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Observing Pseudowaves in a Multi-Species Plasma using an Antenna/Receiver Setup¹ J.P. SHEEHAN, NOAH HERSHKOWITZ, University of Wisconsin - Madison — Ion bursts known as pseduowaves are created and detected in a low temperature ($T_e \approx 1 \text{eV}$, $n_e \approx 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-3}$) plasma confined in a multi-dipole chamber. A negative-going square wave on a gridded antenna (14 cm diameter) is used to launch the pseudowaves in an argon/neon plasma. They are detected by a single-sided plate receiver (3.5 cm diameter) collecting ion saturation current. Results show the ability of this technique to create and observe pseudowaves in a multi-ion species plasma. Application in determining ion concentrations in a multi-ion species plasma is presented.

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