

## An Electron Linac Photo-Fission Driver for the Rare Isotope Program at TRIUMF

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## **Outline**

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## **E-Linac Motivation/Impact**

- •New Science: Nuclear physics with neutron-rich RIBs
- Clean radioisotope beams
- Complementary & independent RIB driver
  - Enhanced science output: multiple beams to multiple users
  - Steady RIB production: staggered E-Linac & cyclotron shutdowns
- Leverages valuable existing infrastructure:
  - Proton Hall: available shielded vault with services
  - •World-class RIB multiple experimental stations
  - Expands SCRF in-house expertise
- Prepares Canada for SCRF projects world-wide (ILC, CERN-SPL)
- Qualifies commercial partner (PAVAC) to build SCRF cavities.



## What is photo fission?



Production efficiency: one γ-photon for three electrons (30 MeV)

Photo-fission cross-section high for 15 MeV  $\gamma$  due to Giant Dipole Resonance



TRIUMF 5-year plan: ARIEL project – new isotope production facility for ISAC expansion





### **E-Linac Beam Specification**

Practical considerations (beam diagnostics) motivate bunch rep rate

Bunch charge (pC)	16	
Bunch repetition rate (GHz)	0.65	
Radio frequency (GHz)	1.3	
Average current (mA)	10	٦
Kinetic energy (MeV)	50	
Beam power (MW)	0.5	
Duty Factor	100%	J

The requirement:  $50 \text{ MeV} \times 10 \text{ mA}$ =  $\frac{1}{2} \text{ MW}$  beam power

Bunch vital statistics	inject	eject	
Normalized emittance (µm)	<30π	<100π	Not critical; beam
Longitudinal emittance (eV.ns)	<20π	<40π	
Bunch length (FW), inject (ps)	<170	<30	dumped
Energy spread (FW)	<1 keV	<1%	



### HP RF building block for e-linac



130 kW klystron



50 kW coupler

### E-linac RF unit = 100 kW/cavity



## **E-linac layout**



Division into injector & main linacs allows:

Possible expansion for:

- Energy Recovery Linac (ERL) e.g. 10 mA, 80 MeV
- Recirculating Linear Accelerator (RLA) e.g. 2 mA, 160 MeV



### Beam dynamics: 100 kV - 50 MeV low charge (16pC)





# Curves represent results of capture section optimization

Beam portraits at the linac exit Energy spread (3 rms): 0.32% Bunch length (3 rms): 6.4 ps

Beam dynamics posters: Thursday: TH6PFP097; Friday: FR5PFP075



### Beam dynamics (continued)











### **Electron Source**

Thermionic gun – inexpensive, simple, low maintenance

NIST/JLab electron gun was donated to TRIUMF

Being converted from diode to triode

RF modulated gun avoids chopping and high power beam dump at linac start





#### Electron gun development stand



## **Cavity Development with PAVAC**

- PAVAC is a local company with EBW expertise
  - Now produces 20 QW 141MHz cavities for ISAC-II
- PAVAC to produce two single cells by summer 2009
  - Dies sourced from FNAL/RRCAT
  - Forming and welding tests underway (in copper and Nb)







## **Collaboration with VECC\***

- Same goal: build electron linac for RIB
- Share resources
- Signed MOU in 2008



- Scope: build and test with beam at TRIUMF two Injector Cryo-Modules (ICM) at 10MeV/50kW
- \* VECC=Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre (Kolcata, India)

TRIUMF/VECC collaboration poster: MO6RFP090



# **The Schedule**

- July 2009
  - Conceptual design
  - Single cavity of beta=1 prototyping and test
- December 2009
  - ICM design
- November 2010
  - Assemble ICM1
- May 2011
  - Beam test with ICM1 in ISAC-II
  - Build e-linac infrastructure in Proton Hall
- December 2011
  - Test ICM2 in Proton Hall
- July 2013
  - E-linac beam test at 25 MeV
- November 2013
  - Ready for RIB production
- 2017
  - E-linac beam test at full energy and full power



## **Summary**

- E-linac is a major new RIB source, complementary to cyclotron
- •Opens new science horizons with neutron-rich RIB
- L-band SCRF cost effective MW-class fission driver
- Capitalization on world-wide SRF R&D
- Light source technology test bed
- Allows participation in other SRF projects (e.g. SPL, ILC etc.)