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- 1. UNILAC Linear accelerator for heavy ions
- 2. Proton beam acceleration at UNILAC
- 3. Proton operation at minimum synchronous phase
- 4. Parallel operation with (medium) heavy ion beams
- 5. Further UNILAC-options for high current-proton-operation

Requirements for a Universal Heavy Ion Accelerator (UNILAC)



- Accelerator for ions of <u>all</u> elements up to uranium
- Energy ≥7 MeV/u, threshold for nuclear reactions with any target atoms
- Independent rf-cavities with phase control allowing diff. velocity profiles
- Output energy variable in a wide range (2 to 10 MeV/u), stable within 10⁻³
- Energy spread of the beam better than 10⁻³
- No contamination from other energy components in the beam
- Beam intensity higher than 6×10¹²/s
- Fast change of ion species possible



Prof. Christoph Schmelzer, first scientific director of GSI (1970 – 1978)



Unilac layout 1968, 6a



GSI <u>UNI</u>versal <u>Linear</u> <u>AC</u>celerator





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FAIR — Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research in Europe

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FAIR-design uranium beam parameters at the UNILAC

	HSI <u>entrance</u>	HSI exit	Alvarez <u>entrance</u>	SIS 18 injection
Ion species	²³⁸ U ⁴⁺	²³⁸ U ⁴⁺	²³⁸ U ²⁸⁺	²³⁸ U ²⁸⁺
Elect. Current [mA]	25	18	15	15.0
Part./100µs pulse	3.9·10 ¹²	2.8·10 ¹²	3.3·10 ¹¹	3.3·10 ¹¹
Energy [MeV/u]	0.0022	1.4	1.4	11.4
$\Delta W/W$	-	4·10 ⁻³	±1·10 ⁻²	±2·10 ⁻³
ε _{nom.x} [mm mrad]	0.3	0.5	0.75	1.0
$\epsilon_{norm,y} \ [mm mrad]$	0.3	0.5	0.75	2.5

protons???

key parameters (²³⁸ U, p +)						
Ring/Device	Beam	Energy	Intensity			
SIS 100 (100Tm)	protons ²³⁸ U	30 GeV 1 <mark>GeV/u</mark>	4x10 ¹³ 5x10 ¹¹			
	(intensity factor 100 over present)					





proton beam at GSI-UNILAC





=> 35 mA, p⁺ (FAIR-proton Linac)



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HSI design parameters



$I_{design} = 0.25 \text{ emA} \times A/\xi$ $I_{design} = 15 \text{ emA}$	
Max. Electrode Voltage [kV] 125 194 1053 961	
Effective Acceleration Voltage [MV] 7 - 37 39	
RF-Powerloss, Pulse [kW] 243 63 871 880	
RF-Powerloss (average), Duty Factor 2% [kW] 5 1 17 18	
Beam Power [kW] 106 - 560 591	
H_3^{1*} (A/ ζ = 3 I_{design} = 0.75 emA	
Max. Electrode Voltage [kV] 1,946 3,011 16,331 14,911	
Effective Acceleration Voltage [MV] 0,109 - 0,575 0,606	
RF-Powerloss, Pulse [kW] 1,267 0,328 4,544 4,588	
RF-Powerloss (average), Duty Factor 2% [kW] 0,025 0,007 0,091 0,092	
Beam Power [kW] 0,551 - 2,919 3,081	

\rightarrow Acceleration of hydrocarbon compounds (A/ $\xi \ge$ 15)



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How to use a heavy ion machine for acceleration of high intensity proton beams?



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Front to end CH₃⁺/p⁺-emittance-measurements



W. Barth, et al., Phys. Rev. ST Accel. & Beams 18, 050102 (2015)



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Light ion beam studies: p+





U. Scheeler, H. Vormann, M. Vossberg, S. Yaramyshev, W. Barth

ALVAREZ Rf-voltage < 1V (Φ s \approx -30°)?

 $-\Phi s \approx -57^{\circ} (U_{rf} \approx 1.5V) \&$ $-\Phi s \approx -65^{\circ} (U_{rf} \approx 2.0V) \&$ $-\Phi s < -65^{\circ} (U_{rf} > 2.0V) ~$

pros and cons ?

- slightly reduced transmission
- emittance blow up
- longitudinal phase space?

see also: A. Rubin, et al.

Brilliant beam acceleration at longitudinal phase advances far beyond 90°, LINAC 2020

Simulations on operation of the new UNILAC post-stripper with intense proton beams: longitudinal phase advances below and beyond 90°. Acc. Sem., GSI, 2020



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UNILAC-p⁺-operation





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Beam Load measurement Forward and reflected Rf power



→ more than two times increased Rf-power!

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UNILAC-parallel Operation









- UNILAC serves as heavy ion accelerator since 1975
- 2014/15: R&D-program: High intensity proton beams at ion source and UNILAC
- 2016: High intensity proton beam available
- UNILAC can provide for up to 3 emA (high brilliance p^+ -beam) at \geq 20 MeV
- UNILAC may help to bridge the time until FAIR-p-Linac is available
- Advanced (simplified) UNILAC-proton operation with $\Phi_s \approx -57^\circ$
- \geq 2020: High intensity proton beam for user operation
- Parallel operation: high intensity p⁺- and C⁶⁺-beam from a single ion source!
- Outlook: Pulsed (hydrogen stripper): p/C-parallel operation at max. intensity!



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Outlook: Post acceleration of UNILAC p⁺-beam





Thank you for your attention





My thanks go to all the collaborators and colleagues who contributed to the proton beam developments of the last years; especially to Wolfgang Vinzenz, who passed away much too early, without whose expertise and optimism we would never have started...



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