Formation of bunched electron beam at the electron cooler of CSRm

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Motivation

• Suppression of instability developed in the high intensity ion beam after accumulation
• The electron beam was required to turn on and off in the different period of the atomic physics experiments
• Demonstration of electron cooling by the bunched electron beam
Instability after accumulation
4. Modulation of electron beam energy to improve stability of electron-cooled ion beams

Although the CELOIUS accelerating cavity is equipped with a relay and shorted as soon as the RF voltage is set to zero, electron cooled beams of more than a few mA tend to become longitudinally unstable (self-bunching). Although the presence of internal targets have a stabilising effect, such instabilities can create beam loss and are a disturbance to experiments, and have forced experimenters to limit the stored beam intensity to lower values, than would otherwise be possible.

The situation can be improved by artificially increasing the electron beam energy spread. This is done at CELOIUS by connecting the electrically insulated inner structure in the drift tube to a hi-fi amplifier, and modulating the voltage on this structure.

Square-wave modulation has turned out to be the most effective. Fig. 3 show the effect on the Schottky noise spectrum of modulating the electron beam in this way with 0, 30 V, and 50 V p–p on a 220 MeV deuteron beam, and Fig. 4 shows the effect on the lifetime of a 250 MeV/u $^{14}$N$^{7+}$ beam. An internal cluster-jet target of about $10^{13}$ atoms/cm$^2$ of xenon was present during the measurement of both curves in Fig. 4. The combination of the modulation of the electron energy and the presence of the internal target was necessary to remove the sudden beam losses, which are visible in the figure.


Electron cooling at CELOIUS

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• Feedback system

Fig. 6. Stacking process over 320 s with feedback on and off. Here the single injection intensities were reduced to 0.4 mA to simulate the lower current from the polarized source (vertical axis BCT 200 mV/div, horizontal 50 s/div) [3].
The electron beam could be switched off by a fast high voltage switch acting on the anode voltage. This was used to stop the electron beam after accumulation just before the adiabatic increase of the rf amplitude and the ramping of the frequency in order to avoid interferences between cooling and rf system. But also with permanent electron beam no adverse effects on the acceleration process were observed.
The experience of the CELSIUS cooling system operation demonstrated that more effective way to suppress the stored beam instability is artificial increase of the electron beam energy spread. This was done by connecting the electrically insulated inner structure in the drift tube to a hi-fi amplifier, and modulating the voltage at this structure. For instance, at 115 keV electron energy at CELSIUS it was demonstrated that most effective is square-wave modulation at amplitude of 50 V [5].

Formation in the electron gun the hollow electron beam is another and, as one can expect, more effective way to avoid overcooling the ion beam core and related instabilities. The results of experimental investigations of the electron beam profile in such a gun were presented in [6].
INSTABILITY SUPPRESSION

The “standard” method of coherent instability suppression is an application of feedback system (FBS). At COSY the vertical FBS made it possible to stabilize the cooled proton beam at a level of $2 \times 10^{10}$ particles (1.8 mA) after a single injection. With the stacking technique a maximum of $1.2 \times 10^{11}$ cooled protons (9.2 mA) at injection energy were stored without instability.

Applying additionally the horizontal FBS did not bring any essential effect. Application of FBS at S-LSR showed its very high sensitivity to proper choice of time delay between PU and kicker [5].

Another way to suppress instability is based on idea to avoid of “overcooling” of the beam core. At CELSIUS and later at COSY an additional external heating of the beam in longitudinal and transverse degrees of freedom and/or misalignment of the electron beam were tested for instability suppression. However, both of these methods stabilize the stored beam but do not give a substantial increase of its intensity. As it was demonstrated at CELSIUS, more effective way is an artificial increase of the electron beam energy spread by its modulation. Another method developed recently [6] and tested preliminary at LEIR is formation in the electron gun the hollow electron beam.
New solution

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ELECTRON BEAMS AS STOCHASTIC 3D KICKERS

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Abstract
This article describes an idea combining electron and stochastic cooling in one device. The amplified signal of displacements of the ion from the pick-up electrode is applied to the control electrode of an electron gun. Thus, a wave of space charge in the electron beam is induced. This wave propagates with the electron beam to the cooling section. The space charge of the electron beam acts on the ion beam producing a kick. The effectiveness of the amplification can be improved with using a structure similar to a traveling-wave tube.
Scheme of electron beam as kick
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Figure 1: Scheme of stochastic cooling with electron cooler as 3D kicker. 1 – pick-up system, 2 – hybrid and amplifier, 3 – cable system, 4 – electron gun with the current modulation, 5 – cooling section, 6 – modulation of the space-charge density in the cooling section, 7 – collector of the electron beam, 8 – ion trajectory.
Sketch of the electron gun

Control electrode

1 - four-sector control electrode, 2 - oxide cathode, 3 - anode, 4 - cathode housing, 5 - ceramics.

Fig.1 The sketch of the electron gun
Capacity of the gun

$C_{\text{cathode-control}} = 20 \text{pF}$
$C_{\text{control-anode}} = 24 \text{pF}$
$C_{\text{cathode-anode}} = 13 \text{pF}$
$C_{\text{control-shell}} = 4.5 \text{pF}$
Limitation

- Thermal dispenser cathode
- Capacitive character of gun
- Heavy load of beamtime
Waveform of voltage on the control electrode and the electron beam
Some consideration

• Charge of the gun (turn on electron beam)
• Discharge of the gun (turn off electron beam)
• Charge rate
• Discharge rate
Charge and discharge

- HV Positive output
- Ground
- HV Negative output

Control electrode

Charge

Discharge

Reversed charge
Chopper

Switch 1 charge

Switch 2 discharge

Electron pulse
Atomic physics experiment

Modulation

DCCT signal

injection
store
decay

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21:11:46
21:12:40

Amplitude (V)
60
55
50
45
40
35
30
25
20
15
10
5
0

Time
Offline test

- pulse width,
- interval of pulses,
- longitudinal distribution of pulse
- Transverse distribution of pulse
Bunch length and interval

• Injection interval
• Revolution period
• Expected cooling time
Bunch Diagnostics

Seperated bunch

fluctuation
Toroid

- Bunch incline
- Procession motion
Plan and procedure

- Design
- Offline test on the testbench
- Offline test with electron beam in the cooler
- Online test with ion beam in the storage ring

- Accumulation
- Instability
- Cooling force and time
- Atomic physics experiments
Conclusion

• suppress the instability of ion beam,
• increase the maximum accumulated ion beam intensity,
• improve the beam stability after accumulation,
• decrease the cooling time,
• verify the results of bunched electron beam cooling ability in the lower energy range.
Thanks for your attention!