SELECTIVE AND TIME-RESOLVED FOURIER TRANSFORM ION SPECTRA.

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This paper illustrates some aspects of the work begun at LPPM in the field of Fourier Transform Ion Spectroscopy. Double-modulation and time-resolved emission FT spectra of molecular ions, created in glow discharges, are presented. The processing of first derivative-type selective lineshapes^a is discussed. Results aiming at characterizing the transport properties and the abundance of ions in plasmas are reported.

As an illustration, the quantum dependence of the average mobility of ArH⁺ in an Ar/He mixture in an inhomogeneous electric field has been investigated from Doppler-shifts measurements^b. This first demonstration extends to wide-band spectroscopy the measurements pioneered by Haese, Pan, and Oka^c with diode-lasers, in similar source conditions. Spectroscopic means can now provide high quality state-resolved plasma characterization, as proven with lasers, in homogeneous electric fields, for instance in Leone's group^d.

The determination of the rovibrational intensities of the Δv =1 sequence of ArH⁺ has been undertaken. First attempts to observe ionic species in C, N, H containing electrical discharges are also reported.

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