

Energy Recovery Linacs

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Accelerating Cavity











 \rightarrow Energy Storage in the beam (loss free)

→ Energy Recovery = **Deceleration**

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Mechanical Example:







- ERLs widen the applications of accelerators as:
- Provide (nearly) linac quality/brightness beam at (nearly) storage ring beam powers:
 - P_{beam} >> P_{RF}
 - beam quality source limited emittance: e_{beam} < e_{ring equilibrium}
- Radiation control as the beam dumps at low energy: (E_{max}/E_{inj})
 - can mitigate intractable (i.e. expensive) environmental/safety concerns
- High power beam with reduced RF drive ⇒ allows us to consider higher power applications than would otherwise be unaffordable = GW class beams
- ERLs apply wherever one needs a beam with simultaneous Superb Quality (small emittance, short bunches) and High Average Power





• Schematics of an ERL based light source:



For electrons to decelerate on second pass in the linac and deposit their energy back in to RF system:

$$\Delta L = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{RF}$$



Storage Rings vs Linacs



- Beam parameters determined by equilibrium
- Many user stations
- · Limited flexibility due to recirculation
- High average beam current and power ('A', and multi GeV)
- Typically long bunches (20 ps 200 ps)



- Beam parameters depends on the source
- Lower number of user stations
- Higher flexibility due to single pass
- Shorter bunches
- Limited average beam current and power (<<mA)

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Storage Rings vs Linacs





Historical Overview of ERLs

 Maury Tigner, proposed a possibility of energy recovery in 1965, as a result of developing e⁺/e⁻ collider

A Possible Apparatus for Electron Clashing-Beam Experiments (*).

M. TIGNER

Laboratory of Nuclear Studies, Cornell University - Ithaca, N.Y.

(ricevuto il 2 Febbraio 1965)



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Maury Tigner



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Historical Overview of ERLs

• First Test: The Chalk River Nuclear Laboratory: Two-pass reflexotron



Figure 1. The 25 MeV electron accelerator attached to its strongback.

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First Demonstration:

• Stanford SCA/FEL, 07/1987 (sc-FEL driver)



- first demonstrated at SCA/FEL in 1986, with 5 MeV injected beam into a ~50 MeV linac
- Recirculation loop with path-length varying capability to demonstrate acceleration/deceleration of e⁻ in the second pass

Same cell Energy Recovery





Historical Overview of ERLs

Jefferson Lab FEL:



Neil, G. R., et. al, Physical Review Letters, 84, 622 (2000)

- IR demo: 5 mA, 41 MeV, exceeded the beam power x 10
- UV upgrade: 9 mA, 150 MeV, 10 kW: highest current that has been recirculated in an SRF ERL
 - kept same ERL efficiency
 - only about 300 kW of installed RF, thus demonstrating the most basic reason for building an ERL.

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ERL as a Next Generation Light Source:

• combines the features in linacs and storage rings







Advantages of ERL based light sources:

- Possibility of high operating beam power: 100mA @ many GeV possible
- Always "fresh" electrons (dumps energy recovered beam)
 - small emittance (~ 0.1 mm-rad norm. = 10 pm-rad at 6GeV)
 - high brilliance (x 100 1000 compared to storage rings)
 - short pulses (ps down to 10 100 fs)
- Not limited by Touschek intrateam scattering
- Flexible choice of polarization
- 100% coherence up to hard X-rays
- Real multi-user operation at many beam lines
- Tailored optics at each insertion device
- Flexible modes of operation (high brilliance, short pulse, different pulse patterns) adaptable to user requirements

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Electron Cooler for Ion Beams:

'Electrostatic', e.g. Van-de-Graaff, Peletron, ...



e.g. FermiLab recycler ring (Tevatron)

anti protons:E = 9 GeV $\rightarrow \beta = 0.994$ electrons:E = 4.9 MeV $\rightarrow U_{\text{Cooler}} = 4.39 \text{ MV}$ I = 0.5A (DC) $\rightarrow P = 2.2 \text{ MW}$



Applications of ERLs





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Applications of ERLs



Electron Cooler for Ion Beams: Strong Hadron Cooler for EIC

- 100 mA beam current with 1 nC bunch charge → High current
- Top energies:
 - Mode A: 150 MeV
 To cool 275 GeV hadron beam
 - Mode B: 55 MeV
 - To cool 100 GeV hadron beam
- RMS bunch lengths 9 mm & 7 mm
- Normalized emittance 2.8 mm-mrad





ERL Configurations



Two main ERL Configurations:



Recirculating linac with a single linac

Recirculating linac with two linacs (Race track)

- Accelerate beams into higher energy with "N" recirculation, energy recovery is feasible in the "N" passes
- Multiple linac passes increase the maximum beam energy
- Return arc share accelerating and decelerating beams, with nearly the same energy
- Required phase-shift/path-length change is achieved by a chicane or adjusting arc path length

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CEBAF-ER: 1up-1down ERL demo

- A successful energy recovery demonstration on CEBAF accelerator at Jefferson Lab in 2003
- 1-acceleration pass, 1-energy recovery pass, with maximum energy reach of 1055 MeV
- 55 MeV electron beam was injected into North and south Linacs, phase delay chicane provided 0.5 λ_{RF} , path length and decelerated in the next pass.
- Dumped energy recovered beam at ~ 55 MeV at the beam dump







Cbeta: Cornell-BNL ERL Test Accelerator

Successfully demonstrated multi-turn energy recovery in SRF cavities.

- Multiple energy beam transportation in arcs relies on FFAG (Fixed Field Alternating Gradient) Magnets
- Used DC photoinjector@ 300 kV; 4-accelerating & 4- decelerating passes
- Highest beam energy is 150 MeV (42, 78, 114, 150 MeV)
- MLC is custom designed for ERL applications
- Source Beam Main linac cryomodule Same cavity energy recovery stop Injector cryomodule Diagnostic Splitter B line Splitter A Arc B Transition E Straight Transition Jefferson Lab





Cbeta: Cornell-BNL ERL Test Accelerator

• Measured orbits within FFAG arcs

• More details: <u>Cebeta Article</u>





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ER@CEBAF: 5-pass, multi GeV ERL demo at CEBAF

- ER@CEBAF was a proposal on demonstrating energy recovery at CEBAF with 5accelerating and 5-decelerating passes
- 700-750 MeV energy gain per linac, to minimize Incoherent Synchrotron Radiation (ISR) losses & increase arc momentum acceptance
- Two new segments required:
 - Path length chicane
 - Low energy beam dump





ER@CEBAF: Multipass, multi GeV range ERL





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ER@CEBAF: Multipass, multi GeV range ERL



Beam recirculation within arcs require mirror-symmetric optics for two linacs

• Linac optics optimization used MOGA approach



Quadrupole Gradient:

$$G = \frac{dB}{dL} = \frac{k_1 pc}{e} \propto p$$



ER@CEBAF: Multipass, multi GeV range ERL



• The 10 pass ER@CEBAF beamline was created combining all the linac and arc lattice segments. $\beta(s)$ and D(s) are plotted



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ERL Roadmap





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- High Brightness Electron injectors:
 - As in linacs, electron source determines the important beam parameters (bunch charge, emittances, temporal structure)
 - Uses DC thermionic guns to state-of-art SRF photocathode guns
 - Buncher and booster: Chop the continuous beam and to compress the bunch to the desired length
 - Merger: transports the high current bunch exiting the injector to the recirculation line
- SRF cryomodules:
 - Field emission, multipacting. HOM damping
- Beam control and diagnostics:
 - Several R&D work is going on as new challenges arise different ERL designs



RLA Topologies





'Racetrack' vs 'Dogbone' RLA Topologies





Twice the acceleration efficiency – traversing the linac in both directions while accelerating



'Dogbone' vs 'Racetrack' RLA- Arc length





Net arc-length break even: if $\alpha = \pi/4$



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'Dogbone' ERL with Twin-axis cavities





Elliptical Twin Axis Cavity capable of accelerating, or decelerating beams in **two separate beam pipes**

Double-aperture quad - single layer coil design (CERN)



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Bi-sected Linac Optics





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Multipass Linac Optics



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Arc 1 & 3 Optics





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Arc 1 & 3 Configuration









Regenerative transverse BBU (single cavity, single turn, one mode):

- Bunch passes through cavity 'off axis' during accelerating passage → Induce HOM voltage & transverse kick due to Higher Order Modes (HOM)
- After recirculation kick transforms to an offset & HOM damp according to its Q
- Bunch passes through cavity with varies offset on decelerating passage → induce HOM voltage & transverse kick due to HOM
- BBU threshold: HOM excitation exceeds HOM damping \rightarrow kick strength growth \rightarrow beam loss





beam induced change of cavity energy:

$$\Delta U_1 = -q_b \frac{V_a}{\alpha} \cos(\varphi) \left(x_1 \cos(\alpha) + y_1 \sin(\alpha) \right)$$
$$\Delta U_2 = -q_b \frac{V_a}{\alpha} \cos(\varphi + \omega_\lambda T_{rec}) \left(x_2 \cos(\alpha) + y_2 \sin(\alpha) \right)$$

bunch offset at 2nd passage: $x_2 = m_{11}x_1 + m_{12}x_1' + m_{13}y_1 + m_{14}y_1' - \frac{qV_a}{\omega_\lambda a p}\sin(\varphi)(m_{12}\cos(\alpha) + m_{34}\sin(\alpha))$

ohmic losses \rightarrow damping of HOM: $P_c = \frac{V_a^2}{(\omega_\lambda / c)^2 a^2 (R/Q)_\lambda Q_\lambda}$

balanced HOM: $\left< \Delta U_1 + \Delta U_2 \right>_{\varphi} \cdot f_b = P_c$

→ threshold current: $I_{th} = -\frac{2pc^2}{e\omega_\lambda \left(\frac{R}{Q}\right)_\lambda Q_\lambda m^* \sin(\omega_\lambda T_{rec})} \qquad valid for:$ $- m^* \sin(\omega_\lambda T_{rec}) < 0$ $- ω_\lambda \neq n^* \omega_{rf}$ $m^* = m_{12} \cos^2(\alpha) + (m_{14} + m_{32}) \sin(\alpha) \cos(\alpha) + m_{34} \sin^2(\alpha)$





Countermeasures:

$$I_{th} = -\frac{2pc^2}{e\omega_{\lambda} \left(\frac{R}{Q}\right)_{\lambda} Q_{\lambda} m^* \sin(\omega_{\lambda} T_{rec})}$$

1. cavity design:

- HOMs: small R/Q, varying ω_{λ} at fixed $\omega_0 \rightarrow$ multi cavity BBU thresholds increase
- no HOM on a fundamental's harmonics: $\omega_{\lambda} \neq n^* \omega_{rf}$
- low Q for HOM \rightarrow HOM dampers (ferrites, waveguides, ...)

2. recirculator beam optics:

- for $\alpha = 0$ & uncoupled beam transport $\rightarrow m^* = m_{12} = (\beta_1 \beta_2)^{1/2} \sin(\Delta \phi_x)$ \rightarrow stable for $\Delta \phi = n\pi$
- adjust $sin(\omega_{\lambda} T_{rec}) = 0$ for the worst HOM

large path length change ightarrow inpractical

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- 2. recirculator beam optics (continued):
 - coupled beam transport: switching of planes $M=((M_x,0),(0,M_y)) \rightarrow M=((0,M_{yx},0),(0,M_{xy}))$ $m_{12}=0 \rightarrow$ horizontal HOM kick transforms to vertical offset \rightarrow HOM not further excited by the oscillatory part of x_2
 - \rightarrow two options: solenoid (low energy), rotator



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JLAB IR/UV FEL





Nonlinear Beam Optics

RF curvature: $E(t)=E_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi_0)$.



 $\Delta z mm$



Nonlinear Beam Optics

- RF curvature: $E(t)=E_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi_0)$
- aberrations: geometric & chromatic

caused and counteracted by nonlinear fields \rightarrow multipole magnets

Example: bunch compression



$$\begin{split} \mathsf{E}(\mathsf{s}_{\mathsf{i}}) &= \mathsf{E}_{0} \cos(\mathsf{s} \ 2\pi/\lambda - \varphi_{0}) \rightarrow \delta_{\mathsf{i}} = \mathsf{E}(\mathsf{s}_{\mathsf{i}})/\mathsf{E}_{0} \cos(-\varphi_{0}) \\ \Delta \mathsf{L}_{\mathsf{i}} &= \mathsf{R}_{56} \delta_{\mathsf{i}} + \mathsf{T}_{566} \delta_{\mathsf{i}}^{2} + \mathsf{U}_{5666} \delta_{\mathsf{i}}^{3} + \dots \end{split}$$



bERLinPro recirculator test: bunch compression with varying initial bunch length; linac phase, sextupole and octupole magnets optimized





PERLE (500 MeV) - Baseline Layout



Footprint: $29 \text{ m} \times 5.5 \text{ m} \times 0.9 \text{ m}$



Injection energy	MeV	7.0
Top energy	${ m MeV}$	500.0
Beam current	${ m mA}$	20.0
Bunch population	$10^{9}e^{-}$	3.1
Bunch charge	pC	500
Bunch spacing	\mathbf{ns}	25
Normalised emittance	mm.mrad	6.0
RMS bunch length	$\mathbf{m}\mathbf{m}$	3.0
Longitudinal emittance	$\rm keV.mm$	25.0
RF frequency	MHz	801.6



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Summary & Ouutlook



- High energy (tens of GeV), high current (tens of mA) beams: (sub GW beam power) would require GW-class RF systems (klystrons) in conventional linacs.
- Invoking Energy Recovery alleviates extreme RF power demand (reduced by factor of: 1 - h_{ERL}). Required RF power becomes nearly independent of beam current.
- ERLs promise efficiencies of storage rings, while maintaining beam quality of linacs: superior emittance and energy spread and short bunches (sub-pico sec.)
- The next generation of high energy, high current, recirculating linear accelerators (RLAs) will rely on the energy recovery (ER) process to mitigate their extreme power demand.
- Maximizing number of passes is the key to a cost effective ERL scheme. However need to overcome multiple challenges in doing so
- Wide range of applications: Light Sources/FELs, Colliders, Ion 'Coolers', Isotope production...

