

J-PARC Linac and RCS

-operational status and upgrade plan to 2 MW-

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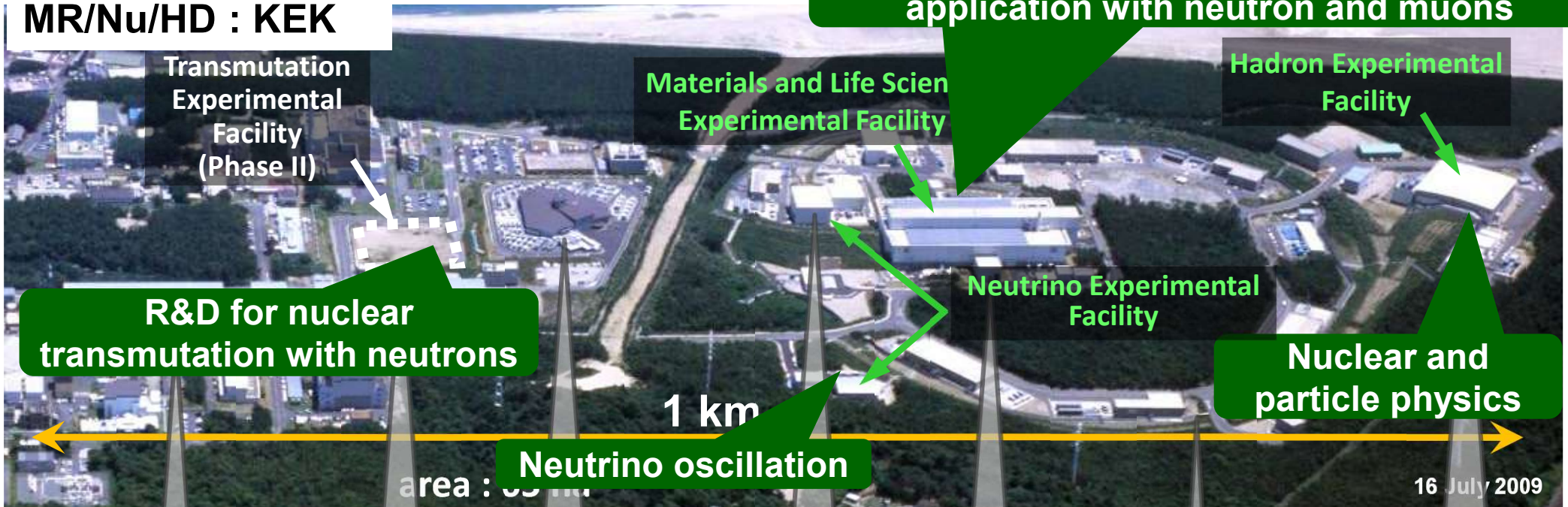
- Outline of the J-PARC Linac and RCS
- Recent beam commissioning results
- Upgrade to 2 MW
- Summary

Japan Proton Accelerator Research Complex

Linac/RCS/MLF : JAEA

MR/Nu/HD : KEK

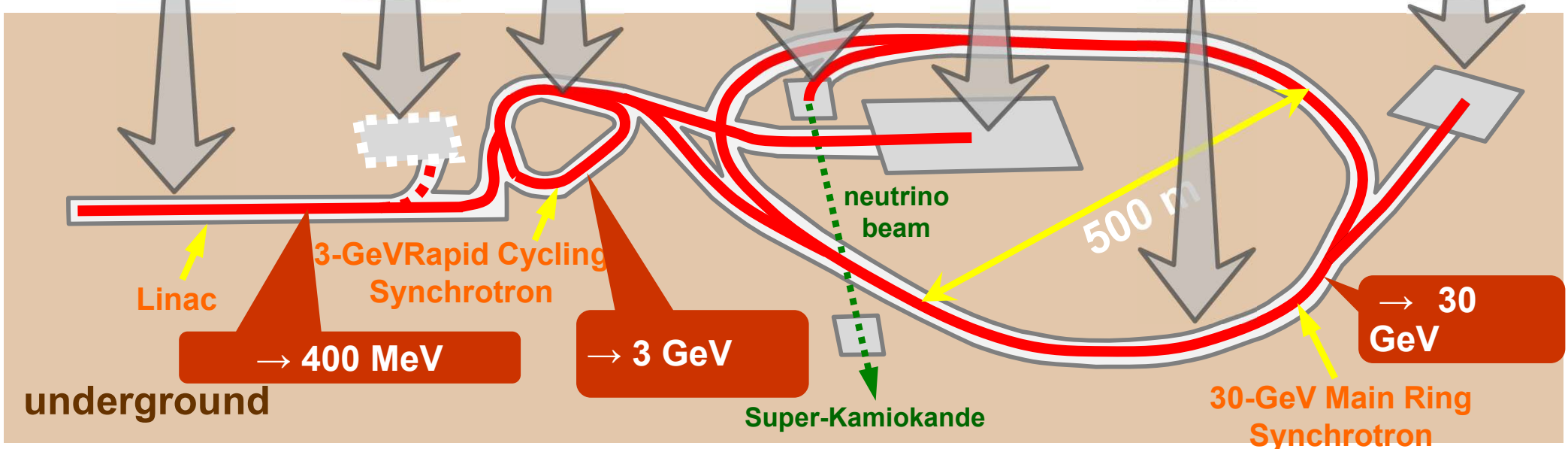
Material structure, mechanism and industrial application with neutron and muons



R&D for nuclear transmutation with neutrons

Nuclear and particle physics

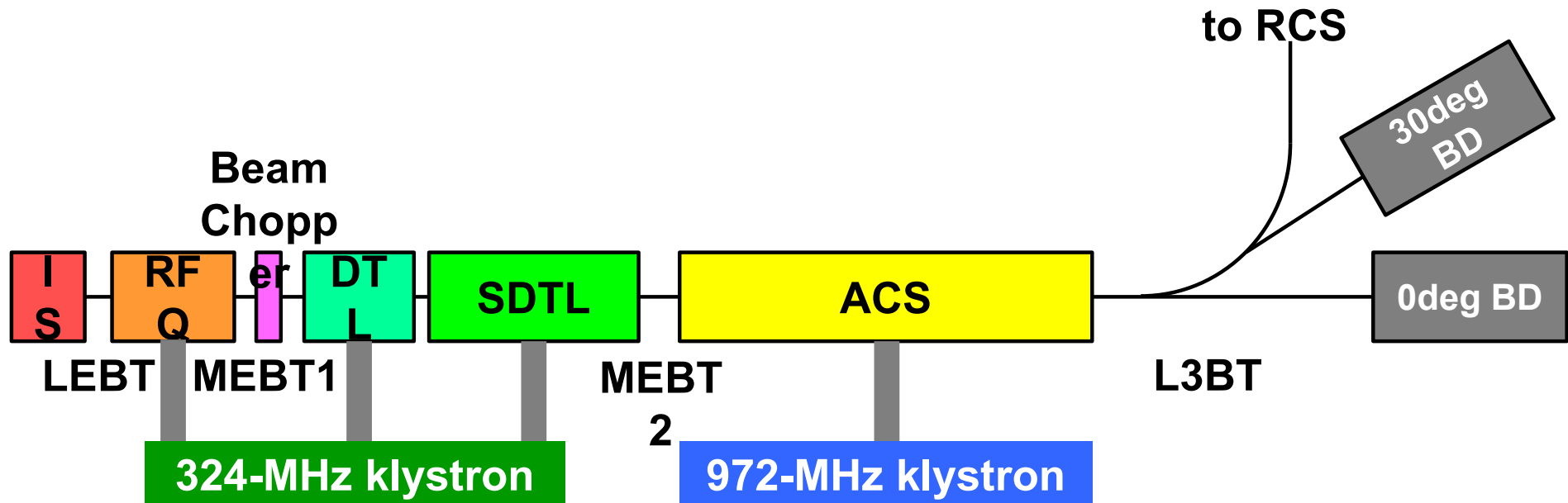
Neutrino oscillation



3 proton accelerators and (3+1) experimental facilities²

J-PARC Linac

- ❑ Acceleration particle: **Negative hydrogen ion (H⁻)**
- ❑ Energy: **400 MeV**
- ❑ Peak current: **50 mA**
- ❑ Pulse width/ repetition: **0.5 msec/ 25 Hz**



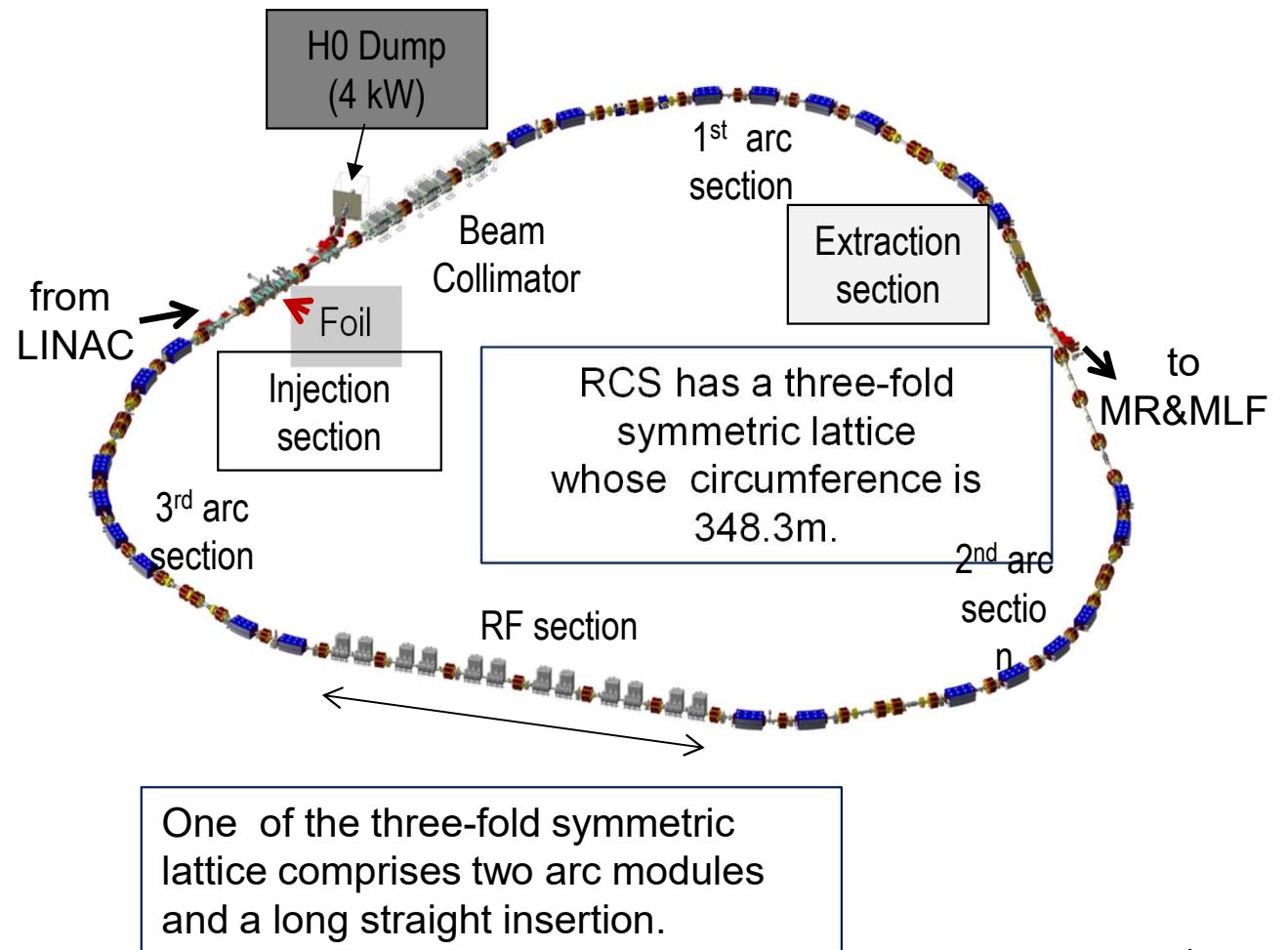
Schematic of the linac

3GeV-RCS in J-PARC

Design parameters

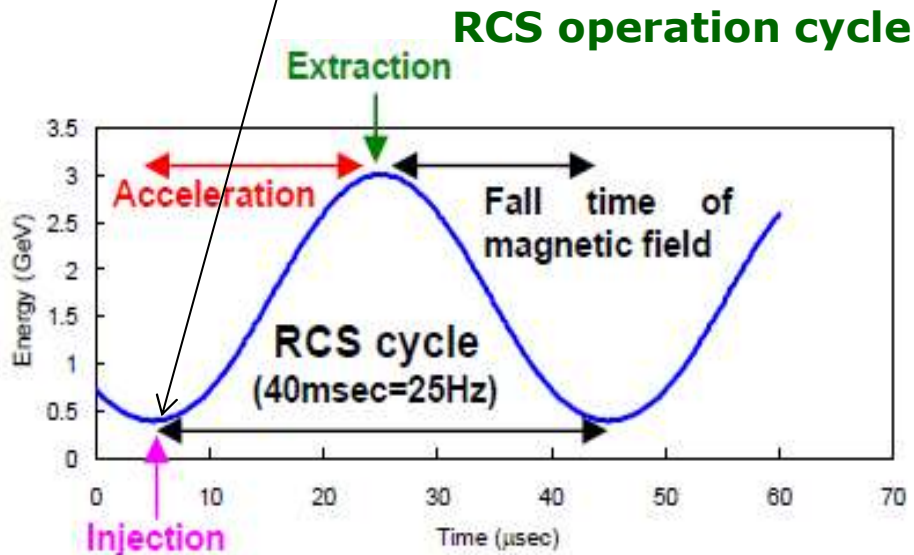
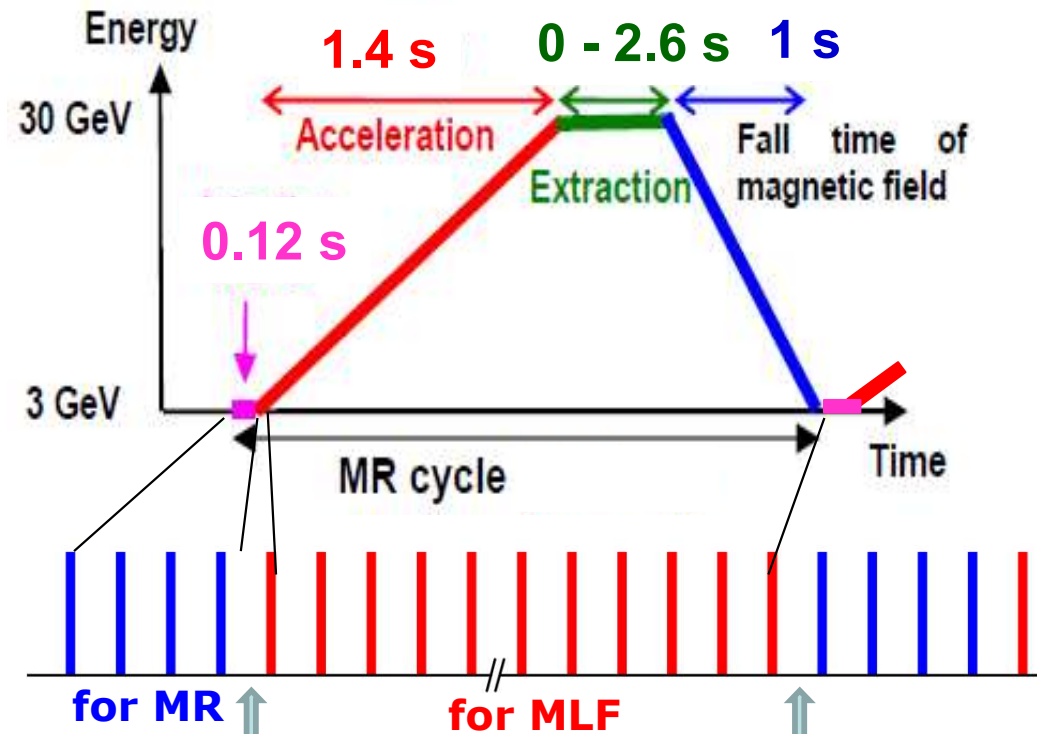
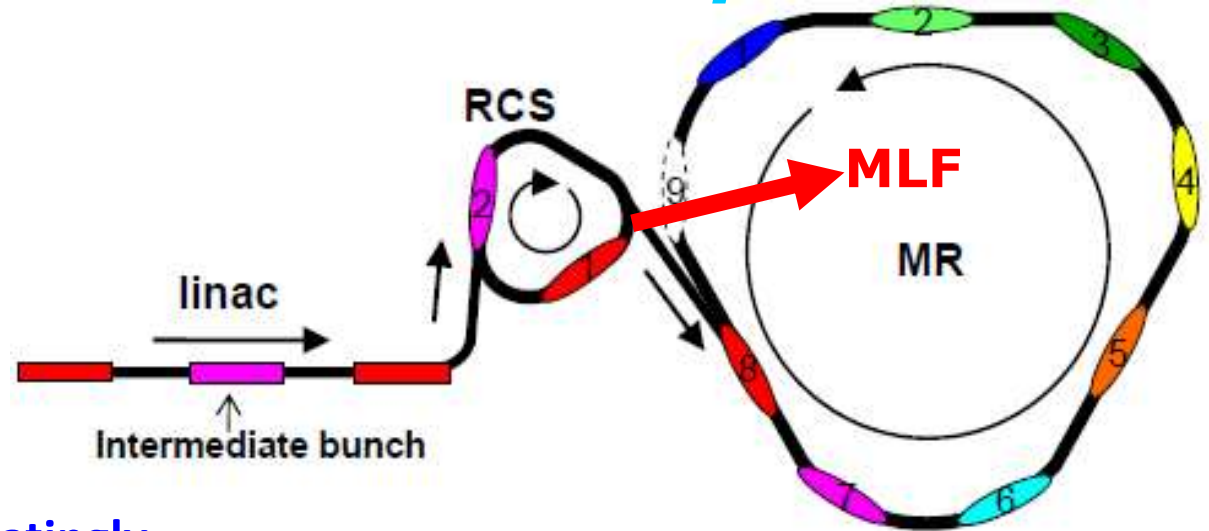
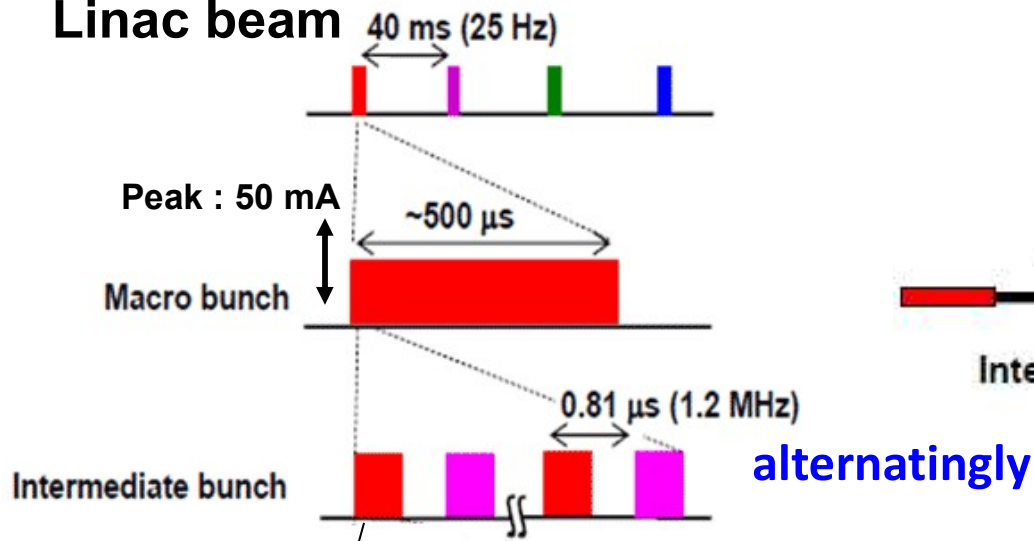
Circumference	348.333 m
Superperiodicity	3
Harmonic number	2
F_{rev}	0.61-0.84 MHz
F_{rf}	1.23-1.67 MHz
Injection energy	400 MeV
Extraction energy	3 GeV
Repetition rate	25 Hz
Particles per pulse	8.3×10^{13} with 1 MW
Output beam power	0.5 MW (1 MW)
Transition gamma	9.14
Number of dipoles	24
quadrupoles	60 (7 families)
sextupoles	18 (3 families)
steerings	52
RF cavities	12

The H0 dump is used to dump unstripped beams at the stripping foil. The capacity is 4kW.



Time Structure of accelerator operation

Linac beam

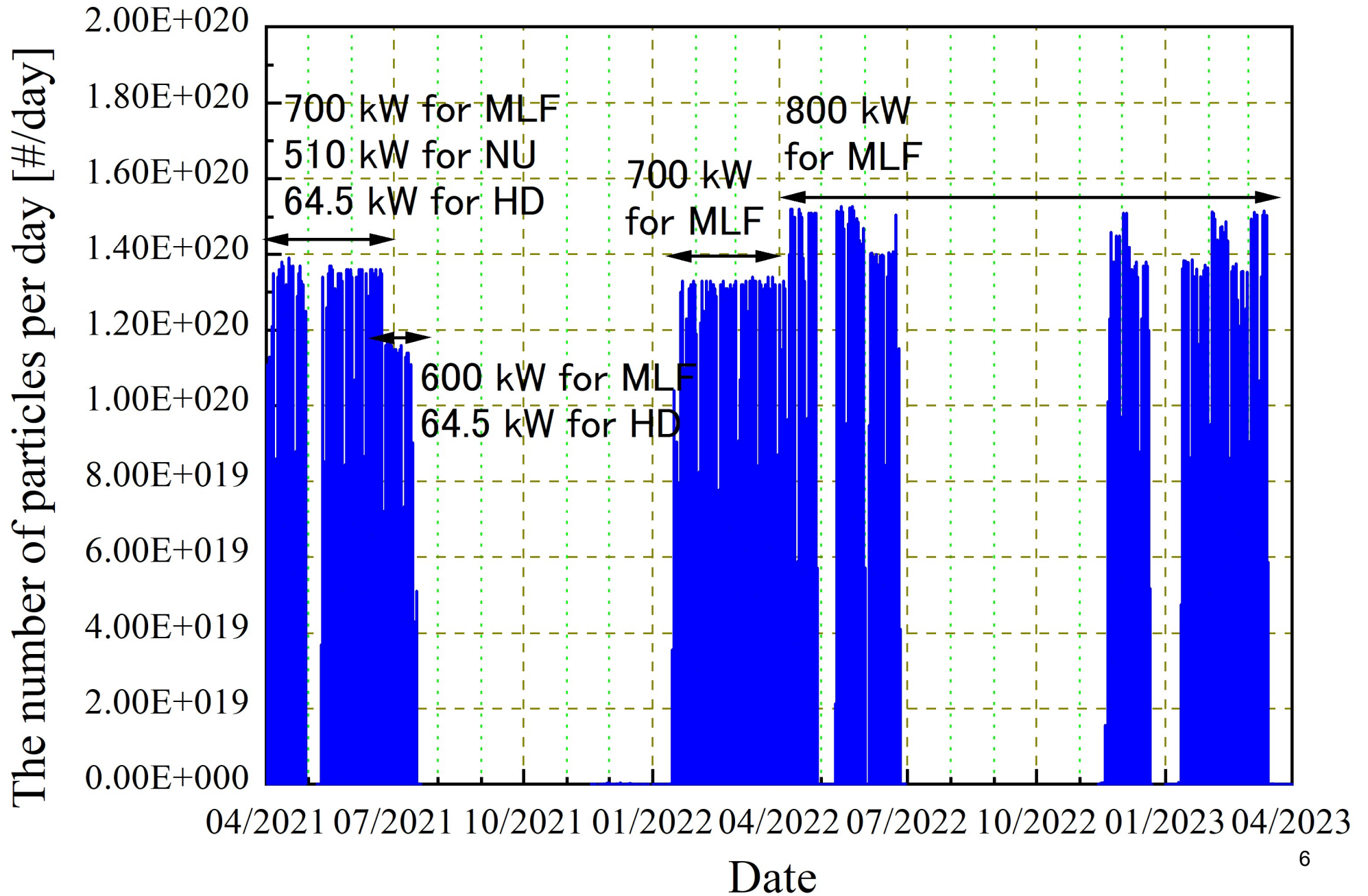


Switch the parameters of RCS between MLF \leftrightarrow MR during 20 ms interval

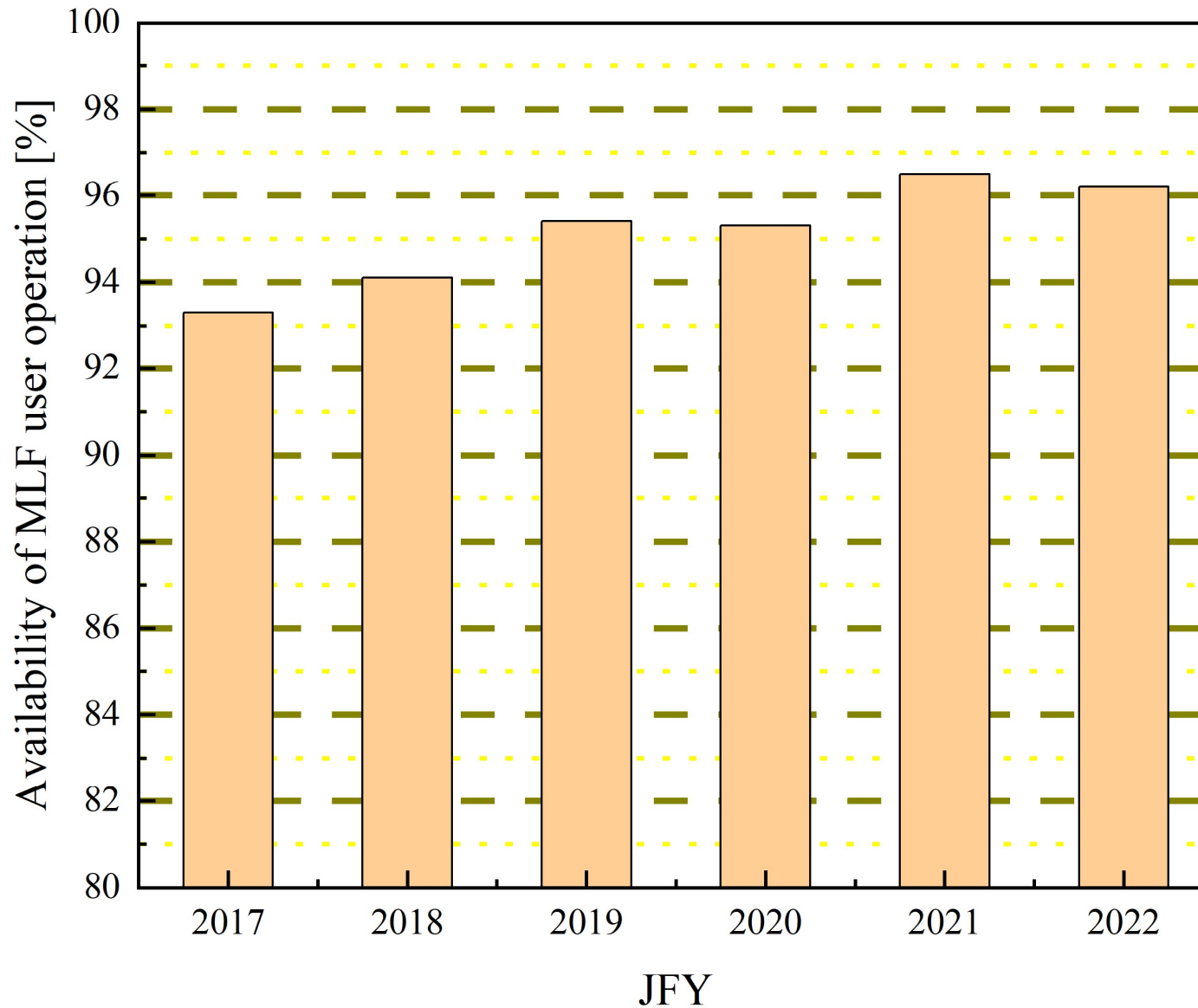
MR operation cycle was shorten!

FX: 2.48 s \rightarrow 1.36 s (MLF Duty 93.5% \rightarrow 88.2%)

User operation of RCS



Reliability



For neutron and muon users, there is no serious trouble in recent five years. (LI, RCS and MLF)

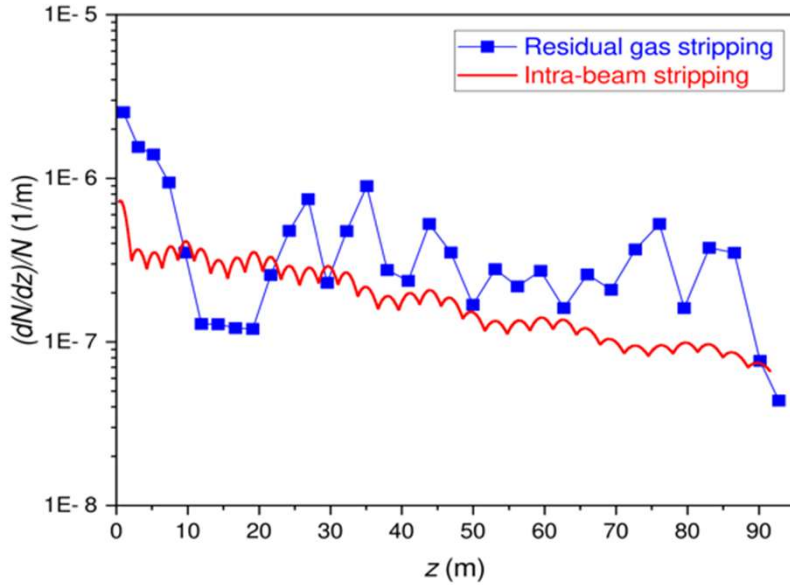
Recent beam commissioning results

- **We already demonstrated a 1-MW beam operation.**
- **Now we tried further reduction of the beam loss in Linac and RCS.**

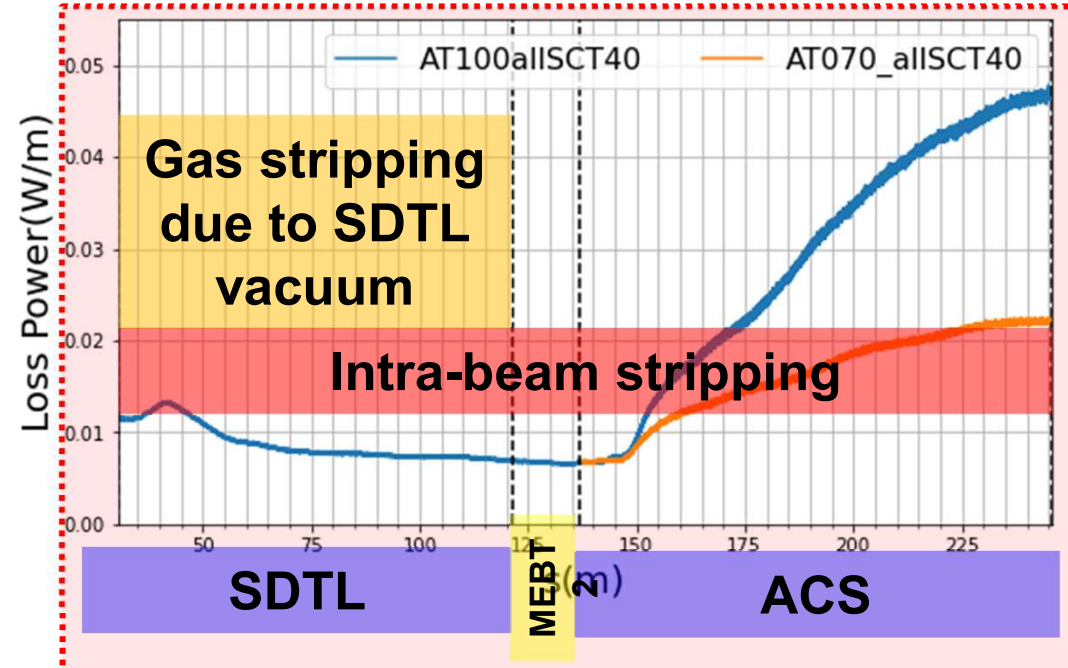


Beam Loss Pattern Simulation vs. Measure Residue

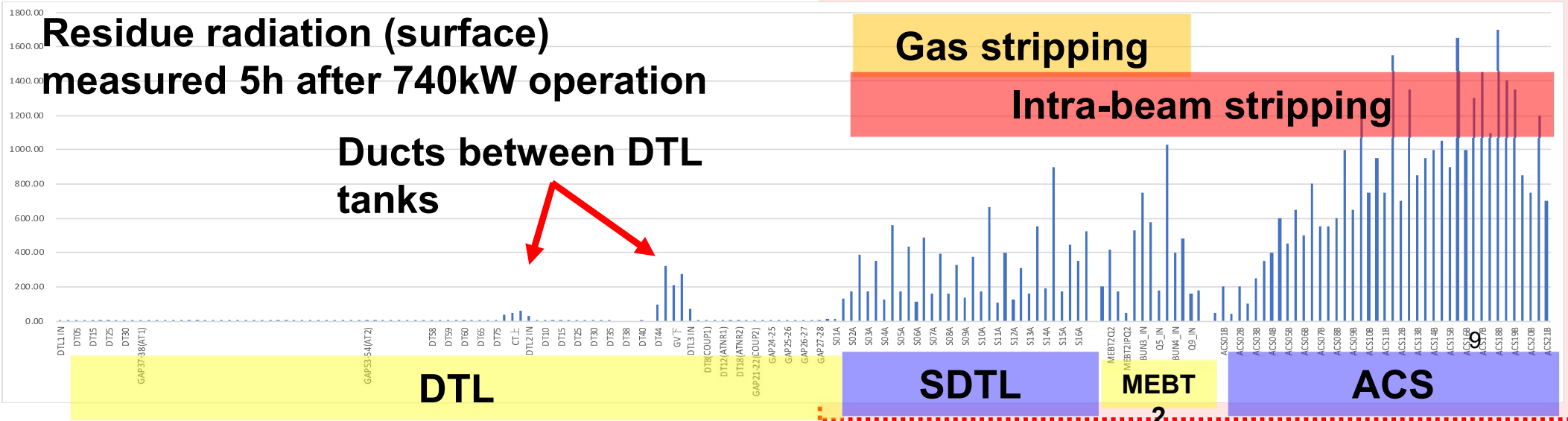
Gas stripping estimated in SDTL



Simulation of loss location

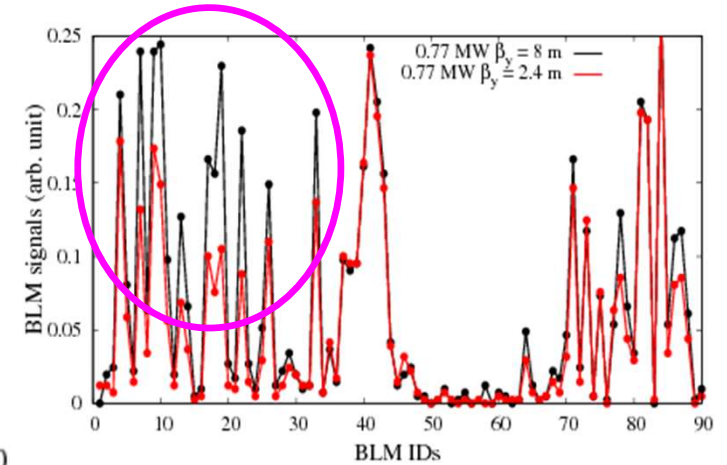
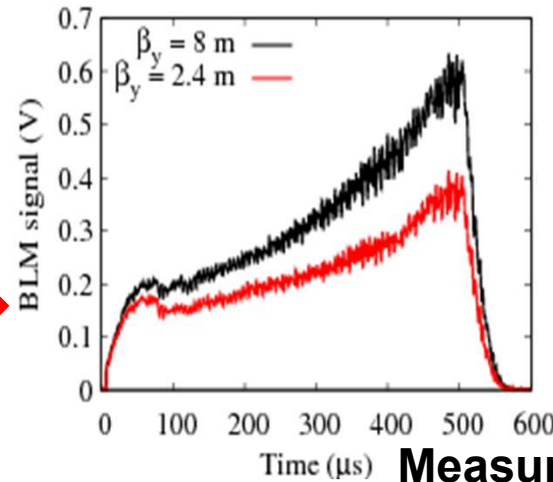
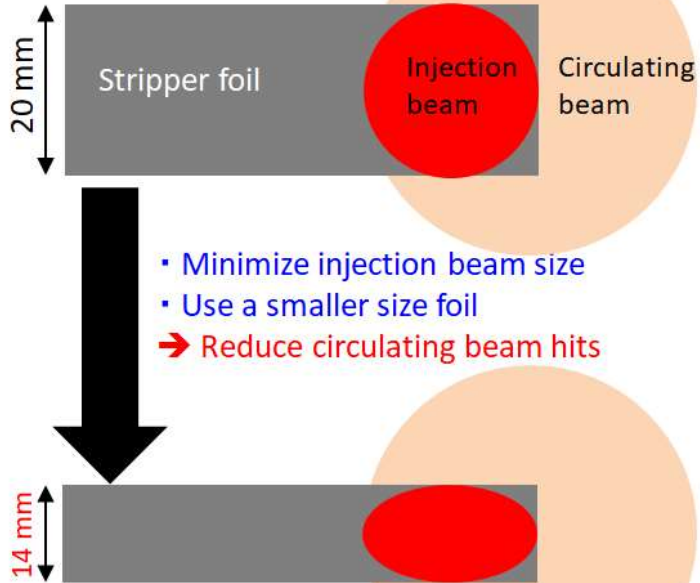


Residue radiation (surface) measured 5h after 740kW operation



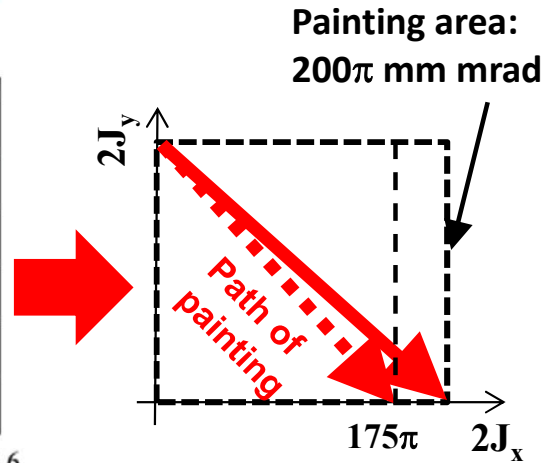
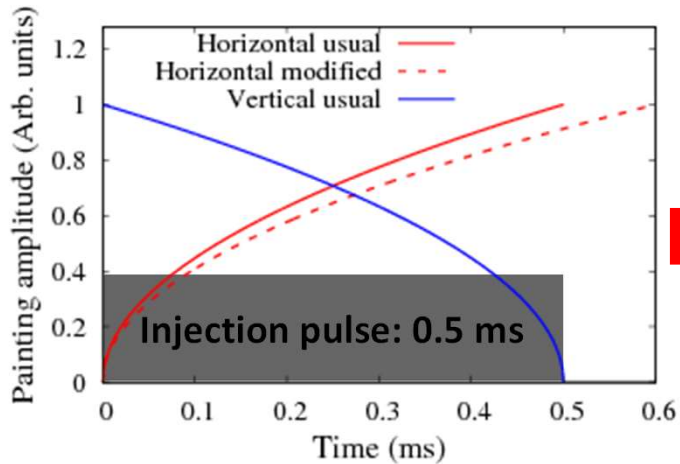
Activation related loss mechanism is quantitatively understood

Improvement of RCS beam losses



Measured foil hits:

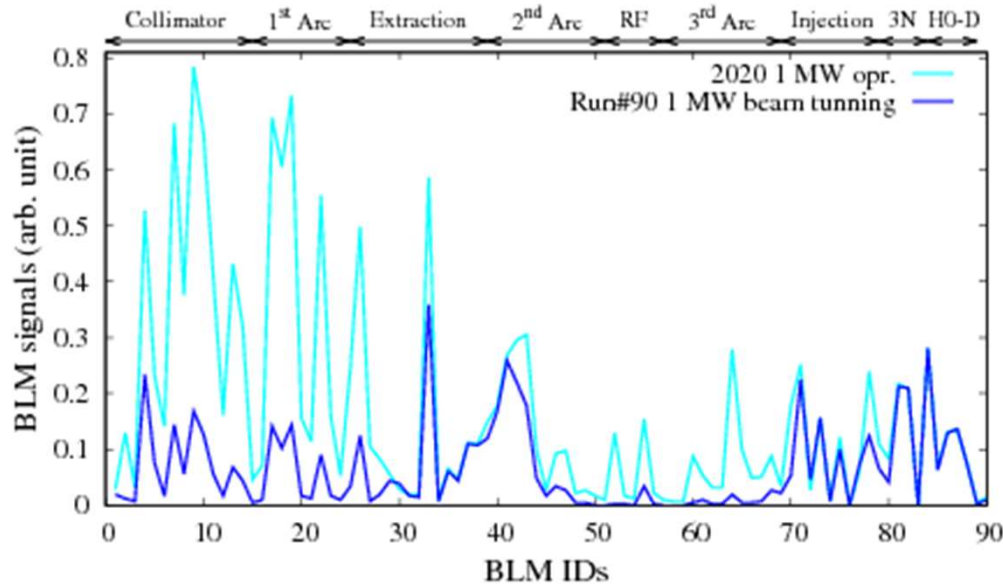
30% reduced, loss also reduced same level



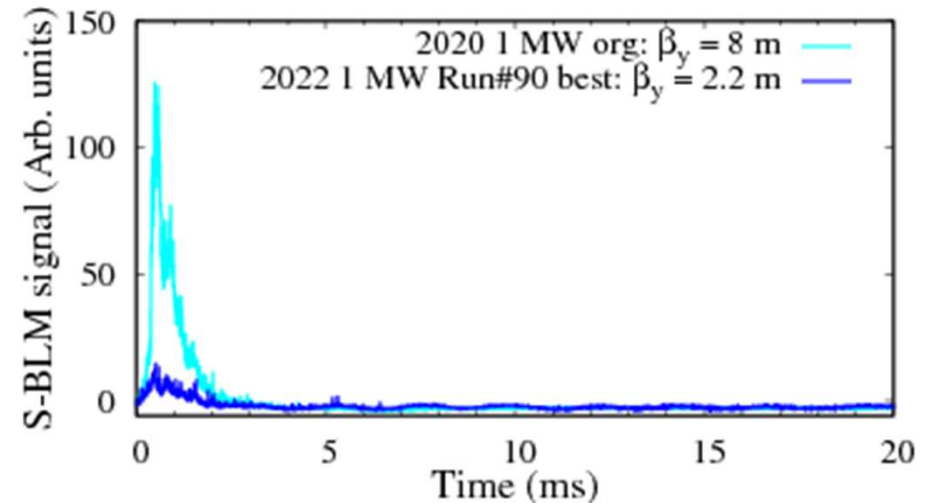
- ✓ Minimized injection beam and the foil size.
- ✓ Optimized transverse and longitudinal paintings.
- ✓ Optimized betatron tunes.
- ✓ Reduced $3\nu_x = 19$ effect due to intrinsic sextupole of SB by reducing $\times 0.8$ field.

The unpainted region is filled by the space charge.

Summary of latest beam loss mitigation at 1 MW



Time structure of the beam loss



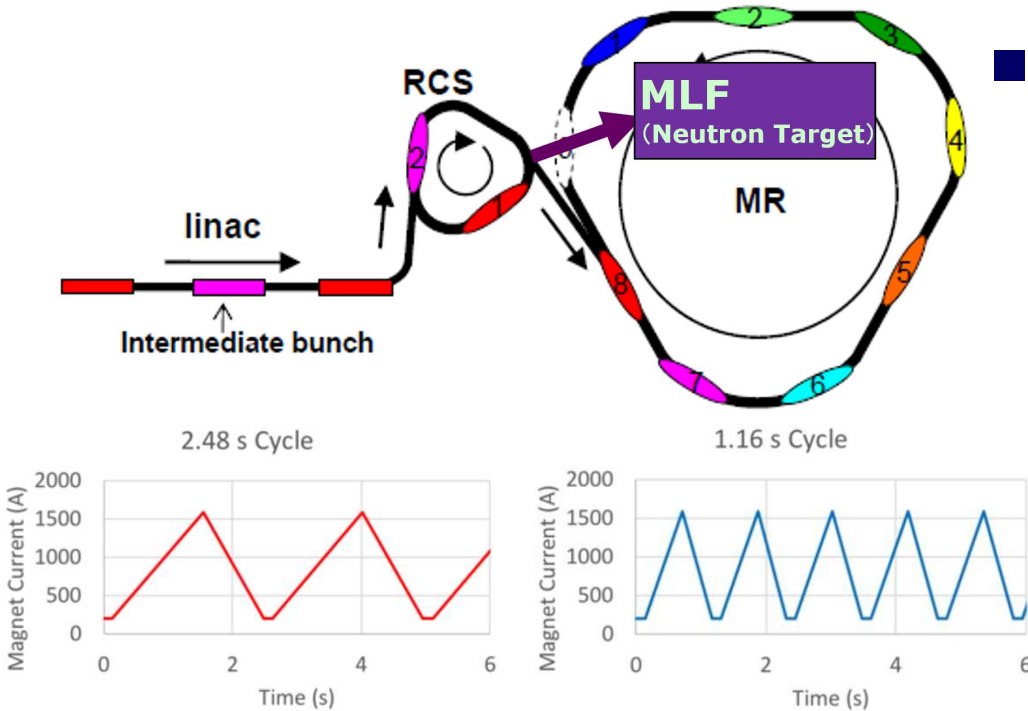
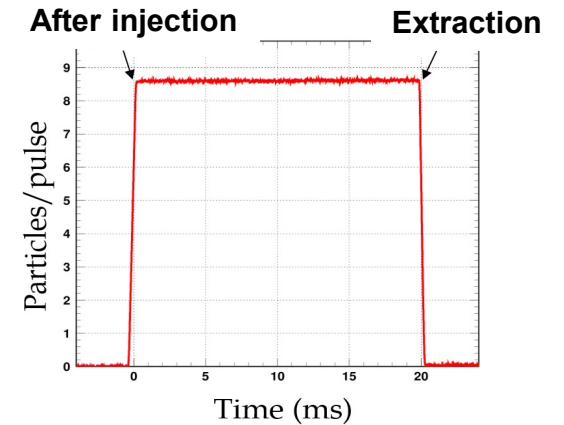
We have achieved **more than 80% beam loss mitigation** at 1 MW as compared the trial operation in 2020.

- ◆ The residual beam loss is **< 0.05%**. Dominated by the foil scattering.
- ◆ We will try to further reduce the foil size.
- We expect 1 MW operation with a minimum beam loss in the RCS!

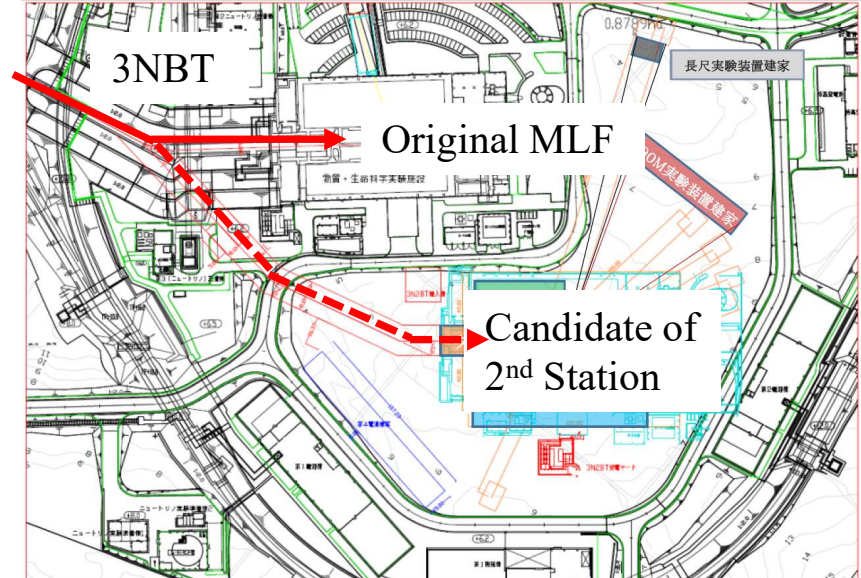
Upgrade to 2 MW

- The J-PARC Rapid Cycling Synchrotron (RCS) successfully demonstrated 1-MW beam acceleration with quite low loss condition. Now Main Ring(MR) cycle is shortened to increase its beam power. Shorter MR cycle affects the effective beam power on the neutron target. (MR duty Before:0.16/2.48~6% After:0.16/1.16~14%)

Beam current@1 MW



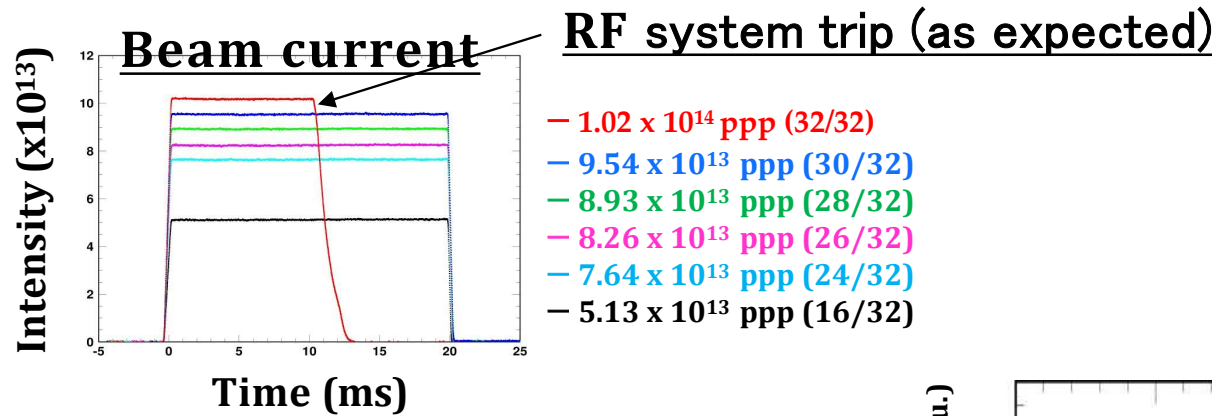
- We also have a plan to construct a second-target station for the neutron and muon experiments.



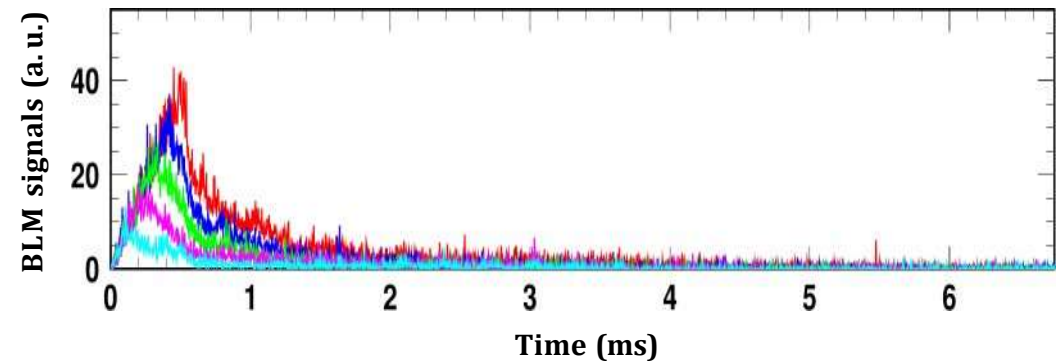
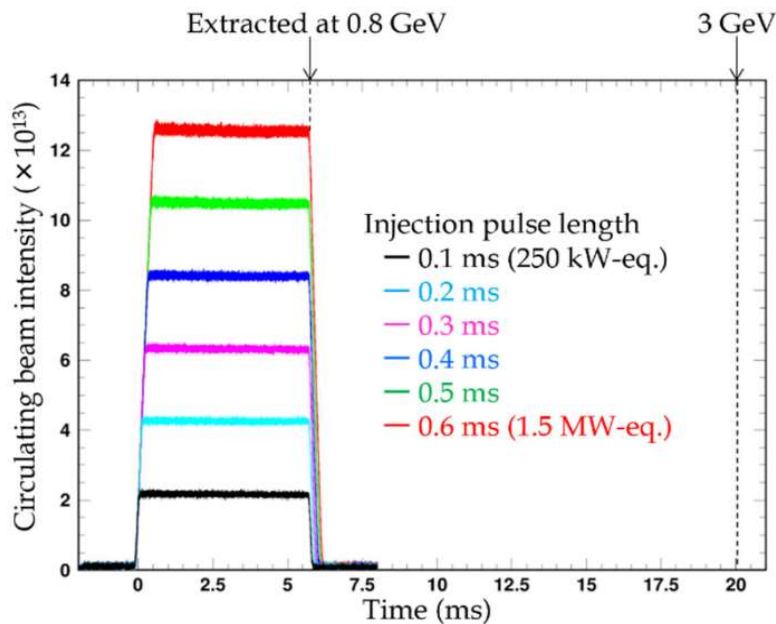
It is critical to evaluate the maximum beam power of the RCS to consider the upgrade path of J-PARC!

Demonstration beyond 1 MW (Cont'd)

Currently, the capacity of the anode power supply of the RF system limits the maximum number of particles that can be accelerated. The RF bucket is distorted due to the wake voltage caused by the high beam current of more than 1-MW, and all beams are lost at the middle stage of acceleration.



Courtesy : H. Hotchi



✓ Beam loss were proportional to the beam current. → well controlled!



The study results demonstrate the potential of the RCS beyond 1-MW power.

Scenario Beyond 1-MW

Requirement for the linac

Courtesy : T. Morishita

Relationship between the rapid-cycling synchrotron (RCS) output power, the linac peak current, and macro-pulse length

RCS output power[MW]		Peak current [mA]					
		50	60	70	80	90	100
Macro-pulse length [ms]	0.5	1.05	1.26	1.47	1.68	1.89	2.10
	0.55	1.15	1.38	1.62	1.85	2.08	2.31
	0.6	1.26	1.51	1.76	2.01	2.27	2.52
	0.65	1.36	1.64	1.91	2.18	2.45	2.73
	0.7	1.47	1.76	2.06	2.35	2.64	2.94
	0.75	1.57	1.89	2.20	2.52	2.83	3.15
	0.8	1.68	2.01	2.35	2.69	3.02	3.36

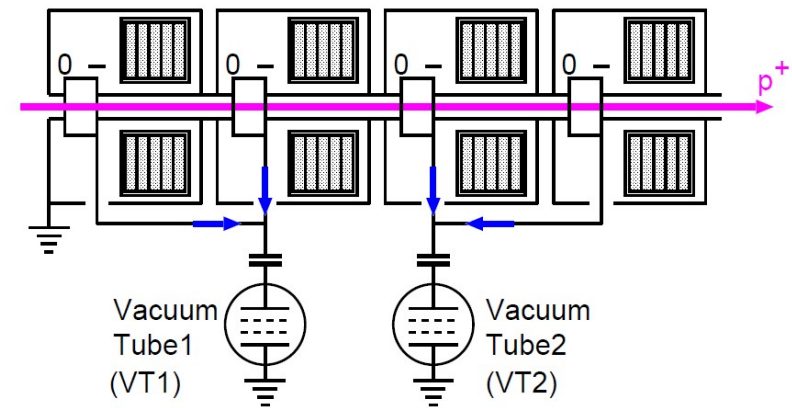
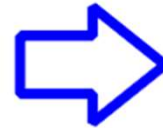
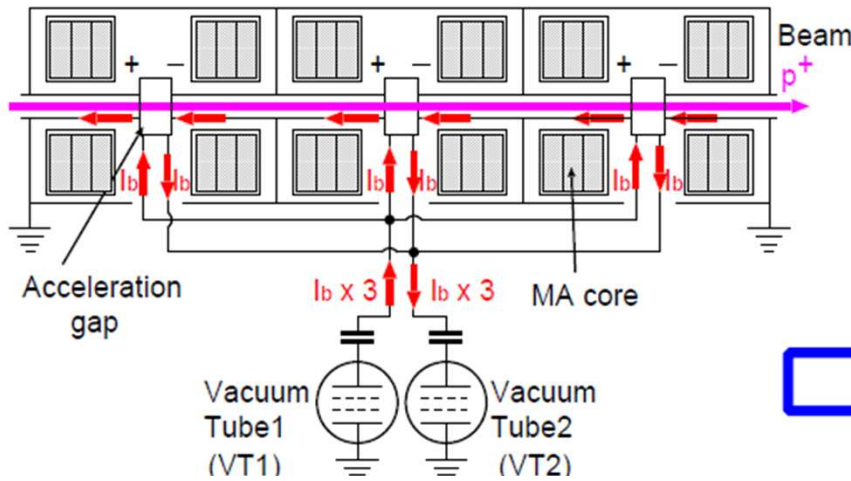
- Some parameter choices exist in the linac to achieve more than a 1-MW beam power in the RCS.

- A higher peak current is better for the RCS for mitigation of the injection loss due to the foil scattering. However, then beam control in the linac becomes challenging in the higher peak current beam.
- In the longer macro-pulse case, we demonstrated the beam dynamics with the peak current of up to 60 mA in the linac. However, we must reinforce the linac RF system to extend the macro-pulse length.
- So far, 80 mA and 0.75 ms are the targets for future linac upgrades.
- Optimizing these parameters, we will try up to 2-MW beam acceleration.

RCS Upgrade Items -New RF cavity-

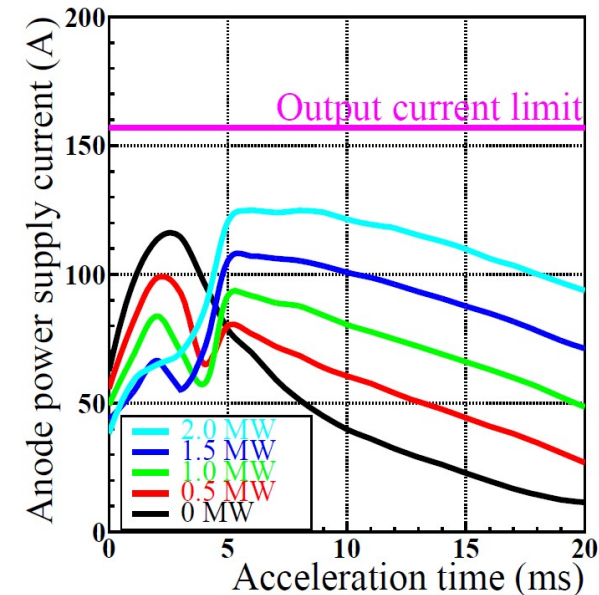
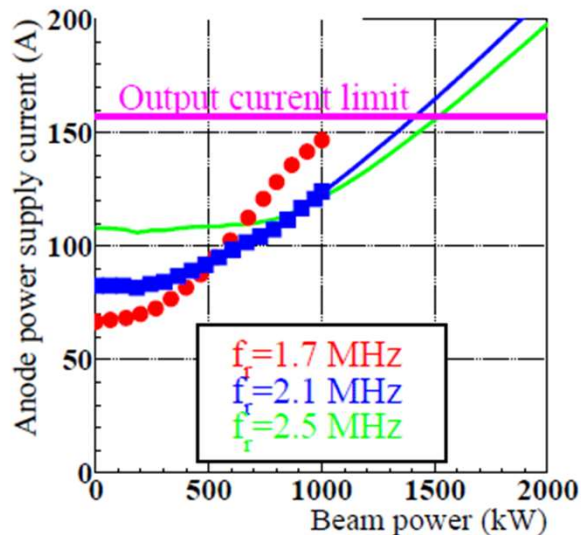
The priority in the RCS upgrade is replacing the RF cavity

- Negative sign cavity



Not enough margin for 1-MW acceleration

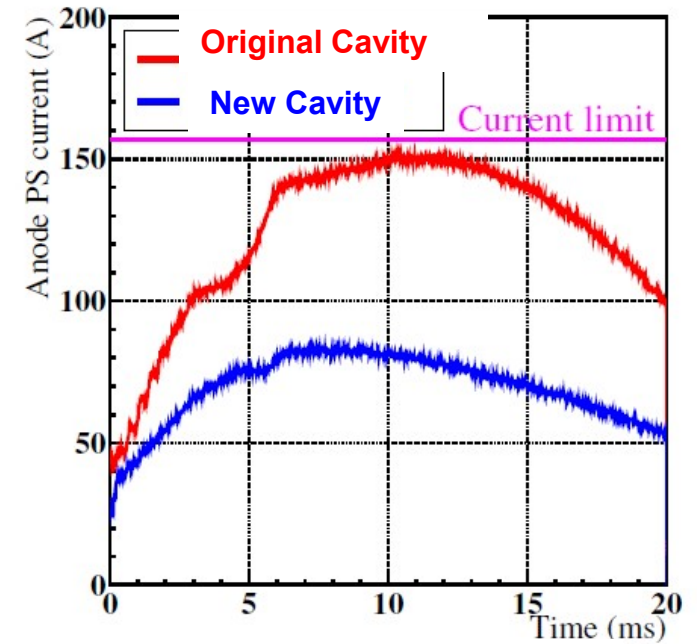
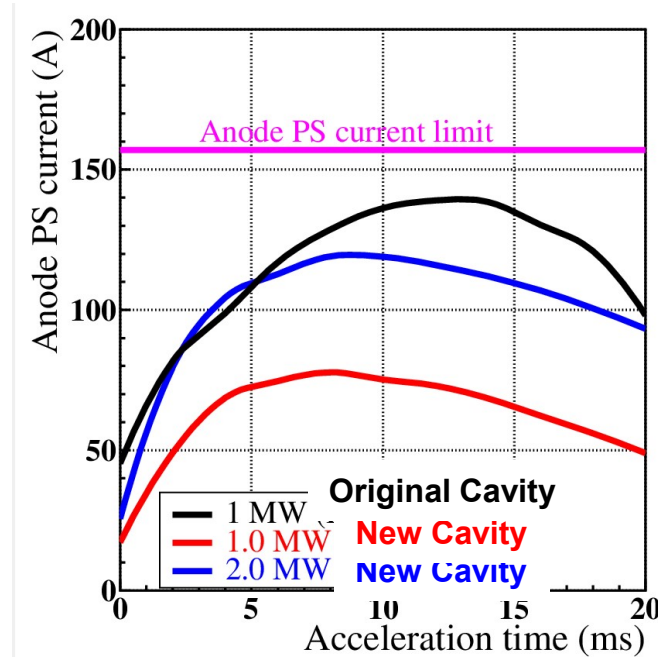
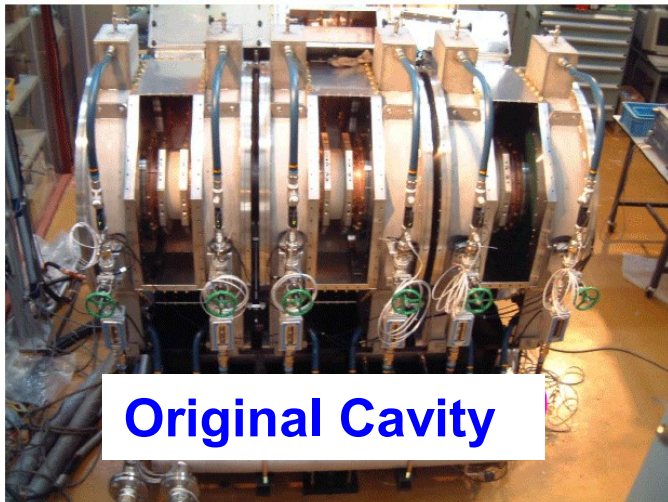
Develop the new cavity for high power acceleration!



Result of New cavity test



We replaced 1 of 12 cavities with new one.



(left) Simulation Anode current during the acceleration
 (right) actual result

Reduced to 60% !

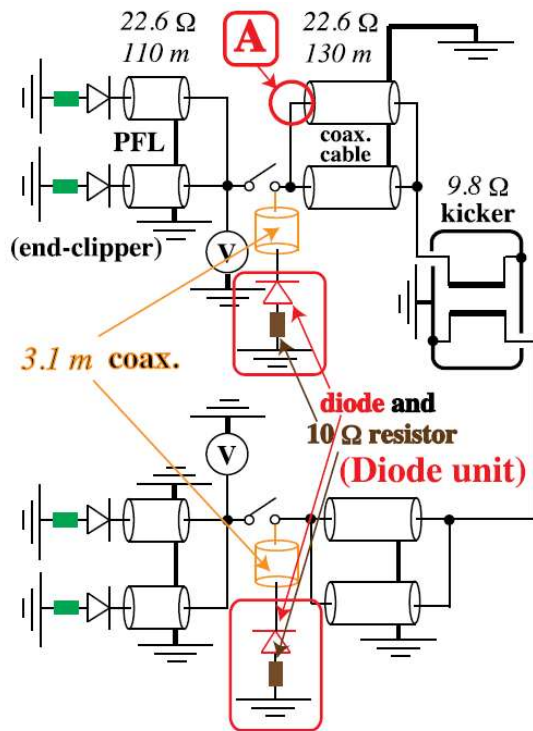
We have started mass-production.

The replacement will be completed by 2028. After replacement, the new RF system can accelerate more than a 1-MW beam in the RCS.

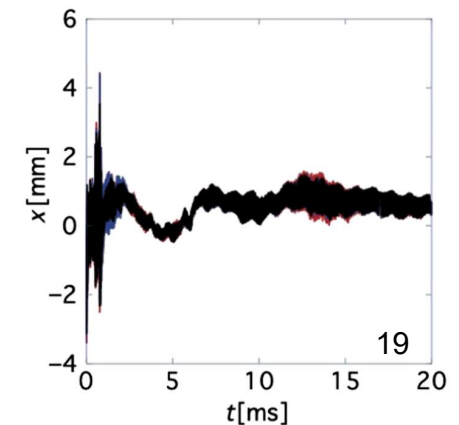
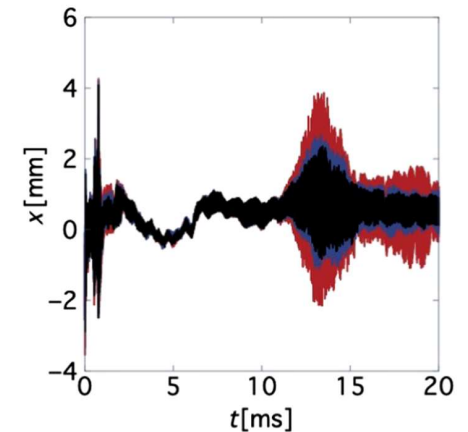
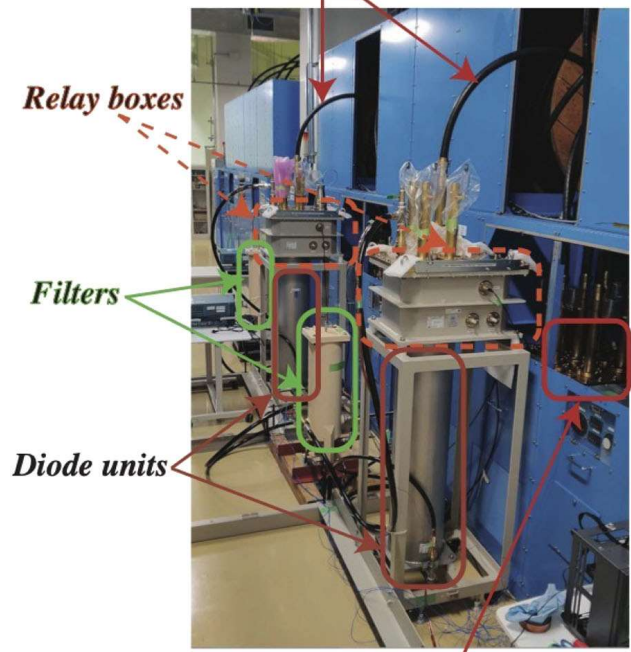
RCS Upgrade Items

-Impedance reduction damper-

- Even with a beam current of 1 MW, the poor choice of some parameters (e.g., betatron tune, chromaticity correction pattern) can lead to beam instability.
- In the RCS, the primary source of the instability is the transverse impedance of the extraction kicker magnets.
- A new damping system was developed to suppress the instability.
- Our simulation indicated that four damping modules are needed to achieve a 1.5-MW full acceleration. We plan to install four damping modules; one module was already implemented with another one being installed this autumn, while the others are under construction.
- For 2 MW, possibly all 8 kicker would need this damper. We will add rest four damping modules if needed.



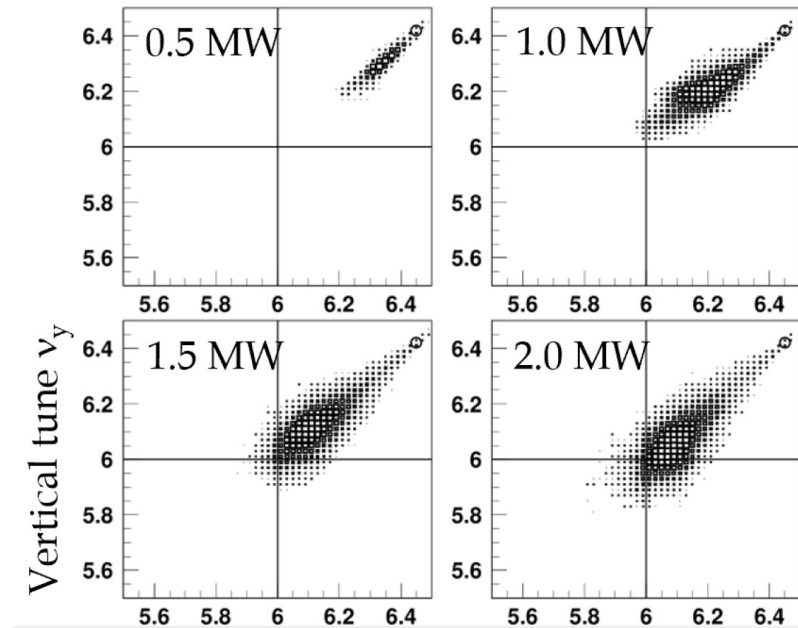
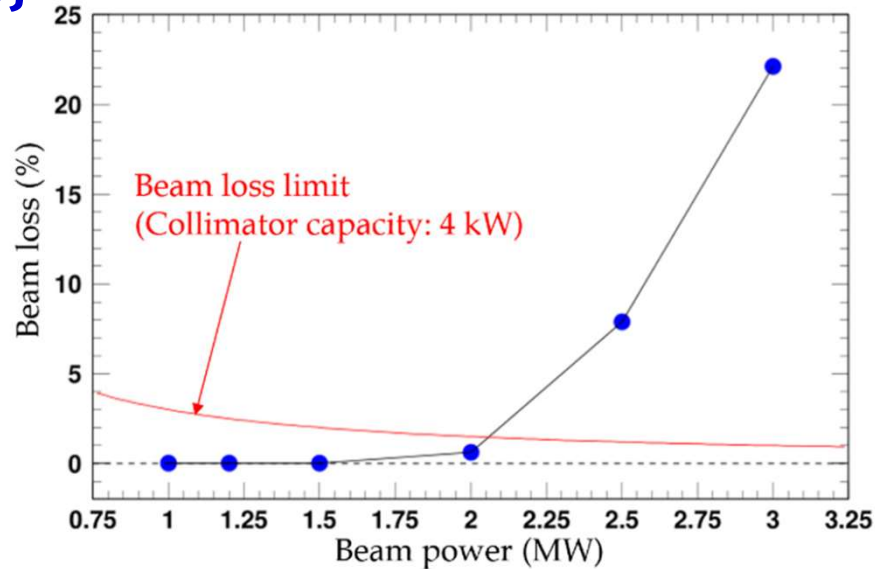
3.1-m coaxial cables (connected to thyratrons)



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Perspective of the beam manipulation beyond a 1-MW beam intensity

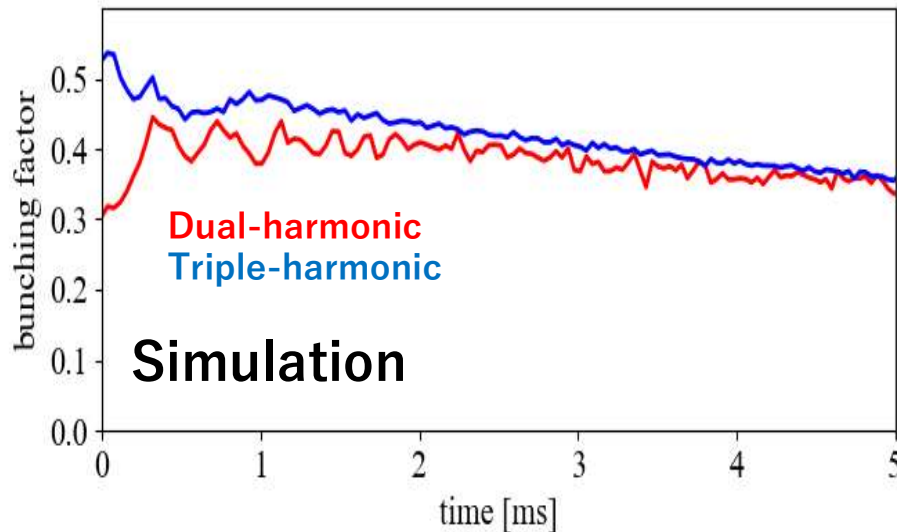
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- Previous simulations indicated that the number of particles in the RCS would be limited to less than a 2 MW equivalent.
- Thanks to the space charge effect caused by the high-intensity beam of more than 2-MW, an excessive tune shift occurs and causes a large amount of beam loss.
- Flattening the beam distribution and reducing the high-density portions mitigate the space charge effect. We have been applying the dual-harmonic RF operation for the longitudinal beam manipulation.
- This scheme enables us to accelerate a 1-MW beam with enough low-loss conditions but not enough for more than a 1.5-MW beam.
- Recently, we have started to study the triple-harmonic RF operation applied for high-intensity beam acceleration.

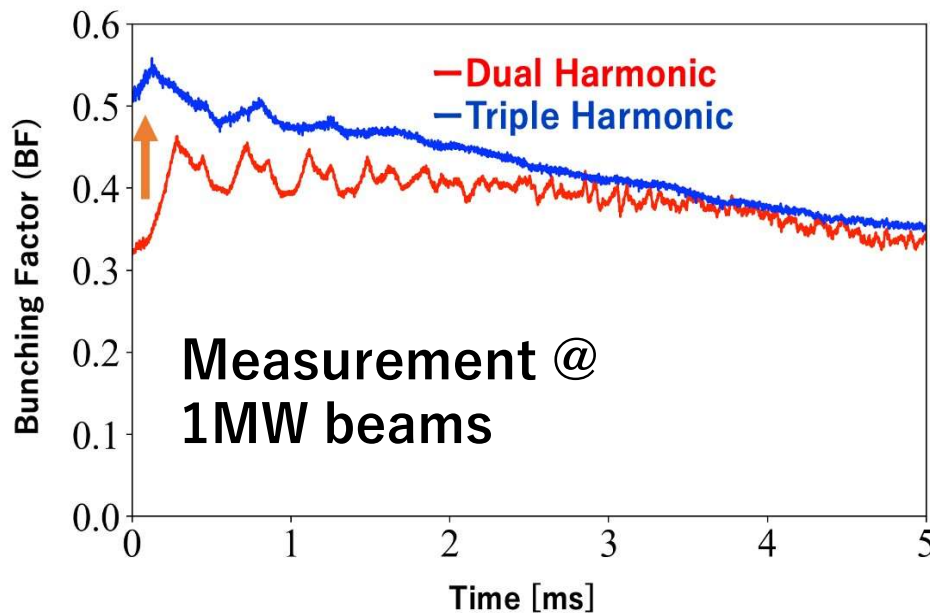
Triple-harmonic RF operation

Courtesy : H. Okita



- Upper figure shows the bunching factor (BF) simulation results with the dual and triple-harmonic schemes.

$$BF = \frac{I_{average}}{I_{peak}}$$



- Lower figure is a beam test results.
- Higher BF means more flat and low peak density beams.
- Simulation results reproduced the actual beam behavior well.
- Promising for >1MW beam with small beam loss!

Summary

- **We achieved stable user operation with up to 800 kW.**
- **We have demonstrated the potential of the RCS beyond 1-MW beam power.**
- **We will complete the replacement of all cavities with new ones by 2028.**
- **A list of items that are required beyond 1 MW beam acceleration is being developed in Linac and RCS.**
- **Finally, we will prepare to conduct beam acceleration tests at the highest intensity possible in 2028.**
- **Combining the increase of the linac peak current and the extension of the injection pulse length for the RCS, we will try up to 2-MW beam acceleration.**