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The following three items are considered under the IFMIF conceptual design activities. (1) The electro-dynamical properties of the segmented RFQ are analyzed. (2) Directional selective coupling is applied for RF systems design of the RFQ. This can exclude the different type transmission line long feeders and can eliminate excitation of the undesirable modes under the intense beam acceleration. The matching between RF source and accelerating structures is accomplished. RF signals to support control system are produced. (3) The structure fine tuning method using electro-optical principle is devised.

Keywords: Resonator, Mode, RFQ, DTL, Accelerator, Directional Coupler

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I F M I F 加速器高周波システムの概念設計

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I F M I F 概念設計活動の一環として加速器システムに関する以下の3点について考察した。
(1)基本設計に採用されたセグメント型RFQの電気力学的性質を解析し、セグメント間のギャップ領域において問題となる過度な電場強度及びビームダイナミクスへの悪影響を最小限に押さえるための電極形状を提案した。(2)RFQへの高周波の供給に方向性選択結合器を適用する設計を提案した。この方法により高周波伝送系で使われる伝送線路長の種類が少なくなり、大強度ビーム加速で問題となる不要なモードの励起を押さえられる。また高周波源と加速空洞との整合がよくとれるようになり、高周波制御に使用可能な信号も取出せる。(3)空洞内に挿入した光半導体に外部から光を当てることによって空洞内部の電磁場に擾乱を加えその影響を測定する技術を応用したRFQの精密な同調方法の適用を提案した。

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1. Introduction

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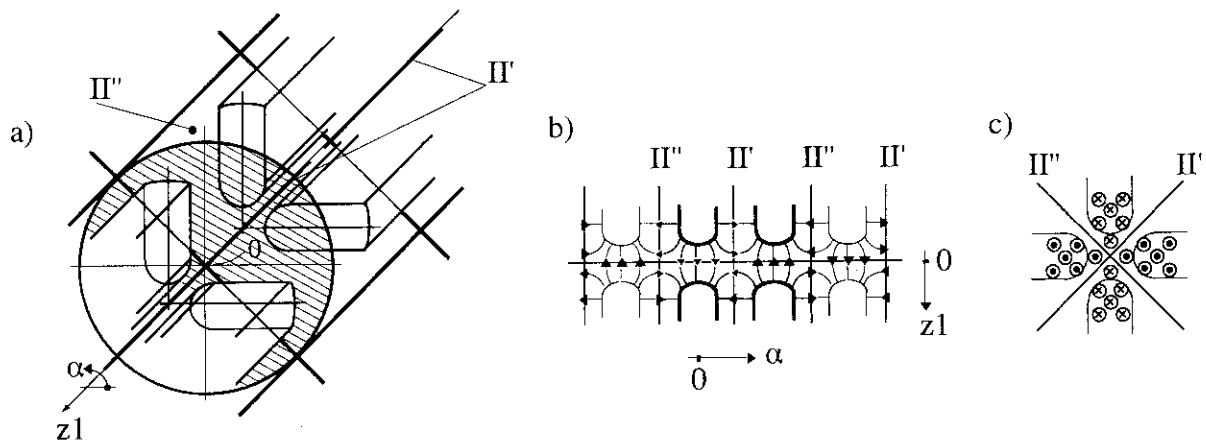


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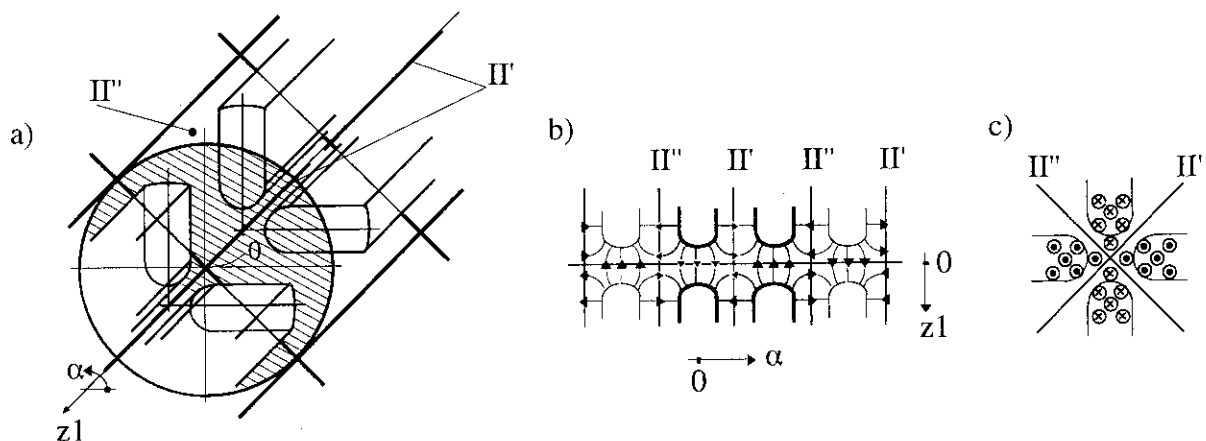


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boundary. The diaphragm is described as the "coupling plate" in [4], and its shape has no effect to the operating mode. Whereas, the properties of the other mode², which is derived by the magnetic walls setting, will be strongly affected by its shape. In contrast, the influence of the gap size on separation of the mode frequencies is rather small, vanishing for the longer segments³. The operating mode field distribution is obtained by the radial propagation of quasi-TEM wave in the four identical short-circuited inhomogeneous coaxial (quasi-rectangular) transmission lines, terminated by the capacitive loads between the electrode end and inter-wall corner. Fig. 1.b shows the field pattern at the segment gap region in the longitudinal axis z_1 and azimuthal angle α coordinates in radial cross-section. According to the TEM wave property, the inter-gap voltage between the vane ends is independent to the gap width and equal to the voltages between the adjacent vanes of the segment in any radial cross-section. The field pattern represented in the midplane of the segment gap is shown in Fig. 1c. Their signs are changed in each quadrant separated by the symmetry planes, and the longitudinal components only exist in the midplane.

In the real case, the symmetry is not exact and the electric wall may not have a plane surface. It may be shifted from the midplane position ($z_1 = 0$ in Fig. 1a,b). The modulation of the electrode ends will deform right angle between the symmetry planes Π' and Π'' walls near the corner. The field patterns shown in Fig. 1b,c are no longer completely symmetrical. Nevertheless, the above-mentioned properties will remain as before.

Minimal distortion of proper beam dynamics by the gap field can be obtained by symmetrical field distribution on Fig. 1c, that leads to the gap design in electrodes without modulation region: p intervals as shown on Fig. 2a.

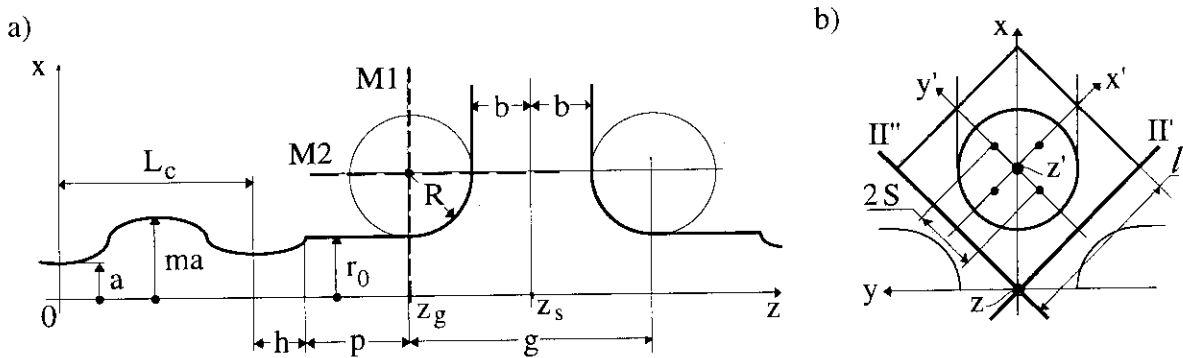


Fig. 2. (a) Possible shapes of the gap forming elements, (b) $z = z_g$ cross-section.

The gap width is desired to be minimized, however, it is constrained by the allowed electric strength⁴. The same strength as in the main RFQ part can be achieved by employing the

²This mode is considered as the operating one in [6].

³Modes will be in existence even for the greater than wavelength size, when coupling between the ends of the vanes is not "capacitive" [4,5].

⁴The width in [5] seems to be excessively small.

same inter-surface distance with spherical shape of the vane corners and rounded edges. The possible shape of the gap region is indicated in Fig. 2a, where the half inter-gap width is given by $b = ((r_0 + R)/\sqrt{2}) - R$. In this case the focusing quadrupoles will be added before and after the gap where the field is substantially different from the ordinary RFQ one. The intervals, p and h , of each gap region should be adjusted to the actual electrode modulations and accelerating conditions in the gap positions.

2.2 Gap field

Transverse field orientation in p interval and the beam aperture bounded region consideration allow to place magnetic walls $M1$ and $M2$ (Fig. 2a). Therefore, the gap field will coincide with the sphere in cube field in $x \leq r_0 + R$, $z_g \leq z \leq z_s$ space (Fig. 2a,b). Conventional electrostatic approximation of this field under equality of the sphere potential A_0 to uninterrupted by the gap electrode potential A_e at $z = z_g$ point (refer to zero potential of Π' , Π'' walls) yields the gap field at symmetrical continuous extension into other gap's spaces.

Sphere in cube electrostatic problem solution by mirror image's method gives an advantage, since the result will already have just right continuation for all the gap field. In local coordinates x', y', z' (Fig. 2b) a charge q , located inside the cube in x'_0, y'_0, z'_0 point, sets up the potential

$$\varphi(x', y', z') = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 l} \cdot \Phi(x'_{0N}, y'_{0N}, z'_{0N}; x'_N, y'_N, z'_N); \quad (1)$$

where $\Phi(x'_{0N}, y'_{0N}, z'_{0N}; x'_N, y'_N, z'_N) =$

$$\sum_{i=-\infty}^{+\infty} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{+\infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{i+j+n}}{\sqrt{(x'_N - i - (-1)^i \cdot x'_{0N})^2 + (y'_N - j - (-1)^j \cdot y'_{0N})^2 + (z'_N - n - (-1)^n \cdot z'_{0N})^2}},$$

all linear dimensions are normalized to l and denoted by index N , e.g., $x'_N = x'/l$. For satisfaction of the sphere surface conditions consider the normalized potential Φ_M of symmetrical set: one charge $6q \cdot \eta$ in the center of the sphere with six equal charges q , disposed symmetrically on the axes at S distance (Fig. 2b):

$$\Phi_M(x'_N, y'_N, z'_N) = 6\eta \cdot \Phi(0, 0, 0; x'_N, y'_N, z'_N) + \Phi_6(S_N, x'_N, y'_N, z'_N), \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_6(S_N, x'_N, y'_N, z'_N) = & \Phi(+S_N, 0, 0; x'_N, y'_N, z'_N) + \Phi(-S_N, 0, 0; x'_N, y'_N, z'_N) + \\ & \Phi(0, +S_N, 0; x'_N, y'_N, z'_N) + \Phi(0, -S_N, 0; x'_N, y'_N, z'_N) + \\ & \Phi(0, 0, +S_N; x'_N, y'_N, z'_N) + \Phi(0, 0, -S_N; x'_N, y'_N, z'_N). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Equality of Φ_M to Ψ_0 in three points:

$$P_1 = \{R_N, 0, 0\}, \quad P_2 = \{R_N/\sqrt{2}, R_N/\sqrt{2}, 0\}, \quad P_3 = \{R_N/\sqrt{3}, R_N/\sqrt{3}, R_N/\sqrt{3}\},$$

yields the equation for S_N value determination

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_6(0, P_1) \cdot (\Phi_6(S_N, P_3) - \Phi_6(S_N, P_2)) + \Phi_6(0, P_2) \cdot (\Phi_6(S_N, P_1) - \Phi_6(S_N, P_3)) + \\ \Phi_6(0, P_3) \cdot (\Phi_6(S_N, P_2) - \Phi_6(S_N, P_1)) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

since $6\Phi(0, 0, 0; x'_N, y'_N, z'_N) = \Phi_6(0, x'_N, y'_N, z'_N)$, and determines Ψ_0 and η values

$$\Psi_0 = \frac{\Phi_6(S_N, P_1) \cdot \Phi_6(0, P_2) - \Phi_6(S_N, P_2) \cdot \Phi_6(0, P_1)}{\Phi_6(0, P_2) - \Phi_6(0, P_1)}, \quad (5)$$

$$\eta = \frac{\Phi_6(S_N, P_1) - \Phi_6(S_N, P_2)}{\Phi_6(0, P_2) - \Phi_6(0, P_1)}, \quad (6)$$

the form (2) evenness and permutative invariance refer to x'_N, y'_N, z'_N will give the same Ψ_0 potential in all other symmetrically disposed points. For $R = r_0$ case (one of the optimal cases, [8]) the unique root of Eq. (4) is $S_N = 0.14505$; $\eta = -0.176856$, $\Psi_0 = 5.3304$. Real accuracy of this method is determined at analysis of $\Phi_M = \Psi_0$ equipotential shape in the varying radius $R_{Ne}(x'_N, y'_N)$ form, in Fig. 3 the deviation $(R_N - R_{Ne}(x'_N, y'_N))/R_N$ is shown.

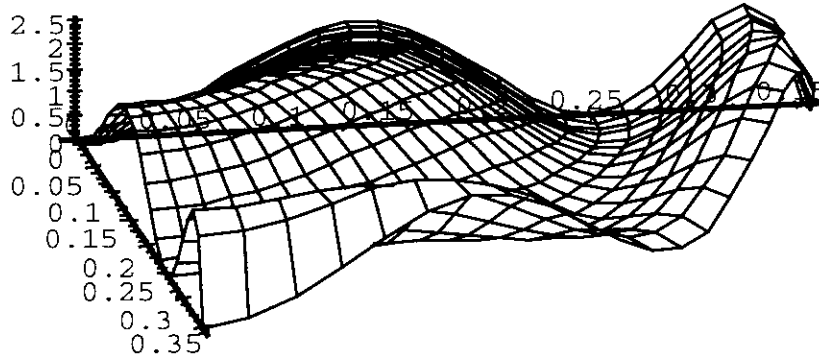


Fig. 3. Radius normalized error $\times 10^4$ in a quadrant space ($R = r_0, R_N = 1/2\sqrt{2}$).

The error does not exceed $2.5 \cdot 10^{-4}$, for $R = 8$ mm it corresponds to $2 \mu\text{m}$, that is less than fabrication tolerance; the cube walls boundary conditions satisfaction ensures exact field configuration in the beam aperture.

2.3 PARMTEQ input data

Within the accuracy of the RFQ field approximation in PARMTEQ code [9], the desired equivalence of $A_e = V/2$ to $A_0 = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 l} \Psi_0$ determines q value. The potential Φ_M transformation to PARMTEQ coordinates x, y, z (Fig. 2):

$$x'_N = \frac{x - y}{l\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{2}, \quad y'_N = \frac{x + y}{l\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{2}, \quad z'_N = \frac{z - z_g}{l},$$

yields the result for electric field components:

$$E_u = \frac{-V}{2\sqrt{2}\Psi_0 l} \cdot \sum_{(i)=-\infty}^{+\infty} \sum_{(j)=-\infty}^{+\infty} \sum_{(n)=-\infty}^{+\infty} (-1)^{i+j+n} \left(D_u(S_N, 0, 0) + D_u(-S_N, 0, 0) + D_u(0, S_N, 0) + D_u(0, -S_N, 0) + D_u(0, 0, S_N) + D_u(0, 0, -S_N) + 6\eta D_u(0, 0, 0) \right), \quad u = x, y, z; \quad (7)$$

where

$$D_x(\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3) = \left(1 + i + (-1)^i \cdot \nu_1 + j + (-1)^j \cdot \nu_2 - \frac{x\sqrt{2}}{l} \right) \cdot D^{-\frac{3}{2}},$$

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$$D_z(\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3) = \sqrt{2} \cdot \left(n + (-1)^n \cdot \nu_3 - \frac{z - z_g}{l} \right) \cdot D^{-\frac{3}{2}};$$

and

$$D = \left(\frac{x-y}{l\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{2} - i - (-1)^i \cdot \nu_1 \right)^2 + \left(\frac{x+y}{l\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{2} - j - (-1)^j \cdot \nu_2 \right)^2 + \left(\frac{z-z_g}{l} - n - (-1)^n \cdot \nu_3 \right)^2.$$

So, accelerating bore field at L_c , h , p intervals (Fig. 2.a) is determined by (1) - (3) expressions in [9]; g field is defined by expression (7), multiplied by time-dependent factor $\sin \omega t$ or by $\sin z$ in accordance to PARMTEQ method (see Eq. (6) in [9]). In (7) expression the S_N parameter is the root of Eq. (4) and Ψ_0, η values are determined by formulae (5),(6). Deviation of potential (3) from zero on the cube walls determines desired finite numbers of terms in (1) and (7) sums for required precision⁵. The result can be also used for consideration of end-walls regions in ordinary RFQ - expression (7) for $z \in [z_g, z_s]$.

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Four drive loop feeding of RFQ segments gives the possibility for the directional selective coupling principle [7] application: the RF system contains three 3 dB directional couplers $D1 - D3$, equal length feeders $l_1 - l_4$ and $l_5 - l_6$ to attain equal amplitudes cophased excitation at equal coupling loops spaces in each segment; feeders-loops matching on operating mode results in full decoupling of matched loads $c1 - c3$ in Fig. 4. In the intense beam case the lowering of undesirable mode quality factors is effective, [7], so the "dipole stabilizer" rods (Fig. 1 in [4,5]) can be excluded.

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into adjacent quadrants ("90 deg. slew" of all 4 loops); the nearest nonexcluded mode will be 9 longitudinal alternation's quadrupole. The directional couplers are realized on hybrid ring bridges. The installation of the bridges on each segment in three cross-sections excludes the majority of the different type long feeders. Bridge's realization on square coaxial line is the simplest, the central diameter will be about 0.8 m and there will be enough space between RFQ and the bridges for the square line with accordant electric strength; l_5 and l_6 feeders will be about 1 m length, and $l_1 \dots l_4$ lengths - 20 cm, Fig. 4.

At the beam excitation the loads remain decoupled at operating mode but all undesirable modes are loaded on appropriate loads $c1 \dots c3$ (the maximum loading is attained just at 3 dB transient attenuation of the couplers), while RF source is decoupled from these modes. In addition, the system assures RF source matching - e.g., in damage case in one of $l_1 \dots l_4$ feeders or a loop breakdown the source feeder VSWR will be 1.4 (for vanishing length of $l_1 \dots l_6$ feeders) and correlation of the high level signals $U1 - U3$ determines the damaged channel; in operating conditions any deviations from amplitude's equality of these low signals detect the operating mode asymmetry.

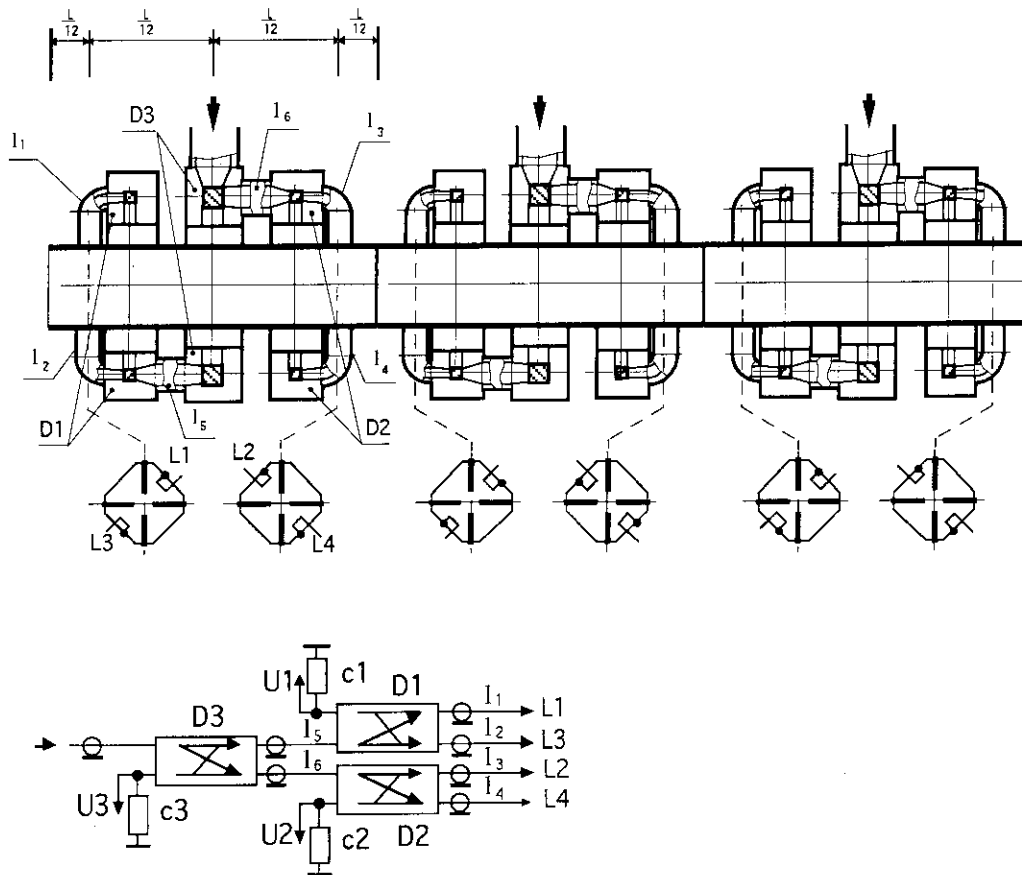


Fig. 4. RF system (not uniform longitudinal scale, L - total length).

Real system loops can not be absolutely equal, so the signals are in proportion to the resonator reflectance; $U1, U2$ and $U3$ phases form supporting for automatic control system phase-lock loop. For all that, any frequency differences between operating and eliminating

modes and even their coincidences are admissible⁶ at least over the directional coupler's frequency band, the coupler central frequencies must be on the quadrupole mode resonance for additional loading minimization.

At experimental tests of the similar system [7] the undesirable mode levels are proved to be no more than -36 dB. The additional lowering (10–20 times) of the undesirable quality factors is obtained at the mismatched loads $c_1 \dots c_3$; e.g., for short $l_1 \dots l_4$ feeders the c_1, c_2 resistance must be greater than the wave impedance. The above-mentioned properties will remain as before except the source feeder matching in damage cases, however usually applied circulator will assure the matching. Computer simulation in [7] shows that a high degree of precision is not required for realization of the system components even for long $l_1 \dots l_6$ feeders.

4. RF tuning

The strong advantage of [4,5] principle is possibility of fabrication of relatively short segment RFQs, those can be tuned separately under the real short-circuiting plates setting in the segment cut's midpoint $z_1 = 0$, Fig. 1a. Accordant turn of the system Fig. 4 loops allows to excite any desired well-definable mode and the segment RFQ field symmetrization can be carried out by the degeneration property [7] of adjacent dipole modes; in this case "decoupled" tuning elements, analogous to "t" (see Fig. 1 in [7]) at the vane's undercuts are to be provided.

Determination of the quadrupole field symmetry axis positions (the [7] method accuracy is about $10 \mu\text{m}$) gives the means for exact connection of the tuned segments; under the precise tuning method [10] the accuracy will be about $4 \mu\text{m}$. The p spaces on Fig. 2a can be used for the installation of the master gauges or contact optical targets, which gives a convenient way for precise forming of the datum axis at RFQ segment field precise tuning and especially for the tuned segment axes setting into coincidence. The connected segments field symmetrization can be also examined by the dipole modes degeneration features and the exactness of each coupling loop tuning can be examined on quadrupole mode resonance at matched-loaded the rest eleven loops by $\text{VSWR}=23$ value verification.

Electro-optical precise measurements for desired RFQ vane ends modulation implementation can be combined with the axis determination procedure under equipotentials detecting principle by the means of doubled length lighted strip rotation on the round photoconductor plate, Fig. 1 in [10]. This principle at DTL tuning for precise measurements of acceleration period positions is realized by full lighting of the same round plate at minimal lighted – unlighted frequency deviation positions detecting inside the

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At experimental tests of the similar system [7] the undesirable mode levels are proved to be no more than -36 dB. The additional lowering (10–20 times) of the undesirable quality factors is obtained at the mismatched loads $c_1 \dots c_3$; e.g., for short $l_1 \dots l_4$ feeders the c_1, c_2 resistance must be greater than the wave impedance. The above-mentioned properties will remain as before except the source feeder matching in damage cases, however usually applied circulator will assure the matching. Computer simulation in [7] shows that a high degree of precision is not required for realization of the system components even for long $l_1 \dots l_6$ feeders.

4. RF tuning

The strong advantage of [4,5] principle is possibility of fabrication of relatively short segment RFQs, those can be tuned separately under the real short-circuiting plates setting in the segment cut's midpoint $z_1 = 0$, Fig. 1a. Accordant turn of the system Fig. 4 loops allows to excite any desired well-definable mode and the segment RFQ field symmetrization can be carried out by the degeneration property [7] of adjacent dipole modes; in this case "decoupled" tuning elements, analogous to "t" (see Fig. 1 in [7]) at the vane's undercuts are to be provided.

Determination of the quadrupole field symmetry axis positions (the [7] method accuracy is about $10 \mu\text{m}$) gives the means for exact connection of the tuned segments; under the precise tuning method [10] the accuracy will be about $4 \mu\text{m}$. The p spaces on Fig. 2a can be used for the installation of the master gauges or contact optical targets, which gives a convenient way for precise forming of the datum axis at RFQ segment field precise tuning and especially for the tuned segment axes setting into coincidence. The connected segments field symmetrization can be also examined by the dipole modes degeneration features and the exactness of each coupling loop tuning can be examined on quadrupole mode resonance at matched-loaded the rest eleven loops by $\text{VSWR}=23$ value verification.

Electro-optical precise measurements for desired RFQ vane ends modulation implementation can be combined with the axis determination procedure under equipotentials detecting principle by the means of doubled length lighted strip rotation on the round photoconductor plate, Fig. 1 in [10]. This principle at DTL tuning for precise measurements of acceleration period positions is realized by full lighting of the same round plate at minimal lighted – unlighted frequency deviation positions detecting inside the

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5. Conclusion

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Conception of directional selective coupling principle application for segmented RFQ accelerating structure has been developed. The same conception can be applied for Alvarez-type DTL feeding or especially for H-type DTL and in all the cases when the undesirable mode problems become substantial.

The devised RFQ and DTL precise tuning methods are provided by the optical system under electro-optical principle application.

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