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Analyzing electron beam using BPM from “Lecture Notes on Topics in Accelerator Physics, Section 4: Fast Ion Instability”
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Assume we have a beam position monitor (BPM) located at $s = 0$ along the accelerator. Let an electron bunch of length l circulate in a storage ring of circumference $C = cT_0$. Since the beam is bunched, the BPM will measure an alternating current signal via pick-up electrodes. Based on the amplitudes of the signals on the electrodes, the position of the beam can be determined. The time-dependent signal seen by the BPM is

$$\text{signal}(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} y_e(kC|ct - kC)|_{0 < ct - kC < l}$$

where y_e is the transverse distance of an electron from the beam centroid and k sums over multiple turns. We can take a Fourier transform of the BPM signal into frequency space:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{spectrum}(\Omega) &\propto \int_0^{\infty} dt e^{-i\Omega t} \text{signal}(t) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{l/c} dt' e^{-i\Omega(t' + kT_0)} y_e(kC|ct') \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{-i(\Omega + \omega_\beta)kT_0} \int_0^{l/c} dt' e^{-i(\Omega - \omega_I)t'} \tilde{y}_e(kC|ct') \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{-i(\Omega + \omega_\beta)kT_0} \int_0^{l/c} dt' e^{-i(\Omega - \omega_I)t'} \frac{e^{\eta'}}{\sqrt{2\pi\eta'}} \end{aligned}$$

where $\eta' = t' \sqrt{K\omega_I kC/2\omega_\beta l}$. From the second to third step, the form of y_e was used:

$$y_e(s|z) = \tilde{y}_e(s|z) e^{-i\omega_\beta s/c + i\omega_I z/c}$$

The integral in the last step is of the form:

$$I = \int_0^{l/c} dt' \frac{e^{(B-iA)t'}}{\sqrt{2\pi B t'}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi B}} (-B + iA)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}, (-B + iA) \frac{l}{c}\right)$$

where $A = \Omega - \omega_I$ and $B = \sqrt{K\omega_I kC/2\omega_\beta l}$ and $\gamma(\alpha, x)$ is the lower incomplete Gamma function:

$$\gamma(\alpha, x) = \int_0^x t^{\alpha-1} e^{-t} dt$$

For $|x| \gg 1$, $\gamma(\alpha, x) \approx -x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x}$. Thus, with $|A|l/c \gg Bl/c \gg 1$ (from the validity criterion $\frac{\omega_I l}{c} \gg \eta \gg 1$ with

$$\eta = \frac{z}{c} \sqrt{\frac{K\omega_I s}{2\omega_\beta l}},$$

$$I \approx \sqrt{\frac{l/c}{2\pi B}} e^{Bl/c} \left(\frac{e^{-iAl/2c} \sin \frac{Al}{2c}}{Al/2c} \right)$$

We can then plug this into the equation for spectrum (Ω) . If we measure the signal in a small window around a large $k = \bar{k}$ (note that the signal obviously diverges for $k \rightarrow \infty$), we have

$$|\text{spectrum}(\Omega)| \propto y_0 \sqrt{\frac{l/c}{2\pi B}} e^{\bar{B}l/c} \left| \frac{\sin \frac{(\Omega - \omega_I)l}{2c}}{(\Omega - \omega_I)l/2c} \right| \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\Omega + \omega_\beta - p\omega_0)$$

where $\omega_0 = 2\pi/T_0$ is the revolution angular frequency, $\bar{B} = \sqrt{K\omega_I \bar{k}C/2\omega_\beta l}$ (similar to η above), and we have plugged in $A = \Omega - \omega_I$. We see that the electron beam spectrum contains δ -function peaks at $\Omega = p\omega_0 - \omega_\beta$ corresponding to the lower betatron sidebands of all revolution harmonics. It also contains a broad envelope $\frac{\sin[(\Omega - \omega_I)l/2c]}{(\Omega - \omega_I)l/2c}$ around $\Omega = \omega_I$, the characteristic ion frequency, with width $\Delta\Omega \pm \pi c/l$. Thus, for longer bunches, the width of the envelope decreases and becomes more defined. The entire spectrum also grows with time according to the factor $e^{\bar{B}l/c}/\sqrt{2\pi\bar{B}l/c}$, as we would expect. To see what this spectrum looks like, we can plot $|\text{spectrum}(\Omega)|$ as a function of Ω for several cases. First, we can assume that the beam is made up of small bunches, which corresponds to $l \ll C = cT_0 = \frac{2\pi c}{\omega_0}$. Then, with $\text{sinc}(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{x}$ being the unnormalized sinc function, we have

$$\frac{|\text{spectrum}(\Omega)|}{y_0} = \sqrt{\frac{l/c}{2\pi\bar{B}}} e^{\bar{B}l/c} |\text{sinc}[(\Omega - \omega_I)l/2c]| \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\Omega + \omega_\beta - p\omega_0)$$

Lets plug in some reasonable numbers: $\omega_\beta = 5\text{MHz}$, $K = \frac{4\Sigma n N c^2 r_e}{\gamma a^2}$, $6.5 \times 10^7 \text{s}^{-2}$, $C = 2000\text{m}$, $y_0 = 1$, $T_0 = C/c = 6.7\mu\text{s}$, and $\omega_0 \approx 0.942\text{MHz}$ (the revolution angular frequency). We'll make plots of $\frac{|\text{spectrum}(\Omega)|}{y_0}$ vs. Ω for various values for \bar{k} , l , and ω_I . We'll consider the characteristic frequencies $\omega_I = \sqrt{\frac{2Nr_p c^2}{la^2 A}}$ for H_2^+ , CH_4^+ , N_2^+ , and CO_2^+ with $N = 10^{11}$ electrons, $a = 1\text{mm}$, $r_p = 1.54 \times 10^{-16}\text{cm}$, and $A = \frac{M}{m_p}$ ($A_{\text{H}_2^+} = 2$, $A_{\text{CH}_4^+} = 16$, $A_{\text{N}_2^+} = 28$, $A_{\text{CO}_2^+} = 44$). Below is a table of parameters/calculated values for each plot:

Plot	\bar{k}	$\omega_I(\text{Hz})$	$l(\text{m})$	$\bar{B}(\text{Hz})$
1	10^1	$1.18 \times 10^8 (\text{H}_2^+)$	1	3.91×10^6
2	10^1	$4.16 \times 10^7 (\text{CH}_4^+)$	1	2.32×10^6
3	10^1	$3.15 \times 10^7 (\text{N}_2^+)$	1	2.02×10^6
4	10^1	$2.51 \times 10^7 (\text{CO}_2^+)$	1	1.81×10^6
5	10^2	$1.18 \times 10^8 (\text{H}_2^+)$	1	1.24×10^7
6	10^4	$1.18 \times 10^8 (\text{H}_2^+)$	1	1.24×10^8
7	10^1	$3.72 \times 10^7 (\text{H}_2^+)$	10	6.96×10^5
8	10^1	$1.18 \times 10^7 (\text{H}_2^+)$	100	1.24×10^5
9	10^1	$4.16 \times 10^6 (\text{CH}_4^+)$	100	7.36×10^4
10	10^1	$3.15 \times 10^6 (\text{N}_2^+)$	100	6.40×10^4
11	10^1	$2.51 \times 10^6 (\text{CO}_2^+)$	100	5.71×10^4
12	10^1	All Four ω_I	100	N/A

Table 1: Calculated values for \bar{B} for various \bar{k}

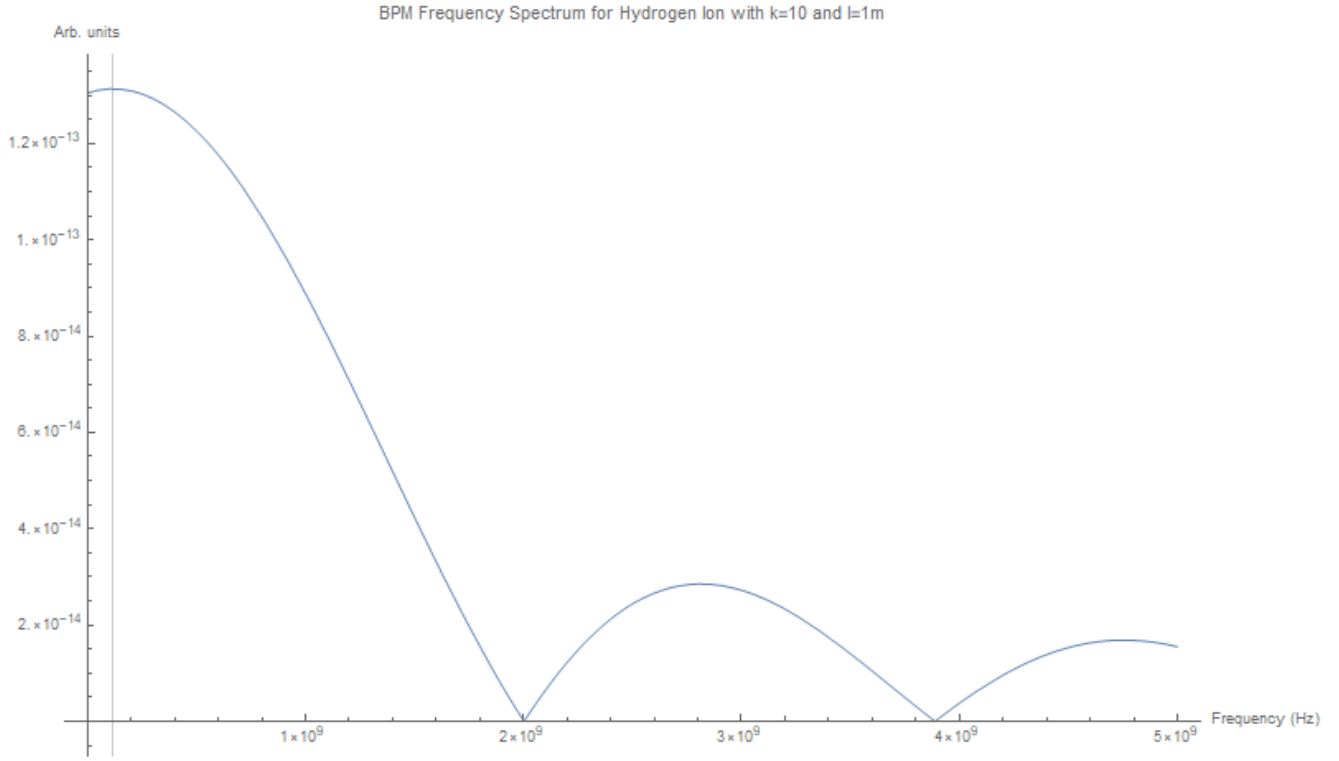


Figure 1: BPM Frequency Spectrum 1: H_2^+ with $k = 10$, and $l = 1m$

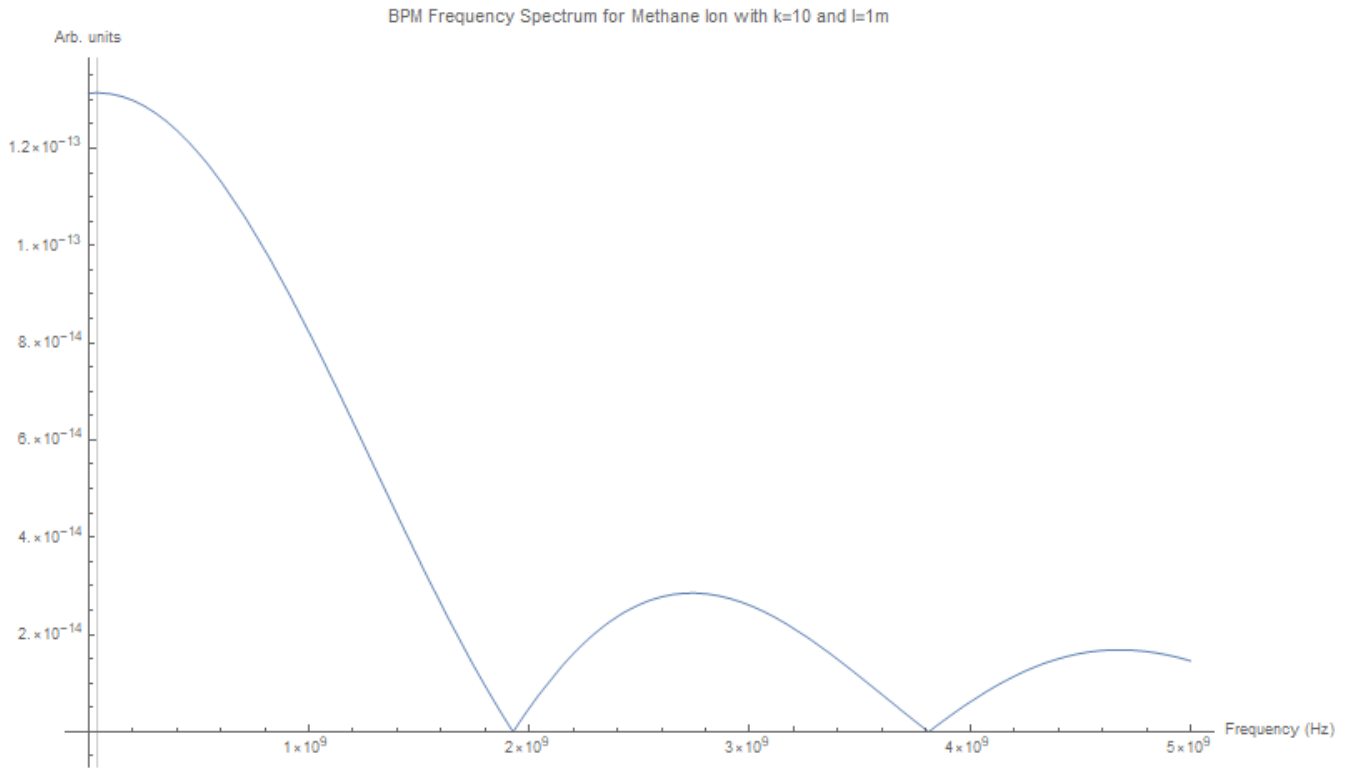


Figure 2: BPM Frequency Spectrum 2: CH_4^+ with $k = 10$ and $l = 1m$

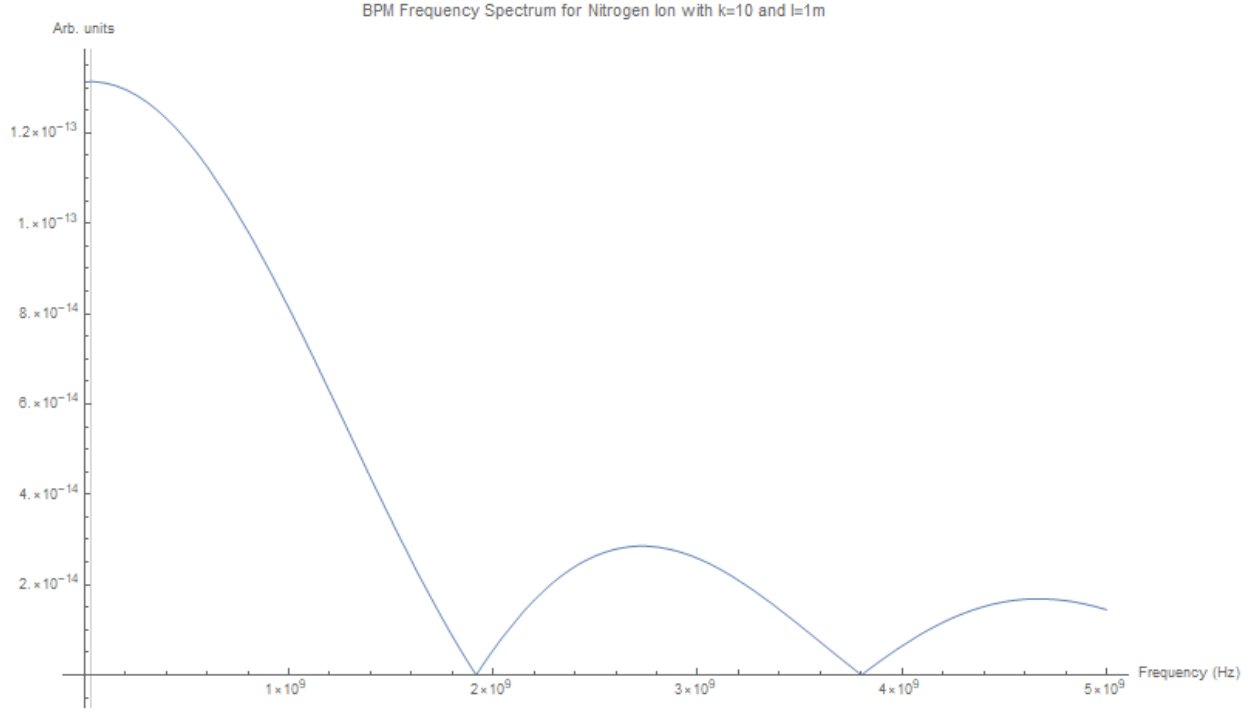


Figure 3: BPM Frequency Spectrum 3: N_2^+ with $k = 10$ and $l = 1m$

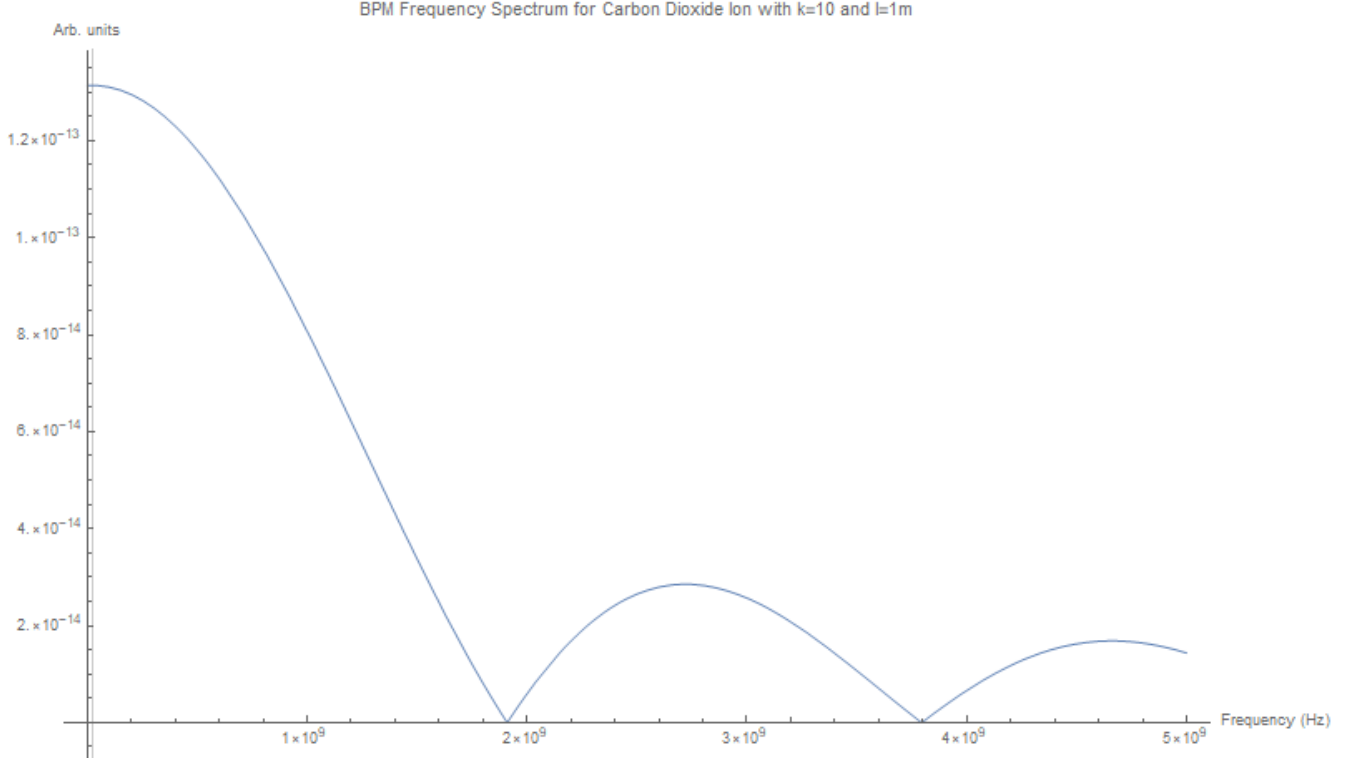


Figure 4: BPM Frequency Spectrum 4: CO_2^+ with $k = 10$ and $l = 1m$

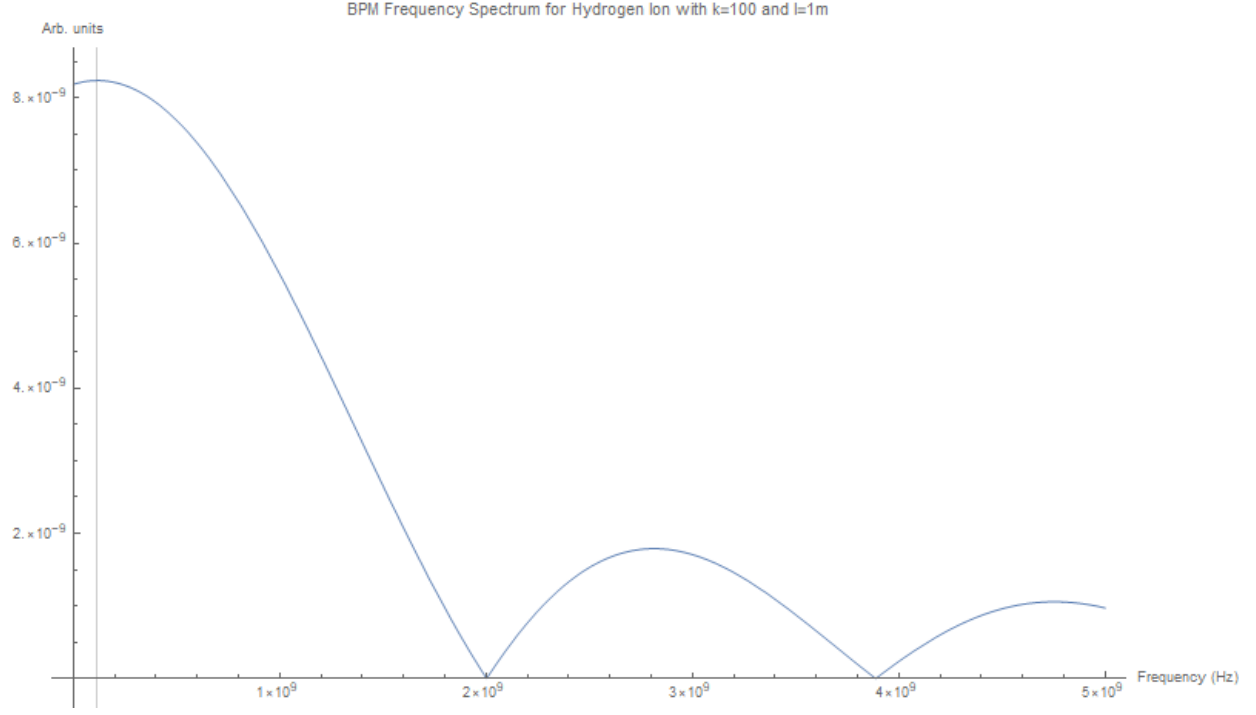


Figure 5: BPM Frequency Spectrum 5: H_2^+ with $k = 100$ and $l = 1m$

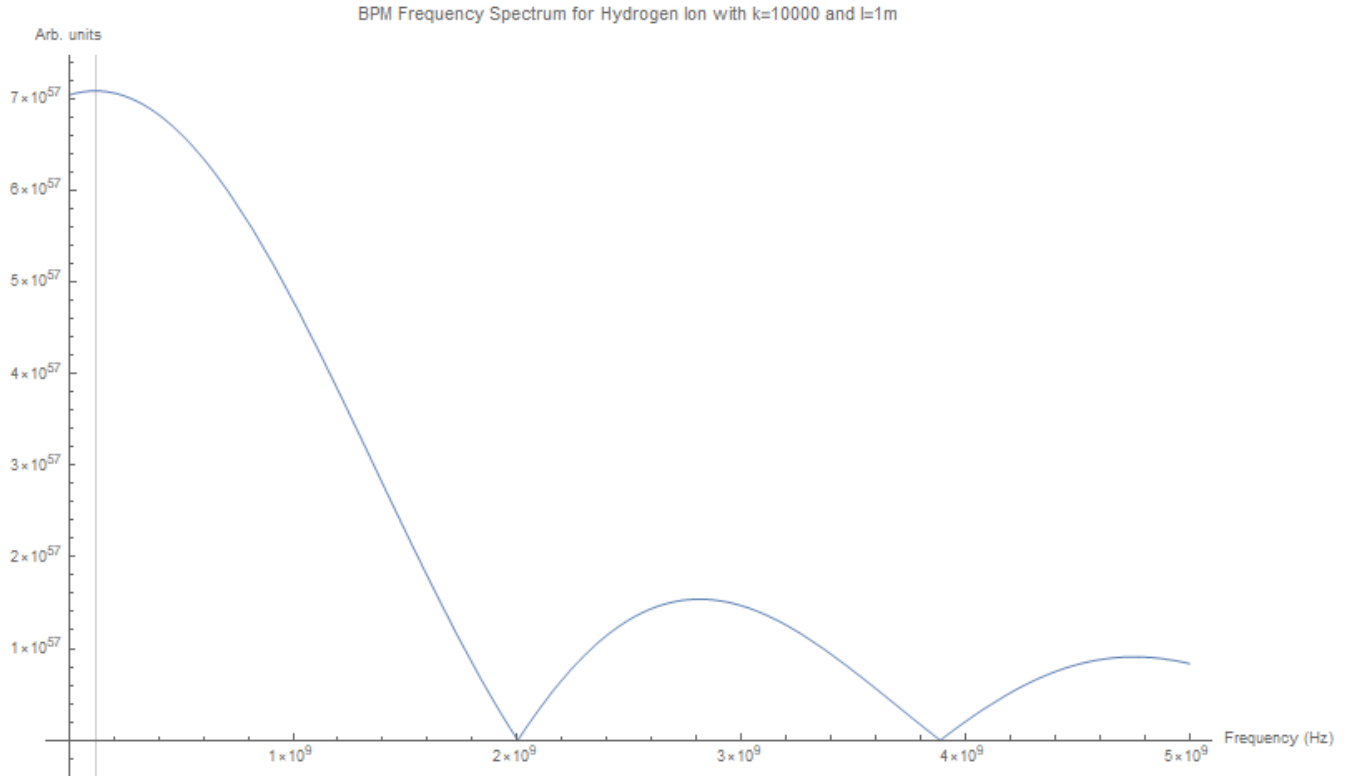


Figure 6: BPM Frequency Spectrum 6: H_2^+ with $k = 10000$ and $l = 1m$

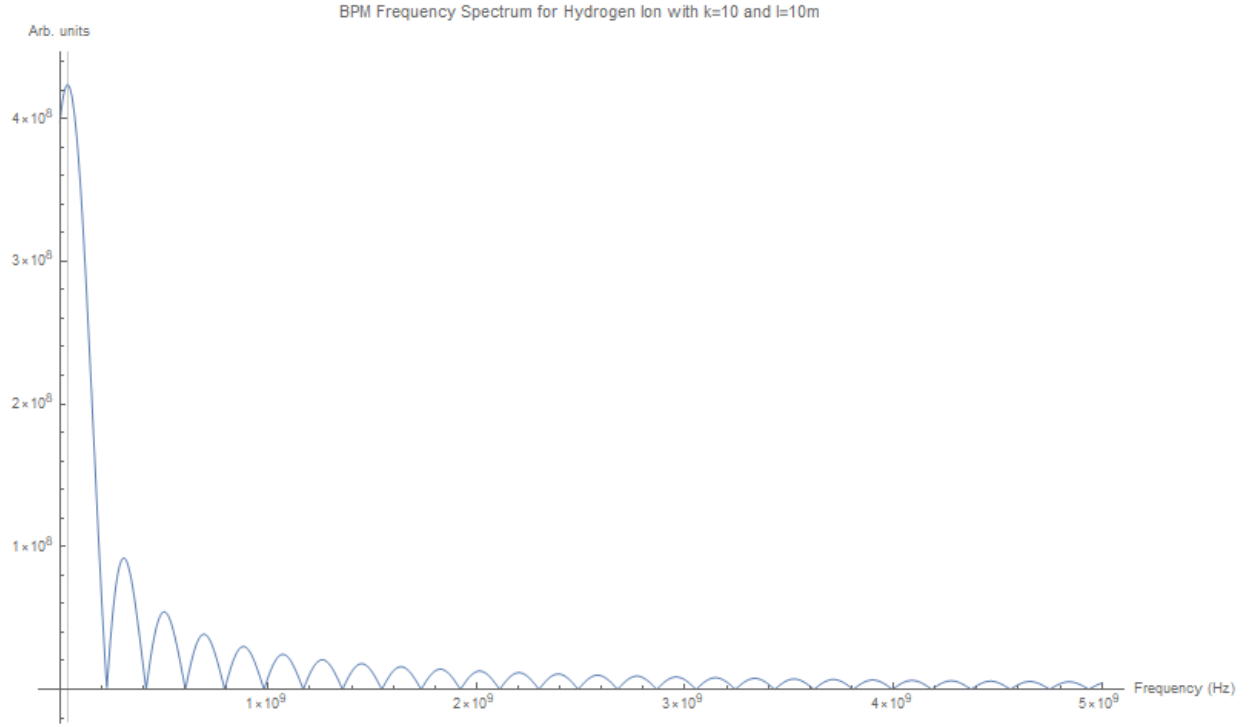


Figure 7: BPM Frequency Spectrum 7: H_2^+ with $k = 10$ and $l = 10m$

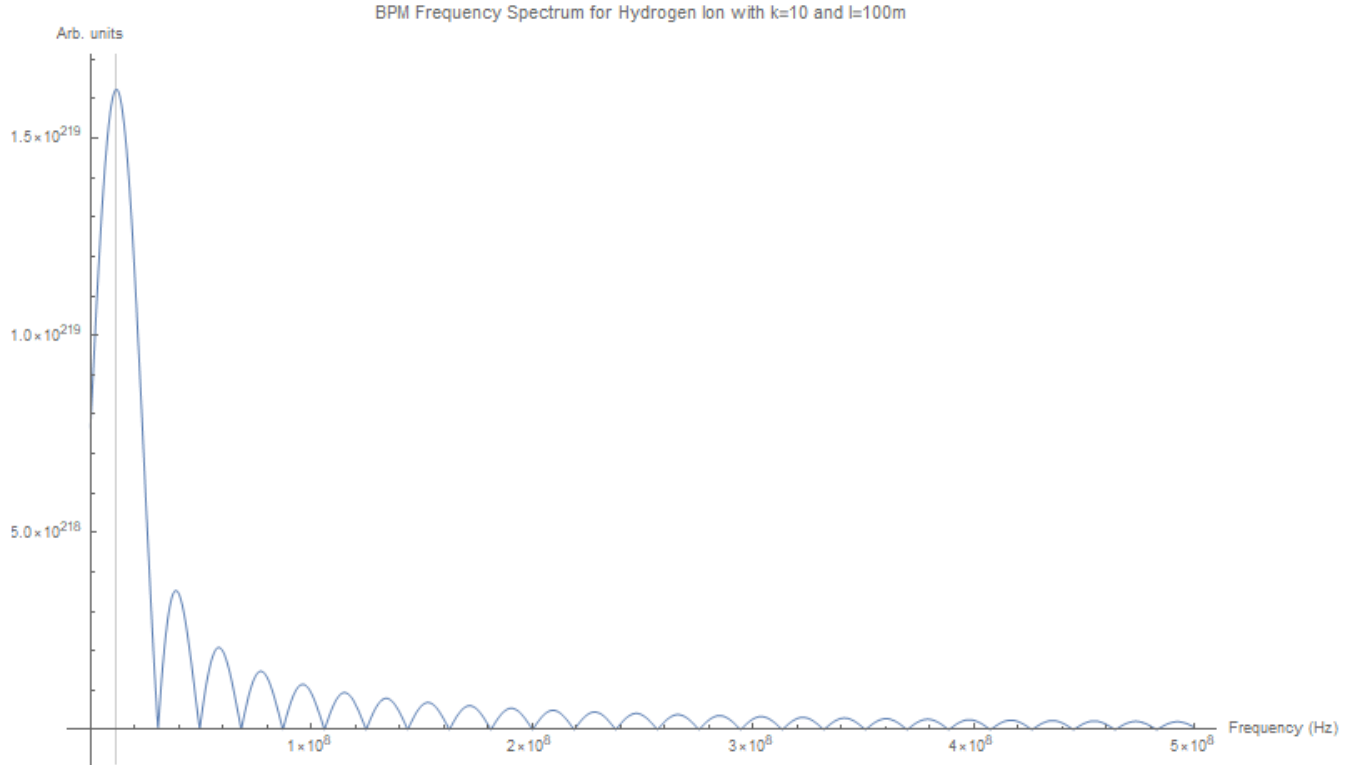


Figure 8: BPM Frequency Spectrum 8: H_2^+ with $k = 10$, $l = 100m$

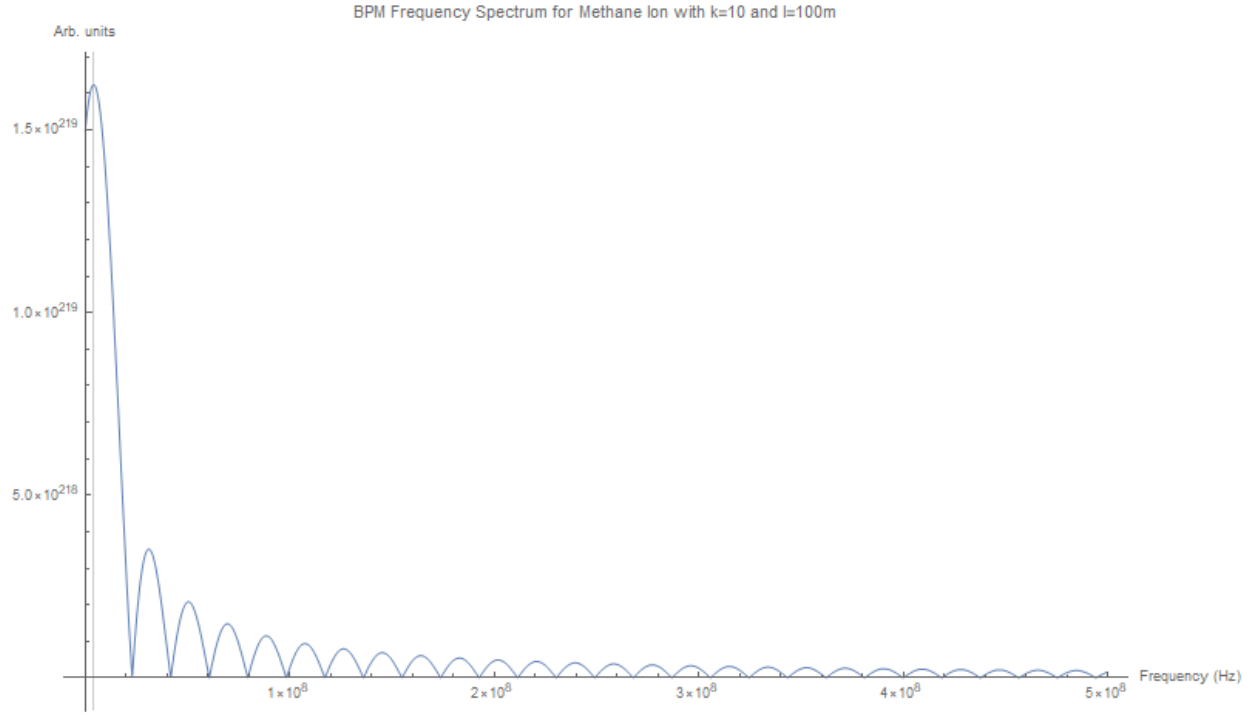


Figure 9: BPM Frequency Spectrum 9: CH_4^+ with $k = 10$ and $l = 100m$

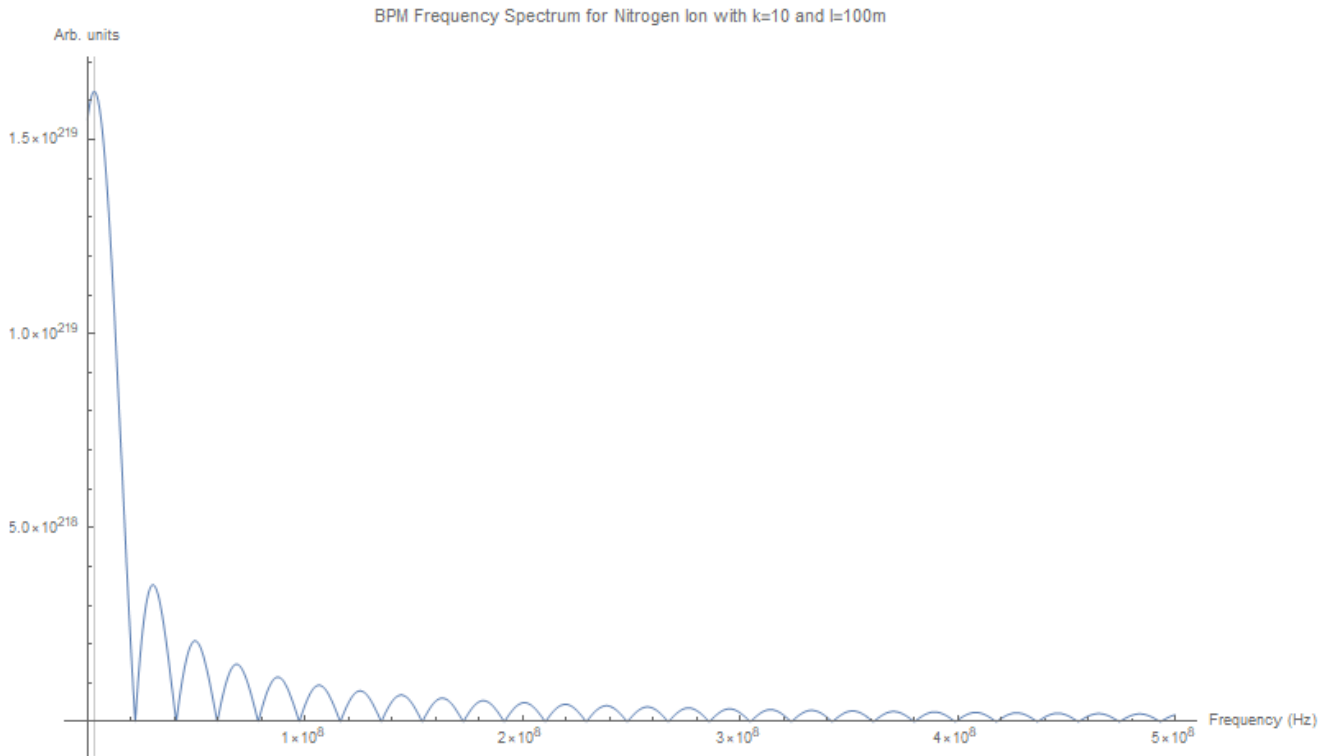


Figure 10: BPM Frequency Spectrum 10: N_2^+ with $k = 10$ and $l = 100m$

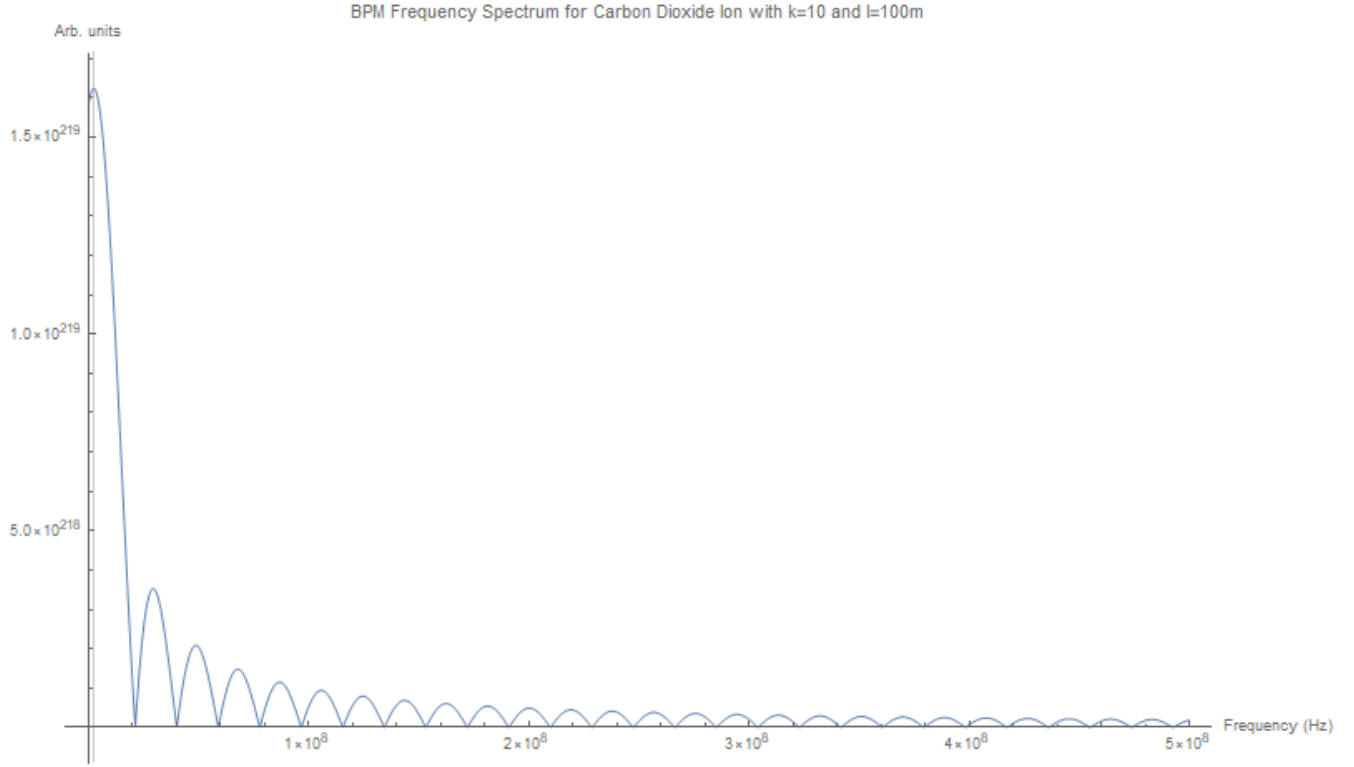


Figure 11: BPM Frequency Spectrum 11: CO_2^+ with $k = 10$ and $l = 100m$

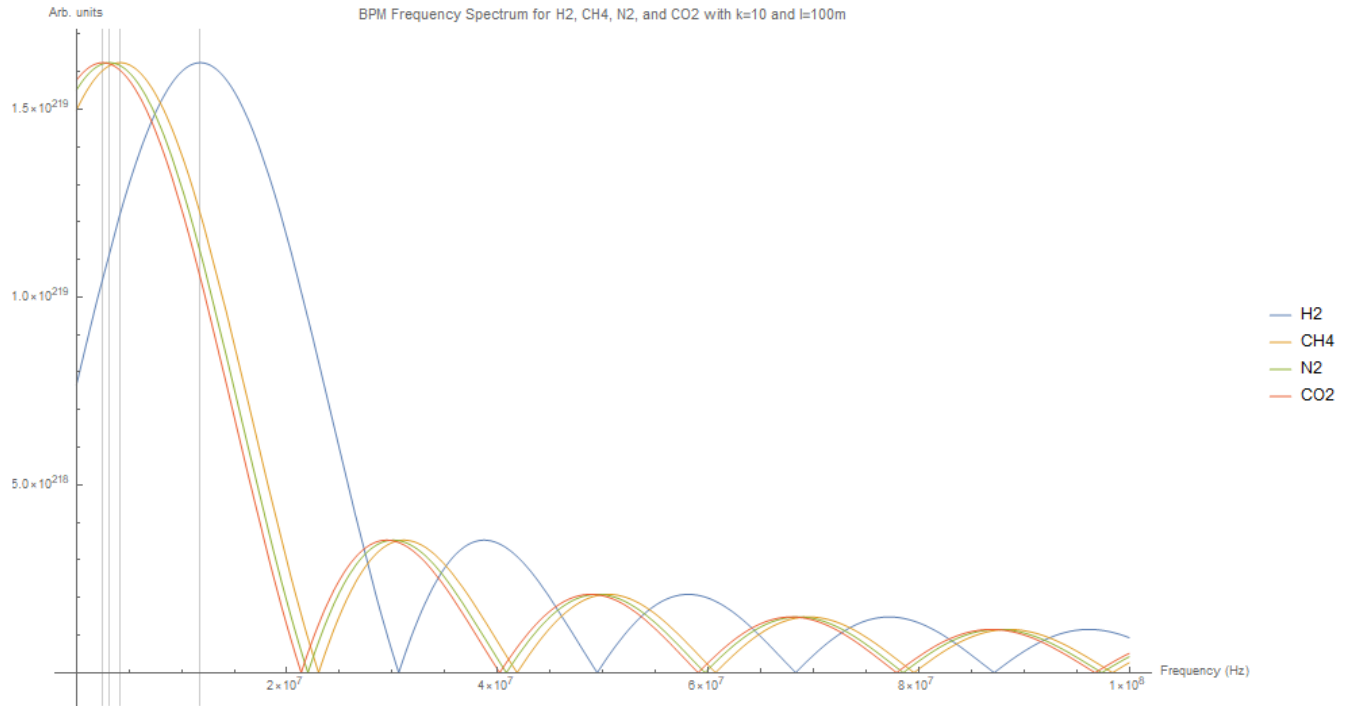


Figure 12: BPM Frequency Spectrum 12: H_2^+ , CH_4^+ , N_2^+ and CO_2^+ with $k = 10$ and $l = 100m$