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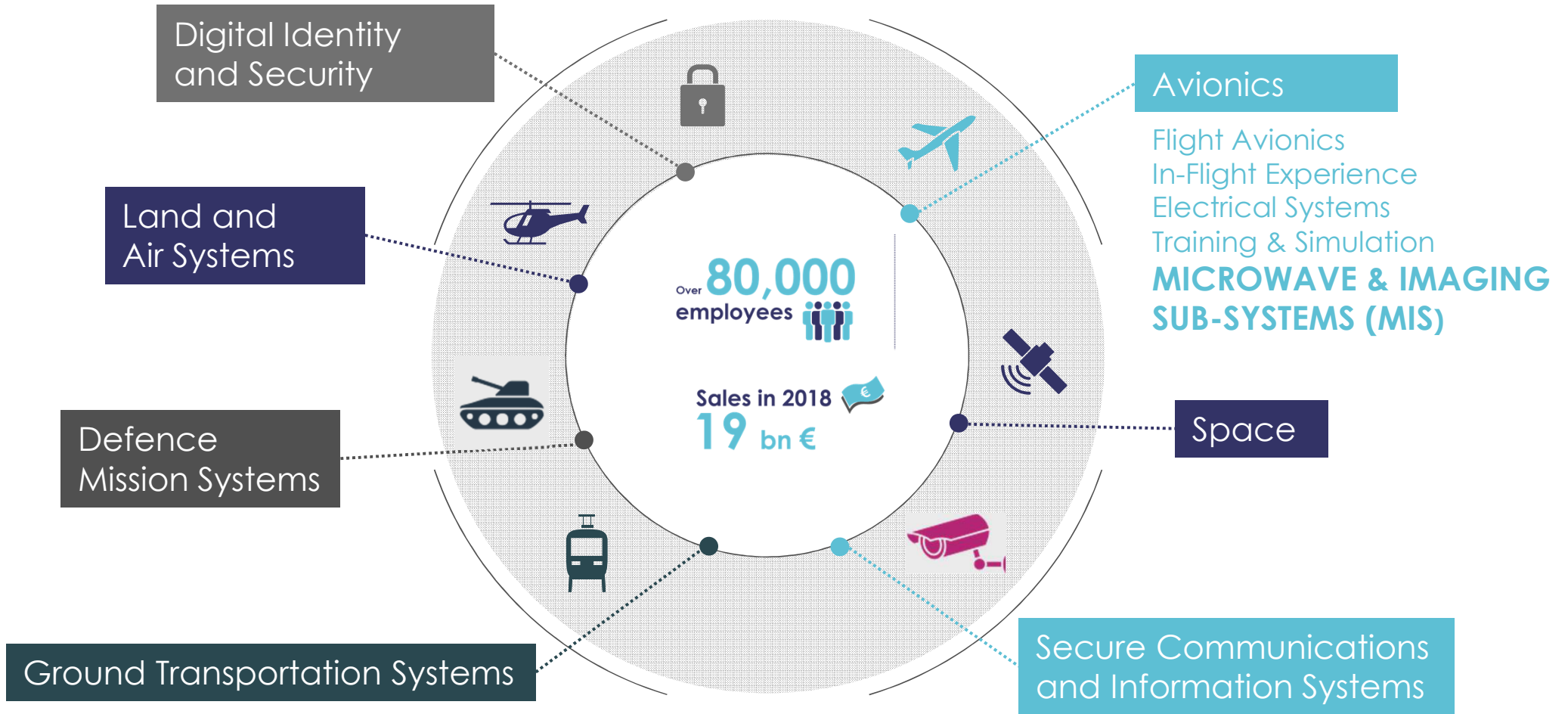
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Outline

- **THALES Microwave & Imaging Sub-Systems**
- **High power klystrons for injectors and linacs**
- **High efficiency tube developments (< 1.3GHz)**

Thales AVS MIS Business Line within Thales Group



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Thales AVS MIS Business Line

Design and production of electron devices and RF amplifiers (tube based)

- Traveling wave tubes, klystrons, magnetrons, grid tubes, gyrotrons, space & defence amplifiers, ion thrusters
- Also RF components as windows, couplers, loads

Conventional & digital imaging for radiology systems,

- Design and production of flat panel X-rays detectors
- Production of conventional tubes (IIR)
- Imaging software

2 600 employees

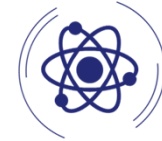
100,000 m² industrial surface, including 9,000 m² clean rooms

8 industrial sites (production, R&D)

12,000 product references



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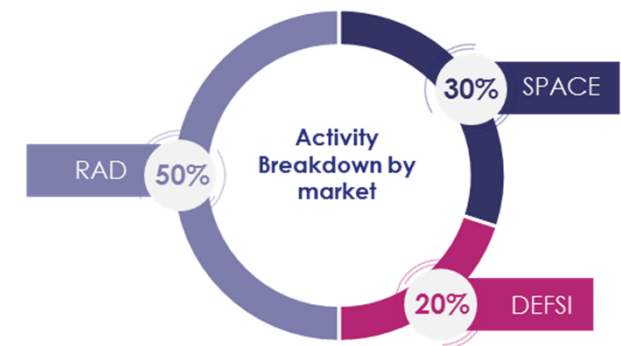
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Thales MIS global presence

- RF & Microwave sources
Production centres
- Radiology
Production centres
- Sales offices



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High power S-Band short pulse klystrons for injectors and linacs

TH2128 & TH2100 klystrons (2856 & 2998 MHz)

- 30 MW --- 60MW / 5 μ s --- 1.5 μ s
- Average power up to 20kW
- 305kV x 350A (30MW) --- 350kV x 410A (60MW)
- Vacuum or SF6 WR284 single output
- More than 100 tubes manufactured
- Lifetime > 40.000 hrs
- Electromagnet and X-ray shielding

TH2132 & TH2155 klystrons (2998 MHz, 2 outputs)

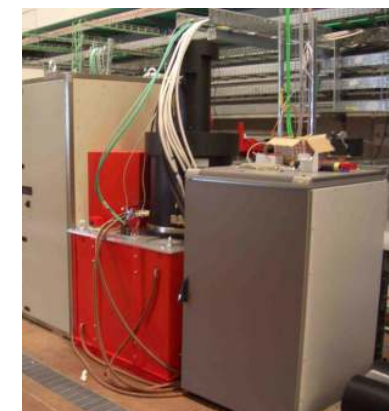
- 45MW / 4.5 μ s
- up to 50kW average
- 2 x SF6 WR284 outputs



TH 2128 & TH 2100
60 MW peak/20 kW
average in S-band.



TH2100 klystron at PSI



TH2132A klystron at ELETTRA

High power L-Band long pulse multibeam klystron for SC linacs

TH1801A and TH1802 (Multibeam Technology)

- RF Power = up to 10MW (pulse width = 1.500 ms)
- 7 beams (0.5 μ perv), 6 cavities
- Electrical characteristics = 116kV / 136A
- Efficiency = higher than 63%
- Can be delivered in vertical position with a separate focusing magnet or in horizontal position, as a turn-key solution with built-in shielding and magnet.
- 22 positions installed on EU XFEL at DESY



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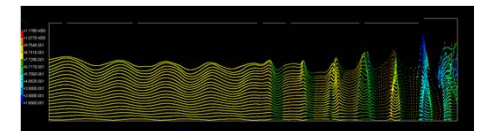
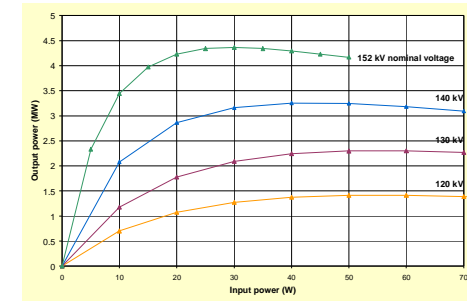
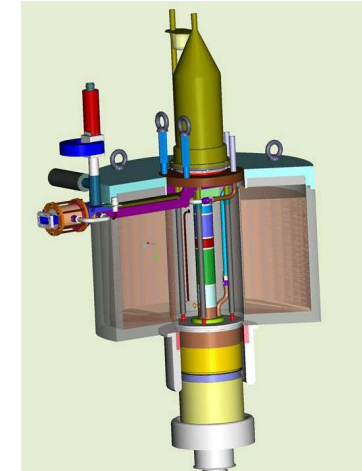
Development of X-band high power klystrons

Paper study of a X-Band Klystron for Medical and Cargo Screening applications performed in 2012

- 9.3GHz 4MW 5 μ s 200 Hz 152 kV 59.4A 50%
- 6 cavities structure including one operating on harmonic 2
- cathode current density $J < 5.8\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$
- noseless single cell output cavity
- standard pill box RF window

No on-going development on C/X-Band high power klystrons

- market covered by 3 to 4 manufacturers with products satisfying the demand
- willingness of Thales to follow but no investment capacity to address this domain given the quantities; no return on investment if self funded
- transfert of technology to be considered in case of large quantities and limited production capacities of manufacturers

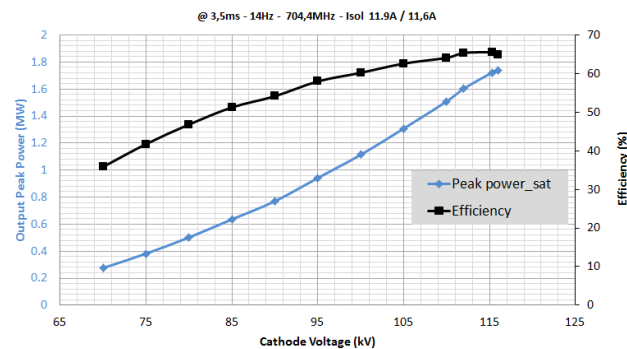
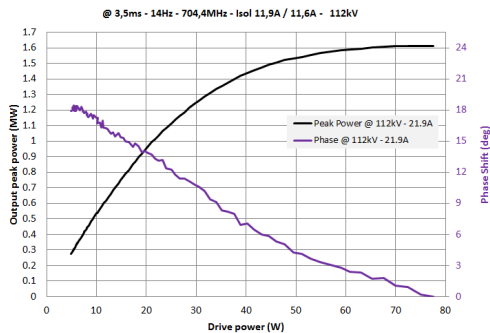


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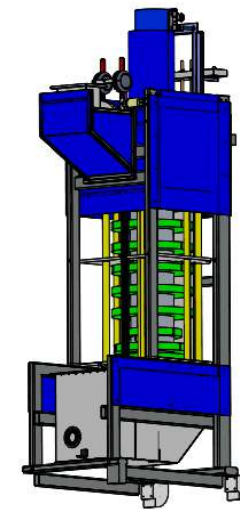
High power UHF long pulse klystron for proton linacs

1.5 MW Peak, 704 MHz, long pulse klystron (TH2180)

- diode gun , low perveance beam ($0.6 \mu\text{erv}$)
- standard 6 cavities structure with 2nd harmonic cavity in 3rd position, 1.5m long, 69% predicted efficiency with internal code Klys2D
- pill box window (WR1150)
- built-in electromagnet and oil tank
- measured 1.6MW output power with 65 % efficiency at 112kV 21.9A 3.6ms
- selected for ESS high beta linac sections



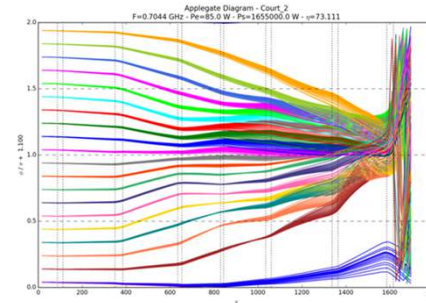
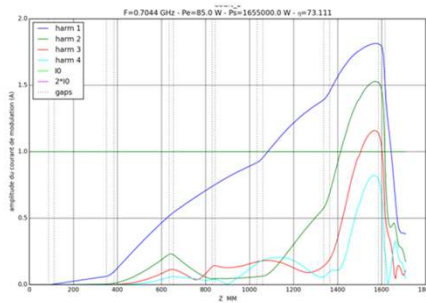
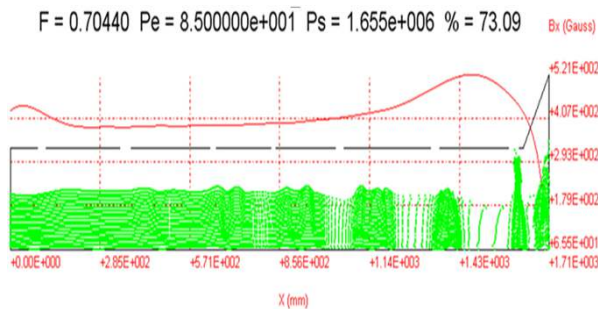
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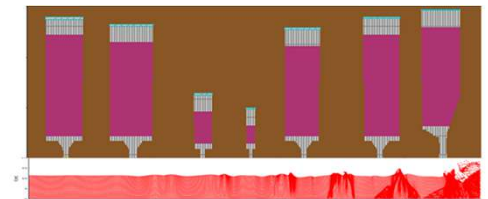
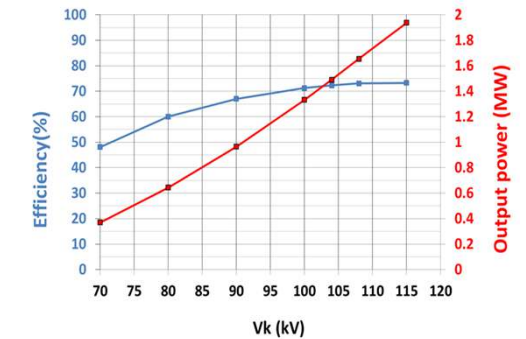
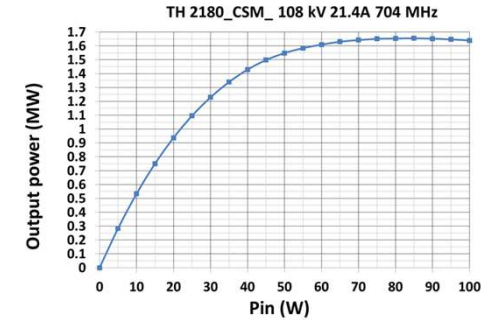
Towards a higher efficiency klystron (TH2180)

Design (paper study) of a CSM structure including an additional 3rd harmonic cavity in 4th position

- Adding a 3rd harmonic cavity increases the predicted efficiency by 3 to 4% (Magic & Klys 2D); 68-70% achievable
- Implementation of the 3rd harmonic cavity needs to be validated on a prototype
- Next batch of Thales klystrons for ESS will be with standard structure



Simulation of the CSM structure with magnetic field : 1.65MW 73.1% 108kV 21.4A 42.9dB

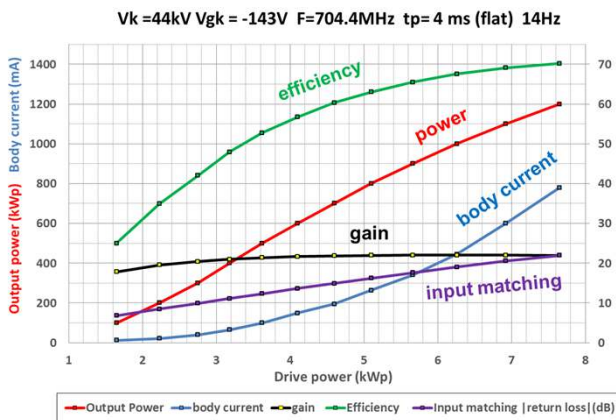


CSM structure 1.5m long 1.6MW
72% 108kV 21.4A 43.5dB

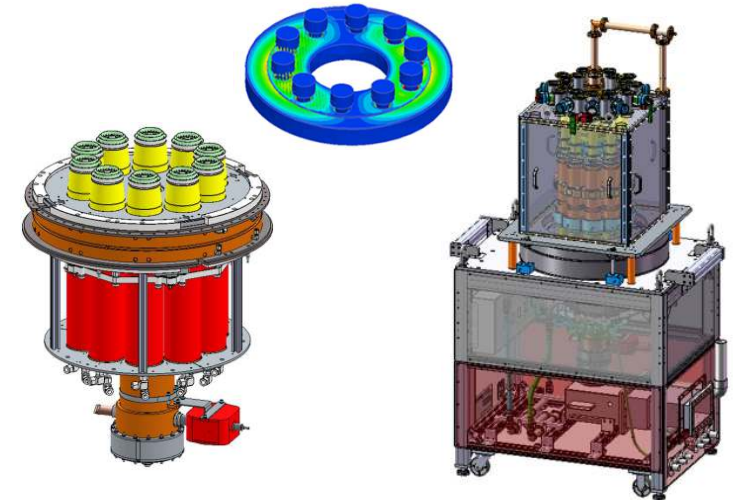
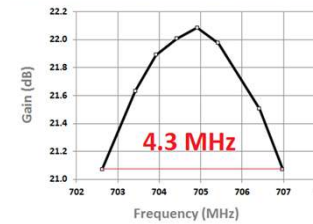
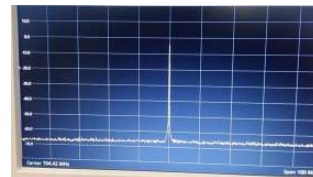
High efficiency 1.2 MW, 704 MHz, long pulse Multi-Beam IOT

Solution for Megawatt class output power at beam voltage < 50kV and efficiency > 70%

- Demonstrator developed in consortium with CPI for ESS
- 10 gridded guns, solenoid focusing, coaxial cavity, coaxial window, coax-to-WR1150 WG, single drive
- Achieved up to 1.35MW at 45kV with 70% efficiency (including interpulse idle current)
- No instabilities



Parameters	Performances
Frequency	704.42 MHz
Peak power	1.2 MW
Average power	77.3 kW
RF pulse width (flat top)	4 ms
Beam voltage	44 kV
Beam current (total)	38.6 A
Efficiency	70.2 %
Gain	22 dB
Bandwidth (-1dB)	4.3 MHz
Grid bias voltage	-143 V
Body current	780 mA
Idle current (total)	20 mA
Input return loss	-21.9 dB

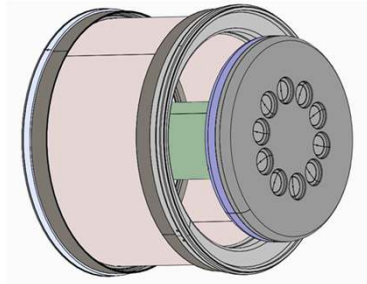


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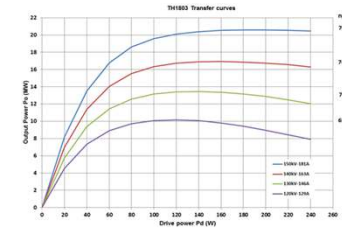
High efficiency 20 MW , 1GHz Multi-Beam Klystron

Solution for multi megawatt class output power at beam voltage < 150kV and efficiency > 70%

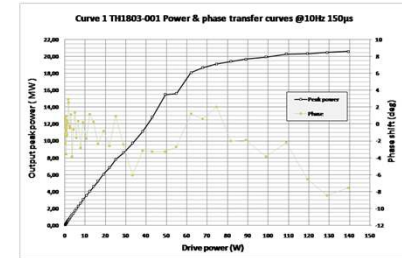
- Prototype developed for CERN (CLIC drive beam)
- 10 x low perveance beams (0.35 μ perv)
- 6 x coaxial ring cavities, including one 2nd harmonic
- Tested up to 21MW at 146.5kVx191A (150 μ s) with 73% eff.
- Limited average power due to beam loss
- Limited operating domain due to RF instabilities and beam losses in the output cavity (max 10 Hz rep rate)
- Large (30%) power asymmetry between output ports



Low cathode's current density < 3 A/cm²
 Electrical field in gun's region < 7 kV/mm²
 Beam focused at 2 to 2,4 Brillouin field



20.6MW predicted with 76% efficiency at 150 kV x 181 A



Measured power curve at 146.5kV x191.2A 150 μ s - 20.6MW 73.5% at saturation – instability below saturation



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High efficiency 400MHz 300kW CW klystron

Total 16 THALES TH2167 klystrons as part of the LHC RF system

- TH2167 klystron saturated output power limited to 300kW CW

High Luminosity LHC upgrade will require more RF power

- Need to improve the beam wave interaction efficiency to increase power up to 350 kW and to preserve the existing power supplies
- Plug-in klystron system replacement and re-use of sub-assemblies

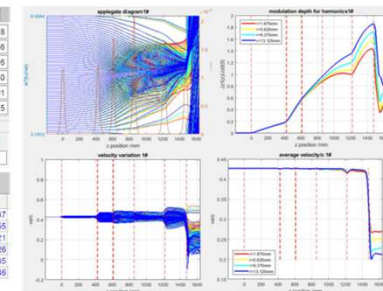
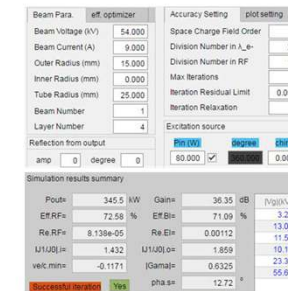
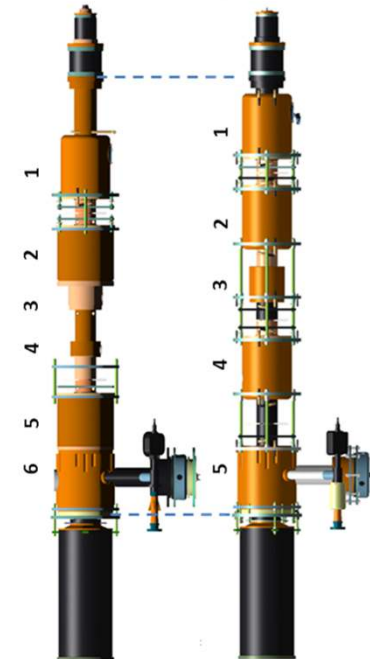
Replace the existing five cavities structure by a high efficiency structure designed by CERN

- CSM (Core oscillation Method) structure with 6 cavities including a second harmonic cavity in 3rd position and a third harmonic cavity in 4th position
- Predicted power is 345 kW at 54kV 9A with and a gain of 36.5 dB and 71% efficiency, 9 points (%) more than the initial structure

On going discussion with CERN to commit into a development collaboration



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