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Abstract. Normally, drift tube linacs (DTL) are used following RFQ linacs for beam acceleration in middle and high beam energy region. The acceleration efficiency of DTLs is decreasing with beam energy increasing. Using resonated higher order mode (HOM) of cavity, DTL can achieve higher effective shunt impedance. We proposed a 325 MHz DTL with TE115 mode. In this paper, the dynamics calculation and electromagnetic design of the HOM-DTL will be reported.

1. Introduction

Shown in Fig. 1, in the low energy region, the Interdigital-H (IH) type drift tube linacs (DTLs) have a higher shunt impedance and suitable accelerating structure for heavy ion acceleration, thus the DTLs operated in TE111 mode are normal used following the RFQ type linac [1, 2, 3]. However, in the medium and high energy region, the Alvarez type DTLs operated in TM010 mode are normally used although its shunt impedance reduces rapidly [4, 5], shown in Fig. 2, because its shunt impedance is higher than the IH-DTLs in those energy regions.

Since the DTLs operated in TE11n mode of the higher order mode have a property which is suitable to accelerate ions in medium and high energy region [6]. We proposed a 325 MHz DTL operated in TE115 mode. Our proposed HOM-DTL is designed as a prototype buncher and its structure is shown in Fig. 3.

2. Electromagnetic Design

The frequency of proposed HOM-DTL is 325 MHz which is 4th harmonic of the frequency of 81.25 MHz. This HOM-DTL is a prototype research for future heavy ion buncher. The estimated peak voltage is rather high as several mega-voltages (MV). The Microwave Studio (MWS) code and ANSYS code are used to calculate the cavity electromagnetic simulation and mechanical simulation [7, 8].

As shown in Fig. 3, the HOM-DTL has normal DTs and ridges that is same to the normal type IH-DTLs with TE111 mode and Alvarez type DTLs with TM010 mode, however, the resonated frequency of cavity can be tuned to TE115 mode by configuring directions of the stems. Shown in Fig. 4 and Fig. 5, the biggest feature of the HOM-DTL is that the axial accelerating e fields of

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gaps are quite flat, even in the two end gaps. The flat electric field distribution makes the field tuning of cavity very easy. The proposed HOM-DTL adopts 10 stems and 11 gaps, and the total length is 1m. Shown in the table 2, when the Kilpatrick factor adopts 1.5, the simulated total voltage of the HOM-DTL is 1.93 MV, and the shunt impedance of the HOM-DTL is calculated as 91.8 MΩ/m that is better than other structure linacs in same beam beta region shown in Fig. 1 and normal DTLs shown in Fig. 2. That indicates the 325 MHz HOM-DTLs have a better power efficiency in the medium energy region.

Because an existing main coppery frame (copper-colored part in the Fig. 3) was adopted for simulations and fabrications of the 325 MHz HOM-DTL, the optimization of the RF structure design is limited. In our opinion, the shunt impedance could be increased 1.5 times of the calculated 91.8 MΩ/m.

The RF properties of proposed HOM-DTL are confirmed by MWS, shown in Fig. 6, according
Figure 3. The inner structure of proposed HOM-DTL.

Figure 4. RF property of TE115 mode (solid line) in the HOM-DTL. Dot line shows RF property in IH-DTLs.

to the resonated TE11n order, the frequency shows an uptrend and the $Q$ value shows a downtrend. The downward $Q$ indicates that the RF mode is more higher, the higher RF power is needed. Based on our calculations, the ridges have a big effect on the cavity RF property. The height of the ridges is more higher, meanwhile the stems are more longer, the $Q$ value is more higher. The TE114 is 308.223 MHz, the desired resonated RF mode is 325 MHz which is totally separated from the neighbor mode.

And same with the normal IH-DTLs, the hottest part of the HOM-DTL is the stem [9]. Shown in Fig. 7, the surface current concentrates in the stems. Though we are limited by budgets, and the HOM-DTL will be carried out low power test and aimed to test the shaping method without alignment. However, the cooling designs of stems should be considered for possibilities of future use. According to the ANSYS calculations, with 10 water routes for stem cooling and 10% duty, the maximum deformation is occurred in the cavity (between two tuners) and the maximum temperature is about 400°C and locates in the first tube.
Figure 5. Flat e field distribution of TE115 mode in the HOM-DTL.

Table 1. The simulated parameters of the HOM-DTL.

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<td>Frequency / MHz</td>
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<td>Gap No.</td>
<td>11</td>
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<td>DT No.</td>
<td>10</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cavity diameter / mm</td>
<td>660</td>
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<td>Beam bore / mm</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>DT diameter / mm</td>
<td>40</td>
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<td>$\beta$ (particle energy)</td>
<td>0.173</td>
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<td>Inner length / mm</td>
<td>800</td>
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<td>Total voltage / MV</td>
<td>1.93 @ 1.5 Kp.</td>
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<td>Dissipated power / kW</td>
<td>50.6 @ 1.5 Kp.</td>
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<td>$Q$ value</td>
<td>9167</td>
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<td>Shunt impedance / MΩ/ m</td>
<td>91.8</td>
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The frequency tuning is being designed using four tuners. Both sides of the main frame have two tuners, and the tuners are uniform distribution in the beam direction. The diameter of tuners is 60 mm, and the preset inserting length of the tuners is 35 mm. According to our simulations, the adjustment region of frequency is $\pm 1.56$ MHz which is enough for frequency tuning.

3. Fabrication

The HOM-DTL is being fabricated in manufacturing company. Shown in Fig. 8, although the main frame is being shaped from a block copper by using a numerical-controlled machine tool, the cavity wall is being bent from an aluminum sheet because of the budget limitation. The stand supports the main frame directly by using two stainless holders. And two tuner-supports fixes the four tuners. The tuners are also made from aluminum material.
Figure 6. Resonated RF mode and $Q$ values of calculated HOM-DTL. According to the TE11n order, the $Q$ shows a downtrend and the frequency shows uptrend.

Figure 7. Images of surface current (left part) and multi-physics analysis. The intensity increases as the color changes from blue to yellow and to red.

4. Summary and future plan
A HOM structure cavity driven by TE115 RF mode was calculated and simulated for high energy beam bunching. Its shunt impedance is higher than IH-DTLs and Alvarez type DTLs in medium energy acceleration. Along the 800 mm axis, the designed 325MHz HOM-DTL buncher could induce 1.93 MV with flat e field distribution along the axis. Its shunt impedance is 91.8 MΩ/m with a safe Kp factor of 1.5. The core part of the HOM-DTL is being shaped from a block copper, and other parts are being fabricated from aluminium material.

The fabrication and assembly will be finished by the end of this October. Our team will carry out a low power test for measuring the RF properties such as resonated frequency and e field distribution. Also, we are applying a national natural science foundation of China for future copper fabrication of the cavity wall.

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Figure 8. Assembly image of the HOM-DTL. The main frame is made from oxygen-free copper material. The other cavity parts (walls and the tuners) are being made from aluminium material.

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