FE-FRT: Ferro-Electric Fast Reactive Tuner to combat microphonics in SRF Cavities

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A fast reactive tuner for SRF

Goal: Develop a Fast Reactive Tuner for SRF cavities

- Apply advances in ferroelectrics to develop non-mechanical tuner
 - Idea: induce change in tuner permittivity to shift cavity frequency
- Reduce effects of microphonics on cavity operation

Applicability: Low beam-loading SRF machines

- Examples: low-beta accelerators or high current ERLs
- Suppression of micro-phonics, Lorentz & other detuning

• Expectations with a viable FE-FRT

- Continuous tuning range
- Tuner system out side cryostat and with no moving parts
- Significant reduction in RF power, with increase in tuning sensitivity
- Eliminate frequent actuation of mechanical tuners
 - Set and forget" mechanical tuners

Fast Reactive Tuner: A. Macpherson

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Reactive Tuners: not a new idea

Pin Diode Tuners

Diode switching alternates sign of reactance. Frequency control by pulse-width modulation.





Ferrite stub to moderate reactance Frequency control by external coil.



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Why a Ferro-electric Tuner?

Pin Diode Tuners

- Operating frequency limited by lumped nature of diodes
- Binary on-off diode switching introduces phase ripple

Ferrite Tuners

- Typically suffer from heavy losses particularly at saturation.
- Tuning speed limited by coil generating (large) magnetic field

Ferro-electric Material

- Advances in ferro-electric ceramics makes this possible
 - Ceramic: BaTiO3 SrTiO3 (BST) with Mg-based additives
 - Fast switching and tunability at high biasing voltage field
 - ϵ_r tunability of 6 8% at a 15 kV/cm
 - response times of tau < 10 ns
 - Very low loss tangents: tan δ < 10⁻³ in L band
- Allows for tuner design such that:
 - Continuous tuning range.
 - Tuner is outside cryostat and has no moving parts





Ferro-electric material

- Development of ferro-electric ceramic
 - Material parameters developed sufficiently to consider application
 - May be further development for mechanical/RF considerations

(Ba, Sr)TiO₄+Mg oxides \rightarrow Breakdown 20V/ μ m



FE-FRT: Overview of how it works

Cavity Tuning

Cavity's frequency tuned by a coupled voltage controlled reactance



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Evaluating FE-FRT performance

• Define State Ratio:

• SR is tuning range per change in bandwidth wrt cavity with no FRT

State Ratio = $SR = \frac{\text{Tuning Range}}{\text{Increase in BW}} = \frac{\Delta \omega_{12}}{\Delta BW} = \frac{\Delta B}{2G}$

- SR dependent on bias voltage applied to the FE-RFT
- Define Figure of Merit:

 $FoM = \frac{\text{Tuning Range}}{\text{Geometric Average of increase in BW}}$ $FoM = \sqrt{SR_1 \times SR_2} = \sqrt{\frac{(\Delta B_{12})^2}{4G_1G_2}} = \frac{\Delta \omega_{12}}{\sqrt{\Delta BW_1 \Delta BW_2}} \approx \frac{2|\sin \frac{\Delta \theta_{12}}{2}|}{\sqrt{(1 - |\Gamma_1|^2)(1 - |\Gamma_2|^2)}}$

• SR₁ and SR₂ are states corresponding to the full HV range of FRT



Our Prototype FE-FRT

Prototype FE-FRT

- RF design: S. Kazakov, FNAL. Fabrication: Euclid Techlabs in USA
- Testing and development program, now ongoing at CERN





FE-FRT: Realisation as a Device

• FE-FRT: embed ferro-electric in shorted transmission line

- FoM is independent of FE-FRT line length
- Operating ω defined by line length,
 - but $\Delta\omega_{12}$ ($\propto\Delta B$) is set by FE-FRT antenna coupling
- Line length defines operational configuration an FRT
 - Moving away from open:
 - more reactive power, increased shift from ω_0 , decreased Q_L



FE-FRT as a transmission line

Prototype modelled as a composite transmission line

- Comparison with warm measurements: good conceptual agreement
- Only adjustment: braze material resistivity & ferroelectric permittivity



Real Component of Impedance



Imaginary Component of Impedance





FE-FRT Test Setup

FE-FRT test with 400MHz HL-LHC prototype crab cavity

Cavity operated at both 4.5 & 2 K. Fixed antennas •



Demonstration of Frequency Tuning

First measurement of Δf on SRF cavity from FE-FRT



Cavity-FRT response much faster than cavity filling time



Frequency response from I & Q measurements.



FE-FRT Prototype: Cavity Response

- Cavity-FRT response is significantly faster than cavity
 - reaffirms that FE-FRT can be used to correct cavity microphonics
 - Cavity response to tuner < 50 µs
 - **Cavity time constant** $\tau = \frac{Q_L}{ms} \approx 46 \, ms$ ω_0
- Present response time limited by measurement setup
 - => expect cavity response to tuner << 50 μs
 - LLRF Frequency measurement requires some signal processing
 - Refined measurement and full tuning loop now being implemented



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Application of FE-FRT

• FE-FRT Performance:

- FoM is crucial: FoM ~30 @ 800MHz. Realistic for existing material
 - defined by quality of ferroelectric & mechanical/RF design
- Primary function of FRT defined by beam loading scenario

FE-FRT Application Scenarios

- High beam loading: FE-FRT designed to suppress microphonics
 - Target full microphonics spectrum
- Low beam loading (eg ERL): FE-FRT design to reduce RF power
 - (Cavity+Tuner) critical coupled & microphonics suppressed
- **Mixed Scenario:** FE-FRT in conjunction with Mechanical tuners
 - Different possibilities can be considered
 - eg frequency stabilisation with different beam species
 - Line length defines frequency offset due to tuner



FE-FRT Case study: PERLE

• PERLE ERL: 5-cell Nb cavity at 802MHz

• No significant beam loading and $\Delta f = 80$ Hz (at peak detuning)



PERLE 5-cell Cavity	
ω_0	801.58 MHz
Q ₀	2 x10 ¹⁰
R/Q	392 Ω
Uc	141 J
QFPC	107
P _{RF}	45 kW
Max ∆f _µ	40 Hz

FE-FRT Parameters: Material/Mechanical optimisation



Ferro electric parameters	
Max _{er}	140
Min ε _r	131.6
tan ō	9.1 x 10 ⁻⁴
Δε _r /Ε	0.6 cm/kV
σ _{Cu}	5.96 x 10 ⁻⁷ S/m



FE-FRT Case study: PERLE

• FE-FRT configuration:

• Input: FoM = 30 and require tuning range of Δf =80 Hz

Implication:

Operating closer to critical coupling => RF power reduced

$$P_{RF} = \frac{V_c^2}{4^R/QQ_L} \frac{\beta + 1}{\beta} \left[1 + \left(2Q_L \frac{\Delta\omega_\mu}{\omega_0} \right)^2 \right]$$

Can achieve ~ 15 fold reduction in RF power

~ 70 kVar of peak reactive power => Reactive HV ~2.2 kV



Summary

• Concept:

- Advances in ferroelectric ceramics open possibility of reactive tuner
 - Ceramics are extremely fast: response times < 10 ns
 - For SRF cavities material sufficiently development for now.
- FE-FRT Prototype results:
 - SRF cavity response to FRT: extremely fast << 50 µs
 - Not limited by cavity time constant.
 - Mechanical & RF design crucial to FRT performance

FE-FRT Benefits

- FE-FRT ideal for low beam loading Machine
 - Eliminate microphonics => drastically reducing RF power
- Tuning with tuner external to cryomodule

FE-FRT prototype with tuning loop under test at CERN

- Exploring a number of potential use cases
- FE-FRT not to be seen as just corrective add on
 - Potential for real benefits if included at cavity/module design stage



FE-FRT: Power Flow - PERLE



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