Update on Short Pulse Studies for the APS

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Update on Short Pulse Production

- The RF, Accelerator Physics, and Accelerator Operations Groups have been continuing their investigations into the production of short (~1 ps) pulses at the APS.
- One of the main points being looked into has been the comparison between a room temperature (warm) pulsed rf deflection system and a superconducting (cold) continuously operating rf deflecting system.
- The latest findings from these groups were reported to APS management last week and will be summarized here.

Performance Differences

- A cold system would chirp all the pulses between the two installed cavities (all pulses all the time).
- A warm system would necessarily have to be a pulsed system.
 - Rise/fall time <1 microsecond
 - Maximum pulse length 5 microseconds
 - 1 kHz repetition rate

Hardware Availability

- We are looking at an 8th harmonic system (2.82 GHz)
- Cold
 - Closest:

2.856 GHz (2.82 GHz) P_{ave}= 40 kW for 100 mA op (50 kW)

- Warm
 - Between 5 to 10 MW pulsed at 2815 MHz (8×351.93 MHz)
 - No "off the shelf" klystron to buy
 - Closest:

2.856 GHz (2.82 GHz)
5 MW Peak (5 MW)
16.3 μsec pulse (ok)

P_{ave}=32 kW (25 kW) 400 Hz rep rate (1000 Hz)

Pluses and Minuses

- A cold system:
 - Eats up more straight section (extended straights?)
 - Cost would be higher
 - Timeline estimated to be the same as warm (within 1/2 year)
 - Overall better compatibility with normal operations
 - Less susceptible to phase noise
- A warm system:
 - Some development work on klystron required
 - Transients always more difficult to "handle" than cw systems
 - Would be limited to a (few?) kilohertz rep rate

Summarizing All the Issues



Moving On - What's Next?

- Continued refinement of the x-ray compression optics to improve throughput, focal spot-size, etc.
- Ray-tracings of beam through front end and beamline components need to be done.
- We see the *cold option as the preferred choice*, but will continue interactions/discussions with APS user community to determine which system simultaneously meets the needs of the time-resolved experimenters and the overall goals of the APS.