Recent Developments of the Cornell LLRF System

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Introduction

Cornell operates two accelerators:

1. Cornell Electron Storage Ring (CESR)
   Storage ring operated as a light source.
   RF System: 500 MHz CW
   Beam Current: 130 mA

2. Cornell BNL ERL Test Accelerator
   4-turn energy recover Linac.
   RF System: 1300 MHz CW
   Injector Current: 40 mA
   Main Linac Current: 320 mA

And copper cavities, including a buncher and a deflector cavity for CBETA!
FPGA: (Loop latency < 0.1µs)
Field Control
DSP: (Fast loop: ~ 10µs, Slow loop: ~ 100 µs)
Tuner and piezo control
Coldfire:
Talks to the outside world.

Fast ADC board:
6 Channels 16-Bit ADC @ 50 Msps

Fast DAC board:
2 Channels 16-Bit DAC @ 12.5 Msps

Medium ADC/DAC board:
Additional 10 to 100 ksps channels for frequency control...

CESR ported to new version last year!
CBETA Requirements

CBETA is a prototype for a bigger ERL, the specifications are chosen keeping in mind the requirements of a light source where bunch compression can be used.

**Injector SRF:**
- High beam loading (40mA)
  - Small $Q_L \sim 5 \cdot 10^4$ to $4 \cdot 10^5$
  - Large bandwidth $\Delta f \sim$ 2 to 13 kHz
- Field stability requirements:
  - $\sigma_A/A \sim 1 \cdot 10^{-3}$
  - $\sigma_\phi \sim 1$ deg

**Main Linac SRF:**
- No (almost) beam loading (~0mA)
  - High $Q_L \sim 6 \cdot 10^7$
  - Small bandwidth $\Delta f \sim 25$ Hz
- Field stability requirements:
  - $\sigma_A/A \sim 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$
  - $\sigma_\phi \sim 0.1$ deg

**Reference System:**
- New RF/LO signals
Field Stability

- Field controlled by a Proportional Integral feedback loop.

**Injector Cavity Phase Stability**

**TESLA Cavity Phase Stability**

- Feedforward compensation
  1. Klystron High Voltage
  2. Beam Pulse

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Detuning of the main linac cavities pose a major challenge in field control.

1. **Coarse Tuner Control**
   A simple automatic tuning algorithm was designed based on a set of rules, drawing from experience of manually tuning cavities.
   Steps:
   1. Turn on constant forward power into the cavity.
   2. Determine direction of tuning.
   3. Tune until a certain field is reached.

2. **Lorentz Force Detuning Compensation**
   - Piezo based feedforward on proportional to field square
   - Allows fast changes in cavity field.
   - Works very well!

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**Graphs and Plots**

- **Cavity Voltage vs. Time**
- **Tuning Angle vs. Time**
- **Detuning vs. Time**
- **Voltage vs. Time**
2. Microphonics Compensation
   • **Proportional Integral feedback** for low frequency vibrations
   • **Frequency domain Least Mean Square** technique for discrete lines in the frequency spectrum. – Very effective for high Q vibration peaks!

Algorithm is stable! Reduced peak detuning from 30.2 Hz to 15.5 Hz.
Summary

- The Cornell Low Level Radio Frequency system is an universal architecture used for controlling a wide variety RF cavities including superconducting and copper cavities.

- The processing is divided among a Xilinx FPGA (loop latency < 0.1 µs) which controls data acquisition and executes field control loops, and an Analog Devices DSP which handles the state machine, trip processing and fast tuner control.

- CBETA puts very strict limits on cavity field stability in situations of high beam loading (~40 mA) and also in cavities having high $Q_L (~ 6 \cdot 10^7)$.

- Tests on 2-cell cavities developed for the Cornell ERL injector and in TESLA cavities at HoBiCaT demonstrate that the system is indeed capable of reaching these requirements.

- Fast tuning for Lorentz force and microphonics compensation along with automatic coarse tuning have been demonstrated and is actively under development for the CBETA project.
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Appendix 1: Digital I-Q Detection

1. Field probe 1300 MHz mixer local oscillator 1287.5 MHz down-conversion of cavity field probe signal; complete amplitude and phase information is preserved

IF: 12.5 MHz

2. IF signal is sampled at 4*12.5 MHz rate

3. Consecutive data points describe real and imaginary part of cavity field (I&Q)
Appendix 3: Main Linac LLRF Layout
Appendix 4: RF Reference System

Need phase noise $<< 300$ fs for 0.15 deg phase stability at 1.3 GHz

**ERL injector master oscillator**
- $\sim 300$ fs rms jitter

**Test system master oscillator**
- $\sim 40$ fs rms jitter

New MO system based on test system will be designed and fabricated for CBETA.
Appendix 5: Field Uncertainty

Injector Cavity Phase Stability

![Graph showing cavity #5 amplitude stability against integral gain and proportional gain with a color scale ranging from $10^{-5}$ to $10^0$.]