

# Cw RFQs for ion acceleration

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Linear accelerators of Radio Frequency Quadrupole kind operating in continuous wave mode

Applications
State of the art
Specific technical challenges for heavy ions (A/q=4-8)

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## **IFMIF "Artist View"** International Fusion Material Irradiation Facility

Li Target

Li Loop

Post Irradiation Experiment Facilities

Test Modules inside Test Cells

- Ion Source

RF Quadrupole

Drift Tube Linac

H IFMIF facility: two, high power CW drivers, each delivering a 125 mA deuteron beam at 40 MeV (5 MW power) hitting a liquid lithium target in order to yield neutrons (10<sup>17</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>) via nuclear stripping reactions.

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#### **Fusion Material Irradiation Test Project - FMIT**

a US Department of Energy project,

# accepted as a necessary and vital element for the development of fusion power.

- Construction project approved 1975
- Accelerator construction undertaken by new Accelerator Technology Division at Los Alamos January 1978, after discussions in 1977.
- No IF's firm budget and schedule, BUT huge R&D question injection of 100 mA cw into DTL required several 100 kV DC injector.
- Discovery of Teplyakov RFQ work in Russia.
- Proposal to DOE for RFQ development, approved!

Arlo Thomas, Jim Potter



Fig. 1. Initial design of the FMIT RFQ accelerator. The RFQ comprises two coupled, coaxial resonators. The rf power is loop coupled into the outer section. or manifold, which more uniformly distributes the power into the four quadrants of the inner resonator, or core. A 75keV beam is injected (arrow, left in the figure) and accelerated to **2 MeV**.



Courtesy of R. Jameson

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pulsed	CERN linac 2	CERN	р	0.75	178	200	150	440	202	1.8	1.2	2.5			YES
	SNS	LBNL	H-	2.5	83	70	175	664	402.5	3.7	5.0	1.85	1.1	10	YES
	CERN linac 3	LNL	A/q=8.3	0.25	70	0.08	0.04	300	101	2.5	0.8	1.9			YES

- Since then the experience with CW high power beams from RFQs has been very limited.
- The Radio Frequency Quadrupoles have developed in the following 20 years as the first RF accelerating structure of pused linacs
- This experience (theory, codes, tuning algorithms, engineering tools) is fundamental for the design of a modern high power RFQ,
- Other aspects are specific of the high power application and require dedicated R&D.
- Few examples can be mentioned, chosen in a vast and mature field



# CERN RFQ2



Main RFQ2 design parameters

RF frequency	202.56 MHz
Input energy	90 KeV
Output energy	750 KeV
Output current	200 mA
Trapping efficiency	~90 %
Vane voltage	178 KV
Final synchronous phase	-35 °
Modulation factor(max)	1.62
Mean aperture radius	7.87 cm
Cavity length	178.5 cm
Vane length	175.2 cm
Cavity diameter	35.4 cm
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## In operation since 1992

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# **CERN lead ion RFQ (Pb injector of LHC)**

- A/q=208/25
- 100 uA Pb beam
- Energy range 2.5-250 keV/u
- Transmission 93% with large multipole correction (kR<sub>0</sub>=3.3, m=1.1)
- Operational since 1994
- Built in Italy at De Pretto and Cinel







- The linac was built by an international collaboration (INFN-GANIL-GSI-CERN).
- INFN LNL delivered in time and in specs the LEBT the MEBT and the RFQ (except the RF, done by GSI)

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#### Technology established. Beam performances reached About 110 hrs of operating above 90 mA cw

## **LEDA**

- Many specific features of cw-RFQ were developed with LEDA-RFQ,
  - Many modules (8), each module built by brazing
  - the ramped voltage along the structure,
  - the resonant coupling between RFQ segments, the rods for dipole stabilization.
  - LEBT with neutralized beam and electron trap at the RFQ entrance

## **Research Programs in Europe related to ADS studies**

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	TRASCO	LNL	р	5	68	30	150	847	352	7.3	8.6	1.8	6.6	90	NO



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#### IPHI@Saclay.CEA

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## **TRASCO RFQ (developed for ADS studies)**

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TRASCO RF tests @Saclay.CEA





Tested up to 2 Ekp, 80 kW/m 100% duty cycle



## RFQ of TRASCO stable condition cw nominal field 80kW/m, 1.8 Ekp



#### E. Fagotti et al, results unpublished, off line analysis going on

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## CW RFQs for few mA light ion superconducting linacs up to 40 MeV

SARAF (Israel) 40 MeV 4 mA d and p 176 MHz Status: beam test up to the first cyomodule



SPIRAL2 driver (France) 5 mA d and ions up to A/q=3 40 MeV 80 MHz

#### Status: in construction

at SOREQ (Israel)

SARAF

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**SPIRAL2** 

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Installed in the tunnel Cw operation for d and nominal beam transmission not yet reached



In construction Prototype successfully RF conditioned

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CW	ISAC	TRIUMF	A/q=30	0.15	74	0	0	150	35	8	0.9	1.15	-	-	YES
lp	PIAVE	LNL	A/q=7.3	0.58	280	0	0	8e-3 (SC)	80	2.1	0.5	2.1	-	-	YES

## ISAC @TRIUMF (Canada)



#### PIAVE @LNL INFN (IT)





External bunching, 65% transmission (as in simulations) reached

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# **IFMIF RFQ challenges**



# **IFMIF EVEDA RFQ challenges**

- 650 kW beam should be accelerated with low beam losses and activation of the structure so as to allow hands-on maintenance of the structure itself (Beam losses<10 mA and <0.1 mA between 4 MeV and 5 MeV). (Tolerances of the order of 10-50 um)
- 600 kW RF dissipated on copper surface: necessity to keep geometrical tolerances, to manage hot spots and counteract potential instability.
- The RFQ will be the largest ever built, so not only the accelerator must be reliable, but also the production, checking and assembling procedure must be reliable
  - Fully exploit INFN internal production capability (design machining, measurement and *brazing*)
  - Make production accessible for different industrial partners
- At present and we are in the production of the modules phase. The construction of 12 modules have been commissioned to industry, 6 modules will be produced internally. Tenders for vacuum, cooling system and other ancillaries are starting.





## **Beam losses**

 To achieve Beam losses concentrated in the low energy part is very important since neutron production is proportional to w<sup>2</sup>

 $n = 5.15 * 10^{-7} Nw^{2.1}$ 

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# **Cavity cross section**



Operating Frequency	175	MHz
Length	9.78	m
Vg (min – max)	79 – 132	kV
R0 (min - max)	0.4135 - 0.7102	cm
Total Stored Energy	6.63	J
Max. RF power to the cavity $P_d$	1345	kW
Number of slug tuners	96	
Frequency tuning	Water temp.	

## **Mechanical design**

- Based on vacuum brazing, LNL mechanical experience with TRASCO, CERN experience for RFQ brazing, design compatible with oven at CERN, LNL and in industry;
- Due to the relatively large transverse dimensions of the RFQ, the procurement of the CUC2 raw material blocks is limited by the total mass amount (length 550 mm).
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Prototype before brazing at CERN



TRASCO and IFMIF module

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## First construction step module n0 16

 Rough machining of block 550 mm long vie EDM for minimal stresses and deformations during annealing and brazing





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# Four electrodes of module #16 electrodes (machined by Cinel) in specs



## **Module 16 construction**







It is hard to keep 50 um accuracy after brazing

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# **Cooling circuit**

- About 600 kW RF power are removed by means of 28 channels longitudinally drilled along the RFQ modules; the water velocity is approximately 3 m/s,
- 12 channels at fixed low temperature on the vanes
- 16 channels on the cavity wall with variable temperature for frequency tuning
- the temperature of the channels on the vane and on the cavity wall can be separately tuned so to achieve a tuning range of +100kHz.





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ile (~0.55 m

# **3D details**

- Dummy tuners, vacuum grids and end cells
- In the end cell the 45° angle of the undercut guarantees the access of the cooling channel as close as possible to the hot spot at the electrode base (~80 W/cm2\*), which is the most severe of

the entire RFQ

• Deformations of 70 um and field perturbation less than 1%



#### Slug tuners (CF100)









## IFMIF/EVEDA Accelerator building by JAEA In Rokkasho (Aomori)







## **SPES** at LNL

# **SPES** lay out



The new TDR will be based on this lay out, for A/q=7 the extraction voltage is 40 KV, after the breeder the beam is accelerated by a new 80 MHz RFQ

# SPES lay out: High intensity capability Pb 10-100



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# **Design for SPES RFQ**

Parameter (units)	Value
Operational mode	CW
Frequency (MHz)	80.
Injection Energy (keV/u)	5.7
Extraction Energy (keV/u)	722
Accelerated beam current (µA, typ.)	100
Charge states of accelerated ions (A/q)	7 – 3
Internal bunching section	Yes
Beam transmission	92%
Longitudinal output emittance RMS	4.3 keV/u*deg (0.15 ns keV/u

Parameter (units)	
Inter-vane voltage (kV, A/q=7)	63-120
Vane length (m)	5.6
RF power (kW, four vanes structure)	180
Average radius (mm)	5 - 9
Vane radius to average radius ratio	0.8
Modulation factor	1.0-3.2
Total number of cells	293
Synchronous phase (deg.)	-9020
Focusing strength	2.8 - 4.8
Peak field (Kilpatric units)	1.7



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### 80 MHz RFQ for SPES



#### 2D simulations (SUPERFISH), Rtank=400 mm



 $P_{RF} = P_{2D} \cdot \alpha_{3D} \cdot \alpha_{RF} = 120 \text{ kW} \cdot 1.3 \cdot 1.2 = 187 \text{ kW}$  (power to be delivered from the RF source)

Bolted electrodes, copper plated iron tank, metallic circular joints, brazing of electrodes and other components before assembly

A.Pisent RFQ for cw applications



# Conclusions

- The field of high power RFQs is very lively
- with the approval of IFMIF EVEDA, the design and construction of an extremely ambitious high power RFQ (5 MeV 125 mA d) has been launched.
- The experience of RFQ construction diffuses between different laboratories and there is in the community the know how necessary for the RFQ necessary for high intensity heavy ions (Pb 10-100).
- Such accelerator is any way very delicate and adequate resources for Physics and engineering design are needed

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#### SARAF at SOREQ (Israel)



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**IFMIF-EVEDA** 

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