Precise calibration of cavity forward and reflected signals using low-level radio-frequency system

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Abstract Precise measurements of the cavity forward (V_f) and reflected signals (V_r) are essential for characterizing other key parameters such as the cavity detuning and forward power. In practice, it is challenging to measure $V_{\rm f}$ and $V_{\rm r}$ precisely because of cross talk between the forward and reflected channels (e.g., coupling between the cavity reflected and forward signals in a directional coupler with limited directivity). For DESY, a method based on the cavity differential equation was proposed to precisely calibrate the actual $V_{\rm f}$ and $V_{\rm r}$. In this study, we verified the validity and practicability of this approach for the Chinese ADS front-end demo superconducting linac (CAFe) facility at the Institute of Modern Physics and a compact energy recovery linac (cERL) test machine at KEK. At the CAFe facility, we successfully calibrated the actual $V_{\rm f}$ signal using this method. The result demonstrated that the directivity of directional couplers might seriously affect the accuracy of $V_{\rm f}$ measurement. At the cERL facility, we calibrated the Lorentz force detuning (LFD) using the actual $V_{\rm f}$. Our study confirmed that the precise calibration of $V_{\rm f}$ significantly improves the accuracy of the cavity LFD measurement.

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1 Introduction

The Chinese ADS front-end demo superconducting linac (CAFe) was constructed at the Institute of Modern Physics to develop the key technologies for a superconducting (SC) front-end linac. It was used to demonstrate the possibility of a 10-mA high-power continuous-wave (CW) proton beam for the China Initiative Accelerator-Driven System project [1-3]. The CAFe facility is a 162.5-MHz SC radio-frequency (RF) facility operating in CW mode and consists of a normal conducting section and an SC section. As shown in Fig. 1, the normal conducting section is composed of an ion source, low-energy beam transport line (LEBT), RF quadrupole accelerator, and medium-energy beam transport line (MEBT). The SC section is composed of SC accelerating units, which consist of 23 SC half-wave resonator cavities and are assembled in four cryomodules (CM1-CM4).

The cavity forward and reflected signals ($V_{\rm f}$ and $V_{\rm r}$) are typically used to control other key parameters such as the cavity voltage signal ($V_{\rm c}$), cavity detuning (Δf), and forward power. For example, at the SC test facility (STF) at KEK [4], because there is no pickup antenna in the STF RF gun cavity, $V_{\rm c}$ is reconstructed by computing the superposition of $V_{\rm f}$ and $V_{\rm r}$ ($V_{\rm c} = V_{\rm f} + V_{\rm r}$) [5]. Note that in this paper, $V_{\rm c}$, $V_{\rm f}$, and $V_{\rm r}$ refer to baseband signals, which can be represented by their amplitude and phase (e.g., $V_{\rm c} = |V_{\rm c}|e^{j \angle V_{\rm c}}$). The cavity pickup signal at the Paul Scherrer Institute was found to be corrupted by noise [6]. Therefore, $V_{\rm c}$ was recalculated using the actual $V_{\rm f}$ and $V_{\rm r}$,



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Fig. 1 (Color online) Layout of CAFe facility. The half-wave SC cavities are mounted in four cryomodules (CM1–CM4). Cavity CM_{3-5} is marked by a red triangle

and the noise was successfully removed. In addition, $V_{\rm f}$ measurement can affect the accuracy of the cavity dynamical detuning. For instance, at the compact energy recovery linac (cERL) test facility at KEK, we compared the cavity Lorentz force detuning (LFD, $\Delta f_{\rm LFD}$) calculated using the cavity differential equation with that calibrated using the square of the accelerating gradient. We found that the results of these two methods do not agree at the beginning of cavity filling. This discrepancy was attributed to the inaccuracy of $V_{\rm f}$ measurement, which was caused by the limited directivity of the RF directional coupler [7].

At CAFe, we measured the V_c , V_f , and V_r signals and the low-level RF (LLRF) output in cavity CM₃₋₅ (see Fig. 2). The location of the LLRF output signal is marked in Fig. 3. The cavity amplitude loop was operated in closed-loop mode, whereas the phase loop was operated in open-loop mode. As shown in Fig. 2, the cavity amplitude error was well compensated by the feedback loop. By contrast, because the phase loop was open, the cavity phase fluctuated greatly owing to perturbations such as microphonics and Δf_{LFD} . Moreover, Fig. 2 shows that there is a significant difference between the $V_{\rm f}$ phase and LLRF output phase. One possible reason for the phase difference is the nonlinearity of the solid-state amplifier (SSA). Another possible reason involves the inaccurate measurement of $V_{\rm f}$ owing to cross talk between the forward and reflected channels, for example, coupling between the cavity reflected and forward signals in the directional coupler. Later sections of this article demonstrate that the nonlinearity of the SSA is not the primary reason for this phase difference.

Because of cross talk between the measurement channels, the measured $V_{\rm f}$ signal is mixed with the $V_{\rm r}$ signal, resulting in inaccurate $V_{\rm f}$ measurement. To address this

Fig. 2 (Color online) Comparison of amplitude and phase of cavity voltage signal (V_c), cavity forward signal (V_f), cavity reflected signal (V_r), and LLRF output signal. The cavity amplitude loop was operated in closed-loop mode, whereas the phase loop was operated in open-loop mode. Figure shows that the phase of V_f differs from that of the LLRF output





Fig. 3 Schematic of digital LLRF system at CAFe. The location of the LLRF output signal is marked

problem, Brandt proposed a method of eliminating the effect of V_r on the V_f signal [8]. We calibrated the actual value of V_f in CM₃₋₅ at CAFe and in an SC cavity at KEK-cERL using this method. The measurement results confirmed that this method is effective.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows: Section II briefly describes the CAFe LLRF system. Section 3 reviews the algorithms used to calibrate the actual values of $V_{\rm f}$ and $V_{\rm r}$. In addition, the actual $V_{\rm f}$ and $V_{\rm r}$ values are estimated with higher precision. Section 4 demonstrates the validity of the method using the experimental results for CAFe and cERL. Section 5 presents a discussion of our future work. Finally, we summarize our study in Sect. 6.

2 LLRF system

At CAFe, the LLRF data acquisition system is used to measure the amplitude, phase, and frequency and then use various signal processing methods to monitor and control the RF fields. Figure 3 shows a simplified illustration of the layout of the digital LLRF system at CAFe. The frequencies of the RF signals and the intermediate frequency (IF) signal are 162.5 and 25 MHz, respectively. A field-programmable gate array (FPGA) module is used for real-time signal processing and high-speed data acquisition. RF signals such as V_c , V_f , and V_r are first converted to IF signals. The IF signals are sampled at 100 MHz via a 16-bit analog-to-digital converter (ADC) and are fed to the FPGA. Then, the amplitude and phase of V_c are extracted from the IF signals. Subsequently, the amplitude and phase signals are compared with their setpoints, and their errors are calculated. These error signals are controlled by a proportional and integral (PI) controller. The controlled amplitude and phase signals are used to rebuild the IF signal. Next, the IF signal is up-converted, and the up-converted signal is used to drive the SSA and ultimately power the cavity. An ARM chip is integrated into the FPGA. An experimental physics and industrial control system (EPICS) is installed on the ARM chip as an embedded Linux system for data acquisition. The amplitude and phase waveforms of V_c , V_f , and V_r are saved to the hard drive of the CPU controller during measurement, and the measurement data are analyzed offline.

3 Calibration of real cavity forward signal

To calibrate the real $V_{\rm f}$ and $V_{\rm r}$ signals (see Fig. 2), we review the method of Brandt and present an example for cavity CM₃₋₅ at CAFe. CM₃₋₅ is mounted in the third cryomodule (CM₃). It is the fifth cavity in CM₃, and the loaded quality factor is 3.8×10^5 , as illustrated in Fig. 1.

Figure 4 shows the V_c , V_f , and V_r signals measured by the LLRF system during the pulse conditioning of cavity CM₃₋₅. According to these results, the cavity signal cannot be obtained by computing the measured signal between the V_f^* and V_r^* vectors if the two signals are uncalibrated. The actual cavity signal V_c is a superposition of the actual V_f



Fig. 4 (Color online) Measured cavity voltage, forward, and reflected signals in CM_{3-5} during RF commissioning

and V_r signals, and it can be reconstructed using the formula [8–10]

$$V_{\rm c} = V_{\rm f} + V_{\rm f}.\tag{1}$$

The actual $V_{\rm f}$ and $V_{\rm r}$ signals can be calibrated using the measured cavity forward and reflected signals according to Omet et al. [5] and Alexanderc [8]

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_{\mathbf{f}} \\ V_{\mathbf{r}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_{\mathbf{f}}^* \\ V_{\mathbf{f}}^* \end{bmatrix},\tag{2}$$

where $V_{\rm f}^*$ and $V_{\rm r}^*$ are the measured values. In this equation, *a*, *b*, *c*, and *d* are complex constants related to the actual and measured values. Then, Eq. (1) can be written as

$$V_{\rm c} = XV_{\rm f}^* + YV_{\rm f}^*,\tag{3}$$

where X = a + c and Y = b + d. The complex constants *X* and *Y* can be estimated by the multiple linear regression method. The specific calculation methods are as follows.

The complex signals V, X, and Y can be written as V = R(V) + jI(V), $X = C_1 + jC_2$, and $Y = C_3 + jC_4$, respectively. R(V), C_1 , and C_3 represent the real parts, whereas I(V), C_2 , and C_4 represent the imaginary parts. Then, Eq. (3) can be written as

$$R(V_{c}) + jI(V_{c}) = (C_{1} + jC_{2}) \left[R(V_{f}^{*}) + jI(V_{f}^{*}) \right] + (C_{3} + jC_{4}) \left[R(V_{f}^{*}) + jI(V_{f}^{*}) \right].$$
(4)

For a single pulse with sampled data points V_{ck} , V_{fk}^* , and V_{rk}^* , where *k* runs from 1 to *n*, this method can be used to obtain a linear, overdetermined system of equations. Let V_c be the response variable; then

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} R(V_{C1}) & \cdots & R(V_{Cn}) & I(V_{C1}) & \cdots & I(V_{Cn}) \end{bmatrix}^{\mathrm{T}}.$$
(5)

In addition, let the measured values V_f^* and V_r^* form the regressor matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} R(V_{f1}^{*}) & -I(V_{f1}^{*}) & R(V_{r1}^{*}) & -I(V_{r1}^{*}) \\ R(V_{f2}^{*}) & -I(V_{f2}^{*}) & R(V_{r2}^{*}) & -I(V_{r2}^{*}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ R(V_{fn}^{*}) & -I(V_{fn}^{*}) & R(V_{m}^{*}) & -I(V_{m}^{*}) \\ I(V_{f1}^{*}) & R(V_{f1}^{*}) & I(V_{r1}^{*}) & R(V_{r1}^{*}) \\ I(V_{f2}^{*}) & R(V_{f2}^{*}) & I(V_{r2}^{*}) & R(V_{r2}^{*}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ I(V_{fn}^{*}) & R(V_{fn}^{*}) & I(V_{m}^{*}) & R(V_{m}^{*}) \end{bmatrix}.$$
(6)

Then the relation

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{C} \tag{7}$$

is approximately satisfied for some parameter vector

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 & C_2 & C_3 & C_4 \end{bmatrix}^{\mathrm{T}},\tag{8}$$

where **C** represents the values of interest. The best estimates of C_1 , C_2 , C_3 , and C_4 can be determined using multiple linear regression. The complex constants *X* and *Y* can be obtained using these **C** values. The crosstalk elements *b* can be taken into account using the information from the RF decay time (after 3.5 ms in Fig. 4). During decay, the actual V_f should be 0, and the factors *a* and *b* are then limited by another complex factor *Z* as

$$Z = a/b = -V_{\mathbf{f}}^*/V_{\mathbf{f}}^* \quad (t > 3.5 \text{ms}).$$
(9)

Then the complex factors can be expressed in terms of X, Y, and Z according to

$$\begin{cases}
a = a \\
b = a/Z \\
c = X - a \\
d = Y - a/Z.
\end{cases}$$
(10)

The final unknown complex factor *a* can be extracted numerically from the cavity differential equation assuming a constant cavity half-bandwidth $\omega_{0.5}$, which can be estimated in terms of the field decay curve (t > 3.5 ms).

The cavity equation can be written in polar coordinates as

$$\frac{d|V_{\rm C}|}{dt} + |V_{\rm C}|\omega_{0.5} = \omega_{0.5} \cdot (2|V_{\rm f}|)\cos(\theta - \phi). \tag{11}$$

Consequently, the differential of $|V_c|$ can be computed using the formula

$$y(a, t_k) = \omega_{0.5} [(2|V_f|)\cos(\theta - \phi) - |V_c|],$$
 (12)

where θ and ϕ represent the phases of V_c and V_f , respectively. The variable y(a) represents the calibrated $\frac{d|V_c|}{dt}$ as a function of the factor *a* according to Eq. (13). By contrast, $\frac{d|V_c|}{dt}$ can be directly calibrated from the amplitude of V_c , which is independent of *a*. The difference between these two calculations should be minimized by optimizing *a*. Therefore, we denote the difference as $\lambda^2(a)$.

$$\lambda^2(a) = \sum_{t_k} \left[\frac{\mathrm{d}|V_{\mathbf{C}}|}{\mathrm{d}t} - \mathbf{y}(a) \right]^2 \tag{13}$$

Note that *a* is a complex number with two components. A two-dimensional map can be obtained by sweeping the real and imaginary components of *a*, as shown in Fig. 5. Here, the color axis represents the value of $\lambda^2(a)$. The *X* and *Y* axes represent the real and imaginary components of (a/X), respectively. The optimal value of (a/X) is clearly 0.99 + 0.07i. To better illustrate this result, Figs. 6 and 7



Fig. 5 (Color online) Scanning result of the parameter λ^2 . The optimized factor a/X is 0.99 + 0.07i. The X and Y axes represent the real and imaginary parts of a/X, respectively



Fig. 6 (Color online) Comparison of cavity forward voltage $V_{\rm f}$ for a/X = 1 and a/X = 0.99 + 0.07i. The waveforms of $XV_{\rm f}^*$ and $V_{\rm C}$ are also presented for comparison

compare the waveforms of $V_{\rm f}$ and y(a), respectively, for a/X = 1 and a/X = 0.99 + 0.07i. The difference between $\frac{d|V_{\rm C}|}{dt}$ and y is minimized when the optimal value of a is used.



Fig. 7 (Color online) Comparison of parameter y for a/X = 1 and a/X = 0.99 + 0.07i. The quantity $\frac{d|V_C|}{dt}$ is also plotted as a reference

4 Experimental verification

To demonstrate the method described in the previous section, the $V_{\rm f}$ measurement data were processed and analyzed at the CAFe and cERL facilities.

4.1 Experimental result at CAFe

During the RF commissioning at CAFe, the LLRF output, SSA output, and $V_{\rm f}^*$ and $V_{\rm r}^*$ signals of CM₃₋₅ were down-converted and sent to the ADCs of the LLRF system. The positions of the four signals (points A, B, C, and D, respectively) are shown in Fig. 8. As mentioned in Sect. 1, the phase of $V_{\rm f}^*$ differs from the LLRF output phase according to the measurement (see Figs. 2, 9). In theory, the LLRF output phase and $V_{\rm f}$ phase should be in agreement, whereas the phases at points A and C differ greatly, according to Fig. 9. As shown in Fig. 8, in the ideal case, the phases of the LLRF output (point A) and $V_{\rm f}$ (point C) should be in agreement. The discrepancy has two possible causes: the nonlinearity of the SSA and cross talk between the measurement channels (that is, the unwanted coupling of some components of V_r with V_f). We analyze the effects of these two causes as follows.

To eliminate the impact of the nonlinearity of the SSA, we measured the output characteristics of the SSA, as shown in Fig. 10. The amplitude and phase characteristics of the SSA output were measured using a network analyzer. The operating point for Fig. 2 (and Fig. 9) is marked in Fig. 10 as P(x, y). The amplitude nonlinearity curve can be fitted using the polynomial formula. [11]



Fig. 8 Diagram of signal measurement. Points A and B represent the LLRF and SSA output signals, respectively. Points C and D represent the measured values of the cavity forward and reflected signals ($V_{\rm f}^*$ and $V_{\rm r}^*$), respectively

$$f_{\rm A}(x) = h_n x^n + h_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + h x + h_0.$$
(14)

The phase characteristic curves can be fitted by

$$f_{\theta}(x) = q_m x^m + q_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \dots + q_n x + q_0.$$
(15)

The amplitude $(f_A(|V_{LLRF}|))$ and phase $(f_\theta(|V_{LLRF}|))$ of the SSA output can be calibrated using Eqs. (14) and (15), as shown in Fig. 9.

Furthermore, $f_A(|V_{LLRF}|)$ and $f_{\theta}(|V_{LLRF}|)$ can also be estimated using the differential near the operating point. If the SSA is linear, its output amplitude increases linearly as the input amplitude increases, and the linear gain is





Fig. 9 (Color online) Amplitude and phase of LLRF output signal, which corresponds to point A in Fig. 8 (green, V_{LLRF}), SSA output signal considering the effect of SSA nonlinearity, which corresponds to point B in Fig. 8 (red), and forward signal of measured corresponds to V_f^* (aqua). When the nonlinearity of the SSA is taken into account, the phases at point B ($f_{\theta}(|V_{LLRF}|)$) and point A ($\angle V_f^*$) still differ greatly



Fig. 10 (Color online) Schematic of amplitude and phase characteristics of SSA. The SSA and LLRF output amplitudes are normalized to the saturation point of the SSA



Fig. 11 (Color online) Amplitude and phase of SSA output signal considering the effects of the nonlinearity of the SSA (red), V_{f2} (the actual forward signal, blue), V_{f1} (the measured forward signal, aqua).

a–**c** The measurement results obtained using the same calibration factors a and b but for different dates. These cases show good phase consistency between the blue and red lines

thus, a 1% fluctuation in the LLRF output amplitude near the operating point corresponds to a 1.8% fluctuation in the SSA output amplitude. It is easy to see that the ratio of the LLRF output amplitude and f_A is in good agreement with the value of G/K in Fig. 9. In addition, a 1% fluctuation in the LLRF output amplitude near the operating point will result in an error of 0.015° in the SSA output phase, according to the phase curves in Fig. 9. Noise from various sources also contributes to the error, which is difficult to determine from the LLRF output phase, as shown in Fig. 9. Thus far, we have estimated the amplitude and phase at point B (f_A and f_θ) successfully. Figure 9 shows that f_A and f_{θ} differ greatly in amplitude and phase (especially in phase) from $V_{\rm f}^*$. Thus, we deduce that the nonlinearity of the SSA is not the main reason for the disagreement in phase by comparing the phase curves of $f_{\theta}(|V_{\text{LLRF}}|)$ and f_{A} .

To determine whether the V_r signal is coupled with the V_f signal, it is necessary to calculate the actual V_f value of CM_{3-5} . The values of the complex constants *a* and *b* must be known before this calculation can be performed. The exact value of *a* for CM_{3-5} was obtained by theoretical analysis and derivation in Sect. 3. The exact value of *b* can

then be calculated using Eq. (9). From the known a and bvalues, the actual cavity forward signal can be calibrated using the measured signals V_r^* and V_f^* . Figure 11 shows the actual $V_{\rm f}$ signal, measured $V_{\rm f}$ signal, and SSA output signal considering the effects of the nonlinearity of the SSA. Panels (a)–(c) represent the measurement results using the same calibration factors (i.e., a and b) but for different dates. The red lines represent the amplitude and phase of the SSA output signal considering the effect of the nonlinearity of the SSA. The blue lines show the calibrated actual forward signal, which represents V_{f2} in the figure. The aqua lines represent the measured forward signal, as in the previous section, which represents V_{f1} . Figure 11a shows good phase agreement between the blue and red lines. The LLRF output phase is in agreement with the phase of the $V_{\rm f}$ signal in theory. This result confirms that the $V_{\rm r}$ signal is coupled with the $V_{\rm f}$ signal in the signal measurement. It is demonstrated that cross talk in the measurement channels (e.g., cross talk caused by the limited directivity of the directional coupler) is the major reason for the inaccurate measurement of $V_{\rm f}$ and thus the phase discrepancy.

To further confirm the results of $V_{\rm f}$ signal calibration, we used the same calibration array (that is, the same values of *a*, *b*, *c*, and *d*) to calibrate the measurement results for other cases. In these cases, the working point of the SSA is the same as the working point in Fig. 10. The blue and red lines show good agreement (see Fig. 11b, c) in all cases, indicating that the calibration array has high universality.

4.2 Experimental result at KEK-cERL

The cERL facility was constructed at KEK to accommodate industrial applications of SC technology. It is a 1.3-GHz SC machine operated in CW mode [14–16]. At cERL, two nine-cell cavities (ML1 and ML2) with high Q_L values of up to 1×10^7 were installed in the main linac.

At cERL, we observed that the LFD calculated using $V_{\rm f}$ differs from the theoretical value at the beginning of cavity filling in ML2. The discrepancy was assumed to be related to the inaccuracy of the $V_{\rm f}$ measurement due to signal cross talk between the measurement channels. To verify the correctness of this assumption, the experimental data were re-analyzed. The cavity detuning ($\Delta \omega$) during the RF pulse without the beam can be estimated using the cavity differential equation [7, 8, 12]



Fig. 12 (Color online) **a** Two methods of calibrating the actual cavity forward signal. Green line, Cali1: calibration of V_f without considering signal cross talk. Blue line, Cali2: calibration of V_f considering signal cross talk. **b** Comparison of LFD calculated using Eq. (16) without considering signal cross talk (green), using Eq. (16) considering signal cross talk (blue), and using Eq. (17) (red)

$$\Delta \omega = \frac{\mathrm{d}\phi}{\mathrm{d}t} - \frac{\omega_{0.5}(|2V_{\mathrm{f}}|)\sin(\theta - \phi)}{|V_{\mathrm{C}}|},\tag{16}$$

where ϕ and θ represent the phases of V_c and V_f , respectively. The quantity $\omega_{0.5}$ represents the cavity half-bandwidth. The detuning calculated using Eq. (16) includes other sources of detuning in addition to the LFD, although the LFD plays a major role in the overall detuning when the SC cavity is operated in pulse mode.

Moreover, for a given pulse pattern, the LFD can be calibrated using the LFD transfer function model K(s) [7, 17–19] as

$$\Delta\omega_{\rm LFD} = -2\pi K(s) E_{\rm acc}^2, \tag{17}$$

where K(s) is the LFD transfer function, and E_{acc} is the accelerating gradient. The detuning at the beginning of the filling time can be estimated using the above equation (see Δf_{model} in Fig. 12b).

According to Eq. (16), the amplitude and phase ($|V_f|$ and θ , respectively) of V_f are required to calculate the cavity detuning $\Delta \omega$. When the crosstalk components *b* and *c* are not considered, the calibrated cavity forward signal V_f is equal to XV_f^* (Cali1 in Fig. 12a). Under this assumption, the detuning Δf_{Cail1} is calibrated as shown in Fig. 12b. Note that in Fig. 12a, the amplitude of the Cali1 curve does not decrease to zero immediately when the RF power is switched off. As shown in Fig. 12b, the waveforms of Δf_{Cail1} and Δf_{model} (red curve) are slightly different at the beginning of the filling time.

Next, the crosstalk coefficients *b* and *c* in Eq. (2) are considered, and the coefficients *a*, *b*, *c*, and *d* are recalculated using the method described in Sect. 3. Then, the actual cavity forward signal $V_{\rm f}$ is calibrated by $V_{\rm f} = aV_{\rm f}^* + bV_{\rm r}^*$ (Cali2 in Fig. 12a). As shown in Fig. 12a, the amplitude of the Cali2 curve decreases to zero immediately when the RF power is turned off. Using the waveform of $V_{\rm f}$ in the cali2 curve, the LFD ($\Delta f_{\rm Cail2}$) is obtained, as shown in Fig. 12b. As expected, the trends of $\Delta f_{\rm Cail2}$ and $\Delta f_{\rm model}$ are in good agreement at the beginning of the filling time.

From the analysis above, we conclude that the inaccurate measurement of $V_{\rm f}$ can result in the miscalculation of the LFD. In addition, the analysis demonstrates the validity of the method of Brandt.

5 Future work

In the future, after estimating the values of *a*, *b*, *c*, and *d* in the offline state, we will implement Eq. (2) in the FPGA. The actual cavity forward signal V_f and the actual reflected signal V_r are expected to be calibrated in real time. In the next stage, the calibrated V_f can be used to calibrate other parameters such as the cavity detuning and beam current.

In addition, the directivity of the directional coupler is related to its input power (the output of the RF source); therefore, the value of a/X may also depend on the location of the nonlinear operating point of the SSA. In the next step, we will attempt to determine the dependence of the parameter a/X on the operation point of the RF source. This research will be based on many measurements and calculations at CAFe at various SSA powers according to the research purpose.

Finally, this paper assumes that cross talk exists only between the measured forward and reflected waves. However, RF components could also contribute to the crosstalk signal. We will study these crosstalk relationships further in future work.

6 Summary

In this study, the actual V_f was successfully calibrated using the method proposed by Brandt. We verified the validity of this method for the CAFe and cERL facilities. The study at CAFe indicated that inaccurate V_f measurement is caused mainly by the directivity of the couplers. We confirmed that at cERL, the calibration accuracy of the cavity detuning can be significantly improved by considering the crosstalk components resulting from, for example, the limited directivity of the directional coupler.

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