

The **S2C2** : experiences from in-factory testing and on-site installations

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S2C2 and ProteusONE[®] : overview

Beam alignment into the gantry

Beam simulations in the gantry

Beam energy



Proteus ONE



- 2 sites clinical :
 - Centre Antoine Lacassagne (Nice, France)
 - Beaumont Hospital (Detroit, US)
- 3 sites on-going installation
 - Caen, France
 - Sapporo, Japan
 - Newport, UK
- 9 sites in the coming 2 years
- Currently around 1 year from rigging to first patient
- To be reduced to 6 months ...
- Challenges :
 - Training of installation teams
 - Manufacturing capabilities
 - Clear, unambiguous installation procedures
 - S2C2 should be reproducible, well studied and understood

















S2C2 : main parameters





- ✓ Weak focusing (n<1) peak field = 6.1 T (regenerator)
- ✓ Dee voltage : $7 \rightarrow 10 \text{ kV}$
- ✓ Frequency modulation (90→60 MHz) @ 1 kHz \Rightarrow pulsed beam !
- ✓ Injection frequency 87 MHz
- ✓ Extraction frequency 63 MHz
- ✓ Acceleration time \approx **450** µs
- ✓ Half-integer regenerative extraction $(2v_r=2)$

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Fringe field along extraction line





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 - Observation of vertical beam angle





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Fitted emittance to gantry beam sizes in Beaumont Measured emittance in Beaumont ("variquad") AOC emittance



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- ✓ Much lower energies extracted :
 - Proton are not accelerated anymore near extraction radius
 - Protons can be extracted at lower energies due to "emittance blow-up"



What happened to "lost" protons again ...



What if ... We intentionally loose beam very close to extraction ?

We drop the dee voltage a few μ s before extraction ...

Observation on 2nd RF period:

(1) protons coming out on the rising frequency flank

⇒ Explained from energy resonances (see previous)

 $f_{RF} = f_p$

(2) protons coming out before the extraction frequency

⇒ Explained from emittance blow-up and orbit center instability when off-centering becomes too large.

$$f_{RF} = f_p \pm (v_r - 1) f_p$$

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Conclusions



- Modeling the ProteusONE system from source to isocenter is very useful to link machine performance to measurements at different positions along the beam path.
- ✓ Steap learning curve from 5 on-site installations
- ✓ Coil and beam alignment are very well controlled and reproducible
- ✓ Energy spread and range stability in isocenter are linked with accurate source positioning
- ✓ Gantry optics is very valuable in deducing beam properties from the S2C2
- ✓ Future site installations need :
 - Efficient procedures
 - Well trained installation teams
 - Accurate and dedicated measuring methods
 - A careful follow-up to spot and analyze potential problems on the cyclotron side



Thank you

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