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# *Construction and Installation of a 300kW Solid State Power Amplifier for Taiwan Photo Source*

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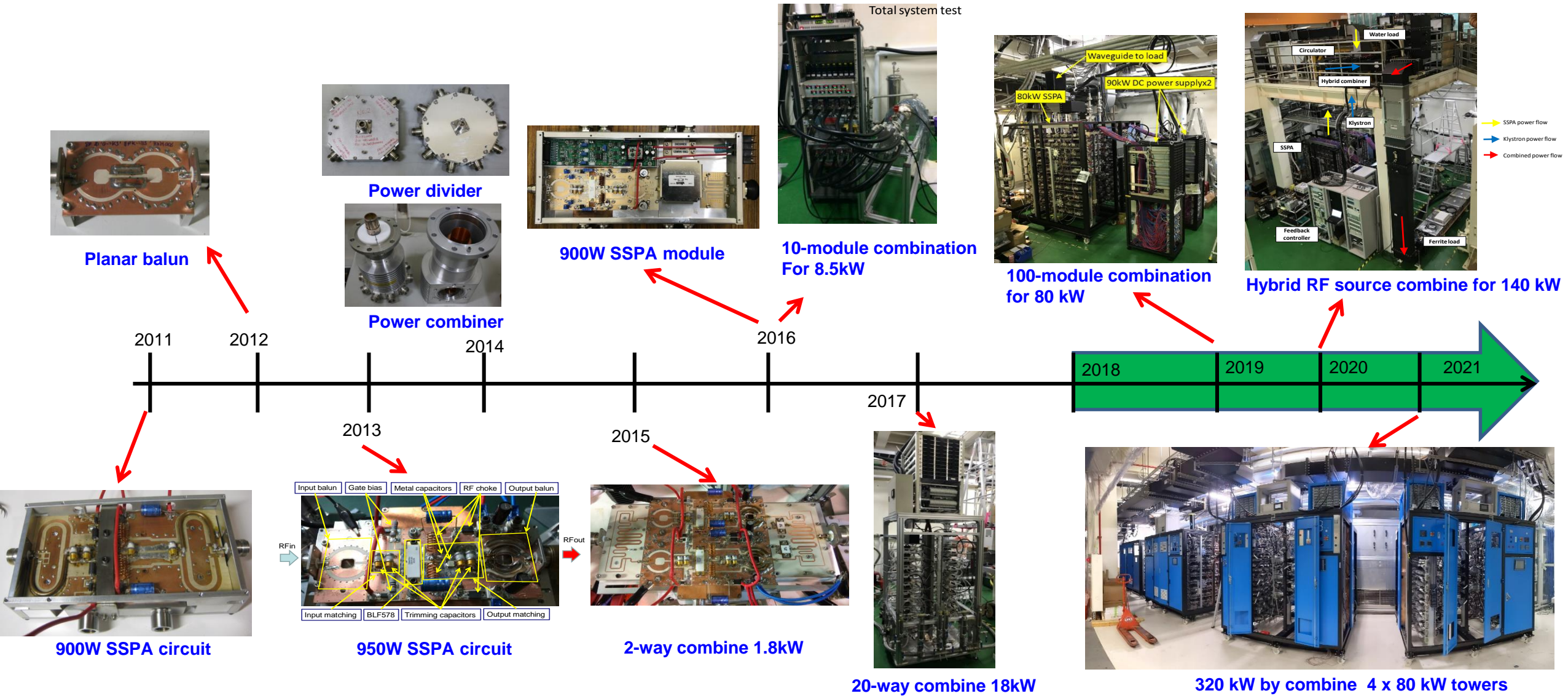


# Outline

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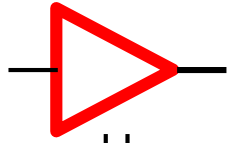
- **Introduction**
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- **SSPA and klystron power combine**
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- **Long-term Reliability Test**
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# The developing progress of SSPA technique

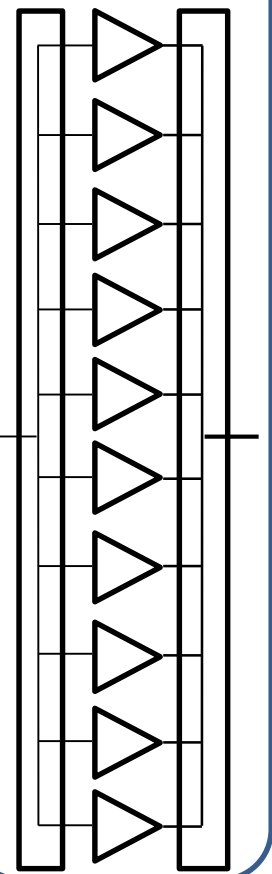


# NSRRC home made 80kW SSPA at laboratory (2018~2019)

8.5kW

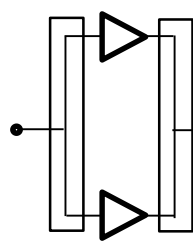


0.9kW x 10



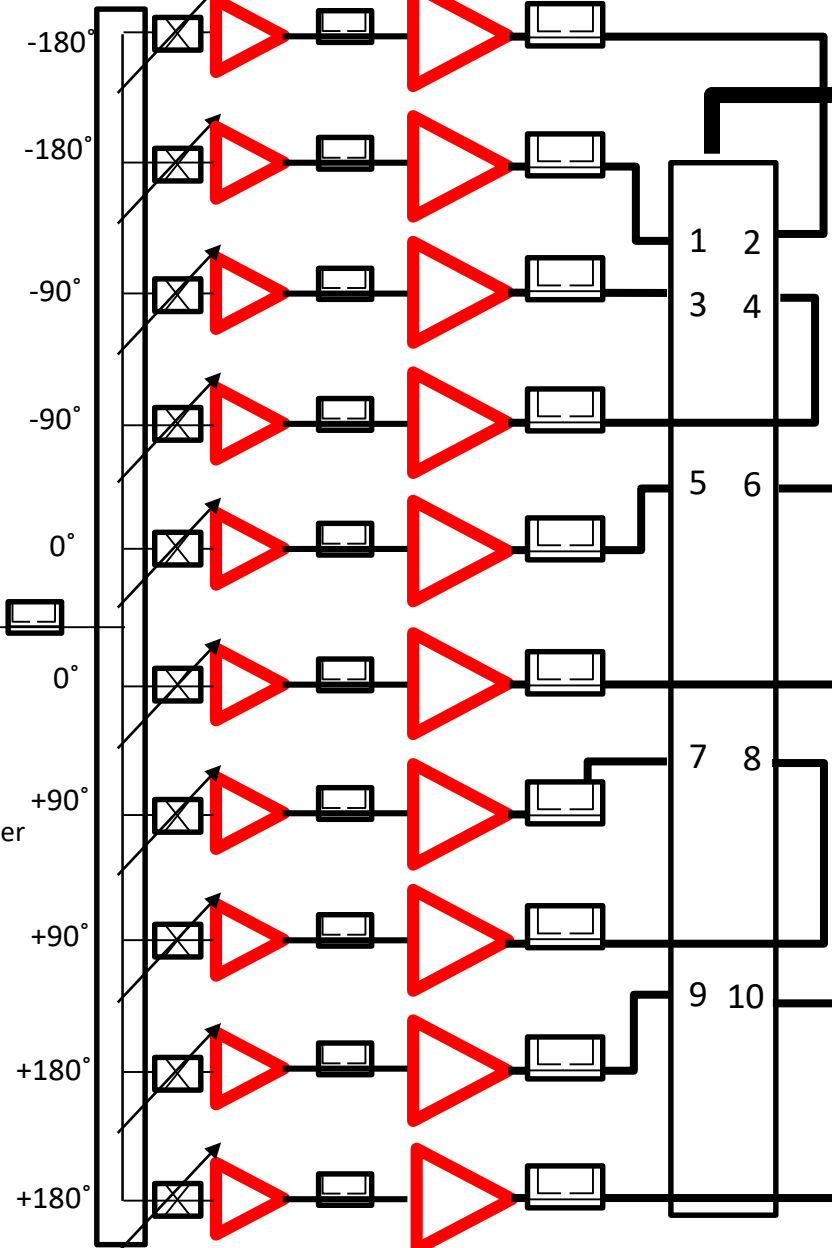
For better redundancy in pre-amplifier

100W x 2



2-way N to N divider      2-way N to N combiner

10-way N to N coaxial divider      600W      8.5kW x 10



80kW

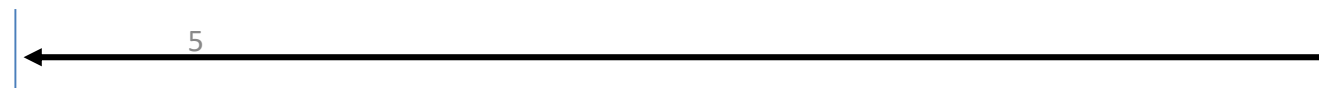
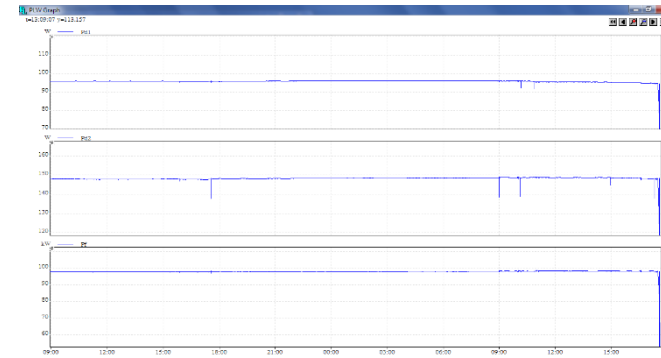


completed assembly before high power test.

**Total modules: 100+10+2  
20 modules with analog module included.**

# Long-term Test at Full Power on 80kW Set

- Target: continuous operation at full power for weeks with no trip event.
- Full RF Power test ( 3 times )
  - 1<sup>st</sup> test 2019.04.23-05.08: 15 days (1 module fault)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> test 2019.05.29-06.12: 15 days(2 module faults)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> test 2019.06.13-06.17: 5 days (no module fault)
- There was no trip event due to any module abnormality, as the expected advantage of SSPA.



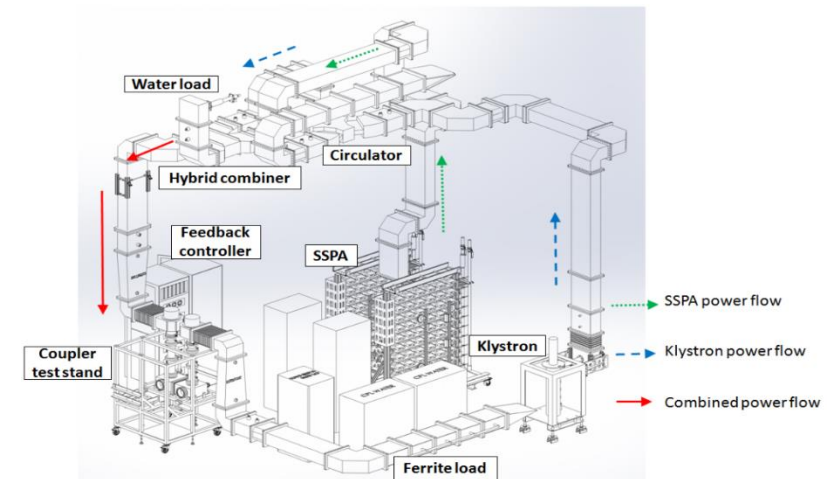
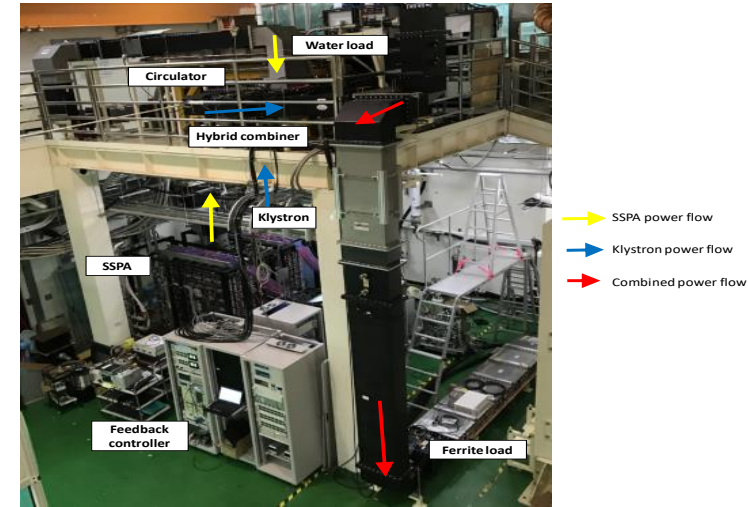
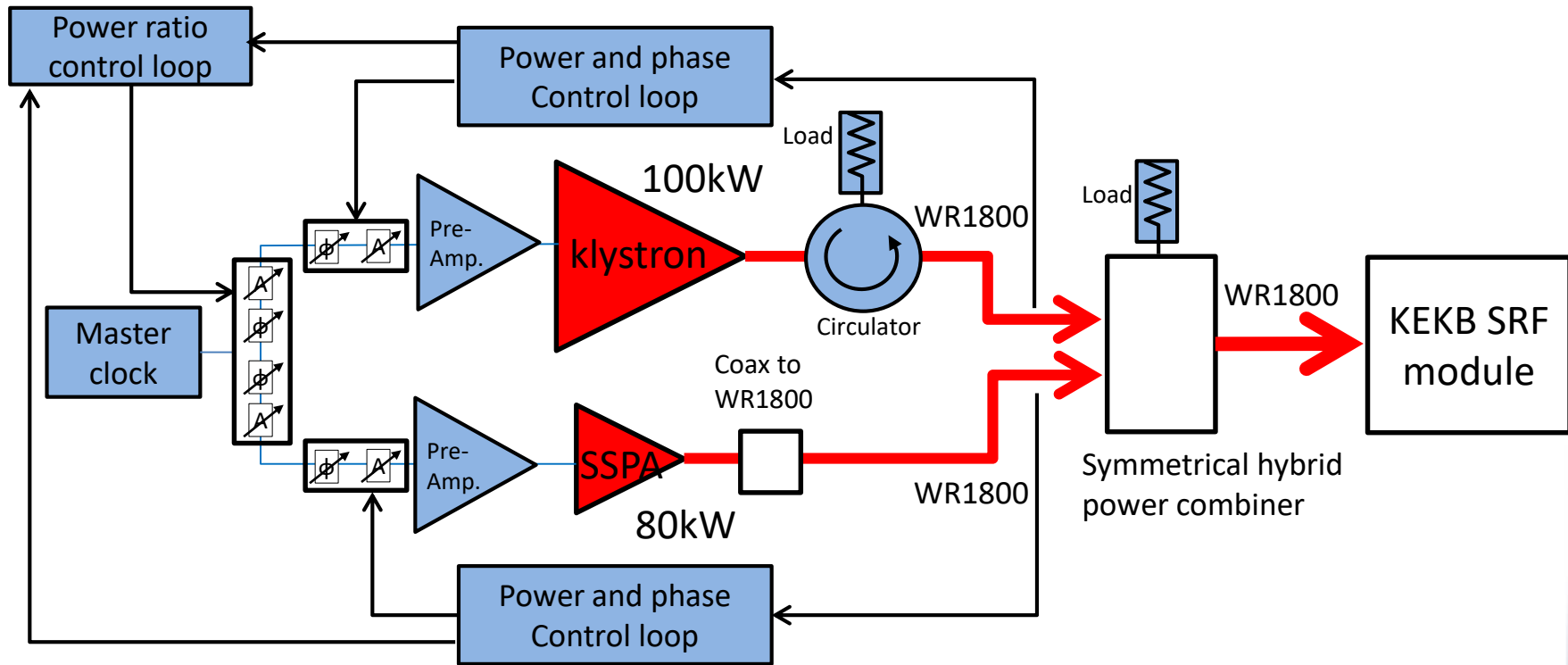
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15 days continuous run without trip

2019.5.8 17:30

# Hybrid Combination with SSPA and klystron

- The 80kW SSPA was combined to a 100-kW klystron
- High-power test on the SRF module of the 3<sup>rd</sup> RF plant.



- Observe Pr of each power source & Pf<sub>total</sub> to see if the power is balance

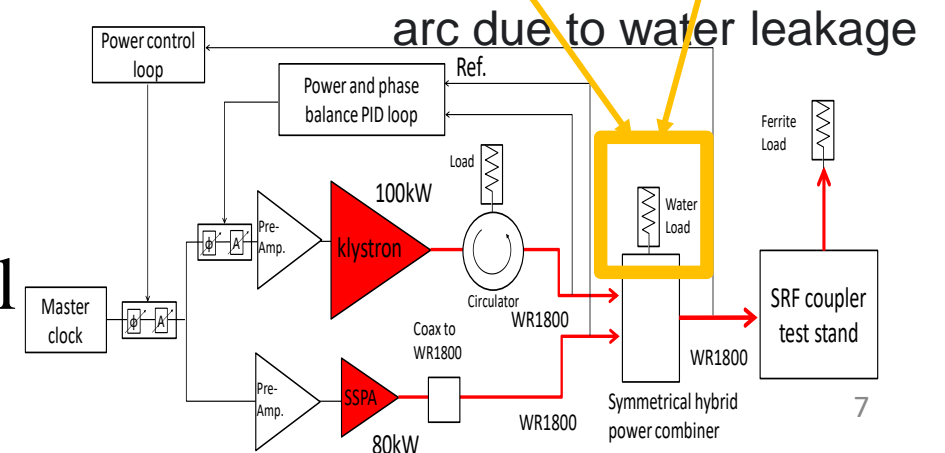
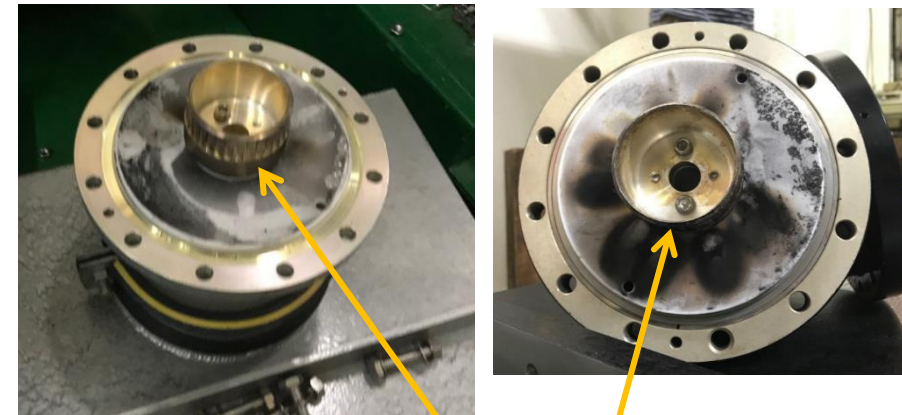
# Serious Damage

- (1) RF power up to 120kW → no trouble
- (2) RF power up to 140kW → water load crash

## Damaged modules:

- After water load crash event: (water leakage)
  - 13 modules were repaired
- After CPL aging:
  - 22(No DC current)+2(current low)=24 modules.

✓ Most arc happen due to non-proper IC model  
(BLF578XR(low efficiency) → BLF578)



# Cause of issue

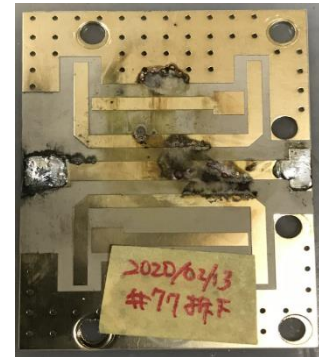
- Damage Devices

Reason	SSPA module				
	IC-BLF578	1000W-Circulator	1200W-RF Load	RF Circuit Board	analog Circuit
ARC (Reflection Power)	★	★		★	★
CPL aging	★	★	★		
Operation RF Power	★	★		★	★

circulator



RF Circuit Board



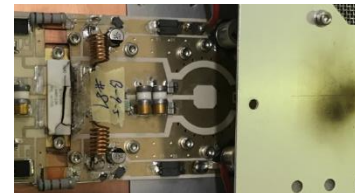
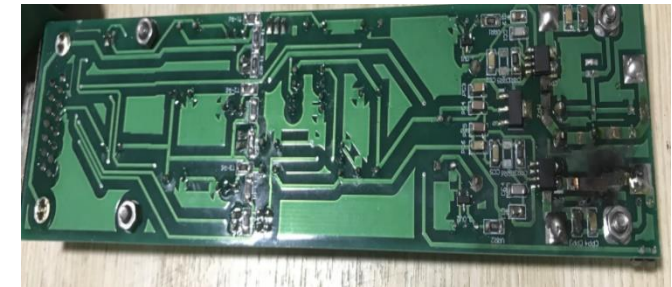
BLF 578XR



RF Load



Analog Circuit





# Project (5y) 2018~2022

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- To build the 3rd Superconducting RF plant at TPS.

We Need ~

(1).LLRF system

(2).SRF Module (KEKB-type) + electronic system (home made)

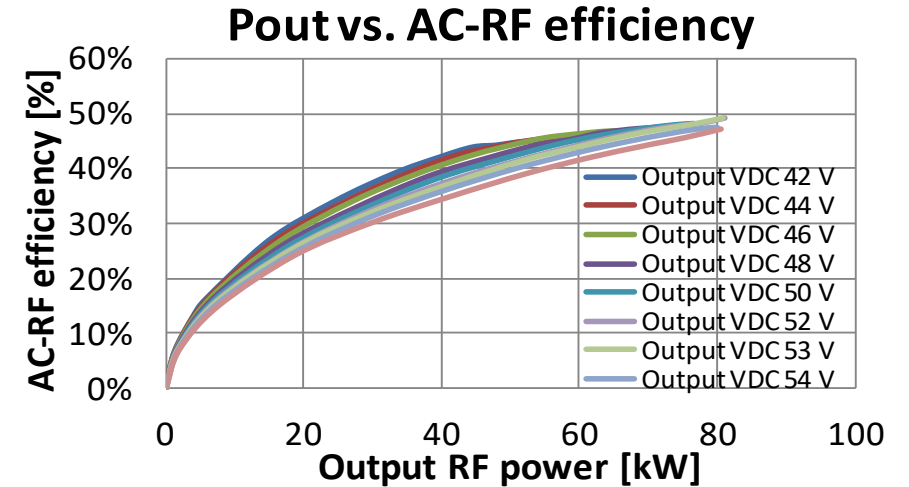
(2).Cryogenic transfer system + Valve box + cryogenic electronics

**(4).RF Power + RF loads + circulator +waveguide**

(5).Utility support. (Air, Cooling Water, AC-Power.....)

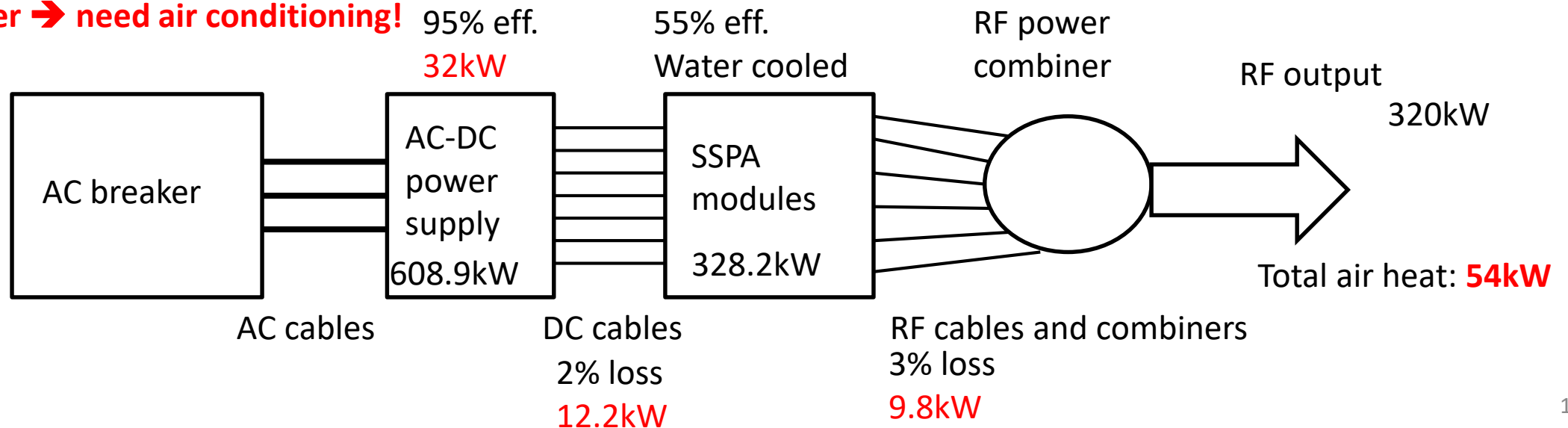
# Estimation: 320kW efficiency

- The possible loss in SSPA system
  - AC-DC efficiency: 90%
  - DC power loss at wires: 3.5%
  - DC-RF efficiency: 55-60% (BLF578XR has lower efficiency)
  - RF cable efficiency: 98.2% (-0.05dB/m)
  - RF combiner efficiency: 98.7%
  - Theoretical efficiency: 45.7%-50%
  - The best AC-RF efficiency to obtain: **49.5%**



Estimation of the heat of 320kW SSPA to air:

**A Big warmer → need air conditioning!**



# Improve and upgrade SSPA System

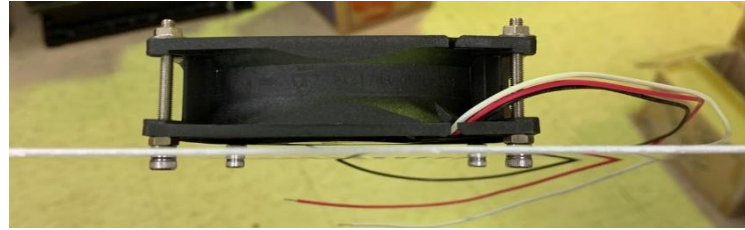
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- (1). Product standard operating procedure (S.O.P) -> similar RF Power for each module
- (2). Choose the **high-Efficiency** IC: BLF578XR -> BLF578
- (3). **Simplify** the assembly of analog modules into SSPA
- (4). Mount the DC-Power Supply on support top (to reduce the wire-loss)
- (5). Using **communication interface** for data capture and operation  
Operation interface <-> Raspberry <-> CAN BUS <- Power Supply(Vdc)  
Raspberry <-> local PLC <->Data(analog-SSPA) and interlock
- (6). Redundant **pre-amplifier , SSPA module**
- (7). More powerful **air conditioning**
- (8). **Noise** reduction
- (9). Add **power balance** device

# Simplify the assembly of analog modules into SSPA

- (1).Vdc current/voltage
- (2).Temp(balun-IC-Load)
- (3).Fan frequency

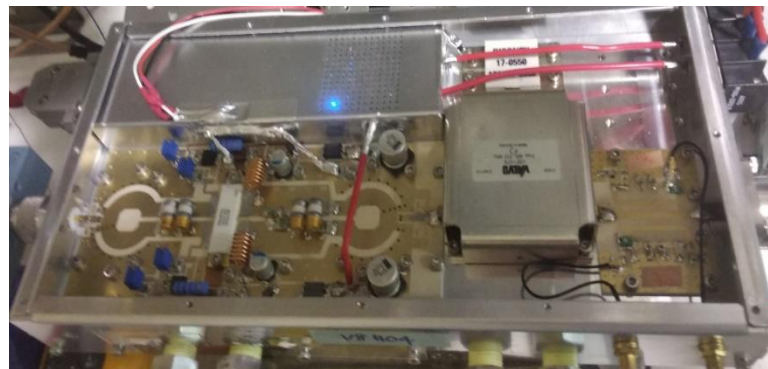
Need Shielding (EMI)



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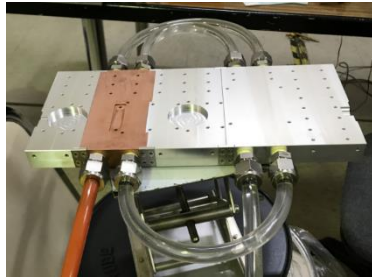
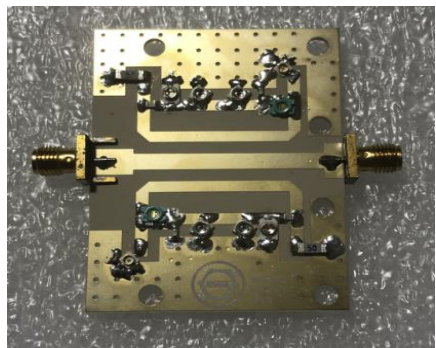


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# SSPA circuit assembly

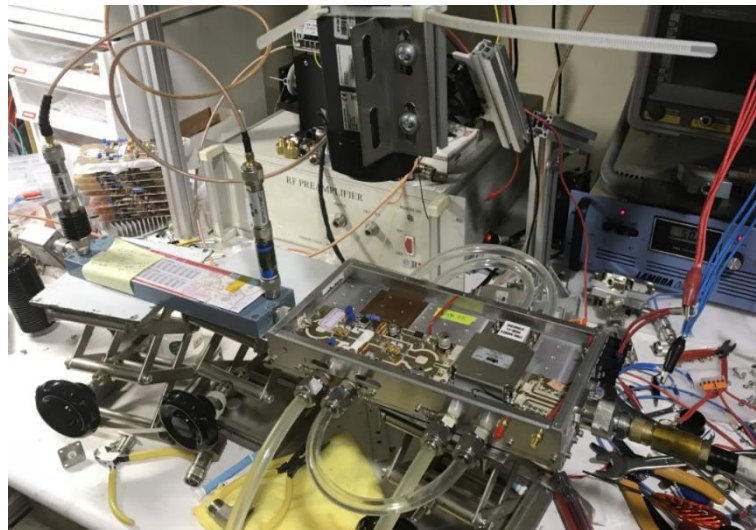
BLF578-Circuit Board



Water Cooling



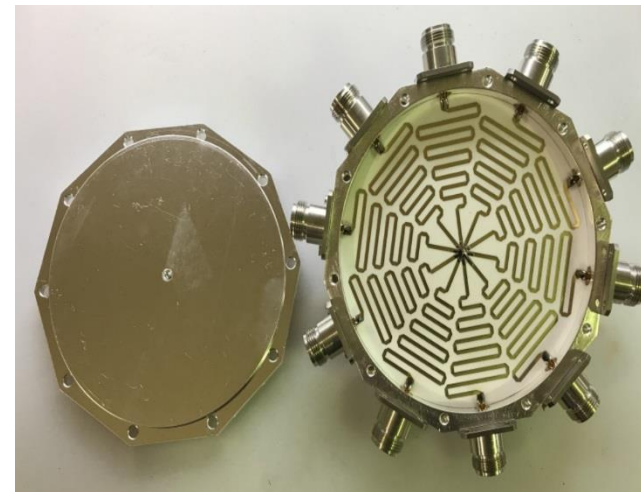
Lab Test Area



10kW 7/16" to 3-1/8"  
10-way power combiner



11 way-Power Divider



Analog module



- (1).DC current/voltage
- (2).Temp(balun-IC-Load)
- (3).Fan frequency

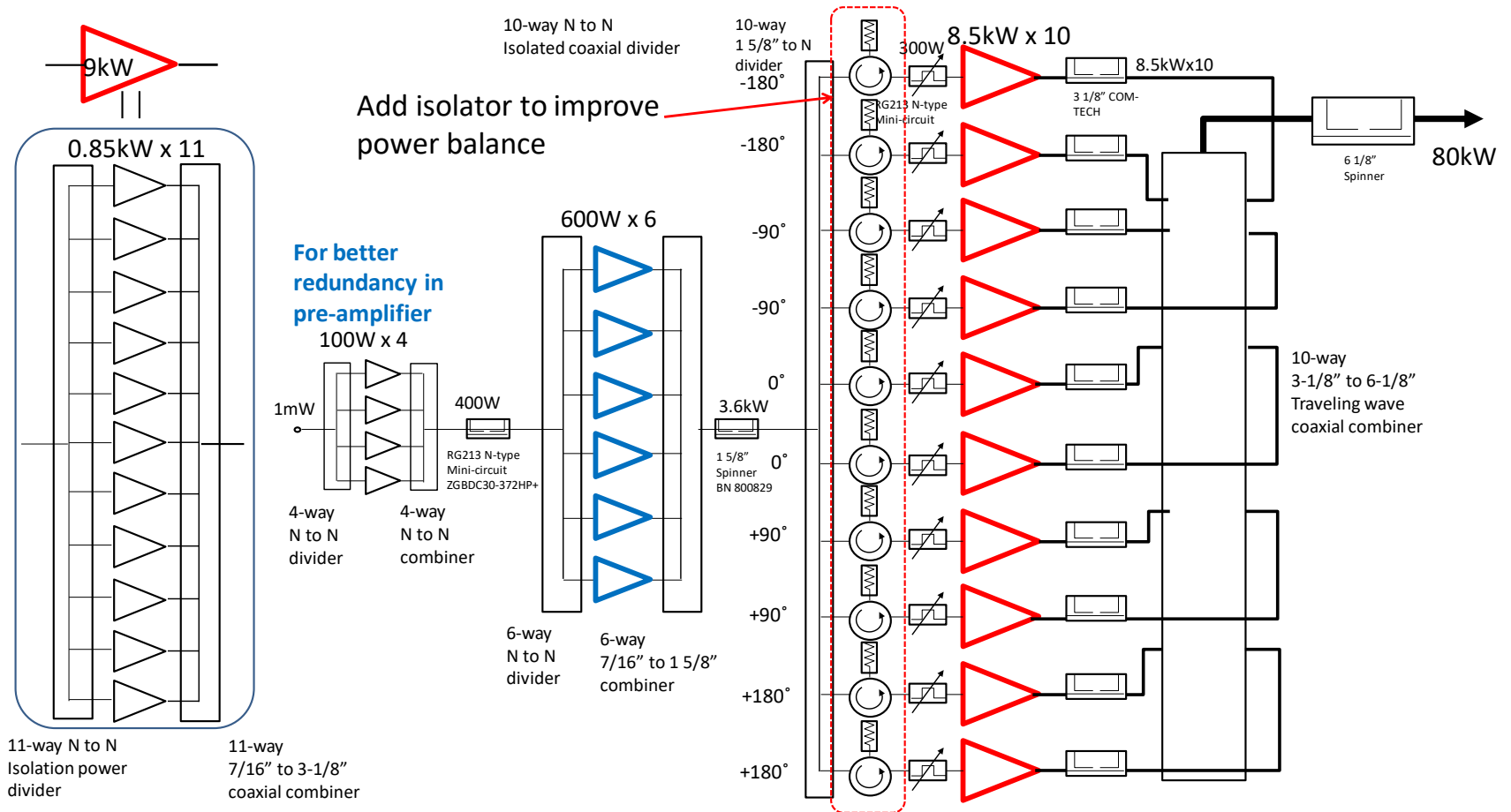
Phase shifter



# Single 80kW SSPA Tower design

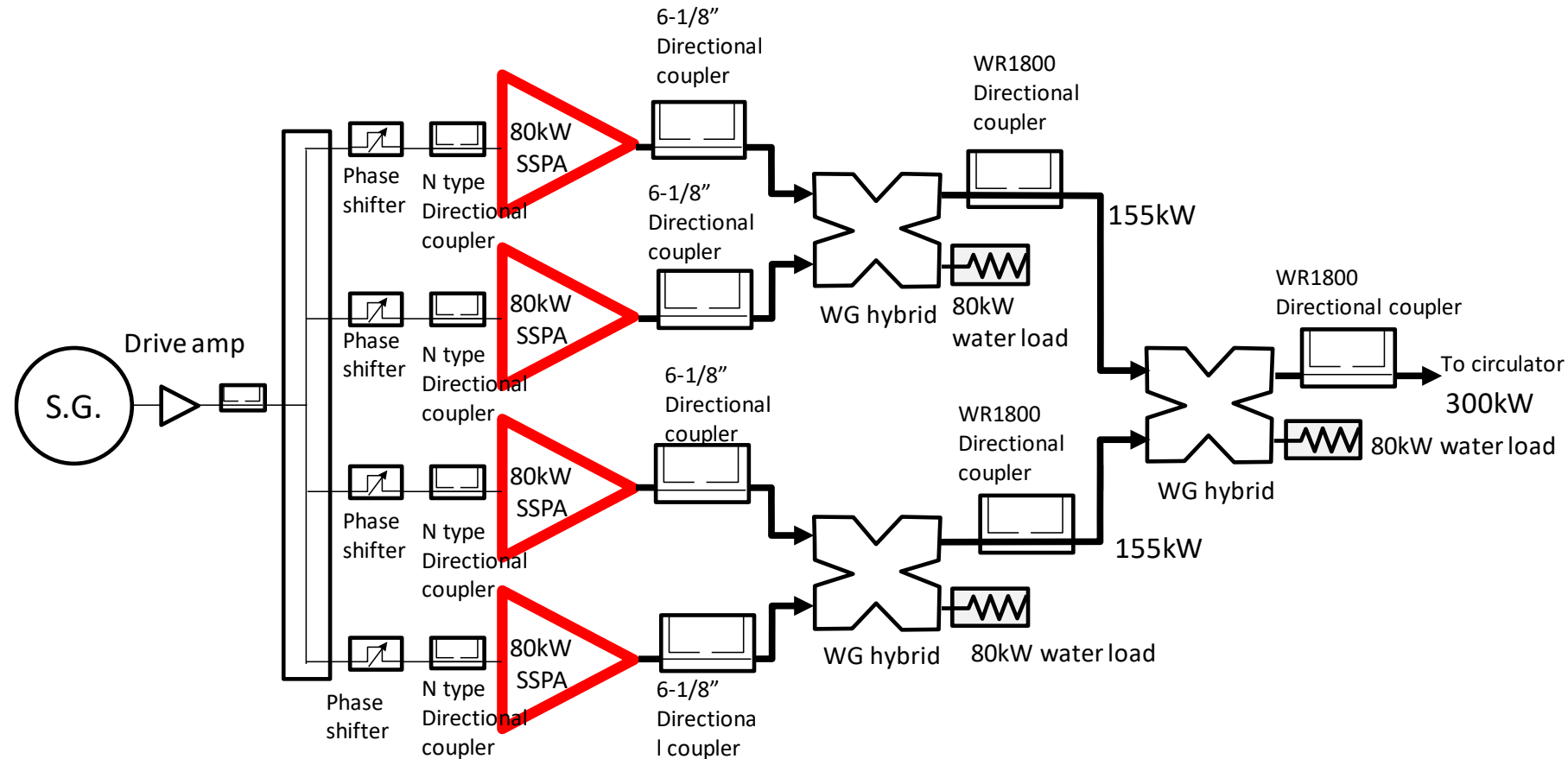
- Frequency: 499.65 MHz
- Power rating:  $\geq 80$  kW
- Bandwidth:  $\geq \pm 1$  MHz
- Power gain:  $\geq 80$  dB
- Side band noise:  $\leq 65$  dBc
- Harmonic:  $\leq 40$  dBc
- Elements:

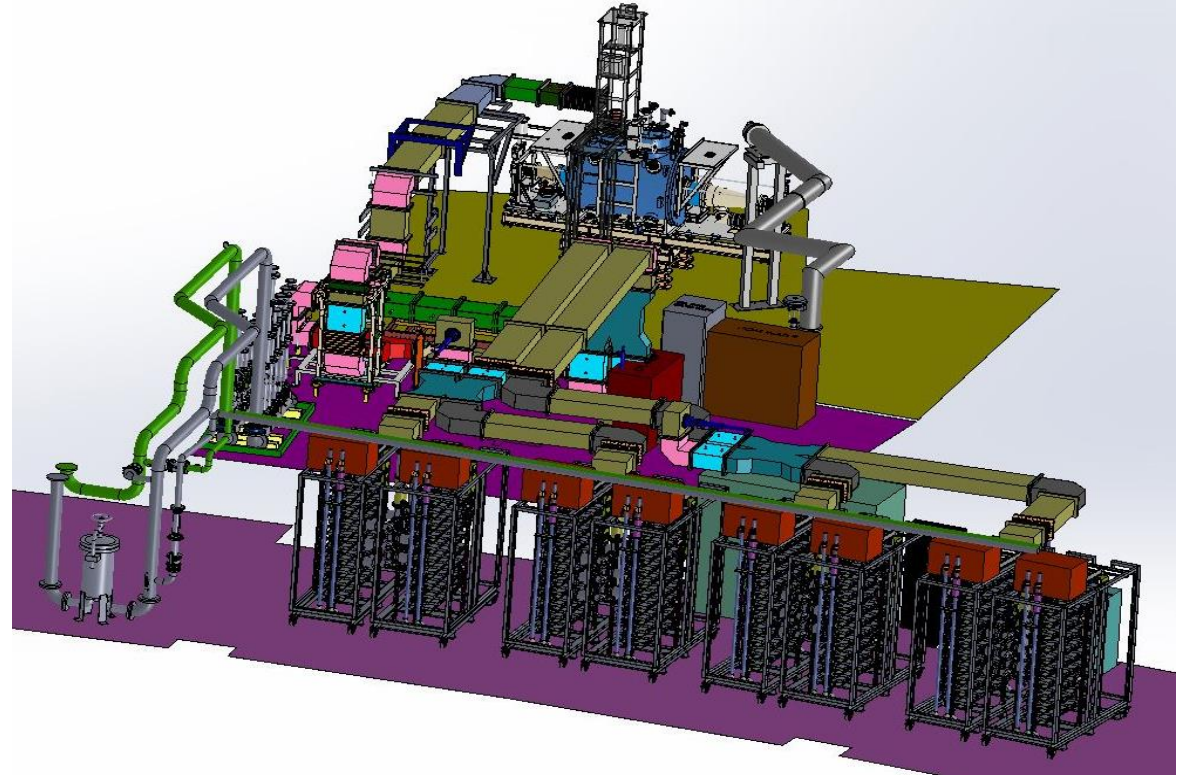
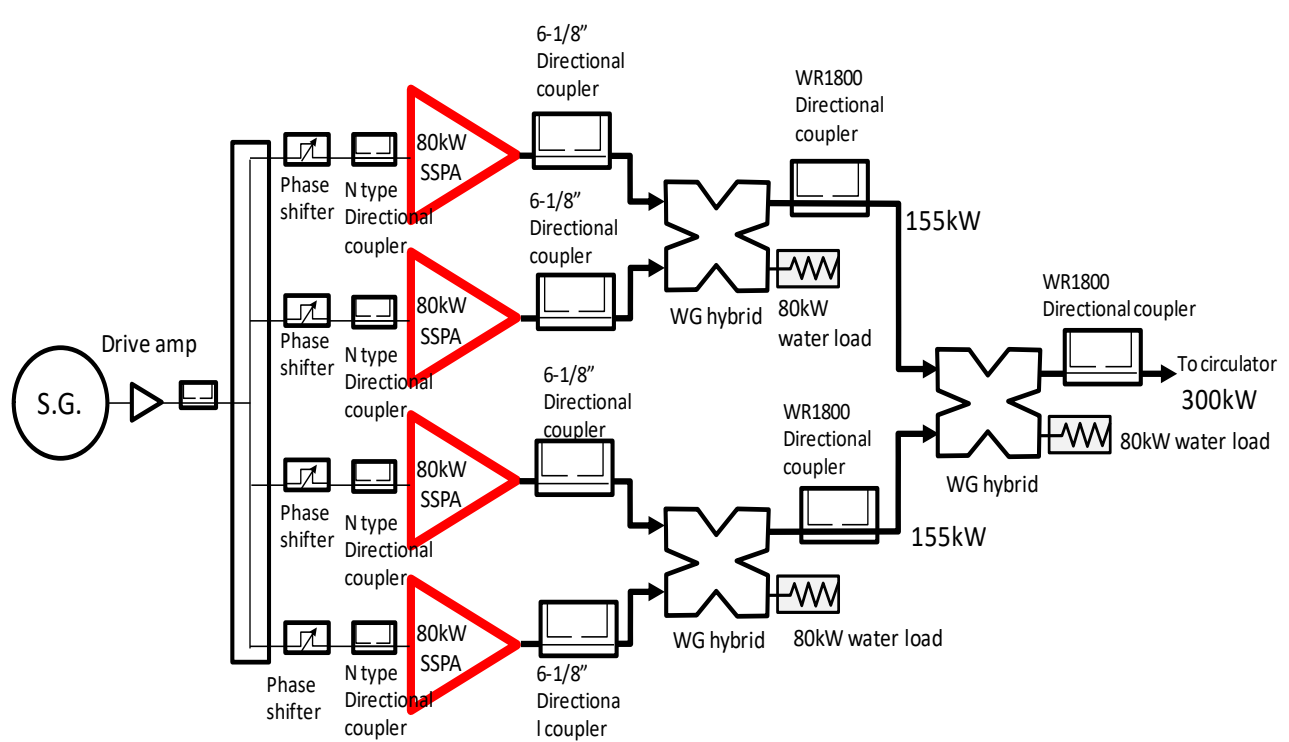
- 100 W pre-amplifier x4
- 600 W drive amplifiers x6
- 880 W amplifiers x110
- 4-way divider/combiner (400 W) x2
- 6-way combiner (3.6 kW) x1
- 10-way divider (3.6 kW) x1
- 11-way divider (300 W) x10
- 11-way combiner (8.5 kW) x10
- 10-way combiner (80 kW) x1



# 500MHz RF power 300 kW SSPA System Design

- Frequency: 499.65 MHz
- Power rating:  $\geq 300$  kW
- Bandwidth:  $\geq \pm 1$  MHz
- Power gain:  $\geq 75$  dB
- Side band noise:  $\leq 65$  dBc
- Harmonic:  $\leq 40$  dBc







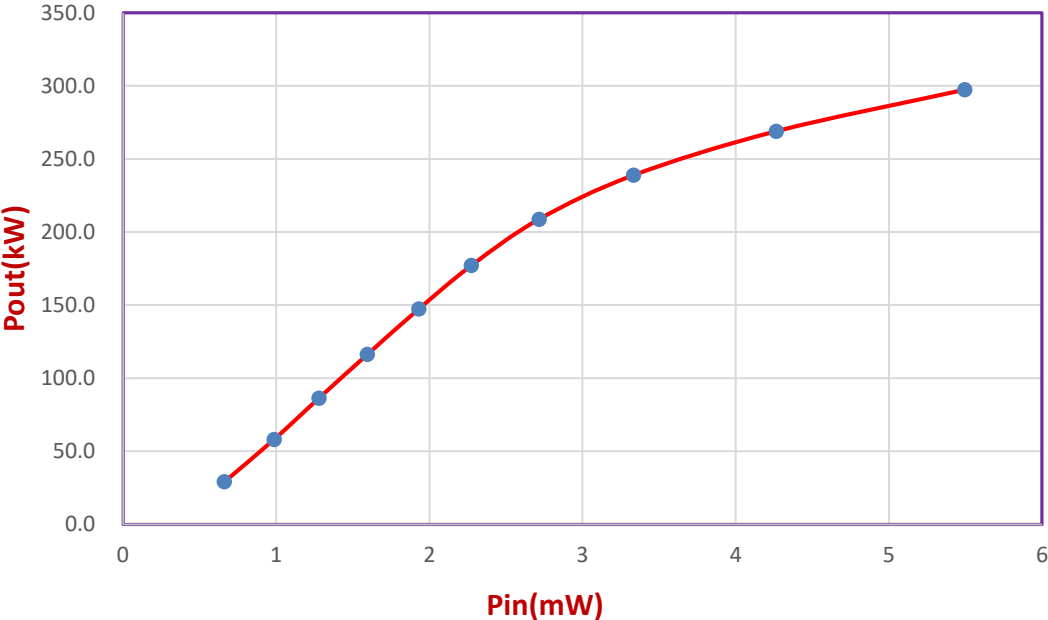
# Long-term Reliability Test

Cryogenic System:

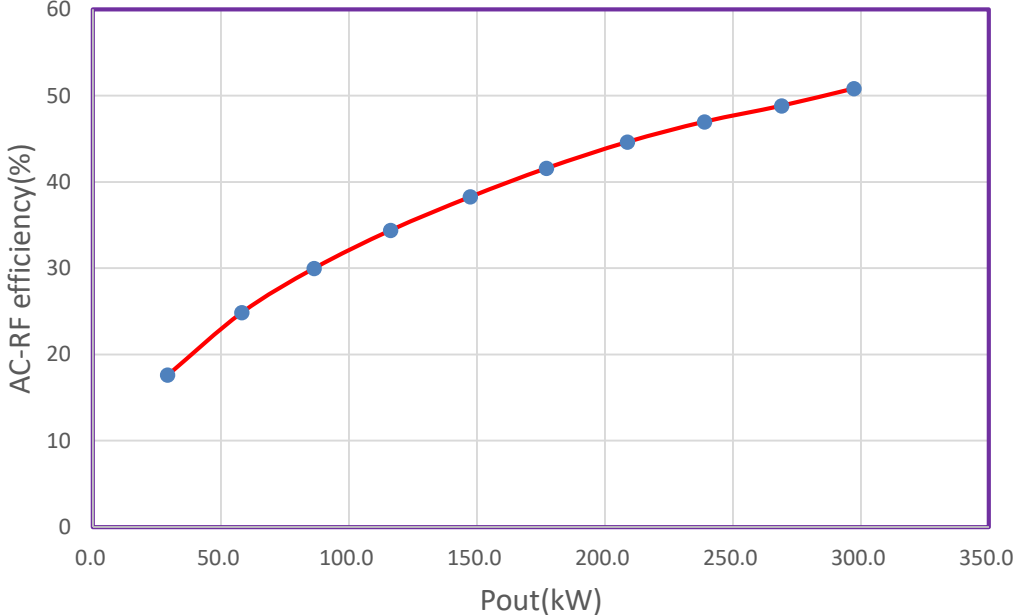
**Refrigeration Capacity decreased**

- (1).3<sup>rd</sup>SRF Off-line
- (2).SSPA Only, for long time test
- (3). 3 SSPA modules were repaired (to August 2022)

SSPA Pin vs Pout (48V)



SSPA AC to RF efficiency(48V)



# Conclusion

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What must do:

- (1).Reduction on module damage rate during CPL aging
- (2).Reduce acoustic noise.
- (3).Higher operation stability and reliability
- (4).Greater energy efficiency
- (5).**Keep working hard**

**Thanks for your attention**