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Beam dynamics design of a 162.5MHz superconducting RFQ

accelerator

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Abstract

Superconducting(SC) RFQ has lower power consumption, larger aperture and higher accelerating gradient than room temperature RFQ. We plan to design a 162.5MHz SC RFQ to accelerate the 30 mA proton beams from 35 keV to 2.5 MeV, which will be used as a neutron source for BNCT and neutron imaging project. At an inter-vane voltage of 180kV, the beam dynamics design was carried out with acceptable peak surface electric field, high transmission efficiency, and relatively short cavity length.

Design considerations

- Goal: very high accelerating efficiency and very high beam transmission efficiency
- Acceleration gradient: the lowest possible peak electric field and magnetic field should be used to obtain the highest possible acceleration effect
- **Beam focusing force**: proportional to the inter-vane voltage, inversely proportional to the aperture

appropriate values of a, m, and φ





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Beam dynamics design

Parameters	Value	Parameters	Value
Frequency [MHz]	162.5	Inter-vane voltage [kV]	180
Input beam energy [MeV/u]	0.035	Peak surface electric field[MV/m]	30.4
Output beam energy [MeV/u]	2.54	Kilpatrick coefficient	2.24
Focusing parameter B	9.0	Acceleration gradient [MV/m]	0.77
Average aperture r ₀ [mm]	8.5	Input transverse normalized RMS emittance	0.200
Minimum aperture a [mm]	5.4	[mm:mrad]	
Modulation m	1~2.069	Output longitudinal normalized RMS emittance	0.12
Synchronous phase φ [°]	-90~-30	Transmission efficiency [%]	99.9
Number of cells	184	Tenothim	3.27
Peak beam current [mA]	30		0.27

Beam dynamics design (PARMTEQM results)









Beam dynamics design (IMPACT-T results)



Particles phase-space distribution at the exit of RFQ





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Redundancy Study



Transmission efficiency of the RFQ versus the input beam Twiss parameters



Transmission efficiency of the RFQ versus the input transverse emittance