

Results from the Feb 2012 9mA studies

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Background to February 2012 studies

- Cost minimization for the ILC
 - High cost of gradient -> keep gradient overhead to minimum
 - High cost of RF power -> keep rf power overhead to minimum
- Minimize emittance growth due to orbit changes from cavity kicks
 - Minimize changes in cavity kicks -> minimize changes in cavity gradients over the duration of the beam pulse
 - Spread of operating gradients on same RF klystron



ILC: Maximising Energy

Highest Gradient Operation





VT Observed Gradient Limit		35.0 MV/m avg
CM Observed Gradient Limit	3%	34.0 MV/m avg
Operation Gradient Limit	1.5 MV/m	32.5 MV/m avg
Controls margin	3%	31.5 MV/m avg

- ILC baseline parameter: 31.5±20% MV/m accelerating gradient (25-38 MV/m)
- Full individual cavity P_{for} and Q_L control foreseen
 - but not cheap!
 - FLASH only has Q_L adjustment
 - Flat gradient solutions I_B dependent!
- (Positive) slopes on individual cavity gradients 'eat away' gradient overhead
- Goal: <3% change in V over flat top
 including during turn-on



Cavity gradient tilts due to spread in operating gradients on same vector sum





$\delta y'(t) \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{V_a(t)}{E_{beam}} \cdot \alpha_{cav}$

Cavity alignment pitch: 300 μr RMS

 $\gamma \epsilon_v = 30 \text{ nm}$

1.5% RMS 'voltage tilt' \rightarrow 1 nm $\gamma \epsilon_y$ growth (for entire ILC linac)

Note: $\Delta(\gamma \varepsilon_v) \propto \Delta V_a(t)^2$

Tolerance similar to quench limit overhead (few %)

ILC: Beam Dynamics

- Impacts of random cavity misalignments (tilt) α_{cav}
- Transverse kick to the beam
 - time dependent due to voltage 'slope' $V_a(t)$
- Resulting betatron oscillations
 cause emittance growth
 - different for different bunches along train



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• Study questions

- How well can we flatten the cavity gradients?
- How close to quench can we run the cavities?
- How close to saturation can we run the klystron?
- How do we reach full current and full gradient without quenching?
- All the above must be achieved while running maximum current and 800us bunch trains



Machine conditions

- 800us bunch-trains (2400 bunches)
- Average current over 800us: ~4.5mA (1.5nC/3MHz)
- Beam energy: 1GeV
- Average gradients (ACC67): 26.7MV/m avg (13 cavities)
- Max operating gradients (ACC7): 4 cavities above 31MV/m

• ACC67 was focus of study

 We chose to use only 13 of the 16 cavities: ACC6 C5/C6 and ACC7/C1 were detuned



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Iterative flattening of cavity gradients (better than +/-0.3% achieved)

Algorithm

- Measure gradient tilt (linear fit)
- Make small change to QL of cavity with worst tilt



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Limits achieved (380 MV)





Long-term stability: cavity flat-top RMS

13 cavities plotted

Each data point is average over

- RMS over flat-top divided by average voltage.
- 100 pulses averaged (20 seconds)

Scale is equivalent relative rms for 1% voltage change over flat-top (tilt) [= 1% / (2*sqrt(3)) ~ 0.29%]





A380 point





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 - Quenches!
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Quench limit study: approach





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• Measurement approach

- Detune all cavities but cavity being tested
- Only include cavity i in vector sum, run with feedback on
- Increase power below expected quench limit
- Slowly approach limit gradient until quench
- Report quench gradient



Quench limit study : results

ACC6	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8
Measured	36.2	32.3	Skipped (>30MV/m)	Skipped (>30MV/m)	> 17	18.6	29.1	25.1
Reported (Katalev)	34	32	34	32	21	21	29	26

ACC7	C1	C2	C3	C4	C 5	C6	C7	C 8
Measured	28.5	Skipped (>30MV/m)	Skipped (>30MV/m)	Skipped (>30MV/m)	Skipped (>30MV/m)	Skipped (>30MV/m)	27.35	26.7
Reported (Katalev)	29	31	34	30	35	39	27	26

- The cavities which were skipped perform better than 30 MV/m
- Some cavities performed slightly better than expected
- High performing cavities were skipped for reasons explained later
- Globally, good agreement with previously reported limits and recently measured ones

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Quench event during high gradient operation (26 Feb, 21:57)

Limits achieved (380 MV)



Comparison of quench limits from Katalev Spreadsheet (red) with gradients in 380MeV vector sum(blue) indicate that ACC7/C4 is closest to its quench limits

But... ACC6/C3 and ACC6/C8 were actually the first cavities to quench (...?)



'Mombo' quench event: 25 Feb 05:05:21

- We were adjusting the relative powers to ACC6 and ACC7 to find the maximum usable partial vector sum on ACC7
 - Beam was enabled 700us bunch trains
 - Quench detection was disabled
- ACC7 Cavity 1 was the first to quench
 - Initially, the LLRF controller successfully maintained the ACC67 Vector Sum by increasing the klystron power
 - We even got a full-energy beam pulse with C1 quenched
- There was a cascade of quenches as the LLRF controller tried to maintain the VS by driving the other cavities harder and eventually into quench
- Finally, RF was turned off by a cryo alarm ~1min later

Event #14427309: ACC7 cavity gradients before first quench



Red: this event, Blue: previous event, Green: nominal

Event #14427310: QL drop on C1



Red: this event, Blue: previous event

Event #14427311: C1 quenched, QL drop on C2 and C4



Red: this event, Blue: previous event, Green: nominal

Vector Sum is maintained by driving the other cavities harder

Event #14427312: C2 & C4 quenched, QL drop on C7 & C8



Red: this event, Blue: previous event, Green: nominal

Event #14427313: quenches on C7, C8, C5, C3



Red: this event, Blue: previous event, Green: nominal

Event #14427314: all cavities quenched, except C6



Red: this event, Blue: previous event, Green: nominal

Event #14427315



Red: this event, Blue: previous event, Green: nominal

Event #14427316



Red: this event, Blue: previous event, Green: nominal

Event #14427317



Red: this event, Blue: previous event, Green: nominal

Event #14427318: C6 finally quenches



Red: this event, Blue: previous event, Green: nominal

Event #14427319: all cavities quenched



Red: this event, Blue: previous event, Green: nominal

Event #14427320: all cavities quenched



Red: this event, Blue: previous event, Green: nominal

Event #14427321: all cavities quenched



Red: this event, Blue: previous event, Green: nominal

Event #14427322: all cavities quenched



Red: this event, Blue: previous event, Green: nominal

RF is turned off by a cryo alarm at ~5:06:20



Maximum instantaneous gradients during Mombo quench event

Maximum instantaneous gradients reached on ACC7 vs nominal quench limits





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Llrf tuning overhead

FLASH As in RDR, Ilrf tuning overhead is 16% in power.

- Further suppression of rf overhead is requested.
- LLRF overhead covers such as

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(dynamic) microphonics, fluctuation of HV (klystron), beam current, ... (static) Pk and QI tolerance, HV ripple, ...





•Rectangular rf output (not "Step-like") is required because the rf overhead should be examined at flat-top.

- -> high current beam is desired.
- -> filling time should be optimized.
- Near saturation operation is required.
- -> Lower voltage operation of the klystron





RF operation condition

- FLASH HV of klystron was decreased from 108 kV to 86.5 kV.
- 4.5 mA beam was used.
 - Filling time was adjusted to have ~rectangular output.(500us ->660us)
 - Operation point is about -7% (in power) from saturation.





Klystron saturation: disturbance test

Notch applied to Vector Sum setpoint



Stabilities at nominal and near sat.

FLASH Amplitude stability was worse twice at near sat. because of the limitation of rf.

• Phase stability was almost same between nominal and near saturation.



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It was possible to operate near saturation (~7% below saturation).
 Performance (amplitude and phase stabilities) satisfy the requirements

- Dynamic fluctuations can be compensated
 - Klystron HV fluctuation
 - Beam current fluctuation
 - Dynamic detuning (microphonics+ Lorentz force detuning) can be compensated.



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 - Ramping pulse length with full current
 - Ramping beam current with full pulse length
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Goal is to operate close to gradient limits, need to protect against quenching without causing frequent pulse terminations

Three-pronged approach

1. Quench detection (Quench Server)

- Look for sudden drop in Loaded-Q at end of rf pulse
- Inhibit subsequent pulses

2. Over-voltage protection during rf pulse (Gradient Limiter)

- Gradient Limit alarm threshold for each cavity
- Terminate rf pulse as soon any cavity exceeds its threshold

3. Over-voltage soft-limiter during rf pulse (Gradient 'Pre-limiter')

- Gradient Pre-limit threshold for each cavity
- Dynamically ramp down the VS setpoint if any cavity reaches its threshold





- Dynamically ramp down the VS setpoint if any cavity reaches its gradient 'pre-limiter' threshold
 - Implemented on ACC6 just before the start of the 9mA studies
 - It works beautifully!



Vector Sum setpoint and readback



Gradient pre-limiter operation



Vector Sum setpoint is dynamically ramped down as long as any cavity gradient is above its pre-limit threshold

Limiter effect: ACC6/C8 Gradient vs Vector Sum setpoint



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Automated ramp-up to full current by extending length of bunch-train.

How to ramp up from zero to full current/pulse length with gradients at their limits?

• Without quenching cavities

Option One: start with maximum current but short bunch train

- Correct QLs to achieve flat gradients with short bunch train
- Progressively increase length of bunch train
- Ideally, there would be no corrections to QLs needed

Option Two: start with full bunch train, but low charge

- Correct QLs to achieve flat gradients with the lower charge
- Progressively increase charge
- Continue to adjust QLs to maintain flat gradients as charge is increased



Automated ramp-up to full current by extending length of bunch-train



Study of Method One : start with maximum current but short bunch train

- Iterative algorithm used to correct gradient flat-tops with 400us bunch train
- Increased number of bunches in steps
- Minimal changes required to QLs when number of pulses was increased
- Used gradient pre-limiter to keep gradients below thresholds for beam off period – it worked beautifully!

Bottom line: Method One works!!

By the way, Method Two also works

Gradient Pre-limiter is the key



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• Studies highlights

- Operated full beam current within ~7% of klystron saturation
- Flattened individual gradients to <<1% peak-peak and 4.5mA/800us operation within 5% of quench
- 'Crash test': 800us/4.5mA -> beam off -> 800us/4.5mA
- Ramped up current from ~zero to 4.5mA with ACC67 gradients approaching quench
- Operated machine into quench with 800us / 4.5mA
- 'Cavity gradient limiter' for dynamically preventing quench





Lessons

- Loaded-Q server worked well we also need some changes
- Various servers and control functions fight each other during recovery (detuning, loaded-Q, gradient flattening,...)
- Were able to recover, but also failed a few times because we did things in the wrong order



Thank you for your attention





Flat Voltage Solutions





With full $P_{for} - Q_L$ control solutions for different currents can be found

For FLASH, power distribution on ACC6-7 is fixed (no individual P_{for} control). However solutions can still be found for a limited range of currents (<6mA)



Vector sum stability



Same time period as cavity stability plots 100 pulses averaged per time step error bar = $\pm 1\sigma$

Same data as LH plot. rms / mean (over 100 pulses) in %



Quench limit study: limitations

• FF is scaled with set point for 16 cavities vector sum, while this approach uses 1 cavity vector sum

 \rightarrow extreme proportional gains are required, Kp = 1000

- FLASH waveguide system is not conditioned for quenches
 - \rightarrow nominal waveguide power is 5 MW
 - \rightarrow a high gradient cavity quench might require 7-8 MW
 - \rightarrow might generates coupler and waveguide sparks



Quench limit study: limitations

- FLASH LLRF system is not calibrated for quench threshold identification →DAC saturation, ADC saturation
- Running in FB around a single cavity can generate a maximum power request to the klystron
 - \rightarrow FB is useful to maintain flat gradient and compensate for LFD
 - →if quench not detected immediately, LLRF request can be max klystron power for next pulse (should always be avoided)



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Cryo flow during mombo quench event



