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## FIRST OPERATION OF A KLYSTRON FITTED WITH A SUPERCONDUCTING MGB<sub>2</sub> SOLENOID

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# OUTLOOK



Motivation and plan



Cable and magnet manufacturing



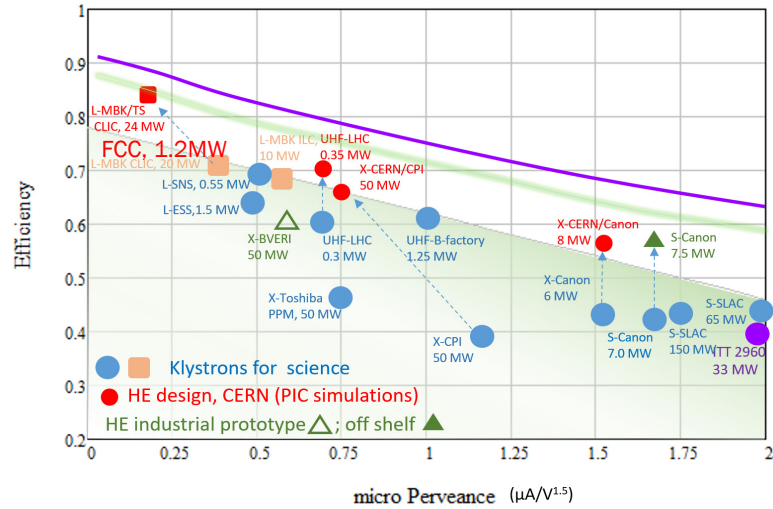
Integration at CERN



Performance of the klystron system



Conclusions



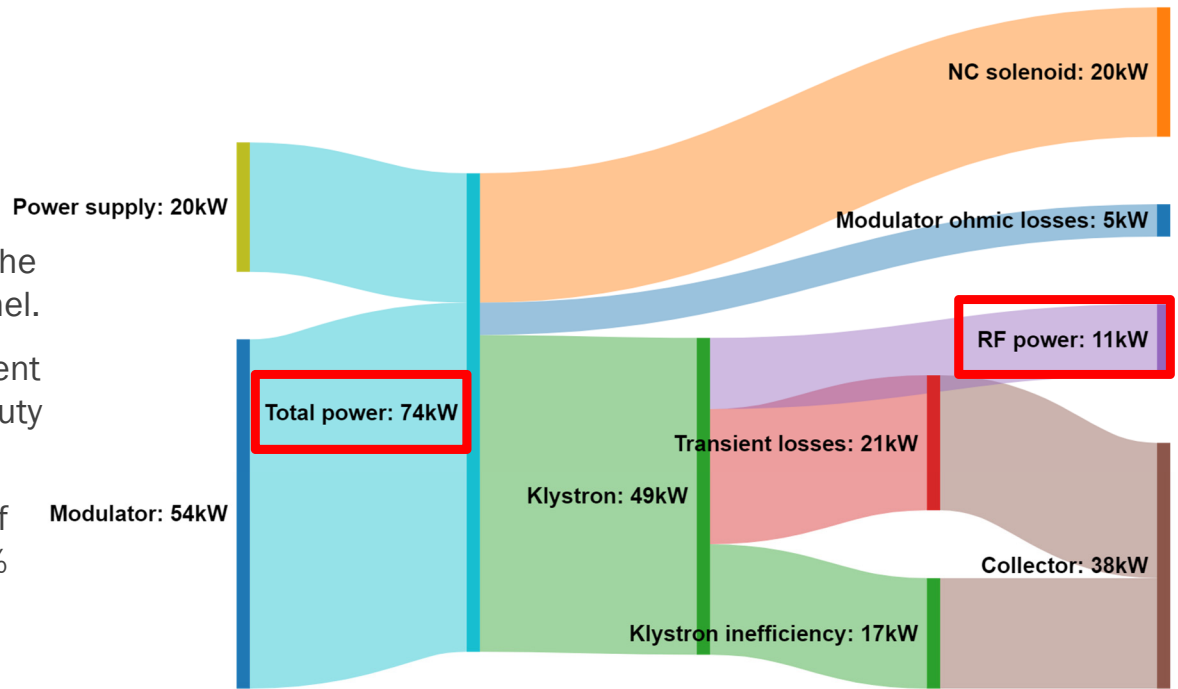
## MOTIVATION

- New projects are rated by their efficiency and sustainability performance
- Recent years have seen tremendous effort to make more efficient klystrons
- Among effects studied: E field expansion in the drift tubes; Ohmic losses; Space charge depression; Bunch saturation; Bunch congregation; Bunch stratification; Radial bunch expansion; Reflected electrons.

*J. Cai and I. Syratchev, "Design Study of X-band High Efficiency Klystrons for CLIC," 2020 IEEE 21st International Conference on Vacuum Electronics (IVEC), 2020, pp. 121-122, doi: 10.1109/IVEC45766.2020.9520585.*

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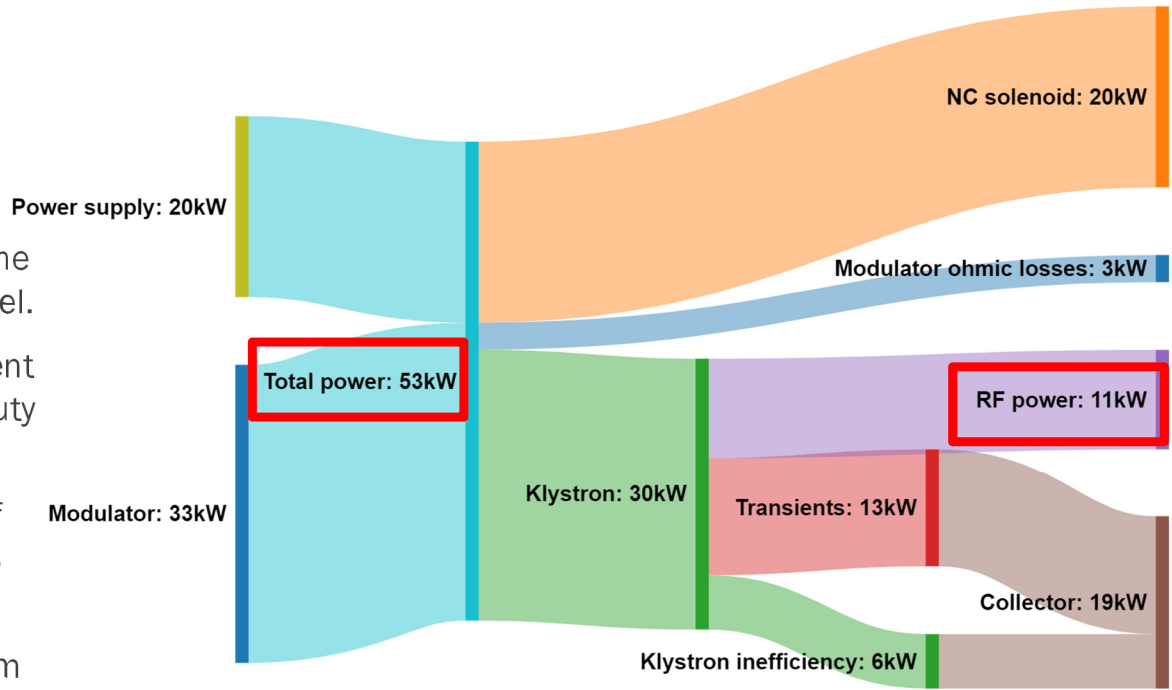
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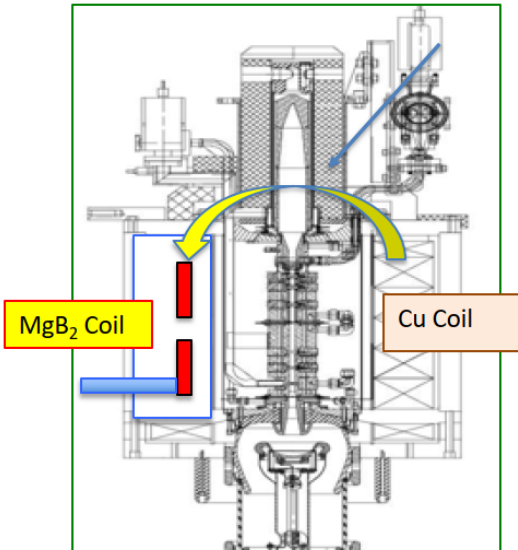
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- With a gain in klystron efficiency from 40% to 65% and an optimized pulse we can save 20 KW per RF unit
- The solenoid will then represent 37% of the power`



AC power/RF efficiency = 21.0%

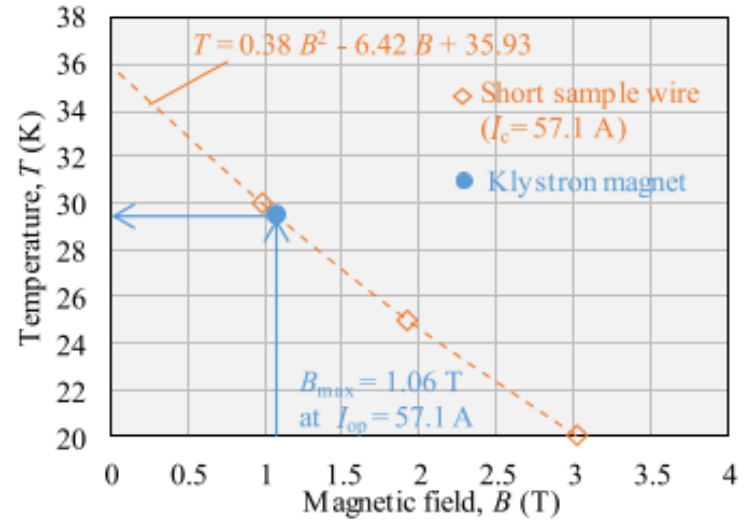
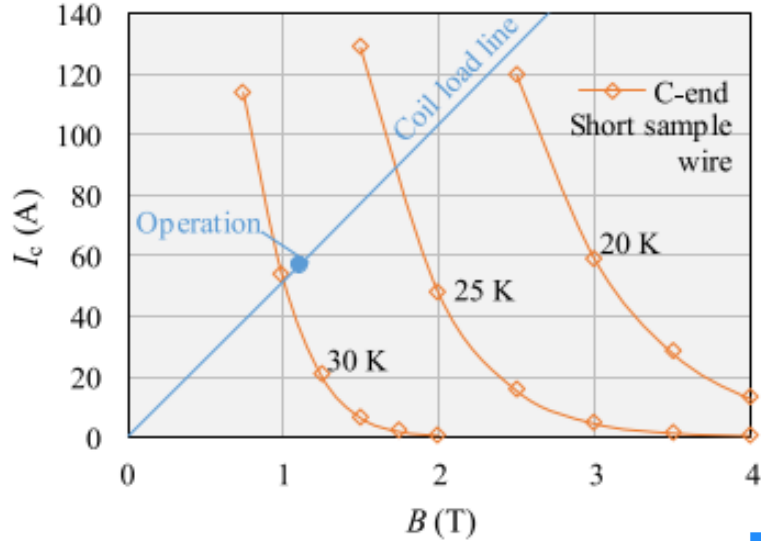
# SOLENOID DESIGN AND CHARACTERISTICS

- Proposal from A. Yamamoto (KEK) to build a superconducting solenoid that could be tested and operational on the CERN X-band facility
- The required magnetic field is well below 1T so we can use MgB<sub>2</sub> working below 30 K to improve the cryocooler efficiency and minimize costs

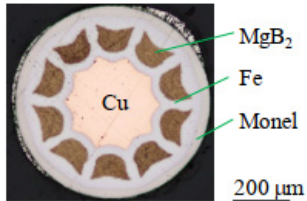


Coil technology	Unit	Cu	MgB <sub>2</sub>
Central field	T	0.6	0.8
Current	A	2x300	57
Voltage	V	35	0
Cooling method		Water	Cryo-cooler
Temp	K	300	~25
Wall plug power	kW	<b>20</b>	<b>&lt;3</b>

A. Yamamoto et al., "Applying Superconducting Magnet Technology for High-Efficiency Klystrons in Particle Accelerator RF Systems", *IEEE Transactions on Applied Superconductivity*, vol. 30, no. 4, pp. 1-4, Jun. 2020. doi:10.1109/TASC.2020.2978471



## CABLE AND CABLE TESTS



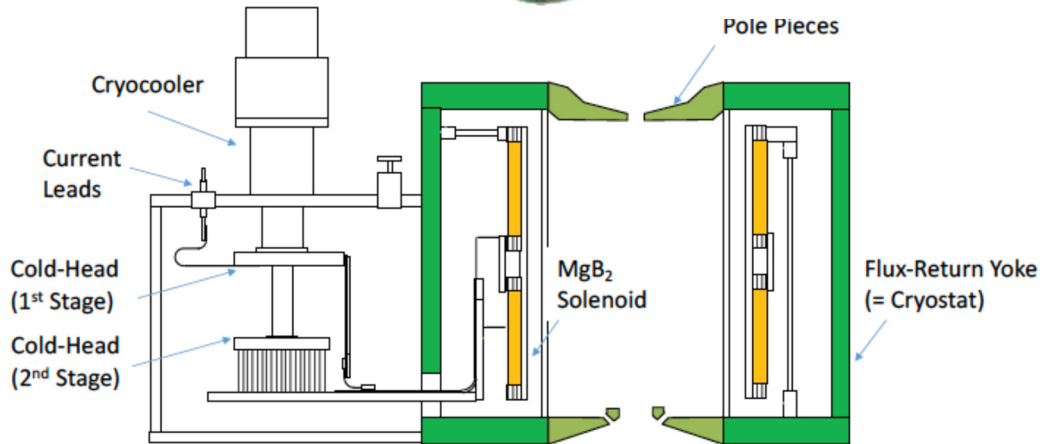
- 8km MgB<sub>2</sub> wire manufactured by Hitachi. Based on experience for MRI magnets
- 21 samples measured. Very good homogeneity
- Critical temperature of the cable at the operational point is 29 K.
  - 57.1 A and 1.06 T field in the coil
- Works at 46% of the load-line

H. Tanaka et al., "Performance of MgB<sub>2</sub> Superconductor Developed for High-Efficiency Klystron Applications", *IEEE Transactions on Applied Superconductivity*, vol. 30, no. 4, pp. 1-5, Jun. 2020. doi:10.1109/TASC.2020.2970391

# MANUFACTURING OF THE SC SOLENOID IN HITACHI

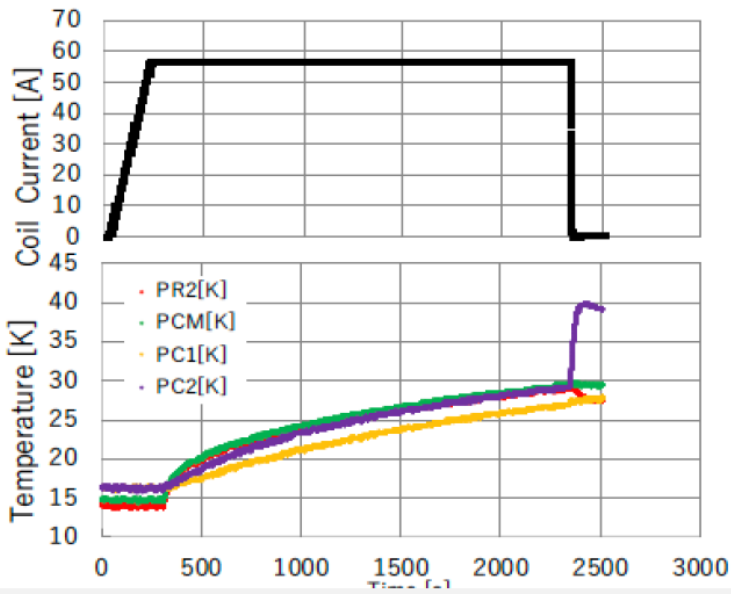
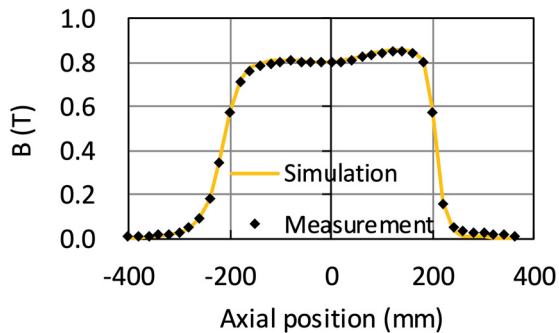
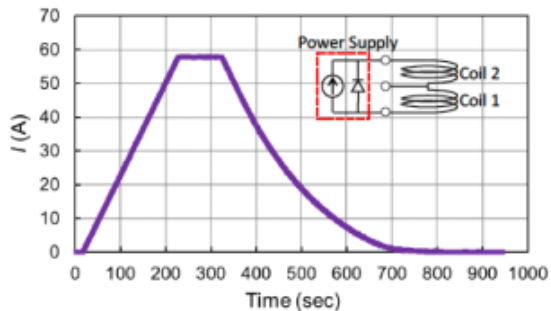


- Wind and react coils (2) in an iron cryostat that serves also as return yoke.
- HTS superconducting current leads (3)



Superconductor	MgB <sub>2</sub>	
Maximum B field	0.8 T	
Current	57.1 A	
Inductance	7.3 H	
Max. field in coil	1.06 T	
Operating temperature	<20 K	
Stored energy	11.8 kJ	
Weight	600 Kg	
AC plug power	<3 kW	





- Quench tests.
  - Self protected
- 10-hours excitation tests
- Power abort test
- Magnetic field measurements
  - Very good agreement

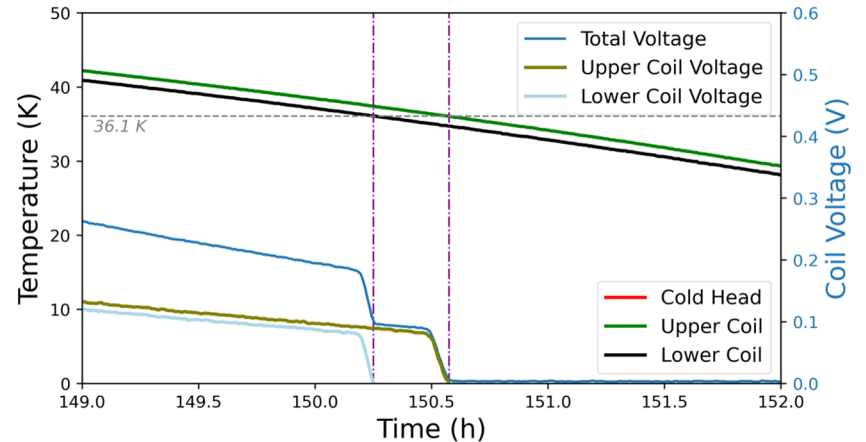
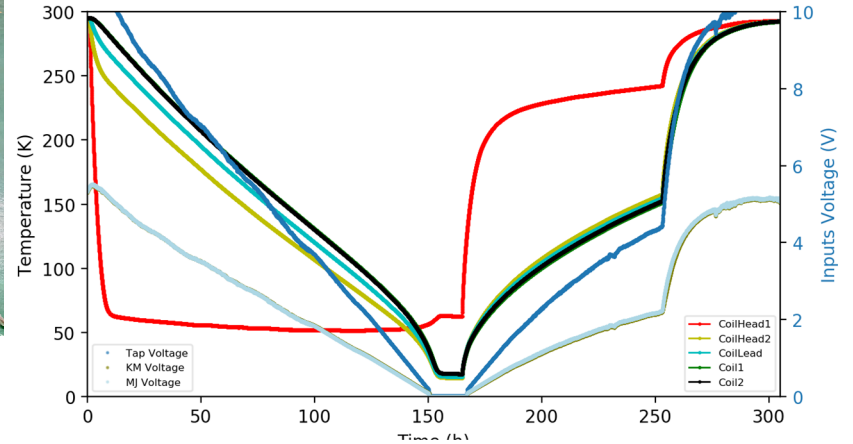
# FIRST TESTS AT HITACHI

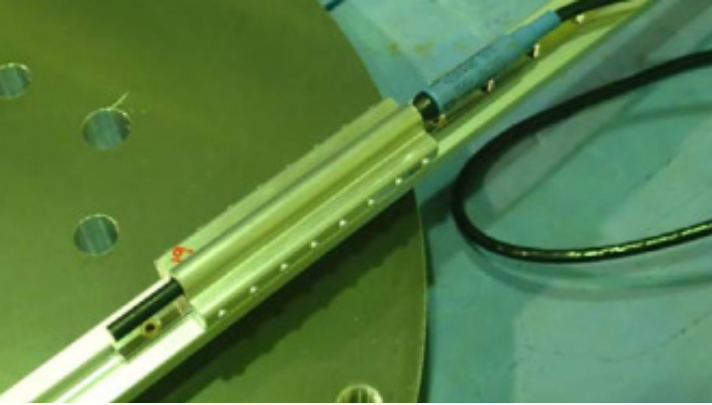
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# COOL-DOWN

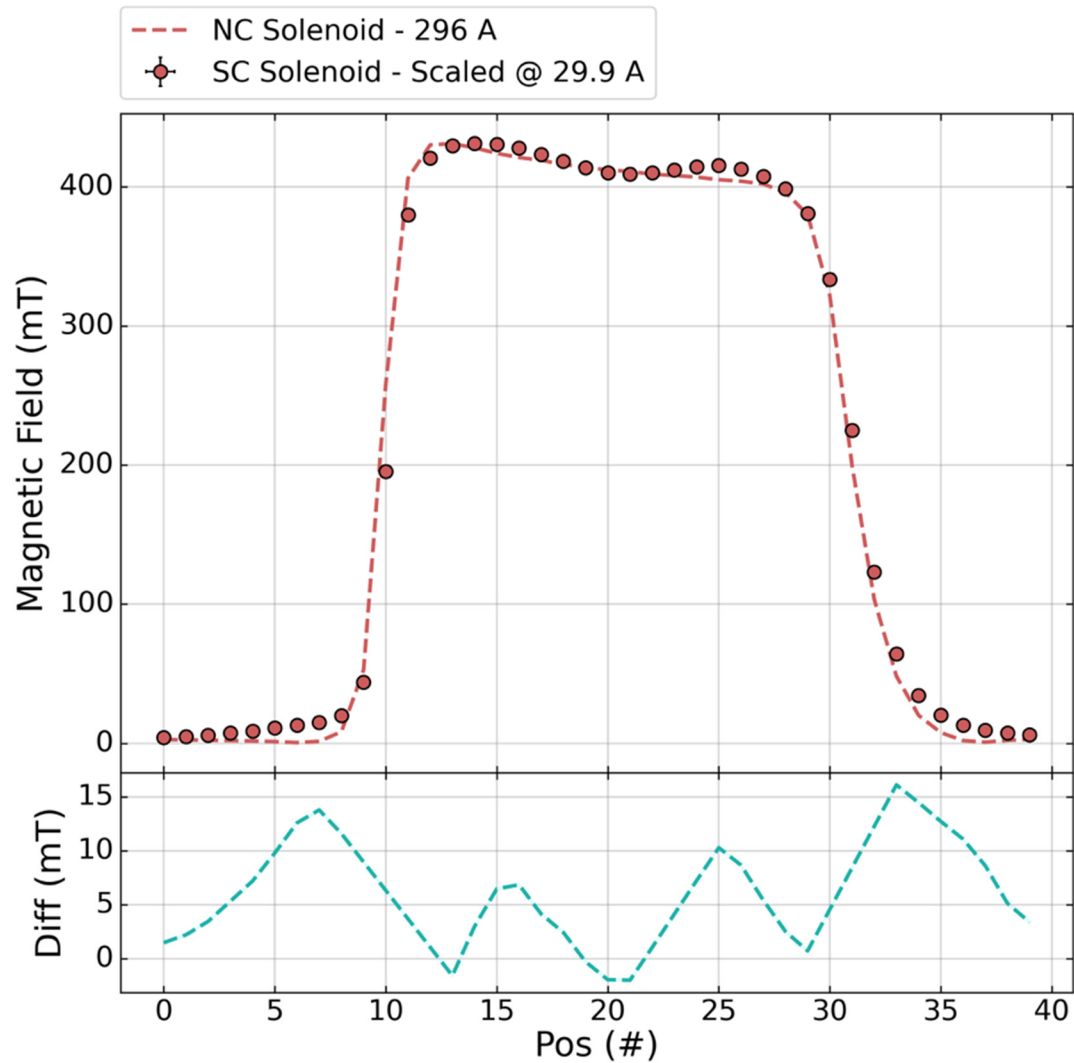
- Two twin coils cooled by conduction.
  - Insulation vacuum
  - Helium only on the cryocooler/cold head
  - Air cooled-compressor Cryocooler plus cold head
- Available instrumentation:
  - Temperature sensors. Thermocouples and PtCo sensors
  - Voltage taps
  - Heaters (not used at CERN)

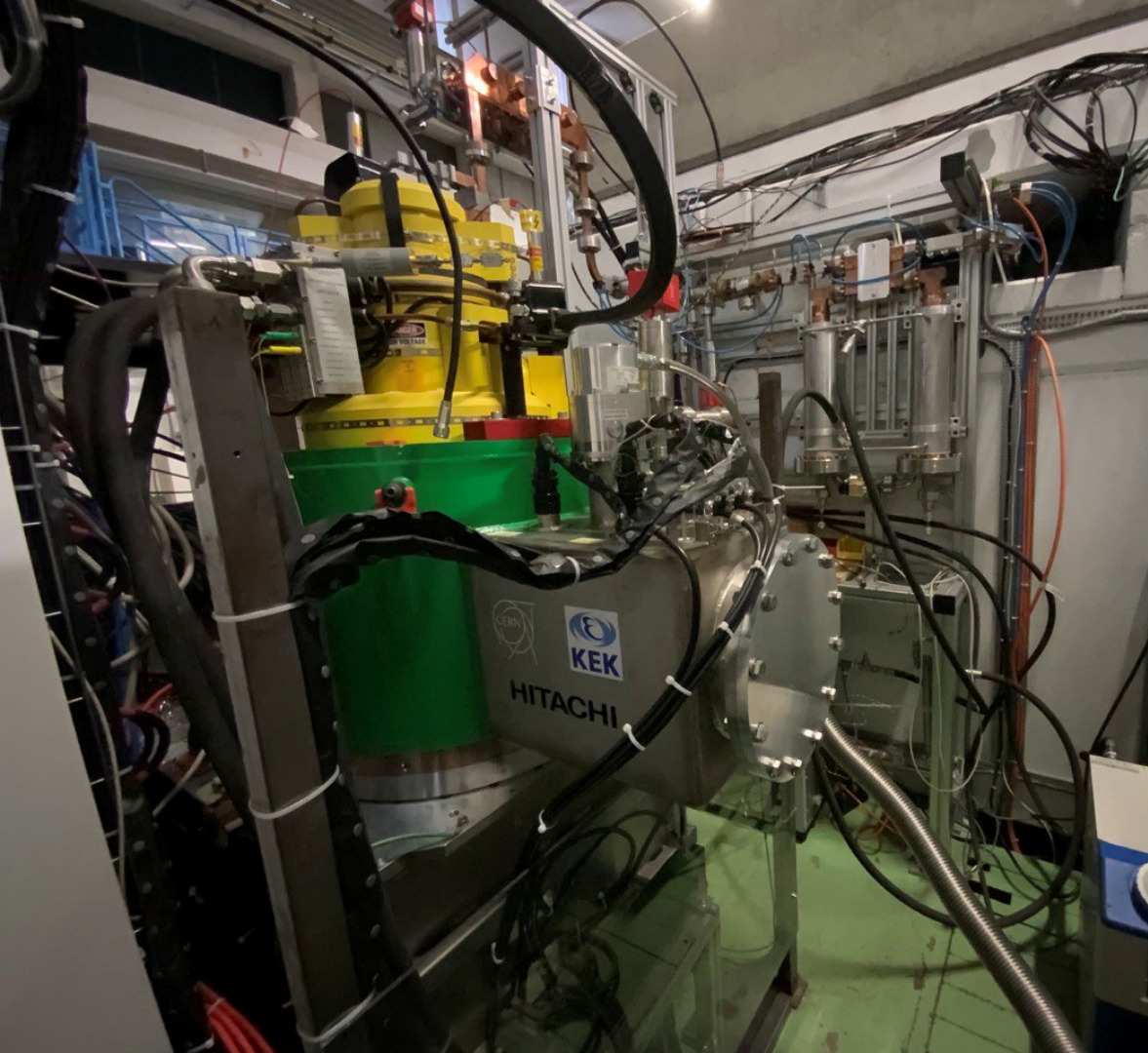




## MAGNETIC MEASUREMENTS

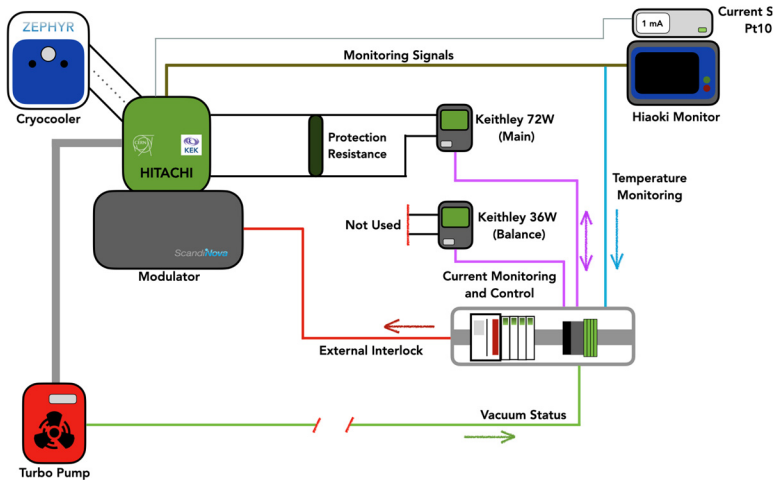
- Measurements done with a hall probe
- Homogeneity and reproducibility are very good!
- Small difference between magnets at the level of fringe fields
- Close to the cathode where beam rigidity is smaller. Probably important for performance





## INSTALLATION IN THE KLYSTRON

- Full compatibility with klystron and modulator interfaces
- Larger volume required on the side of modulator
- Special care needed with handling as the load is asymmetric
- Vacuum pump permanently connected (insulation vacuum)



SC Solenoid Interlocks Status: ● OK ● ERROR

### Coils Temperature

	Value	Unit	Max	Threshold	Unit	Status
Upper	9.14	K	16.28	25.00	K	<span style="color: green;">●</span> <span style="color: red;">●</span>
Lower	9.14	K	16.27	25.00	K	<span style="color: green;">●</span> <span style="color: red;">●</span>

### Current Sources Enabled

### Main Current Source

	Value	Unit	Min	Max	Unit	Status
Voltage	77032704	V	1.08	2.00	V	<span style="color: green;">●</span> <span style="color: red;">●</span>
Current	889849856	A	28.00	30.00	A	<span style="color: green;">●</span> <span style="color: red;">●</span>

### Balance Current Source

	Value	Unit	Min	Max	Unit	Status
Voltage	356	V	0.33	30.00	V	<span style="color: green;">●</span> <span style="color: red;">●</span>
Current	362	A	0.41	30.00	A	<span style="color: green;">●</span> <span style="color: red;">●</span>

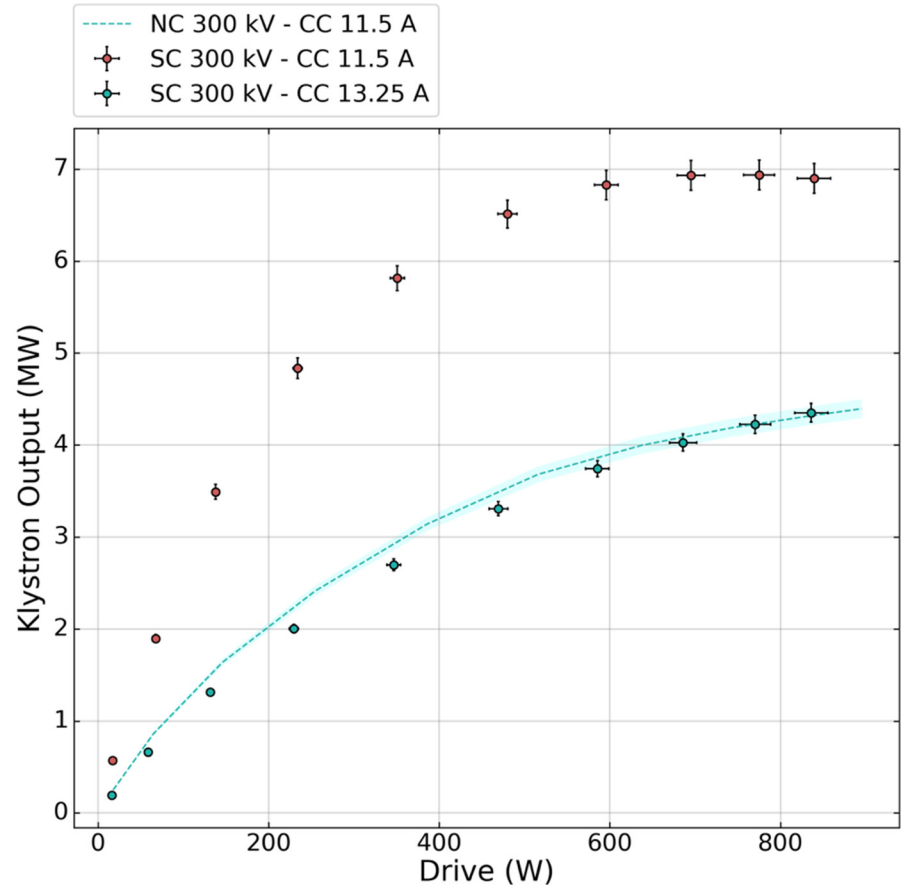
Vacuum Pump Status ● ●

## INTERLOCKS AND SAFETY

- From two to three feeds (current, cooling, vacuum)
- Interlocks on vacuum and temperature to protect the solenoid
- Interlock on solenoid current to protect the klystron

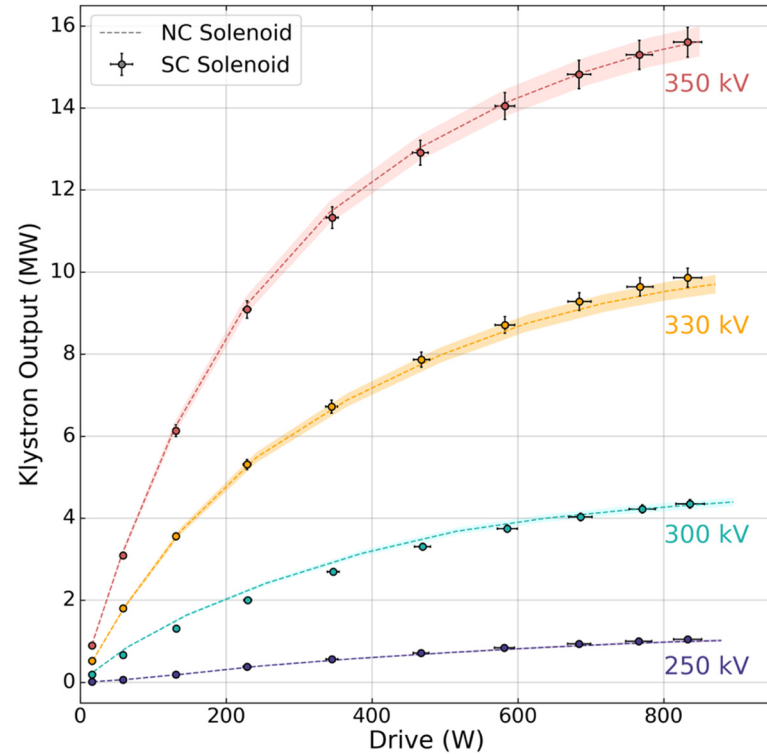
# FIRST MEASUREMENTS

- Measurements could not be done at nominal conditions as load not conditioned to full power
  - Max power ~20 MW
  - Originally optimized at CPI for nominal power @ 50 MW
- Current adjusted for central field.
- Nominal counter-coil settings for NC solenoid
- SC gain curve shows higher gain and faster saturation
- Counter-coil current adjusted for smaller beam to match original gain



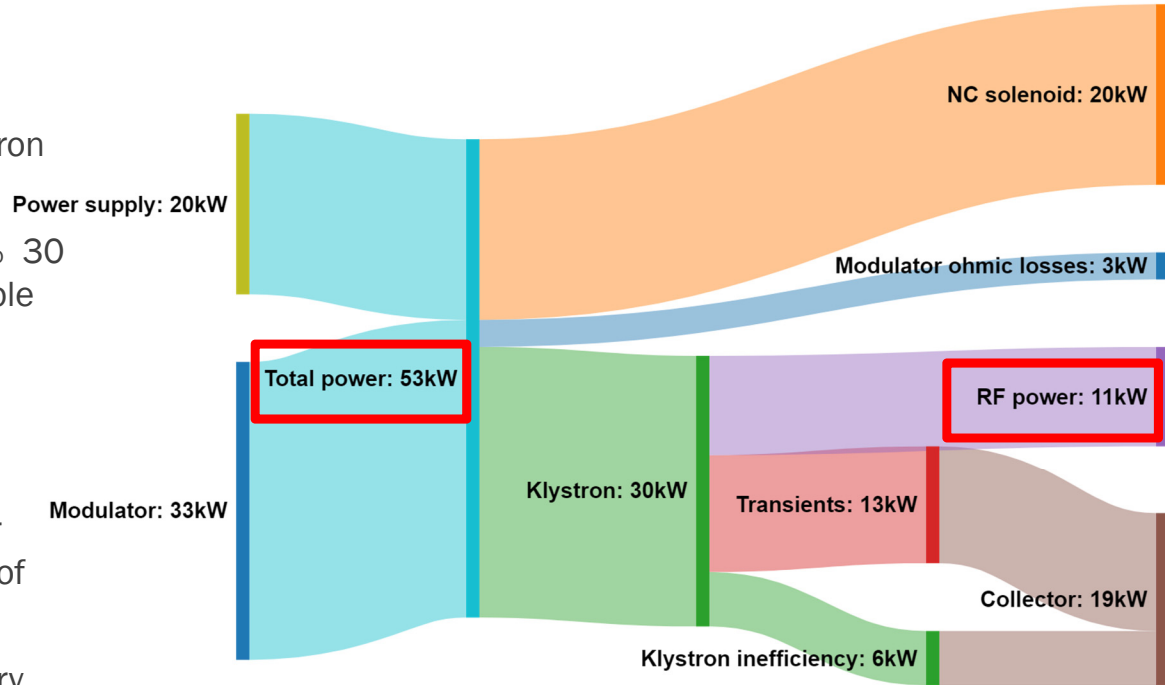
# RE-TUNING OF THE COUNTER-COIL

- Counter-coil re-tuned by an additional 20% in current to recover performance
- Same correction is valid for every klystron gain
- Counter-coil current settings are valid for all set-points



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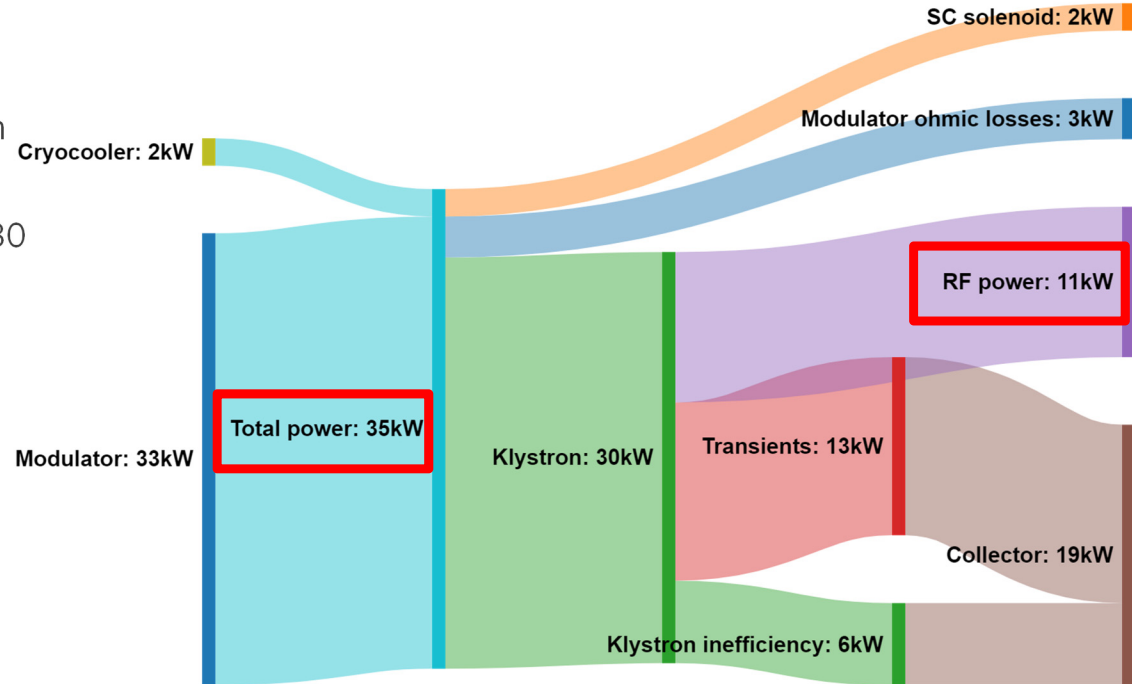
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With a high efficiency klystron , modulator AND a SC solenoid we will save >50% of the power for the same output RF power!



**AC power/RF efficiency = 31.7%**

# ANNOUNCEMENT

- I.FAST Workshop on efficient RF sources
- Klystrons, IOTs, Solid state, tetrodes, Magnetrons, etc.

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1138197/>

## Workshop on efficient RF sources

4–6 Jul 2022  
Chateau de Bossey  
Europe/Zurich timezone



### Overview

Timetable

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Following a series of successful workshops on the initiative of the EUCARD and ARIES EU-funded programs, we would like to announce the next Workshop on Efficient RF sources to be held in Chateau de Bossey (Geneva, Switzerland) on the 4-5-6 July 2022. The workshop is part of the I.FAST initiative for **"Sustainable concepts and technologies"**

The workshop is aimed at displaying the recent advances on energy efficient technology for RF sources mainly used in accelerators. As in previous events, we expect a number of experts from public and private sector to participate in the meeting and the discussions around the efficiency of klystrons, IOTS, Solid state amplifiers and RF systems in general.

Organizing Committee Chairs: Nuria Catalan Lasheras (CERN), Mike Seidel (PSI)

Scientific Committee Chair: Igor Syrathev

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**Starts** 4 Jul 2022, 09:00  
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