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Successful Result of the Commissioning on cERL in KEK

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1. Introduction

Future Plan: ERL Light Source Project at KEK





demonstrate

3 GeV ERL

- Diffraction-limited X-ray source
- Ultra-short-pulse light source
- Driver for XFEL-O (2nd stage)

The Compact ERL

- Injector (low ε , high I_0)
- Main linac (CW, ~15 MV/m)
- Beam dynamics
- Beam losses

The Compact ERL (cERL)



Critical Components

Photocathode DC gun

- GaAs photocathode,
- Drive laser: 532 nm
- Conditioned up to 550 kV (at JAEA)
- In stable operation at 390 kV (at cERL)



Nishimori's talk (Tuesday)

Injector Cryomodule

- Three 2-cell cavities
- Conditioned up to E_{acc}=8 MV/m (CW); limited by heating-up of HOM couplers
- In stable operation at E_{acc}=3.2 -7 MV/m at cERL



Main-Linac Cryomodule

- Two 9-cell cavities
- Demonstrated E_{acc}=13.5 MV/m (CW)
- In stable operation at *E*_{acc}=8.2 MV/m at cERL; limited by fieldemission



Sakai's talk (Wednesday)

Beam Optics of cERL



Construction and Commissioning of cERL



2. Construction of Recirculation Loop

Construction of Recirculation Loop (Jul. - Nov. 2013)

Determine beam energy (E = 20 MeV, $p_{loop}/p_{inj} = 6-7$) \rightarrow determine the coordinates of all magnets















Precise Prediction of Path Length of the Loop

• Precise prediction and installation of path length is essential for energy recovery:

 $\omega C/(\beta c) = (2n+1)\pi$ (*C*: circumference)

• Optimum path length depends on:

1) speed (βc) of particles

2) heights in injection and dump chicanes (depends on p_{loop}/p_{inj})

- Before the construction, we chose the nominal energy of E=20 MeV and $p_{loop}/p_{ini} = 6-7$
- Trajectory length in each bending magnet was precisely predicted based on 3D field analysis



Dependence of the optimum circumference on the beam energy

Precise prediction of trajectory-length in the bending ¹¹ magnet, which is based on OPERA-3D calculation.

Picture of the cERL



3. Commissioning of cERL

Time Structure of Beams



Bunch charge: 7.7 pC \rightarrow average current: 10 mA

Initial conditions are determined by the gun-drive laser.



The First Transportation of Beams to the Dump (Feb. 6, 2014)



Procedure of Start-Up Tuning



Correction of Path Length for Optimum Energy Recovery

- Two measures for path-length correction were prepared
- Path length was corrected so that the beam momentum took a minimum at the dump line



Path-length control chicane

- Tuning range: ±5 mm
- Large hysteresis
- Currently fixed

Orbit bump in the arc

- Tuning range: ±10 mm/arc
- Routinely used

Determination of an optimum path length

Single-Kick Response Measurement

- Measured responses agreed with those calculated within a range of 20-30 m after the kick.
- Large differences in downstream locations suggested accumulation of gradient errors.



Measured (cross) and calculated (line) responses to single-kicks.

Sources of Magnetic-Field Errors

Ambient fields

Cold cathode gauges (shielded)



Leakage fields from neighboring magnets

Magnetic fields from Super-KEKB (due to cable of main dipoles)





B ~ 20-30 mG (at cERL)

Remanent fields and hysteresis of quadrupoles

- Remanent fields in quadrupoles cause large gradient errors: ∆K/K ≥ 10-20%
- Gradient errors also accumulate through daily operations





Measured hysteresis curve of a quadrupole (QMIM03).



Countermeasures (under study)

- Standardized excitation
- Subtract/add offsets due to remanent fields (when we set K-values for operation)

Method of Optics Matching



 Single quadrupole (Q5) is used to measure the quadrupole-scan response (information of ε, α, β)

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• Adjust the upstream 4 QMs so that the response curve agrees with the design one.

Before the matching



Emittance Measurements



Tuning for low-emittance at high charges is under study

4. High-Current Operation and Other Important Topics

Beam Currents: Achievement and Prospect



Beam Current of 80 μ A (CW) was Recirculated



Radiation and Beam Losses (at beam current of ~80 µA)



Demonstration of Energy Recovery ($I_0 = 30 \ \mu A$)



(Power lost in cavity) = $(P_{in}: input power to cavity) - (P_{ref}: reflected power from cavity)$

Other Important Topics



Statistics of Operation Time (per month)



Summary and Outlook

- The Compact ERL was commissioned and is in stable operation.
- Learned many lessons from the commissioning.
- The photocathode DC gun and both (injector and ML) SC cavities are operating very stably.
- Achieved beam current of 80 μ A.
- Achieved low beam emittance (< 1 mm·mrad) at low bunch charges (< 0.5 pC/bunch).
- X-ray production from Laser Compton Scattering was successfully demonstrated.

Subjects in the near future

- Lower emittance at high buhch-charges ($q_b \ge 7.7 \text{ pC}$)
- Beam current: $1 \text{ mA} (\rightarrow 10 \text{ mA})$
- Bunch compression ($\sigma_t \sim 100$ fs) and THz production

We have established many important technologies for the ERL light source. We continue to conduct R&D effort on remaining issues such as:

- Improved cavity-assembly technique for higher accelerating gradient
- Mass-production technique for main-linac cavities

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