CHALLENGES FACING THE GENERATION OF MW PROTON BEAMS USING RAPID CYCLING SYNCHROTRONS

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Abstract

The MW proton source using a rapid cycling synchrotron (RCS) has many challenging aspects, such as (1) large aperture magnets and much higher RF voltages per turn due to a low energy injection and a large and rapid swing of the magnetic field, (2) field tracking between many magnet-families under slightly saturated conditions, (3) RF trapping with fundamental and higher harmonic cavities, (4) H- charge stripping foil, (5) large acceptance injection straight, and (6) beam instabilities. These are discussed mainly on the basis of the J-PARC 3GeV RCS, which is under construction in Japan.

INTRODUCTION

MW proton beams have been highlighted as sources for spallation neutron sources[1-2] and neutrino factories, the former of which are used for producing spallation neutrons and the latter for producing pions which decay into muons and then neutrinos. MW proton beams comprises an order of 10¹⁴ protons per bunch at a repetition rate of several tens of Hz. In order to generate such proton beams by means of a low energy linac plus a rapid cycling synchrotron (RCS), a large injection painting area is required to keep the space charge tune shift relatively small. The total acceptable beam loss is limited to a few kilowatts from view point of the radiation shielding and maintenance work. This means that a few percent losses are allowable at the injection and RF trapping stages, an order of 0.1% loss at the extraction, and in between during the acceleration stage. At the extraction, the problem can be circumvented if the extraction channel has a larger or the same aperture with that of the ring collectors.

The J-PARC 3GeV RCS layout and the main parameters are given in Fig.1 and Table 1, respectively.



Figure 1: J-PARC 3GeV RCS layout.

	Table 1: J-PARC 3Ge	ev RCS parameters.
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circumference	m	348.333
		(6 FODO arc
cell structure		+ 3 FODO
		insertion) \times 3
nominal tune	$Q_{\rm x}, Q_{\rm y}$	6.68, 6.27
natural chromaticity	ξx, ξy	-8.5, -8.8
transition gamma	γ	9.14
momentum compaction		0.012
injection energy	MeV	400
extraction energy	GeV	3
protons per bunch	10 ¹³ p	8.3
repetition rate	Hz	25
harmonics		2
revolution frequency	MHz	0.614~0.836
average output current	μA	333
output power	MW	1

H⁻ INJECTION

Layout

Magnet system for painting injection comprises eight horizontal bump magnets and two vertical paint magnets. The vertical one is located π upstream of the foil location at the injection line, and the other one is used for correction when the phase advance is deviated from π . The horizontal bump magnets are divided into two groups such as four shift-bump magnets (SB) which produces a fixed bump orbit, and four paint-bump magnets (PB) [3] as shown in Fig.2. The system enables both the correlated and anti-correlated painting injection using a single-edge support stripping foil.

All the magnets at this injection straight have large apertures to accommodate sufficient beam clearance along the bump orbit in the ring as well as the H⁻ injection and the unstripped H⁻ dump lines. Such magnets have a long fringe field and thus the interferences of the adjacent magnets are inevitable (Fig.2). Beam tracking studies under these conditions are in progress [4].



Figure 2: Schematic view of the injection straight in the horizontal (upper) and vertical (lower) plane.

Stripping foil

The H⁻ charge stripping foil is very difficult part of the RCS. The energy deposition onto foil by the incoming H⁻ and the circulating proton beams amounts to 5.8 watts per beam area in average, and 460 watts at peak. The temperature rise was calculated by ANSYS, taking into account the distributions of energy deposition onto foil. Although the temperature depends upon the emissivity (ε) of the hot foil surface, it reached ~1500K at peak with ε =0.2. Such high energy deposition may cause a shorter lifetime of the foil, i.e. the foil breaks up or deforms seriously in a short time. Development of foils against such deteriorations is urgent [5, 6]. Fig.3 shows the deformation of the H⁻ stripping foil which was used at the KEK PS booster synchrotron: the injection energy is 40MeV, and the average energy deposition is 0.73 watts.

Bump magnets

The bump system requires fast and flexible current pattern power supplies. Fig.4 shows the current waveforms of each magnet. The horizontal paint waveform follows $1 - \sqrt{t/T}$, the vertical anticorrelated one $\sqrt{1 - t/T}$, and the vertical correlated one $\sqrt{t/T}$, where *T* is the injection period, ~500µsec. Specifications for such bump power supply are listed in Table 2. These comprise rectifier and chopper sections, which utilize many high power IGBT's (Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistor) in series and/or parallel to realize the high power operation with a tracking error less than 1%.



Figure 3: Deformations of H⁻ stripping foil at the KEK PS booster synchrotron (courtesy of Y. Arakida)



Figure 4: Current waveforms of painting injection

Table 2: Specifications for the bump power supply.Tracking error is 1%.

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Dorron aventiv	Ma	Voltage	Current	IGBT rating	carrier
Power supply	10.	(KV)	(KA)		frequency
					(KHz)
Horiz. SB	1	10.0	32.2	3300V, 1200A	60
Horiz. PB	4	1.2	29.0	1200V, 300A	1800
Vert. PB	2	0.6	3.4	1200V, 300A	1800

RF

Higher RF voltage gain is a remarkable aspect of the RCS, where the peak RF voltage per turn is 450KV. A high gradient cavity has been developed at KEK for this purpose [7], which is capable of producing more than twice as much as the voltage of the conventional ferrite loaded cavity. The high gradient cavity is made of the magnetic alloy (MA), and is of a broadband resonator, the resonant frequency of which is located near at the middle point of the acceleration frequency range. The cavity impedance then shows capacitive at an early acceleration stage, and inductive at a later stage for the fundamental RF frequency: actually, phase angle of the

cavity is 42 degrees at injection, and -24 degrees at extraction with the resonant frequency at 1.5MHz, and the unloaded cavity Q=2.0. the unloaded Q value can be adjusted by cutting the core and binding together with a small gap between two halves (Fig.5). High power test of the MA cavity was carried out successfully for eight hours with 14KV/gap, 30% duty factor at 1.3MHz [8]. RF parameters are summarized in Table 3.

Second harmonic component is superimposed on the same cavity to improve the bunching factor [9].

 $V_{rf} = V_1 \sin \phi + V_2 \sin 2(\phi - \phi_s + \phi_2),$

 $V_2 = 0.8 V_1 \cos \phi_s,$

where V_1 is the fundamental RF voltage, V_2 the second harmonic voltage, $V_{\rm rf}$ the total voltage, and $\phi_{\rm s}$ the synchronous phase angle. The optimization of the offset (ϕ) has been investigated during the injection period. The offset was so varied that it starts with an initial value (ϕ_2^0) and then decreases linearly with time down to zero at the injection end. Fig.6 shows the results for $\phi_0^0=20$, 25 and 30 degrees. It is found that the phase error of only 5 degrees will cause the difference of the bunching factor by ~ 0.05 . In the figure are also shown the harmonic contents in the trapping and early stage of acceleration. Fundamental component reaches 10A after the injection end, and the higher harmonics amount to a few tenths of the fundamental one. Relative loading Y(=beam current/generator current) then becomes 1.2, the beam loading cancellations of these components are essential for the precise control of the system. In the J-PARC, a feedforward cancellation will be employed by means of the digital techniques [10].



Figure 5: MA cut core (left) and the MA loaded cavity (right).



Figure 6: (a)Variation of bunching factor. Initial phase of the second harmonic cavity to the fundamental one is 25deg. (black), 30deg. (red) and 20deg. (green). (b)Harmonic contents in the trapping and early stage of acceleration

Table 3: RF parameters.

	11
m	2
KV	45
	3
	18
	~2
Ω	~840
0	. 1 800
52	~1,000
MHz	~1.5
MHz	0.9~5.1
A	8.2~11.1
A	10~21
A	< 18
A	< 13
	TH558×2
	in push-pull mode
KV	10
A	120
	m KV Ω Ω MHz MHz A A A A A A A KV A

MAGNETS

In order to cover a wider range of the RCS operation tunes, the quadrupole magnets have been grouped into seven families with different dimensions [11]. All the magnets within a family are connected in series to the power supply, and are fed by the dc-biased sinusoidal ac current. As for the bending magnets, since the excitation current is much higher than those of the quadrupole magnets, the power supply is divided into the ac and dc supplies, which comprise the White circuit [12].

Field saturation of the dipole magnet has been observed by the field calculations using TOSCA and POISSON (Fig.7). In the figure, degradation of the magnet inductance implies the field saturation. Since the quadrupole magnet is not saturated within a range of use, field gradient is assumed to vary in a ideal sinusoidal waveform. The tracking error of the quadrupole magnets to the dipole magnet field can then be calculated in the following [13]:

$$\frac{\Delta K}{K} = \frac{1 - \alpha \cos \omega t}{1 + \frac{a_2}{B_{dc}} - \alpha \cos \omega t (1 - 3\frac{a_3}{a_1} + 2\frac{a_2}{a_1} \cos \omega t + 4\frac{a_3}{a_1} \cos^2 \omega t)} - 1'$$

where $\alpha = B_{ac}/B_{dc} = 0.6$ and the saturated ac field is expressed as,

 $B_{ac}(t) = a_1 \cos \omega t + a_2 \cos 2\omega t + a_3 \cos 3\omega.$

From the saturated field data, each coefficient is given by $a_1=0.44411$, $a_2=0.0024$ and $a_3=0.001392$. Fig.8 shows the tracking error, reaching its maximum of 1.3% at injection without any harmonic corrections. The tune shift caused by this error is estimated to be 0.12. Therefore, the correction of the field distortions is essential.



Figure 7: Field saturation of the dipole magnet. Horizontal axis shows the ideal field produced by a given coil current [12].



Figure 8: Tracking error due to the field saturation of the dipole magnet. The magnet field is swept at 25Hz repetition.

CERAMIC CHAMBER

The ceramic vacuum chambers are used at the ac and pulsed magnet sections in order to avoid an excessive heating by the alternating magnetic field. However, copper stripes of RF shield are electrotyped on the outer surface of the chamber in order to provide a path for an image current of the circulating beam as in Fig.9 [14]. Typical cross section of the copper stripe is 5mm-wide and 0.5mm-thick, and is arranged in 10mm pitch. The one end of the RF shield is directly connected to the Ti flange, and the other end is terminated by the ~0.1 μ F capacitor to the flange. The eddy field and the heating of the stripes are negligible. The inner surface of the ceramic chamber is coated by TiN to suppress the secondary electron emission.

Roundness and straightness measurements have been performed for circular chambers. The results show that, for chambers without any polishing or grinding after sintering, the roundness is several hundred micron and the straightness less than 1mm [15]. However, regarding the ceramic chambers which have very asymmetrical shape as in Fig.10, may require R&D to assure the uniformity after sintering.



Figure 9: Circular ceramic chamber, 260 mm-diameter, 1,200 mm-long with 100 lines of rf shield on the outer surface. Two segments are joined by brazing at the center.



Figure 10: Ceramic chamber at the injection quadrupole with a pear-like cross section. The central large ellipses shows the circulating beam, and the small ellipses at the right hand side the incoming H⁻ beam.

ELECTRON-PROTON INSTABILITY

The electron-proton instability is thought to be strong and fast instability for the high intensity machine [16]. Electrons in the proton ring can be produced by proton loss, electron stripping at the charge exchange foil and ionization of the residual gas. The electron cloud is formed by the trailing-edge multipacting process, and strongly depends upon the parameters such as primary electron production rate (Y_1), secondary electron yield (Y_2), beam size, chamber size, bunch length and bunch spacing. Ohmi *et al* [17] assumed Y_1 =4.4×10⁻⁶ e/(meter•proton) and

$$Y_2(E) = Y_{2,\max} \frac{E}{E_{\max}} \frac{1.44}{0.44 + (E/E_{\max})^{1.44}},$$

where $Y_{2,max}=2.1$, *E* the energy of primary electrons and $E_{max}=200\text{eV}$ by the measurements for the aluminum surface[18]. The electron amplification factor (A_e) is defined by the number of the created electrons normalized to that of the primary electrons as a function of a distance traversed (s), ie $A_e(s)=\lambda_e(s)/(Y_1N_p)$. Fig.11 shows the amplification factors. The stability criterion is described in terms of the neutralization, which is given by the ratio of the electron cloud line density to the average proton density. Assuming the proton bunch length is very long compared with the dipole mode frequency of the electrons, the coasting beam approximation is used. Table 4 shows the neutralizations at the peak and bottom of the amplification curve, and the threshold neutralization [17]. Hence, injection stage

of the 3GeV RCS and the ISIS synchrotron is safe for the electron-proton instability, but it is likely to occur at the Los Alamos Laboratory's Proton Storage Ring (PSR) and the Oak Ridge Laboratory's Spallation Neutron Source (SNS) storage rings.

These results are, however, drastically changed if different assumptions are adopted. Taking $Y_{2,max}$ =1.5 which is the case for TiN coated surface, the neutralizations at the peak and bottom become 0.006 and 0.0038, respectively at the PSR [19], which are now well below the threshold value of 0.021. Also, it should be required to identify the proton loss rate in the actual machines: for example, primary electrons coming from the stripping process at the foil is neglected in the present calculations. It is prudent, however, to have provisions of TiN coating and a weak solenoid in the ring to suppress the multipacting [20]



Figure 11: Electron amplification factors by the simulation for (a) 3 GeV RCS injection and (b) extraction. The proton beam bunch shapes are plotted by the dashed lines with arbitrary units [17].

RADIATION PROTECTION

Given proton losses in KW, the residual radioactivity and absorbed dose at the beam collimator region were compared for the variety of injection energies by means of the MARS code [21]. The total loss of protons in the ring was assumed to be 3.6KW for all cases, and the collimator section in the old JHF 3GeV ring was used for the model calculations [22]. Fig.12 shows the results for a quadrupole magnet next to the primary collimator. It is seen that the residual and absorbed dose rates increase with the injection energy.



Figure 12: Energy dependence of particle flux, residual and absorbed dose rate for a quadrupole magnet at the collimator section.

neutralization 3GeV R		RCS	DSD	ISIS	SNS
neutranzation	injection extraction	TSK			
f(bottom)	0.020	0.007	0.034	0.003	0.007
f(peak)	0.042	0.023	0.067	0.005	0.250
f(threshold)	0.280	0.030	0.021	0.417	0.063

Table 4: Neutralization factor (f). The bottom and peak values are taken
at the stationary state in the calculations of the electron amplification factor

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