

# High-Current H<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> Compact Cyclotrons for Particle Physics and Beyond

Daniel Winklehner, MIT PSI Colloquium – May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 This is a talk about synergy between particle physics and accelerator physics...



...but also a talk about why I am excited about this photo...

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### Three "massless" neutrinos in the Standard Model

- Three "known" neutrino flavors
- Part of the lepton weak doublets
- Only interact via weak force
- Example: Beta-Decay:



#### **Standard Model of Elementary Particles**



#### We now know neutrinos have mass and mix!



- Confirmed in SuperK and SNO for solar & atmospheric neutrinos.
- Mass and Flavor Eigenstates are not aligned → Mixing

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now observed in many consistent experiments



"Wave" in Rate vs L/E (distance/energy) Only observed across multiple cycles in KamLAND

# Introduction

### But the picture is not tidy $\rightarrow$ New Physics?



#### We need a really decisive follow-up!

If it is oscillation related then it will produce some kind of wave in L/E

If there is....



Requires: Very high statistics, well understood neutrino flux

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17 m

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0.95

0.90

0.85 0

Observed/Predicted

17 m

IsoDAR@ Yemilab:  $\Delta m^2 = 1 eV^2$  and  $sin^2 2\theta = 0.1$ 

No position/energy smearing
 With position/energy smearing

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#### Cyclotrons are the best suited accelerators

- IsoDAR Neutrino Source
- Cost-effective
- Compact
- Alternatives:
  - Linac (Linear Accelerator): Long, Expensive
  - FFA (Fixed-Field Alternating-Gradient): Larger Ring, Pre-accelerate, High-Intensity not established

#### Success! $\rightarrow$ Pre-approval to run at Yemilab in Korea

IsoDAR Neutrino Source



Caverns are already constructed Now we need to put the cyclotron in it

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#### Most modern cyclotrons are isochronous

- Increase B-Field with radius to counter relativistic effects
- Use Azimuthally Varying Field (AVF) for vertical focusing



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- In general:  $\omega = h \cdot \frac{qB}{m}$ , RF frequency can be any integer multiple of particle frequency.
- Dees can be made into double gap cavities with angle = 180/h

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of base frequency

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### Injection through a spiral inflector

- Cyclotron Main B-Field
- Electrostatic Field from Spiral Electrodes
- Combination guides particles
- Difficult to simulate precisely



#### Extraction from a compact cyclotron



### State of the art in high intensity cyclotrons

- PSI Injector II:
  - 2.7 mA of protons
  - 72 MeV
  - Separated Sector Cyclotron
  - Very large! Radius= 5 m
- Commercial Cyclotrons:
  - Isotope Production
  - ~1 mA of H-
  - Compact! Radius < 1 m
- We need:
  - Compact, and
  - with more beam (10 mA!)





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#### What building blocks can we improve?

- Ion Source
- Low Energy Beam Transport (LEBT)
- Accelerator (Cyclotron)
  - Injection
  - Acceleration
  - Extraction  $\bullet$

We must consider space charge at every step!

LEBT

Low Energy Beam

accelerator

Transport = Connection



#### Trajectory equations with linear space-charge

M. Reiser, Wiley-VCH 2008

**Trajectory Equations:** 

$$x'' + \kappa_{x0}x - \frac{2K}{x_m(x_m + y_m)}x = 0$$
$$y'' + \kappa_{y0}y - \frac{2K}{y_m(x_m + y_m)}y = 0$$

 $\kappa_{x0}, \kappa_{y0} \cdots$  focusing functions

Envelope equations:

$$x''_{m} + \kappa_{x0}x_{m} - \frac{2K}{x_{m} + y_{m}} - \frac{\epsilon_{x}^{2}}{x_{m}^{3}} = 0$$
$$y''_{m} + \kappa_{y0}y_{m} - \frac{2K}{x_{m} + y_{m}} - \frac{\epsilon_{y}^{2}}{y_{m}^{3}} = 0$$

 $x_m, y_m \cdots$  beam edge

Generalized Perveance:

$$K = \frac{q\mathbf{I} \cdot (1 - \gamma^2 \mathbf{f_e})}{2\pi\epsilon_0 m_0 c^3 \gamma^3 \beta^3}$$


#### There are "particle knobs" to turn

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a measure for space-charge

*If we want to increase I, we can change m and E to keep The perveance as low as possible* 

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- Remove electron by stripping



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Note: • 5 mA  $H_2^+$  = 10 mA  $p^+$ 

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- Two units of charge for one!
- Remove electron by stripping
  → get two protons per H<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>
- Helps with Injection
- Helps with Low Energy Beam Transport
- And there are additional exciting ways to exploit this!



## Innovation #2: $H_2^+$ ion source (MIST-1) $\rightarrow$ commissioned at 25% power at MIT (PSFC)

Cup

- Filament-driven multicusp ion source
- > 1 mA of  $H_{2}^{+}$
- 80% purity
- High quality beam emittance: 0.05  $\pi$ -mm-mrad (RMS, norm.)
- Now ramping up to 100% power

Axani, DW et al. RSI (2016) https://aip.scitation.org/doi/10.1063/1.4932395 DW et al., AIP Conf. Proc. (2017) https://arxiv.org/abs/1811.01868 DW et al. RSI (2021) https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.12292



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#### ...to provide 10 mA here



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- Safety limit adopted from PSI:
  200 W or ~1 in 10k particles at 60 MeV/amu
- Otherwise there is too much activation



V



Radius (mm)

# Three ways to maximize the turn separation and minimize losses

- Maximize Energy Gain/turn 250 kV V<sub>dee</sub>, 4 Dees (8 gaps)
   → almost 2 MeV/turn
- Excite Precession through Resonance
- Beam Dynamics: Vortex Motion
  - Vortex-like curling up of the beam into a circle in longitudinal-transverse space
  - Only happens in isochronous cyclotrons
  - Beam needs to be well matched





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#### Vortex motion – OPAL Simulations for PSI Injector II



Yang et al. PRSTAB (2010) https://journals.aps.org/prab/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevSTAB.13.064201

#### Vortex Motion - The "Intuitive" Picture



Lorentz force:  $\mathbf{F} = q \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}_{ext}) + q \cdot \mathbf{E}_{self}$  E x B drift:  $\mathbf{v}_E = \frac{\mathbf{E}_{self} \times \mathbf{B}_{ext}}{\mathbf{B}_{ext}^2}$ 

#### Vortex Motion in the IsoDAR 60 MeV/amu cyclotron



#### Optimize phase, RF voltage, cavity shape, collimator placement

- Phase: -5°, V = 70-240kV
- Collimate Halo  $\rightarrow$  ~30% loss
- 98 W on septum (~1e-4 rel.)

400

300

200

100

-100

-200

-300

-400 -300 -200 -100

y (mm)



Histogram of the Beam Power (0.5 mm Bins)

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#### DW et al., New J. Phys. (2022) <u>https://doi.org/10.1088/1367-2630/ac5001</u>

#### Beam can be extracted with good quality

#### • Minimal losses at 60 MeV/amu: < 100 Watt!

- RMS Size:
  - Radial: 7.5 mm
  - Longitudinal: 11 mm
  - Vertical: 1.9 mm
- RMS, normalized emittance:
  - vertical: 0.44 mm-mrad
  - Radial: 3.8 mm-mrad
- Longitudinal emittance:
  - 0.1 MeV-deg



#### But do we trust the simulations?

- Three important benchmark studies:
  - LEBT
  - Spiral Inflector
  - Cyclotron

In order to have the highest realism, PIC codes are necessary! → OPAL and WARP



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  - LEBT WARP excellent agreement with measurements ✓ DW et al. JINST (2015) <u>arXiv:1508.03850</u>
  - Spiral Inflector New OPAL module, benchmarked against theory and experiment ✓

DW et al. Phys. Rev. AB (2017) https://arxiv.org/abs/1612.09018

 Cyclotron – OPAL has been heavily benchmarked against PSI and other experiments ✓

Yang et al. PRSTAB (2010) PhysRevSTAB.13.064201

Adelmann et al. The OPAL Code (2019) https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.06654

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#### Now let's jump to here: Better Bunching



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<u>Phase Acceptance</u> Window in RF wave space that can safely be populated

# How can we improve phase acceptance and make our system more compact? $\rightarrow$ RFQ Bunching



Caveat: Because of the strong bunching and tight focusing, the bunches begin to spread quickly after the RFQ  $\rightarrow$  Direct Injection

#### Innovation #5: RFQ-DIP

• Radio Frequency Quadrupole – Direct Injection Project



DW et al. **RSI** (2016) <u>https://aip.scitation.org/doi/abs/10.1063/1.4935753</u> DW et al. **NIMA** (2018) <u>https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.03759</u> DW et al. **JACoW** IPAC2021-TUXB07 (2021) <u>https://inspirehep.net/literature/1962316</u>

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#### RFQ General Principle



Beam

 $\longleftarrow L = \beta \lambda \longrightarrow$ 

$$V(t) = V_{\max} \cdot \cos(\omega_{RF} \cdot t - \Phi_S)$$

- Continuous focusing like in a series of alternating F/D Electrostatic quadrupoles
- Wiggles lead to acceleration and bunching (RF bunching similar to cyclotron)
- Same frequency as cyclotron (32.8 MHz)

# Particles are continuously focused transversally, while being bunched longitudinally



Highly accurate particle in cell (PIC) simulations using well-established WARP code Cave: Older simulation, not a well-matched beam!

#### Split-coaxial RFQ bunches the beam at 32.8 MHz



Elements	Unit	Design pa	arameters
Frequency	MHz	32.8	
Particle	A/q	$H_2^+$ (2)	c
Length	mm	1378.69	
No. of cells		58	or of the second se
Transmission rate	%	97.27	<u> </u>
Beam energy	keV	$15 \rightarrow 70$	
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Long. emittance (rms)	keV-deg	30	
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Technical Design by Bevatech, GmbH, Germany

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#### **RFQ-DIP** Prototype

Radiofrequency Quadrupole – Direct Injection Project

- Ion Source (MIST-1) S. Axani, J. Smolsky, L. Waites, P. Weigel
- Mini-ES-LEBT (Chop/Steer) L. Waites
- RFQ JB. Bahng, D. Koser, M. Sangroula
- Injection (re-focusing) P. Weigel
- 1 MeV/amu test cyclotron
- Diagnostics
- This is the needed experimental verification of RFQ-DIP & vortex motion



## MachineLearning() – Why "Surrogate Models"

- Particle accelerator simulations can be complex with large sets of input parameters
- Optimization requires repeated evaluation of points in parameterhyperspace.
- Surrogate model: train neural net on sparse set of points in this hyperspace
- Evaluation of surrogate model is orders of magnitude faster than original simulation
  - Optimization
  - Real-Time Feedback



Image: A. Edelen et al. **PRAB** 23, 044601 (2020)

#### MachineLearning() - RFQ


## MachineLearning() - RFQ

- Excellent results for Twiss parameters
- Bodes well for tuning assistant
- Challenges with RFQ mechanical design prediction
- Interesting avenue of research!
- Can already be used to restrict parameter space for optimization



## Wishlist for IsoDAR – Use Surrogate Models for

- Optimizing the LEBT and matching of the beam to the RFQ
  - Test-problem
  - Have decent solution for comparison, few parameters clear goal.
- RFQ Optimization and beam prediction </br>
- Optimizing spiral inflector and central region
  - Larger set of parameters (SI voltage, tilt, gap, focusing, RF phases, angles...)
  - Somewhat involved process (generate CAD model, FEM for fields, run in OPAL...)
- Full cyclotron optimization and uncertainty quantification  $\checkmark$

https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.09352

• Add together into start-to-end model for "Virtual Accelerator" for assistance during commissioning and tuning at run-time.

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# Coming soon to a cavern <del>near you</del>! In South Korea

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#### IsoDAR can produce relatively rare medical isotopes

- Few 60 MeV/amu accelerators,
  - On market machines < 1 mA
  - Lab-based accelerators are not at dedicated facilities
  - Our cyclotons can be built by consortia of hospitals
- There is real need for...
  - <sup>68</sup>Ge/<sup>68</sup>Ga: PET isotope
  - <sup>225</sup>Ac: Alpha emitter



IsoDAR will produce 10 mA @ 60 MeV... Can isotope targets handle that?

- No, at least not at the moment
- But H<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> gives another option... Split the beam between many targets

split internally...

Or split externally





#### But wait, there's more!

- Exploring medical isotope production with other ions with m/q = 2
- Innovations are upstream of ~1.5 MeV/amu
- Same design works from 1 to 60 MeV/amu ... A family of cyclotrons!
  → A wide range of isotopes...



## Also $\rightarrow$ Local facilities for particle physics!

Intensity frontier physics located at universities can be a game-changer for the field.

Ongoing project: A design "kit" for facilities,

e.g., something like...

Test stand for Detectors in high Neutron environments

> DAR flux for Coherent Scattering...

Particle physics needs/concepts

<sub>I</sub> already appearing on arXiv,

But lacking a source to run!

Specialized Z'

and ALP searches

... Other examples

Snowmass'21 - AF02 High Power Cyclotron Working Group Report: https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.07919 (lots of PSI input!)

#### In Summary...



### Planned milestones in next 10 years

- Machine Learning:
  - Surrogate Model for ion source/LEBT tuning 2022
  - First demonstration of ML-assisted RFQ design 2023
  - Followed by new ML developments and proofs of principle.
- Machines:
  - 3.5 MeV machine first-of-its-kind complete prototype 2025 (Above-ground test machine for IsoDAR running, isotopes)
  - "Kit" for design for any energy from 1 to 60 MeV 2025
  - IsoDAR 60 MeV Cyclotron completed by 2027
- Particle Physics:
  - IsoDAR, definitive experiment in exotic neutrino sector 2032
- Many more applications to follow!
  - CP-violation, ADS, materials, isotopes...

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