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Operating Experience with the RF System for the Superconducting Ring Cyclotron of RIKEN RIB-Factory

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RIKEN Superconducting Ring Cyclotron for RIB-Factory

• The heaviest Superconducting Cyclotron -8310 tons-

Operational since Dec. 2006

Present performance

²³⁸U/345 MeV/nucleon 0.8 pnA ⁴⁸Ca/345 MeV/nucleon 230 pnA

• Six Superconducting Sector Magnets K2.6GeV Bmax= 4.2 T with 5000 A

 238 U/345 MeV/nucleon (36.5 MHz H6) Stray Field at Valley Bv \sim a few kG.

Four Acceleration Cavities
 Vg = 2 MV/turn @ 36.5 MHz

Single Gap Cavity Vmax 550 kV

Flattop

The third harmonic cavity -240 kV Large longitudinal Acceptance

 Beam probes for Isochronous Cyclotron Superconduct Main Coils
 PP: Phase Probe MDP: Main and Differential Probes



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Cavities

• Single gap cavity with a pair of capacitive tuner

$18 \sim 42$ MHz, Qo= 20000 \sim 30000, Rs = $1.1 \sim 1.6$ M Ω



In the initial stage the voltage is restricted to 450 kV





Cavities - sliding contacts-

Sliding contacts got damaged with 100 kW RF Power





Modification of the shape of the contact finger

→Cavity-cooling



Cavities -vacuum-

- Serious discharge was observed at about 500 kV
- The vacuum pressure with rf power is about 1×10^{-4} Pa

Surface Cleaning and conditioning with low power





Vacuum pressure has been improved 5×10-6 Pa



Cavities - cooling-

Temperature rise of cryogenic panels

Cooling of the RF shield was not enough against rf heating





Cooling channel has been introduced to the RF shield

 \rightarrow Parasitic mode



Amplifier

RF

- Tetrode based grounded-grid amplifier RS2042SK coupled w/ RS2012 CJ
- Power Output 150 kW
- •Frequency tunable 18~42 MHz
- Stray field of the sector magnet \sim 100 G Dummy load test w/ stray field
- Parasitic mode input STUB 55 MHz G1-G2 **98 MHz**







Parasitic modes measurement $S_{21}(G1 \rightarrow G2)$

Plate ()

HOMs of the cavity (dashed line) do not couple with amplifier.

•HOMs of Coaxial Line+Amp. :Blue

• shorter the length \rightarrow higher the frequency

They must be separated from

Green: the resonance of input circuit (55 MHz)





Performance of the RF System of the SRC

	Acceleration	Flattop
Frequency [MHz]	36.5	109.5
Number of cavities	4	1
Rs $[M\Omega]$	1.5	1.65
Unloaded Q	30000	29000
Voltage [kV/cavity]	550	-240
P _{w.l.} [kW/cavity]	100	18
Vacuum [Pa]	3×10 ⁻⁶	1×10^{-5}
Voltage Stability	±0.03%	±0.03%
Phase Stability	±0.03 °	±0.09 °
Availability [*]	92%	99%

* Here availability is defined as all of the cavities are excited. Tuning time after failure/Scheduled conditioning excluded.

Acceleration voltage 2 MV/turn has been achieved



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RF Leakage through the beam aperture

- Asymmetrical excitation causes rf power leakage through beam aperture
- Large noise to the beam probes (MDP,PP)
- Balance the field by adjusting tuners using : the rf power monitor outside the cavity and/or the thermocouples installed on Septum Electrode.









Filter against RF noise of -Phase Probe-

2f component of the beam signal is used to zero cross timing is obtained.

S/N is large

- Vertical rf field brings dipole component to PP electrodes.
- Coaxial cables with combiner work as filter against these components.
- Odd harmonic rf components from FT and/or amplifier by the interferernce



→ MDP





Suppression of TE01 mode of the MDP

Noise depends on the position of the probe electrode



Additional contact onto the tip of the chassis successfully suppresses TE01 wave.



Multipactor

Pulse Excitation

-To overcome the multipactor rectangler pulse excitation is effective.
-The situation of the multipacotor is strongly affected by the strength of the stray field.
-Many levels are observed.



Expecting the situation of multipactor becomes moderate:

- Surface cleaning
- Long term conditioning with pulse rf power
- 10000 I/s Cryogenic Pumps 3 →4



Improvement of Conditioning Time at Cold Start

Pulse mode conditioning **Reputation 100 Hz,** Duty 1%, Peak Power 120 kW Increasing the main coil current step by step **Conditioning time for Uranium** 345 MeV/u Jan. 2007: 3 weeks June 2007: 1 week Nov. 2007 : 2 days

CW mode conditioning Duty 100% Power 10~30 kW Set the operation coil current first Increasing the rf power step by step

Conditioning time for Uranium 345 MeV/u Oct. 2008 : 20 hours Ca 345 Mev/u Nov. 2009 : 2-3 hours

After the cavities got wet in July 2009 Ca 345 Mev/u May. 2010 : 1-2 days

Recovery time when rf breakdown occurs : 3-4 hours was reduced to 5-30 minutes.

→ Summary



Summary

 By improving the vacuum, cooling, surface cleaning, the acceleration voltage of 2 MV/turn has been achieved.

The beam probes, MDP, and PP work well after some modification.

 Multipactor is one of the most important issues which reduce the availability of the SRC.

 In order to minimize the break time due to the rf breakdown, cw power conditioning has been introduced. Recovery time was 5-30 minutes during the Ca experiment in May 2010.

Conditioning at the cold start takes for 1 day.

 The availability of the rf cavities is more than 90% but still improvement of this number is required toward 99% which the IRC and the FRC have already achieved.



Thank you for your attention.



Accelerator Complex of RIKEN RIB-Factory



11 cavities for new cyclotrons



Variable Length Coaxial Line





Low Level Circuit - stability-





Monitoring System

- RF Lock-In-Amp. (Stanford Reserach Systems)
 - wide bandwidth : 25 kHz 200 MHz
- •Feasibility : OK
- •amplitude : 10⁻⁴, phase : 0.03^o
- Labview control



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Flattop Acceleration for Single Turn Extraction

- Turn off the flattopping cavity
- Tune the phase of the acceleration cavity w/ well-centering
- make off-centering
- Tune the flattopping cavity to make the profile as sharp as possible
- •99.99% single-turn (Transmissionn effiency 50 %)





Fast Recoery

- Pulse/CW mode via Multipactor
- Recovery within 1 ms
- Searching by moving trimmer

