# X-ray production from resonant coherent excitation of relativistic HCIs in crystals as a model for polarization XFEL studies in the keV range

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Scalar potential  $\varphi(\vec{r})$  of the electric field of the crystal is composed in the laboratory frame into its Fourier (kln) harmonics

$$\varphi(\vec{r}) = \sum_{kln} \Phi_{kln} e^{i\vec{G}_{kln}\vec{r}},$$

with wave vectors  $\vec{G}_{kln}$  being reciprocal lattice vectors. After a set of successive coordinate frame transformations this potential is transformed into the scalar and vector electromagnetic potentials in the ion rest frame:

$$\begin{split} \varphi'(\vec{r}',t') &= \gamma \sum_{kln} e^{ivt'(\vec{G}'_{kln})_x} \Phi_{kln} e^{\pi in(z_{\rm ion}/d+1/2)} e^{i\vec{G}'_{kln}\vec{r}'},\\ \vec{A}'(\vec{r}',t') &= -\vec{e}_x \frac{\gamma v}{c} \sum_{kln} e^{ivt'(\vec{G}'_{kln})_x} \Phi_{kln} e^{\pi in(z_{\rm ion}/d+1/2)} e^{i\vec{G}'_{kln}\vec{r}'}. \end{split}$$

with vectors  $\vec{G}'_{kln} = \vec{G}_{kln} + (\gamma - 1)(\vec{G}_{kln})_x \vec{e}_x$  standing for the reciprocal lattice vectors in the ion rest frame, which x-component is  $\gamma$  times larger, due to relativistic lattice contraction, than x-component of  $\vec{G}_{kln}$ . Hamiltonian  $H_0$  of the free ion and the operator

$$V = -e\varphi' + \frac{e}{2mc}(\vec{p}\vec{A}' + \vec{A}'\vec{p})$$

of its interaction with the potentials  $\varphi'(\vec{r}', t')$  and  $\vec{A'}(\vec{r}', t')$  form the total Hamiltonian of the channeled ion  $H = H_0 + V$  entering the generalized Master equation  $i\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t} = [H, \rho] + R\rho,$ 

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which describes time evolution of the density matrix  $\rho$  of the ion.

Ar 17+, 390 MeV/u







# Stokes parameters of the characteristic X-ray radiation from RCE ions



POLARIZATION OF PHOTONS EMITTED IN THE PROCESS

1.0

 $a_{n}^{(i)} = 0.5$   $a_{n}^{(i)} = 0.5$  -0.5 -1.0 0 45 90 135 135Deflection angle (deg)

Fig. 1. Angular distributions of (solid line) the yield of photons W (in arbitrary units) and (dotted line) linear polarization degree  $P_{\rm L}$  in the channeling plane in the laboratory frame as calculated under the conditions of the experiment with the 21-µm-thick target reported in [2]. (Dashed line) The circular polarization degree  $P_2$  is calculated for the 0.9-µm-thick target with averaging only over one half of the channel.

Fig. 2. Same as in Fig. 1, but in the sweep over a conthe photon deflection angle  $43.5^{\circ}$  from the ion beathe rest frame of the ion, these photons are emitted pendicularly to the beam).

The calculations show that since the photon yield and their polarization parameters in conditions typical or close to current RCE experiments are expected to be large, the resonance coherent excitation method can be considered as a candidate for a tunable source of polarized X-ray radiation in the keV region.

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## Fast highly charged ion in matter – an open quantum system



## From the generalized Master equation to RCE observables

- from density matrices for individual trajectories to the averaged density matrix for the whole ensemble of ions participating in the RCE process and to the **survival fraction S** 

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from density matrix to statistical tensors of X-ray emitting states

 $\langle \hat{\rho}(t) \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \hat{\rho}(t)^{\mathrm{rad}} \rangle \Rightarrow \langle JM | \hat{\rho}(t)^{\mathrm{rad}} | J'M' \rangle \Rightarrow \rho_{pq}(t)$ 

$$W_{\gamma}(\theta,\varphi) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \Big[ 1 + \alpha_2^{\gamma} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{5}} \sum_{q=-2}^{2} \frac{\rho_{2q}(t)}{\rho_{00}(t)} Y_{2q}(\theta,\varphi) \Big]$$

The density matrix approach has shown its universality in treating the RCE process in different conditions of its observation and when performing theoretical analysis of various RCE measurements by covering, on the same theoretical ground, a wide scope of RCE observables.

This feature manifests itself especially clearly when applied to treat "two-color" excitations when two harmonics of the electric field of the crystal act on the electron cloud of the moving ion like two lasers of corresponding frequencies.



380 ∟ 0.8

1.0

1.2

tilt angle θ, deg.

1.4

1.6

1.8

# Auger electrons from double RCE

Ar<sup>16+</sup> (387.90 MeV/u) → Si (2<u>2</u>0)



# RCE without channeling



$$(\mathbf{G}_{klm})_x = \frac{2\pi}{a} \Big( \sqrt{2}k \cos\theta \cos\phi + \\ +l \sin\theta + \sqrt{2}m \cos\theta \sin\phi \Big), \\ (\mathbf{G}_{klm})_y = \frac{2\pi}{a} \Big( -\sqrt{2}k \sin\theta \cos\phi + \\ +l \cos\theta - \sqrt{2}m \sin\theta \sin\phi \Big), \\ (\mathbf{G}_{klm})_z = \frac{2\pi}{a} \Big( -\sqrt{2}k \sin\phi + \sqrt{2}m \cos\phi \Big)$$

$$\mathbf{E}_{klm}'(t') = -i\Phi_{klm} \left[ (\mathbf{G}_{klm})_x \mathbf{e}_x + \gamma (\mathbf{G}_{klm})_y \mathbf{e}_y + \gamma (\mathbf{G}_{klm})_z \mathbf{e}_z \right] \exp \left( i (\mathbf{G}_{klm}')_x vt' \right),$$
  

$$\omega_{k,l,m} = \frac{2\pi\hbar}{a} \gamma v \left( \sqrt{2} (k\cos\phi + m\sin\phi)\cos\theta + l\sin\theta \right)$$

## Autoionization in double RCE without channeling



Autler-Townes effect in resonant coherent excitation of relativistic highly charged ions in crystals



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## Stark Effect in Rapidly Varying Fields\*

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A method is developed for calculating the effects of a strong oscillating field on two states of a quantummechanical system which are connected by a matrix element of the field. Explicit approximate solutions are obtained for a variety of special cases, and the results of numerical computations are given for others. The effect of an rf field on the  $J=2\rightarrow1$  *l*-type doublet microwave absorption lines of OCS has been studied in particular both experimentally and theoretically. Each line was observed to split into two components when the frequency of the rf field was near 12.78 Mc or 38.28 Mc, which are the frequencies separating the J=1and J=2 pairs of levels, respectively. By measuring the rf frequency,  $\nu_0$ , at which the microwave lines are split into two equally intense components, one may determine the separation between the energy levels. The measured value of  $\nu_0$  depends upon the intensity of the rf field and the form of this dependence has been calculated and found to be in good agreement with the experimental results.

## **Observation of the A-T doublet in current P&P measurements with lasers (an example)**

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### Observation of narrow Autler-Townes components in the resonant response of a dense atomic gas

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We have experimentally studied the reflection of a weak probe beam from a dense atomic potassium vapor in the presence of a strong laser field tuned to the atomic resonance transition. We have observed an Autler-Townes doublet under hitherto unexplored conditions, namely, that the Rabi frequency induced by the strong laser field is much smaller than the self-broadened width of the resonance transition of the unexcited vapor. We attribute our observation to a reduction of the atomic decoherence by the strong drive field. We present a theoretical model of nonlinear processes in a dense atomic gas to explain the observed results.



# Autler-Townes doublet at resonant coherent excitation (RCE) of relativistic ions in crystals without channeling



Both coupling and probing electric fields in the ion rest frame are strong:

e.g.:  $E_{(0,0,-2)}$  (1s2s: 'S -- 1s2p: 'P) ~ **3.5**·10<sup>9</sup> V/cm

That corresponds to radiation energy flux of 15 eV - VUV laser of about  $5 \cdot 10^{15} - 1.5 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ W/cm}^2$ . We calculated that a little lower energy flux of about  $1.5 \cdot 10^{15} \text{ W/cm}^2$  corresponds to 3140 eV – X-ray harmonic (0, 1, 2) of the probing field.

According to **Technical Design Report of the European XFEL** (pp. 264-274) ), the latter rate is near the lowest level of intensity of the flux for such suggested experiments on linear and non-linear processes as:

## 6.4.1. Small Quantum Systems

- 1. Inner shall ionization in atomic ions,
- 2. X-ray photons scattered at trapped ion crystals
- 3. Molecular dynamics following X-ray photoionization
- 4. Cluster experiments
- 5. Multiphoton studies in the X-ray spectral region
- 6. Dynamics of aligned small molecules and molecular wave packet dynamics
- 7. Time-resolved photo-fragmentation of small molecules

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# **Survival fraction measurements**

**"Dressed atoms in flight through a periodic crystal field"** –Y.Nakai, Y.Nakano, T.Azuma et al. - *Phys.Rev.Lett.* **101**, 113201 (2008)

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Red lines –calculation with 5x5 density matrix in basis  $1s^{2:1}S_0$ ;  $1s2s:{}^{1}S_0$ ;  $1s2p:{}^{1}P_1(M=0;\pm 1)$ .

No fitting parameters.





Autler-Townes doublet in characteristic X-ray radiation at double resonant coherent excitation



Drastic change in both experiment and calculation [*JETP* 108 (2009) 1010] in profile of the Autler-Townes doublet for X-ray photons detected in the (2,-2,0) plane direction [horizontal] and perpendicular to this plane [vertical] - -clear demonstration of the potential of the Autler-Townes scheme in X-ray measurements to control polarization characteristics of double excitation of highly charged ions.

Here - indication to "fine structure" magnetic quantum number splitting of the Autler-Townes dublet  $1s2s: {}^{!}S_0 - 1s2p: {}^{!}P_{M=0;\pm 1}$ .



# Conclusion

The insightful prediction on resonant coherent excitation of fast ions in crystals made 45 years ago by Okorokov opened a way to wide experimental and theoretical investigations of this nice phenomenon. Basic parameters of currently studied RCE processes with relativistic highly charged ions (produced photon energy, radiation energy flax in the ion rest frame) look close to those usually related to XFELs. Also, one cannot ignore a unique feature of RCE as a tunable source of polarized X-ray radiation. True, RCE will never compete with lasers in whole. Bur wide experience gained in experimental and theoretical RCE studies, especially concerning polarization aspects of dynamics of various multi-photon processes in keV energy region, will be a good support among others for future XFEL experiments.

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# Angular Correlation of the Cascade Photons in the Course of Dielectronic Recombination of Channeled Ions

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