LLRF and beam loading cancellation

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Overview

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 - magnetic alloy cavities of J-PARC RCS and MR
- Iow level rf system
- beam loading compensation
- experience of 1 MW-eq beam acceleration
- conclusion

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High intensity:

- RCS: 1 MW-equivalent achieved, 500 kW user operation
- MR: 350 kW user operation for neutrino experiments

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Typical wake voltage in RCS cavity.

RCS and MR cavities



(Left) RCS cavities and (right) MR cavities

- 3-gaps / cavity, 18 cores / cavity
- \sim 2 m long, maximum 40 kV / cavity
- strong rf power source: push-pull amplifier with TH558K, 10–12 kV, 92 A anode PS,

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Low level rf control systems

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LLRF functions:

- fixed system clock (36 MHz)
- DDS (direct digital synthesis)-based multi-harmonic RF generation for cavity drive and signal detection
- common feedbacks for stabilizing

the beam

- AVC, cavity voltage control
- phase FB (RF phase)
- radial FB (frequency)
- If feedforward system for compensating the heavy beam loading
- misc. functions; synchronization, chopper timing



RCS: wide-band cavity, Q = 2

- No tuning loop
- A single cavity is driven by the superposition of multi-harmonic RF signals
 - the fundamental RF (h = 2): for acceleration of the beam
 - the second harmonic RF (h = 4): for the bunch shape control by modifying the RF bucket. Increasing the bunching factor to alleviate the space charge effects

Precise control of the harmonic voltages is necessary.



- frequency is low (several MHz): cavity voltage is directly converted into digital by ADC (36 Ms/s)
- harmonic detection blocks
 - amplitudes of (h = 2) and (h = 4) are detected
- compared with the amplitude patterns
- PID (Proportional-Integral-Derivative) controllers
- coordinate transformer, (R, θ) to (X, Y)
 - RF signal is generated, using phase pattern
- (h = 2) and (h = 4) RF signals are summed; dual-harmonic RF signals

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- I/Q demodulation technique is used
- the LPF must reject the nearest harmonics: (h = 1) and (h = 3). Minimum separation is at injection, 0.47 MHz
- $I/Q \text{ vector: } I_{(2,4)} = A_{(2,4)} \sin(\phi_{(2,4)}), \ Q_{(2,4)} = A_{(2,4)} \cos(\phi_{(2,4)})$
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- the amplitudes of the fundamental and the second harmonic are detected and compared with the patterns
- the amplitude of each harmonic is controlled independently
- dual-harmonic AVC is working very well



Comparison of the program and measurement.

Roles of phase feedback:

- suppress longitudinal dipole oscillation (accelerating harmonic, h = 2)
- lock second harmonic (h = 4) rf phase to fundamental rf



- phase modulation used (not frequency modulation). For second harmonic, it is natural
- good for phase control of extracted beams (discussed later)



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Second harmonic phase sweep

- The second harmonic phase is swept so that the RF bucket shape is modified during the injection period
- Efficient way to distribute the particles

$$\phi_{(h=4)} = rac{\phi_{ ext{sweep}}}{T_{ ext{inj}}} \left(t - rac{T_{ ext{inj}}}{2}
ight) - 2\phi_s ext{ [deg]}$$

 $\phi_{(h=4)}$: the second harmonic phase ϕ_{sweep} : the sweep range that was set to 80 deg T_{inj} : the duration of the injection ϕ_s : the synchronous phase



Second harmonic phase sweep example. horizontal-axis: time [ms], vertical axis: relative phase of the second harmonic to the fundamental minus ϕ_s .

Using the LLRF functions, longitudinal injection painting during RCS injection period is achieved:

- momentum offset -0.2% (by frequency offset)
- large amplitude (${\sim}80\%$ of fundamental) second harmonic rf
- second harmonic phase sweep, 100 degrees

Achievement of longitudinal injection painting

Without (left) and with (right) longitudinal painting



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Bunching factor improved, $0.25 \rightarrow 0.45$.

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dp/p after frequency correction ICFA mini-workchop, F. Tamura Synchronization to the neutron chopper and MR rf bucket is important.

Very small tolerance of beam timing jitter:

- MLF: for neutron chopper: $\pm 100~\text{ns}$
- MR: several degrees of rf phase: ± 10 ns

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Typical waveform of the wake voltage (top) two bunches and (bottom) eight bunches are accumulated. Amplitude modulation is visible in case of two bunches.

In both RCS and MR, multiharmonic beam loading compensation is necessary.

Multiharmonic rf feedforward

J-PARC RCS and MR employ rf feedforward method for multiharmonic beam loading compensation.

 in case of direct rf feedback, FB amplifier must be located in tunnel near cavity, limited space

Feedforward method:



Conceptual diagram of rf feedforward method.

- pick up beam current by WCM
- in addition to driving rf current to generate accelerating voltage, —*i*_{beam} fed to cavity
 - cancel wake voltage

Multiharmonic rf feedforward system



Block diagram of feedforward for MR. RCS version is similar but the selected harmonics are h=2,4,6.

- I/Q vectors (h = 8, 9, 10) are generated from WCM signal
- distributed to each cavity system
- for each cavity and harmonic, gain and phase patterns are programmed. By I/Q modulation, compensation rf signal generated
- tracking BPF with passbands at (h = 8, 9, 10) with arbitrary gain and phase

Delicate adjustments of the gain and phase patterns are necessary. We established the commissioning methodology.

Commissioning methodology

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 waveforms from injection to extraction are taken by a long memory oscilloscope (RCS: 200 Ms/s, 4 M points)

harmonic analysis by PC

- 1 LLRF driving rf: V_{dr}(h, t)
- 2 WCM signal: I_{beam}(h, t)
- 3 cavity voltage monitor: $V_{cav}(h, t)$



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• $H_{dr}^{cav}(h, t)$: transfer function from LLRF driving signal to gap voltage, obtained without accelerating beam

 $H_{\rm dr}^{\rm Cav}(h,t) = \frac{V_{\rm cav}(h,t)}{V_{\rm dr}(h,t)}$

• $Z'_{cav}(h, t)$: cavity impedance under the tube current for generating the accelerating voltage, obtained without FF. $V_{cav}(h, t) = V_{cav,dr}(h, t) + V_{cav,wake}(h, t)$

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 Z_{FF}(*h*, *t*): transfer function from beam current to FF component (obtained with FF.)

impedance seen by the beam with FF: $Z'_{cav}(h, t) + Z_{FF}(h, t)$ To minimize the impedance, pattern is modified $|Z_{FF}(h, t)| = |Z'_{cav}(h, t)|$ $Arg(Z_{FF}(h, t)) = -Arg(Z'_{cav}(h, t))$

by several iterations, impedance seen by the beam can be greatly reduced

Commissioning methodology of feedforward has been established.

RCS commissioning results

Commissioned using 300 kW eq. $(2.5 \times 10^{13} \text{ ppp})$ high intensity beams.



Comparison of impedance seen by the beam without and with feedforward.





Comparison of gap voltage waveform just before extraction.

- impedance seen by the beam is successfully suppressed (1/30)
- distortion reduced, waveform with FF is close to the case of no beam
- phase delay, which corresponds to the loading angle, is reduced
- beam loss due to the distortion disappeared

MR commissioning results

Commissioned using 200 kW eq. $(1.0 \times 10^{14} \text{ ppp})$ high intensity beams. Impedance seen by the beam for (h = 8, 9, 10) successfully reduced.





dp/p from injection to extraction Without FF (top) and with FF (bottom).

without E

with EE



Typical beam loss monitor signal in the arc sections without and with feedforward.

- by FF, rf phase jumps due to loading angle are reduced, less dipole oscillation
- compensation of neighbor harmonics (h = 8, 10): periodic transient reduced, forward and rear bunches oscillate similarly
- oscillation reduced throughout the accelerating period
- beam losses in the arc sections due to large amplitude dipole oscillation disappeared

J-PARC FF system summary

- multiharmonic feedforward system developed for RCS and MR
- commissioning methodology established
- feedforward compensation is now indispensable for high beam power operation
 - FF systems for h = 2, 4, 6 and h = 1, 3, 5 are working in RCS
 - h = 8, 9, 10 and h = 17, 18, 19, fundamental / second harmonic and neighbors in MR

Experience of 1 MW-eq beam acceleration

1 MW beam acceleration: first trial



- ✓ The beam accelerations of up to 770 kW was achieved with no significant beam loss.
- ✓ But, the 1-MW beam acceleration was not reached due to the RF trip.
- ✓ When the beam intensity got to over 800 kW, the anode power supply of the RF system tripped due to the over current.

The first trial in October 2014 was not successful due to shortage of the capacity of anode power supply.

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1 MW beam acceleration: quick measures



By shifting the cavity resonant frequency (1.7 \rightarrow 2.1 MHz), anode currents decreased and we could accelerate 1 MW-eq beams.

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1 MW beam acceleration: result of trial in Jan 2015



After fine tuning, no intensity loss was observed by DCCT, however...

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Comparison between 1 MW and 560 kW beams



Mountain plots of 1 MW (left) and 560 kW (right) beam and comparison of bunching factor (bottom).

- Not very different
- A bit more oscillation in case of 1 MW, also B_f oscillates
- oscillation source?

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Harmonic components of (left) beam signal and (right) cavity voltage monitor. Odd harmonics are significant around 2–3 ms.

The resonant frequency shift is good for reduction of anode current, but not best for longitudinal motion.

- feedforward of odd harmonics is not sufficient to suppress this kind of wake
- narrow band voltage feedback is now considered in addition to feedforward

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Conclusion

- LLRF control systems for J-PARC RCS and MR were designed and built to handle multiharmonic rf signals,
 - voltage control
 - phase feedback

and the systems work properly

- multiharmonic beam loading compensation by rf feedforward greatly reduces impedance seen by the beam
- improvements foreseen toward our goal
 - anode power supply consolidation is planned this summar
 - narrowband vector voltage control is considered

Backup slides





Vector sum



Vector sum of cavity voltage for phase detection.

