Status of FFAGs for Muon Acceleration

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Requirements for Muon Acceleration

- Extremely large emittances: 30,000 mm mrad normalized (full)
- Extremely rapid acceleration
 - Avoid excessive decays
 - Real-estate gradients 1 MV/m and above
- Motivation for use: cost
 - To be compared with recirculating linear accelerator (like CEBAF)
 - Save money by making more passes through RF



Types of FFAG Solutions Proposed

- Scaling FFAGs (NuFactJ report)
- Linear Non-Scaling FFAGs
- Isochronous FFAGs



Factors That Drive FFAG Choice

Cost

- Keeping decays low (this is really cost): high average gradient
- Sufficient Dynamic Aperture
- Keeping RF synchronized
 - Time of flight depends on energy
 - Acceleration too rapid to change RF frequency
 - Must accelerate more quickly: fewer turns, more RF, more cost



Scaling FFAGs

- Traditional form of FFAG
- Tune independent of energy
 - Find a good working point away from resonances
 - Time of flight independent of transverse amplitude (more later)
- NuFactJ scheme as it exists seems expensive
 - Optimization has been demonstrated to give significant improvements
 - New ideas on the table (normal conducting spiral sector FFAG even at high energy, for instance)
 - Need to get optimized, trackable scheme defined
- NuFactJ scheme used low-frequency RF
 - System less efficient at capture/transmission of muons (Palmer)
 * Again, may need optimization
 - Difficulty in obtaining high gradients



Scaling FFAGs High Frequency RF

• Time of flight gives minimum field index: k = 1220 for 201.25 MHz, 10–20 GeV scaling FFAG, 1.5 MV/m average gradient

$$\frac{1}{k+1} = \frac{1}{\gamma_0^2} + \frac{16(1-\lambda)V\beta_0^3 E_0 c}{\omega(\Delta E)^2} \frac{2\pi R}{L_0}$$

- This is not so much larger than existing designs
- This requires many cells (about 180):

$$n \approx 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{k}{\cos \mu_y - \cos \mu_x}} > 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{k}{2}}$$

- Gradient must be maintained over cells, so very few turns (2.3 GV RF for 10–20 GeV)
- Basically forced to low frequency



Fixed-Frequency Acceleration in Scaling FFAG



Isochronous FFAGs

- Make time of flight independent of energy
 - Time of flight does not give a minimum amount of RF
- Highly nonlinear fields required
- Tunes depend on energy
- Result: poor dynamic aperture (for muons): < 1000 mm mrad normalized
 - Even have significant losses with these beam sizes
- Plans to address this by correcting chromaticity using two cell types



5-Cell Lattice





Field Fits for Isochronous FFAG



Isochronous FFAGs Particle Transmission



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Linear Non-Scaling FFAGs

• Allow the tune to vary. Doesn't hurt dynamic aperture because:

- Use linear magnets; resonances not driven strongly
- Keep every cell the same: only single-cell behavior matters
- Accelerate rapidly through any (weak) resonance
- Have relatively (for FFAGs) small apertures: lower cost
- Keep time of flight range small by making isochronous within energy range
 - Time of flight is parabolic function of energy
 - Allows the use of high frequency RF
 - Unique "gutter acceleration" mode



Time of Flight





Tracking in Linear Non-Scaling FFAGs Longitudinal Phase Space Channel



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Linear Non-Scaling FFAGs Time of Flight Dependence on Transverse Amplitude

• Problem with time of flight depending on transverse amplitude

$$T = T_0(E) - 2\pi mc \frac{d\nu}{dE} J_n$$

- High amplitude particles take longer than low amplitude
- Need to insure that RF is synchronized for both low and high amplitude
 - Limits range of allowed RF frequencies (b)
 - Must increase voltage (a) to be able to accelerate all amplitudes to full energy
- Passing to next stage a problem: larger time spread, high ampliutde start late



Time of Flight vs. Amplitude



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Longitudinal Phase Space Baseline





Longitudinal Phase Space Increased b





Longitudinal Phase Space Increased Voltage





Linear non-scaling FFAGs Addressing Problems

- Reducing time of flight range alone will *not* improve this effect
 - Phase space improves for low amplitude
 - High amplitude gets worse: more cells per turn
- Introduce small nonlinearities to correct chromaticity
 - Initial attempts don't do so well
- Time slip simply proportional to number of cells we go through
 - Fill maximum number of cells with RF
 - Make fewer turns: more voltage
- Introduce higher harmonic RF
 - Reduces energy spread correlated to different times of flight
 - Increases time of flight range that is accelerated
- Only promise ellipsiodal distribution transmitted: large longitudinal amplitude, low transverse amplitude



Longitudinal Phase Space Square Wave RF





Concluding Observations

- Isochronous FFAGs, like all highly nonlinear non-scaling FFAGs studied so far, seem to have transverse dynamic aperture problems for large muon emittances
- Scaling FFAGs currently showing poorer performance and higher cost than other solutions
 - A significant optimization effort may help this
 - Cannot overcome being forced to use lower RF frequencies
- Linear non-scaling FFAGs must address the dependence of time of flight on transverse amplitude
 - We have several methods to attack the problem, and we will probably need to employ them all
 - Costs will be higher than originally envisioned
 - May lead us to avoid using FFAGs at lower energies where they are less efficient

