



RF power system IOTs & challenges

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HL-LHC Collaboration Meeting Vancouver, Canada, 25-28 September 2023

The 13th HL-LHC Collaboration Meeting, jointly organized by TRIUMF and CERN, will take place in Vancouver, Canada, from 25th to 28th September 2023, as an in-person meeting.

Based on the traditional programme with plenary and work package parallel sessions, this meeting will serve as a technical update forum for the 7th Cost and Schedule Review planned at CERN in November 2023, the kick-off

of the Canadian contribution to the production of the Crab Cavity cryomodules and provide the framework for additional collaborative meetings between the project partners.

The main objectives will be to update all HiLumi collaborators on the advancement of the series production of components for the project, to showcase the status of the IT String test stand installation at CERN and to update all collaborators on the latest schedule changes.

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RF system

HPRF

High Power RF station (including power transmission lines)

FPC

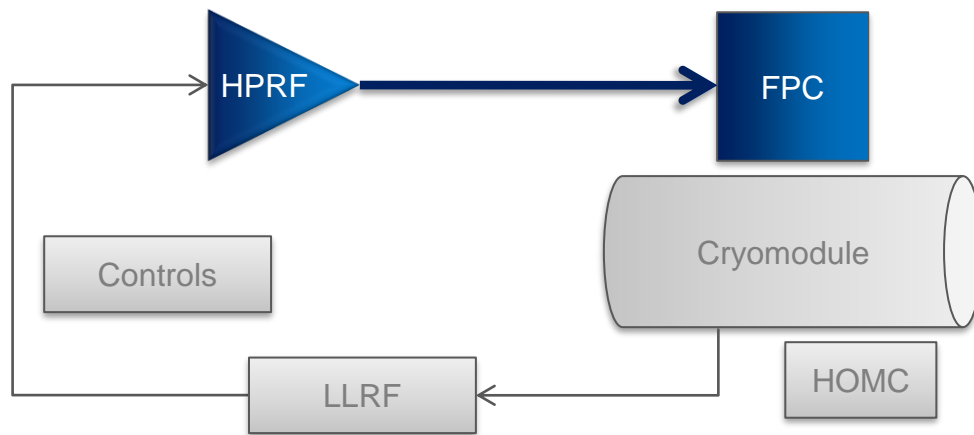
Fundamental Power Coupler

HOMC

High Order Mode Coupler

LLRF

Low Level RF



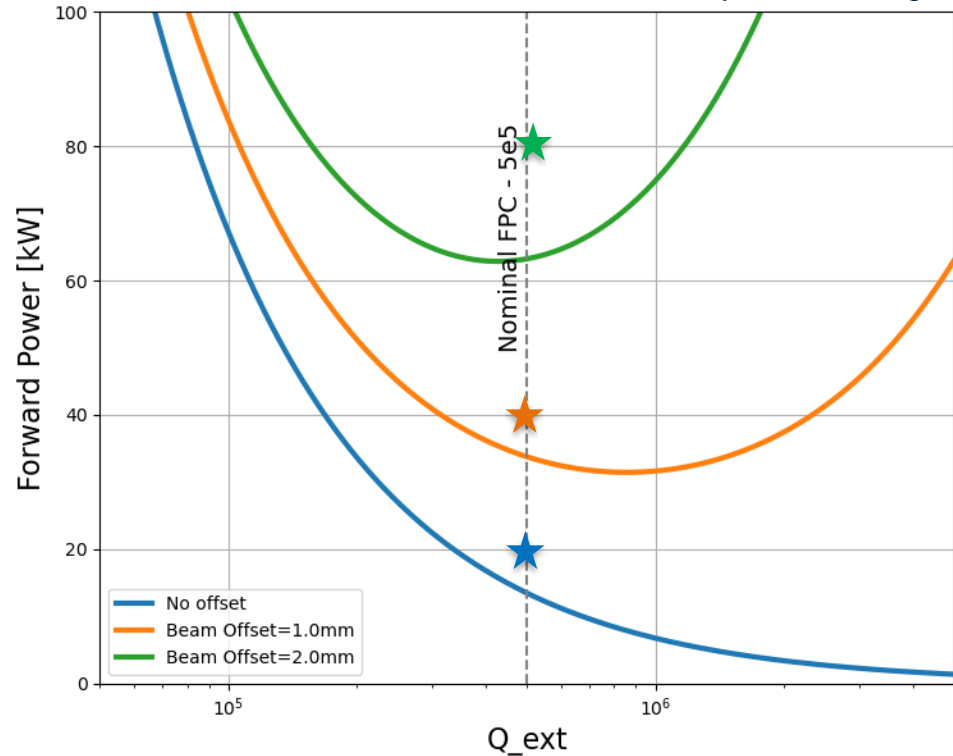
HPRF stations Technical Specification

With a no offset beam, HPRF will have to provide 20 kW

HPRF has been defined such to deliver up to **40 kW**, about 1 mm+ offset

In case of a too large offset, HPRF must provide up to **80 kW** during almost 1 ms, allowing for a clean beam dump

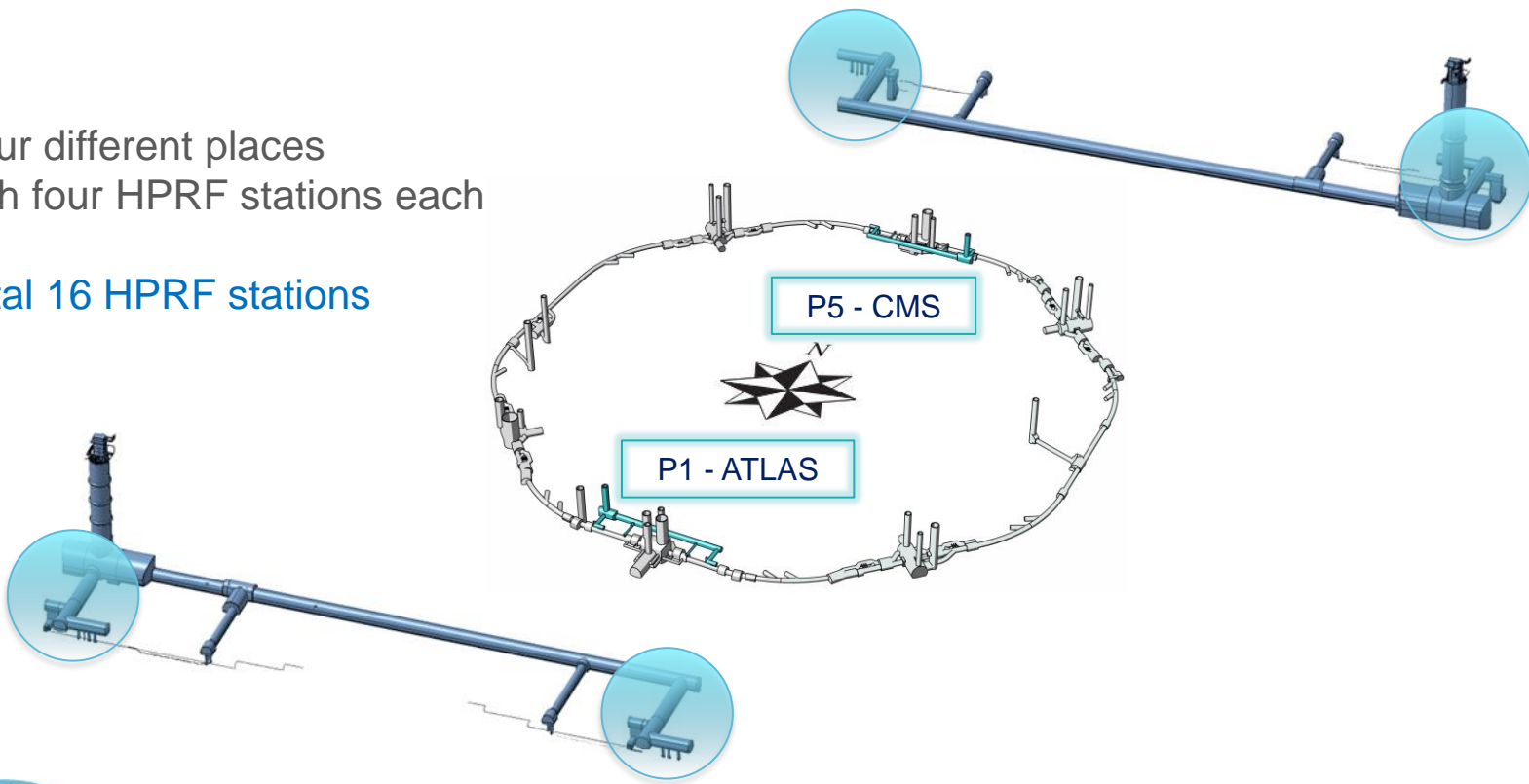
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Integration of the HPRF in the galleries

Four different places
with four HPRF stations each

Total 16 HPRF stations

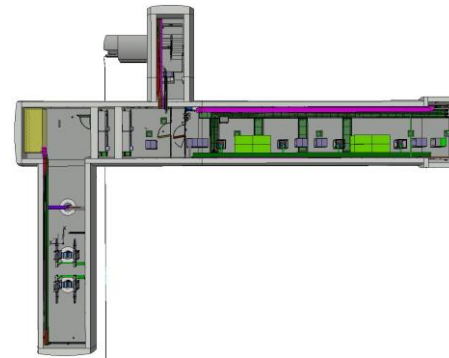
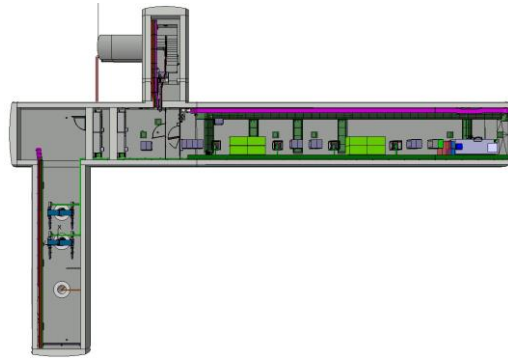


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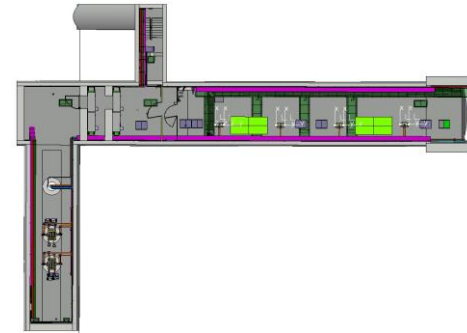
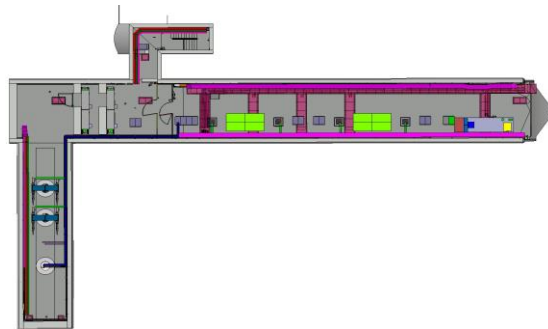
Left side

Right side

Point 1



Point 5



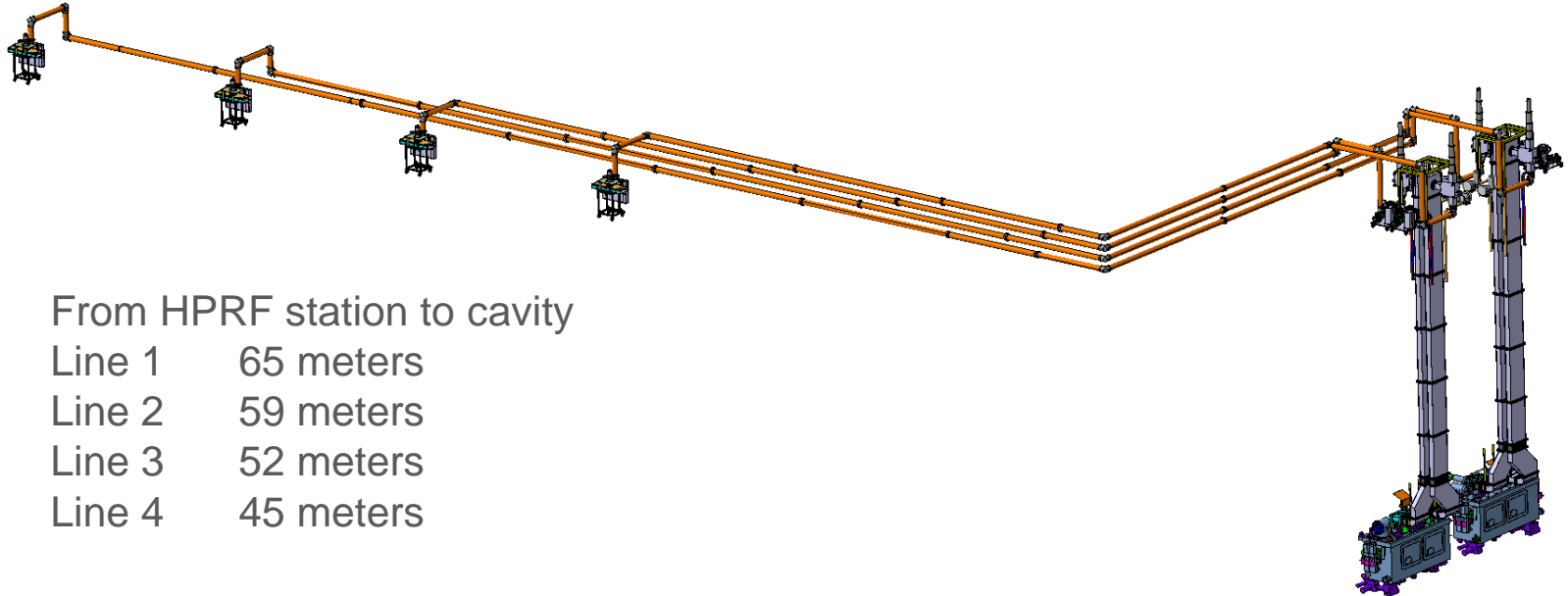
Integration of the HPRF in the galleries

Volume $L \times l \times h$

each HPRF station must be
maximum $2 \times 2 \times 2$ meters all inclusive

In a gallery so no possibility to increase the size

Integration of the HPRF in the galleries



From HPRF station to cavity

Line 1 65 meters

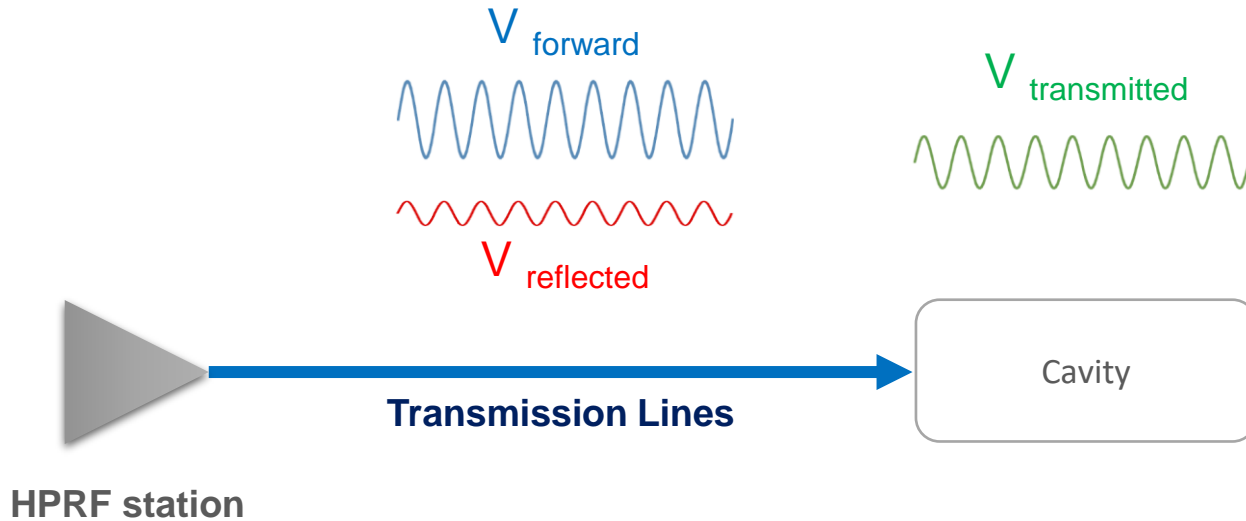
Line 2 59 meters

Line 3 52 meters

Line 4 45 meters

Almost the same for all four points

Mismatch



Reflection from cavity

Standing Wave Ratio SWR is a measure of impedance matching of the cavity

A wave is partly reflected when a transmission line is terminated with other than a pure resistance equal to its characteristic impedance

The reflection coefficient is defined by

$$\Gamma = \frac{V_r}{V_f}$$

$$\Gamma = -1$$

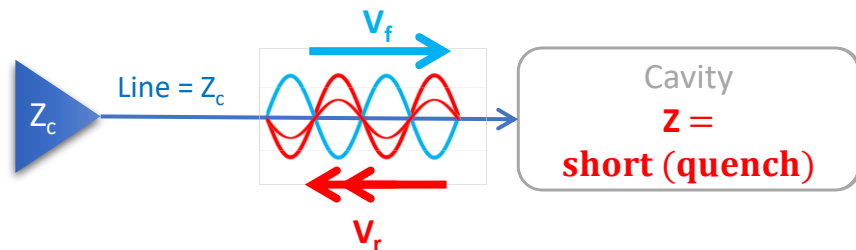
when the line is short-circuited
complete negative reflection

$$\Gamma = 0$$

when the line is perfectly matched, no
reflection

$$\Gamma = 1$$

when the line is open-circuited
complete positive reflection



Reflection from cavity

At some points along the line the forward and reflected waves are exactly in phase

$$|V_{max}| = |V_f| + |V_r| = |V_f| + |\Gamma V_f| = (1 + |\Gamma|) |V_f|$$

full reflection

$$|V_{max}| = 2 |V_f|$$

At other points they are 180° out of phase

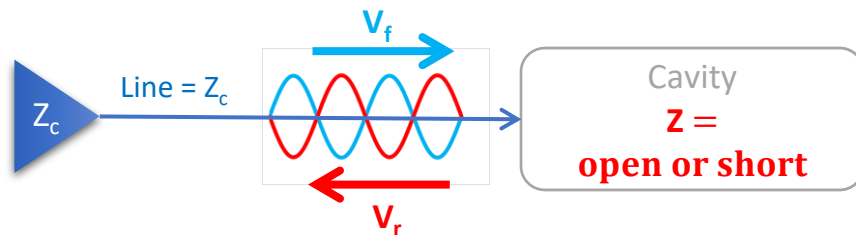
$$|V_{min}| = |V_f| - |V_r| = |V_f| - |\Gamma V_f| = (1 - |\Gamma|) |V_f|$$

full reflection

$$|V_{min}| = 0$$

The Voltage Standing Wave Ratio is equal to

$$VSWR = \frac{|V_{max}|}{|V_{min}|} = \frac{1 + |\Gamma|}{1 - |\Gamma|}$$



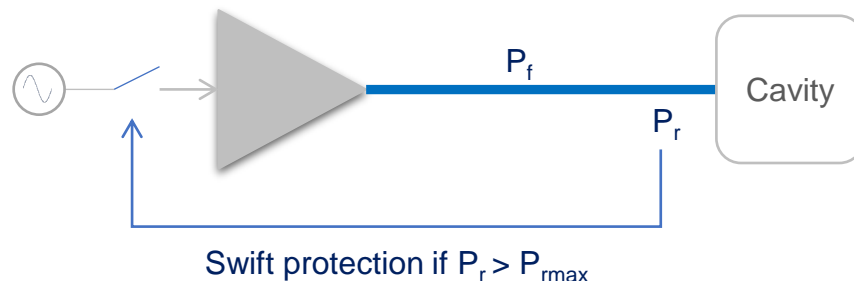
Full reflection

In case of full reflection $V_{\max} = 2 V_f$
(Pmax equivalent to 4 P_f)

RF power amplifiers based on Klystron and SSPA will not like this reflected wave

If correctly designed, Grid tube and IOT can sustain it

Swift protection if $P_r > P_{r\max}$, but then the system is **NOT operational** (not always possible)



Circulator

The circulator helps the system to remain operational and to protect our lines and our amplifiers from the reflected power

It is a passive non-reciprocal three-port device

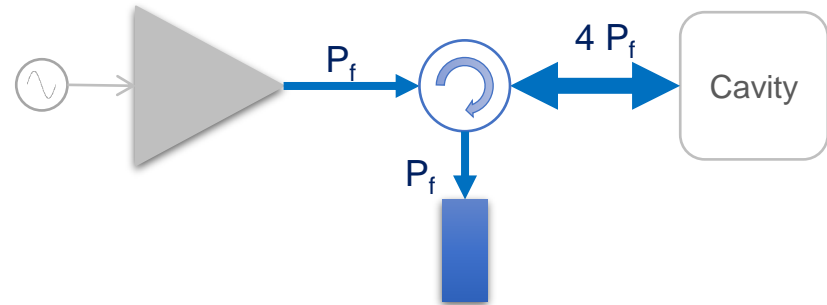
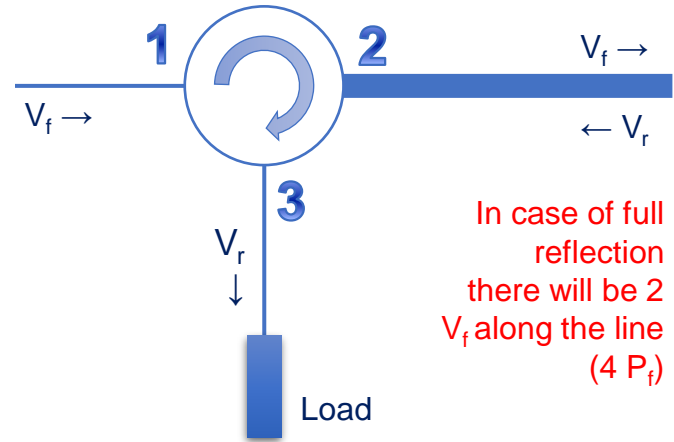
The signal entering any port is transmitted only to the next port in rotation, an RF signal experiences a low loss in the direction of the arrow and high loss in reverse direction while propagating through the Circulator

The best place to insert it is close to the reflection source

If full reflection lines between circulator and cavity, the lines shall sustain

$$V_{\max} = 2 V_f \text{ (} P_{\max} \text{ equivalent to } 4 P_f \text{)}$$

A load of P_f is needed on port 3 at all time



Circulator

The most misunderstood concept of circulators is that of isolation

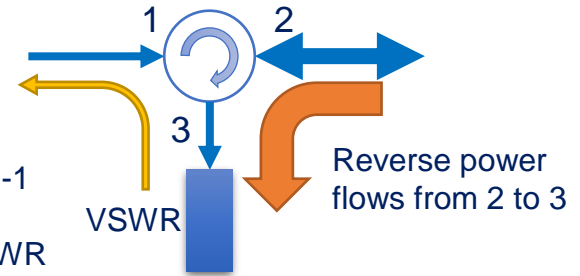
Circulators do not provide isolation until one of the ports is terminated

Then the isolation between the other two ports (in the direction opposing the direction of circulation) is approximately equal to the return loss due to any mismatch on the terminated port

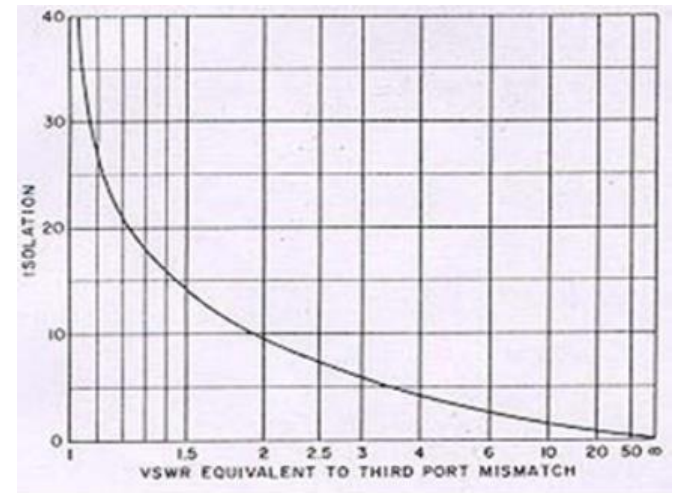
So, **a very good load is needed** on port 3 in order to guaranty a good isolation at port 1

Reflected signal from 3 is circulated back to 1

Isolation from 2-1 depends on 3 termination VSWR



Load on 3 absorb most of the signal coming from 2



Coaxial Lines

Characteristic impedance is

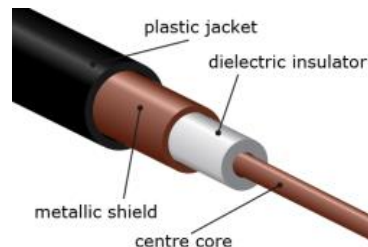
$$Z_c = \frac{60}{\sqrt{\epsilon r}} \ln\left(\frac{D}{d}\right)$$

with

D = inner dimension of the outer conductor

d = outer dimension of the inner conductor

ϵr = dielectric characteristic of the medium



Coaxial cables are often with PTFE foam to keep concentricity

Flexible lines have spacer helicoidally placed all along the line



Size	Outer conductor		Inner conductor	
	Outer diameter	Inner diameter	Outer diameter	Inner diameter
7/8"	22.2 mm	20 mm	8.7 mm	7.4 mm
1 5/8"	41.3 mm	38.8 mm	16.9 mm	15.0 mm
3 1/8"	79.4 mm	76.9 mm	33.4 mm	31.3 mm
4 1/2"	106 mm	103 mm	44.8 mm	42.8 mm
6 1/8"	155.6 mm	151.9 mm	66.0 mm	64.0 mm



Rigid lines are made of two rigid tubes maintained concentric with supports

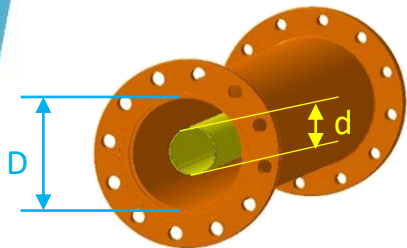
Coaxial lines Maximum Power handling

Power handling of an air coaxial line is related to breakdown field E

$$V_{peakmax} = E \frac{d}{2} \ln\left(\frac{D}{d}\right)$$

$$P_{peakmax} = \frac{V_{peakmax}^2}{2Z_c}$$

$$P_{peakmax} = \frac{E^2 d^2 \sqrt{\epsilon_r}}{480} \ln\left(\frac{D}{d}\right)$$



with

E = breakdown strength of air ('dry air' E = 3 kV/mm, commonly used value is E = 1 kV/mm for ambient air)

D = inside electrical diameter of outer conductor in mm

d = outside electrical diameter of inner conductor in mm

Z_c = characteristic impedance in Ω

ε_r = relative permittivity of dielectric

f = frequency in MHz



Coaxial lines Attenuation

The attenuation of a coaxial line is expressed as

$$\alpha = \left(\frac{36.1}{Z_c} \right) \left(\frac{1}{D} + \frac{1}{d} \right) \sqrt{f} + 9.1 \sqrt{\epsilon_r} \tan \delta f$$

with

α = attenuation constant, dB/m

Z_c = characteristic impedance in Ω

f = frequency in MHz

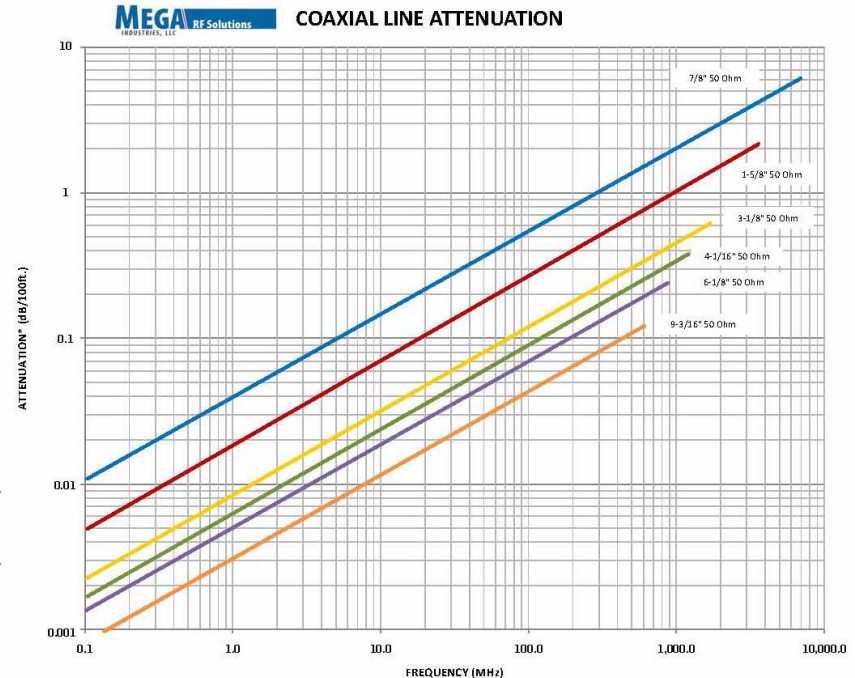
D = inside electrical diameter of outer conductor in mm

d = outside electrical diameter of inner conductor in mm

ϵ_r = relative permittivity of dielectric

$\tan \delta$ = loss factor of dielectric

Material	ϵ_r	$\tan \delta$	Breakdown MV/m
Air	1.00006	0	3
Alumina 99.5%	9.5	0.00033	12
PTFE	2.1	0.00028	100



Why 50 Ohms lines ?

Taking all the coaxial line formulas together

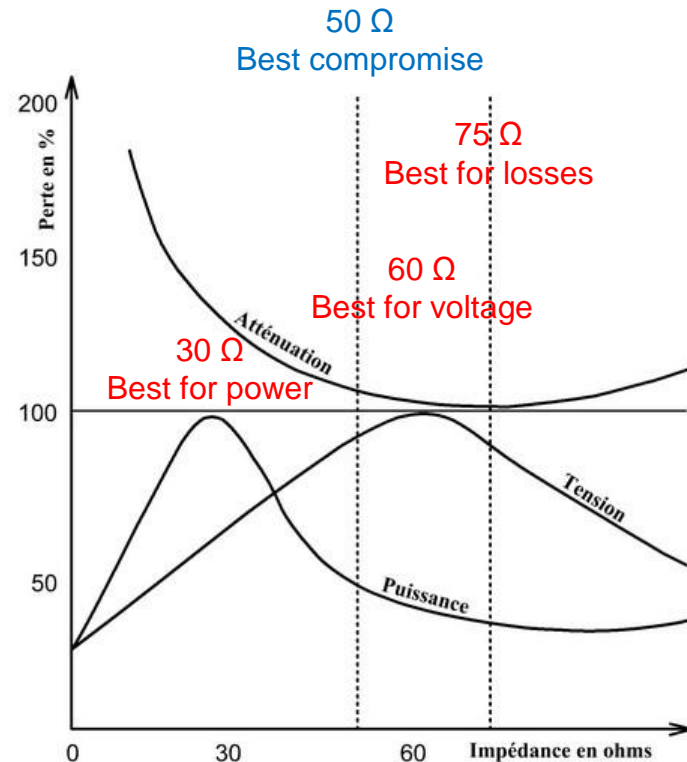
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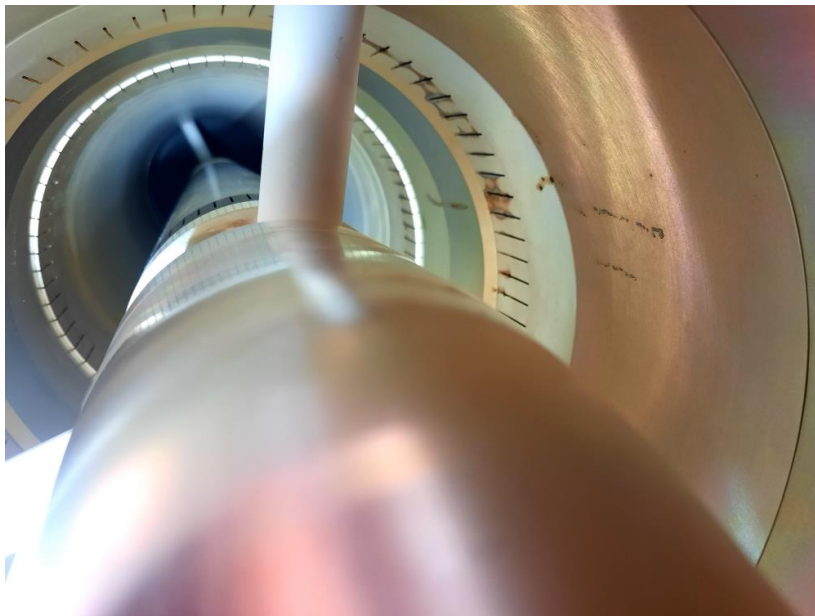
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A compromise to normalize line construction and instrumentation was chosen at 50 Ω



Impédance et pertes dans un câble coaxial

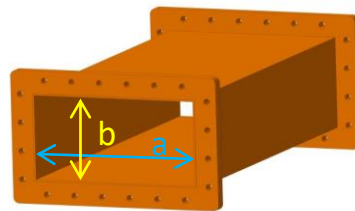
Possible damages



Damages to internal conductor of a coaxial line in case of excess of power

Rectangular waveguides

The main advantage of waveguides is that waveguides support propagation with low loss



Wavelength

$$\lambda_g = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{2a}\right)^2}}$$

Cutoff frequency dominant mode

$$f_c = \frac{c}{2a}$$

Cutoff frequency next higher mode

$$f_{c2} = \frac{c}{4a}$$

Usable frequency range

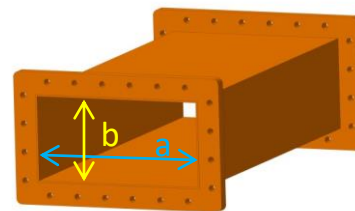
$$1.3 f_c \text{ to } 0.9 f_{c2}$$

Rectangular waveguides

Waveguides are usable over certain frequency ranges

For very lower frequencies the waveguide dimensions become impractically large

For very high frequencies the dimensions become impractically small & the manufacturing tolerance becomes a significant portion of the waveguide size



Waveguide name			Recommended frequency band of operation (GHz)	Cutoff frequency of lowest order mode (GHz)	Cutoff frequency of next mode (GHz)	Inner dimensions of waveguide opening (inch)	Inner dimensions of waveguide opening (mm)
EIA	RCSC	IEC					
WR2300	WG0.0	R3	0.32 — 0.45	0.257	0.513	23.000 × 11.500	584.2 x 292.1
WR1150	WG3	R8	0.63 — 0.97	0.513	1.026	11.500 × 5.750	292.1 x 146
WR340	WG9A	R26	2.20 — 3.30	1.736	3.471	3.400 × 1.700	86.1 x 43.2
WR75	WG17	R120	10.00 — 15.00	7.869	15.737	0.750 × 0.375	19.05 x 9.52
WR10	WG27	R900	75.00 — 110.00	59.015	118.03	0.100 × 0.050	2.54 x 1.27
WR3	WG32	R2600	220.00 — 330.00	173.571	347.143	0.0340 × 0.0170	0.86 x 0.43

Rectangular waveguides, Maximum Power handling

$$P_{peak} = 6.63 \cdot 10^{-4} E_{max}^2 b \sqrt{a^2 - \frac{\lambda^2}{4}}$$

with

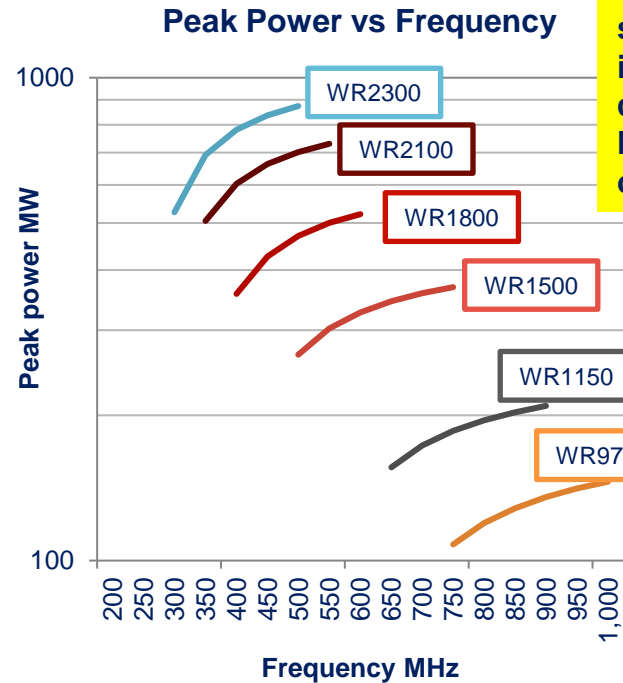
P_{peak} = Peak power in watts

a = width of waveguide in cm

b = height of waveguide in cm

λ = free space wavelength in cm

E_{max} = breakdown voltage gradient of the dielectric filling the waveguide in Volt/cm (for dry air 30 kV/cm, for ambient air 10 kV/cm)



Theoretical for straight WG, in practice consider the limit being 10 % of this value

Rectangular waveguides, Attenuation

The walls of the waveguides are not perfect conductors, they have finite conductivity resulting in skin depth effect

Due to current in the wall of the waveguides, losses appear following the rule

$$\alpha = \frac{4a_0}{a} \frac{\sqrt{c/\lambda}}{\sqrt{1 - (\lambda/2a)^2}} \left(\frac{a}{2b} + \frac{\lambda^2}{4a^2} \right)$$

with

α = attenuation constant, dB/m

$a_0 = 3 \cdot 10^{-7}$ [dB/m] for copper

a = width of waveguide in m

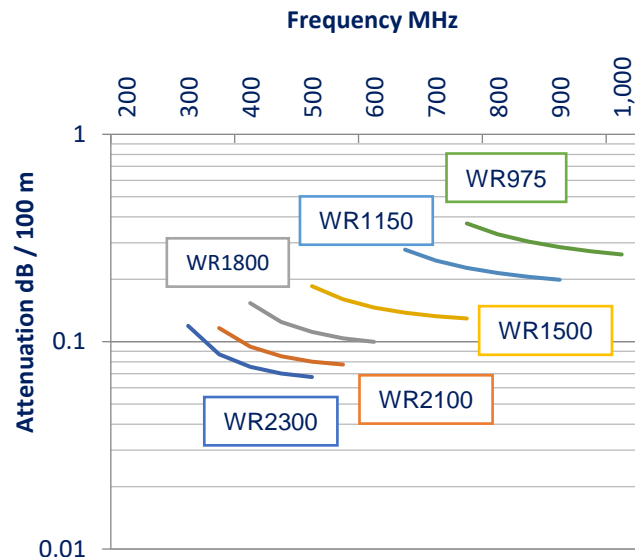
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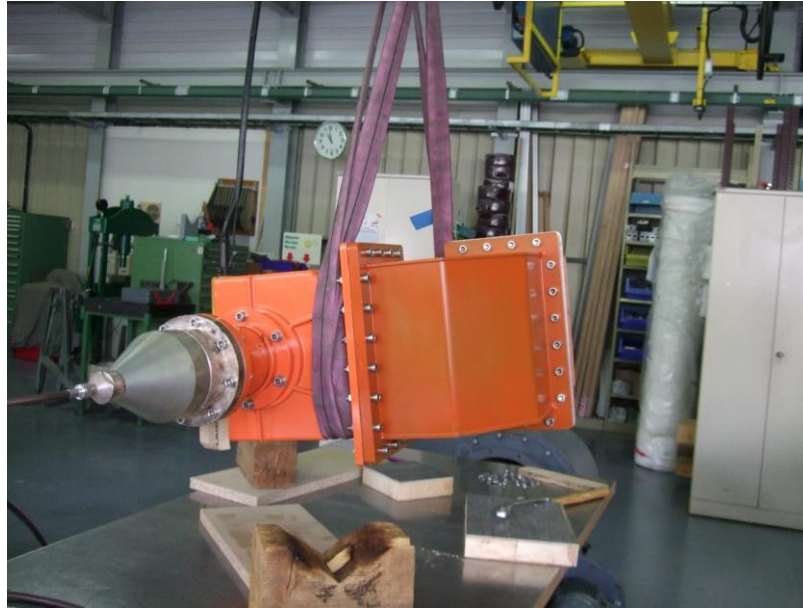
Attenuation factors of waveguides made from different material normalized to a waveguide of same size made of copper

Copper	1.00
Silver	0.98
Aluminium	1.30
Brass	2.05

Peak Power vs Frequency

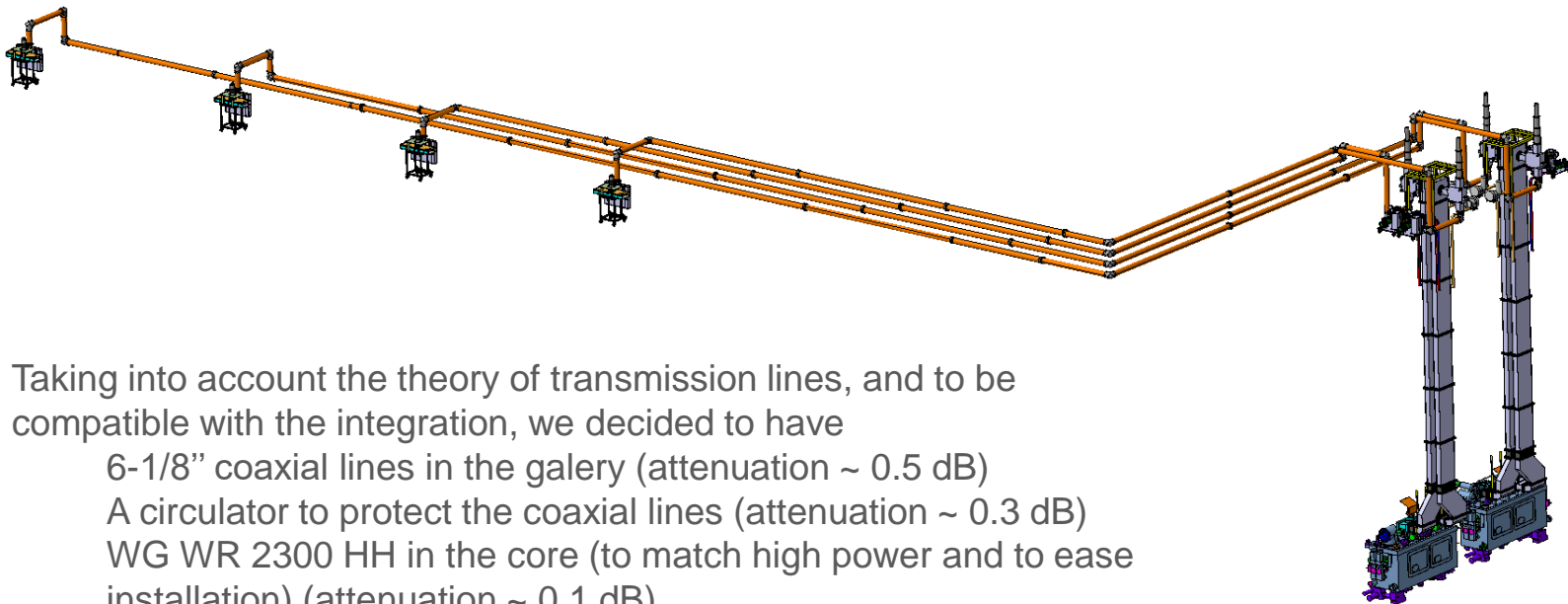


Rectangular waveguides



Adaptor from WR 1150 to N

Integration of the HPRF in the galleries



Taking into account the theory of transmission lines, and to be compatible with the integration, we decided to have

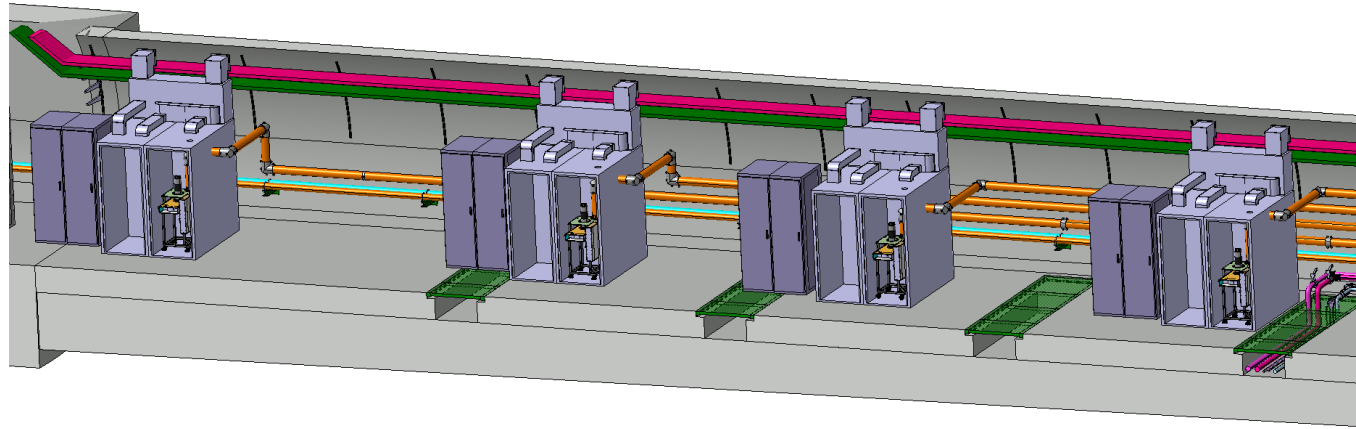
- 6-1/8" coaxial lines in the gallery (attenuation ~ 0.5 dB)

- A circulator to protect the coaxial lines (attenuation ~ 0.3 dB)

- WG WR 2300 HH in the core (to match high power and to ease installation) (attenuation ~ 0.1 dB)

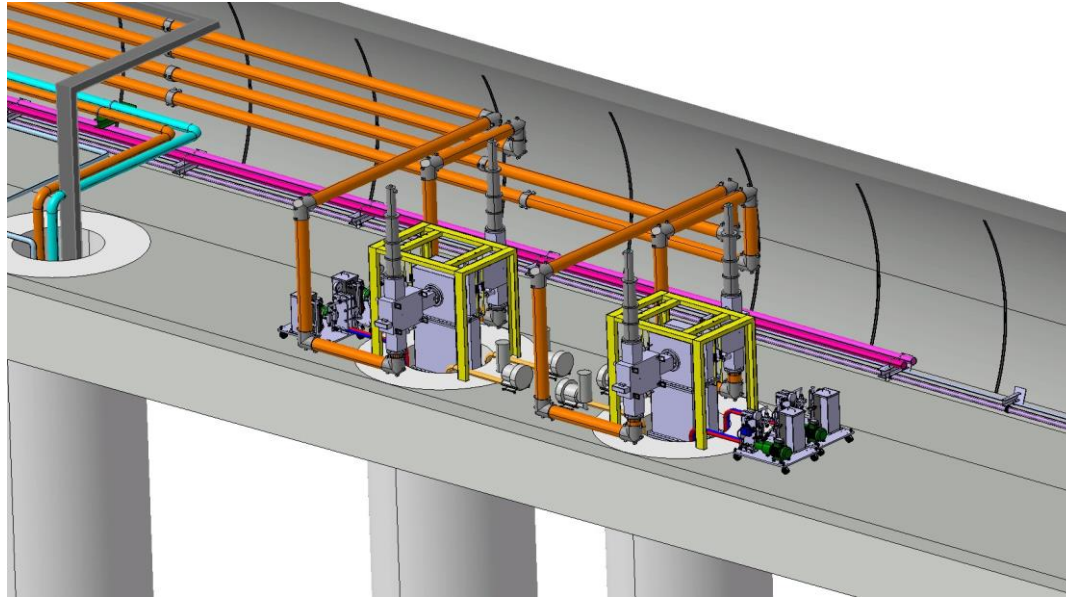
Total attenuation ~ 1 dB

HPRF stations in galery



One HPRF station per cavity, delivering power through 6-1/8" coaxial lines

Circulators



6-1/8" coaxial lines connected to a circulator, with its port 2 connected to a WG WR 2300 HH

Detailed view of circulators

6-1/8" RF
coaxial line

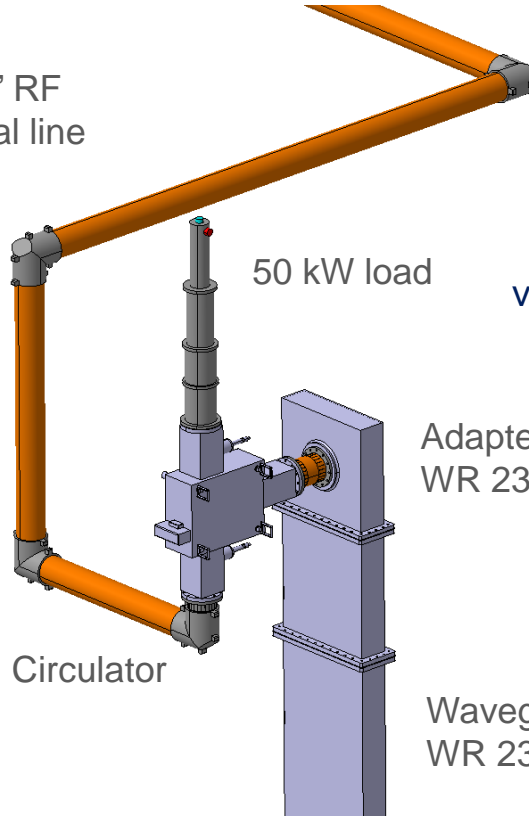
50 kW load

One can notice that the load is
vertically oriented to avoid trapped air

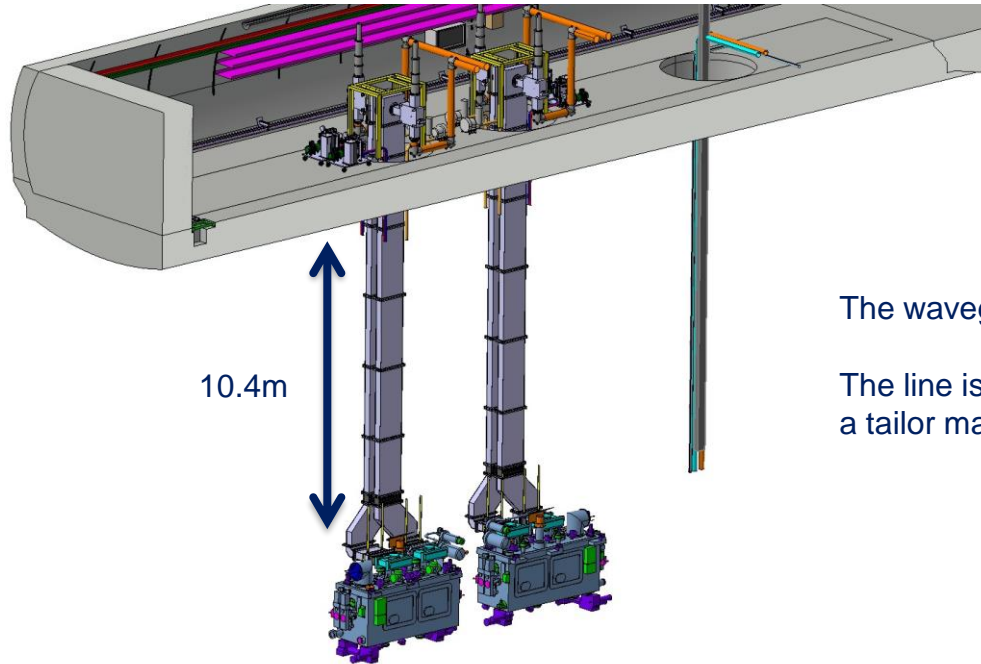
Adapter to WG
WR 2300 HH

Circulator

Waveguide
WR 2300 HH



WG in the cores

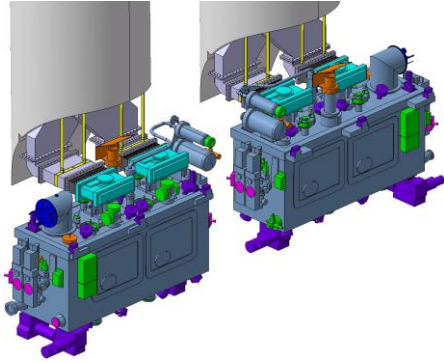


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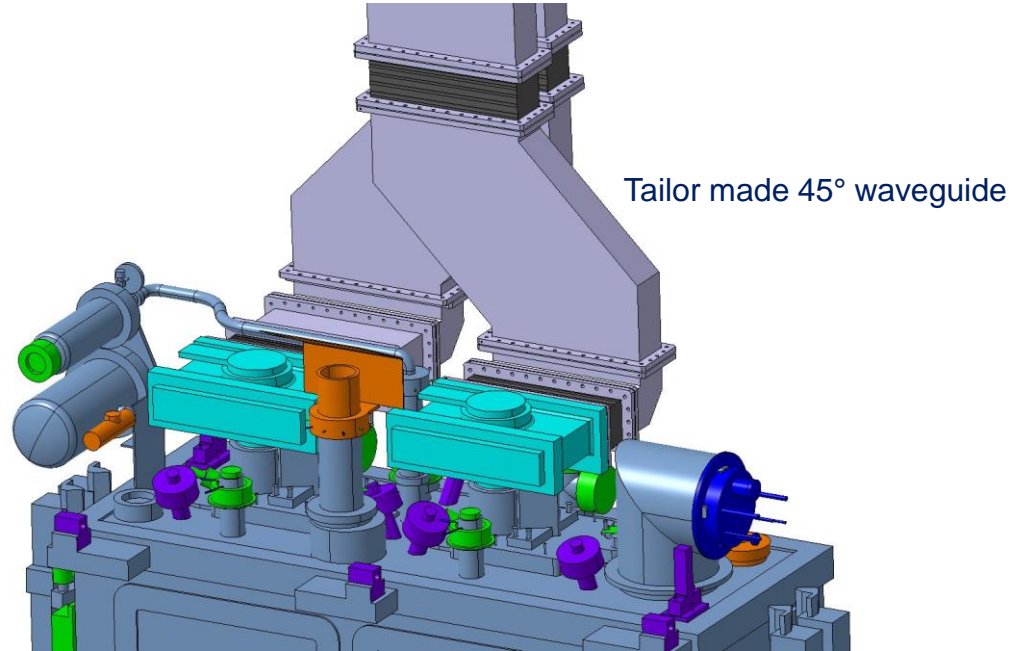
The waveguide WR 2300 length is 10.4 metre

The line is composed of an adpter, 7 straight parts, a tailor made 45°, a 90° elbow and 2 belows

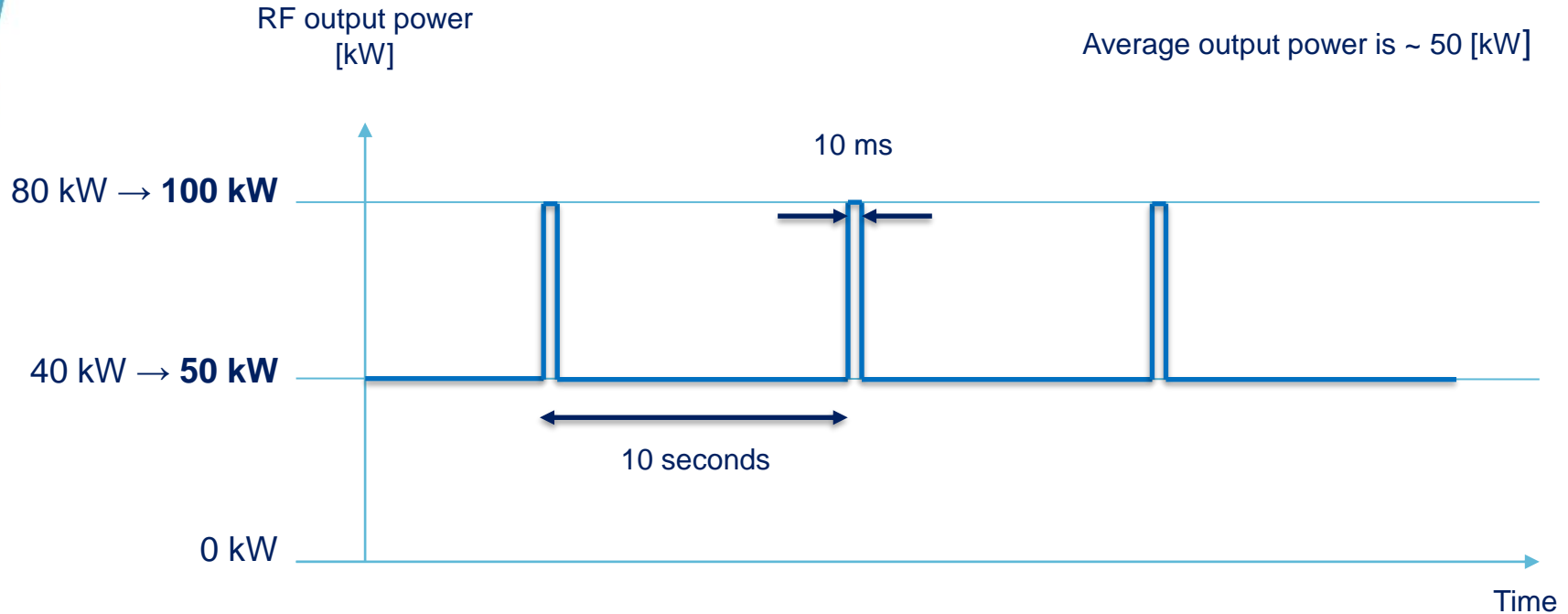
WG connection to FPC



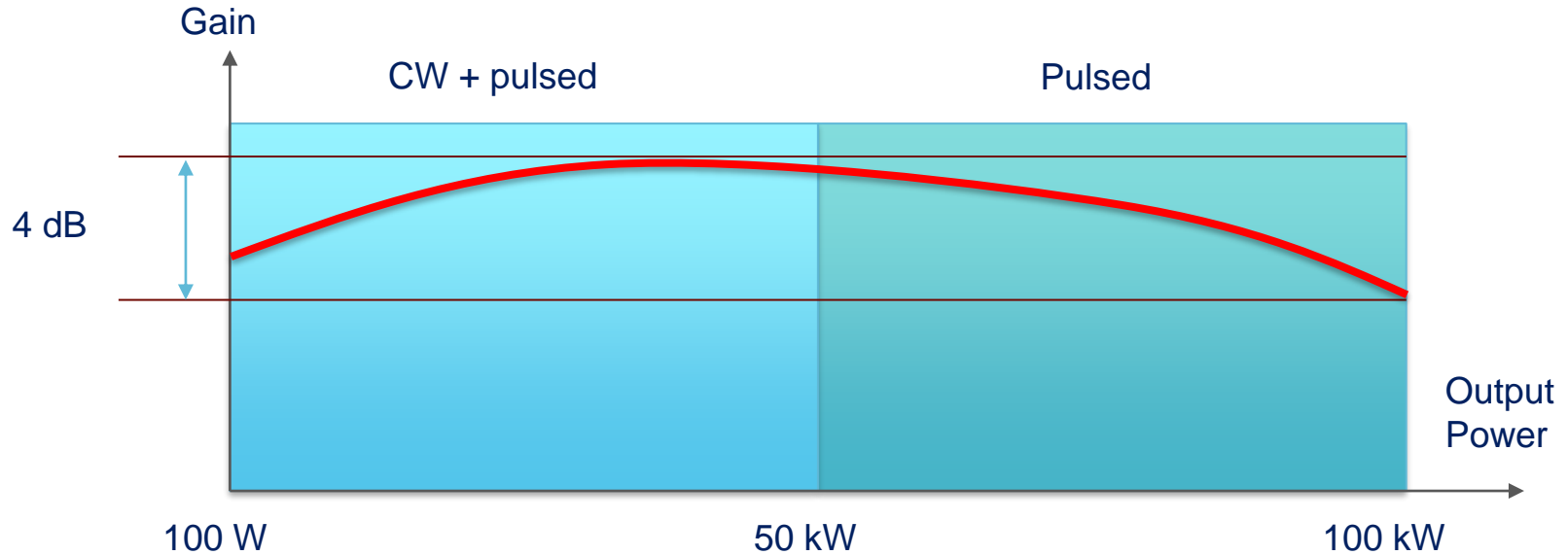
Due to the opening of the cores, we have to design a tailor made 45° waveguide with an inclination of 0.7 degrees



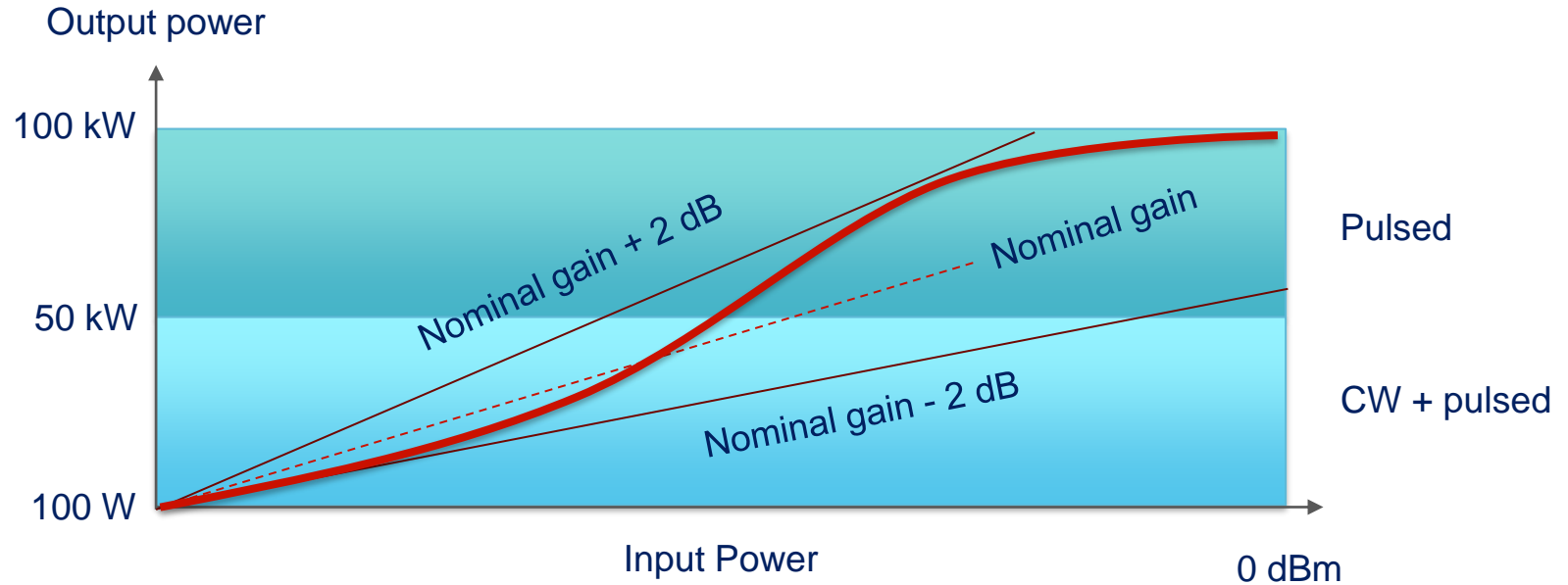
Power requirements from HPRF system



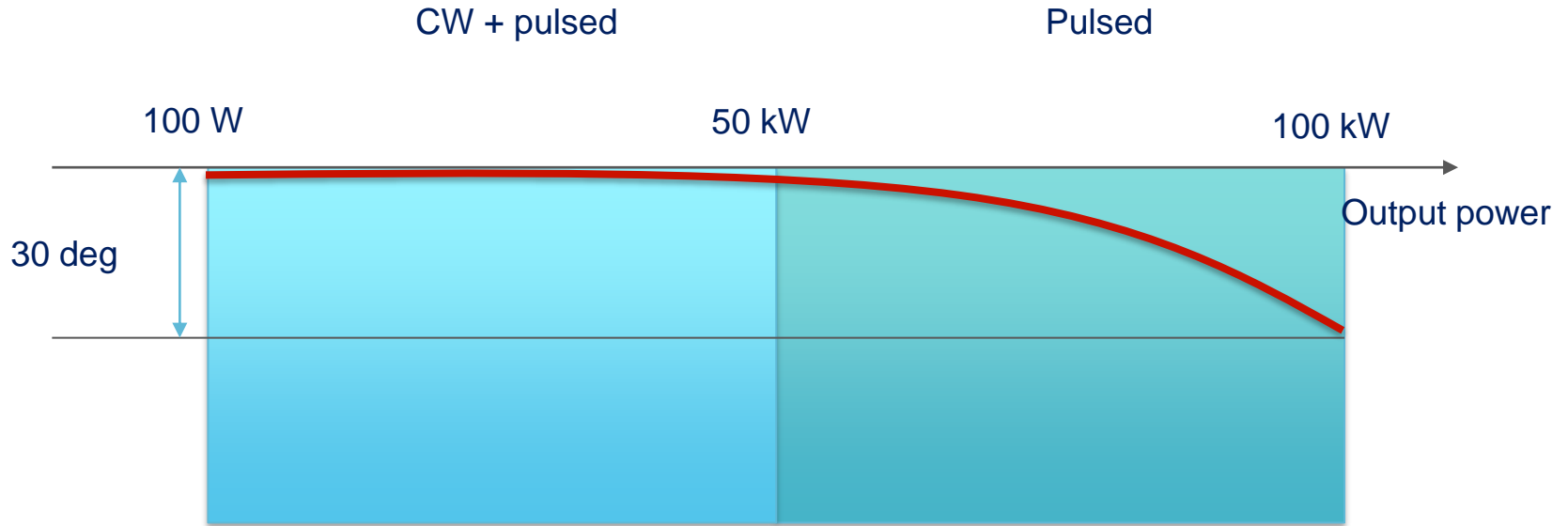
Gain flatness & monotonous



Gain flatness & monotonous



Phase flatness & monotonous



RF power source classification

Vacuum Tubes

Grid Tubes

Triodes
Tetrodes
Pentodes
Diodes

Linear Beam Tubes

Klystrons
Travelling Wave Tubes
(TWT)
Gyrotrons
Inductive Output Tubes
(IOT)

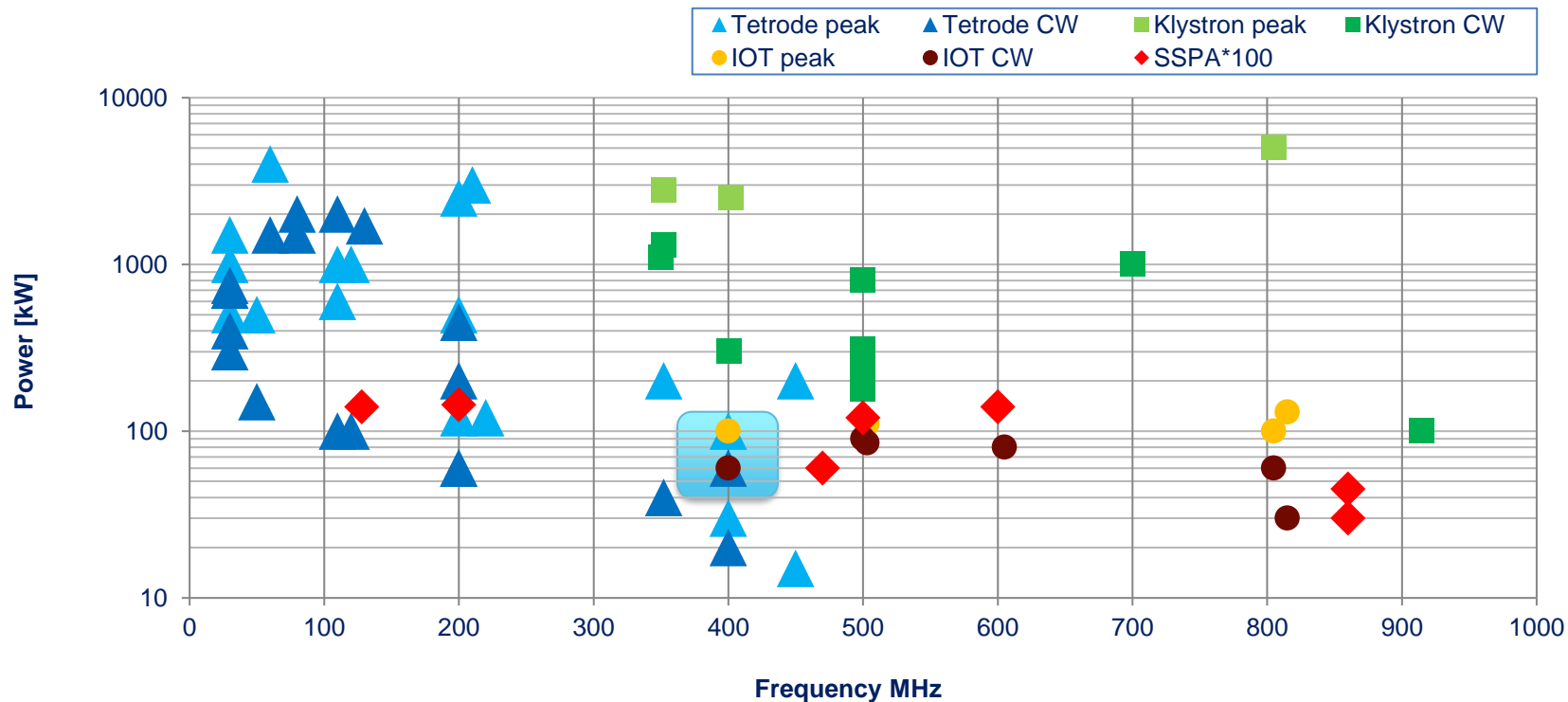
Crossed-field Tubes

Magnetrons

Transistors

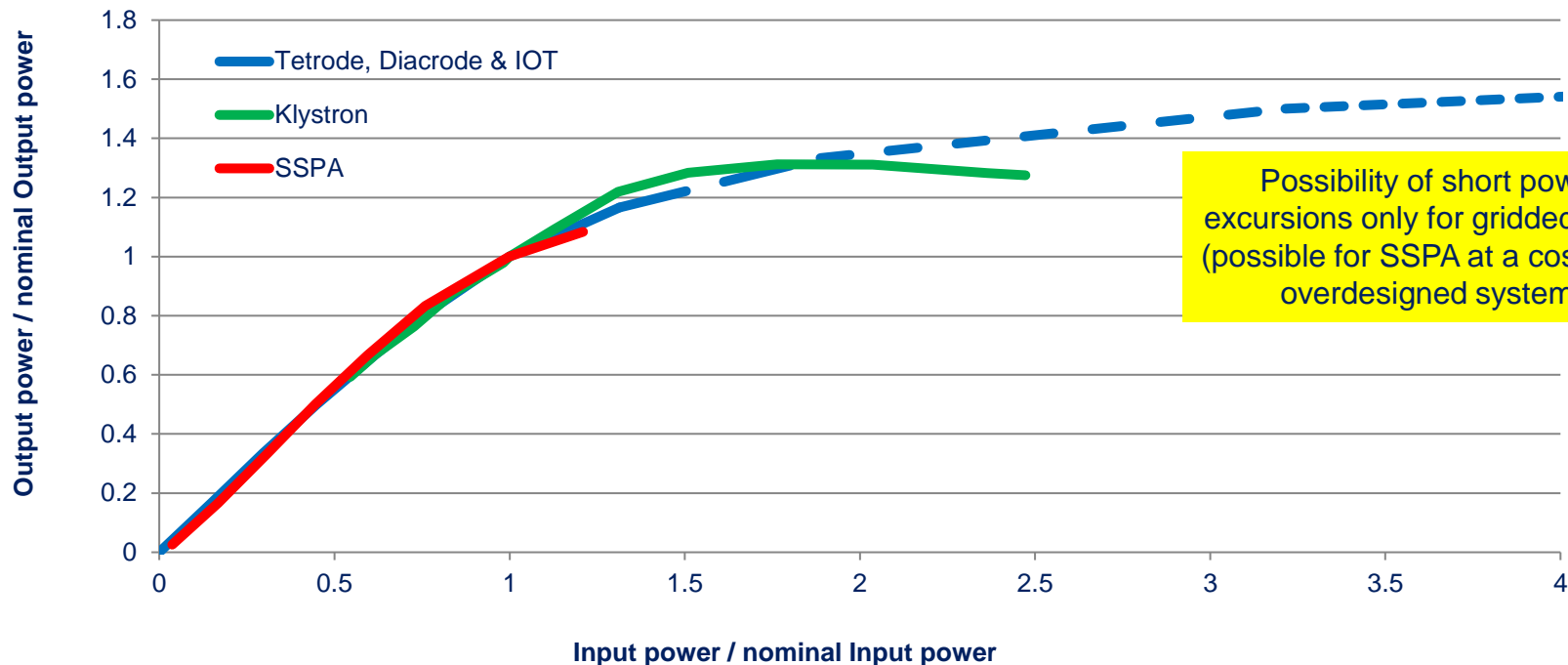
Bipolar Junction Transistor (BJT)
Field Effect Transistor (FET)
Junction Gate FET (JFET)
Metal Oxide Semiconductor FET (MOSFET)
power MOSFET
Vertically Diffused Metal Oxide Semiconductor
(VDMOS)
Laterally Diffused Metal Oxide
Semiconductor (LDMOS)
Silicon Germanium (SiGe)
Gallium Arsenide (GaAs)
Gallium Nitride (GaN)

Available RF sources at a glance



Overhead and maximum power

Grid tubes, Klystrons, SSPA



Possibility of short power excursions only for gridded tubes (possible for SSPA at a cost of an overdesigned system)

No klystron at that 'little power' available

Klystron of such small power does not exist on the market

The ones that exist provide too much power and are not possible to integrate in our 'small' galleries

In addition, for such specific power requirements, as output power reduces if we go over saturation (nominal) point of operation, we would need to operate lower than nominal point of operation

This would induce loss of efficiency, almost doubling the cost (acquisition + operation)

Finally, phase stability is given by construction from HV stability (very expensive)



CERN LHC, 16 x TH 2167 klystrons in LHC UX45 cavern delivering 330 kW @ 400 MHz, into operation since 2008

SSPA, an option but at high cost

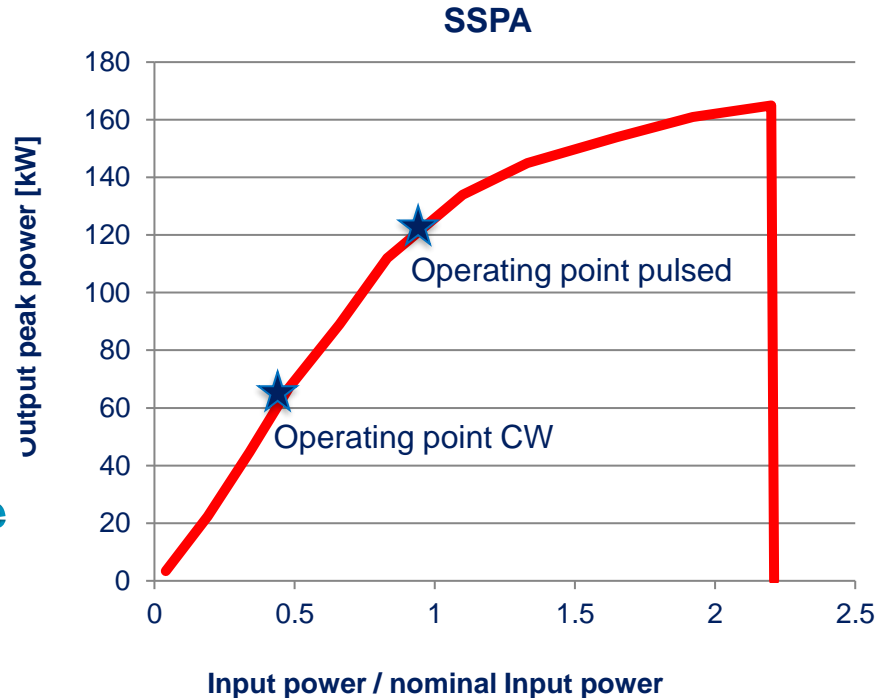
Transistors are destroyed in case of large overdrive (+ 3 dB = x 2) longer than ~ 100 μ s

Hard protection limit are needed, could be built in, but then it is complex to manage for LLRF, so we try to have a good LLRF protection system

To avoid destruction, overhead must be perfectly and -

Overhead v
gridded tube

**Spare slides if you wish
to better understand the
constraints**





SSPA obsolescence

When we started SPS SSPA in 2017, the chosen transistor was the ‘best for new design’ quoted by the transistor supplier

Beginning 2022, we received a ‘Last Buy Order’ email...

(the same with other labs, within 3-5 years, ‘best to use’ transistors turn to be ‘do not use for new design’, and to ‘obsolete’ item...)

The difficulty with Accel buy a new amplifier, it

Spare slides if you wish to better understand the constraints

Changing the transistor generation is often linked to changing the operating voltage, this makes it difficult to change out of budget

Higher architecture should then be such that the amplifier will last the 20 years without major upgrade



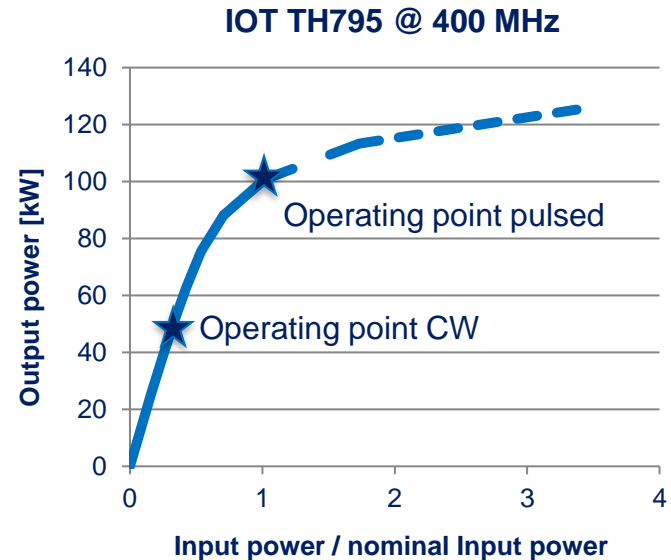
IOT, 'like if designed' for the Crab

A great advantage of gridded tubes is that they allow overdrive without damage

Tetrodes & Diacrodes are limited in frequency (max ~ 400 MHz)

IOT can operate from low (100 MHz) to high frequencies (1.3 GHz), including 400 MHz

The gain of an IOT is around 23 dB, so to reach 100 kW, an only 500 W driver is needed



IOT, Already tested in the SPS



CERN SPS, TH 793 IOT, Trolley (single amplifier), and transmitter (combination of amplifiers)
Two transmitters of four tubes delivering $2 \times 160 \text{ kW}$ @ 801 MHz, into operation since 2014

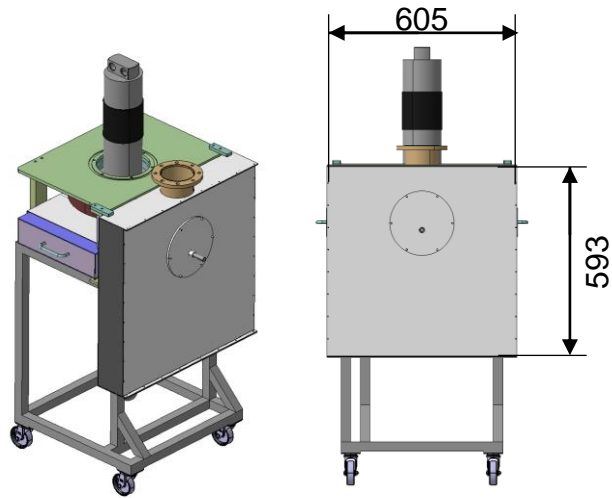
IOT, Already tested in the SPS



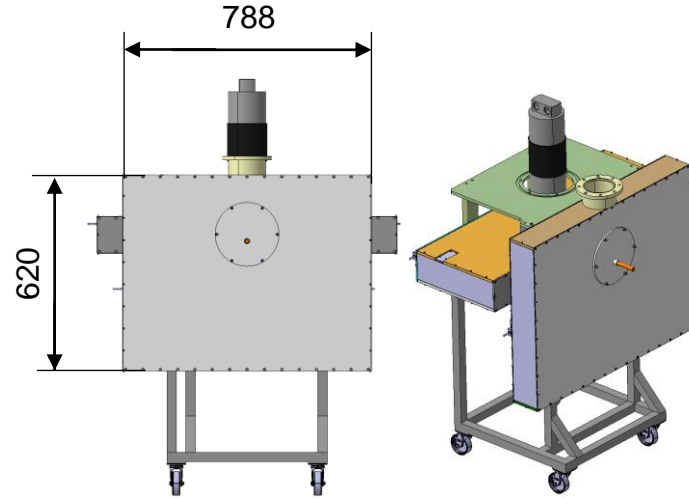
CERN SPS, TH 795 IOT
upgrade to deliver full
power at 801 MHz

The tube is an evolution
of the TH793, providing
even more reliability than
the TH793

IOT trolley designed by CERN for SPS tests



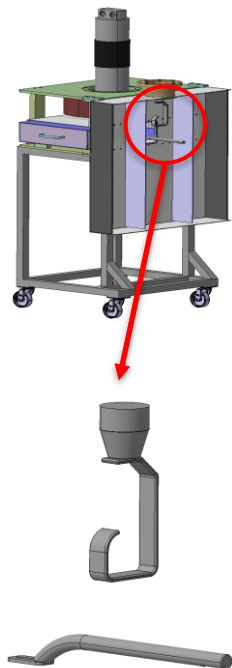
TH18795 800 MHz trolley



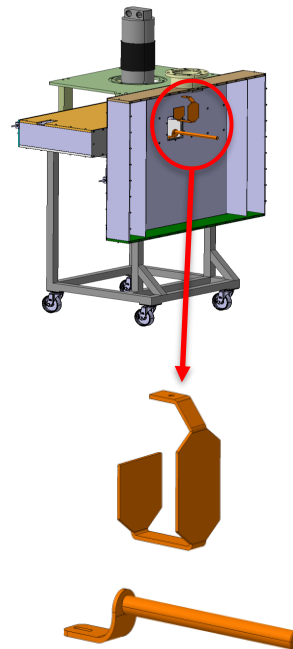
TH18795 modified by CERN 400 MHz trolley

IOT trolley designed by CERN for SPS tests

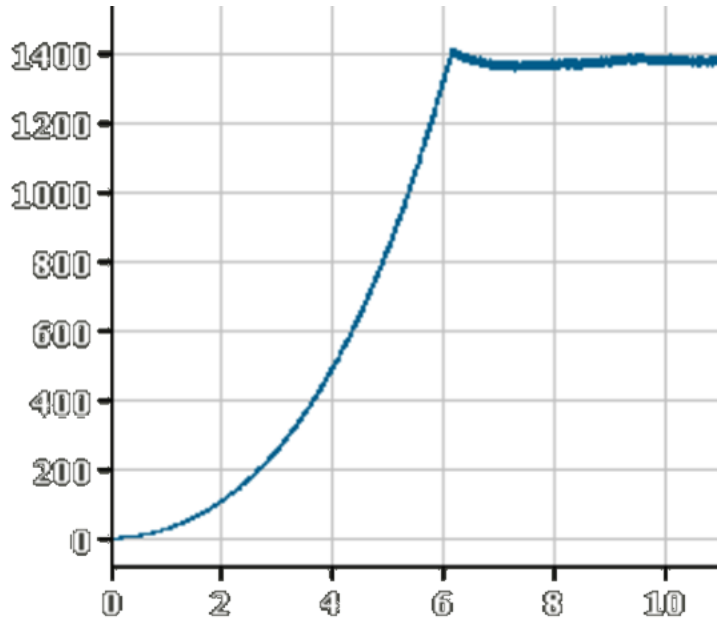
TH18795
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coupling
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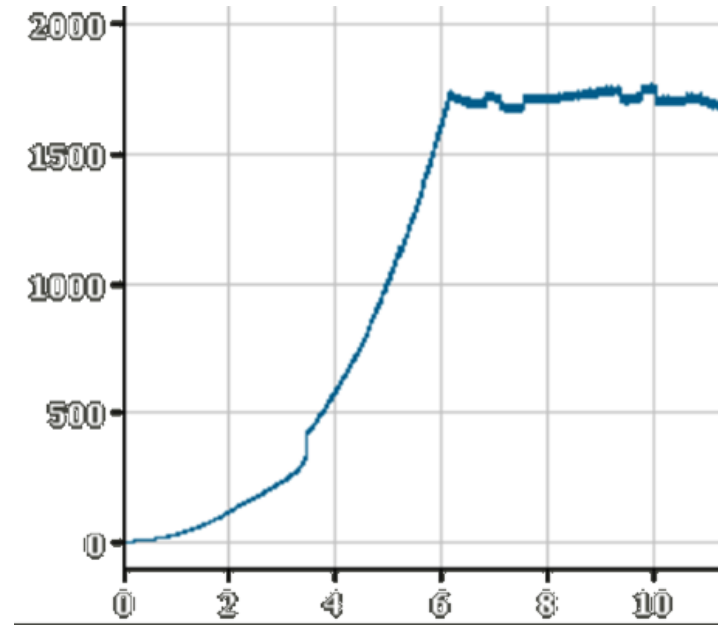
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Still difficult linearisation at very low power



Following a careful adjustment of all parameters (Fc, BW, HV, Focus, Heater), correct transfer curve



If some parameters are not correct (Fc, BW, HV, Focus, Heater), step in transfer curve at low power
The difficulty is that this never occurs on a 50 Ω load

Still difficult linearisation at very low power

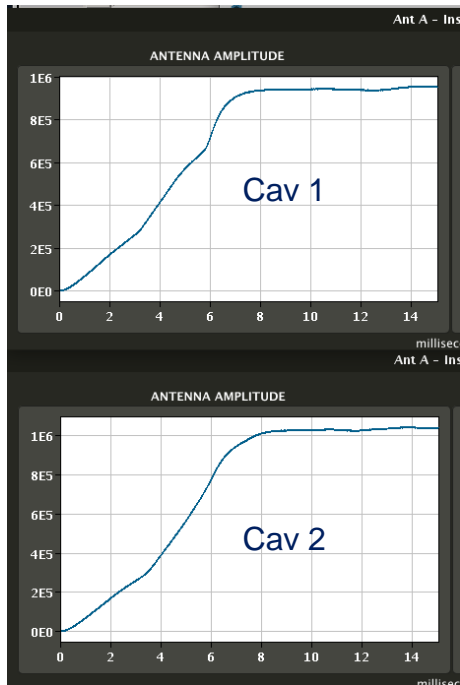
During MD, we noticed a problem with a tube that needed a replacement of this tube

After exchange, as retuning all parameters, we were able to remove the nonlinearity

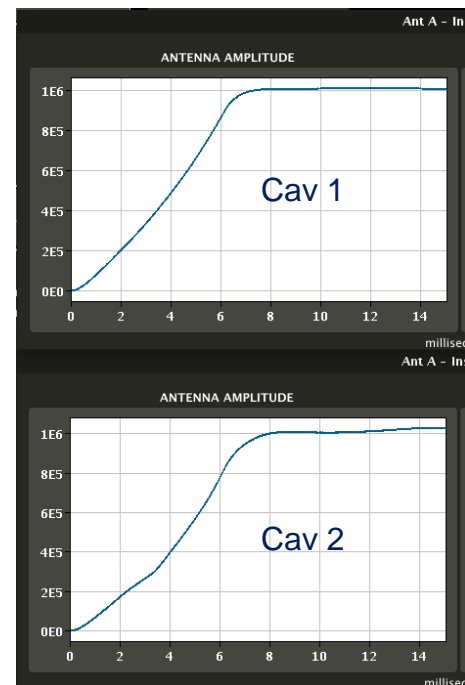
The difficulty is that this phenomena does not appear when the amplifier is connected onto a 50 Ω load

Next MD, we will retune all parameters of the second amplifier

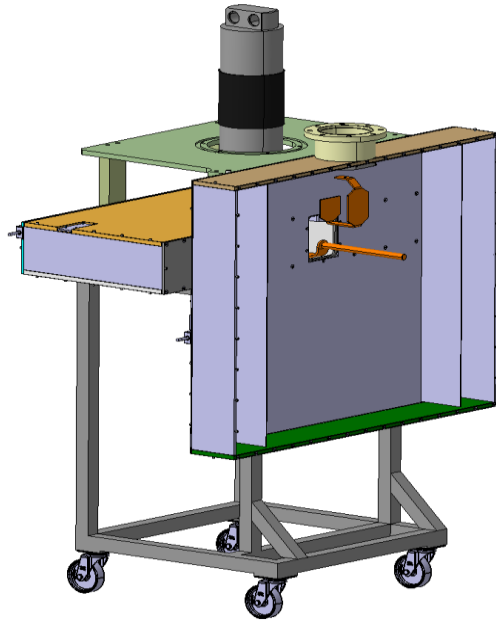
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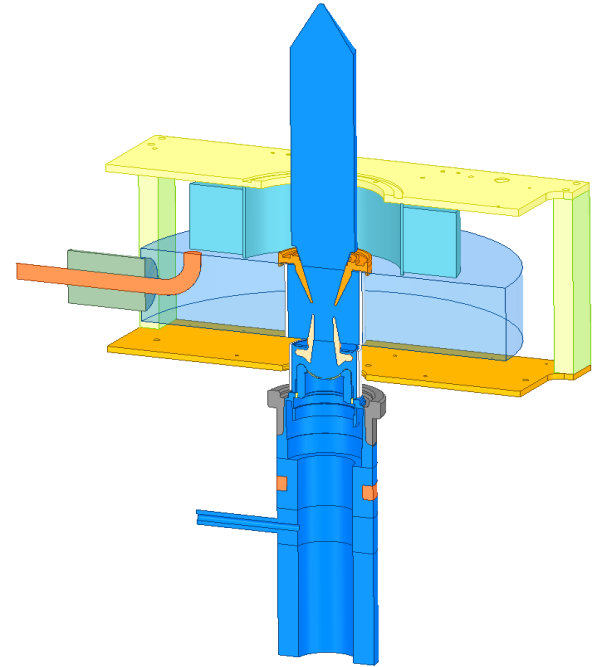
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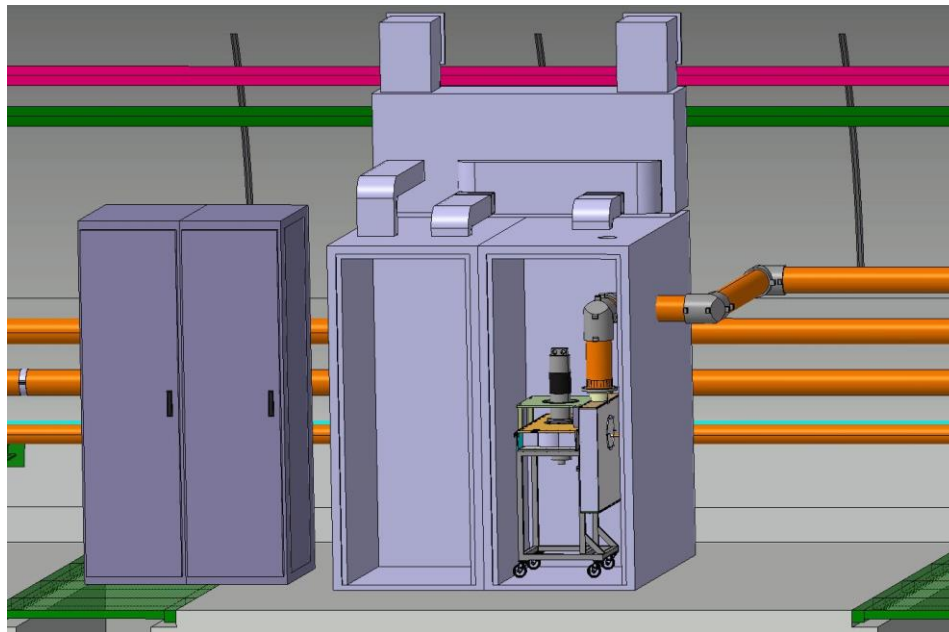
New trolley as a collaboration CERN/Thales



Two output cavities
will become
one single output
cavity with a radial
coupling element

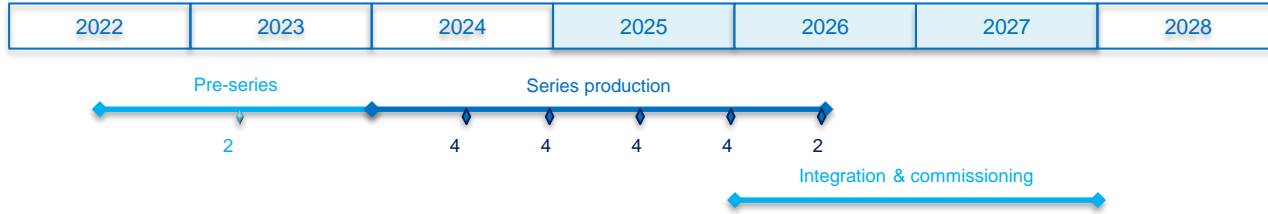


New HPRF as a collaboration station CERN/Thales

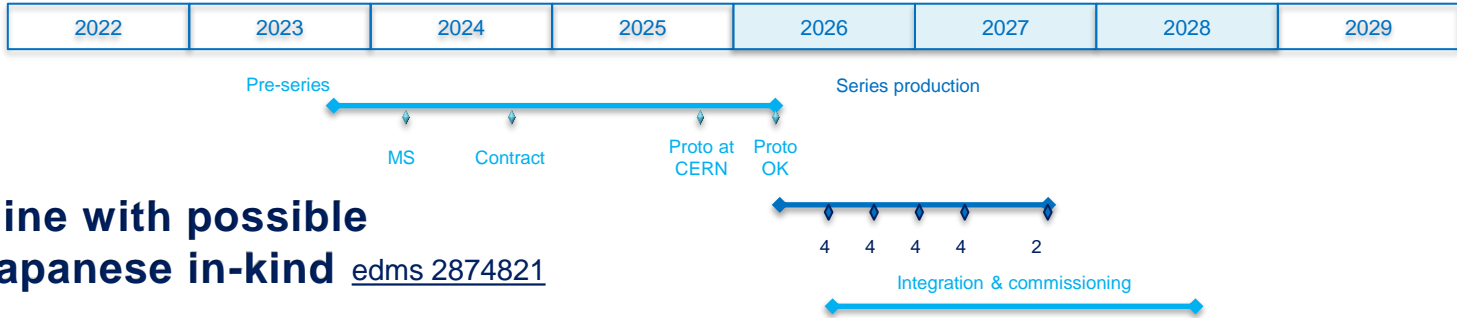


IOT HPRF schedule

As per 2018



As per 2023



In line with possible Japanese in-kind [edms 2874821](https://cds.cern.ch/edms/2874821)



HPRF stations, where?, when?



HPRF1 ◆ BB3 (FPC processing)

Canada on request ◆

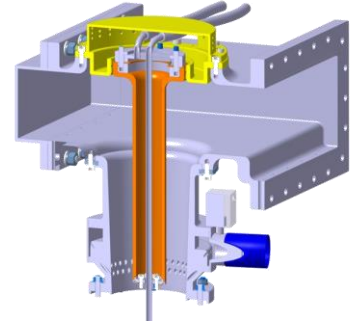
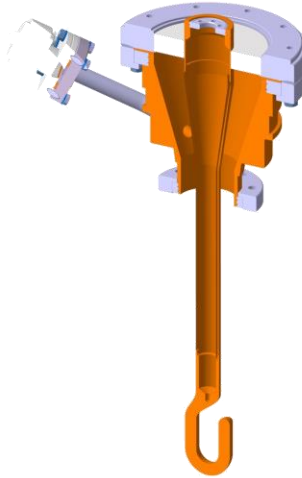
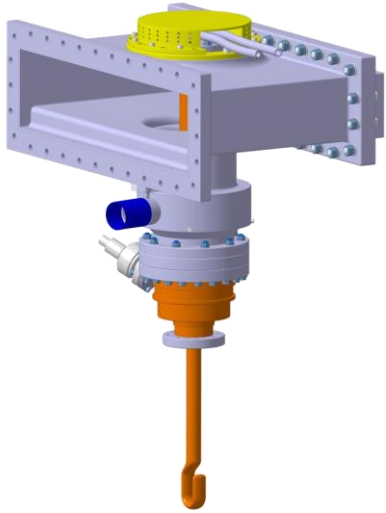
HPRF2 ◆ BA6

◆ BA6 + FPC processing

HPRF3 ◆ BA6

Collaboration with Thales ◆ SM18

FPC



Clean room preparation of FPC


**CERN Fundamental Power Couplers (FPC)
for HL-LHC Crab Cavities**

eric.montesinos@cern.ch on behalf of all teams involved

#5 CERN SRF workshop
3-4 February 2022
CERN (zoom)



FPC test box

During the assembly in clean room, we learnt a lot on many details, and we improved our processes and tooling

We 3D printed several tools in Acura 25 that allows to avoid polluting the items



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Assembly in clean room

Once the FPC have been RF processed, we assembled them in clean room

We again did the same preparatory work, with flip-book and training on mock-ups taking into account recommendations from the Clean Room review



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FPC test box



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Assembly in clean room

We then assembled the two FPC from their test box to their cavities in SM18 clean room

All went very smoothly

Next step will be to do it in the UK and in Canada




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FPC outer line

Despite we did it with all our couplers, copper coating was always a challenge

This one was as always, complex before being successful

We are still having a study in order to define the best way to build it; the consolidated design will be ready for the next couplers



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FPC tests


Pair of couplers are processed face to face


TW 75 MW 10 ms @ 52.6 Hz
TW 55 MW Continuous Wave

We also processed them at the same values in SW, full reflection all phases

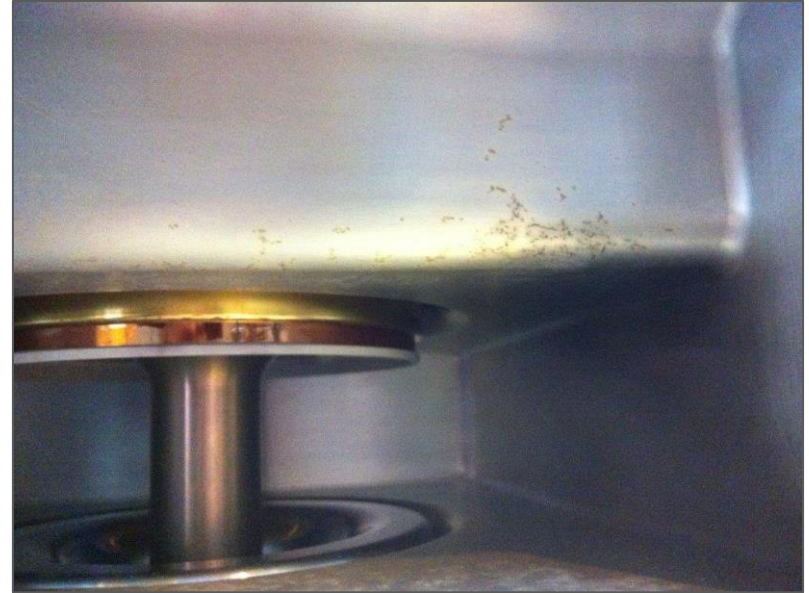
To date we processed

- 2 x DQW (in SPS now)
- 1 x RFD & DQW
- 2 x RFD
- To come 1 x RFD & DQW

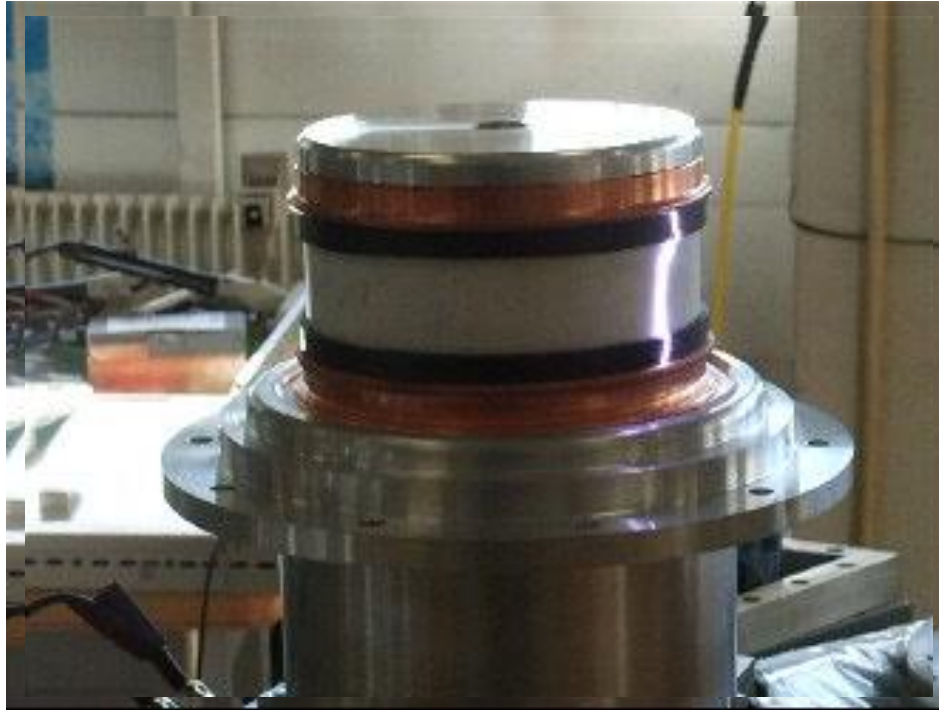


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Arcing in FPC



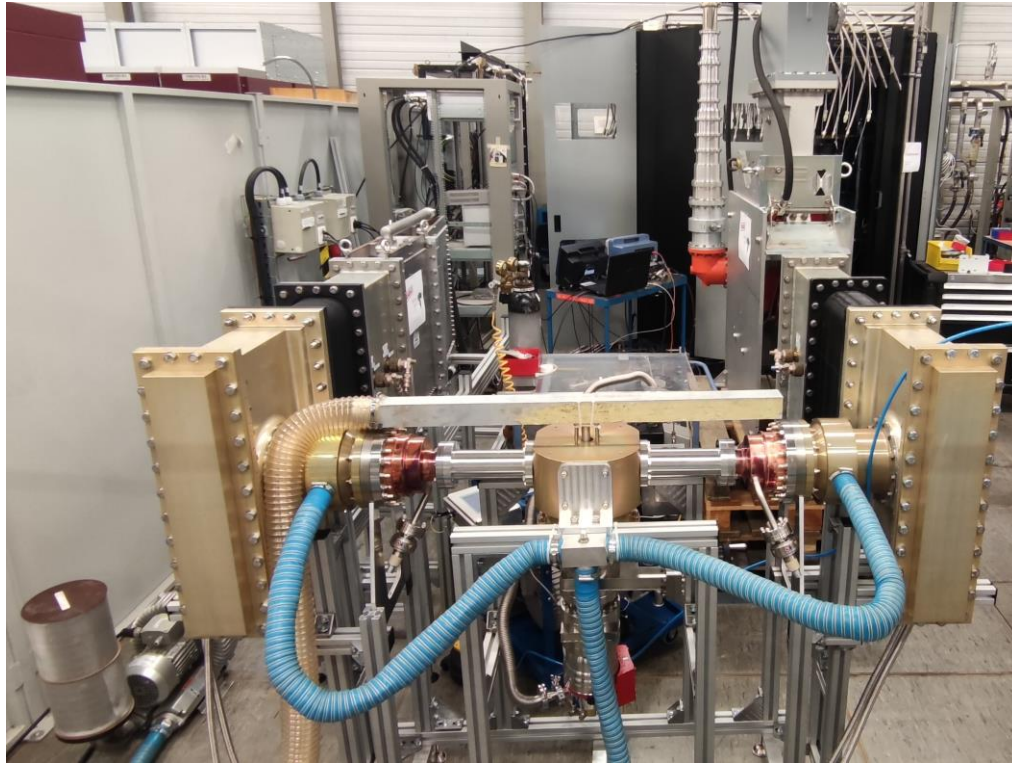
Arcing in FPC



RF processing to avoid failures



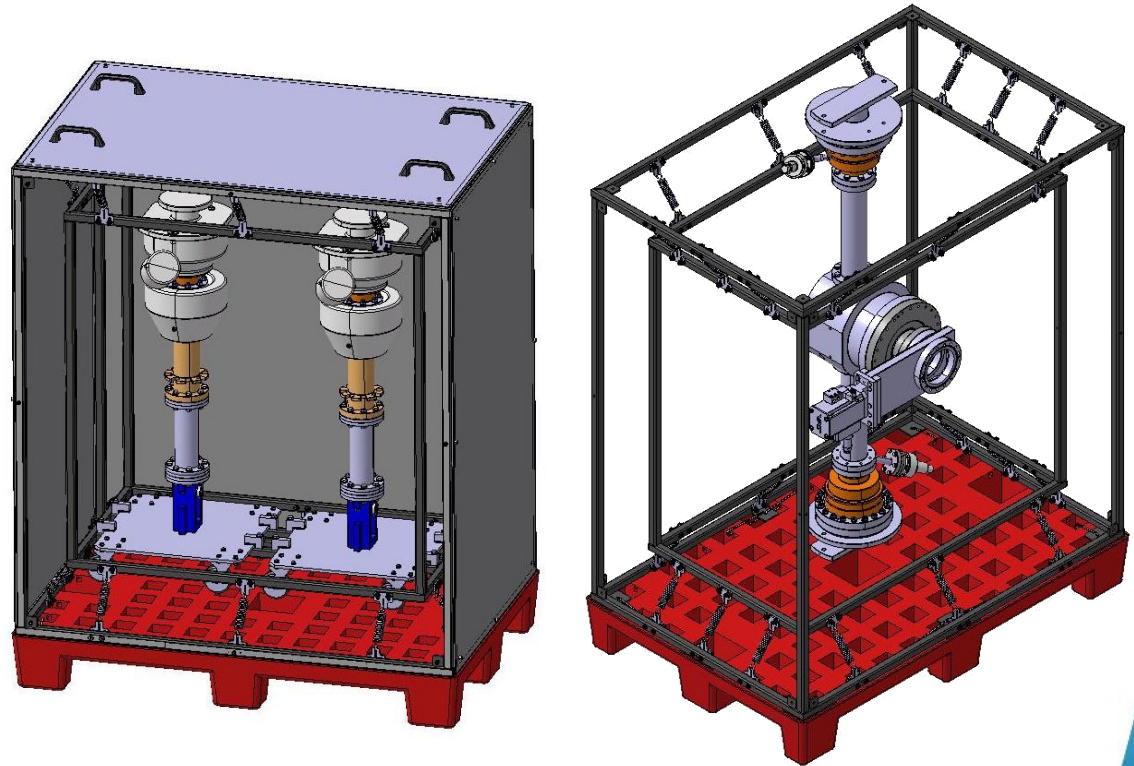
FPC RF processing



FPC transport to Canada and UK

Initially, we intended to disassemble the two couplers from their test box, and to transport them individually

However, this would remove all the RF processing work we did, so we now prefer to send them still assembled onto their test box, under vacuum

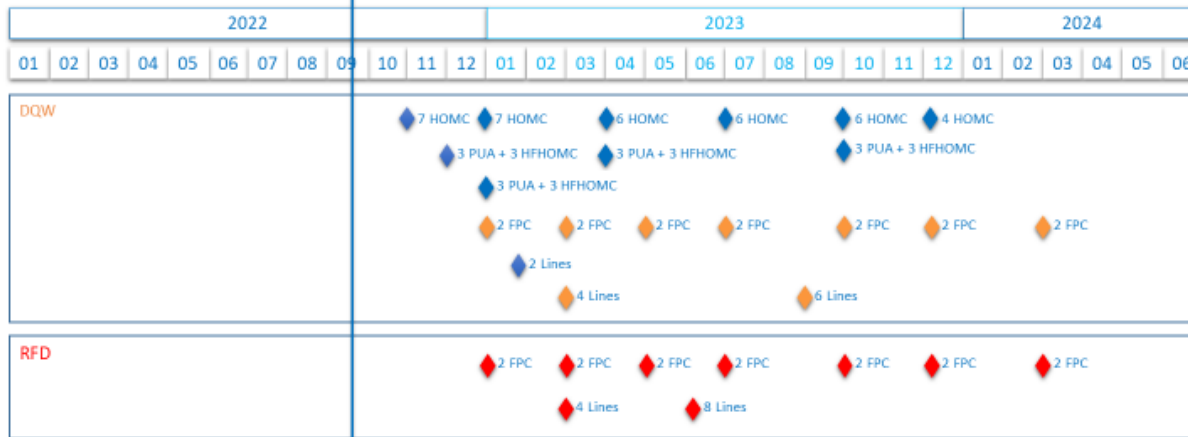


Last year at Uppsala

Conclusion: we are on track!

Some devices are even already ready

- ◆ Delivered CERN
- ◆ Delivered UK
- ◆ Delivered Canada



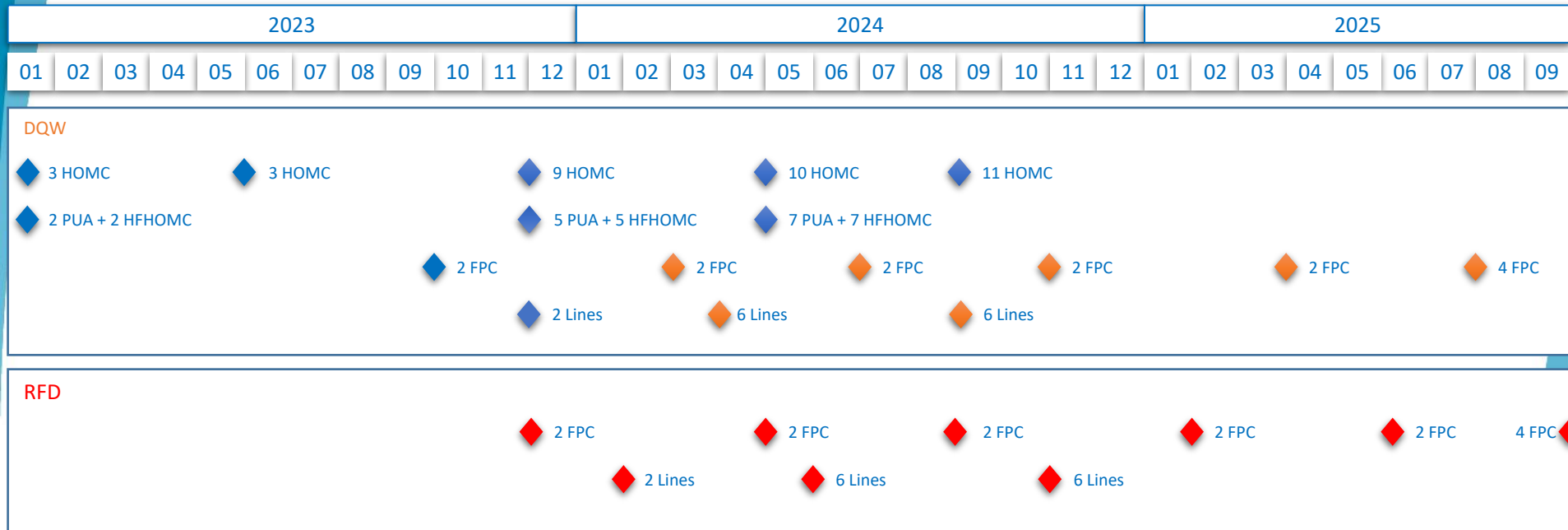
eric.montesinos@cern.ch, 12th HL-LHC Collaboration Meeting, Uppsala (Sweden), 19-22 September 2022

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Couplers Master Schedule

- ◆ Delivered CERN
- ◆ Delivered UK
- ◆ Delivered Canada



Conclusion

IOT is really **THE solution** for Crab

We really hope that in-kind with Japan will happen

Our schedule is in-line with proposals made by our colleagues

Production of FPC (and HOMC and RF lines for cryomodule) is on good way



*They did not know it was impossible, so they did it
(Mark Twain)*

*Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication
(Leonardo da Vinci, 500 years ago)*





Thanks to all colleagues involved with this HPRF & couplers projects

Thanks to all colleagues from Japan for trying to make the in-Kind a reality

Thanks to Rama and Ofelia (WP4 leaders), to RF management and to HL-LHC management for supporting us with this very exciting (and very challenging) project

We (SY-RF teams and all associated colleagues from many groups) are devoted to provide HL-LHC with reliable RF systems



SSPA obsolescence spare slides

Transistor power ratings

Device	Distance	Power
Phone	20 km	2 W
Microcell	2 km	10 W
Macrocell	20 km	50 W

Voltage limits

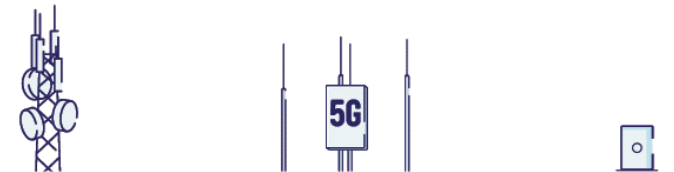
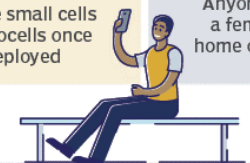
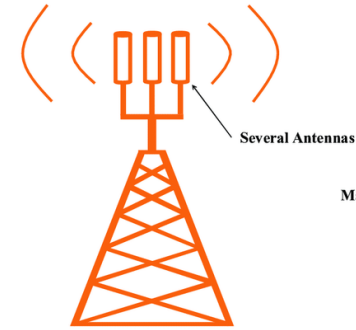
	2002	Since 2006
900 MHz	41 V/m	
1800 MHz	58 V/m	3 V/m
2100 MHz	61 V/m	



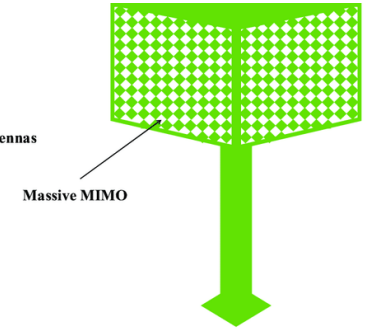
The tendency is to increase the number of smaller cells in order to keep the phone battery autonomy, increase the data bandwidth, and reduce the exposition of population to too high electromagnetic fields

Macro cells vs Small cells vs femtocells

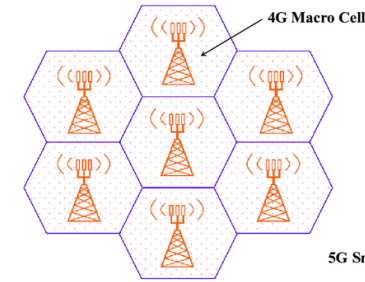
	MACROCELLS	SMALL CELLS	FEMTOCELLS
SIZE	Around 50 to 200 feet tall	The size of a pizza box	The size of a paperback book
AVERAGE COVERAGE RANGE	A few miles	A football field -- 100 yards	A home or small business
AVERAGE COST TO INSTALL	\$200,000	Under \$10,000	Around \$100
DEPLOYMENT	The U.S. has about 200,000 macrocells	The U.S. will have 5 to 10 times more small cells than macrocells once fully deployed	Anyone can purchase a femtocell for their home or small business

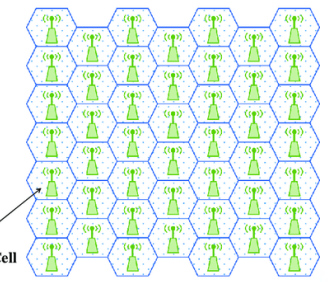
(a) 4G Macro Base Station



(b) 5G Macro Base Station

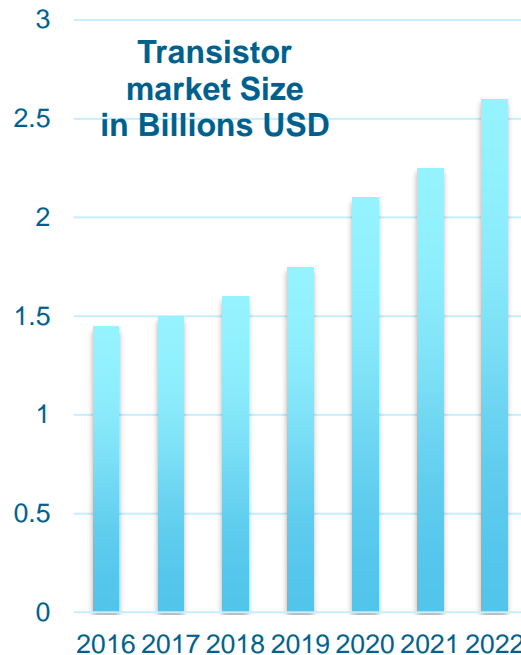
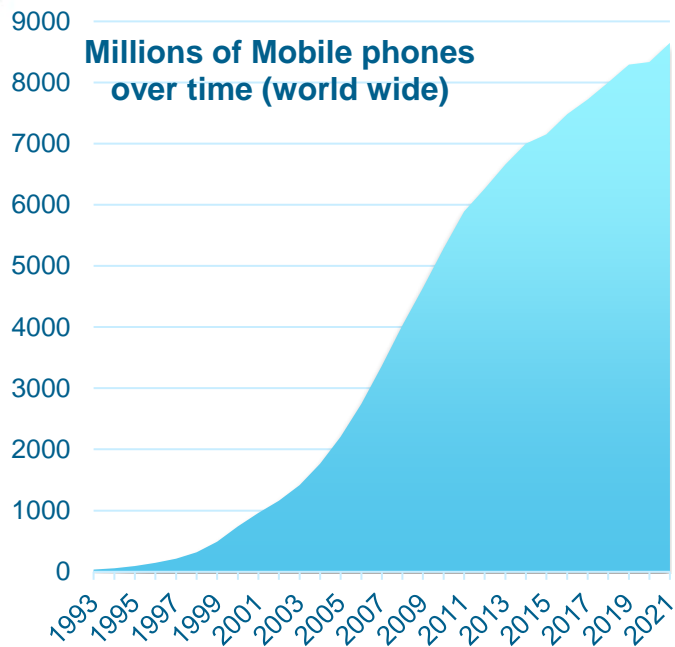


(c) 4G Communication Network



(d) 5G Communication Network

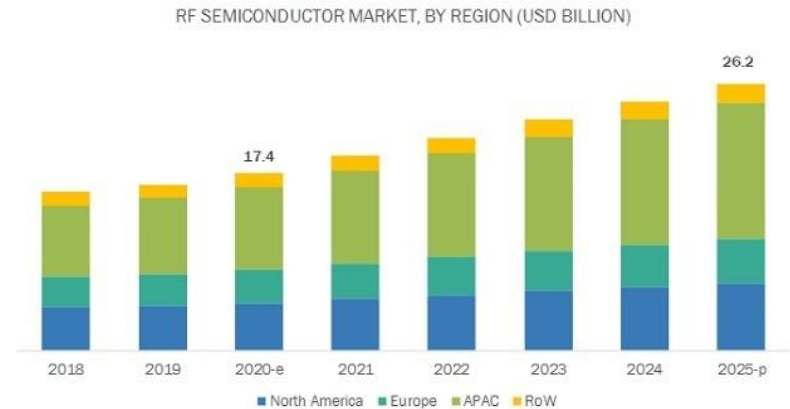
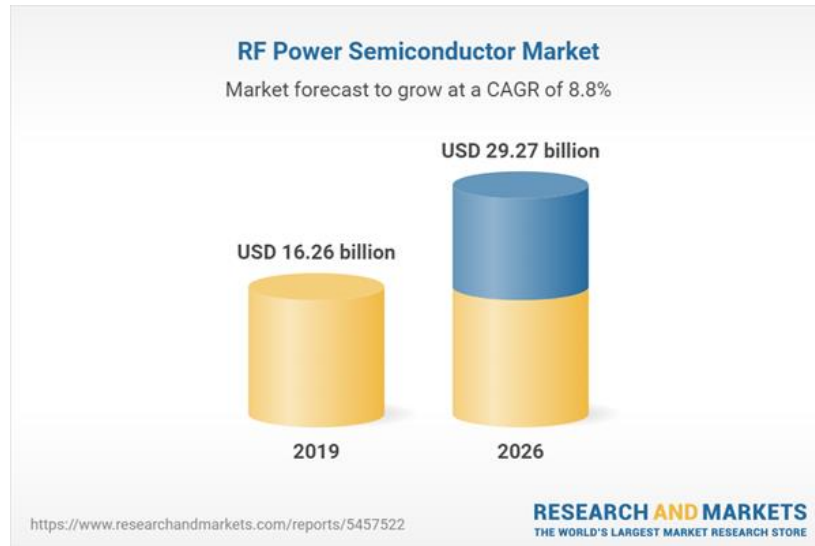
A few numbers to situate RF transistors in accelerators



Some of the Key Players

- Ampleon
- Analog Devices
- BONN Elektronik
- Broadcom Pte.
- Cree
- General Dynamics
- Infineon
- Integra
- MACOM
- Maxim Integrated
- Mitsubishi
- NoleTec
- NXP Semiconductors
- Qorvo
- Qualcomm
- Skyworks Solutions
- STMicroelectronics
- Tagore Technology
- Thales Alenia Space
- Toshiba

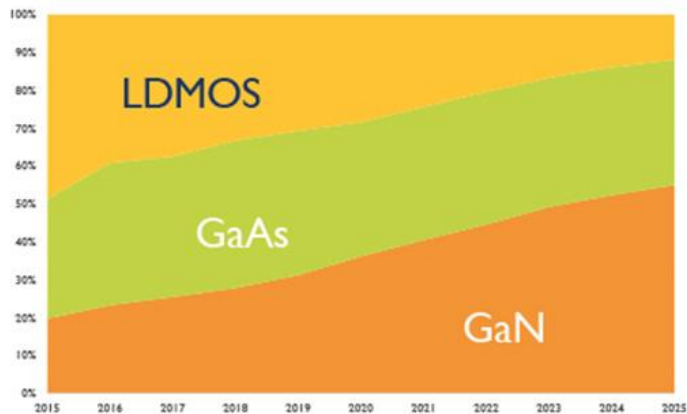
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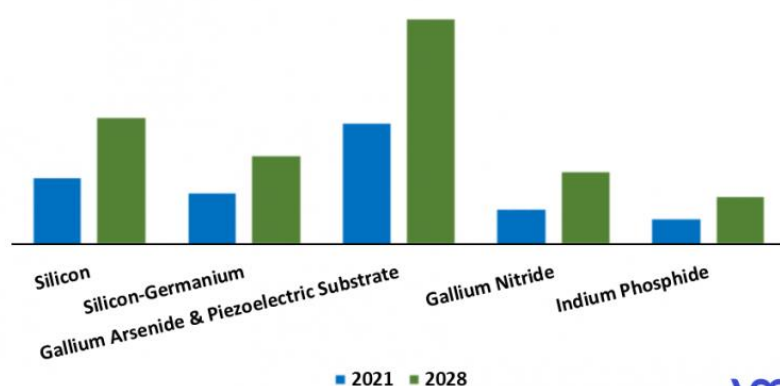
RF power device market, in value Breakdown by technology

Only considering RF power semiconductors above 3W, excluding such applications as mobile PAs
(Source: RF power market and technologies 2017: GaN, GaAs and LDMOS, July 2017, Yole Développement)



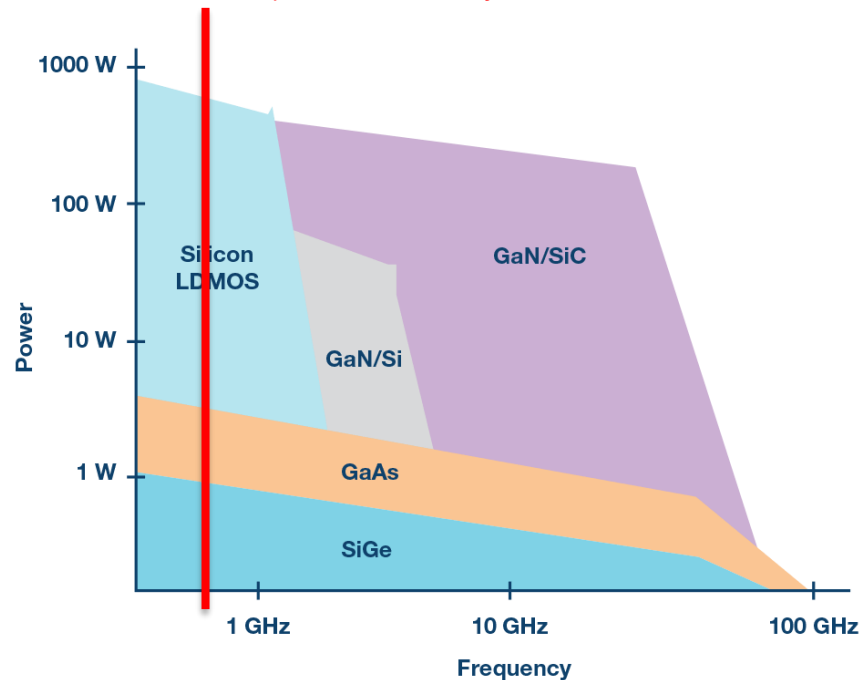
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From Yole Développement
Patrick Hindle - Editor, Microwave Journal July 11, 2017

GLOBAL RF POWER SEMICONDUCTOR MARKET, BY MATERIAL (USD BILLION)



A few numbers to situate RF transistors in accelerators

FCC (400 MHz to 800 MHz) due in ~ 15 years



Transistor power ratings – *personal view* of future perspective (CWRP 2016, updated 2022)

Transistor supplier main business **will not be higher power per transistor**

Conclusion: below a GHz, 1 kW per transistor (LDMOS) seems (to me) a very good goal

8.5 Billions Smartphones in 2021

90 Millions Femtocell stations 2016

7 Millions Macrocell stations 2017

NXP Semiconductors revenue in 2020 was \$8'600 Millions

Assumption (with a lot of simplifications)

Machine	# RF stations	Power	# 1 kW LDMOS
FCC	1'000	1 MW	1'000'000

Cost of a LDMOS

~ \$100

Total cost of FCC

~ \$100 Million

Over minimum 5 years
of construction

~ \$20 Million per year

RF for accelerators could be

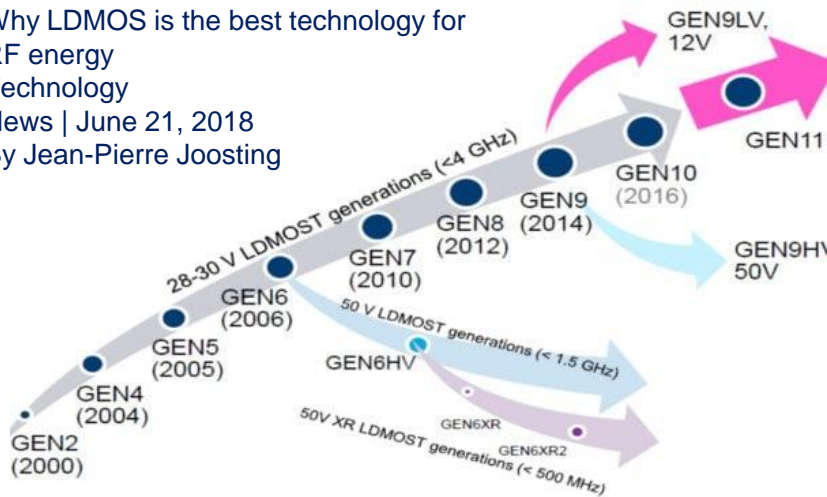
$20 / 8600 = 0.2 \%$ of main suppliers' revenue

Drain voltage



SOLEIL SYNCHROTRON elementary 600 W 300 Vdc / 30 Vdc converter board

Why LDMOS is the best technology for
RF energy
Technology
News | June 21, 2018
By Jean-Pierre Joosting



Evolution of the transistors market is quick
This is still a volatile market (as tubes have been a century ago)

Drain voltage is increasing with the development of transistors, and the Drain supply used with a generation of device could not suit the next generation (moving from 12V to 24 V to 30 V to 36 V to 48 V to 50 V to 60 V to 80 V to 100 V)

Changing the transistor will not be the only challenge, either it will be under used as keeping the previous power supply, or power supply voltage will have to be upgraded

SSPA granularity & redundancy

Combination

3 dB combiner is very common for RF power combination at these frequencies since the 70's

If one correctly adjusts the phases and the amplitudes, equations show that

With $PA1 = PA2 = PA3 = PA4 = P$ then

$P_{out} = 4 P$

Load $A5 = A6 = A7 = 0$

In case **one** amplifier is **stopped** (PA1 for example), then

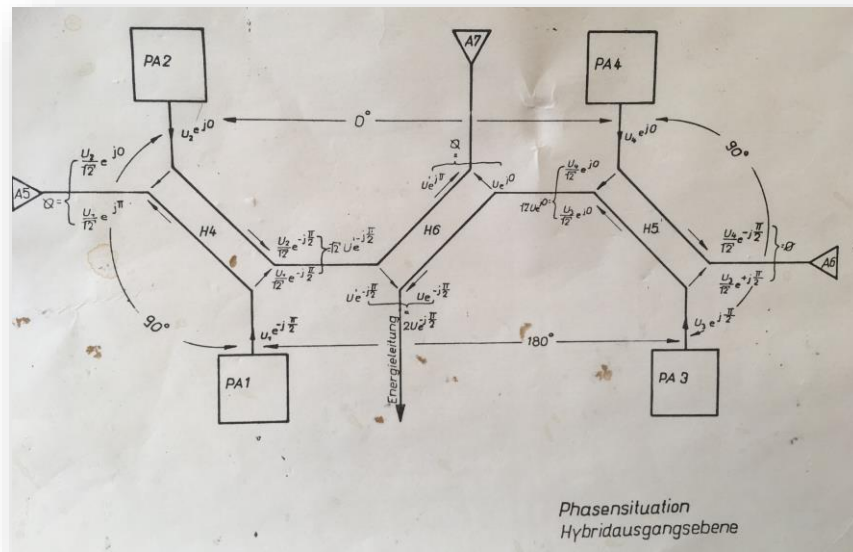
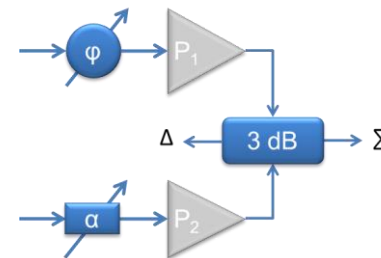
$P_{out} = (9/16) 4P = 2,25 P$

Load $A5 = 0,5 P$

Load $A7 = 0,25 P$

$$\Sigma = \frac{PA1 + PA2}{2} + \sqrt{PA1 PA2}$$

$$\Delta = \frac{PA1 + PA2}{2} - \sqrt{PA1 PA2}$$



Cavity Combiner

With our latest combiner, @ 750 MHz, the body is composed of four main pieces

a tube

a bottom plate

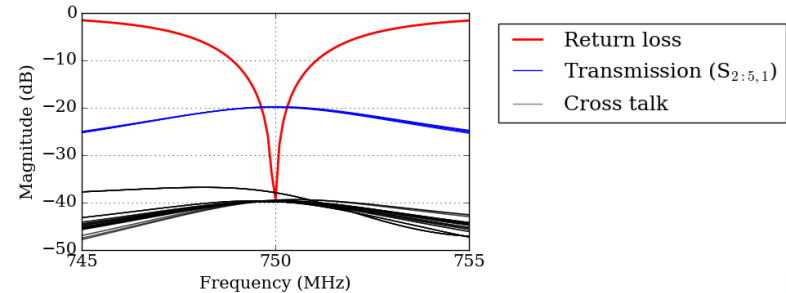
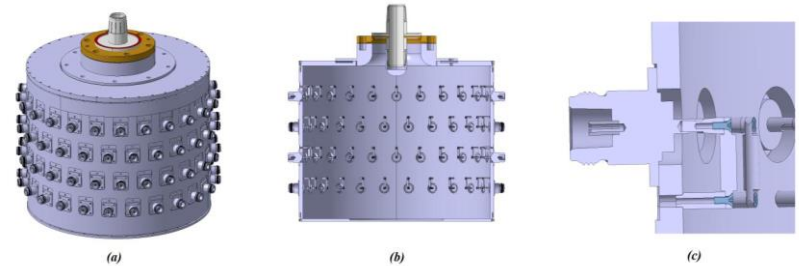
a top plat

an output probe housing

The tube has machined holes compatible with N-type solder cups, the bottom plate has an indentation for disc tuning and the output probe housing is compatible with a standard EIA 3-1/8" flange

The return loss of the output port is ≤ -20 dB between over a 1 MHz bandwidth

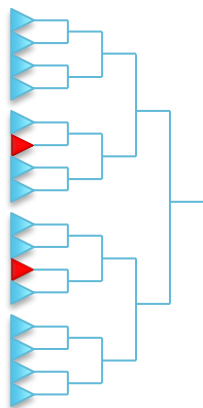
The transmission between the 96 individual inputs and output is -19.84 ± 0.05 and the cross talk between the inputs is < -35 dB



Redundancy

In order to ensure 100 % availability, given a **Redundancy**, the technology of the combining system will define the number of **Units**

Power per **Unit** = 1



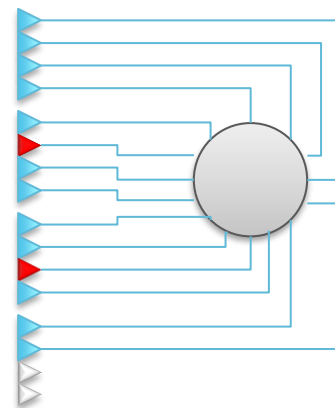
P_{out} must be 12 x P
at all time, even with
2 Units 'off-line'

In order to be 100 %
available a 3 dB
combiner requires
16 Units

$$P_{out} = \frac{A1 + A2}{2} + \sqrt{A1 \cdot A2}$$

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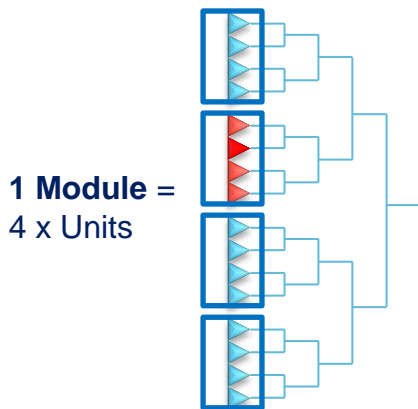
In order to be 100 %
available a cavity
combiner only
requires **14 Units**



$$P_{out} = n A1$$

Redundancy

In order to ensure 100 % availability, given a *Granularity*, the technology of the combining system will define the number of **Units**



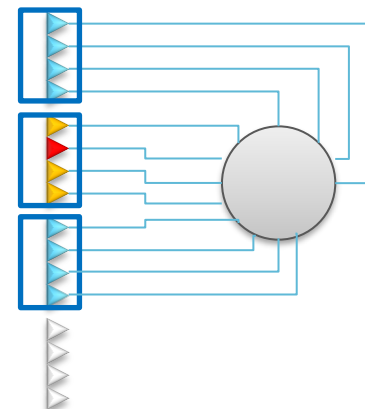
P_{out} must be 8 x P
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Redundancy & Granularity for Crab

Let imagine that we go for a SSPA for Crab

We would have to deliver 50 kW CW and 100 kWp

At 400 MHz, power per LDMOS transistor would (safely) be around 500 W, breaking with 2.2 x the 500 W equivalent drive

Going with single Power Supply per transistor to keep the granularity, and imposing full characteristics even with 10 % Units off, this would mean

With a 3 dB combiner

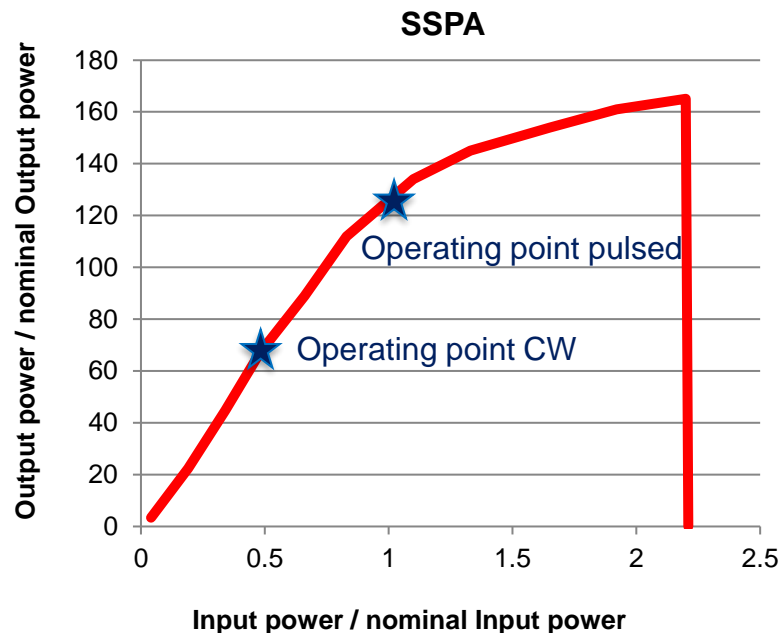
256 Units

Full power with 230/256 Units = 103 KWp

With a cavity Combiner

220 Units

Full power with 200/220 Units = 100 kWp





CERN $2 \times 16 \times 80 = 2560$ modules of 2 kWp each @ 200 MHz solid state amplifiers (2021) in the SPS
delivering 2×1.6 MWp (compared to 2×2.5 MW possible)