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## **RF SYSTEMS**

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### From a historical point of view a cyclotron can be seen as a Wideröe linear accelerator



R. Wideröe, Arch. Elektrotech. 21, 387 (1928)

Diagram of the apparatus used by R. Wideröe in 1928 to demonstrate the **doubling of the energy of <u>heavy</u>** <u>ions in resonance with a</u> <u>radiofrequency electric field</u>. A radiofrequency generator produces RF voltages across two gaps I-II at the ends of a tubular electrode BR through which ions from the source K (at the left of BR) are accelerated.

which has been wrapped up into a flat spiral and encased in an evacuated chamber, with the addition of a steady magnetic field perpendicular to its plane (Ernest O. Lawrence)

If we reiterate the Rolf Wideroe principle using a series of acceleration gaps through tubular acceleration electrodes the energy can be increased many times, but try to imagine the technology, in the late 1920s. At that time Ernest Lawrence was looking for a method to accelerate particles to higher energies than could be attained with DC potentials, in order to study "nuclear excitation". Lawrence realized that extension of Wideroe's machine to such high energy would require a very long array of electrodes. Ernest Orlando Lawrence's intuition was: why force the particles into a straight line path? With a magnetic field we can bend the particles in a circular path.





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From R. Wideröe(1928) to Lawrence (1929)



Lawrence speculated on variations of this resonance principle, including the use of the magnetic field to deflect the particles in a circular path so they would return to the electrode where they could utilize the radiofrequency field in many successive traversals.

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The property of ions moving in a circular

path in a magnetic field is extremely

important and easy to understand. At every

instant the electromagnetic force  $F_B$ 

supplies the centripetal force  $F_r$ 

required for a circular path

Circular path of the particle

B magnetic field strength r radius of the curvature path F centripetal-magnetic force q charge of the particle m mass of the particle v velocity of the particle





and Wideroe? 
$$2\pi f = \frac{v}{r}$$
  $\lambda = \frac{c}{f}$   $T = \frac{1}{f}$   $T = \lambda/c$   
 $\pi r = \frac{v}{2f}$  with  $\beta = v/c$   $l = \frac{T}{2}v$   $l = \beta \frac{\lambda}{2}$   
 $l = \frac{T}{2}v$  Electrode length

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Copper to glass seals volto AC Pump **RF** applied to the Dee **ACCELERATING VOLTAGE** 150 volts DC. - filament - 12 rolts DC. The first successful Window B cyclotron,  $l=\beta \frac{\lambda}{2}$ DEEA Deflecting potential SElectrometer DEE B

Diagram of the first successful cyclotron constructed by Lawrence and M. S. Livingston. The single Dee is five inches in diameter.

Feb. 20, 1934. 1,948,384 E. O. LAWRENCE OF IOMS Filed Jan. 26, 1932 2 53441 F19.1. Fig.R. Hoppin Line Magnetic Lines U.S. Patent 1948384 -- Ernest O. Method and apparatus for the acc Magnetic Field High Frequency Oscillator Electric Lines of Force .. .. . acceleration of ions ± -D Lawrence The acceleration system consists of dees 7 High Speed Ions 3









Also defined as



RF operational parameters:

- Acceleration Voltage 50 100 kV (typical), max. 1 MV
- RF Power 10 100 kW (typical), max 1 MW
- Q values several thousands
- $f_{RF} = h f_{orb}$

Valleys dimensions > shape of the accelerating electrodes

Resonant circuits, choice is obliged

RLC circuits (Q ~ 100) T-lines circuits/cavities (Q = several 1000) Wave guide resonators (Q > 10000)



### Matching = Max Transmission





MHz	λ/ <b>4 (m)</b>
5	15
10	7,5
50	1,5
100	0,75

In a resonator **standing waves** occur during the phenomenon known as resonance. At the resonance frequency the cavity behavior is like an R-L-C circuit. But we have:

 $(R - L - C)_{equivalent}$ 

$$\frac{1}{j\omega C} = j\omega L \implies \omega^2 = 1/\sqrt{LC} \implies f = 1/2\pi\sqrt{LC}$$

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<pre> A May </pre>	Quarter wave length ¼ λ
	V <sub>max</sub> accelerating voltage GAP
	Resonance condition, Standing Waves
$I_{max}$ $V_{max}$ Line length = 1/4 wavelength	$X \uparrow Z_L = 0$ Quarter wave Resonator
I <sub>min</sub>	One entire wave length $\lambda$
	Half wave length $\frac{1}{2}\lambda$



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### Ganil C01

C01 7÷14 MHz 50÷30 kW @ 50÷30 kV Q=4000÷6000

Courtesy of M. Di Giacomo







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Ganil CSS Cavity (main cyclotron) 7÷14 MHz 100 kW @250 kV Q = 6000 - 10000





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Courtesy of M. Maggiore

Multi stem Half Wave Cavity

 $f_o = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot \sqrt{L \cdot C}}$ 

 $length_{DEE} = 2.5 \text{ m} \rightarrow C \approx 230 pF$ 

Working frequency9Q value~Power loss~Voltage range3Trimmer ΔF>

97.5 MHz ~ 9000 ~ 42 kW 30-160 kV > ± 50 kHz





### From "Daedalus Multi Mega Watt Cyclotron"

### Multi stem Half Wave Cavity





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# Wave-guides cavities (HWR<sup>2</sup>, single gap)







- PSI
- 50 MHz,
- 600 kW @1 MV
- Q=45000
- **Tuning by deformation:**
- Gap capacitance
- Chamber inductance







### High harmonic frequency Flat top cavity




How to feed the

power into the

cavity resonator?

- Capacitive
- Inductive



AROUND THE RESONANCE FREQUENCY YOU CAN SEE THE CAVITY AS A CIRCUIT R-L-C Inductive coupling



 $Q = \frac{R}{\omega L}$ 

 $Q = \omega RC$ 

## COUPLING CAPACITOR SCHEMATIC



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Dee

# **Coupling Capacitor**

- simple mechanics
- also applicable for tuning control
- high voltage
  - insulator
  - discharge







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Standard 6"1/8 coaxial rigid transmission line

# Something to strongly avoid



# avoid ceramic insulator parallel to magnetic field



## power coupling: inductive

- low voltage → insulator no problem
- multipactor
- variable frequency resonator: complex mechanics
- high current rotating/sliding contact





Courtesy of Sytze Brandenburg

## Coupler capacitor under the Dee





# **Couplers selection**







- Protects the system from sparks, multipactoring, reflected power
- Vacuum level, water cooling, temperature
- Turns the system on/off
- Change and check the tuning at the resonance frequency
- Stabilize the accelerating voltage in amplitude and phase

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# The most important blocks



# **RF Control System (LLRF)**



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lines:

- the magnitude that needs to be regulated is continually measured and compared with the required value
- the error signal (the difference between the real value and the required value) is used to automatically vary the magnitude itself so as to bring it up to the desired value (+).
- the system behaves in such a way as to minimize the error signal

- controlled parameters
  - amplitude acceleration voltage
  - phase acceleration voltage
  - resonator tuning
- measured parameters
  - amplitude acceleration voltage
  - phase acceleration voltage
  - phase incident wave acceleration voltage
  - reflected power

Output

Automatic feedback system

Analog approach or mixed between digital and analog LLRF system

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Input

## General RF control system of the LNS superconducting cyclotron

## LLRF : RF system scheme with digital LLRF

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> > reflected

**RF Out** 

Rf off

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Rf off

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#### **Digital LLRF** (synthesizer, turn-on, protection) reading setting reading 2000 2000 2000 39,31120000000 1 9750 Amp 1500 1500 RF Switch START STOP RF ON **RF GENERATOR** setting reading setting reading 500 + 500 700 + 700 auto Restart manual auto PROTECTIONS RF reading setting reading RF Reflected A 400 pick-up OUT TURN OF TURN-ON **µCONTROLLER** SYSTEM 2000 200 600 20000 3000 delay\_st\_ 200 AND ramp 600 tme\_gate tme\_wat 20000 3000 DISPLAY . restart resec RS422 60 121 © INFN/LNS TTL/ RS422 DAC AD7564 12 bit is filte **PROTOTYPE** Pick-up Cavity -VN low pass filte **RF Power Detector** -/// Forward Rf powe RS422 ADC 12bit -/// Reflected dsPIC30F4013 Direction: Coupler **DDS AD9854** µController dsPIC30F4013 ZX47-40LN-S+ Mini Circuits V forward $\overline{}$ Rf on SPI Serial bus 120 MHz low pass filter 50MHz DDS AD9854 50 MHz Clock Referenc Clock Reference V cavity **RF OUT** V reflected

DDS based

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## From

Analog to Digital

![](_page_52_Picture_6.jpeg)

Courtesy of Zhiguo Yin

Stable voltages: VNoise/Vdee better than 10<sup>-4</sup>, phase error < 0.1°

Fine Tuning: Frequency drift (slow but large  $(f_0^*10^{-3})$ )

- Thermal frequency drift: water input temperature (hours)
- RF power (100 ms to 10 s)

Amplitude loop

- Residual amplitude error from fine tuning (few %, slow)
- 50 Hz from the tube filament (1%)
- 100 ÷ 500 Hz from HV ripple (0.2%)
- Amplifier gain stability (% but very slow)

## Phase loop

- Residual phase error from fine tuning (±10°)
- Phase modulation of the amplitude modulator
- Phase drifts in the amplifier, T-lines, etc with pov.

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## Amplitude LOOP

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# Multipactoring

The **multipactoring** is a phenomenon of electrons multiplication.

Conditions for the multipactoring between two surfaces of the resonator

- •distance between the electrodes  $> \lambda$
- secondary emission coefficient  $\delta > 1$
- electrons transit time between the electrodes equals (2n+1)T/2
- frequency and intensity field confined in a certain range.

Can be dangerous, can increases a lot the time to "condition" the cavity

$$f \cdot d = \frac{(k-1)G}{k\pi\cos\varphi} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{eW_f}{8m}}$$

Where f is the radiofrequency, d is the distance between the two copper surfaces, k is a constant,  $\phi$  is the initial phase of the electron motion, eW<sub>f</sub> is the impact energy of the electron, m is the electron mass, G is

![](_page_55_Picture_12.jpeg)

$$G = \left(\frac{K+1}{K-1}\right) \pi \cos \varphi + 2 \sin \varphi$$

![](_page_56_Figure_2.jpeg)

RF Amplifiers		
CONTROL SYSTEM		+70.5 dPm (00.1:W)
	<b>F 30.3 GDIII (TTO W) With State St</b>	
		RF power amplifierBBCPmax 90 kW CW,Frequency range 15-50 MHz

## Active device: transforms DC power into RF power

Grid or vacuum tubes:

- Triodes and Tetrodes (more linear)
- 1 or 2 devices cascaded
- Require high DC voltages (1 to 15 kV)
- Limited life-time (5000 hours guaranteed, 10k-20k Typ.)
- Require hand-manufacture
- Increasing costs

## Solid state

- RF Mosfets
- N<sub>(big)</sub> devices combined and cascaded
- 50 V DC bias
- Long life-time
- Power/mosfet increasing
- Decreasing costs (lots of applications)

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![](_page_58_Picture_18.jpeg)

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# Inside the power amplifier

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15 – 50 MHz Max Power 90 kW

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## Final combination up to 150 kW 3 x Rectifier, -> 280VDC, 3 x Rectifier, Transformer, -> 280VDC, 400VAC -> 210VAC, 183A 183A 1100A 1 m Preamplifier and Control System © Cryoelectra GmbH

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X-rays V<sub>dee</sub> calibration

![](_page_64_Picture_3.jpeg)

$$V_{dee} = (2R_{shunt}P_{loss})^{1/2}$$
$$R_{SHUNT} = Q/\omega C_{eq}$$
$$R_{SHUNT} = Q \omega L_{eq}$$

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### **Perturbation method**

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### $\varepsilon_0 \approx 8.85 \cdot 10^{-12}$

g: gap between the electrodes D: diameter of the perturbation element  $\Delta$ g: thickness of the perturbation element f<sub>0</sub>: resonance frequency without perturbation Q<sub>0</sub>: unloaded Q factor

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# Extra slides

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Relativity – in brief.	$\Sigma = \Sigma_{0} + T = m_{0}c^{2} + T = mc^{2}$
	$\frac{\nabla << c}{T << \xi} \implies T = \frac{1}{2} m_0 v^2$
T=kinetic energy	$T >> \mathcal{E}_{0} = T = (m - m_{0})c^{2} = (x - 1)m_{0}c^{2}$
$m_0$ = mass ( $v \ll c$ )	23 C = (m=mo) = (0 )
m = mass ( $v \cong c$ )	
$\omega = qB/m$	TI-B2
(cyclotron frequency)	
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<i>C</i>	= mbc = 1 GeV pucheme

 $\Delta f = 40 \text{ kHz}$ 

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# **Tuning** loop

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Axial buncher system •Drift tube solution inside the CS yoke •<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> meter from median plane •Frequency range 15-50 MHz •Electrode length 41 mm  $_{L=2\pi R_{i}/2h}$ TUBE •Efficiency measured 3.5-4.5 Main components: Extracted beam bunch < 1ns FWHM</li> • RF amplifier • The matching box •V<sub>pick</sub> 1500 V – P<sub>max</sub> 150 W • The 1"5/8 coaxial line •Vacuum enviroment. • The electrode • The control system WORKING PRINCIPLE

The drift tube with the coaxial line could be considered as a fixed frequency resonator. A resonance of 76 MHz was found with a Q-factor of about 600. With the help of the matching box, we are able to reduce the resonant frequency down to our range, 15÷50 MHz. At the same time the 50 Ohms matching for the output stage of the RF amplifier is achieved. Therefore, the combination of the matching box, the coaxial line and the drift tube is a sort of variable resonator with the voltage antinode localised on the electrode.

![](_page_71_Figure_2.jpeg)

Old real classic cyclotron

CLASSIC CYCLOTRON

 $\omega = qB/m$ 

Non relativistic ions

B decreases while m increases

Defocusing problem

Limit highest velocity of ions

Record is  $\beta = 0.22$  (86" Oak Ridge, 1952)

$$f = 1/2\pi\sqrt{LC}$$

![](_page_71_Figure_12.jpeg)

Classic Cyclotron, rare today
# FROM CLASSIC TO ISOCHRONOUS CYCLOTRON

**Thomas focusing**, magnet with alternate strong and weak azimuthal regions (sectors or hills and valleys) provided an additional axial focusing which could offset the defocusing from a radially increasing magnetic field (L.H. Thomas, PR 54 (1938) 580). The average magnetic field can therefore match the mass increase of the accelerated particle with positive axial focusing provided by the azimuthal variation ( $\beta = 0.5$ ) 1940.

# nowadays



Strong focusing by **spiralling the hills** was introduced and designations "sector focusing cyclotron", "spiral-ridged cyclotron", "azimuthally-varying field cyclotron", are now used largely with isochronous cyclotron



# IL CICLOTRONE ISOCRONO



LIMITI DI OPERATIVITA'

 $K_{bend} = \frac{q^2 c^2 B_{ext}^2 \cdot R_{ext}^2}{(\gamma + 1) \cdot E_o} \quad [\text{MeV}]$   $\frac{T_{\text{max}}}{A} \le \left(\frac{Q}{A}\right)^2 \cdot K_{bend} \quad \text{limite in energia/nucleone}$   $K_{Foc} = \frac{q \cdot R_{ext} \cdot c}{2} \cdot \sqrt{C^2 (1 + 2 \cdot \tan^2(\zeta))}$   $\frac{T_{\text{max}}}{A} \le \left(\frac{Q}{A}\right) \cdot K_{Foc} \quad \text{limite in energia/nucleone}$ 







*Different pole shapes (for 'flutter') for AVF isochronous cyclotrons* 

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IN OUR CASE THE CAVITY CAN BE SEEN AS A TRANSMISSION LINE CLOSED IN A SHORT CIRCUIT, IN THIS CASE ZL=0.

IF WE USE A CLOSED GEOMETRY IN SUCH A WAY, THE EQUIVALENT DIMENSION IS PROPORTIONAL TO THE WAVELENGTH OF THE RF SIGNAL OR TO A MULTIPLE OF THE <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> LAMBDA - A STATIONARY STANDING WAVE





In a <u>resonator</u>, standing waves occur during the phenomenon known as <u>resonance</u>



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# **RF CAVITIES**

In cyclotrons where the rf frequency has to be varied (e.g. to accelerate ions with different q/A), tuning is achieved by:

- using variable capacitors or inductors
- or by incorporating an E-M cavity tunable by

changing its dimensions mechanically or including a ferrite tuner.

RF cavities also become essential in higher energy cyclotrons, where orbits and hardware approach rf wavelengths in size:  $f\lambda = c = 3 \times 108 \text{ m/s} = 300 \text{ MHz-m}$ so for f = 23 MHz,  $\lambda = 13 \text{ m} \rightarrow \lambda/4 = 3.25 \text{-m}$ cavities at TRIUMF and for f = 50 MHz,  $\lambda = 6 \text{ m} \rightarrow \lambda/2 = 3 \text{-m}$ cavities at PSI

- 1. RLC circuits (Q  $\sim$  100)
- 2. T-lines circuits/cavities (Q = several 1000)
- 3. Wave guide resonators (Q > 10000)

# **RLC** circuit

- Only one resonance (ideally!)
- Small dimensions

# T-Line or Waveguide cavities:

- $\infty$  resonant modes
- Dimensions depend on wavelength fractions (typically λ/4 and λ/2)





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Early cyclotroneers (left to right): J. J. Livingood, F. Exner, M. S. Livingston, D. Sloan, Lawrence, M. White, W. Coates, L. J. Laslett, T. Lucci.



Magnetic fields deflect moving charged particles in circular paths

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Lalinea di trasmissione chiusa su corto circuito vista come un RLC alla risonanza. Tutta l'anergia passa, anche in questo caso dalla componente induttiva a quella capacitiva. Un alto Q permette di spendere la minima energia possibile per alimentare questo scambio energetico, questa risonanza. Nel nostro caso possiamo avere diversi adattamenti geometrici per questo tipo dilinea, ma come vedremo dalle caratteristiche operative che un sistema RF deve fornire, è la migliore soluzione.

IN OUR CASE THE CAVITY CAN BE SEEN AS A TRANSMISSION LINE CLOSED IN A SHORT CIRCUIT, IN THIS CASE ZL=0. IF WE USE A CLOSED GEOMETRY TALE CHE THE EQUIVALENT DIMENSION IS PROPORTIONAL TO THE WAVELENGHT OF THE RF SIGNAL OR TO A MULTIPLE OF THE <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> LAMBDA A STATIONARY STANDING WAVE

#### **Cavity resonators**

A *cavity resonator* is a hollow conductor blocked at both ends and along which an electromagnetic wave can be supported. It can be viewed as a <u>waveguide</u> short-circuited at both ends (see <u>Microwave cavity</u>).

The cavity has interior surfaces which reflect a wave of a specific frequency. When a wave that is resonant with the cavity enters, it bounces back and forth within the cavity, with low loss (see <u>standing wave</u>). As more wave energy enters the cavity, it combines with and reinforces the standing wave, increasing its intensity.

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lons energy vs. RF frequency for the different harmonic modes listed.

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