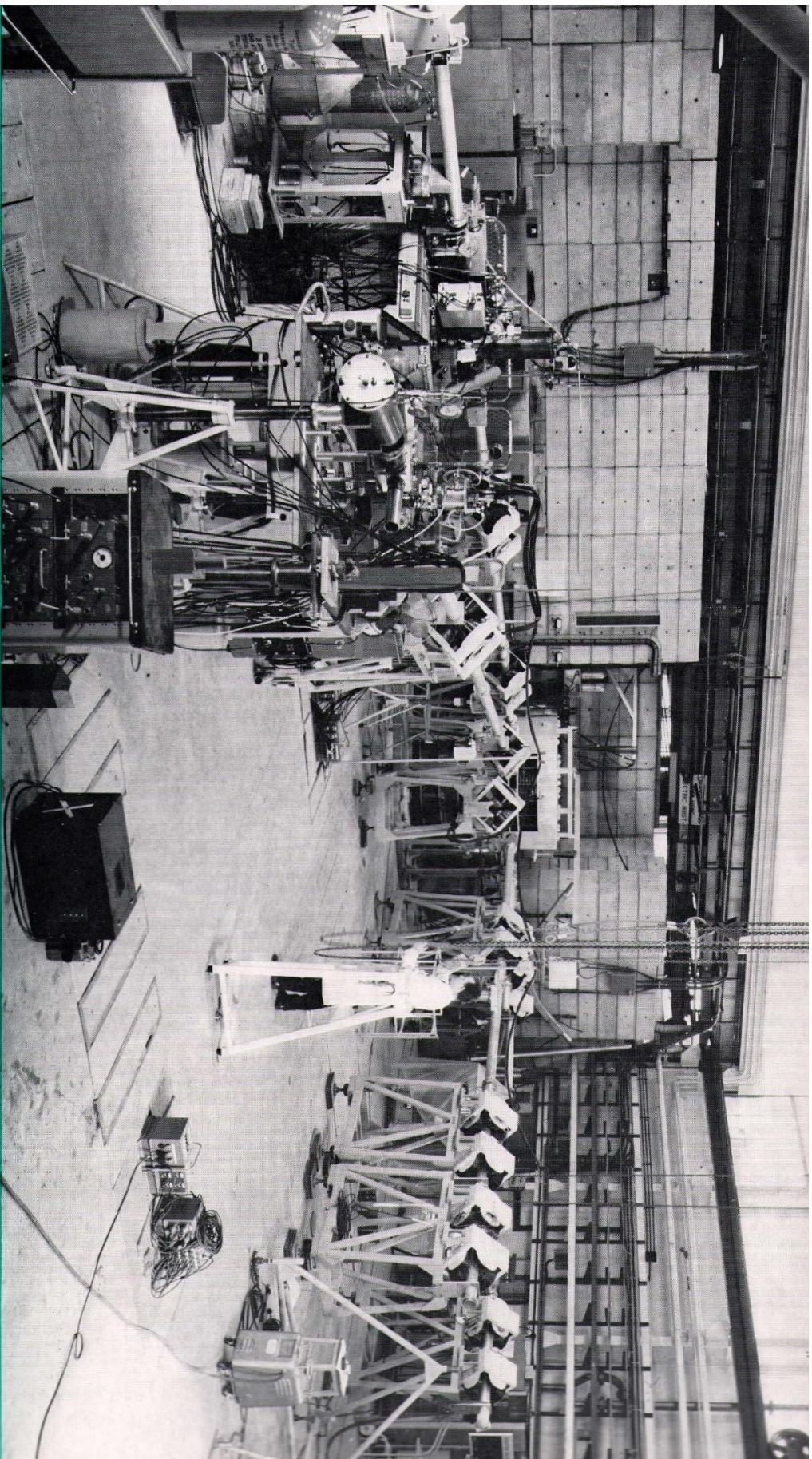


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Part of the experimental area showing the alternative beam pipes radiating from the bending magnet (top centre). The apparatus set up on the beam line in the near foreground was used in a measurement of (p-d) differential cross-sections with a liquid deuterium target.

The cover shows a general view of the main part of the P.L.A. installation with tank 1 in the right foreground.

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Introduction

The National Institute for Research in Nuclear Science was formed in 1957 to provide facilities for research into high energy physics which would be available for common use by universities and similar institutions. The Rutherford High Energy Laboratory is the first establishment of the National Institute to be completed. Situated at Chilton and occupying a site of some 75 acres, the Laboratory is intended to carry out research into the physics of the nucleus, and the structure and interactions of elementary particles. The main equipment of the Laboratory consists of two proton accelerators: a 50 million electron volt (MeV) proton linear accelerator (P.L.A.) and a 7000 million electron volt proton synchrotron (NIMROD). The Laboratory also contains the necessary supporting facilities for conducting experimental work and can assist in the design, manufacture and installation of experimental equipment to user requirements.

The 50 MeV P.L.A. was the first accelerator at the Laboratory to become operational. It was designed by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, handed over to the Institute in 1959 and has been scheduled for experimental use since 1960. Except for maintenance periods, the machine is in operation 24 hours a day.

The P.L.A. is about 100 ft long; it consists of three cylindrical resonant cavities, placed end to end, into which pulses of protons are injected at 500 keV from a d.c. gun and accelerated successively to energies of 10, 30 and 50 MeV. Each resonator is contained in an evacuated tank and is excited into resonance at 200 Mc/s by a pulsed radio frequency power supply. A series of hollow cylindrical electrodes, known as drift tubes, are spaced at intervals down the axis of the resonator and it is in the gaps between successive drift tubes that the acceleration occurs.

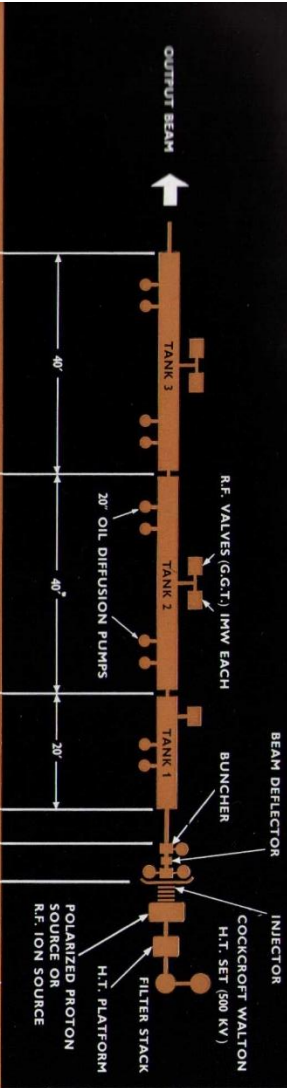
There are no extraction problems since the beam emerges directly from the end of the machine and passes through concrete shielding walls into the 7000 sq. ft experimental areas. Maximum efficiency in the use of the machine is gained by the provision of bending magnets which deflect the proton beam in a number of alternative directions, thus enabling many sets of experimental apparatus to be set up and left undisturbed.

Each beam pulse lasts 200 microseconds and the repetition rate is 50 pulses per second. In addition to performing experiments with 50 MeV protons, the machine has been designed so that 30 and 10 MeV protons can be used. It is also possible to accelerate protons with their axes of spin substantially aligned in a given direction; such 'polarized' beams enable the spin-dependent features of the complicated proton-nucleon and proton-nucleus interaction to be explored in more detail.

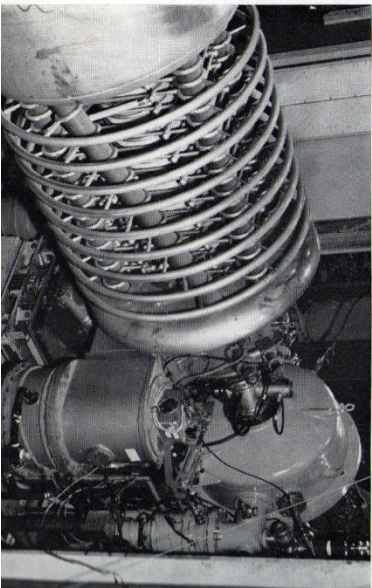
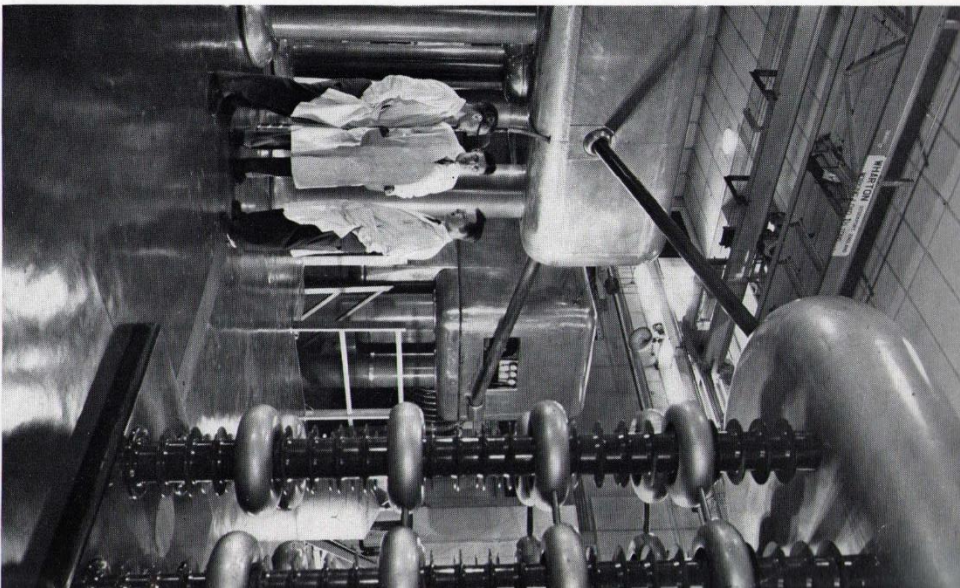
The unpolarized external proton current obtainable (typically $3 \mu\text{A}$ mean: 1.8×10^{13} protons/second) is many times greater than had been available previously with other accelerators in this energy range. Furthermore, the beam is well collimated and has a well-defined energy, giving the high resolution required in precise measurements. Should there be sufficient nuclear physics demand for beams of higher energy, the P.L.A. could be extended at any time by the addition of further sections.

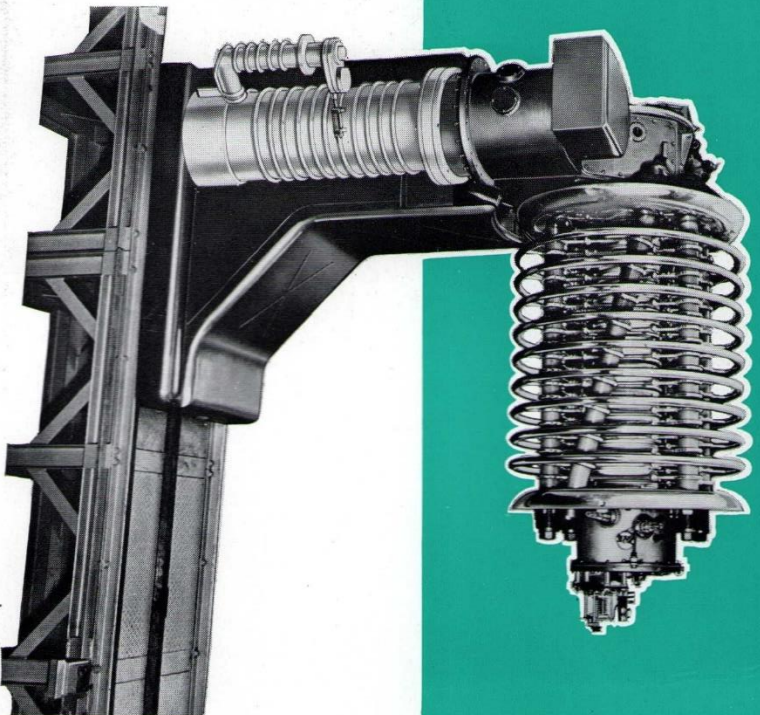
The growing number of successfully completed experiments is evident from the many papers which have already been published by the participating scientists and by more than a dozen higher degrees which have now been awarded to members of the various experimental teams.

General Data

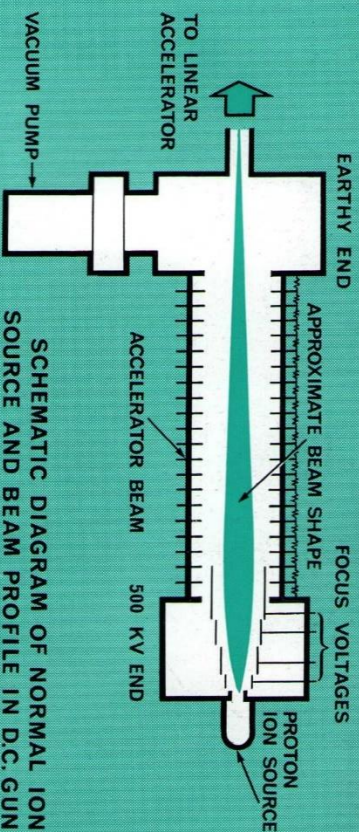
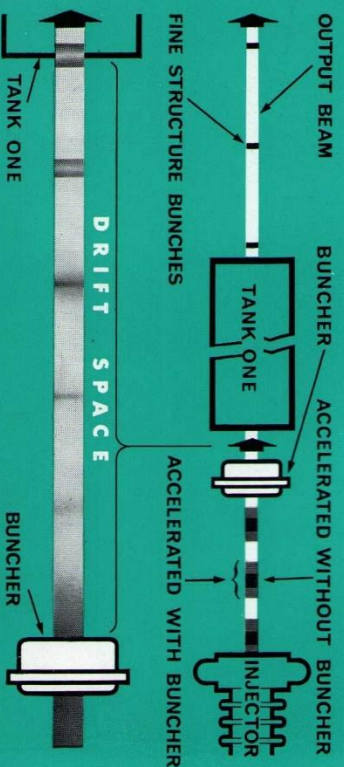


PROTON ENERGY (approx)	50 MeV	30 MeV	10 MeV	1 MeV	
(Accelerating rate 1.7MeV/metre)					
$\beta = \frac{\text{Speed of proton}}{\text{Speed of light}}$	0.9999999999	0.9999999999	0.9999999999	0.9999999999	0.9999999999
NO. OF DRIFT TUBES	26 $2\frac{1}{2}$	40 $2\frac{1}{2}$	41 $2\frac{1}{2}$	1	
BEAM APERTURE	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{3}{4}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	
FOCUSING	A.G. MAGNETIC QUADRUPOLES	A.G. MAGNETIC QUADRUPOLES	GRIDS		
R.F. PULSED POWER (Peak)	1400 kW	1200 kW	600 kW		Total 3.2 MW
(Mean)	28 kW	24 kW	12 kW		Total 64 kW
[50 p.p.s. each $\frac{1}{10}$ sec. long; 2% duty cycle for r.f., (400 p.p.s. pulses); 1% duty cycle for beam (200 p.p.s. pulses)]					
BEAM CURRENT As % of injector output current					
WITHOUT BUNCHER	1.3 to 2.0	1.3 to 2.0	1.3 to 2.0		100
WITH BUNCHER	2.6 to 5.0	2.6 to 5.0	2.6 to 5.0		100
WITHOUT BUNCHER	145 μ A (1-45 μ A mean)	145 μ A	145 μ A		100
WITH BUNCHER	300 μ A (30 μ A mean)	300 μ A	300 μ A		100
Notes: 1. Injector output current is usually within the range of 6-10 mA. 2. 10 or 30 MeV beams may be crossed through tanks 2 and 3, or tank 3, respectively, without loss (after resetting of quadrupole focusing magnet total current).					
TIME OF FLIGHT	0.13 msec.	0.20 msec.	0.21 msec.	0.15 msec.	Total 0.79 msec. (with gaps between tanks)
(11.3 r.f. cycles while particle traverses tanks 1, 2 and 3; plus 30 cycles between buncher and tank 1).					





Left, injector room, with polarized proton source gun and d.c. gun in background.
Below, left, D.C. gun and low energy drift space, showing buncher assembly.

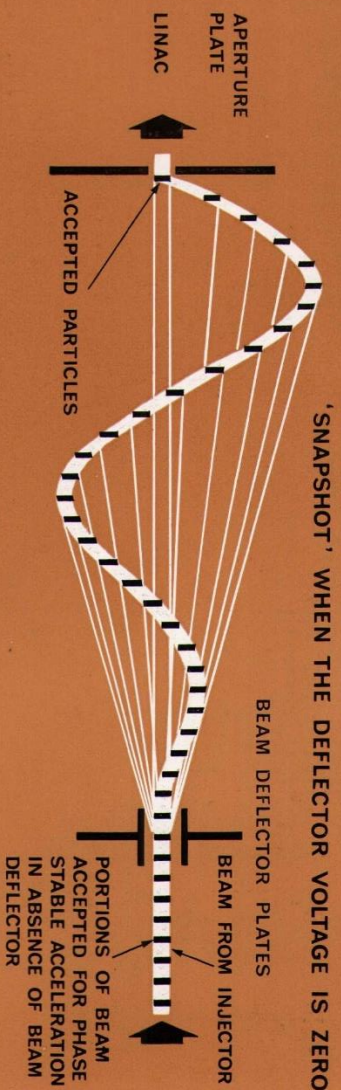


Injector

The injector comprises a source of protons (either a r.f. ion source or a polarized proton source) and a 500 kV d.c. gun, which provides the initial acceleration. A Cockcroft-Walton generator supplies this voltage, which is fed to the ion source end of the accelerating column via a smoothing stack and a high-voltage platform containing the power supplies and controls for the ion source and focusing electrodes. The unpolarized source consists of a Pyrex tube, inside which a discharge is maintained in hydrogen gas, at a pressure of 30 microns, by a 20 Mc/s r.f. field. The molecular hydrogen is dissociated into atomic hydrogen and subsequently ionized to produce protons, which are extracted from the discharge in the form of a beam by applying a high-voltage pulse (~ 7 kV) to a suitable electrode. The accelerating column has a uniform potential gradient produced by a large number of intermediate electrodes and an external potential divider. The column is supported as a cantilever from the earthy end and it can be adjusted in position by remote control to align the beam to the axis of the main sections of the machine.

Buncher

Less than one-quarter of a continuous proton beam can be accepted for stable acceleration in tank 1. The buncher provides a means whereby many more protons can be made to arrive at the entrance to tank 1 at the most favourable times for acceleration and can consequently increase the accelerated beam intensity by a factor of nearly 3. It consists of a single gap r.f. cavity (located between the injector and tank 1) which is supplied with the requisite amplitude and phase of r.f. power from tank 1. The protons are velocity modulated in the buncher and, after traversing a drift space, they become grouped in bunches around the acceptance phase range of tank 1. The lower diagram shows the density distribution of protons in the beam between the buncher and tank 1 at a given instant of time.



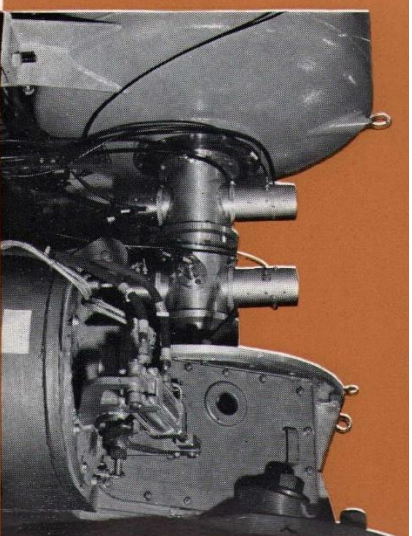
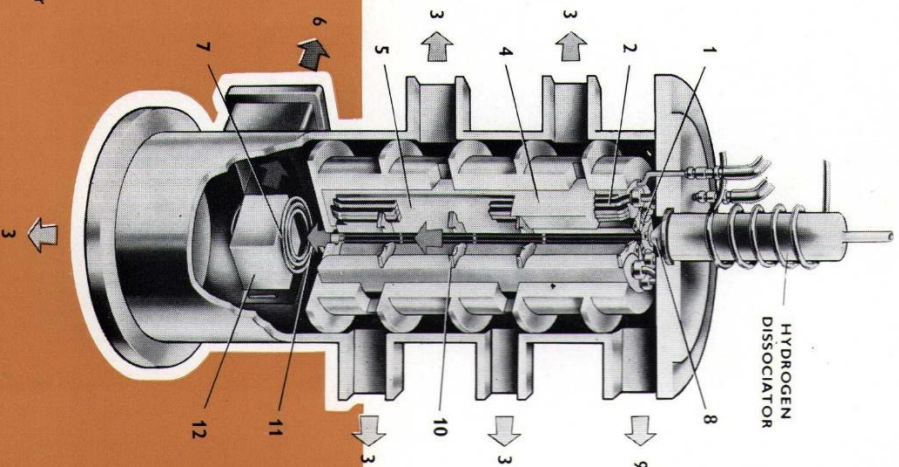
Beam Deflector (T.O.F.)

In many nuclear physics experiments particle velocity measurement by the time of flight method is desirable but the normal time spacing ($t = 5 \times 10^{-9}$ second) of the fine structure bunches in the P.L.A. beam is too short. A r.f. electric field deflection system has been provided between the injector and the buncher to produce longer time intervals between bunches by deflecting the 500 keV proton beam across an aperture before injection into tank 1. The frequencies of the deflecting voltages available are sub-harmonics of 202.5 Mc/s and their phases are locked to that of the r.f. power in tank 1 so that the deflection process, in effect, allows only every n th bunch of the normal proton beam to be accelerated. The bunch separation time is thus increased to $n \times t$, where n can be 3, 6, 9, 18 or 36.

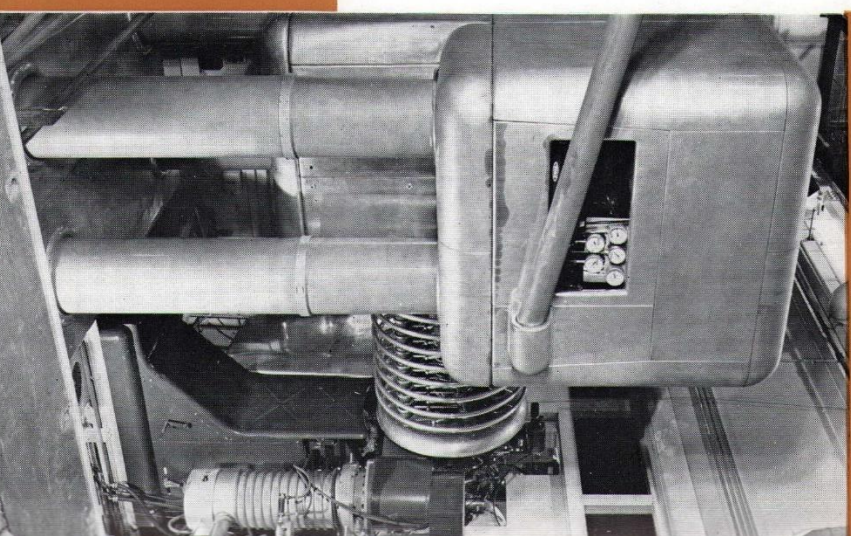
Polarized Proton Source

Since nuclear forces are known to be spin dependent, the production of a comparatively intense, strongly polarized, proton beam by the P.L.A. is a very useful facility. A special source provides the polarized proton beam for injection into the machine. The direction of polarization is controllable and is maintained throughout the acceleration. The P.P.S. uses the strong, non-uniform, field of a sextupole magnet to separate positive and negative magnetic moment atoms of hydrogen produced in a r.f. discharge dissociator. The negative magnetic moment atomic beam is ionized by electron bombardment in a weak magnetic field, where the protons in the atoms are theoretically 50% polarized. The resulting free protons, which retain their polarization, are extracted by an electric field and pass down the d.c. accelerating column in the normal way. Intensities in excess of 10^7 protons per second have been obtained at the experiment with 40% polarization.

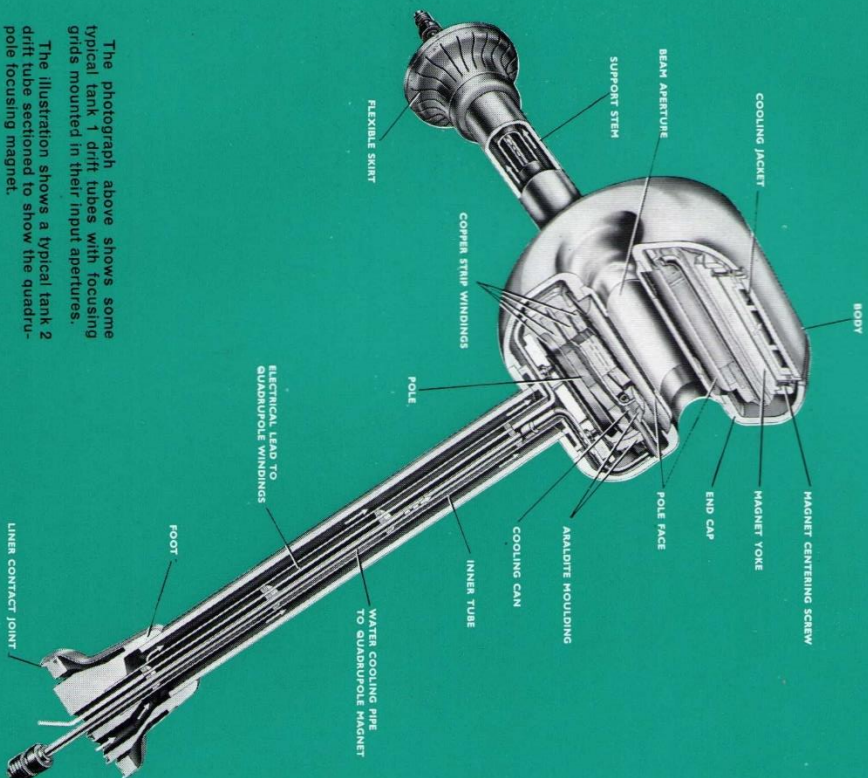
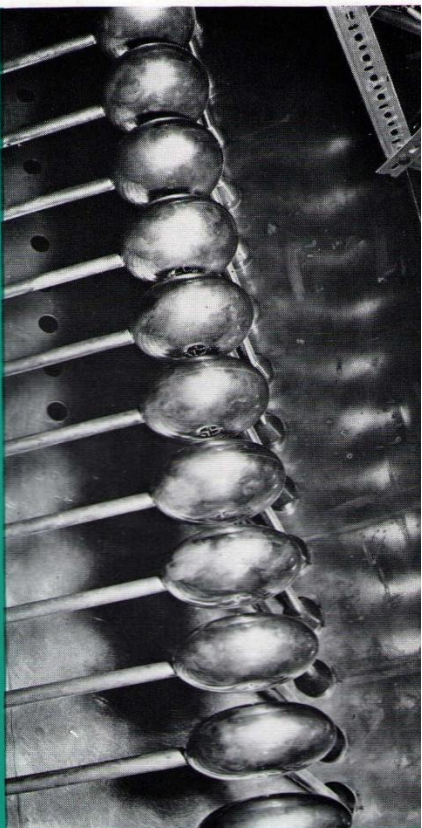
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| 1 Top of sextupole magnet | 7 Helmholtz coil |
| 2 Magnet windings | 8 Glass collimator nozzle |
| 3 Diffusion pump | 9 Booster pump |
| 4 Araldite vacuum casing | 10 Web plates |
| 5 Magnet pole piece | 11 Atomic hydrogen beam |
| 6 Polarized proton beam | 12 Electron bombardment ionizer |



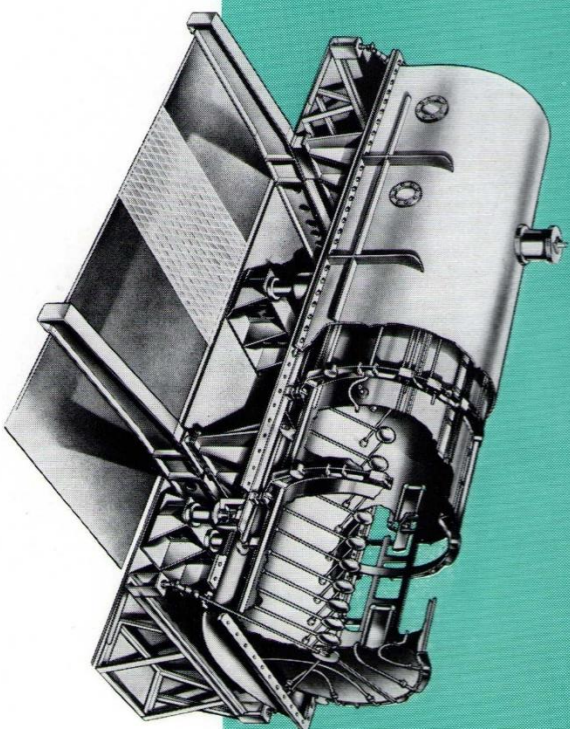
Deflector electrode assembly between injector and buncher



General view of polarized proton source assembly



The photograph above shows some typical tank 1 drift tubes with focusing grids mounted in their input apertures. The illustration shows a typical tank 2 drift tube sectioned to show the quadrupole focusing magnet.



Tank One

The three main sections of the P.L.A. are very similar in design. Thus, tank 1 has a steel vacuum vessel (the top of which may be removed) containing a 4 ft 6 in diameter cylindrical copper resonator (also with a removable lid) which is independently supported from the foundations by pillars passing through holes in the vacuum envelope (metallic bellows complete the vacuum seal). Forty-one drift tubes, mounted on twin radial stems, are spaced along the axis of the resonator. Both resonator and drift tubes are water cooled, the temperature being stabilized at 38° C (100° F). The very high Q (~80,000) resonator is maintained on tune by automatic control of tuner plates.

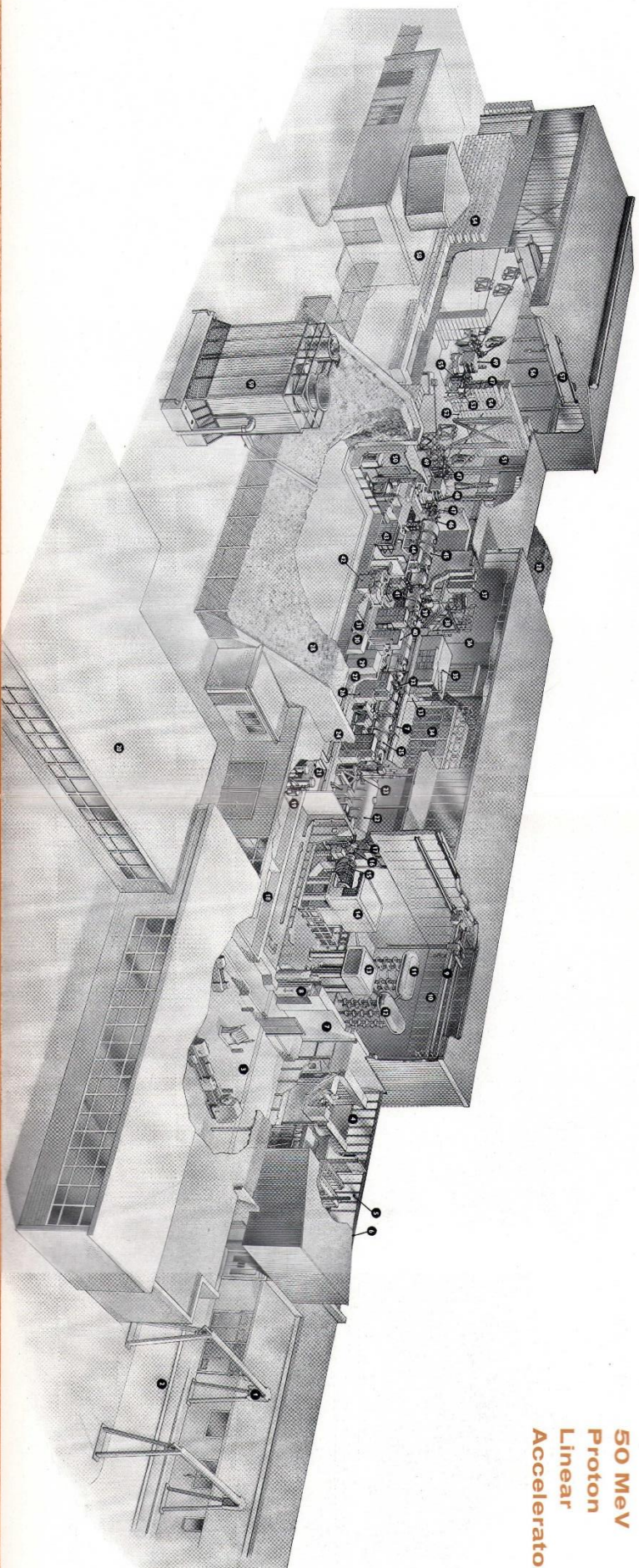
(NOTE. Alternate drift tubes are omitted in the illustration above).

Drift Tubes

Proceeding along the machine each drift tube (D.T.) is made slightly longer than, and is spaced a little further away from, the previous one so that the accelerating electric fields in the gaps between the D.T.'s are synchronized with the increasing velocity of the protons.

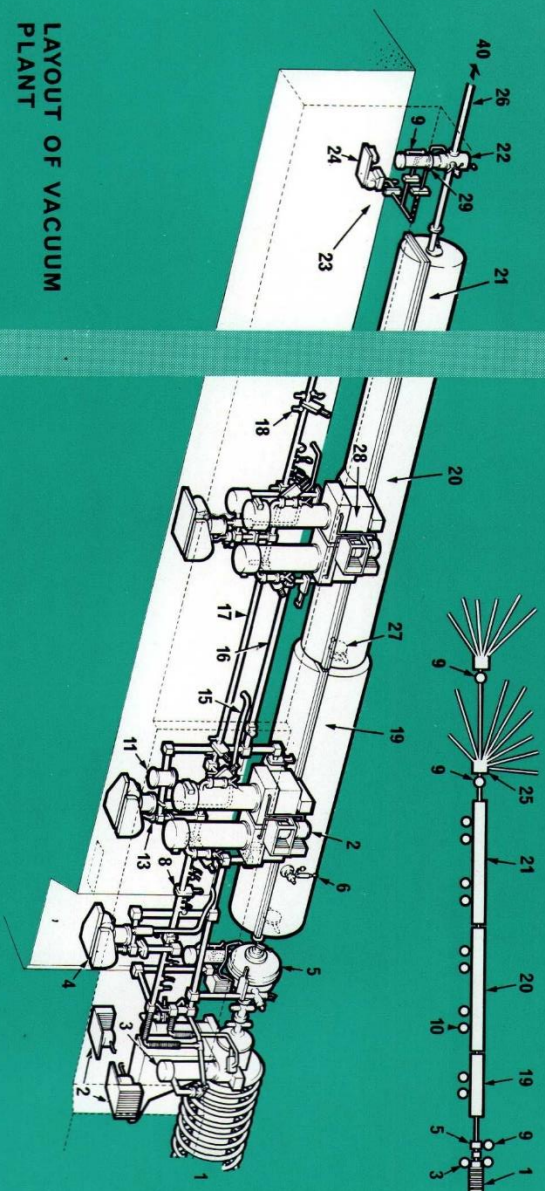
Tank 1 D.T.'s are fitted with grids, which produce a weak focusing effect, while in tanks 2 and 3 the D.T.'s contain quadrupole electromagnets, which produce a strong focusing effect (by the principle of alternating gradient focusing). D.T. alignment, which is particularly important in tanks 2 and 3, is carried out optically.

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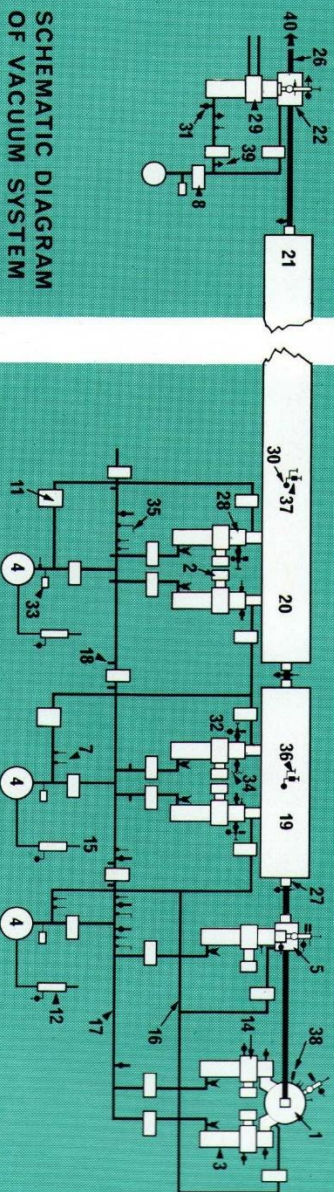


- 1 Unloading gantry
- 2 Railway
- 3 Workshop
- 4 Control room
- 5 Counting room No. 1
- 6 Counting room No. 2
- 7 Concrete shielding wall
- 8 Concrete doors
- 9 11-ton crane
- 10 Injector room
- 11 Cockcroft-Walton high voltage generator
- 12 Filter stack
- 13 Ion source power supply platform
- 14 Polarized proton source bun
- 15 Injector column
- 16 Beam deflecting electrodes (T.O.F.)
- 17 Buncher
- 18 Laboratory workshop
- 19 Water softening plant room
- 20 Crew room
- 21 Modulator cabinets
- 22 Tank 1
- 23 Tank r. f. feed line
- 24 Valve A cable (Tank 1 main r. f. amplifier)
- 25 Tank 2
- 26 Valve C cable (Tank 2 main r. f. amplifier)
- 27 R.F. drive
- 28 Earth bank shielding
- 29 Valve B cable (High power r. f. drive amplifier)
- 30 Foster regulator
- 31 R.F. power dividing network
- 32 R.F. power combining bridge
- 33 Valve E (Tank 3 main r. f. amplifier)
- 34 Power supplies for beam transport system
- 35 Tank 3 r. f. amplifier cable for valves E and F
- 36 Auxiliary plant room
- 37 Bending magnet supply stabiliser
- 38 Valve F (Tank 3 main r. f. amplifier)
- 39 Generator supplying bending magnet
- 40 Local control racks
- 41 Vacuum pumping unit
- 42 Modulator cooling refrigerator
- 43 Pulse forming network
- 44 Valve D cable (Tank 2 main r. f. amplifier)
- 45 Tank 3
- 46 Beam monitor
- 47 Beam focusing quadrupoles
- 48 High speed shut-off valve and vacuum pump
- 49 Beam bending magnet
- 50 Modulator E.H.T. supply transformer
- 51 Experimental area No. 1
- 52 Beam transport pipes
- 53 Beam stop
- 54 Concrete block wall
- 55 Vacuum pumping unit
- 56 Experimental area No. 2
- 57 10-ton crane
- 58 Pump house
- 59 Cooling towers

LAYOUT OF VACUUM PLANT



SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF VACUUM SYSTEM



Vacuum System

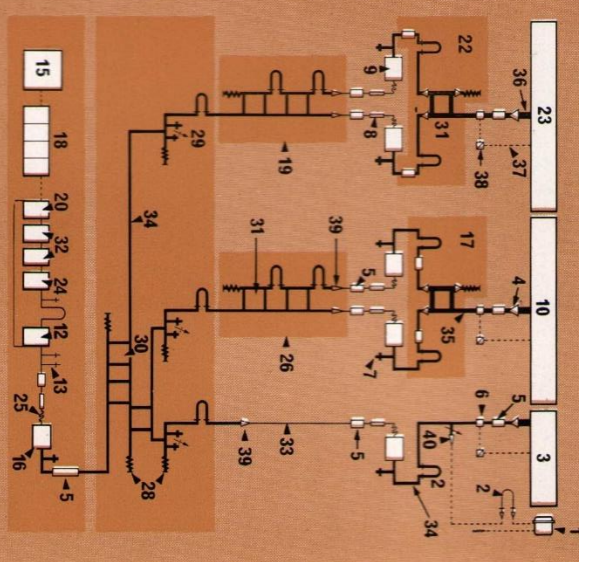
In order to avoid r.f. breakdown, beam scattering and beam energy loss it is necessary to provide a vacuum of about 5×10^{-6} torr in the main tanks and buncher. Oil diffusion pumps (fitted with refrigerated chevron baffles) are used throughout: two 20 in. pumps are provided on the 20 ft long tank 1 and four pumps on each of the 40 ft long tanks 2 and 3. The buncher has a 6 in. pump, while the injector has two 16 in. ones, which are required to handle the large throughput of

gas from the ion source. One mechanical backing (and roughing) pump is provided for each pair of diffusion pumps. The whole system is fully interlocked and automatic in operation.

Separate pumping equipment is provided for the beam pipes and a high-speed shut-off valve protects the main machine from the effects of any catastrophic vacuum failure in the beam pipe system.

- 1 INJECTOR
- 2 REFRIGERATOR
- 3 16" DIFFUSION PUMP
- 4 KINNEY PUMP
- 5 BUNCHER
- 6 IONISATION GAUGE
- 7 THERMOCOUPLE
- 8 SLUICE VALVE
- 9 6" DIFFUSION PUMP
- 10 20" DIFFUSION PUMP
- 11 CO₂ COLD TRAP
- 12 CONDENSATION TRAP
- 13 AIR INLET VALVE
- 14 REFRIGERATED CHEVRON BAFFLE
- 15 KINNEY EXHAUST
- 16 ROUGHING LINE
- 17 BACKING LINE
- 18 OIL TRAP
- 19 TANK 1
- 20 TANK 2
- 21 TANK 3
- 22 HIGH SPEED SHUT-OFF VALVE
- 23 BEAM PIPE PUMPING SYSTEM
- 24 BACKING PUMP
- 25 BEAM BENDING MAGNET
- 26 BEAM PIPE
- 27 INTER TANK SHUT-OFF VALVE (V₄)
- 28 GATE VALVE (V₃)
- 29 CHILLED WATER COOLED CHEVRON BAFFLE
- 30 LARGE MANUAL VALVE
- 31 1/2" VALVE
- 32 SMALL AIR INLET VALVE
- 33 SOLENOID OPERATED AIR INLET VALVE
- 34 FILTER
- 35 DISCHARGE TUBE
- 36 IONISATION GAUGE (UNTRAPPED)
- 37 IONISATION GAUGE (TRAPPED)
- 38 PHILIPS IONISATION GAUGE
- 39 PIRANI GAUGE HEAD
- 40 TO EXPERIMENTAL AREAS

- 1 BUNCHER
- 2 PHASE SHIFTER
- 3 TANK 1
- 4 VACUUM WINDOW
- 5 REFLECTOMETER
- 6 PHASE REFERENCE POINT
- 7 VALVE TUNING STUB
- 8 TRANSFORMER SECTION
- 9 GROUNDED GRID TRIODE VALVE
- 10 TANK 2
- 11 PULSED STAGES LOW POWER DRIVE
- 12 BR 1106
- 13 MATCHING STUB
- 14 DRIVE MODULATOR
- 15 2.5 MC/S CRYSTAL OSCILLATOR (IN OVEN)
- 16 HIGH POWER DRIVE
- 17 TANK 2 PARALLELING SYSTEM
- 18 FOUR FREQUENCY TRIPLING STAGES TO 202.5 MC/S
- 19 DRIVE POWER SPLITTING SYSTEM FOR TANK 3 G.G.T. VALVES
- 20 CV 2666 STAGE
- 21 SUPPORT STUB
- 22 TANK 3 PARALLELING SYSTEM
- 23 TANK 3
- 24 ACT 27 STAGE
- 25 FLEXIBLE SECTION
- 26 DRIVE POWER SPLITTING SYSTEM FOR TANK 2 G.G.T. VALVES
- 27 TANK 2 100 KW MODULATOR LOADS
- 28 VARIABLE ATTENUATOR
- 29 POWER DIVIDING BRIDGE: RATIO 1/1
- 30 BRIDGE: RATIO 1/1
- 31 ACT 25 STAGE
- 32 1 1/2" CO-AXIAL LINE (50 OHM)
- 33 3" CO-AXIAL LINE (50 OHM)
- 34 4 1/2" CO-AXIAL LINE (50 OHM)
- 35 6" CO-AXIAL LINE (50 OHM)
- 36 CABLE
- 37 PHASE COMPARISON BRIDGE
- 38 TAPERED SECTION OF CO-AXIAL LINE
- 39 VARIABLE COUPLING PICK UP POINT
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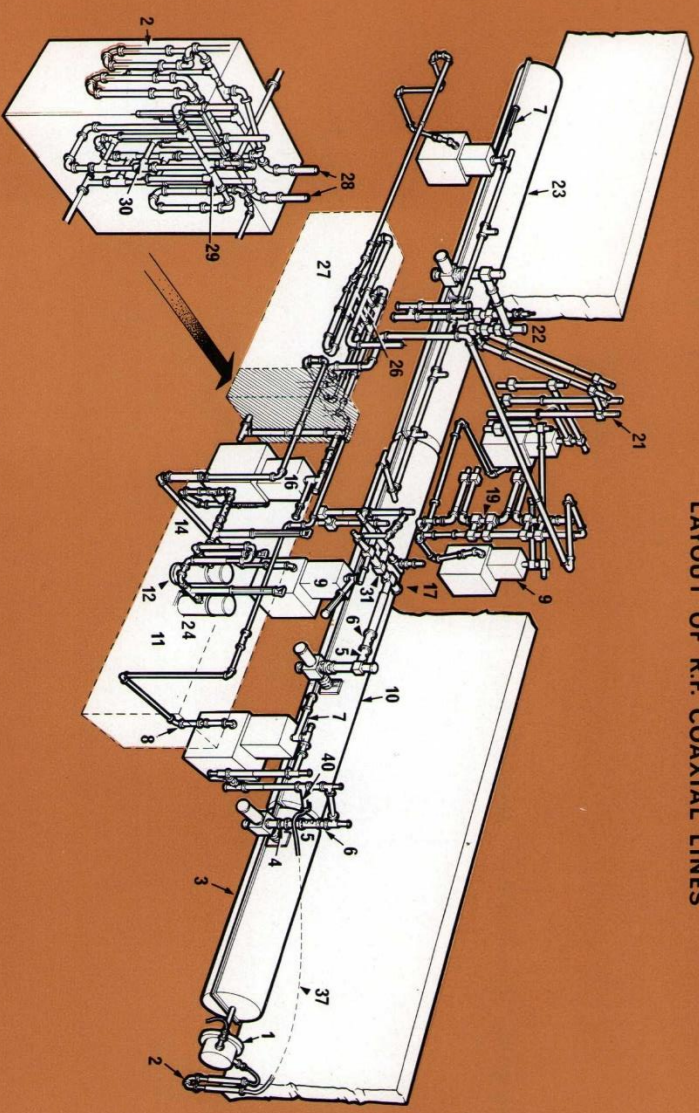


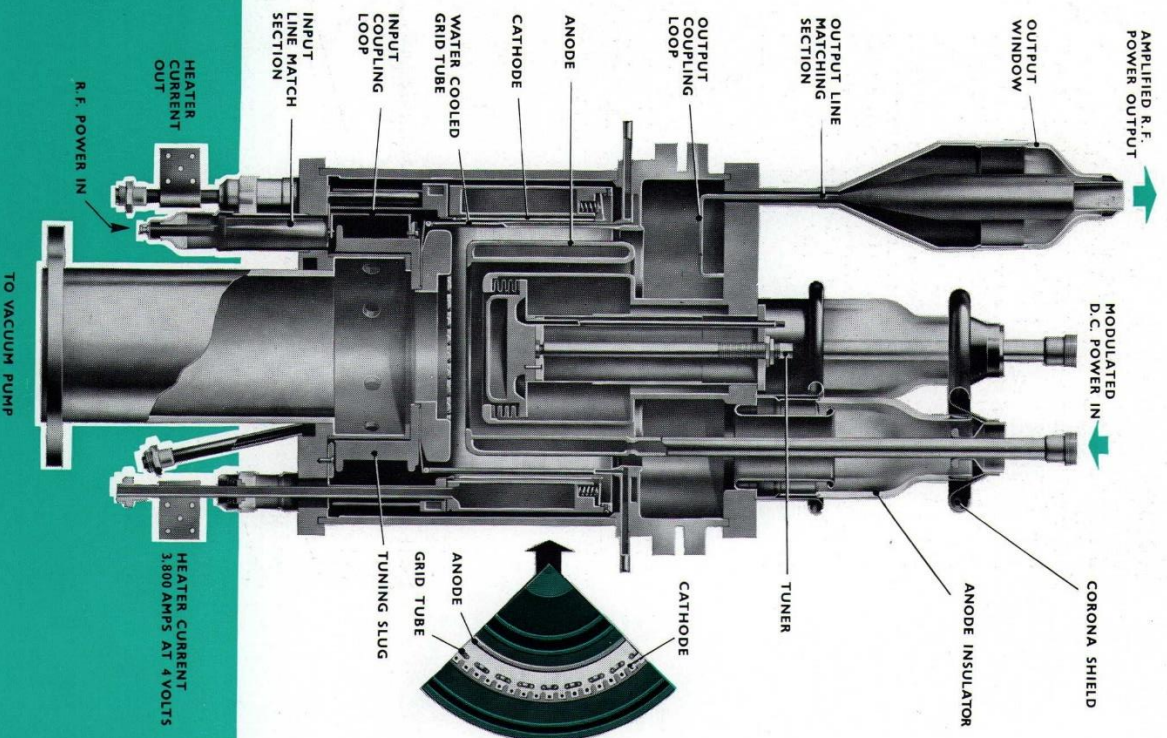
R.F. System

A very high-power pulsed r.f. signal (400 μ s pulses, 50 pulses/second) must be fed into each of the main resonators. The total power of 3.2 MW is generated in five demountable grounded grid triode (G.G.T.) valves. One valve feeds tank 1, while two in parallel are required to feed each of tanks 2 and 3. All are driven by a common drive chain, starting from a 2.5 Mc/s crystal-controlled oscillator, the output of which is multiplied in frequency to 202.5 Mc/s and amplified in power level to 65 kW (under pulsed conditions at the higher power levels). Finally, one more G.G.T. valve raises the peak power level to 600 kW. The drive power is distributed to the final amplifiers by a complex network of 50 ohm coaxial lines. The outputs of the parallel valves on tanks 2 and 3 are similarly combined in coaxial line bridge circuits. Each tank is fed through a coaxial line vacuum window to a coupling loop in the resonator.

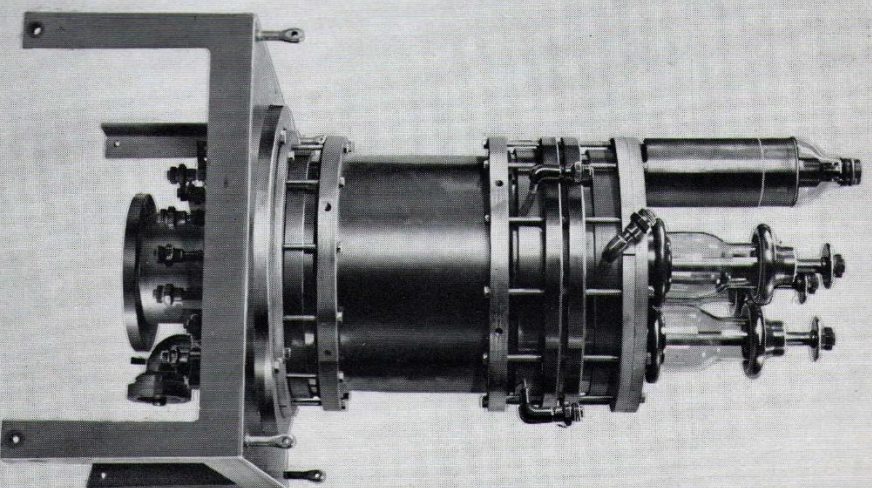
SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF R.F. SYSTEM

LAYOUT OF R.F. COAXIAL LINES

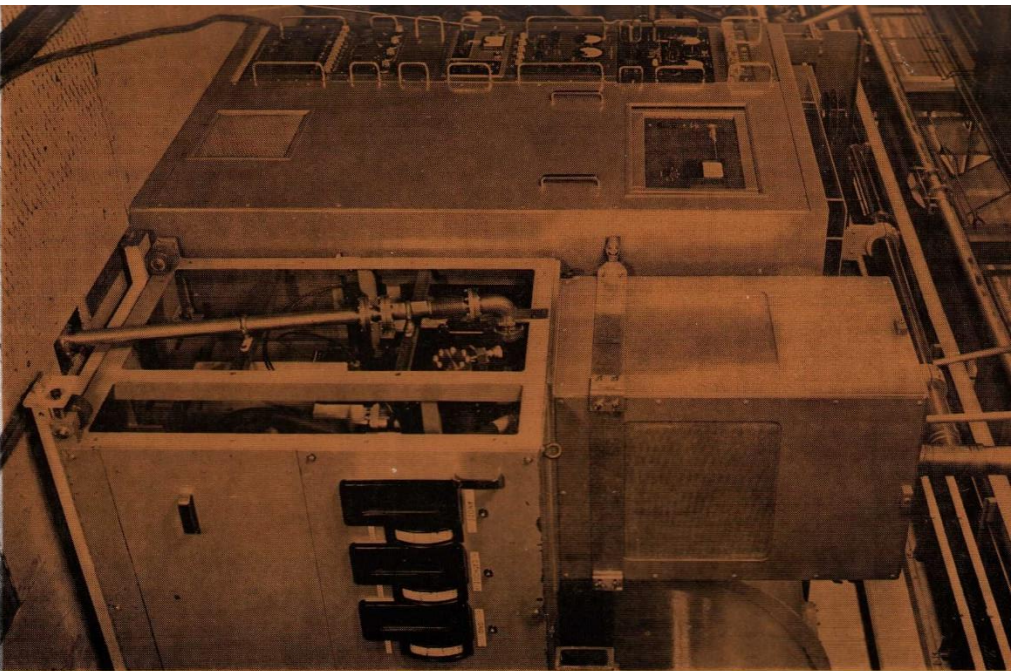




Grounded Grid Triode Valve



When the P.L.A. was designed, no valves were available commercially to work at a frequency of 200 Mc/s and give up to 1 MW (peak) pulsed r.f. power with a 2% duty cycle. Consequently, the demountable, grounded grid triode valve shown above was specially developed for this application. The design is unconventional, with a central anode and an external cylindrical cathode formed by sixty-four directly heated, carburized thoriated tungsten rods. The high operating frequency necessitates using input and output circuits in the form of 'built-in' folded coaxial resonant lines. The valve is evacuated continuously by a getter-ion pump and is water cooled.

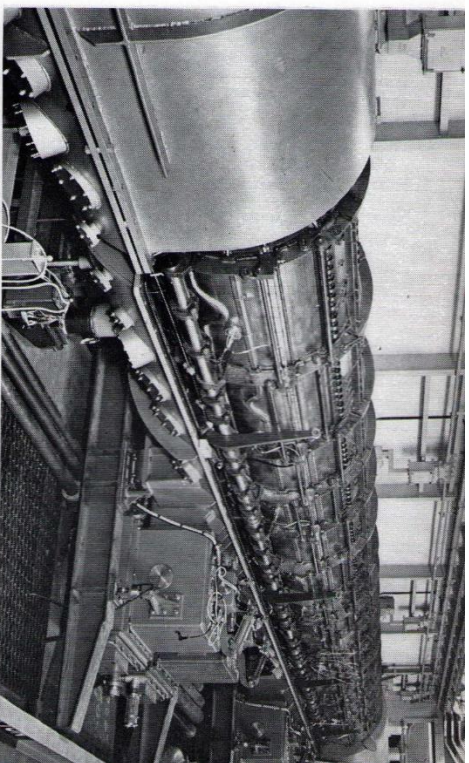


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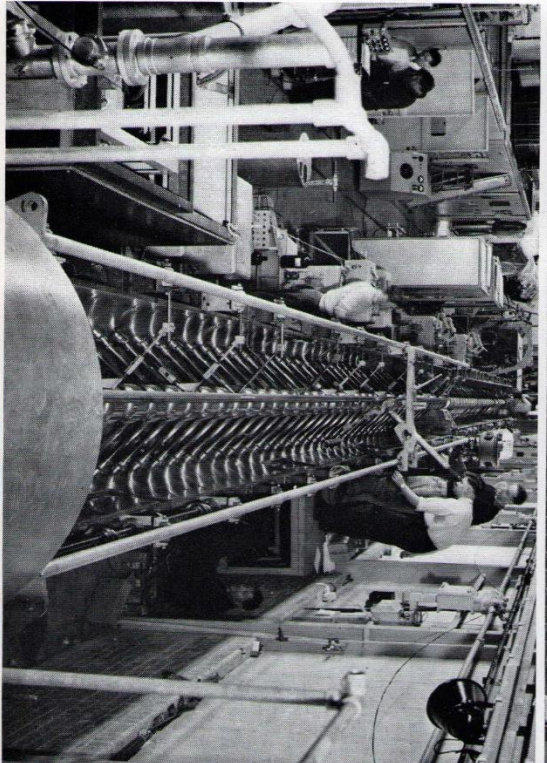
Typical Operating Conditions

Frequency ..	202.5 Mc/s
Pulse length ..	400 μ s
Pulse repetition frequency ..	50 p/s
Heater power ..	15 kW
Anode volts (pulsed) ..	30 kV
Anode current (pulsed) ..	66 A
R.F. drive power (pulsed) ..	80 kW
R.F. output power (pulsed) ..	800 kW
Anode impedance ..	458 ohm
Gain ..	10
Efficiency ..	40%
Running pressure (at 800 kW output) ..	less than 10^{-6} torr

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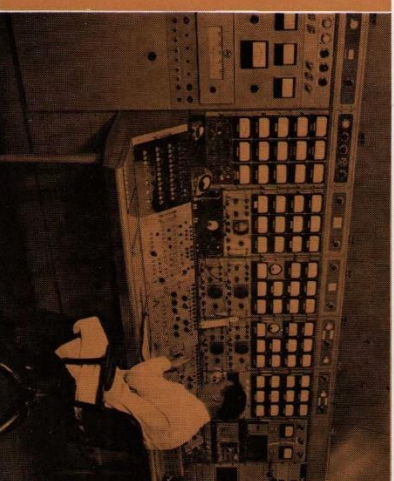
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1 A typical G.G.T. valve installation near tank 2; the replaceable trolley containing the valve can be seen in the foreground with the control cubicle beyond.

2 Tank 2 resonator *in situ* with the vacuum envelope lid removed.

3 The optical alignment of tank 2 drift tubes using an axial telescope and a travelling microscope.

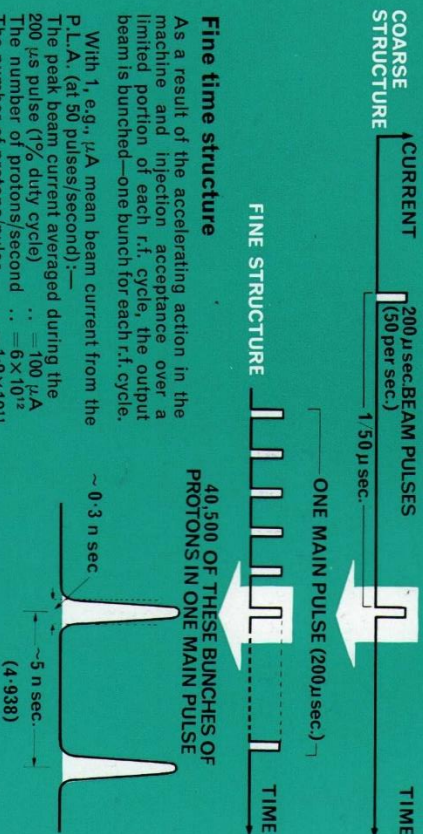
4 A general view of the control room with the main control desk.



Output Beam

Coarse time structure

The P.L.A. operates in pulses:
The beam pulse length is variable up to a maximum of 200 μ s.
The maximum pulse repetition rate of 50 per second can be divided by 2, 4, 8 or 16.
The maximum duty cycle is therefore 1%.



Fine time structure

As a result of the accelerating action in the machine and injection acceptance over a limited portion of each r.f. cycle, the output beam is bunched—one bunch for each r.f. cycle.

With 1, e.g., μ A mean beam current from the P.L.A. (at 50 pulses/second):—
The peak beam current averaged during the 200 μ s pulse (1% duty cycle) $\dots = 100 \mu$ A
The number of protons/second $\dots = 6 \times 10^{12}$
The number of protons/pulse $\dots = 1.2 \times 10^{11}$
The number of protons/bunch $\dots = 3 \times 10^9$
(NOTE: Since there is an energy spread in the output beam the bunch width may change by the time the beam has travelled down the beam pipe to an experiment. The time width of the bunches may be reduced when the beam deflector for time of flight (T.O.F.) measurements is in use but only single pre-selected bunches, separated in time by an integral number of r.f. cycles, will then be produced.)

Energy

Alternatives of 9.95, 29.9 or 44.9 MeV are available.
Stability: Better than $\pm 3\%$
Spectrum: Dependent on machine adjustment
Under good performance conditions the following half height spectrum widths can be obtained:—
30 keV at the nominal 10 MeV output energy
100 keV at the nominal 30 MeV output energy
150 keV at the nominal 50 MeV output energy

Current

With the normal (unpolarized) ion source the P.L.A. output current is continuously variable up to a maximum near 3 μ A mean.
With the polarized proton source intensities in excess of 10^8 protons per second are at present available (with 40% polarization).
(NOTE: Future improvements to tank 1 of the machine should increase all beam intensities by a factor of 10, while development of the polarized proton source should raise its output by another factor of 5 to 10, with double the present polarization.)

Emittance

The emittance has not been measured accurately but is of the order of 50 mm mrad.

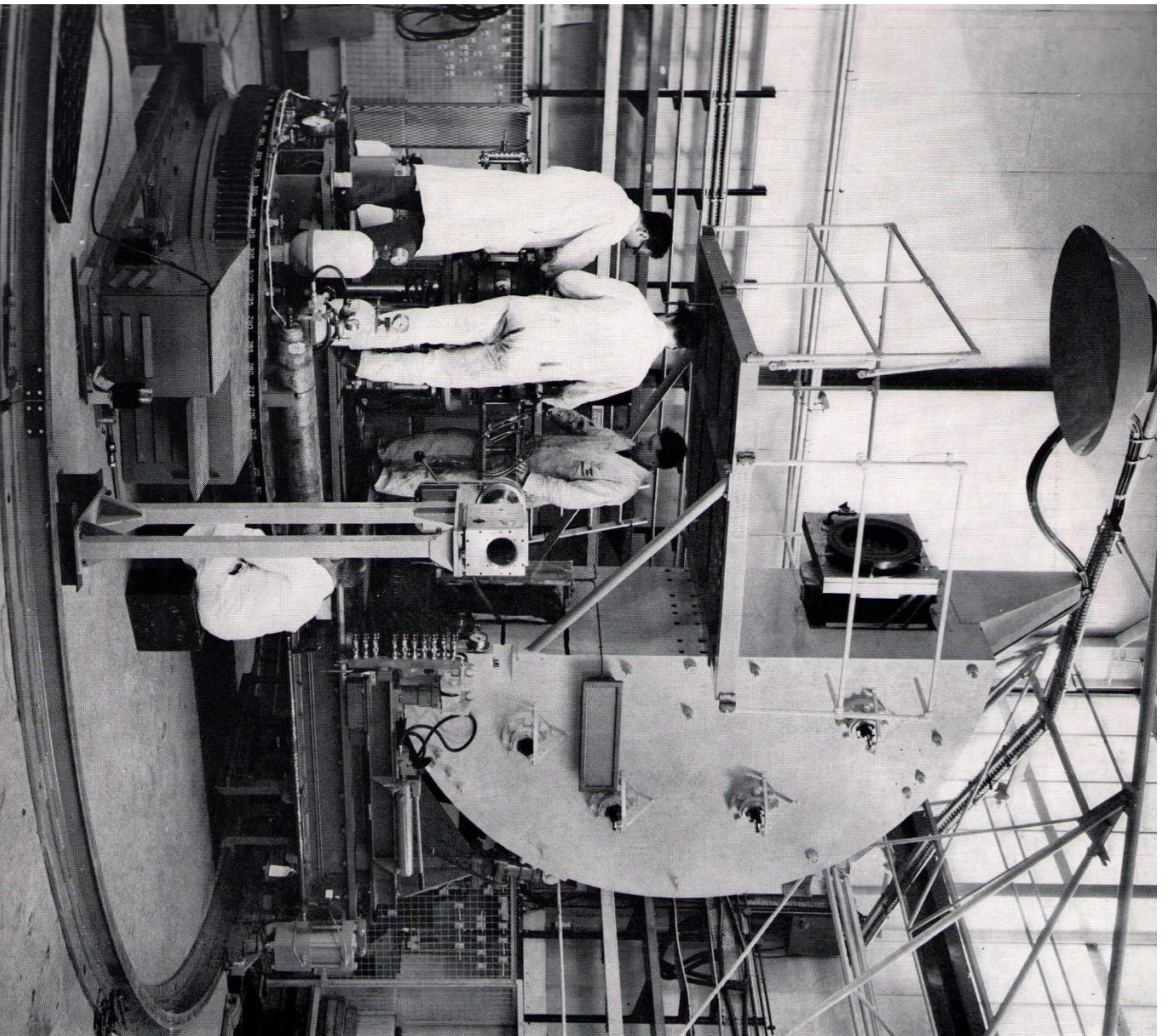
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Use in Research

The Nuclear Physics experiments can be divided into two broad classes. The first: scattering experiments in which a suitable target is bombarded by a beam of polarized or unpolarized protons. By measuring the numbers of particles scattered through various angles, information can be obtained about the force between the proton and the target nucleus. For example, by bombarding a liquid hydrogen target, data about the force between two protons can be obtained. The nature of this force is so complex that many different, high-precision, experiments are required. In one experiment the absolute scattering cross-section was measured with an error less than 1%. With an incident beam of polarized protons the asymmetries in the scattering were measured to elucidate the way in which the force depends on the spin of the proton. The accuracy was greatly improved due to the availability of the P.L.A. polarized proton source. Other experiments determine the 'rotation parameters' which describe how the spin direction is changed by scattering. The same measurements are also made with more complicated targets than the protons of liquid hydrogen, usually separated isotopes.

The second class of experiments is concerned with nuclear reactions. 50 MeV protons overcome the electrostatic repulsion from the charge of even the heaviest of nuclei and nuclear reactions can take place ranging in complexity from emission of a single neutron to almost complete disintegration. To understand what happens in such reactions, it is at present necessary to confine attention to the simpler cases and have instruments which identify the different emitted radiations (γ rays, neutrons, the hydrogen and helium isotopes) and measure their energies. Detectors currently in use include sodium iodide and plastic scintillation counters, solid state counters, sonic spark chambers, and a high-resolution double-focusing magnetic spectrometer. The customary pulse height analysis and coincidence techniques are much used. Time of flight methods, which take advantage of the very short duration of proton bursts, have been developed for measurement of neutron energy and for particle identification. In cases where more than one product from a single nuclear reaction is studied, data-handling equipments capable of analysis into several thousand channels are used. Nuclear chemistry has been useful too.

Details of all the experiments currently proceeding on the P.L.A., together with lists of reports and publications, can be found in the Annual Progress Reports of the P.L.A. group.



Users

Over fifty experimental nuclear physicists and chemists, grouped into nearly a score of separate teams, have already carried out experiments

employing the P.L.A.; the majority are from universities, but included are two resident R.H.E.L. teams and one from A.E.R.E. Overseas visitors have come from Canada, the U.S.A. and Poland to use the P.L.A. Many of the experiments are carried out as joint projects between the visiting and resident groups.

The following institutions have been the major users during the first 4 years of operation:—

A.E.R.E. (Nuclear Physics Division)
 Birmingham University (Physics Dept.)
 Kings College, London (Physics Dept.)
 Oxford University (Nuclear Physics and Chemistry Depts.)
 Queen Mary College, London (Physics Dept.)
 The Queen's University, Belfast (Physics Dept.)
 R.H.E.L.
 University College, London (Physics Dept.)
 Westfield College, London (Physics Dept.)

The double-focusing magnetic spectrometer during installation in the experimental area. The magnet will be used to measure the energies of charged particles emitted in nuclear reactions.



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