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Challenges and solutions for J-PARC commissioning and early operation

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J-PARC Construction Schedule

Feb. 27 2006



Time when this schedule was created

The beam commissioning of the J-PARC facility was started from the upstream accelerators while the construction of the downstream facilities was in progress. All the facilities started the beam commissioning on schedule.

Status of the Linac/RCS

- challenges and solutions -



RCS (Rapid Cycling Synchrotron)



Performance recovery of LINAC-RFQ

Since the autumn of 2008, the most urgent issue of the linac was discharge in the RFQ. The RCS beam power for users was limited at 20 kW due to the RFQ problem.



History of beam delivery to MLF



After the recovery of Linac-RFQ, high power operation of the RCS has became possible and 120 kW operation has started for the MLF users.

Neutron beamline : 12 beamlines are now under commissioning and open for users. Muon beamline: The highest intensity beamline in the world with the 120 kW beam.

300 kW operation : achievement and issues



On Dec.10, 300 kW-1hours beam delivery from the RCS to the MLF was demonstrated.

Issue to be solved before starting the routine operation of 300 kW for the MLF users is the beam loss problem.

The following improvements planned in this summer shutdown:

(1) Installation of the small foil (40 mm-> 15 mm in vertical) to reduce the number of foil hits during painting injection

(2) Installation of AC power supplies for sextupoles

The sextupoles are driven by DC power supplies and chromaticity is corrected only at the injection energy. AC power supplies are necessary to reduce beam loss during acceleration .

Status of the Main Ring

- challenges and solutions -

Main parameters of MR



Three dispersion free straight sections of 116-m long:

- Injection and collimator systems
- Slow extraction (SX)
 - to Hadron experimental Hall

-MA loaded rf cavities and Fast extraction(FX) (beam is extracted inside/outside of the ring) outside: Beam abort line

inside: Neutrino beamline (intense v beam is send to SK)

Brief history of MR initial beam commissioning





First stage: 2008/5-6 (~12 days)

- May 20: First beam circulation without rf capture

- May 22:1000 turns circulation with rf, beam extraction to the injection beam dump

2008 summer/autumn shutdown: 2008/7-11

Second stage: 2008/12- 2009/2 (~26 days)

- Dec 23: Acceleration from 3 GeV to 30 GeV and beam extraction to abort beam dump using fast extraction system.

- Jan 27: Beam extraction to the hadron beam line using slow extraction system.

Third stage: 2009/4-6 (~27 days)

- April 23: Beam extraction to neutrino beam line using the fast extraction system. **2009 summer shutdown:** 2009/7-9

Fast Extraction



Beam delivery to T2K (1)



Time variation of longitudinal profile for two bunches.

Beam delivery to T2K (2)

Integrated loss counts for one shot measured by BLM in the 65 kW operation



So far, the beam power of 70 kW in maximum has been delivered to the T2K experiment.



Linear coupling resonance correction



Demonstration of 100 kW equivalent beam



Slow extraction

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Proton beam

Layout of beam lines at hadron experimental facility in February 2010.

K1.8 (Day-1)

3 (E05): Spectroscopic study of hypernuclei

- 2 (E13): Gamma-ray spectroscopy of light hypernuclei
- 1 (E19): Pentaquark search in $\pi p \rightarrow K^-X$

K1.8 (stage-2)

(E03): Measurement of X-rays from Ξ Atom
(E07): Double strangeness system
K1.8BR (Day-1)

2 (E15): Search for deeply-bound kaonic nuclear states

1 (E17): Precision spectroscopy of kaonic ³*He* K1.1

K1.1BR (stage-1)

(E06): Measurement of T-violation in $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 + \mu^+ + \nu$ High-P (stage-1)

(E16): Chiral symmetry in QCD

KL (stage-2)

(E14): $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 + \nu \nu$

COMET (New beam line, deferred)

 μ -e conversion experiment at sensitivity of 10⁻¹⁶

Slow extraction





Because of the tune fluctuation, the circulating beam decreases in the step-like shape

Spill monitor signal in HD beam line

Extracted beam has many sharp peaks.





Improvement of spill structure (1)

Spill feedback using EQ, RQ and DSP system was installed in the 2009 summer shutdown



EQ: for constant spill structure (< 100 Hz)

RQ: for ripple compensation (< 3 kHz)

Improvement of spill structure (2)

All the quadrupoles has trim coils. We set MOSFET RELAY to the trim coil circuit.



Operation for users in hadron experimental facility



With spill Feedback EQ/RQ+trim coil short

So far, the maximum beam power of 2.6 kW has been delivered to the HD facility.



Plan of the MR in JFY2010

Fast Extraction:

Beam delivery larger than 100 kW to the T2K experiment Installation of additional shields of 3-50 BT collimators:

Loss power capacity will be increased form 0.45 to 2 kW. Replacement of the FX kicker system:

Issues of the present kicker system:

- The present system has a rise time \sim 1.6 $\mu sec,$ larger than a required rise time for the originally designed 8 bunch operation.

- The kicker has a large impedance. Heating problem occurs in the high intensity operation. Features of the new kicker system has :

- fast rise time < 1 μsec , and 8 bunch operation will be available

- lower beam coupling impedance

Installation of 2nd harmonics cavity

Slow Extraction:

Beam delivery larger than 5 kW to the HD users

For higher extraction efficiency :

- Dynamic bump scheme will be adopted from the 2010 Autumn run For improvement of spill structure :
- Main PS tuning to reduce 600 Hz ripple
- Feedback operation with RF noise
- Ripple cancellation system using the trim coils

Status of MA loaded rf cavities

MA (Magnetic Alloy) loaded rf cavity is adopted to the RCS and MR.

Feature of the rf system:

- High field gradient > 20 kV/m
- No tuning loop because of the broadband characteristics
- Precise control by full digital LLRF, high reproducibility and reliability





	RCS	MR
Number of fundamental cavities	11	6*
Number of 2nd harmonic cavities		3**
Impedance / gap [Ohm]	840	1000
Q value	2	26
Core type	MA uncut core	MA cut core
Core sizez [cm]	OD85/ID37.5/T35	OD80/ID24.5/T35
Average power dissipation / core [kW]	5	9

*5 at present

** No 2nd cavities at present. One 2nd cavity will be installed in the 2010 summer

Status of MA loaded rf cavities (2)

Impedance reduction is observed in the RCS and MR cavities



-Core buckling and crack caused by deformation due to thermal stress

-The manufacturing process is improved. The new cores are manufactured without impregnation of epoxy resin.



-Oxidization/Deoxidization of cutting surface of the cores may be related to the impedance reduction.

Atmospheric exposure recovers the impedance.This procedure is regularly performed.To recover the impedance, the cutting surface

of the cores will be re-polished in shutdown periods.

-SiO2 coating on the cutting surface is now under development.

-There are some correlations between contamination of Cu in the cooling water and impedance decrease(?).

Summary(1)

Beam commissioning of J-PARC accelerators has been started on schedule. The accelerator study and users operation are well in progress.

The linac and RCS deliver the stable beam to the downstream facilities. Recent highlights :

- -120 kW beam delivery to the MLF
- 300 kW operation for 1 hour was successfully demonstrated

Recent highlights of the MR:

- Beam delivery of 70 kW in maximum to the NU beamline by FX
- -100 kW equivalent beam extraction by FX was demonstrated.
- Beam delivery of 2.6 kW in maximum to the HD beamline by SX.

Summary (2)

Issues and solutions

Discharge in RFQ:

It has limited the delivered beam power to the MLF since September 2008. Vacuum system improvement recovered the performance.

Low duty beam spill of the SX beam:

Tune fluctuation due to current ripple of main magnet PS's deteriorates the spill structure of the SX beam. The extraction with spill feedback and trimcoil short improved the duty. More efforts to reduce the effects of ripple are necessary; PS tuning to reduce 600 Hz ripple, feedback with rf noise, noise cancelling system will be tested soon.

Damages of rf cores in RCS/MR:

Manufacturing process of the core is improved for the RCS SiO2 coating of cutting surface of the core is under development for the MR core. There are many presentations of J-PARC accelerators in IPAC10. Please refer to them and discuss with the J-PARC stuff members.

Thank you for your attention