



# H<sup>-</sup> Beam Transport and its Diagnostics Christoph Gabor ASTeC, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory

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### Outline of the talk

Ion source activities and achieved results, in combination with off beaten diagnostics.





Technical design of the electron detector, general beam transport measurements through the detector.

Experimental results and discussion of photo detachment measurements.

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# Faraday cage and Low Energy Beam Transport (LEBT) section of the beam line, current set-up.



#### Ion Source: Set-up of the Penning source

#### Isis Penning Ion Source (I)



#### Isis Penning Ion Source (II)



#### Isis Penning Ion Source (III)



### Isis Penning Ion Source (VI)



Ion Source and Controls on HT Platform Ion Source: Emittance reduction

# Emittance reduction activities concentrate on sector magnet and post acceleration.

#### Standard Isis ion source:

normalised x-emittance 0.9 π mm mrad

normalised y-emittance 0.8 π mm mrad



Transport through the dipole Post Acceleration

# Different emittance measurement principles.



Comparison of slit-slit & pepperpot emittance measurement principles.

### Beam profile and collimated ion beam.

- 1.) Beam distribution at 260mm
- 2.) Collimated beam parts after a separation drift of 107mm



### Comparison with 4D beam distribution.



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# Change of output rms emittance if forces are not linear anymore, shown as phase space section.



Phase space projections show closed areas between the S-shaped tips.

# Weak focusing of the Isis (ions source) sector magnet.



# The post acceleration gap needs to be adapted to the demands of best matching LEBT.



Photo-Detachment and Experimental set-up

# Photo detachment can be used to diagnose the H- ion beam non destructive.



$$\hbar\omega + H^- \longrightarrow H^o + e^-$$

~75% of cross section with Nd:YAG or 2<sup>nd</sup> harmonics

- non destructive
- online measurements
- final aim: tomography (2D)
- other variants also possible

#### The detector set up to collect the electrons.



# Detector & optical beam path. The diagnostics is integrated in the 1<sup>st</sup> (differential) pumping vessel



Blow up of the electron detector. All components isolated well beyond specifications. Opening hole is 50mm in diameter.

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Optical beam path. The Laser is vertical orientated to the ion beam. Initial alignment takes place with open drawer.

#### Schematics circuit diagram and ADC-stripboard



DDC card  $DV_{DD}$ **DDC112** ATmega128 RS232 Readout Charge Ctrl I\$∽K Faraday uController PC Integrator Cup input Clk Trig Clk AVGND AV<sub>DD</sub> and DV<sub>DD</sub> \$~√K are isolated from 8MHz ISIS each other Trigger \$~k 0-

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Careful design with several opto-isolator couplers are necessary to avoid any ground loop.

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#### Differential Pumping Tank: Beam Transport

# Ion beam transport through the detector at various acceleration sheeth potentials.



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## Spectrum of the residual gas electrons.



- $t < 20\mu s$ : rise time of extraction power supply (toroid T1 shows max current after ~20-30 $\mu s$
- t > 80µs: beam has stabilised

time in between is thought to be space charge, i.e beam potential decreases the longer the pulse takes place

# Temporal behaviour of the detector signal compared with toroid rise times.



FIG. 8 Normalized blow–up of the extraction voltage, toroid 1 and 2 signal and the energy–depended integrated detector current of the compensation particles. The rise time of the space charge compensation  $\tau$  is  $\approx 48\mu$ s

(Further) Problems with the detector and Measurements, indeed!

# Electrodes become charged due to beam losses which leads to HV breakdowns.

That depends heavily on input impeadance and is especially critical if the ADC amplifier is connected.



# The signal will be sampled and digitized with a current amplifier.

#### **Electronics:** rise time $\mu$ s & resolution pC



# The background is large compared to the photo detachment effect & needs carefull substraction.

# High beam losses cause a large background signal.



Two different types of sources affect the background:

- slow variations → SD (stability of theion source
- fast variations → Means (secondary effects, ion beam noise)

#### It is NOT possible to run the detector as it is supposed to do. Needs to find empirical settings to min. background + max. PD electrons.

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# Due to beam current fluctuations Isis needs to limit the pulse length to keep charge constant.



Beam current is sampled after  $100\mu$ s pulse length, population taken for several hours. The charge needs to be constant to run the synchrotron.

#### Is the location of detector a good idea?

#### Of course NOT, But only in *Hindsight*

Background, source variations, beam losses, low electron energy, charging effects, beam noise, secondary effects

- you may conclude to measure in a harsh environment
- o time constraints because it started as a Ph.D.
- o true beam size not fully appreciated
- o may be to much concentrated on simulations and technical issues
- o still a reasonable place to get input LEBT distributions, if the diagnostics works

o if it's challenging science makes more fun ;-) (sometimes) !

# Comparison of some measurements from different days/ different detector settings.



### Summary and Outlook.

- o Programm to reduce the Isis emittance (dipole, post acceleration) by a factor of almost 3 down to  $\epsilon_{norm}$ =0.35  $\pi$ mmmrad
- o Beam transport through the photo detachment beam profile detector
- Despite rough conditions photo detached electrons have been measured
- o A redesign of the detector is necessary, advisable another place as well
- o nothing said about:

reconstruction of the beam distribution, PD—EMI, LEBT commissioning, long pulse measurements .....

### LEBT design overview



# Field distribution of the LEBT solenoids (1).

# LEBT field distribution of solenoids 1



Nominal field at 245 A

Field along the z axis [T @ 245 A]

Field as a function of r @ 150 A



# Solenoid, correction & steering dipole components.



# Engineering design of the LEBT solenoids.



### Hall probe measurements and CST simulations.



#### (First) Beam transport measurements.



# Beam envelopes tracked through solenoids.

Beam envelopes along the LEBT simulated using GPT, based on the design parameters & assuming 10% space charge. The dotted lines show the solenoid/drift section boundaries.  $\times 10^3$ 

