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General information

The 20th European Conference on the Atomic and Molecular Physics of Ionized Gases (ESCAMPIG XX) is organized by the <u>Institute of Physics</u>, Belgrade, Serbia. The conference will take place in Novi Sad, Serbia, on July 13-17, 2010, beginning with a welcome reception on Tuesday evening, July the 13th and ending with a workshop on Saturday afternoon, July the 17th.

The ESCAMPIG conference focuses on topics that range from atomic and molecular processes in plasmas and plasma-surface interaction to self-organization in plasmas or to the new research lines with low and high pressure plasma sources. Research in natural plasmas such as space plasmas and the emerging research field of discharge plasmas in the Earth upper atmosphere are also covered.

The International Scientific Committee and the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) invite you to attend the conference and to submit an abstract on your latest scientific achievements.

ESCAMPIG 2014

The ESCAMPIG International Scientific Committee is seeking offers to organize ESCAMPIG 2014. If you are interested in hosting that conference please contact the ISC Chair <u>Bill Graham</u> before the start ESCAMPIG 2010.

Conference Format

The Conference will feature invited general (45 min, including discussion) and topical lectures (30 min, including discussion), poster sessions and two workshops (with one workshop being extended after the end of the conference). Some contributed papers covering relevant issues will be selected by the ISC for the section "Hot Topics" and authors will be asked to give a short oral presentation (15 min including discussion). Contributors wishing to evidence their own paper for "Hot Topics" selection are asked to indicate it in the abstract submission form. There will be no parallel sessions.

"William Crookes" prize is to be awarded to a mid-career researcher who has been judged to have made major contributions in one or more of the areas covered by ESCAMPIG. The prize is co-sponsored by the ESCAMPIG 2010 local committee, the European Physical Society (EPS) and Plasma Sources Science and Technology. The award will be \in 1,000 and a diploma along with hotel accommodation and waived fees to attend ESCAMPIG 2010 where the award will be presented. The nomination package should be sent by email to the Chair of the International Scientific Committee W. G. Graham (b.graham@qub.ac.uk) by March the 1st 2010. More information is available here.

Workshops

Two workshops will be organised during ESCAMPIG 2010 and one post conference workshop on Saturday afternoon. The first will deal with atomic and molecular data required to model collisional plasmas and their interaction with surfaces (N. Mason and Z.Lj. Petrovi•). The second will be focused on biological and medical applications of ionized gases (G. Fridman and N. Pua•) and the post conference workshop (N. Mason) will deal with Atomic and Molecular data needs for lighting. More information about workshops is available <u>here</u>.

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DEVELOPMENT AND TESTING OF LASER INDUCED BREAKDOWN SPECTROSCOPY TECHNIQUE

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Our system for time-resolved laser induced fluorescence (TR-LIF) measurement is described in [1,2]. First published results could be found in [2]. Nd:YaG laser used in our TR-LIF experiments is powerful enough (365 mJ at 1064 nm, variable OPO output >5mJ), so the system could be used for laser induced breakdown spectroscopy (LIBS), also. In this paper preliminary results regarding development and testing of LIBS technique based on our laser system are presented. The system for LIBS measurements is shown schematically in Fig. 1. Compared to the TR-LIF system presented in [1,2], it is easily noted that focusing lens is added. To be on the safe side regarding Hamamatsu Streak Camera, preliminary experiments were made using OPO output (5 mJ at 400 nm) and Ocean Optics spectrograph. It should be noted that using of streakscope enables time resolved diagnostics.



Fig. 1: Our TR-LIF system modified for LIBS experiments.

To test the LIBS technique developed in our laboratory the silver was chosen because there are many references with which we could compare our results [3-7] and because silver is easily obtained. Energy of OPO output was not enough to produce plasma in silver water, but made visible ablations on surface of silver spoon and bracelet.

LIBS signal obtained from silver bracelet is shown in Fig. 2. Ablation of the surface was noticeable after one shot. Because sample was excited by OPO output (400 nm, 5 mJ), the second harmonic (532 nm), fourth harmonic (266 nm) and the idler (800 nm) are also visible on the spectrum.

Sterling silver, alloy used for silver jewelry, contains about 92.5% of silver and 7.5% of other metals, usually copper. (It seems that lines at about 521 nm corresponding to silver and copper are overlapped on Fig. 2.) The resonance spectral lines of Ag I $(5s^2S_{1/2} - 5p^2P_{3/2})$ at 328 nm and $(5s^2S_{1/2} - 5p^2P_{1/2})$ at 338 nm have been observed and illustrated in Fig.2. The other two lines denoted in Fig.2 correspond to the transitions: $(5p^2P_{1/2} - 5d^2D_{3/2})$ at 521 nm and $(5p^2P_{3/2} - 5d^2D_{5/2})$ at 547 nm [8, 9].



Fig. 2: LIBS signal obtained from silver bracelet.

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