

OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCE AND FUTURE PLANS AT ISIS

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- Neutron and Muon source used for condensed matter research by 3000 users.
- H- ion source (55 mA)
- 665 keV RFQ (35 (mA)
- 70 MeV linac (26 mA)
- 800 MeV 50 Hz, RCS (2.8x10¹³ ppp)
- Target 1 + Muon target (140 kW)
- Target 2 (36 kW)





Beam Performance

 First Beam in 1984, user operation in 1985, achieving full design current 160 kW (2.5x10¹³ ppp) in 1992.



Operation is beam loss limited to facilitate hands on maintenance.



Super Period 1 upgrade (2002)

Vertical

Elevation View of the Collectors in Super-Period 1





- Up to 10 % Trapping and Acceleration loss managed on collimation systems to prevent machine damage and activation.
- Collimators upgrades in 2002
 13 Copper and Graphite water cooled blocks intercept ~ 2 KW.
- Energy capture range extended from 100-300 MeV

Horizontal



Pre-Injector Upgrade (2004)

- Replace aging Cockcroft Walton 665 keV injector with an RFQ
- Improved linac current from 19 mA to 26 mA allowing more ring power.
- 18 month offline test, internal cleaning for RF conditioning only issue.







DHRF Upgrade (2006-2012)

- Ring RF, 6 cavities (h=2), 160 kV/turn 200 µA operation with 9% ring losses
- Add 4 cavities, h=4, 80 kV/turn, increased RF bucket acceptance and better bunching factors, 200 µA operation with 3 % loss.
- Achieved 230µA operationally and 250 µA during machine physics.



ISIS



EPB1 Upgrades (2006-2015)

Muon Target (10 mm graphite) scatters proton beam to: collimators 1.4 % uncontrolled 0.47 % (quads+B)

Reduce collimator acceptance Larger quads, 2 extra (optic flex) Uncontrolled 0.06% @ B

Quad inserts for additional steering.





Extracted Proton Beamline



Operations and Accelerator R&D

Main operating issues are managing Ring beam loss.



Injection (–0.4–0 ms) 1% loss	Strip efficiency>99 %, scattering loss, ~30 recirculation	Painting emittance Amps, Tune, Transverse Optics
Acceleration (0-10 ms) ~3% Loss	Transverse : ΔQ _{inc} >-0.5 @ 0.4 ms. Machine Error. Vertical Head Tail @ 2 ms	Painting Amps, Tune, Envelopes Orbits, Bunching Factor. Ring RF.
	Longitudinal: Non-adiabatic trapping loss.	Injected $\Delta E/E$, debuncher Φ, V Ring RF bucket V ₁ , V2, Φ, freq
Extraction <0.1 %	Horizontal and vertical Halo scraped	Extract position, envelope

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Managing beam loss

- Operation with 4 % beam loss
- Correct machine orbits and envelopes errors then empirically tune on beam loss.
- 20 quads, 13 dipoles, Time dependant functions, ~20 steps in 10 ms.
- Strategy: Move beam loss to collimators and then minimise overall loss.





Diagnostic developments

- Ring Diagnostics: Intensity, beam loss, profile, position.
- Make more use of these by utilising developments to DAQ and CPU power: More acquired signals, data visualisation and comparison, automated measurements, model fitting and corrections.
- Fast measurements (< 1s) make machine tuning/error diagnosis, parameter rather than signal lead.
- FPGA technologies, 50 Hz is possible.







Synchrotron Operating Limit

- In current configuration machine capable of accelerating 3.15x10¹³ with 9 % loss equivalent to 250 µA operation (200 kW)
- Limited by:

machine acceptance (collimated to 75 %) (beam control/alignment)

Head Tail Instability

• Operated at 1.6 Hz only





Scintillators

Scintillator BC408

- Beam damage inside dipole caused by small uncontrolled loss from collimation straight.
- Normal BLM's outside dipole yoke shielded from loss.
- New non-metallic scintillator based BLM positioned inside rapid cycling dipole field to detect losses.
- Scintillators allow collimator and beam tuning setup without hitting dipole
- All ring dipoles will have scintillators by 2017





Multi Channel Profile Monitor

Guide field Channeletrons Compensating field

- Accurate transverse profile measurements key to machine setup and R&D topics.
- Residual Ionisation Profile monitors in development: 40 channeletrons, Non destructive
- Accurate reconstructed profiles require understanding effects of ion trajectory from
 - Guide fields
 - Space charge field
 - Channeletron response









Head-Tail Instability

- Driven by impedances Resistive wall (?),
 R Williamson MOPR031
 Operation:
 Vertical Q ramp
 Asymmetric bunches
- Damper system in development, 2018 operation





8 1.5

0.5

2 Time (ms)

8 1.5

Time (ms)



Bunch Compression

• Why shorten bunch?

- To improve frequency response of muon instruments
- Maintain low beam loss and good beam quality
- Machine setup
 - Ramp RF voltage down slowly before rapidly increasing ~0.2ms before extraction
 - Step frequency law trim in final 0.2ms
 - Switch off bunch length and phase loops in final 0.2ms
 - Tweak extraction to reduce loss
- Plans
 - Test at higher repetition rates
 - Further extraction beam loss reduction
 - Different methods of bunch compression





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ORBIT Simulations

Goal : Understand ring loss dynamics.

ORBIT model: fitted to measured transverse and longitudinal profiles.

Predict losses and visualise dynamics for machine tuning.



Measured ORBIT injection profiles



ORBIT@0ms



2000

1.00

0,00

-1,00

-2,00

-3,00

Implementing non linear magnets at moment

Length (mm)

4000

6000

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FLUKA Studies – ISIS Collectors



RESIDUAL DOSE RATE (mSv/hr)









- SP1 collector straight modelled in FLUKA
 - ORBIT beam loss input
- 170 mSv/hr measured, 415 mSv/hr simulated
- Total simulated power deposition 663 W, operationally 500-1500 W



Half Integer Resonance

(Y, Y', s)

- One of the main loss mechanism on ISIS
- Measured and simulated with ISIS in storage ring mode.
- Lobe behaviour acts as expected as a function of driving term and tune.
- Mathematical description in development with promising results. (Chris Warsop , MOPR030, HB2016)





Image Effects

- Effects of space charge and image forces from ISIS conformal rectangular vacuum vessels under study with in house SET3D code.
- Closed orbit errors generating sextupole resonances.
- Large deviations from design tune lead to reductions in machine acceptance and non linear driving terms





 $\kappa_{12}\,\frac{\hat{y}^2\bar{y}}{h^4}$ is a sextupole term proportional to the closed orbit





MEBT upgrade

Existing linac envelopes

Matched linac envelopes

Improve Matching between RFQ and Linac tank 1

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Currently loose $\sim 25 \%$ beam.





Install MEBT to match into Linac Tank 1



7 Quads and 2 buncher cavities, 96 % transmission

Increase linac transmission current from 26 mA to 36 mA Installation in 2019



SIS

MEBT chopper

- ISIS RCS has 200 µs injection interval (133 turns). Dispersive horizontal painting 10-140 π mm mrad, Non adiabatic RF capture losses ~ 3 %
- MEBT chopper, 61 % chopping factor, ± 55° degrees RF in ring., variable timing. Inj time : 26 mA ~300µs, 36 mA ~ 200 µs
- H⁻ Paint changes with pulse length, Peak space charge moves from 80 to 70 MeV. Studied in ORBIT to see impact on losses.









Future Upgrades

- Future upgrade paths under study, taking into account ISIS Instrument, Neutronics, Target and Accelerator groups .
- Accelerators options under consideration:
 - Increase ISIS injection energy to 180 MeV with upgraded linac, 0.5 MW
 - Multi MW Synchrotron or FFAG
 (C. Prior WEAM6X01 talk tomorrow)
- Front End Test Stand (FETS): 60 mA, H⁻, 3 MeV technology demonstrator for next gen facilities. First RFQ beams this year.
 - Could be used to feed a new low energy FFAG, necessary for high power FFAG R&D.



Conclusion

- Since first operation in 1984 ISIS has continued to improve in operating intensity and beam control maintaining its position as a world class neutron facility.
- Numerous hardware upgrades and Accelerator R&D have provided extensive experience on how to operate a machine for nearly 4 decades and how to manage operations working near a realistic intensity limit.
- A future ISIS-II is under study to best utilise our experience as well as knowledge gained from the operation of other high power facilities.