
Project: RF technology hands-on training

1. Introduction

RF technology is widely used in accelerator technics (particles acceleration, charged ions generation, particle bunching, etc.).

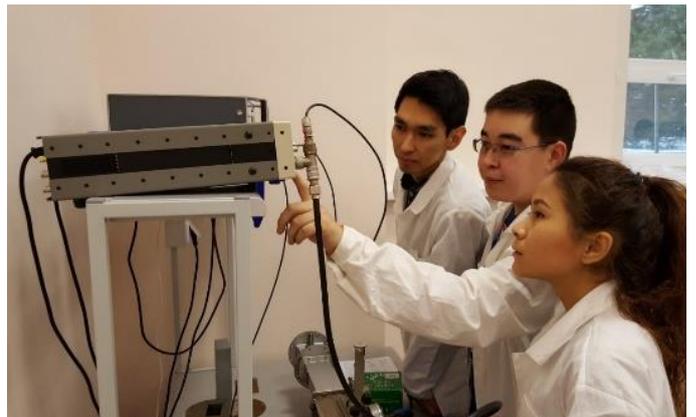
High frequency technology differs from classic electronics: there is no distinction between elements (capacitor, inductance, and so on) and transmission line. Elements influencing wave propagation are often irregularities of the transmission line itself: plates, diaphragms, dowels, couplers, etc.

The Lab Work is aimed at training (either from scratch or for skills upgrading) of the shift personnel and particle accelerator service/maintenance staff.

2. Description

The Lab Work is aimed at introduction to the main RF technology elements and demonstration of the wave behavior in different conditions: without obstacles, with various hindrances (irregularities), and under the influence of the devices intended for wave behavior control (directional coupler and phase-shifter).

Additionally, the Lab Work provides insight into the basic RF systems parameters and gives skills of their calculation and measurement using real equipment.



3. Practice structure

The practice is nominally divided into theoretical (T) and practical (P) parts. The theoretic one, despite the name, implies working with equipment, but does not give any real RF problem-solving skills — its main task is to demonstrate the basic principles and definitions. Practical works give real hands-on experience.

1. (P) Introduction to the equipment

Result: skill of working with the equipment: SRS SG384 RF generator, Tektronix TDS 540D oscilloscope, B6-9 microvoltmeter, KEYSIGHT E5071C vector analyzer, power meter.

2. (T) Determining of the wave length in the waveguide

Result: understanding of the wave behavior in the feeder lines. Skill of calculating the wave length in the free space and feeder lines theoretically, as well as of measuring the wave length using various measurement lines.

3. (T) Matching of quality coefficients

Result: general idea of the waveguide irregularities (open waveguide, matched load, capacitive and inductive diaphragms), general idea of the key RF parameters: standing wave ratio, travelling wave ratio, and reflection coefficient.

4. (T) Total resistances

Result: general idea of the active, reactive, and total resistance and conductivity. Skill of calculating the total resistance of different irregularities theoretically, as well as of determining it using the vector analyzer, skill of Smith chart usage.

5. (T) Reactive dower

Result: general idea of the capacitive and inductive types of the conductivity reactive component. Demonstration of the conditions-dependent type changing.

6. (P) Directional coupler

Result: general idea of the directional coupler and its key parameters (directivity and attenuation coefficients); skill of calculating these coefficients on the basis of the measured power in the coupled waveguide. Skill of calculating the power in the main waveguide on the basis of the measured coupled power and known coupler parameters (real practical task).

7. (P) Phase-shifter

Result: general idea of the phase-shifter, their types. Skill of calibrating the phase-shifter (real practical task), ability to plot a chart of the $\Delta\varphi = f(l)$ dependency (phase shift vs dielectric position in the waveguide).

8. (P) Cyclotron frequency tuning (*)

Result: skill of the “cold tuning” of the inductively coupled cavity RF system, skill of calculating the capacitive trimmer for compensation of the minor frequency shifts.

4. Prerequisites

- Basics of mathematical analysis, linear algebra, and analytic geometry
- Basics of physics: metric prefixes, basics of electricity
- Basics of computer knowledge: MS Windows, MS Office (especially PowerPoint)
- Appropriate glasses/lenses, if the student has poor eyesight: the training includes work with small elements.

5. Recommended participants amount

Up to 3 persons.

6. Supervisors

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7. Recommended literature

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