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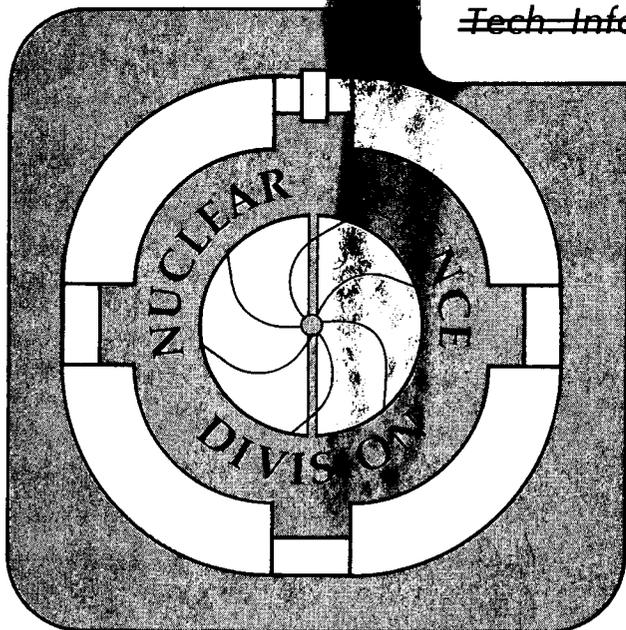
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Summary

The LBL ECR ion source, which began test operation in January 1984, has already produced a variety of high charge state heavy ion beams of sufficient intensity for cyclotron operation, although actual use must wait for completion of the beam transport system. The source has produced 40 μ A of O^{6+} , 2 μ A of O^{7+} , 40 μ A of Ar^{8+} , and 0.20 μ A of Ar^{12+} . The source development has centered on optimizing source performance with modifications and parameter tuning. Future plans include construction of an $SmCo_5$ octupole structure, and testing of solid feed techniques. The construction of the beam transport line and calculations on center region geometry for heavy ion axial injection into the 88-Inch Cyclotron are also underway.

Introduction

The heavy-ion capabilities of the 88-Inch Cyclotron at LBL will be significantly upgraded in late 1984 when the Electron Cyclotron Resonance (ECR) ion source now being tested becomes operational. The upgraded accelerator system will be capable of higher energy heavy-ion beams and improved operational efficiency, compared to current operation using internal heavy-ion PIG sources. The maximum energy available from the cyclotron for ions between oxygen and argon will increase by a factor of 2 to 3, respectively. The improvement in operating efficiency will be just as significant since the ECR source can be operated continuously without the frequent source changes necessitated by the short lifetime of heavy-ion PIG sources. In January 1984, 10 months after fabrication began, the ECR source and beam analysis system were operated for the first time. Since that time rapid improvement in the performance of the ECR source has been made. The present performance is already more than sufficient for injection into the 88-Inch Cyclotron, but this must wait for the completion of the beam transport system. The horizontal beam line is expected to be completed in June 1984 and the new axial injection line is scheduled for installation in the fall. Physics operation of the ECR source injecting beam into the cyclotron should begin in December 1984.

Source Design

The LBL ECR source is designed for reliable operation, convenient maintenance, low operating costs, flexibility, and a reasonably short construction time. The main design features are illustrated in Fig. 1 and summarized in Table I. It is a compact source similar in size to MINIMAFIOS³ using room temperature solenoid coils and a $SmCo_5$ sextupole structure.

The solenoid field is produced by 11 edge cooled tape wound copper coils each individually powered by 250 A power supplies. The tape wound coils have a high packing fraction (75% including the edge cooling) and therefore allow the amount of copper to be high and the power

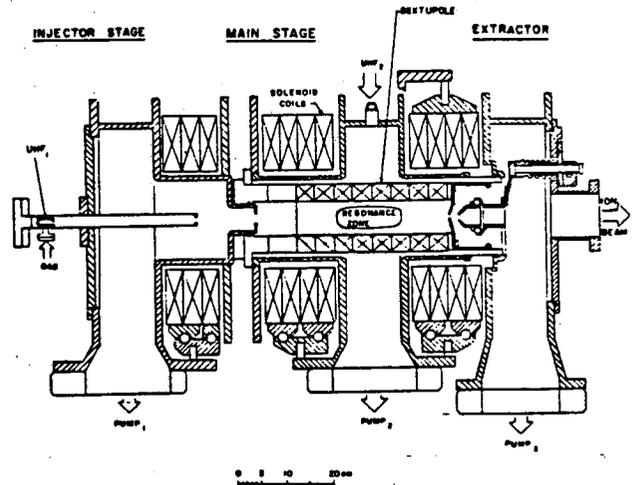


Fig. 1. An elevation view of the LBL ECR source.

requirements to be modest. Since not all coils are needed to produce the required solenoid field strength, the field configuration can be readily modified by adjusting the currents in the individual coils. In typical operation only 30 kW of magnet power is required. The sextupole field is produced by $SmCo_5$ bars supported in an open copper fixture which allows for radial pumping between the bars. A unique feature is that the easy axes of the $SmCo_5$ bars are oriented azimuthally, which allows the escaping plasma to flow out between the bars ending on the side walls of the bars rather than on the walls facing the plasma.

Table I
LBL ECR Source Parameters

	Maximum	Typical
Magnetic Field		
On Axis	.42T	.35 T
Mirror Ratio	1.3-2.0	1.6
Sextupole at Wall		.27 T
Magnet Power	110 kW	30 kW
Microwave Power		
Injector 9.2 GHz	1.0 kW	.150 kW
Main Stage 6.4 GHz	3.0 kW	.150 kW
Vacuum		
3 6" Diffusion Pumps		
Injector Pressure		2×10^{-5} torr
Main Stage		6×10^{-7} torr
Extraction		1×10^{-7} torr
Extraction Geometry		
Plasma Electrode Hole		8 mm diam
Puller Hole		10 mm diam
Gap	10-35 mm	28 mm

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Future Source Development

In addition to exploration and optimization of the LBL ECR source performance in its current configuration, three areas of further source development are beginning. First, the orientation of the easy axis of the sextupole will be changed from azimuthal to radial to explore what effect this has on the ECR source's performance. Changing the orientation affects both the radial mirror ratio and the location where the escaping plasma strikes the sextupole bars⁴. Second, the first tests using solid feed material in the LBL ECR source will be done. Initially, solid material such as Al_2O_3 will be inserted radially into the main stage utilizing the plasma to vaporize the solid material. Third, a prototype octupole structure is being constructed to test whether the octupole has some advantage over the sextupole. Comparison of the charge state distribution from the LBL ECR source with model calculations indicates that the production of high charge states is limited by the average electron energy.⁶ One of the loss mechanisms for energetic electrons is the drift of the electron orbits due to magnetic gradients or, equivalently, curvature of the magnetic flux lines. Calculations indicate that near the axis of a magnetic mirror field produced by superimposing a solenoidal axial field with an octupole field the flux line curvature is much lower than when a sextupole field is used. This is a result of the cubic dependence on radius of the octupole field versus the quadratic dependence of the sextupole field. The most direct method to study this question is to experimentally test an octupole configuration on the LBL ECR source. The prototype octupole will utilize the same $SrCo_5$ bars that were used in the sextupole, plus 2 spares.⁵ The additional two bars reduce the pumping conductance in the main stage, so if the octupole proves to be superior, a new octupole with optimal geometry will be fabricated.

Beam Transport System

The horizontal and vertical sections of the beam transport system from the 90 degree analyzing magnet to the center of the cyclotron are shown in Figs. 3 and 4. Magnetic rather than electrostatic focusing and bending elements were chosen because of better space charge neutralization for high intensity beams, fewer vacuum penetrations, and better long term reliability. Magnetic steering coils are used at each lens. The beam diagnostics consists mostly of fixed four jaw collimators with beam readouts before each set of lenses, where the beam is the largest. Tuning of the upstream focusing and steering system will be used to minimize the beam loss on each collimator. A movable 4 jaw collimator and Faraday cup are provided near the top of the vertical line. Beam at the bottom of the vertical line will be read on the mirror electrode in the midplane of the cyclotron and then on a cyclotron beam probe at small radius. The vacuum system uses cryo-pumps and turbo-pumps and all metal seals on the vacuum penetrations. The average pressure in the beam line must be 10^{-7} torr to keep charge exchange losses to a few percent. Beam pipe and boxes are constructed out of magnetic steel 5 mm thick to reduce the 0.5-1.0 mT cyclotron leakage field to .05 mT required for beam transport.

The optics elements and beam profiles are shown in Fig. 5. The emittance of ECR sources is assumed to be $200 \pi \text{ mm-mrad}$, un-normalized. The energy spread from these sources has been shown to be very low, less than 5 eV, or .05% at 10 kV so dispersion cancellation in the bends is not provided. The horizontal section of the beam line uses two magnetic quadrupole doublets with large aperture (15 cm diameter). The large aperture with few lenses was chosen in preference to small aperture and more lenses because of simplicity and because the lens coil power is low even at 15 cm aperture due to the low acceleration voltages of 5-15 kV. In the vertical line, magnetic solenoid (Glaser) lenses are chosen because quadrupoles will not work due to the rotation introduced by the cyclotron field which leaks up the axis. Two lenses are placed above the cyclotron yoke and one is built into the bottom of the .20 m diameter hole in the yoke. The bottom lens will focus the beam into the start of the "hole lens" of the cyclotron field, which will place the second minimum at the midplane² for high energy beams. The AXIN

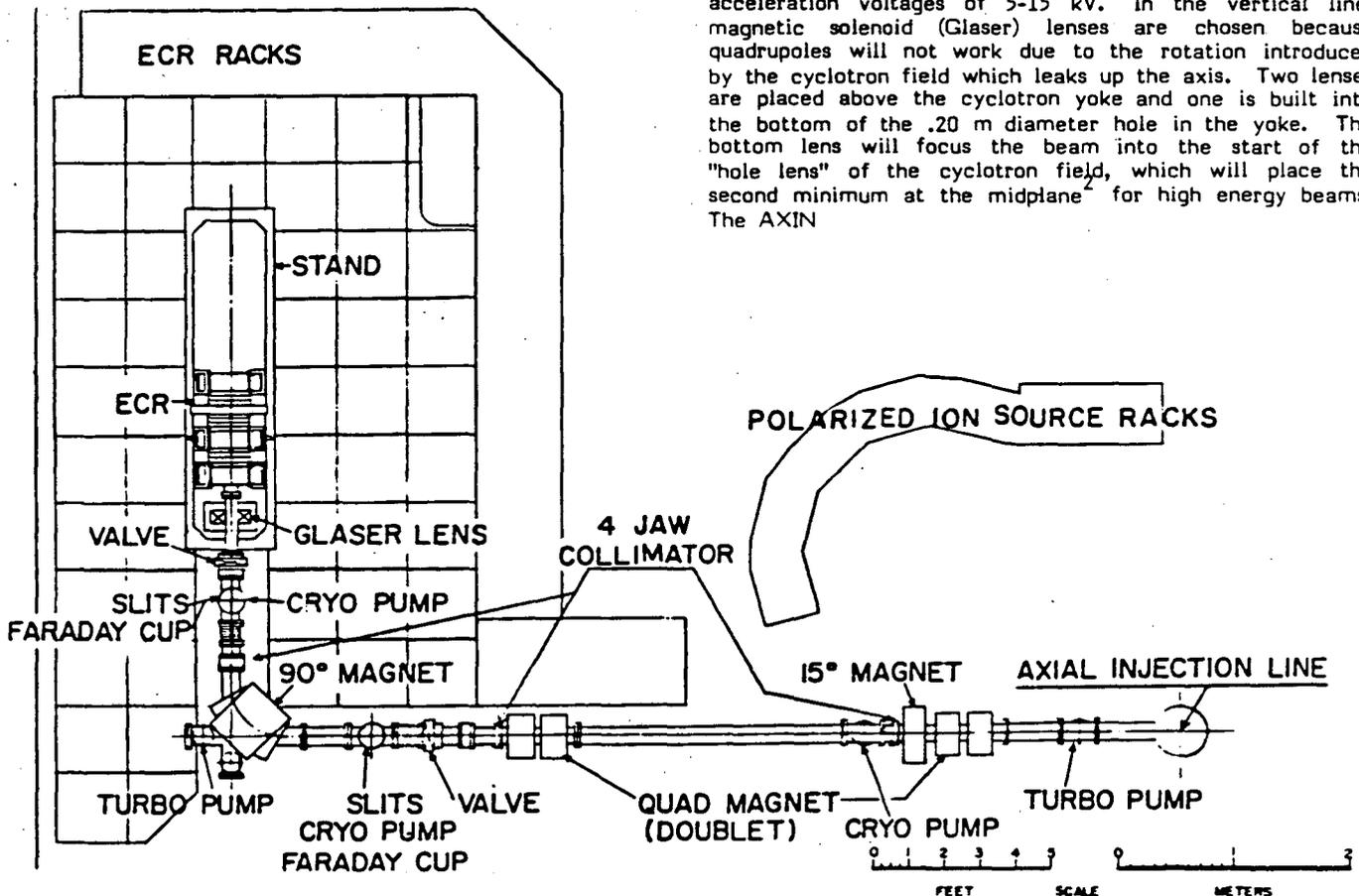


Fig. 3. Plan view of the ECR source and horizontal beam line on the vault roof of the 88-Inch Cyclotron.

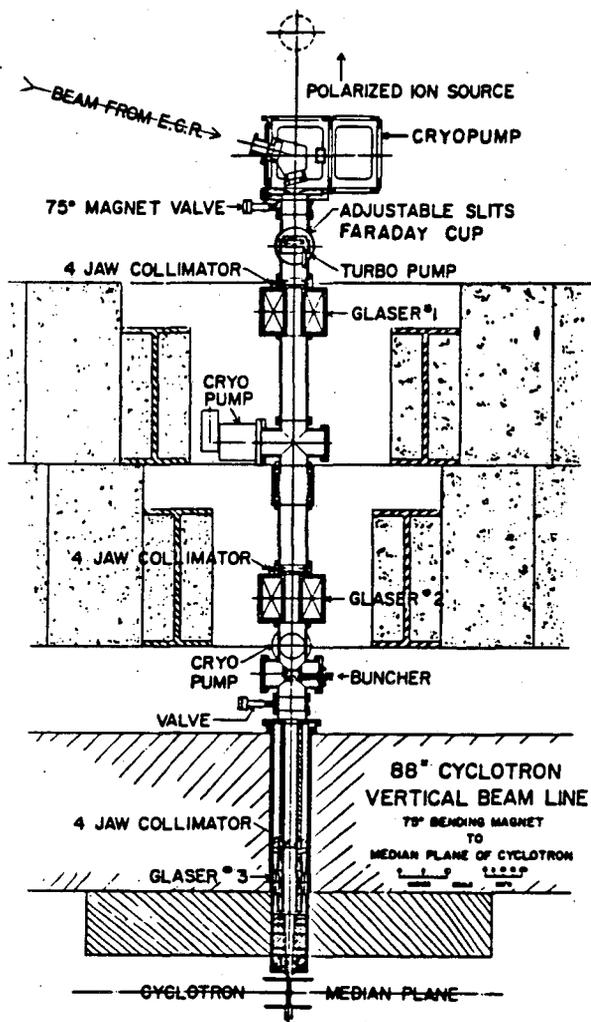


Fig. 4. Elevation view showing the design of the axial injection beam line to be used for injecting heavy ions from the ECR source and polarized ions from the Polarized Ion Source.

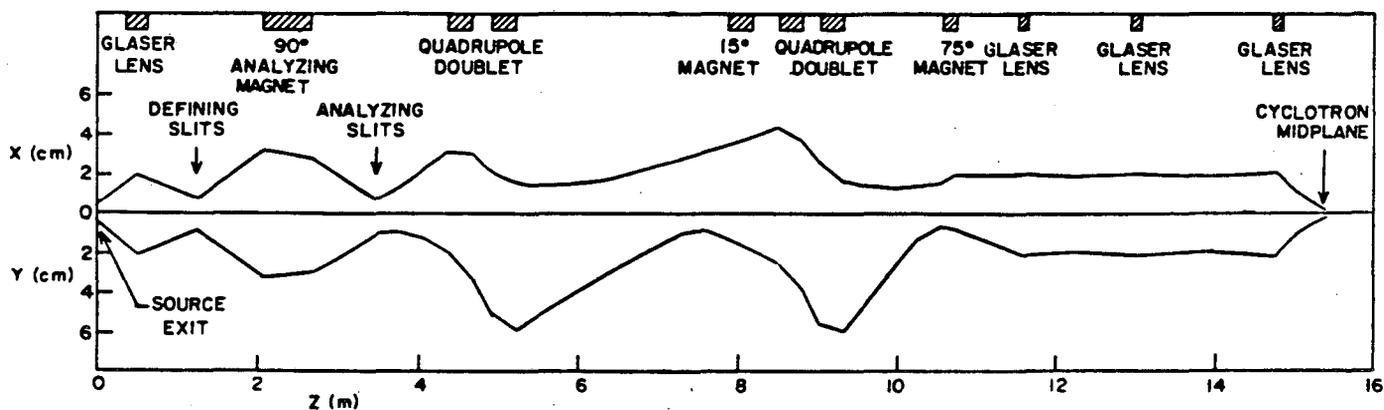


Fig. 5. Beam profiles from exit of the ECR source to the cyclotron midplane.

computer program was used to track beams through the solenoid lenses and hole lens. In the lower part of the line, thicker walls of magnetic iron beam pipe are used to shield the beam from the cyclotron leakage field, and from asymmetries in this field due to steel structure in the concrete shielding blocks. The POISSON computer program was used to design the solenoid lenses and magnetic shielding.

The center region will use an electrostatic gridded mirror, as the present system does, to bend the beam through 90 degrees into the midplane. Inserts in the dee and dummy dee will provide narrow gaps for acceleration on the first turn. Typical dee voltage on the 180 degree dee will be 50 kV for an injection voltage of 10 kV.

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