



Overview of SuperKEKB Vacuum System

Contents

- SuperKEKB vacuum system
- Present status
 - Status of components, Vacuum scrubbing, Electron cloud effect, Pressure bursts, etc.

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Note:

The vacuum system at interaction region (IR) will be covered by Shibata-san in the next talk. My talk is focused on other vacuum system.





- An electron positron collider with asymmetric energies.
 - Located at KEK Tsukuba campus
- Upgrade project of KEKB B-factory, which had been successfully in operation during 1998~2010.
- Mission: Quest new theories beyond the standard model at B-meson regime.

SuperKEKB in KEK Tsukuba campus





Configuration







Project timeline









- The vacuum system was a key upgrade point.
- LER: Approximately 93% of beam pipes and bellows chambers in length were renewed.
- HER: Approximately 82 % were reused.



- Sub systems, such as cooling water system, compressed air system, were basically reutilized, with necessary upgrades.
- Control system is also reused, but the antique components were updated.





- Ultra-high vacuum to ensure long beam lifetime, keep small beam emittance, reduce background noise to detector, and avoid ion instability (HER)
 - Target pressure : ~ 10⁻⁷ Pa with beams
- High tolerance against high current beams for stable operation
 - New RF shields for bellows chambers and gate valves
- Suppression of electron cloud effect (ECE) to avoid emittance growth and beam size blow up in LER
 - Beam pipe with antechamber, solenoid field, coating of TiN film, clearing electrodes, groove structure, and external magnetic field
- Low beam impedance to keep small beam emittance and short bunch length, and to avoid beam instabilities
 - Beam pipe with antechamber, step-less connection flange, new collimators with low impedance
- Reliable and stable system
 - Large scale vacuum system: Several thousands control points.
 - Cost performance





- New beam pipes with antechambers.
 - Realize low beam impedance by putting SR masks and pump ports in antechambers

In a quad.

- Effective to reduce photo electron effect
- LER arcs: Aluminum alloy (A6063)
- HER and Wigglers: OFC (C1011)













- New bellows chambers and gate valves with comb-type RF shield
 - High thermal strength
 - No thin fingers on the inner wall.
 - Applicable to cross sections with antechambers







Bellows chamber









Vacuum side

• Step-less connection flange: MO-type flanges

- Little step inside and low beam impedance
- Adaptable to various types of cross sections
 No BE-shielding between flanges
 - No RF-shielding between flanges.
- Various types of copper (C18200) and aluminum-alloy (A2219)
 flanges were developed.

Beam collimator

- Key component to suppress beam background of Belle II.
- New type collimators, which have low impedances and fit antechamber scheme, were developed.

Al flange (test model)

• The concept is based on that in PEP II



Horizontal type in tunnel



Collimator head (jaw)

Al gasket



Inside view

Inside view

Copper Gasket (RF Bridge

Cross section

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Seal surface

1.5







- Main pump: Three layers of NEG strips ST707 (arc)
 - Installed into an antechamber: provide effective pumping system
 - Activation by micro-heaters (sheath heaters) inserted between strips
 - Screens between pump and beam
 - Average pumping speed of 0.14 m³s⁻¹m⁻¹ for CO
- Auxiliary pump: Sputter ion pumps
 - Almost every 10 m, RF shield on the port
 - Official pumping speed of



Three-layer NEG strips



Installation



NEG pump in an antechamber (inside of ring)

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- Countermeasures against electron cloud effect (ECE)
 - ECE: A critical issue for the SuperKEKB positron ring (LER)

Summary of countermeasures for LER

L[%]

54

10

17

5

9

4

0.7

100

Based on various R&D results in KEKB and other institutes, various countermeasures were prepared. Magnetic field (solenoid)

Antechamber



Sections

Drift space (arc)

Steering mag.

Bending mag.

Wiggler mag.

Q & SX mag.

RF section

IR section

Total





Countermeasure

TiN coating + Grooved surface

TiN coating + Mag. field

TiN coating + Mag. field

(TiN coating +) Mag. Field

(TiN coating +) Mag. field

Clearing Electrode

TiN coating



Material

AI (arc)

AI

AI

Cu

Cu

Cu

AI (arc)

Clearing electrode





Grooved surface





3016 Expected average e⁻ density ~ 2×10¹⁰ e⁻ m⁻³

L [m]

1629

316

519

154

254

124

20

Less than the threshold estimated by simulations.



Upgrade work

- Upgrade to SuperKEKB finished in 2016.
 - It took approximately 6 yeas, including the removal of KEKB components



Present status in the SuperKEKB tunnel (arc section)



- Phase-3 operation (Physics run)
 - Collision experiment is continuing steadily.
 - No break even with COVID-19!



- Max. luminosity = 3.12×10^{34} cm⁻²s⁻¹
- We are working diligently to improve machine performance to achieve the goal luminosity, although it is very challenging.

History of peak luminosities so far in

Year

colliders around the world





- Vacuum scrubbing (d*P*/d*I* vs beam dose, η vs photon dose)
 - LER: η decreased to less than 1x10⁻⁶ molecules photon⁻¹, at a photon dose of 2.5x10²⁵ photons m⁻¹, here the pumping speed of 0.06 m³s⁻¹m⁻¹ is assumed.
 - HER: η is lower than that in LER. For arc section, where the beam pipes was reused, h decreased to less than 1x10⁻⁷ molecules photon⁻¹, at a photon dose of 3.7x10²⁵ photons m⁻¹. → Memory effect







- Non-linear behavior of pressure against beam current due to ECE was observed at a beam current of ~900 mA during Phase-1 (w/o magnetic fields).
 - EC \rightarrow Electron multipactoring \rightarrow Non-linear behavior of pressure
- TiN-coated beam pipes with antechambers at drift spaces were the source of EC.
 - Measured electron density is near to the threshold of the instability, ~3x10¹¹ e⁻ m⁻³.
- This ECE was cured by permanent magnets around beam pipes after Phase-2.
 - Magnetic field of ~50 G in the beam direction.
 - At present, any obvious signs of EC are not observed.



Magnetic fields inside of magnet units





- The ECE (vertical beam size blowup) was not observed until a line charge density of 0.4 mA bunch⁻¹ RF bucket⁻¹ with magnetic fields.
 - Beam pipes with antechamber and TiN coating were found to be effective to suppress EC compared to a round Cu beam pipe (KEKB type). [Line charge density of 0.04 → 0.2 mA bunch⁻¹ RF bucket⁻¹]
- However, the threshold of ECE w/o magnetic fields was lower than expected, although the δ_{max} of TiN coating seems low (1.2~1.0).
- The most plausible reason is that the irradiation of photons in the beam channel is stronger than expected due to the vertical spread or scattering of SR.
 - Photoelectrons is very important for the ECE in the real machine.



Beam losses accompanied by pressure bursts **© KEK**

- Beam aborts (losses) accompanied by local pressure bursts was frequently observed in especially LER during Phase-1.
 - In most cases, the bursts were observed near aluminum beam pipes in dipole magnets, with groove structure (a measure against ECE).
- A possible cause: Collision of "dusts" with circulating beams.
 - A "knocker" was set at a beam pipe in a bending magnet, where the burst had been observed frequently, and we could reproduce the phenomena by knocking it.
- As a countermeasure, we knocked most of beam pipes in bending magnets (with groove) around the ring before Phase-2.
 - The reduction of the frequency of bursts was observed after Phase-2.



Groove in the beam pipe







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Rapid heavy beam loss



- Recently, rapid (in 20~30 µs = 2 ~ 3 turns) heavy beam losses have been observed in (mostly) LER and HER.
 - Sometimes, it resulted in damage of collimator head and QCS (SCC final focus magnets) quench, and also damage of detectors.
 - No clear transvers oscillation has not been observed by BOR (Bunch Oscillation monitor)
- The cause has not been clarified yet.
 - Possible causes will be "dust event" and/or beam instability.
 - However, the beam loss is so fast, and simulations so far have not been able to explain the phenomena.
 - Preparation of more loss monitors around ring is planned to identify the origin points of these losses.
- An urgent issue to be solved to increase beam current further.



Typical records of BOR (Beam Oscillation Recorder)





- The SuperKEKB vacuum system has been working mostly well.
 - No abnormal temperature increase or vacuum pressure was observed for the new vacuum components up to beam currents around 1 A.
 - Vacuum scrubbing progressed steadily.
 - The effects of the antechambers and TiN coating against ECE were confirmed.
 - No clear indication of ECE has not been observed with permanent magnets.
 - Effect of photons hitting in the beam channel seems larger than expected.
 - Beam aborts (losses) accompanied by local pressure bursts have been frequently observed in the LER during Phase-1.
 - Knocking of beam pipes seems working to some extent after Phase-2.
 - Very rapid heavy beam losses are now frequently observed.
 - The analysis is ongoing.
 - Beam collimator has been working well for suppressing background.
 - Damage of head is now a serious problem. \rightarrow See Ishibashi's talk.
- We will continue the operation aiming at further higher luminosity by increasing beam currents and squeezing β_v^* . It is very challenging and exciting.
- The vacuum system must be monitored closely and carefully.





Thank you for your attention.





Backup



Beam collimator



- New collimators of 3 horizontal and 1 vertical type, and 7 horizontal and 3 vertical type have been installed in HER and LER, respectively.
 - 16 KEKB-type collimators have been installed in HER.
- These collimator is working well so far to suppress the background.
- Problems
 - Excitation of transvers mode coupling instability (TMCI) due to their high-beam impedance. (Narrower aperture than expected in the design phase.)

beam

- Damage of collimator head due to beam hitting.
- Details will be reported by T. Ishibashi (KEK) in other session.

Collimator jaw



Layout of collimators in MR

Examples of damages (Ta head)





- Basically, all beam pies are baked at 150°C for ~24 hours including NEG activation before installing them into the tunnel.
- Inside of LER beam pipes are coated with thin TiN to mitigate ECE.





NEG activation procedure

- NEG activation in the tunnel
 - Regions between gate valves in the tunnel were evacuated in series after installing beam pipes and bellows chambers
 - After rough pumping and He leak check, ion pumps were baked and NEG pumps are finally activated.
 - No baking of beam pipes in the tunnel
 - After NEG activation, average pressures of less than 1×10⁻⁷ Pa were obtained for most cases.





Residual gases



- Residual gases during the beam operation have been monitored with a quadrupole mass analyzer (QMA) at an arc section.
- The QMA is located just above a sputter ion pump.
 - The main gases are hydrogen (m/e = 2), carbon monoxide (m/e = 28), methane (m/e = 16), water (m/e = 18), and carbon dioxide (m/e = 44).
 - The high partial pressure of methane should be due to the pumping system using NEG as a main pump.
 - Because the beam pipes were not baked in the tunnel, water vapor still remains in the beam pipe.







 The main ring consists of 4.0 GeV positron ring (Low energy ring, LER) and 7.0 GeV electron ring (High energy ring, HER).

	LER (positron)	HER (electron)	Unit
Beam energy	4.0	7.0	GeV
Beam current	3.6	2.6	А
Circumference	3016		m
Number of bunches	2500 (I	Bunch interval =	1.2m)
Bunch current	1.44	1.06	mA
Bunch length	6.0	5.0	mm
$\varepsilon_{\rm x}/\varepsilon_{\rm y}$	3.2/8.64	4.6/11.5	nm/pm
$\beta_{\rm x}^{*}/\beta_{\rm y}^{*}$	32/0.27	25/0.3	mm
Crossing angle	83		mrad
Luminosity	8×10 ³⁵		cm ⁻² s ⁻¹
Bending radius (Arc)	74.68 (arc)	105.98 (arc)	m



Main parameters (vacuum)



	LER (positron)	HER (electron)	Unit
Material of new beam pipe	Al-alloy (arc) OFC (wiggler)	OFC (arc), OFC (wiggler)	
Cross section of new beam pipe	f90 + Antechambers	Racetrack (50×104) f50 + Antechambers	
Main pumps	NEG (strip)	NEG (strip + cartridge)	
Total Power of SR	1.1 (arc:2200 m) 6.3 (wiggler:300 m)	5.2 (arc: 2200 m) 1.1 (wiggler:100 m)	MW
Critical Energy of SR	1.9 (arc) 9.2 (wiggler)	7.2 (arc) 17 (wiggler)	keV
Max. SR power line density	2.6 (arc) 13 (wiggler)	7.7 (arc) 9 (wiggler)	kW m⁻¹
Avg. photon flux line density	~5.5×10 ¹⁸ (arc) ~4.7×10 ¹⁹ (wiggler)	~6.8×10 ¹⁸ (arc) ~1.3×10 ¹⁹ (wiggler)	photons s ⁻¹ m ⁻¹
Linear pumping speed	~0.1 (arc)	~0.06 (arc)	m ³ s ⁻¹ m ⁻¹
Ave. pressure with beam	~10 ⁻⁷		Ра
Ave. base pressure	~10 ⁻⁸		Pa



- Status of new vacuum components
 - Confirming the stability of the new vacuum components was a major subject for the Phase-1 beam commissioning.
 - No extra heating or abnormal pressure rise in these components was observed.
 - The temperature rises in the bellows chambers, gate valves and flanges are 2~4 °C at 1010 mA, for example.





Types and numbers of main new components



Types of beam pipes

Туре	HER	LER	Total
Q-type	86	421	507
B-type	24	152	176
S-type	100	415	515
T-type	19	14	33
Total	229	1002	1231

Types of NEG pumps

Туре	Length[mm]	LER	HER	Total
Type-1	700	21	9	30
Туре-2	1000	53	12	65
Туре-3	1300	60	18	78
Туре-4	1600	227	19	246
Type-5	1900	163	32	195
Туре-6	2200	389	30	419
Туре-7	2500	66	2	68
Туре-8	2800	6	2	8
Туре-9	3100	0	17	17
Total		985	141	1126



Types of bellows chambers

Туре	Material	Total
Bell_104x50-Cu	Cu	42
Bell_122x50-Al	AI	4
Bell_60x40	Al, Cu	19
Bell_f50x190-Ar	Cu	35
Bell_f80-Cu	Cu	31
Bell_f80x220-Ar	Cu	84
Bell_f90	Al, Cu, Al-Cu	19
Bell_f90x220	Al, Cu, Al-Cu	991
Bell_f90x220H24-AI_E	AI	16
Total		1241