



# Low Energy Beam Transport (LEBT)

1) Principles and transport systems

2) Space charge compensation and space charge lenses

3) Beam diagnostics









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How does Low Energy Beam Transport differ from other transport systems ?

The transmission is influenced by :

optical system (focussing force) space charge forces residual gas pressure

The emittance growth is influenced by :

optical system (lens aberrations) space charge forces current fluctuations

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Influence of space charge on beam transport and emittance calculated for beamdrift



Emittance growth is influenced by various factors:



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1) Source plasma /plasma sheeth

\* plasma temperature / plasma potential "The kinetic energy distribution of the ions is preserved in the beam extraction and defining the minimum source emittance."

\*plasma uniformity / plasma sheeth "Variations of the real plasma sheeth from the ideal form due to radial or azithudinal devitaions of plasma density will lead to additional emittance growth."

2) Lens aberrations / non linear external fields "Deviations of the external fields from linear behavior will increase beam emittance."

3) Space charge forces

\* non linear internal field energy is transfered into emittance "Deviations of the internal fields from linear behavior (non homogenious net charge density distribution) will increase beam emittance."

\*current fluctuations

"Temporal variations of the space charge forces will increase the time integrated beam emittance."





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Artifical emittance growth due to discretisation



# $F_{ges} = \Delta F [32 + 28] = 60 \Delta F$





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Interactions between beam ions and residual gas

Beam losses  $\propto n_{RGA} \cdot \sigma_{WW}$ 

cross sections for hydrogen ions (100 kV) on hydrogen residual gas

- residual gas ionisation by beamions 2.26\*10<sup>-20</sup> m<sup>2</sup>

- charge exchange  $0.29*10^{-20} \text{ m}^2$ 

- residual gas ionisation by neutrals 0.29\*10<sup>-20</sup> m<sup>2</sup>

and additional interactions (electron capture, scattering, ....).



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Collisions between beam ions and residual gas atoms (moleculs)







### Production of ions J. Pozimski by interaction between residual gas atoms and beam ions

Measurement of the interaction between a beam of hydrogen ions (6 keV) and hydrogen residual gas atoms (longitudinal energy and cross section)





# Lenssystems



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- \* electrostatic cylindersymetric<sup>35</sup>
- weak cylindersymetric focussing
- deceleration / acceleration systems
- mass independent
- transportsystem is numerical accessible
- no space charge compensation
- medium investment costs
- HV-breakdown limit & availability
- \* solenoids
- weak cylindersymetric focussing
- mass (velocity) dependency
- space charge compensation
- limited numerical access
- higher investment costs
- no HV-breakdowns (MTBF)

### \* electrostatic & magnetic quadrupols

- strong focussing in one plane (defocussing in the other)
  => weak net focussing in triplett but reduced fields compared with einzellenses & solenoids
- break of cylinder symetry (space charge) can cause redistributions & emittancegrowth
- no consistent model of space charge compensation
- \* higher order fields (sextupols / octupols)
- \* Gabor lenses
- \* z- pinch lenses













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\* even for zero space charge compensation the beam parameters for RFQ injection can be reached with only 60 % of maximum field strength and a maximum degree of lens filling (aberrations) of 60 %.

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## Summary :



No LEBT system (el. st. einzellenses, solenoids, quadrupols) can fulfill simultaniously all requirements for every beam.

my personal opinion is :

 Electrostatic systems are in favor for medium energy beams and medium or low perveance (SNS is at the borderline)

2) Solenoids are preferable for high perveance low mass beams (up to A/q<20)

3) Quadrupol LEBTS can handle all other problems (at higher investment costs)

4) for high masses and low charge state other systems might be favorable (Gabor lenses, z-pinch lenses) for future use.