

Commissioning Experience of SCRF Systems for the Taiwan Light Source

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Outline

1. Review of the SRF Project at TLS/NSRRC (1997-2005)

2. The SRF Operational Experience in last two years (2005-2006)

Decision Making in 97'-98'

- Double the photon flux of the synchrotron light by increasing the beam current;
- Keep the synchrotron light even more stable at a higher beam current;
- The solution:
 - SRF module is free of coupled-bunch instabilities by beam-cavity interaction via cavity's higher-order modes;
- The concern:
 - Highly reliable operation of SRF module is a challenge!

The SRF Project at TLS/NSRRC (1997-2005)

- Project initialed in winter, 1997;
- Approved in summer, 1999;
- Budget available from 2000 in 4 years;
- Commissioning originally scheduled for summer, 2003, and completed in end of 2004 owing to production problem of SRF module;
- Spare SRF module available in summer of 2005;
- Routine operation since beginning of 2005:
 - ✓ Routine operation at 300 mA in top-run mode;
 - ✓ Long-term reliable test runs at 400 mA in top-up mode;
 - Routine operation at 360 mA to be started;
- Project goals achieved:
 - \checkmark in terms of light source flux in winter, 2005;
 - \checkmark in terms of maximum beam current in Sep., 2006;

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Selections of Sub-systems

• SRF modules:

- ✓ Cornell design;
- KEKB design (decision open for next machine);

• Cryogenic plant:

- ✓ Turbine machine (same for next machine);
- piston machine;

• RF transmitter:

- Switching HVPS (proposed for next machine);
- ✓ Corwbar HVPS In-house assembly;

• Low-level RF system:

- ✓ Analog LLRF Modifying the LLRF of PEP-I design;
- Analog I/Q LLRF (based line for next machine);
- Digital LLRF (aggressive option);

• SRF diagnostics system:

- ✓ High speed scopes;
- ✓ Fast transient recorders (32 channels);
- ✓ Low speed archive system;

The SRF Modules - S1 & S2



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The spare one was assembled first. We had a very difficult time during production of the SRF module S2, but we learned a lot from this SRF module.

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Buckling of Nb Waveguide of the SRF Module S2

- Under a gas pressure test up to 1.8 bara in 20 min. at warm



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LHe Cryogenic Plant for SRF Operation

- **Requirements:**
 - long term continuous operation
 - vibration free
 - fast cool down capacity
 - high redundancy
 - energy saving and load matching
 - easy operation
 - SRF operating LHe pressure as low as possible

- Solution:
 - turbine machine
 - large helium inventory (2000 liter main dewar)
 - capacity safety factor of 1.5
 - frequency driver
 - fully automatic control
 - Cold box located to the SRF module as close as possible



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System Integrations



Machine Performance with SRF Module

- Excellent HOM damping;
- Top-up mode at 300 mA in routine operation;
- Maximum beam current up to 400 mA verified;
- Transverse feedback is required to stabilize the residual instabilities;
- Extra benefit from the longitudinal feedback (IO fluctuations of 0.06% available);
- Intensive manpower required for the SRF operation – not to make mistake!

Fluctuations of Synchrotron Light $\Delta I_0/I_0$ for the TLS Using the SRF Module as Accelerating Cavity



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SRF Operational Experience

- What we experienced...
 - ✓ LLRF's feedback loops become unstable due to heavy beam loading...
 - ✓ False alarm of window arcing...
 - X Microphonics is no more a problem after using microstepping controller for tuner loop;
 - Vacuum spikes observed sometimes during rf start-up at 0.9-1.1 MV (Multipacting around the coupling tongue?);
- What we never experienced...
 X Real quench or field emission (rf gap voltage < 1.6 MV);
 X Vacuum burst due to hydrogen desorption (cavity vacuum better than 0.7 nTorr);



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Mean Time between Failures of the Complete RF System with SRF Module as Accelerating Cavity since 2005





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Conclusions



Thank you for your attention!