



#### Commissioning and Status Results of the preliminary commissioning from 1<sup>st</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2008.

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A complete commissioning was not possible, considering:

- the short remaining time before the winter shutdown,
- the lack of some essential equipments like the power phase shifter, the deflecting cavity...
- the non yet achieved C/C for some equipments from the control room,
- the still improving laser performances,

However a first run of CALIFES was strongly expected to:

- Validate the actual construction of the accelerator (mechanical alignments, laser line, RF power distribution, photo-injector...),
- Check the diagnostics availability,
- Establish a list of actions to be performed during the shutdown,
- Show a first beam before the end of 2008.

## LAL Photo-Injector







Dark Current with 68 MW at the RF ٠ compression cavity output

 $\rightarrow$  around 6.5 MW in the gun  $\rightarrow \sim 70$  MV/m on the photocathode

(notice: video gain is pushed at x 6.5, no filter)

The beam with laser pulse train of 100 ns length (150 bunches)

(video gain x 1 and optical filter inserted)



- Beam Charge Monitor signal : 2.2 V corresponding to 11 nC  $\rightarrow$  0.073 nC per bunch
- Dark current was measured around 0.1 nC during the whole RF pulse (1.5  $\mu$ s)
- QE has been evaluated to approx. 1% at the beginning of the photocathode live

# Signals from the 2 first cavity BPMs





# Nearly 100% transmission was obtained through the first section (bunching), But not yet further downstream.

### First attend to pass through the 2 accelerating sections

Sweep the general phase (LLRF) and compensate with the gun phase shifter to maintain constant the beam current at the gun output (laser trigger does not change).



#### Relative phases between sections fixed by waveguide length







It has worked without interruption for more than one month !

We decide to try to carry on with the dark current only.





Weak beam signal on the first BPM, however completely loss in the noise on the following BPMs attached to the sections.



#### Filter and amplify the sum signal







Monopole and dipole transmission and reflection measured by the network analyzer (Claire Simon)

#### Th. 11 Dec. : BPMs signals are operative with dark current





Dipole output pour I<sub>dipole</sub> = 28.4 A: 114 MeV

signal in the BPM after the dipole









Low magnification (X 0.36) Ceramic screen Video gain x 8



Beam diameter 1mm approx.







Dipôle current 28.4 A : 114 MeV

#### New phase scanning









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## How much phase extended is the dark current?



Fowler-Nordheim equation governs the field emission: E around 80 MV/m on the photocathode. But K?  $I = A E^2 \exp(-\frac{K}{E})$ 









#### Fitting the pulse to determine K





Gun filling time simulation,  $\tau$ = 0.73 µs (Raphael Roux)





Schotky diode characteristics,  $\tau_{\text{rise}}$  = 0.44  $\mu s,\,\tau_{\text{fall}}$  = 1.75  $\mu s$ 



"best" fit for K=109

FWHM < 35 deg (32.5 ps) for the dark current

To be compared to laser pulse 6 ps : (6.5 deg)

180 160 140 (n. 120 Integrated charge (a 09 08 001 07 09 BCM output pulse int. 40 20 40.5 41 41.5 42 42.5 43 Modulator HV (kV)

Other possible fit with the total charge as function of modulator HV







- We have reached our main objectives by the end of 2008
  - See the beam at the output of CALIFES line
  - Check the correct working of installed elements
  - Produce a list of actions to be conducted during shutdown
    - Regarding RF, Power, Laser, Diagnostics, C/C, Survey... (discussed during TIC meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> jan. 09
- An original (?) method of commissioning has been used.
- We will now resume the commissioning with the laser on the 23<sup>rd</sup> march for 3 weeks, and then the complete commissioning with the power phase shifter installed on the 25<sup>th</sup> of may.

# All that work has only been possible thanks to the continuous support and excellent collaboration with CERN teams.