



RF Acceleration in Linacs Part 1



Outline

- Transit-time factor
- Coupled RF cavities and normal modes
- Examples of RF cavity structures
- Material from
 - Wiedemann, Chapters 15 and 6
 - Wangler, Chapters 2 and 3



- We now consider the energy gained by a charged particle that traverses an accelerating gap, such as a pillbox cavity in TM₀₁₀ mode.
- The energy-gain is complicated by the fact that the RF field is changing while the particle is in the gap.



Transit Time Factor

- We will consider this problem by considering successively more realistic (and complicated) models for the accelerating gap, where in each case the field varies sinusoidally in time.
- We also must consider the possibility that the energy gain depends on particle radius.



Acceleration by Time-Varying Fields

Consider infinite parallel plates separated by a distance L with sinusoidal voltage applied. Assume uniform E-field in gap (neglect holes)

$$E_z = E_z(t) = E_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

where at *t*=0, the particle is at the center of the gap (*z*=0), and the phase of the field relative to the crest is ϕ . But *t* is a function of position *t*=*t*(*z*), with

$$t(z) = \int_0^z \frac{dz}{v(z)}$$



$$\Delta W = q \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} E_z dz = q E_0 \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} \cos(\omega t(z) + \phi) dz$$



Energy Gain in an Accelerating Gap

• Assume the velocity change through the gap is small, so that t(z) = z/v, and

$$\omega t \approx \omega \frac{z}{v} = \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda} \frac{z}{c\beta} = \frac{2\pi z}{\beta \lambda}$$



Energy Gain and Transit Time Factor

$$\Delta W = qE_0 \frac{\sin(\pi L / \beta \lambda)}{\pi L / \beta \lambda} L\cos\phi$$

$$\Delta W = qV_0 T \cos \phi$$
$$T = \frac{\sin(\pi L / \beta \lambda)}{\pi L / \beta \lambda}$$

- Compare to energy gain from static DC field: $\Delta W = \Delta W_{DC} T \cos \phi$
- T is the *transit-time factor*. a factor that takes into account the timevariation of the field during particle transit through the gap.
- ϕ is the synchronous phase, measured from the crest.

Transit-Time Factor



For efficient acceleration by RF fields, we need to properly match the gap length *L* to the distance that the particle travels in one RF wavelength, $\beta\lambda$.

Transit Time Factor for Real RF Gaps

- The energy gain just calculated for infinite planes is the same as that for an on-axis particle accelerated in a pillbox cavity neglecting the beam holes.
- A more realistic accelerating field depends on *r*, *z*

$$E_{z} = E_{z}(r, z, t) = E(r, z)\cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

• Calculate the energy gain as before:

$$\Delta W = q \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} E_z dz = q \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} E(0, z) \cos(\omega t(z) + \phi) dz$$

$$\Delta W = q \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} E(0, z) (\cos \omega t \cos \phi - \sin \omega t \sin \phi) dz$$







Transit-time Factor

• Choose the origin at the electrical center of the gap, defined as

$$\int_{-L/2}^{L/2} E(0,z)\sin\omega t(z)dz = 0$$

• This gives

$$\Delta W = qV_0 T \cos \phi = q \left[\int_{-L/2}^{L/2} E(0, z) dz \right] \left[\int_{-L/2}^{L/2} E(0, z) \cos \omega t dz - \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} E(0, z) dz \right] \cos \phi$$

 From which we identify the general form of the transit-time factor as

$$T = \frac{\int_{-L/2}^{L/2} E(0, z) \cos \omega t dz}{\int_{-L/2}^{L/2} E(0, z) dz}$$



Transit-time Factor

• Assuming that the velocity change is small in the gap, then $z = 2\pi z$

$$\omega t \approx \omega \frac{z}{v} = \frac{2\pi z}{\beta \lambda} = kz$$

• The transit time factor can be expressed as

$$T(k) = T(0,k) = \frac{1}{V_0} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} E(0,z) \cos(kz) dz$$
$$V_0 = \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} E(0,z) dz \qquad k = \frac{2\pi}{\beta\lambda}$$

Radial Dependence of Transit-time Factor

- We calculated the Transit-time factor for an on-axis particle. We can extend this analysis to the transit-time factor and energy gain for off-axis particles.
- This is important because the electric-field in a pillbox cavity decreases with radius (remember TM₀₁₀ fields):

$$T(r,k) = \frac{1}{V_0} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} E(r,z) \cos(kz) dz$$

$$T(r,k) = T(k)I_0(Kr)$$

• Here I_0 is the modified Bessel function of order zero, and

$$K = \frac{2\pi}{\gamma\beta\lambda}$$

• Giving for the energy gain

$$\Delta W = qV_0 T(k)I_0(Kr)\cos\phi$$

which is the on-axis result modified by the r-dependent Bessel function.



Realistic Geometry of an RF Gap

• Assume accelerating field at drift-tube bore radius (r=a) is constant within the gap, and zero outside the gap within the drift tube walls



• Using the definition of transit-time factor:

$$T(r,k) = \frac{1}{V_0} \int_{-L/2} E(r,z) \cos(kz) dz$$

• we get

$$V_0 T(k) = \frac{E_g g}{I_0(Ka)} \frac{\sin(kg/2)}{kg/2} \qquad V_0 = \frac{E_g g}{J_0(2\pi a/\lambda)}$$

• Finally,

$$T(r,k) = T(k)I_0(Kr) = I_0(Kr)\frac{J_0(2\pi a/\lambda)}{I_0(Ka)}\frac{\sin(\pi g/\beta\lambda)}{\pi g/\beta\lambda}$$



What about the drift tubes?

- The cutoff frequency for a cylindrical waveguide is $\omega_c = 2.405 c/R$
- The drift tube has a cutoff frequency, below which EM waves do not propagate.
- The propagation factor k is

$$k_z^2 = \left(\frac{2.405}{R_c}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{2.405}{R_{hole}}\right)^2 < 0$$

• So the electric field decays exponentially with penetration distance in the drift tube:

$$E_{z} = E_{0}e^{i(kz-\omega t)} = E_{0}e^{i(i|k|z-\omega t)} = E_{0}e^{-|k|z}e^{-i\omega t}$$

• Example: 1 GHz cavity with r=1cm beam holes:

Power and Acceleration Figures of Merit

- Quality Factor:
 - "goodness" of an oscillator
- Shunt Impedance:
 - "Ohms law" resistance
- Effective Shunt Impedance:
 - Impedance including TTF
- Shunt Impedance per unit length:
- Effective Shunt Impedance/unit length:
- "R over Q":
 - Efficiency of acceleration per unit of stored energy





- Power delivered to the beam is: $P_{B} = \frac{I\Delta W}{q}$
- Total power delivered by the RF power source is:

$$P_T = P + P_B$$



Coupled RF Cavities and Normal Modes

Now, let's make a real linac

- We can accelerate particles in a pillbox cavity
- Real linacs are made by stringing together a series of pillbox cavities.
- These cavity arrays can be constructed from independently powered cavities, or by "coupling" a number of cavities in a single RF structure.



Coupling of two cavities

- Suppose we couple two RF cavities together:
- Each is an electrical oscillator with the same resonant frequency
- A beampipe couples the two cavities



- Remember the case of mechanical coupling of two oscillators:
- Two mechanical modes are possible:
 - The "zero-mode": ϕ_A ϕ_B =0, where each oscillates at natural frequency
 - The "pi-mode": ϕ_A ϕ_B = π , where each oscillates at a higher frequency



Fig. 5–4 (a) Lower normal mode of two coupled pendulums. (b) Higher normal mode of two coupled pendulums.

Coupling of electrical oscillators

- Two coupled oscillators, each with same resonant frequency:
- Apply Kirchoff's laws to each circuit:

$$\sum V = i_1(j\Omega L) + i_1 \frac{1}{j\Omega C} + i_2(j\Omega M) = 0$$

Gives

$$i_{1}(1 - \frac{\omega_{0}^{2}}{\Omega^{2}}) + i_{2}\frac{M}{L} = 0$$
$$i_{2}(1 - \frac{\omega_{0}^{2}}{\Omega^{2}}) + i_{1}\frac{M}{L} = 0$$

• Which can be expressed as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1/\omega_0^2 & k/\omega_0^2 \\ k/\omega_0^2 & 1/\omega_0^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} i_1 \\ i_2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\Omega^2} \begin{pmatrix} i_1 \\ i_2 \end{pmatrix} \qquad k = M/L$$

 You may recognize this as an eigenvalue problem

$$\tilde{M}\bar{X}_{q} = \frac{1}{\Omega_{q}^{2}}\bar{X}_{q}$$

$$\omega_0^2 = \frac{1}{LC}$$



Coupling of electrical oscillators

- There are two normal-mode eigenvectors and associated eigenfrequecies
- Zero-mode:

$$X_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \qquad \Omega_0 = \frac{\omega_0}{\sqrt{1+k}}$$

• Pi-mode:

$$X_{\pi} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \qquad \Omega_{\pi} = \frac{\omega_0}{\sqrt{1-k}}$$

- Like the coupled pendula, we have 2 normal modes, one for inphase oscillation ("Zero-mode") and another for out of phase oscillation ("Pi-mode").
- It is important to remember that both oscillators have resonant frequencies Ω , different from the natural (uncoupled) frequency.

Normal modes for many coupled cavities

- N+1 coupled oscillators have N+1 normal-modes of oscillation.
- Normal mode spectrum:

 $\Omega_q = \frac{\omega_0}{\sqrt{1 + k \cos(\pi q / N)}}$

where q=0,1,...N is the mode number.

- Not all are useful for particle acceleration.
- Standing wave structures of coupled cavities are all driven so that the beam sees either the zero or π mode.



Example for a 3-cell Cavity: Zero-mode Excitation



 $\omega t=7\pi/4$

 $\omega t=2\pi$

Example for a 3-cell Cavity: Pi-mode Excitation



 $\omega t=7\pi/4$

 $\omega t=2\pi$

Synchronicity condition in multicell RF structures



- Suppose we want a particle to arrive at the center of each gap at φ=0. Then we would have to space the cavities so that the RF phase advanced by
 - 2π if the coupled cavity array was driven in zero-mode,
 - Or by π if the coupled cavity array was driven in pi-mode.



ero-mode:

$$\phi = \omega t = \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda} t = \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda} \frac{l_n}{c\beta_n} = 2\pi t$$

$$l_n = \beta_n \lambda$$

 RF gaps (cells) are spaced by βλ, which increases as the particle velocity increases.

Pi-mode:

$$\phi = \omega t = \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda} t = \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda} \frac{l_n}{c\beta_n} = \pi$$

$$l_n = \beta_n \lambda / 2$$

 RF gaps (cells) are spaced by βλ/2, which increases as the particle velocity increases.

Energy Gain in Multicell Superconducting Pi-Mode Cavity

 Elliptical multicell cavity in pimode:

 $E(r=0,z)=E_g\cos k_s z$

where $k_s = \pi/L$, and $L = \beta_s \lambda/2$.

 This gives, for a particle with velocity matching the "geometric-beta" of the cavity:



Figure 2.3 Axial electric-field distribution showing the effect of the π -mode boundary conditions, which causes the field to cross the axis at the boundaries of each cell.

$$T(k_s) = T(0, k_s) = \frac{E_g}{V_0} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} \cos^2(k_s z) dz = \frac{\pi}{4}$$



Superconducting RF cavity for ILC



Examples of RF Cavity Structures

Alvarez Drift Tube Linac

- DTL consists of a long "tank" excited in TM₀₁₀ mode (radius determines frequency).
- Drift tubes are placed along the beam-axis so that the accelerating gaps satisfy synchronicity condition, with nominal spacing of $\beta\lambda$.
- The cutoff frequency for EM propagation within the drift tubes is much greater than the resonant frequency of the tank (ω_c =2.405c/R).
- Each tube (cell) can be considered a separate cavity, so that the entire DTL structure is a set of coupled cavity resonators excited in the zero-mode.





Figure 4.9 Electric-field lines shown in one quarter of the projections of three DTL cells as calculated by the program SUPERFISH (courtesy of J. H. Billen).

• $\phi = \omega t = 0$, $E_z = E_0$





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$$\phi = \omega t = \pi/2$$
, $E_z = 0$



• $\phi = \omega t = \pi$, $E_z = -E_0$





•
$$\phi = \omega t = 3\pi/2$$
, $E_z = 0$



• $\phi = \omega t = 2\pi$, $E_z = E_0$

Evacuated Metal Cylinder





Alvarez Drift Tube Linac

- DTLs are used to accelerate protons from ~1 MeV to ~100 MeV.
- At higher energies, the drift tubes become long and unwieldy.
- DTL frequencies are in the 200-400 MHz range.







Coupled Cavity Linac

- Long array of coupled cavities driven in $\pi/2$ mode.
- Every other cavity is unpowered in the $\pi/2$ mode.
- These are placed off the beam axis in order to minimize the length of the linac.
- To the beam, the structure looks like a π mode structure.
- Actual CCL structures contain hundreds of coupled cavities, and therefore have hundreds of normal-modes. Only the $\pi/2$ mode is useful for beam acceleration.
- The cell spacing varies with beam velocity, with nominal cell length $\beta\lambda/2$.



Powering a Linac: Components of a High Power RF System



Klystron Operation



- A Klystron is an amplifier for radio-frequency waves.
- A Klystron is actually a small accelerator/RF cavity system.
- Electrons are produced from a gun.
- A high-voltage pulse accelerates an electron beam.
- Low power RF excites the first cavity, which bunches the electrons.
- These electrons "ring the bell" in the next cavity.
- A train of electron bunches excites the cavity, generating RF power.





Linac RF Systems





X FCM Control

Cavity Field vs. time without beam





Example Beam Pulse Structure





Example Problem

- Consider a 10-cm-long copper ($1/\sigma = 1.7 \times 10^{-8} \Omega$ m) TM₀₁₀ pillbox cavity with resonant frequency of 500 MHz and axial field E=1.5MV/m.
 - a) For a proton with kinetic energy of 100 MeV, calculate the transittime factor ignoring the effects of the aperture, and assuming that the velocity remains constant in the gap.
 - b) If the proton arrives at the center of the gap 45 degrees before the crest, what is the energy gain?
 - c) Calculate the RF power dissipated in the cavity walls.
 - d) Suppose this cavity is used to accelerate a 100 mA beam. What is the total RF power that must be provided by the klystron?
 - e) Calculate the shunt impedance, the effective shunt impedance, the shunt impedance per unit length, and the effective shunt impedance per unit length.
 - f) Assume the drift tube bore radius is 2 cm. Calculate the transittime factor, including the aperture effects, for the proton on-axis, and off-axis by 1 cm. Assume that $I_0(x) = 1 + x^2/4$ $J_0(x) = 1 - x^2/4$



Extra Slides

Coupled Cavity Linac Examples



cavities on the side are nominally unexcited and stabilize the accelerating-cavity fields against perturbations from fabrication errors and beam loading.

Figure 4.18 Four examples of coupled-cavity linacs are shown as labeled.

Other Types of RF Structures





Figure 4.6 (a) Interdigital H-mode (IH) structure showing regions with a long no transverse focusing lenses separated by

triplet quadrupoles to provide transverse focusing (courtesy of U. Ratzinger). (b) sequence of electrodes for acceleration with Crossbar H-Mode or CH structure (courtesy of U. Ratzinger).



Figure 4.26 350-MHz β = 0.12 coaxial half-wave resonator with a single loading element (courtesy of J. R. Delayen, Ref. 33).

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Other Types of RF Structures



Figure 4.27 850-MHz, $\beta = 0.28$ spoke resonator (courtesy of J. R. Delayen, Ref. 33).







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Figure 4.28 Spoke cavities with multiple loading elements. (*a*) An 850-MHz, $\beta = 0.28$ double spoke concept. (*b*) A 345-MHz, $\beta = 0.4$ double spoke concept. (*c*) A 700-MHz, $\beta = 0.2$ eight-spoke concept (courtesy of J. R. Delayen. Ref. 33).