



FRIB

Automation of RF and Cryomodule Operation at FRIB

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Outline

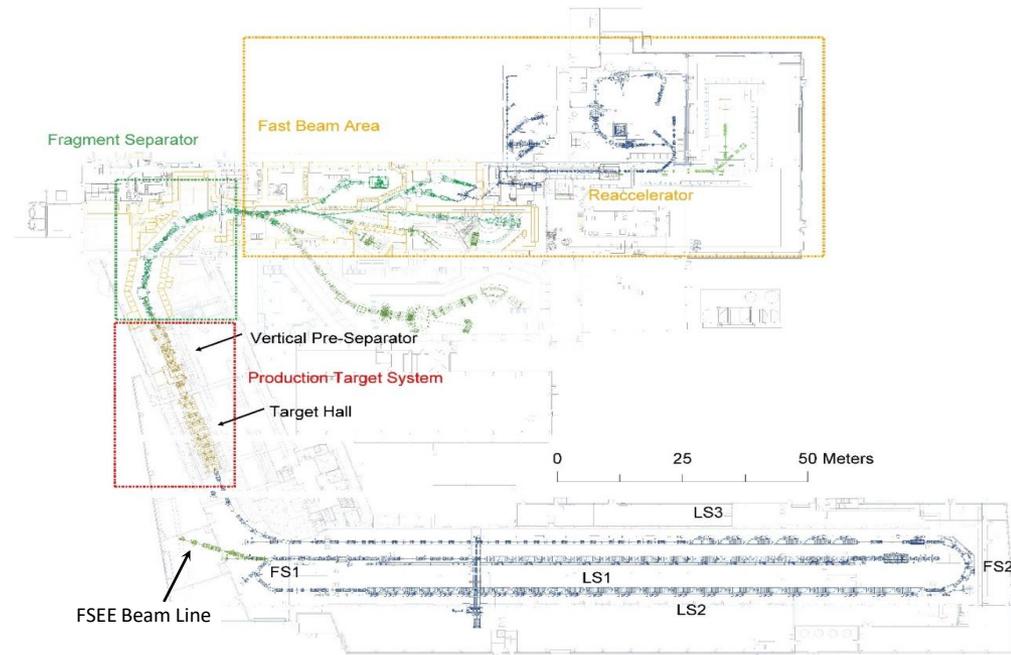
- FRIB introduction
- Why automation
- The evolution of automation at FRIB
- Automation examples
 - Device level
 - Facility level
- Implementation consideration
- Reflection and outlook
- Summary



Introduction

- Overview of FRIB project (A new heavy ion machine come online)
- Ribbon cutting (5/2)
- First user experiment (5/11-5/16)
- Second user experiment (6/15-6/21)

Beam energy: 200 MeV/u
Beam power: 400 kW



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Why Automation

- Efficiency, productivity
 - Particularly important for large scale facilities
 - FRIB has more than 300 superconducting cavities and magnets
- Consistency, less human error
 - Human always makes mistake
- Faster response (compare to human)
 - Room temperature cavity fast recovery
- Experience of system experts is formalized into routines
- Free expert from routine work and more time for more creative work
- Reduce the level of training required for operators



Road Map of Automation

▪ Cavity auto-start

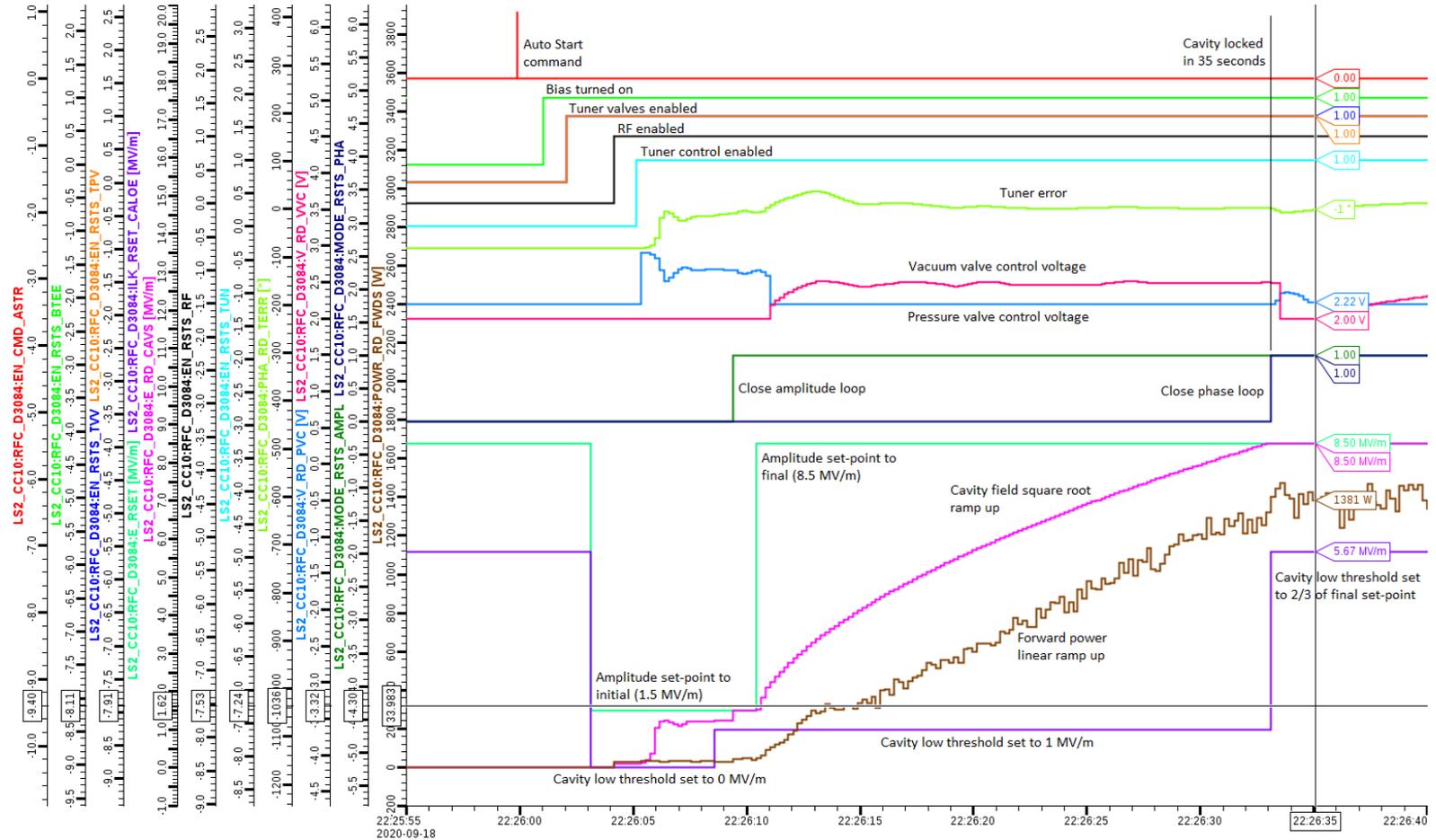
- QWR -> RFQ -> MEBT -> MGB -> HWR (reduces turn on effort)
- Fast recover for room temperature cavities (reduces downtime)

Cavity	Type	Tuner	Start-up Time	Complexity	Fast Recover
MHB	RT	N/A	< 30 s	low	< 30 s
MEBT	RT	2-phase	~ 3 min	medium	< 20 s
MGB	RT	5-phase	~ 10 min	medium	< 20 s
RFQ	RT	water	~ 45 min	high	< 20 s
QWR	SC	2-phase	< 60 s	medium	N/A
HWR	SC	pneumatic	< 60 s	medium	N/A

- Auto-off for cavities and magnets for emergency shut down
- Auto-start for magnets developed and deployed

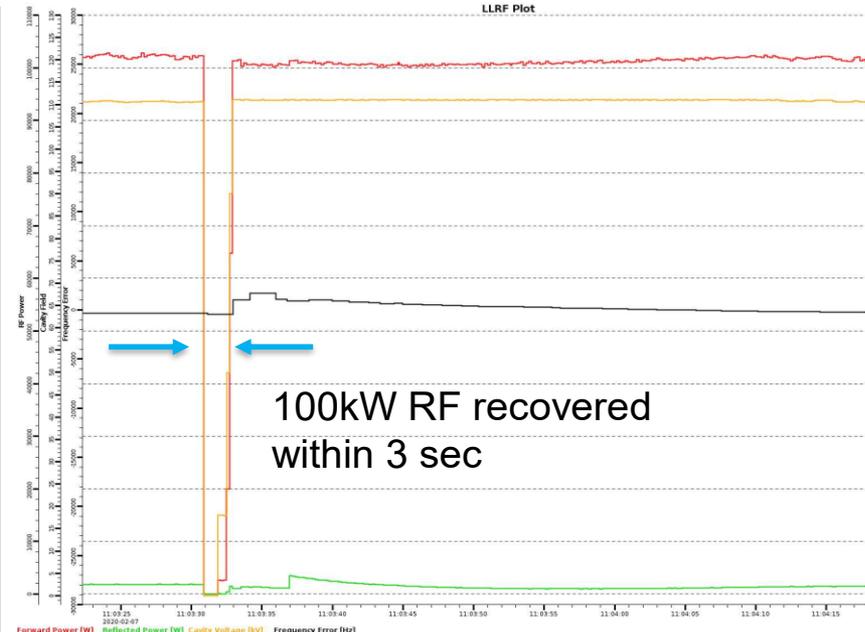
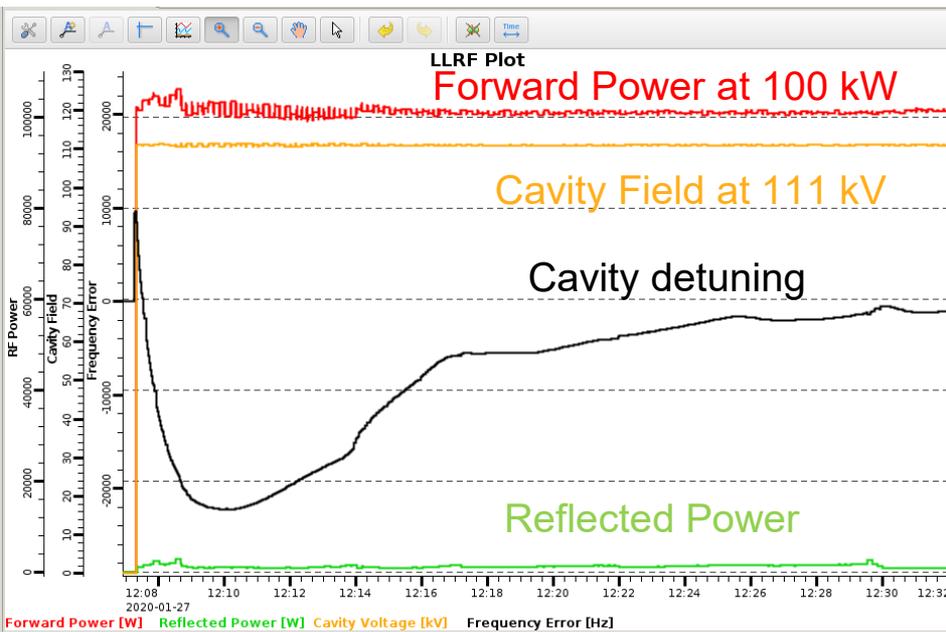
HWR Auto-start (Device Level)

- One button turn on



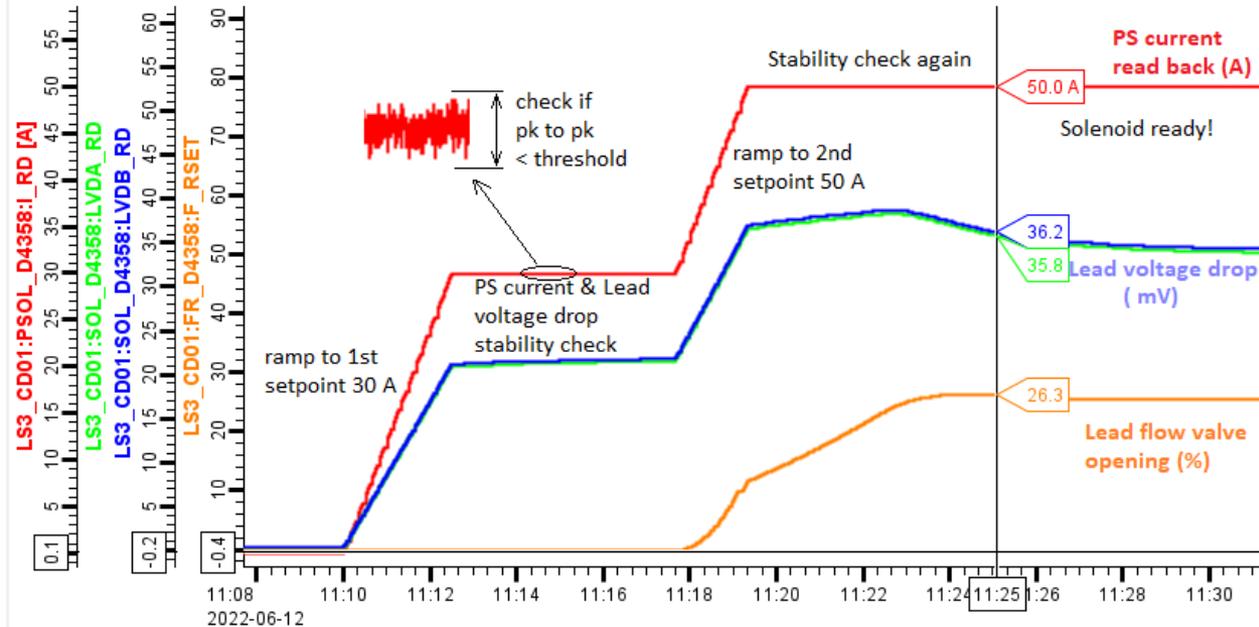
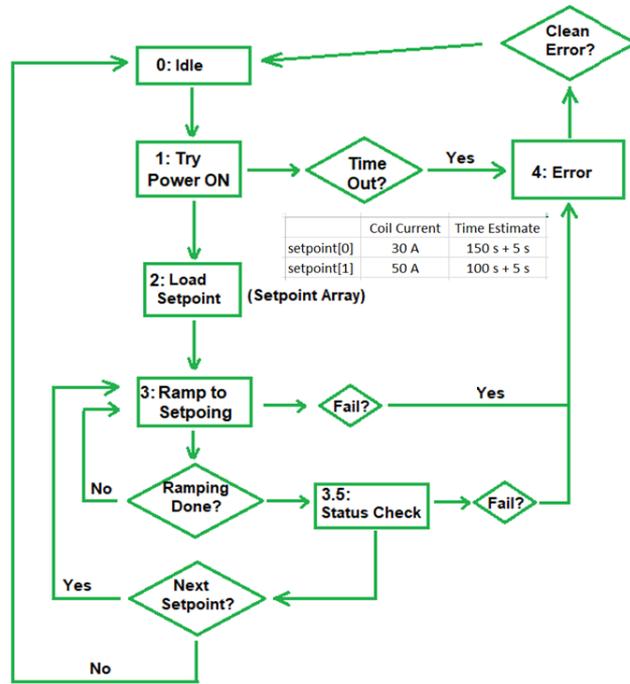
RFQ (RT) Auto-start and Fast Recovery

- Auto-start from cold condition to 100 kW CW
 - Ready for beam: 40 ~ 50 min
 - Maximum detuning: less than 30 kHz
 - Reflected power: 2 ~ 3 kW
- Fast recovery at 100 kW for S11 high or reflected power high trips
 - Power recover: within 3 sec (less than 3 kHz detune)
 - Ready for beam: ~ 10 sec



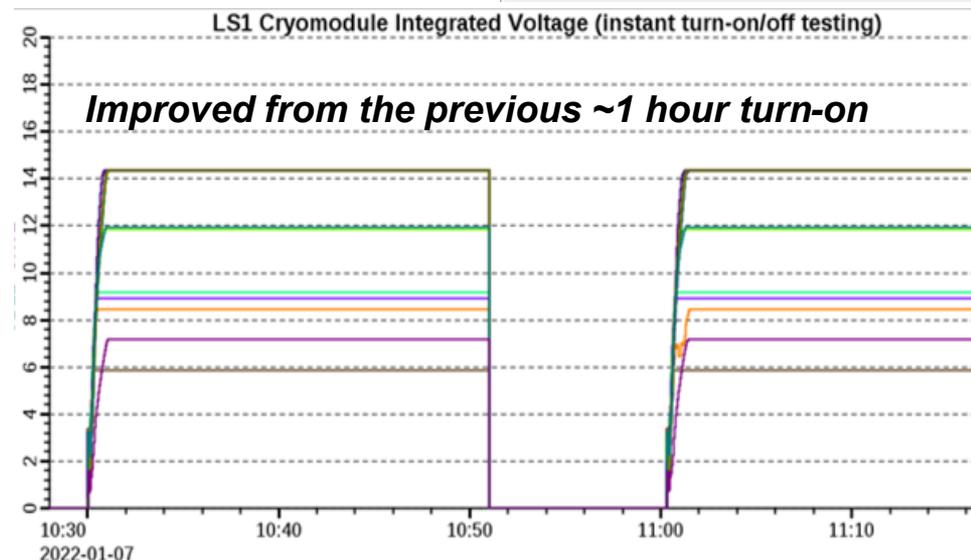
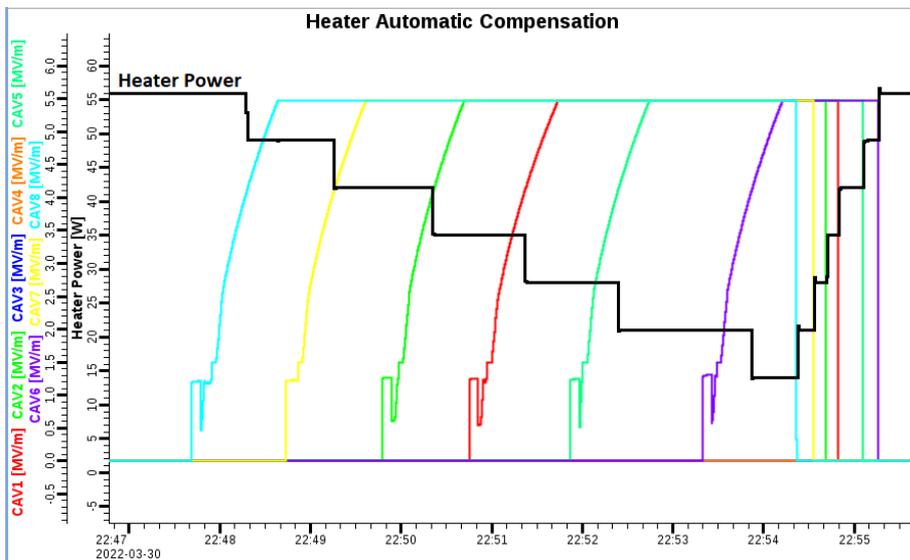
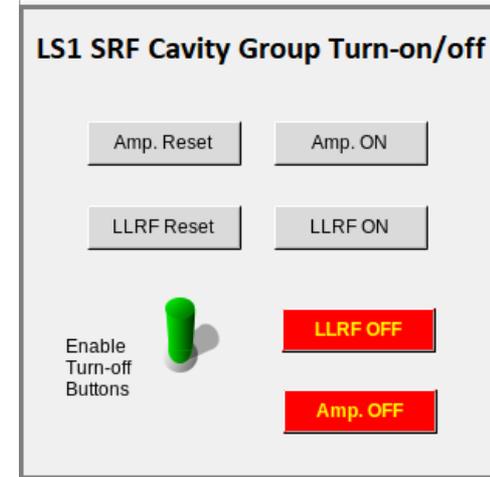
Solenoid Auto Start (Device Level)

- One button turn on and stability auto check



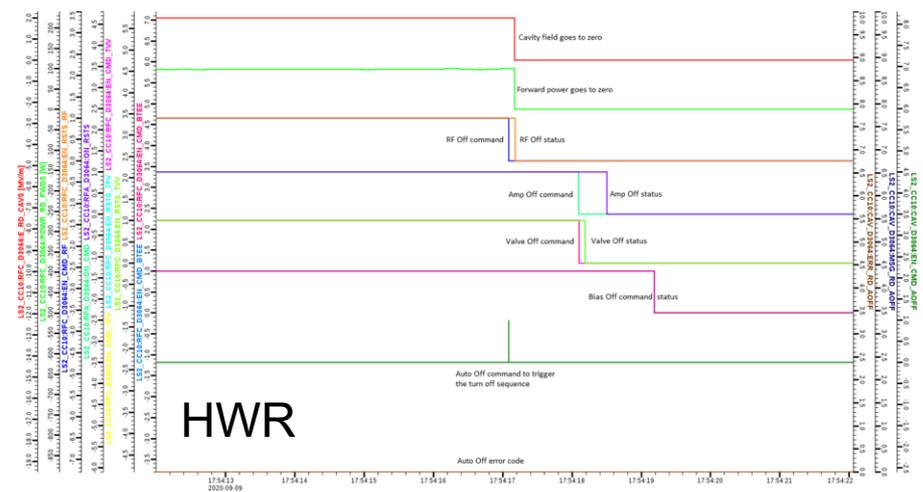
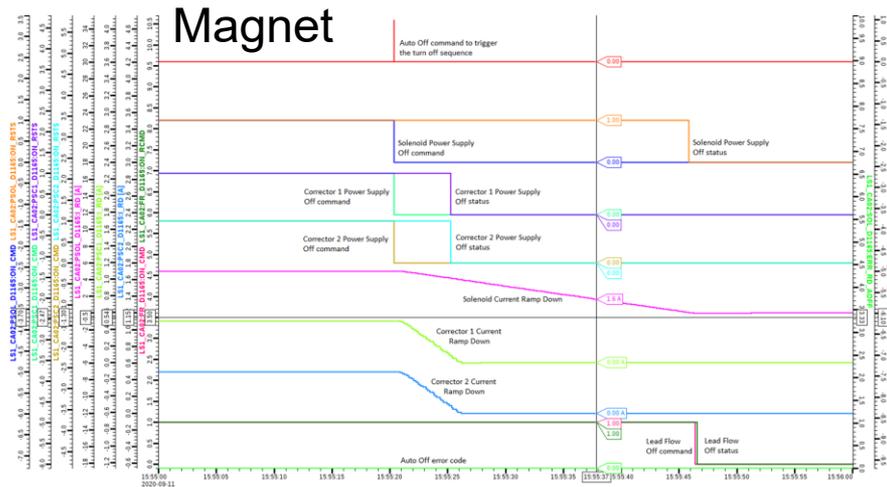
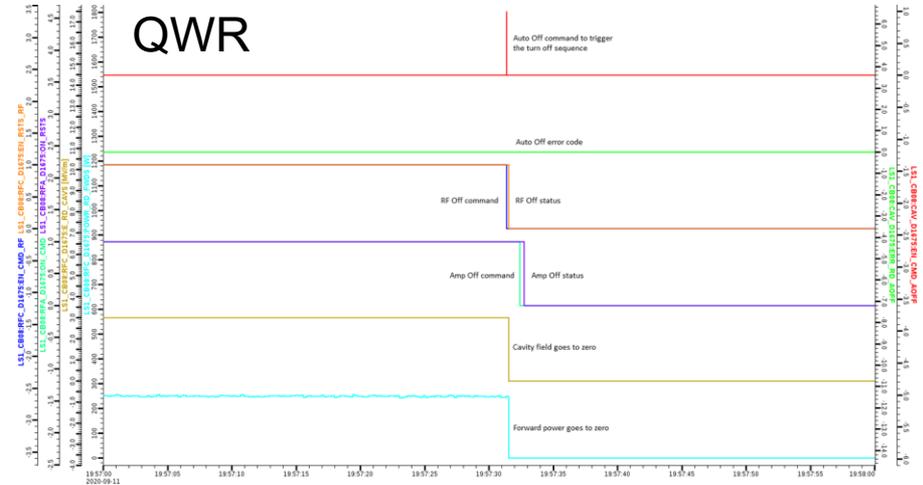
FRIB Single Event Effects (Facility Level)

- LS1 SRF cavities fast turn-on/off with cavity auto-start and heater power auto compensation
 - 104 QWRs
- Access tunnel four or five times a day (quick tunnel access)
 - Turn on: ~2 minutes; Turn off: ~2 seconds;



Auto-off for Emergency Shutdown

- For cryomodule
 - QWR
 - HWR
 - Magnet
- Turn off logic required
 - Lead flow has to be turned off only after all three power supply currents ramp to zero



Other Examples (1)

Automatic Multipacting Conditioning

- Tested during LS3 SRF commissioning
- Check for X-ray level while increasing power
- Condition both high barrier and middle barrier
- Rescan to confirm
- Take 20 ~ 50 minutes depending on cavities

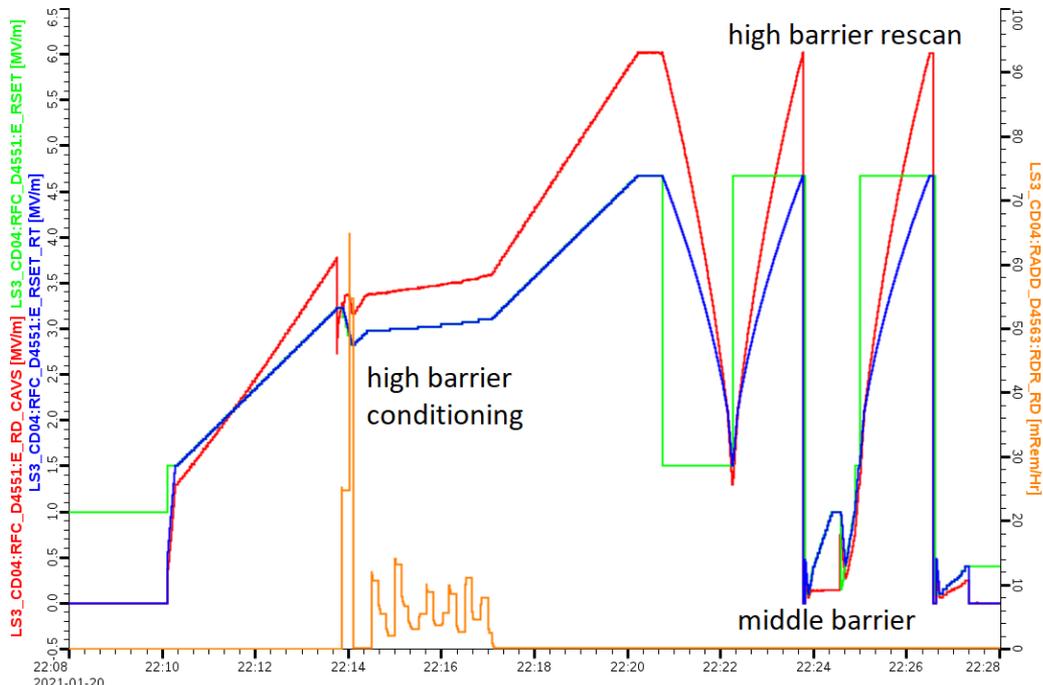
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LS3CD04D4551 MP log.txt - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
LS3_CD04:RFC_D4551

zhaos@work-ftc-r1632-02:~/Public/PythonScripts$ python3 MPCCondition.py
Program starts at 1611198606.3604567:
Calibration is done! RevFwdRatio = 0.9210855333655896    CavFwdRatio = 0.018014993876237288
Current setpoint: 1.525 MV/m
Current setpoint: 1.5499999999999998 MV/m
Current setpoint: 1.5749999999999997 MV/m
Current setpoint: 1.5999999999999996 MV/m
Current setpoint: 1.6249999999999996 MV/m
Current setpoint: 1.6499999999999995 MV/m

Current setpoint: 3.1749999999999994 MV/m
Current setpoint: 3.1999999999999994 MV/m
Current setpoint: 3.2249999999999994 MV/m
X-ray high, wait ...
X-ray high, wait ...
X-ray too high! Decrease amplitude setpoint, current setpoint: 3.1249999999999994 MV/m
X-ray too high! Decrease amplitude setpoint, current setpoint: 3.0249999999999993 MV/m
X-ray too high! Decrease amplitude setpoint, current setpoint: 2.9249999999999993 MV/m
X-ray too high! Decrease amplitude setpoint, current setpoint: 2.8249999999999993 MV/m
X-ray high, wait ...
Current setpoint: 2.8499999999999994 MV/m
Current setpoint: 2.8749999999999993 MV/m
Current setpoint: 2.8999999999999993 MV/m
Current setpoint: 2.9249999999999993 MV/m
Current setpoint: 2.9499999999999993 MV/m
Current setpoint: 2.9749999999999993 MV/m
X-ray high, wait ...
Current setpoint: 2.9999999999999993 MV/m
X-ray high, wait ...
X-ray high, wait ...

Current setpoint: 4.57499999999999975 MV/m
Current setpoint: 4.5999999999999998 MV/m
Current setpoint: 4.6249999999999998 MV/m
Current setpoint: 4.6499999999999999 MV/m
Current setpoint: 4.6749999999999999 MV/m
High barrier conditioned
High barrier rescanned
Middle barrier found
Middle barrier conditioned
Middle barrier not found
    
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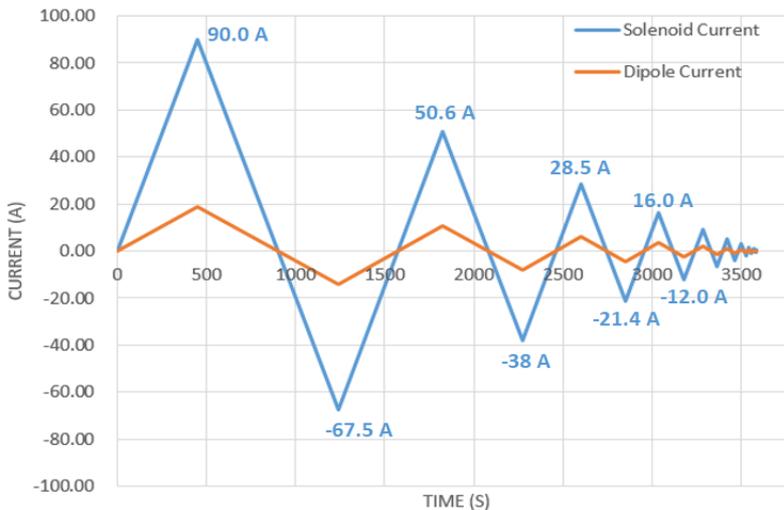


Other Examples (2)

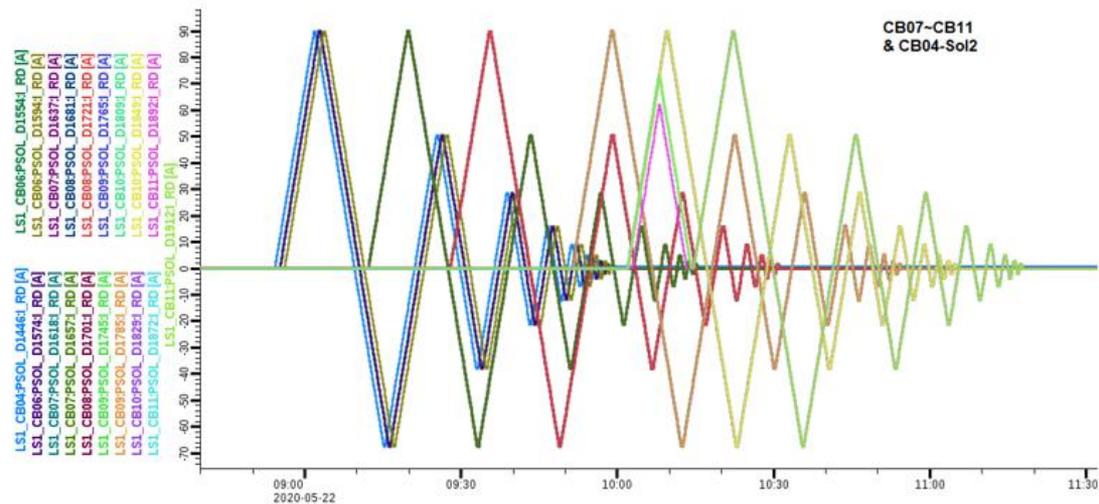
■ Solenoid Auto Degaussing

- Can run in parallel for multiple solenoids
- Ramp up to maximum current, then each step ramp the set-point to reversed current as 75% amplitude as the last set-point until the current set-point below 1 A.
- Auto ramping and check status for 16 set-points
- Run 69 solenoids at the same time by group start button

Solenoid Degaussing Simulated Plot



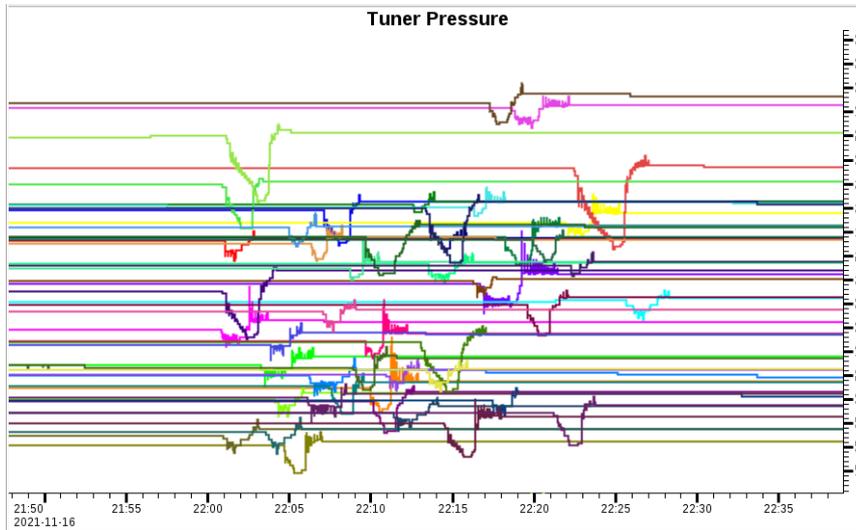
Degaussing Auto Ramping Test



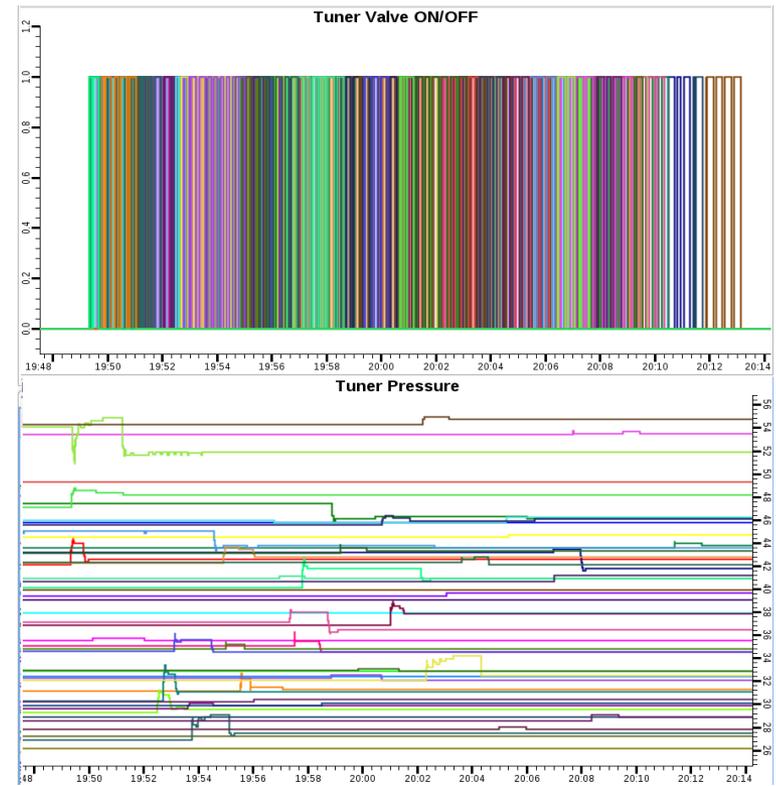
Other Examples (3)

■ Pneumatic Tuner Valve Calibration

- Automation significantly reduces the time cost
- Calibrate valves within a cryomodule sequentially, but do all cryomodules in parallel
- Manual calibration of 440 valves takes **3 person-days** of SRF expert effort; reduced to **2 hours** of machine effort



'Open' voltage calibration for all valves: 1 hour



'Close' voltage calibration for all valves: 1 hour

Implementation Consideration

▪ Python

- Advantage: flexible, quick iteration
- Disadvantage: prone to mistake, subject to access control
- Use case: prototype or read-only operation

▪ IOC

- Advantage: resolve access control issue, rigorous procedure for deployment
- Disadvantage: prone to mistake, subject to access control
- Use case: final implementation or constant monitoring in the background

▪ LLRF software

- Feedforward phase auto adjustment for room temperature devices
 - » Was done in IOC, better in
 - » Removed complexity to deal with network delay
 - » 30 lines of code in software, 60 lines in IOC
 - » 20 Hz vs 0.2 to 0.5 Hz

Reflection and Outlook

- Looking back
 - Should start automation as early as possible
 - » HWR auto-start
 - » MP conditioning
- Looking forward
 - System debugging process needs to be automated to minimize down time
 - Trip report button (Python)
 - » Give a snapshot of the event and provide recommended actions
 - » Reset and restart,
 - » Potential hardware failure
 - Cryo-module health monitoring (IOC)
 - » Couple temperature, He level, X-ray level, etc.
 - Maintenance tasks
 - » Firmware/software update
 - » Pre-run checking
 - Data analysis: trends, predict failure, statistics

Summary

- Motivation for automation
 - Naturally strong for large scale facilities
- Examples of automation at FRIB
 - Device level
 - » Cavity auto start
 - » RT cavity fast recovery
 - » Solenoid auto start
 - Facility level
 - » FSEE operation
- Implementation consideration
 - Pros and cons of different implementation approaches
- Future tasks
 - Troubleshooting
 - Health monitoring

Questions and Comments

Thanks for your attention!



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