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The 930 AVF cyclotron accelerator provides various ion beams with three external ion sources in CYRIC. ECR1 and another ion source supply light ions. ECR10 supplies heavy ions up to Xe¹⁾. In addition to the variety, it is also important to provide the beam over a wide range of the beam intensity. For this purpose, we utilize a biased disk method²⁾ and a support gas method³⁾ for ECR10. For further increase of the beam intensity, a previous research attempted to upgrade an extraction system of ECR10⁴⁾. The original extraction system consists of two electrodes: a plasma electrode and a ground electrode. The simple configuration is stable and easy to extract the ions but is difficult to increase the number of ions without an increase of the emittance. Therefore, the previous research added two electrodes between the existing electrodes; one works as an extraction electrode, and the other works as a focusing electrode. These electrodes were connected by ceramic rods. Unfortunately, the extraction system could not work continuously because the extracted ions and the secondary particles collided the ceramic rods directly and the insulation resistance immediately decreased. Here we report a modification of the extraction system.

Figure 1 shows the modified extraction system. The ceramic rods are placed away from the beam axis. The electrodes are made of SUS316. The extraction electrode, the focusing electrode, and the ground electrode are designed to block the path of particles toward the ceramic rods. The details and the layout were determined with IGUN⁵⁾, which can simulate extraction of positive ions from ion sources. After installing the system, we confirmed that we could apply about ± 5 kV and +5 kV to the extraction electrode and the focusing electrode with respect to the ground electrode, respectively. A higher voltage than the above value triggered discharge or fluctuation of the voltage.

In order to demonstrate the practicality of the extraction system, we extracted ^{16}O ions. Figure 2 shows the experimental setup. The extracted ions are analyzed by a bending magnet and a slit. The current is measured with a Faraday cup. Because the distance between ECR10 and the glazer magnet is more than 1 m and focusing elements are not enough, the emittance of the beam becomes large due to its space charge. Therefore, we will evaluate the effect of the extraction system after an upgrade of the beam line in the future. The test was done for a few days. During the test, a decrease of the insulation resistance was not observed. Figure 3 shows the measured beam current as a function of the mass number to charge ratio. The maximum beam current of $^{16}\text{O}^{5+}$ was about 80 μA , which is the almost same as the maximum current with the original extraction system (about 90 μA).

After the demonstration, ECR10 has supplied various ions ($^{12}\text{C}^{4+}$, $^{15}\text{N}^{3+}$, $^{16}\text{O}^{5+}$, $^{18}\text{O}^{5+}$, $^{20}\text{Ne}^{4+}$, $^{40}\text{Ar}^{8+}$, $^{84}\text{Kr}^{17+}$, and $^{129}\text{Xe}^{25+}$) with the extraction system. These beam currents were the same as those with the original extraction system. During the operation, no maintenance has been performed since it is very difficult to uninstall the extraction system. Therefore, the electrodes have been shaved gradually and substances have attached to the ceramic rods. Finally, the insulation resistance between the focusing electrode and the ground electrode decreased by one order of magnitude. Now the extraction system is under maintenance. The total operating time was more than 500 hours.

In summary, in order to increase the beam intensity from the 930 AVF cyclotron accelerator, we are upgrading an extraction system of ECR10. We solved a problem of insulation resistance of ceramic rods by modifying shape of three electrodes. By using the extraction system, we have supplied various ions to CYRIC users. The currents were the same as those with the original extraction system. In the future, we will evaluate the effect of the extraction system by upgrading the beam line. In addition, we will improve a method to uninstall the extraction system for maintenance.

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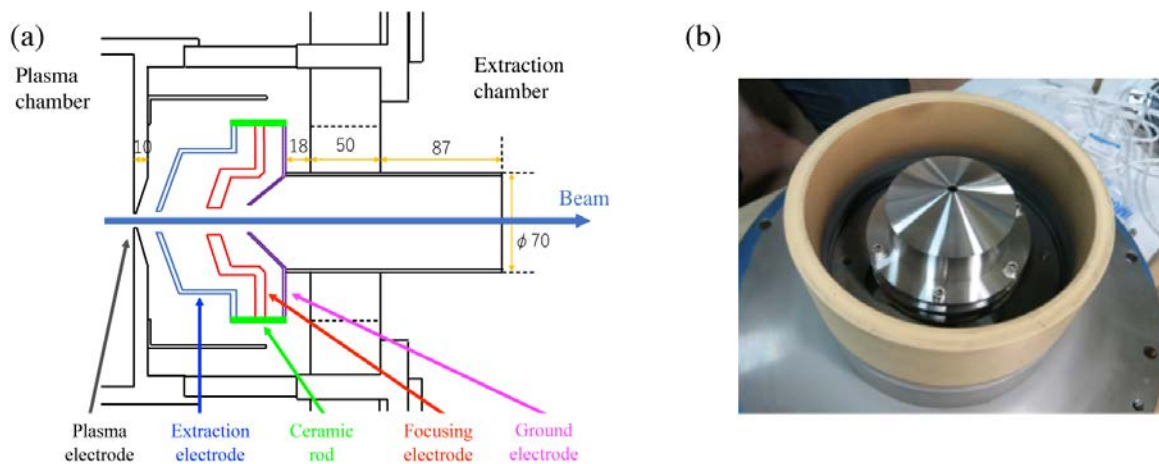


Figure 1. Schematic view (a) and picture (b) of the modified extraction system.

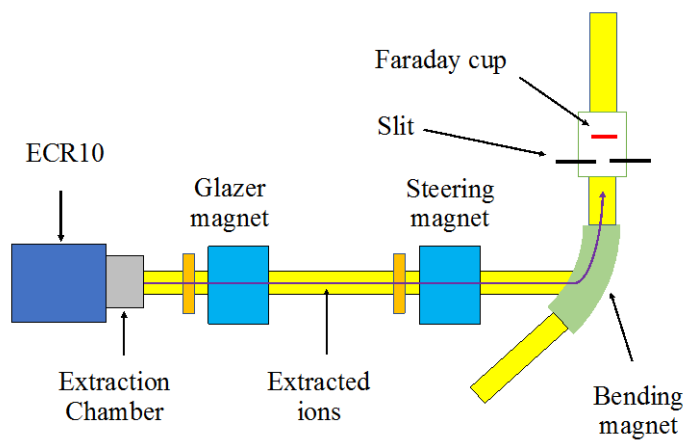


Figure 2. Experimental setup.

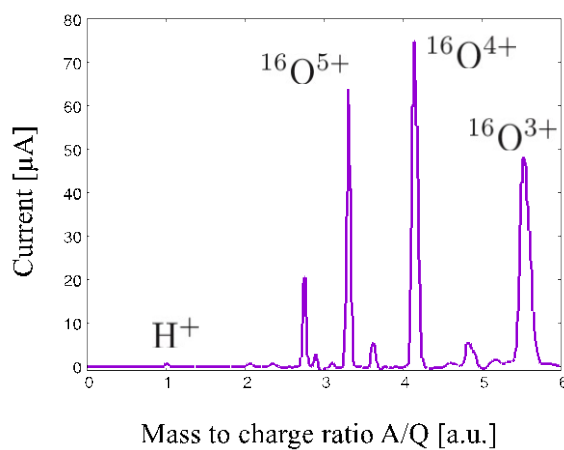


Figure 3. Beam current as a function of the mass number to charge ratio.