

Introduction to Accelerators and Accelerator Physics

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- Accelerators are devices which accelerate charged particles like electrons, protons and ions
- means of acceleration range from static electric fields, pulsed electric fields, varying magnetic fields and microwaves
- the energy of accelerated particles are measured in eV or for ions in eV/nucleon
- a particle gains the energy of 1 eV while traveling in the field between two electrodes with a potential difference of 1 Volt
- we use also units of keV, MeV, GeV and TeV

the beam current is measured in Ampere or mAmpere

- the beam current in microwave accelerators is bunched
- bunches are typically $\sim 1/20^{\text{th}}$ of the microwave wavelength
- there are several definitions of beam currents used
- instantaneous current or peak current is the current within a bunch, $dI/dt = eN_p c/l_b$ where l_b is the bunch length
- pulsed current is measured as the average current in a (linac) pulse. $I = en_b N_p / \tau_p$ where n_b in the number of bunches in the pulse, N_p the number of particles per bunch and τ_b the duration of the pulse
- average current is the current averaged over some longer time



most particles travel close to the speed of light:

- 40 keV/u Ar ion beam $\beta = 0.0092$
- 50 keV electrons
- 25 MeV protons (cyclotron)
- 3 GeV electrons (DIAMOND)
- 8 TeV protons in LHC
- 50 GeV electrons (SLAC)

 $\beta = 0.0092447$ $\beta = 0.4126858$ $\beta = 0.2266106$ $\beta = 0.9999999861$ $\beta = 0.9999999315$ $\beta = 0.999999999478$



- simplest accelerator is the electrostatic accelerator (e-guns, Van de Graaf, Tandem)
- varying magnetic field in betatron
- pulsed electric fields in Tesla transformer
- most accelerators rely on microwaves to accelerate particles cyclotron, linear accelerator, synchrotron, storage ring
- time is too short to cover all
- we concentrate on

linear accelerator, synchrotron, storage ring



Linac:







a synchrotron is a "wound-up" linear accelerator employing one or few cavities many times

what is a storage ring?

basically a synchrotron which is used

NOT to accelerate, but only

to store a particle beam at a constant energy



main storage ring components









ESRF Booster





SPEAR-3





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SUBARU undulator



SUBARU : 2.3 m undulator, $\lambda_p = 7.6$ cm, 30 periods



- in a storage ring, particles travel along the orbit for many hours at the speed of light (well, very close to it)
- during 15 hours this is a distance of 16.200.000.000 m or 16.200.000.000 km or 16.2 billion km or 108 times from earth to sun
- in modern storage rings, particles travel this distance within $<100~\mu m$ of the ideal orbit
- in linear colliders nano-beams from independent accelerators must be made to collide
- this cannot be achieved by steering alone !
- we must employ stability principles for beam dynamics and very accurate components and diagnostics
- modern accelerators are not possible without team work involving many skills







 need ultra high vacuum UHV (~ 10⁻⁹ Torr) to avoid loss of particles due to scattering



bending magnets for beam guidance

why magnets? why not electric fields?

Lorentz force: $F_{\rm L} = eE + e[v \times B]$

should we use *electrical* or *magnetic* fields?

for equal force:
$$E(V/m) = \beta cB(T)$$

or for $\beta = 1$: 1 Tesla $\equiv 3 \times 10^8 \text{ V/m}$

a 1 Tesla magnet is much easier to built than is plates holding 300 MV/m !

not true if $\beta << 1$



beam deflection

centrifugal force = Lorentz force
$$\frac{\gamma A m v^2}{\rho} = e Z v B$$

where *A* is the atomic number (for electrons A = 1) and *Z* the charge multiplicity

$$\frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{B}{(B\rho)} \quad \text{where} \quad (B\rho) = \frac{\beta \gamma Amc^2}{eZc} = \frac{\beta}{c} \frac{AE_u}{Z} \approx 3.333 \frac{\beta AE_u}{Z}$$
is the beam rigidity

bending radius
$$\frac{1}{\rho} \left(m^{-1} \right) = 0.29979 \frac{Z}{A} \frac{B(T)}{\beta E(GeV)}$$

deflection angle $\psi = \frac{\ell_b}{\rho}$



bending magnet during measurements





principle of focusing





quadrupole magnet

focal length:

quadrupole strength:

$$\frac{1}{f} = k \ell_q$$

$$k(\mathbf{m}^{-2}) = 0.3 \frac{g(T/m)}{cp.(GeV)}$$

derive field from potential:

$$V = -gxy$$

$$B_y = \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = gx$$
, and $B_x = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = gy$

pole profile: $x \cdot y = \pm \frac{1}{2} R^2$



quadrupoles



storage ring quadrupoles





pole profile



Quadrupole is focusing in one plane defocusing in other plane

How do we get focusing in both planes ?



chromatic and geometric aberrations



need sextupoles to correct for chromatic aberrations, but get now

geometric aberrations limiting the dynamic aperture

to construct a circular accelerator

- we place all magnets along an ideal orbit
- the excitation of all bending magnets deflect the beam by 360 deg
- the excitation of the quadrupoles defines the focusing or beam dynamics configurations the lattice
- a correct lattice ensures beam stability in the transverse planes (x,y)
- particles are not forced to travel along ideal orbit, but oscillate about the ideal orbit (betatron oscillations)
- the number of oscillations per turn are called the tunes (Q_x, Q_y)
- they may not be equal to n, n/2, n/3, n/4.....where n is an integer
- resonances !

all particles are contained within an envelope given by

$$E_{x,y}(z) = \sqrt{\epsilon_{x,y}\beta_{x,y}(z)}$$

where $\epsilon_{x,y}$ is the emittance of the beam in the x- or y-plane and $\beta_{x,y}(z)$ is the betatron function

- the emittance is a constant around the circular accelerator
- the betatron function is defined by the lattice (quadrupoles)
- there is only one betatron function per plane and configuration
- its values are tabulated



periodic betatron and dispersion functions





particles are expected to travel along to the ideal orbit

- well, close
- not all particles have the correct energy
- not all magnets have the ideal field or are aligned ideally
- we get dispersion
- on top of dispersion we also get orbit distortion
- both dispersion and orbit distortion define reference orbits
- particles with different energies follow different reference orbits

$$x_{\rm ref}(z) = x_{\rm d}(z) + \eta(z) \frac{\Delta p}{p_0}$$

• for perfect ring and energy $x_{ref}(z) \equiv 0$



- orbit distortion must be corrected absolute to $<100\ \mu m$
- need beam position monitors and steering magnets
- relative sensitivity of BPMs $< 1 \mu m$
- need sensitivity for beam stability and reproducibility
- and for diagnostic purpose transfer matrix

longitudinal motion and stability

principle of phase stability (Veksler, McMillan 1946)

- for proper interaction of beam with cavity, revolution time must be integer multiple of Rf-period
- ok for ideal energy particle
- what about non-ideal energy particles?





- periodic focusing solutions for the transverse planes and
- principle of phase focusing
- together with precisely built components
- and diagnostic instruments

allows us to design accelerators and be confident a beam will survive on a precise orbit for more than

16.2 billion km

or collide nano-meter beams from two independent accelerators