LINAC proton activities at CERN

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Outline

Highlight of Linac 4 (2006-2020)

R&D on LINAC4 was applied in medical and societal projects

LIGHT: 750MHz RFQ for medical protons (2015-2017)

ELISA-MACHINA : 750 MHZ RFQ for societal use (2017-2022)

Name-to-be found : 750 MHZ RFQ for carbon ion (2020-under construction)





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Baseline beam parameters

LINAC4 – CDR -2006	LINAC4 – achieved (2016) and perfected 2016-2019	
H-	Stripping and more tested in Half Sector Test	
70mA peak at the source 65 ma peak at 3 MeV 40 mA after chopping	50mA peak (in twice the acceptance of the RFQ) 30 mA peak at 3 MeV (record) 20 mA after chopping	Peak current from the source Average beam current after chopping (LEBT and RFQ transmission and chopping factor)
160 MeV	160.48 MeV	All RF structures performing to specs
0.4 π mm mrad	0.3 π mm mrad (at 160MeV)	Smaller emittance, allows for more turns injected
400 µsec 1Hz (4 rings)	Up to 600 µsec 1Hz	Longer injection in the PSB (100-150turns)
Fast Chopping at 3 MeV	Demonstrated , including transmitted beam quality	Unprecedented flexibility: Beam from 1µsec to 150µse
Energy painting with the last accelerating modules	proof of principle of energy painting	Measured phase variation for 100 μs long pulse when a energy variation is programmed along the pulse –

Commissioning in stages of increased energy



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Temporary measurement benches

Low energy test bench at 3 and 12 MeV

Direct measurements:

Transverse emittance with slit-grid.

Energy – Energy spread with a spectrometer.

Taking data for preparing and gaining confidence in higher energies commissioning strategy.

High energy test bench at 50 and 107 MeV

Indirect measurements:

Transverse emittance with 3 profile monitors. Longitudinal emittance with bunch shape monitor. Energy with Time of Flight.

Permanent measurement line in the transfer line for 160 MeV 4 profile monitors, beam current transformer and BPMs.



This turned out to be a CRUCIAL STEP-see next slide

Extensive measurements at 45 keV

1- take measurements varying solenoidal field and generate in tracking code



2 – back-trace to source out

3 - Result : we have an empirical input beam distribution that very well represents the dynamics in the LEBT and the rest of the accelerator.



Transverse emittance at higher energies

Transverse emittances were indirectly measured with:

- the "Forward method"
- the "Hybrid Tomographic method"

Both based on: The 3 profiles method – Including the space charge forces with multi-particle simulation codes.



Innovations in LINAC4



3 MeV/ 352 MHz/ 3 m long RFQ Commissioned with beam 2013



Fast chopper, validated 2013 Risetime<10nsec/ extinguish factor 100%



PMQ for tank2 , 60 mm in diameter and 80 mm in length Produced in European industry for the first time

Drift Tube Linac : 3-50 MeV (3-12-30-50 MeV, commissioned in 2 stages Aug 14 and Nov 15)



RF phase (deg)

Cell Coupled Drift Tube LINAC : 50-100MeV (commissioned June 16)



- 7 modules of 3 accelerating cavities (3 gaps each) and 2 coupling cells,
- quadrupoles outside of RF structure,
- first-ever CCDTL in a working machine!



Average energy vs cavity phase for CCDTL module 3 measured June 2016 with Time-of-Flight

Pi-mode structure : 100-160 MeV (commissioned Oct 16)



Beam transverse footprint – stripped – 160 MeV at BTV1077, Mar 2017

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Reliability run

From 2016 it was all about intensity and reliability : 160 MeV on the dump

Criterium for LINAC4 availability: Current in BCT before the dump



- Insure a smooth transition from commissioning to operation: train operators, necessary software development, learn to deal with the increased flexibility.
- 2. <u>Find any weak points and mend them in time</u> for the connection
- 3. <u>Achieve a *beam-availability* for the PSB as high</u> <u>as possible</u> and possibly above 90% : importance of the fault tracking system

LINAC4 run 24/7 in parallel to normal operation on **best-effort basis** with:

- Operators deal with issues where possible
- Expert availability and interventions only during working hours
- Faults are fully tracked (Accelerator Fault Tracker AFT)
- Stop AFT Clock during off-hours when fault needs expert intervention & during MDs

Thorough logbook verification w/ Timber/LASER information

First availability run

Period: 13/07/2017 – 15/05/2018 Last update: 05/06/2018

Availability	Fault Count	Operation	Suspended OP	Effective Operation	Fault Mean Time to Repair
91.5%	449	23 weeks	~ 8 weeks	~15 weeks	~29 min



Effective operation Linac4 Fault time — Availability

Week 47: Anode module change 2x, Pre-Chopper connector to feedthrough to vacuum

2019 : Beam to the LBE !



LINAC4: measured beam characteristics

Parameter	Measurement
Peak intensity at 160 MeV	25 mA
Emittance rms normalized	0.3 π mm mrad
Max usable pulse length	600 μs
Stability shot-to-shot	2%
Pulse flatness	2% for 160µs pulse
	5% fpr 600µs pulse
Beam position jitter along the pulse at the linac dump	+/- 1mm
Fast Chopping at 3 MeV	Rise time < 10ns
	Extinction factor close to 100%
	onprecedented nexibility: beam 1-
	600 μs

AVALIABILTY 2021 : 99%

Operation and beam commissioning of LIGHT proton accelerator

Wednesday Veliko Dimov

09:45 - 10:10

LIGHT pre-injector

2015-16

2017

<u> 2017 - present</u>

Bodrum / Türkiye

	• S. Myers : head of office for medical applications	
	 Study efficient accelerator in the energy range few keV to 5 MeV for a 	
2014	LINAC-based hadron-therapy facility (3GHz)	

- 2015 Construction and assembly at CERN
- 2016 installation at SA2 includes a commercial proton source
 - First beam in February
 - Validation of the beam dynamics
 - CERN was granted a patent

 Used by ADAM/AVO at CERN as a pre-injector for a hadron based facility (tests up to 70MeV)

2015 - CONSTRUCTION

Source and RFQ parameters	
RF Frequency	750 MHz
Input	40 keV
Output Energy	5 MeV
Length	2m
Vane voltage	65kV
Peak RF power	400kW
Duty cycle / max	0.4% /(5%max)
Input/Output Pulse Current in 3GHz acceptance	100/30 μA
Transv. emittance 90%	0.1 pi mm mrad
Average aperture (r0)	2mm
Maximum modulation	3



March 15 - Machining (±10 µm)



June 15 - First brazing



May 15- Assembling (±15 μm)



October 15 – Second brazing



2016 : assembly, tuning and high power RF



RF measurements

Ready for beam tests

2017 : proton beam at SA2



LOW ENERGY PRE-INJECTOR for ADAM/AVO test facility at SA2

Diagnostic Be.

MEBT

REQ

Radically new design from the beam dynamics point of view-validated by beam measurements. It build on the experience of the LINAC4 RFQ for RF design and mechanical design.

Built in the CERN workshop : less than 2 years from start of construction to installation, this included RF tuning.

A copy is built in industry.

Foundation for 4 other RFQs

Ireland



Copy for medical facility: Built in Italian industry, First beam July21



<u>Redesigned for Carbon6+</u>: Built (1 out of 4 modules) in Spanish industry collaboration agreement with CIEMAT, due in 2022 Test at CERN ideally in SA2







Redesigned for portability :

ELISA (2022 science gateway)

Groatia MACHINA (in Florence)



Austria



MACHINA



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Light from the Bragg peak at 2 MeV.

Source and RFQ parameters		
RF Frequency	750 MHz	
Input	20 keV	
Output Energy	2 MeV	
Length	1m	
Vane voltage	35kV	
Peak RF power	100kW	
Duty cycle / max	0.4% /(5%max)	
Input/Output Pulse Current in 3GHz acceptance	100/30 μA	
Transv. emittance 90%	0.1 pi mm mrad	
Average aperture (r0)	1.4 mm	
Maximum modulation	2.8	

ELISA

Experimental Linac for Surface Analysis

A miniature proton accelerator for Science Gateway



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NEXT challenge : accelerate Carbon in a LINAC

I- Source of fully stripped carbon ion with sufficient quality for use in a medical facility



3- LINAC with a "hospital-friendly" footprint , adaptable to existing buildings^E and allowing intermediate station for e.g. Radioisotope production

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2- An efficient and easy to use pre-injector

Bent linac



Sources

LINAC is designed for q/m = 1/2

- Helium and fully stripped carbon ions
- Works for protons by reducing Magnetic and Electric field to ¹/₂

Ultimate source is a EBIS (tests ongoing at MedEGUN) delivering Carbon ions – not yet up to specs

A Helium source allows to validate all the aspects of the pre-injector (mechanics, RF and beam dynamics) without compromise : Helium source (destined to Sarajevo University) shall be ordered within 2022 , ready to use end 2023

A proton source allows to validate beam dynamics but not RF (voltage holding capabilities, stability at high field etc) : proton source ELISA-like with the extraction designed in ABP is ordered with the aim of extracting protons as early as June 2023

Collaboration CERN-CIEMAT-CDTI-Spanish Industry – RadioFrequencyQuadrupole

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Somehow during 2023 we will have

A proton source designed to inject DIRECTLY into the RFQ – very little room for regulation

A helium source + a Low Energy Beam Transport designed to match a helium beam to the RFQ acceptance

A 750 MHz RFQ designed to accelerate from 15keV/ to 2.5 MeV/u particles with q/m =1/2

Plans 2023 and beyond

2022 : beam at 2 MeV from ELISA RFQ

2023 : spare of the LINAC4 RFQ ready

Characterize the proton and helium sources for use with the Carbon RFQ (2023)

Accelerate the beam through the Carbon RFQ (2023-2024)

Validate (hopefully) the 750 MHz RFQ design and proceed to the construction of the second RFQ to bring the beam to 5MeV/u

Test direct injection from the source into an RFQ (and feed back to LINAC4?)

Milestones in the development of RFQ at CERN.

1990 RFQ2 200 MHz 0.5 MeV /m Power/m 244kW/m P/MeV 670kW/MeV Weight :1200kg/m Ext. diametre : ~45 cm 200mA proton

2007 LINAC4 RFQ 352 MHz 1MeV/m Power/m 133 kW/m P/MeV 135kW/MeV Weight : 400kg/m Ext. diametre : 29 cm 40 mA H- 2014 HF RFQ 750MHz 2.5MeV/m Power/m 200kW/m P/MeV 80 kW/MeV Weight : 100 kg/m Ext. diametre : 13 cm 0.1 mA proton 2019 MACHINA / ELISA 750MHz 2.0MeV/m Power/ m 80kW/m P/MeV 40kW/MeV Weight : 100 kg/m Ext. diametre : 13 cm 0.1 mA proton Portable

2020

Name_to_be_found 750MHz 1.0MeV/m (q/m=1/2) Power/ m 100kW/m P/MeV 80 kW/MeV Weight : 100 kg/m Ext. diametre : 13 cm 0.1 mA carbon ions









