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Diagnostical methods for high energy resolution spectroscopy of the target and projectile X-ray-fluorescence

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Summary

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A very important input parameter for numerical simulations of the hydrodynamic response of the target on deposited energy is the precise knowledge of the energy density distribution of the U-beam on the target. Therefore we propose to use the target and heavy ion beam X-ray fluorescence to investigate

the energy density distribution [2, 3] for imaging of the target expansion and mapping of the heavy ion beam distribution in the interaction region with a high spatial resolution of at least 100 micrometers.

First pilot experiments on measurements and characterization of the heavy ion and target fluorescence

using pinholes, X-ray pin-diodes and dispersive systems have been carried out in 2016 at the UNILAC Z6 experimental area.

The interaction of 6.5 MeV/u Au ions with a few micrometer thin Al, Cu and Ta foils has been investigated using x-ray spectroscopy in those experiments. We observed intense radiation of ionized target atoms (K-shell transitions in Cu at 8-8.3 keV and L-shell transition in Ta as well as Doppler shifted Balmer transitions of Au projectiles passing through foils in the photon energy region of 10-20 keV. This radiation can be used for monochromatic (dispersive element) or polychromatic (pin-hole) X-ray mapping of the ion beam intensity distribution in the interaction region.

Using data obtained by a CdTe x-ray spectrometer and a faraday cup, we could estimate the number of Au L-alpha photons per 1 C of the Au-charge passing through Al, Cu and Ta foils, per micrometer target thickness in 4pi. This number allows us to conclude, that 10-100 fold amplification of the signal is required in order to apply this method for U-beam intensities between 10^{10} - $5 \cdot 10^{11}$ particles/pulse. The obtained results can be scaled to high heavy ion energies available at SIS18 and SIS100 [4].

For the development of new diagnostic methods, setup of a new lab at Goethe University is in progress.

A x-ray source up to 15 keV will be used to characterize different detectors like imaging plates, x-ray films and semiconductor detectors. Furthermore a system using either lenses or optical fibres to transport an image from a scintillator to a semiconductor detector will be developed and characterized. Experiments have been performed in the frame of the B

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