# **Linear Accelerators**

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~10<sup>4</sup> LINACs operating around the world



# LINAC: BASIC DEFINITION AND MAIN COMPONENTS

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### LINAC TECHNOLOGY COMPLEXITY



# LORENTZ FORCE: ACCELERATION AND FOCUSING

The basic equation that describes the acceleration/bending/focusing processes is the Lorentz Force. Particles are accelerated through electric fields and are bended and focused through magnetic fields.

 $\vec{p} = momentum$ 

m = mass

$$\vec{v} = velocity$$

# $\frac{dp}{dt} = q\left(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}\right)$ q = charge**BENDING AND FOCUSING ACCELERATION** 2<sup>nd</sup> term always perpendicular to motion => no To accelerate, we need a force in the energy gain direction of motion beam

Longitudinal Dynamics



### **ACCELERATION: SIMPLE CASE**

The first historical linear particle accelerator was built by the Nobel prize Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen (1900). It consisted in a vacuum tube containing a cathode connected to the negative pole of a DC voltage generator. **Electrons emitted by the heated cathode** were accelerated while flowing to another electrode connected to the positive generator pole (anode). Collisions between the energetic electrons and the anode produced **X-rays**.



The **energy gained** by the electrons travelling from the cathode to the anode is equal to their charge multiplied the DC voltage between the two electrodes.

$$\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = q\vec{E} \implies \Delta E = q\Delta V$$
$$\vec{p} = momentum$$

q = chargeE = energy Particle energies are typically expressed in electron-volt [eV], equal to the energy gained by 1 electron accelerated through an electrostatic potential of 1 volt:  $1 \text{ eV}=1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$ 

### PARTICLE VELOCITY VS ENERGY: LIGHT AND HEAVY PARTICLES

β

rest mass m<sub>o</sub> **Relativistic factor** rest energy  $E_0$  (= $m_0c^2$ ) β**=ν/c** (<1) total energy E **Relativistic factor** Single relativistic mass m *γ=E/E*<sub>0</sub> (≥1) particle velocity v momentum *p* (=*mv*)  $E^2 = E_0^2 + p^2 c^2$ Kinetic energy  $W=E-E_0$ β 1 Light particles 0,8 Heavy particles 0,6 ⊃//= 0,4 0,2 Kin. Energy [MeV] 0.01 10.000 100 1.000 0.1 100.000 electron (E<sub>o</sub>=0.511 MeV) 10.000 proton (E<sub>0</sub>=938 MeV) 1.000 0100<sup>™</sup> m/m=γ 0,01 0.1 10 100 1.000 10.000

$$\beta = \sqrt{1 - 1/\gamma^2} \qquad (m = \gamma m_0)$$

$$W = E - E_0 = (\gamma - 1)m_0 c^2 \underset{\text{if }\beta < 1}{\approx} \frac{1}{2}m_0 v^2$$

$$= \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{\gamma^2}} = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{E_0}{E}\right)^2} = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{E_0}{E_0 + W}\right)^2}$$

⇒Light particles (as electrons) are practically fully relativistic ( $\beta \cong 1$ ,  $\gamma >>1$ ) at relatively low energy and reach a constant velocity (~c). The acceleration process occurs at constant particle velocity

 $\Rightarrow$ Heavy particles (protons and ions) are typically weakly relativistic and reach a constant velocity only at very high energy. The velocity changes a lot during the acceleration process.

 $\Rightarrow$ This implies **important differences** in the technical characteristics of the **accelerating structures and in the beam dynamics**. For **protons and ions** we need accelerating structures, **optimized for different velocities** while for electrons the particles travel at the velocity of light after few MeV.

# (ELECTROSTATIC ACCELERATORS)

To increase the achievable maximum energy, Van de Graaff invented an electrostatic generator based on a **dielectric belt** transporting positive charges to an isolated electrode hosting an ion source. The positive ions generated in a large positive potential were accelerated toward ground by the static electric field.

insulation



voltage is the **breakdown** due to

LIMITS OF ELECTROSTATIC ACCELERATORS

DC voltage as large as ~10 MV can be obtained (E~10 MeV). The main limit in the achievable

DC particle accelerators are in operation worldwide, typically at V<15MV (E<sub>max</sub>=15 MeV), I<100mA. They are used for:

 $\Rightarrow$  material analysis

problems.

 $\Rightarrow$  X-ray production,

 $\Rightarrow$  ion implantation for semiconductors

 $\Rightarrow$  first stage of acceleration (particle sources)

750 kV Cockcroft-Walton Linac2 injector at CERN from 1978 to 1992







### RF ACCELERATORS : WIDERÖE "DRIFT TUBE LINAC" (DTL)

(protons and ions)

Basic idea: the particles are accelerated by the electric field in the gap between electrodes connected alternatively to the poles of an AC generator. This original idea of Ising (1924) was e<sup>-</sup>-implemented by Wideroe (1927) who applied a sine-wave voltage to a sequence of drift tubes. The particles do not experience any force while travelling inside the tubes (equipotential regions) and are accelerated across the gaps. This kind of structure is called Drift Tube LINAC (DTL).



 $\Rightarrow$ If the length of the tubes (or, equivalently, the distances between the centers of the accelerating gaps) increases with the particle velocity during the acceleration such that the time of flight between gaps is kept constant and equal to half of the RF period, the particles are subject to a synchronous accelerating voltage and experience an energy gain of  $\Delta E = q\Delta V$  at each gap crossing.

 $\Rightarrow$ In principle a single **RF generator** can be used to indefinitely accelerate a beam, **avoiding the breakdown limitation** affecting the electrostatic accelerators.



### **DC ACCELERATION: ENERGY GAIN**

We consider the acceleration between two electrodes in DC.

relation



### **RF ACCELERATION: BUNCHED BEAM**

We consider now the acceleration between two electrodes fed by an RF generator



### **RF ACCELERATION: ACCELERATING FIELD CALCULATION**

We consider now the acceleration between two electrodes fed by an RF generator



### DRIFT TUBE LENGTH AND FIELD SYNCHRONIZATION (protons and ions or electrons at extremely low energy)

If now we consider a DTL structure, we have that at each gap the maximum energy gain is  $\Delta E_n = qV_{acc}$  and the particle increase its velocity accordingly to the previous relativistic formulae. It is convenient to refer to the center of each gap as follows:



### **ACCELERATION WITH HIGH RF FREQUENCIES: RF CAVITIES**

There are two important **consequences** of the previous obtained formulae:



The condition  $L_n << \lambda_{RF}$  (necessary to model the tube as an equipotential region) requires  $\beta << 1$ .  $\Rightarrow$ The Wideröe technique can not be applied to relativistic particles.

$$\frac{\Delta E}{\Delta L} = \frac{qV_{acc}}{L_n} = qE_{acc} = \frac{2qV_{acc}}{\lambda_{RF}\overline{\beta}_n}$$

Moreover when particles get high velocities the drift spaces get longer and one looses on the efficiency. The **average accelerating** gradient (E<sub>acc</sub> [V/m]) increase pushes towards small  $\lambda_{RF}$  (high frequencies).

High frequency, high power sources became available after the  $2^{nd}$  world war pushed by military technology needs (such as radar). Moreover, the concept of equipotential DT can not be applied at small  $\lambda_{RF}$  and the power lost by radiation is proportional to the RF frequency.

As a consequence we must consider accelerating structures different from drift tubes.

 $\Rightarrow$ The solution consists of **enclosing the system in a cavity** which resonant frequency matches the RF generator frequency.

 $\Rightarrow$ Each cavity can be independently powered from the RF generator



### **RF CAVITIES**

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 $\Rightarrow$ High frequency RF accelerating fields are confined in , cavities.

 $\Rightarrow$ The cavities are **metallic closed volumes** were the e.m fields has a particular spatial configuration (**resonant modes**) whose components, including the accelerating field  $\mathbf{E}_{z}$ , oscillate at some specific frequencies  $\mathbf{f}_{RF}$  (resonant frequency) characteristic of the mode.

 $\Rightarrow$ The modes are excited by **RF generators** that are **coupled to the cavities** through waveguides, coaxial cables, etc...

⇒The resonant modes are called **Standing Wave (SW) modes** (spatial fixed configuration, oscillating in time).

 $\Rightarrow$ The spatial and temporal field profiles in a cavity have to be computed (analytically or numerically) **by solving the Maxwell equations** with the proper boundary conditions.





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### ALVAREZ STRUCTURES (protons and ions)

E<sub>z</sub>

Quadrupole

drift tubes

Alvarez's structure can be described as a special DTL in which the electrodes are part of a resonant macrostructure.



 $\Rightarrow$ The DTL operates in **0 mode** for **protons and ions** in the range  $\beta$ =0.05-0.5 (f<sub>RF</sub>=50-400 MHz,  $\lambda_{RF}$ =6-0.7 m) 1-100 MeV;

 $\Rightarrow$ The beam is inside the "drift tubes" when the electric field is decelerating. The electric field is concentrated between gaps;

 $\Rightarrow$ The drift tubes are suspended by **stems**;

 $\Rightarrow$ **Quadrupole** (for transverse focusing) can fit inside the drift tubes.

 $\Rightarrow$ In order to be synchronous with the accelerating field at each gap the **length of the n-th drift tube** L<sub>n</sub> has to be:

**Example**  $\beta$ =0.1,  $f_{RF}$ =100 MHz,  $\lambda_{RF}$ =3 m,  $L_n$ =-0.3 m)

© Encyclopaedia Britannica, inc Drift tub

radio-frequency

power source

cavity

beam

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### **ALVAREZ STRUCTURES: EXAMPLES**



Ion species H-Output energy 160 MeV Bunch frequency 352.2 MHz Max. rep.-rate 2 Hz Beam pulse length 400 s Max. beam duty cycle 0.08% Linac current 40mA Average current 0.032mA



**CERN LINAC 4**: 352 MHz frequency, Tank diameter 500 mm, 3 resonators (tanks), Length 19 m, 120 Drift Tubes, Energy: 3 MeV to 50 MeV,  $\beta$ =0.08 to 0.31  $\rightarrow$  cell length from 68mm to 264mm.



# HIGH $\beta$ CAVITIES: CYLINDRICAL STRUCTURES (electrons or protons and ions at high energy)

 $\Rightarrow$ When the  $\beta$  of the particles increases (>0.5) one has to use **higher RF frequencies** (>400-500 MHz) to increase the accelerating gradient per unit length

⇒the **DTL structures became less efficient** (effective accelerating voltage per unit length for a given RF power);

#### **Real cylindrical cavity**

(TM<sub>010</sub>-like mode because of the shape and presence of beam tubes)

Cylindrical single or multiple cavities working on the  $\rm TM_{010}\mathchar`-like$  mode are used

For a **pure cylindrical structure** (also called **pillbox cavity**) the first accelerating mode (i.e. with non zero longitudinal electric field on axis) is the **TM**<sub>010</sub> **mode**. It has a well known analytical solution from Maxwell equation.



SW CAVITIES PARAMETERS: R, Q



The higher is its value, the larger is the obtainable accelerating voltage for a given power. Traditionally, it is the quantity to optimize in order to maximize the accelerating field for a given dissipated power:



SHUNT IMPEDANCE PER UNIT LENGTH

$$\dot{r} = rac{\left(\hat{V}_{acc}/L\right)^2}{P_{diss}/L} = rac{\hat{E}_{acc}^2}{p_{diss}} \left[\Omega/m\right]$$

NC cavity Q~10<sup>4</sup> SC cavity Q~10<sup>10</sup>

NC cavity R~1M $\Omega$ 



SC cavity R~1T $\Omega$ 



Example:  $R\sim 1M\Omega$ P<sub>diss</sub>=1 MW

V<sub>acc</sub>=1MV

For a cavity working at 1 GHz with a structure length of 10 cm we have an average accelerating field of 10 MV/m



- In a multi-cell structure there is one RF input coupler. As a consequence the total number of RF sources is reduced, with a simplification of the layout and reduction of the costs;
- The shunt impedance is n time the impedance of a single cavity
- They are more complicated to fabricate than single cell cavities;
- The fields of adjacent cells couple through the cell **irises** and/or through properly designed coupling **slots**.





# **MULTI-CELL SW CAVITIES:** $\pi$ **MODE STRUCTURES** (electrons or protons and ions at high energy)

- The N-cell structure behaves like a system composed by N coupled oscillators with N coupled multi-cell resonant modes.
- The modes are characterized by a cell-to-cell phase advance given by:

$$\Delta \phi_n = \frac{n\pi}{N-1} \qquad n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$$

- The multi cell mode generally used for acceleration is the  $\pi$ ,  $\pi/2$  and 0 mode (DTL as example operate in the 0 mode).
- In this case as done for the DTL structures the cell length has to be chosen in order to synchronize the accelerating field with the particle traveling into the structure at a certain velocity





 $\Rightarrow$ For **ions and protons** the cell length has to be increased and the linac will be made of a sequence of different accelerating structures matched to the ion/proton velocity.

 $\Rightarrow$ For **electron**,  $\beta$ =1, d= $\lambda_{RF}/2$  and the linac will be made of an injector followed by a series of identical accelerating structures, with cells all the same length.

### $\pi$ MODE STRUCTURES: EXAMPLES

European XFEL (Desy): electrons

800 accelerating cavities 1.3 GHz / 23.6 MV/m



Cryomodule housing: 8 cavities, quadrupole and BPM



All identical  $\beta$ =1 Superconducting cavities

### MULTI-CELL SW CAVITIES: $\pi/2$ MODE STRUCTURES

(electrons or protons and ions at high energy)

 $\Rightarrow$ It is possible to demonstrate that **over a certain number of cavities** (>10) working on the  $\pi$  mode, the **overlap between adjacent modes** can be a problem (as example the field uniformity due to machining errors is difficult to tune).

⇒The criticality of a working mode depend on the **frequency** separation between the working mode and the adjacent mode

 $\Rightarrow$ the  $\pi/2$  mode from this point of view is the most stable mode. For this mode it is possible to demonstrate that the accelerating field is zero every two cells. For this reason the empty cells are put of axis and coupling slots are opened from the accelerating cells to the empty cells.

 $\Rightarrow$ this allow to increase the number of cells to >20-30 without problems



 $f_{\text{RF}}\text{=}800$  - 3000 MHz for proton ( $\beta\text{=}0.5\text{-}1\text{)}$  and electrons

### **SCC STRUCTURES: EXAMPLES**

Spallation Neutron Source Coupled Cavity Linac (protons)



4 modules, each containing 12 accelerator segments CCL and 11 bridge couplers. The CCL section is a RF Linac, operating at **805 MHz** that accelerates the beam **from 87 to 186 MeV** and has a physical installed length of slightly over **55 meters.** 







# TRAVELLING WAVE (TW) STRUCTURES

 $\Rightarrow$ To accelerate charged particles, the electromagnetic field must have an electric field along the direction of propagation of the particle.

 $\Rightarrow$ The field has to be synchronous with the particle velocity.

 $\Rightarrow$ Up to now we have analyzed the cases standing **standing wave (SW)** structures in which the field has basically a given profile and oscillate in time (as example in DTL or **resonant cavities operating on the** TM<sub>010</sub>-like).



 $\Rightarrow$ There is another possibility to accelerate particles: using a **travelling wave (TW)** structure in which the RF wave is **co-propagating** with the beam with a **phase velocity equal to the beam velocity**.

 $\Rightarrow$ Typically these structures **are used for electrons** because in this case the **phase velocity can be constant** all over the structure and equal to c. On the other hand it is difficult to modulate the phase velocity itself very quickly for a low  $\beta$  particle that changes its velocity during acceleration.



### TW CAVITIES: CIRCULAR WAVEGUIDE AND DISPERSION CURVE (electrons)

In **TW structures** an e.m. wave with  $E_z \neq 0$  travel together with the beam in a special guide in which the **phase velocity of the wave matches the particle velocity (v)**. In this case the beam absorbs energy from the wave and it is **continuously accelerated**.



As example if we consider a simple circular waveguide the first propagating mode with  $E_z \neq 0$  is the TM<sub>01</sub> mode. Nevertheless by solving the wave equation it turns out that an e.m. wave propagating in this **constant cross section waveguide** will **never be synchronous with a particle beam** since the **phase velocity is always larger than the speed of light c**.

$$E_{z}|_{TM_{01}} = E_{0}(r)\cos(\omega_{RF}t - k^{*}z) \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad v_{ph} = \frac{\omega_{RF}}{k^{*}} > 0$$

$$J_{0}\left(\frac{p_{01}}{a}r\right)$$



#### TW CAVITIES: IRIS LOADED STRUCTURES (electrons)

In order to slow-down the wave phase velocity, iris-loaded periodic structure have to be used.



 $\Rightarrow$ The structure can be designed to have the **phase** velocity equal to the speed of the particles.

 $\Rightarrow$ This allows acceleration over large distances (few meters, hundred of cells) with just an input coupler and a relatively simple geometry.

 $\Rightarrow$ They are used **especially for electrons** (constant particle velocity $\rightarrow$ constant phase velocity, same distance between irises, easy realization)



### TW CAVITIES PARAMETERS: r, $\alpha$ , v<sub>g</sub>

Similarly to the SW cavities it is possible to define some figure of merit for the TW structures







Shunt impedance per unit length  $[\Omega/m]$ . Similarly to SW structures the higher is r, the higher the available accelerating field for a given RF power.

Field attenuation constant [1/m]: because of the wall dissipation, the RF power flux and the accelerating field decrease along the structure.

Group velocity [m/s]: the velocity of the energy flow in the structure (~1-2% of c).

Working mode [rad]: defined as the phase advance over a period D. For several reasons the most common mode is the  $2\pi/3$ 

$$\hat{V}_{acc} = \left| \int_{0}^{\infty} E_{acc} \cdot e^{j \omega_{RF} \cdot \frac{z}{c}} dz \right|$$
$$\hat{E}_{acc} = \frac{\hat{V}_{acc}}{D}$$
$$P_{F} = \int_{Section} \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \left( \vec{E} \times \vec{H}^{*} \right) \cdot \hat{z} dS$$

$$P_{diss} = \frac{1}{2} R_s \int_{\substack{cavity\\ wall}} \left| H_{tan} \right|^2 dS$$

$$p_{diss} = \frac{P_{diss}}{D}$$

|D|

$$W = \int_{\substack{\text{cavity} \\ \text{volume}}} \left( \frac{1}{4} \varepsilon \left| \vec{E} \right|^2 + \frac{1}{4} \mu \left| \vec{H} \right|^2 \right) dV$$

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$$w = \frac{W}{D}$$

single cell accelerating voltage

average accelerating field in the cell

average input power (flux power)

average dissipated power in the cell

average stored energy per unit length

stored energy in the cell

 $r = \frac{\dot{E}_{acc}^2}{2}$  $p_{diss}$ 

$$\alpha = \frac{p_{diss}}{2P_F}$$

average dissipated power per unit length  $\mathcal{V}_g$ 

W





### TW CONSTANT GRADIENT STRUCTURES PARAMETRS $\alpha$ , $v_g$

(electrons)

In a TW structure, the **RF power enters** into the cavity through an **input coupler**, flows (travels) through the cavity in the same direction as the beam and an **output coupler at the end** of the structure is connected to a **matched power load**.

If there is no beam, the input power reduced by the cavity losses goes to the power load where it is dissipated.

In the presence of a large beam current, however, a fraction of the TW power is transferred to the beam.







In a purely periodic structure, made by a sequence of identical cells (also called "constant impedance structure"), the RF power flux and the intensity of the accelerating field decay exponentially along the structure :

 $\hat{E}_{acc}(z) = E_0 e^{-\alpha z}$ 





It is possible to demonstrate that, in order to keep the accelerating field constant along the structure, the iris apertures have to decrease along the structure.



# LINAC TECHNOLOGY





### ACCELERATING CAVITY TECHNOLOGY

 $\Rightarrow$ The cavities (and the related LINAC technology) can be of different material:

- copper for normal conducting (NC, both SW than TW) cavities;
- Niobium for superconducting cavities (SC, SW);

 $\Rightarrow$ We can choose between NC or the SC technology depending on the required performances in term of:

- accelerating gradient (MV/m);
- **RF pulse length** (how many bunches we can contemporary accelerate);
- Duty cycle (see next slide): pulsed operation (i.e. 10-100 Hz) or continuous wave (CW) operation;
- Average beam current.





10<sup>5</sup>-10<sup>6</sup>









### **RF STRUCTURE AND BEAM STRUCTURE: NC vs SC**

The "beam structure" in a LINAC is directly related to the "RF structure". There are two possible type of operations:

• **CW** (Continuous Wave) operation  $\Rightarrow$  allow, in principle, to operate with a continuous (bunched) beam

10<sup>3</sup>-10<sup>8</sup> RF periods

Amplitude

• **PULSED** operation ⇒ there are RF pulses at a certain repetition rate (**Duty Cycle (DC)=pulsed width/period**)



 $\Rightarrow$ SC structures allow operation at very high Duty Cycle (>1%) up to a CW operation (DC=100%) (because of the extremely low dissipated power) with relatively high gradient (>20 MV/m). This means that a continuous (bunched) beam can be accelerated.

 $\Rightarrow$ NC structures can operate in pulsed mode at very low DC (10<sup>-2</sup>-10<sup>-1</sup> %) (because of the higher dissipated power) with, in principle, **larger peak** accelerating gradient(>30 MV/m). This means that one or few tens of bunches can be, in general, accelerated. NB: NC structures can also operate in CW but at very low gradient because of the dissipated power.

### **EXAMPLES: EUROPEAN XFEL**



### **EXAMPLE: SWISSFEL LINAC (PSI)**



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### **ELECTRON SOURCES: RF PHOTO-GUNS**

**RF guns are used in the first stage of electron beam generation in FEL** and acceleration.

- Multi cell: typically 2-3 cells
- SW  $\pi$  mode cavities
- operate in the range of 60-120 MV/m cathode peak accelerating field with up to 10 MW input power.
- Typically in L-band- S-band (1-3 GHz) at 10-100 Hz.
- Single or multi bunch (L-band)
- Different type of cathodes (copper,...)

The electrons are emitted on the **cathode** through a laser that hit the surface. They are then accelerated trough the electric field that has a longitudinal component on axis  $TM_{010}$ .



20

40

60

z [mm]

80

100

120

140

#### **RF PHOTO-GUNS: EXAMPLES**



#### LCLS

Frequency = 2,856 MHz Gradient = 120 MV/m Exit energy = 6 MeV Copper photocathode RF pulse length ~2 μs Bunch repetition rate = 120 Hz Norm. rms emittance 0.4 mm·mrad at 250 pC

#### **PITZ L-band Gun**

Frequency = 1,300 MHz Gradient = up to 60 MV/m Exit energy = 6.5 MeV Rep. rate 10 Hz Cs<sub>2</sub>Te photocathode RF pulse length ~1 ms 800 bunches per macropulse Normalized rms emittance 1 nC 0.70 mm·mrad 0.1 nC 0.21 mm·mrad







Solenoids field are used to compensate the space charge effects in low energy guns. The configuration is shown in the picture



# **THERMOIONIC GUNS**









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## SYNCHRONOUS PARTICLE/PHASE

 $\Rightarrow$ Let us consider a SW linac structure made by accelerating gaps (like in DTL) or cavities.

 $\Rightarrow$ In each gap we have an accelerating field oscillating in time and an integrated accelerating voltage (V<sub>acc</sub>) still oscillating in time than can be expressed as:

$$V_{acc} = \hat{V}_{acc} \cos(\omega_{RF} t)$$

⇒Let's assume that the "perfect" synchronism condition is fulfilled for a phase  $\phi_s$  (called *synchronous phase*). This means that a particle (called *synchronous particle*) entering in a gap with a phase  $\phi_s$  ( $\phi_s = \omega_{RF} t_s$ ) with respect to the RF voltage receive an **energy gain** (and a consequent change in velocity) that allow entering in the subsequent gap with the **same phase**  $\phi_s$  and so on.

 $\Rightarrow$ for this particle the energy gain in each gap is:

$$\Delta E = q \underbrace{\hat{V}_{acc} \cos(\phi_s)}_{V_{acc\_s}} = q V_{acc\_s}$$

 $\Rightarrow$  obviously both  $\varphi_s$  and  $\varphi_s^*$  are synchronous phases.



#### **PRINCIPLE OF PHASE STABILITY** (protons and ions or electrons at extremely low energy)

⇒Let us consider now the first synchronous phase  $\phi_s$  (on the positive slope of the RF voltage). If we consider **another particle** "near" to the synchronous one **that arrives later in the gap**  $(t_1>t_s, \phi_1>\phi_s)$ , it will see an higher voltage, it will gain an higher energy and an higher velocity with respect to the synchronous one. As a consequence its time of flight to next gap will be shorter, partially **compensating its initial delay**.

⇒Similarly if we consider another particle "near" to the synchronous one that arrives before in the gap ( $t_1 < t_s$ ,  $\phi_1 < \phi_s$ ), it will see a smaller voltage, it will gain a smaller energy and a smaller velocity with respect to the synchronous one. As a consequence its time of flight to next gap will be longer, compensating the initial advantage.

 $\Rightarrow$ **On the contrary** if we consider now the synchronous particle at phase  $\phi_s^*$  and another particle "near" to the synchronous one that arrives later or before in the gap, it will receive an energy gain that will increase further its distance form the synchronous one



 $\Rightarrow$ The choice of the synchronous phase in the positive slope of the RF voltage provides longitudinal focusing of the beam: **phase stability principle**.

 $\Rightarrow$ The synchronous phase on the negative slope of the RF voltage is, on the contrary, **unstable** 

 $\Rightarrow$ Relying on particle velocity variations, **longitudinal focusing does not work for fully relativistic beams** (electrons). In this case acceleration "on crest" is more convenient.

# ENERGY-PHASE EQUATIONS (1/2) (protons and ions or electrons at extremely low energy)

In order to study the **longitudinal dynamics in a LINAC**, the following variables are used, which describe the generic particle **phase** (time of arrival) and **energy with respect to the synchronous particle**:





The energy gain per cell (one gap + tube in case of a DTL) of a generic particle and of a synchronous particle are (we put  $\theta$ =0 in the generic expression of the accelerating voltage just for simplicity ):

$$\begin{cases} \Delta E_{s} = q\hat{V}_{acc}\cos\phi_{s} \\ \Delta E = q\hat{V}_{acc}\cos\phi = q\hat{V}_{acc}\cos(\phi_{s} + \phi) \\ \text{subtracting} \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta E = q\hat{V}_{acc}\cos\phi = q\hat{V}_{acc}\cos(\phi_{s} + \phi) \\ \Delta L = dacc \\ \Delta w = \Delta E - \Delta E_{s} = q\hat{V}_{acc}\left[\cos(\phi_{s} + \phi) - \cos\phi_{s}\right] \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{dw}{dz} = q\hat{E}_{acc}\left[\cos(\phi_{s} + \phi) - \cos\phi_{s}\right]$$

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#### **ENERGY-PHASE EQUATIONS (2/2)** (protons and ions or electrons at extremely low energy)

On the other hand we have that the **phase variation per cell** of a generic particle and of a synchronous particle are:



$$\omega_{RF}\left(\frac{1}{v}-\frac{1}{v_s}\right) = \omega_{RF}\left(\frac{v_s-v}{vv_s}\right) \underset{\substack{vv_s \cong v_s^2 \\ v-v_s \cong \Delta v}}{\cong} - \frac{\omega_{RF}}{v_s^2} \Delta v = -\frac{\omega_{RF}}{c} \frac{\Delta \beta}{\beta_s^2} \text{ remembering that } \beta = \sqrt{1-1/\gamma^2} \Rightarrow \beta d\beta = d\gamma/\gamma^3 \Rightarrow -\frac{\omega_{RF}}{c} \frac{\Delta \beta}{\beta_s^2} \cong -\frac{\omega_{RF}}{c} \frac{\Delta \gamma}{\beta_s^3 \gamma_s^3} = -\frac{\omega_{RF}}{c} \frac{\Delta \beta}{E_0 \beta_s^3 \gamma_s^3} = -\frac{\omega_{RF}}{c} \frac{\Delta \beta$$

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#### SMALL AMPLITUDE ENERGY-PHASE OSCILLATIONS (protons and ions or electrons at extremely low energy)



#### ENERGY-PHASE OSCILLATIONS IN PHASE SPACE (protons and ions or electrons at extremely low energy)



#### LARGE OSCILLATIONS AND SEPARATRIX

To study the longitudinal dynamics at large oscillations, we have to consider the non linear system of differential equations without approximations. In the adiabatic acceleration case it is possible to easily obtain the following relation between w and  $\varphi$  that is the Hamiltonian of the system related to the total particle energy:

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\omega_{RF}}{cE_0 \beta_s^3 \gamma_s^3} \right)^2 w^2 + \frac{\omega_{RF} q \hat{E}_{acc}}{cE_0 \beta_s^3 \gamma_s^3} \left[ \sin(\phi_s + \varphi) - \varphi \cos \phi_s - \sin(\phi_s) \right] = \text{const} = \mathbf{H}$$

⇒For each H we have different trajectories in the longitudinal phase space

⇒the oscillations are **stable** within a region bounded by a special curve called **separatrix**: its equation is:

$$\frac{1}{2}\frac{\omega_{RF}}{cE_0\beta_s^3\gamma_s^3}w^2 + q\hat{E}_{acc}\left[\sin(\phi_s + \varphi) - (2\varphi_s + \varphi)\cos\phi_s + \sin(\phi_s)\right] = 0$$

 $\Rightarrow$ the region inside the separatrix is called **RF bucket**. The dimensions of the bucket shrinks to zero if  $\phi_s$ =0.

 $\Rightarrow$ trajectories outside the RF buckets are **unstable**.

 $\Rightarrow$ we can define the **RF** acceptance as the maximum extension in phase and energy that we can accept in an accelerator:

$$\Delta \varphi \Big|_{MAX} \cong 3\phi_s$$
  
$$\Delta w \Big|_{MAX} = \pm 2 \left[ \frac{qcE_o \beta_s^3 \gamma_s^3 \hat{E}_{acc} (\phi_s \cos \phi_s - \sin \phi_s)}{\omega_{RF}} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$



### LONGITUDINAL DYNAMICS OF LOW ENERGY ELECTRONS

From previous formulae it is clear that there is no motion in the longitudinal phase plane for ultrarelativistic particles ( $\gamma >> 1$ ).

It is interesting to analyze what happen if we inject electron beam an produced by a cathode (at low energy) directly in a **TW** structure (with  $v_{ph}=c$ ) and the conditions that allow to capture the beam (this is equivalent to consider instead of a TW structure a SW designed to accelerate ultrarelativistic particles at v=c).

Particles enter the structure with velocity **v<c** and, initially, they are synchronous with the not accelerating field and there is a so called slippage.

 $\Rightarrow$ This is the case of electrons whose velocity is always close to speed of light c even at low energies.

 $\Rightarrow$ Accelerating structures are designed to provide an accelerating field synchronous with particles moving at v=c. like **TW structures** with phase velocity equal to c.



energy (and velocity) to become synchronous with the accelerating wave. This means that they are captured by the accelerator and from this point they are stably accelerated.

### LONGITUDINAL DYNAMICS OF LOW ENERGY ELECTRONS: PHASE SPLIPPAGE



# LONGITUDINAL DYNAMICS OF LOW ENERGY ELECTRONS: CAPTURE EFFICIENCY AND BUNCH COMPRESSION

During the capture process, as the injected beam moves up to the crest, the beam is also bunched, which is caused by **velocity modulation** (velocity bunching). This mechanism can be used to compress the electron bunches (FEL applications).



#### BUNCHER AND CAPTURE SECTIONS (electrons)

Once the capture condition  $E_{RF}>E_{RF_{MIN}}$  is fulfilled the fundamental equation of previous slide sets the ranges of the injection phases  $\phi_{in}$  actually accepted. Particles whose injection phases are within this range can be captured the other are lost.

In order to increase the capture efficiency of a traveling wave section, pre-bunchers are often used. They are SW cavities aimed at pre-forming particle bunches gathering particles continuously emitted by a source.



 $\Rightarrow$ Bunching is obtained by modulating the energy (and therefore the velocity) of a continuous beam using the longitudinal E-field of a SW cavity. After a certain drift space the velocity modulation is converted in a density charge modulation. The density modulation depletes the regions corresponding to injection phase values incompatible with the capture process

 $\Rightarrow$ A TW accelerating structure (capture section) is placed at an optimal distance from the prebuncher, to capture a large fraction of the charge and accelerate it till relativistic energies. The amount of charge lost is drastically reduced, while the capture section provide also further beam bunching.

# LINAC: BASIC DEFINITION AND MAIN COMPONENTS

LINAC (linear accelerator) is a **system that allows to accelerate charged particles through a linear trajectory** by electromagnetic fields.



## **RF TRANSVERSE FORCES**

The **RF fields act on the transverse beam dynamics** because of the transverse components of the E and B



# **RF DEFOCUSING/FOCUSING**

From previous formulae it is possible to calculate the **transverse momentum increase** due to the RF transverse forces. Assuming that the velocity and position changes over the gap are small we obtain to the first order:



- $\Rightarrow$  transverse defocusing scales as ~1/ $\gamma^2$  and disappears at relativistic regime (electrons)
- $\Rightarrow$  At relativistic regime (electrons), moreover, we have, in general,  $\phi=0$  for maximum acceleration and this completely cancel the defocusing effect
- $\Rightarrow$  Also in the **non relativistic regime** for a correct evaluation of the defocusing effect we have to:
  - $\Rightarrow$  take into account the **velocity change across the accelerating gap**
  - $\Rightarrow$  the transverse beam dimensions changes across the gap (with a general reduction of the transverse beam dimensions due to the focusing in the first part)

Both effects give a reduction of the defocusing force

# RF FOCUSING IN ELECTRON LINACS

-RF defocusing is negligible in electron linacs. -There is a second order effect due to the non-synchronous harmonics of the accelerating field that give a focusing effect. These harmonics generate a **ponderomotive** force i.e. a force in an inhomogeneous oscillating electromagnetic field.

NON-SYNCHRONOUS RF HARMONICS: SIMPLE CASE OF SW STRUCTURE



Is equivalent to the superposition of two counterpropagating TW waves

The **forward wave only contribute to the acceleration** (and does not give transverse effect).

The **backward wave** does not contribute to the acceleration but generates an **oscillating transverse force** (ponderomotive force)



#### Average focusing force



With accelerating gradients of few tens of MV/m can easily reach the level of MV/m<sup>2</sup>

### **COLLECTIVE EFFECTS: SPACE CHARGE AND WAKEFIELDS**

Collective effects are **all effects related to the number of particles** and they can play a crucial role in the longitudinal and transverse beam dynamics

 $\Rightarrow$  Effect of Coulomb repulsion between particles (space charge).

⇒ These effects cannot be neglected especially at **low energy** and at high current because the space charge forces scales as  $1/\gamma^2$  and with the current I.

The other effects are due to the wakefield. The passage of bunches through accelerating structures excites electromagnetic field. This field can longitudinal have and transverse components and, interacting with subsequent bunches (long range wakefield), can affect the longitudinal and the transverse beam dynamics. In particular the transverse wakefields, can drive an instability along the train called multibunch beam break up (BBU).

#### **SPACE CHARGE**

EXAMPLE: Uniform and infinite cylinder of charge moving along z

In this particular case it is linear but in general it is a **non-linear force** 

 $\vec{F}_{SC} = q \frac{I}{2\pi\varepsilon_0 R_b^2 \beta c \gamma^2} r_q \hat{r}$ 

#### **WAKEFIELDS**



Several approaches are used to absorb these field from the structures like **loops** couplers, waveguides, Beam pipe absorbers

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# MAGNETIC FOCUSING AND CONTROL OF THE TRANSVERSE DYNAMICS

 $\Rightarrow$ **Defocusing RF forces, space charge** or the natural divergence (emittance) of the beam need to be **compensated** and controlled by **focusing forces**.



This is provided by **quadrupoles** along the beam line.

At low energies also **solenoids** can be used



 $\Rightarrow$ Quadrupoles are focusing in one plane and defocusing on the other. A global focalization is provides by **alternating quadrupoles** with opposite signs



 $\Rightarrow$ In a linac one alternates accelerating structures with focusing sections.

 $\Rightarrow$ The type of magnetic configuration and magnets type/distance depend on the type of particles/energies/beam parameters we want to achieve.





## TRANSVERSE OSCILLATIONS AND BEAM ENVELOPE



0<σ<π

The final transverse beam dimensions ( $\sigma_{x,y}(s)$ ) vary along the linac and are contained within an **envelope** 

### **SMOOTH APPROXIMATION OF TRANSVERSE OSCILLATIONS**



If we consider also the **Space Charge contribution** in the simple case of an **ellipsoidal beam** (linear space charges) we obtain:

$$K_{0} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{qGl}{2m_{0}c\gamma\beta}\right)^{2} - \frac{\pi q\hat{E}_{acc}\sin(-\phi)}{m_{0}c^{2}\lambda_{RF}(\gamma\beta)^{3}} - \frac{3Z_{0}qI\lambda_{RF}(1-f)}{8\pi m_{0}c^{2}\beta^{2}\gamma^{3}r_{x}r_{y}r_{z}}}$$
Space charge term
$$I = \text{ average beam current (Q/T_{RF})}$$

 $Z_0$ =free space impedance (377  $\Omega$ )

For ultrarelativistic **electrons RF defocusing and space charge disappear** and the external focusing is required to control the emittance and to stabilize the beam against instabilities.

### **GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS ON LINAC OPTICS DESIGN (1/2)**

#### **PROTONS AND IONS**

- $\Rightarrow$  Beam dynamics dominated by space charge and RF defocusing forces
- $\Rightarrow$  Focusing is usually provided by **quadrupoles**
- $\Rightarrow$  Phase advance per period ( $\sigma$ ) should be, in general, in the range 30-80 deg, this means that, at low energy, we need a strong focusing term (**short quadrupole distance and high quadrupole gradient**) to compensate for the rf defocusing, but the limited space ( $\beta\lambda$ ) limits the achievable G and beam current
- $\Rightarrow$  As β increases, the distance between focusing elements can increase ( $\beta\lambda$  in the DTL goes from ~70mm (3 MeV, 352 MHz) to ~250mm (40 MeV), and can be increased to 4-10 $\beta\lambda$  at higher energy (>40 MeV).
- $\Rightarrow$  A linac is made of a **sequence of structures, matched to the beam velocity**, and where the length of the focusing period increases with energy. As  $\beta$  increases, longitudinal phase error between cells of identical length becomes small and we can have **short sequences of identical cells** (lower construction costs).



### **GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS ON LINAC OPTICS DESIGN (2/2)**

#### **ELECTRONS**

- ⇒ Space charge only at low energy and/or high peak current: below 10 MeV (injector) the beam dynamics optimization has to include emittance compensation schemes with, typically solenoids;
- ⇒ At higher energies no space charge and no RF defocusing effects occur but we have RF focusing due to the ponderomotive force: focusing periods up to several meters. EMITTANCE DOMINATED DYNAMICS.
- ⇒ Optics design has to take into account **longitudinal and transverse wakefields** (due to the **higher frequencies used for acceleration**) that can cause energy spread increase, head-tail oscillations, multi-bunch instabilities,...
- ⇒ Longitudinal bunch compressors schemes based on magnets and chicanes have to take into account, for short bunches, the interaction between the beam and the emitted synchrotron radiation (**Coherent** Synchrotron Radiation effects)
- $\Rightarrow$  All these effects are important especially in LINACs for FEL that requires extremely good beam qualities



# **RADIO FREQUENCY QUADRUPOLES (RFQ)**

**Electrodes** 

At low proton (or ion) energies ( $\beta \sim 0.01$ ), space charge defocusing is high and quadrupole focusing is not very effective. Moreover cell length becomes small and conventional accelerating structures (DTL) are very inefficient. At this energies it is used a (relatively) new structure, the Radio Frequency Quadrupole (1970).





Courtesy M. Vretenar

These structures allow to simultaneously provide:









# **RFQ: PROPERTIES**

#### 1-Focusing

The resonating mode of the cavity (between the four electrodes) is a **focusing mode**: **Quadrupole mode** ( $TE_{210}$ ). The alternating voltage on the electrodes produces an **alternating focusing channel** with the period of the RF (**electric focusing** does not depend on the velocity and is ideal at low  $\beta$ )

#### 2-Acceleration

The vanes have a **longitudinal modulation** with period =  $\beta \lambda_{RF}$  this creates a **longitudinal component of the electric field** that accelerate the beam (the modulation corresponds exactly to a series of RF gaps).

#### **3-Bunching**

The modulation period (distance between maxima) can be slightly adjusted to change the phase of the beam inside the RFQ cells, and the amplitude of the modulation can be changed to change the accelerating gradient. One can start at -90° phase (linac) with some **bunching cells**, progressively **bunch the beam** (adiabatic bunching channel), and only in the last cells switch on the **acceleration**.





The RFQ is the only linear accelerator that can accept a low energy continuous beam.









Opposite vanes (180°)

Adjacent vanes (90°)



## **RFQ: EXAMPLES**

The 1<sup>st</sup> 4-vane RFQ, Los Alamos 1980: 100 KeV - 650 KeV, 30 mA, 425 MHz



The CERN Linac4 RFQ 45 keV – 3 MeV, 3 m 80 mA H-, max. 10% duty cycle





TRASCO @ INFN Legnaro Energy In: 80 keV Energy Out: 5 MeV Frequency 352.2 MHz Proton Current (CW) 30 mA





#### THE CHOICE OF THE ACCELERATING STRUCTURE

In general the choice of the accelerating structure depends on:

- $\Rightarrow$  **Particle type**: mass, charge, energy
- $\Rightarrow$  Beam current
- $\Rightarrow$  **Duty cycle** (pulsed, CW)
- $\Rightarrow$  Frequency
- $\Rightarrow$  **Cost** of fabrication and of operation

Moreover a given accelerating structure has also a curve of efficiency (shunt impedance) with respect to the particle energies and the choice of one structure with respect to another one depends also on this.

As example a very general scheme is given in the Table (absolutely not exhaustive).

Cavity Type	β Range	Frequency	Particles
RFQ	0.01-0.1	40-500 MHz	Protons, lons
DTL	0.05 – 0.5	100-400 MHz	Protons, Ions
SCL	0.5 – 1	600 MHz-3 GHz	Protons, Electrons
SC Elliptical	> 0.5-0.7	350 MHz-3 GHz	Protons, Electrons
тw	1	3-12 GHz	Electrons

### STRUCTURE PARAMETERS SCALING WITH FREQUENCY

We can analyze how all parameters (r, Q) scale with frequency and what are the advantages or disadvantages in accelerate with low or high frequencies cavities.



→**short bunches** are easier with higher f

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#### Medical applications



#### Security: Cargo scans



Ion Extraction/ Pre-Acceleration Magnet

Mass Analyz

Chamber (Anode)

#### Neutron spallation sources



Injectors for colliders and synchrotron light sources



<sup>gnet</sup> Industrial applications: Elemental Source Ion implantation for semiconductors

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