

# Atomic Physics with Accelerators: Projectile Electron Spectroscopy (APAPES)\*

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**Abstract.** The new research initiative APAPES (<http://apapes.physics.uoc.gr/>) has already established a new experimental station with a beam line dedicated for atomic collisions physics research, at the 5 MV TANDEM accelerator of the National Research Centre "Demokritos" in Athens, Greece. A complete zero-degree Auger projectile spectroscopy (ZAPS) apparatus has been put together to perform high resolution studies of electrons emitted in ion-atom collisions. A single stage hemispherical spectrometer with a 2-dimensional Position Sensitive Detector (PSD) combined with a doubly-differentially pumped gas target will be used to perform a systematic isoelectronic investigation of K-Auger spectra emitted from collisions of pre-excited and ground state He-like ions with gas targets using novel techniques. Our intention is to provide a more thorough understanding of cascade feeding of the  $1s2s2p\ ^4P$  metastable states produced by electron capture in collisions of He-like ions with gas targets and further elucidate their role in the non-statistical production of excited three-electron  $1s2s2p$  states by electron capture, recently a field of conflicting interpretations awaiting further resolution. At the moment, the apparatus is being completed and the spectrometer will soon be fully operational. Here we present the project progress and the recent high resolution spectrum obtained in collisions of 12 MeV  $C^{4+}$  on a Neon gas target.

## 1. Introduction

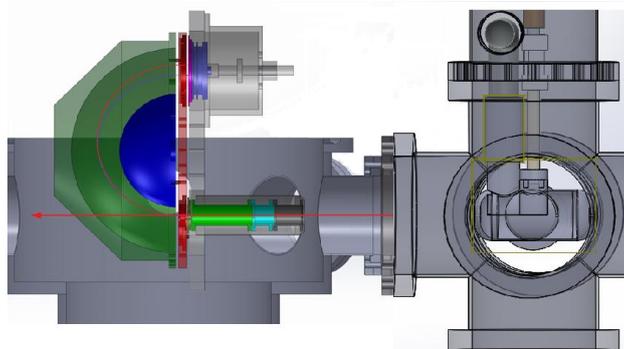
The APAPES initiative establishes in Greece the discipline of Atomic Physics with Accelerators, a field with important contributions to fusion, hot plasmas, astrophysics, accelerator technology and basic atomic physics of ion-atom collision dynamics, structure and technology. This is being accomplished by combining the existing interdisciplinary atomic collisions expertise from three Greek universities, the strong support of distinguished foreign researchers and the high technical ion-beam know-how of the Demokritos Tandem accelerator group into a cohesive initiative.

## 2. Experimental setup

The new experimental setup includes a single stage hemispherical spectrometer with injection lens and 2-dimensional PSD combined with a doubly-differentially pumped gas target. It has been used in previous work at Kansas State Univ. [1], but recently moved to the Athens Tandem. This high-efficiency, high-resolution ZAPS system is ideally suited for use in the electron spectroscopy of weak ion beams such as the ones called for in this work and due to its PSD is also about 15-20 times more efficient than conventional single channel devices (e.g. two-stage parallel plate electron spectrometers [2]). Additionally, the paracentric entry of the Hemispherical Deflector Analyser (HDA) [3] is a novel feature adding further high resolution capability not available to conventional centric HDAs [4, 5]. In the two following pictures we give a general presentation of the experimental setup. In figure 1 a panoramic view of the beam line is shown and in figure 2 the doubly differentially pumped target gas cell, the HDA, the 4-element input lens and the PSD are shown inside the vacuum chamber.

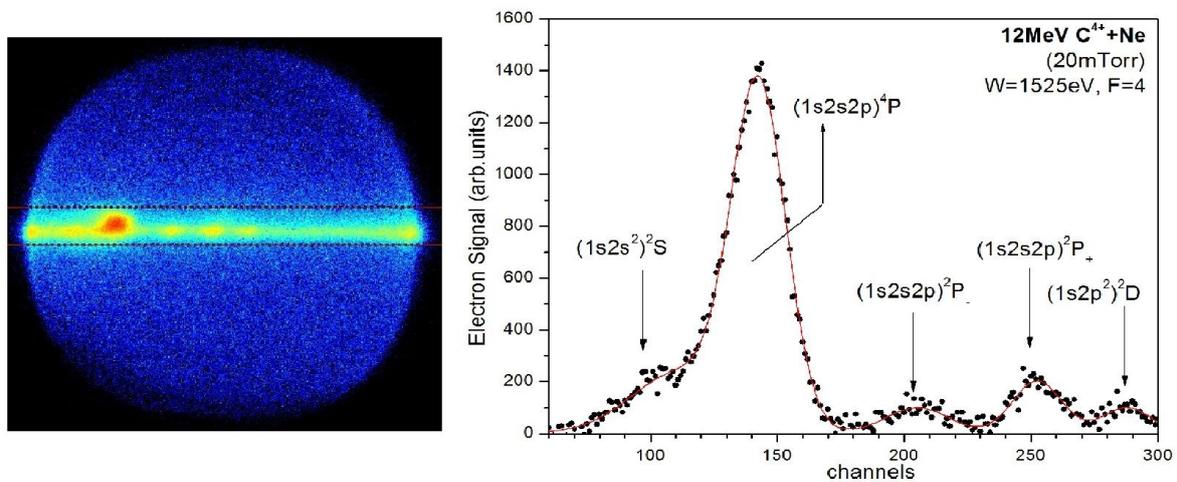


**Figure 1.** Panoramic view of the new beam line at the 5 MV Demokritos Tandem.



**Figure 2.** From right to left: The doubly-differentially pumped target gas cell, the 4-element input lens, the HDA and the 2-D PSD. Each colour denotes a different voltage.





**Figure 4.** (a) 2-D PSD Image, (b) Projection of the PSD image within the selected region shown in (a). The  $^4\text{P}$  line is seen to be broadened. Its considerable longer life time makes it decays closer to the spectrometer with increased angular acceptance and therefore kinematic broadening.

## 5. Future developments

Future developments on the beam line include the upgrade of the Tandem accelerator to also include a recirculating gas stripper in the accelerator terminal, along with a post-stripping stage, for both gas and foil stripping. These, along with the placement of a number of beam profile monitors will allow for better control of the beam both as to its transmission as well as to its composition of the excited states.

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