

**The ECR Caprice Sources of Multicharged Ions:
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sur la Matière Condensée, CEA/Grenoble - An upgrade
version 1.2 T-14.5 GHz, of previous compact Caprice
sources of multicharged ions is presented. The three
main ingredients of ECR ion sources have been
optimized: (i) the magnetic configuration has high
axial and radial magnetic fields, (ii) the 14.5 GHz rf
frequency is compatible with the high magnetic field,
(iii) more efficient electron sources allow the electron
density to reach higher values (both first stage and wall
coating as sources of electrons). Thus high ion currents
can be extracted both for gases and metallic elements:
1130 eμA of O⁶⁺, 190 eμA of O⁷⁺, and 100 eμA of
AR¹²⁺, as well as 10 eμA of Ca¹⁴⁺, 3 eμA of Fe¹⁷⁺
and Ni²⁰⁺, 1 eμA of U³⁷⁺. A new prototype, Caprice
II, is being designed and will be also presented: the
hexapole field is about 1.6 T, the source will be able to
work at 14 and 18 GHz with boosted performance.