

LINAC TECHNOLOGY





ACCELERATING CAVITY TECHNOLOGY

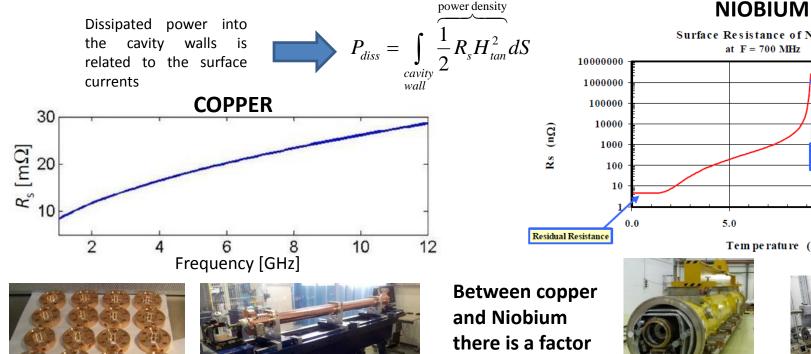
 \Rightarrow The cavities (and the related LINAC technology) can be of different material:

- 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:

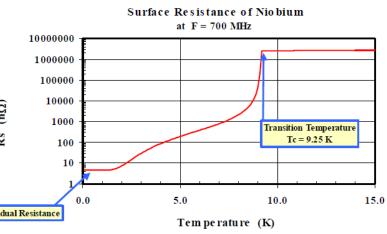
- accelerating gradient (MV/m);
- **RF pulse length** (how many bunches we can contemporary accelerate);
- Duty cycle (see next slide): pulsed operation (i.e. 10-100 Hz) or continuous wave (CW) operation;
- Average beam current.





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RF STRUCTURE AND BEAM STRUCTURE: NC vs SC

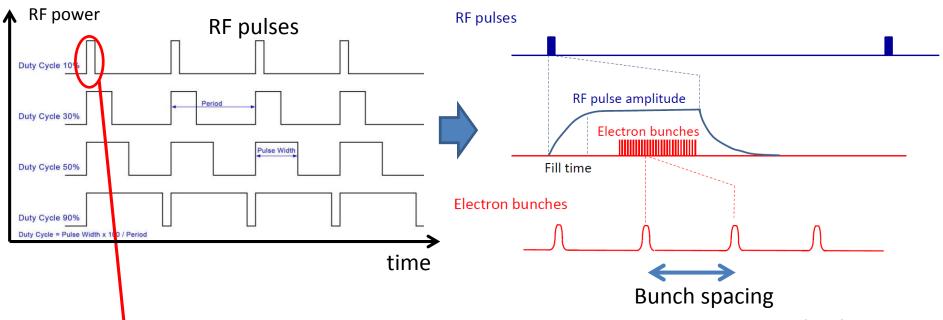
The "beam structure" in a LINAC is directly related to the "RF structure". There are two possible type of operations:

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

10³-10⁸ 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.

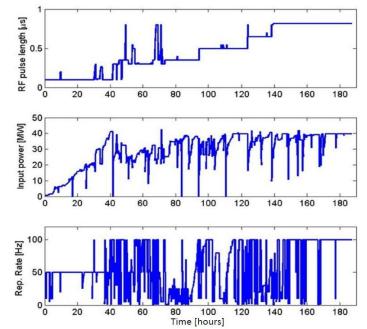
 \Rightarrow NC structures can operate in pulsed mode at very low DC (10⁻²-10⁻¹ %) (because of the higher dissipated power) with, in principle, **larger peak** accelerating gradient(>30 MV/m). This means that one or few tens of bunches can be, in general, accelerated. NB: NC structures can also operate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

PERFORMANCES NC vs SC: MAXIMUM E_{acc}

NC



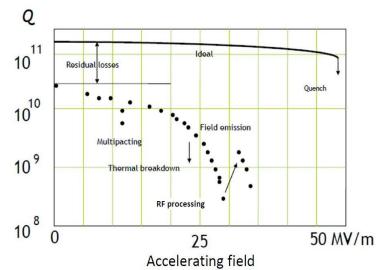
- ⇒ If properly cleaned and fabricated, NC cavities can quite easily reach relatively high gradients (>40 MV/m) at rep. rate up to 100-200 Hz and pulse length of few μ .
 - ⇒ Longer pulses or higher rep. rate can be reached but in this case the gradient has to be reduced accordingly (~MV/m).
 - The main limitation comes from breakdown phenomena, whose physics interpretation and modelling is still under study and is not yet completely understood.
- \Rightarrow Conditioning is necessary to go in full operation



SC

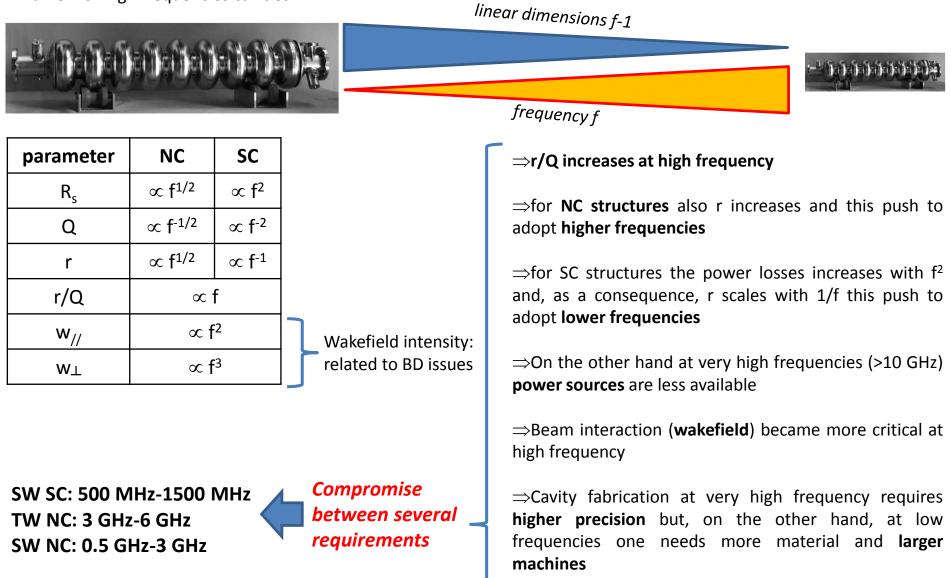


- \Rightarrow SC cavities also need to be conditioned
 - Their performance is usually analyzed by plotting the behavior of the quality factor as a function of the accelerating field.
 - The ultimate gradient (~ 50 MV/m) is given by the limitation due to the critical magnetic field (150-180 mT).



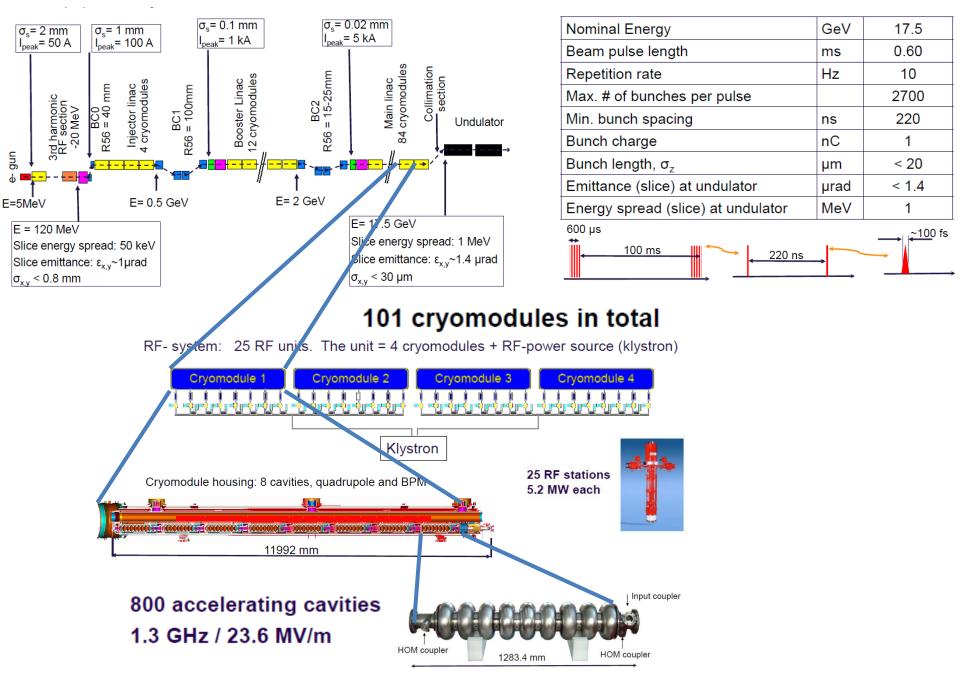
PARAMETERS SCALING WITH FREQUENCY

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.

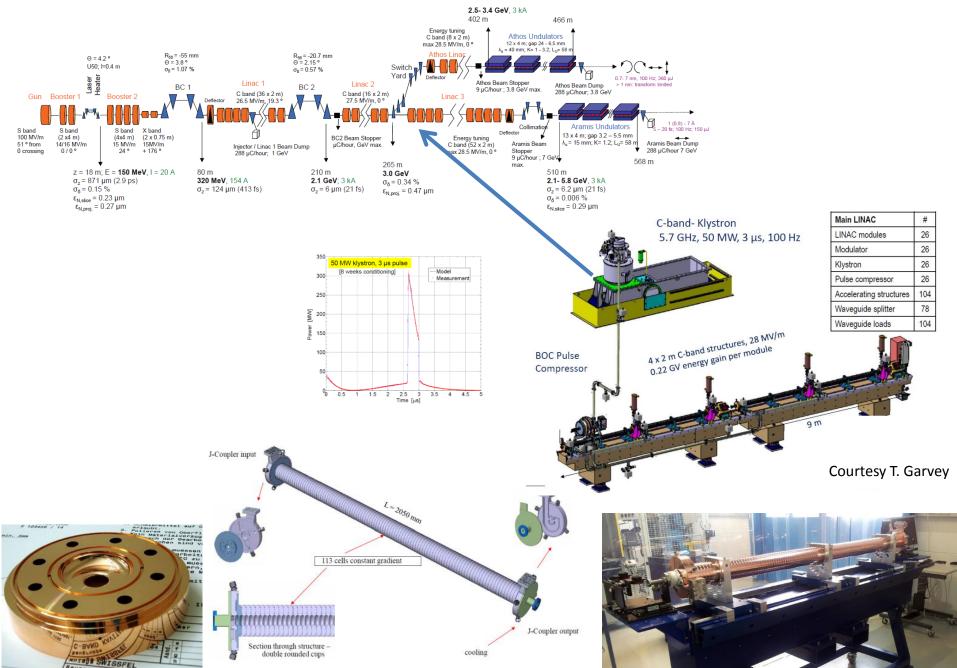


■ ⇒short bunches are easier with higher f

EXAMPLES: EUROPEAN XFEL

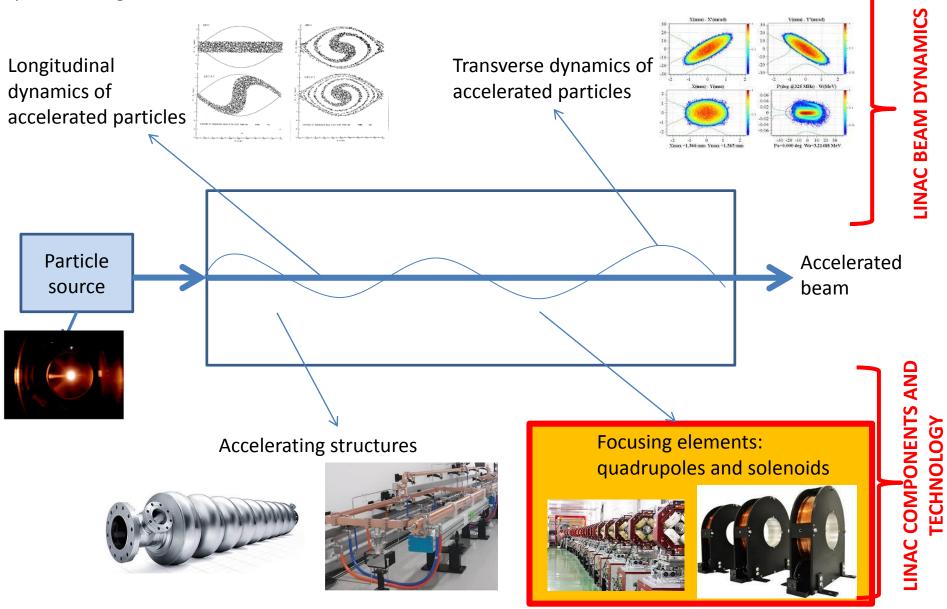


EXAMPLE: SWISSFEL LINAC (PSI)



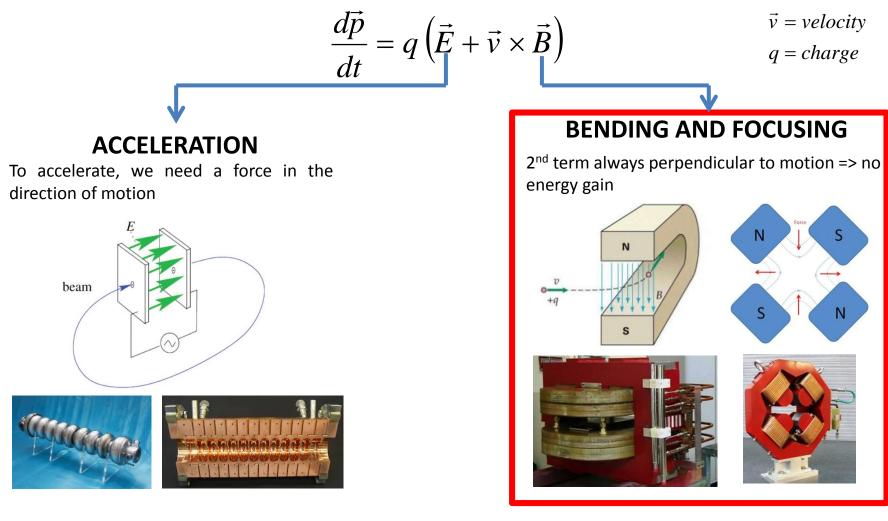
LINAC: BASIC DEFINITION AND MAIN COMPONENTS

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LORENTZ FORCE: ACCELERATION AND FOCUSING

Particles are accelerated through electric field and are bended and focalized through magnetic field. The basic equation that describe the acceleration/bending /focusing processes is the Lorentz Force. $\vec{p} = momentum$ m = mass







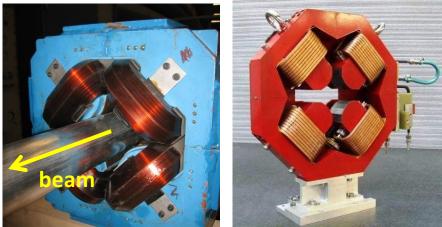
MAGNETIC QUADRUPOLE

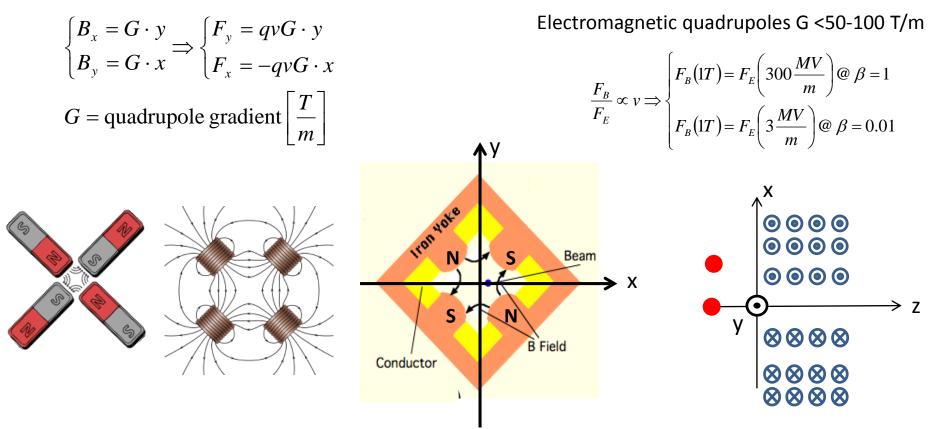
Quadrupoles are used to **focalize the beam in the transverse plane**. It is a **4 poles magnet**:

 \Rightarrow B=0 in the center of the quadrupole

 \Rightarrow The **B** intensity increases linearly with the off-axis displacement.

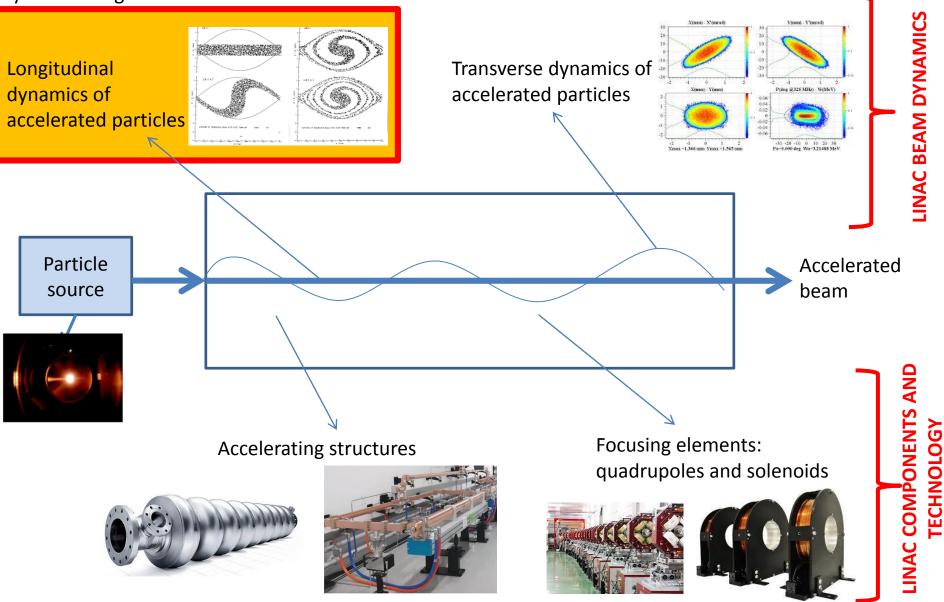
⇒If the quadrupole is **focusing in one plane is defocusing in the other plane**





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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_{acc}) still oscillating in time than can be expressed as:

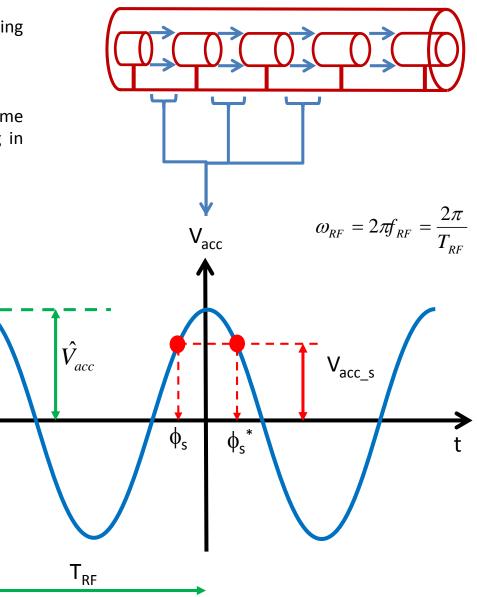
$$V_{acc} = \hat{V}_{acc} \cos(\omega_{RF} t)$$

⇒Let's assume that the "perfect" synchronism condition is fulfilled for a phase ϕ_s (called *synchronous phase*). This means that a particle (called *synchronous particle*) entering in a gap with a phase ϕ_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** ϕ_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 ϕ_s and ϕ_s^* are synchronous phases.

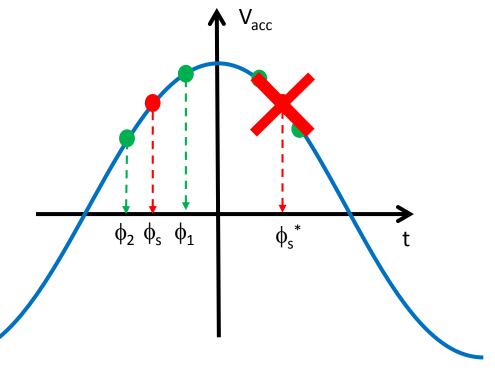


PRINCIPLE OF PHASE STABILITY (protons and ions or electrons at extremely low energy)

⇒Let us consider now the first synchronous phase ϕ_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 ϕ_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



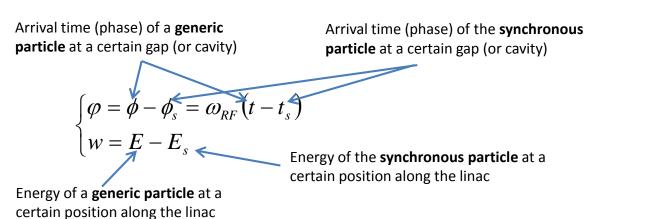
 \Rightarrow The choice of the synchronous phase in the positive slope of the RF voltage provides longitudinal focusing of the beam: **phase stability principle**.

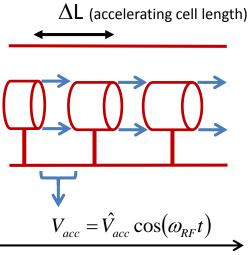
 \Rightarrow The synchronous phase on the negative slope of the RF voltage is, on the contrary, **unstable**

 \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:

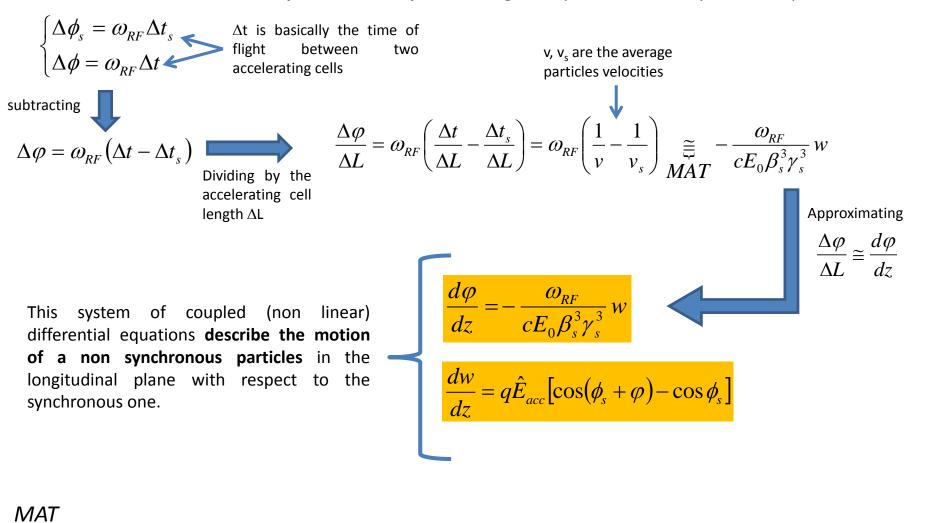
$$\begin{cases} \Delta E_{s} = q\hat{V}_{acc}\cos\phi_{s} \\ \Delta E = q\hat{V}_{acc}\cos\phi = q\hat{V}_{acc}\cos(\phi_{s} + \phi) \\ \text{subtracting} \end{cases}$$

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

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

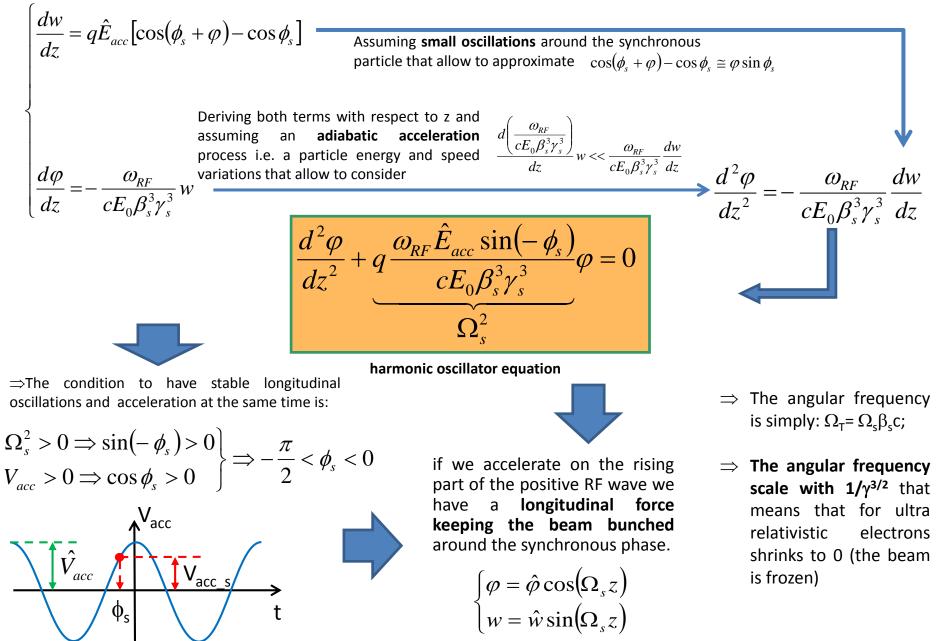
ENERGY-PHASE EQUATIONS (2/2) (protons and ions or electrons at extremely low energy)

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

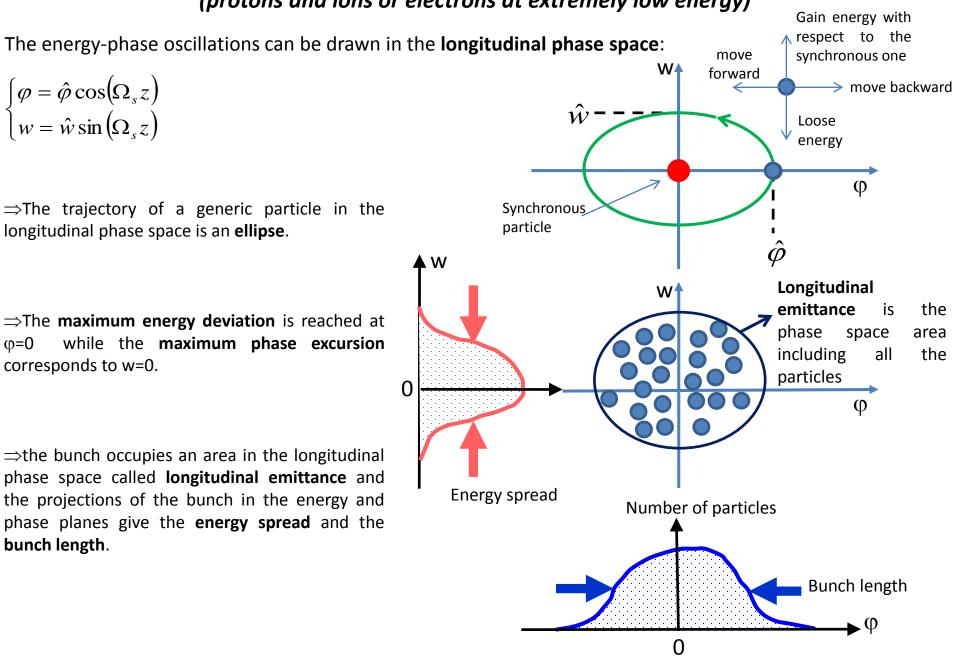


$$\omega_{RF}\left(\frac{1}{v}-\frac{1}{v_s}\right) = \omega_{RF}\left(\frac{v_s-v}{vv_s}\right) \underset{\substack{VV_s \cong v_s^2 \\ v-v_s \cong \Delta v}}{\cong} - \frac{\omega_{RF}}{v_s^2} \Delta v = -\frac{\omega_{RF}}{c} \frac{\Delta \beta}{\beta_s^2} \text{ remembering that } \beta = \sqrt{1-1/\gamma^2}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

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)



APPENDIX: 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 φ 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:

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

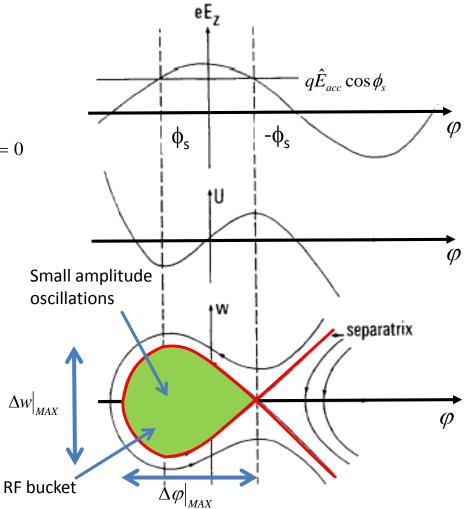
 \Rightarrow the region inside the separatrix is called **RF bucket**. The dimensions of the bucket shrinks to zero if ϕ_s =0.

 \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

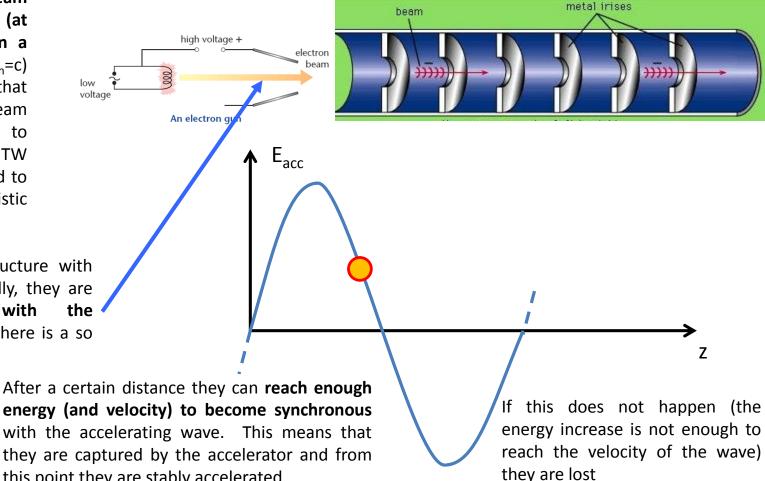
From previous formulae it is clear that there is no motion in the longitudinal phase plane for ultrarelativistic particles ($\gamma >> 1$).

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.

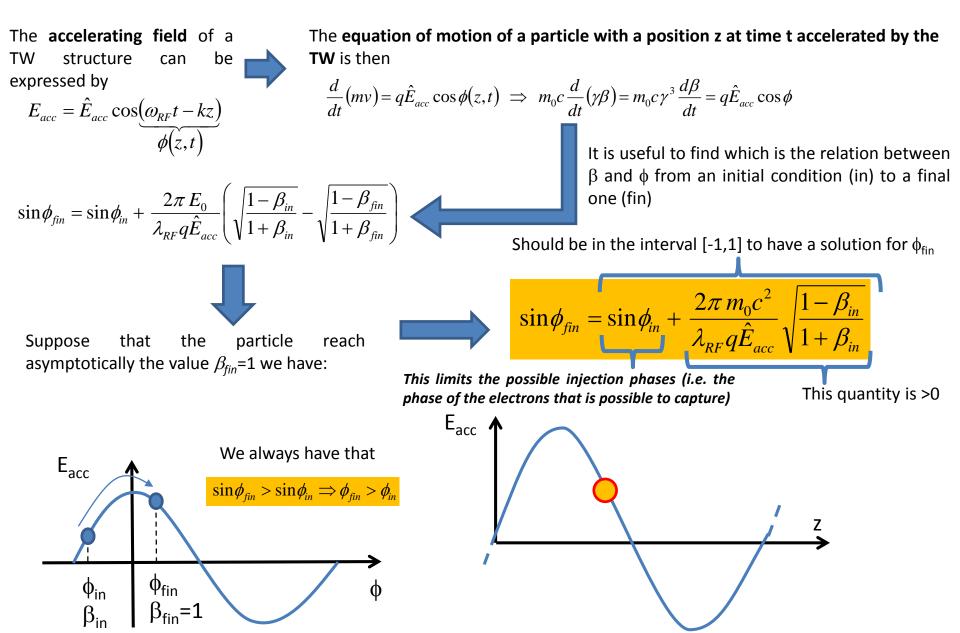
 \Rightarrow This is the case of electrons whose velocity is always close to speed of light c even at low energies.

 \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 ACCELERATING FIELD

⇒For a given injection energy (β_{in}) and phase (ϕ_{in}) we can find which is the accelerating field (E_{acc}) that is necessary to have the completely relativistic beam at phase fin (that is necessary to **capture the beam at phase fin**)

Example: $E_{in} = 50 \text{ keV}$, (kinetic energy), $\phi_{in} = -\pi/2$, $\phi_{fin} = 0 \Rightarrow \gamma_{in} \approx 1.1$; $\beta_{in} \approx 0.41$ $f_{RF} = 2856 \text{ MHz} \Rightarrow \lambda_{RF} \approx 10.5 \text{ cm}$

We obtain $E_{acc} \cong 20 \text{MV/m}$;

The minimum value of the electric field (E_{acc}) that allow to capture a beam. Obviously this correspond to an injection phase $\phi_{in} = -\pi/2$ and $\phi_{fin} = \pi/2$.

Example: For the previous case we obtain:
$$E_{acc_{min}} \cong 10 MV/m$$
;

$$\hat{E}_{acc} = \frac{2\pi E_0}{\lambda_{RF} q \left(\sin \phi_{fin} - \sin \phi_{in} \right)} \sqrt{\frac{1 - \beta_{in}}{1 + \beta_{in}}}$$

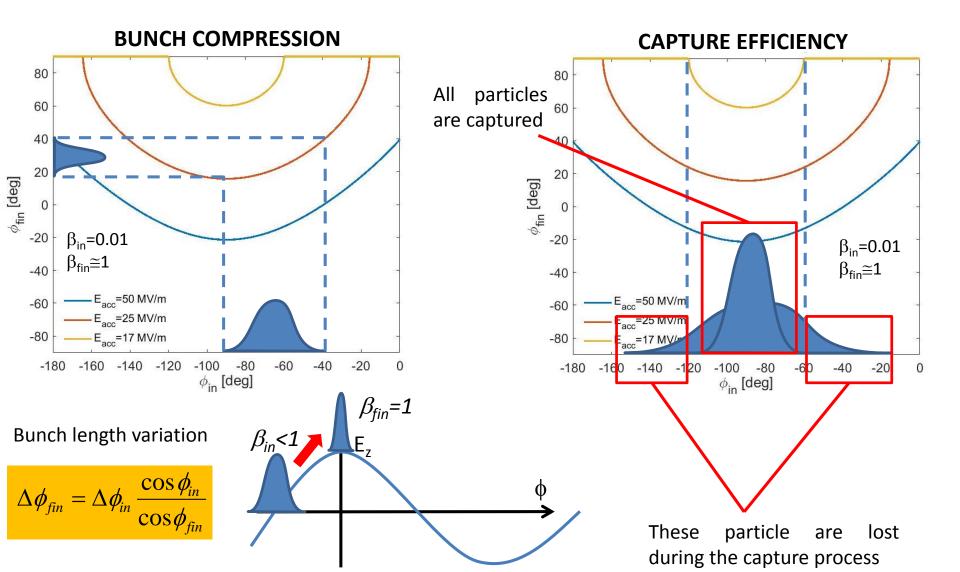
$$\hat{E}_{acc_MIN} = \frac{\pi E_0}{\lambda_{RF} q} \sqrt{\frac{1 - \beta_{in}}{1 + \beta_{in}}}$$

use
$$(\phi_{in})$$

 \hat{E}_{acc} that $\hat{E}_{acc} = ---$

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

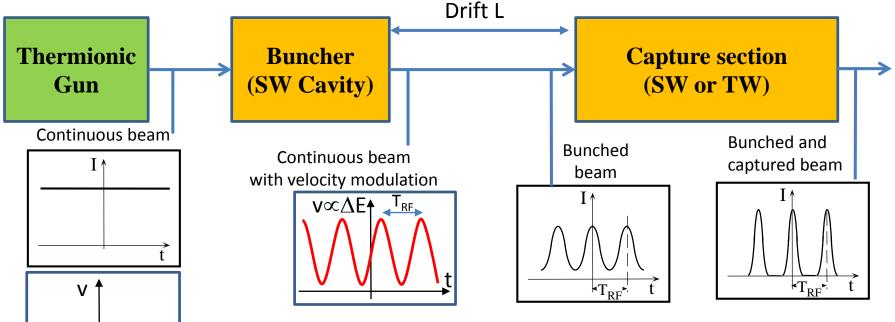
During the capture process, as the injected beam moves up to the crest, the beam is also bunched, which is caused by **velocity modulation** (velocity bunching). This mechanism can be used to compress the electron bunches (FEL applications).



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 ϕ_{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.

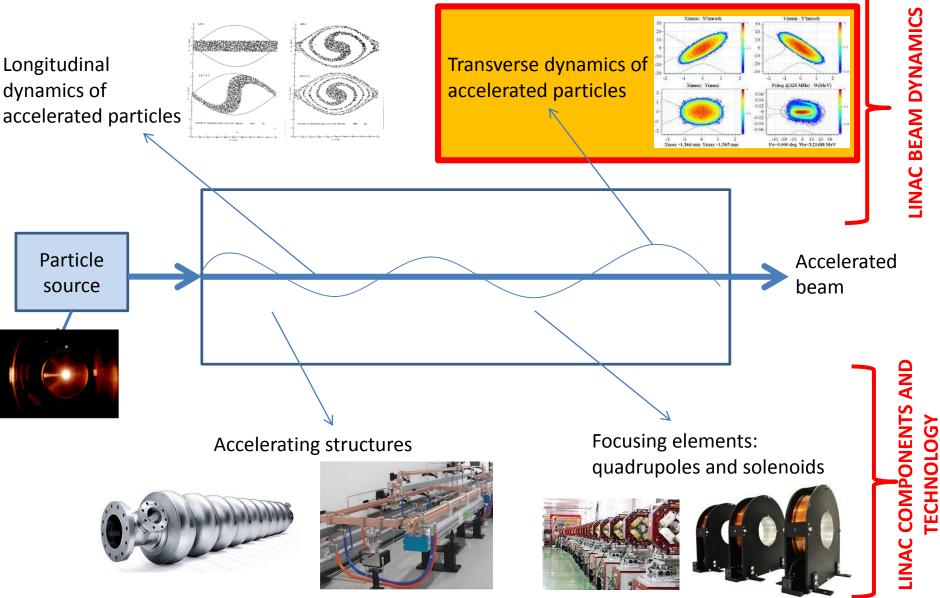


 \Rightarrow Bunching is obtained by modulating the energy (and therefore the velocity) of a continuous beam using the longitudinal E-field of a SW cavity. After a certain drift space the velocity modulation is converted in a density charge modulation. The density modulation depletes the regions corresponding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

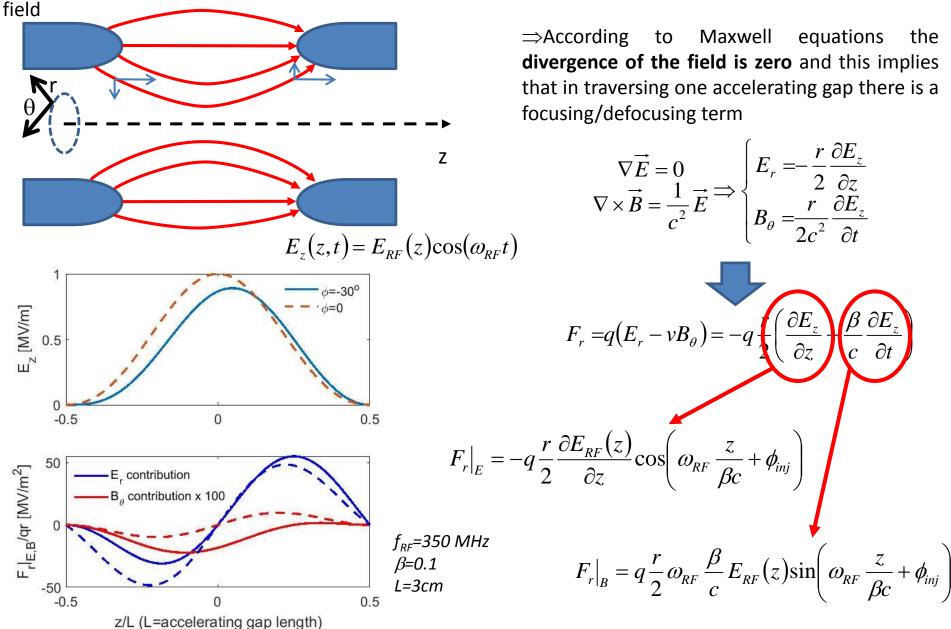
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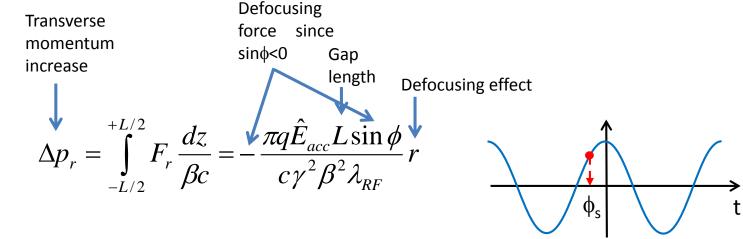
RF TRANSVERSE FORCES

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:



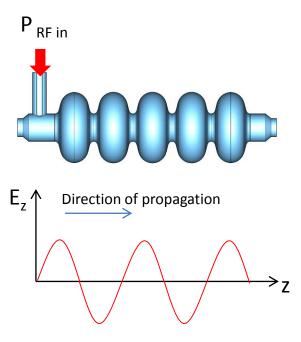
- \Rightarrow transverse defocusing scales as ~1/ γ^2 and disappears at relativistic regime (electrons)
- \Rightarrow At relativistic regime (electrons), moreover, we have, in general, $\phi=0$ for maximum acceleration and this completely cancel the defocusing effect
- \Rightarrow Also in the **non relativistic 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.

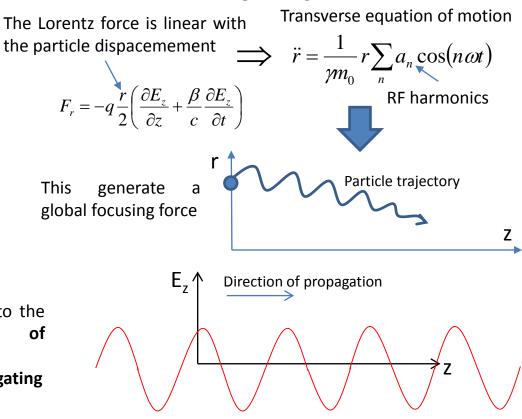
NON-SYNCHRONOUS RF HARMONICS: SIMPLE CASE OF SW STRUCTURE



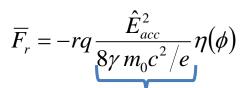
Is equivalent to the superposition of two counterpropagating TW waves

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/m²

APPENDIX: PONDEROMOTIVE FORCE

Let us consider a particle under the action of a **non-uniform force oscillating at frequency** ω in the radial direction. The equation of motion in the transverse direction is given by:

$$\ddot{r} = g(r)\cos(\omega t)$$

We are searching for a solution of the type:

$$r \cong r_s(t) + r_f(t)$$

Where r_s represents a slow drift motion and r_f a fast oscillation. Assuming r_f<<r_s we can proceed to a Taylor expansion of the function g(r) writing the equation as:

> On the time scale on which rf osc r_s is essentially constant, thus equation can be integrated to get:

Substituting in the main equation and averaging over the one period

$$\ddot{r}_{s} \cong -\frac{g(r_{s})}{2\omega^{2}} \frac{dg}{dr}\Big|_{r=r_{s}} = -\frac{1}{4\omega^{2}} \frac{dg(r)^{2}}{dr}\Big|_{r=r_{s}}$$

 $-\cos(\omega t)$

In the case of the Lorentz force due to the harmonics of the accelerating field g(r)=Ar and we obtain:

Thus, we have obtained an expression for the drift motion of a charged particle under the effect of a non-uniform oscillating field

$$\ddot{r}_s + \frac{A}{2\omega^2} r_s \cong 0$$

We have then an exponential decay of the amplitude due to a constant focusing force

$$\vec{r}_{s} + \vec{r}_{f} \cong \left[g(r_{s}) + r_{f} \frac{dg}{dr} \Big|_{r=r_{s}} \right] \cos(\omega t)$$
assuming
$$\vec{r}_{s} << \vec{r}_{f}$$
sillates
$$g(r_{s}) >> r_{f} \frac{dg}{dr} \Big|_{r=r_{s}}$$

$$\vec{r}_{f} = g(r_{s}) \cos(\omega t)$$

APPENDIX: RF NON-SYNCRONOUS HARMONICS

Let us consider the case of a multi-cell SW cavity working on the π -mode. The Accelerating field can be expressed as:

$$E_{z} = \hat{E}_{RF} \cos(kz) \cos(\omega_{RF}t)$$

Direction of propagation

≻z

 $\mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{RF}\,\mathsf{in}}$

E_z ⁄′

In order to have synchronism between the accelerating field and and ultrarelativistic particle we have to satisfy the following relation:

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_{RF}} = \frac{\omega_{RF}}{c}$$
, $\lambda_{RF} = cT_{RF}$

The accelerating field seen by the particle is given by:

$$E_{z}\Big|_{\substack{by\\particle\\z=ct}}^{seen} = \hat{E}_{RF}\cos(kz)\cos\left(\omega_{RF}\frac{z}{c}\right) = \hat{E}_{RF}\cos^{2}(kz) = \frac{\hat{E}_{RF}}{2} + \frac{\hat{E}_{RF}}{2}\cos(2kz)$$

The SW can be written as the sum of two TWs in the form:

$$E_{z} = \frac{\hat{E}_{RF}}{2}\cos(\omega_{RF}t - kz) + \frac{\hat{E}_{RF}}{2}\cos(\omega_{RF}t + kz)$$

Synchronous wave co-propagating with beam NON-Synchronous wave (called RF harmonic) counter-propagating with beam (opposite direction)

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Synchronous wave: acceleration $E_{z}\Big|_{\substack{by \\ particle \\ z=ct}}^{seen} = \frac{\hat{E}_{RF}}{2} + \frac{\hat{E}_{RF}}{2}\cos(2kz) = \frac{\hat{E}_{RF}}{2} + \frac{\hat{E}_{RF}}{2}\cos(2\omega_{RF}t)$ Oscillating field that does not contribute to acceleration but that gives RF focusing

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 of intense beam LINACs

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

These effects cannot be \Rightarrow 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).

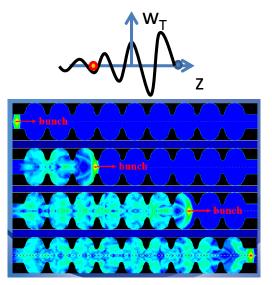
SPACE CHARGE

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 these field from absorb the structures like loops couplers. waveguides, Beam pipe absorbers

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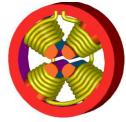
MAGNETIC FOCUSING AND CONTROL OF THE TRANSVERSE DYNAMICS

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

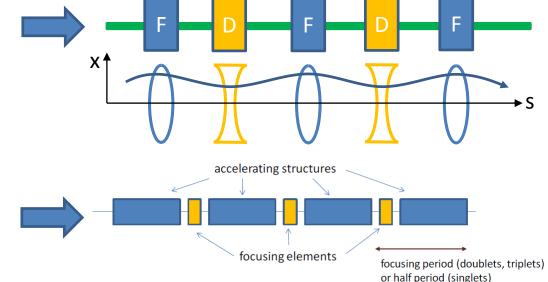


This is provided by **quadrupoles** along the beam line.

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



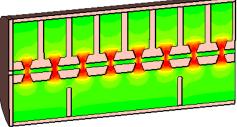
 \Rightarrow Quadrupoles are focusing in one plane and defocusing on the other. A global focalization is provides by **alternating quadrupoles** with opposite signs



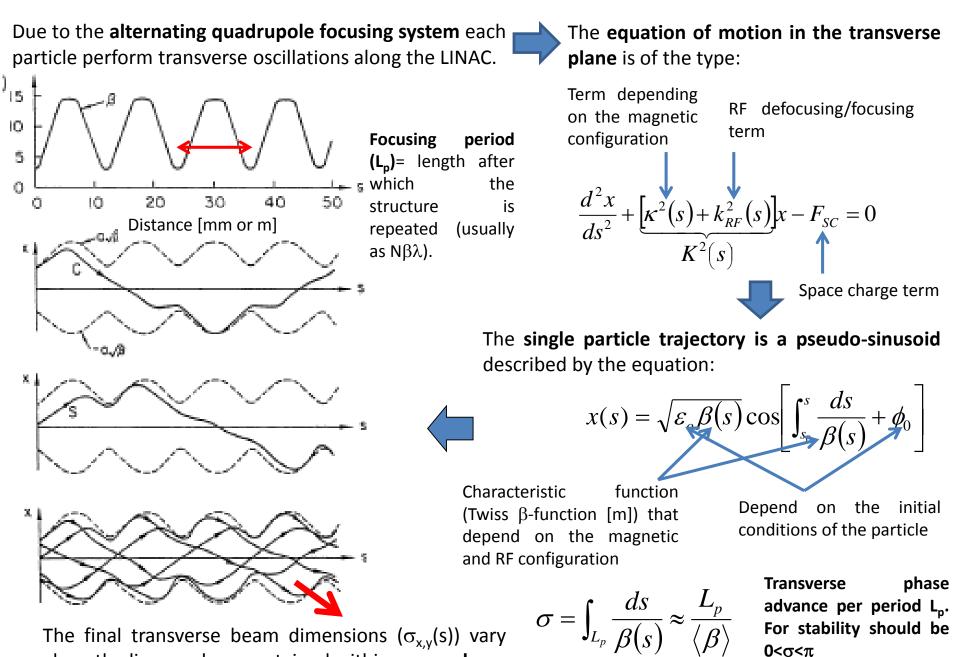
 \Rightarrow In a linac one alternates accelerating structures with focusing sections.

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



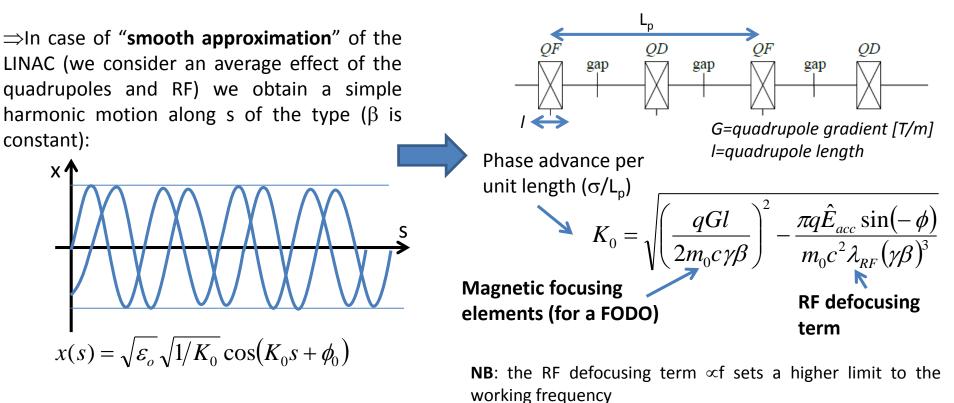


TRANSVERSE OSCILLATIONS AND BEAM ENVELOPE



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
$$I = \text{average beam current } (Q/T_{RF})$$

$$r_{x,y,z} = \text{ellipsoid semi-axis}$$

$$f = \text{form factor } (0 < f < 1)$$

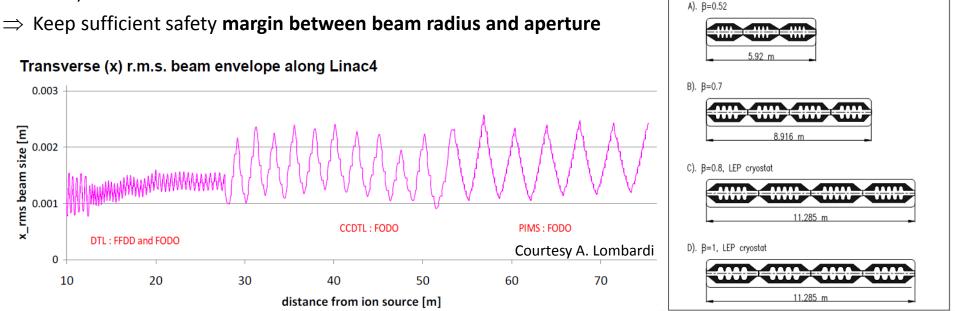
 Z_0 =free space impedance (377 Ω)

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

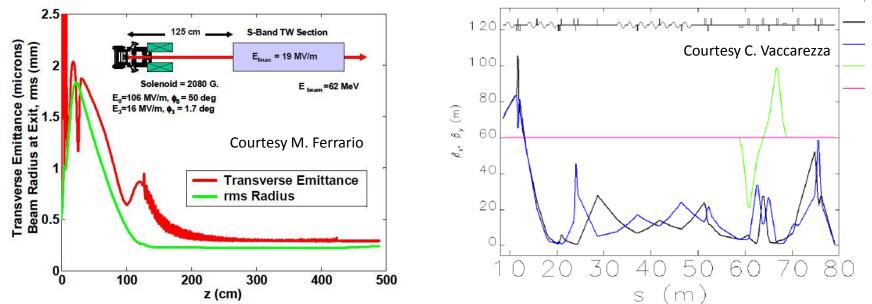
- \Rightarrow Beam dynamics dominated by space charge and RF defocusing forces
- \Rightarrow Focusing is usually provided by **quadrupoles**
- \Rightarrow Phase advance per period (σ) should be, in general, in the range 30-80 deg, this means that, at low energy, we need a strong focusing term (**short 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 β 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

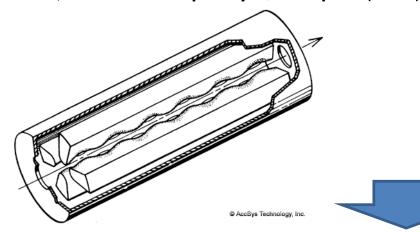
- ⇒ Space charge only at low energy and/or high peak current: below 10-20 MeV (injector) the beam dynamics optimization has to include emittance compensation schemes with, typically solenoids;
- ⇒ At higher energies no space charge and no RF defocusing effects occur but we have RF focusing due to the ponderomotive force: focusing periods up to several meters
- ⇒ 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

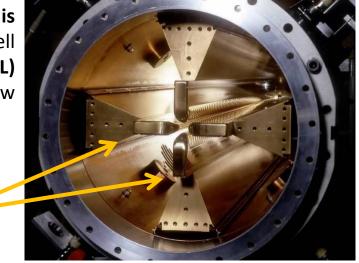


RADIO FREQUENCY QUADRUPOLES (RFQ)

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).

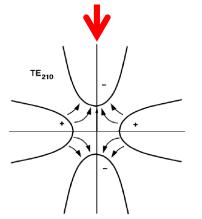


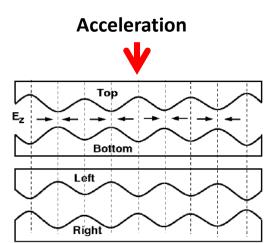


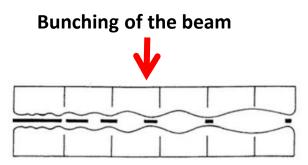
Courtesy M. Vretenar

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 β)

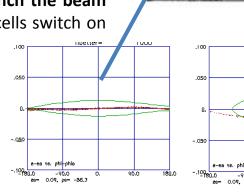
2-Acceleration

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).

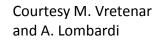
3-Bunching

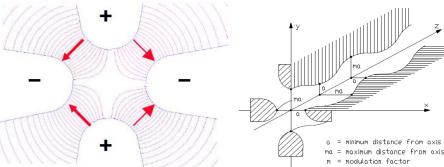
The modulation period (distance between maxima) can be slightly adjusted to change the phase of the beam inside the RFQ cells, and the amplitude of the modulation can be changed to change the accelerating gradient. One can start at -90° phase (linac) with some **bunching cells**, progressively **bunch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

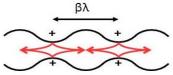


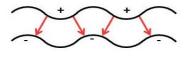


The RFQ is the only linear accelerator that can accept a low energy continuous beam.



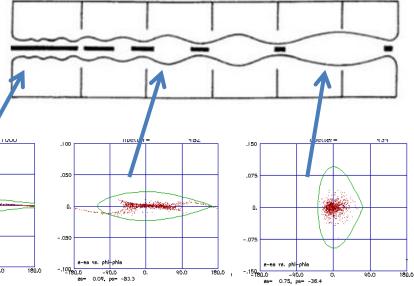






Opposite vanes (180°)

Adjacent vanes (90°)



RFQ: EXAMPLES

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

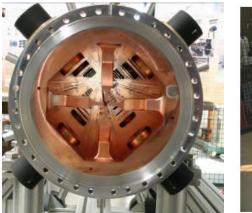


The CERN Linac4 RFQ 45 keV – 3 MeV, 3 m 80 mA H-, max. 10% duty cycle





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

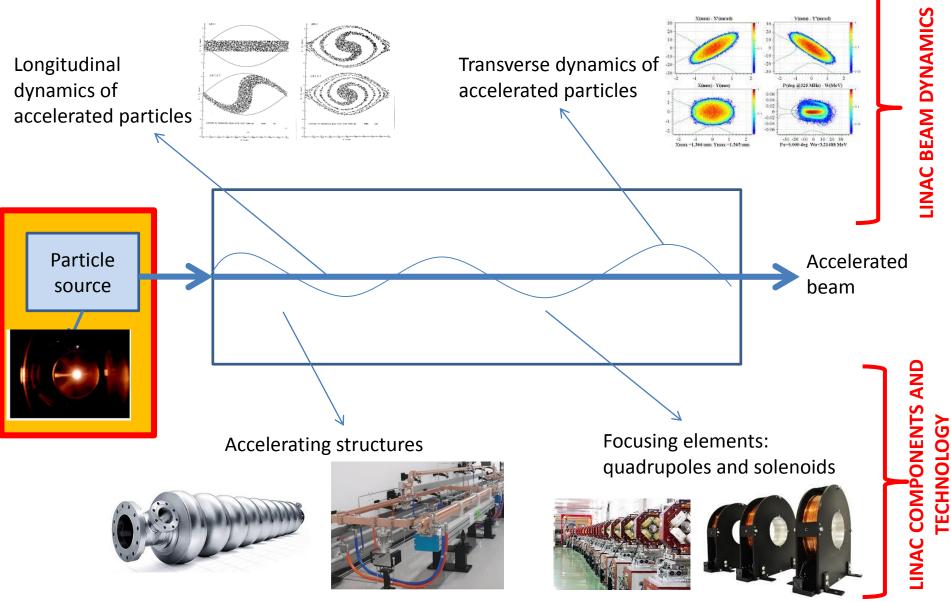
Moreover a given accelerating structure has also a curve of efficiency (shunt impedance) with respect to the particle energies and the choice of one structure with respect to another one depends also on this.

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

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.

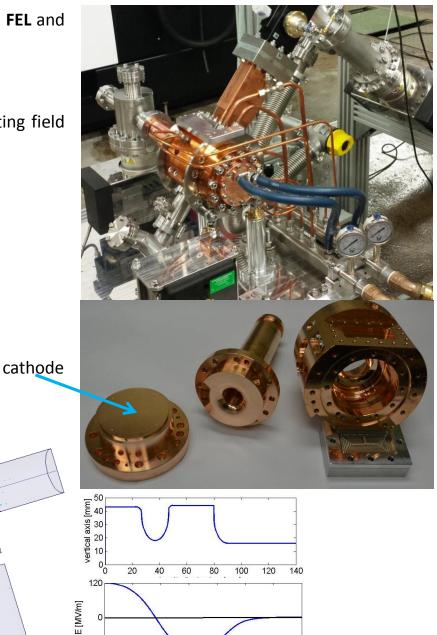


ELECTRON SOURCES: RF PHOTO-GUNS

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

- Multi cell: typically 2-3 cells
- SW π 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} .



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40

60

z [mm]

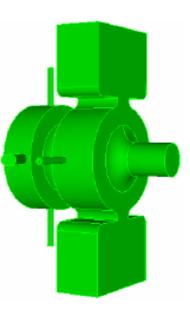
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RF PHOTO-GUNS: EXAMPLES



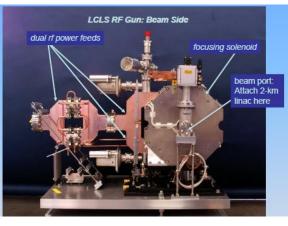
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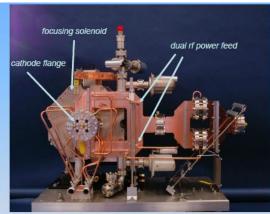
Frequency = 2,856 MHz Gradient = 120 MV/m Exit energy = 6 MeV Copper photocathode RF pulse length ~2 μs Bunch repetition rate = 120 Hz Norm. rms emittance 0.4 mm·mrad at 250 pC

PITZ L-band Gun

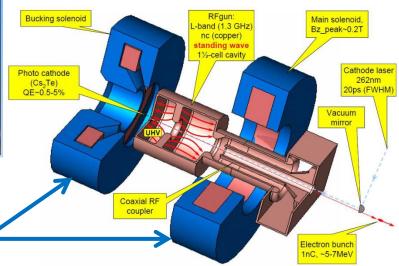
Frequency = 1,300 MHz Gradient = up to 60 MV/m Exit energy = 6.5 MeV Rep. rate 10 Hz Cs₂Te photocathode RF pulse length ~1 ms 800 bunches per macropulse Normalized rms emittance 1 nC 0.70 mm·mrad 0.1 nC 0.21 mm·mrad





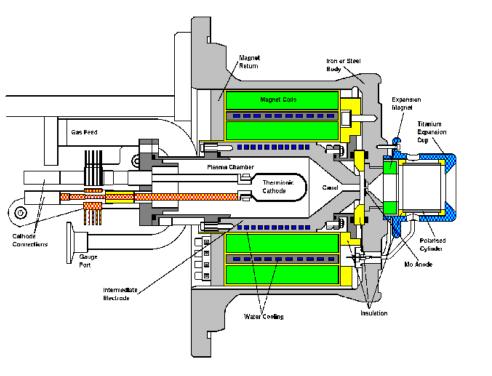


Solenoids field are used to compensate the space charge effects in low energy guns. The configuration is shown in the picture

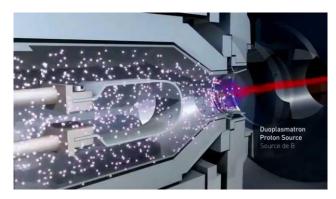


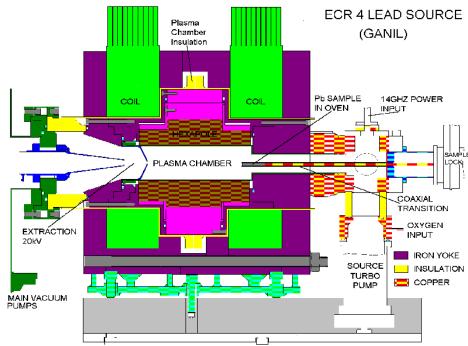
ION SOURCES

Basic principle: create a plasma and optimize its conditions (heating, confinement and loss mechanisms) to produce the desired ion type. Remove ions from the plasma via an aperture and a strong electric field.



CERN Duoplasmatron proton Source



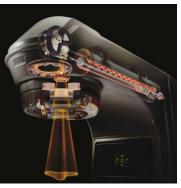


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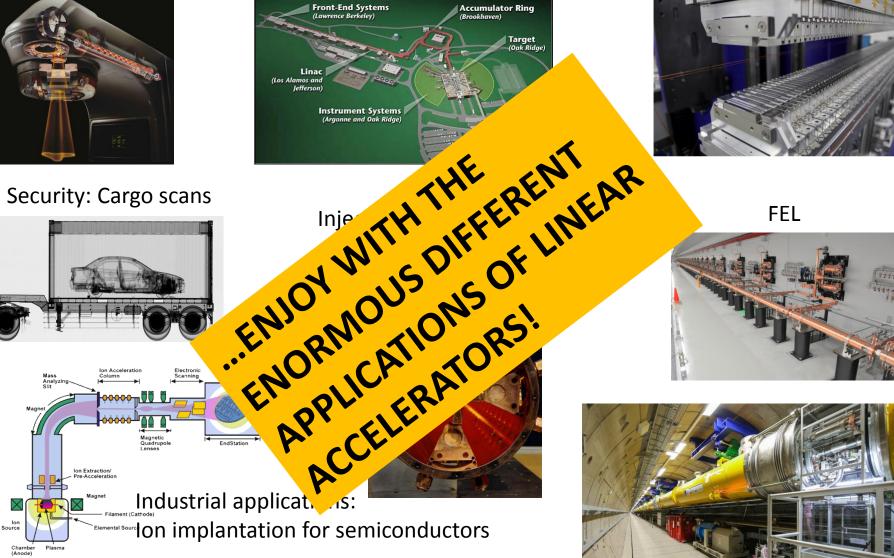
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