



THE PLANET OF THE APPS OF ACCELERATORS SBU Physics 2019 – PHY689

- Charged particle accelerators are engines of discovery in a number of areas of science: life sciences, matter, energy
- Depending on the area, they are known as "atom smasher", "light source", "spallation neutron source", "neutrino factory", "collider", "hadrontherapy ring" and else
- It has taken close to a century since the emergence of the first founding concepts – for accelerators to reach their nowaday's super hightech level and the important place they now occupy in research and industry

# This "tour of the accelerator planet" is organized in the following way:

Some of the main accelerator classes are introduced following their historical chronology (as a concept or as a real, operational apparatus), which includes

- (electrostatic accelerators / early XXth century)
- (betatron / 1923)

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- linear accelerator resonant acceleration / 1924-1928
- cyclotron / 1929
- (microtron / 1944)
- (synchro-cyclotron phase stability / 1945)
- synchrotron / 1945, strong focusing / 1950
- (acceleration techniques of the future / ?)
- We explore these accelerator techniques with
  - first, a state-of-the-art, essentially a short "slide show": some present top-notch accelerator installations and their usage,
  - a bit of history/theory follows: origin, how the idea arose,
  - conclude showing where the technology is heading toward

We'll keep in mind, in addition, since it gives an understanding of the evolutions, and of preferred technologies depending on the application:

#### accelerators are "particle factories"

• They are fabricated for producing intense beams of particles:

ions of all sorts, radioactive or not, protons, neutrons, neutrinos, photons of all energies from infra-red to gamma, etc.,

• For a number of applications :

search for missing mass, supersymmetries, QCD theory, cosmology, cancer treatment, X-lasers, radioscopy, industrial ion implantation, security, and on and on *(electrostatic accelerators) (betatron)* 

## LINEAR ACCELERATORS

cyclotron

(microtron)

(synchro-cyclotron)

synchrotron

(acceleration techniques of the future)

**Example of application (1/2)** *Neutron production by spallation,* **aimed are replacing neutron reactors** 

- Flux, in modern research reactors, typically: 10<sup>15</sup> /cm<sup>2</sup>/s
- From spallation sources, i.e., accelerators : 10<sup>17</sup> /cm<sup>2</sup>/s

A greater flux reduces the time required to conduct an experiment.

(We'll see imilar leap in diverse other sectors, e.g., high photons flux from "light source" synchrotron versus X-ray tubes)

• The two technologies, reactor and accelerator, compete today.

Drawback of the reactor method : requires highly enriched U235, 20%, in some cases "weapon grade" EU, 93% U235 - potential for proliferation. Yet, there are programs to switch to LEU... that's another story !

#### SNS, Oak Ridge National Lab. Operates since 2006. The largest, highest power, *linear*, proton accelerator in the world.



A 180 m long,

**2K frigidaire** 

A gain of 1200 Mev in kinetic energy, over 180 m

*i.e., an average* 7 *MeV/m* 

that's the sate-ofthe-art

H- linear accelerator							
Heavy-metal, spallation target in this building (liq. Hg)			Synchrotron ring ("accumulator")				
			Experiment				
			stations around the				
	and the second	1 2	Front-End Systems (Lawrence Berkeley) Accumulator Ring (Brookhaven)				
		<b>A</b>	Target (Oak Ridge)				
Commissioning		2006	Linac (Los Alamos and				
SCL linac length	m	180	Jefferson)				
Kinetic energy	GeV	1	Instrument Systems (Argonne and Oak Ridge)				
Beam power	MW	1.4	Finan I & W				
Repetition rate	Hz	60					
Duty factor (df)	%	6					
Peak current (Ip)	mA	23					
Average current	mA	1.4	= lp x df ~ 23[mA] x 6[%]				

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## **Example of application (2/2)**

## **Free-Electron Lasers**

### FEL

## Interest :

- laser-like, high energy (e.g., X) photon beams

## **Applications**:

- applied research (condensed matter, ...)
- particle beam manipulations (e.g., beam cooling)

## Undulator radiation

[Motz et als., Stanford, 1953]





Monochromatic light spot, dump wavelength,  $\lambda \sim \lambda_u/(2\gamma^2)$ 

 $\lambda_u \sim cm and \gamma = 2000*E_{[GeV]}$  $\rightarrow \lambda \sim nm laser beam$ 

## A derivative: SASE-FEL Self-Amplified Spontaneous Emisson



• Principle : the longitudinal density of the ~10s  $\mu$ m long e-bunch modulates into a set of short sub-bunches, each with length~ $\lambda$ .

 Thus : partial radiation coherence, power from sub-bunch ~(Ne)<sup>2</sup> rather than (incoherent) power~N e<sup>2</sup>, i.e., high brightness highly collimated femtosecond X-ray pulses. Can make life science X-movies !

## FLASH SASE FEL INSTALLATION, HAMBURG



European X-FEL followed: 2.1 km linac, 17.5 GeV, Å/fs pulses. Started 2017

e <sup>-</sup> :			$\gamma$ (FLASH1):	
emittance $\beta \gamma \varepsilon_{x,y}$			wavelength (fundamental)	(4.2 - 45 nm)
(1 nC, on-crest, 90% rms)	1.4	mm mrad	average single pulse energy	10 - 540 μJ
charge	0.08 - 1.0	nC	pulse duration (fwhm)	<30 - 200 fs
peak current	0.8 - 2.0	kA	spectral width (fwhm)	0.7 - 2.0 %
beam energy	380 - 1250	MeV	peak power	1 - 3 GW
bunches / train	1 - 450		peak brilliance	$10^{29} - 10^{31}$ (+)
bunch spacing	1 - 25	μs	average brilliance	$10^{17} - 10^{21}$ (+)
train repetition frequency	10	Hz	(+): photons/( s mm <sup>2</sup>	$^{2} mrad^{2} 0.1\% bw$ )

## **Linear accelerators**

## where they come from

#### Ising linac

 1924, Ising proposes the acceleration using a variable electric field between drift tubes (the father of the Linac).

• The potential wave is applied to the gaps via wires (a1, a2, a3...) with adjusted lengths to ensure synchronism.

A consequence: only works if velocity increases with time  $\rightarrow$  non-relativistic regime.

- Between gaps, particle bunchlets travel with constant velocity within drift tubes 1, 2, 3.
- It appeared not technologically possible to achieve a practical accelerator.
  - difficulty of spark excitation
  - inefficiency of wire transmission lines



#### Wideroe linac (1/3)

 1928, Rolf Wideroe in Berlin first demonstrates resonant acceleration by applying Ising principle using a 1 MHz, 25 kV generator, connected to drift tubes forming a series of successive gaps.

- He succedes accelerating potassium ions in that structure, up to 50 keV,
- achieving the resonance required correlation between the various parameters : type of ion, RF frequency, applied potential, gap spacing.





- Drift tubes with increasing length are arranged along beam propagation axis They act like Faraday cage : bunch inside tube feels no field

- They are applied  $U(t) = U_0 \sin(\omega t)$ . At a given time, potential alternates from one gap to the next (" $\pi$ " mode accelerating structure)

- U(t) causes accelerating (or decelerating) gradient between tubes during half a period

- After *n* gap, a particle at (constant) phase  $\phi$  with the wave has  $E_n = nqU_0 \sin \phi$ 

- Distance between gaps n and n+1 is (with 
$$v_n$$
=velocity,  $T = RF$  period =  $2\pi/\lambda$ )

$$d_n = v_n T/2 = \beta_n \lambda/2$$

• A straightforward, fundamental effect of this resonance method is "beam bunching".

#### Alvarez linac (1/2)

- The development of radar technology during WWII offered pulsed, *high power*, up to GHz RF generators ("magnetron", "klystron"), so allowing wavelengths in meter range (appropriate for ions v/c < 1) to cm range (electrons,  $v \approx c$ ).
- 1946, L. Alvarez and coworkers at the Lawrence Berkeley Radiation Laboratory developed a
  proton linear accelerator based on injection of 200 MHz RF wave into a resonant metallic cylindrical
  cavity containing the wideroe-type drift tube arrangement.
  - the linac is injected with a 4 MeV electrostatic accelerator
  - protons are accelerated up to 32 MeV in the Alvarez structure







**1968** Contribution in elementary particle physics

- Remember, Wideroe's tubes were in a glass cylinder (strong antenna-like power losses), they were connected to an AC generator.
- Transverse focusing : ensured at gaps by grids shaping the (varying) E field.
- RE phasing : an accelerating standing wave fills the cavity. The particular resonant mode of interest (amongst oodles) is that with all gaps having the same polarity ("βλ" or "2π" accelerating mode)
- Evolutive geometry of the tubes (length & diameter) with distance causes cells to resonate on identical frequency.

#### Alvarez linac (2/2)

• Later on longitudinal focusing (phase stability) would be invented, ensuring best transmission. Transverse focusing today ensured with quadrupoles located in the drift tubes.

• DTLs are nowadays currently used as primary injection stages in hadron linac chains, or as injectors into synchrotrons.



202M Hz/70 MeV Alvarez injector linac at ISIS, RAL.



7 MeV Alvarez DTL, typical injector of medical synchrotron : pre-acceleration of protons or Carbons before injection into synchrotron.



Quadrupoles in drift tubes.

## Going where, nowadays ?

## \* More sns: ESS, the EU spallation source \*

#### Construction started 2014; first users 2023

Linac length, overall	m	~400
Kinetic energy	GeV	2
Beam power	MW	5
Repetition rate	Hz	14
Duty factor (Df)	%	4
Pulse current (Ip)	mA	62.5
Average current	mA	2.5
Pulse length at target	ms	2.86







## \* Intense beams of rare isotopes - FRIB \*



#### \* ENERGY \* ACCELERATOR-DRIVEN SUBCRITICAL REACTOR



#### **MYRRHA**, Belgium

Multipurpose hYbrid Research Reactor for High-tech Applications A flexible and fast spectrum irradiation facility



•  $k_{\rm eff}$  is central to the accelerator parameters, the closer it is to 1, the lower the beam power to be brought in - but, drawback, the closer the reactor core to critical.

- Typical numbers -					
	ADS thermal power	$k_{ m eff}$	Proton beam Energy / Current / Power		
Demo transmuter MYRRHA:	50-100 MW-th	pprox 0.95	600 MeV / 4 mA / 2.4 MW		
EFIT industrial transmuter:	several 100 MW-th	pprox 0.97	800 MeV / 20 mA / 16 MW		
China's demonstrator program:	1000 MW-th		1.5 GeV / 10 mA / 15MW		

## \* High Energy Physics \*

~50MV/m

#### The international linear e+e- collider, a long history in itself. Objective 2030s ?



(electrostatic accelerators)

(betatron)

linear accelerators

# CYCLOTRONS

(microtron)

(synchro-cyclotron)

synchrotron

(acceleration techniques of the future)

## **Example of application (1/2)** High power, PSI, 600 MeV, 1.4 MW, CW

1973

1 Hans Willax 2 Miguel Olivo 3 Thomas Stammbach 4 Werner Joho 5 Christa Markovits



#### 1966: SIN early Design – Feb. 1974:1st 100 $\mu$ A beam



#### The 590 MeV Ring Cyclotron



The old 72MeV **Philips injector** 

## 72MeV injector



Description

The PSI Injector 2 cyclotron has been built to replace the multiparticle variable energy Inject 590 MeV Ring cyclotron. The Injector 2 is itself a ring cyclotron, but with 4 sectormagnets and with an extremely low on, but with 4 sectormagnets and with an extremely low

Characteristic

Value 870 keV (4.3% of light speed)

## Neutron production at SINQ



## **Example of application (2/2)**

**Cancer tumor treatment "protontherapy"** 



#### Medical cyclotrons by IBA industrial company



Figure 2. IBA 230 MeV resistive cyclotron for proton therapy



Figure 3. Gantry Treatment Room of the IBA Proteus Proton Therapy System Ref.: Proceedings of CYCLOTRONS 2010, Lanzhou, China, REVIEW ON CYCLOTRONS FOR CANCER THERAPY, Yves Jongen#, IBA, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

#### Protontherapy at the PSI national research center (uses a 250 MeV superconducting cyclotron)





#### Spot-scanning technique, developed at PSI

Through the scanning and superposition of dose-spots of a proton pencil beam, the desired dose distribution can be built up, and the dose can be precisely tailored to the 3-dimensionnal shape of the tumour.

Ref.: https://www.psi.ch/protontherapy/center-for-protontherapy

# Where cyclotrons come from

#### Cyclotron (1/5)



For his invention of the cyclotron

 1929-1930, Ernest O. Lawrence inspired by Wideroe & Ising ideas invents (the principle of) the cyclotron : having read Wideroe's paper, he speculated on the use of a magnetic field to bring the particle back to a *single* accelerating gap next to acceleration.





- Doing so he found that the revolution frequency in uniform B is constant : the "cyclotron angular frequency",  $\omega_0 = qB/m$
- That allows RF gap voltage at constant frequency,  $f_{RF} = qB / 2\pi m$ .
- 1931, Stanley Livingston, Berkeley, demonstration with 5-inch cyclotron by acceleration of hydrogen ions up to 80 KeV (about 40 turns up to  $r \approx 4.5$  cm).
- 1932, φ30 cm cyclotron built by Lawrence produces protons at
   1.25 MeV and breaks atoms *a few weeks after Cockcroft-Walton's Li + p*
- 1934, Berkeley, E.O. Lawrence builds a 27-inch cyclotron, accelerates protons to 3 MeV and D to 5 MeV
- 1939, E. O. Lawrence receives the Nobel Prize "for the invention and development of the cyclotron and for results obtained with it, especially with regard to artificial radioactive elements".
- That was just the beginning of a lasting story, yet...





The device is inserted in the gap of an electromagnet.

#### Cyclotron (2/5) - classical

Non-relativistic cyclotron

- orbit : 
$$r = v/\omega_0 = mv/qB$$

- focusing (1) :
  - $F_z = qvB_r \approx qv\frac{\partial B_r}{\partial z} \mathbf{z} \equiv qv\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial r} \mathbf{z}$

 $\ddot{z} - \frac{qv}{m} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial r} \mathbf{z} = 0 \to \omega_z^2 / \omega_0^2 = \nu_z^2 = -\frac{r}{B_z} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial r} = -k, \qquad \boxed{\nu_z = \sqrt{-k}}.$ 

hence the field index k needs be negative :  $B_z$  is slowly decreased with radius. Similarly,  $\nu_r = 1 + k$ . This sets the requirement -1 < k < 0

- focusing (2) : is also ensured at lower energy by the electric field.
- isochronism :

The condition for vertical focusing, -1 < k < 0 (B is not constant), spoils the isochronism.

As a consequence, the phase is not constant (ABCDE path)

- bunching : particle beam injected into the cyclotron necessarily gets bunched, at the frequency of the RF (the time interval between two bunches is an RF period)
- The classical limit ( $\gamma \approx 1$ ) is ~25 MeV for protons, 50 MeV for D and  $\alpha$ , (about 2 3% increase in mass), GANIL in Caen accelerates Carbon to about 100 MeV/u...
- That was enough energy to transmute all nuclei... The classical cyclotron allowed discovering oddles of nuclear reactions and isotopes.

Yet, let's keep in mind : transmutation was not the all story

outward in r.  $= \sqrt{-k}.$ owly decreased with radius. -1 < k < 0the electric field. South Pole  $\frac{1}{c}$   $\frac{1$  Ecole accirateurs

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race

180 deg

90 deg

With B constant in time

and uniform in space, as particles gain energy from the rf system, they stay

in synchronism, but spiral

#### Cyclotron (3/5) - classical

- Relativistic energies, the bad news :
  - The cyclotron resonance  $\omega_0 = qB/\gamma m$ , with  $r = \beta c/\omega_0$  yields  $k = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{\partial \beta}} \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial \beta}$
  - so k cannot satisfy -1 < k < 0,

isochronism requires that  $B(r) \propto \gamma$ , which yields vertical defocusing...

• That was the end of the story,  $\sim 25\,{\rm MeV}$  protons, etc... :

#### Hans Bethe (1937) : The "encouraging" comment...

"... it seems useless to build cyclotrons of larger proportions than the existing ones... an accelerating chamber of 37 cm radius will suffice to produce deuterons of 11 MeV energy which is the highest possible..."

Frank Cole : "If you went to graduate school in the 1940s, this inequality (1 < k < 0) was the end of the discussion of accelerator theory."

Until...

#### ... smarter ! Cyclotron (4/5) - Thomas focusing

- 1938, L.H. Thomas, "The Paths of Ions in the Cyclotron", introduces the "Thomas focusing", based on separate sector bending, namely, "edge-focusing",
- 1954, Kerst, spiral edges increase vertical focusing further  $\nu_z = \sqrt{-k + F^2(1 + 2\tan^2 \xi)}, \quad F = Flutter = \frac{\langle B^2 \rangle - \langle B \rangle^2}{\langle B \rangle^2}$
- That allowed having B(r) increase in proportion to  $\gamma$ , so to ensure constant RF frequency ( $\omega_0 = qB/\gamma m$ ), while preserving vertical focusing.
- Modern cyclotrons still rely on these principles ٠









Cyclotrons, going where

nowadays ?

## **MORE HIGH POWER ?**

#### \* ACCELERATOR-DRIVEN SUBCRITICAL REACTOR \* - BNL -


# On-going discussion : which is optimal in the ADS application ?

**Reference : US ADS White Paper (2010)** 

• Separate sector cyclotron

Paul Scherrer Institute, 590 MeV, 1.3 MW CW beam First beam 1973

• Normal conducting proton linear accelerator

LANSCE 800 MeV n science center linac, first beam 1972. Ran in 1 mA / MW range in the 1980s, 120 Hz repetition rate, DC 7.5%.

• Superconducting linear accelerator

SNS 1 GeV n science linac at ORNL, beam power 1.2~1.4 MW.

Pulsed, DC  $\sim$ 6%. Accelerates H- for stripping injection into accumulator ring, First beam 2006





## **MORE MEDICAL & ISOTOPE PRODUCITON**

# New, S2C2 technology, MEDICYC, NICE (F) 250 MeV, super-compact, first beam 2016



(electrostatic accelerators) (betatron) linear accelerators cyclotrons (microtron) (synchro-cyclotron)

# synchrotron

acceleration techniques of the future

# synchrotron

Fancy, ~GeV light source style

**Basic** 





#### Beam focusing + guiding:

QUADRUPOLE LENS





# **LIGHT SOURCES**



## How this started



The 300 MeV electron synchrotron built at General Electric Co. in 1940s. The photograph shows the synchrotron radiation emitted from the accelerator.

# NSLS2 3 GeV synchrotron,<br/>BNL<br/>Started 2015The second s



# Nuclear research

## **1 of the 2** LARGE COLLIDERS ON THIS PLANET

## RHIC

















# HEP

# The largest collider: LHC

#### Construction started ~2000, first run : 2009 Energy 6.5 TeV per beam, 13 TeV CM Discovery of Higgs Boson announced in 2012

10,000 people from 113 different countries contribute to science at the LHC







CERN LHC and injectors



#### LHC DIPOLE : STANDARD CROSS-SECTION "2-in-1" design

#### ALIGNMENT TARGET MAIN QUADRIPOLE BUS-BARS HEAT EXCHANGER PIPE SUPERINSULATION SUPERCONDUCTING COILS BEAM PIPE VACUUM VESSEL BEAM SCREEN AUXILIARY BUS-BARS SHRINKING CYLINDER / HE I-VESSEL THERMAL SHELD (55 to 75K) NON-MAGNETIC COLLARS (RON YOKE (COLD MASS, 1.9K)) DIPOLE BUS-BARS SUPPORT POST





#### Interconnecting magnets





## LHC SUPERCONDUCTING RF CAVITIES





#### **CONTROL ROOM**



## ATLAS DETECTOR



# CMS DETECTOR



Synchrotrons, where from ?

#### 1944-Veksler; 1945-McMillan: discovery of phase stability - "longitudinal focusing". This is how it works.

#### Phase Stability in a Synchrotron

From the definition of  $\eta$  it is clear that an increase in momentum gives

- below transition (n > 0) a higher revolution frequency (increase in velocity dominates) while
- above transition ( $\eta < 0$ ) a lower revolution frequency ( $v \approx c$  and longer path) where the momentum compaction (generally > 0) dominates.



#### **Cyclotron style "weak** focusing" optics, at that time (dipole index 0<k<1)

1947: First observation of synchrotron light (SR), not fully understood (spectrum etc.) - Julian Schwinger would develop a full theory of SR in a circular accelerator



Vaccum chamber of GE synchrotron



70 MeV synchrtron, GE



**1946, Aug.:** First synchrotron operation, 8 MeV proof-of-principle, by Goward in Woolwich, UK



Fig. 4: The world's first synchrotron, installed at Malvern. The extra cooling system and RF feed to the resonator may be clearly seen.



Vacuum

Pipe

Ejection

entral Orbit

Accelerat

The first "racetrack" sybnchrotron with straight sections, 300 MeV electron, University of Michigan, 1949.

## **STRONG FOCUSING : Invented in 1950**

#### Strong index |k|>>1 + alternating gradient (k<0, k>0)





PS (1959), 30 GeV: few cm diameter vacuum chamber Compare the dipoles: Cosmotron, 3 GeV: 1.22mx0.22m vacuum

chamber



## What's next ?

# eRHIC e-A collider at BNL

### Want to join ?



# And then... ? Anything after 27 km long fridge, 100 m underground LHC ?

## The answer is "yes"

#### **Three-quarter century HEP projects:**

#### CERN's FCC-ee + FCC hh collider Circumference 100 km. exe/125GeV, pxp/100TeV



#### China's CEPC + CppC





# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

## **BACKUP SLIDES**

# ELECTROSTATIC ACCELERATORS

#### 2 Prehistory

 $\alpha$  particles were the first projectiles

• 1900s Rutherford figures out that  $\alpha$ -particles are He nuclei.

• 1910 Rutherford and Madsen first smash atoms with  $\alpha$ -particles to gain insight in the atom structure from scattering patterns. They detect the presence of a nucleus.

- 1910s Rutherford and Madsen kick out protons from various elements by that very method
- 1930s Bothe and Becker, Joliot-Curie family, Chadwick knock out neutrons by bombarding Be nuclei :  $\alpha + Be \longrightarrow C + n$ .

Chadwick convincingly shows that the emerging particles were neutrons.

Cosmic rays

- 1900s, Presence of radiation observed, using electroscopes and electrometers, even away from any radioactive source.
- 1932 Anderson discovers positron, predicted by Dirac
- 1937 Anderson and Neddermeyer discover a particle with  $220\times$  the electron mass, from cosmic ray snaps: the muon
- 1947 Lattes, Occhialini, Powell discover charged pions (today's  $\bar{u}d$  and  $\bar{d}u$  quark pairs)
- 1940s Discoveries of strange particles:  $K^{\pm}, K_0, \Lambda, \Sigma^+$  (hadrons with one strange quark)
- The difficulty of these paths was that one had no control over the projectiles, their energies, their rate was rather scarce
- Hence the interest of accelerators for creating new particles. Milliampers of MeV particles from accelerators is equivalent to thousand-Curie radioactivity.

#### **3** Electrostatic accelerators

#### A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

• Creating strong electrostatic potential : simplest and most obvious method. This is a way to communicate energy to charged particles, by virtue of

$$\vec{F} = -q \, g \vec{radV}, \quad W = q \, V$$

- There was a broad context of development of high voltage generators :
  - Whimshurst wheel (1880s 10s kV, few tens μAmp), Marx generator (1924 a variant of a voltage-multiplier), Tesla coil (induction high voltage) ...
  - Two methods succeded : Crockcroft-Walton voltage multiplier, Van de Graaff electrostatic generator.
- Limitation on potential achievable for particle acceleration resides in
  - ohmic losses in apparatus structure proportional to potential
  - current from ionized gas limited by saturation
  - corona discharge the major cause






## Cockcroft-Walton (1/3)

• A particular type of "voltage multiplier" (also known as "Greinacher multiplier", earlier proposed by Heinrich Greinacher, Swiss, 1919), coupled to accelerating gaps, at Cavendish Lab., 1932 :

 interest of accelerator method proven by allowing first artificial nuclear. transmutation,  ${}^{7}_{3}Li + p \longrightarrow 2 \times \alpha + 17 \text{ MeV}$ 

 Only 20 years later, 1951, did they get the Nobel prize "for their pioneer work on the transmutation of atomic nuclei by artificially accelerated atomic particles".





Voltage-multiplier circuitry and installation.  $\gtrsim$ 700 kV from a 200 kV transformer were obtained,  $\sim 10 \mu A$  proton beam. Penetration probability  $1.8 \ 10^{-7}$  at 700 kV  $\xrightarrow{10\mu A}$   $10^7$  events/s.



was  $\sim$ 700 kV

John Douglas Cockcroft

Ernest Walton

The figure below shows principle assembly of (modern-style) Cockcroft-Walton voltage multiplier driven by AC voltage supply (left) and typical multi-electrode accelerator column (right).



Nowadays technologies allow up to  $U_{total} \sim 5$  MVolts, several tens mA DC (>100 kW beam).

Principles :

The maximum voltage is  $2 \times n \times U_0$ , plus a correction for current induced loss :

$$\frac{U_{total} = 2 \times n \times U_0}{C} - \frac{\omega C}{\omega C} \times f(n)$$
  
C = value of a capacitor

n = number of stages

I = ohmic loss + beam

f =  $\sim n^3$  polynomial dependence  $\Rightarrow$  limitation on n : voltage drop with I grows fast with the number of stages

It shows that large C and large  $\omega$  reduce the effect of I on  $U_{total}.$ 

Accelerator application : stability  $\frac{\delta U_{tot}}{U_{tot}} \approx \frac{2\pi n^3}{RC\omega} \approx \text{few\%}$ 

Focusing : "cylindrical lens" principles

# Exercise :

Take impedance  $R \sim G\Omega$ , capacity  $C \sim nF$ . What is the order of magnitude of generator frequency  $\omega/2\pi$  for  $\frac{\delta U_{tot}}{U_{tot}} \sim 1\%$ . Response : kHz range.

# Cockcroft-Walton (3/3)

Cockcroft-Walton voltage multiplier is one amongst various other types of voltage multipliers

• A technique convenient in accelerator installations, still in use today in number of laboratories, at the front end of the injection chain.



A modern version : the 810 kV, 30 mA Cockcroft-Walton injector at the PSI Mega-Watt cyclotron, using a voltage multiplier.

> Exercise : value of n ,  $U_0$  ? Resp. : n=5,  $U_0 \sim 80 \text{ kV}$



Some more easy kVs...



FermiLab injector (source, C-W and transfer lines are doubled for minimal down-time).
H-, 20 keV DC beam, accelerated to 750 keV prior to bunching and injection into a DTL.

And a trend, replacement by RFQ :

"[...] to reduce the maintenance requirements of the 750-keV pre-accelerator system, the replacement of the present Cockcroft-Walton accelerators with a single RFQ accelerator is proposed." (December 2008)

# Van de Graaff (1/2)



Van de Graaff electrostatic generator, principle : + or – charges, as brought by the insulating belt, are stored at the outer surface of the bulbe. Sharp points of combs are close to, but not touching, the belt, charges are transported from and to the belt by corona effect. Potential is used to accelerate particles.



In the company of its developper...



Patent figure, Dec. 1931.



A  $2 \times 3.5$  MV specimen, 1933.

- The Van de Graaff generator is simple, easy to regulate, capable of producing high voltages and therefore high accelerations of electrons or ions (compared at that time to Cockcroft-Walton).
- It is preferred when low ripple (low energy spread) is important at megavolt potentials.
- $\bullet$  Intensity limited to  ${\sim}mA.$
- Effects limiting maximum achievable voltage are, size !, leackage, insulation, shape of electrodes...

2009

### Van de Graaff (2/2), Tandem

- There are nowadays hundreds of Van de Graaff accelerators over the world.
- Often under the form of "tandem Van de Graaff" : doubles available energy,

and gas pressurised (isolating gas SF6, freon, several 10<sup>5</sup>Pa) : limit corona effects, reduce size, source and target at ground potential.

In the "Pelletron" (1960's), a pellet chain replaces the belt and induction devices replace the needle combs (yields better stability, reliability...)





Two-stage - "tandem" - pressurized Van de Graaff.



One of the two (face-to-face) stages of the 15 MV Tandem-Van de Graaff at BNL. Can accelerate 40 different types of ions.



The tandem Van de Graaff at Western Michigan University, used for basic research, student training...



20 MV tandem VdG at Tandar Lab., Argentina (above), a smaller ancestor in earlier times (below).

