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Accelerators for Spallation Neutron Sources

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## **Course description**



Level: Introductory; overview Prerequisites: Physics 101 Duration: 1h 30 min Topics: - General concept of accelerator for Spallation Neutron Source - Fundamentals of accelerators; vocabulary; concepts - Example: design of the SNS Exercise session: Questions, discussion, demonstration of beam dynamics simulation codes

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SI units will be used with one exception:

Beam kinetic energy is expressed in electron volt (eV), instead of Joules.

1eV=energy acquired by a particle with electronic charge 1.602 X 10-19 C accelerated through 1 Volt.

 $1 MeV = 10^{6} eV$ 

 $1 \text{GeV} = 10^9 \text{ eV}$ 



#### **Development of neutron science facilities**





(Updated from Neutron Scattering, K. Skold and D. L. Price: eds., Academic Press, 1986)

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Efficient use of beam power requires W > 1GeV

> Approximately same neutron yield will be produced by 1 GeV \* 2 mA beam and 2 GeV \* 1 mA beam

➢Trade off between beam current and energy provides flexibility in choosing type of accelerator (will be discuss later)







> Pulsed operation allows neutron energy separation by resolving time of arrival to the detector: faster neutrons arrive earlier slower neutrons arrive later



#### **Choosing design parameters : beam pulse time structure**

Seam pulse length  $\tau$  should be much shorter than neutron pulse widening in the moderator to preserve resolution of Time-of-Flight energy separation. Typically,  $\tau < 1 \ \mu s$ .

> Time between pulses T should be large enough to prevent "frame-overlap" from consecutive pulses. Typically, T > 10 ms (or repetition rate < 100 Hz).

*Time widths W (FWHM) of neutrons emerging from a room-temperature water moderator in different regimes.* 

➢ Accelerator stability improves if pulse rate is synchronized with AC power line: 60 Hz, 30 Hz, 20 Hz ... in USA (50 Hz, 25 Hz, 10 Hz ... in Europe).

In pulsed systems distinguish peak values of parameters (e.g. current, power) vs. average values.

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How to resolve discrepancy?

- 1. Increase beam energy to 200 GeV. Impractical and cost prohibitive.
- 2. Accelerate 200  $\mu$ s long beam pulse then compress it to 1  $\mu$ s.

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#### Multi-turn injection into the ring



## Multi-turn charge-exchange injection in practice



- Negative ions of hydrogen (bound state of proton + 2 electrons) are produced in the source and accelerated
- Two electrons are removed by the stripping foil, injected protons are merged with previously accumulated beam
- The Secondary foil strips the H<sup>-</sup> and H<sup>0</sup> which survived the first foil







#### **Single-turn extraction from the ring**

 $\succ$  Install electro-magnetic deflector in the ring.

End of accumulation

- > Zero voltage on deflector. No deflection. Beam is circulating.
- > Maximum voltage on deflector. Beam is deflected to extraction channel.





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**Extraction** 

## **Extraction losses**



- SPALLATION NEUTRON SOURCE
- Deflector can't switch on instantly
- ≻ Typical rise-time ~ 200ns
- ➤ What happens to partially deflected beam?

➢ Half-deflected beam misses extraction channel and hits the wall

Power of lost beam

$$\approx \frac{deflector\ rise\ time}{revolution\ period} \cdot P \approx \frac{0.2\,\mu s}{1\,\mu s} \cdot 1MW = 200kW$$

➤ Unacceptably high. Higher than power on target for best existing machines!







 $\succ$  Have to add "chopper" creating gaps in the beam

➤ Chopper should be placed at as low energy as possible to minimize power of beam removed from the gaps





#### Acceleration



>Lorentz force: 
$$\vec{F} = e(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

>Total particle energy:  $T = mc^2 + W$ 

Energy change by  
external force: 
$$\frac{dT}{dt} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{F} = e\vec{v} \cdot (\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) = e\vec{v} \cdot \vec{E}$$

Only electrical field collinear with particle velocity can change its energy

> For velocities v $\approx$ c a moderate magnetic field of 1Tesla creates transverse force corresponding to a huge electric field of 3000 kV/cm.

> Use magnetic fields to deflect particles at high energy, v $\approx$ c

➤ Use electric field to deflect particles at low energy, v<<c</p>



#### **Radio Frequency Acceleration Principle**



> Need electric field to accelerate particles

> From Maxwell equations: 
$$\vec{E} = -\nabla \varphi - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{A}; \qquad \vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}$$

Electrostatic field is associated with difference of potentials  $\succ$  To gain 1GeV energy particle needs to traverse 1 Giga-Volt potential difference. Absolutely not feasible technically. Maximum energy of DC accelerator ~10MeV: Van de Graaff, Cockcroft-Walton, Tandem...

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► Have to use time-varying field

Same potential  $\Leftrightarrow$  no acceleration



Same potential but can be an acceleration because time varying field is not conservative



## Inducing voltage in the gap



> Rf power required to create 100kV voltage in the gap: (1.05)

$$P = \frac{V^2}{2Z} = \frac{(10^5 volt)^2}{2 \cdot 50\Omega} = 10^8 Watt$$

Transformer allows higher voltage without power increase

➢ Gap capacitance and transformer inductance form resonant LC circuit

➢ If driven at resonant frequency allows significantly (10<sup>2</sup> - 10<sup>4</sup>) higher voltage without power increase

> At high frequencies ( $10^7 - 10^{11}$  Hz) RF cavity is more efficient than ordinary LC circuit



# **RF** cavity





Electric E and magnetic B fields for the lowest mode in a cylindrical (pillbox) cavity resonator. Solution of Maxwell equations for e/m fields inside a conducting boundary can be represented as an infinite sum of specific field configurations (field eigenvectors or modes) oscillating at specific frequencies (eigenvalues or resonant frequencies)

➢ If driven at resonant frequency only the corresponding mode is excited

> Final conductivity of the cavity walls cause resistive energy losses 
$$P_{loss} \sim E$$

> Energy of the filed in the cavity is stored energy

Quality factor is figure of merit for cavity efficiency

> Balance of power 
$$P_{generator} = P_{loss} + P_{beam}$$

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 $U \sim E^2$ 

 $Q = \frac{\omega U}{P_{loss}}$ 

Energy gain in RF gap

E(z)

L

50

0

Particle enters the gap



-150 -100 -50

0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 0

-0.4

1.

3. Particle exits the gap

#### **Transit-Time Factor**





- ➤ Assume uniform electric field in the gap
- ➤ Assume particle velocity v change in the gap is small





- > Transit-time factor decreases with gap width
- > Transit-time factor increases with particle velocity

➢ Transit-time factor is "geometrical" factor – depends on gap geometry but doesn't depend on electrical field strength





$$\Delta W = e \cdot V \cdot T \cdot \cos \phi$$

Energy gain for individual particle depends on arrival phase

> If particles in the beam occupy a finite range of phases  $\delta\phi$ , the output energy will occupy range of energies – energy spread  $\delta W$ 

➢ To obtain accelerated beam with small energy spread requires grouping particles in the narrow range of phases (bunch) around the accelerating phase



Typical values :

$$\delta W \approx (10^{-3} \div 10^{-2}) \cdot W$$
$$\delta \phi \approx 1^{\circ} - 10^{\circ}$$



#### Gap voltage



L

$$V_0 = \int_{-\frac{L_2}{2}}^{\frac{L_2}{2}} E_0(z) \cdot dz \qquad \text{In uniform field:} \quad V_0 = E_0 \cdot C_0$$

➤ To increase energy gain:

- $\checkmark$  increase gap length L
  - Iimited by transit-time factor decrease
- $\checkmark$  increase electrical field strength E
  - limited by electrical breakdown; available RF power

Typical values :

$$E = 3 \div 30^{MV} /_{m} \qquad L \approx \frac{\beta \lambda}{4} = .01 \div .1m$$
$$V \approx .03 \div 3MV$$

 $\succ$  Can not reach large acceleration in single gap  $\rightarrow$  use multiple gaps



- We can make an accelerator by "stringing" together many individual accelerating cells, one after the next
- Since the particle is accelerated in each cell, we have to space the cells farther apart as the velocity increases







> A synchronous particle is one whose velocity is such that particle appears in the center of successive accelerating gaps in step with the RF fields. That is, the particle arrives at each gap center at the synchronous phase  $\phi_s$ 

 $\succ$  For synchronous particle to exist the accelerator has to be properly designed:

 $\succ$ Time of flight from one gap center to another is multiple of the RF period

➢ Synchronous particle has exact phase and energy.

Other particles in the bunch do not satisfy the synchronicity condition

➢ How to keep particles in compact bunch around the synchronous phase?

! Autophasing mechanism can provide longitudinal focusing











#1 – synchronous particle arrives at synchronous phase; gets design energy increment

#2- fast particle arrives at smaller phase; gets smaller energy increment

#3 - slow particle arrives at larger phase; gets larger energy increment

fast particle decelerates until it becomes slow particle, then accelerates and so on – stable oscillations around the synchronous phase



#1 – synchronous particle arrives at synchronous phase; gets design energy increment

#3- fast particle arrives at larger phase; gets larger energy increment

#2 - slow particle arrives at smaller phase; gets smaller energy increment

fast particle accelerates, slow particle decelerates – unstable longitudinal motion.





> Need many accelerating gaps to achieve high energy thus long particle path

#### $\succ$ Particles tend to travel away from the axis because of

- Spread of initial transverse angles
- Coulomb repulsion of charged particles
- Transverse component of RF field in the gaps
- Stray magnetic field (Earth, cables....)

➢Need mechanism to keep particles near the axis of the accelerator (Transverse focusing)

- Electric fields (at low energy) electrostatic lenses, RFQ
- Magnetic fields (at high energy) magnetic lenses

## **Quadrupole focusing**



Quadrupole magnet cross section showing magnetic field pattern

➢ In an ideal quadrupole field the pole tips have hyperbolic profiles and produce a constant transverse quadrupole gradient:

$$G = \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial x}$$

For a particle moving along the z direction with velocity v and transverse coordinates (x,y), the Lorentz force components are:

$$F_x = -e \cdot v \cdot G \cdot x, \quad F_y = e \cdot v \cdot G \cdot y$$

 $\succ$  For a pole tip with radius a and pole-tip field B, the gradient is G=B/a

- $\succ$  If e·G is positive, the lens focuses in x and defocuses in y
- $\succ$  Although individual quadrupole lenses focus in only one plane, they can be combined in systems to give overall strong focusing in both transverse plains.





> The FODO lattice periodic structure is the most common focusing structure in accelerators.

> Provides focusing in both transverse plains

Certain relations between focusing strength of the lenses and distance between them should be satisfied to ensure stability. Well developed mathematical methods exist. Matrix formalism.



#### **The Spallation Neutron Source (SNS)**









Power on target Proton beam energy on target Proton pulse width on target Linac pulse width Linac peak current Pulse repetition rate	<ol> <li>1.4</li> <li>1.0</li> <li>695</li> <li>1.0</li> <li>38</li> <li>60</li> </ol>	MW GeV ns ms mA Hz
Linac length	335	m
Accumulator ring circumference	248	m





> The SNS Linac is constructed of 5 different types of accelerating cavities.

 $\succ$  Each is optimized to a certain range of H- beam velocities



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lon species	Η·
Extraction Energy (keV)	65
H <sup>-</sup> output current (mA)	48
Normalized rms emittance $(\pi \text{ mm mrad})$	0.2
Pulse length (ms)	1.2
Duty factor	6%
Repetition rate (Hz)	60



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Some magnet orientations are rotated into the viewing plane of this illustration







Plasma glow in the RF discharge chamber Electrodes of the LEBT

#### 2MHz RF antenna







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 $\succ$  Ion source produce pulse of continues current (DC), not divided on bunches.



➤ The invention of the RFQ made major improvement in the current limit for ion RF linacs. I.M.Kapchinskiy and V.A.Tepliakov, Prib.Tekh.Eksp. 2,19-22(1970)

 $\succ$  The RFQ RF structure provides rf electric field for bunching (dividing continuous beam on separate bunches), acceleration, and longitudinal and transverse rf focusing.

The SNS RFQ	Parameters
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Input energy	65 kV
Output energy	2.5MeV
Beam current	15-60mA
RF frequency	402.5MHz
Peak RF power	720kW with nominal beam
Average RF power	45kW with nominal beam



# **RFQ** principle of operation





Action of RF quadrupole focusing channel is similar to conventional FODO structure

➢Quadrupole configuration of electrical field provides transverse focusing/de-focusing

Focusing strength varies in time not in space
( it is the same from particle point of view )

≻No acceleration yet!



# **RFQ** principle of operation





➤ Longitudinal electric field is created by modulating electrode shape along the longitudinal axis

 When longitudinal RF field is introduced then synchronous phase can be defined.
Bunching and acceleration becomes possible

➢ Configuration and strength of the longitudinal field is defined by geometrical pattern of the modulation, which can be varied along RFQ smoothly and in wide range. That gives powerful control over longitudinal beam dynamics:

Starting from zero at RFQ entrance and slowly increasing the longitudinal field strength (controlled by modulation depth) one can bunch incoming DC beam with high efficiency

Slowly change synchronous particle phase (controlled by modulation period) from bunching to acceleration





### **Beam in RFQ: simulation**





Middle of RFQ. Bunching finished,



#### **RFQ** exit. Acceleration finished

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#### The SNS RFQ







#### The SNS Medium Energy Beam Transport line (MEBT)

After the RFQ beam is ready to be injected into the linear accelerator but still has to be chopped for lossless ring extraction
MEBT provides place for the chopper and various beam diagnostics





### **MEBT Components**







#### Beam pulse structure after the Front End – very complex!













 $\succ$  DTL is a multi-cell cavity obtained by installing drift tubes in a long pillbox cavity operating in a TM010 mode.

> Motivation: When pillbox cavity length >  $\beta\lambda/2$ , acceleration becomes inefficient because Transit-Time factor becomes small.

> The idea is to introduce hollow drift tubes to shield the beam from the decelerating fields, dividing cavity into cells of length  $\beta\lambda$ . As  $\beta$  increases, cell lengths increase.

Designed for fixed velocity profile.





DTL tank with drift tubes



Drift tube

Cross-cut of the drift tube with permanent magnet inside



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Input energy:	2.5 MeV
Output energy:	86 MeV
Peak current:	38 mA
Number of tanks:	6
Total number of cells:	216
Total length:	36 m
RF frequency:	402.5 MHz
Synchronous phase:	<b>-37° to -26</b> °



#### **Coupled-Cavity Linac (CCL)**





> At higher  $\beta$  drift tubes in DTL become too long and large part of accelerator length is "wasted" for drifting in the tube. Need more efficient structure

If use separate cavities than field in adjacent cells need not be in phase
The coupled-cavity linac (CCL) consists of an array of single-gap cavities or cells, that are electromagnetically coupled together to form a multi-cell accelerating structure.
Main motivation for coupling: we want long multi-cell accelerating structures that can be driven by a single high power generator.



### The SNS CCL cells





### The SNS CCL in the tunnel









Input energy:	86 MeV
Output energy:	186 MeV
Peak current:	38 mA
Number of tanks:	4
Total number of cells:	386
Total length:	55 m
<b>RF frequency:</b>	805 MHz
Synchronous phase:	-30° to -28°





- CCL accelerating structure is suitable for acceleration up to relativistic energies. Why need another one?
- Disadvantages of copper (normal temperature or warm) linacs:
  - Large rf power dissipation results in
    - 1) High cost of RF system
    - 2) High operating costs for AC power
    - 3) Cooling requirement can limit accelerating gradient
- ► Example: RF power budget for the SNS CCL module

$$P_{generator} = P_{wall} + P_{beam} = 2.2MW + .52MW$$

➢ Significant reduction of resistive losses due to use of superconducting material for cavity walls eliminates warm linac disadvantages.

 $\succ$  There is price to pay:

≻ Must operate linac at cryogenic temperature (2-4 K)

➤ Must maintain ultra clean environment during cavity manufacture, handling and operation

### The SNS superconducting cavity





#### Material:

Operating frequency	805MHz	
Number of cells per cavity	6	
Operating temperature:	2.1K	
Number of cavities	<b>33 (</b> V=.6	
Total length	157 m	
Total energy gain	814 Me	

# niobium (NB) 805MHz 6 2.1K 33 (V=.61) + 48 (V=.81) 157 m 814 MeV







### The SNS SCL in the tunnel





Quadrupole magnets for transverse focusing are between the cryomodules (warm sections)

Beam diagnostics are in the warm sections



## **Cryogenic plant**





➢ All cryomodules are cooled by liquid He from the cryo-plant (huge helium liquefaction station; ~2.4kW at 2.1K)

➢ 1W at 2.1K approximately equivalent to 1kW at 300K





### **High Power RF Generators**





Warm linac: 7 – 2.5MW, 4 – 5MW klystrons

Super Conducting Linac: 81 - .5MW klystrons



### **The SNS Accumulator Ring**





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### The SNS Ring in the tunnel





Dipole Magnet (bends the beam)







### **Ring to target transfer line and target**





Rad hard quadrupole magnets

#### The SNS mercury target





WBS	Description	November 2003 Review Baseline (\$M)	Net Forecast Changes (\$M)	Management EAC (\$M)
1.2	Project Support	75.6	0.3	75.9
1.3	Front End Systems	20.8		20.8
1.4	Linac Systems	313.2	1.4	314.6
1.5	Ring and Transfer Systems	141.2	0.9	142.1
1.6	Target Systems	106.5	1.6	108.1
1.7	Instrument Systems	63.3	0.0	63.3
1.8	Conventional Facilities	367.5	9.4	376.9
1.9	Integrated Controls	59.6	(0.0)	59.6
BAC		1,147.9	13.5	1,161.4
Total Conf	tingency	44.8		31.3 21.8%*
	TEC	1,192.7		1,192.7
	OPC	219.0		219.0
	TPC	1,411.7		1,411.7

**Challenges of Accelerator for Spallation Source Design** 

SPALLATION NEUTRON SOURCE

- Accelerator physics
  - To ensure small beam loss during acceleration and transport. Typical requirement is <1W/m (<1ppm at 1GeV)</li>
  - To provide required current from the source
  - To provide reliable stripping foil
- > Operation
  - To provide personnel protection and accelerator protection in case of an accident
  - To provide high reliability and availability of all systems. Typical requirement is >95%
- Economics
  - To optimize construction and operation cost
- > Technical
  - Numerous

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## The SNS is the first pulsed spallation source of megawatt class and the first pulsed superconducting linac ever build will provide many lessons to learn