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## **Supplementary Information**

Fig. 1 Schematic diagram of the SCGD system.



Fig. 2 Geometrical interpretation of the Abel transform in a cylindrically symmetric plasma. (a)Cylindrical symmetric plasma, (b)Transverse intensity.



Fig. 3 SCGD photographs after ignition on the surface. Conditions: supporting electrolyte:  $HNO_3$ , solution pH: 1.0, discharge current: 70 mA, and flow rate: 2.92 mL min<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. 4 Vertical spectral signal maps for several elements categorized as (a)concentrated, (b)semiconcentrated, (c)semi-diffuse, or (d)diffuse, depending on the profile structure. Conditions: 1 mg per L Rb, 0.5 mg per L K, 2 mg per L In, 2 mg per L Ag, 5 mg per L Ca, 2 mg per L Cu, 3 mg per L Mn, 2.5 mg per L Cd, supporting electrolyte: HNO<sub>3</sub>, solution pH: 1.0, discharge current: 70 mA, and flow rate: 2.92 mL min<sup>-1</sup>.





Fig. 5 Vertical comparison SBR maps for several elements categorized as (a)concentrated,
(b)semi-concentrated, (c)semi-diffuse, or (d)diffuse, depending on the profile structure.
Conditions: 1 mg per L Rb, 0.5 mg per L K, 2 mg per L In, 2 mg per L Ag, 5 mg per L Ca, 2 mg per L Cu, 3 mg per L Mn, 2.5 mg per L Cd, supporting electrolyte: HNO<sub>3</sub>, solution pH: 1.0, discharge current: 70 mA, and flow rate: 2.92 mL min<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. 6 Vertical comparison DLs maps for several elements categorized as (a)concentrated,
(b)semi-concentrated, (c)semi-diffuse, or (d)diffuse, depending on the profile structure.
Conditions: 1 mg per L Rb, 0.5 mg per L K, 2 mg per L In, 2 mg per L Ag, 5 mg per L Ca, 2 mg per L Cu, 3 mg per L Mn, 2.5 mg per L Cd, supporting electrolyte: HNO<sub>3</sub>, solution pH: 1.0, discharge current: 70 mA, and flow rate: 2.92 mL min<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. 7 Spectral intensity of main species in blank solution before and after Abel inversion; (a) Single-sided lateral distribution of spectral intensity; (b) Radial distribution of emissivity after Abel inversion. Conditions: supporting electrolyte: HNO<sub>3</sub>, solution pH: 1.0, discharge current: 70 mA, and flow rate: 2.92 mL min<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. 8 Lateral distribution of spectral intensity of metal elements along the y-axis. Conditions: 1 mg per L Rb, 0.5 mg per L K, 2 mg per L In, 2 mg per L Ag, 5 mg per L Ca, 2 mg per L Cu, 3 mg per L Mn, 2.5 mg per L Cd, supporting electrolyte: HNO<sub>3</sub>, solution pH: 1.0, discharge current: 70 mA, and flow rate: 2.92 mL min<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. 9 Concentrated element K before and after Abel inversion; (a) Single-sided lateral distribution of spectral intensity; (b) Radial distribution of emissivity after Abel inversion. Conditions: 0.5 mg per L K, supporting electrolyte: HNO<sub>3</sub>, solution pH: 1.0, discharge current: 70 mA, and flow rate: 2.92 mL min<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. 10 Semi-concentrated element Ag before and after Abel inversion; (a) Single-sided lateral distribution of spectral intensity; (b) Radial distribution of emissivity after Abel inversion.
Conditions: 2 mg per L Ag, supporting electrolyte: HNO<sub>3</sub>, solution pH: 1.0, discharge current: 70 mA, and flow rate: 2.92 mL min<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. 11 Semi-diffuse element Cu before and after Abel inversion; (a) Single-sided lateral distribution of spectral intensity; (b) Radial distribution of emissivity after Abel inversion.
Conditions: 2 mg per L Cu, supporting electrolyte: HNO<sub>3</sub>, solution pH: 1.0, discharge current: 70 mA, and flow rate: 2.92 mL min<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. 12 Diffuse element Cd before and after Abel inversion; (a) Single-sided lateral distribution of spectral intensity; (b) Radial distribution of emissivity after Abel inversion. Conditions: 2.5 mg per L Cd, supporting electrolyte: HNO<sub>3</sub>, solution pH: 1.0, discharge current: 70 mA, and flow rate: 2.92 mL min<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. 13 The Lorentzian fitting of  $H_{\alpha}$  (656.35 nm).



Fig. 14 Radial distribution of electron number density. Conditions: supporting electrolyte: HNO<sub>3</sub>, solution pH: 1.0, discharge current: 70 mA, and flow rate: 2.92 mL min<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. 15 Radial distribution of plasma electron excitation temperature. Conditions: supporting electrolyte: HNO<sub>3</sub>, solution pH: 1.0, discharge current: 70 mA, and flow rate: 2.92 mL min<sup>-1</sup>.

Table1:

Vertical profile maximum spectral intensity ( $I_{max}$ ), maximum SBR ( $S/B_{max}$ ), and minimum DLs ( $DLs_{min}$ ) for various elements in SCGD, measured from the anode surface.

Flement , Wavelength	Position of	Position of	Position of
	$S/B_{max}(mm)$	$I_{max}(mm)$	DLs <sub>min</sub> (mm)
Concentrated			
K I,766.95nm	3.5	3.5	3.5
Rb I,780.16nm	3.7	3.7	3.6
In I,450.61nm	3.3	3.3	3.3
Semi-concentrated			
Ca I, 622.85nm	1.9	1.9	1.9
Ag I, 328.96nm	3.2	3.1	3.1
Semi-diffuse			
Cu I,327.31nm	1.4	1.5	1.5
Mn I,403.76nm	1.5	1.6	1.5
Diffuse			
Cd I, 228.78nm	1.8	1.9	1.8

Table2:

Spectroscopic parameters of the selected lines of  $H_{\alpha}$  and  $H_{\beta}$ .

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Element	Wavelength( nm )	Transition	Upper Level	Lower Level	
		Probability (s <sup>-1</sup> )	Energy( eV )	Energy( eV )	
H <sub>α</sub>	656.6nm	5.38×10 <sup>7</sup>	12.08	10.19	
$H_{\beta}$	486.1nm	$1.71 \times 10^{7}$	12.74	10.19	

	Wavelengt - h ( nm )	DI	Improvement	
Element		Transverse position y=0	Abel inversion maximum point position	factor
K	766.95	1.2	0.3	4.0
In	450.61	22.4	9.7	2.3
Rb	780.16	2.5	1.5	1.7
Ag	328.96	17.8	9.3	1.9
Ca	622.85	58.2	45.19	1.3
Cu	327.31	55.2	40.2	1.4
Mn	403.76	94.2	86.6	1.1
Cd	228.78	27.1	19.4	1.4

Table3: Comparison of DLs for elements.