

CW and Long Pulse Operation of XFEL-type Modules at DESY

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INTRODUCTION: the XFEL CW upgrade

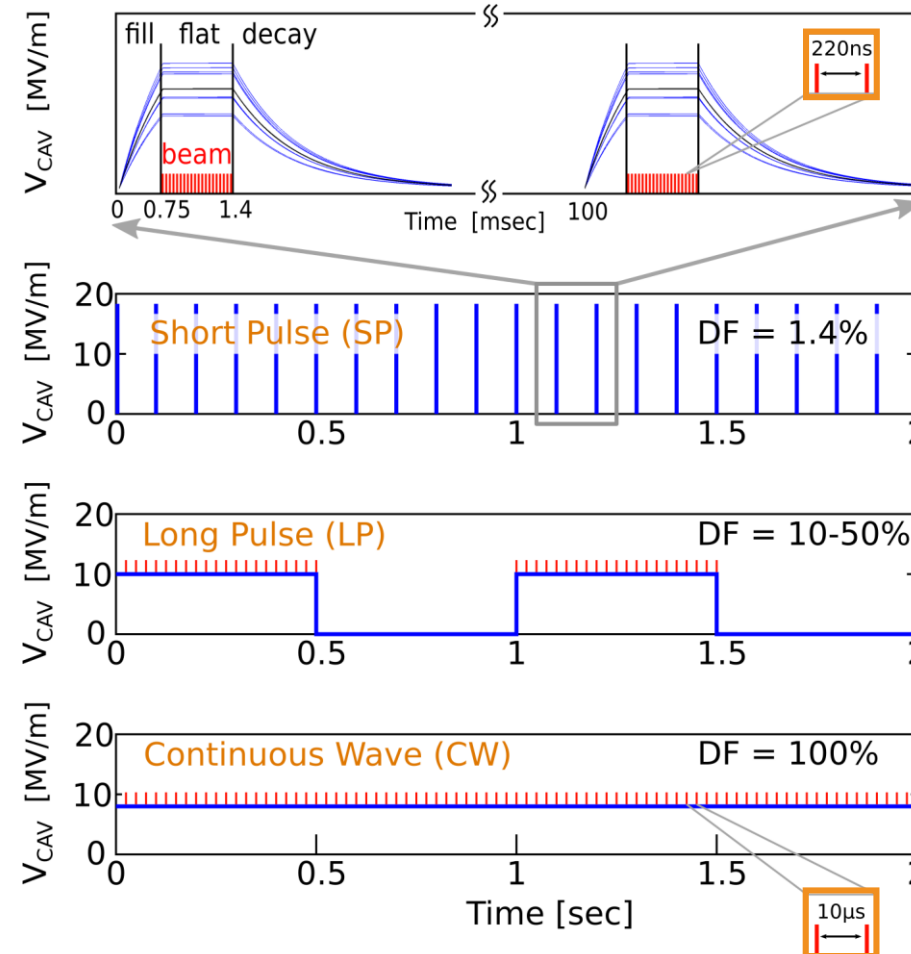
Continuous Wave (CW) Long Pulse (LP) and Short Pulse (SP) operation

Why CW ?

- Users: less complex detectors
- “Better 100 kHz bunches all the time rather than 4.5 MHz bursts with 100 msec gaps”

CW operation means CW RF

- Still pulsed beam
- More dissipated heat → more cooling
- CW-capable power sources
- Different control scheme / regime



FLASH.
Free-Electron Laser FLASH

$E = 17.5 \text{ GeV}$
 $N_{\text{bunch}}/s = 27k$

$E = 10 \text{ GeV}$
 $N_{\text{bunch}}/s = 50k$

*up to 500 kHz for 20pC

$E = 8 \text{ GeV}$
 $N_{\text{bunch}}/s = 100k$

*up to 1 MHz for 20pC

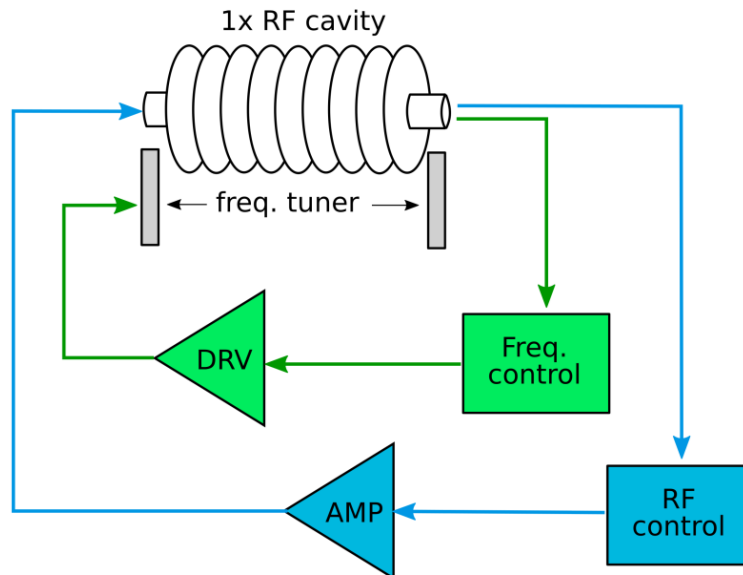
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Standard LLRF Control for CW Machines

1. Single Cavity Single Source (SCSS) regulation

Example

- JLAB: CEBAF
- SLAC: LCLS-II



of 280 nine-cell 1300 MHz superconducting cavities [2].

Plans for the RF controls for the 1.3 GHz cavities have been described elsewhere ([3–6]). It is based on mainstream digital LLRF technology, and incorporates many ideas developed for LBNL's NGLS proposal [7]. The controls use a **Single Source Single Cavity (SSSC)** architecture, where each cavity has a dedicated amplifier. SSSC has **enormous value for simplifying control** of narrow-band SRF cavities. It is also **a sensible choice for a CW machine**, where **Solid-State Amplifier** technology has approximately matched Klystrons

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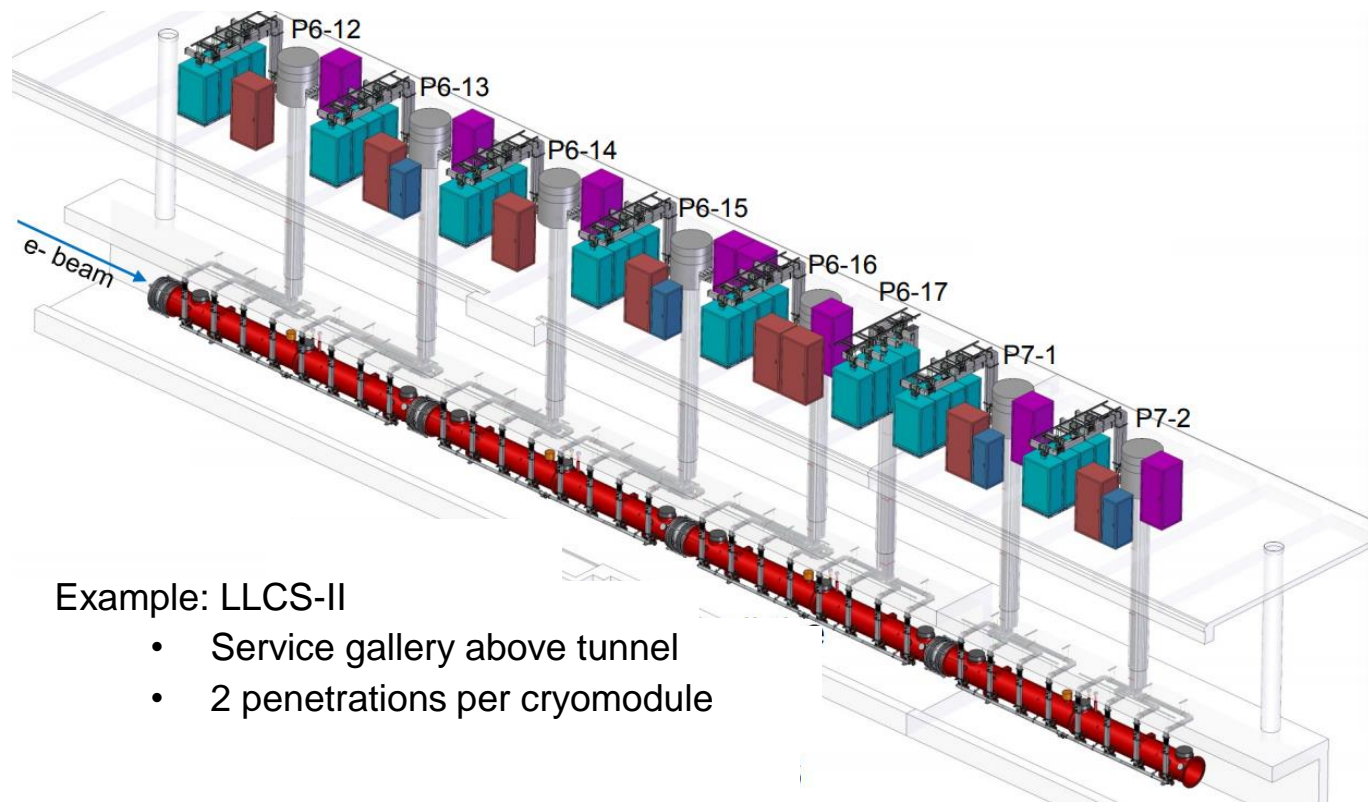
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Extract from: “Design and implementation of the llrf system for lcls-ii” C. Serano et al. Proceedings from ICALEPCS2017, Barcelona, Spain

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2. High Power Solid State Amplifiers (SSA)



Source: "High Power RF-Solid State Amplifiers" A. Dian Yermian

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Special case of the Eu-XFEL

No service gallery

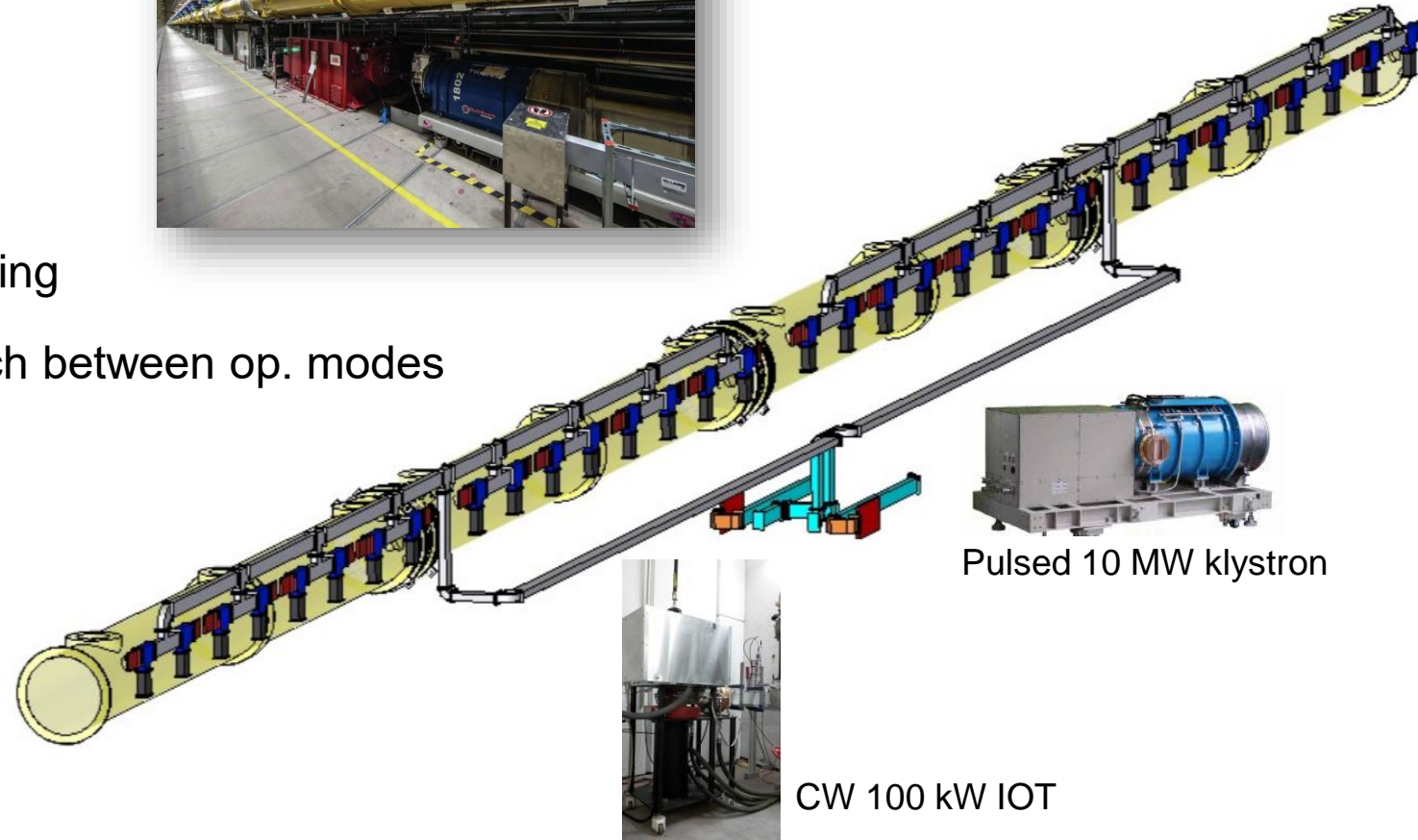
- CW RF sources should fit in the tunnel
- Large SSAs not an option, smaller ones?

CW operation **ON TOP** of pulsed operation

- Maintain the waveguide distribution + cabling
- Only “minor adjustments” required to switch between op. modes

1 RF station

- 4 cryomodules = 32 cavities
- 1 power source
 - **Klystron** for pulsed
 - **Inductive Output Tube** (IOT) for CW
- 1 RF control system ➔ **Vector Sum control**

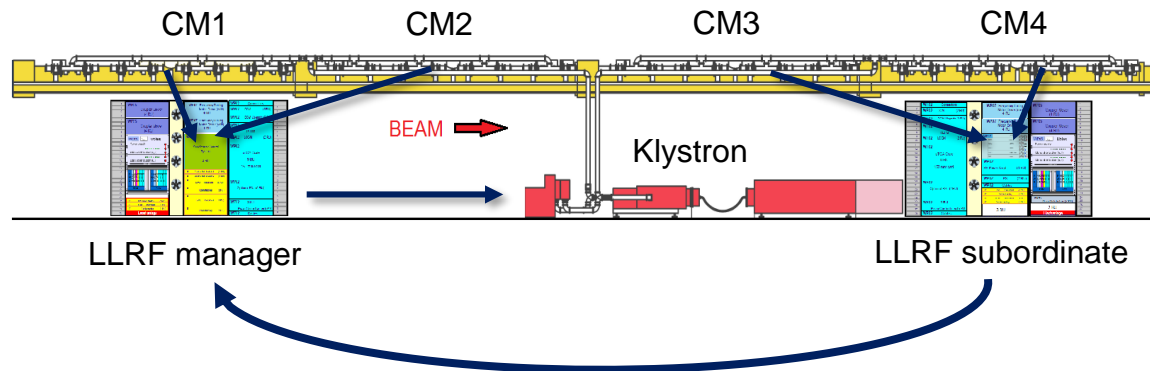


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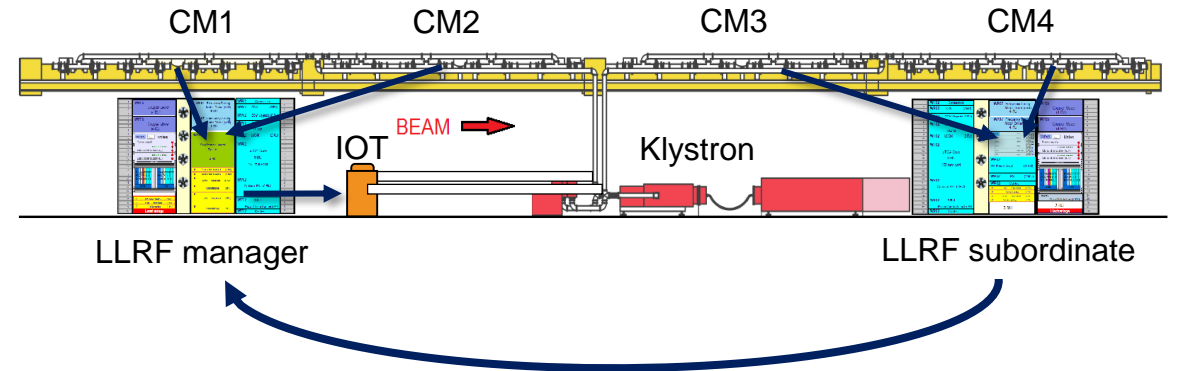
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- 17.5 GeV max energy
- 1x klystron to drive 1 RF station (32 cavities)
- 1x LLRF system per RF station
- $Q_L = 4.6e6$ (i.e. $\frac{1}{2}$ bandwidth ~ 280 Hz)



CW / LP operation

- 8 GeV max energy (CW), 10 GeV (LP)
- 1x IOT to drive 1 RF station
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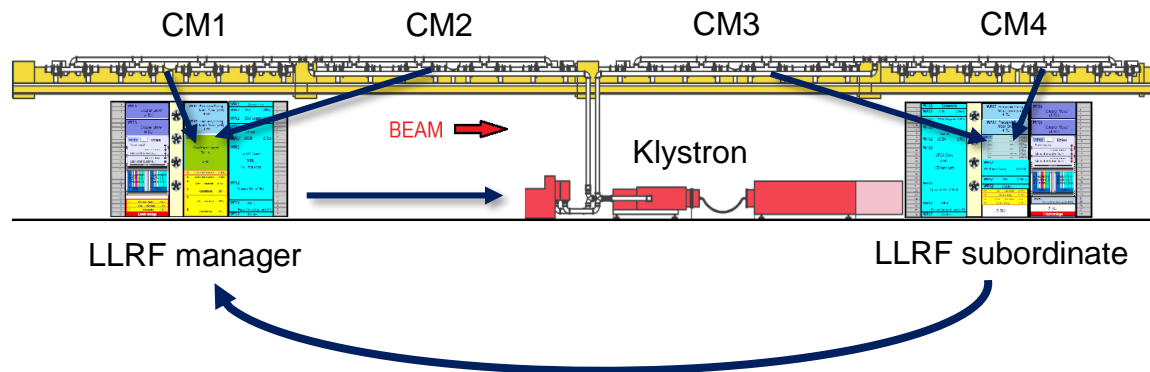


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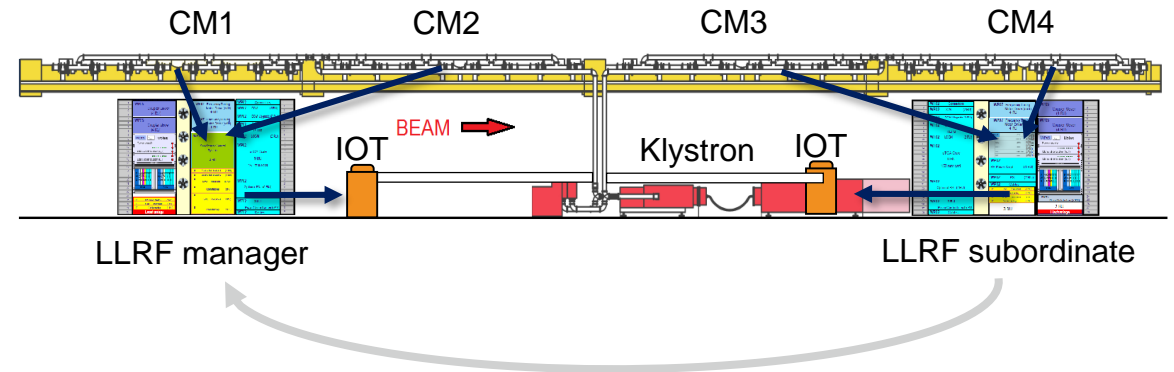
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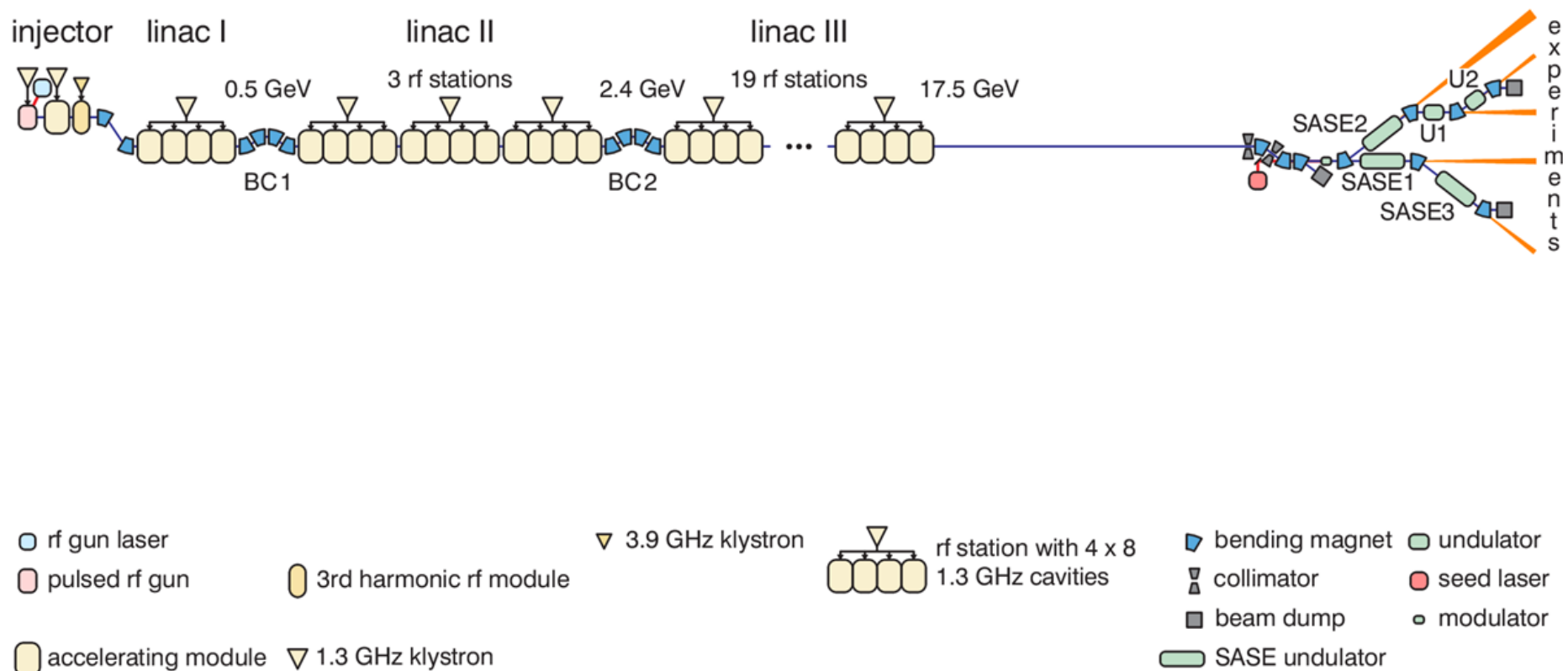
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Modifying the linac

Courtesy Elmar Vogel

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At present: operation with pulsed rf for high energy but with restrictions w.r.t. the time structure



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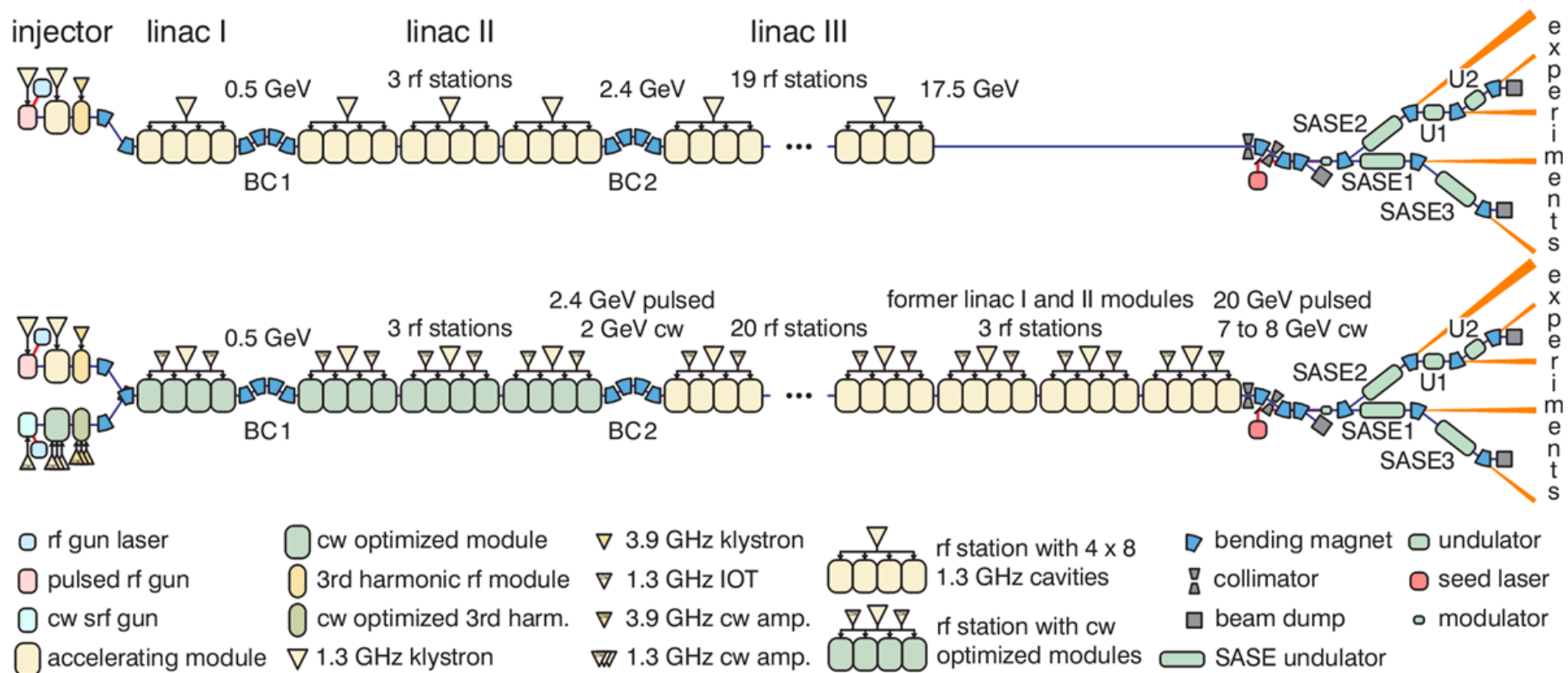
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CW upgrade: operation with pulsed rf or with cw rf at lower energy but with flexible time structure



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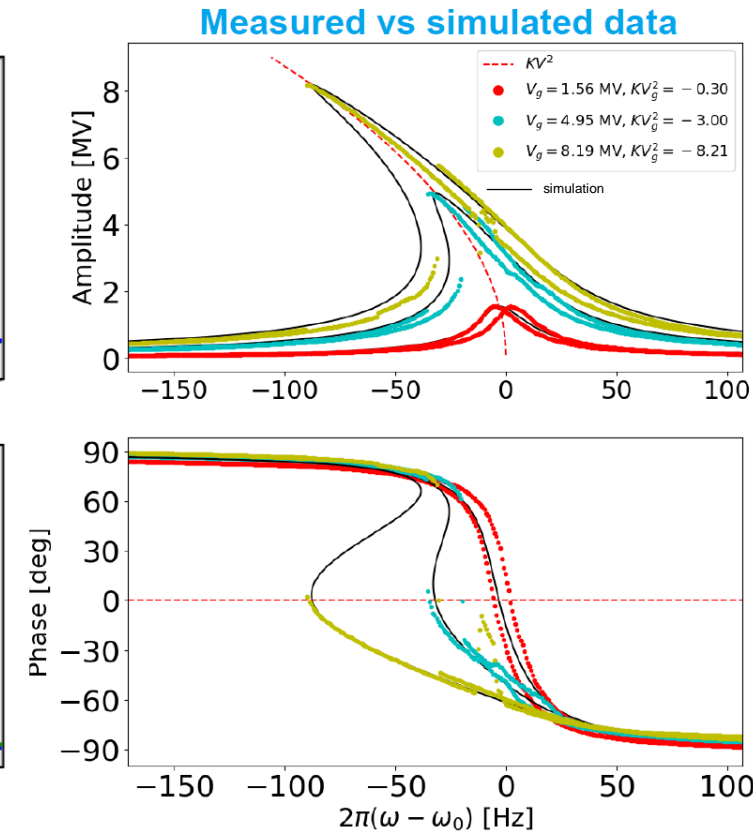
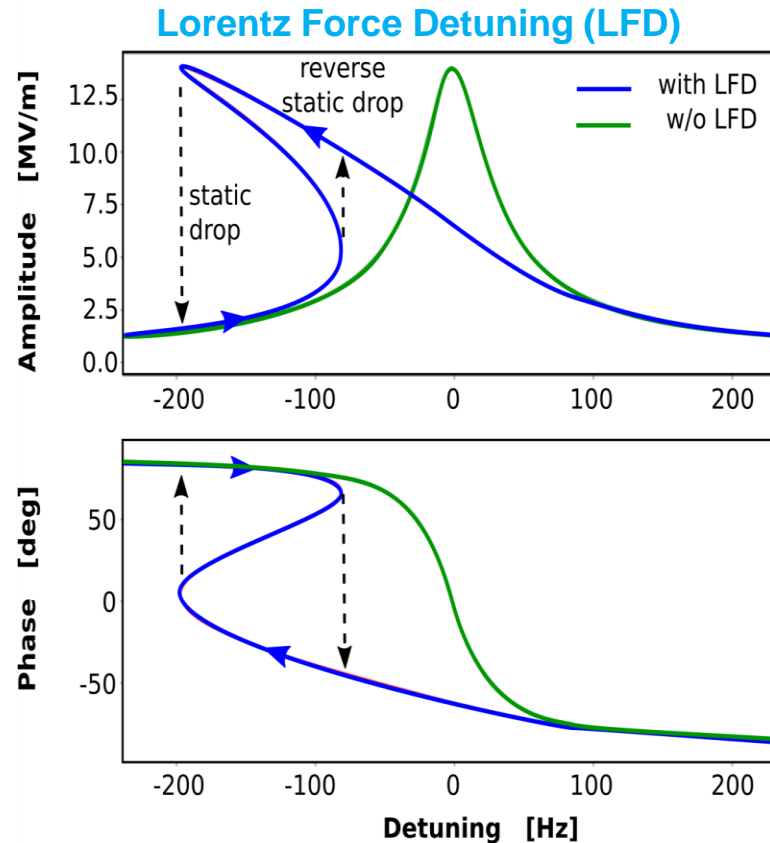
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Challenges

CHALLENGES

Monotonic Instability

- Lorentz forces induce a detuning as gradient increases
- Microphonics will make the cavity experience a static drop
- Effect is worsened for higher Q_L and higher gradients
- In case of individual cavity control



Reference: Monotonic instabilities in CW cryomodules, A. Bellandi

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Vector Sum (VS) RF control

Example of CW VS operation

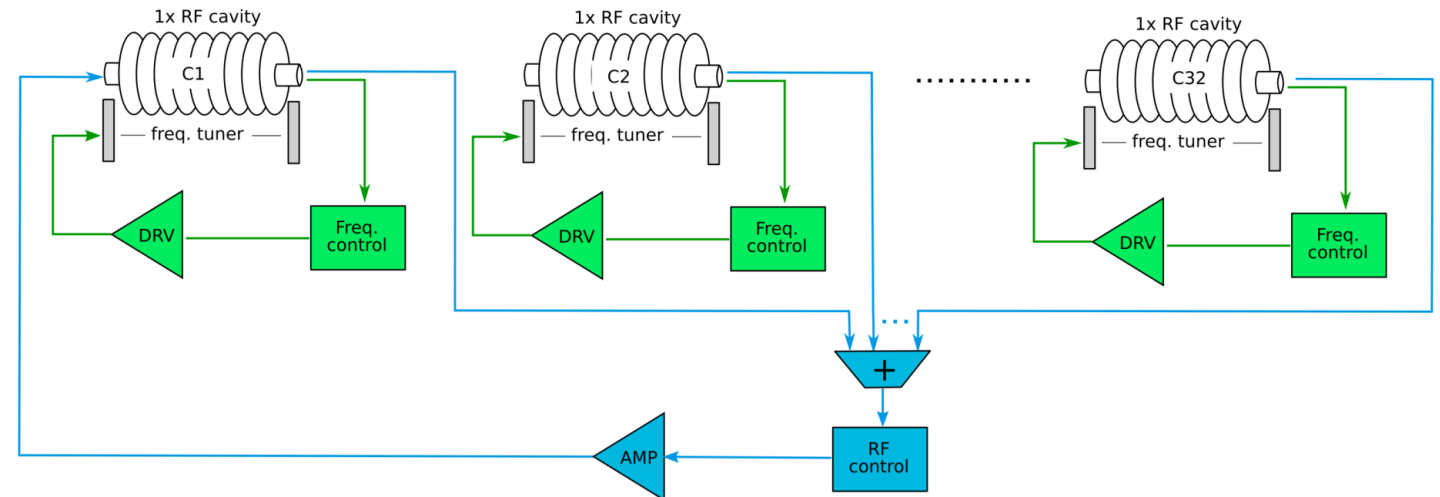
- TRIUMF e- linac
- VS or 2 cavities operated in CW
- No piezo (yet)

Source: “*Lorentz force induced oscillations*”,
Ramona Leewe, TTC 2019



Eu-XFEL

- 32 cavity VS
- We have **individual piezo ctrl**



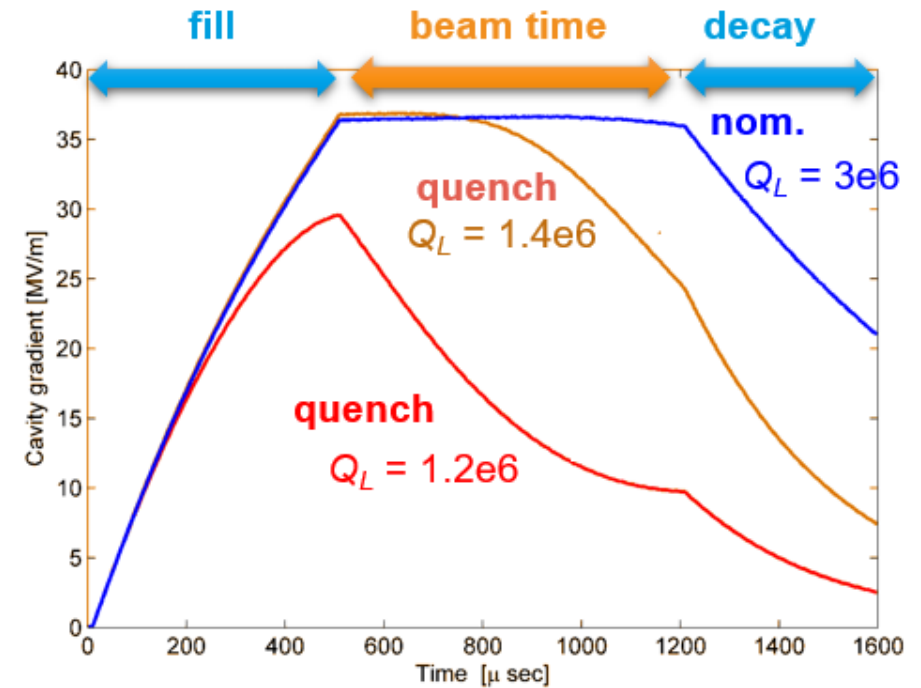
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CW RF Diagnostics

For ex. Q_L and detuning computation

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in pulsed mode



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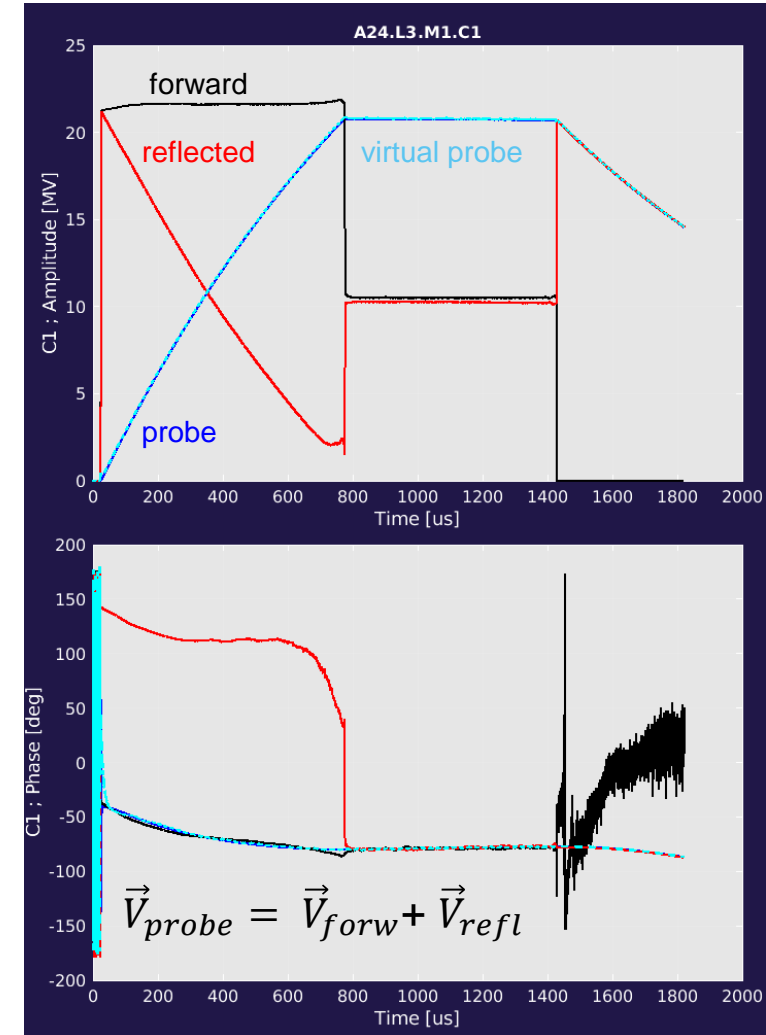
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- Alternative techniques, **based on virtual probe** (cavity model) are developed and implemented

Example of “virtual” probe computation using a cavity model



Reference: *Online Detuning Computation and Quench Detection for Superconducting Resonators*, A. Bellandi et al., IEEE trans. on nucl. science. vol.68, no.4 Apr. 2021

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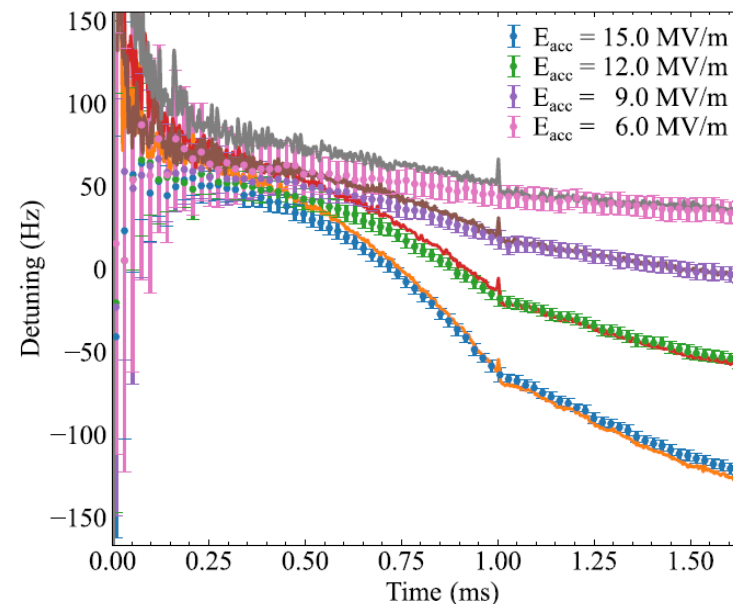
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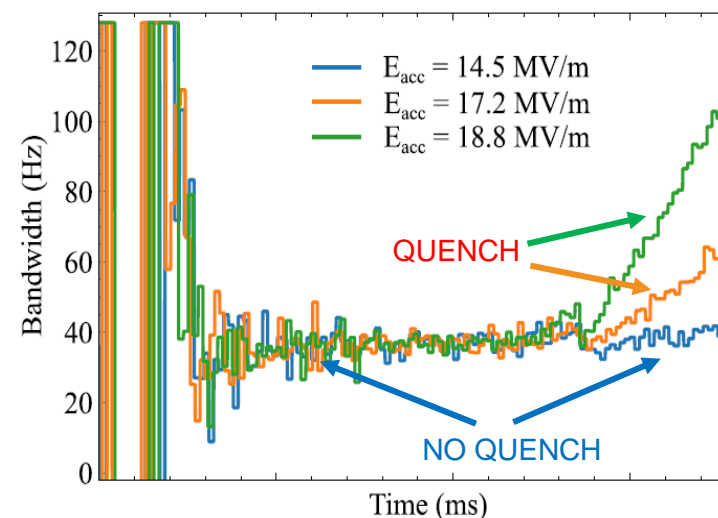
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Detuning validation
between reference
measurement and
model-based estimation



The model-based
bandwidth computation
can be used to detect
quenching

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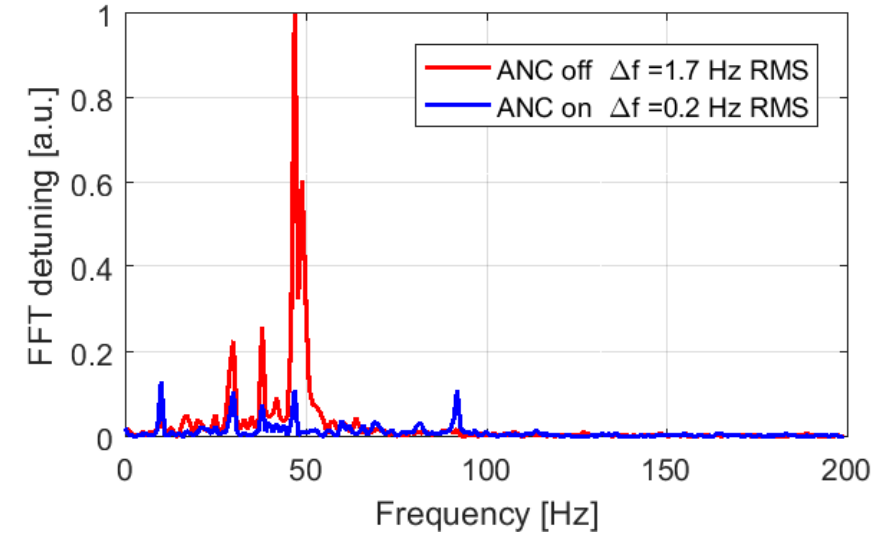
Microphonics Suppression

Using Active Noise Cancellation (ANC) techniques

- Active Noise Cancellation (**ANC**) techniques applied to notch measured frequencies (adjusted for individual cavities)
- > 20 dB suppression can be achieved

Future improvements

- Current approach requires lot of manual settings
→ unpractical for XFEL
- How to adapt current approach to changing environment
→ detect microphonics and adapt notch settings



Source: "FPGA-Based RF and Piezo controllers for SRF Cavities in CW Mode",
R. Rybaniec *et al.* IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON NUCLEAR SCIENCE, VOL. 64, NO. 6, JUNE 2017



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Other RF Control Challenges

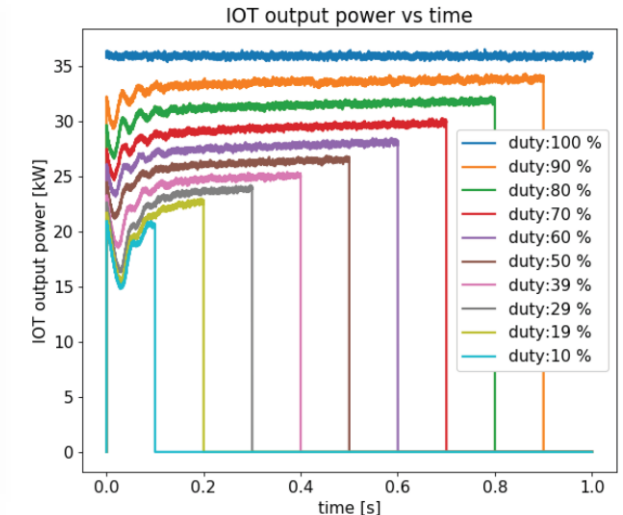
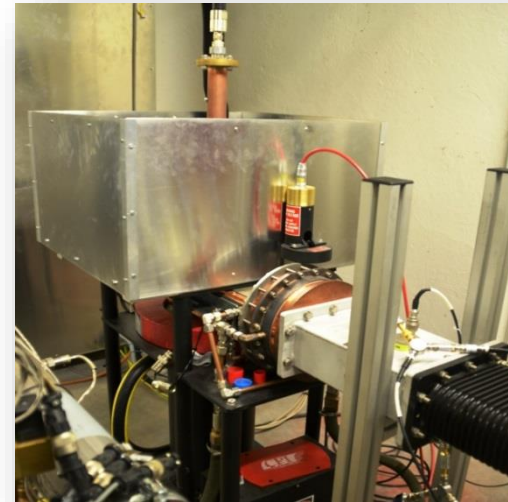
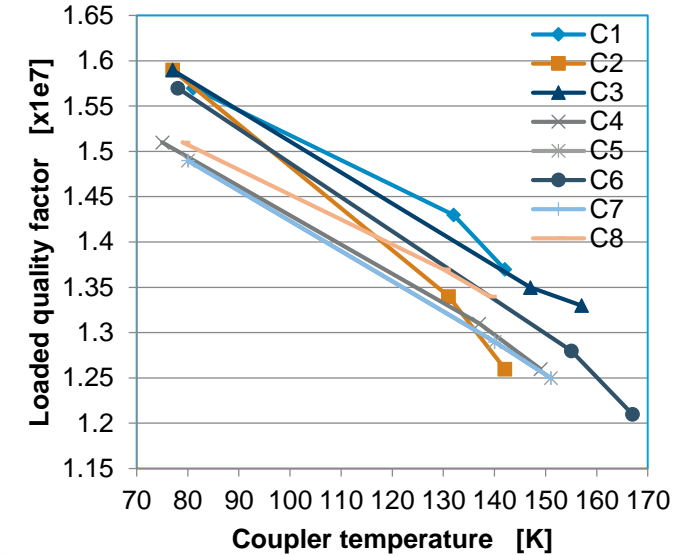
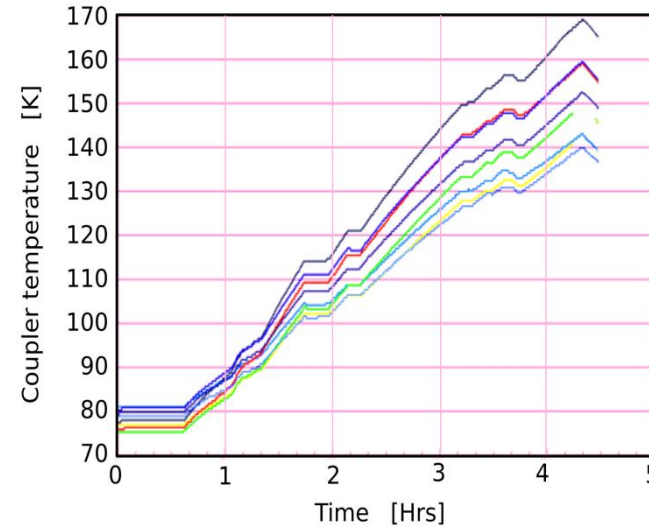
Heating up of high power couplers

- Can expect up to 25% change in QL
- Lead to positive feedback
- Steady state reached after ~ 12 hours ?
- Note: XFEL has motorized couplers

IOT non linearities

- Especially problematic for long pulse (transients)
- Can be mitigated with linearization look up tables
- Successfully demonstrated at CMTB

courtesy W. Cichalewski



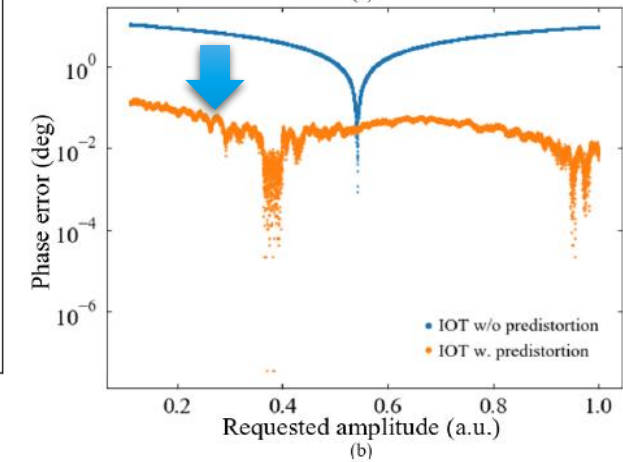
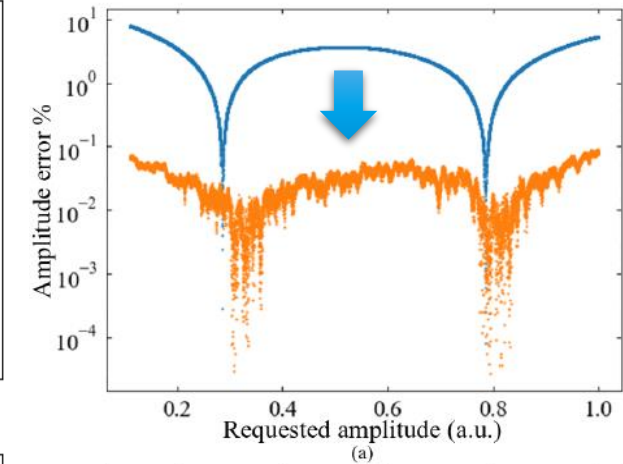
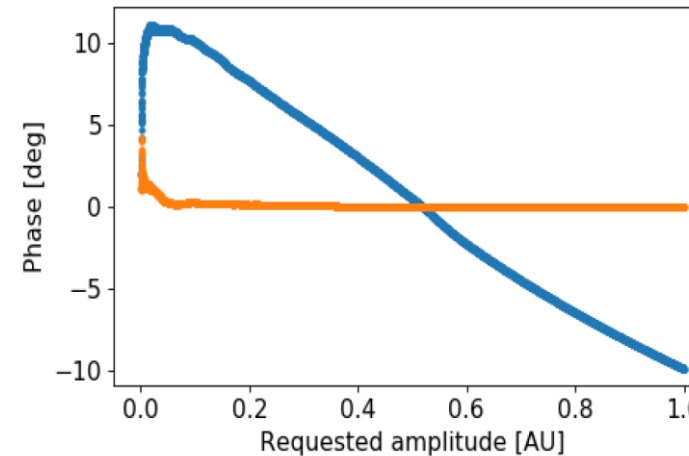
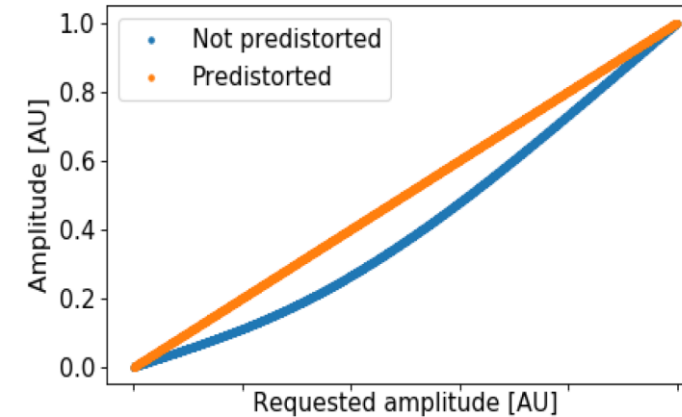
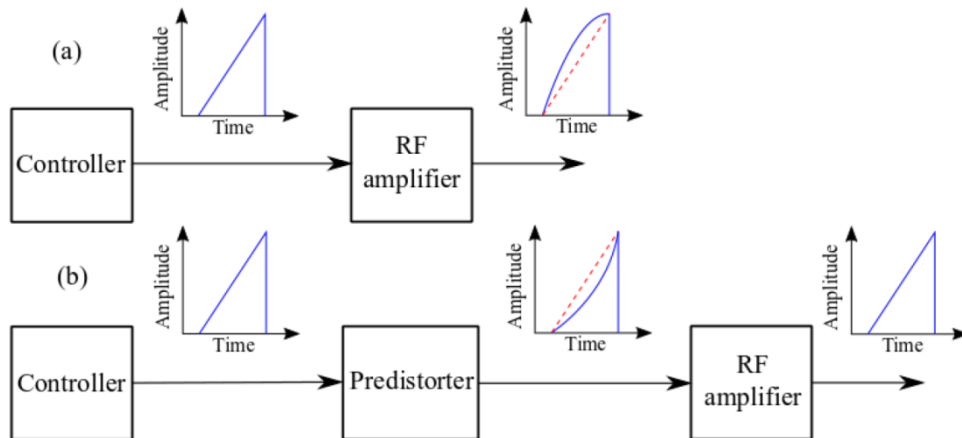
Reference: "Status of Cryomodule Testing at CMTB for CW R&D" J. Branlard, *et al.* SRF2019

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RF power source linearization

Development of a pre-distorter in the LLRF drive firmware

- Tested with IOT and klystron
- Provides 2 orders of magnitude improvement in linearization



Reference : "Results on FPGA-based High Power Tube Amplifier Linearization at DESY", A. Bellandi et al.
IEEE Transactions on Nuclear Science (Volume: 67, Issue: 5, May 2020)

CMTB test facility

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CryoModule Test Bench

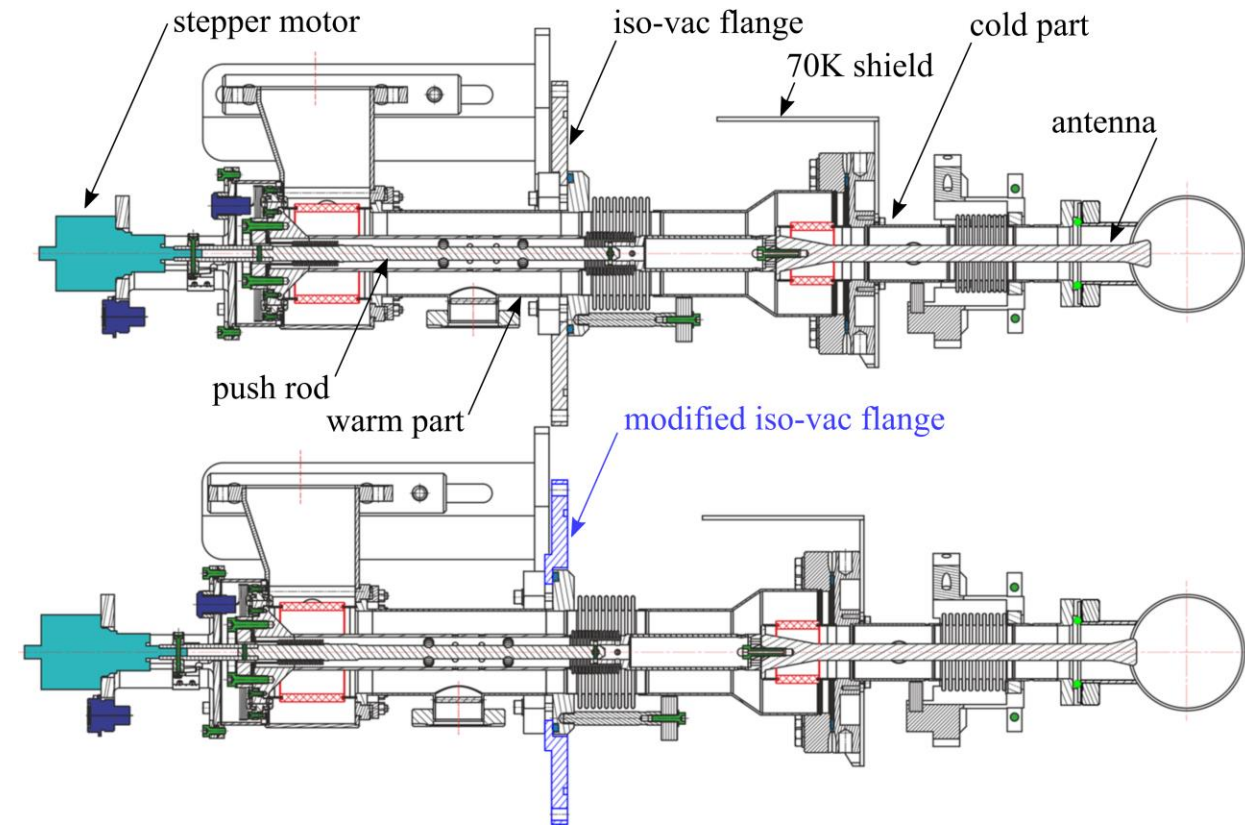
- 5 MW klystron for **pulsed** operation
- 80-100 kW (20-35 kW) IOT for **CW** and **LP** operations
- 2x LLRF systems
 - One for **vector sum** operations (8 cavities)
 - One for **single cavity** control
- Individual **piezo** control
- Helium flow measurement for **heat load** studies



CMTB Test Facility

Cryomodule Tests

- Recently tested CM
 - **XM50.1** (2019 and 2020)
 - **XM46.1** (2021)
- Both modules have **modified couplers**
 - Modified iso-vac flange to **shift Q_L range to higher values** $[1e6 - 1e7] \rightarrow [1e7 - 4e7]$
 - Coupler heating effect studied
 - Note: XM46.1 also has **re-plated power coupler**
→ see Elmar Vogel's CHIFEL Seminar presentation 6.5.2021
- Cavity gradients are assessed in **pulsed mode**
- **CW and LP studies** are then carried out

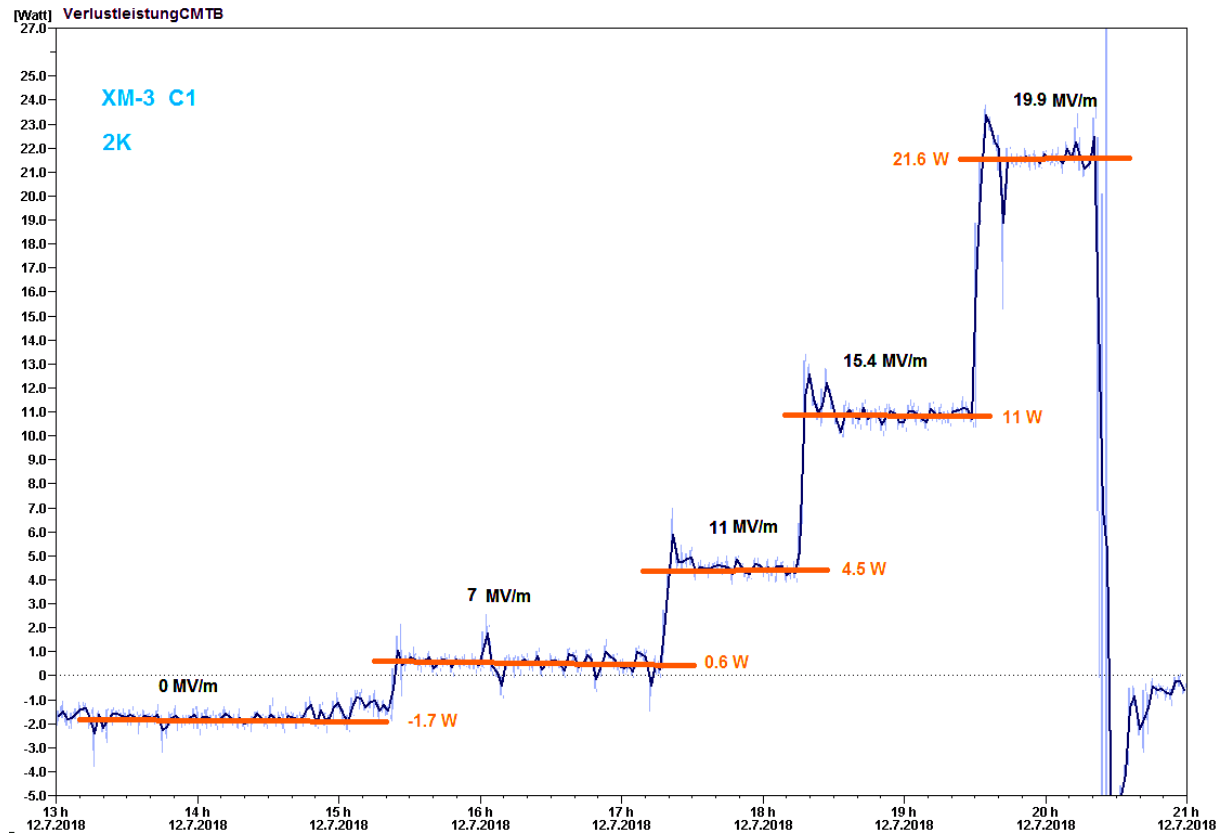


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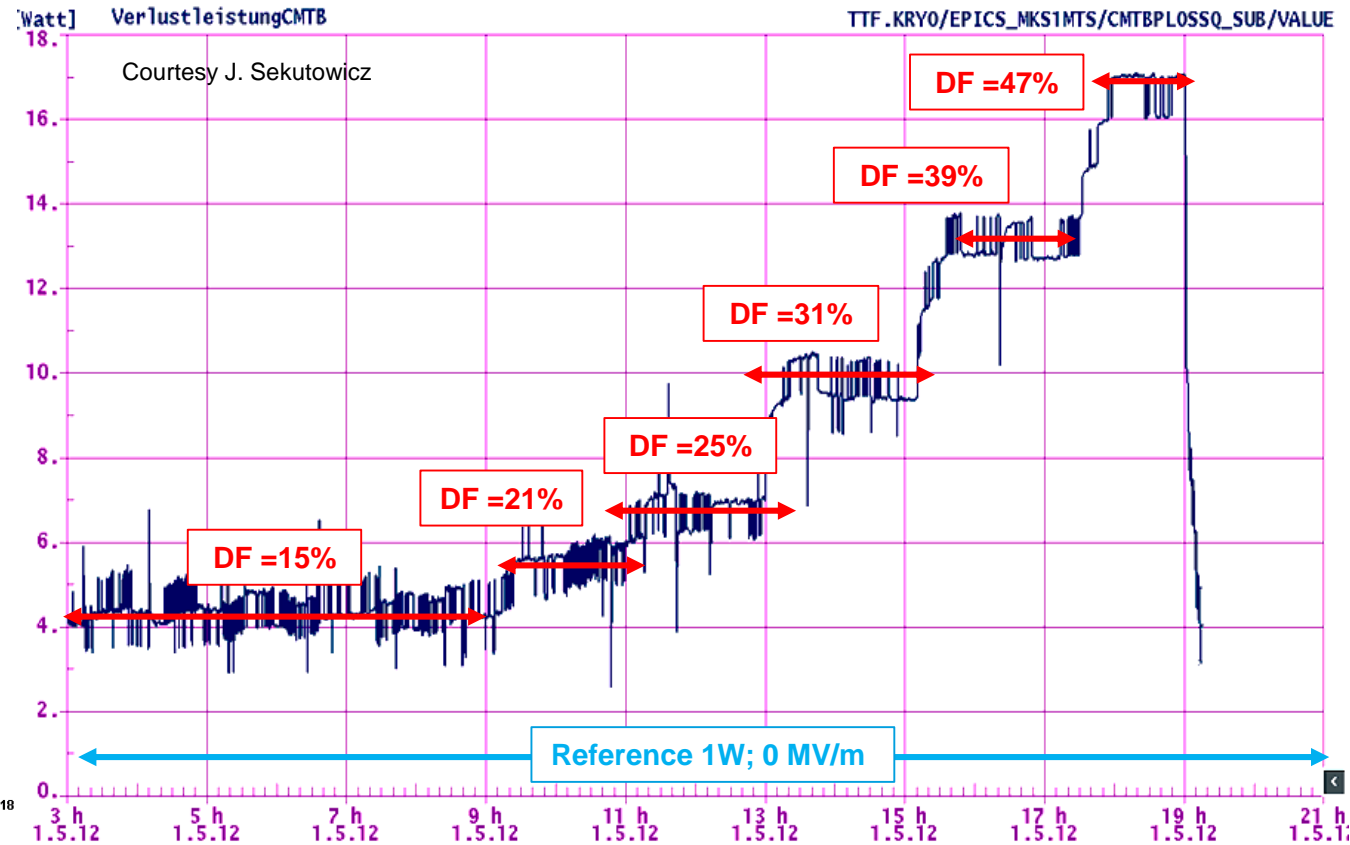
Heat load measurements

Based on Helium flow

- in **CW**, as a function of **gradient**



- In **LP**, as a function of **duty cycle**



RESULTS

Results

XM50.1 in CW

Conditions (2K)

Results

$Q_L = 3e7$ for all 8 cavities

$Q_0 = 2e10$ at 10 MV/m

$Q_L = 4-6e7$ for 7 cavities

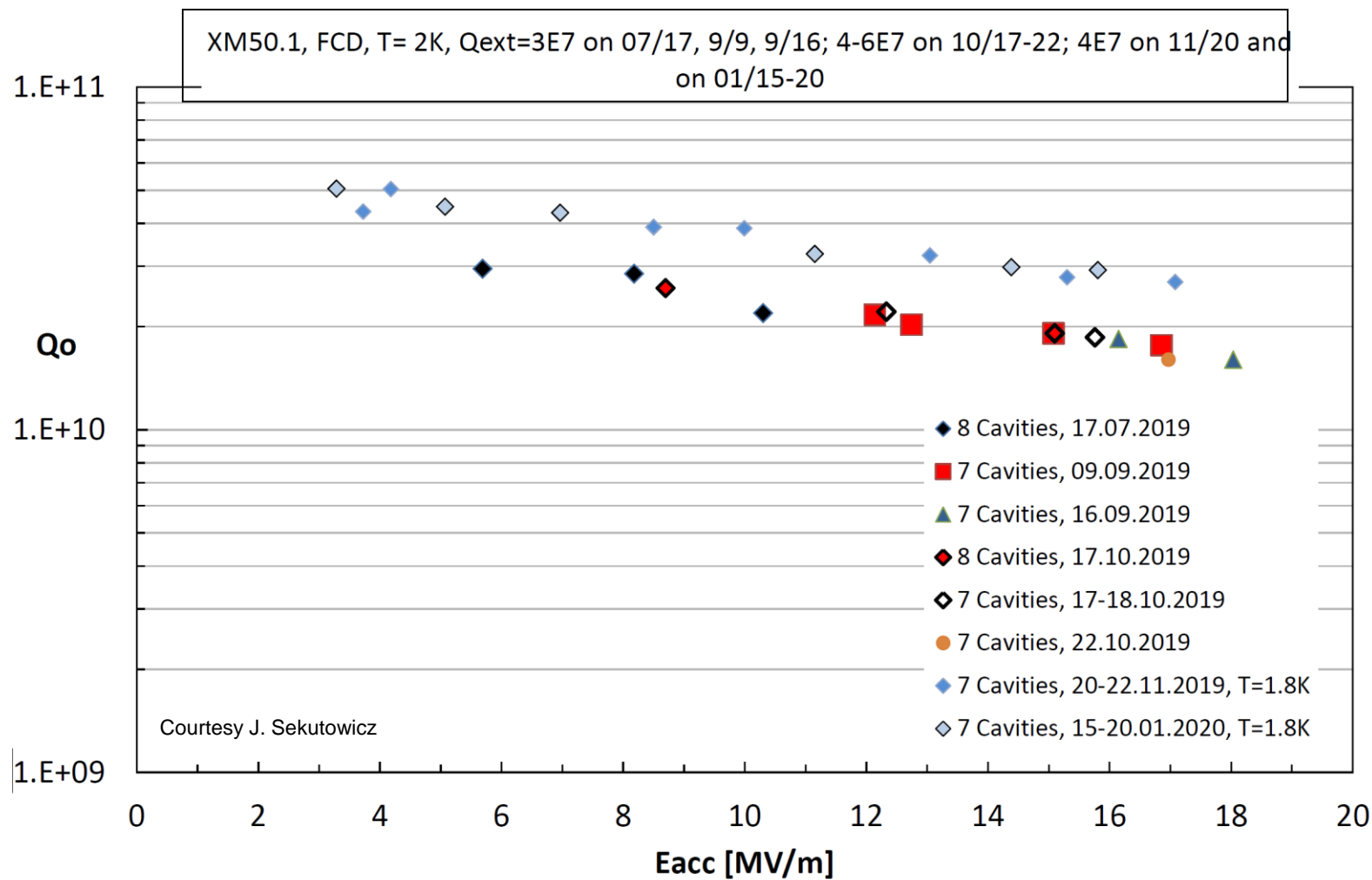
$Q_0 = 1.5e10$ at 18 MV/m

Conditions (1.8K)

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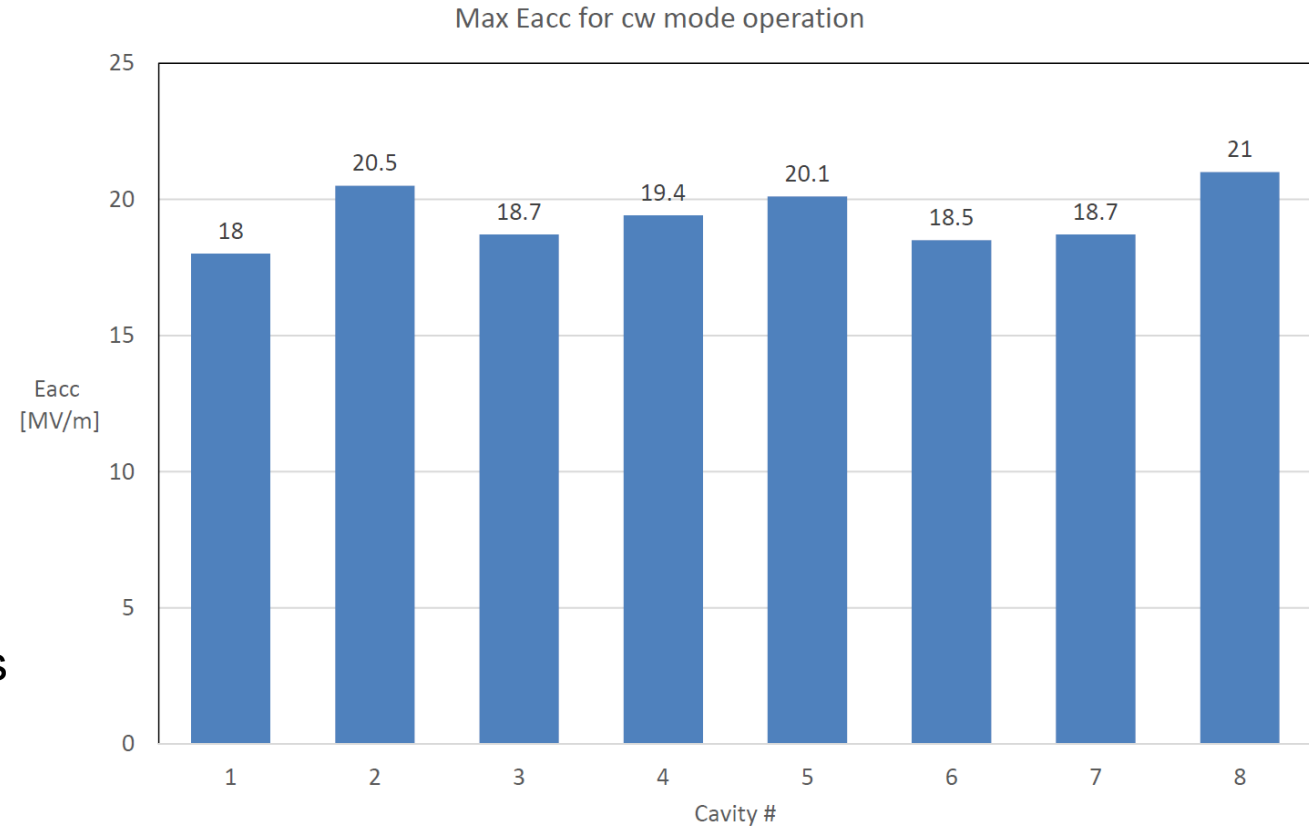
Results

XM46.1 in CW

- Each cavity tested individually in CW (by detuning all others)
- All gradients above 18 MV/m
- Maximum gradient typically limited by quench

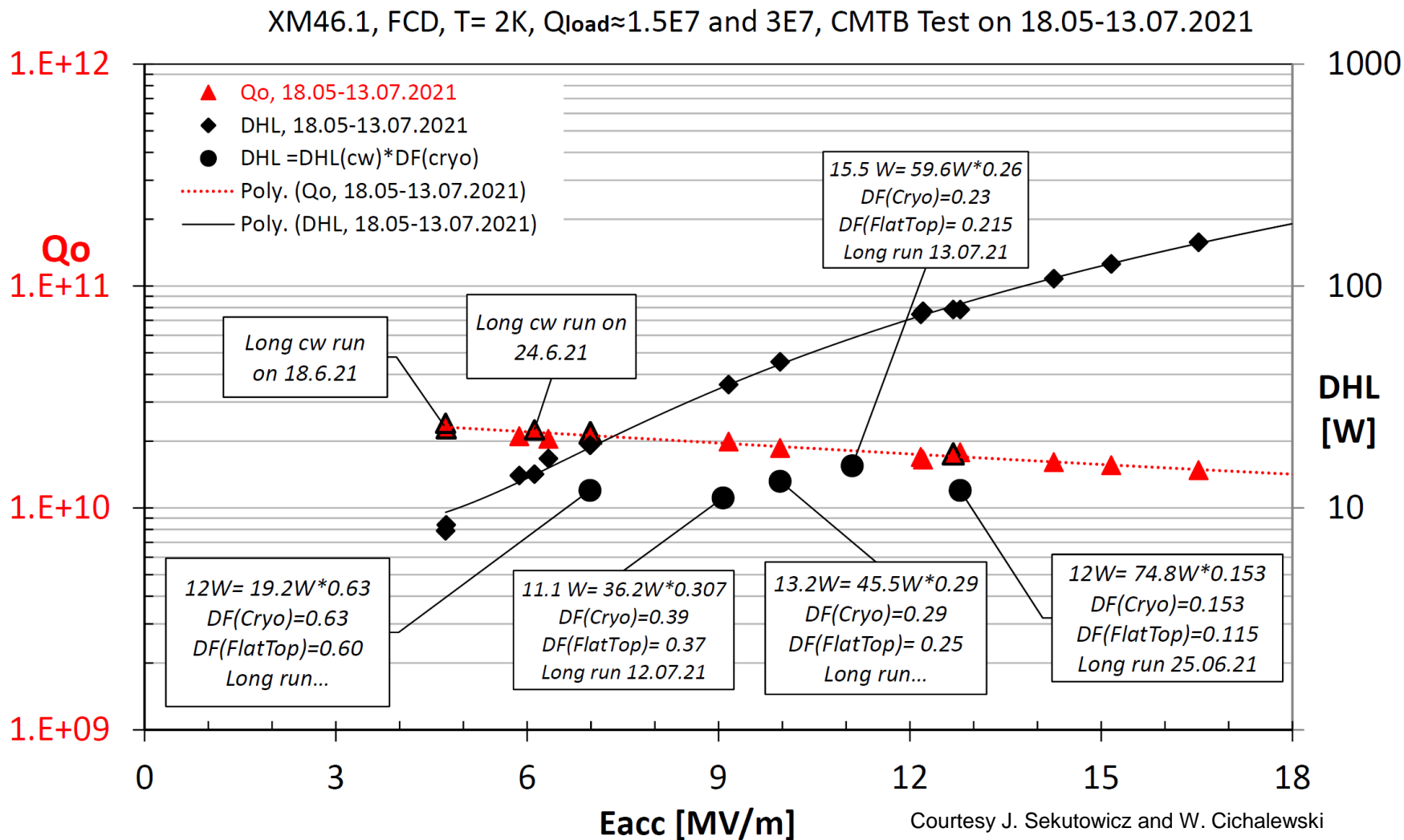
Implications for XFEL

- Such cavities meet the CW gradient requirement for the injector cryomodules (expected gradient is 17 MV/m)
- $Q_0 \sim 1\text{-}2 \times 10^{10}$



Results

XM46.1 in CW and LP



Results

XM46.1 in CW and LP

- CW long run tests (5-7 hours)
 - LP long run test (7 hours)
- } show that there is **no heating of the end groups** of cavities

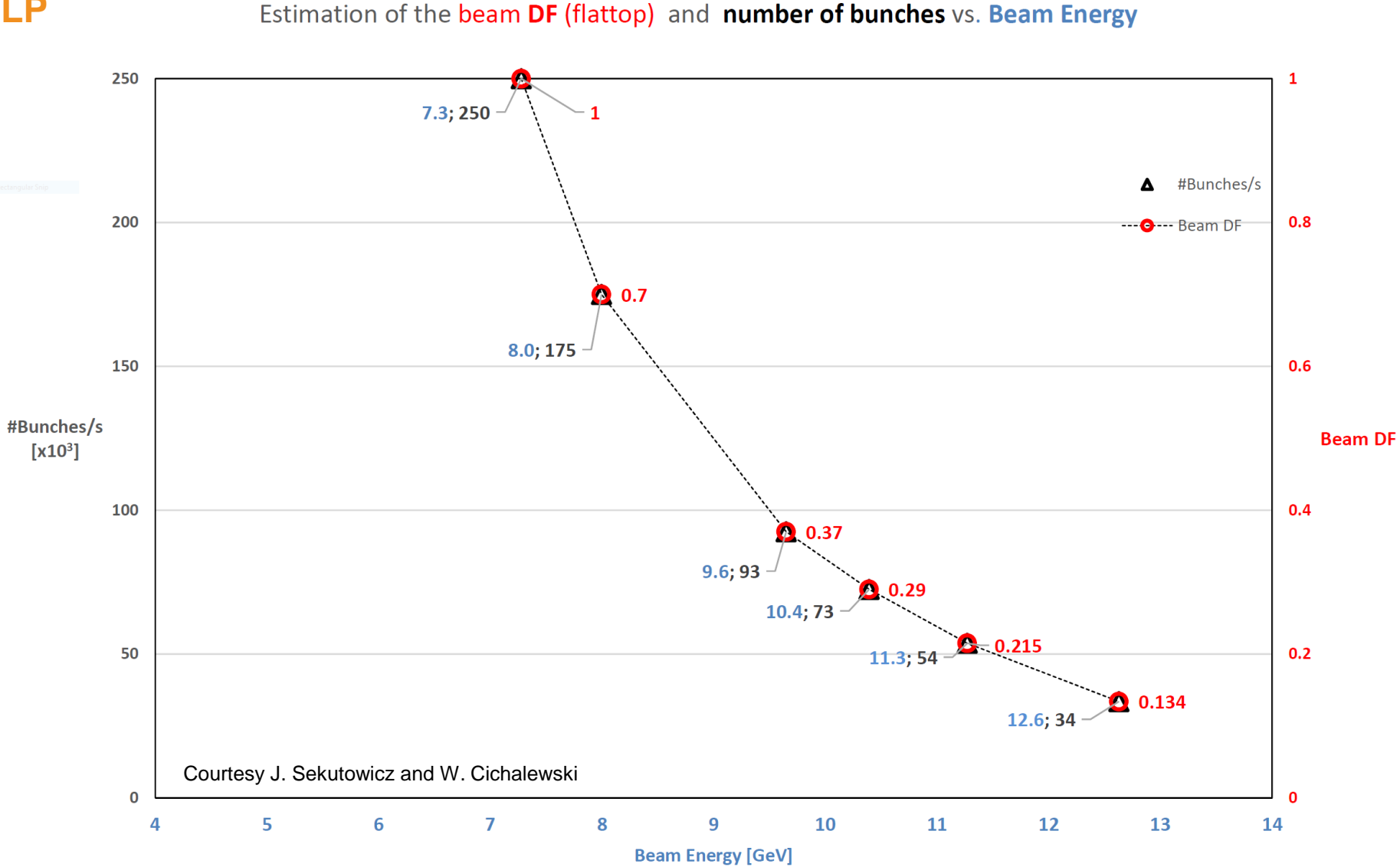
Parameter	Value
Q_L	3.1e7
Eacc	7 MV/m
Pforw / cav	350 W
ANC freq	30 Hz
DHL (CW)	19.2 W
DHL (LP)	12W
Fill time	150 msec
Flat time ("beam")	600 msec

Implications for XFEL

- L3 can operate at **7 MV/m** with effective beam-on time of **60%**
- Assuming 100 kHz bunch rep. rate (10usec spacing) → **60 000 bunches/s**
- Total cryogenic load / CM = 6W static (assumed) + 12W dynamic = **18W**
(budget = 20W)
- Assuming 24 stations in L3 and $\langle E_{acc} \rangle = 17$ MV/m up to BC2
→ Final beam energy close **8 GeV**
- If $Q_L = 3.1e7$ required power < 3.3 kW / CM (i.e. **13 kW / RF station**)
- If max $Q_L = 1e7$ (default range) power < 10 kW / CM (i.e. **40 kW / RF station**)

Results

XM46.1 in LP



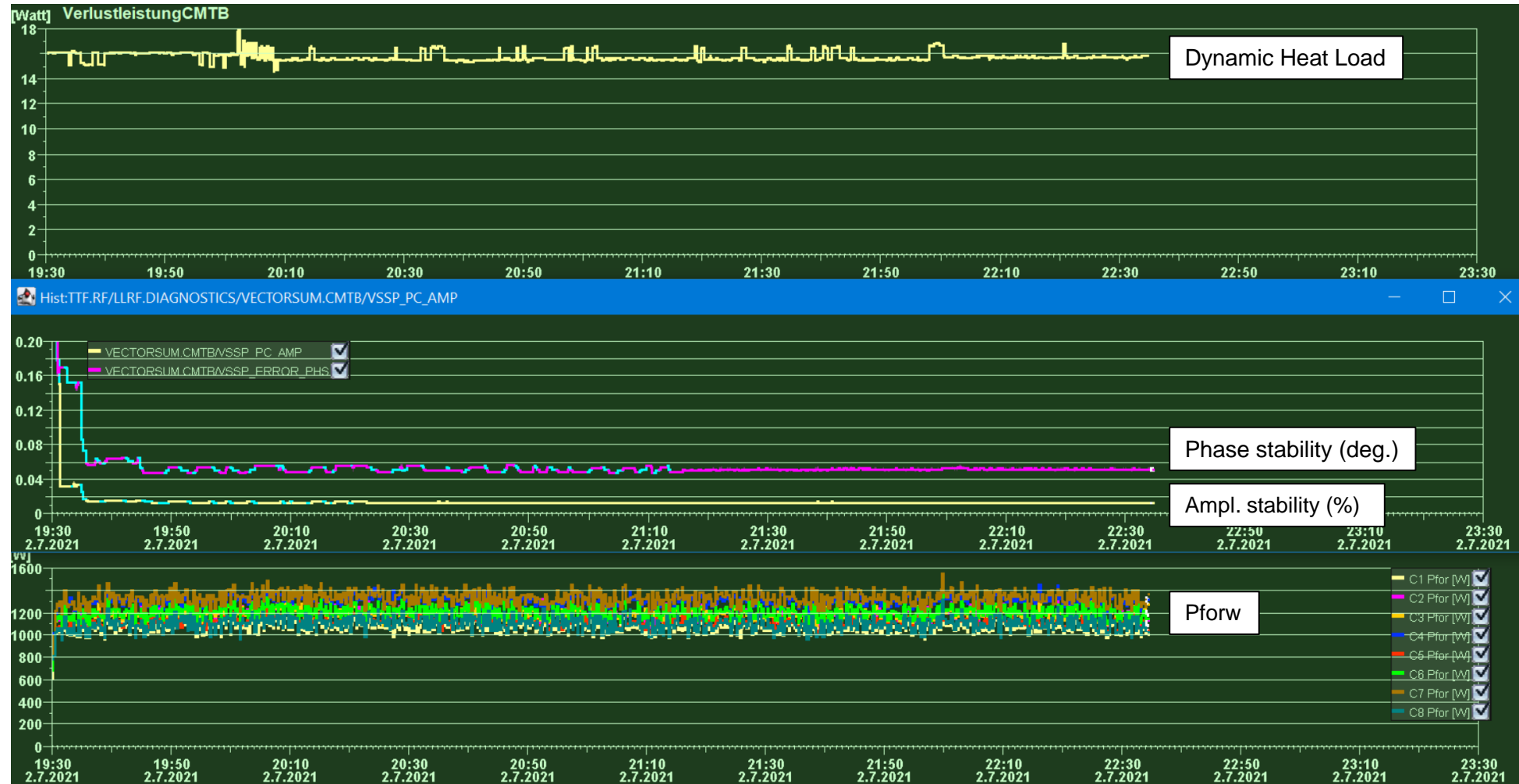
Results

XM46.1 in LP

- $E_{acc} = 10 \text{ MV/m}$
- $P_{forw} < 1.5 \text{ kW}$
- DHL $\sim 14 \text{ W}$
- $dA/A < 1e-4$
- $dP < 60 \text{ mdeg}$

Shortening of rise time
120 msec \rightarrow 50 msec
using feed forward piezo
tuning during fill time

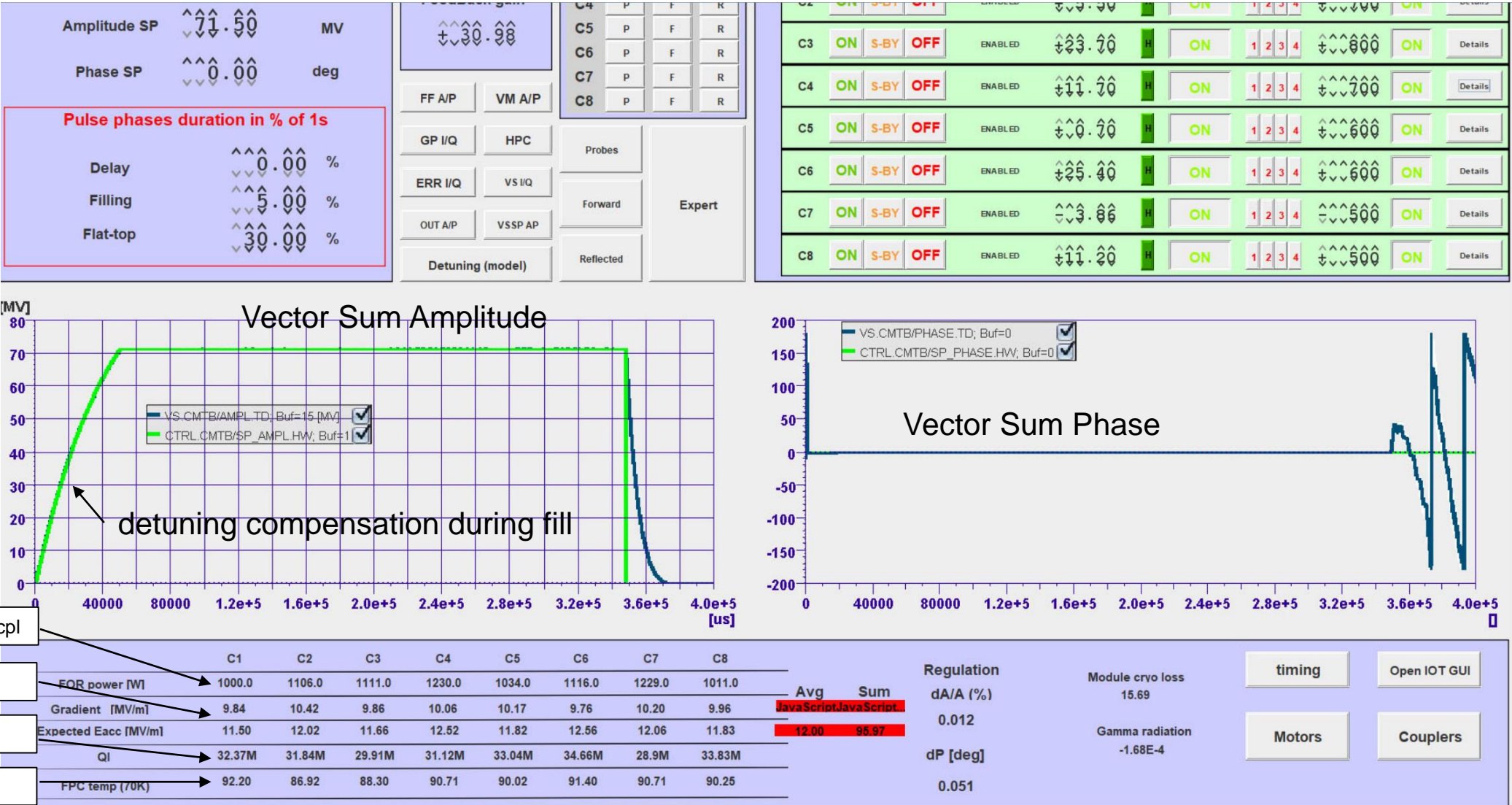
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SUMMARY and OUTLOOK

- Promising results in CW with **standard “XFEL-batch”** cavities / cryomodules
 - In terms of CW gradient
 - In terms of dynamic heat load
- Based on the recent tests, operating L3 in LP at 7 MV with another 3 RF stations
 - could yield **8 GeV** beam energy
 - still complies with the **20W / CM** DHL limitation
 - would provide **60,000 bunches / sec** (assuming 100 kHz rep. rate)
 - for a forward power (**40 kW**) largely within range of IOTs capability
- Coupler modifications were tested and could allow **to further relax the power** requirement
 - default $Q_L = 1e7 \rightarrow 40 \text{ kW} / \text{RF station}$
 - improved $Q_L = 3e7 \rightarrow 13 \text{ kW} / \text{RF station}$

SUMMARY and OUTLOOK

- The achieved field stability is **close to specifications**
 - $dA/A < 1e-4$
 - $dP < 60$ mdeg
 - Note: uncorrelated noise source scale down with \sqrt{N} (N = number of RF stations)
- The Long Pulse option opens a very **large spectrum of operation** modes
 - Keeping the DHL constant, one can increase the gradient while scaling down the duty factor
 - → verified experimentally
- Diverse **R&D activities** in terms of control techniques are being developed and tested
 - Promising results (RF source linearization, microphonics mitigation, advanced RF and detuning controllers)
 - **OUTLOOK : putting it all together !**

Thank you

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