



Mechanics and alignment of accelerator

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The task of accelerator mechanical engineering is to complete the general layout design, mechanical system design, component installation and alignment of accelerator components, based on the lattice design and requirements of components, providing stable and accurate reference orbits for the operation of electron beams.

Mechanical Stability: Vibrations, Long term settlements & Thermal stability

Accuracy: Alignment

Accelerator Mechanical Engineering

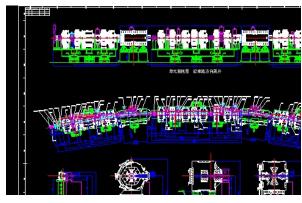


Lattice

Input







Process

Component engineering design

Manufacture and installation



Result





General layout design

Beam Stability Criteria



Photon

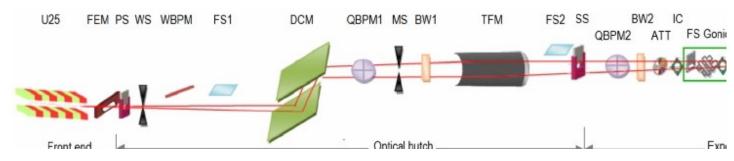
Photon beam intensity fluctuation $\Delta I/I$: ~0.1%

Photon energy resolution $\Delta E/E$: $\sim 10^{-4}$

Electron

Position stability $\Delta \sigma_x / \sigma_x$ and $\Delta \sigma_y / \sigma_y$: 10% (**beam size**)

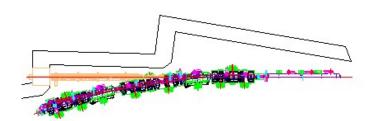
Angular stability $\Delta \sigma'_x / \sigma'_x$ and $\Delta \sigma'_y / \sigma'_y$: 10%

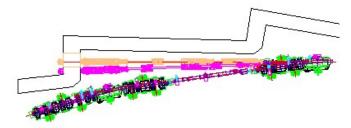


Light source, beamline and experimental station

Beam Sizes of Source Points







ID beamlines
Share the front-end

BM beamlines Separate front-ends

Source Point	σ _x (μm)	$\sigma_{x}'(\mu rad)$	σ _y (μm)	σ _y '(μrad)
Standard Straight (6.5m)	158	33	9.9	3.95
Long Straight (12.0m)	247	20	15	2.55
1°@upstream of SS	70	114	22	1.97
3.1°@upstream of SS	53	94	22	1.97
1°@upstream of LS	77	116	23	1.79
3.1°@upstream of LS	56	96	23	1.79

Electron beam size and angle in SSRF





Source Point	$\sigma_{x}(\mu m)$	$\sigma_{x}'(\mu m)$	$\sigma_{y}(\mu m)$	$\sigma_{y}'(\mu m)$
Short Straight (6.5m)	<16 µm	<3 µrad	<1 μm	<0.4 µrad
Long Straight (12.0m)	<25 μm	<2 µrad	<1.5 μm	<0.3 µrad
1º@upstream of SS	<7 μm	<11 µrad	<2 μm	<0.2 µrad
3.1°@upstream of SS	<5 μm	<9 µrad	<2 μm	<0.2 µrad
1º@upstream of LS	<8 μm	<12 µrad	<2 μm	<0.18 µrad
3.1°@upstream of LS	<6 μm	<10 µrad	<2 μm	<0.18 µrad

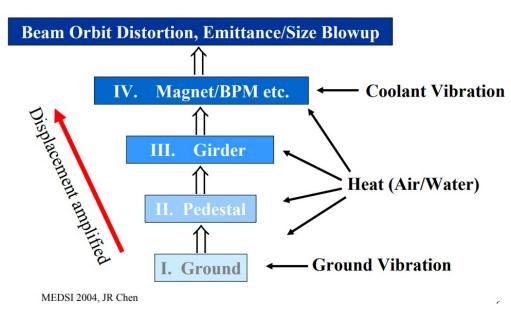
Orbit stability goal in SSRF:

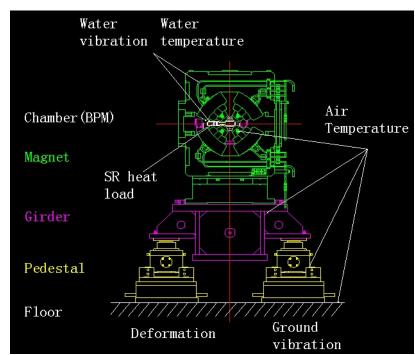
Horizontal orbit stability $< 5 \mu m$

Vertical orbit stability <1 μm

Mechanical Effect on Beam Orbit and Size











Long term

Slab deformation at ring tunnel and experimental hall

 $\Delta z < 100 \mu m/10 m/year$

 $\Delta z < 10 \mu m / 10 m / day$

 $\Delta z < 1 \mu m/10 m/hour$

Medium term

Air temperature stability (12hours)

Ring Tunnel: $T = \sim 26^{\circ}C$; $\Delta T < \pm 0.1^{\circ}C$

Experimental: $T=22 \sim 26 \, ^{0}\text{C} \pm 2 ^{0}\text{C}$

Cooling water temperature stability (12hours)

Ring tunnel: $T = \sim 30^{\circ}C \pm 0.1^{\circ}$

Magnet PS: $T = \sim 30^{\circ}C \pm 1^{\circ}C$





Short term

Slab vibration amplitude (0.2 ~100Hz)

Original: Vertical: $\Delta z < 1 \mu m$ (peak to peak)

Horizontal: $\Delta x < 2\mu m$ (peak to peak)

Modified to integrated rms displacement above 1Hz:

Vertical: $\Delta z < 0.15 \mu m$ (quiet)

 $\Delta z < 0.3 \mu m \text{ (noisy)}$

Horizontal: $\Delta x < 0.3 \mu m$ (quiet)

 $\Delta x < 0.6 \mu m \text{ (noisy)}$



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Ground Vibration



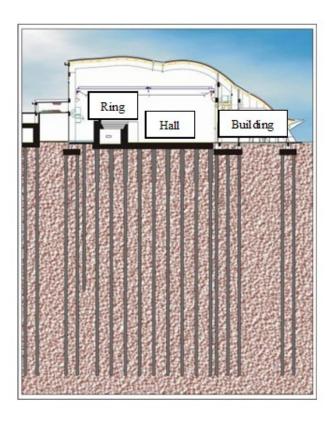
The ground vibrations could be divided into two classes: natural site vibration and culturally induced vibration

Site location	Average rms (nm)	σ (nm)	Day rms (nm)	Night rms (nm
ALBA	18.8	9.5	42.0	9.1
APS	10.7	1.0	11.0	9.8
Asse	0.6	0.1	0.7	0.5
BESSY	75.0	28.1	140.7	53.1
BNL	89.6	30.2	135.3	29.1
CERN LHC	1.9	0.8	2.8	0.9
DESY HERA	53.3	18.9	77.0	34.8
DESY XFEL O	29.1	11.9	48.4	19.5
DESY XFEL S	41.1	16.6	70.0	35.1
DESY, Zeuthen	64.4	40.4	75.6	88.5
Ellerhoop	18.2	8.4	35.9	9.3
ESRF	74.0	34.9	137.2	40.2
FNAL	3.0	0.9	4.0	2.2
IHEP	8.5	0.5	9.0	8.1
KEK	80.5	36.0	125.1	38.0
LAPP	3.6	1.6	7.0	1.9



Ground Vibration







- > Slab for ring tunnel and experimental hall is separated with building
- > Bored piles with base grouting

Number: 2100

Diameter: 0.6m (0.9m for top 7m)

Length: 48m (To silty sand layer)

> Slab Thickness

1.35m (experimental hall)

1.05m (ring tunnel)

Ground Vibration



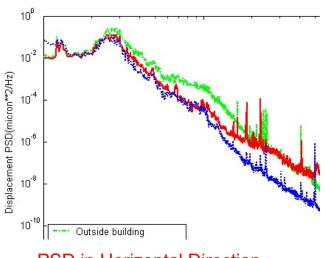
Slab vibration:

Vertical rms value

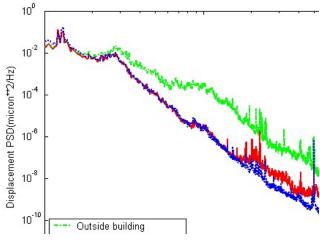
 $\sim 0.15 \, \mu m$ (quiet time)

 $\sim 0.25 \,\mu \text{m}$ (noisy time)

RMS value decrease about 50% in vertical direction



PSD in Horizontal Direction



PSD in Vertical Direction

Isolation Vibration



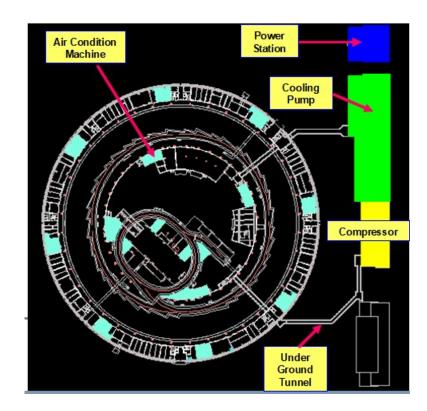
Keep pumps and compressors far from the storage ring

Utility facilities are arranged outside the main building

Main cooling cycles are set in the alleyway in the main building

Water flow rate is limited to 2m/s in magnet and absorber

Air condition machines with damping are located inside the main building.







Branches from the main cooling loop connect the machine in each cell

Soft pipe mechanical isolate the main pipe with accelerator components

Keep large curve in cooling path for components

Air flows to tunnel uniformly and not blows to components directly

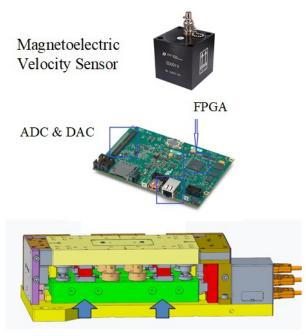
Temperature sensors are set near high precision BPM





Active Vibration





Piezoelectric actuators

Working principle of active vibration

1. Vibration Sensing

High-sensitivity sensors detect vibration signals in real time and convert mechanical vibrations into electrical signals.

2. Signal Processing & Control

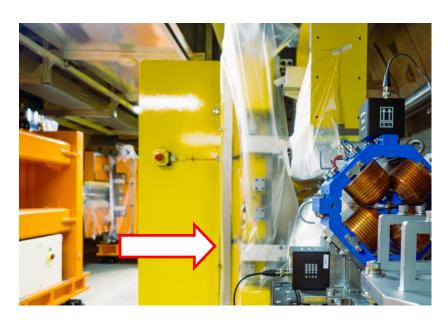
A control algorithm analyzes vibration characteristics and generates an inverse-phase control signal with matched amplitude to counteract disturbances.

3. Piezoelectric Ceramic Actuator

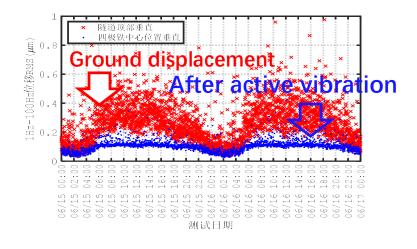
The control signal drives piezoelectric actuators to rapidly deform (microsecond-level response), generating opposing forces to cancel vibrations. The inverse piezoelectric effect enables precise conversion of electrical energy into mechanical motion.

Active Vibration





Active vibration for quadrupole in SHINE



Test result in vertical direction of active vibration

Thermal stability

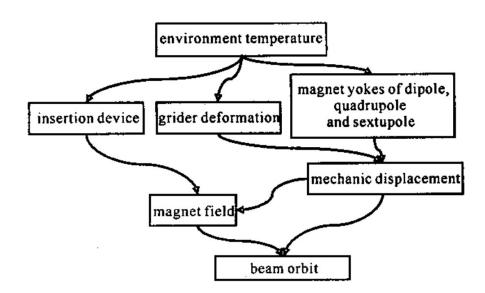


Air Temperature Fluctuation

Water Temperature Fluctuation

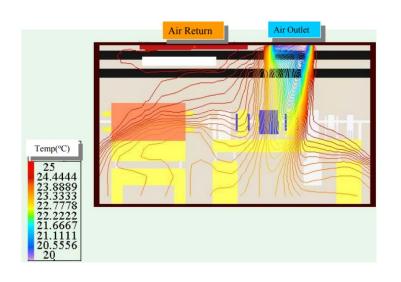
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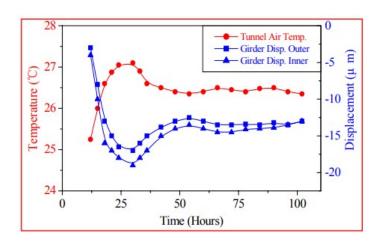
Power Supply and Electrical Heating



Air Temperature







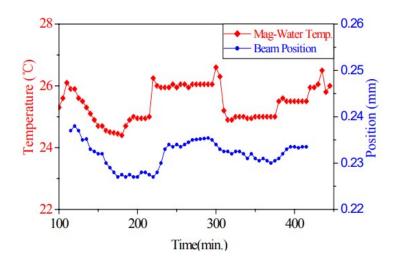
Sensitivity to air temperature: ~10 µm/ °C

Induced beam orbit drift: 10-30 μm / $^{\circ}C$

Air temperature : $< \pm 0.1 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$







Temperature fluctuations of magnet cooling water

Magnet deformed $\sim 10 \mu m/^{\circ}C$

Induced beam orbit drift: 5-50 μm / $^{\circ}C$

Cooling water temperature: $\sim \pm 0.1\,^{\circ}\text{C}$





Sensitivity of the fluctuations in beam orbit, beam size and the displacements of main components to the fluctuations in the air and water temperatures

Heat source	Current Temp.	Amplification factor		Amplification factor (component displacement)		
iicat source	Fluctuation	Beam orbit	Beam size	Girder	Magnet	BPM
Air Temp.	<±0.1℃	20-100µm/℃	1	~10 µm/℃ (ver.)	ı	4
Water Temp. (magnet)	<±0.1℃	5-50 µm/℃	1	-	~10µm/℃	•
Water Temp. (rf)	< ±0.02℃	-	~20 µm/℃ (hor.)	-	ı	ı
Water Temp. (vac-outlet)	~ ±0.5℃	10-30µm/℃	-	~0.3µm/℃	-	~1 µm/℃

Mechanical System



Support, Adjustment, Transportation, Installation

Pre_assembly and transportation

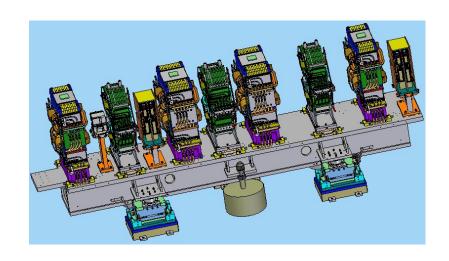
Easy installation in the SR tunnel

Precision alignment of the magnets

High mechanical stability (vibration and thermal)

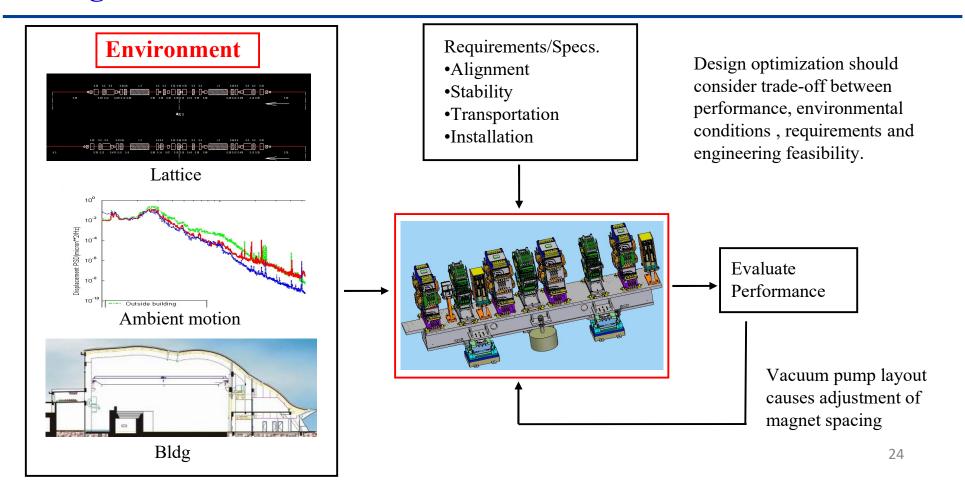
Increase natural frequency

Meet budget and schedule



Design Process

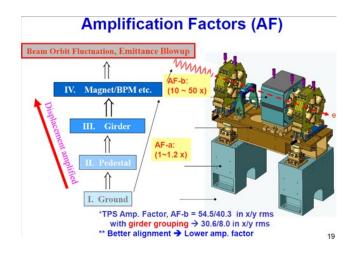


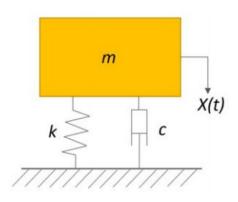






The energy of ground vibration is mainly concentrated in the low frequency range, and as the frequency increases, the energy rapidly decreases. Therefore, if the magnet girder has a high natural frequency, it will be very effective for controlling the amplitude of the magnet. The natural frequency of the magnet girder should be increased as much as possible to obtain better beam stability



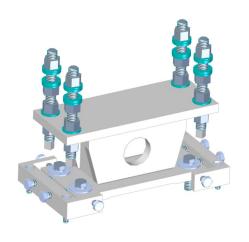


$$f = \frac{1}{2 \pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

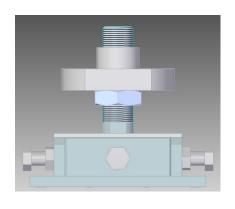
- 1. Reduce the distance between the adjustment mechanism and the beam center
- 2. Increase the contact surface of the adjustment mechanism

Adjustment Mechanisms

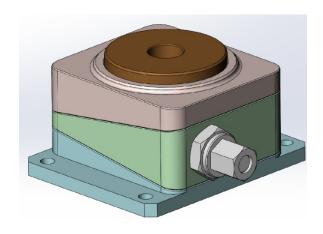




3-D , Layered Range:±20mm Precision:~20µm



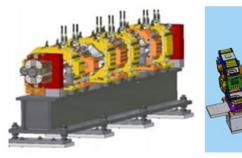
3-D, Integrated Range:±20mm Precision:~20µm

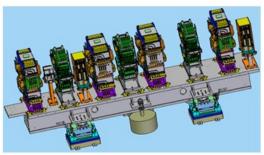


Vertical direction , wedge Range:<±10mm Precision:~5µm

Girder Support Systems







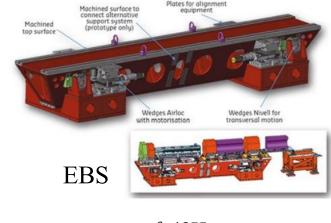
NSLS-II

SSRF

f=30Hz

f=27Hz

Pedestals with Bottom Support



f=42Hz

Pedestals with Side Support

Girder Support Systems





SIRIUS

HEPS

f>100Hz

f=54Hz

Plinth with Side Support



SHINE

f=~20Hz

Suspension support



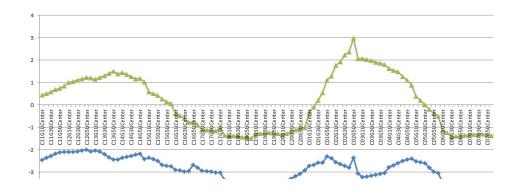
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Alignment



Alignment is to provide a relatively **smooth** orbit under absolute accuracy for the electron beam and beamline. Using geometric measurement methods, the component is adjusted to the correct position through instrument measurement, providing a preliminary orbit for facility.

		Relative	accuracy	/mm(rms)	Absolute	accuracy/mm	Angle error/mrad		
	Component	ΔΧ	ΔΥ	ΔΖ	ΔΧ	ΔΖ	Roll	Pitch	Yaw
	Cryomodule	0.3	2	0. 3	2	2	2	0.05	0.05
Linac	Quadrupole	0.1	0. 5	0. 1	2	2	1	5	5
1400m	Dipole	0.1	0.1	0. 1	2	2	1	5	5
	Kicker	0.1	0. 1	0. 1	1	1	1	1	1
	Undulator	0.1	0. 5	0. 1	0. 25	0.25	1	0.1	0.1
Undulator 400m	SC undulator	0.1	0. 5	0. 1	0. 25	0. 25	1	0.1	0.1
	Phase shifter	0.1	0.5	0. 1	0. 25	0.25	1	1	1
	Quadrupole	0.1	0. 5	0. 1	0. 25	0.25	1	5	5
		The	whole f	acility <	3mm/3km				

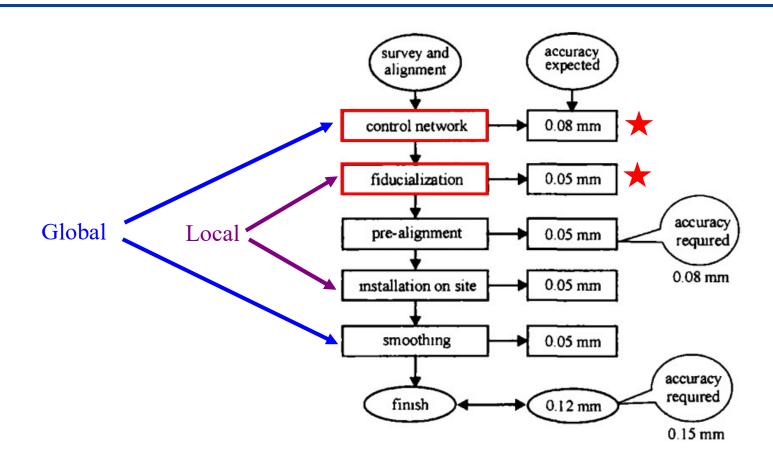


Alignment requirement in SHINE

Alignment accuracy of quadrupoles in SSRF ring

Alignment Process





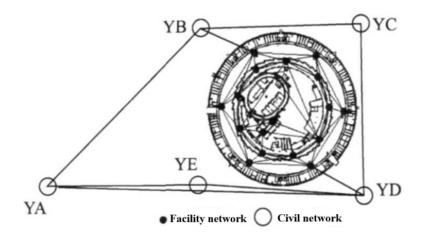
Control network



The alignment control network is generally arranged in stages, with primary control network distributed throughout the overall control network of each part of the facility to ensure the correct absolute relationship between each part, and control the accumulation of errors in the secondary control network, mainly to ensure the absolute accuracy of components.

Civil engineering primary control network: Used for civil construction

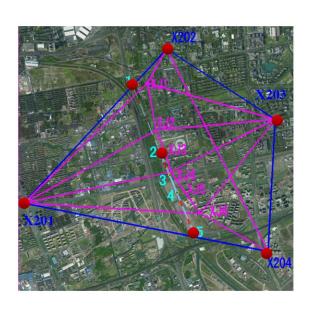
Facility primary control network: Used for facility components installation











Shanghai urban coordinate system

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TO/ IIIII	东/mm
-3817726	10420165
-4702497	10578462
-5160705	10811064
-5359020	11005645
-5868395	11136993
-6253378	11461375
-6485638	9130025
-3345621	10869832
-4485851	12835801
-7017341	12706506
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Civil engineering primary control network :XJ1-XJ6 、 X201-X204

The coordinates were provided by Shanghai surveying and mapping institute

Tunnel central axis:T12_S 、T12_E 、T45_S 、T45_E

The coordinates were provided by architectural design institute

Primary control network



The spatial scope of the primary control network is extensive, GNSS or total stations are used for horizontal control network measurement, while level is employed for vertical control network measurement.





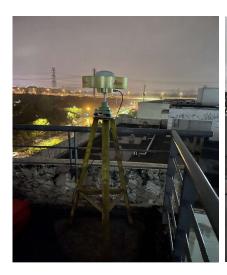


Total Station GNSS Level

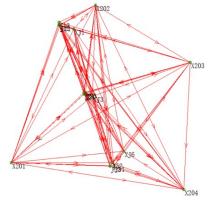
Primary control network



We used GNSS to simultaneously observe the civil engineering primary control network and the SHINE primary control network







		平差坐标(X, Y	7)			
No.	Name	X (m)	Y (m)	Mx (cm)	My (cm)	Mp (cm)
1	X202	-3345. 6210	10869. 8320			
2	J1W	-3748. 5059	10127. 7919	0.10	0.09	0.13
3	J21	-5087. 7863	10663. 4769	0.13	0.12	0.17
4	J22	-5169.9611	10664.9724	0.15	0.14	0.21
5	J23	-5091.6080	10629. 5525	0.17	0.15	0.23
6	J51	-6503. 6531	11219. 1081	0.11	0.10	0.15
7	J52	-6581. 1115	11238. 4341	0.11	0.10	0.15
8	J53	-6570. 5916	11191. 1721	0.13	0.12	0.18
9	X201	-6485. 6215	9130. 0367	0.10	0.10	0.14
10	X203	-4485. 8302	12835. 7831	0.10	0.10	0.14
11	X204	-7017. 3133	12706. 4922	0.11	0.10	0.15
12	х јз	-5160. 6848	10811. 0674	0. 10	0.09	0.14
		最弱点				
No.	Name	MX (cm)	MY (cm)	MP (cm)		
5	J23	0. 17	0. 15	0. 23		

Civil engineering and facility primary control network

Accuracy better than 3mm

Primary control network



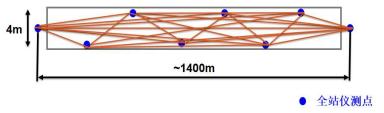






Name	X (m)	Y (m)	MX (cm)	MY (cm)	MP (cm)	E(cm)	F(cm)	T(dms)
S1	0. 0000	0. 0000						
S8	1402. 5228	0.0000						
\$4	603. 2640	-0.7977	0.035	0.038	0.052	0.038	0.035	90. 122:
S5	801. 5880	0.7712	0.035	0.038	0.052	0.038	0.035	90. 131:
S2	200. 7053	-1. 2533	0.036	0.031	0.048	0.036	0.031	179. 2336
S3	398. 9952	0.3477	0.036	0.036	0.050	0.036	0.036	89. 060
S6	999. 8811	-0.3907	0.035	0.036	0.050	0.036	0.035	89. 514
S7	1198. 1312	1. 1595	0.035	0.030	0.047	0.035	0.030	179. 4533
S9	1426, 5655	1.3812	0.063	0.009	0.063	0.063	0.008	3, 3520
	Mx均值: 0.	04 My	匀值: 0	. 03	Mp均值	: 0.0	5	
		最弱点	及其精度	ž.				
Name	X (m)	Y (m)	MX (cm)	MY (cm)	MP (cm)	E(cm)	F(cm)	T (dms)
S9	1426, 5655	1, 3812	0.062	0.000	0.062	0.062	0.000	3, 3520

Accuracy better than 1mm

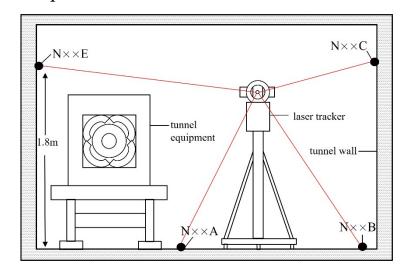


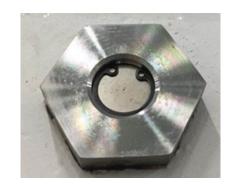
Narrow and elongated linear control network direction observation in rounds

Secondary control network



The secondary control network ensures the relative accuracy of accelerator components. The control network has to be established with stable target marks at intervals of about 6-10 m, the target marks have to be installed at variable heights from floor to top, forming an envelope for the components.





Top target marks



Floor target marks

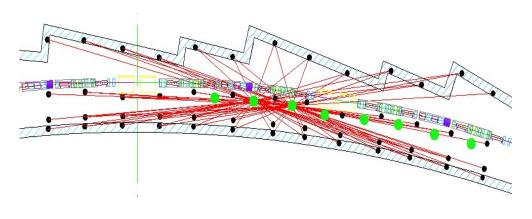
Layout of target marks

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Second control network



Using laser tracker to conduct full-field, high-precision measurement of the secondary control network, at each measurement station, 6-8 sections of control points are measured on both sides, with a spacing of 15-20 meters between stations. This measurement method ensures that there are sufficient common points between adjacent stations for overlap and smoothness of the control network, and it is also a necessary condition for ensuring the relative accuracy of the components.







Fiducialization



Fiducialization is the transfer of the mechanical or physical center of the component to external target marks, which are used for subsequent on-site installation and re_alignment. when designing components, it is necessary to establish a measurement reference, which can be used to measure and obtain the mechanical center of component.





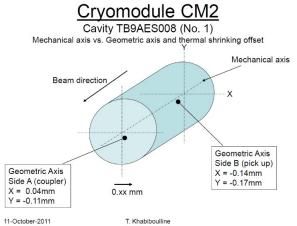


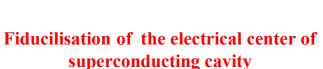
Fiducilisation of the mechanical center of magnet

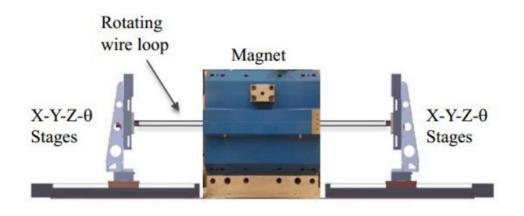
Fiducialization



There may be deviations between the mechanical center and the physical center of components, therefore, components requiring high alignment accuracy are usually fiducialized with physical centers, including electrical or magnetic centers







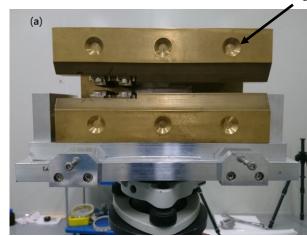
Fiducilisation of the magnetic center of magnet

Fiducialization



The magnetic landmark consists of several permanent magnets which can generate a normal and a skew quadrupole field with high gradient in two directions. Positions of zero point of the two quadrupole fields horizontal component were measured and transferred to external target marks.

Target mark



Magnetic landmark



Fiducilisation of the magnetic center of undulator

Pre_alignment



The magnets and vacuum chambers are placed on a girder, which facilitates offline pre_alignment, ensures the relative relationship between components, and improves installation efficiency and accuracy.



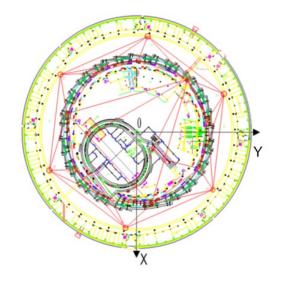


Pre_alignment of the magnet and vacuum chamber

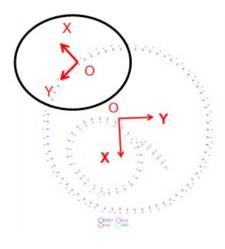
Installation on site



Unifying the user coordinate system(UCS) with the lattice coordinate system(LCS) and the facility coordinate system(FCS)



Unifying coordinate system



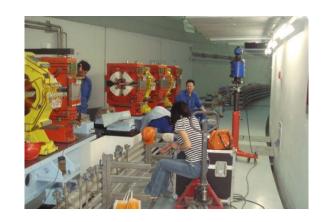
Local coordinate system

Installation on site









Staking out

Base alignment

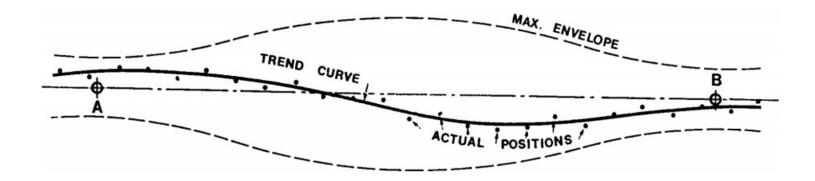
Girder alignment

Smoothing



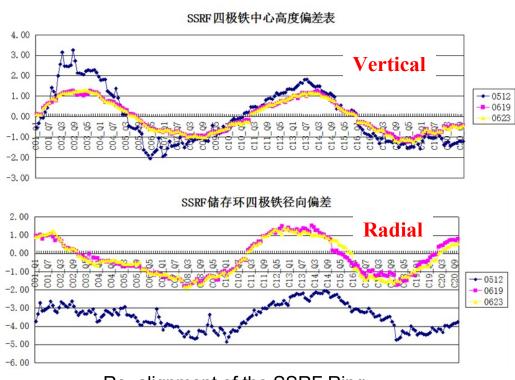
The installation cycle of the components is relatively long, and the foundation deformation is large in the early stage. Therefore, after the component installation is completed, an overall measurement will be conducted to obtain the component deviation.

The electron beam is concerned with the smoothness of the orbit. When realigning, adjustments are made to components with large relative deviations within the allowable range of absolute accuracy



Smoothing





Re_alignment of the SSRF Ring

Electron beam orbit deviation: 280&280 → 50/55μm(rms)

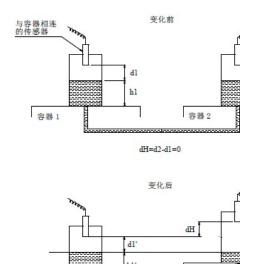


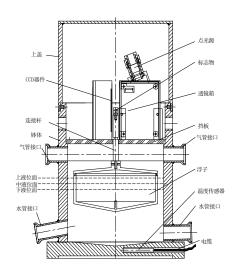
- 1.Overview
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The Hydrostatic Leveling System (HLS) uses the principle of connectors to monitor real-time changes in the vertical direction of foundations or components, with a measurement accuracy of 0.01-0.05mm



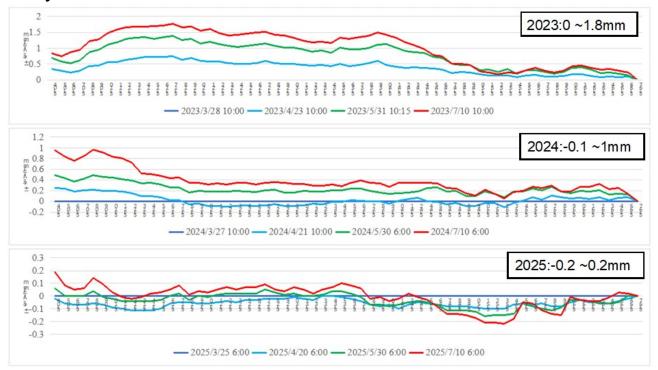






Hydrostatic Levelling System

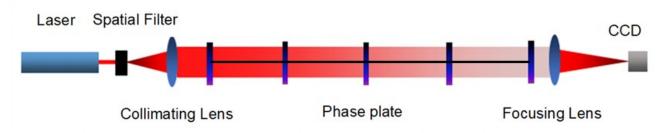
The SHINE 1.5 km linac tunnel has been continuously monitored by HLS for more than 3 years, and it has been found that the settlement convergence of the tunnel has improved, and the relative change amplitude has gradually decreased

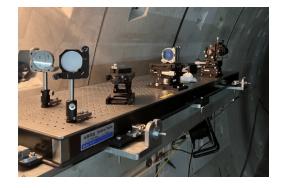


Vacuum laser alignment system



Ensure absolute straightness of components in the undulator tunnel Monitor the uneven deformation in the horizontal and vertical directions





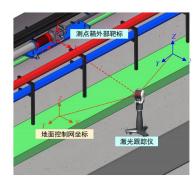




Measurement box



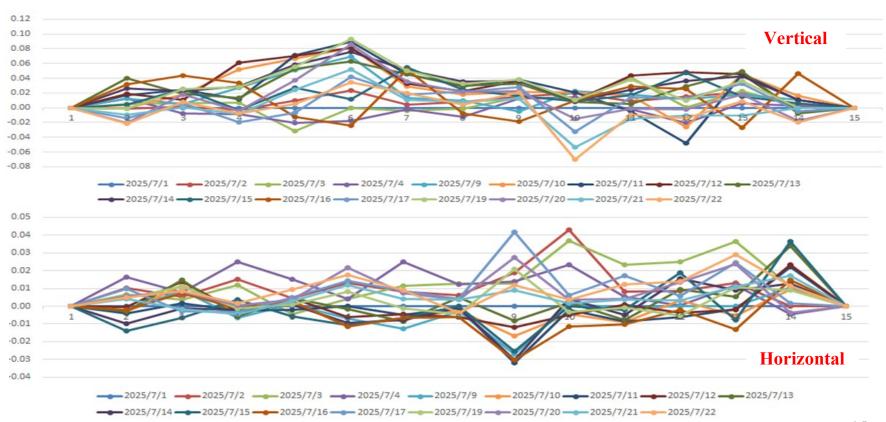
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Joint measurement



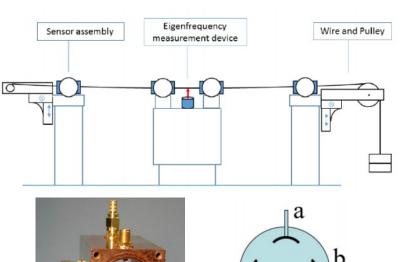


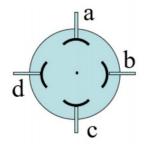


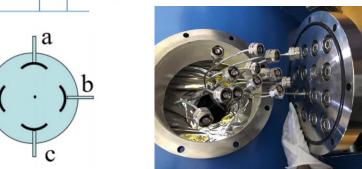
Wire Postion Monitor



The principle of the wire position monitor is similar to the directional coupler BPM, o btaining displacement change curves and shrinkage amounts during the cooling process of superconducting cavities and quadrupole













Counterweight



The principle of the wire postion monitor

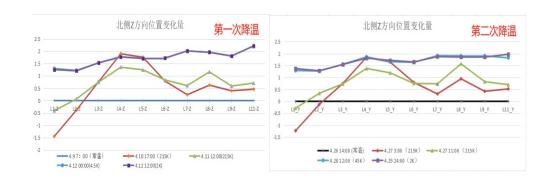
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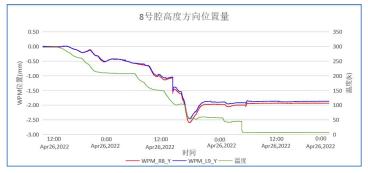
Collector

Wire Postion Monitor



Wire Postion Monitor has been successfully operated to monitor displacements in SHINE Optimize the cooldown and warm up procedures of cryomodule





Measurement results after two cooling cycles

Cavity deformation during cooling process



- 1.Overview
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Summary



Mechanical stability and accuracy are the two major tasks and goals of accelerator mechanical engineering

Controlling the environmental conditions is critical to meeting the design goals

Alignment is a strict, complex, and detailed process that strictly controls the errors in every step

Deformation monitoring is also an important task and provides displacement reference for commission

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Homework



How to achieve good mechanical stability and alignment of accelerator?



Thanks for your attention