Commissioning and Operation of DC-SRF injector at PKU

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Outline

- Development of DC-SRF injector at PKU
- Experimental facilities
- Experiments and results
- Summary
The concept of DC-SRF was proposed in 2001
Compatibility of photocathode and SC cavity and compact structure
Could be operated at CW mode and simulations show good beam quality

- Electric field on cathode surface could not be very high
- Emittance compensation solenoid is far from cathode

Could handle moderate average current (1~10mA)
Feasibility Test at 4K

Prototype with a pierce gun and a 1.5-cell superconducting cavity
Test operation at 4K in 2004: Gradient ~6MV/m, energy gain~ 1MeV, emittance~5μm
Promoted the design of an upgrade DC-SRF gun with 3.5 cell cavity
3.5 cell cavity DC-SRF injector

- Design and manufacture were started in 2007 and 2008
- Vertical test of 3.5-cell cavity at Jlab: 23.5 MV/m @ Q₀ >1E10
- Assembled and connected to 2K cryogenic system in 2010
- RF test experiments and preliminary beam test in 2011
- Upgrade of RF power supply, beam line and .... in 2012
Main coupler

- Capacitive coupling structure similar with KEK design proposed in 2005
- Four parts connected by flanges
- Disk ceramic window, without contacting inner conductor
- Compact structure, easy for assembling and repair
- Stress on ceramic window is not strong
ERL project at Peking University

Peking University Superconducting ERL Test Facility (PKU-SETF)

First THz with lower bunch charge and then ERL-FEL with higher bunch charge
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Closed loop 2K cryogenic system at Peking University

Main parts from Linde, transfer lines made in China,
Designed cooling capacity: 57.5W @2K
Heat load of the 2K transfer lines: <0.5W/m
Stable operation of 2K cryomodule

Commissioning stability of the cryogenic system

- Successive approximation method: the high and low limits of the control valves were preset and finely adjusted to avoid large fluctuation of the helium pressure and level.
- The stability of the helium pressure can be controlled within ±0.1 mbar and the helium level is within ±5%.

- Total cooling capacity: more than 65 W at 2.0 K

The recovery processes with the jumps of the heat load

- When jump of heat load caused by the change of cavity gradient and the duty factor of RF power.
- 2K cryogenic system can be recovered from the pressure instability and helium level instability within short time.
On-line Cs$_2$Te photocathode preparation system

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1.3GHz 20kW solid-state RF power source in 2011

- 1.3 GHz 5kW solid-state RF power supply was replaced with the new one
- Can work in both pulse mode and CW mode
- Output RF power can achieve 20kW with matched load, and 16kW with total reflection
- 3dB bandwidth is more than 30MHz
Digital Low Level Radio Frequency (LLRF) control:

- Two feedback control loops for amplitude control and phase control.
- PI controller in FPGA adjust output signal to compensate the deviation

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Conditioning of main power coupler

- Temperature at several points inside the coupler was monitored by temperature sensors
- Cavity was non-resonance during the conditioning
- Highest power was 20kW with duty factor of 40%
Accelerating gradient ($E_{\text{acc}}$)

$E_{\text{acc}}$ in different conditions have been investigated

Phase-lock: $E_{\text{acc}}$ was increased up to 17.5MV/m in pulsed mode with a duty factor of 10% and a repetition rate of 10 Hz.

$E_{\text{acc}}$ reached 14.5MV/m for CW mode

LLRF control: $E_{\text{acc}}$ was 12.9MV/m for a long-term test.

Amplitude (up) and phase (below) signals of 3.5-cell DC-SRF injector at 12.9MV/m without beam load
The microphonic effect has also been investigated. The frequency spectrum was measured as shown in Figure 5. The vibrations at the frequency of 2Hz and 14.5 Hz may affect the cavity. The investigation of the sources of these vibrations is underway.

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Beam experiments

- Beam tuning with a low beam current, reducing the duty factor of laser rather than reducing laser power to keep the same bunch charge for different average current.
- When the duty factor of laser was 1% at 10 Hz, the average beam current is about 2.5 μA.
- Duty factor was increased gradually to 100% and the average current increased to 250 μA with certain laser power.
- Degassing of the dump Faraday cup became serious with higher beam current.

- $E_{\text{acc}}$ was 8.0 MV/m during the beam test.
- Beam energy gain is about 3.3 MeV at this accelerating gradient.
- Beam energy estimated with bending magnet and energy spectrum of radiation were 3.2 MeV and 3.1 MeV.

Reflected and pickup RF signals with pulsed beam load.
Transverse emittance measurement by multi-slits method

- Beam emittances were measured at different DC voltages of 50kV, 42kV and 36.6kV
- Normalized emittances are all around 3.0 mm·mrad
- Space charge effect is weak at this situation

Beam passing through multi-slits (left) and relative intensity (right)
Summary and outlook

- RF power supply, photocathode preparation system, LLRF control system and beam line are improved.
- Progress has been made on the 3.5-cell DC–SRF photocathode injector.
- 0.25 mA CW electron beam has been obtained.
- Limitation is degassing of dump faraday cup.
- 1 mA beam is expected with a beryllium window before the dump.
- DC-SRF injector will be used for THz radiation and then for ERL-FEL test facility.
Thank you for your attention!
### Design Parameters of the DC-SRF injector (DC voltage 90KV)

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<td>Bunch charge distribution</td>
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Electric field distribution of the 3.5cell cavity

Mode | TM010, π-mode
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Working frequency | 1300 MHz
Q₀ | $1 \times 10^{10}$
Eacc | 13 MV/m
Effective Length | 0.417 m
G-factor | 242 Ω
Shunt Impedence r/Q | 417 Ω
$E_{\text{peak}}/E_{\text{acc}}$ | 2.12
$B_{\text{peak}}/E_{\text{acc}}$ | 4.95 mT/(MV/m)

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Electric field of DC pierce structure

structure of DC-gun

Electric field distribution of the DC-gun
Effect of DC voltage on emittance

Gaussian transverse distribution, Gaussian longitudinal distribution

Flattop transverse distribution, Gaussian longitudinal distribution

Transverse emittance v.s. DC voltage (100pC, 13MV/m)
Drive laser system

Seed laser is commercial picosecond oscillator (Time-Bandwith GE-100) and was upgraded. Upgraded system compose of amplifier, SHG, FHG, lenses, control system and cooling system.
The UV laser power on the surface of the photocathode is about 0.1 W, and the photocurrent is 350 uA

No degradation was found during the two weeks’ experiment
Fourier Transform Far-Infrared Spectrometer

Spectral range: 8000-10cm⁻¹ (1.25μm - 1.0mm)
Resolution: better than 0.07cm⁻¹