

41. (a) The charge q that flows past any cross section of the beam in time Δt is given by $q = i \Delta t$, and the number of electrons is $N = q/e = (i/e) \Delta t$. This is the number of electrons that are accelerated. Thus

$$N = \frac{(0.50 \text{ A})(0.10 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s})}{1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}} = 3.1 \times 10^{11} .$$

- (b) Over a long time t the total charge is $Q = nqt$, where n is the number of pulses per unit time and q is the charge in one pulse. The average current is given by $i_{\text{avg}} = Q/t = nq$. Now $q = i \Delta t = (0.50 \text{ A})(0.10 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}) = 5.0 \times 10^{-8} \text{ C}$, so

$$i_{\text{avg}} = (500/\text{s})(5.0 \times 10^{-8} \text{ C}) = 2.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ A} .$$

- (c) The accelerating potential difference is $V = K/e$, where K is the final kinetic energy of an electron. Since $K = 50 \text{ MeV}$, the accelerating potential is $V = 50 \text{ kV} = 5.0 \times 10^7 \text{ V}$. During a pulse the power output is

$$P = iV = (0.50 \text{ A})(5.0 \times 10^7 \text{ V}) = 2.5 \times 10^7 \text{ W} .$$

This is the peak power. The average power is

$$P_{\text{avg}} = i_{\text{avg}}V = (2.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ A})(5.0 \times 10^7 \text{ V}) = 1.3 \times 10^3 \text{ W} .$$