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# **Development of Dual-harmonic RF System for CSNS-II**

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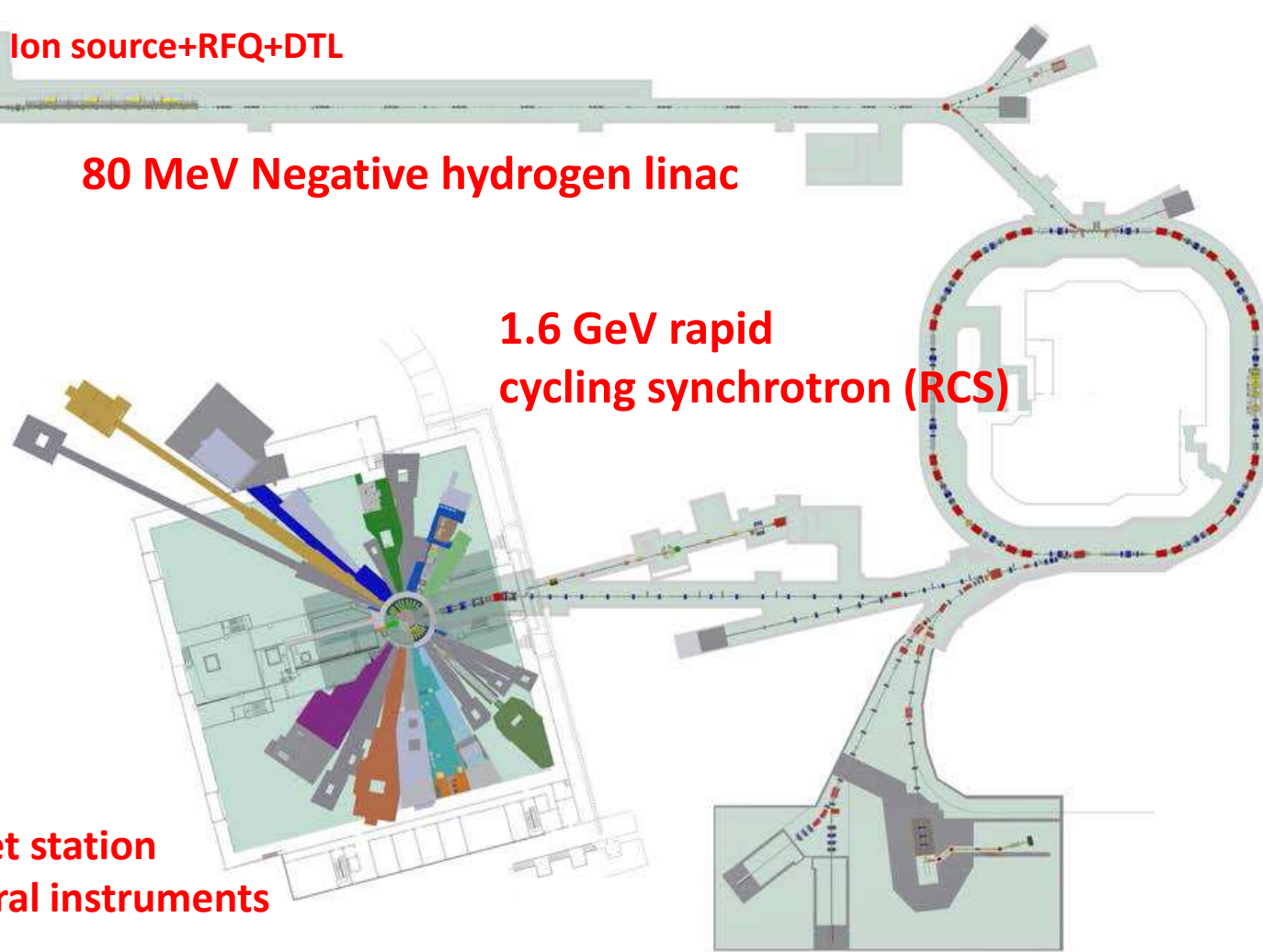
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# China Spallation Neutron Source II (CSNS-II)

Ion source+RFQ+DTL

80 MeV Negative hydrogen linac

1.6 GeV rapid cycling synchrotron (RCS)



Target station  
Several instruments

	CSNS-I	CSNS-II
Beam power (kW)	100	500
Repetition rate (Hz)	25	25
Extraction energy (GeV)	1.6	1.6
Injection energy (MeV)	80	300
Average Current ( $\mu\text{A}$ )	62.5	312

Facility	Beam power	$\Delta Q$ (Space charge effect)
CSNS-II (China)	500kW	0.19
J-PARC (JAPAN)	1MW	0.12
SNS (USA)	1MW	0.08

The space charge effect is heavy !

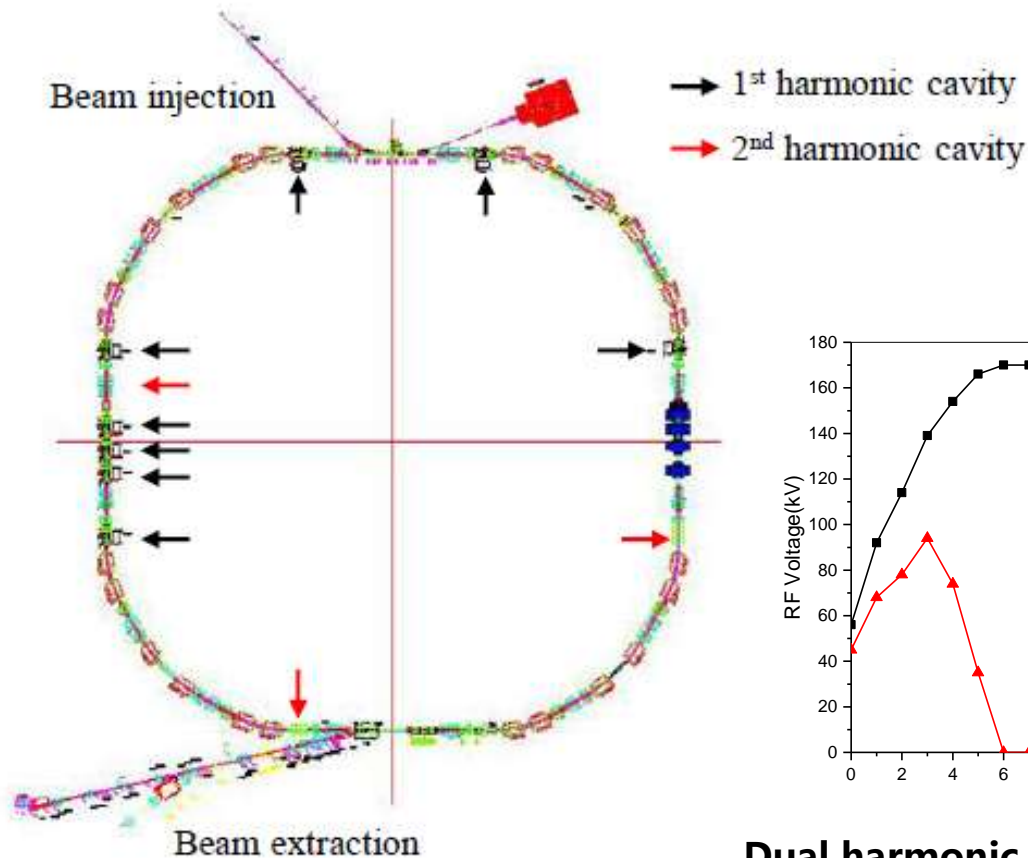
# CSNS-II RCS power upgrade plan

Dual-harmonic acceleration technique -> increase the acceptance and beam factor

8 ferrite loaded cavities (165kV)  
 3 2nd harmonic cavities (100kV)



**Dual harmonic RF SYSTEM**



RCS power upgrade technical route:

1. Maintaining injection energy at 80 MeV

+2 2nd harmonic cavities

Beam power: 100kW → 200kW

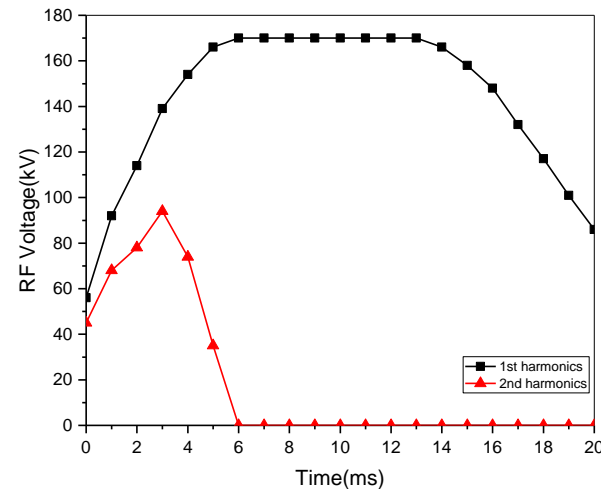
+ AC correction quadrupole/ sextupole/ octupole magnets, etc

2. Increasing injection energy to 300 MeV

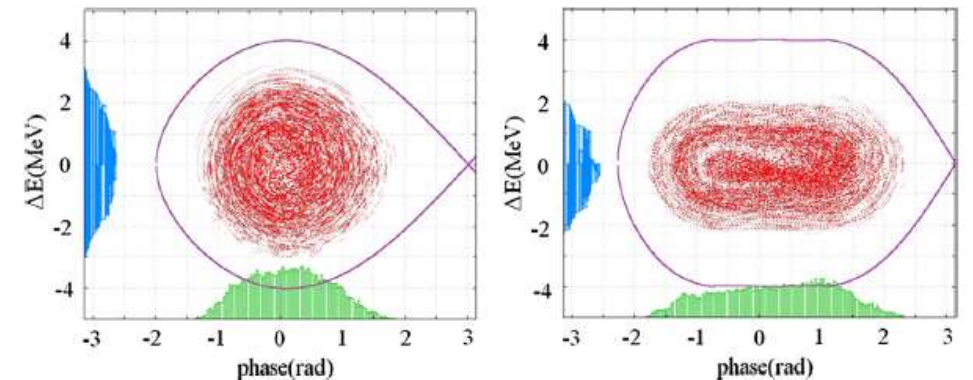
+1 2nd harmonic cavity

Beam power: 200kW → 500kW

New injection system and main magnet resonant power supply system



Dual harmonic voltage ramping curves



Dual harmonic beam acceleration technology to enhance beam bunching factor



# 2<sup>nd</sup> harmonic cavity

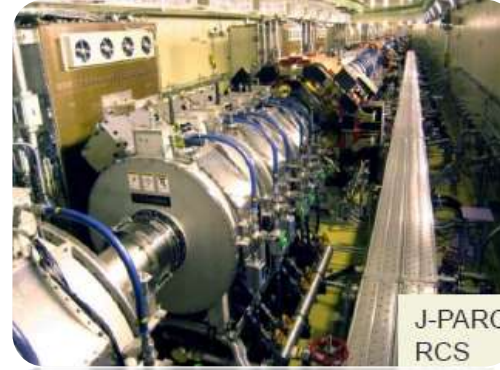


CSNS-I/RCS  
Ferrite cavity  
L=2.7m  
V=15kVx2Gap

→ Ferrite Material

Low Bs 0.31T  
Low  $\mu$  400,1MHz  
Low Tc 200°C  
Nonlinearity  
Complex tuning system

Accelerating Gradient  $\approx$  11kV/m

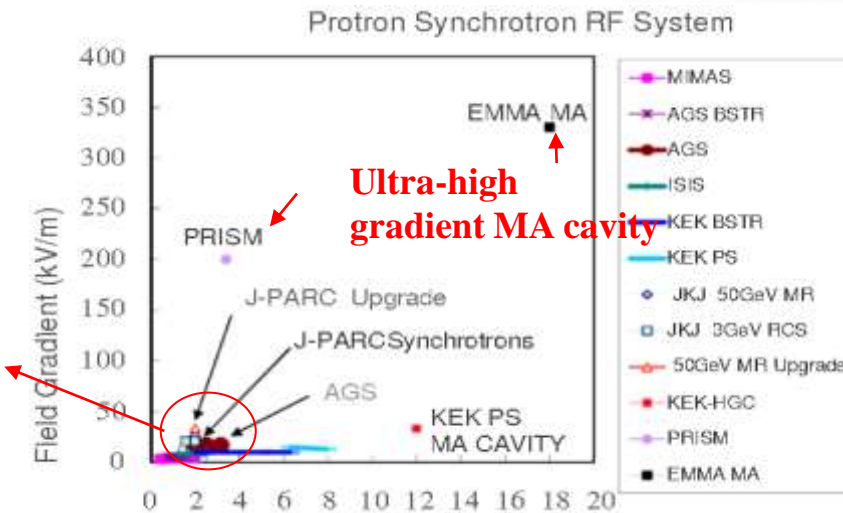
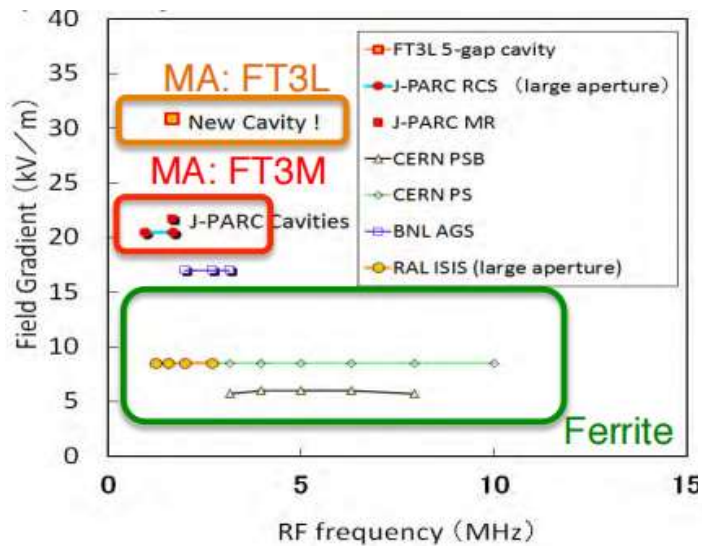


J-PARC  
MA cavity  
L=2.59m  
V=15kVx5Gap

→ Nanocrystalline soft magnetic alloy (MA)

High Bs 1.2T  
High  $\mu$  2400,1MHz  
High Tc 570°C  
Q<1  
No tuning system

Accelerating Gradient  $\approx$  29kV/m



The necessity of using MA-loaded cavities in CSNS-II

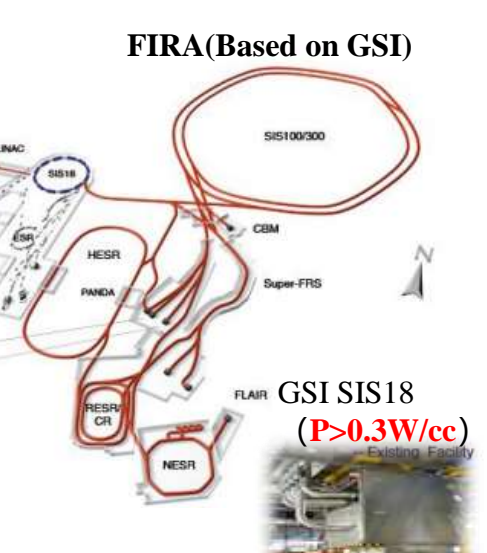
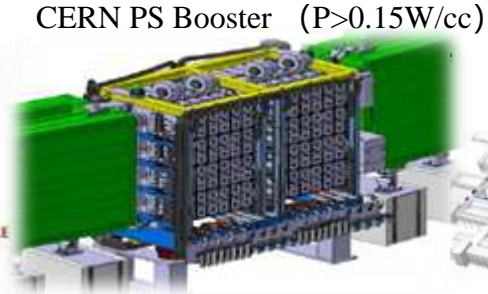
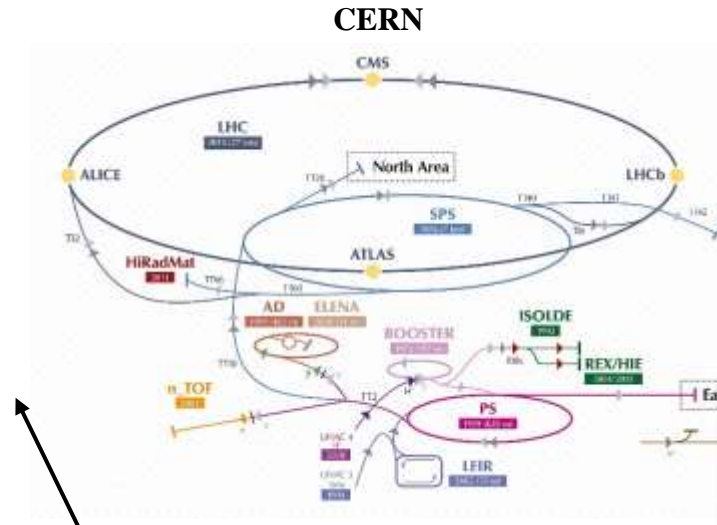
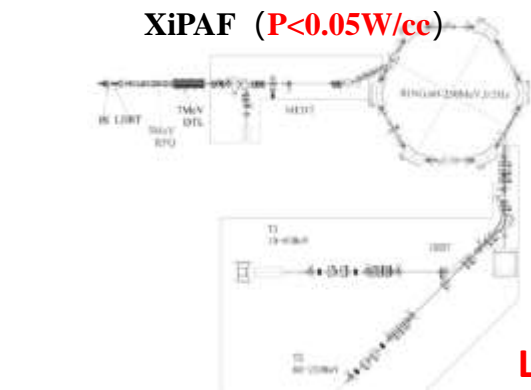
RCS:

- 1, Limited space leaved in RCS tunnel
- 2, High RF voltage (100kV)
- 3, Multi-harmonic accelerating technique

The MA loaded cavity is the best choice !

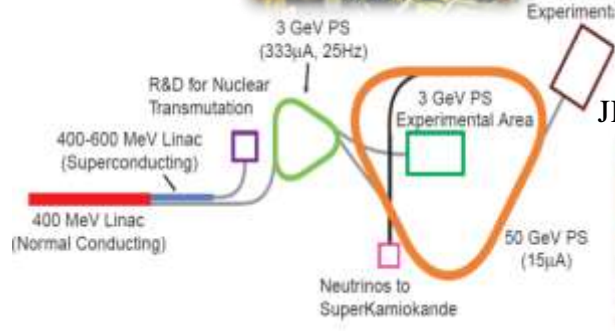
Comparison of gradient in magnetic alloy-loaded cavities

# The application of magnetic alloy-loaded cavities



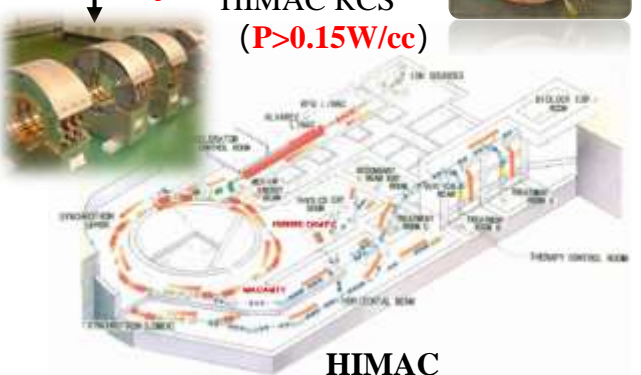
**1k107B (China)**

**Low average power density**



**Nano-crystals Finemet Hitachi Metal Ltd (JAPAN)**

**High average power density**



# The challenges in the development of high power MA-loaded cavities

## □ Surface insulation and low-stress coating treatment of magnetic alloy ribbons

- Insulation breakdown between magnetic core inter-layers under high electric field gradients
- Significant eddy current losses under high power operation
- The MA ribbons are stress-sensitive and require low stress and can bear high temperatures(400°C~600°C).

## □ Large size MA core winding and high-temperature annealing

- Insulation breakdown between layers and deformation of large-sized MA core during winding
- Excessive or insufficient transition crystallization of large-size MA core

## □ Encapsulation of large-sized MA cores

- The solidification layer causes an increase in thermal stress and deformation of the MA core
- The stress induced by the solidification layer leads to a decrease in the performance of the MA core

## □ Design of cavity structure with high cooling efficiency

- The average thermal power of the magnetic ring exceeds 0.3W/cc
- The power distribution of the magnetic ring is not uniform.

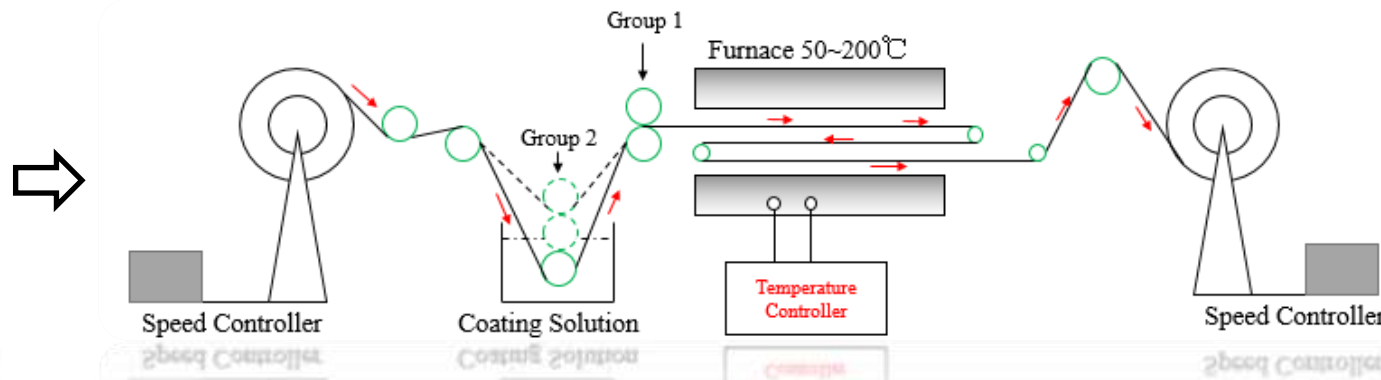


# Technologies for high-performance MA core fabrication

## ■ Key process flow



Nanocrystalline ribbon with 18 $\mu$ m  
1k107B (Fe-Cu-Nb-Si-B)

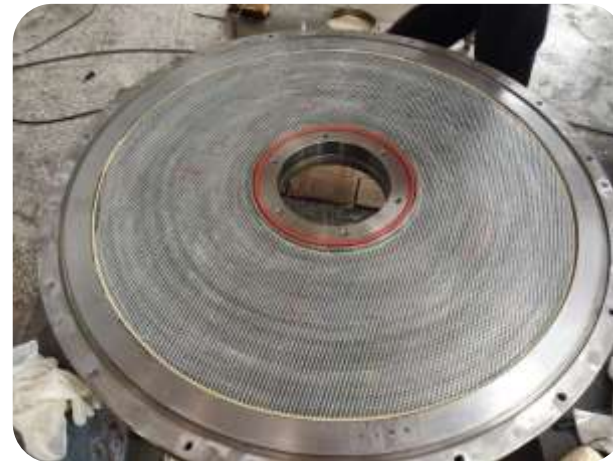


Low-stress insulation coating

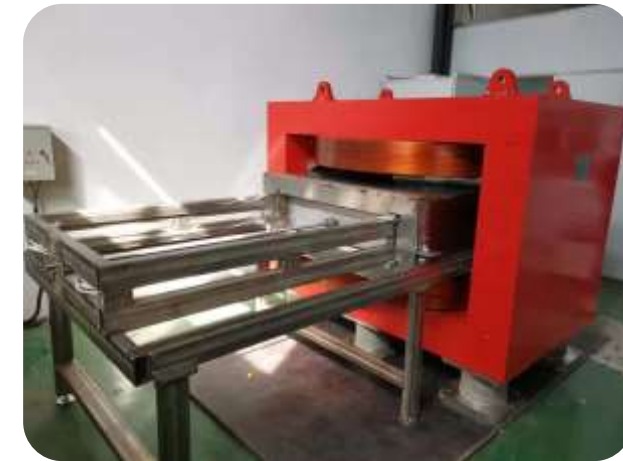
Constant tension level winding



Product



Encapsulation



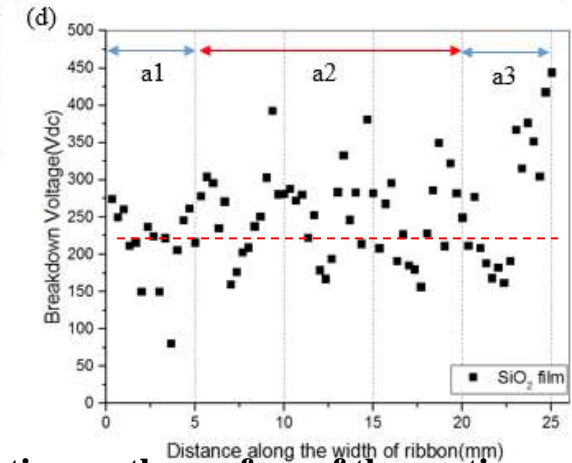
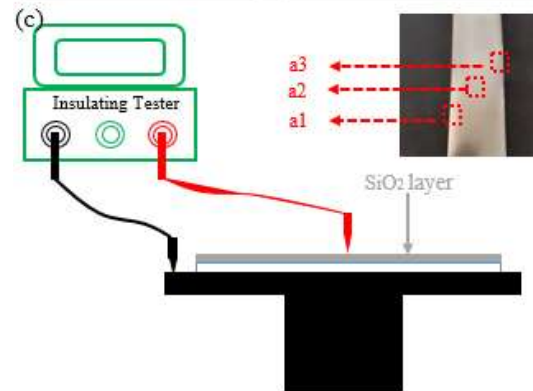
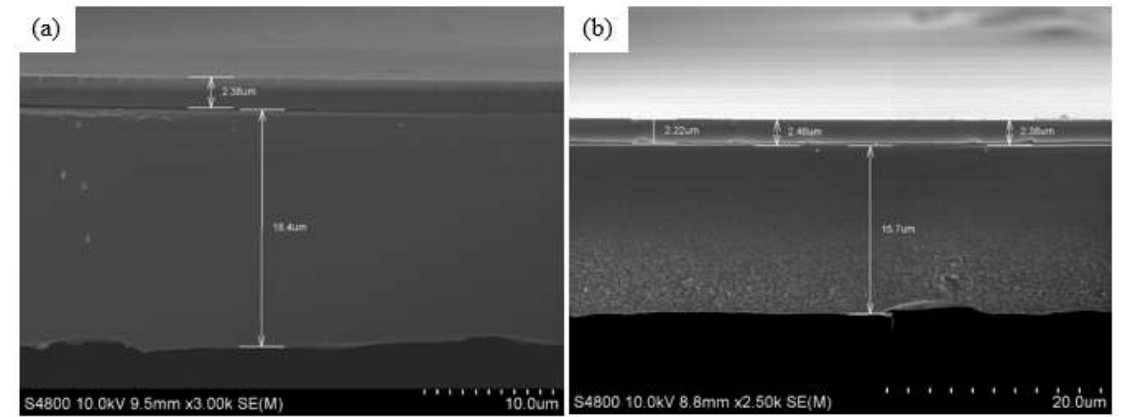
Transverse magnetic annealing



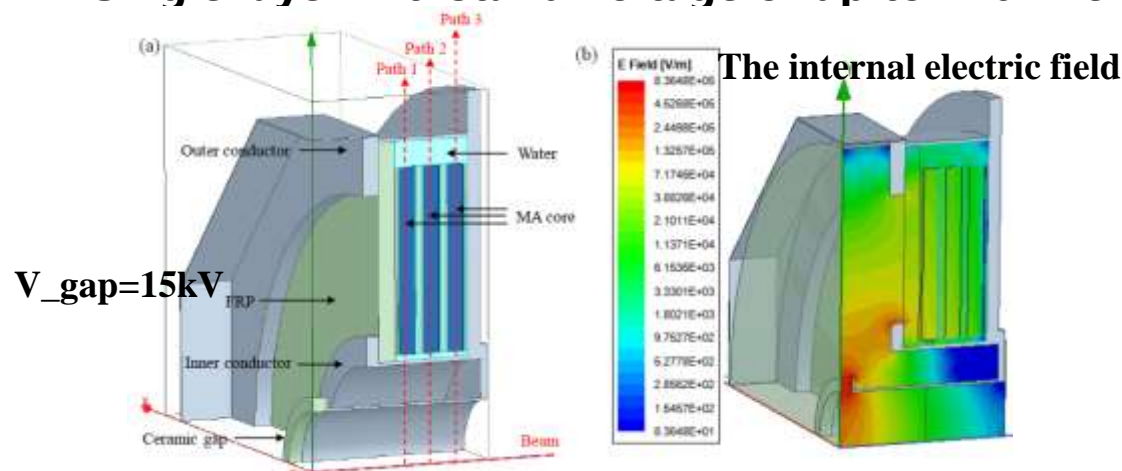
# Low-stress insulation coating

- To reduce eddy current losses and interlayer sparking → Coating on the MA ribbon is necessary
- An inorganic coating with a thickness of about  $2\mu\text{m}$  by using the sol-gel process.
- low stress ,high temperature resistance( $>700^\circ\text{C}$ )
- Single layer withstand voltage of up to 270Vdc

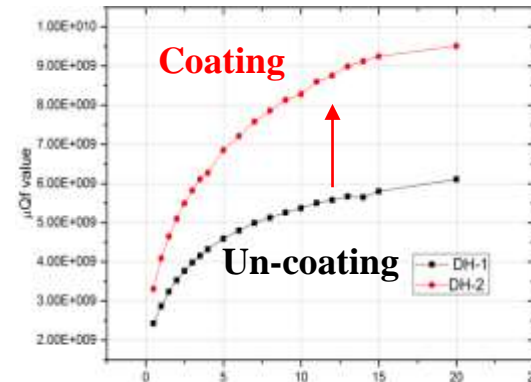
Cross-sectional electron microscopy of the coating.



270Vdc



$V_{\text{gap}}=15\text{kV}$

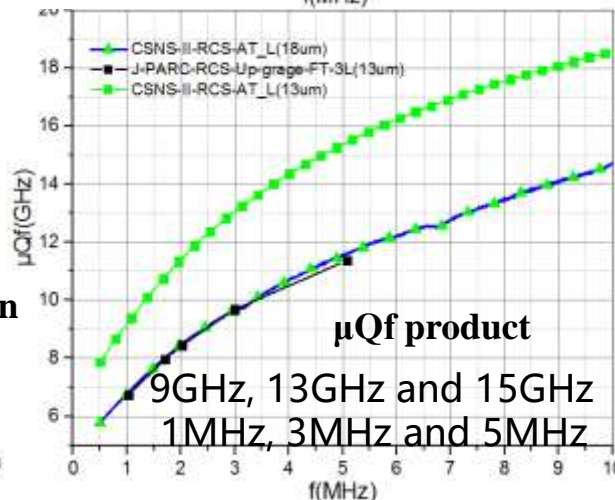
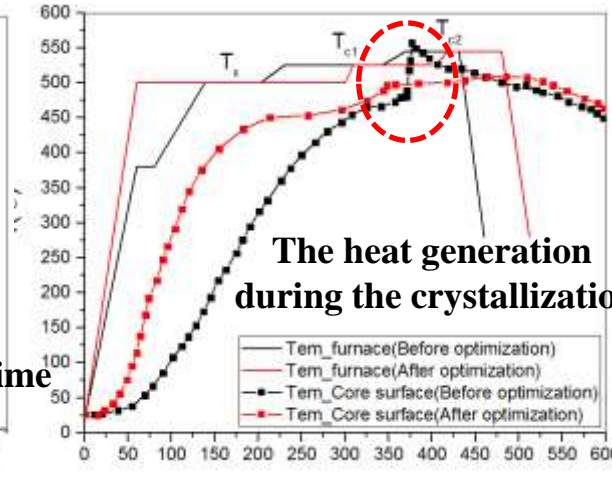
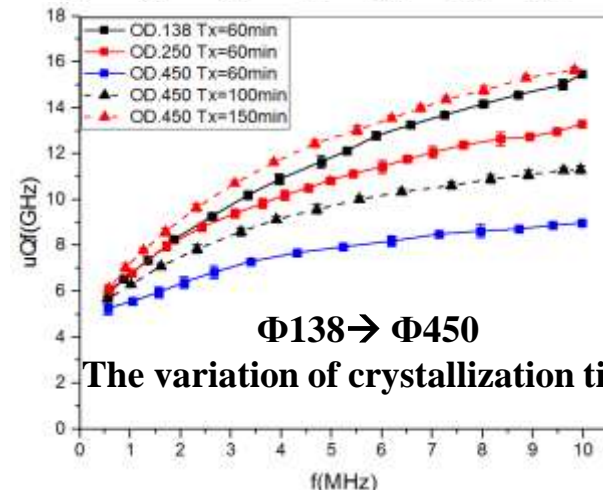
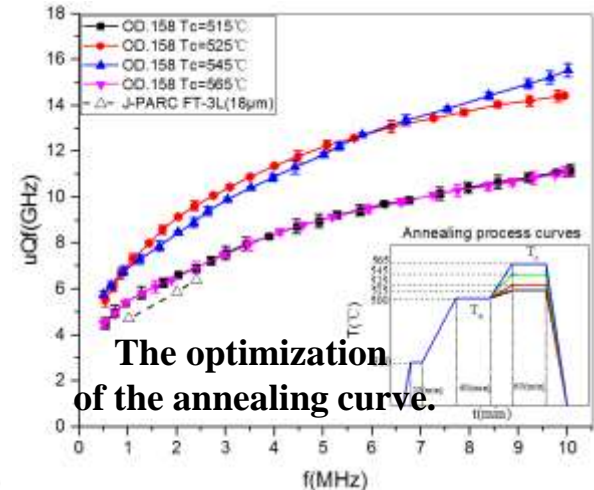
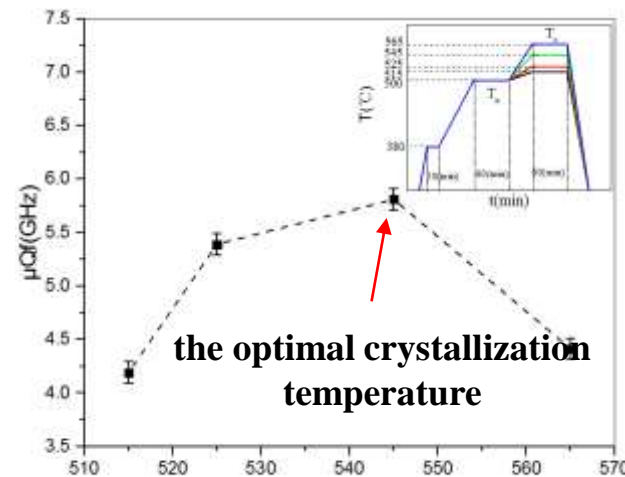
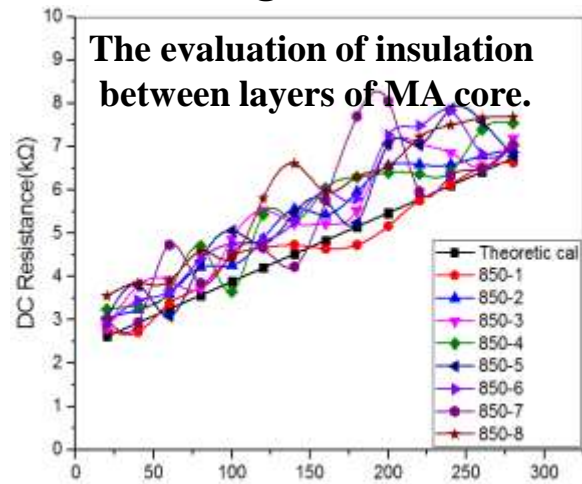
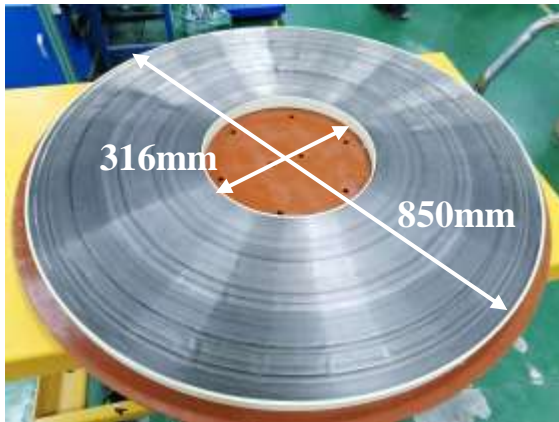


Testing the impact of the coating to the performance of small MA cores.

Insulation breakdown testing on the surface of the coating.

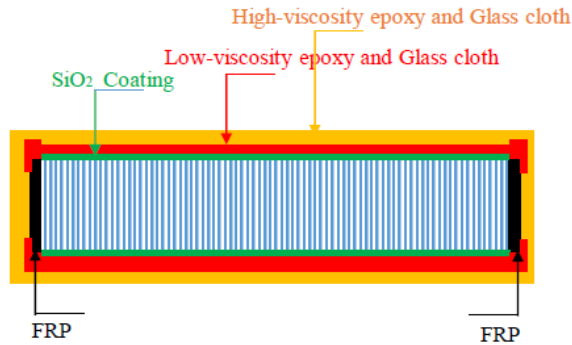
# Winding and annealing for large-sized MA core

- High shunt impedance for the cavity, large size core->insulation detachment and the core deformation
- A multi-ring overlapping and horizontal winding process were conducted on the core with  $\Phi 850\text{mm}$ .
- In-house developed transverse magnetic annealing furnace -3000Gs



# Low-stress solidification packaging process

- A direct water cooling method is adopted for the MA core in CSNS-II as the high power density.
- Waterproof the MA core and ensure that they have sufficient hardness are necessary.
- A waterproof packaging structure and curing process to prevent epoxy resin from infiltrating into the core.
- No thermal stress deformation after long time high-power test, MA cores are in mass production

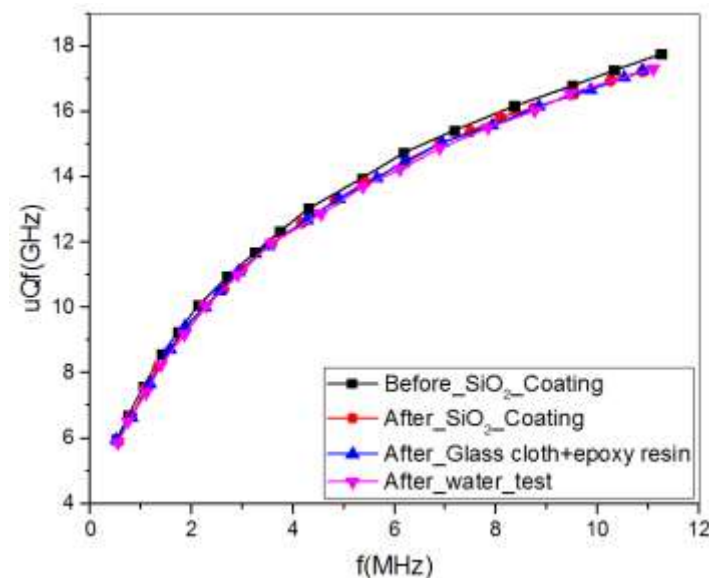


Curing fixture

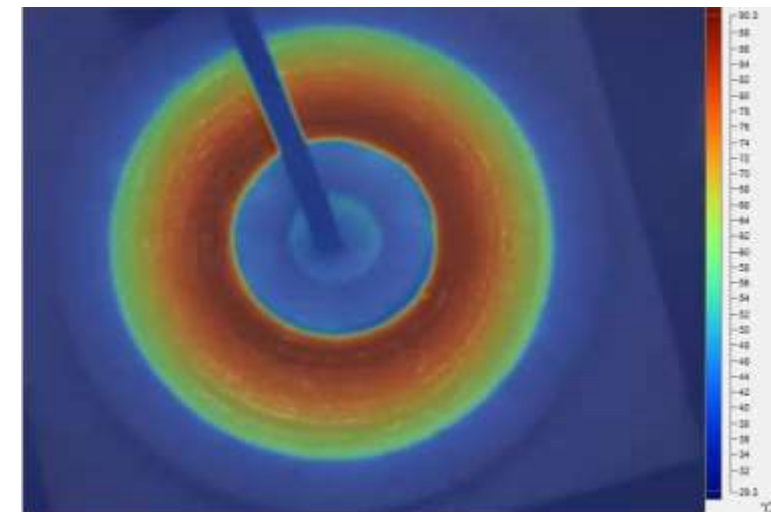


Low vacuum environment + fixture

The impact of each curing process step on the performance of the core



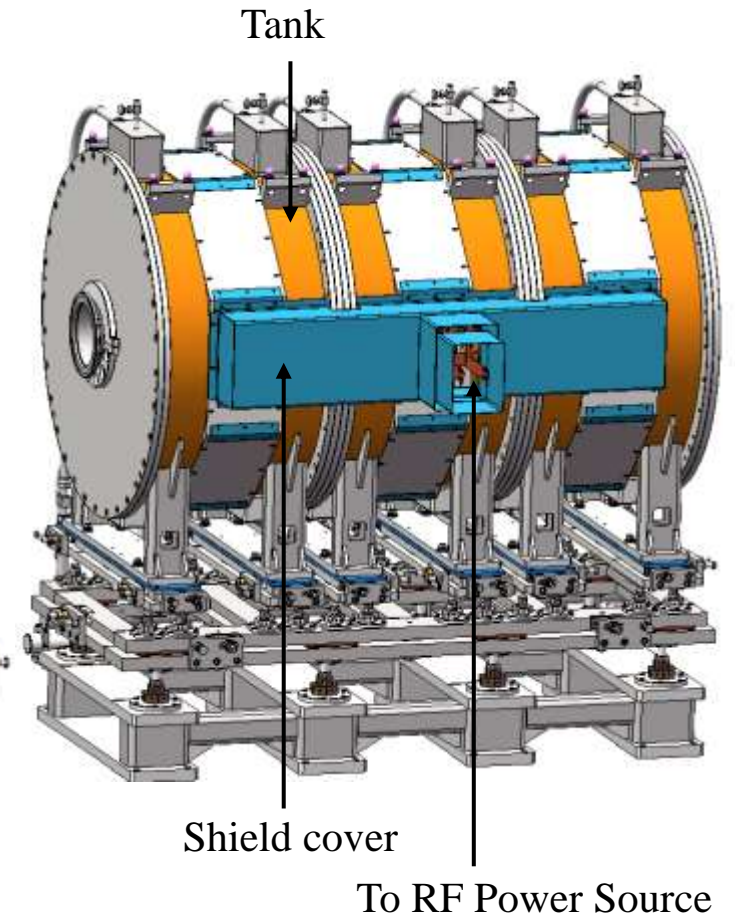
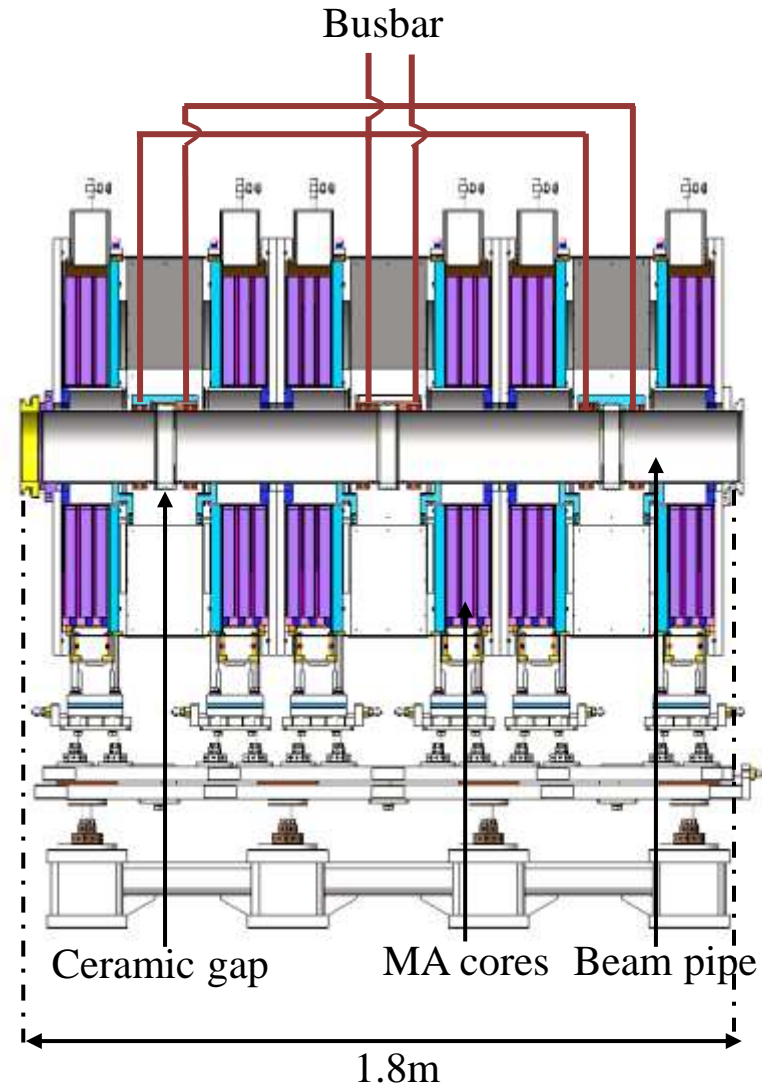
> 1000hr high power test





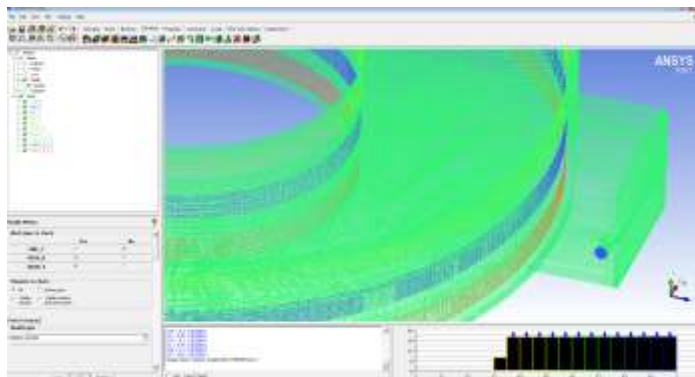
# MA loaded cavity design

Frequency range (MHz)	1~8
Length of Cav (m)	1.8
Number of gaps	3
Number of cores	18
Peak RF voltage (kV)	36(72kV@test)
Size of core (mm)	O.D850×I.D316×H25mm
Type of MA material	1k107B
Thickness of MA ribbon ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	18
Annealing type	Transverse magnetic annealing
$uQ_f$ (@1MHz) (GHz)	> 6.5
$uQ_f$ (@3MHz) (GHz)	>9.5
$uQ_f$ (@5MHz) (GHz)	>11
Average power density ( $\text{W}/\text{cm}^3$ )	0.33
Cooling method	Direct water cooling
Water flow/Tank (L/min)	45

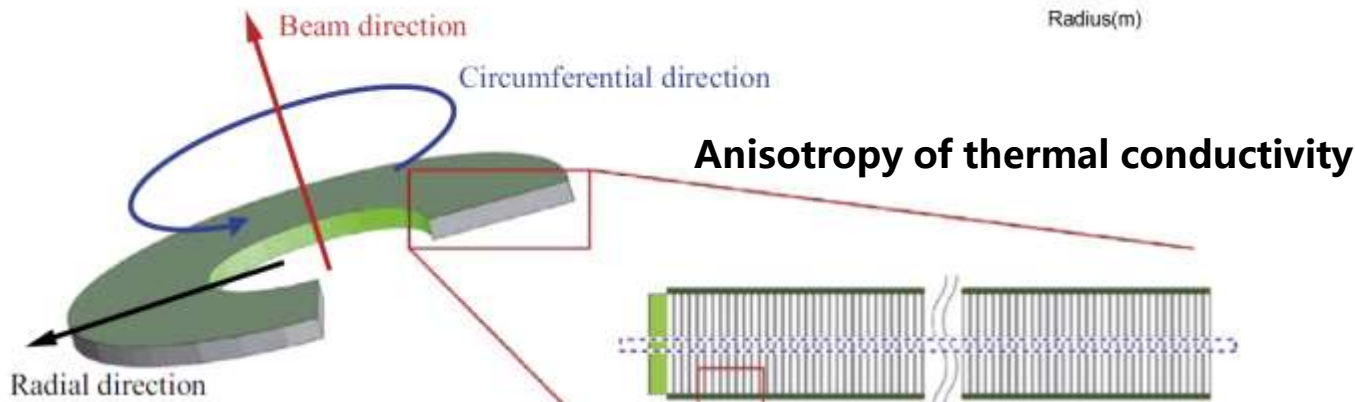
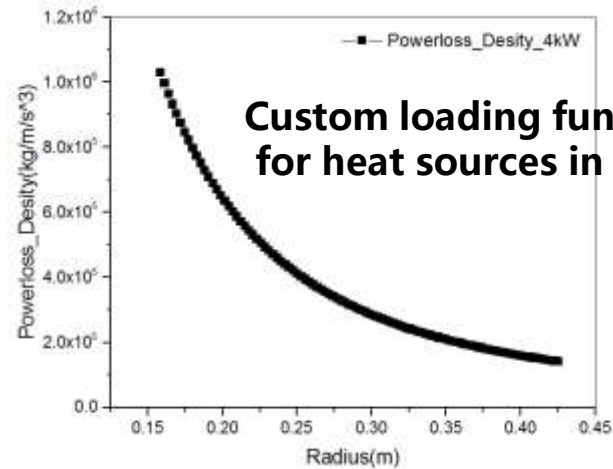


# Fluid thermodynamic simulation and validation

- Low Q value of the cavity, almost all the losses in core
- The accuracy of simulation results → Two specific characteristics
  - Thermal load varies with radius
  - Thermal conductivity exhibits anisotropic properties



Hexahedral mesh using ICEM



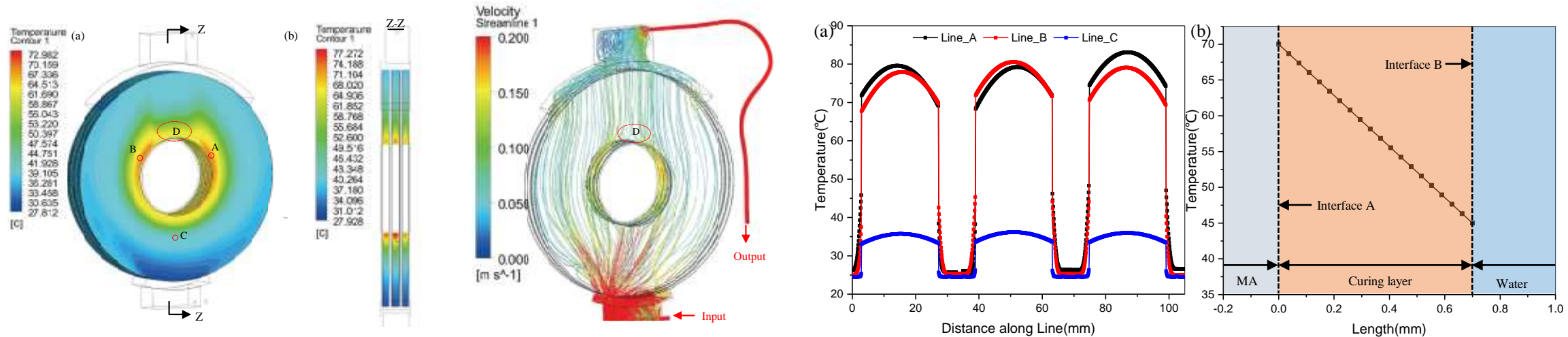
## Key parameters for simulation

Parameters	Values	
Liquid	Deionized Water	
Input Temp[°C]	24.4	
Flow rate[L/min]	40	
Specific Heat capacity[J/kg/k]	4181.7	
Dynamic Viscosity[kg/m/s]	8.9E-4	
Reynolds number	153~256(Laminar)	
Turbulence Mode	SST-k-w	
Thermal conductivity(Water) [W/m/K]	0.6	
Thermal conductivity(MA) [W/m/K]	Z	7.1
	θ	7.1
	r	0.2
Thermal conductivity(FRP) [W/m/K]	0.2	

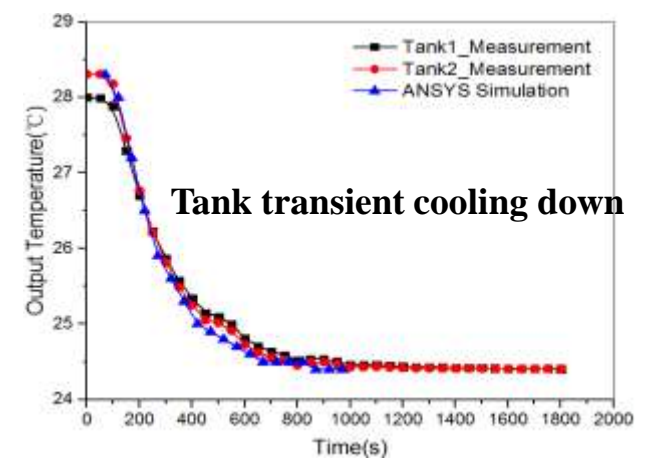
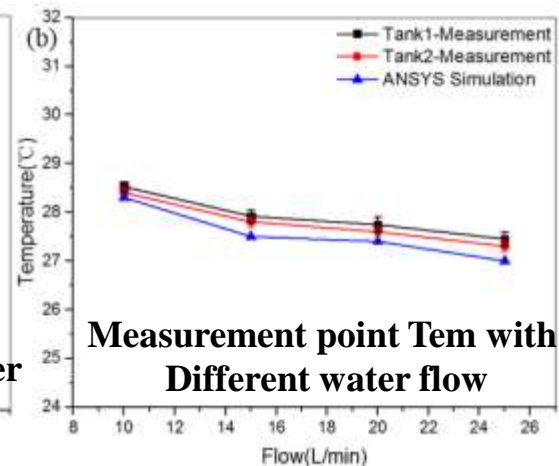
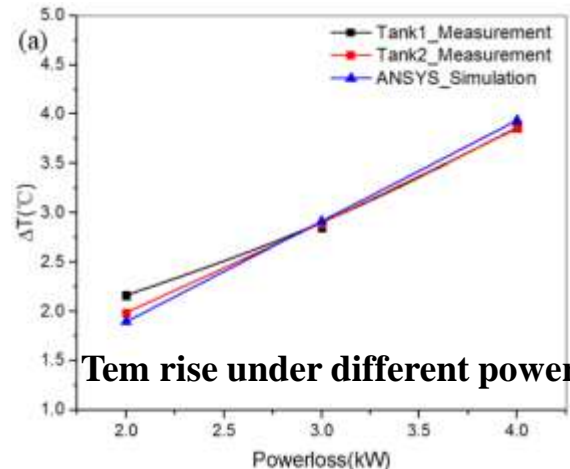
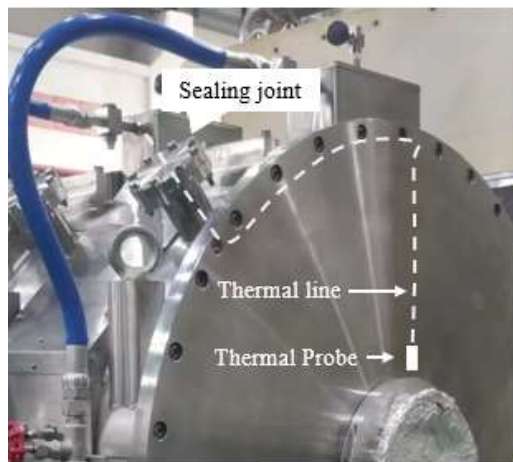
# Fluid thermodynamic simulation and validation

- Surface temperature of the core  $< 41^{\circ}\text{C}$ , a maximum temperature of the solidification layer  $< 72^{\circ}\text{C}$ , which is significantly lower than the maximum operating temperature of  $120^{\circ}\text{C}$

$0.4\text{W}/\text{m}^3$   
( $5\text{kW}/\text{core}$   
 $40\text{L}/\text{min}$ )



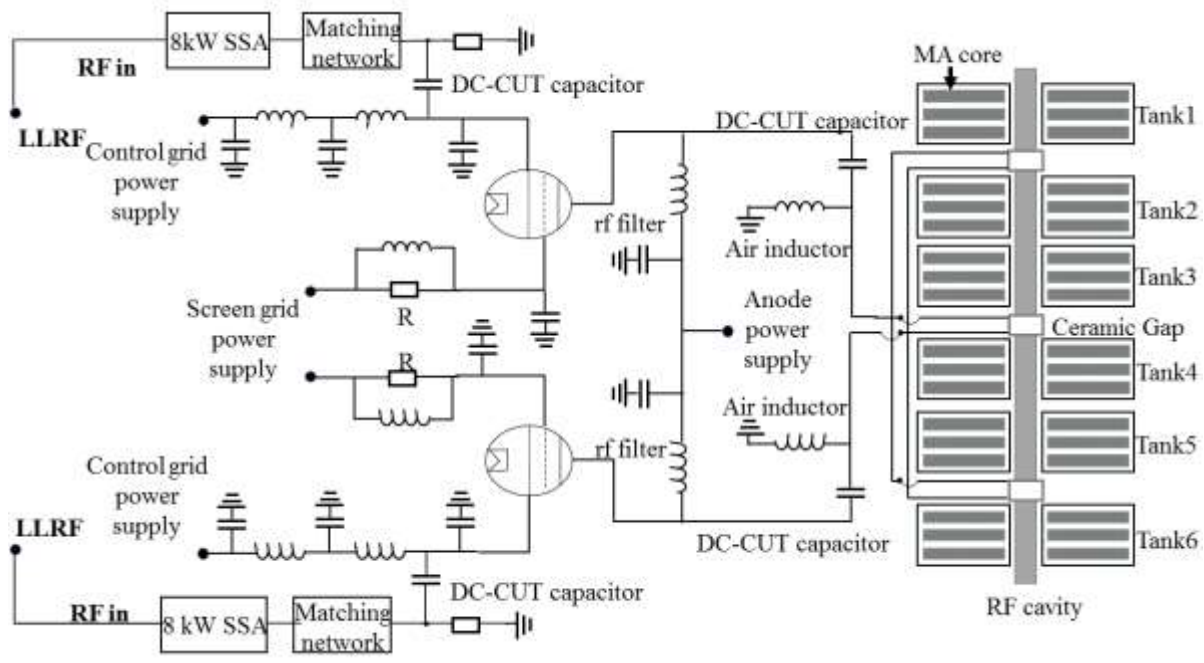
- The test results are well consistent with the simulation results





# RF power system

- Two high-power tetrode tubes operated in class AB1 and PUSH-PULL mode
- Each three tanks are connected in parallel for direct electrical coupling with the anode of the tube
- Each tube is driven by an 8 kW solid-state amplifier (SSA)
- A broadband matching network is inserted to minimize power reflection from the SSA

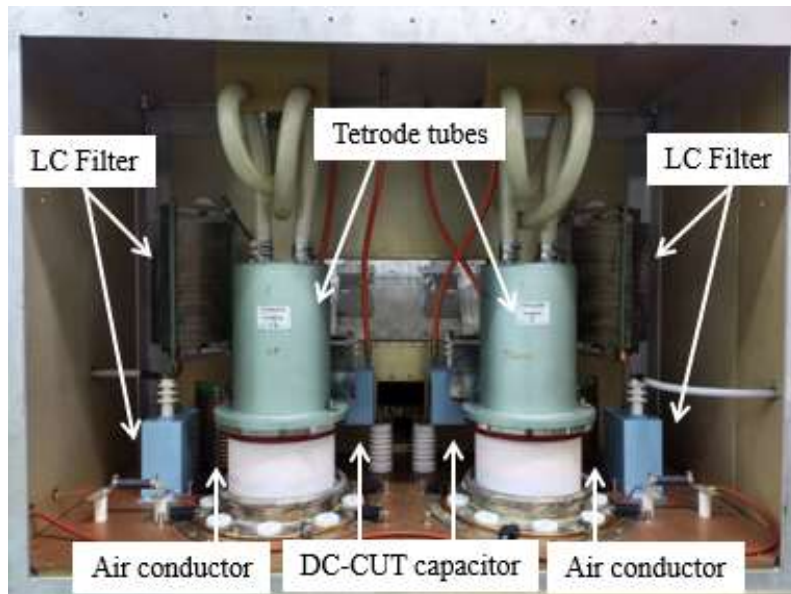


the schematic of RF amplifier system for the MA loaded cavity

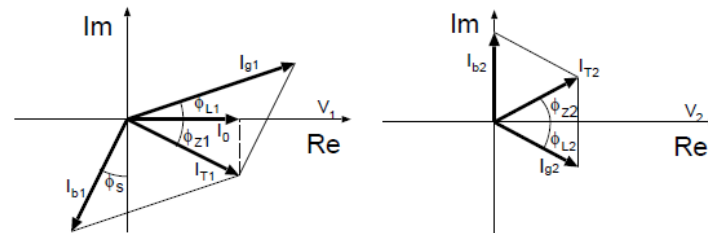
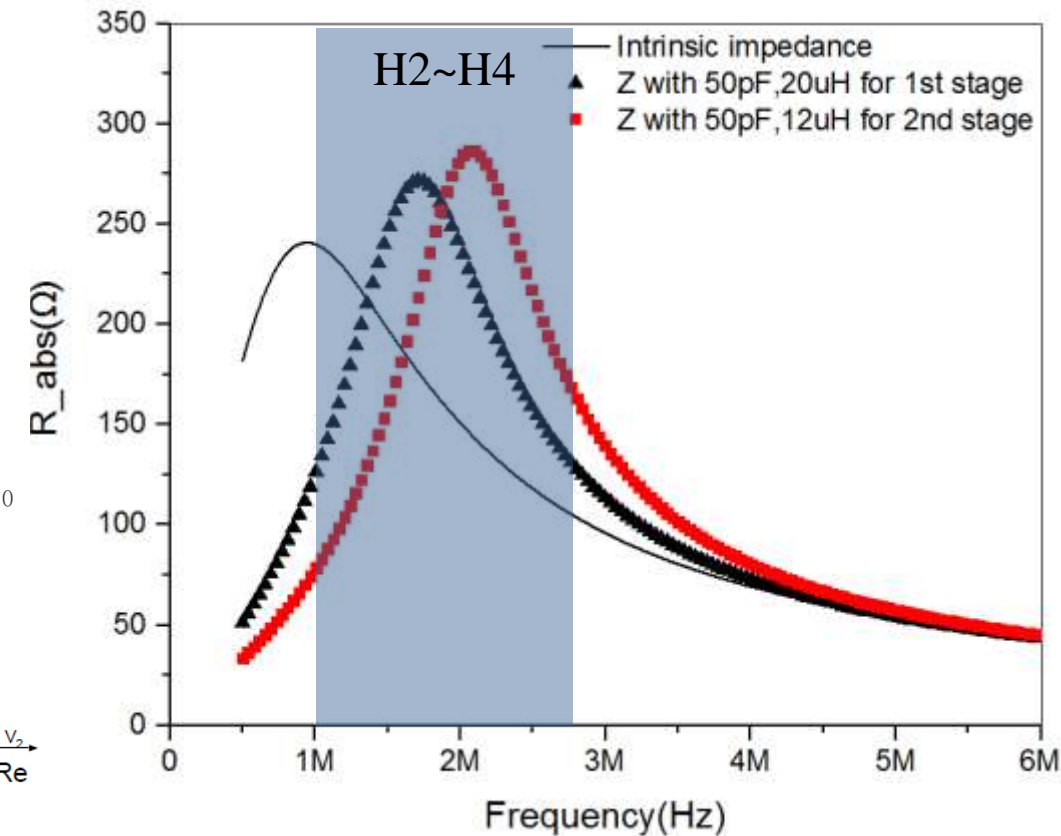
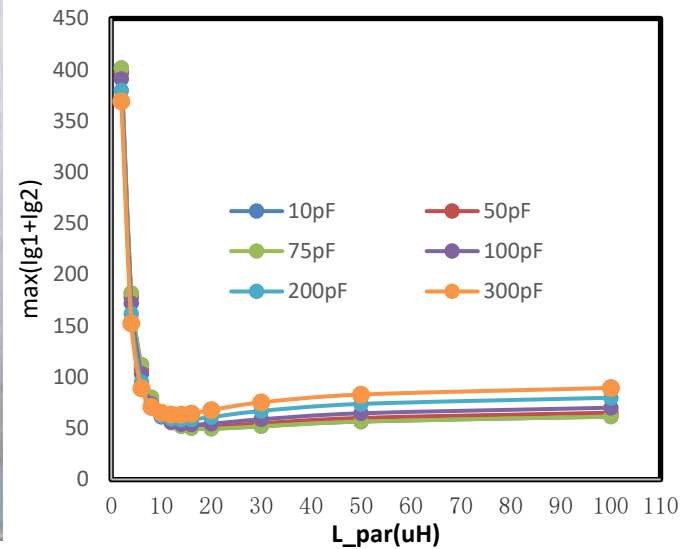
Frequency range	1 MHz~8 MHz
Final stage amplifier	Tetrode tube (TH558)
Repetition frequency	25 Hz
Duty cycle	50%
Anode dissipation	500 kW
Screen grid dissipation	8 kW
Control grid dissipation	3 kW
DC anode voltage	15 kV
DC screen grid voltage	1500 V
DC control grid voltage	-340 V

# RF amplifier system for MA loaded cavity

- Two air inductors (20 $\mu$ H) are connected at each end of the cavity gap to adjust the center frequency and Q value of the cavity, improving the output efficiency of the RF power source.

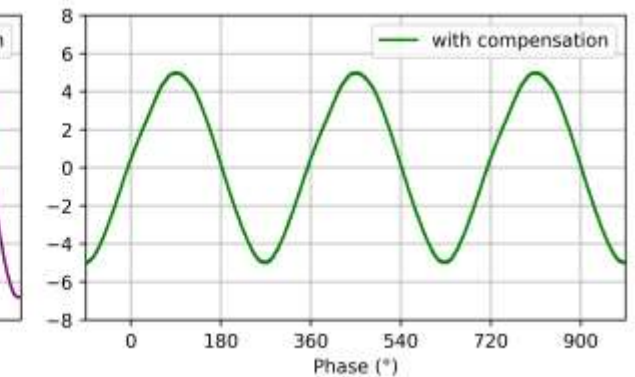
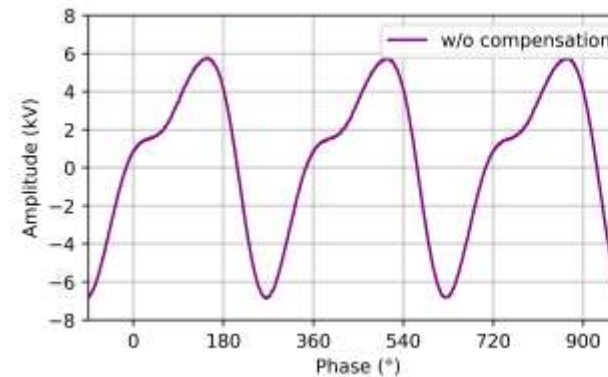
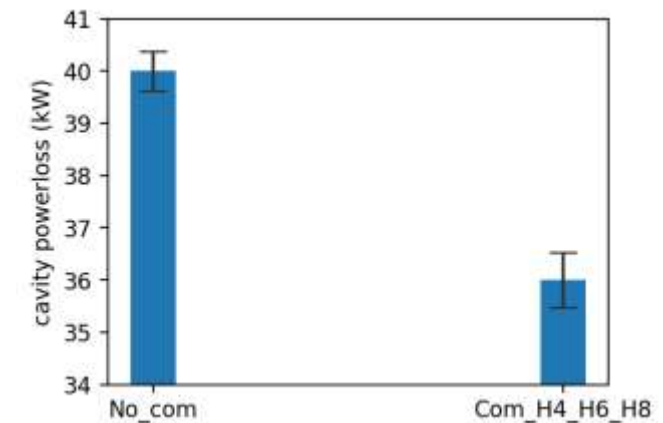
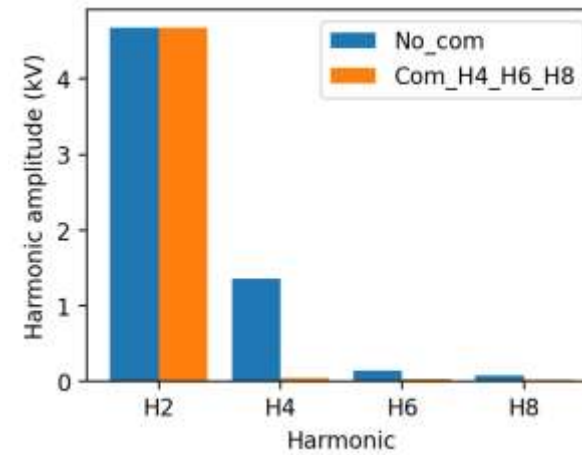
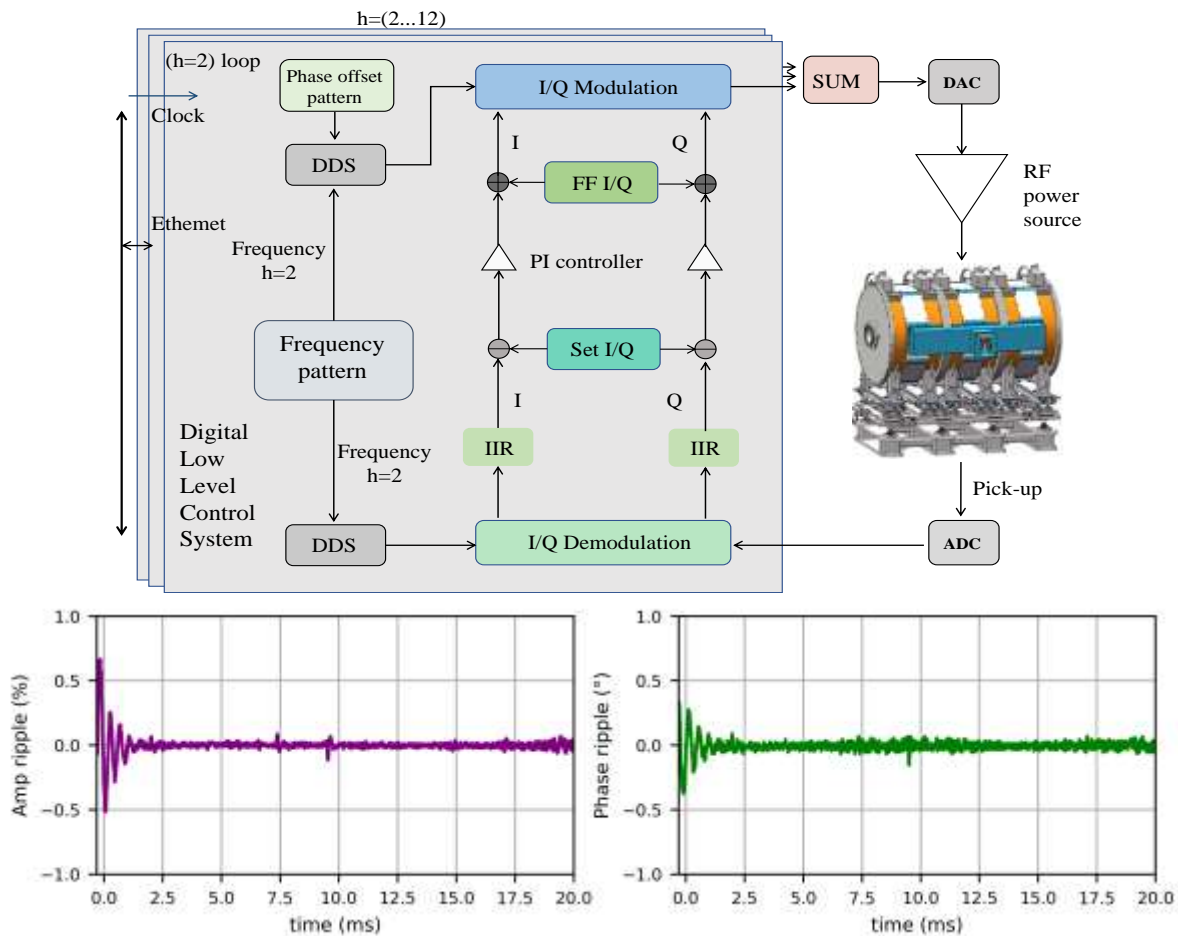


Anode current Vs ( $L_{par}$ ,  $C_{par}$ )



# LLRF system

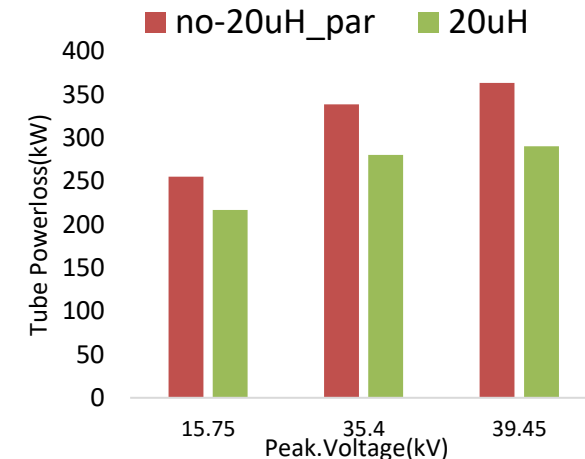
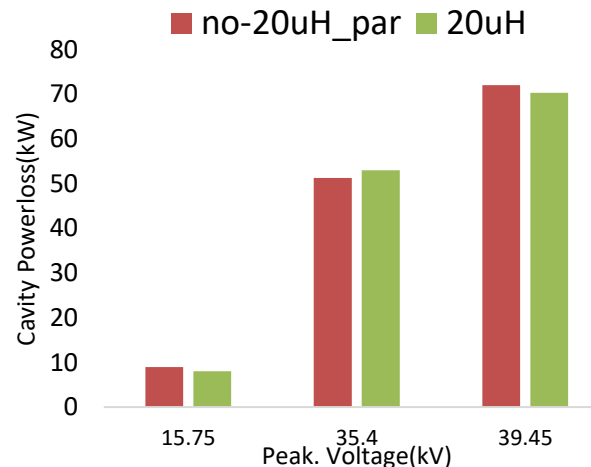
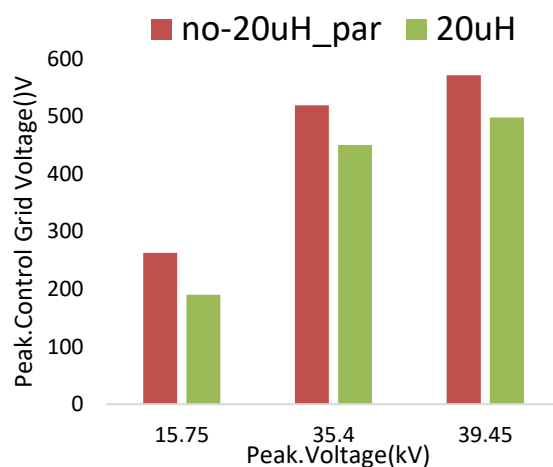
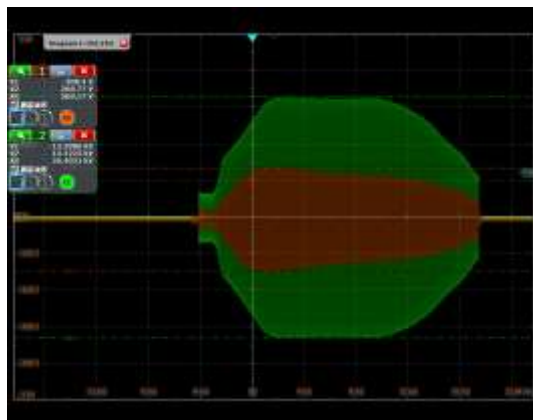
- Low Q-value of the MA load cavity, rich higher-order harmonics are excited by tubes and beam
- A multi-harmonic feedback control algorithm to suppress the higher harmonics, higher-order harmonic components  $< -30\text{dB}$ , the amplitude and phase ripple are controlled to  $\pm 1.0\%$  and  $\pm 1^\circ$



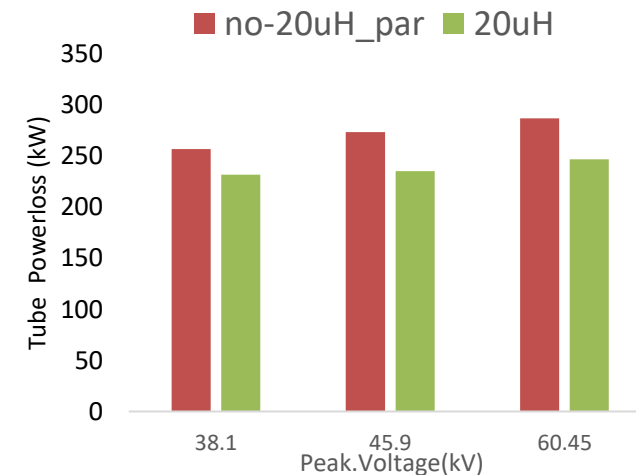
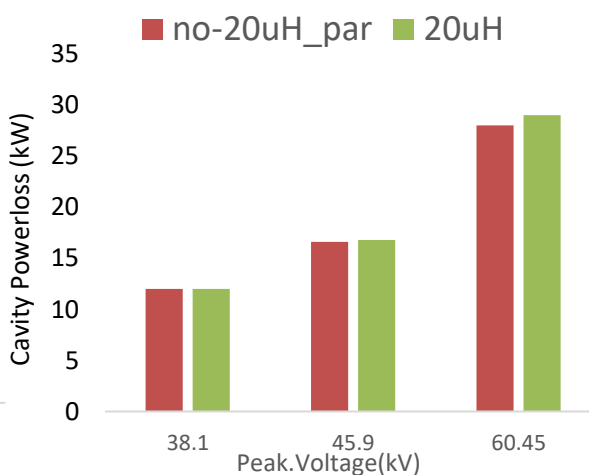
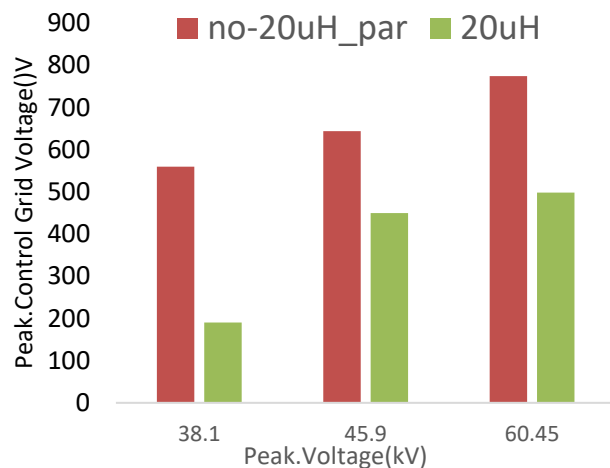
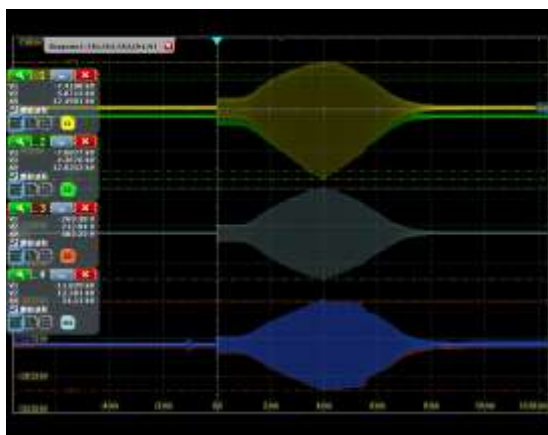


# High power and high gradient testing

- **Fundamental model (1.02MHz~2.4MHz, Duty:50%) , Peak gradient: 26kV/m, Cavity power loss:72kW**

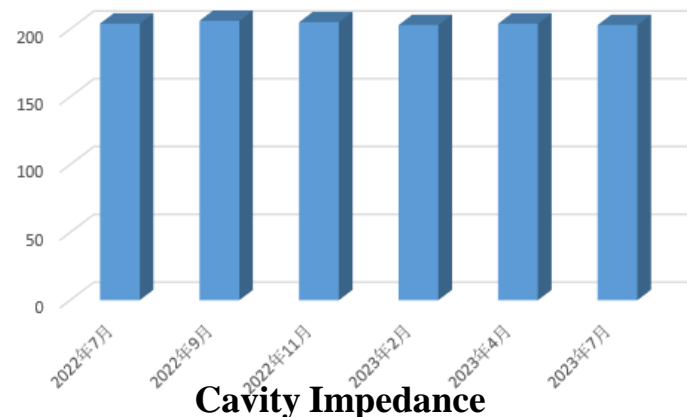
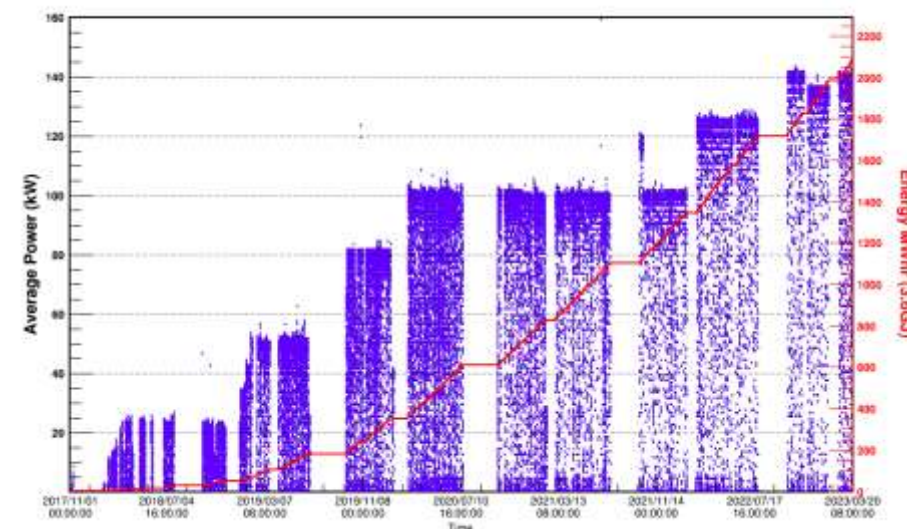
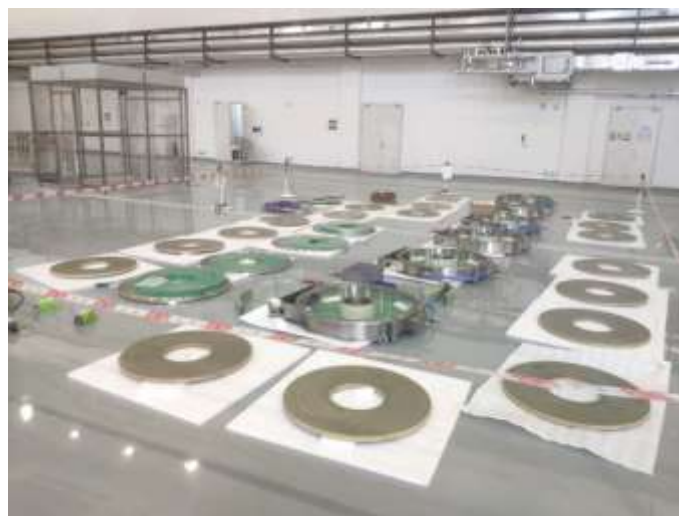


- **2<sup>nd</sup> harmonic model (2MHz~3MHz, Duty:15%) , Peak gradient: 40kV/m, Cavity power loss: 30kW**



# MA loaded cavity operation in CSNS RCS

- In August 2022, the installation of the first MA loaded cavity in the RCS tunnel was completed.
- The cavity accumulated an operating time of over 9600 hours at a gradient of 40 kV/m, the cavity impedance variation rate is less than 3%.

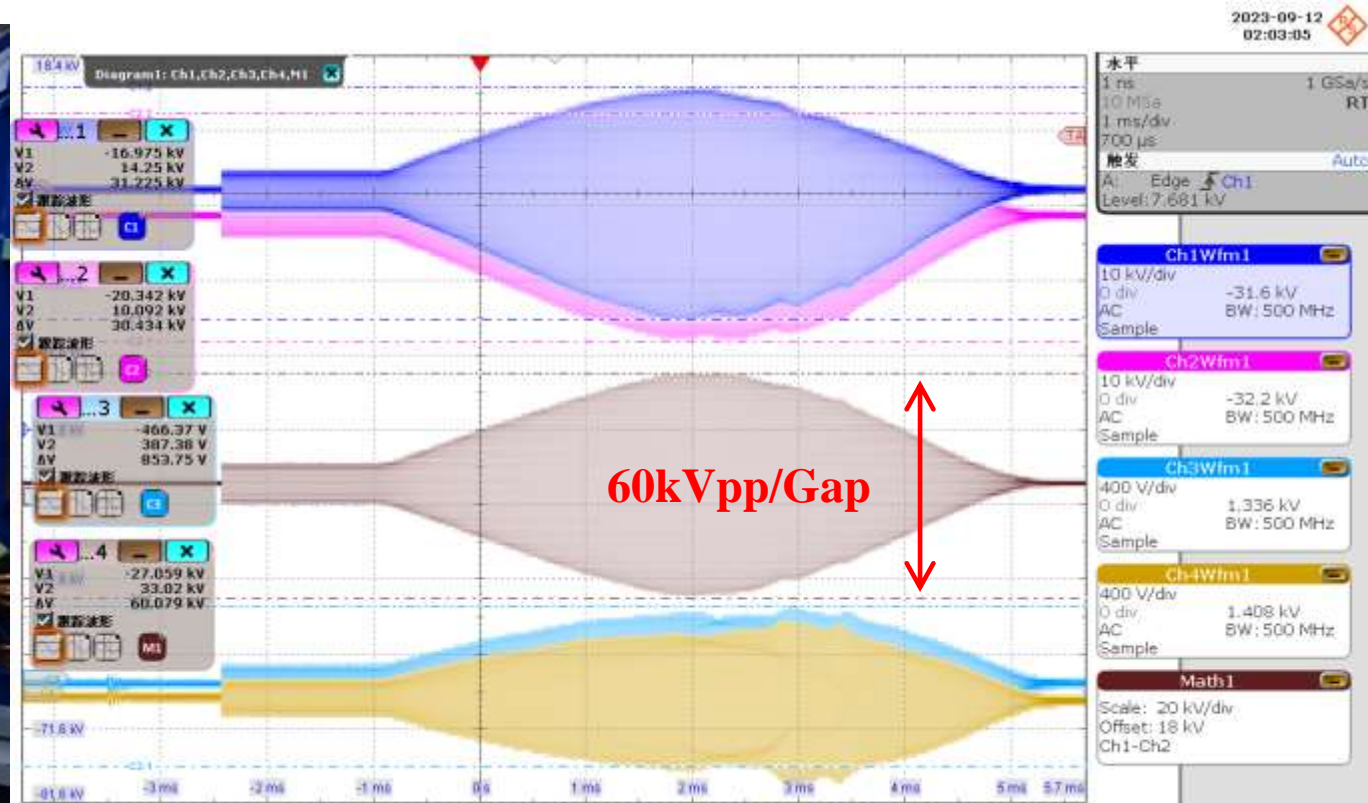


In February 2023, the cavity was disassembled and all cores were inspected. no damage, and the performance is stable.

In October 2022, the beam power reached 140 kW.

# MA loaded cavity operation in CSNS RCS

- In August 2023, the installation of the second MA loaded cavity in the RCS tunnel was completed. After optimizing the cavity gap ceramic structure and power source operating point, the cavity achieved a gradient of 50 kV/m (total voltage of 90 kV) under the second harmonic mode.





# Summary

- **The performance of the MA cores has exceeded our expectations, and we will continue to monitor the performance during longer cavity operation.**
- **In the face of future higher gradients and higher power density operation, there is still significant room for improvement in the performance of the MA core and cavities.**
  - **Using thinner MA ribbon materials to improve the performance of the MA core**
  - **Further optimizing the cooling structure of the cavities to enhance cooling efficiency**
  - **Optimizing the accelerator gap structure to improve the threshold for gap breakdown**



**Thank you for your attention**