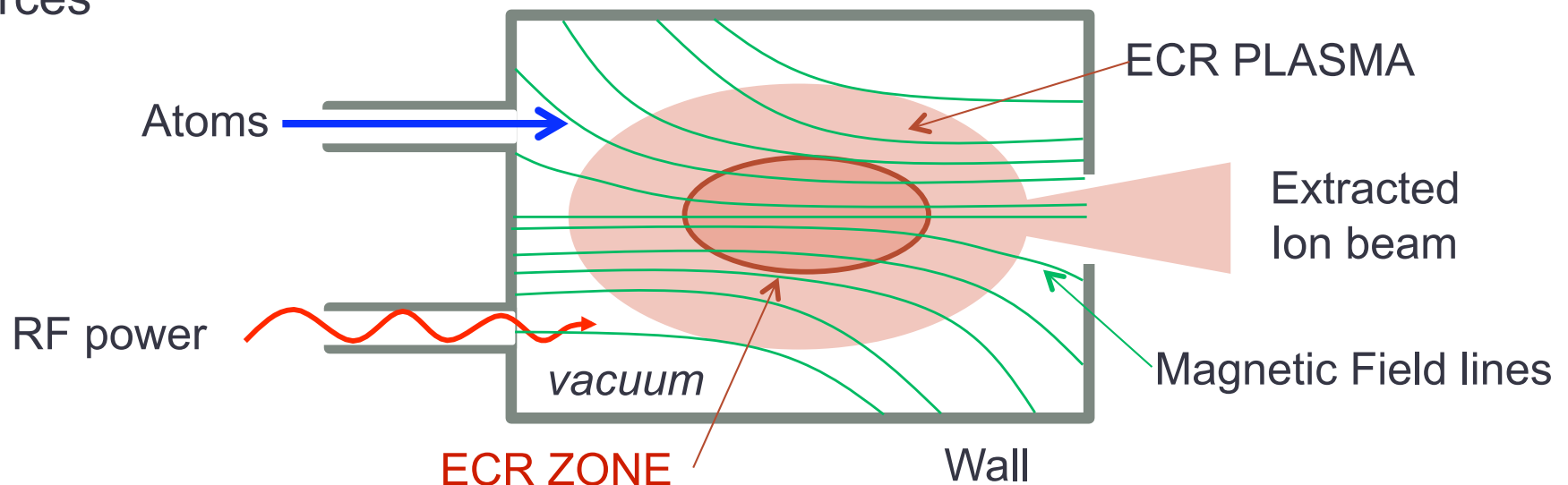


OUTLINE

- **Electron Cyclotron Resonance Ion Source - I**
 - Introduction
 - Summary of the main microscopic processes occurring in an ECRIS
 - Electron Cyclotron Resonance Mechanism
 - Magnetic confinement and ECR plasma generation
 - Geller Scaling Law and ECRIS Standard Model

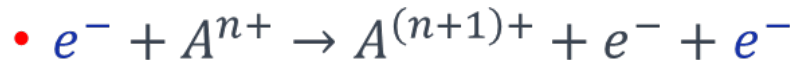
Ingredients of Electron Cyclotron Resonance Ion Source

- An ECR ion source requires:
 - A secondary vacuum level to allow multicharged ion production
 - A RF injection in a metallic cavity (usually multimode)
 - A sophisticated magnetic Field structure that enables to:
 - Transfer RF power to electrons through the ECR mechanism
 - Confine long enough the (hot) electrons to ionize atoms
 - Confine long enough ions to allow multi-ionization ions
 - Generate a stable CW plasma
 - An atom injection system (gas or condensables) to sustain the plasma density
 - An extraction system to accelerate ions from the plasma
- In the following, we will try to detail these points to provide an overview of ECR ion sources



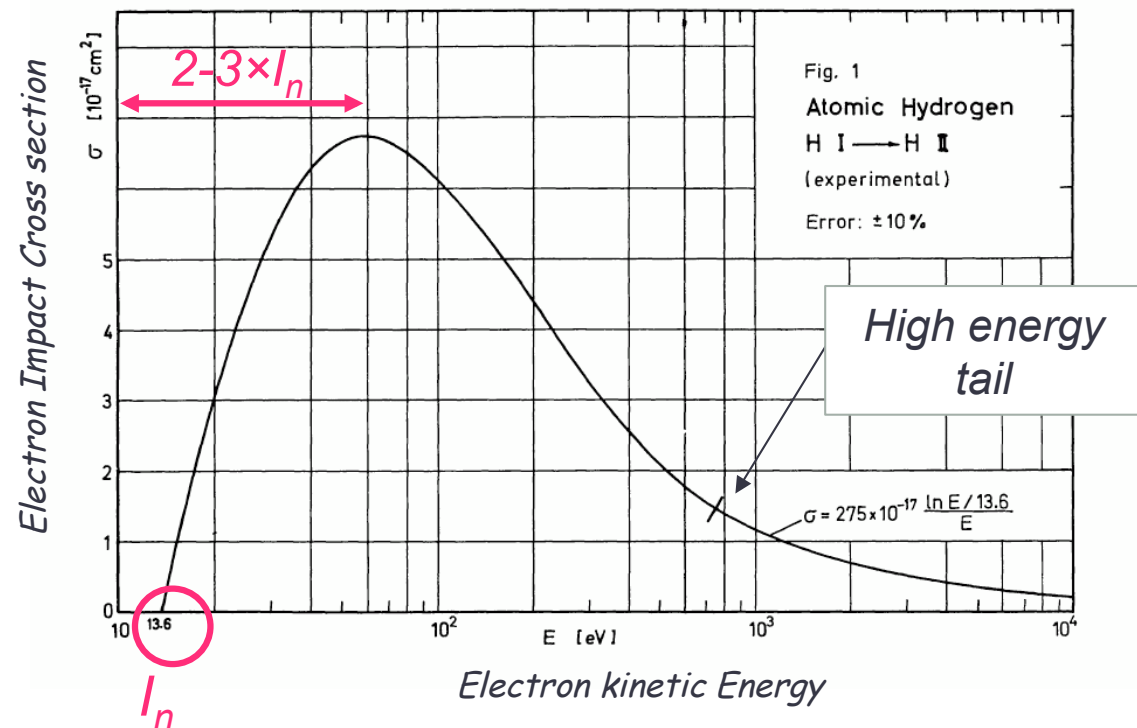
Ion creation through **Electron Impact Ionization** (in gas or plasma)

- Ions are produced through a direct collision between an atom and a free energetic electron



- Kinetic energy threshold E_e of the impinging electron is the binding energy I_n of the shell electron: $E_e > I_n$

- Optimum of cross-section for $E_e \sim 2 - 3 \times I_n$
- Higher energy electron can contribute significantly
- Double charge electron impact ionization may also occur...



Ion creation through Electron Impact Ionization (in gas or plasma)

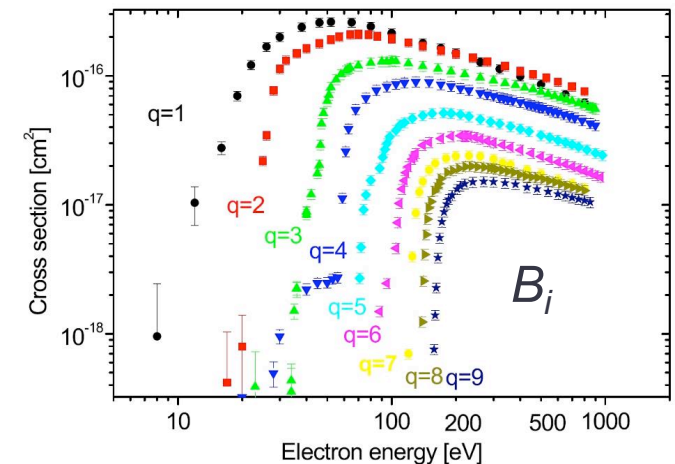
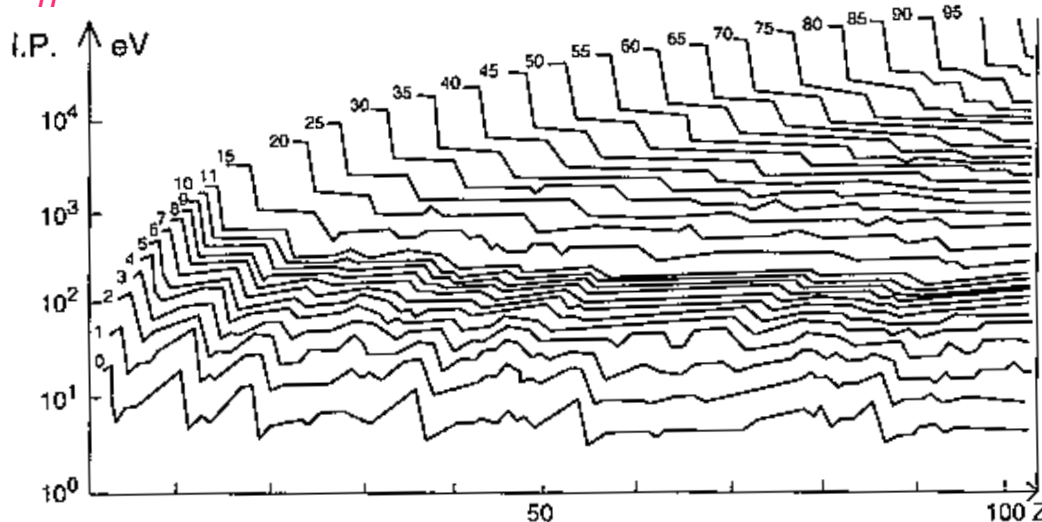
- Electron impact ionization cross section can be approximated by the semi-empirical Lotz Formula:

- $\sigma_{n \rightarrow n+1} \sim 1.4 \times 10^{-13} \frac{\ln(\frac{E}{I_{n+1}})}{E I_{n+1}}$, E electron kin. energy
 - High charge state production requires hot electrons
 - $Max(\sigma_{n \rightarrow n+1}) \sim \frac{1}{I_{n+1}^2} \Rightarrow$ the higher the charge state, the lower the probability of ionization

Example for Bismuth

Z	I_n (eV)	σ_{max} (cm ²)
1+	7.2	$\sim 2.4 \times 10^{-16}$
22+	159	$\sim 4.9 \times 10^{-19}$
54+	939	$\sim 1.4 \times 10^{-20}$
72+	3999	$\sim 7.8 \times 10^{-22}$
82+	90526	$\sim 1.5 \times 10^{-24}$

$I_n = n^{th}$ Ionization Potential



Ion loss through Charge-Exchange (in gas or plasma)

- The main process to reduce an ion charge state is through atom-ion collision

- $A^{n+} + B^0 \rightarrow A^{(n-1)+} + B^{1+}$ (+radiative transitions)
 - Long distance interaction: the electric field of the ion sucks up an electron from the atom electron cloud
 - Any ion surface grazing signs the death warrant of a high charge Ion
- semi-empirical formula :
 - $\sigma_{CE}(n \rightarrow n - 1) \sim 1.43 \times 10^{-12} n^{1.17} I_0^{-2.76} (cm^2)$ (A. Müller, 1977)
 - I_0 1st ionization potential in eV, n ion charge state

Example :

Bismuth with O₂

Z	1+	22+	54+	72+	82+
$\sigma_{CE} (cm^2)$	1.5×10^{-15}	5.6×10^{-14}	1.6×10^{-13}	2.2×10^{-13}	2.6×10^{-13}

Zero Dimension Modelization

- The ion charge state distribution in an ECRIS can be reproduced with a 0 Dimension model including a set of balance equations:

$$\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} = \underbrace{\sum_{j=j_{\min}}^{i-1} n_e n_j \langle \sigma_{j \rightarrow i}^{EI} v_e \rangle + n_0 n_{i+1} \langle \sigma_{i+1 \rightarrow i}^{CE} v_{i+1} \rangle}_{\text{creation}} - \underbrace{n_0 n_i \langle \sigma_{i \rightarrow i-1}^{CE} v_i \rangle - \sum_{j=i+1}^{j_{\max}} n_e n_j \langle \sigma_{i \rightarrow j}^{EI} v_e \rangle}_{\text{destruction}} - \underbrace{\frac{n_i}{\tau_i}}_{\text{Losses (ion extraction, wall...)}}$$

- n_i ion density with charge state i
- σ , cross section of microscopic process
 - Electron impact or charge exchange here
- τ_i is the confinement time of ion in the plasma
- $-\frac{n_i}{\tau_i}$ represents the current intensity for species i (in fact losses)
- Free Parameters: n_e , $f(v_e)$, τ_i
- Model can be used to investigate ion source physics

Losses
(ion extraction,
wall...)

Elastic Collision in an ECRIS plasma

- The electromagnetic interaction between charged particles only occurs in distances shorter than the Debye Length λ_D (mm to μm).
- The e-e and e-ion electromagnetic interaction in the Debye sphere (radius $\sim \lambda_D$) generate a mean force acting on individual charged particles that continuously, and little by little, change their mean velocity direction
- The Elastic interaction is modeled by **the mean time to deviate the initial trajectory by 90° . They are known as the Spitzer formulas:**

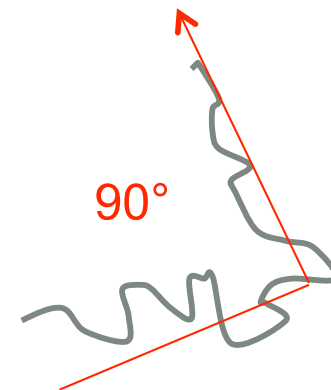
- Electron/Electron collision (Hz) :
$$v_{ee}^{90^\circ} = 5.10^{-6} \frac{n \ln \Lambda}{T_e^{3/2}}$$

- Electron-Ion collision (Hz) :
$$v_{ei}^{90^\circ} = 2.10^{-6} \frac{zn \ln \Lambda}{T_e^{3/2}}$$

- Ion/Ion Collision (Hz) :
$$v_{ii}^{90^\circ} = Z^4 \left(\frac{m_e}{m_i} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{T_e}{T_i} \right)^{3/2} v_{ee}^{90^\circ}$$

- T in eV, n in cm^{-3} , z = ion charge state, $\ln(\Lambda) \sim 10$

- **One should note that these perpetual interaction tends to randomize the velocity direction of a particle inside the plasma**



Motion of a charged particle in a constant magnetic field

- The Individual motion of a charged particle in a magnetic field is ruled by:

- $m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$

- Velocity is decomposed as $\vec{v} = \vec{v}_{\parallel} + \vec{v}_{\perp}$ with $\vec{v}_{\perp} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$ and $\vec{v}_{\parallel} \parallel \vec{B}$

- We define the space vectors $\vec{e}_{\parallel} = \frac{\vec{B}}{B}$, $\vec{e}_{\perp 1} = \frac{\vec{v}_{\perp}}{v_{\perp}}$ and $\vec{e}_{\perp 2} = \vec{e}_{\parallel} \times \vec{e}_{\perp 1}$

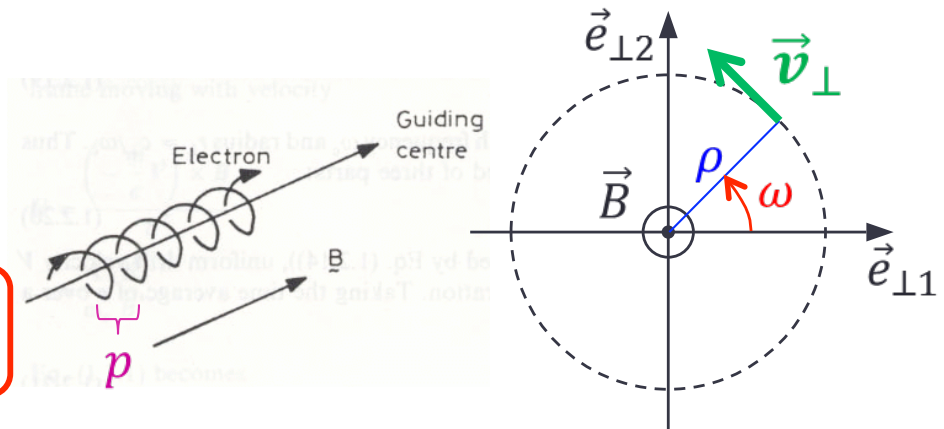
- General solution for the velocity is:

- $$\begin{cases} v_{\parallel} = \text{const} \\ \vec{v}_{\perp} = \rho\omega (\sin \omega t \cdot \vec{e}_{\perp 1} + \cos \omega t \cdot \vec{e}_{\perp 2}) \end{cases}$$

- $\omega = \frac{qB}{m}$ is the cyclotronic frequency

- ρ is the Larmor radius (constant)

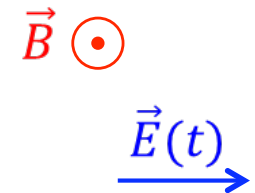
- The particle trajectory is an helix with radius ρ and pitch $p = \frac{2\pi v_{\parallel}}{\omega}$



The Electron Cyclotron Resonance (1/3)

- Motion of an electron in a constant Magnetic Field \vec{B} and a perpendicular time varying Electric Field $\vec{E}_x(t)$

- Assume $\vec{B} = B\vec{z}$; $\vec{E}(t) = E \cos \omega_{HF}t \vec{x}$
- Assume initial particle velocity $\vec{v}_0 = \vec{0}$, and $q = -e$ with $e > 0$



- Assume $\omega_{HF} = \omega = \frac{eB}{m}$ (ECR resonance condition)

- Let's solve $m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = -e\vec{v} \times \vec{B} - e\vec{E}(t)$! (1)

- Complex notation: $\vec{E}(t) = E e^{i\omega t} \vec{x}$

- We look for velocity solution of type: $\vec{v} = \begin{cases} a(t)e^{i\omega t} \\ b(t)e^{i\omega t} \\ 0 \end{cases}$

- Let's substitute in (1):

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{vmatrix} a e^{i\omega t} \\ b e^{i\omega t} \\ 0 \end{vmatrix} = -\omega e^{i\omega t} \begin{vmatrix} a \\ b \\ 0 \end{vmatrix} \times \begin{vmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} \frac{eE}{m} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{vmatrix} e^{i\omega t} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \dot{a} + i\omega a = -b\omega - \frac{eE}{m} \\ \dot{b} + i\omega b = a\omega \end{cases}$$

The Electron Cyclotron Resonance (2/3)

- (*)
$$\begin{cases} \dot{a} + i\omega a = -\omega b - \frac{eE}{m} & (1) \\ \dot{b} + i\omega b = a\omega & (2) \end{cases}; \quad \begin{aligned} (2) &\rightarrow i\omega a = i\dot{b} - \omega b \\ (\dot{2}) &\rightarrow \dot{a} = \frac{\ddot{b}}{\omega} + i\dot{b} \end{aligned}$$

- $(\dot{2}) \& (2)$ in (1) $\rightarrow \frac{\ddot{b}}{\omega} + 2i\dot{b} - \omega b = -\omega b - \frac{eE}{m}$

- Assume that $\ddot{b} = 0 \rightarrow \dot{b} = \frac{ieE}{2m} \rightarrow b(t) = \frac{ieE}{2m} t$

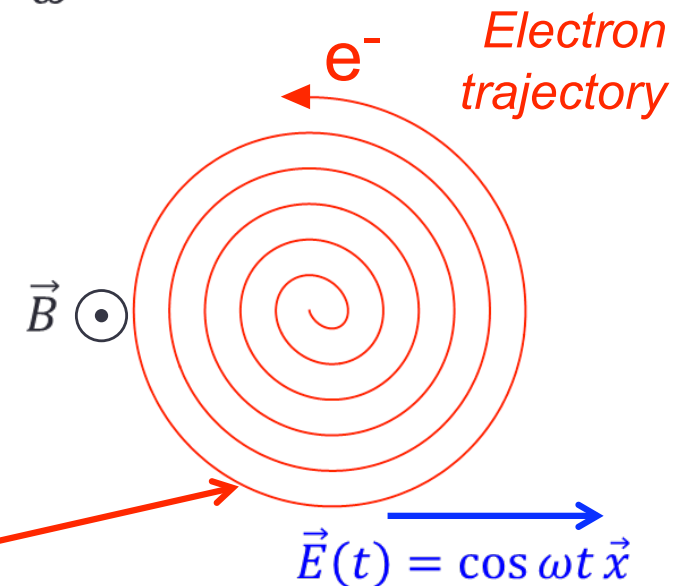
- Substitute: $a(t) = \frac{\dot{b}}{\omega} + ib = \frac{eE}{2m\omega} (-\omega t + i)$

- So $\vec{v} = \frac{eE}{2m\omega} (-\omega t + i)e^{i\omega t} \vec{x} + \frac{ieE}{2m\omega} \omega t e^{i\omega t} \vec{y}$

- And finally:

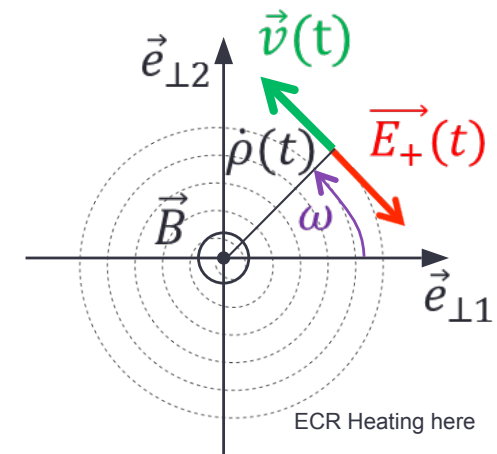
$$\vec{v} = \text{Re}(\vec{v}) = \frac{(-e)Et}{2m} (\cos \omega t \vec{x} + \sin \omega t \vec{y}) + \frac{eE}{2m\omega} \sin \omega t \vec{x}$$

- The electron gains energy with time & describes a spiral



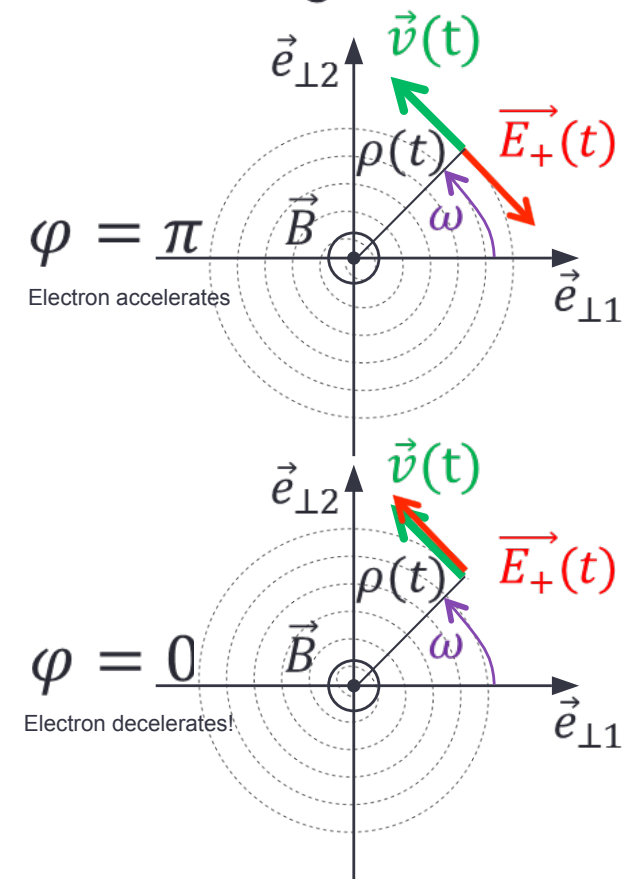
The Electron Cyclotron Resonance (3/3)

- ECR heating in a general transverse Electric Field (with $\vec{B} = B\vec{z}$)
 - **Static linear polarization time varying Electric field:**
 - for $\vec{E}_x(t) = E \cos \omega t \vec{x}$:
 - $\vec{v}_1(t) = \frac{(-e)Et}{2m} (\cos \omega t \vec{x} + \sin \omega t \vec{y}) + \frac{eE}{2m\omega} \sin \omega t \vec{x} \Rightarrow$ ECR HEATING
 - Now for $\vec{E}_y(t) = E \sin \omega t \vec{y}$, applying the same reasoning, one can find the same result:
 - $\vec{v}_2(t) = \frac{(-e)Et}{2m} (\cos \omega t \vec{x} + \sin \omega t \vec{y}) + \frac{eE}{2m\omega} \sin \omega t \vec{x} \Rightarrow$ ECR HEATING
 - **Static Rotating time varying electric field:**
 - **Clockwise rotation case :**
 - The electric field turns in the opposite direction of the electron
 - $\vec{E}_-(t) = \vec{E}_x(t) - \vec{E}_y(t) = E \cos \omega t \vec{x} - E \sin \omega t \vec{y}$
 - $\vec{v}_-(t) = \vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0} \Rightarrow$ **NO ECR HEATING**
 - **Counter-Clockwise rotation case:**
 - Electron and electric field turn in the same direction
 - $\vec{E}_+(t) = \vec{E}_x(t) + \vec{E}_y(t) = E \cos \omega t \vec{x} + E \sin \omega t \vec{y}$
 - $\vec{v}_+(t) = \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 = \frac{(-e)Et}{m} (\cos \omega t \vec{x} + \sin \omega t \vec{y}) + \frac{eE}{m\omega} (\sin \omega t \vec{x}) \Rightarrow$ ECR HEATING



ECR Stochastic Heating (1/5)

- In the former slides, we studied the ECR heating starting from an electron at rest ($v_0=0$)
- In reality, the electron always has an **initial velocity** $v_0 \neq 0$
- Let's look at the influence of v_0 on the ECR heating, introducing the Phase shift between \vec{E} and \vec{v}_0 :
 - $\varphi = \widehat{(\vec{E}(0), \vec{v}_0)}$
- **When $\varphi = \pi$** , $\vec{E}(0) \parallel \vec{v}_0$, acceleration is maximum: it is the ideal case studied previously
 → electron gains energy
- **When $\varphi = 0$** , acceleration is now in the opposite direction, the electron is decelerated
 → electron loses energy!
- **So, how does it work???**



ECR Stochastic Heating (2/5)

- Let's solve again (1): $m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = -e\vec{v} \times \vec{B} - e\vec{E}(t)$, still using complex notations, but with the **initial condition $\mathbf{v}_0 \neq 0$**
 - $\vec{v}(t) = a(t)e^{i\omega t}\vec{x} + b(t)e^{i\omega t}\vec{y}$
 - $\vec{v}_0 = \vec{v}(0) = v_0(\cos\varphi\vec{x} + \sin\varphi\vec{y})$
 - so $\text{Re}(b(0)) = \text{Re}(-v_0ie^{i\varphi}) = v_0\sin\varphi$ and $\text{Re}(a(0)) = \text{Re}(v_0e^{i\varphi}) = v_0\cos\varphi$
 - and still $\vec{E}_x(t) = E\cos\omega t\vec{x}$
- Same solving, but now: $\dot{b} = \frac{ieE}{2m} \rightarrow b(t) = \frac{ieE}{2m}t + b(0)$
- The velocity expression is now :
- $\vec{v} =$

$$\frac{(-e)Et}{2m}(\cos\omega t\vec{x} + \sin\omega t\vec{y}) + \frac{eE}{2m\omega}\sin\omega t\vec{x} +$$

$v_0(\cos(\omega t + \varphi)\vec{x} + \sin(\omega t + \varphi)\vec{y})$

}

Former solution ($v_0=0$)

Initial condition ($v_0 \neq 0$)

ECR Stochastic Heating (3/5)

- Finally, the general solution for a counter-clockwise Electric Field $\vec{E}_+(t) = \vec{E}_x(t) + \vec{E}_y(t)$ can be calculated to be :

- $\vec{v} =$

$$\frac{(-e)Et}{m} (\cos \omega t \vec{x} + \sin \omega t \vec{y}) + \frac{eE}{m\omega} \sin \omega t \vec{x} +$$

$$v_0 (\cos(\omega t + \varphi) \vec{x} + \sin(\omega t + \varphi) \vec{y})$$

- Expression of the Kinetic Energy of the electron as a function of time t and phase φ :

$$T_{kin}(t, \varphi) = \frac{e^2 E^2}{2m\omega^2} ((\omega t)^2 - \omega t \sin 2\omega t + \sin^2 \omega t) + \frac{eE v_0}{\omega} (\sin \omega t \cos(\omega t + \varphi) - \omega t \cos \varphi) + \frac{1}{2} m v_0^2$$

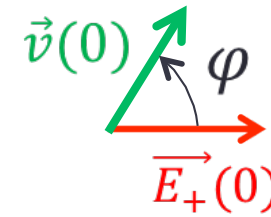
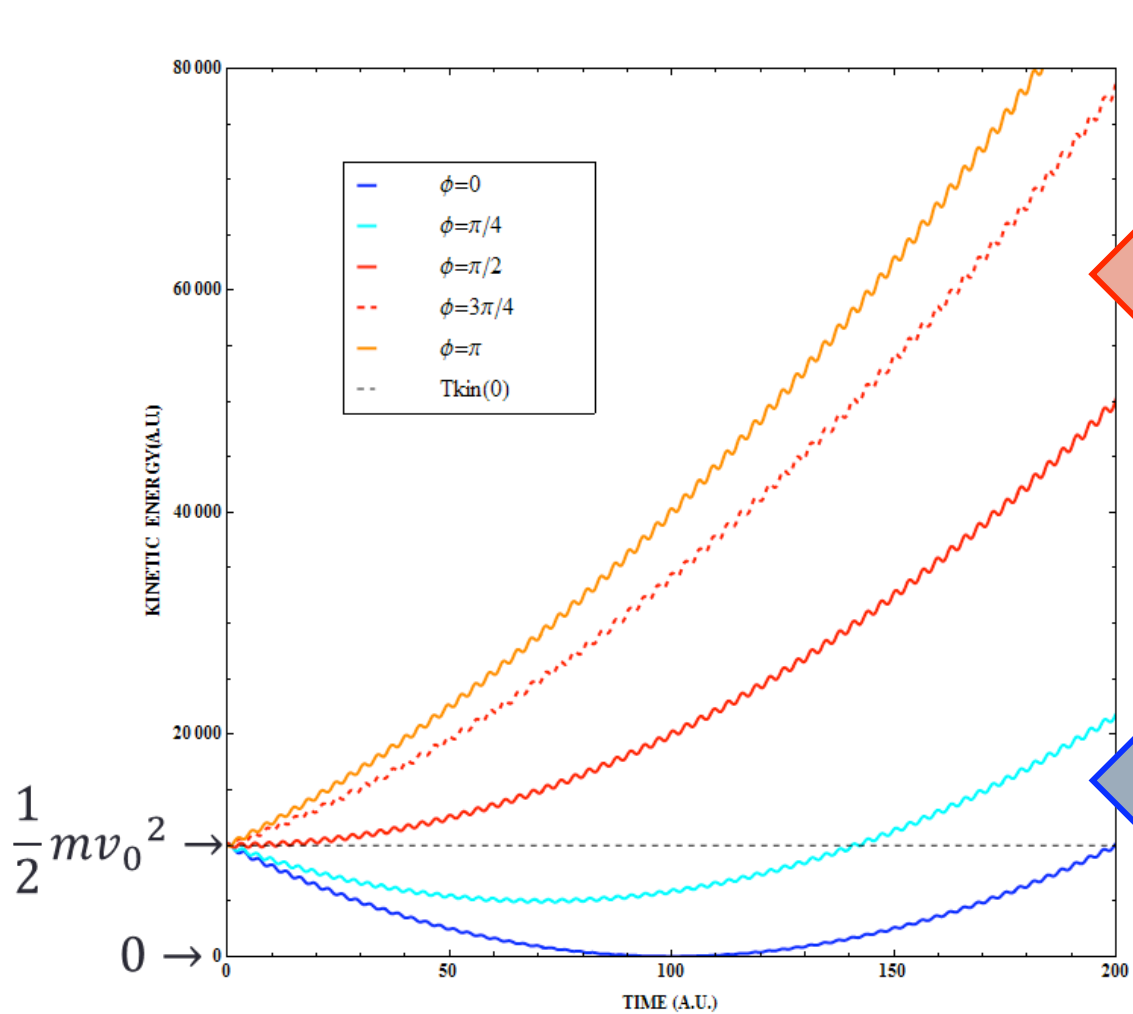
} Increases with time ($\sim t^2$)

} Phase term, may be < 0 ($\sim t$)

} Constant term

ECR Stochastic Heating (4/5)

- electron Kinetic energy plot as a function of time t and phase φ :



HEATING

For $\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \varphi \leq 3\frac{\pi}{2}$, $T_{kin}(t)$ increases since $t = 0$

COOLING!

For $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \varphi < \frac{\pi}{2}$, $T_{kin}(t)$ decreases until a minimum, then the electron is accelerated again

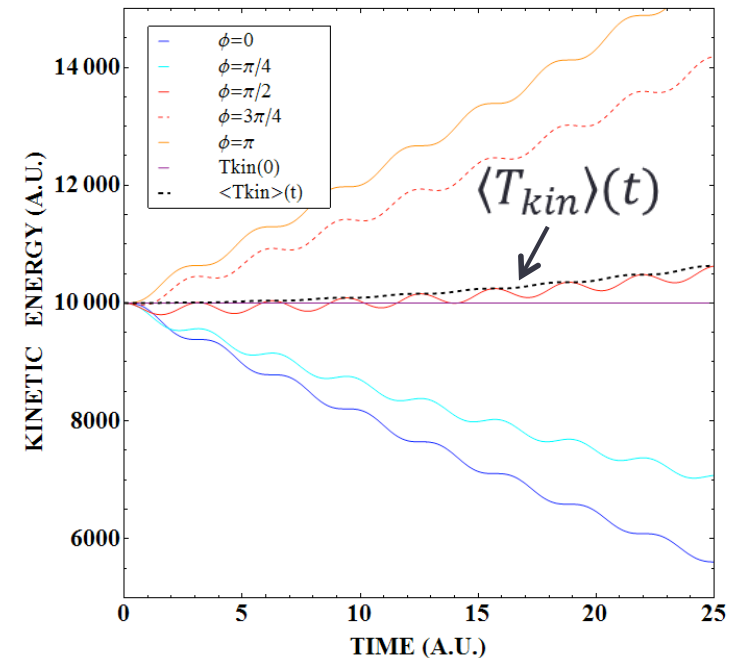
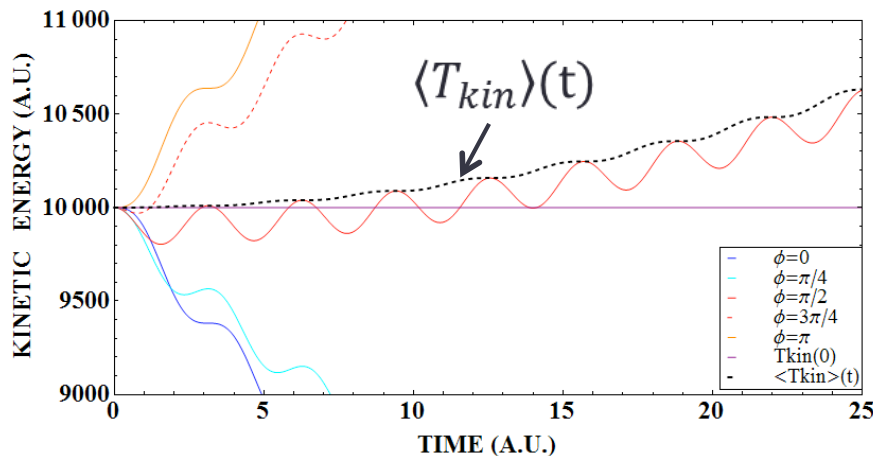
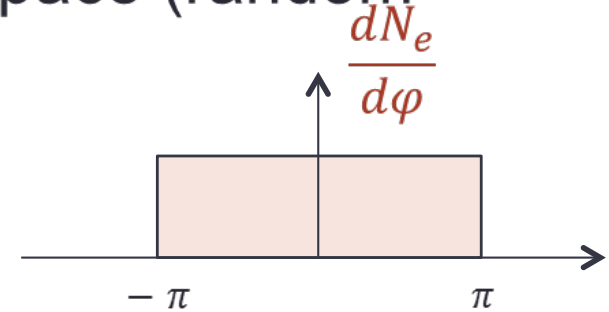
ECR Stochastic Heating (5/5)

- If we assume that a population of N_e electron with velocity v_0 is **randomly distributed** in its velocity phase space (random phase with the wave), the mean kinetic energy evolution of the population is:

$$\langle T_{kin} \rangle_{\varphi}(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int T_{kin}(t, \varphi) d\varphi$$

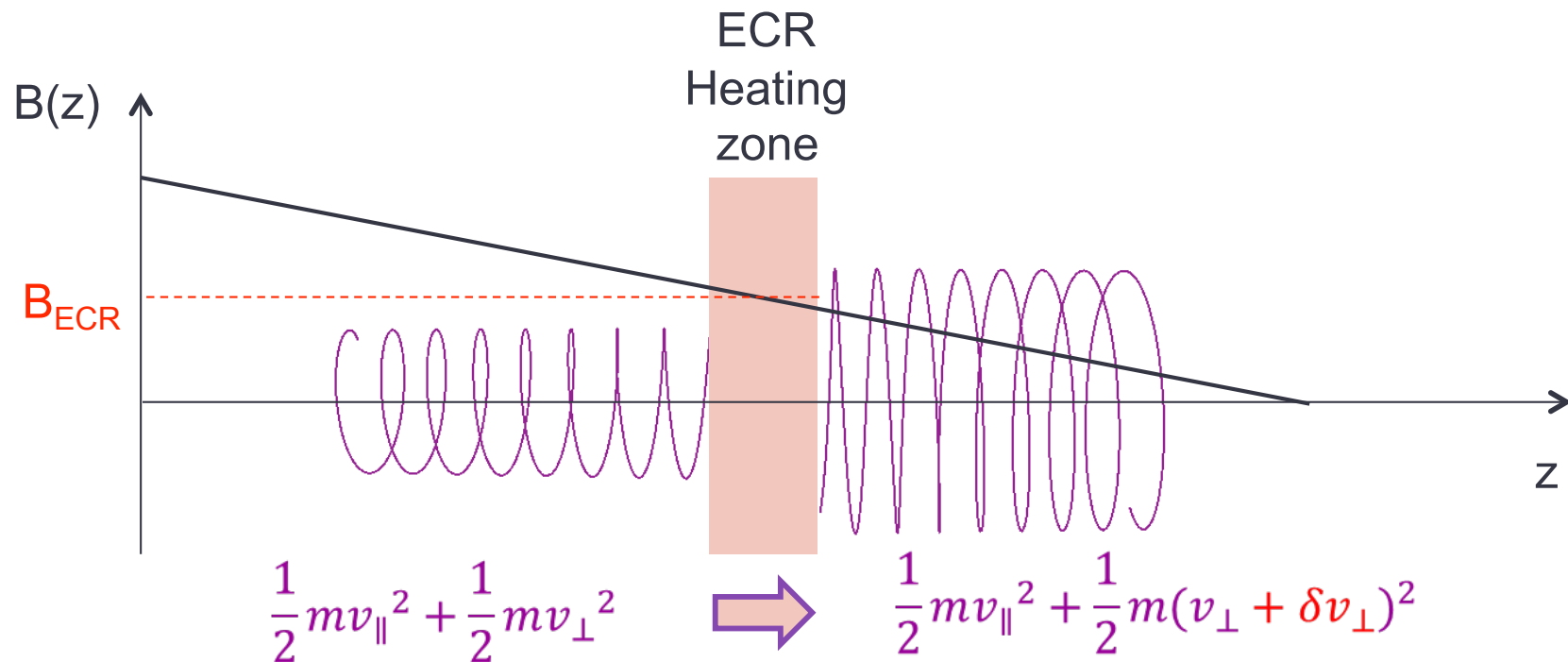
- And we find... $\frac{d}{dt} \langle T_{kin} \rangle_{\varphi}(t) > 0$

- That's the ECR stochastic Heating!



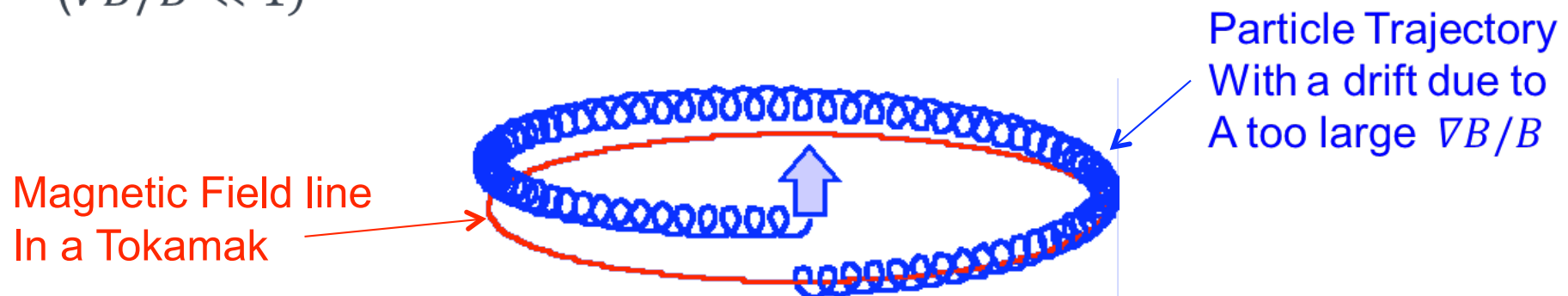
ECR Heating in a Magnetic Gradient

- In ECR Ion Sources, the ECR zone is usually reduced to a surface, inside a volume, where B is such that $\omega_{HF} = \omega = \frac{eB}{m}$
 - When electrons pass through the ECR surface they are slightly accelerated (in mean) and may gain few eV of kinetic energy
 - The parallel velocity v_{\parallel} is unchanged, while v_{\perp} increases
 - The ECR zone thickness is correlated to the local magnetic field slope



Properties of particle motion in a magnetic field (1/2)

- $\vec{v} = \vec{v}_{\parallel} + \vec{v}_{\perp}$ with $\vec{v}_{\perp} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$
- $\left. \begin{array}{l} v_{\parallel} = \text{const} \\ v_{\perp} = \rho\omega = \text{const} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow T_{kin} = W_{\parallel} + W_{\perp} = \frac{1}{2}mv_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_{\perp}^2 = \text{const}$
- The kinetic energy of a charged particle is constant in a pure magnetic field
- The particle roughly follows the local magnetic field line, even if the field line is bended
 - Provided the magnetic field change per cyclotronic turn to be small ($\nabla B/B \ll 1$)

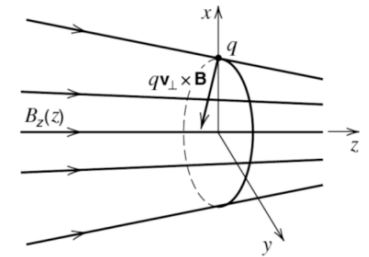


<http://www-fusion-magnetique.cea.fr>

Properties of particle motion in a magnetic field (2/2)

- The Magnetic Moment of a charged particle in a slowly varying magnetic field is an adiabatic constant of the movement

$$\mu = \frac{mv_{\perp}^2}{2B} = \frac{W_{\perp}}{B} \sim cst$$



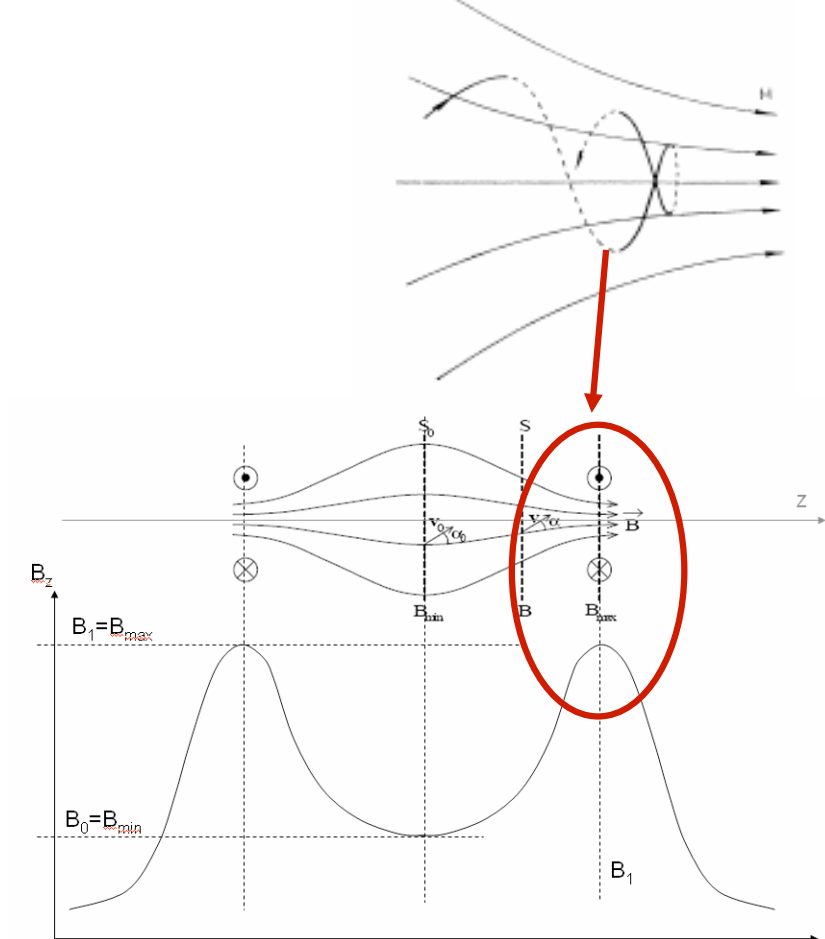
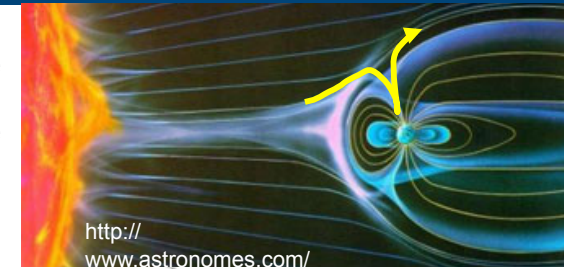
- Demonstration:

- We assume a local axi-symmetric magnetic field which converges toward the z axis with $B_z(z, r) \sim B_z(z)$
 - From $\text{div}(\vec{B}) = 0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(rB_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial B_z(z)}{\partial z} = 0$ (cylindrical coordinate)
 - $\rightarrow d(rB_r) = -\frac{\partial B_z(z)}{\partial z} r dr \rightarrow B_r = -\frac{r}{2} \frac{\partial B_z(z)}{\partial z}$
- The force acting on a particle rotating around z axis with a Larmor radius $r = \frac{v_{\perp}}{\omega}$ is:
 - $\vec{F} = q(-v_{\perp} \vec{e}_{\theta} + v_{\parallel} \vec{e}_z) \times (B_r \vec{e}_r + B_z \vec{e}_z) \rightarrow F_z = qv_{\perp} B_r \rightarrow F_z = -qv_{\perp} \frac{r}{2} \frac{\partial B_z(z)}{\partial z}$
 - $F_z = -qv_{\perp} \frac{v_{\perp}}{2\omega} \frac{\partial B_z(z)}{\partial z} = -\frac{qm}{2qB} v_{\perp}^2 \frac{\partial B_z(z)}{\partial z} = -\frac{mv_{\perp}^2}{2B} \frac{\partial B_z(z)}{\partial z} = -\mu \frac{dB_z(z)}{dz}$
- The elementary work associated with F_z is $dW_z = dW_{\parallel} = F_z dz = -\mu dB_z = -\frac{W_{\perp}}{B_z} dB_z$
- The kinetic energy constancy implies: $T_{kin} = W_{\perp} + W_{\parallel} = const \rightarrow dW_{\perp} = -dW_{\parallel}$
- $\frac{dW_{\perp}}{W_{\perp}} = \frac{dB_z}{B_z} \rightarrow \mu = \frac{W_{\perp}}{B_z} = Const$

The Magnetic Mirror Effect

- When a charged particle propagates along z toward a higher magnetic field region, it may be reflected back
 - $T_{kin} = W_{\parallel} + W_{\perp} = \frac{1}{2}mv_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_{\perp}^2 = const$
 - $\mu = \frac{mv_{\perp}^2}{2B} = \frac{W_{\perp}}{B} \sim const$
- $T_{kin}(z) = \frac{1}{2}mv_{\parallel}^2(z) + \mu B(z) = const$
 - When B increases, then the velocity is adiabatically transferred from v_{\parallel} to v_{\perp}
- The particle is stopped at $z = z_1$ where ($v_{\parallel} = 0$) and $B(z_1) = \frac{T_{kin}}{\mu}$
 - $T_{kin}(z_1) = \frac{1}{2}mv_{\perp}^2$
- Any perturbation induced by the surrounding particles on the stopped particle will make it go back to where it came from
=> Mirror Effect

Solar wind reflection by the Earth magnetosphere



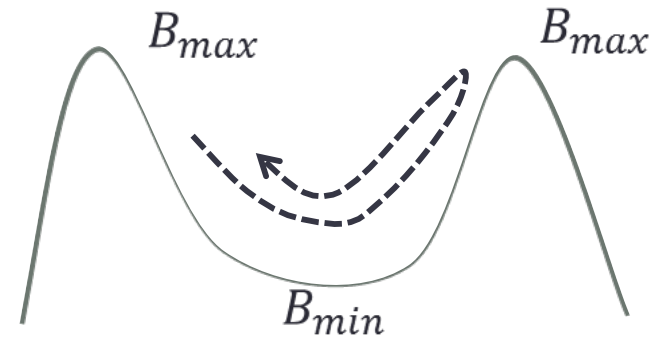
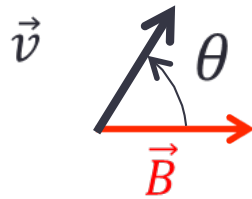
Axial mirror done with a set of 2 coils

Corrolary of Magnetic Mirroring: The Loss Cone

- The pitch angle θ

- $\vec{v} = \vec{v}_{\parallel} + \vec{v}_{\perp}$
- $v_{\parallel} = v \cos \theta$
- $v_{\perp} = v \sin \theta$

- $T_{kin} = \frac{1}{2} m v_{\parallel}^2 + \mu B$



- The condition to trap a particle in a magnetic mirror from $B = B_{min}$ with a maximum peak at $B = B_{max}$ can be expressed as a function of the mirror ratio R :

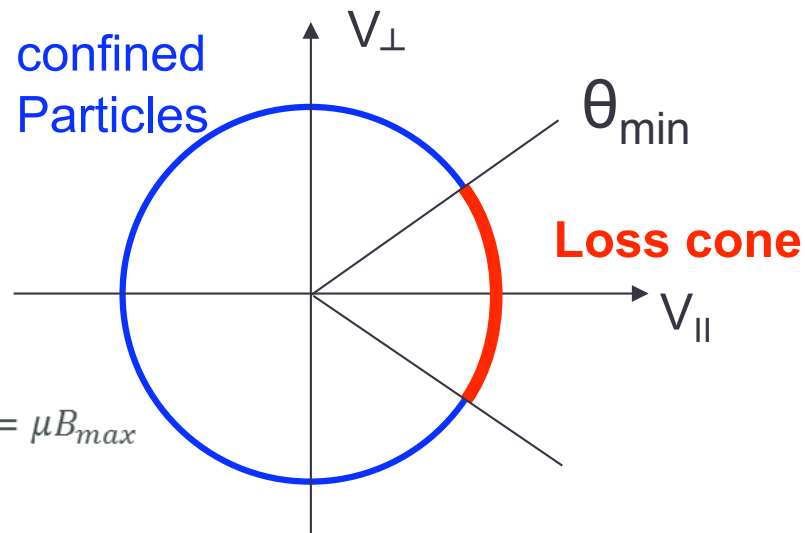
- $$\begin{cases} \theta \geq \theta_{min} \\ \text{or } \sin \theta \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{R}} \end{cases}$$

$$R = \frac{B_{max}}{B_{min}}$$

- Demonstration:

- $T_{kin} = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \cos^2 \theta_{min} + \mu B_{min} = \mu B_{max}$

- $\rightarrow \frac{\cos^2 \theta_{min}}{\sin^2 \theta_{min}} + 1 = \frac{B_{max}}{B_{min}}$

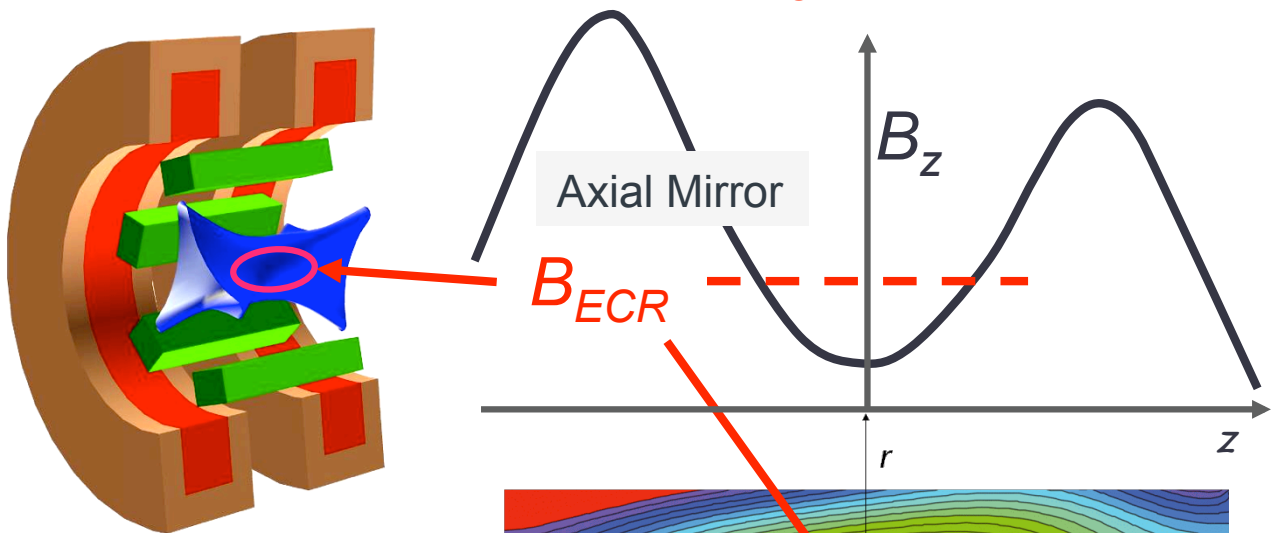


In an ECRIS plasma, The loss cone is perpetually populated By particles interaction (Spitzer)

- Magnetic confinement is not perfect, and it is used to EXTRACT ION BEAMS!**

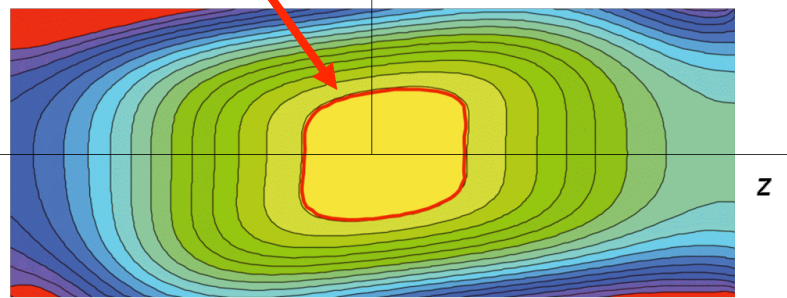
ECR Magnetic confinement: Minimum $|B|$ structure

- ECR ion sources features a sophisticated magnetic field structure to optimize charged particle trapping
 - Superimposition of axial coils and hexapole coils
 - The ECR surface ($|B|=B_{ECR}$) is closed



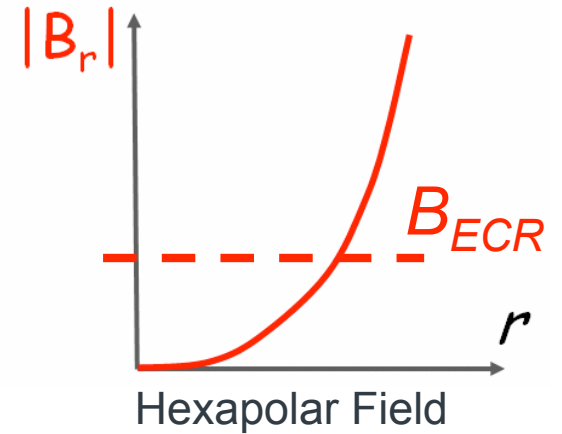
Source LBNL

$$\omega = \omega_{ce} = \frac{qB_{ECR}}{m}$$

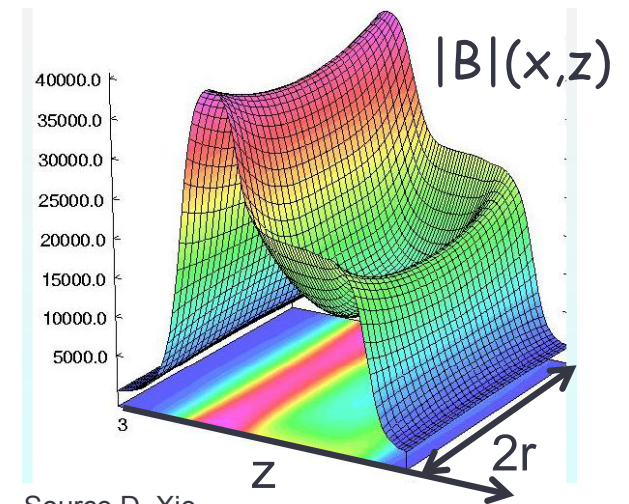


Iso B lines

Source RIKEN, Nakagawa



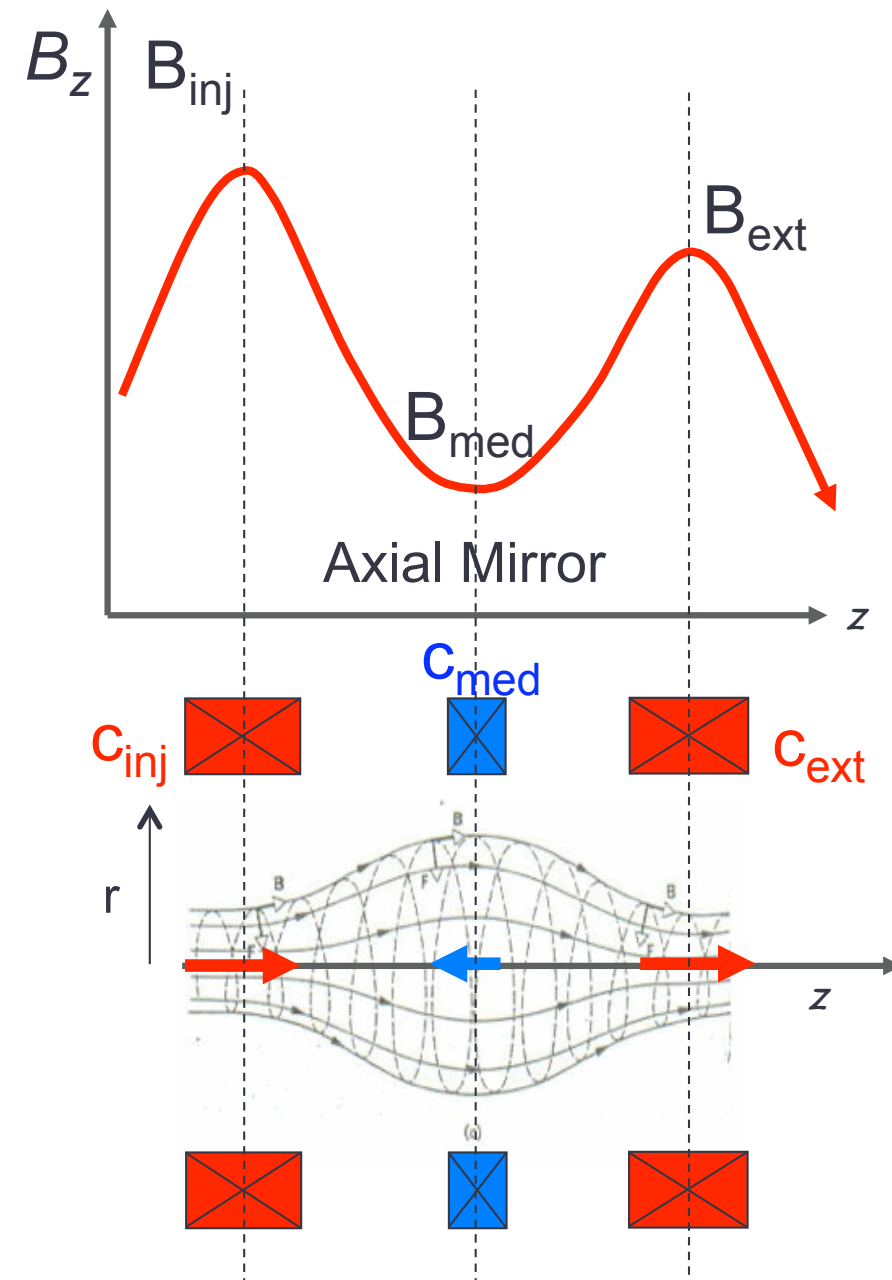
Hexapolar Field



Source D. Xie

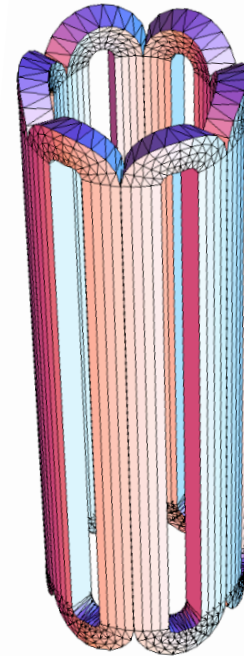
Axial Magnetic Confinement

- The axial magnetic confinement in a multicharged ECRIS is usually done with a set of 2 or 3 axial coils.
 - Either room temperature coils + iron to boost the magnetic field
 - Or superconducting coils
- In the case of 3 coils, the current intensity in the middle one is opposed to the others so that it helps digging B_{med}
- Usually B_{inj} , B_{ext} respectively stand for the magnetic field at injection (of RF, atoms...) and (beam) extraction
- B_{ext} should be the smaller magnetic field in the ECR to favor Ion extraction there!

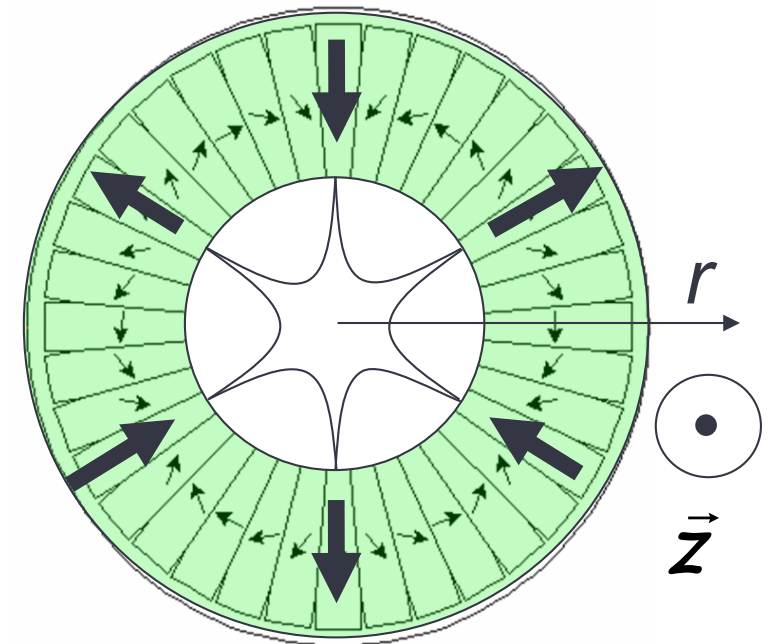
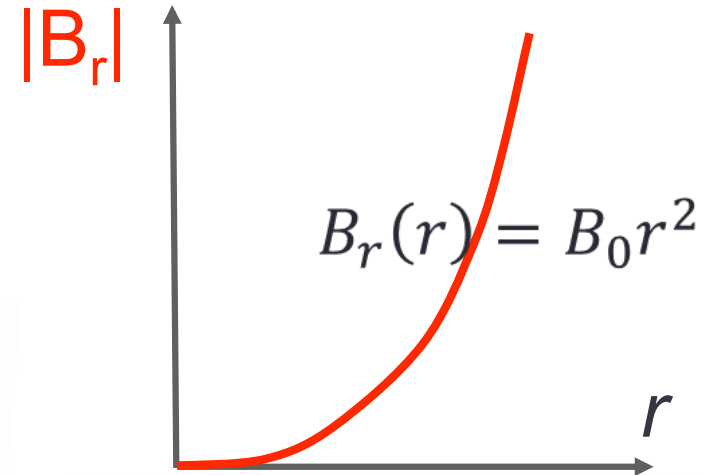


Radial Magnetic Confinement $|B_r|$

- The radial magnetic confinement is usually built with a hexapole field
- Either with permanent magnets
 - B_r Up to 1.6 T maximum possibly 2T with some tricks
 - Advantage : economical
 - Inconvenient: not tunable
- Either with a set of superconducting coils
 - $B_r > 1.6 \text{ T} - 2 \text{ T}$
 - Advantage: tunable online to optimize a population of ion in the source.
 - Inconvenient: expensive, complicated design and building



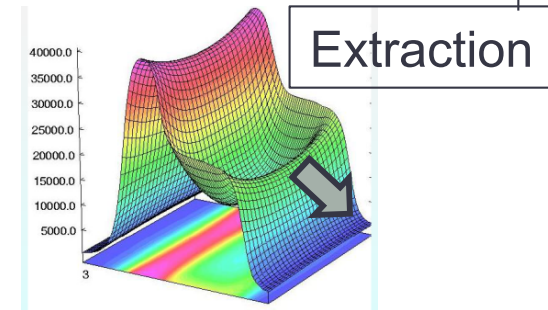
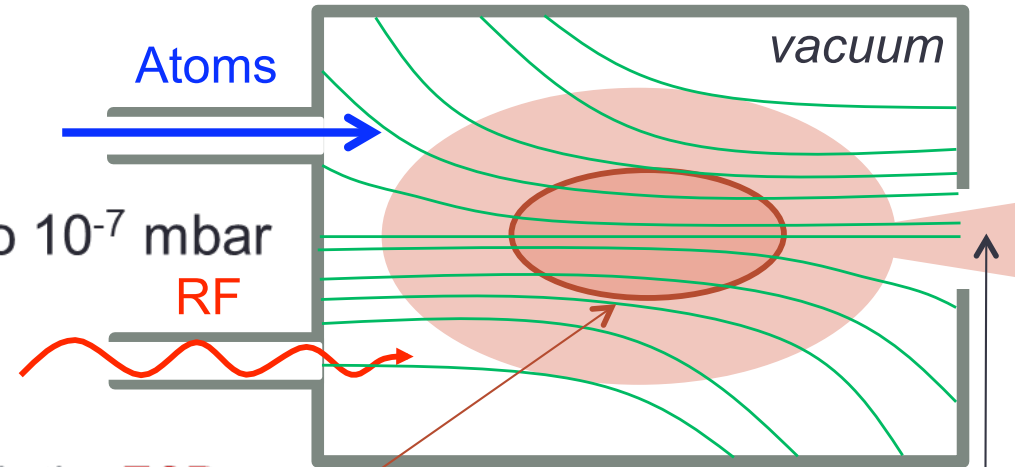
Superconducting hexapolar coil



(HallBach Hexapole
With 36 permanent magnets
30° rotation/magnet)

ECR Plasma build up

- Pumping & **Gas Injection** to reach $P \sim 10^{-6}$ to 10^{-7} mbar in the source
- **Microwave injection** from a waveguide
- Plasma breakdown
 - 1 single electron is heated by a passage through the **ECR zone**
 - The electron bounces thousands of time in the trap and kT_e increases
 - When $kT_e > I_1^+$, a first ion is created and a new electron is available
 - Fast Amplification of electron and ion population ($\sim 100 \mu s$)
 - => plasma breakdown
- Multicharged ion build up
 - When T_e is established ($kT_e \sim 1-5$ keV), multicharged ions are continuously produced and trapped in the magnetic bottle
 - Ions remains cold in an ECR: $kT_i \sim 1/40$ eV, ($m_e \ll m_i$)
- Population of the loss cone through particle diffusion (coulombian interaction) => constant change in the particle trajectory => random redistribution of $\vec{v} = \vec{v}_{\parallel} + \vec{v}_{\perp}$
- => ion extraction through the magnetic **loss cone** on the side of the source presenting the minimum magnetic field intensity

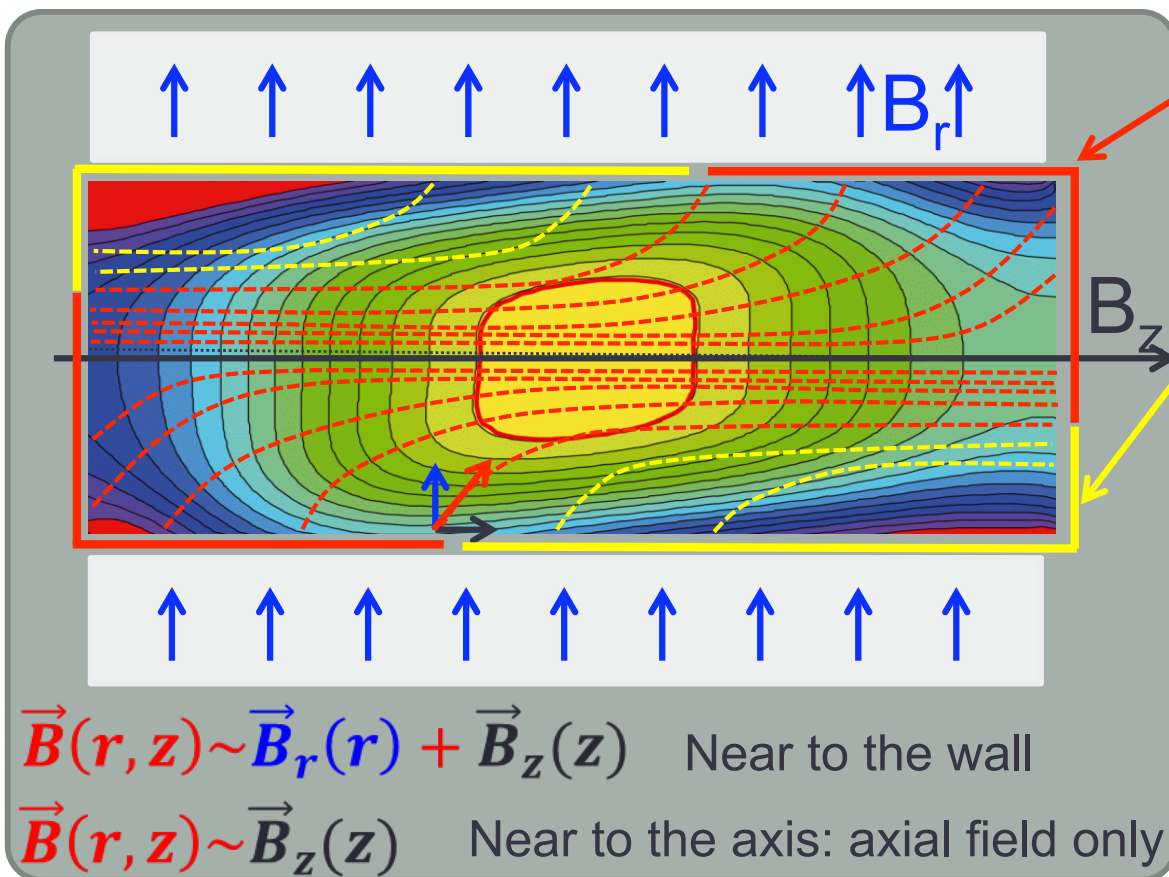


The Famous plasma shape in an ECR Ion Source

- To understand why the ECR plasma ends with 3 lines only, one needs to follow the heated electron through the ECR zone

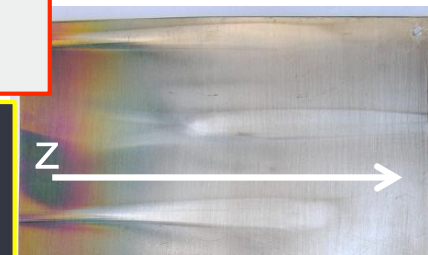


Photo of ECR plasma from injection (all thickness is superimposed => 6 lines)
10+14 GHz heating

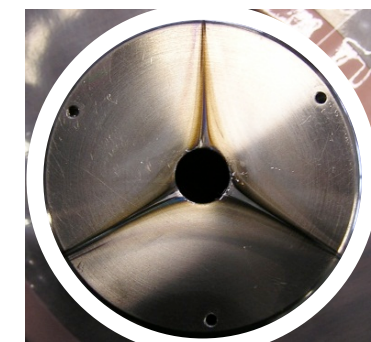


HOT ECR ELECTRONS
 => High density Plasma
 => LIGHT emission
 => Tracks on walls

No hot electrons
 => Low density Plasma
 => No Light emission
 => No Tracks on walls



Half unrolled Liner with plasma marks
(3 poles = π only)



Plasma shape at injection (L) and Extraction (R)

Elevation view from an ECRIS chamber along 2 hexapole poles

Plasma Oscillations – ECR cut off density

- The plasma Frequency ω_p is the natural oscillation frequency of a plasma, as a response to a perturbation

- Oscillations driven by electrons

- $$\omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{n_e e^2}{m_e \epsilon_0}}$$

- The simplest dispersion relation of an EM wave in a plasma is:

- $$\omega^2 = \omega_p^2 + k^2 c^2$$

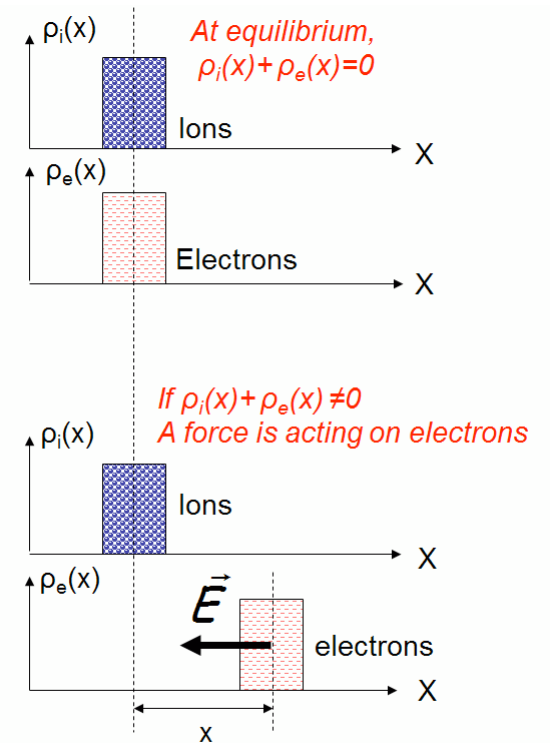
- EM wave propagates if $\omega > \omega_p$

- ECR Cut-off density:**

- $$\omega > \omega_p \Rightarrow n_e < \frac{m_e \epsilon_0 \omega^2}{e^2}$$

- At a given ECR frequency, the plasma density is limited

- $$n_e \propto \omega_{ECR}^2$$



=> Oscillations at the plasma frequency

Above cut off:
RF is reflected
=> no more ECR heating!

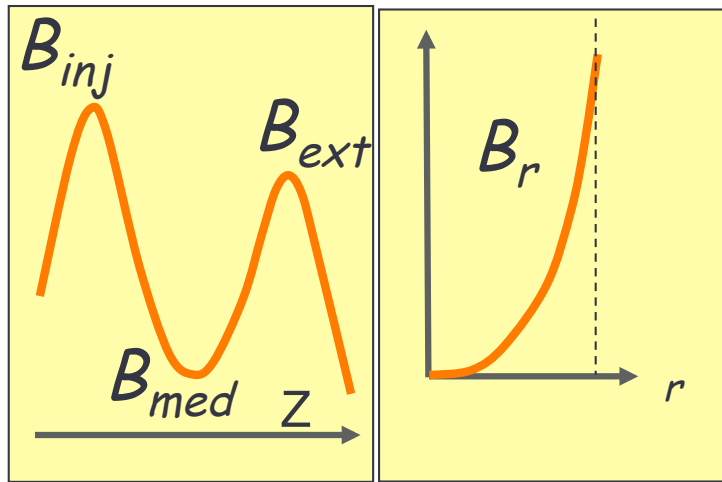
The ECR Scaling law (R. Geller, 1987)

- The higher the frequency, the higher the beam current
- Plasma density $n \sim f_{ECR}^2$
- Beam current $I \sim n \sim f_{ECR}^2$
- But the higher the ECR magnetic field required...
- ECR Magnetic Field $B_{ECR} = \frac{f_{ECR} [GHz]}{28} \text{ Tesla}$

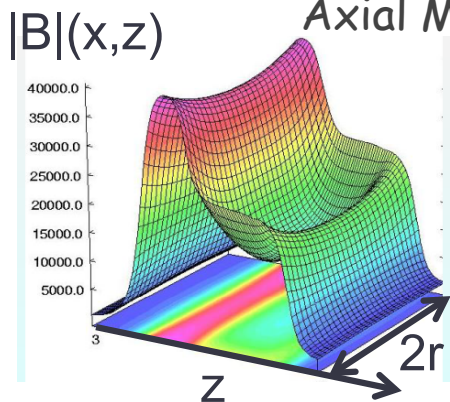
f_{ECR} [GHz]	λ_{ECR} [cm]	n_e [cm ⁻³]	$\Lambda_{0 \rightarrow 1+}$ [cm]	$T_{0 \rightarrow 1+}$ [μs]	B_{ECR} [T]
2.45	~12	7.4×10^{10}	~7	~10	0.09
14	~2	2.5×10^{12}	0.2	3	0.5
28	~1	$\sim 10^{13}$	0.05	0.7	1
60	~ 0.5	4.4×10^{13}	0.01	0.17	2

The ECR standard model

- Optimum high charge state ion production and extraction have been experimentally studied as a function of ECR frequency.
- General Scaling laws for the magnetic field have been established



$$B_{ECR} = \frac{f_{ECR} [GHz]}{28} \text{ Tesla}$$



Source D. Xie

$f_{ECR} [GHz]$	14	28	56
$B_{ECR} [T]$	0.5	1	2
$B_{rad} \sim 2 \times B_{ECR}$	1	2	4
$B_{inj} \sim 3-4 \times B_{ECR}$	2	3.5	7
$B_{med} \sim 0.5-0.8 \times B_{ECR}$	0.25	0.5	1
$B_{ext} \leq B_{rad}$	1	2	4

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