

STATUS OF THE IFMIF-EVEDA 9 MeV 125 mA deuteron LINAC Linear IFMIF Prototype Accelerator (LIPAC)

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IFMIF objectives

• aims at generating materials irradiation test data for DEMO and future fusion power plants

 based on an accelerator-driven, D-Li neutron source to produce high energy neutrons at sufficient intensity and irradiation volume



Neutron Energy (MeV)



Objectives

- Validate the IFMIF accelerators
 (up to 1st accel module = the most critical portion)
- Qualify all associated technologies
- Characterize the beam by means of specific diagnostics

Main Tasks

- Design and manufacturing of all components
- Integration of the whole Linac within the building and auxiliaries
- Commissioning in pulsed mode (H+, D+)
- Ultimate goal: Operation in CW of a 125 mA D⁺ beam at 9 MeV



The engineering validation activities conducted since mid-2007 under the framework of the Broader Approach Agreement and shared as follows:

- Accelerator components designed, manufactured and tested by European institutions (CEA, CIEMAT, INFN, SCK-CEN)
 - Injector (CEA)
 - Radio Frequency Quadrupole (INFN)
 - Medium-High Energy Beam Transport lines & Beam Dump (CIEMAT)
 - Superconducting RF Linac (CEA + CIEMAT)
 - 175 MHz RF Systems (CIEMAT)
 - Beam Instrumentation (CEA + CIEMAT)
- Conventional facilities (building and auxiliaries), Central Control System, RFQ couplers provided by Japan (JAEA)
- Design integration & interface management coordinated by F4E
- Coordination & integration on site by the Project Team hosted in Rokkasho

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Conventional Facilities Accelerator system

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accelerator components mockup



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Injector (Ion source, LEBT) beam dynamics IFMIF

R. Gobin's talk on Friday CEA

Extraction: 175 mA total (140 mA D⁺, 26 mA D₂⁺, 9 mA D₃⁺)

R(mm) 40 30 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 200 0 120 Plasma Intermediate Ground 1 e-screening Ground 2 electrode electrode electrode electrode electrode 100 kV 57 kV -2.8 kV -2.8 kV 0 kV Φ12mm Φ12mm Φ12mm Φ14mm Φ14mm

ECR ion source

LEBT no beam loss, optimum injection into RFQ



New 5-electrode extraction system after sparking issues at 100 kV

- \Rightarrow high level of space charge compensation all along the LEBT line to meet the requirements: emittance (0.25 π mm mrad) + RFQ matching
- injection of a specific gas in the line (krypton 4.10^{-5} hPa)
- HV electrode in front of the RFQ to trap the electrons (e-repeller)



Injector at CEA-Saclay



View-port after 1st solenoid

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Ion source on HV platform



- **Beam Intensity**: Large ACCT (Φ 178 mm) at the RFQ entrance with specific magnetic shielding
- Beam Profile and species fraction (Doppler shift method): use of rad-hard CID cameras and CCD camera outside the vault with fiberscope
- Emittance: Allison scanner to sustain 17 kW beam power
- Space charge compensation: 4 Grid Analyzer to measure the energy of secondary ions or electrons repelled out of the beam



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Need of pulsed mode with sharp rise/fall times (to limit transient current which would be lost downstream) with beam perfectly matched to the RFQ input conditions all along its duration

But **ECR ion source**: not able to produce such beam pulses **RF cutting technique in the RFQ:** could jeopardize the RFQ operation

\Rightarrow electrostatic chopper located in the Injector LEBT

(between the 2 solenoids)

In addition, as a chopper is able to produce short pulses <100 μs this option enables the use of interceptive diags





Injector beam tests

First pulsed H+ beam in May 2011
 First test campaign: pulsed beams 150 mA ,100 kV or continuous beams 100 mA, 75 kV



- First pulsed D+ beam in May 2012 (125 mA, 100 kV, 1%)
- New 5-electrode extraction system installed in September Test campaign starts again at mid-September for completion of the optimization and emittance measurement: ion source plasma, krypton pressure, solenoid setting, ...
- Electrostatic chopper in-between the two solenoids to enable the LIPAc operation with short pulses of sharp rise/fall times Tests of chopper (w/o beam) in September 2012
- Injector delivery at Rokkasho planned in March 2013

RFQ design

Main parameters selected

 Increasing voltage following an analytic law

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- ✓ Strong focusing (B=7) to keep the tune depression > 0.4 for better control of space charge
- Min. beam loss & main resonances avoided in the accelerator section

This design allowed to obtain a good transmission with good margin

 ✓ But a lower focusing parameter B at the RFQ entrance will further facilitate beam injection from the LEBT

A low-B RFQ studied and adopted

✓ Studies of the transmission of the couple LEBT+RFQ show a more comfortable tunable range



Sensitivity to mismatch: scan of solenoid fields

RFQ beam dynamics



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INFN



Cooling: ~ 600 kW RF power removed by means of 28 channels longitudinally drilled along the RFQ modules (water velocity ~3 m/s)



Cooling water channels

Cooling system (4 independent circuits) used for frequency tuning (\pm 100kHz) and field profile control





Full scale Al mockup to validate tuning procedure & mode stabilization by means of beadpull measurements



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technological prototype machined at INFN and local industries, brazed at CERN



2 prototypes scale $\frac{1}{2}$ brazed in 1 single step





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RFQ fabrication and tests

- **High Energy super module** (6 modules homogenous aperture) rough-machining by INFN (electric discharge machining) final machining and brazing by Indusry
- Intermediate Energy super module (6 modules z-dependent aperture) fully machined and brazed by INFN
- Low Energy super module same procedure as High Energy modules



module #16 (High Energy SM) machined & brazed

First module: 100 μ m max deformation measured still acceptable but at the limit of the specification might be corrected for the next modules by using

- appropriate annealing cycle
- improved fixation tooling

3 modules (plus RF plug) completed in Nov 2012 for high power tests, planned at the beginning of 2013 at INFN-Legnaro.





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MEBT design & beam dynamics

very compact ~ 2 m, many components

- 5 quadrupoles & steering coils
- 2 bunchers, 2 movable scrapers
- BPMs (in the center of quads)
- turbomolecular pumps on bunchers (1300l/s /buncher)

Scrapers: to clean the beam from transverse halo and off-momentum particles (non-accelerated in the RFQ) before the SRF Linac

line and the second

Position (m)



designed for 500 W beam power deposition

beam dynamics prediction < 10 W

H-plane

V-plane

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scraper 1



Bunchers: 5-gap IH structure

- Voltage EoLT = 350 kV
- Cavity length < 350 mm
- CW & pulsed mode operation



Buncher: prototype under fabrication, power tests planned at mid-2013 **Quadrupole**: prototype completed and validated on a magnetic test bench **Scraper**: manufacturing completed





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Tuning system Coaxial coupler SC magnet (6 T) **Steerers and BPM**



Uncommon procedure:

- 1. Match beam rms envelope, then
- 2. Minimise radial beam extension
- → "Halo matching" instead of "Envelope matching"



Specifications

8 s.c. Half Wave Resonators

- low- β HWRs = 0.094
- working temperature 4.4 K
- Accelerating field ~ 4.5 MV/m

8 RF power couplers

- operating mode CW,
- RF power: 200 kW (70 kW LIPAc)

8 Superconducting Solenoid Packages

- focusing solenoid
- H&V steerers
- cryogenic BPM

 Cryostat with all necessary equipment (supports, cryogenic distribution, alignment, vacuum, magnetic & thermal shields, instrumentations, etc)

Parameters	Target Value	Units
Frequency	175	MHz
β value of the HWR	0.094	
Accelerating field E _a	4.5	MV/m
Quality factor Q_0 for R_s =20 n Ω	1.4 10 ⁹	
Beam aperture HWR / Solenoid Package	40 / 50	mm
Freq. range of HWR tuning system	± 50	kHz
Max. transmitted RF power / coupler	200	kW
External quality factor Q_{ex}	6.3 10 ⁴	
Transmission Lines for HWR	coax 6" 1/8	
Magnetic field B _z on axis max.	6	Т
∫ B.dl on axis	≥ 1	T.m
Field at cavity flange	≤ 20	mT
BPM position accuracy	0.25	mm
BPM phase accuracy	2	deg
Total Static/Dynamic Heat losses	18 / 120	W

Solenoid and Coupler



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Superconducting Cavities

• Two cavity prototypes completed in Summer 2010, delivered in Sept'10





- Original tuner design: relied on a capacitive plunger with a large membrane to allow an elastic deformation of ±1 mm
- First troubles during cryogenic tests reported in May 2011



Potential risks

- high peak magnetic field at membrane center
- Helicoflex gasket in region of significant field
- NbTi flange: poor thermal conductivity
- Fabrication issue: neck region contains two NbTi/Nb welds in a recessed area

Results of HWR vertical tests with plunger

Last cold tests of HWR prototypes with modified plunger (March & April 2012) *Nb membrane, In gasket, suppression of high field at the membrane center*





- Systematic thermal quenches at low field and drop of Qo
- Results point to a suspect plunger
- potential problems occurring in the main cavity body cannot be also ruled out
- Following up the recommendations of a Review Panel, a new design based on a conventional compression tuner principle is under development



Compression plunger





- Tuner only acts in one direction (compression)
- 800 kg on each side
- Lever ratio of ~30

Given the rigidity of the present resonator design, this solution implies a lengthening of the cryomodule lattice $\sim 10~{\rm cm}$ to ease the integration of the tuner between HWR tank & solenoid

 ⇒ modification of the tank and cavity and has to be compliant with JA regulations (mechanical stress)
 Total cryomodule extra-length ~ 80 cm

HEBT Line & Beam Dump



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Focusing Magnets





Reasonable magnetic field in the magnet ($\sim 1 \text{ T}$ in legs) Only sturation in the shims on the pole edges Non-linearity error < 0.1%.

Beam stopper at the end of the straight beamline: $\sim 350~ms$ max time to detect and stop the beam





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Beam Dump

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Bellow



Cartridge

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Inner & outer cones = Cu (edp) Cooled by liquid water (high v, 3 bar) T ~ 100 °C not too far from boiling

Remote disconnection system



Beam Dump prototypes and tests



- HEBT & Beam Dump in final stage of detailed design
- Cone prototypes built: electron beam welding and electro-deposition
- Hydraulic test cooling circuit



Hydraulic circuit: to study the fluid-dynamics aspects of the beam dump cooling (flow and pressure measurements, vibrations,heat transfer coef estimation,...)



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Beam Instrumentation





Beam Profilers development

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Principle: ionization of the residual gasResidual gas pressure: few 10^{-8} to 10^{-5} mbarResolution ~ 1 mmProfile rate ~ few HzApertures >10 cm for DP>15 cm for HEBT





Test at GSI (5 MeV.A, mA)



IPM in front of BD



Challenges: Large aperture (15× 15 cm²)

- Radiation hardness ~ 7 kSv/h (neutrons)
- ceramic (HV + strip plates) field uniformity

Principle: fluorescence by interaction of the beam with the residual gas

FPM

- 2 read-out prototypes tested
- ICID (Intensified Charge Injection Device) camera (MCP + CID)
- PMT: multi anode 32 channels linear array

Campaign tests at CNA cyclotron Sevilla: D⁺: 9 MeV and H⁺: 18 MeV





Extrapolation to LIPAc (125 mA) OK new tests done at Sevilla (Oct 2011) ...improved profile measurements



Parameter	Value
Operating Frequency	175 MHz
Bandwidth	± 250 kHz @ -1 dB
Phase Stability	± 1°
Amplitude Stability	± 1%
Power Linearity	1%
Full Output RF Power	200kW
Operating Modes	CW or pulsed mode
20kWCWReflectedPower	2 hours
RF Power Emergency Stop	<10 µs
200kW Reflected Power	10 µs

RF Power system

- Prototype RF module (1 x 200kW) ready end of 2012
- First RF module (2 x 100kW) ready beginning of 2013
- 16 kW solid-state amplifier (buncher) ready at mid-2013





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Installation & Commissioning



End of BA Agreement

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