

#### Exploring Initial Distributions at the Beam Test Facility

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#### Background and Motivation



Broad goals:

- predictive modeling for beam distribution with halo
- better understanding of beam losses

Beam Test Facility (BTF)





## After RFQ, beam core is hollowed











# In simulation of MEBT, we predict that neglecting correlations will affect rms sizes and beam shoulders/tails

PyORBIT simulation of SNS linac (MEBT+DTL) with/without interplane correlation:



Initial simulation bunch from Parmteq simulation:



Fully correlated, Not fully correlated

# For BTF experiment, we expect effect at 3 orders of magnitude below core density





# Right now, lattice errors far exceed sensitivity needed to examine effect of 6D





# High chromaticity in BTF causes sensitivity to RFQ output energy

Per FODO cell,  $\Delta v_{cell} = -0.07 \left[\frac{1}{MeV}\right] \delta E$ For 50 keV RMS width and 9.5 cell FODO,  $\Delta v = -12.5^{\circ}$ 



### Current benchmark status: there is no RMS agreement



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#### Soft-edged field profiles matters for permanent magnets in FODO section







We still (mostly) trust hard-edged model for electro-magnet quads! Are we wrong?





# Py-orbit multi-bunch solver is required to get space charge right,





# Residual vertical dispersion explains asymmetry in vertical phase space







#### Summary #1

- Motivation: predicting halo extent
- Initial bunch: core-hollowed due to nonlinear space charge
- Status: Lattice model errors exceed distribution errors

- Ranked importance:
  - Field profile for PM quads
  - Overlapping bunches
  - Dipole model?
  - Residual dispersion
  - Energy, via chromaticity
  - Field profile for electromagnet quads
  - 6D initial distribution

#### Summary slide, 5<sup>th</sup> ICFA mini-workshop on Space Charge Theme: Bridging the gap in space charge dynamics

#### Summary:

This talk presented a study of the initial distribution and transport of (up to) 50 mA, 402.5 MHz H<sup>-</sup> bunches at the SNS Beam Test Facility. The purpose of this work is to demonstrate prediction of beam halo + halo losses

From your perspective, where is the gap regarding space charge effects? The gap is in our ability to predict beam evolution with space charge with desired accuracy

#### What is needed to bridge this gap?

(1) Careful validation of models, including initial beam distribution

- Sufficient diagnostics
- efficient methods for calibration and error identification
- (2) Responsive simulation development (e.g., multi-bunch solver)
- (3) Other effects for linacs: Cavity models, longitudinal dynamics



## Backup



### Project Status

- Shutdown August 2022
- New RFQ commissioning
  ~Nov 2022
- Straight BTF in 2023

Species	H-
Energy (MEBT)	2.5 MeV
Energy (LEBT)	65 keV
RFQ	449 cells 402.5 MHz
Beam current	Up to 50 mA









### Energy error (chromatic effect)



Orange is 2.5 MeV-20 keV Blue is 2.5 MeV



#### 5D method





#### 6D apparatus

grid 9x 9 x 9 x 9 x 9 x 512, ~24 hours





#### Beam current during 7.6-hour scan









Comparison of 2 datasets taken 2 weeks apart

5D scan (integrated along other3 dimensions)7.6 hours

2D scan ~15 minutes

# BTF follows footsteps of earlier attempts to benchmark medium-energy beam evolution



Qiang, J., Colestock, P. L., Gilpatrick, D., Smith, H. V., Wangler, T. P., & Schulze, M. E. (2002). Macroparticle simulation studies of a proton beam halo experiment. *Phys Rev ST-AB*, 5(12), 35–47.

Simulations of high-intensity ion front-ends benchmarked to RMS agreement but cannot reproduce tails/halo.

Hypothesis: Limited knowledge of initial distribution to blame for discrepancies



### Typical input distribution based on 2D projections









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### High-dimensional benchmark at end of beamline



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### 2D projected phase space viewed at energy slices

Measurement



Simulation



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### Chromaticity in FODO line



Per FODO cell, C = -0.00007 / keV

For 50 keV RMS width and 9.5 cell FODO,  $\Delta \nu = -12.5^{\circ}$ 

8 mm ~ **??** keV



### RFQ Benchmark, full-projection





#### RFQ Benchmark, slices



#### simulated



