Outline: Linac-Synchrotron

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Acceleration to higher energies

- While terminal voltages of 20 MV provide sufficient beam energy for nuclear structure research, most applications nowadays require beam energies > 1 GeV
- How do we attain higher beam energies?
- Analogy: How to swing a child?
 - Pull up to maximum height and let go: difficult and tiring (electrostatic accelerator)
 - Repeatedly push in synchronism with the period of the motion



Acceleration by repeated application of time-varying fields

- ✤ Two approaches for accelerating with time-varying fields
- Make an electric field along the direction of particle motion with Radio-Frequency (RF) cavities



Linear Accelerators

Use many accelerating cavities through which the particle beam passes once.

Circular Accelerators

Use one or a small number of RF accelerating cavities and make use of repeated passage through them: This approach leads to circular accelerators:

Cyclotrons, synchrotrons and their variants.





Radio-Frequency Accelerators

- The electric field is no longer static but sinusoidal alternating half periods of acceleration and deceleration. $V(t) = V_0 \cdot \sin \omega t$ $E(t) = (V_0/g) \cdot \sin \omega t$ $E(t) = \frac{|V_0/g|}{|t_0|^2} \cdot \sin \omega t$
- Three important aspects of an RF linear accelerator
 - Particles must arrive bunched in time in order for efficient acceleration

- Rolf Wideroe (1902-1996)
- Acceleration gaps must be spaced, so that the particle "bunches" arrive at the acceleration phase:

$$L = v \cdot \frac{T}{2} = \beta c \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda}{c} = \beta \frac{\lambda}{2}$$



- The acceleration field is varying while the particle is in the gap; energy gain is more complicated than in the static case.



Energy gained after *n* acceleration gaps:

 $E_n = n \cdot q \cdot U_0 \cdot \sin \Psi_s$

Kinetic energy of the particles:

 $E_n = \frac{1}{2}m \cdot v_n^2$ (valid for non-relativistic particles)

Velocity of the particles:

$$v_n = \sqrt{\frac{2E_n}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot n \cdot q \cdot U_0 \cdot \sin \Psi_s}{m}}$$

Shielding of the particles during the negative half wave of the RF



- n number of gaps between the drift tubes
- q charge of the particles
- U_0 peak voltage of the RF system
- $\Psi_{s}~$ synchronous phase of the particles

Linear accelerator





Principle of the acceleration





Principle of the acceleration



Wideroe structure at GSI





Alvarez structure - standing-wave linear accelerator

- The Wideroe linac is only efficient for low-energy heavy ions
- When using 10 MHz frequency, the length of the drift tubes would act more like antennas and becomes prohibitive for high-energy protons



Alvarez accelerator = resonant cavity

Standing waves with E-field along direction of particle motion. While the electric fields point in the "wrong direction" the particles are shielded by the drift tubes.

The accelerator consists of a long "tank" (radius determines frequency). Drift tubes are placed along the beam axis, so that the accelerating gaps satisfy synchronicity condition with drift tube length L given by $\mathbf{L} = \boldsymbol{\beta} \lambda_0$ where λ_0 is the free space wavelength at the operating frequency.





Luis W. Alvarez (1911-1988)



Wideroe and Alvarez structure

Principal of an accelerated particle package







standing wave



RF Cavity

A parallel plate capacitor has an E-field inside, which can accelerate particles. Putting holes in the plates doesn't change the field much.

Connecting the plates by an inductor makes a resonant circuit with $\omega^2 = \frac{1}{L \cdot C}$

Putting many inductors in parallel around the edges of the plates just lowers the inductance and raises the frequency. In fact, you can connect the plates with a metal cylinder!





Coupling of two cavities

- Suppose we couple two RF cavities together:
 - Each is an electrical oscillator with the same resonant frequency
 - A beampipe couples the two cavities
- Remember the case of mechanical coupling of two oscillators:
- Two mechanical modes are possible:
 - The "zero-mode": $\phi_A \phi_B = 0$, where each oscillates at natural frequency
 - The "pi-mode": $\phi_A \phi_B = \pi$, where each oscillates at a higher frequency



Standing wave structures of coupled cavities are all driven so that the beam sees either the *zero* or π mode.



Standing wave cavities



The mode names correspond to the phase difference from one cell to the next



UNILAC Alvarez Accelerator





CH-cavity for FAIR p-Linac







Synchrotron

As linacs are dominated by cavities, circular machines are dominated by magnets





- Both the accelerating field frequency and the magnetic field strength change synchronously with time to match energy and keep revolution radius constant.
- Magnetic field produced by several bending magnets increases with momentum. For high energy:

$E_{proton}[GeV] \approx 0.3 \cdot B\rho[T \cdot m]$

 Practical limitations for magnetic field → high energies only at large radius.

example: 100 GeV protons

- Fe-magnet $B \sim 1.5 \text{ T} \rightarrow \text{R} = 222 \text{ m}$
- superconductive magnet $B \sim 5 T \rightarrow R = 67 m$



Synchrotron





Mark Oliphant (1901-2000)

• The bending field changes with particle beam energy to maintain a constant radius:

$$\frac{1}{\rho[m]} = 0.3 \frac{B[T]}{\beta E[GeV]} = 0.3 \frac{B[T]}{cp[GeV]}$$

- So *B* ramps in proportion to the momentum. The revolution frequency also changes with momentum.
- The synchronicity condition, including now the relativistic term, is

$$\omega = \frac{qB}{m\gamma}$$

- For an electron synchrotron, the injected beam is already relativistic, so only the magnetic field changes with beam energy.
- For a proton synchrotron, the injected beam is not yet relativistic, so the RF accelerating frequency and the magnetic field both ramp with energy.



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Thin lens approximation and magnetic "kick"

• If the path length through a transverse magnetic field is short compared to the bend radius of the particle, then we can think of the particle receiving a transverse "kick", which is proportional to the integrated field

$$p_{\perp} \approx qvBt = qvB(l/v) = qBl$$

and it will be bent through small angle



$$\Delta\theta \approx \frac{p_{\perp}}{p} = \frac{Bl}{(B\rho)}$$





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