LLRF system high power components diagnostic and nonlinearities cancellations.

High power components of LLRF control loop



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FLASH Klystron 4 (10 MW), one arm read-out. 30.08.09@DESY

Operation of 24-32 cavities leads to operation in high nonlinear regions.

Different klystron cathode HV level causes saturation point placement change.

Smaller cathode HV requires higher input signal levels \rightarrow preamplifiers saturation.

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Different linearization techniques

Feedforward linearization



High power amplifier nonlinearities compensated by error amplifier.

Two control loops required:

- signal cancellation,
- error cancellation.

Fast and accurate HPA imperfections compensation, but:

- limited flexibility for adaptation to new working conditions,
- additional delay introduced to the control loop S. Simrock & Z. Geng, 8th International Accelerator School for Linear Colliders, Turkey, 2013

Different linearization methods



Digital cartesian/polar feedback loop

- Simple PID based feedback loop can be used for the nonlinearities cancellation.
- Realized in polar or Cartesian coordinates.
- LLRF stability limitations (bandwidth, additional delay, etc.)

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Different linearization methods

Digital predistortion



- Predistortion introduce input signal correction due to before measured nonlinearities,

- realized mainly as a LLRF controller functional block,

- can be easily adapted to new working parameters value (but requires devices characterization effort),

Different linearization techniques

	Feed-forward	Feedback	Predistortion
Linearization accuracy	High	High (dependent on implementation)	High (dependent on implementation)
Implementation cost	High	Low	Low
Implementation complexity	High	Low	Low
Adaptation to different work conditions (HV level change)	Difficult	Easy	Easy (transparent to the accelerator work)
Influence on the external feedback loop	Low	Strong (limits LLRF feedback performance)	Low
Maintenance cost	High	Low	Low (only software maintenance)
Reconfiguration	Difficult	Easy	Easy

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High Power Amplifiers Chain transfer characteristics



Amplitude and Phase transfer characteristics

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