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Curriculum vitae

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1992-present	Fellow (1992-1995) and Staff Member (1995 onwards) at CERN. Indefinite contract granted in 2002, Senior staff since July 2015
1889-1991	Graduate Research Assistant at Los Alamos National Laboratories
From Oct 2014	Leader of the section 'Hadron Sources and LINACS' composed of 10
	staff members and 15 temporary staffs
2010-2016	LINAC4 deputy project leader
2017-2020	LINAC4 project leader
2005-2008	Deputy coordinator of the European Program HIPPI (High Intensity
	Proton Pulsed Injectors) in the framework of CARE
April 2000 to	Leader of the section "Beam dynamics and linear accelerator design" in
January 2003	the Particle Production group. The section was composed of two staff
	members and eight temporary staff.

ACTIVITIES AT CERN (1992-present)

2016-present	Designer of a compact low power acceleration system, based on high frequency RadioFrequencyQuadrupole to produce a 2MeV proton beam for use in artistic diagnostics (PIXE,PIGE). Design of low energy pre-injectors for societal applications.
2018-2022	Responsible for LINAC4 beam quality and particle source optimization. Conception and realization of a novel source extraction system to maximise beam quality (emittance and intensity)
2013-present	in the medical accelerator study group: designer of LINACs for medical purposes. This entailed the conception and definition of a compact and efficient 750MHz RFQ, as injector for a new-generation hadron-therapy facility. This novel RFQ design was granted a patent.
2010-2020	in the LINAC4 project: holder of 3 work-packages, , LINAC4 (deputy) project leader, and beam performance coordinator. This entailed the procurement of 130 Permanent Magnet Quadrupoles for the Drift Tube LINAC, the definition of the commissioning strategy and the preparation of the commissioning. Leader of the beam commissioning, successfully completed in 2016.
2003-2010	in the SPL/LINAC4 project: coordination of beam dynamics activities for the entire accelerator (LINAC4 to 160MeV and SPL up to 5 GeV). This entailed the definition of the focusing and accelerating elements of the LINAC and its transfer lines to determine the reference layout. A novel concept of chopping was introduced, which allowed reducing the need for a high voltage on the plates. On the reference layout sensitivity studies have been run in view of defining the machine error tolerances and the map of the losses for radioprotection studies.
2003-2005	in the LHC beam optics team: responsible for the field quality specification of the LHC short straight sections, including the main quadrupoles and the lattice correctors. Responsible for the optics of the interaction point IR8.

1999-2002	in the Neutrino Factory Working Group (NFWG): designed a system for the collection, cooling and acceleration of muons which allows achievement of very high neutrino fluxes. The system was adopted as the CERN reference scenario. Participation and coordination of beam dynamics studies for a Muon Cooling Experiment (MICE).
1996-2000	in the Radio Frequency Quadrupole Decelerator (RFQ-D) project: provided beam-dynamics design for a system capable of decelerating 5 MeV antiprotons to a pre-selected energy (in the range 10-120 keV); design of measurements lines to validate the decelerator performance and flexibility; The RFQ-D is in operation since November 2000.
1994-1996	in the Automated Beam Steering (ABS) project: optics study of the LINAC-to-BOOSTER transfer line in the framework of ABS led to a redefinition of the transverse beam optics which improved the performance of the PS complex with respect to steering sensitivity and current limit.
1994-1996	in the Laser Ion Source (LIS) project: designed a Radio Frequency Quadrupole (RFQ) for a 10mA lead-ion beam to inject in the Interdigital H structure of LINAC3; followed up of the vane profile machining with the workshop and, participated in the RFQ commissioning with an equivalent proton beam. The theoretical expectations were fully met at the test stand.
1993-1994	in the CERN HEAVY ION FACILITY (LINAC3 Project): study of the effect of higher order multipoles in the RFQ and modifications to the vane profile to minimize their effect; end-to-end simulation from the RFQ input to the IH input; participation in the setting up and running in of the LINAC and, participation in several machine development sessions to improve the overall performance of the LINAC complex.
1992-1993	in the RFQ2 Project: beam dynamics calculations, test-stand measurements and their analysis; study and optimization of the LINAC2 with the new injector; participation to the re-commissioning of the LINAC2 and, participation in several machine development sessions to increase the performance of LINAC2, first stage of the proton accelerator chain working reliably since 20 years.

Other activities include:

1995-present	Main driver for the development of design and beam-dynamics codes for linear accelerators and transfer lines. The main additions include space charge routines, error studies modules to define machining tolerances and interface with accelerator operation.
1995-present	Reference person in the collaboration with laboratories and universities in Europe and the United States on the themes of LINAC design and commissioning and code development.
1997-2013	Lecturer at the Joint University Accelerator School (JUAS).
2005,2014	Lecturer at CERN Accelerator School.
2012-2013	Lecturer at Second level master in hadron therapy at University of Pavia.
2002-2011	Member of the ICFA beam dynamics panel.