

Ideas for Control of MICE Cavities

- Example amplifier control system
- Example of current STFC copper cavity in operation
 - Using SF6 insulated waveguide
 - Conditioning process results
 - Temperature stabilisation for close control of cavity frequency
 - RF power measurement's
- Mice cavity control ideas

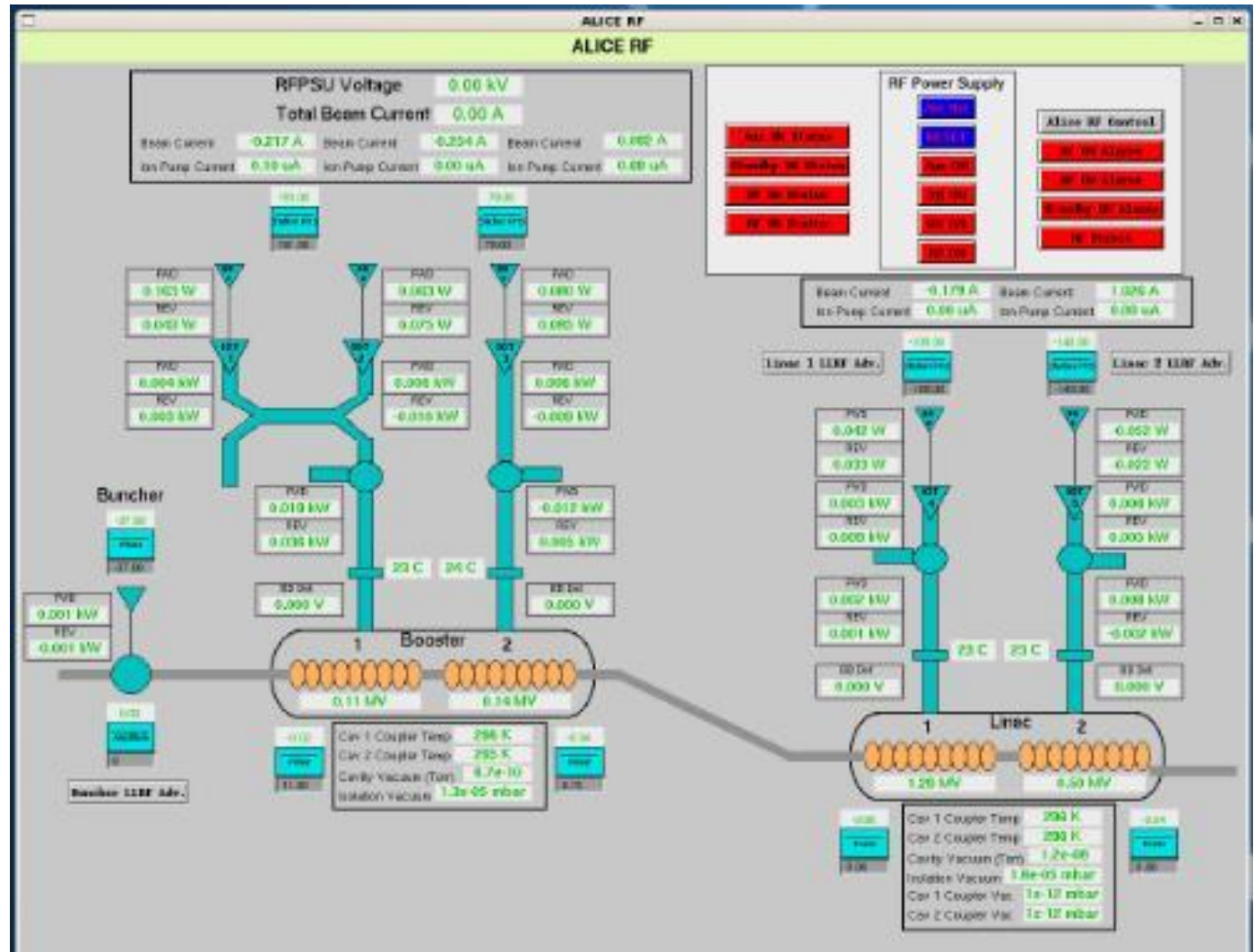
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Amplifier Controls

- Using local plc's/can bus interface – read interlocks, analog setpoints and readbacks
- Build state machine in epics for amplifier control
 1. Aux on – pumps – air – fans
 2. Standby on – filament on, Grid supply's on
 3. HT on – main HV power supplies on ready
 4. RF on – enable RF drive
- Each state should show which interlocks are missing to enable the next block and which interlocks removed the state during a trip condition

RF system overall control

- State machine control
- RF measurements
- Important vacuum /voltage/ temperature parameters
- Interlock status and trips
- This is the main operator panel for ALICE
- more in-depth control pages are clickable from this main screen



Standby on status

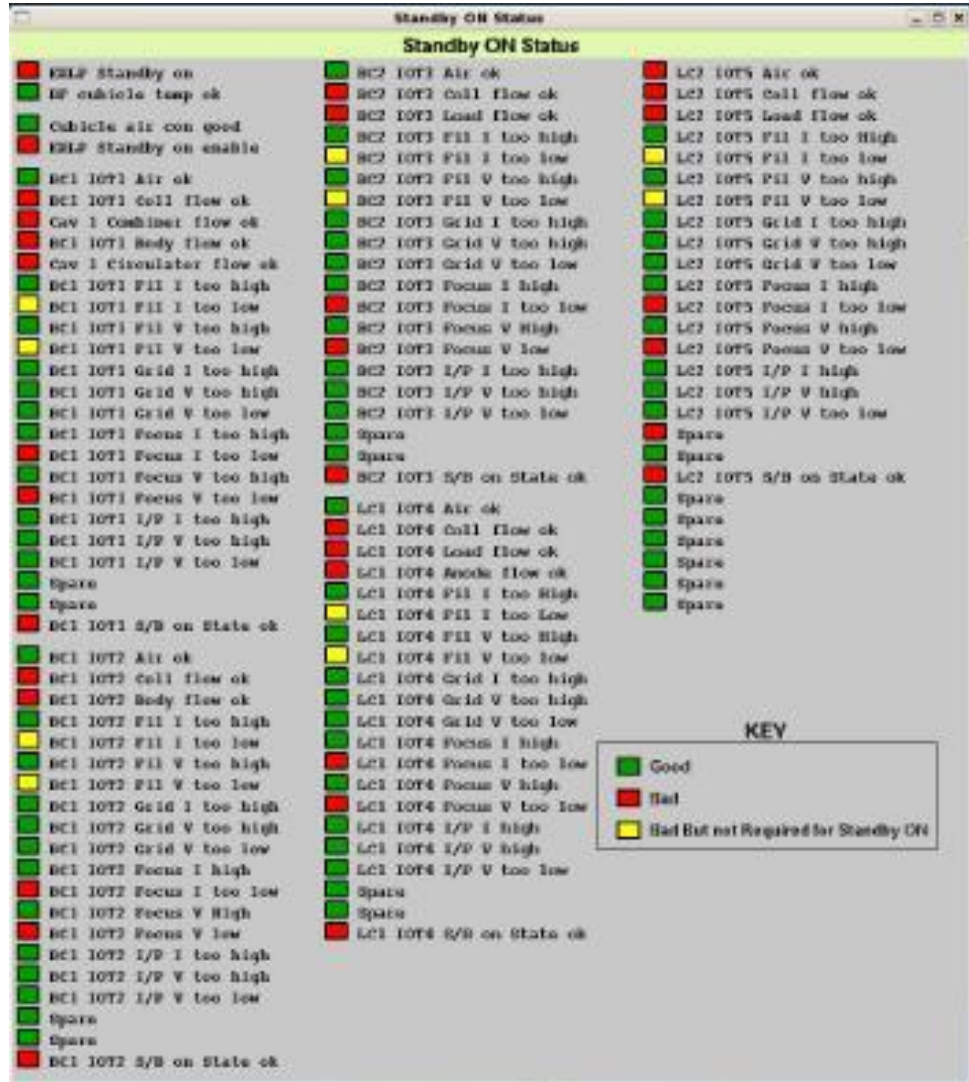
Interlocks required for 5 IOT amplifier's shown which interlocks are failed, Good, and those with timer bypass lops on them to allow the system to warm up

Things that warm up included the filament voltage and current – 15 minutes for these tubes
Focus supplies that drive coils around the valves

After the timer bypass has finished the analogs are interlocked within a 5% good band and any movement outside this level trips the block

Parameter	Value	Unit	Limit
HVPS_I	0.00	A	
HVPS_V	0.00	kV	
BC2_IOT_Filament_I	0.09	A	
BC2_IOT_Filament_V	0.10	V	
BC2_IOT_Grid_I	71.00	V	
BC2_IOT_Grid_V	0.00	A	
BC2_IOT_Focus_I	0.00	A	
BC2_IOT_Focus_V	0.00	V	
BC2_IOT_Ion_pump_I	0.72	uA	
BC2_IOT_Ion_pump_V	3663.19	V	
BC2_IOT3_RF_DRIVE_FWDOP	0.08	W	0.04
BC2_IOT3_RF_DRIVE_REVP	0.07	W	0.05
BC2_IOT3_FWDOP	-0.01	HW	0.12
BC2_IOT3_REVP	-0.01	HW	0.02
BC2_IOT_Air_temp	3276.70	C	
BC2_IOT_Water_flow_temp	23.50	C	
BC2_IOT_Coil_ret_temp	23.70	C	
BC2_IOT_Coil_delta_T	0.20	C	
BC2_IOT_Load_ret_temp	23.20	C	
BC2_IOT_Load_delta_T	-0.30	C	
BC2_IOT_Anode_ret_temp	3276.70	C	
BC2_IOT_OP_Delta_T	3253.20	C	
BC2_IOT_OP_DT_ret_temp	3276.70	C	
BC2_IOT_OP_DT_delta_T	3253.20	C	
BC2_IOT_OP_LP_ret_temp	3276.70	C	
BC2_IOT_OP_LP_delta_T	3253.20	C	

IOT analogs



Standby ON Status

Block	Parameter	Status
BC2	IOT1 Air ok	Good
BC2	IOT1 Coil flow ok	Good
BC2	IOT1 Load flow ok	Good
BC2	IOT1 Fil I too high	Bad
BC2	IOT1 Fil I too low	Bad But not Required for Standby ON
BC2	IOT1 Fil V too high	Good
BC2	IOT1 Fil V too low	Bad But not Required for Standby ON
BC2	IOT1 Grid I too high	Good
BC2	IOT1 Grid V too high	Good
BC2	IOT1 Grid V too low	Bad
BC2	IOT1 Focus I high	Good
BC2	IOT1 Focus I too low	Bad
BC2	IOT1 Focus V high	Good
BC2	IOT1 Focus V low	Bad
BC2	IOT1 I/P I too high	Good
BC2	IOT1 I/P V too high	Good
BC2	IOT1 I/P V too low	Bad
BC2	IOT1 S/B on State ok	Good
LC1	IOT4 Air ok	Good
LC1	IOT4 Coil flow ok	Good
LC1	IOT4 Load flow ok	Good
LC1	IOT4 Anode flow ok	Good
LC1	IOT4 Fil I too High	Bad
LC1	IOT4 Fil I too Low	Bad But not Required for Standby ON
LC1	IOT4 Fil V too High	Good
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LC1	IOT4 Grid I too high	Good
LC1	IOT4 Grid V too high	Good
LC1	IOT4 Grid V too low	Bad
LC1	IOT4 Focus I high	Good
LC1	IOT4 Focus I too low	Bad
LC1	IOT4 Focus V high	Good
LC1	IOT4 Focus V too low	Bad
LC1	IOT4 I/P I high	Good
LC1	IOT4 I/P V high	Good
LC1	IOT4 I/P V too low	Bad
LC1	IOT4 S/B on State ok	Good

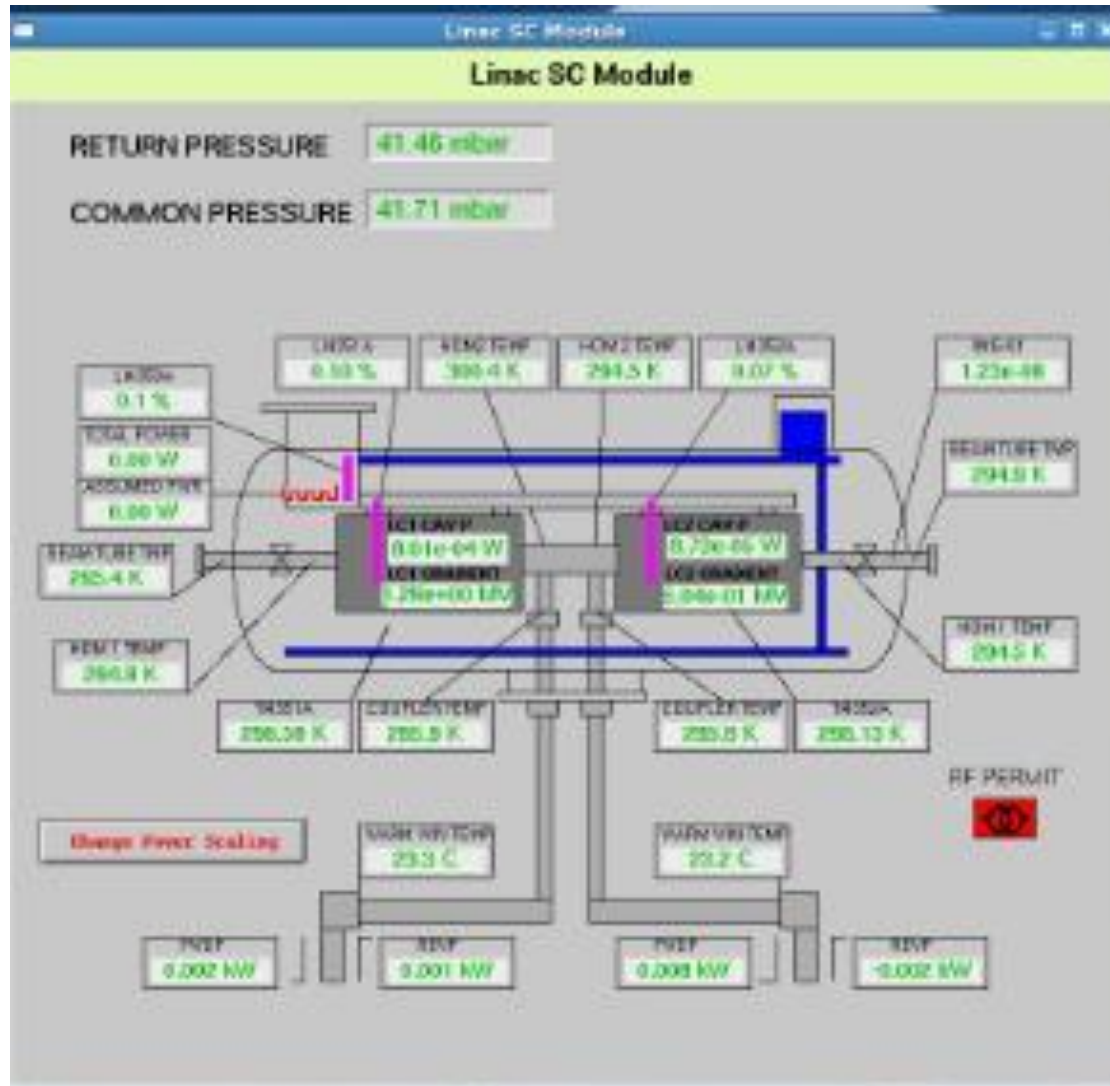
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- Good (Green square)
- Bad (Red square)
- Bad But not Required for Standby ON (Yellow square)

Cavity parameter screen

Cavity

- Temperature's
- Pressures
- Vacuum
- RF signals
- Acceleration voltage
- RF Permit



Ready on status and Trip

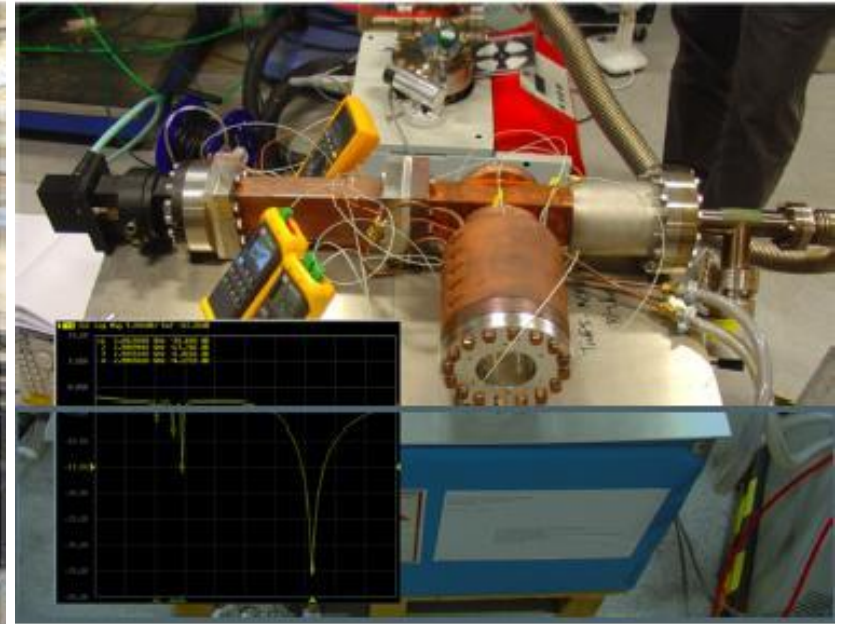


Interlocks in RED are preventing HV switch on



Interlock in RED is the FIRST interlock that trip the RF block OFF

Vela Machine

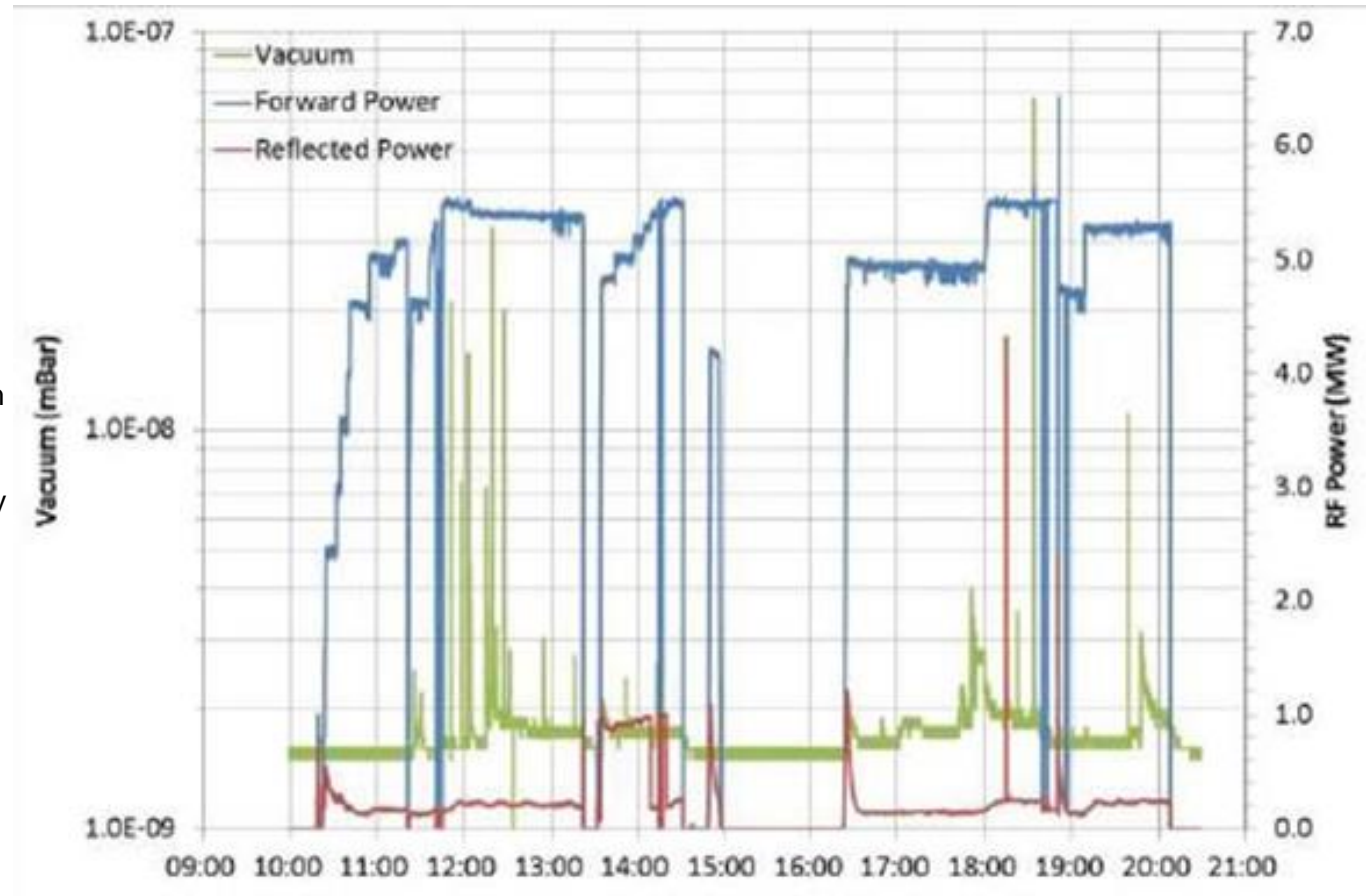


Parameter	Value	Units
Frequency	2998.5	
Bandwidth	< 5	MHz
Maximum beam energy	6	MeV
Maximum accelerating field	100	MV/m
Peak RF Input Power	10	MW
Maximum repetition rate	10	Hz
Maximum bunch charge	250	pC
Operational Temperature	30 - 45	°C
Input coupling	WR284	

- RF local rules in place to that govern all work carried out on the RF system
- Waveguide pressurised to 1Bar with SF6
- Interlocks prevent operation of system if pressure to low
- Moving to SF6 reclamation and auto refilling soon that has no emissions
- Handling measures well understood within STFC

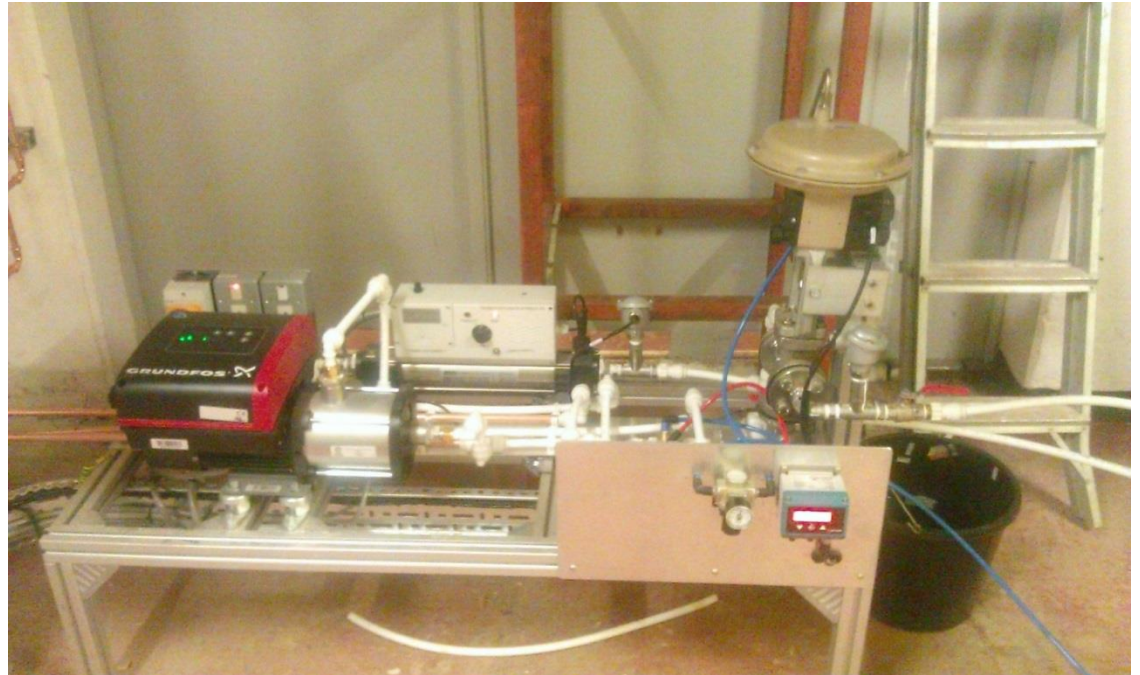
Conditioning of VELA Cavity

- Trip on vacuum only
- Steady build up of power and pulse length
- RF operators used as controlling action
- Each trip resulted in a small reduction of RF drive level – RF straight back on
- Proposals to run unattended automated conditioning system were abandoned as they were not needed
- Conditioning is remembered by the cavity, even after venting
- Provided RF components are correct for the task (windows and couplers) conditioning is achieved within a week of shifts

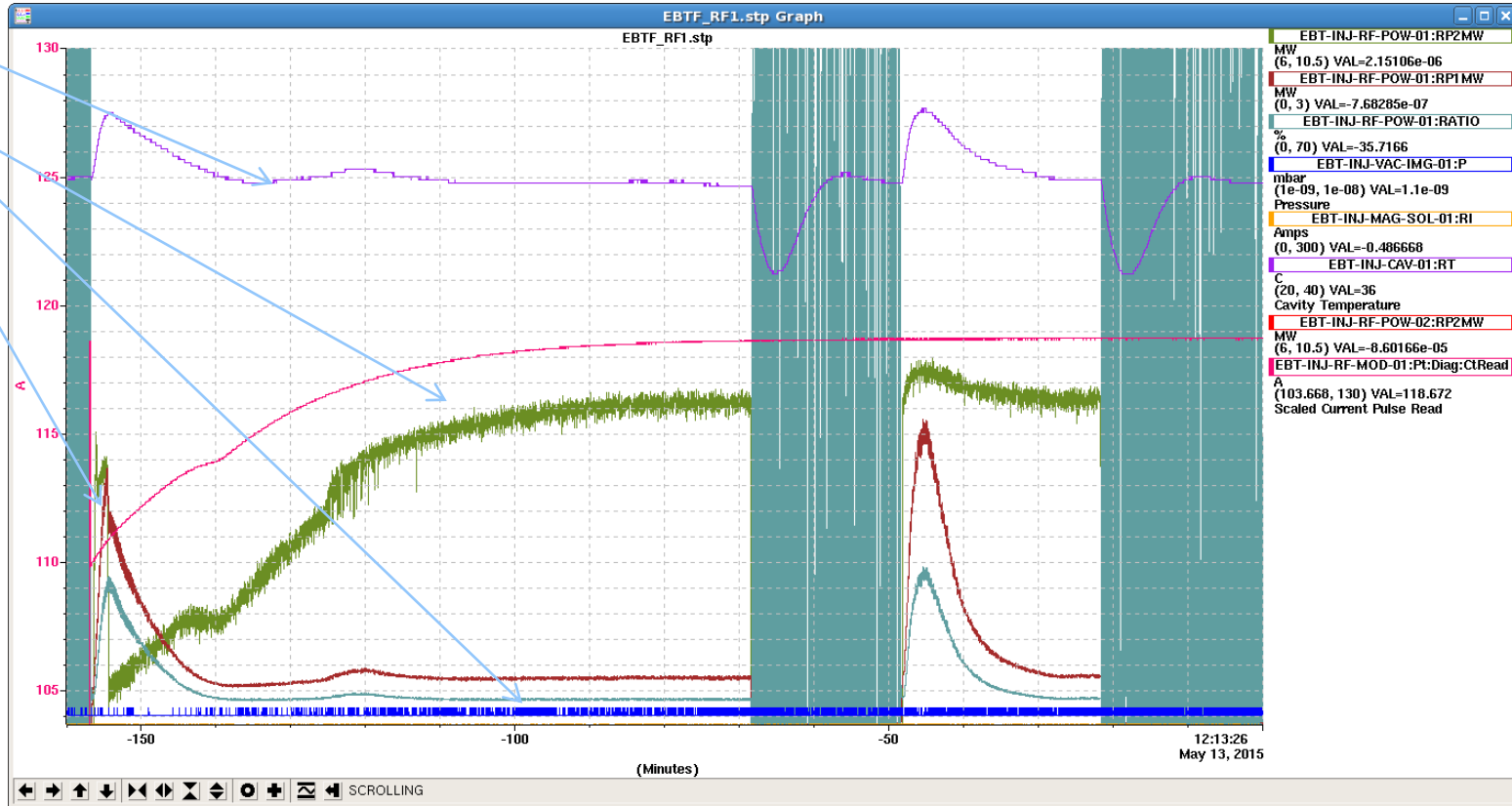


Cavity coolant stabilisation

- Cavity on frequency at 36.5 degrees currently (changes with cathode installation)
- water cooling system with heater, cold water and mixing valve control by high resolution process controller that self learns
- Water flow rates on cavity are very restricted due to small cooling pipes
- When RF is applied at 10MW system needs 5 minutes to recover temperature setpoint due to added heat load
- 0.05 degrees cavity temperature stability can be achieved
- RF trips result in cavity detuning which can again take 5 minutes to recover from
- RF is always applied at effectively maximum



Cavity coolant control loop



- Cavity temperature
 - Forward power
 - Reflected power
 - For/ref power ratio
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- At RF switch on for/ref power ratio will be 30%
 - After 5 mins operation ratio is below 10% and settles to 3 %
 - Trip effect can be seen
 - No RF staff involvement during normal physics shifts

RF power measurement

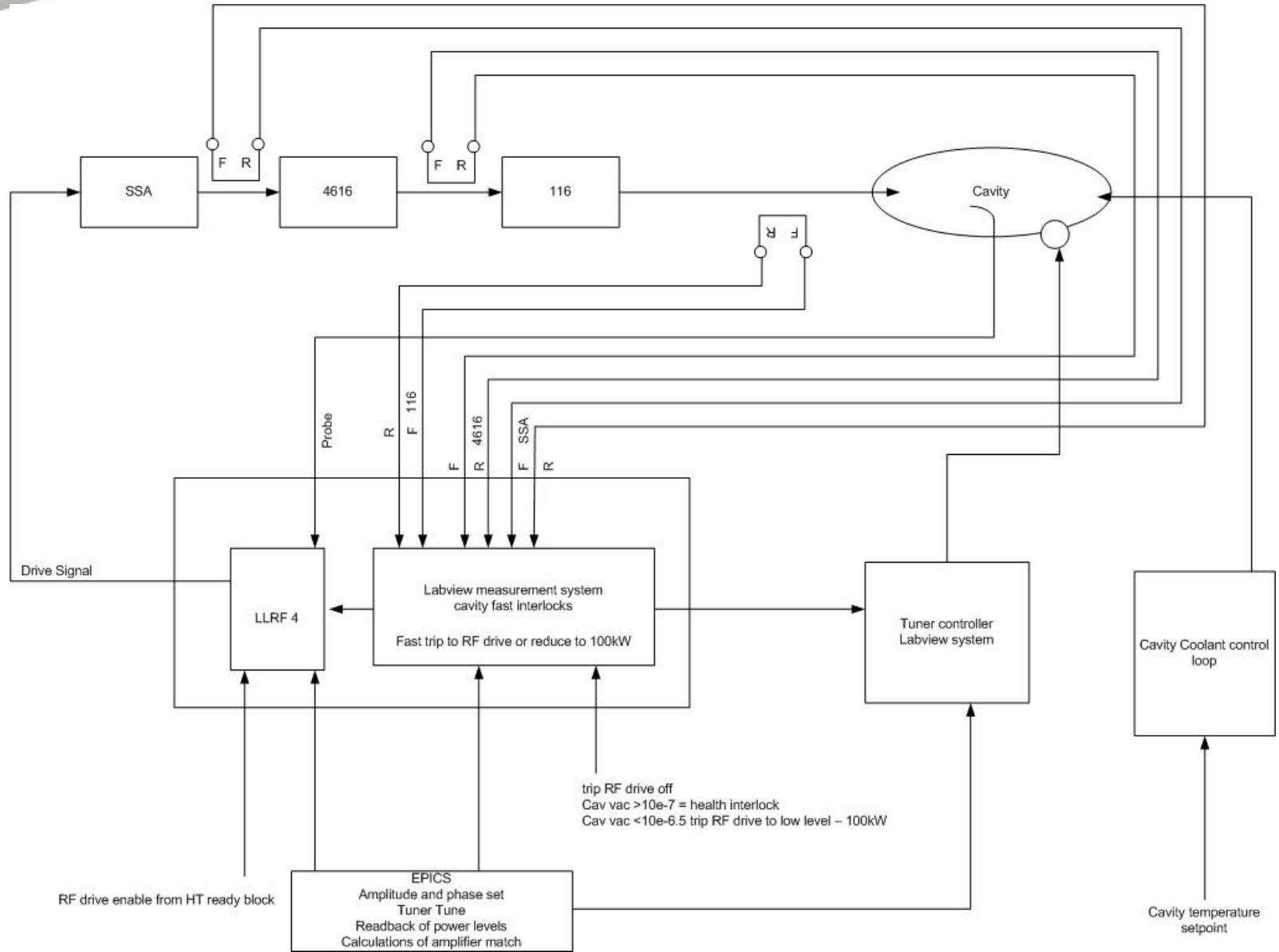
- Cavity probes are normally 50-60dB and used in control loops to maintain cavity voltage and phase angle.
- Values of 0.01 degrees and 10-4 % amplitude control is possible
- Waveguide/coax power couplers in the MW class can be upto 70-90dB down on the signal passing them
 - Their accuracy is then very compromised, particularly the reflected power measurement which has a directivity factor to add which further compromise's the accuracy of this signal
 - An error in calibration of even 0.1dB can make a huge difference to the measured RF power
- Forward power will be changing during the RF pulse – driven by the LLRF to compensate for tuning, HV voltage droop etc

VELA Similarity's with MICE

- SF6 use and all safety concerns
- MW class driver and associated RF measurement's
- Cavity coolant control looks critical and we can use systems like the VELA design to achieve good results
- MICE cavity has tuner that can provide additional control that should only be needed on a slow control loop due to pulse rate
 - Do we want this tuner to be highly active all the time ?
 - Limited life span?
 - Temperature control would be better to remove large temporary errors from system
 - LLRF can run in open loop mode to remove high peak powers under detuning conditions

MICE LLRF control ideas

- Cavity should ideally be on resonance above all possible ambient temperature possibility's in MICE hall ~ above 30 degrees C
- Provide a high stability process controlled coolant temperature that can maintain cavity at desired frequency to a high level of stability so that this is the primary tuning method for operation over sustained periods
- At RF switch on, run in open loop at predetermined RF power levels and allow coolant control loop to catch up - bring cavity back on tune
- Under operator control move the RF power level up towards the desired level
- At design RF power level under stable conditions close LLRF control loop and activate the cavity tuner to maintain close control



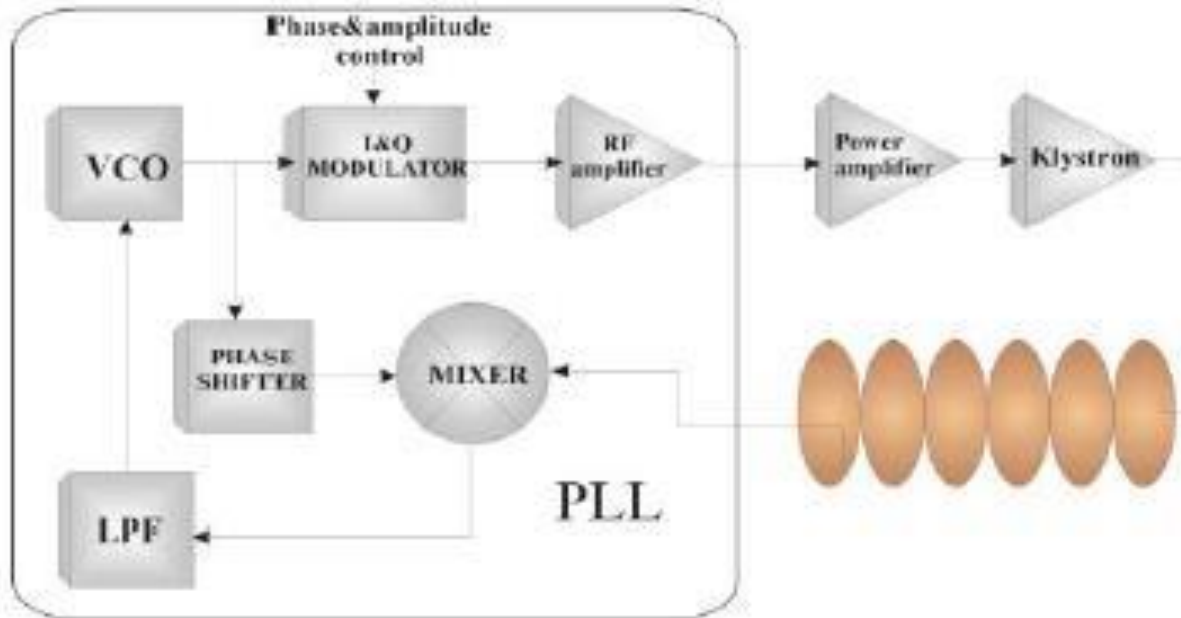
LLRF

- Use code already developed and running at a number of installations at Daresbury to provide digital LLRF control loop with operator selectable P&I control loops and open/closed loop control
- Install process control cavity coolant temperature system to remove cavity resonance errors under all conditions and only close loop under well understood conditions
- For amplifier and cavity RF power measurements use a labview based system with RF detection to monitor power levels and interlock for problem conditions – this can include reflected power issues from the couplers – vacuum conditions etc and provide fast trip control to the RF system
- In addition the labview system would determine the tuning functions required
- The mechanical tuner transition from push/pull should be avoided as the system would become unstable very quickly

Backup slides

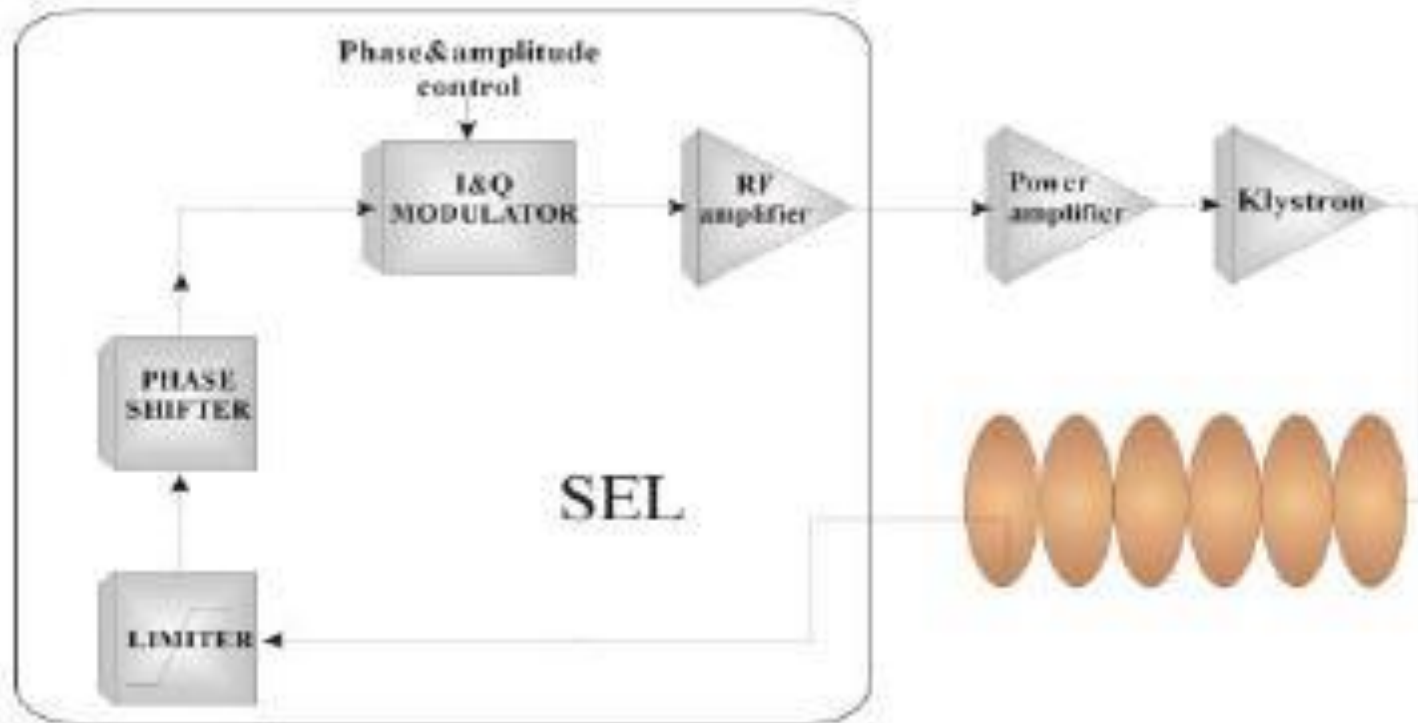
- For discussion

Generator driven loop



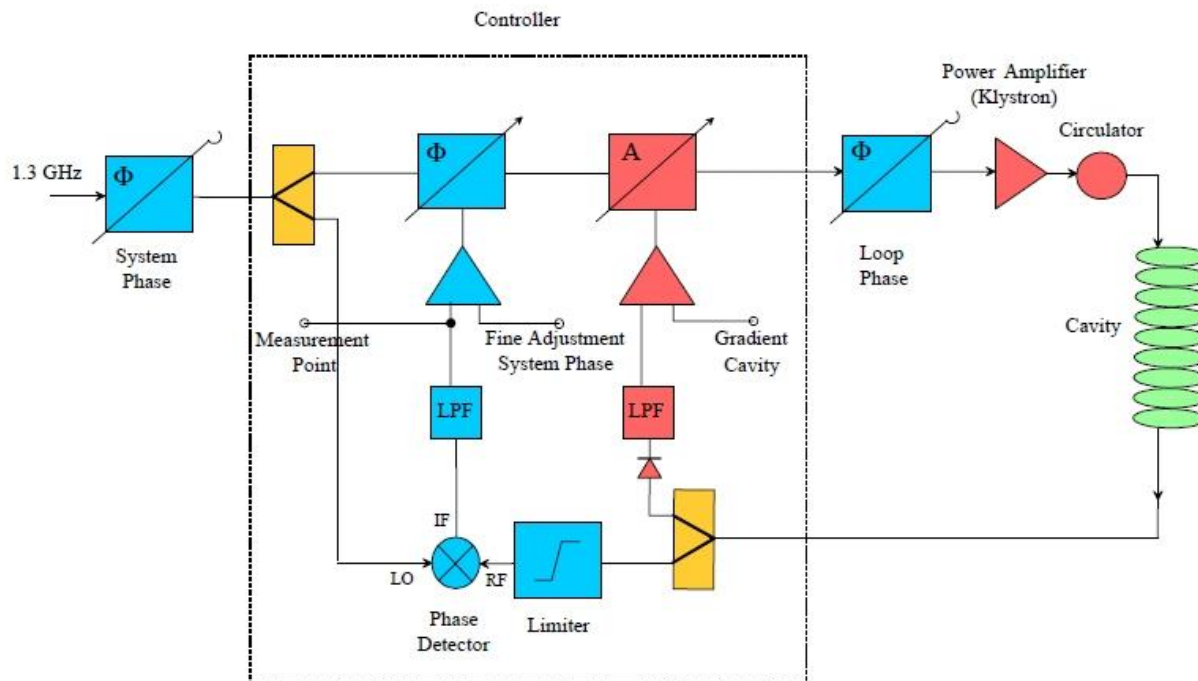
Oscillator driven system where oscillator frequency must be within the bandwidth of the cavity in order for the loop to function, **standard control for loop for accelerator cavities**

Self excited Loop



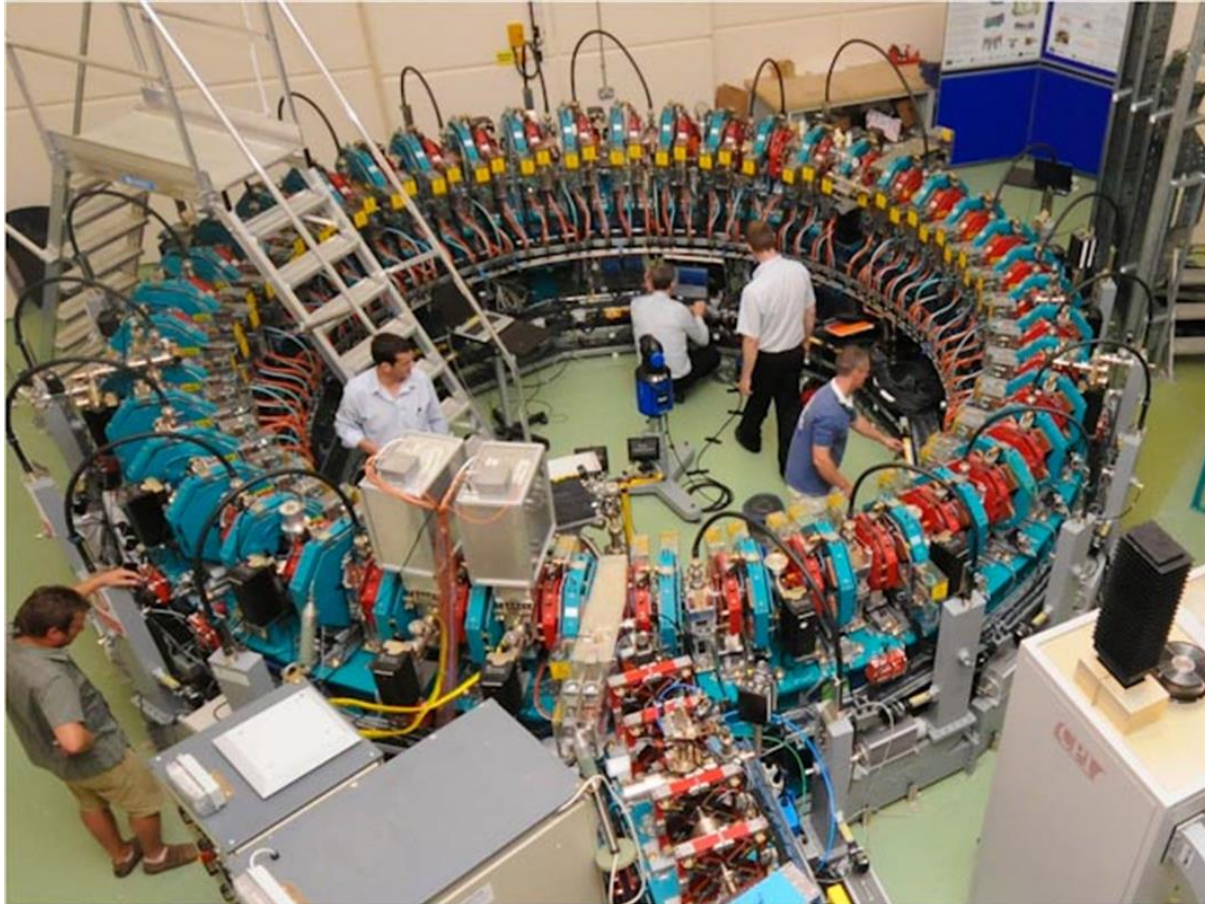
Cavity resonant frequency is used to form oscillator that can then be controlled in phase and amplitude, useful for high power conditioning and tuning

ALICE 1.3GHz LLRF



- Cavity bandwidth ~120Hz
- $Q = 10^7$
- 11MV/m gradient
- Analog control loop using op amps give very fast control
- 0.2 degrees
- 0.1 % gradient
- No active tuner control – operators tune cavity to limit reflected power

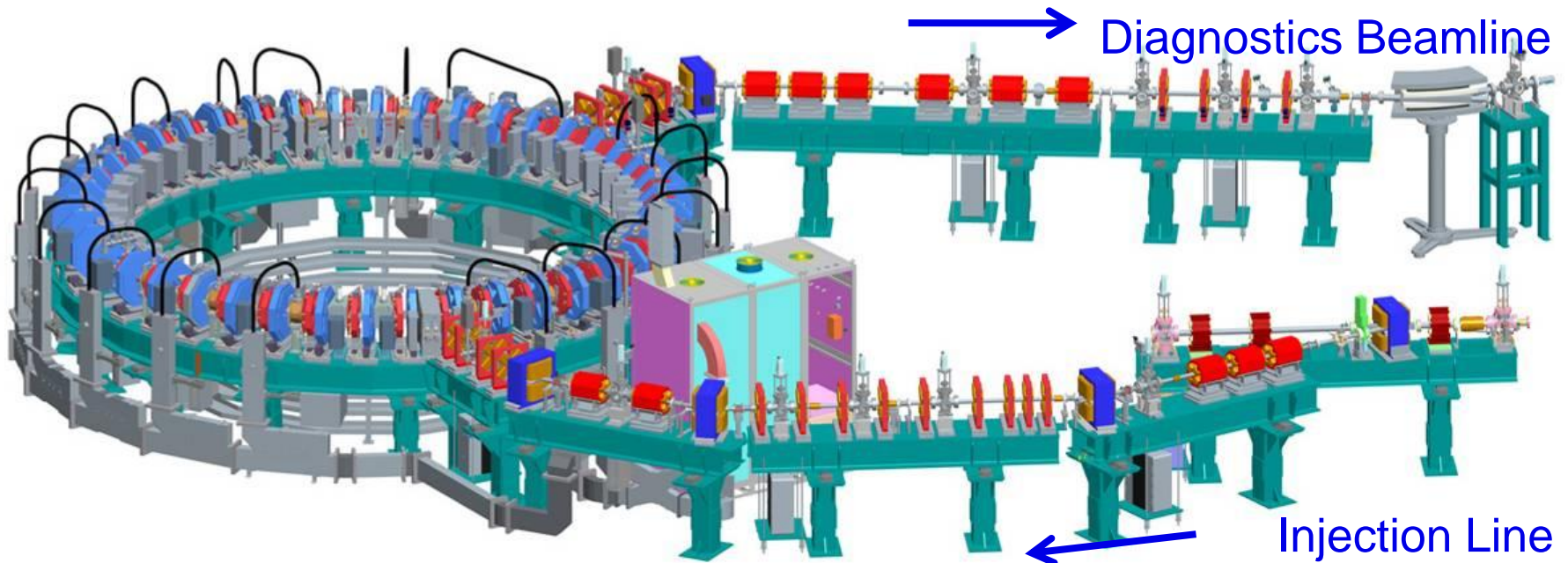
EMMA



EMMA Parameters & Layout

- One IOT amplifier driving 19 copper cavities via waveguide splitters
- Water cooled cavities with plunger tuner
- Cavity Q 8000 **but all different**
- BW ~163KHz

Frequency (nominal)	1.3 GHz
No of RF cavities	19
Repetition rate	1 - 20 Hz at 1.6mS PRF
Power Per cavity	90kW Pulsed 4.7kW

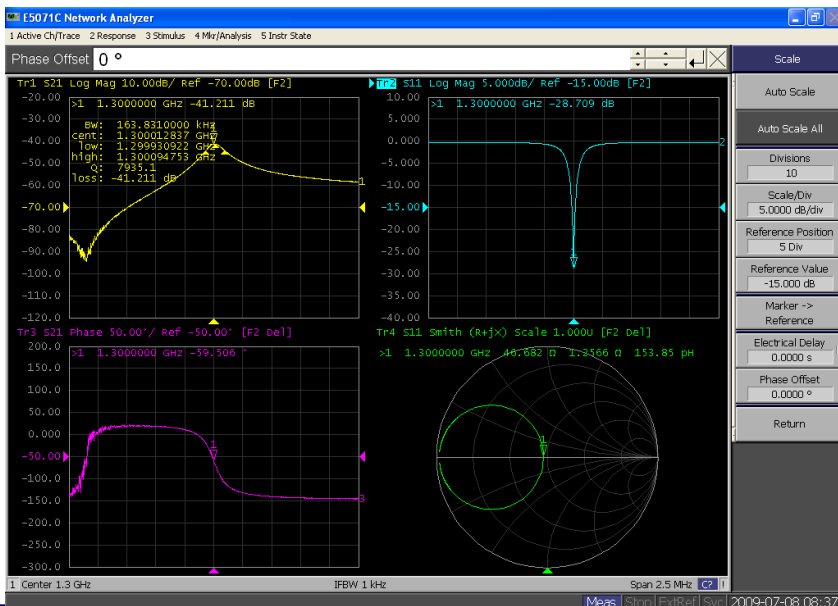
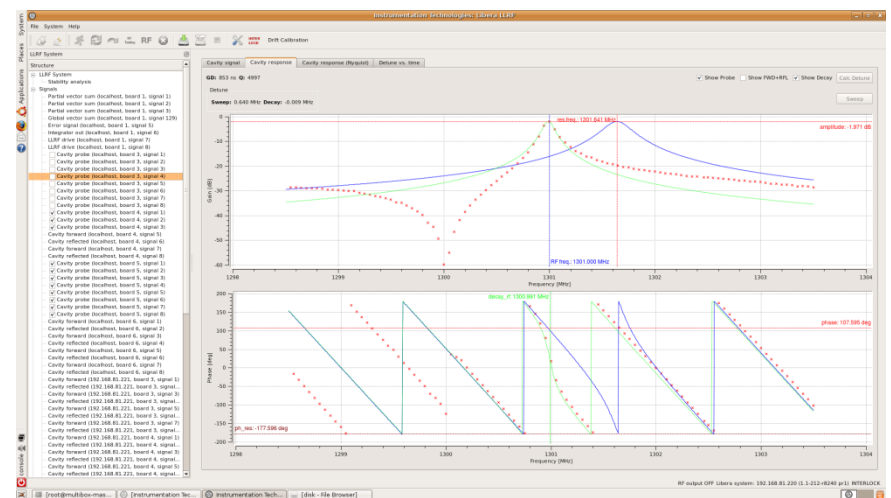
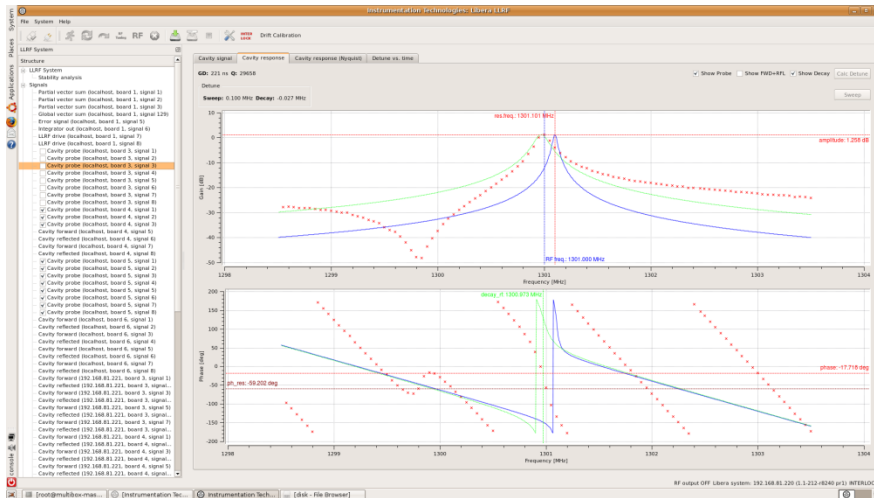


EMMA LLRF

- **Instrumentation Technologies Libera LLRF system provides**
 - Initial cavity setting conditions
 - Control of the cavity amplitude and phase to ensure stable controls the acceleration
 - Global vector sum of all 19 cavities in control loop
 - Forward and reverse power monitoring to each cavity
 - IOT power levels before and after the circulator
 - 1.3GHz +/- 1.5/-4MHz operation is possible
 - So wide tuning range is needed



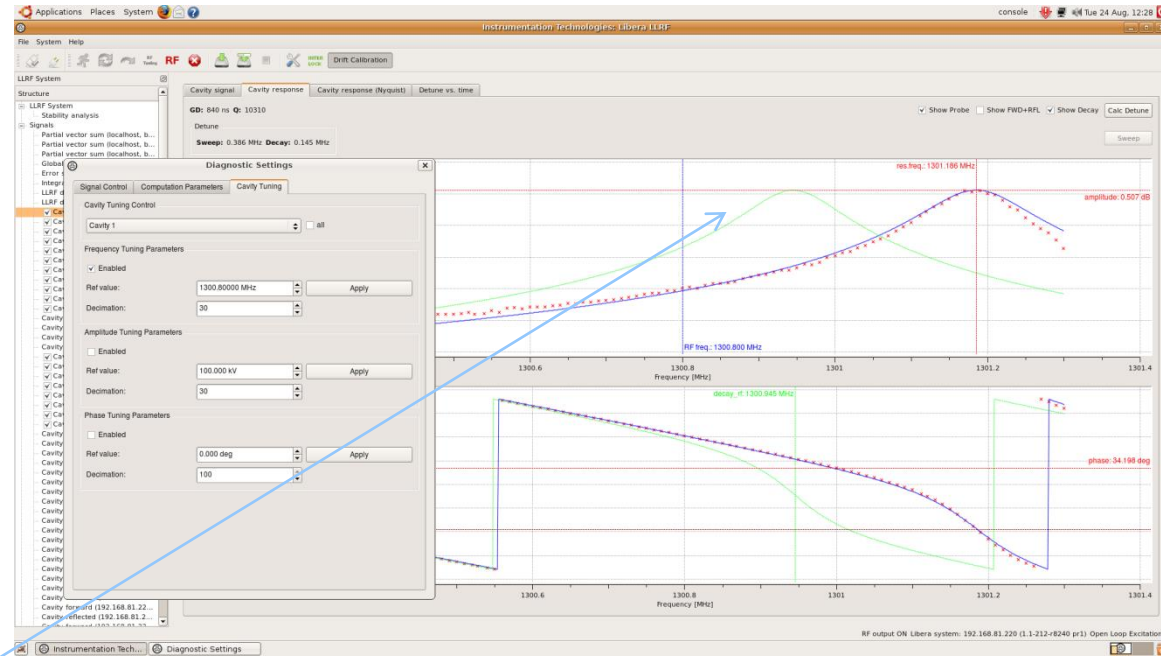
Digital LLRF sweep of cavity frequency



- Two cavities in the EMMA ring showing initial frequency positions
- All 19 cavities need to be tuned in frequency
- VNA plot of an EMMA cavity

Frequency tuning

- Changing cavity frequency takes – 60 minutes
- Tuner motors using epics system to move motors in open loop only
- Using centre frequency and bandwidth controls ‘sweep analysis’ locates resonance of each cavity in system
- A new centre frequency can then be set and the tuner motors driven
- Calc detune shows new resonance of cavity
- Low reflected power response used to fine tune each cavity



Water cooling of cavity to maintain frequency although not tightly controlled
Auto frequency tuning was never enabled due to problems with motor controls

Control of cavities with narrow bandwidths

- Find cavity using SEL or frequency sweep method
- Move cavity tuner to bring each cavity on to desired tune point
- Switch to GDR at low power and monitor/reduce reflected power of each cavity in the system
- Raise power level and monitor tuning of each cavity of short time (10 minutes)
- Raise power level to 50% and repeat monitoring of reflected power level
- Perform tuning of cavity at this power level to understand drift of tuning with respect to RF heating
- Cooling water temperature can be used to aid frequency tuning and regulation to 0.5 degrees relatively easy to accomplish – 0.1 is possible with correctly designed water circuits

Current status Digital LLRF at DL

- Controlling copper 1.3GHz cavity, 3GHz Gun
- Controlled cavity filling to reduce reflected power during cavity switch on is software coded
- SEL/GDR loops in regular use
- Tasks for this year
 - Aug 2014 control of SCRF cavities at 1.3GHz
 - Nov 2014 control of cavity tuners via EPICS system to maintain tuning
- Other developments to work on
 - Collaboration on 201MHz LLRF control for MICE and ISIS linac
 - Test on DL test system controlling amplifier into test load
 - Test two 1.3GHz cavities from one amplifier to understand tuning features