

A low emittance compact proton injector for a proton therapy facility

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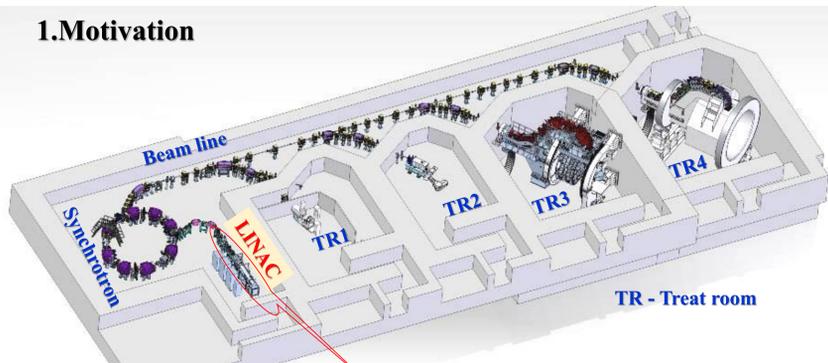
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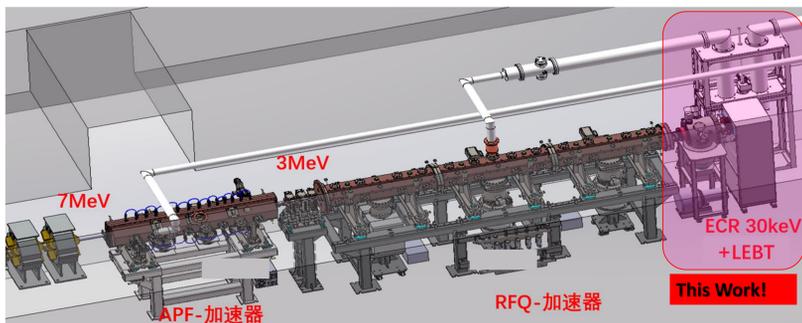
Abstract To meet the requirements of a Proton Therapy Facility funded by National Key Research and Development Program of China, a new compact ion source-LEBT integrated proton injector was developed at Peking University (PKU). It consists of a typical PKU permanent magnet compact 2.45 GHz ECR ion source (PMECRIS) and an electrostatic LEBT (low energy beam transport) with an electrostatic lens, a beam chopper, a set of beam steers, an ACCT, a bellow, an e-trap and a valve. A 1200 L/s molecular pump is adopted to maintain the vacuum for this integrated injector. The total length from RF matching plane to RFQ front flange is about 450 mm. Chopper is used to shorten the pulse length from ms to μ s with sharp edges. Test results of this PMECRIS source prove that it has the ability of delivering a proton beam with current from 10 mA to 90 mA with duty factor of 3% (100Hz/0.3ms) and its rms emittance less than 0.1π mm-mrad at 30 keV. The acceptance tests of this integrated injector have been performed with a 30 keV hydrogen beam. A required proton current of 18 mA with ripple wave less than ± 0.1 mA successfully passed through a $\varnothing 20$ mm aperture diaphragm at RFQ entrance flange. Its rms emittance is about 0.06π mm-mrad.

1. Motivation



A new 7MeV LINAC is needed for this facility.

Overall View of the Proton Treatment Device at Shanghai Ruijin Hospital.

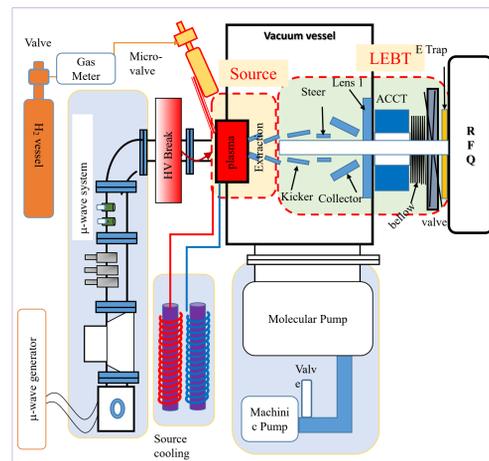


The Schematic View of this 7 MeV LINAC

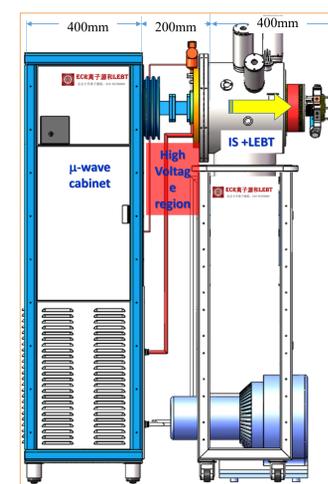
2. Proton injector setup

Table: Parameters required by this LINAC

| Content | Parameters | Unit | Method | |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Ion type | H ⁺ | | H ₂ | |
| Energy | 30±0.1 | keV | | |
| Peak Current | Ion source | 20~30 | mA | PKU PMECRIS + |
| | LEBT | >18 | mA | |
| Beam stability(LEBT) | ±1 | mA | | |
| Emittance (RMS, Norm) | ≤0.2 | π mm-mrad | | |
| Repeat frequency | 0.5~10 | Hz | Pulsed Plasma + | |
| Pulsed Length | 40~100 | μ s | Kicker | |
| Raise edge | ≤2.0 | μ s | | |



The diagram of proton injector



3. Details of this proton injector



Source body

• **Source Body**
PKU Compact Permanent magnet 2.45GHz ECR ion source.

Outside Dimension: $\varnothing 100$ mm \times 100 mm

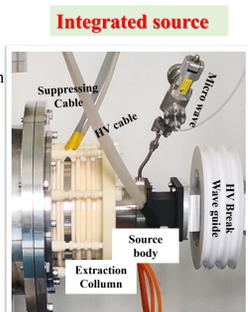
• **Extraction System**

A three-electrodes system.

Outside Dimension: $\varnothing 200$ mm \times 110 mm

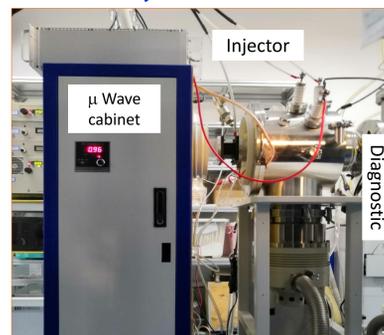
• **Integrated source**

Outside Dimension: $\varnothing 200$ mm \times 150 mm



Integrated source

Facility at PKU



Facility at User place



4. Commissioning Results

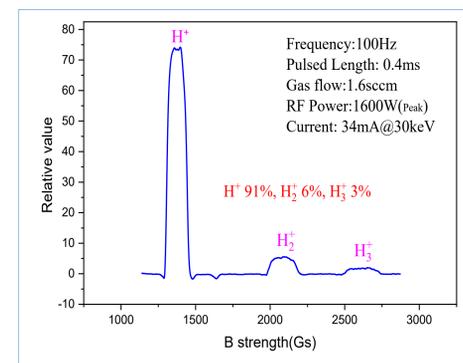
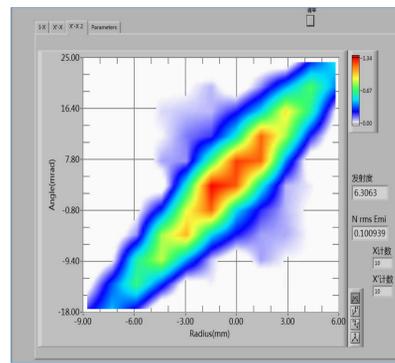
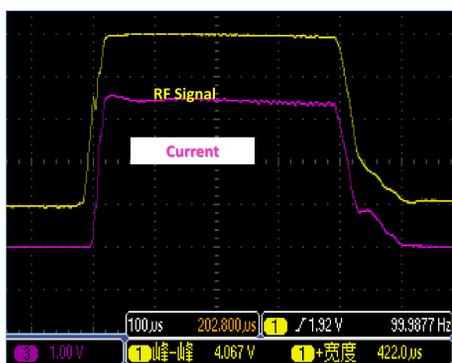
Results from Ion Source

Operation Parameters

Frequency: 100 Hz
Pulse Length: 0.3 ms
Gas flow : 0.7scm-2.3scm
Extraction Voltage:30 kV
Suppressing Voltage: -2 kV

Test results

10 mA to 90 mA
rms emittance is $\sim 0.1\pi$ -mm-mrad
H⁺ faction:>90%



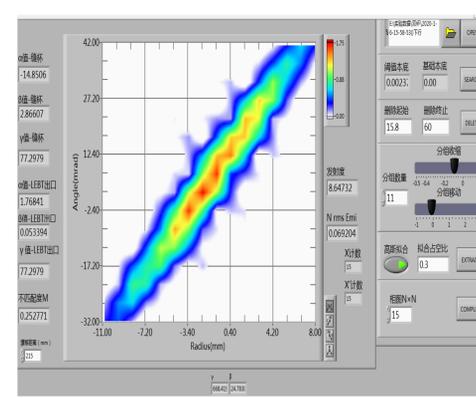
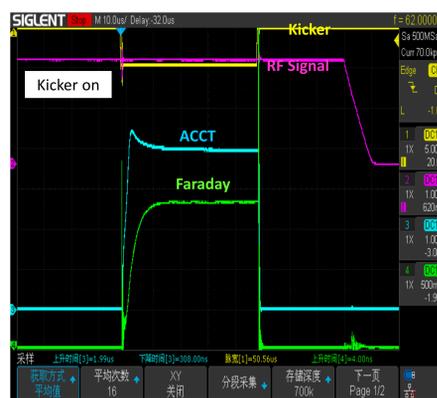
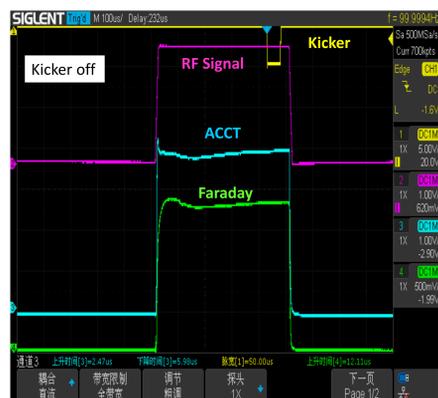
Results at the entrance of RFQ

Setting Parameters:

Frequency: 0.5 Hz to 100 Hz
Pulse length before chopper : 0.3 ms - 1ms
Pulse length after chopper: 40 μ s - 100 μ s
RF power(peak): 1 kW to 2.6 kW
Gas mass flow: 0.7 scm to 2.3 scm
Extraction Voltage: 30 kV
Suppressing Voltage: -2 kV

Commissioning Results

Current at ACCT: 10 mA to 30 mA.
rms emittance: $< 0.1\pi$ -mm-mrad
beam rise edge: < 2 μ s.
Beam transmission efficiency: $> 95\%$.
No steer is needed for beam calibration.



5. Summary

A proton injector was developed at PKU for P-RT facility. It was based on a combination of a PKU type compact permanent magnet 2.45 GHz ECR ion source and an E-LEBT. Beams produced by this injector match the requirement of RFQ facility. RFQ commissioning in on the way.

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