

# High Intensity Loss Mechanisms on the ISIS Rapid Cycling Synchrotron

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#### 1. Introduction

*Why is understanding loss on the ISIS RCS important?*

- Improve ISIS operations Increase running levels from  $\sim 210$   $\mu$ A to consistent 240  $\mu$ A Minimise loss and activation for sustainable, reliable running
- Basis of optimal ring developments and upgrades Upgrades to the existing machine, including 0.5 MW options …
- Benchmark codes and theory for major upgrade designs Including stand alone "*ISIS II*" upgrade scenarios …
- Understand losses and limitations for future machines Contribute to understanding of some key loss mechanisms



## 2. The ISIS Synchrotron



Circumference: 163 m Energy Range: 70-800 MeV Rep Rate: 50 Hz<br>Intensity: 2.5-3.0 Beam Power:

 $2.5-3.0 \times 10^{13}$  ppp<br>160-200 kW Losses: Inj: 2%, Trap: <3%, Acc/Ext <0.5% Injection: 130 turn, H<sup>-</sup> charge-exchange<br>Acceptances: Collimated ~350  $\pi$  mm mr Collimated  $\sim$ 350  $\pi$  mm mr RF System:  $h=2$ ,  $f_2=1.3-3.1$  MHz,  $V_2 \sim 160 \text{kV/turn} \frac{e^{0.5}}{e^{0.4}}$ (*2 bunches*) h=4,  $f_4$ =2.6-6.2 MHz,  $V_4 \sim 80$  kV/turn Extraction: Single turn, vertical Single turn, vertical Tunes: (*Qx*, *Qy*)=(4.31, 3.83) (*programmable*)







#### (I) Overview of beam losses

- Beam power 160-200 kW Loss limited : control activation
- Most loss at lower energy Injection 70 MeV <2% Trapping  $70-140$  MeV  $< 3\%$ Acceleration 140-800 MeV <0.5% Extraction  $800 \text{ MeV} \sim 0.01\%$
- Loss controlled on collimator system Localised in 3 of 10 superperiods
- Protection: fast trip system Ionisation monitors, toroids, scintillators
- **Activation** Most of machine 10-100 μSv/hr at 1 m

#### Losses at nominal intensity (2.8E13 ppp)









 $V = V_{h-2} \sin \varphi - V_{h-4} \sin(2\varphi + \theta)$ 

#### (III-a) Longitudinal trapping loss 0.0-2.5 ms

• Trapping loss <3% Capture of unchopped beam, dual harmonic RF Improved bunching factor and acceptance



 $ORBIT model: (dE, \varphi)$  at -0.2, 0.0, 0.2, 0.5, 1.0 ms, measurement in orange



• Hardware developments Now allowing further optimisation



*Equivalent single harmonic result*

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# (III-b) Longitudinal trapping loss

- Beam loading and cavity control Key factors: control of *h*=2, *h*=4 phase, beam loading Now operating all 4 dual harmonic cavities
- Longitudinal stability and space charge Recent study with in-house 1D code Exceed KSB on ISIS: not a problem! 1.25





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 $\frac{Z_{sc}e\beta^2}{F|n|E}\frac{I(\varphi)}{(\Lambda E(\varphi)/E)^2}\leq 1$ 



(*at 2.8x1013 ppp*)



R&D planned to investigate KS, KSB criteria Coasting and non-accelerated bunched beams …

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Incoherent tunes from ORBIT

## (IV-a) Transverse space charge

- *Q* shifts peak ≥  $-0.5$  over 0.0 $-0.5$  ms Beam bunches at low energy (~80 MeV) Fill transverse apertures (beam  $\sim$ 300 π mm mr)
- ORBIT model (*x*, *x'*) (*y*, *y'*)(*x*, *y*),(*dE*, *φ*) at 0.5 ms



- Variable *Q* ramp with trim quadrupoles Push  $Q_v$  down to minimise head-tail motion  $\sim$ 2 ms
- Half integer limit: push on to half integer? What is mechanism: coherent, incoherent, 2D, 3D? No coherent motion measured; some evidence in 3D simulations

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#### (IV-b) Transverse space charge

- Non-linear lattice driving terms *Q* vs loss measurements show non-linear lines Study for source (magnet models) and effects
- Loss from space charge image effects Driving terms in rectangular vessels (later slide)
- *Q* ramp effects in conformal vacuum vessel Beam envelope varies with *Q*: reduces acceptance

*Upgrade studies show is a key effect*



*3D ORBIT simulations show correlated loss*



• Real machine uses empirical optimisation Time dependent optimisation: orbits, *Q*, envelopes, …

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(V) Head-tail instability 2-4 ms

- Limits operational intensity With dual harmonic RF upgrade Previously cured with *Qy* ramp Driven by *resistive-wall*
- Operational observations Symmetric bunches unstable Plots show effect of *θ* variation
- Damper in development
- R&D under way See below

Normal beam + Θ shift Large loss! 1RF = 108 kV, 2RF = 52.8 kV  $\Delta = 0.489, \delta\Theta = -10^{\circ}$ Normal beam Low loss 1RF = 108 kV, 2RF = 52.8 kV  $\Delta = 0.489, \delta\Theta = 0^{\circ}$ 



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#### Transverse Profiles -0.5-10.0 ms

#### (VI) Acceleration and extraction 4-10 ms

- Rest of cycle generally easier Space charge reduces, emittances damp
- Must avoid halo at extraction  $(0.01\%)$ Extraction system acceptance 280 π mm mr Orbit bump moves beam into edge fields Q ramp avoids resonances



• Problem with new magnet power supply Trim quads switch mode f=112 kHz Sweeps through  $Q_x$  side bands: loss at 5.5 ms Hope to exploit as quad exciter!





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## (I) Head tail studies

- Results presented by V Kornilov Collaboration on ISIS head-tail motion
- Study single harmonic RF, low intensity Simpler case, compare simulations & theory Experiments: mode m=1; code and theory m=2 Measured growth rates faster than theory … Much interesting work to do!

#### • Plans

Assess beam impedances (measure) Build up more representative simulations Explore limits of Sacherer theory … Build damper system



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#### ISIS vacuum vessels

#### (II) Space charge image studies

- Effects of images in vacuum vessels ISIS vessels are rectangular and conformal May provide additional driving terms for loss Explain strong dependence of loss on orbit errors?
- Developing Set code to model effects Suitable boundary conditions for images
- Recent work B G Pine: Poster Check field solvers, identify driving terms Range of validity of theoretical models Incoherent Laslett coefficients for centred beam  $\epsilon_1 = \frac{\pi^2}{48}$ *Parallel plates (Laslett) Rectangular Geometry (Ng)*  $\epsilon_1 = \frac{K^2(k)}{12}(1 - 6k + k^2)$

• Use to explain leading terms in simulations Investigate coherent, incoherent image effects … *B G Pine*



Electric field for KV beam



#### Laslett coefficient *ε<sup>1</sup> dependence on aspect ratio*





#### Loss vs time (Intensity)

#### (III) Half integer studies - key loss mechanism

- Study experimentally in "2D" coasting beams RF off, DC field, small beam,  $2Q_v = 7$  driving term Constant  $Q_{y}$ , ramp intensity onto single resonance
- Study profile evolution; variation with *Q,* etc. Observations agree reasonably with ORBIT models Show formation of core and lobes: model?

Transverse profile<br>Measured over 400 µs













Interesting recent experiments: "stable halo" lasts 500 turns *C M Warsop, D J Adams, B Jones, B G Pine, H V Smith, C Wilcox, R E Williamson, et al*

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#### (IV) Development of ISIS code: Set 3Di

- 3D space charge code Transverse and longitudinal PIC code Injection, bumps, foil, orbits, AG, SF Images, coherent, incoherent tunes, …
- Tests and benchmarking Comparison with ORBIT and ISIS
- Applications Upgrades Images 2D, 3D resonances Develop for instabilities?

…



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#### (V) Beam modelling and upgrade studies

• ORBIT models of ISIS operations ISIS single harmonic RF: agreement on loss *((x, x'),(y, y');(x, y),(dE, φ)) through trapping*





• Models being used for upgrade designs Injection upgrade 0.5 MW, new 1+ MW rings ISIS Set 3Di code now being benchmarked ….



(*at 2.8x1013 ppp*)

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# PXI System

#### (VI) Machine measurements and diagnostics

- Better beam measurement, control Updating DAQ, hardware, magnet systems Better alignment, profiles, lattice optics, ….
- Diagnostics (for high intensity study) Ring profile monitors, loss monitors, … Beam kickers, damper systems

Measurements indicating magnet errors





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Simulations of profile monitors for halo measurements







(VII) ISIS ring collimator simulation

• New detailed FLUKA simulations Key information on loss control Flux particles escaping – prevent damage Activation calculations – predictions

(VIII) Foil studies R&D

- New measurements of  $Al_2O_3$  foil Thickness, uniformity (AFM, SEM) Structure (neutron diffraction) Composition (spectroscopy) Findings: thickness 0.55 μm *(more than the expected 0.25 μm)*
- Re-evaluating injection losses Relative effects: stripping, scattering, space charge *H V Smith, B Jones, et al*





- The ISIS RCS runs with low and well controlled losses Particularly for high levels of transverse space charge Need to improve beam control for higher intensity running
- We are improving the machine and our understanding of it Better measurements, diagnostics … On going experimental studies …
- Building simulation models and codes Benchmarking against theory and ISIS …
- Studying key topics Resonances and images with space charge, instabilities, foils, activation, …
- Design of a next generation short pulse neutron source ISIS II …



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