





PRAE: a new platform for Research and Applications with Electrons in Orsay

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- PRAE: a multi-disciplinary site based on the high-performance electron beam with energy range 50 MeV - 140 MeV.
- □ Strong complementary expertise of IMNC, IPNO and LAL groups.





- the electron accelerator: foreseen properties, R&D status, site
- Instrumented line for users: generic detector test bench
- Radiobiology: roadmap towards pre-clinical studies
- Nuclear physics: ep scattering => Proton Electric Form Factor at very low Q²
- Summary

PRAE: time phases of the project

Phase 1: RF gun at 50 Hz; 50-70 MeV 2016 - 2019 **Nuclear Physics** Direct + 2 deviated lines; scanning Instrumentation dipole for radiobiology; spectrometer Preliminary for instrumentation; magnetic chicane **RF** gun for nuclear physics. 5 MeV Radiobiology M. EL Khaldi, L. Garolfi, "RF Design of a high gradient S-High Gradient S-band cavity (25 MV/m) Band Travelling wave accelerating structure for THOMX Collaboration with PMB-Alcen company LINAC", Proceedings of IPAC2015, Richmond, VA, USA. **Nuclear Physics** Modulators, BPMs, Profilers, ... Recycling market ! Instrumentation Phase 2: energy upgrade to 140 MeV 2020 Preliminary Radiobiology

Electron accelerator: design and parameters







PRAE infrastructure in LAL building





Experimental Hall

To experimental Hall

Accelerator beam line

Super ACO Hall

То

Super ACO Hall

Laser hut ? ANDE MEDE

Intrumentation R&D



Fully-equipped versatile tool for precision instrumentation R&D based on high-performance electron beam

Excellent technical performance

- > Timing reference, < 10 ps bunch length
- > Charge accuracy, RMS < 2×10⁻³
- Low straggling (energy >> 1 MeV)

□ High-performance, remotely controlled tools

- > Beam position, profile and monitoring
- > 60 digitization channels for users on NARVAL-based data acquisition
- > Motorized moving table for scans, accuracy < 500 μ m

High-quality test bench for tests and optimization of detectors of users from research and indusdrial media

Intrumentation R&D





Timepix detector for precision spot measurement



Cherenkov quartz counter for intensity monitoring

2 channel Cherenkov counters (LAL) tested at BTF (Frascati); installed in the SPS (CERN) beam pipe





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- **Detector tests** (time and charge response, uniformity)
 - Electromagnetic calorimeters (ILC, FCC)
 - R&D / tests for PRAE nuclear physics and radiotherapy setups
 - > Particle channeling with bent crystals (UA9 project at CERN)
 - Cherenkov Detectors (Tau-Charm factory)
 - Gaseous detectors (ALERT R&D on drift chamber for JLAB, Micromegas R&D for TPC developments)
 - R&D on diamond detectors (LHC upgrades, KEK, ...)
 - □ Irradiation study of semiconductor devices
 - > Monolithic Pixel Sensors (MAPS) for future vertex detectors
 - > DEPFET pixel detectors for X-ray astronomy
 - Vertex detectors for ILC and FCC

A test platform for major instrumentation projects in Particle Physics, Nuclear Physics, Astrophysics, Solid Physics, ...









Radiobiology: motivation (1)

□ Radiotherapy (RT) is one of the most frequently used method for **cancer** treatment

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Treatment of some radio resistant tumors and tumors close to a delicate structure (i.e. spinal cord) is currently limited



The main challenge in RT is to find **novel** approaches leading to an increase of the normal tissue resistance

Free parameters: particle, beam energy and intensity, way to deliver dose (in space & time)

- Protons: well defined path, precise location of the energy deposition (peak of Bragg) BUT too few treatment centers due to a high cost (e.g. 2 in France, ...)
- At hospitals mainly photons and electrons (2-25 MeV) are used => superficial tumors Lateral scattering = > normal tissue damage, field sizes > cm²

Radiobiology: spatial fractionnated dose



X-ray minibeam radiation therapy (MBRT)

- submillimetric field sizes instead of several cm²
- **spatial fractionation of the dose** *instead of homogeneous distributions*



Exponential increase of normal (rat) brain resistance.

Y. Prezado et al., Rad. Research 84 (2015) 314

It opens the path for a dose escalation in the tumor.

Combining these 2 effects allows to increase the dose delivered to a tumor as normal tissues are much more preserved

Radiobiology: « Very High » Energy Electrons



Advantages of very high energy electrons (VHEE): 120-250 MeV:

2.0

1,0

0,0

- Beams get wider in depth due to multiple Coulomb scattering
- Normal tissues benefit from **spatial fractionation** of the dose while a (quasi) homogeneous dose distribution is achieved in the tumor.

Very high energy electrons (VHEE)



Spatial fractionation of the dose (MBRT)





1,0 0.9

0.8

0,7

0,6

0,5

10,0

7.5

5,0

0.9

0.8

0.7

0.6

0,5

Radiobiology: pre-clinical studies program



Innovative dosimetry for very small field sizes Experimental dosimetry Dose calc

Film



Microdiamond detector

Dose calculation engine Monte-Carlo based



Confirmation of the hypothesis of high normal tissue resistance

Whole rat brain irradiation protocol

- Evaluation of acute and long-term effects (one year follow-up):
- Clinical status (survival, neurological damages)
- Follow up (blood brain barrier breakdown, edemas, hemorrhages)
- > Histological analysis (tissue integrity, demyelination, neuronal cell loss, necrosis)

Nuclear Physics: Proton charge radius puzzle



 $\hfill\square$ Determination of the proton charge radius from

muonic hydrogen Lamb shift

significantly differs from that using

electronic hydrogen Lamb shift and electron scattering.



□ Search for explanations from experimental issues, theory, ... :

Underestimated uncertainties / Bad radius determination / Lepton non-universality / New force/particles / Novel hadronic physics / ... \rightarrow no consensus.

□ More data / different experiments needed !

ProRad@PRAE

□ The **ProRad** experiment at **PRAE** aims at accurate measurements (≤1%) of

the electric form factor of the proton $G_{E}(Q^{2})$ at very low four-momentum transfer squared Q^{2} .



Any deviation from 1 would indicate genuine effects



ProRad@PRAE: apparatus concept

- □ Measurements of the ep elastic scattering cross section (< 1% level) between 5° and 15°
- \Box Windowless thin solid hydrogen target (10 20 μ m thick)
- Mechanical definition of scattering angles via small holes drilled in a thick shielding plate (no B nor tracking)





□ The energy deposit spectra in a calorimeter allow separation between elastic and Møller electrons scattered in the same direction



□ Absolute normalization from simultaneous measurement of ep elastic and ee Møller scattering within the same detector using kinematic separation.

Requirements:

 \Box Precise **beam**: $\Delta E/E = 10^{-3}$, $\sigma_{x,y} < 0.5$ mm, $\Delta \theta < 1$ mrad

Control of **radiative effects**

Summary

- PRAE is a new innovative multi-disciplinary project in the heart of the Paris-Saclay Valley site for science, R&D and applications as well as education relying on complementary IMNC – IPN – LAL expertise, and based on an electron linear accelerator (50–140 MeV)
- > The fully equipped instrumentation platform will be available for users from academic and industrial for detector R&D and tests
- Radiotherapy with high energy electrons (140 MeV): potential to be demonstrated (biological effect)
- Nuclear physics: contribution to solve the proton charge radius puzzle increasing the number of data on electric form factor in a Q² range from 10⁻⁵ - 10⁻⁴ (GeV/c)²

Design started before summer 2016, 1st results expected by end of 2020

Perspective:

> Infrastructure and PRAE design allows an upgrade to 300 MeV

The collaboration: up to now ~60 people

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Propositions of subjects which can be addressed at PRAE are highly encouraged !

Everyone is welcome !

1st PRAE workshop in Spring 2017





Thank you for your attention

Nuclear Physics: experimental technique



Differential Cross section



- Measurements of the ep elastic scattering between 5° and 15° in absence of any magnetic field and tracking system.
- □ The energy deposit spectra in calorimeter allow separation between elastic and Møller electrons





❑ Absolute normalization from simultaneous measurement of ep elastic and ee Møller within the same detector using scattered electron kinematic separation.

Precise beam:

 Δ E/E = 10⁻³, $\sigma_{x,y}$ < 0.5 mm, $\Delta\theta$ < 1 mrad