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RF systems of J-PARC proton synchrotrons for high-intensity longitudinal beam optimization and handling

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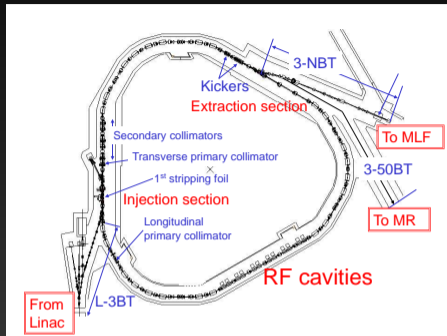
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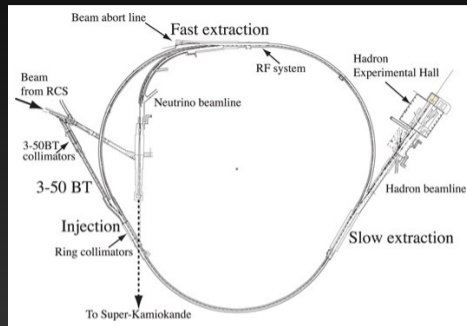
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RCS and MR: very high intensity synchrotrons

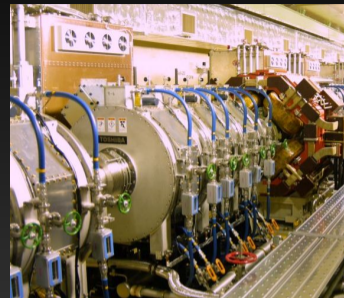
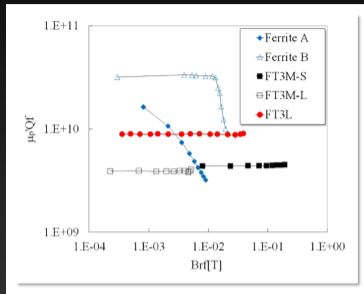


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| output beam power | (design) 750 kW |
| accelerating frequency | 1.67-1.72 MHz |
| harmonic number | 9 |
| maximum rf voltage | 480 kV |
| repetition period | 1.16 - 5.2 s |
| No. of cavities (Fund. + 2nd) | 9+2 |
| Q-value of Fund. rf cavity | 22 |

Finemet / Magnetic Alloy (MA) cavity



Nano-crystalline material Finemet:

- $B_s \sim 1.2$ T, stable at high rf voltage
→ twice higher accelerating gradient than ferrite cavities
- Very high permeability → wideband

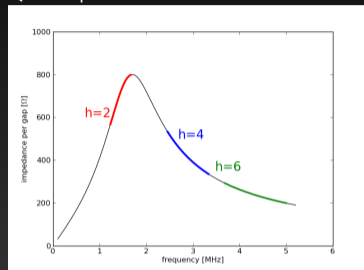
RCS MA cavity: 440 kV / 12 cavities, $Q = 2$

MR MA cavity: 480 kV / 9 cavities, $Q = 20$, 2nd harmonic 120 kV / 2 cavities

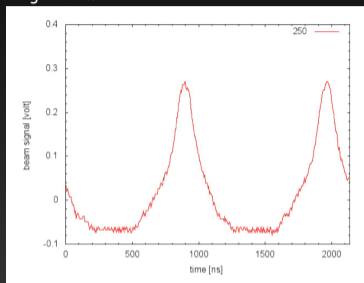
- Both cases, frequency sweep without tuning is possible

Wideband MA cavity for RCS

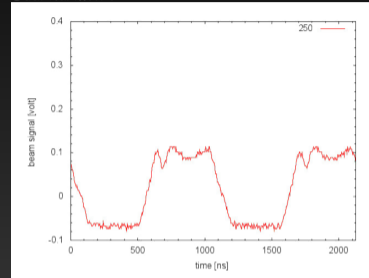
Q = 2 response:



Single harmonic:



Dual harmonic:



Wideband frequency response (Q = 2) enables the dual harmonic operation:

- A single cavity is driven by superposition of fundamental (h2) and 2nd harmonic (h4) rf signals
- Bunch shaping is indispensable for high intensity beam acceleration, alleviating space charge effects

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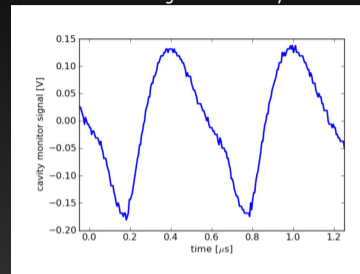
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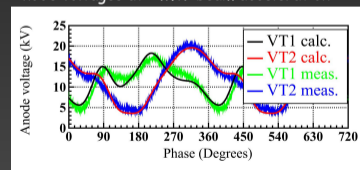
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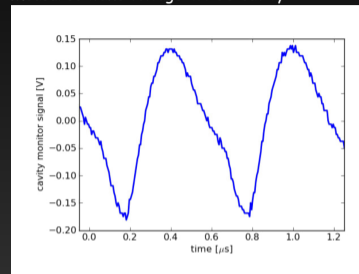
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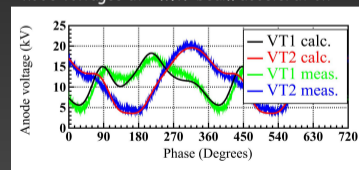
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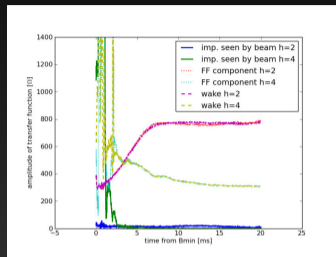
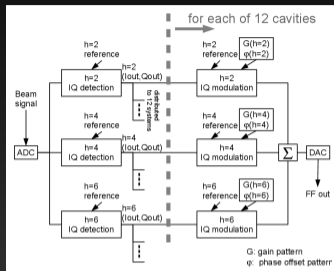
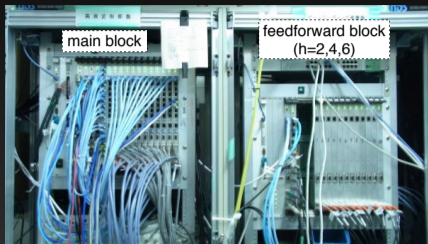
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Multiharmonic feedforward in original RCS LLRF control system (-2019)



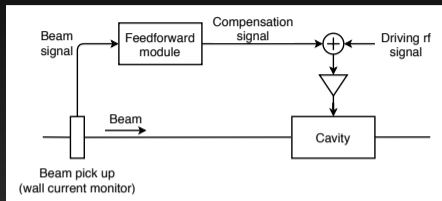
The original LLRF features Multiharmonic feedforward beam loading compensation:

(Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams 14, 051004, 2011, Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams 16, 051002, 2013, Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams 18, 091004, 2015)

- Commissioning methodology established
- Works perfectly at 300 kW, impedance reduction 1/30
- Still works at 1 MW

We switched compensation method from FF to FB with renewal of LLRF, because...

FF is open-loop



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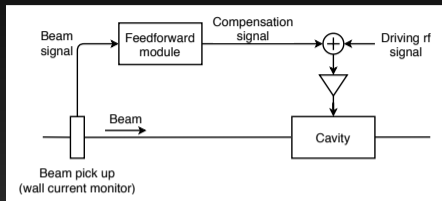
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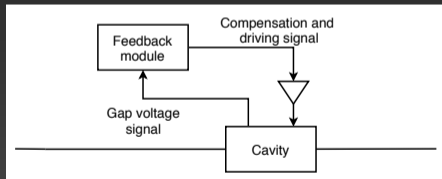
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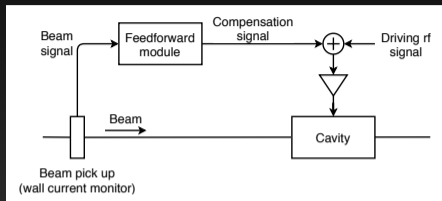


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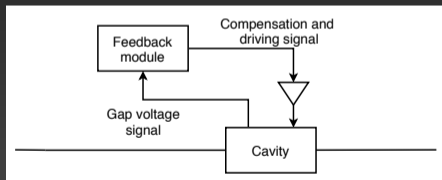
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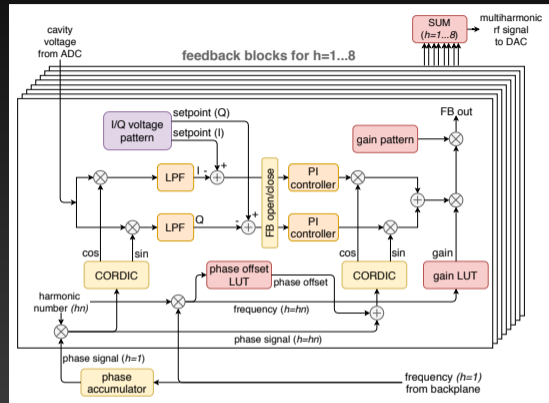
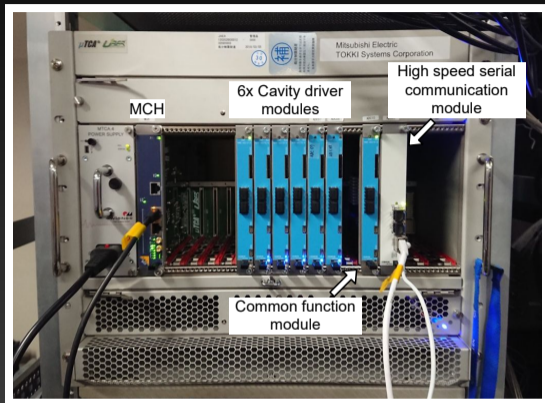


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Multiharmonic vector rf voltage control feedback in new RCS LLRF (2019-)



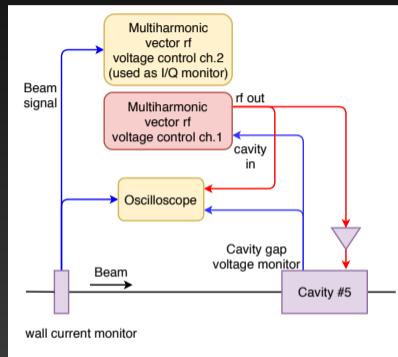
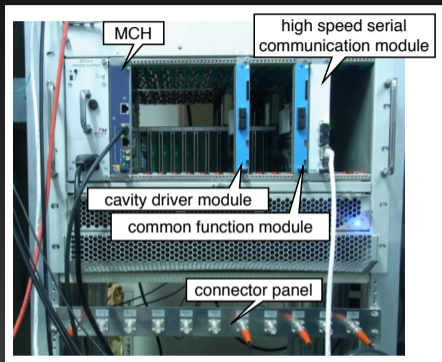
(Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams 22, 092001, 2019)

Eight classical I/Q feedback blocks for harmonics ($h1 \dots h8$).

- Phase offset LUT and gain LUT for wide frequency range (0.4-6.8 MHz)
- LPF design: Tracking CIC by J. Molendijk (CERN) + leaky integrator

Single cavity tests (2018)

Parts of next-generation LLRF were delivered in 2018.

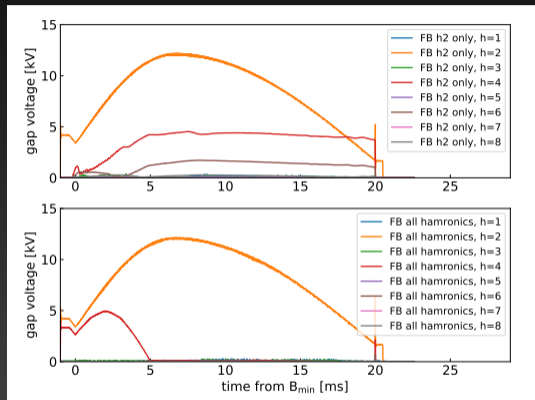


Single cavity tests using Cavity 5 were performed:

- Compensation of other 11 cavities by feedforward
- Harmonic components of beam signal and Cavity 5 voltage signal taken by new LLRF, waveforms by oscilloscope

Single cavity tests (2018): 1 MW beam acceleration

Harmonic components of gap voltages:



(Top)

FB closed for h2 only, other harmonics output off:

- Amplitudes of h4, h6 are significant, 4.6 kV, 1.7 kV max
- h4, h6 contain mainly wake, distortion due to tubes as well

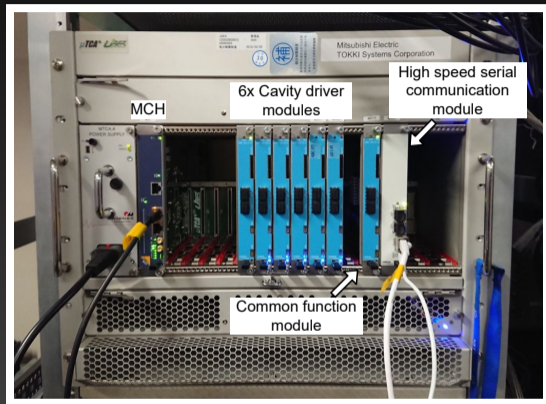
(Bottom)

FB for all (h1..8) closed:

- h2, h4 as programmed
- Other harmonics well suppressed, below 300 V

It is proved that multiharmonic vector rf voltage control feedback can successfully compensate beam loading of eight harmonics in a single cavity, up to 1 MW.

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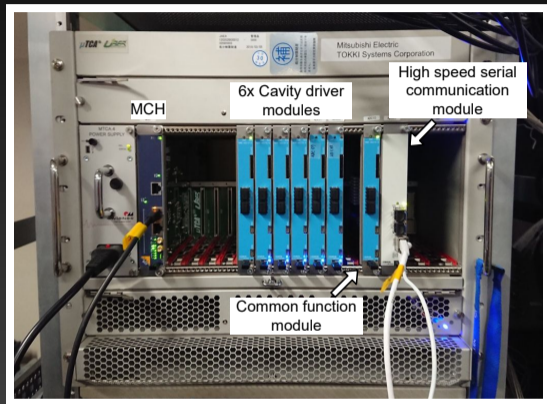
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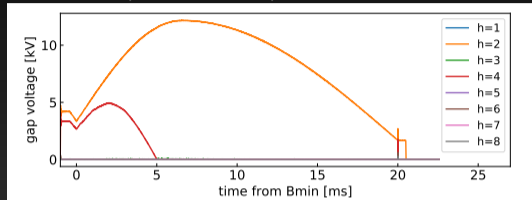
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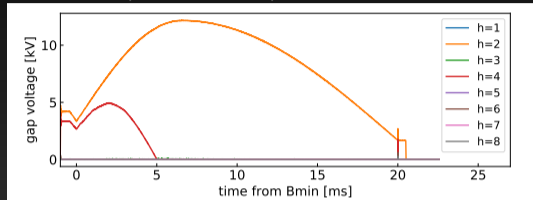


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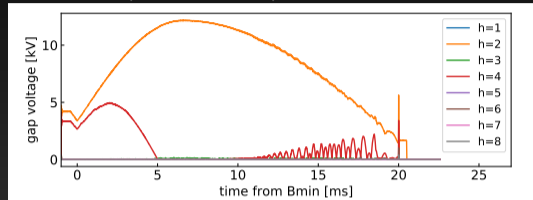
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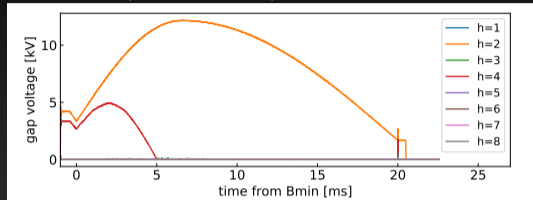
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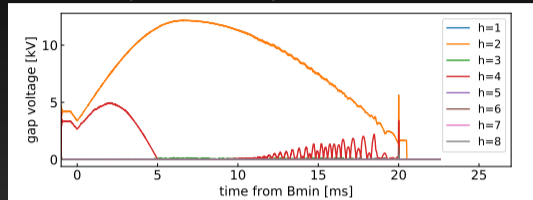
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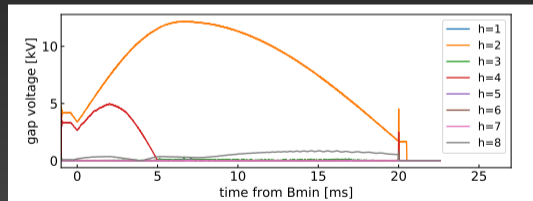
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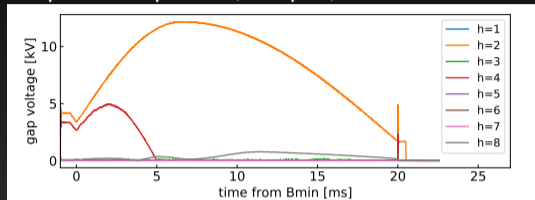


Strategy #1 is applied to overcome the problem. No trip with h78 FB disabled. h8 component clearly seen, ~ 0.8 kV around 15 ms.

- Applying the strategy, we tried to reach 1 MW

Beam tests with 12 cavities controlled by vector FB (2019), 1 MW

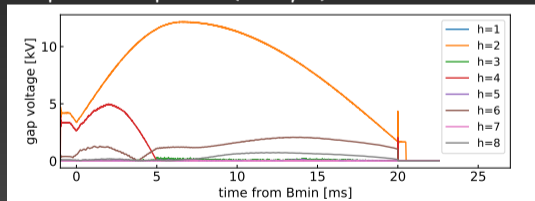
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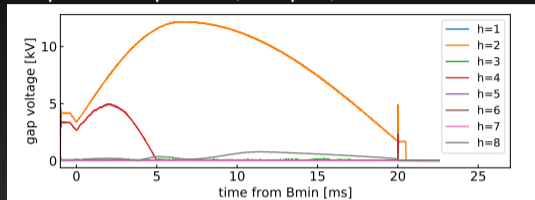
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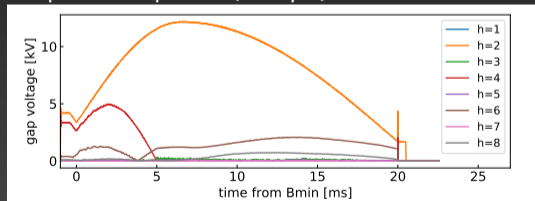


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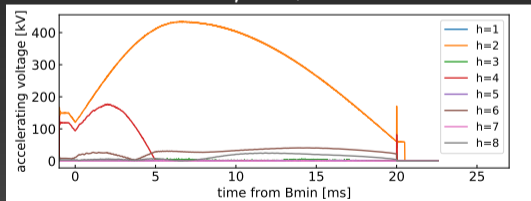
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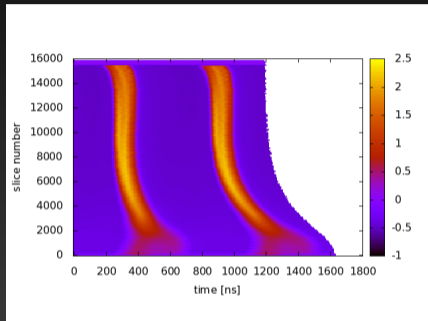
Vector sum voltage of 12 cavities.
Unwanted h6/h8 clearly seen, 40/25 kV.



Although there is a compromise in the feedback setting, stable acceleration of 1 MW beam is achieved.

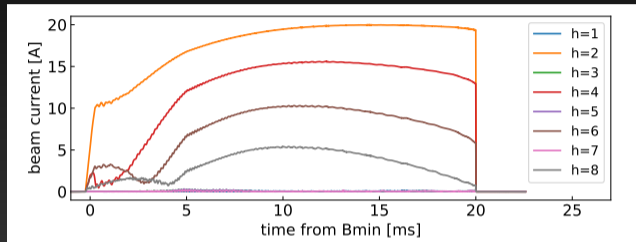
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Mountain plot of beam signal:



- No oscillation, stable

Harmonic components of beam signal:

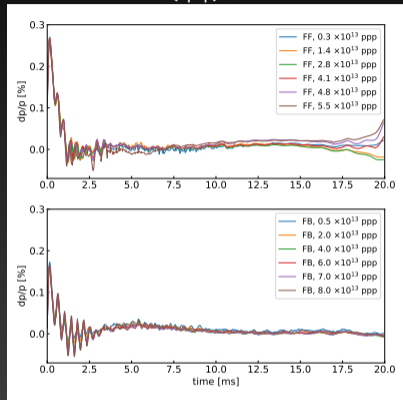


- The harmonic components of the beam vary smoothly without oscillations
- The bunch shape smoothly changes during acceleration with the cavity voltages regulated as programmed.

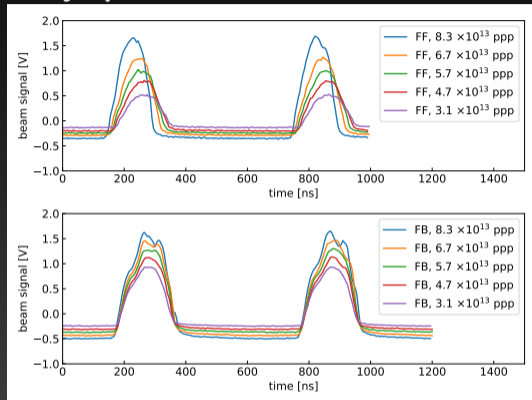
The beam control is more stabilized by the multiharmonic vector rf voltage control feedback than by the feedforward compensation.

Comparisons of intensity dependencies of (top) FF and (bottom) FB

Momentum deviations (dp/p) of the beam



Beam signals just before extraction



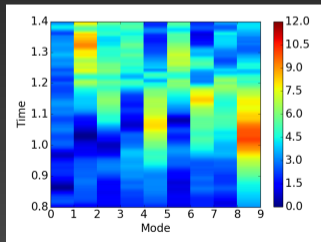
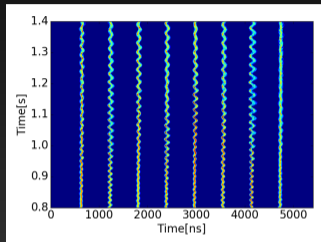
In case of FF, intensity dependencies clearly seen.

- $dp/p \sim 0.1\%$ at extraction
- 40 ns timing change, bunch shapes vary with different intensities

With vector FB, almost no dependencies observed. More stable acceleration is achieved.

MR commissioning results

With feedforward



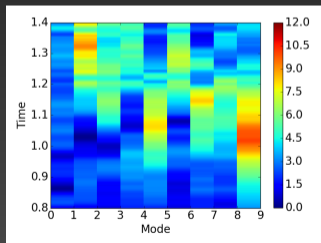
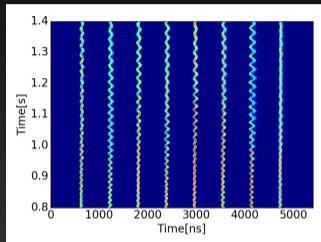
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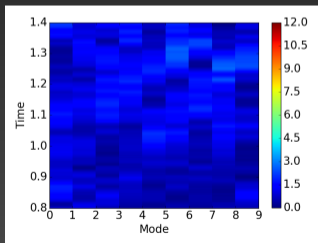
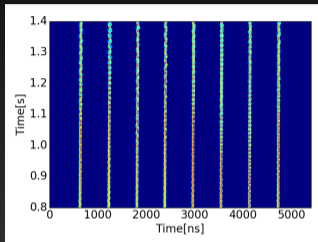
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LLRF summary

Performance of multiharmonic vector rf voltage control feedback is satisfactory.

- Can compensate not only wake voltages but also distortion due to tubes
- RCS: Stable acceleration of 1 MW beam is achieved, while there is compromise of feedback setting
- MR: Coupled bunch instability due to wake voltage of neighbor harmonics is suppressed

Lessons learned:

- HPRF determines the final performance, not LLRF
- Analysis of HPRF operation is necessary

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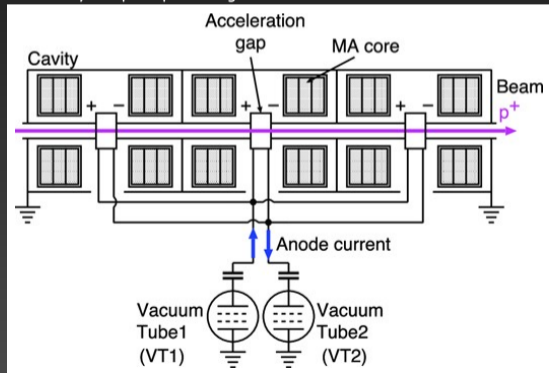
Analysis of the tetrode operating conditions

Rf trips limit the beam intensity.

- Anode OC, SG OC, driver amp trip...

To investigate the tetrode operating condition, a comprehensive simulations have been performed.

RCS cavity has push-pull configuration:

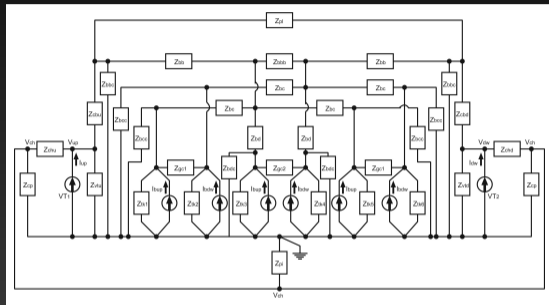


Second harmonic distortion due to tetrode is canceled by push-pull configuration.

- Class AB

Real life is complicated: comprehensive impedance and tetrode models

The impedance model includes cavity, busbar inductance, capacitance, and any possible components.



For the downstream acceleration gap.

$$V_{gap} - Z_{cta}(I_{gap} - I_{cta} - I_{cta}) - Z_{cb}(I_{gap} - I_{cta} - I_{cta} - I_{ct} - I_{cbca}) - Z_{cc} I_{cb} \quad (A.6)$$

$$= Z_{ca} \epsilon (I_{cb} - I_{cbca} + I_{gap} - I_{ca}) V_{gap} - Z_{cta}(I_{cta} - I_{cta} - I_{cta})$$

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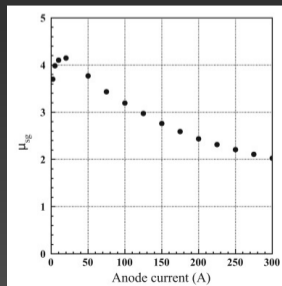
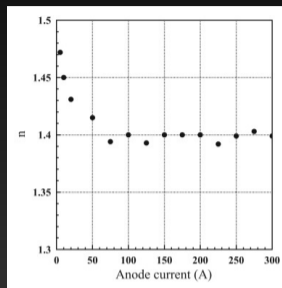
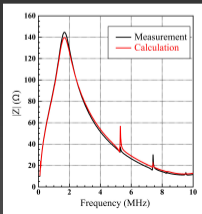
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$$- Z_{cb}(I_{gap} - I_{cta} - I_{cta} - I_{ct} - I_{cbca}) - Z_{cc} I_{cb} - Z_{cp} V_{cp}$$

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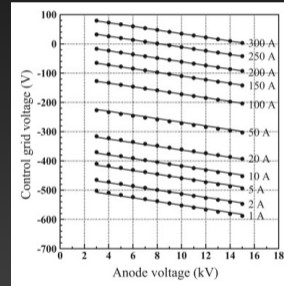
$$= V_{cbw} - Z_{cta}(I_{cbw} - I_{cb} - I_{cta}) - Z_{cb}(I_{cbw} - I_{cb} - I_{cta} + I_{ct} - I_{cbca})$$

$$- Z_{cc} I_{cb}$$



The tetrode model reproduces the constant current characteristics.

$$I_a = k \left(V_{cg} + \frac{V_{sg}}{\mu_{sg}(I_a)} + \frac{V_a}{\mu_a} \right)^{n(I_a)}$$

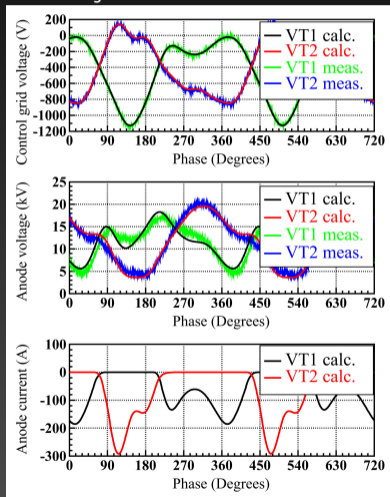


Analysis of the tetrode operating conditions

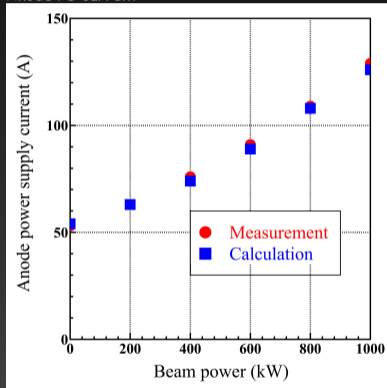
The simulation model well reproduce the tetrode operation at 1 MW beam acceleration.

(Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research Section A, Volume 835, p.119-135, 2016)

Anode voltage



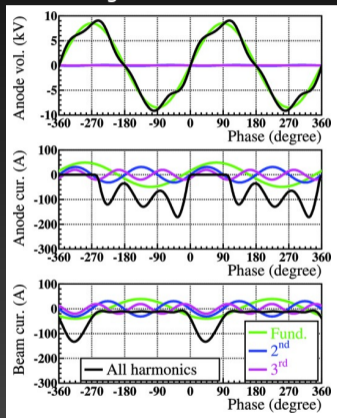
Anode PS current



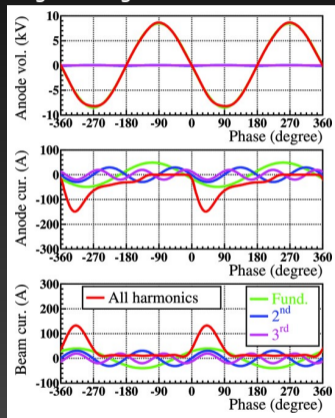
← Anode voltages of VT1/2 are quite asymmetric.

Single-ended cavity simulation results

Positive-sign:



Negative-sign:

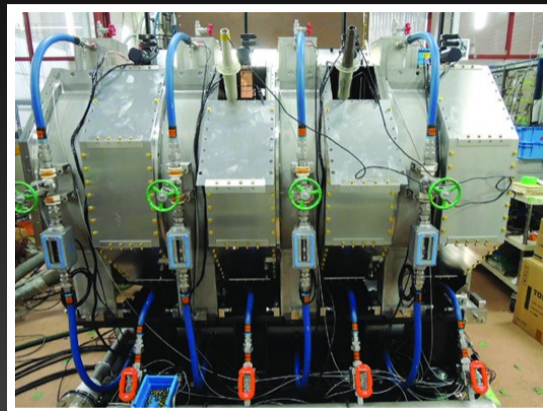
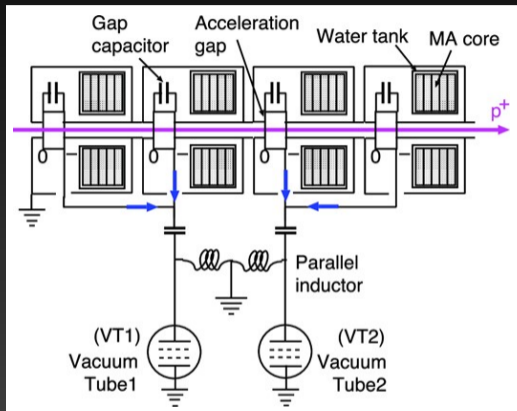


Simulated anode currents are very different:

- Much more anode DC currents for positive-sign cavity. Beam loading for negative-sign cavity seems easier
- Second harmonic component is the source of asymmetry (*Progress of Theoretical and Experimental Physics*, vol. 2023, no. 7, 073601, 2023)
- Same condition should occur in the push-pull operation because it is a combination of the positive-sign and negative-sign cavities

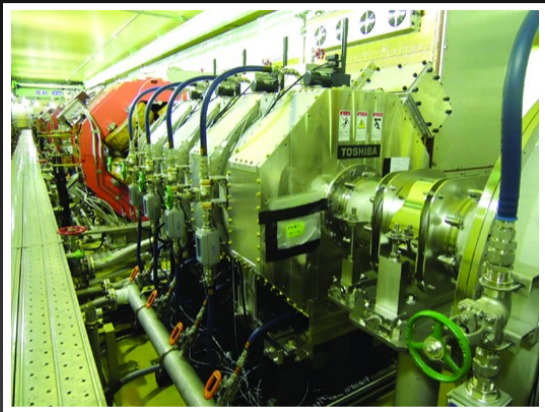
We developed a prototype single-ended cavity only with negative-sign cavities.

Prototype single-ended cavity

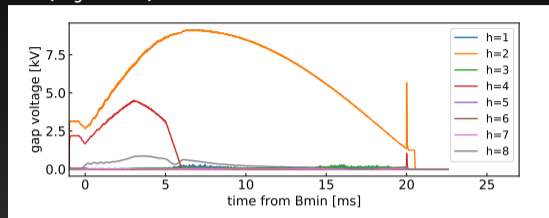


Core type: FT3M \rightarrow FT3L (C. Ohmori, WEC4C1)
of electrode 6 (2x3) \rightarrow 4
Offline high power tests done successfully.

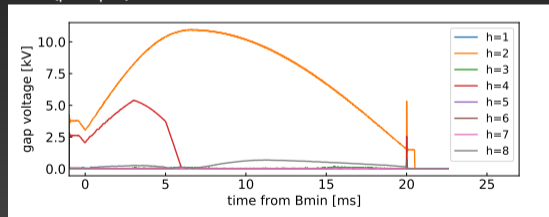
Beam test of prototype single-ended cavity



Cav4 (single-ended):



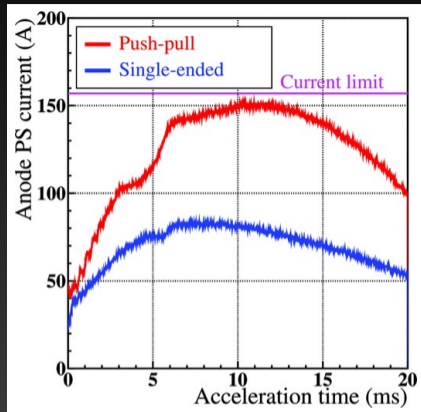
Cav11 (push-pull):



1 MW Beam acceleration with single-ended cavity successfully demonstrated.

- Up to h6 compensated. Different h8 component compared to push-pull cavity, because of different frequency response

Beam test of prototype single-ended cavity



Anode PS current is reduced.

- # of electrodes 6 (push-pull) \rightarrow 4 (single-ended)
- Negative-sign cavities. FT3L core. No in-phase current
- Max anode PS current: 150 A (push-pull) \rightarrow 80 A (single-ended). Enough margin
- Average power consumption: 820 kW \rightarrow 487 kW, 40% reduction

We developed the comprehensive cavity / amplifier model for RCS.

- Simulation well reproduces the tetrode operation
- The issues of tetrode operation in push-pull configuration identified
- Single-ended cavity is developed and successfully tested
 - Single-ended cavity requires multiharmonic voltage regulation to suppress the intrinsic distortion of waveform

Conclusions and outlook

RCS: We believe that combination of

- Multiharmonic vector rf voltage control feedback, and
- Single-ended cavity

is ultimate solution for application of wideband cavity driven by tube amplifier in high intensity synchrotrons.

- All push-pull cavities are to be replaced with single-ended cavities (3 out of 12 done)
- After completion of replacement, we are ready to accelerate higher intensity beams of more than 1 MW. Studies ongoing (K. Yamamoro, WEC3C1)

MR: High accelerating voltage by MA cavities and new LLRF control system will contribute to

- Shorter repetition cycle to achieve higher beam power of 750 kW
- More stable acceleration

Backup slides

Possible improvements

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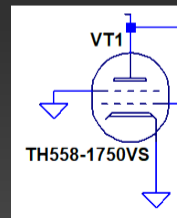
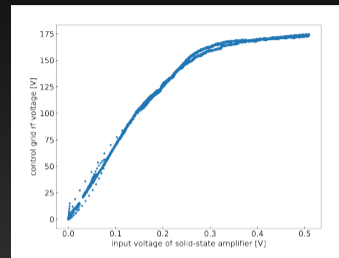
A: Distortion and nonlinearity of amplifier chain.

- Load of the amplifier chain is close to the limit at 1 MW
- Saturation and distortion of the output of driver amp observed

Tetrode parameters modified:

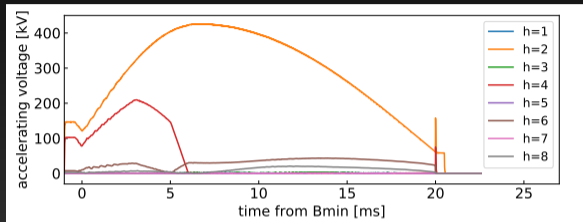
- Filament current: 450 A (longer life setting)
→ 480 A (spec value), more emission
- Screen grid voltage: 1.75 kV → 2.0 kV

Increased tetrode gain reduces the load of driver amplifier.



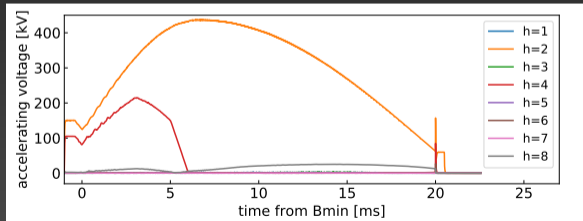
Comparison of vector sum voltages

Fil 450 A / SG 1.75 kV (shown again)



- h78 are all off
- h6 off for 7 out of 12 cavities
- Cavity 1: $\times 0.9$

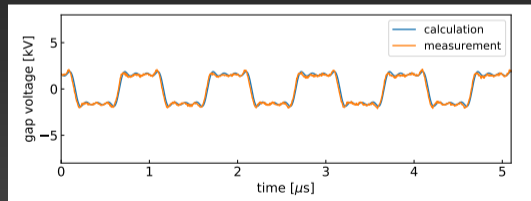
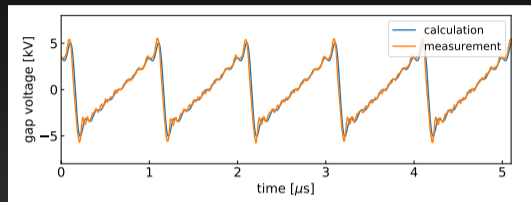
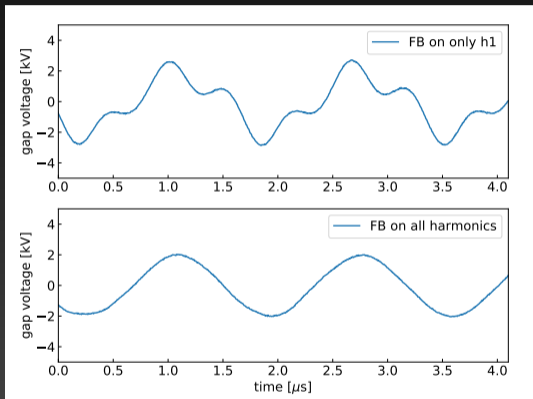
Fil 480 A / SG 2.0 kV



- h78 are all off, same
- h6 ON for all cavities
- Cavity 1: $\times 1.0$
- The load of driver amplifier much reduced, headroom to saturation kept

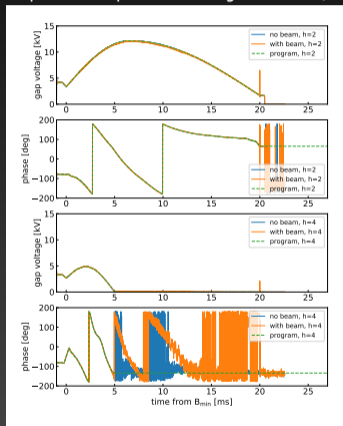
Components up to h6 are under control for all 12 cavities.

Demonstrations

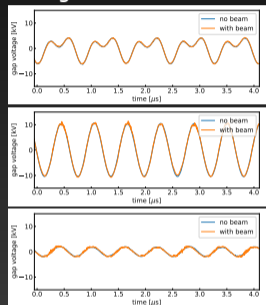


Single cavity tests (2018): 1 MW beam acceleration

Amplitude and phase of driving harmonics (h2, h4):



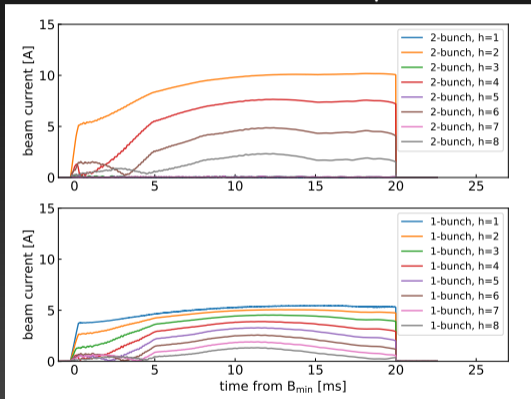
Voltage waveform:



- Amp/phase of no beam / 1 MW beam are very close to program
 - Waveforms almost identical
- Beam loading is well compensated.

Single cavity tests (2018): cancellation of wake voltage

Beam current harmonic components:

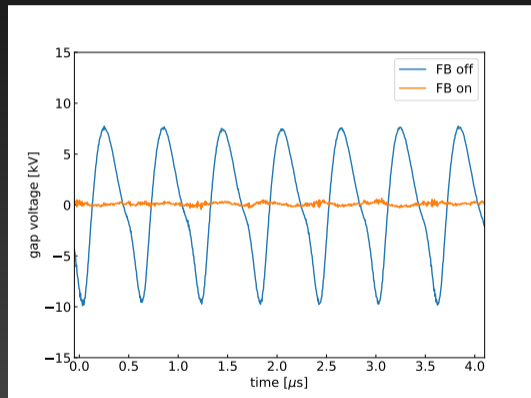
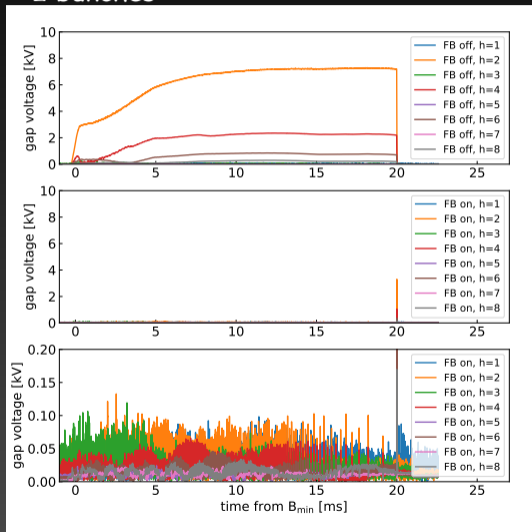


(Top) Acceleration of two bunches at 4.2×10^{13} ppp, 500 kW

(Bottom) Single bunch at 4.2×10^{13} ppp, 250 kW

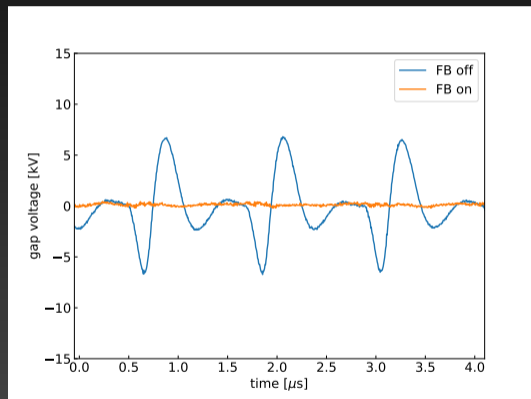
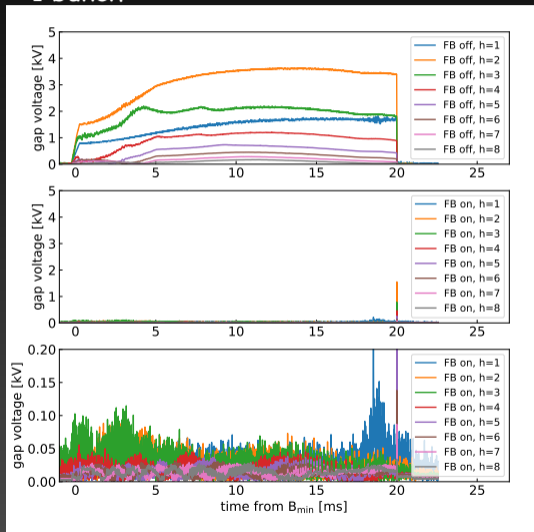
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2 bunches

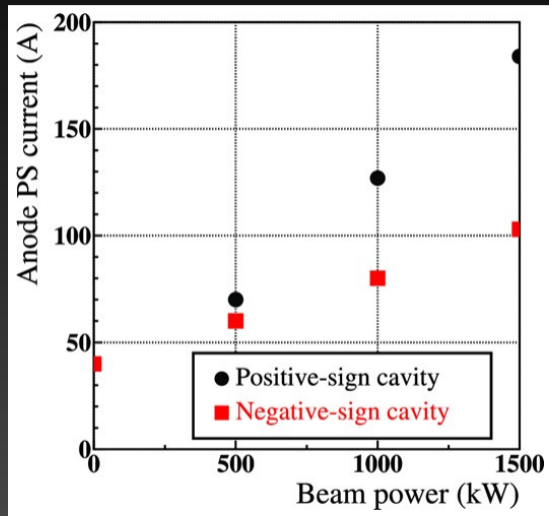


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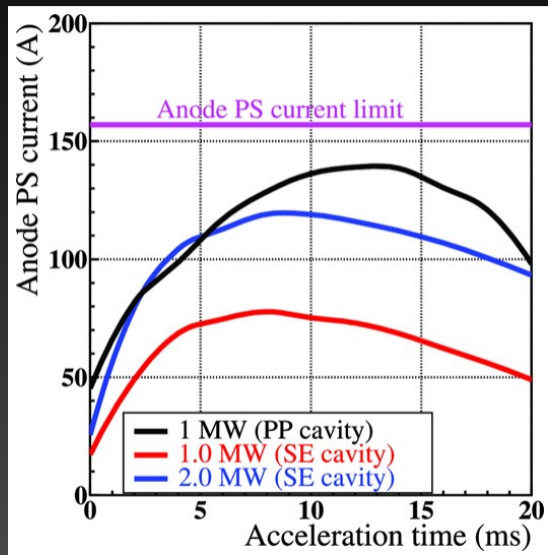
1 bunch



Anode PS currents for positive- and negative- sign cavities

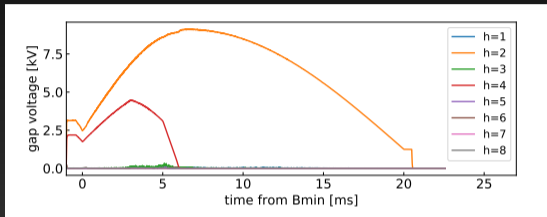


Anode PS currents for push-pull and single-ended cavities

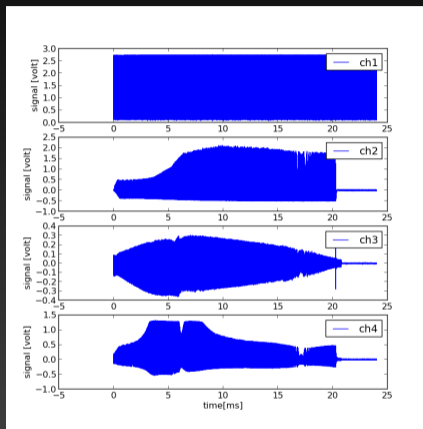
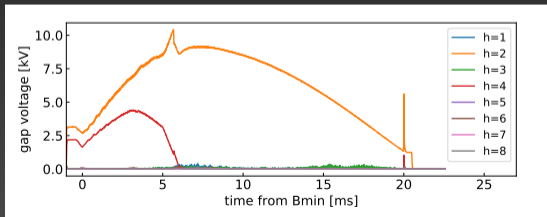


h78 FB?

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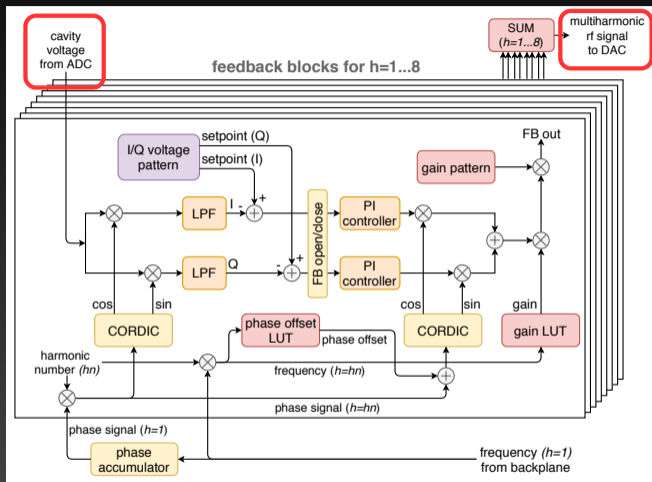


h78 on with 1 MW beam:



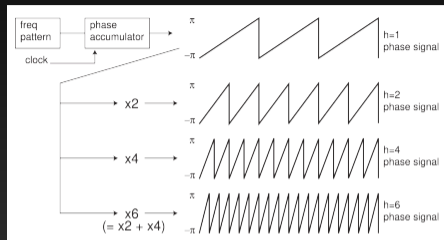
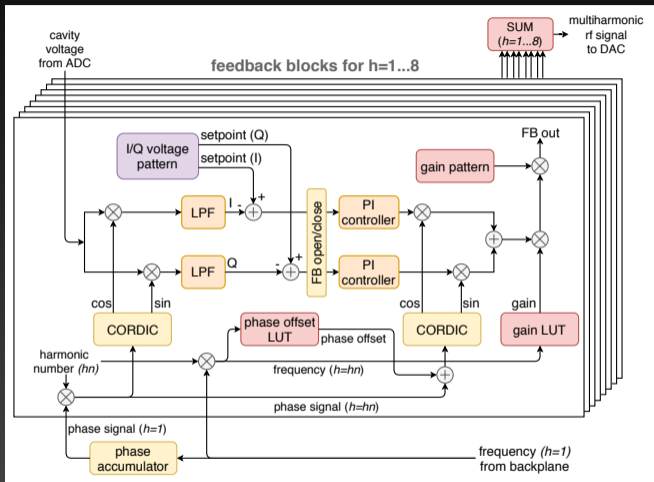
Ch.4 (LLRF output) saturated \rightarrow h8 gain is not enough
Tetrode condition should be optimized.

Multiharmonic vector rf voltage control feedback, block diagram



- Input: cavity voltage signal
- Output: multiharmonic rf signal

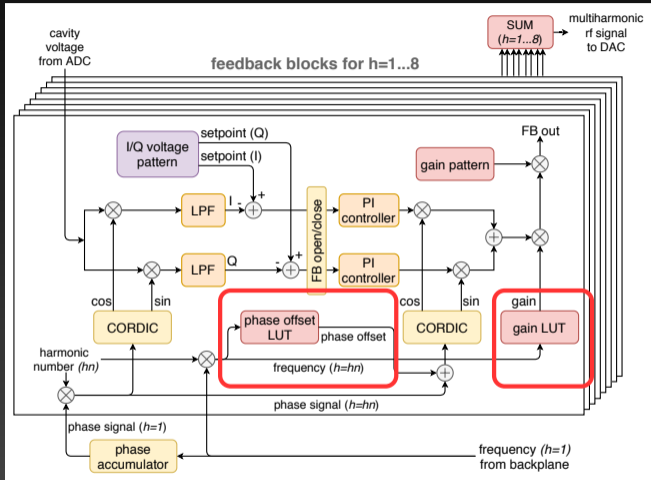
Multiharmonic vector rf voltage control feedback, block diagram



- Perfect synchronization of the harmonics

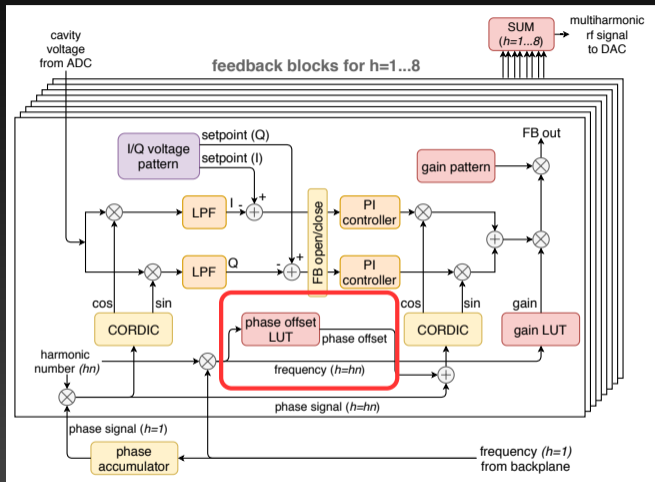
- The feedback consists of eight ($h=1 \dots h=8$) feedback blocks. Each block is classical I/Q vector feedback w/ PI controller
- Multiharmonic phase signal is generated from $h=1$ phase signal

Multiharmonic vector rf voltage control feedback, block diagram



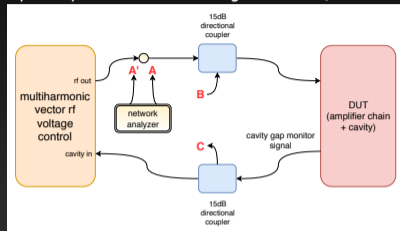
- For wide frequency range (frequency sweep and multiharmonic), it has phase offset LUT and gain LUT
- Frequency is used as address

Multiharmonic vector rf voltage control feedback, block diagram

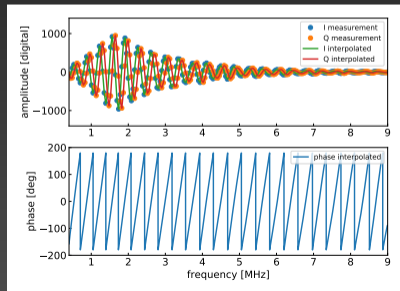


- Phase offset LUT gives phase offset between I/Q demod and mod to control phase transfer function
- Before LUT set, phase shift due to cable delay seen

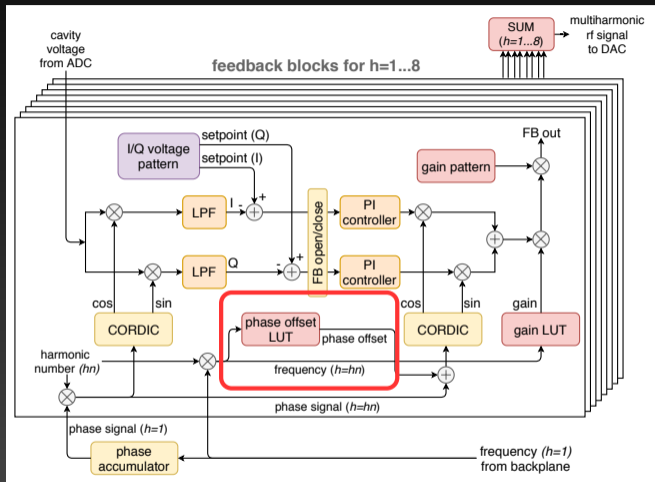
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Phase offset LUT: "0" const

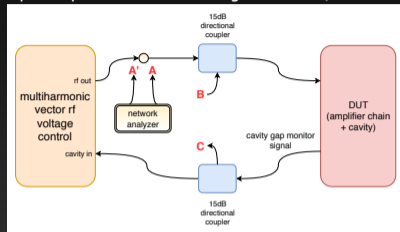


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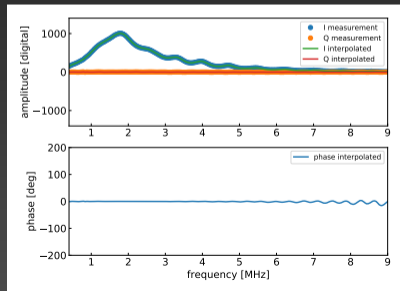


- With phase offset LUT set, the phase response is 0 deg. Feedback can be closed for all frequencies
- Amplitude response due to cav resonance seen \rightarrow gain LUT

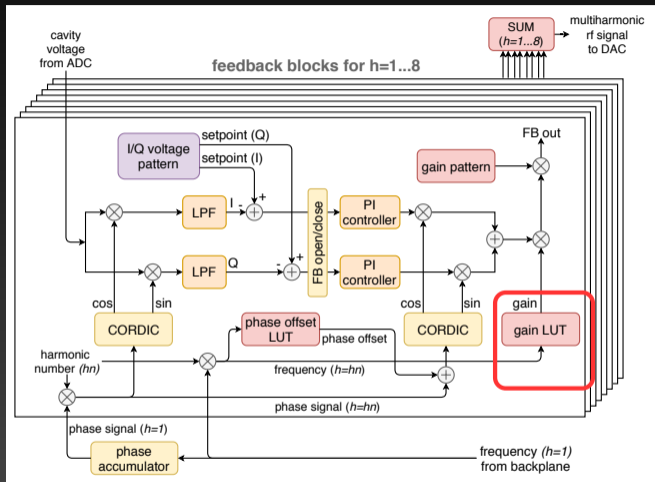
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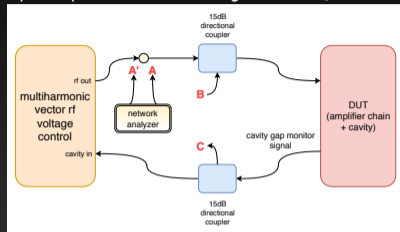


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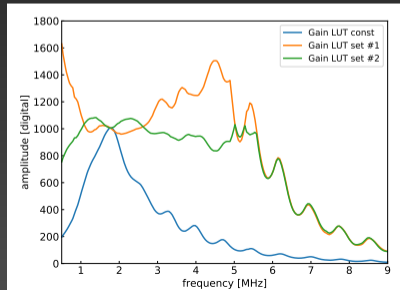


- Gain LUT compensates amplitude transfer function, mainly due to cavity response
- Same PI gain setting can be used over frequency range

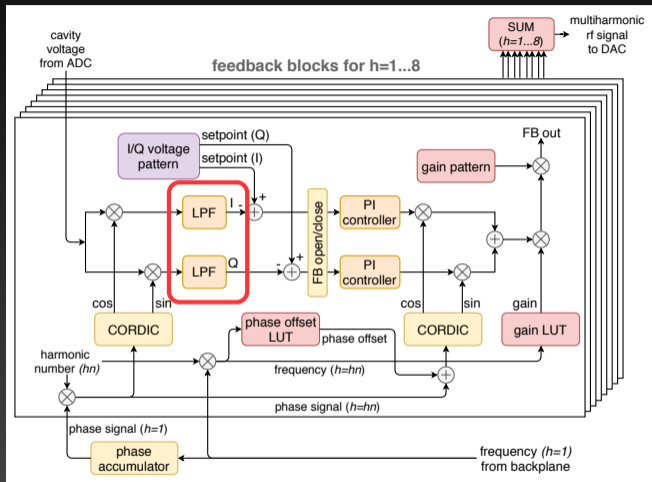
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Gain LUT: const and set #1, #2:



Multiharmonic vector rf voltage control feedback, block diagram



- LPF response affects performance of feedback
- Need consideration

LPF consideration: 5-stage CIC filter

LPF must reject the next harmonic (separation 600 kHz): narrow band LPF necessary.

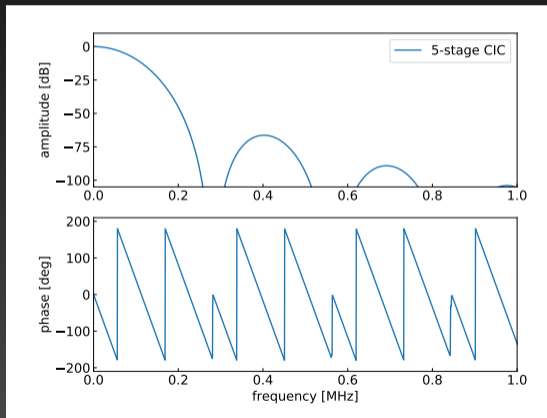
5-stage CIC filter, used for prototype module

$$H_{\text{CIC}}(z) = \left(\frac{1 - z^{-RM}}{1 - z^{-1}} \right)^N$$

- R: decimation factor between integrator and system clock
- M: the number of the delay taps in the comb
- N: the number of stages

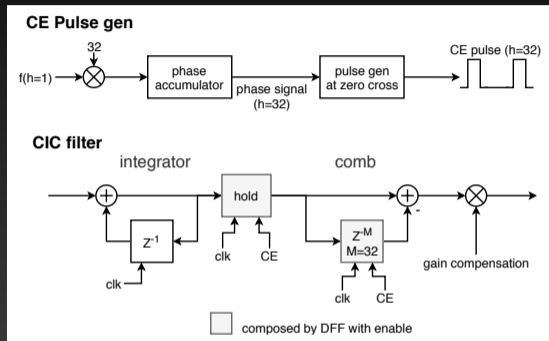
Prototype: R = 2, M = 256, and N = 5

Rejection of the next harmonic is enough, but much phase shift in the passband is an issue.



LPF consideration: tracking CIC filter

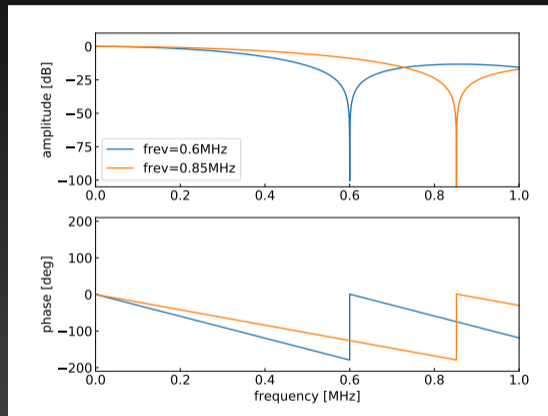
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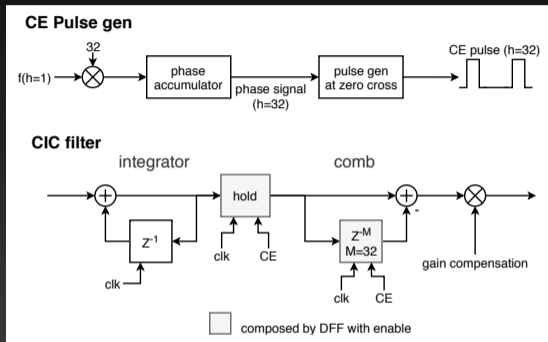
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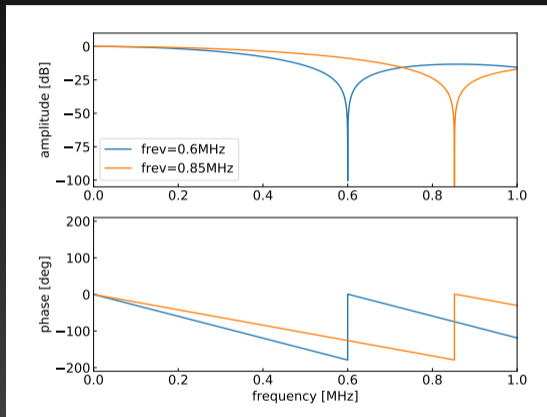
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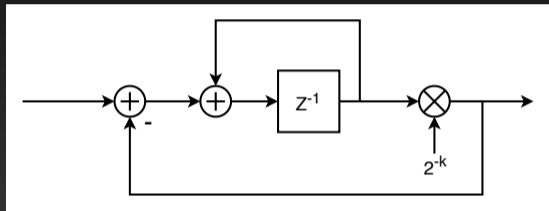
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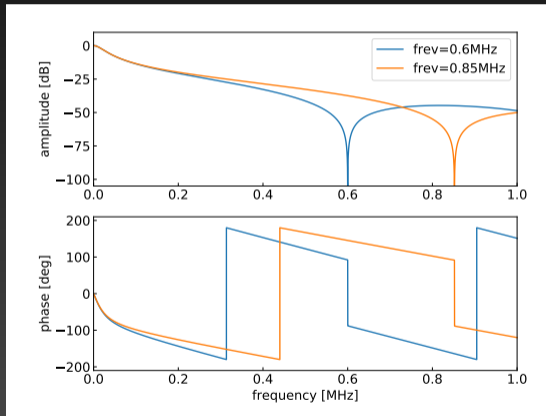
Hybrid filter = tracking CIC + leaky integrator: implemented in next-generation system



LI has narrow bandwidth and some phase shift.

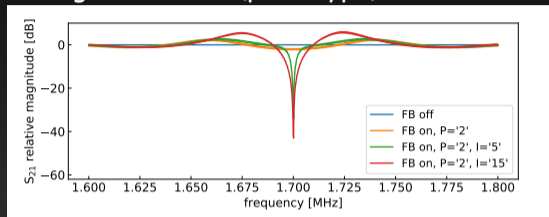
Hybrid filter:

- Rejection of next harmonic is good
- Bandwidth is moderate
- Phase shift is not too much

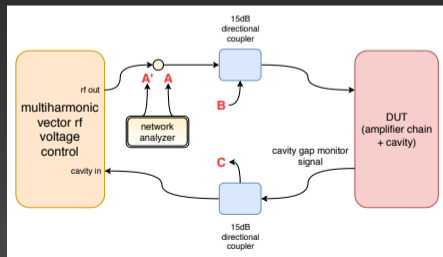
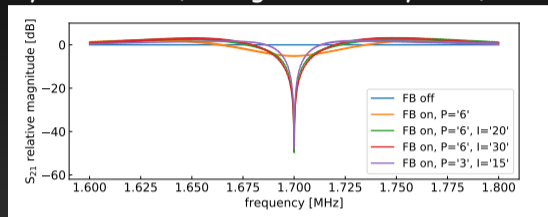


Closed loop gain comparison

5-stage CIC filter (prototype):



Hybrid filter (next-generation system):



Closed loop gain with various PI setting is measured by network analyzer (S_{21} , B to C).

- Higher PI gain is possible w/ hybrid
- Bandwidth w/ hybrid filter is wider
- Comparable bandwidth w/ 5-stage (P=2/I=15): unwanted enhancement

The measurements show the advantage of the hybrid filter over the five-stage CIC filter.