

Beam Diagnostics at CERN's Linac-4

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The LHC and its injectors



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Why an injector upgrade?

Performance limitations: The nominal luminosity can be reached with the current injector chain but the ultimate luminosity needs higher brightness, which cannot be achieved with the current chain.

Reliability: Linac-2, Booster and PS are old machines which had problems in the past. Vacuum leaks, radiation damage on the PS magnets etc.

Nominal	1 x 10 ³⁴ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹	1.15 x 10 ¹¹ ppb
Ultimate	2.5 x 10 ³⁴ cm- ² s ⁻¹	1.7 x 10 ¹¹ ppb





A new injector chain for the LHC



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First phase of injector upgrade: Linac-4





Current State



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352.2 MHz

Linac-4 parameters

Ion Species	H-	
Output Energy	160	MeV
Bunch Frequency	352.2	MHz
Max. Repetition Rate	2	Hz
Max. Pulse length	1.2	ms
Max. Beam Duty Cycle	0.24	%
Beam Chopping Factor	62	%
Chopping scheme	222 tran	smitted, 133 empty buckets
Source current	80	mA
RFQ output current	70	mA
No. of particle per pulse	1014	
Transverse emittance	0.4	π mm mrad





Linac-4 Layout



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Parameters to be measured

- Intensity at different energies (connected to interlock system)
- Beam trajectory and energy (phase)
- Beam profile
- Energy spread, will be measured at low energy up to 3 MeV only
- Transverse emittance at 45 keV, 3 Mev, 12 MeV, 160 MeV
- Chopping efficiency
- Bunch shape
- Beam loss (connected to interlock system) max. beam loss: 1 W/m not more than 1 full beam pulse may be lost
- Diagnostics for charge exchange injection into the Booster





Source and LEBT



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Faraday Cup

- Source intensity measured by a retractable Faraday
 Cup
- Secondary electron emission will be suppressed by polarization voltage which also eliminates parasitic electrons created in the source (HV installation to be done)
- Pneumatic in/out mechanism on PLC like LEIR is available
- Oscilloscope will be used for signal observation
- For final operation a 1 MHz sampling ADC is foreseen







SEMGrids for Profile Meas.

- SEMGrid resolution: up to 0.5mm, up to 36 wires
- New analogue electronics for 36
 under design
- Needs time resolved measurements (200 kHz)
- New VME readout card has been developed (36 channels), series of 50 cards have been produced
- In/out mechanism by motor with PLC control

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Transverse Emittance Measurement



Slit and grid phase space scanner

L-shaped 0.1mm slit moves under 45 degrees

Slit and grids move independently Positioning precision: 50 µm Movement PLC controlled

Slit and grids mounted in 2 independent vacuum boxes which can be separated

Horizontal and vertical SEMGrid

- wire distance .75 mm
- 40 signal wires
- readout with home built 36 channel 250 kHz ADC
- time resolved profiles

Faraday Cup

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Emittance Evaluation







Pseudo Scubexx evaluation



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400

350

300

250

200

150

100

50

0 ·

-50

Signal [a.u.]



352.2 MHz

Source Test Stand – Measurements Examples

Profile Measurement with Slit and Faraday Cup

ES_2011_5_19_14_21_52_H_Profile_600-0-0000.csv ES_2011_5_19_14_49_50_H_Profile_600-0-1000.csv

ES_2011_5_19_15_46_16_H_Profile_600-0--1000.csv

20

30

40

10

Emittance-meter measurement after 1st solenoid



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-40

-30

-20

-10

0

Horizontal Position [mm]





RFQ + 3 MeV







3 MeV Measurement line for commissioning only



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Water cooled

surface.



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- Losses at 160 MeV must be minimized
- Chopper eliminates unstable beam and during rise of the Booster distributor
- Chopped beam is injected into the RF buckets of the Booster
- Correct functioning of the chopper must be monitored





Longitudinal Painting for maximum Brightness



Basic idea:

- Saw-tooth shape energy offset (w.r.t PSB synch energy) variations of Linac4 beam
- Switch beam on and off if it is inside bucket (with margin)
- Inject into waiting accelerating bucket !!
- Longitudinal painting is baseline to fully profit from the increased PSB injection energy

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Functioning of Halo Monitor



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Photo of Halo Monitor

Individual buckets will be chopped out

352 MHz <> 2.8 ns between buckets

Must be able to measure 1000 ions in the chopped beam in the vicinity of 5 10^8 ions

Beam traverses thin carbon foil and creates secondary Electrons which are accelerated towards a Phosphor screen

Monitor can be gated off during the intense beam and switched on within 500 ps







Bunch Shape Monitor

- Device built at INR Troitsk
- Will be assembled in October and tested on the 3 MeV measurement line





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Wire Scanners

Uses carbon wires Beam pulse restricted to 100 μs for heating reasons



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SEMGrid Wires and Wire Scanners

- Simulations of energy deposition done
- Simulation of signal levels to be expected
- New, time resolved electronics under preparation
- Fabrication of grids with carbon wires





40 mA, 400 $\mu s,\,\sigma_x\text{=}1mm,\,\sigma_y\text{=}2mm$





Current Transformers

Good magnetic shielding avoids interference from nearby pulsing quads

Shielding simulation and test measurements have Been done









Typical Transformer Signal



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Calibration signal before each beam pulse

Digitization of 400 µs pulse at 10 MHz

Acquisition of Booster distributor timings

Measures

- total intensity
- intensity per Booster ring

Background suppression by software





3 BPMs 1 BCT 1SEMGrid

Very little space, needed dedicated design for all devices

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Inter-tank regions





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Pick-Ups: What should be measured?

Absolute beam position with respect to an external reference.

Relative beam intensity measured by two consecutive pick-ups. Absolute beam intensity after calibration with BCT.

Absolute beam phase with respect to distributed RF reference.









List of instruments

Instrument	number	location	energy	details
Faraday Cup	2	LEBT	45 KeV	only scope
Emittance meter	1	LEBT, MEBT	45 KeV 3 MeV – 12 MeV	
BPMs	31	MEBT - Booster	3 MeV – 160 MeV L2-Booster transfer	Pos, intensity Phase
SEMGrids	18	LEBT – Booster	45 KeV – 160 MeV	
Transformers	16	LEBT - Booster	45 KeV – 160 MeV	
BSM	1	MEBT - PIMS	3 MeV – 160 MeV	Russian coll
Halo Monitor	1	MEBT	3 MeV	M. Hori (finished)





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Wire Scanners	6	MEBT, CCDTL, PIMS	3 MeV – 160 MeV	
BLMs	26	MEBT - Booster	3 MeV – 160 MeV	
TV screens	7	Booster inj	160 MeV	Emittance + inj.
Laser Wire tests	1	MEBT - Booster	3 MeV – 160 MeV	R&D for SPL