



Linac4

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Linac4 – historical background

1996: first proposal of a Superconducting Proton Linac (SPL) at CERN, using the LEP accelerating system (cavities + RF) for a high power linac, with injection into the PS at 2 GeV.

2000: SPL "Conceptual Design Study".

2001: idea to build in a first stage the **warm part of the SPL** (120 MeV) in the old PS South Hall and use it to inject H^- into the PSB, improving the **beam brightness** in the PS complex.

2003: energy up to **160 MeV**, called "**Linac4**" (4th linac to be built at CERN)

2004: start Linac4 **R&D**,

- started CARE Activity on high-intensity linacs (HIPPI), for (2004-08).
- Agreements with France (IPHI RFQ) and with ISTC (prototypes in Russia).

2006: first draft of "White Paper", including Linac4 construction in the frame of **LHC Upgrade** plans. Linac4 Technical Design Report issued December 2006.

2007: define a **new location** for Linac4, permitting extension to LP (Low-power)-SPL. Approval of White Paper by CERN Council (June).

2008: Official start of the project.

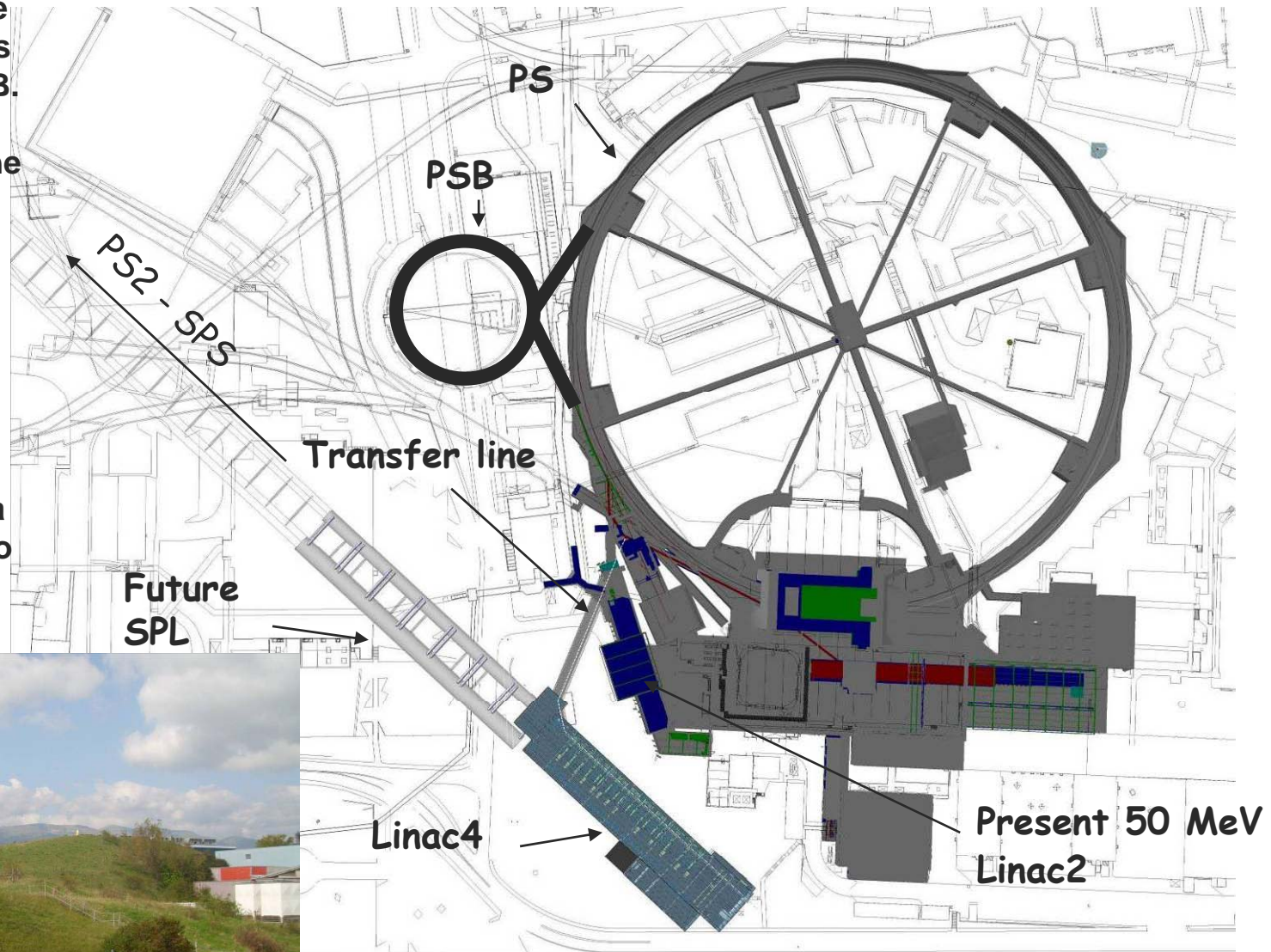


Linac4 on the CERN site

Linac4 will replace Linac2 (50 MeV) as injector to the PSB.

It will be built at the place of “Mount Citron”, made in the 50’s with the excavation materials of the PS.

Position and orientation allow a future extension to the SPL.





Linac4: 3 modes of operation

Linac4 is designed to operate in 3 different modes:

1. **Injector to PS Booster** (2013-2017?): 1.1 Hz, 40 mA, 400 μ s.
2. **Injector to Low Power-SPL** (2018- ?): 2 Hz, 20 mA, 1.2 ms
only minor upgrade (few power supplies)
3. **Injector to High Power-SPL** (>2020 ?): 50 Hz, 40 mA, 1.2 ms max.
important upgrade (RF modulators, power supplies, cooling, etc.)

Main **consequences** on the design:

1. Shielding dimensioned for the SPL high beam power operation (1 W/m beam loss).
2. Accelerating structures and klystrons dimensioned for high duty operation.
3. Power supplies, electronics and infrastructure (water, electricity) dimensioned only for low beam power operation (PSB, LP-SPL).
4. Space provided at the end of the linac for the connection to the SPL



Linac4 Parameters

Ion species	H ⁻	
Output Energy	160	MeV
Bunch Frequency	352.2	MHz
Max. Rep. Rate	2	Hz
Max. Beam Pulse Length	1.2	ms
Max. Beam Duty Cycle	0.24	%
Chopper Beam-on Factor	65	%
Chopping scheme:	222 transmitted / 133 empty buckets	
Source current	80	mA
RFQ output current	70	mA
Linac pulse current	40	mA
N. particles per pulse	1.0	$\times 10^{14}$
Transverse emittance	0.4	π mm mrad
Max. rep. rate for accelerating structures	50	Hz

H⁻ particles + higher injection energy (160/50 MeV, factor 2 in $\beta\gamma^2$) → same tune shift in PSB with twice the intensity.

Re-use 352 MHz LEP RF components: klystrons, waveguides, circulators.

Chopping at low energy to reduce beam loss at PSB.

➤ Structures and klystrons dimensioned for 50 Hz
➤ Power supplies and electronics dimensioned for 2 Hz, 1.2 ms pulse.



Linac4 for the PS Booster (PSB)

Bottleneck for higher brightness at PSB injection:
Incoherent **space charge** tune shift dominates
injection process.

Present scheme → LHC nominal beam in PS with 3x1x2 PSB bunches (3 rings x 1 bunch x 2 batches), at the limit of what can be achieved by the injectors ($1.2 \cdot 10^{11}$ ppb).

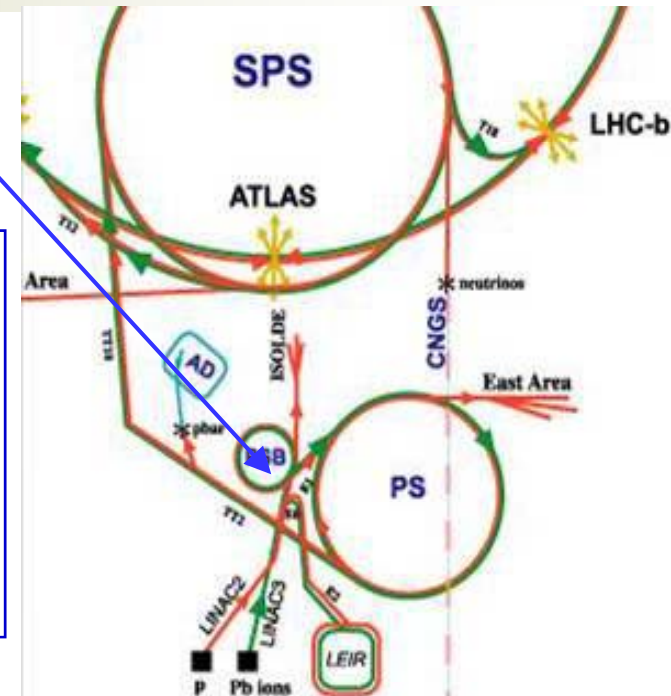
New scheme with Linac4 → increase bunch density in the PSB by a **factor 2**, in order to:

1. Make nominal LHC beam in single batch (simpler operation).
2. Gain a margin for reaching the ultimate LHC bunch population (50% higher) in single or double batch.

☞ Injection energy from 50 to **160 MeV** → Increase in $\beta\gamma^2$ by factor 2 → same tune shift at injection ($\Delta Q \propto I/\beta\gamma^2$) with twice the intensity.

☞ Additional advantages with Linac4:

1. Modern H^- charge exchange injection.
2. Chopper at low energy → remove linac bunches at the edges of PSB longitudinal acceptance → reduce loss and increase flexibility at capture in PSB.
3. More features to reduce beam loss (collimation, longitudinal painting).
4. Modern machine, less operational concerns (Linac2 vacuum, etc.)



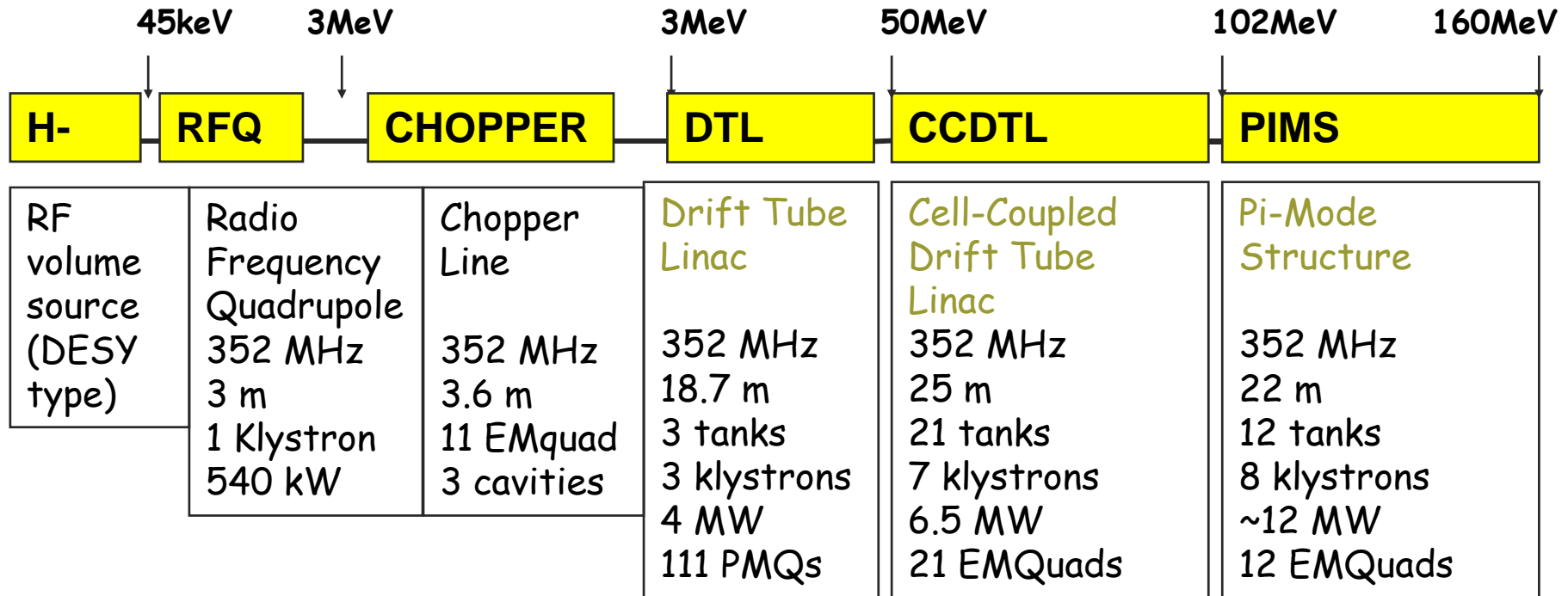


Linac4 challenges

1. First challenge of Linac4 is RELIABILITY: must operate ~6000 hours/year with a fault rate comparable to Linac2, ~1.5% of scheduled beam time.
2. Control of transverse and longitudinal EMITTANCE GROWTH is of paramount importance for clean PSB and SPL injection.
3. Careful LOSS CONTROL to prepare for the SPL mode of operation → uncontrolled beam loss <1 W/m in SPL mode → <0.1 W/m in PSB injection mode (at 160 MeV, $1.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$ /m loss rate).
4. Keep the COST of the machine within what is acceptable in the critical post-LHC period.



Linac4 Layout



**Total Linac4:
80 m, 18 klystrons**

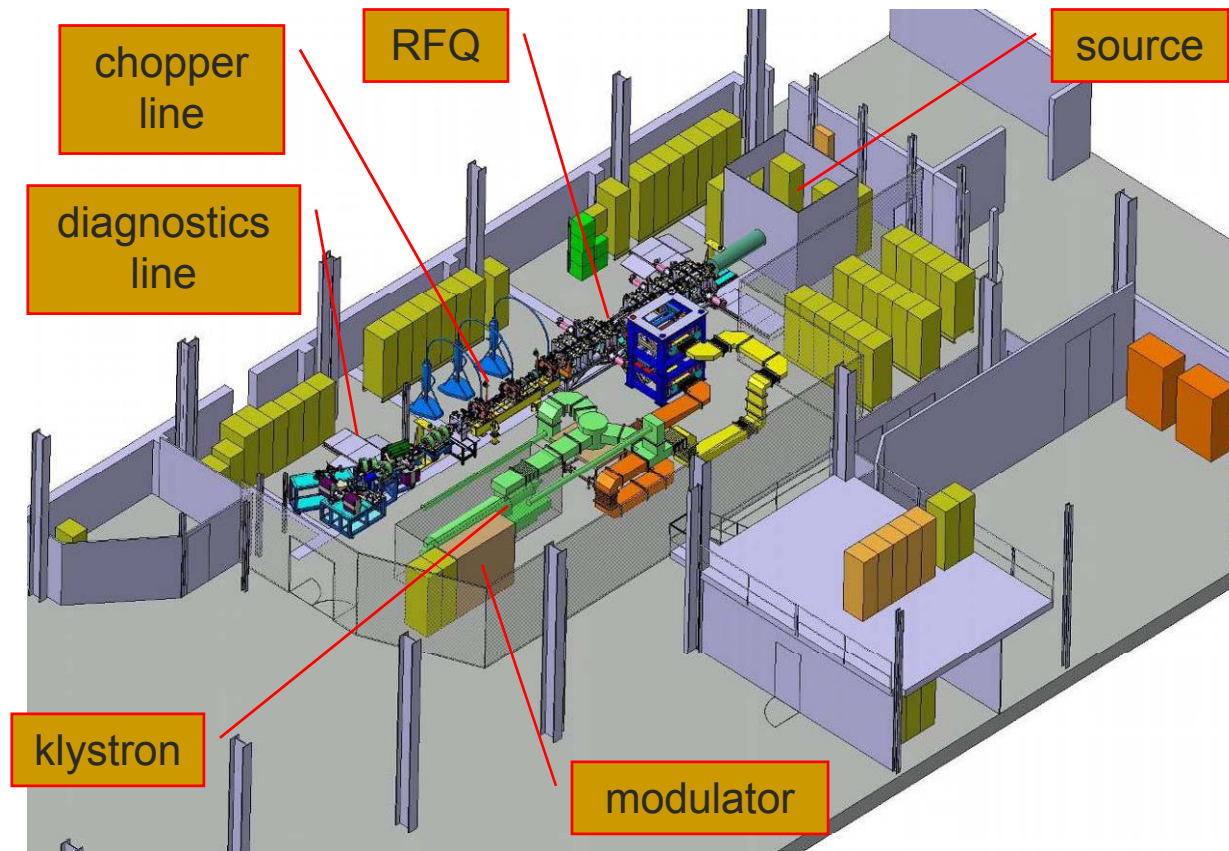
Ion current: 40 mA (avg. in pulse), 65 mA (bunch)

RF Duty cycle:
0.1% phase 1 (Linac4)
3-4% phase 3 (HP-SPL)

4 different structures,
(RFQ, DTL, CCDTL, PIMS)



The 3 MeV Test Stand

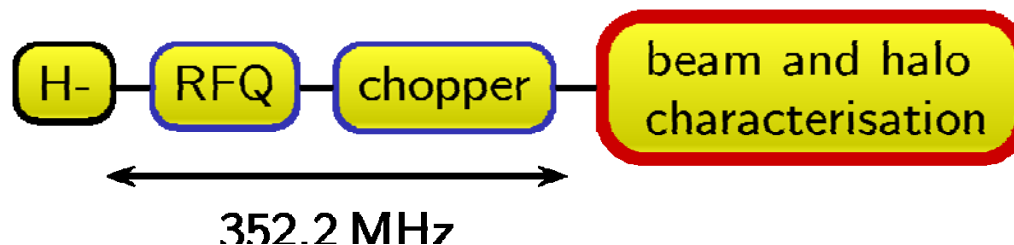


In construction in the South Hall extension.

- H- source (2008)
- LEPT (2008-09)
- RFQ (February 2010)
- Chopper line (2008)
- Diagnostics line (2010)
- Infrastructure (1 LEP Klystron, pulsed modulator, etc.) - ready

In the front end are concentrated some of the most challenging technologies in linacs, and this is where the beam quality is generated.

Early understanding and optimisation of front-end is fundamental for a linac project.

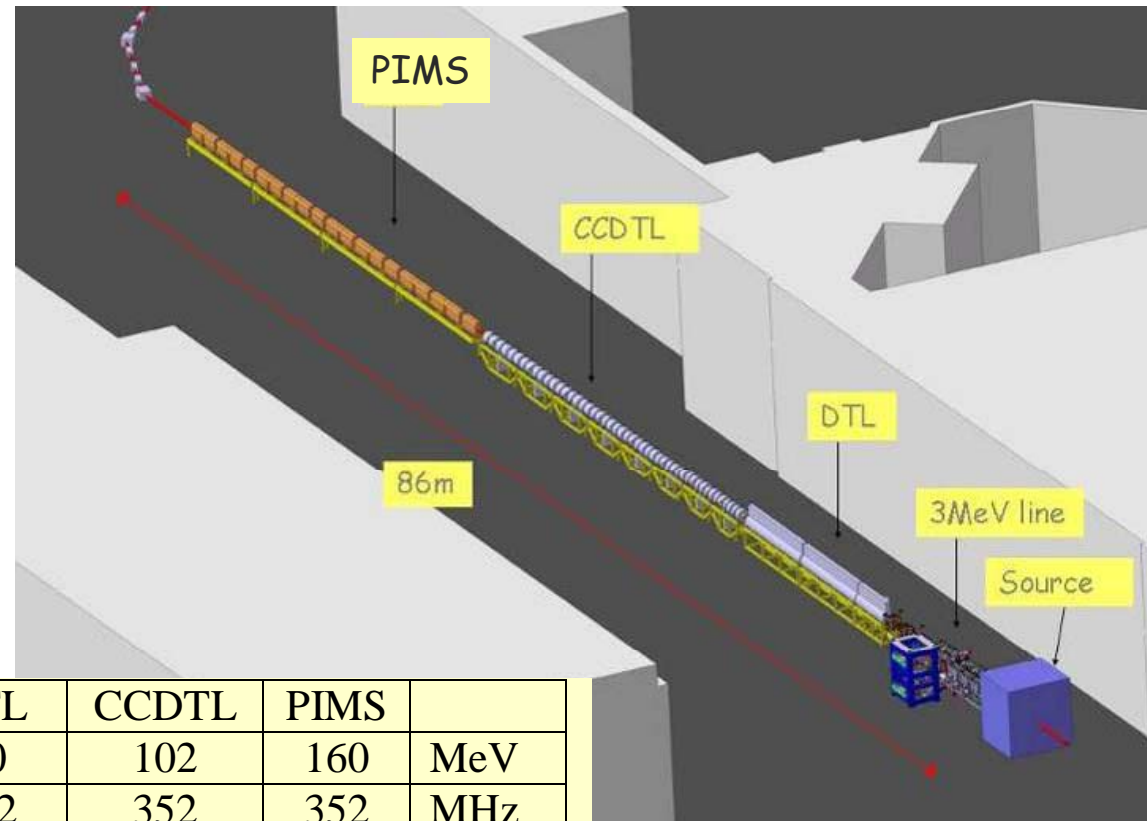




Linac4 accelerating structures

Linac4 accelerates H⁻ ions up to 160 MeV energy:

- in about 80 m length
- using 4 different accelerating structures, all at 352 MHz
- the Radio-Frequency power is produced by 19 klystrons
- focusing of the beam is provided by 111 Permanent Magnet Quadrupoles and 33 Electromagnetic Quadrupoles



	RFQ	DTL	CCDTL	PIMS	
Output energy	3	50	102	160	MeV
Frequency	352	352	352	352	MHz
No. of resonators	1	3	7	12	
Gradient E ₀	-	3.2	2.8-3.9	4.0	MV/m
Max. field	1.95	1.6	1.7	1.8	Kilp.
RF power	0.5	4.7	6.4	11.9	MW
No. of klystrons	1	1+2	7	4+4	
Length	6	18.7	25.2	21.5	m

A 70 m long transfer line connects to the existing line Linac2 - PS Booster



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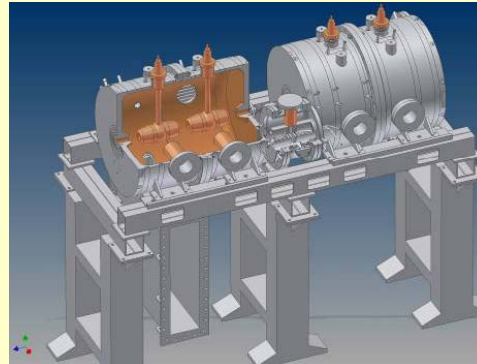
DTL



Conventional DTL structure with:

- PMQs in vacuum inside drift tube.
- no drift tube adjustment after installation.

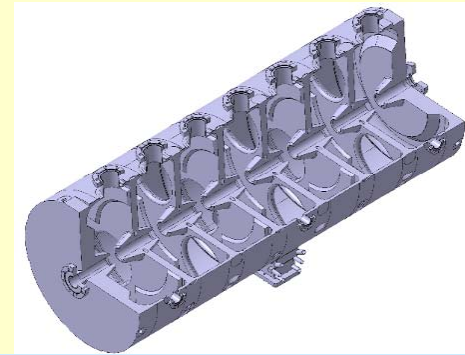
CCDTL



Modules of 3 SDTL-type cavities with 2 drift tubes, coupled by 2 coupling cells.

- Easy access and alignment of electromagnetic quadrupoles.
- Relaxed tolerances on drift tube alignment.

PIMS



7-cell cavities in π -mode. With respect to the SCL, the PIMS :

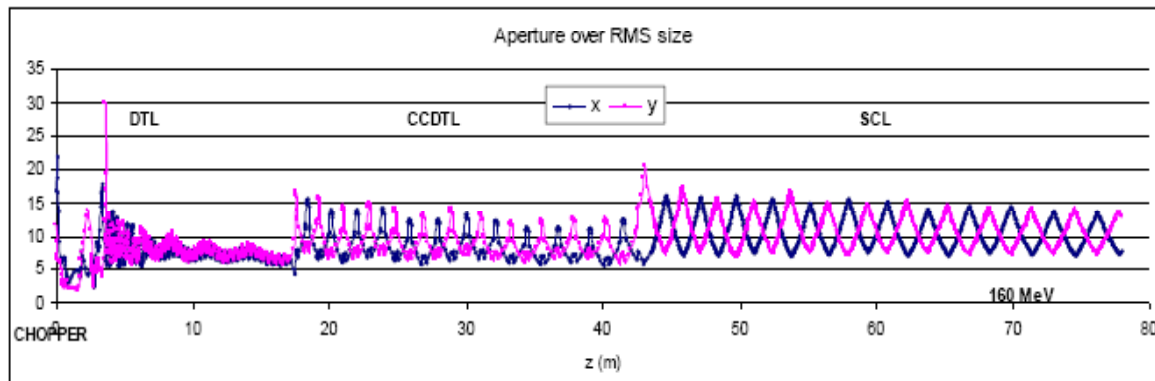
- has 5 times less cells (less machining time and cost).
- needs about the same quantity of copper.
- allows a simpler tuning (7 cells instead of > 100, dummy tuners).
- allows standardisation of the Linac4 frequency to 352 MHz.
- has only about 12% less shunt impedance.



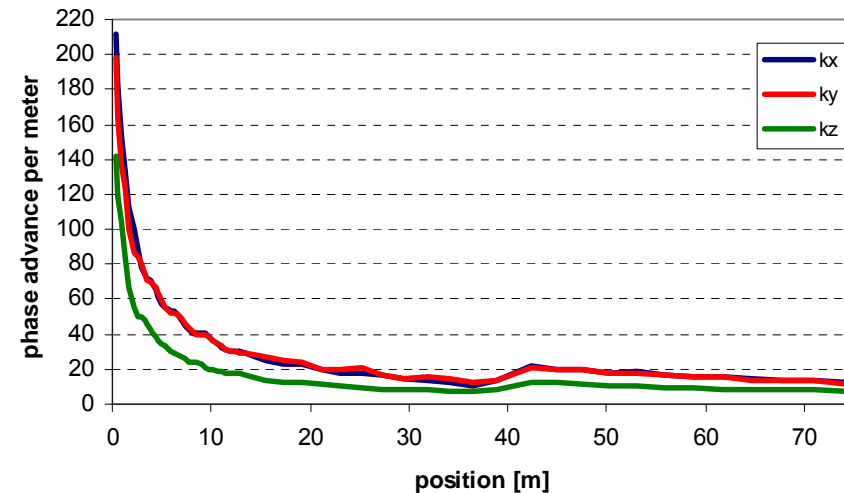
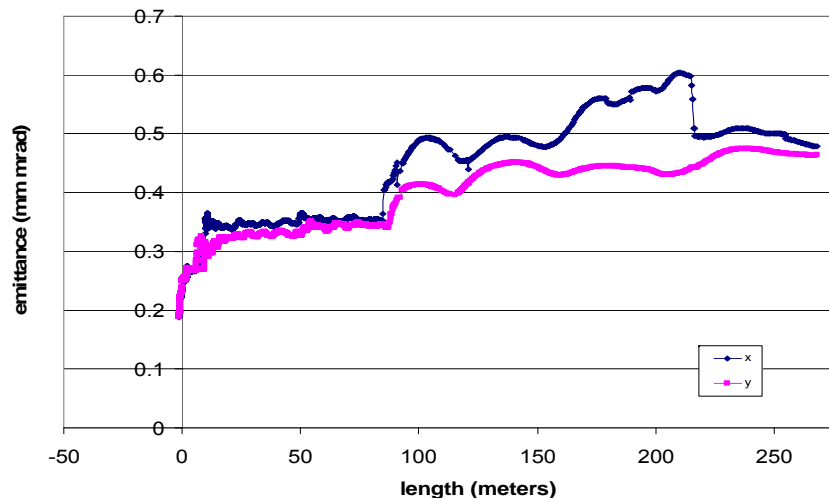
Linac4 Beam Dynamics

Smooth beam dynamics design, to minimise emittance growth and losses at high beam power (<1 W/m):

1. Zero current phase advance 90° (avoid resonances)
2. Longitudinal to transverse phase advance ratio 0.5-0.8 (minimise emittance exchange)
3. Smooth variation of transverse and longitudinal phase advance per meter.
4. Sufficient safety margin between beam radius and aperture (>7 rms)



Integrated simulations with machine errors, alignment errors and steering correction.

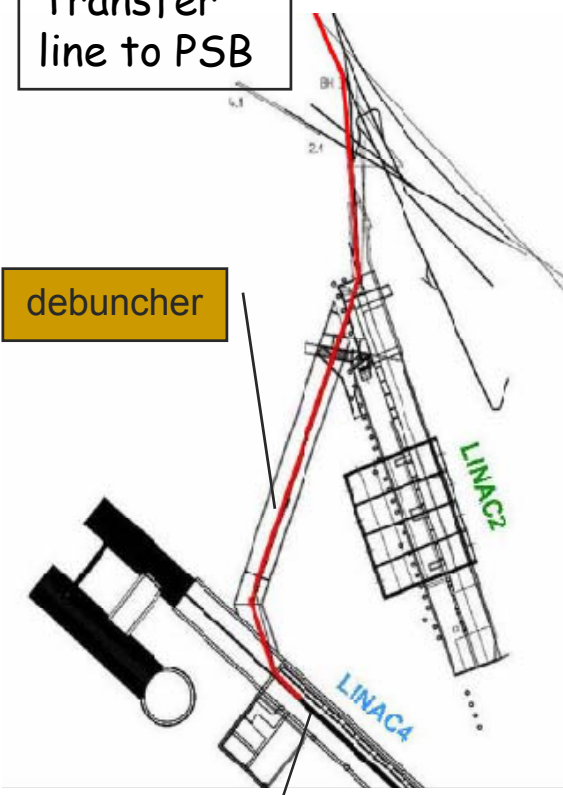




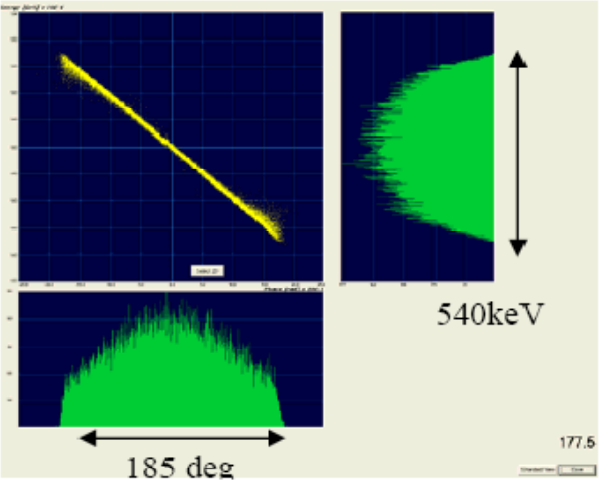
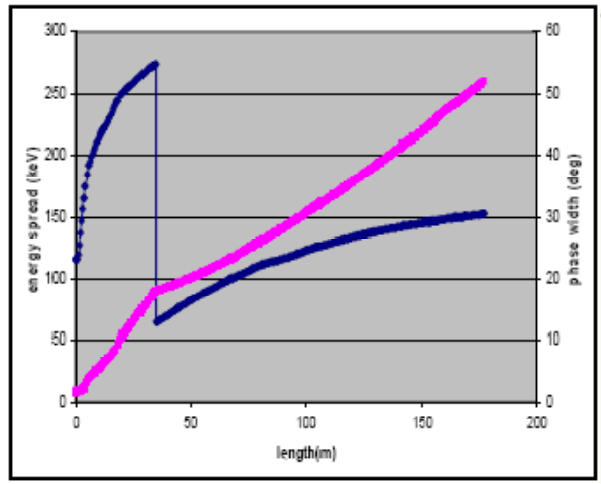
Linac4 Beam – Longitudinal Painting

Transfer line to PSB

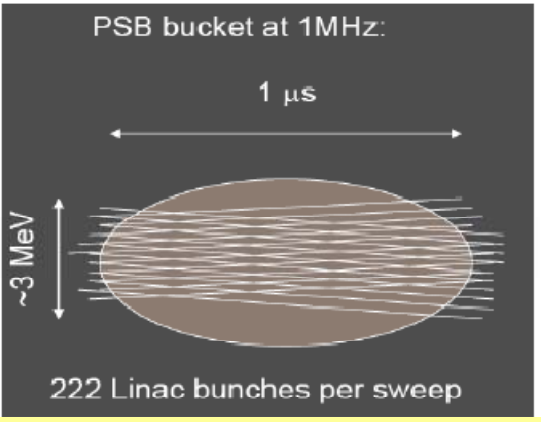
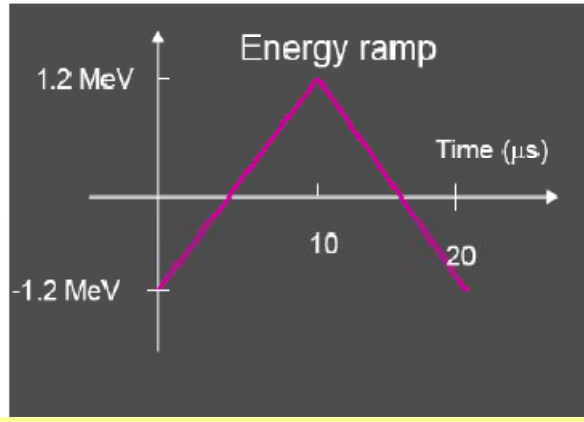
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Energy modulation with last 2 PIMS cavities



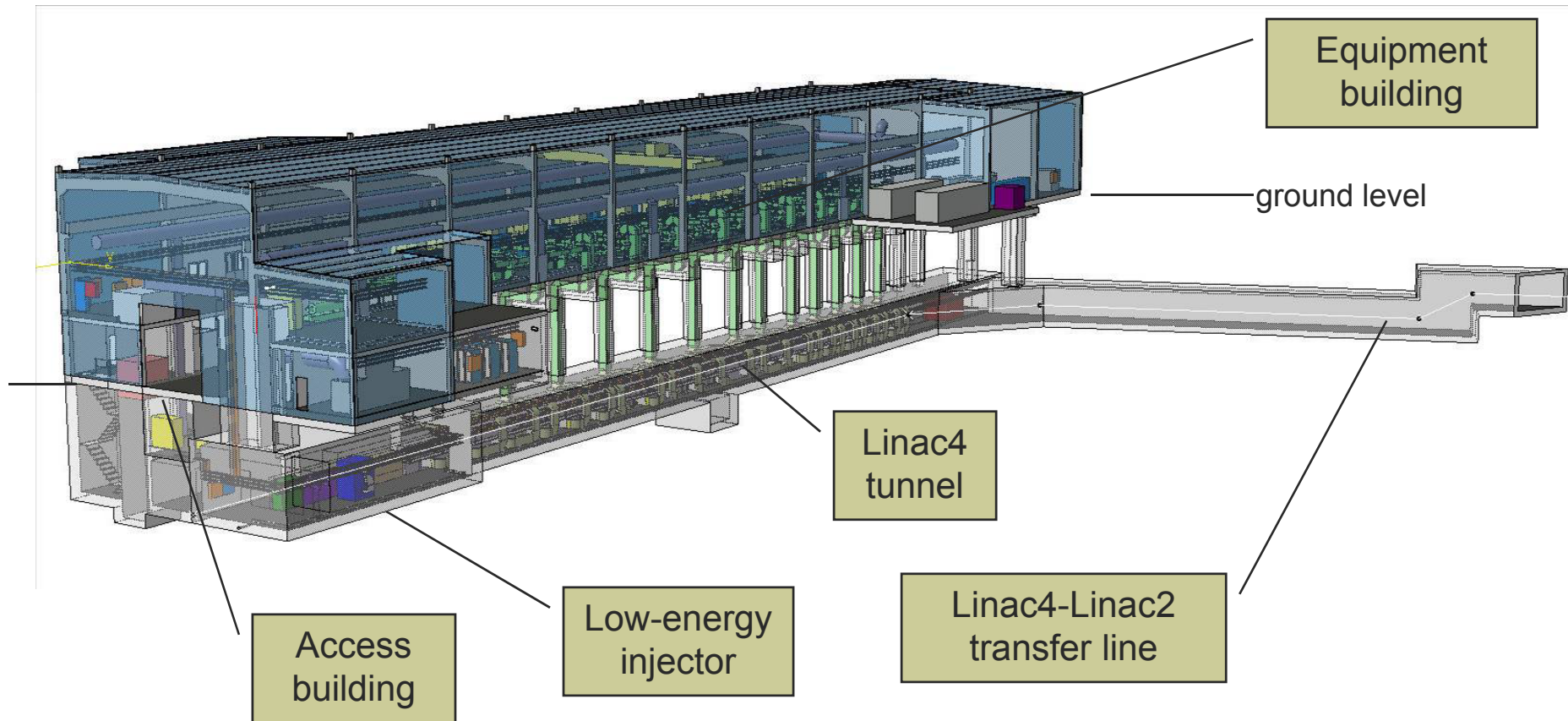
Longitudinal beam parameters along line and at PSB entrance



Painting scheme: linear energy ramp over 10+10 PSB buckets (with low energy chopping limiting sweep to 222 linac bunches)



Linac4 civil engineering



Pre-integration May – October 2007
Tendering drawings November 2007 – April 2008
Tendering May 2008, Contract to FC September 2008.
Start of Civil Engineering Works in October 2008.



Linac4 Groundbreaking



16 October 2008, Linac4 Groundbreaking by CERN Director, R. Aymar



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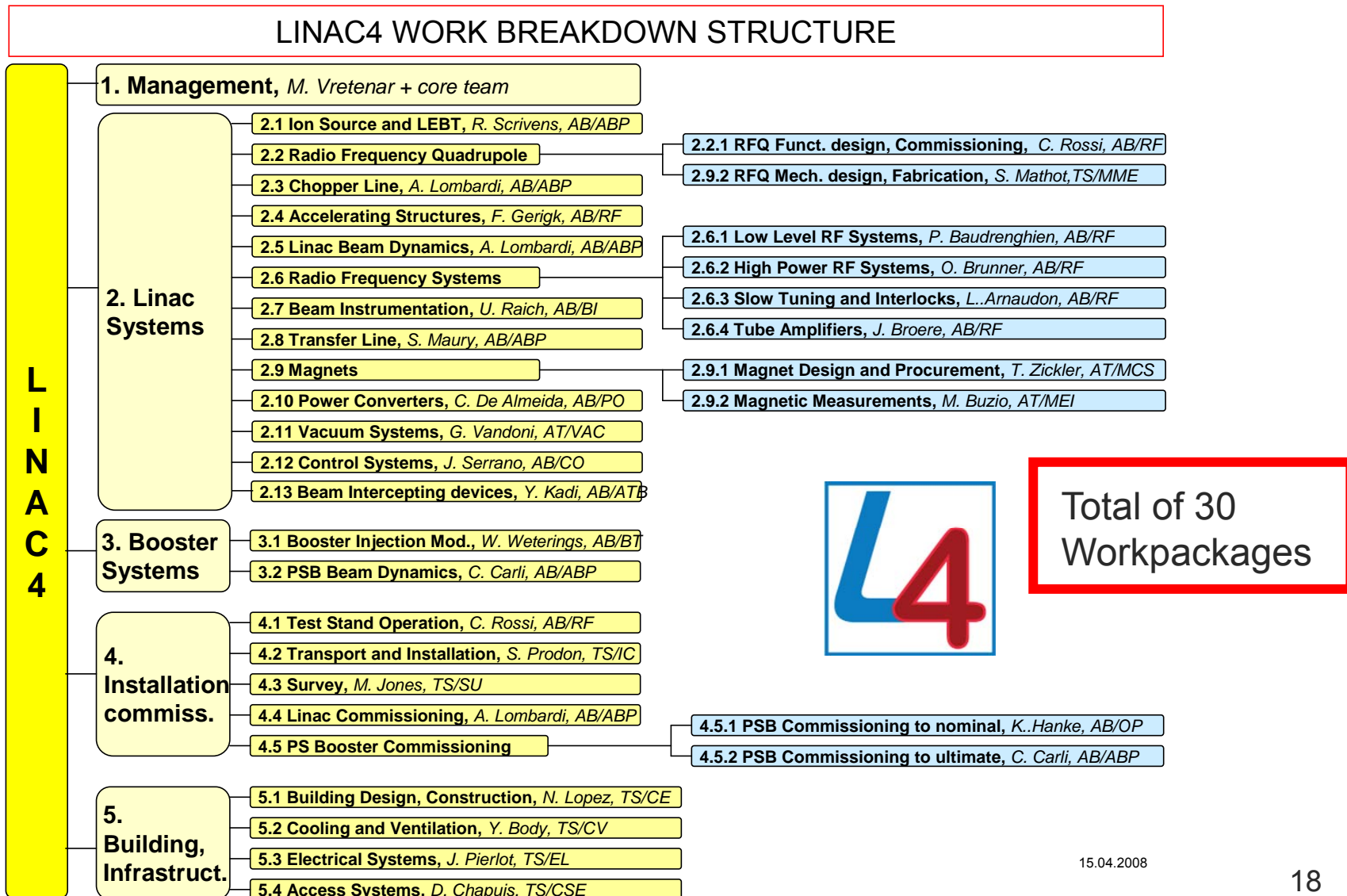


Linac4 Groundbreaking – The team



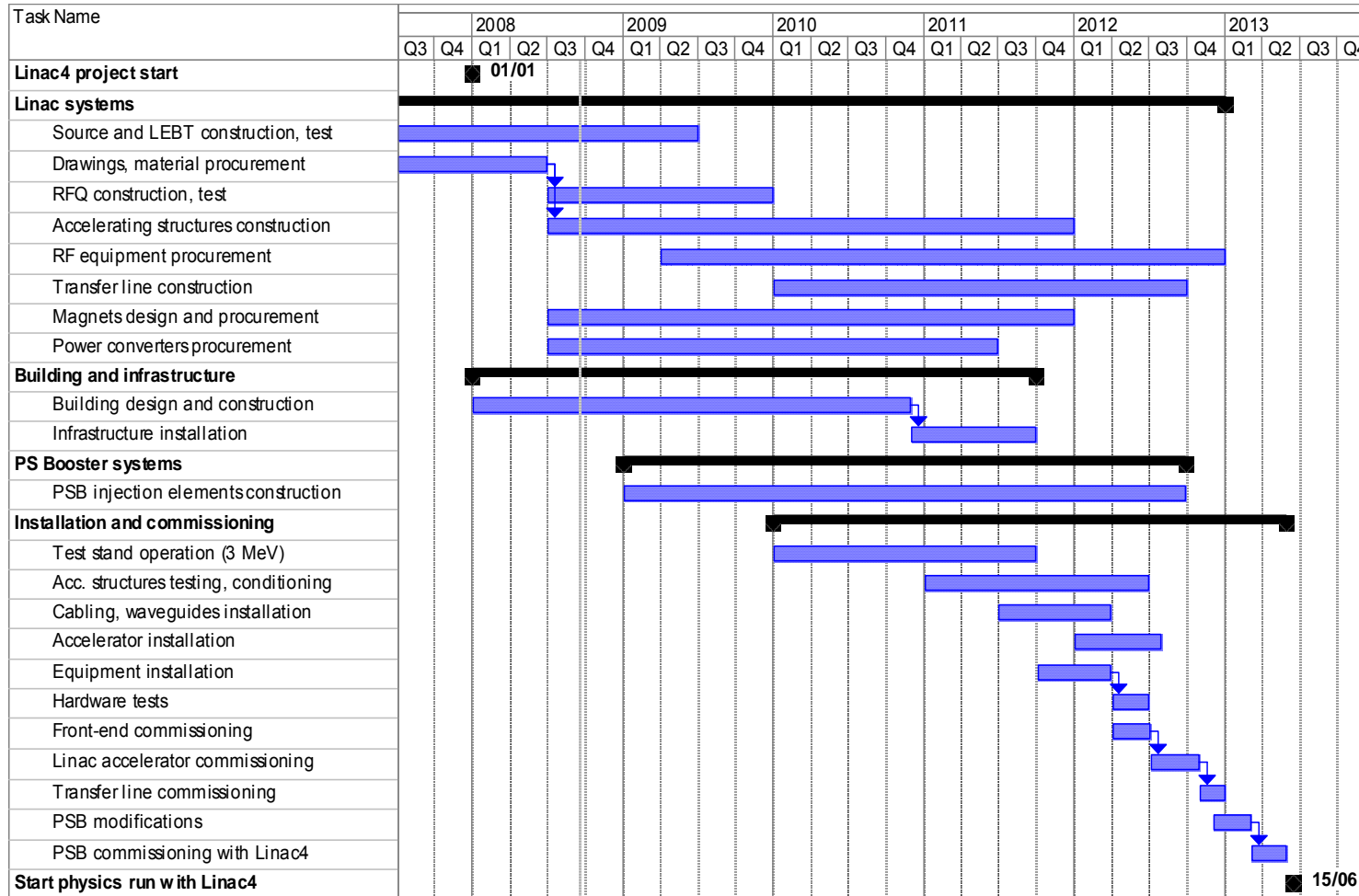


Linac4 Work Breakdown Structure





Linac4 Master Plan

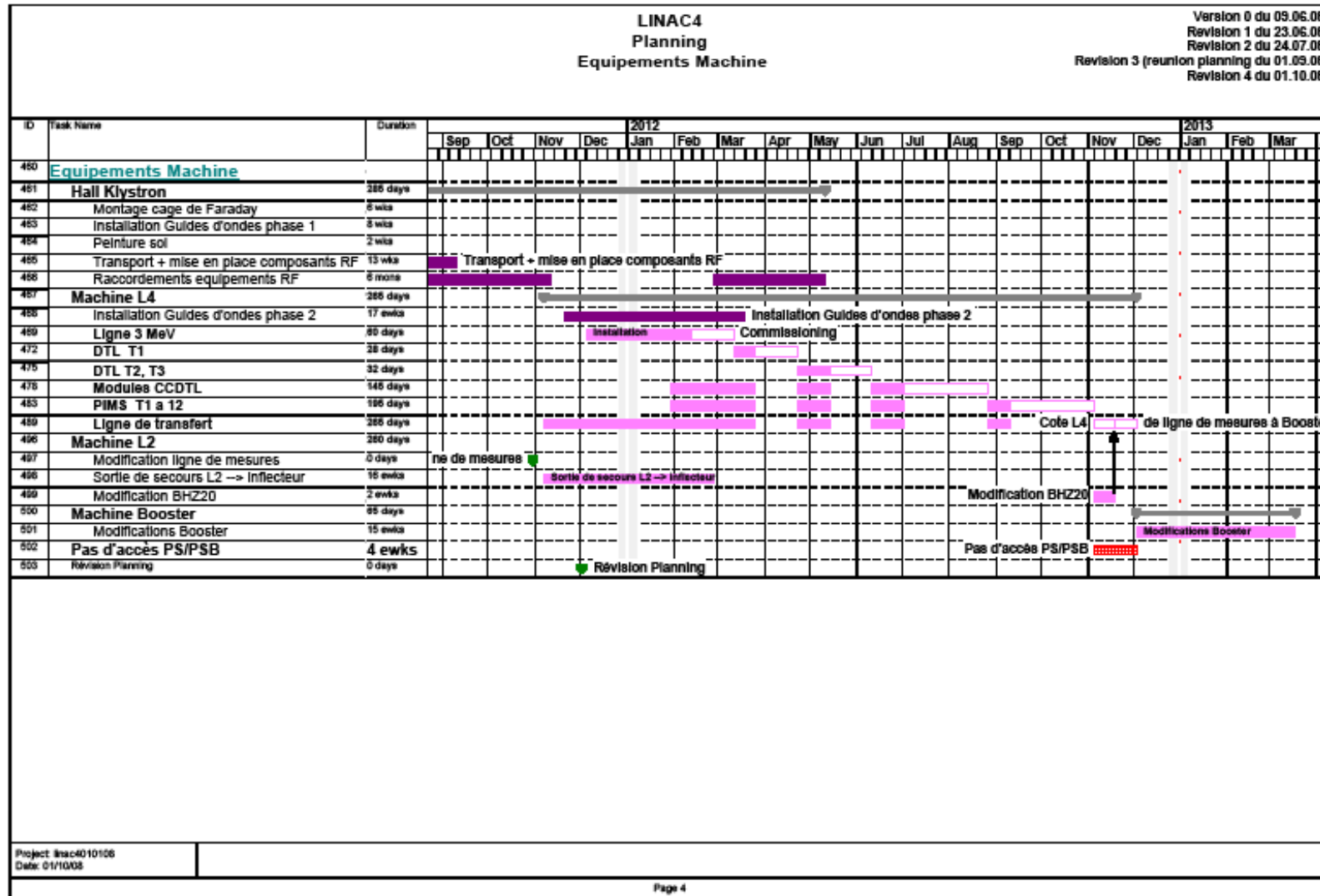


- ✓ End CE works: December 2010
- ✓ Installation: 2011
- ✓ Linac commissioning: 2012
- ✓ Modifications PSB: shut-down 2012/13 (7.5 months)
- ✓ Beam from PSB: 15.6.2013

←————— White Paper —————→



Installation and commissioning





Linac4 Status (11/2008)

- Civil Engineering works started 22.10.2008, delivery of building end 2010.
- Safety File submitted to CERN Safety Commission in June 2008. Building approved.

- Ion source almost completed, first beam tests end 2008.
- 3 MeV Test Stand infrastructure completed.
- Prototype modulator tested with LEP klystron in pulsed mode.
- Prototypes of accelerating structures tested (CCDTL), being tested (DTL), starting construction (PIMS). Material being ordered, construction of DTL and CCDTL will start in 2009.
- Started preparation for large contracts (klystrons, modulators, magnets,...).

- Detailed descriptions of Workpackages in preparation, project baseline will be frozen at end 2008.
- Advanced negotiations for in-kind contributions with France, Russia (via the ISTC Organisation), Poland, Spain (via ESS-Bilbao), India, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia.