# Results from gas density measurement for plasma cell

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#### Plasma cell status after extraction from the tunnel

> When we did experiment in the tunnel

- The amount of Li inside was 25g
- Buffer gas pressure was 0.27 mbar
- > Big amount of Li was deposited on cold regions of the plasma cell



## Hook method results before the pressure and Li amount was increased in the plasma cell



@350 °C

One arm of interferometer is closed



@650 °C

#### Spectrum after the plasma cell



Spectrum @ 680 °C

The signal @~670.7 should disappear during the plasma cell cooling while the other signals should remain there.



### Change in the intensity of the signal



**Cooling direction** 

> Rough calculation shows gas density ~  $9 \times 10^{14} cm^{-3}$ , which strongly depends on the length of the Li gas column.

Absorption spectrum @ 670.7 nm is almost undetectable – reason for why I didn't observed the hooks

How to increase the density?

#### **Solution**

- > 6.5 g of additional Li was loaded on Monday (initial amount was 25 g)
- > Buffer gas pressure was increased from 0.27 to 0.67 mbar



### Change in the intensity of the signal



- > Rough calculation shows gas density ~  $2 \times 10^{15} cm^{-3}$ , which strongly depends on the length of the Li gas column.
- Expecting the density measurement by hook's method



#### **Evidence of plasma**



Before plasma cell (ArF laser)

After plasma cell



### Plasma generation in 1L18

Laser off



#### Laser on





#### **Plasma generation in 1L18**

> We still have one normal glass window on the opposite to the laser side, so it is impossible to measure laser absorption at the moment





#### Kapton windows are destroyed after dismounting

Possible reason is the reaction of thin Li layer deposited on the foil with air



#### New Kapton windows are in preparation



#### **>** KW34:

- Monday: load additional Lithium, install the MgF2 window, heat up to 400 °C for the virtual leak fixing
- Tuesday: pump out the VL, adjust buffer gas pressure, transfer the cell to 1L18, heat to nominal operational temperature, record Li absorption line while heating
- Wednesday: generate plasma with the ArF laser
- Thursday/Friday: Li vapor density measurement. Try to record the plasma spectrum. Monitor Li absorption line over time (over weekend?) to see if Li vapor density is constant or not

**>** KW35:

- install Kapton windows and the second MgF2 window
- optional: load more Lithium (depends on the absorption line behavior and visual inspection of condensed Li on the walls)
- install the plasma cell in the tunnel (latest on Wednesday)
- do laser absorption measurement for cooled and heated state of the cell



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### Monochromator design for white light absorption for gas density measurement







$$n_0 L = -\frac{1}{\sigma} \ln \left( \frac{E_{transmitted}}{E_{incident}} \right)$$



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