

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 ~ 210 μA to consistent 240 μA
 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: **Energy Range: Rep Rate:** Intensity: **Beam Power:** Losses: Injection: Acceptances: **RF** System: (2 bunches) Extraction: **Tunes**:

163 m 70-800 MeV 50 Hz 2.5-3.0 x10¹³ ppp 160-200 kW Inj: 2%, Trap: <3%, Acc/Ext <0.5% 130 turn, H⁻ charge-exchange Collimated \sim 350 π mm mr h=2, f₂=1.3-3.1 MHz, V₂ ~160kV/turn $\frac{e^{0.5}}{2}$ h=4, f₄=2.6-6.2 MHz, V₄ ~80 kV/turn Single turn, vertical $(Q_x, Q_y) = (4.31, 3.83) (programmable)$







(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 MeV ~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









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

(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, φ) 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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- 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





Keil-Schnell-Boussard

 $\frac{Z_{sc}e\beta^2}{F|\eta|E}\frac{I(\varphi)}{(\Delta E(\varphi)/E)^2} \le 1$



 $(at 2.8x10^{13} ppp)$

RF Phase (rad)



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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 ~300 π mm mr)
- ORBIT model $(x, x') (y, y')(x, y), (dE, \varphi)$ at 0.5 ms



- Variable *Q* ramp with trim quadrupoles Push *Q_y* down to minimise head-tail motion ~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 Q_y 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 beamNormal beam + Θ shiftLow lossLarge loss!1RF = 108 kV, 2RF = 52.8 kV1RF = 108 kV, 2RF = 52.8 kV $\Delta = 0.489, \delta\Theta = 0^{\circ}$ $\Delta = 0.489, \delta\Theta = -10^{\circ}$



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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 Parallel plates (Laslett) $\epsilon_1 = \frac{\pi^2}{48}$ Rectangular Geometry (Ng) $\epsilon_1 = \frac{K^2(k)}{12}(1-6k+k^2)$



Electric field for KV beam



Laslett coefficient ε_1 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_y=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 *Measured over 400 μs*







Single particle model ? $H(J, \varphi) = \delta J + G_2 J \cos(2\varphi) + G_4 J^2$



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• 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







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



(*at 2.8x10*¹³ *ppp*)

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(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

PXI System





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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 Al₂O₃ 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



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- 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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