

FRIB: Accelerator Physics Update and Initial Commissioning

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Outline

Introduction

- Recent accelerator physics studies
 - Collimation of contaminant beams
 - Beam tuning in final focusing area
 - Implement of warm rebuncher
 - FRIB energy upgrade
- FRIB linac commissioning
 - Front-End beam commissioning completed
 » Beam measurement results
 - First three-cryomudule commissioning started
 » Superconducting resonators conditioned
 » Commissioning diagnostics station installed

Summary

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Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) A Future DOE-SC National User Facility

Reaccelerator

Rare isotope

production area and isotope harvesting

- Funded by DOE–SC Office of Nuclear Physics with contributions and cost share from Michigan State University
- Serving over 1,300 users Experiments with fast, stopped, and reaccelerated beams
- Key feature is 400 kW beam power for all ions (e.g. 5x10^{13 238}U/s)
- Separation of isotopes in-flight provides
 - Fast development time for any isotope
 - All elements and short half-lives
 - Fast, stopped, and reaccelerated beams



Ion source

400 kW

superconducting RF

FRIB Project Timeline \$730.0M (\$635.5M DOE + \$94.5 MSU)



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FRIB Technical Components



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FRIB Superconducting Driver Linac Overview



Contaminant Beam Collimation after Stripper

FRIB will provide variety of ion beams for users

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- There may be contaminant ions (similar q/A to main beam, e.g. ¹⁴N²⁺ for ²³⁸U³⁴⁺) from ECRIS, but will have different trajectories after charge stripper
 - Contaminant beams may have significant power
- A series of collimators have been implemented in the warm area after stripper to limit acceptance and remove those contaminant ions, as well as halo beam developed by charge-exchange reaction



Wider Adjustment of Beam Position on Target

- Beam-on-target requirements
 - 90% of beam should be within 1 mm diameter spot
 - Beam centroid divergence must be much less than 1 mrad
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- Additional beam-on-target requirement was requested by target group
 - Beam spot on target should be adjustable within +/- 3mm range to compensate for possible systematic displacements of the target



Assumed Imperfection in Simulation Study

- Initial beam position (X,Y) shift: 0.4 mm
- Initial beam angle (Xp, Yp) shift: +/- 0.3 mrad
- Initial beam mismatch factor up to: 0.2
- Quadrupoles uncorrelated shift: +/- 0.4 mm
- Quadrupoles correlated shift: +/- 1.0 mm
- Quadrupoles rolling: +/- 8.0 mrad
- BPM misalignment: +/- 0.2 mm
- Quadrupole strength error: 5%
- All assumed uniform distribution



Simulation Study in Final Focusing Area

• Results of 10,000 seeds





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Conclusion of Final Focusing Area Study

- BPM resolution is the main factor to influence the bean center on target, needs <0.1 mm</p>
- Quadrupole rolling error of < 2mrad and quadrupole strength error of <0.5% will be acceptable
- Initial beam mismatch factor should be less than 0.1
- Quadrupole shifts, yaws and tilts have no big influence since they are correctable, given that steerers have maximum capability, quadrupole shift should be < 0.8 mm
- Current configuration of steerers and BPMs is able to steer beam 3 mm horizontally or vertically with maximum beam angle under 0.24 mrad



Room Temperature Buncher Implemented

- Due to the high probability beam loss on the rebuncher after stripper, the cryomodule of 4 superconducting resonators replaced by a 7-gap room temperature IH structure
- Transit time factor is large than 0.7 for various beams

Parameter	Value	
Frequency	161.0 MHz	
Beta geometrical	0.185	
Tuning range	± 650 kHz	
Aperture	36mm	
Maximum voltage	1.0 MV	
Peak field at 1 MV	field at 1 MV 0.6 Kilpatrick	
Resonator length	1.2 m	
Energy range	13 – 22 MeV/u	





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Study of FRIB Energy Upgrade

- Boost uranium beam from 200 MeV/u to 400 MeV/u driven by users
- 80 m space reserved fitting in 55 cavities in 11 cryomodules
 - A larger apuerture 5-cell 644 MHz elliptical cavity provides 12 MV voltage



Front-End Layout and Its Major Systems



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Radio Frequency Quadrupole Linac

Parameter	Value
Frequency (MHz)	80.5
Injection/extraction energy (keV/u)	12 / 500
Q/A	1/3 – 1/7
Transmission efficiency (typ.)	> 80%
CW RF Power (kW), Uranium	100
Length (m)	5

- 4-vane, 5-section, ramped voltage
- Construction completed in 6/2016
- Installed tunnel in 11/2016
- Integration test completed in 8/2017
- First beam acceleration in 9/2017





Beam Measurements in LEBT – Samples

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View plate

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Development of Application Software



 The beam center is steered with upstream steerers until insensitive to the variation of quadrupole strength





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Beam Envelopes Reconstructed from Profile Measurements Along LEBT

- ⁴⁰Ar⁹⁺, 65 euA
- Beam parameters obtained by fitting to match measured rms beam sizes from all profile monitors
- Simulations agree with measurements





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Kr¹⁷⁺ and Kr¹⁸⁺ Simultaneously Transported in LEBT and Accelerated in RFQ

- Both ⁸⁶Kr¹⁷⁺ (33uA) and ⁸⁶Kr¹⁸⁺ (27uA) transported to the entrance of the RFQ
 - Set electrostatic elements for 17+, scale magnetic elements for 17.5+
 - ~100% transmission achieved, beam profiles measured





86Kr	RFQ FC0998 (uA)	MEBT FC1102 (uA)	Efficiency (%)
17+	0.2	0.056	28
18+	0.16	0.07	44
17+&18+	0.36	0.122	34



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DC Beam Transmission through RFQ

- DC beam (MHB off) Transmission (accelerated) through RFQ as function of vane voltage
 - Measurement agrees with simulation





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Beam Transmission in RFQ Increased with Multi-Harmonic Buncher in LEBT

Bunching phase is found for each harmonic at some power level
 Combined level of RF power in all 3 harmonics optimized by iteration after phase setting for all harmonics



MEBT Beam Energy Measurement using BPMs

- Beam arrival time in first 3 BPM were measured, respectively, with respect to the rf reference clock
 - Signal delays for each BPM were calibrated
- Set Buncher1 for maximum acceleration phase
 - Measured beam energy of 0.5198 MeV/u
- Set Buncher1 for maximum deceleration phase
 - Measured beam energy of 0.4921 MeV/u
- Obtained Buncher1 voltage of 61.6 kV, consistent with the measurements downstream of the bending magnet





Front-End Commissioning Completed

- Front-End has been in operation for about five months, Major hardware systems are running reliably and stably
- Accelerator Physics group performs beam test studies to improve understanding of beam parameters, beam optics and transport, and to develop and test high level software and algorithms
- Front-End is used to commission diagnostics, instrumentation, Machine Protection System and Run Permit System
- Front-End operation also provides opportunity to test and improve operational procedures



First Three Cryomodules and the Commissioning Diagnostics Station Installed









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Commissioning of the First 3 Cryomodules

- First three beta=0.041 QWR cryomodules
 - Cryomodules cooled down in late May
 - All 12 resonators conditioned to designed gradient in the past two weeks
 - Superconducting solenoids with X-Y steerers under testing
- A commissioning diagnostics station
 - Ready for beam
- Accelerator readiness review completed
 - Wait for final approve





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Beam Measurements with D-station

- Beam position and bunch phase
- Transverse profile, rms emittance reconstruction
- Absolute energy, energy spread, time spread, contaminant ions and their relative intensity
- Beam halo signal
- Absolute beam current (pulsed) and differential signal
- Bunch longitudinal profile, longitudinal rms emittance reconstruction





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Commissioning Plans for the First 3 Cryomodules

- Operation of MPS and RPS is not required in the beginning: beam power is < 2 Watts
 - Ar or Kr beam power is controlled by attenuators in LEBT
- Transport 0.5 MeV/u beam to D-station and achieve ≥90% beam transmission
- Perform phase and amplitude scan of the MEBT buncher and SC cavities sequentially and set phases and amplitudes to the design values
 - Measurements with silicon detector (SiD)
 - Adjust solenoid fields and, if necessary, dipole fields to transport >90% beam
- Test and activate MPS and RPS with beam
- Perform phase and amplitude scan of the second MEBT buncher and each subsequent super conducting (SC) cavities with pulsed ≥5 eµA beam
 - Measurements by BPMs
 - » Cavities' phase scan will be performed with scripting programming
 - » Distances between the BPMs from actual alignment data
 - » Absolute energy after each SC cavity will be measured
 - Virtual accelerator model is available in the controls network



Summary

- Accelerator physics studies to address various emerged issues or improve performance
 - Developed sets of collimators to intercept possible contaminant beams and beam halo
 - Wider beam position tuning on target twill be provided
 - Explored beam tuning sensitivity in the final focusing area
 - Room temperature rebunchers replaced superconducting ones in the area critical to beam losses
 - Designed 400 MeV/u energy upgrade with elliptical cavities
- FRIB Front End has been successfully commissioned with both ⁴⁰Ar⁹⁺ and ⁸⁶Kr¹⁷⁺ beams
 - Beam properties were measured, consistent with simulations
 - Diagnostics and MPS/RPS verified
- First three cryomodule of the linac is ready for beam commissioning
- FRIB project is on track



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