

THE ELECTRON PULSE STRETCHER EROS

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1. Introduction

The Electron Ring of Saskatoon is designed as a pulse stretcher whose purpose is to bring the duty factor of the 250 MeV electron linear accelerator at Saskatoon from a value of 6.25×10^{-4} to a value of 0.8 or more. The ring, into which the $1 \mu\text{s}$ long linac pulse is injected, is a racetrack shape of 73 m circumference. The electrons are then slowly extracted between linac pulses utilizing a resonance phenomenon. The reader is asked to consult Refs. 1 and 2 for a complete description of the design.

2. Optimization of the Design

In 1973 an optimization of the design, as regards to cost, was undertaken. It appeared immediately that the most expensive elements of the design were the quadrupoles and hexapoles, particularly those of the curved sections. Their aperture was over 10 inches. As suggested by K. Brown of SLAC, we examined the possibility of increasing the horizontal tuning, ν_x , from a value of $3 \frac{1}{3}$ to $5 \frac{1}{3}$. The change might reduce the aperture required since the chromatic excursion is proportional to $1/\nu_x^2$. However, to achieve this, we had to change the structure and increase the number of units in the curved sections and also modify the structure of the straight sections. Figure 1 shows the present layout of the ring: A more detailed analysis of the considerations involved in the modification can be found in Ref. 3.

Figure 2 shows the graphs of the beam dynamic functions β_x , β_z and the chromatic excursion function $g = dx_{co}/d\delta$, where x_{co} denotes the closed orbit, $\delta = p - p_0/p_0$, p is the momentum of the particle, and p_0 is the nominal momentum.

A further delicate adaptation of the straight and curved sections allowed a reduction in the aperture of all quadrupoles by a factor of at least two.

3. Monochromatic Extraction

The extraction process adopted is based on the $1/3$ resonance which has been extensively described in the literature (see Ref. 1). Previous to this an achromatic extraction process was considered. A modification of the chromatic parameters of the ring enabled us to achieve a monochromatic extraction of the beam.

The area of the extraction triangle is plotted on the graph in Fig. 3. From this graph it can be seen that the particles along the curved segment from B to C are extracted. They cover an energy spread of 0.08%. If by some deceleration process (radiation, RF, beta-tron core) the stable particles of the beam can lose energy with time, they will be extracted at the same energy and within the same energy spread while the tuning of the machine remains constant.

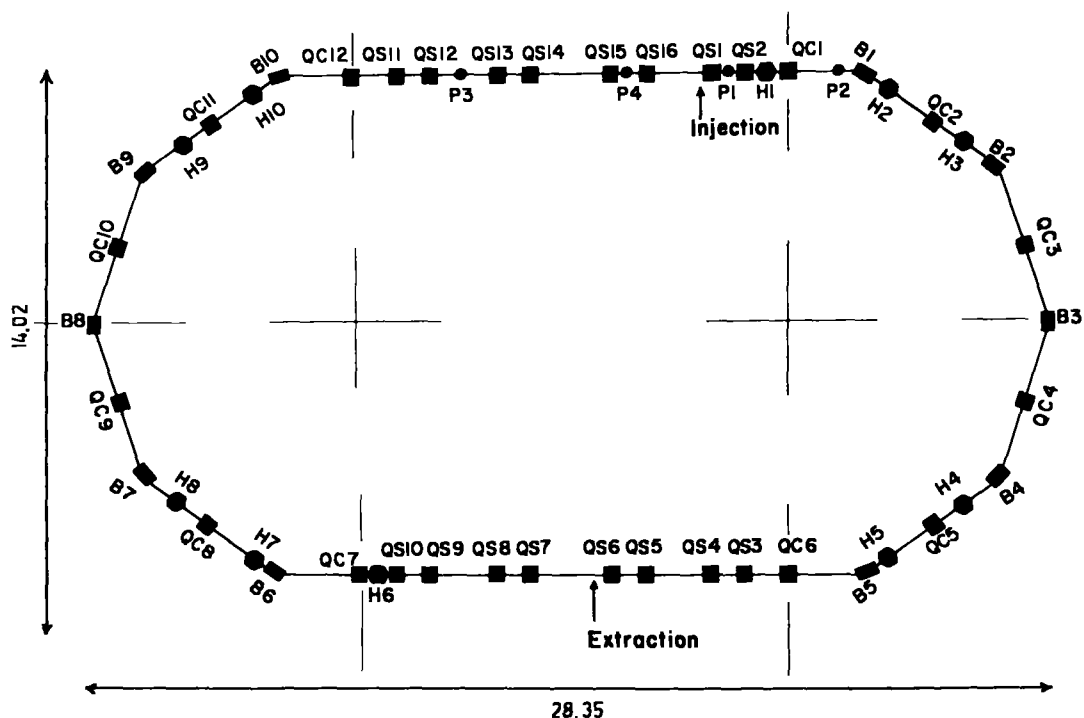


Fig. 1 EROS ring layout

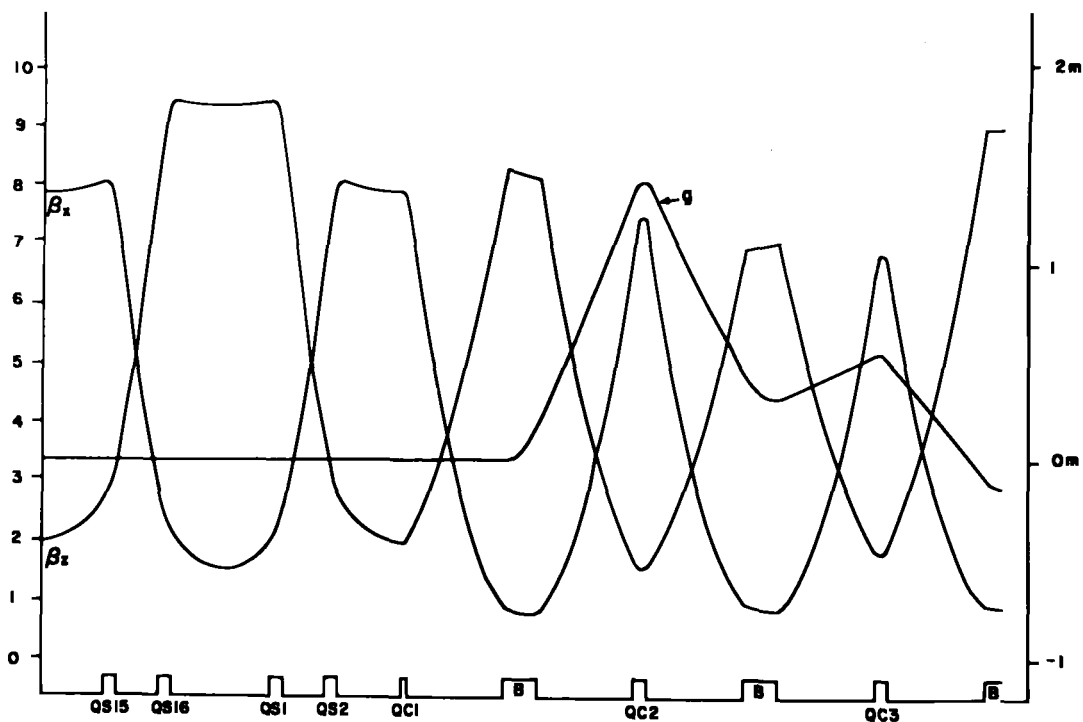


Fig. 2 β_x , β_z , g-function in half a curved section.

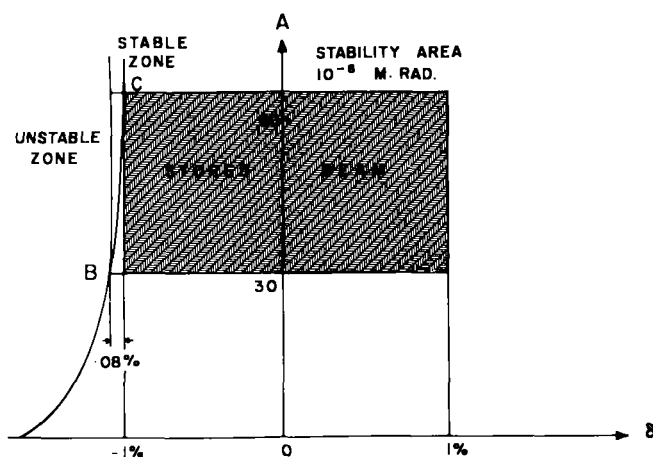


Fig. 3 Area of extraction triangle.

Detailed calculation of particle tracing⁴ shows this process works very well and leads to a beam size much in favor of the monochromatic extraction. The beam obtained by this extraction process is expected to have the following characteristics:

Energy range	150 to 250 MeV
Energy spectrum	0.08%
Beam emittance - horizontal	3 mm-mrad
- vertical	25 mm-mrad

The beam envelopes around the ring are as shown on Figs. 4, 5 and 6. In such an extraction the ring acts as a monochromator.

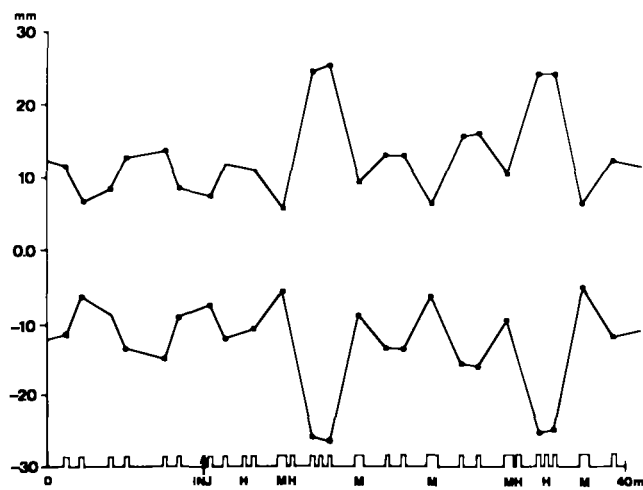


Fig. 4 Stored beam horizontal envelope.

Extraction of the particles results from energy loss due to synchrotron radiation. The energy loss per turn is given by

$$\Delta E(\text{keV}) = 88.5 \frac{E^4(\text{GeV})}{R(\text{m})}.$$

Assuming the energy spread is 1%, the energy to be lost for complete extraction is $\Delta E(\text{keV}) = 1 \times 10^4 E(\text{GeV})$. The number of turns needed to lose this energy is then

$$N = \frac{1 \times 10^4 R(\text{m})}{88.5 E^3(\text{GeV})} \\ = 113 \frac{R(\text{m})}{E^3(\text{GeV})}.$$

Table 3
Quadrupole Requirements

1) Strength	-1.828 m ⁻²
Effective length	0.25 m
Aperture	12.7 cm (5 in.) diam.
Max. field gradient	15,233 G/m
Max. poletip inductance	967.4 G
Number required	8
Designation	5 QS 1.2
2) Strength	1.922 m ⁻²
Effective length	0.25 m
Aperture	12.7 cm (5 in.) diam.
Max. field gradient	16,017 G/m
Max. poletip inductance	1016.9 G
Number required	8
Designation	5 QS 1.2
3) Strength	1.778 m ⁻²
Effective length	0.25 m
Aperture	12.7 cm (5 in.) diam.
Max. field gradient	14,817 G/m
Max. poletip inductance	941.0 G
Number required	4
Designation	5 QC 1.2
4) Strength	3.556 m ⁻²
Effective length	0.25 m
Aperture	12.7 cm (5 in.) diam.
Max. field gradient	29,633 G/m
Max. poletip inductance	1882.0 G
Number required	8
Designation	5 QC 2.4
Total integrated harmonic content at 4 in. aperture	1%
Field difference between any two quadrupoles (tracking)	< 0.1%
Power supply stability	± 0.005% (long term)

Table 4
Sextupole Requirements

1) Strength	-6.0 m ⁻³
Effective length	0.2 m
Aperture	12.7 cm (5 in.) diam.
Poletip inductance	242 G
Number required	2
Designation	5 S .4
2) Strength	-7.65 m ⁻³
Effective length	0.2 m
Aperture	12.7 cm (5 in.) diam.
Poletip inductance	385.7 G
Number required	4
Designation	5 S .4
3) Strength	0.318 m ⁻³
Effective length	0.2 m
Aperture	14.0 cm(5.5 in.)diam.
Effective poletip inductance (these are air-core magnets)	15.6 G
Number required	4
Designation	5.5 S .016
Total integrated harmonic content permissible at 4 in. aperture	10%
Magnetic field stability	0.1%

a simple ray tracing program, and it turned out to be 56.64 cm. The flux in the return yoke was 13.6 kG at a thickness of 7.5 cm; the reluctance of the iron was 3% of the total, and the magnet requires 35,000 At at maximum field.

Quadrupoles

Table 3 shows the requirements for quadrupole magnets. Although an aperture of 10 cm would have been sufficient to handle the maximum extent of the beam in the ring, the aperture was increased to 12.7 cm for two reasons: (i) Since the ring is designed to handle electrons of 100 MeV or less, the poletip inductance of the quads at this energy would have been very low (300 gauss or less), and remanent field problems would probably be encountered which would jeopardize the fine tuning of the ring. (ii) The first harmonic produced in a quadrupole due to the non-infinite extent of the magnet and to the non-hyperbolic shape of the poles is the 12-pole ($n = 6$, which decreases with the fifth power of the radius as one moves inward), thus an increase in aperture to 12.7 cm would considerably decrease the harmonic content at the normalizing aperture of 10 cm. The pole pieces can thus be cut from 6 inch diameter circular steel rods, which simplifies the construction considerably. Further reduction of harmonic content can be achieved by careful assembly and machining, chamfering the pole-edges at the exit and entry planes of the magnet and using mirror-plates (field-clamps) with adjustable studs.⁶ Prototype magnet tests will reveal if these steps are necessary.

To meet ring tuning requirements, the quadrupoles must be driven in four groups (three groups of eight magnets and one group of four). The poles of all the magnets of one group must therefore be driven in series by one power supply. Since we wanted to avoid high voltages, we decided to use small water-cooled coils of low impedance.

Sextupoles

The requirements for sextupoles are outlined in Table 4. It can be seen that the poletip inductance of the iron magnets is quite low even after an increase in aperture; thus for low energy operation, remanent field problems could occur. Only experience will show the necessity of adding a degaussing cycle to the power supplies that drive them. Harmonic content should not be a problem, due to the increased aperture in both the iron-core and air-core magnets. The magnet coils are air-cooled and all of the magnets in each of the three groups indicated in Table 4 will be driven in series.

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