



HAPG mosaic crystal Von Hamos spectrometer for high precision exotic atoms spectroscopy



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Latest results on kaonic atoms









Needs for higher precisions



FWHM obtained in these measurements are already at the Fano limit for solid state detectors

Precisions of 1 ~ 50 eV, depending on the statistics, can be reached with this FWHM

These values of FHWM and σE are not enough for many other measurements:

Example: Khe widhts measured by SIDDHARTA

 Γ_{2p} (³He) = 6 ± 6 (stat.) ± 7 (syst.) eV

 Γ_{2p} (⁴He) = 14 ± 8 (stat.) ± 5 (syst.) eV

Example: Upper level measurements with very small Γ

An advantage of "upper levels"*

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In analogy to antiprotons the scenario under the $\overline{K}N$ threshold is determined by a resonant state $\Lambda(1405)$ with a pole close to E_{cm} 1410 MeV that is in the ³He region. On the other side one has $\Sigma(1385)$ state which exerts maximum repulsive effect in the ⁴He region. Apparently these two main agents yield attractive shift in ³He and repulsive in ⁴He. Now, in order to go above the errors one has to magnify the shifts and enhance the atomic-nuclear overlaps. The proper targets would be ⁸Be and ^{6,7}Li. These offer similar values of E_{cm} as ⁴He and ³He. A simple re-scaling of overlaps generates the level shifts of about 100 eV. One should perhaps consider also studies of 3D levels in these atoms. One interesting outcome might be the estimate where the isospin 0 Re $T(\overline{K}N \to \overline{K}N)$ amplitude crosses zero. That will help to settle the controversy as to where is the $\Lambda(1405)$ pole in the complex plane located.

Example: Kaon mass measurement

Charged Kaon Mass

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2003 [6]) was the first enigmatic state whose properties cannot be fully understood in the framework of the quark model. Despite very extensive efforts (the discovery paper with 1880 citations is one of the most cited experimental publications), there is no consensus today about its internal structure. The most popular explanation is that it is a mixture of a regular $q\bar{q}$ state and a $D^0\bar{D}^{*0}$ molecule. To test the validity of the molecular hypothesis it is of vital importance to know precisely how far the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ state lies from the D^0D^{*0} threshold. Recently LHCb performed a study of $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ produced in decays of B^{\pm} mesons and other *b* hadrons [7, 8]. Using the world-largest sample of almost 20k $\chi_{c1}(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$ decays, LHCb performed the most precise measurement of the $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ mass and of the energy difference $\delta E = m(D^0) + m(D^{*0}) - m(\chi_{c1}(3872)) = 0.07 \pm 0.12$ MeV. Again, the precision is limited by that of the charged kaon mass.

The precision on the D^0 mass also affects the mixing parameters in the D^0 - \overline{D}^0 system [4], and in the long run, a more accurate kaon mass may become interesting for first-principle calculations on the lattice [9].

Example: Fine splitting of kaonic atoms levels for cascade processes



The x-ray source, which was used for the measurements, is a low power microfocus x-ray tube (IfG) with a source diameter of about 50 μ m Measurements were performed with the Cu K_{α} emission of a Cu anode at 8 keV. The spec-

III. SPECTROMETER SETUP

The spectrometer consists of three principal components: the X-ray source, the HAPG optic, and the position sensitive detector. As source a watercooled 100 W micro focus X-ray tube with a tungsten anode and a focus size of 50 μ m is used. The emitted radiation is focused onto the sample by a polycapillary full lense with a spot size of 35 μ m. The HAPG Laser-produced plasmas were created using the "Phoenix" Nd glass laser (the Lebedev Physical Institute) operated at a wavelength of 0.53 μ m with pulse energy up to 10 J and 2 ns pulse duration. The laser beam was focused onto massive Mg, Al, Ti, or Fe targets (see Fig. 2). The focal spot diameter was about ~15 μ m.



HAPG mosaic crystals: improving efficiency



Mosaic crystal consist in a large number of nearly perfect small crystallites.

Mosaicity makes it possible that even for a fixed incidence angle on the crystal surface, an energetic distribution of photons can be reflected

Increase of efficiency (focusing) ~ 50

Loss in resolution

Pyrolitic Graphite mosaic crystals (d = 3.354 Å):

- Bending does not influence resolution and intensity
- Mosaic spread down to 0.05 degree
- Integral reflectivity ~ 10^2 higher than for other crystals
- Variable thickness (efficiency)
- Excellent thermal and radiation stability



Integral reflectivity

• Measured integral reflectivities (synchrotron measurements)



- → The integral reflectivity can be more than 50 times higher compared to Si(111) reflection.
- $\rightarrow\,$ The use of the von Hamos geometry can increase the overall efficiency even more.

Characterization of HAPG mosaic crystals using synchrotron radiation

Martin Gerlach,^a Lars Anklamm,^b Alexander Antonov,^c Inna Grigorieva,^c Ina Holfelder,^a Birgit Kanngießer,^b Herbert Legall,^c Wolfgang Malzer,^b Christopher Schlesiger^b and Burkhard Beckhoff^a* J. Appl. Cryst. (2015). 48

Von Hamos configuration: improving solid angle





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VH configuration can further improve the signal collection efficiency.

In this configuration, also the vertical dimension of the X-ray source can be exploited



distance: F = 400 mm in (004)-reflexion @ 8 keV (Cu K_a)



Spectral resolution of bent HAPG/HOPG crystal is comparable to the flat one !

H. Legall, H. Stiel, I. Grigorieva, A. Antonov et al., FEL Proc. 2006



How big can a source be keeping FWHM < 10 eV?



VOXES: setup





Table 1 List of the X-ray lines measured in this work and the corresponding Bragg angles θ_B

Line	E (eV)	$ heta_B$ (°)
$Fe(K_{\alpha 1})$	6403,84	16,77
$Fe(K_{\alpha 2})$	6390,84	16,81
$Cu(K_{\alpha 1})$	8047,78	13,28
$Cu(K_{\alpha 2})$	8027,83	13,31
$Ni(K_{\beta})$	8264,66	12,92
$Zn(\vec{k}_{\alpha 1})$	8638,86	12,35
$Zn(K_{\alpha 2})$	8615,78	12,39
$Mo(K_{\alpha 1})$	17479,34	6,07
$Mo(K_{\alpha 2})$	17374,30	6,11
$Nb(K_{\beta})$	18622,50	5,70

For a given X-ray energy the Bragg angle (θ_B) and the curvature radius of the crystal (ρ_c) completely determine the position of the source, the crystal and the position detector

$$L_1 = \frac{\rho_c}{\sin\theta_B}$$

 $L_2 = L_1 sin\phi$







VOXES: results







VOXES: peak shape analysis



Which is the correct shape to be used for peak fitting? (Natural linewidths are Lorentzian but....)



$$(X) = \frac{A}{2\pi} \frac{\Gamma}{(x - x_0)^2 + \frac{\Gamma^2}{4}} \frac{e^{-\frac{(x - x_0)^2}{2\sigma^2}}}{\sigma\sqrt{2}\pi}$$

Is Voigt really better?

Akaike Information Criteria:

$$AIC = 2p + N \cdot ln(\frac{R}{N})$$

N = num of fitted points p = num of fit parameters

$$AICc = AIC + \frac{2 \cdot p \cdot (p+1)}{N - p - 1}$$

(for N/p < 40)

Not much information loss using gaussian shape

For each model i the quantity e^{-0,5(AICcmin-AICi)} is proportional to the probability of the i-th model to minimize the (estimated) information loss as good as the minimum AICc one.



VOXES: energy calibration







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Crystal parameters: mosaic spread







Crystal parameters: thickness





Line	$\omega_{FWHM}(^{\circ})$	$S_0'(\mu m)$	$\mid \Delta \theta'(^{\circ}) \mid$	thick (μm)	$\delta E_{\alpha 1}(eV)$	$\delta E_{\alpha 2}(eV)$	$\sigma(K_{\alpha 1,2}) (eV)$
$Cu(K_{\alpha 1,2})$	$0,09\pm0,015$	800	0,5	20	0,24	0,24	$3,64 \pm 0,24$
$Cu(K_{\alpha 1,2})$	$0,09\pm0,015$	800	0,5	40	0,06	0,08	$3,79 \pm 0,05$
$Cu(K_{\alpha 1,2})$	$0,09\pm0,015$	800	0,5	100	0,05	0,08	$3,79\pm0,04$
$Cu(K_{\alpha 1,2})$	$0,09\pm0,015$	900	0,5	20	0,22	0,18	$4,39 \pm 0,13$
$Cu(K_{\alpha 1,2})$	$0,09\pm0,015$	900	0,5	40	0,05	0,08	$4,18\pm0,04$
$Cu(K_{\alpha 1,2})$	$0,09\pm0,015$	900	0,5	100	0,04	0,07	$4,19 \pm 0,03$
$Cu(K_{\alpha 1,2})$	$0,09\pm0,015$	1000	0,5	20	0,21	0,18	$4,78\pm0,12$
$Cu(K_{\alpha 1,2})$	$0,09\pm0,015$	1000	0,5	40	0,05	0,07	$4,60\pm0,04$
$Cu(K_{\alpha 1,2})$	$0,09\pm0,015$	1000	0,5	100	0,04	0,07	$4,54 \pm 0,03$
$Cu(K_{\alpha 1,2})$	$0,09\pm0,015$	1100	0,5	20	0,21	0,17	$5,29 \pm 0,11$
$Cu(K_{\alpha 1,2})$	$0,09\pm0,015$	1100	0,5	40	0,05	0,08	$4,93\pm0,04$
$Cu(K_{\alpha 1,2})$	$0,09\pm0,015$	1100	0,5	100	0,04	0,07	$5,03 \pm 0,03$
$Cu(K_{\alpha 1,2})$	$0,09\pm0,015$	1200	0,5	20	0,23	0,20	$6,01\pm0,14$
$Cu(K_{\alpha 1,2})$	$0,09\pm0,015$	1200	0,5	40	0,06	0,08	$5,51 \pm 0,04$
$Cu(K_{\alpha 1,2})$	$0,09\pm0,015$	1200	0,5	100	0,05	0,08	$5,55\pm0,03$

The resolution worsening effect induced by the crystal thickness is not anymore predominant

The resolution broadening induced by the source size is still the leading one





VOXES: reflection efficiencies



$$arepsilon^R_{\Delta heta',S_0'} = rac{R_{\Delta heta',S_0'}'}{R_{\Delta heta',S_0'}^i}$$

$$R^{r}_{\Delta\theta',S'_{0}} = R^{B}_{\Delta\theta',S'_{0}} \frac{1}{T_{air}} \frac{1}{QE^{M}}$$

$$R^{i}_{\Delta\theta',S'_{0}} = R^{M}_{\Delta\theta',S'_{0}} \frac{1}{QE^{M}} R(S/B) \frac{A_{c}}{8\,mm}$$



$$\varepsilon^{R}_{\Delta\theta',S_{0}'} = \frac{8R^{B}_{\Delta\theta',S_{0}'}}{T_{air}R^{M}_{\Delta\theta',S_{0}'}R(S/B)A_{c}}$$



VOXES: simulations



Table 3 Best achieved resolutions and precisions summary.

Element	$\rho_{c}(mm)$	Parameter	value (eV)	$S_0'/\Delta \theta' (mm,^\circ)$
	77,5	$\sigma(Klpha_{1,2}) \ \delta(Klpha_1) \ \delta(Klpha_2)$	$4,17\pm 0,16 \\ 0,11 \\ 0,18$	0,3/0,24 0,6/0,44 0,6/0,44
Fe	103,4	$ \begin{array}{c} \sigma(K\alpha_{1,2}) \\ \delta(K\alpha_{1}) \\ \delta(K\alpha_{2}) \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{c} 4,05\pm 0,13\\ 0,09\\ 0,13\end{array}$	0,3/0,18 0,7/0,34 0,7/0,34
	206,7	$\sigma(Klpha_{1,2}) \ \delta(Klpha_1) \ \delta(Klpha_2)$	$4,02\pm 0,08 \\ 0,1 \\ 0,15$	1,1/0,60 1,2/0,70 1,2/0,70
	77,5	$\sigma(Klpha_{1,2}) \ \delta(Klpha_1) \ \delta(Klpha_2)$	$6,8\pm 0,07 \ 0,07 \ 0,1$	0,3/0,16 0,6/0,32 0,6/0,32
Cu	103,4	$ \begin{array}{c} \sigma(K\alpha_{1,2}) \\ \delta(K\alpha_{1}) \\ \delta(K\alpha_{2}) \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{c} 4,77 \pm 0,05 \\ 0,04 \\ 0,07 \end{array}$	0,3/0,16 0,7/0,32 0,7/0,32
	206,7	$\sigma(Klpha_{1,2}) \ \delta(Klpha_1) \ \delta(Klpha_2)$	$3,60\pm 0,05 \\ 0,04 \\ 0,07$	0,8/0,60 1,1/0,70 1,1/0,70
Cu	103,4	$\sigma(Klpha_{1,2}) \ \delta(Klpha_1) \ \delta(Klpha_2)$	$5,15\pm 0,13 \\ 0,10 \\ 0,21$	0,5/0,27 0,6/0,22 0,6/0,22
Ni	103,4	$\sigma(Keta) \ \delta(Keta)$	$6,02\pm 0,24 \\ 0,13$	0,5/0,27 0,6/0,22
Zn	103,4	$\sigma(Klpha_{1,2}) \ \delta(Klpha_1) \ \delta(Klpha_2)$	$6,20\pm 0,34 \\ 0,26 \\ 0,42$	0,5/0,27 0,6/0,22 0,6/0,22
Мо	77,5	$\frac{\sigma(K\alpha_{1,2})}{\delta(K\alpha_{1})}$	$21,1\pm0,8$ 0,6 2,0	1,6/0,80 1,6/0,80 1,6/0,80
Nb	77,5	$\sigma(Keta) \ \delta(Keta)$	$36,9\pm1,3$ 1,3	1,6/0,80 1,6/0,80

Did we understand the geometry properly?

How can we test the actual source size?

Do we get what we should?

X-ray tracing simulations



VOXES: ray tracing simulations





We have to be sure we are properly defining the starting XRF spectrum



The physical source size is large (2,5x 2,5 cm)

We want to check the effective source size dimensions as coming from ray tracing simulations

Peak position and σ well reproduced



8000

8020

8040

8060

8080 8100 energy (eV)

22 G. Hölzer et al., Phys. Rev. A, 1997, 56, 4554–4568.



VOXES: ray tracing simulations





Reflection efficiencies are also well reproduced and under control



VOXES: ray tracing simulations



Possible kaonic transitions to be measured with HAPG crystal spectrometer:

 $K^{3}He(3 \rightarrow 2)$: 6.2 keV $K^{3}He(4 \rightarrow 2)$: 8.4 keV $K^{3}He(5 \rightarrow 2)$: 9.4 keV $K^{3}He(6 \rightarrow 2)$: 9.9 keV $K^{3}He(7 \rightarrow 2)$: 10.2 keV

 $K^{4}He(3 \rightarrow 2)$: 6.4 keV $K^{4}He(4 \rightarrow 2)$: 8.7 keV $K^{4}He(5 \rightarrow 2)$: 9.7 keV $K^{4}He(6 \rightarrow 2)$: 10.3 keV $K^{4}He(7 \rightarrow 2)$: 10.7 keV

 $KN(6 \rightarrow 5) : 7.6 \text{ keV}$ $KN(7 \rightarrow 5) : 12.1 \text{ keV}$ $KN(8 \rightarrow 5) : 15.1 \text{ keV}$ $KN(7 \rightarrow 6) : 4.6 \text{ keV}$ $KN(8 \rightarrow 6) : 7.5 \text{ keV}$ $KN(9 \rightarrow 6) : 9.6 \text{ keV}$ $KN(10 \rightarrow 6) : 11 \text{ keV}$ $KN(11 \rightarrow 6) : 12.1 \text{ keV}$ $KN(11 \rightarrow 7) : 6.5 \text{ keV}$ $KN(11 \rightarrow 7) : 7.5 \text{ keV}$ $KN(12 \rightarrow 7) : 8.3 \text{ keV}$ Expected Impact:

- Kaon mass measurements from different lines in parallel

 Cascade processes
 Impact on dark matter search driven experiments using exotic atoms in space (accurate cascade models calculations)
 Upper level measurments with very small Γ
 Proton radius puzzle (???)

Manifestatation of interest from international institution and research centers (PSI, ...)

Detector Key Points:

- Tunable energy range from 2-20 keV
- Extremely high resolutions of few eV
- Very low background after shielding

Feasibility:

- Working principle tested in laboratory
- Dependence from HAPG parameters well investigated and published (thickness, mosaicity, ...)
 - Consistent Ray Tracing simulations available
 - Few eV resolutions confirmed for solid sources with millimetric dimensions



VOXES: a possible preliminary run



First run with KC for a feasibility test and background evaluation

Available:

- 1) Multi Crystal support structure
- 2) Target (Solid or Liquid/Gas)
- 3) Optics
- 4) Alignement support
- 5) Target box
- 6) Detector
- 7) DAQ (integ. KM)

Future implementations:

Shielding around DetectorSolid support structure



From MC simulations, assuming $L = 1,4x10^{32}$ (~ 10 pb⁻¹ / day):

~ 1,4 recorded signals / day
σ = 3,6 eV @ 8 keV (from Cu lab measurements)

 ~ 250 total events goal ($\delta E \sim 0.2-0.3~eV$) $\sim 2000~pb^{\text{-1}}$ ($\sim 200~days$) of beamtime requested

 ~ 50 total events goal ($\delta E \sim 0.5-0.6~eV)$ $\sim 400~pb^{\rm -1}$ (~ 40 days) of beamtime requested



VOXES: future scenarios on $DA\Phi NE$





To achieve the ~ 0,1 eV precision, ~ 2000 pb⁻¹ (~ 200 days) of beamtime are requested

Real opportunity to apply for external fundings

Possibility to attract new interested institutes



Conclusions



- HAPG based Bragg spectrometers represents a concrete possibility for future sub-eV precision kaonic atoms measurements
- VOXES collaboration developed in Frascati a version of such a spectrometer, to be used also with sources up to mm/cm dimensions
- Detailed investigation and optimization of crystal parameters, calibration procedure and peak shape description has been carried on
- The obtained results are very promising, showing precisions and resolution (well) below 1 eV and 10 eV, respectively
- MC ray tracing simulations have been also performed, which proved to be solid and to perfectly match the data. All these ingredients represent a fundamental starting point for future application
- With a first preliminary test and an expanded ad-hoc setup, VOXES spectrometer has been included in the proposal for future experiments to be carried on at DAΦNE after SIDDHARTA-2:

"Fundamental physics at the strangeness frontier at DAΦNE. Outline of a proposal for future measurements", arXiv:2104.06076v2 [nucl-ex]