HV Electron Cooling System for NICA Collider

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NICA Collider Luminosity

Two Energy Ranges of the Collider and Two Regimes:

A) Space charge (SC) dominated regime \(\Rightarrow E_{ion} = 1 - 3 \text{ GeV/u}\)

*Electron cooling is mandatory (!),
acceptance is filled with ions up to \(Q = Q_{\text{max}} = 0.05, \]
\[L = L_{\text{max}} = (0.01 - 1) \times 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2} \times \text{s}^{-1}\]

B) Intrabeam scattering (IBS) regime \(\Rightarrow E_{ion} = 3 - 4.5 \text{ GeV/u}\)

\[L = 1 \times 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2} \times \text{s}^{-1}\]

*IBS is suppressed by stochastic and electron cooling,
L is artificially limited by max detector rate at \(E_{ion} > 3 \text{ GeV/u}\)*

In this energy range electron and stochastic cooling are supposed to be used in the NICA Collider simultaneously providing a long life time of the Collider luminosity.

See details in: G.Trubnikov, Thursday, 11:10 - 11:40
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Dynamics aperture of the NICA Collider

A. Bolshakov and P. Zenkevich (ITEP) for NICA

Preliminary

Influence of the magnet fringe fields

Does a cooling help?
1. The experience we have

Max. electron energy, MeV  0.025 ÷ 2
Electron beam current, A  0.1 ÷ 3.0
HV generator  Cascade transformer
Electron beam  magnetized
[V.Parkhomchuk et al.,
Sarantsev seminar (Sep. 2015)]

Max. electron energy, MeV  4.3
Working e-beam current, A  0.1 – 0.5 A
Max. e-beam current, A  1.6 (1.9)
Working $I_{\text{loss}}/I_{\text{beam}}$, ppm  1.0
HV generator  Pelletron (“Van der Graaf”)
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2. HV and HE electron coolers

1) High Voltage electron coolers – DC HV regime, $1 < E_e < 8$ MeV
   Projects under development: COSY (FZJ) NICA (JINR), HESR (FAIR), HIAF (Lanzhou)

2) High Energy electron coolers – RF acceleration, $8 > E_e$:
   ERL scheme, coherent e-cooling, optical e-cooling …
   Projects under development: RHIC BES (BNL), MEIC (JLab)

At COOL’2015 we have:
6 oral contributions on HV e-coolers,
12 oral contributions on HE e-coolers and related topics.

The problem under active development
3. The concepts of a HV e-cooler

3.1. The first concepts – two beams or not...

1. Evident scheme – two beams (IM, 2008)

The solution is technically good, however the electron beam is a feedback between two ion beams: an instability in one ion beam excites electron beam that brings the instability signal to another ion beam, i.e. we have “the three beams’ instability”!

2. More sophisticated scheme – one (common) electron beam (VP, 2011)

Finally the scheme with common electron beam has been rejected.
3.2. Two concepts of the HV electron cooler with two electron beams

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<td><strong>DC magnetized (!) electron beam</strong></td>
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<td>Electron energy, MeV</td>
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<td>Electron beam current, Amp</td>
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<td>Solenoid magnetic field, T</td>
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<td>Electron transverse temperature in PRF, eV</td>
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<td>Electron longitudinal temperature in PRF, meV</td>
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<td>Electron energy spread in Lab. system, $\sigma E/E$</td>
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The solenoids in both concepts are supposed to be superconducting

Warm solenoids in JINR version (4 copper layers winding): $P_{\text{total}} = 500$ kW
3. The concepts for a HV e-cooler

3.2. Two concepts of the HV electron cooler with two electron beams

Two “COSY – coolers” with independent solenoid systems

Advantage: COSY Cooler has been constructed and demonstrated its reliability in the first tests
(see yesterday talks by V.Kamerdzhiev and V.Reva).

Disadvantages: 1) a long solenoid system
2) Problematic design for SC solenoids inside the tanks (the COSY design is not applicable!)

Three tanks system: the leftmost and rightmost tanks contain by two accelerating/decelerating tubes – one with the “blue” beam, another with the beam of the opposite direction – (electron guns and collectors), the middle tank contains the HV generator and terminal with the power supplies for the electron guns and the collectors.

Advantage: a short solenoid system (about twice shorter of the BINP system);
a reliable scheme of the voltage multiplier applied for HV generation.

Disadvantage: probable problems at tuning of the cooler regimes when electron beams are ON.
3. The concepts for a HV e-cooler

3.3. SC solenoids – what superconductor?

**JINR version**

- NbTi cable 0.5 mm $0.9 /m L = 275 km $250 k
- HTSC tape 12 x 0.5 mm$^2$ 30 $/m L 11.5 km $350 k

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4. NICA Electron Cooler Design

4.1. The General View

- Tanks with the acceleration/deceleration tubes
- SC conic solenoids
- Toroidal solenoids
- Cooling section
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4.2. The tank with the acceleration/deceleration tubes

- The tank with the acceleration/deceleration tubes...
- HV terminal with the gun of the upper beam and the collector of the lower beam
- The acceleration/deceleration tubes
- Conic HTSC solenoid
- Vacuum space (thermal insulation)
- Magnetic shield decreasing the magnetic field on the HTSC winding
- Electrostatic pressurizable screen
- HV coaxial transmission line
- ...filled with SF6
  - HV insulation of 6 bar pressure
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4.3. The conic solenoid

Magnetic field on the conic solenoid axis and the current distribution (kA×Turns) in HTSC coils

The gun cathode location

N_{\text{turn}} / [\text{kA}]
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4.3. The conic solenoid

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<td>Critical magnetic field for the HTSC tapes at 77 K (LN$_2$)</td>
<td>1.0 T</td>
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<td>Maximum magnetic field on the HTSC winding of the conic solenoid</td>
<td>0.4 T</td>
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4.4. The HV generator

The choice of the HV generator type:

1) Pelletron (van der Graaf)
2) Cascade transformer
3) Dynamitron scheme
4) Voltage multiplier ("Cockroft – Walton")

5) Turbine driven generator (V. Parkhomchuk et al.) – see the next slide
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4.4. The HV generator

5) Turbine driven generator

(V. Parkhomchuk et al., Sarantsev seminar’2015, Alushta, Crimean, September 2015)

The developmental work on cascade transformers feeding with gas turbine generators of DEPRAG Co

Collaboration BINP – Mainz University

See the poster MOPF02 and

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4.4. The HV generator

Typical parameters of HV generators

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<th>Max. current [mA]</th>
<th>Reliability</th>
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<tr>
<td>1) Pelletron</td>
<td>13.0</td>
<td>0.1 (per chain)</td>
<td>Longstanding experience</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
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<td>(Nat. Electrostatic Corp., Madison, USA)</td>
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<td>2) Cascade transformer</td>
<td>2.0</td>
<td>1.0 (?)</td>
<td>BINP, commissioning stage</td>
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<td>3) Dynamitron</td>
<td>25.0</td>
<td>?</td>
<td>World experience</td>
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<tr>
<td>4) Voltage multiplier</td>
<td>5.0</td>
<td>2.0</td>
<td>ARIE, Moscow, RF (“old” experience)</td>
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<td>BINP &amp; Mainz Univ. R &amp; D (very promising)</td>
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4.4. The HV generator

Lenin All-Russian Institute for Electrotechnique (Moscow)

Generator stability $\sigma V / V \sim 10^{-3}$, $0.5 < \sigma V < 2.5$ kV

Feedback via rotor voltmeter and capacity connector provides stabilization level up to $\sigma V / V \sim 10^{-5}$

Project electron current 1 mA

Voltage multiplier schematic diagram

Test model of 350 kV

The middle tank of the cooler
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4.5. Acceleration tubes

The sections of the Pelletron/NEC acceleration tubes

The drawing of the section and its photo

Dismantling and packing of the Pelletron tubes
9 – 10 December 2013

The experts and the porter
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4.6. Modeling of the Cooler Elements

The test bench “Recuperator” – it was used at the end of the 1980th – beginning of the 1990th for test of the electron collector and electron gun for the electron cooler of LEAR and is used today for development of the elements of HV electron cooler of the NICA Collider.

The test bench is a good training ground for young researchers. The Electron Cooling Group of Dzhelepov Lab. of Nucl. Problems of JINR is developing new schemes of the electron collector and electron gun for the HV electron cooler of the NICA Collider and the methods for testing parameters of these devices.
Concluding remarks
1. HV electron cooler for an ion collider \textit{has to be equipped with} two independent beams of magnetized electrons (preferably), which are generated by an electron gun with a “hollow” electron beam and the sectioned “Pierce electrode”. It allows one to avoid/reduce recombination of the ions to be cooled with the cooling electrons and provide electron beam positioning using the beam current modulation and PU electrodes in the beam transfer line.

2. The electron cooler solenoids are to be superconducting. Application of HTSC winding looks realistic presently and is very promising.

3. Application of the HV generator of the voltage multiplier type looks most practical for the moment.

4. The three tanks scheme seems adequate to the parameters of the HV electron cooler for the NICA collider.

\textbf{Thank you for your attention!}