Positron Sources, Applications and the PEPPo Experiment

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A Distinguished Field

P.A.M. Dirac (1902 – 1984) shared 1933 Nobel prize (with Erwin Schrodinger) for relativistic wave equation of massive spin-1/2 particles. This theory predicted negative energy "holes" with properties identical to the electron, but with a positive charge !

$$\left[\frac{W^2}{c^2} - p_r^2 - m^2 c^2\right]\psi = 0$$





Carl Anderson (1905 – 1991) awarded 1936 Nobel prize (with Victor Hess) for detecting the positron (March 15, 1933, PRL, V. 43, The Positive Electron). He later codiscovered the muon!



Martin Deutsch (1917 – 2002) awarded 1956 Nobel prize for discovery of Positronium (Ps), which had been predicted by Anderson.



30,000 foot view

β^+ emission by radioactive decay



Pair Conversion by energetic photon



Requires activating material

- Commercial sources
- Nuclear reactors

Suited for low energy

- Emission ~few MeV
- Random time structure

Intensity ~ 10^{6} - $10^{8} e^{+}/s$

Requires high energy electron beam

- Bremsstrahlung
- Synchrotron/Undulator
- Compton scattering

Suited for high energy

- LINAC acceleration
- Timing set by "drive" beam

Intensity ~ 10^{10} - 10^{12} e⁺/s

Outline

Applications

• Diverse activities and energy requirements

Radioactive β^+ decay

• Source, moderation and examples

Pair production by gamma rays

- Suited for RF accelerators
- Technical challenges
- Positron facilities

Polarized Positrons

- Sources and demonstrations
- Newest method: Polarized Electrons for Polarized Positrons (PEPPo)

Outlook

- Positrons at Jefferson Lab (CEBAF, LERF, UITF)
- R&D Challenges

How are positrons used ?

Many applications with energy scale from 1 eV to 1 TeV

- Medicine positron emission tomography
- Materials Science positron annihilation spectroscopy
- Anti-matter gravity positronium formation
- Nuclear Physics DVCS, GPD's, Dark Matter Searches
- Detectors excellent source of annihilation photons
- Standard Model Tests Higgs production

Positron Emission Tomography

- Short-lived radioactive tracer is injector into the subject and becomes concentrated in tissue of interest
- After travelling up to a few millimeters the thermalized positron annihilates into a pair of oppositely moving gammas
- Technique depends upon high energy resolution of photons which arrive in pairs.







Positron Annihilation Spectroscopy (PAS)

• Probe for semiconductors, electronic structure of metals and alloys, radiation damage, surfaces and interfaces



 e^+ annihilation rate $\propto e^-$ density

PAS Techniques and Observables

Positron Lifetime (PALS)

Time between trigger and annihilation photon depends on void size and defect density

- Silicon (bulk): 218 ps
- Defect (dopant): 260-330 ps

Angular Correlation (ACAR)

Angular deflection between annihilation photons due to transverse momentum of electrons $\theta \propto p_{x,y}/m_{e}$



Doppler Broadening (DB)

Annihilation photon energy shift due to the longitudinal momentum of electrons $E_v=0.511 \text{ MeV} \pm \Delta E (\Delta E \propto p_z/2)$



Positronium (Ps) Formation

- Although an electron/positron pair are doomed to annihilate they can briefly exist in a bound state described as a hydrogen atom with corresponding reduced mass of e⁺/e⁻
 - Positrons directed into porous silica can pick up an electron to form Ps in the bulk and then diffuse to the surface or remain in internal voids
 - Ps can also be become trapped on the surface to form Ps₂ molecules
 - Ps provide tool for atomic physics (QED), astrophysiccal or production of anti-matter



Energy Levels







Gravitational Force on Anti-Hydrogen



Nuclear Physics (0.1 - 10 GeV)



The charge and polarization of the probe beam provide degrees of freedom. An addition of a positron beam constrain the physical observables.

- Electromagnetic form factors (U,P)
- Generalized parton distributions (U,P)
- Inclusive structure functions (U,P)
- Search for the U-boson of dark matter (U)

Jefferson Lab's CEBAF Accelerator CW electron beam to 3 halls Electron Polarization ~90% Max Energy: 11 GeV(ABC) / 12GeV(D) Max Current: 200 uA



Energy Frontier Tests of the Standard Model (1 TeV)

International Linear Collider design relies on the collision of *polarized electrons* and *polarized positrons* resulting in center-of-mass-energies from 200 GeV to 1 TeV



- Thrust is to provide precision tests of Standard Model that benefit from model independent reactions that do not depend on the additional "stuff" which results from colliding massive particles, e.g. like that at the LHC.
- The polarization of the e+ and e- further enhances the effective luminosity

Positron Sources

What are considerations to forming a positron beam ?

- Final energy
- Generation
- Collection
- Time Structure
- Power
- Radiation
- Polarization

Positron Generation by β Decay

Beta-plus (β^+) decay occurs when a proton inside a nucleus becomes a neutron via emitting W⁺ (or absorbing W⁻) via the weak interaction.

$$\frac{^{23}}{^{12}}Mg \rightarrow \frac{^{23}}{^{11}}Na + e^+ + v_e$$

The daughter nuclide retains the mass number (A) but the atomic number (Z) decreases by 1 unit.



$$Q = \left[m_N \begin{pmatrix} A \\ Z \end{pmatrix} - m_N \begin{pmatrix} A \\ Z-1 \end{pmatrix} - m_e - m_{\nu_e} \right] c^2$$
$$Q = \left[m \begin{pmatrix} A \\ Z \end{pmatrix} - m \begin{pmatrix} A \\ Z-1 \end{pmatrix} - m \begin{pmatrix} A \\ Z-1 \end{pmatrix} - 2m_e \right] c^2$$

- Q > 0 which implies a lighter free proton cannot decay into a heavier neutron
- Q ~ few keV up to ~10 MeV which the kinetic energy partitioned to e+ and ν_e
- KE beta+ is typically ~1 MeV

Radioactive $\beta^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$ Sources



Use of moderators

Many simply reflect (high Z backing) Rapidly thermalize (~1 ps)

- core and conduction electrons
- plasmons ~ 10 V
- phonons ~ 1 V

Their fate is varied

- Annihilate in bulk
- Captured at surface and annihilate
- Pick up e- and leave as Ps
- KE per work function

Typical source:

Na²², mean 178keV, endpoint 545keV



 $\epsilon = L/R * S$ $\epsilon = 15,000 \text{ nm}$ $\epsilon = 15,000 \text{ nm}$ $\epsilon = 15,000 \text{ nm}$ $\epsilon = 15,000 \text{ nm}$

β^+ beam based on ¹⁸F (30eV - 30 keV)



- A radioactive source (¹⁸F) is moderated with frozen neon
- Moderation efficiency of 1% achieved for positrons of 2 eV +/- 1 eV
- 2 eV particles DC accelerated to 30eV 30keV
- Magnetic energy selection of intense (10⁶ e⁺/s) mono-energetic beam
- Safe with concealed HV system and radiation shielding





β^+ beam based on ²²Na (0.5 - 6.5 MeV)



Fig. 1. Schematic of the slow-positron source with tungsten moderators.



Fig. 3. Block diagram of the circuit used for the stabilization and calibration of the positron energy. The positron beam is periodically switched onto a windowless Ge detector for absolute energy measurement.



²²Na source (6 x 10^8 Bq) are moderated by a tungsten foil (thickness 3-6 micron) and tungsten rings (height X diameter = 3.3 mm X 10 mm) in a combined transmission-reflection geometry

Intensity 6 x 10^4 e+/s at target Pelletron DC acceleration 0.5 - 6.5 MeV Energy stability $\Delta E/E < 10^{-4}$

Positron Production by Electromagnetic Showers

An electromagnetic shower is generated by high energy electrons, positrons or photons in matter

- e+ and e- primarily emit photons (bremsstrahlung)
- Photons > ~few MeV dominate pair production







Generating Intense Gamma Rays

Bremsstrahlung

e^{-E₁} *h*ω=E2-E1

Coherent Bremsstrahlung



Undulator



Inverse Compton Scattering



Accelerator Positron Sources

Previous

- SLAC Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (US)
- HERA Hadron Electron Ring Accelerator (Germany)
- CESR Cornell Electron Storage Ring (US)

Present

- BELLE/KEK National Laboratory for High Energy Physics (Japan)
- VEPP Budker Institute of Nuclear Physics (Russia)
- BEPCII Beijing Electron Positron Collider (China)

Proposed

• ILC - International Linear Collider

Facilities	Driving e^- Beam				e ⁺ Source		Yield	$arepsilon(\mathrm{e}^+)$
	E (GeV)	$N(e^{-})$	$\omega~({ m Hz})$	Size(mm)	Target (mm)	Matching	$N(e^+)$	$(mm \cdot mrad)$
SLAC	33	$4x10^{10}$	120	2.5	W-Ta (24)	AMD	2×10^{12}	25 (at 200 MeV)
BEPCII	0.24	4.5×10^{18}	50	1-3	W (8 mm)	AMD	10^{16}	$1.6 \ (1.89 \ {\rm GeV})$
CESR	0.2	2×10^{11}	50	2.5	W-Re	QWT	10^{10}	-
KEK [50]	0.25	6×10^{19}	-	-	Ta	QWT	6×10^{17}	2 (at 1 GeV)
VEPP4	0.27	$1.6 imes 10^{11}$	1	-	W	AMD	5×10^8	-
ILC	130	2.8×10^{13}	5	0.75	W76Re24	AMD	10^{14}	-

Yield from an Electromagnetic Shower



Positron yield depends on...

- Incident energy
- Target material
- Incident Intensity

 $X_0^{-1} \cong 4r_0^2 \alpha \frac{N_A}{A} Z(Z+1) \ln(\frac{183}{Z^{1/3}})[cm^2/g]$

Radiation length

- Mean electron energy loss (1/e)
- 7/9 mean path for pair production

Element	С	Al	Ti	Fe	Cu	W
Z	6	13	22	26	29	74
A	12	27	47.9	55.8	63.5	183.8
$E_c (MeV)$	84.2	42.8	26.2	22.4	20.2	8.1
$X_0 \left(g/cm^2\right)$	43.3	24.3	16.1	13.84	13	6.8
L(cm)	19.2	9	3.58	1.75	1.45	0.35

Managing Beam Power

Large amount of power is deposited in the conversion target.

Beam power management depends upon...

- Conversion efficiency to useful positrons (0.001 to 1)
- Required positron intensity
- Target material
- Time structure

It's not uncommon to require 10's of kW of beam power.

Consider 20 kW deposited in $1X_0$ of tungsten (W) :



High-Z Liquid Jet Target

Jet or stream for rapid mass transfer Heat exchangers High boiling point metals

- Bismuth-Lead (BiPb) ~ 1670 °C
- Mercury (Hg) ~ 356 °C



Rapidly Rotating Cooled Solid Target





- ILC target design schematic and prototype
- 1 m diameter (2m projected)
- 2000 rpm
- Titanium alloy
- Water-cooled
- 10 kW power deposition @ 130 kW photons

Managing Neutrons

R.Montalbetti, L.Katz, J. Goldemberg, "Photoneutron Cross Sections", Phys.Rev. 91, 659 (1953).

Elements \rightarrow	С	W	Cu	Al	Fe	Pb	U
$E_{\gamma th}(\boldsymbol{\gamma},n)$ MeV	18.72 ¹	6.19	9.91	13.03	11.21	6.73	6.04

¹Natural Graphite contains 1.1% of C¹⁸ which has a threshold of 4.9 *MeV*

Neutron dose for electron beam carrying power P[kW] at distance R[m]

$$\dot{D}(rem/hour) \cong 93 \cdot Z^{0.73} \frac{P[kW]}{R[m]^2}$$

W.P.Swanson, "Calculation of Neutron Yields Released by Electrons Incident on Selected Materials", Health Physics, Vol.35, pp.353-367, 1978.

For any positron source operating above threshold (generally ALL) neutron shielding and radiological design is integral to overall design

Angular Distribution

126 MeV e^- on 2 mm W



$$\theta \approx \frac{13.6 MeV}{pc} \sqrt{\frac{x}{X_0}}$$

 x/X_o : thickness in radiation length



Momentum Distribution





Incident e- Beam Properties on a 3mm W: Power = $120MeV \times 10mA = 1.2 MW$ $\varepsilon = 10^{-8} m \cdot rad$

Emerging e+ Properties:

 $\mathcal{E} = 0.3 \text{ mm x } 460 \text{ mrad} \sim 14000 \text{x} 10^{-8} \text{ m} \text{-rad}$ Yield : 0.12 e⁺ per e⁻

Taming the Positrons

High field solenoid transforms the large divergence small radius emittance at the radiator into a more nearly parallel beam at somewhat larger radius.

Low uniform-field solenoid holds the beam together through several accelerator sections until beam is focused by quadrupole lenses



Accelerating Capture Section









Cornell Positron Source







This short-focusing lens followed by RF structure immersed in solenoid

Positron rate ~10¹¹/sec at 50 Hz operation at ~200 MeV Conversion efficiency~2.5%, DC power consumption ~2.5 kW J. Barley, V. Medjidzade, A. Mikhailichenko, "New Positron Source for CESR", CBN-01-19, Oct 2001. 16pp.

Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC)



Damping Ring to Reduce Emittance



SLAC e⁺ (1.2 GeV, ρ =5.6m) damping time ~ 12 ms

Lower energy increases damping time to seconds!

Therefore "long" damping times are not suited for CW operation

What about Polarization ?







New method using spin polarized electron beam



E.A. Kuraev, Y.M. Bystritskiy, M. Shatnev, E.Tomasi-Gustafsson, PRC 81 (2010) 055208

<u>Polarized Electrons for Polarized Positrons</u> A Proof-of-Principle Experiment

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PEPPo Concept

J. Dumas, Ph.D. Dissertation, Joseph Fourier University, 2010



Staging PEPPo at Jefferson Lab CEBAF Injector

PEPPo measured the polarization transfer from 8.2 MeV/c longitudinal electrons to longitudinal positrons in the 3.1-6.2 MeV/c momentum range.

Collection Pair Compton Creation Magnets Polarimeter (Princeton/SLAC) Target (DES

Optimizing Optics with Energy Degraded Electrons



S₁ current optimization at 5.5 MeV/c



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Detecting Positrons



Two **NaI** detectors measured coincidence of **back-to-back photons** emitted by **annihilation** of **positrons** in a <u>viewscreen</u>.





Viewscreen

- 0.011 thick @ 45 deg to beam line
- 99.5% aluminum oxide Al₂O₃
- 0.5% chromium doped $\overline{Al_2O_3}/Al_2O_3Cr_2O_3$

Measuring Positron Yield



Compton Transmission Polarimeter

Electrons or Positrons radiate polarized photons by Bremmstrahlung in reconversion target

Energy dependent Compton scattering of photons transmitted through polarized target correspond to polarization of incoming Electrons or Positrons (aligned or anti-aligned).



$$A_T = \frac{N^+ - N^-}{N^+ + N^-} = \tanh(-P_3 P_T \mu_1 L)$$

$$\mu 1$$
 - Compton absorption coefficient
 L - target length
 P_3 - photon polarization (long.)

$$A_T = P_e P_T A_e$$

- P_e electron/positron polarization
- P_{T} target polarization
- A_e analyzing power

Bremmstrahlung photon spectrum requires energy-dependent analyses

- Energy binning
- Energy integration

Positron Polarimetry

Positrons are detected in **coincidence** between a thin **trigger scintillator** placed prior to the reconversion target and the **central crystal** (PMT5) and **tagged by e- helicity**.







Preliminary Positron Results

Positron asymmetry significantly non-zero, increases with momentum and reduction of background (which may have analyzing power itself).



We are in final stages of analysis and should unveil results this Spring. Initial estimates indicate positron polarization may be as high as 70-80%

What about positrons at Jefferson Lab?

Nuclear Physics 100 nA - 10 µA (CW) Polarized



What about injecting positrons into CEBAF?



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CW Positron Source at CEBAF

S. Golge, Ph.D. Dissertation, Old Dominion University, 2010





Combined Function Magnet Solution

- p (e-) = 126 MeV/c
- p (e⁺) = 126 ±1.0 MeV/c
- $\sigma_t = 1.8 \text{ ps}$ (to maintain dp/p < 10⁻³)
- $\varepsilon_{x/}\varepsilon_y = 1.6/1.7 \text{ mm.mrad}$

Efficiency is $\sim 2.9 \times 10^{-4}$

- 0.1 10 uA => 0.35 35 mA
- Very high power !

126 MeV/10 mA	Power Source $(e^- \text{ and } \gamma) e^+$		$\begin{array}{c} \text{Deposited Power} \\ (\%) & (\text{kW}) \end{array}$		
Target	\checkmark	\checkmark	4.5	55	
Solenoid	\checkmark	\checkmark	21.0	250	
Collimators	\checkmark	\checkmark	10.0	120	
Capture Area Magnets	\checkmark	\checkmark	17.0	200	
1/4 Cryomodule-1		\checkmark	2.0×10^{-3}	0.025	
1/4 Cryomodule-2		\checkmark	9.0×10^{-4}	0.01	
Full Cryomodule		\checkmark	1.2×10^{-3}	0.015	

Electron Accelerators at Jefferson Lab

CEBAF

Improve conversion efficiency

- 1 GeV linac
- 12 GeV Hall D

Manage high power

- Shielded Radiator
- Accessible conversion target





LERF

High current : 10 mA @ 200 MeV

- Test bed for CW concept ERL dump : 10 mA @ 10 MeV
- Low intensity source

UITF

10 MeV/1 nA facility to test HDIce Compatible with <1 nA e+ source

- Keep energy / photo-neutron yield small
- Add local shielding



Outlook

Expressed interest for positrons beams at Jefferson Lab

- International Workshop on Positrons at Jefferson Lab (2009)
- High Energy Nuclear Physics at CEBAF
- Dark matter searches
- Low Energy Materials Science

Demonstrated Accelerator R&D Interest

- J. Dumas, PhD, Polarized Positrons (2010)
- S. Golge, PhD, CW Positron Source (2010)
- PEPPo, PAC A Rating E11-105 (2012)
 - ✓ ILC and strong collaborative support
- L. Adeyemi, PhD, PEPPo Proof-of-Principle (expected 2015)

Possive Future Directions

- P. Degtiarenko, J. Grames, E. Voutier, Integrated Conceptual Design (Unfunded 2013 LDRD)
- Consideration being given for low energy positron program at LERF
- Exploit accelerator expertise and facilities to develop integrated design and start addressing R&D challenges

Primary impetus will remain a compelling Physics motivation

