

KEK ERL SRF operational experience

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- Introduction of cryomodule
- Cryomodule performance of cERL (ML)
- Operational experience of cERL cryomodule
- Summary



Compact ERL (cERL)

Compact ERL (cERL) has been constructed in 2013 at KEK to demonstrate energy recovery with low-emittance, high-current CW beams of more than 10 mA for future multi-GeV ERL & CW-FEL.
→ In addition, Industrial application start in 2017

Comact ERL (cERL) in KEK & cERL cryomodules

Compact ERL Layout

Recirculation
(return) loop

20MeV



Main-linac

Photocathode
DC gun
(Not SRF Gun)

Injector-linac

3MeV

2-cell cavity

Target Energy : 35MeV
→ Change 20MeV due
to field emission

Injector module

2-cell cavity × 3

Double coupler

RF frequency: 1.3 GHz

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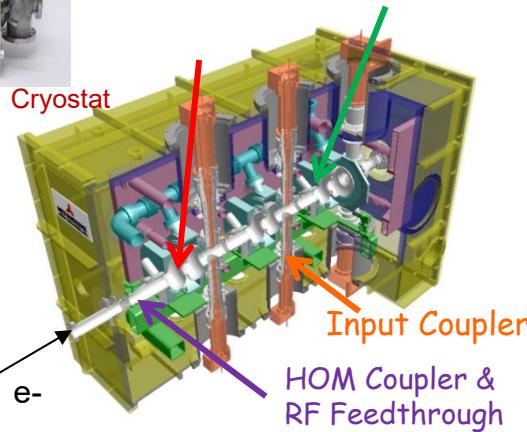
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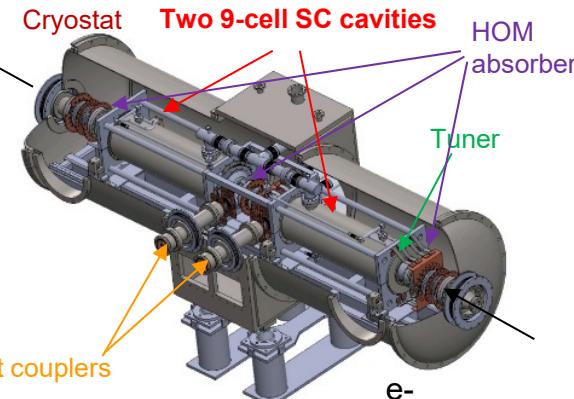
9-cell cavity (ERL-model2) × 2

RF frequency: 1.3 GHz

Input power : 20kW CW (SW)

E_{acc} : 15 MV/m (design)

Unloaded-Q: $Q_0 > 1 \times 10^{10}$



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was met @9-10MV/m after string assembly.

Design parameters of the cERL

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Nominal Injector energy	5 MeV → 2.9MeV
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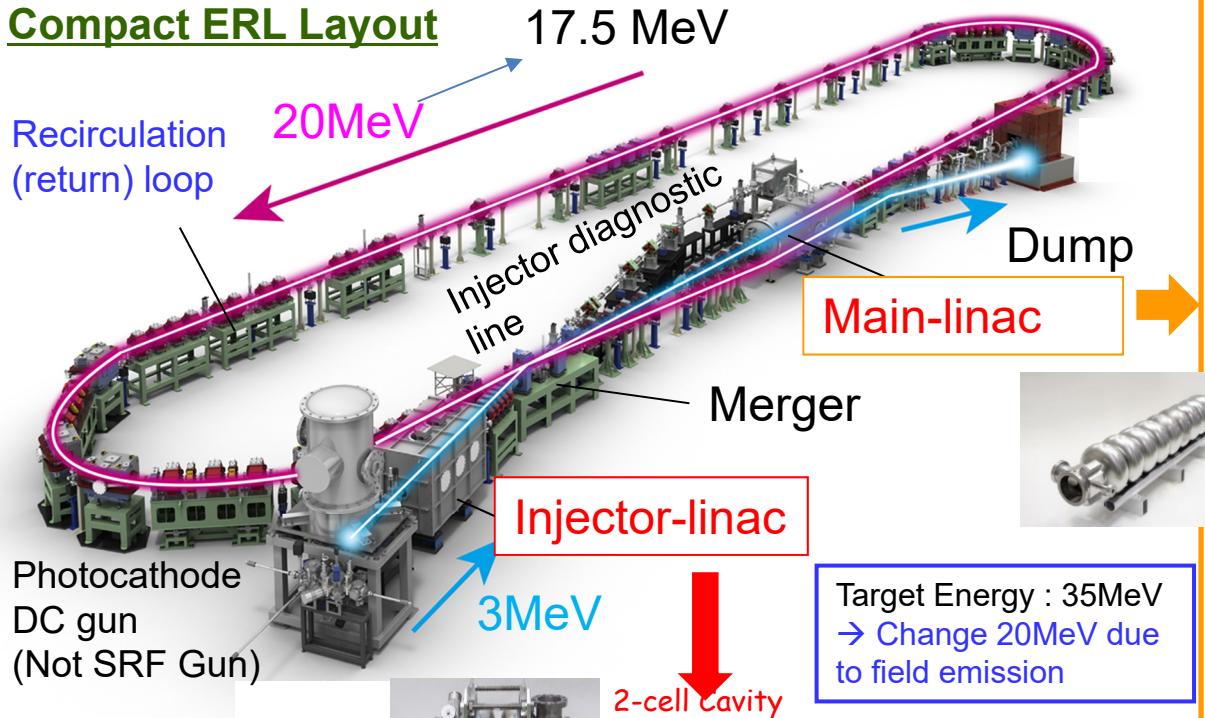
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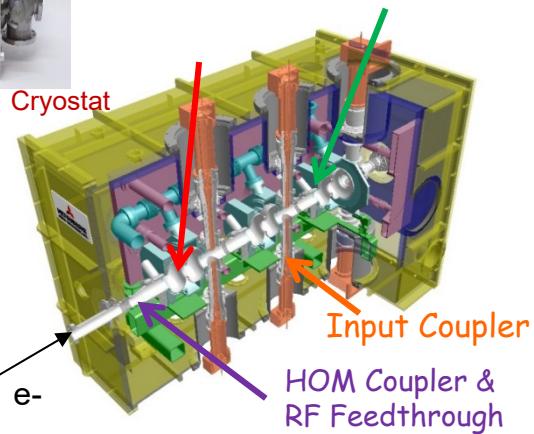
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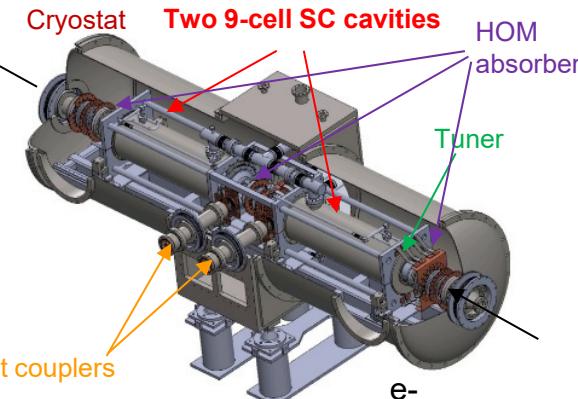
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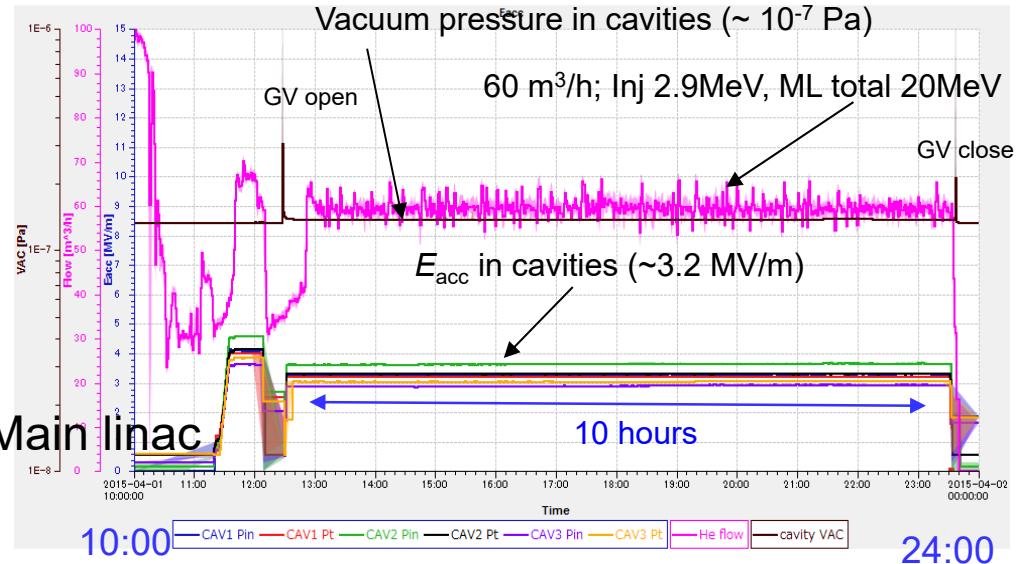
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One day profiles of both injector & main linac cryomodule operation (2015.Apr.1)

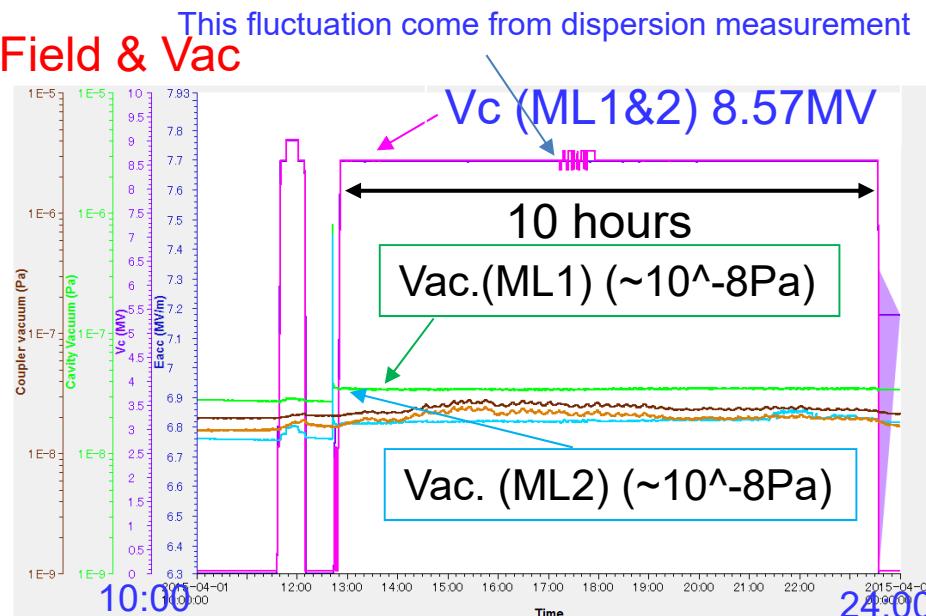
Injector

Basically, Injector & main linac was stably operated by using low level control with piezo tuner

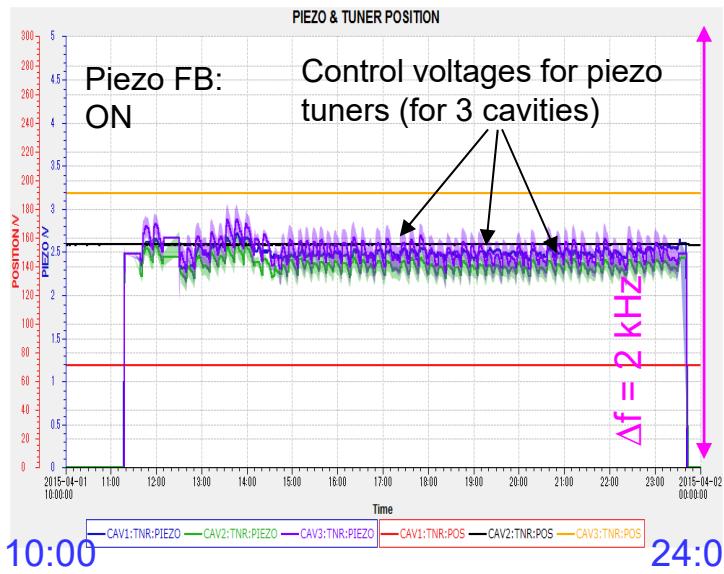
Field & Vac & loss



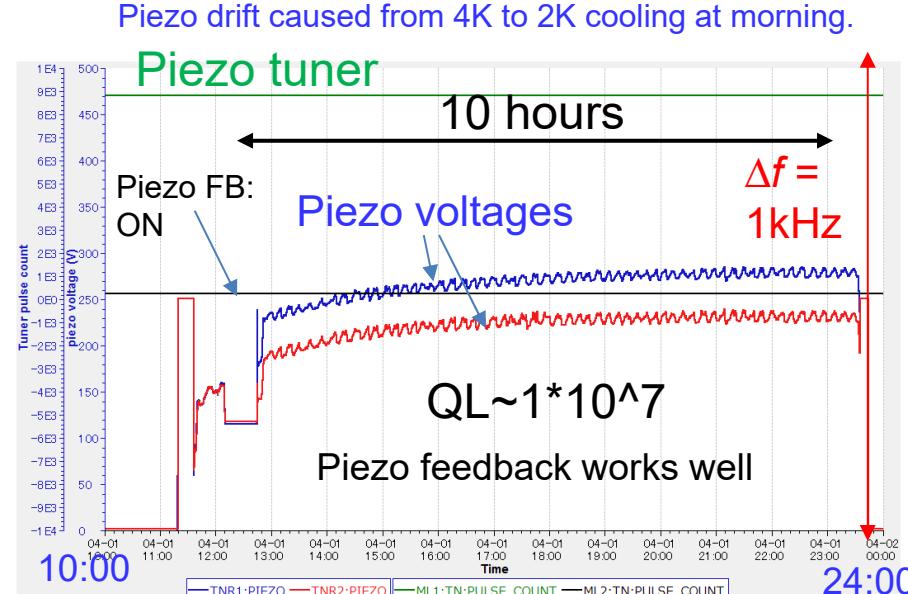
Main linac



Piezo tuner

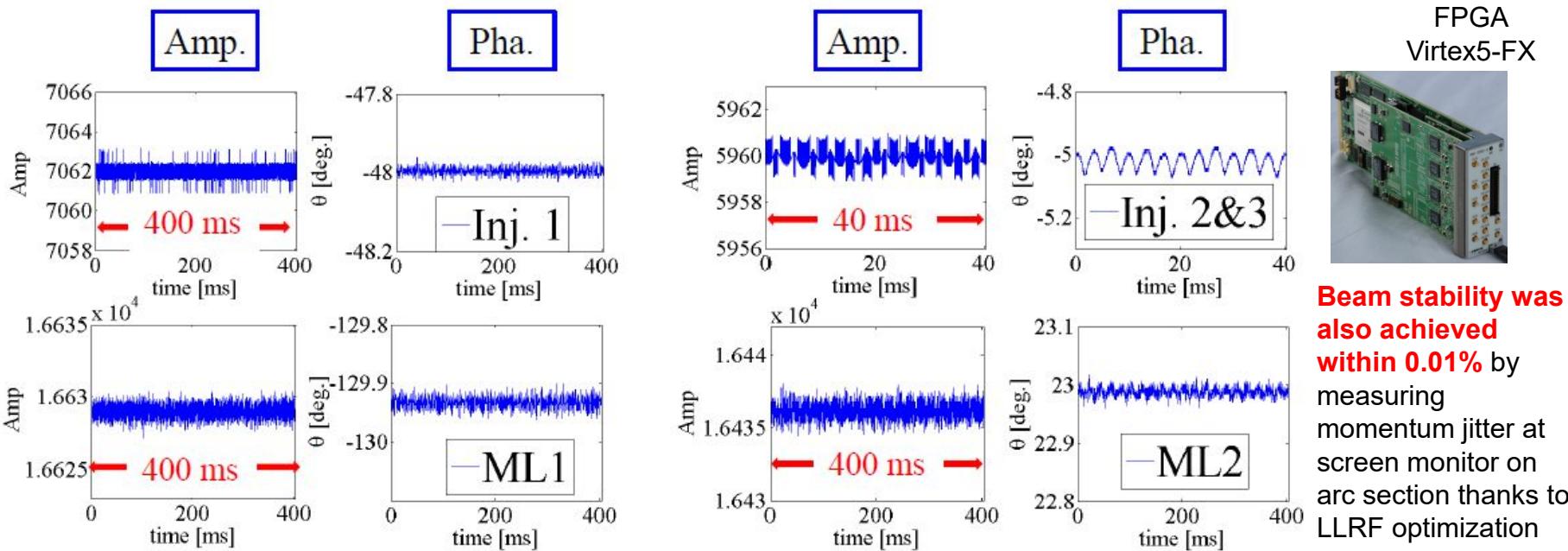


Field & Vac



Power & LLRF stability in cERL beam operation

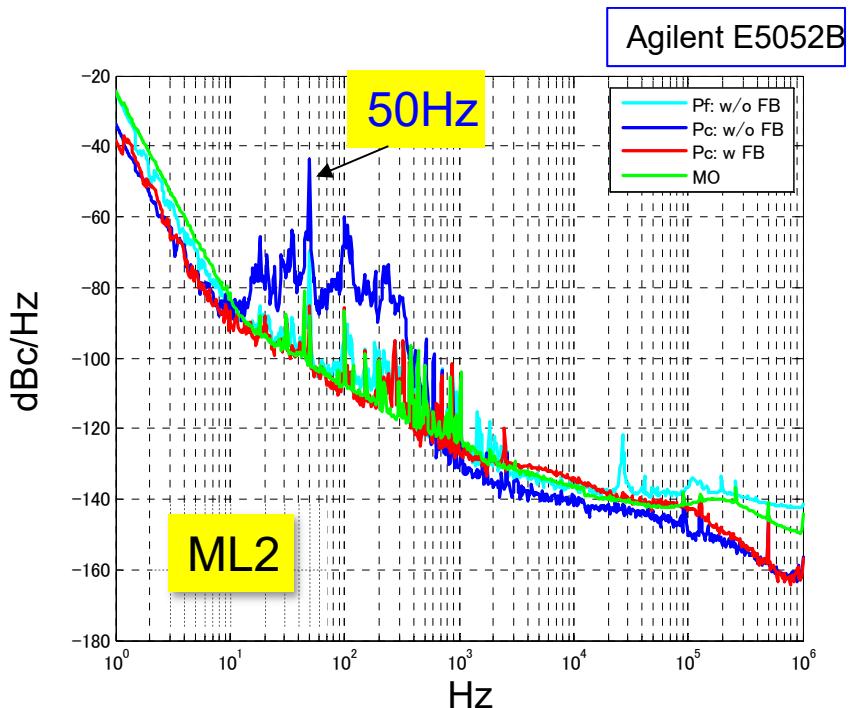
Satisfy our requirements of $\Delta A/A < 0.01\%$, $\Delta \theta \sim 0.01 \text{ deg}$ for cERL operation. Suppress microphonics.



SC Cavity	Inj1(2cell)	Inj2(2cell)	Inj3(2cell)	ML1(9cell)	ML2(9cell)
Acc. Field	3.2MV/m	3.3MV/m	3.0MV/m	8.3MV/m	8.3MV/m
power	0.53kW	1.4kW	1.0kW	1.6kW	2kW
Power source	25 kW klystron	300kW klystron (Vector sum)	16 kW solid state Amp	8kW solid state Amp	
QL	1.2e6	5.8e5	4.8e5	1.3e7	1.0e7
$\Delta A/A(\% \text{ rms})$	0.006%	0.007%	0.003%	0.003%	
$\Delta \theta(\text{deg rms})$	0.009deg	0.025deg	0.010deg	0.007deg	

Micromphonics suppression in ML (Phase noise jitter measurement using Signal Source Analyzer)

T. Miura, IPAC2014 @Dresden



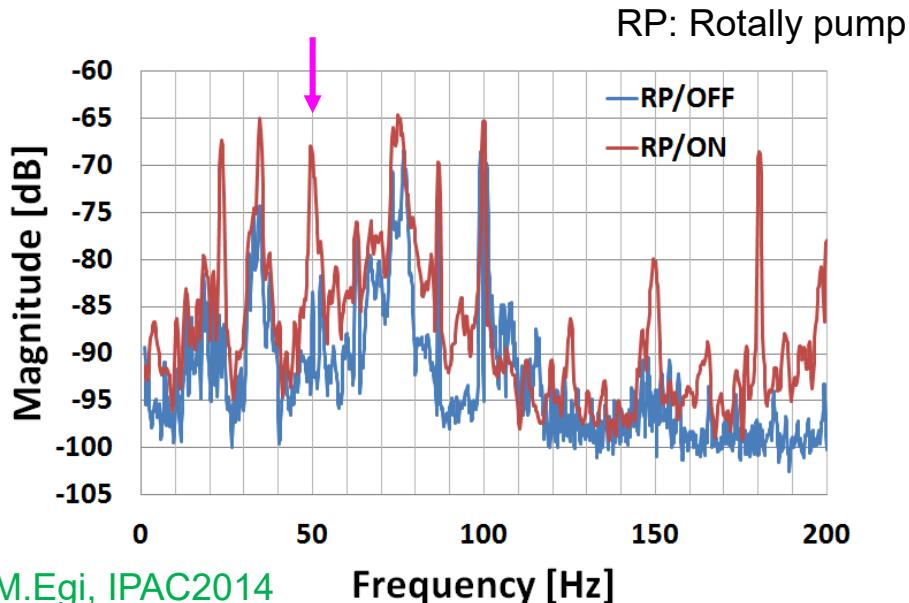
V_c Phase Noise with RF FB (10Hz-1MHz)=0.017deg
V_c Phase Noise w/o RF FB (10Hz- 1MHz)=0.73 deg

Microphonics is observed at 10 Hz - 400Hz.

Phase noise by Microphonics was suppressed well by RF FB.
Phase noise of V_c with FB was almost the same as that of
Master Oscillator.

F. Qiu, "Characterization of Michrophinics in the cERL main linac superconducting cavities" (Tue)

Vibrational state of "floor" around Main Linac



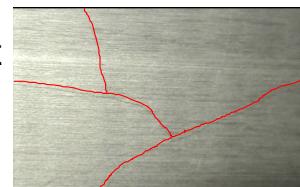
M.Egi, IPAC2014



The rubber sheet was inserted
under the scroll pump.
The 50 Hz vibration is suppressed.

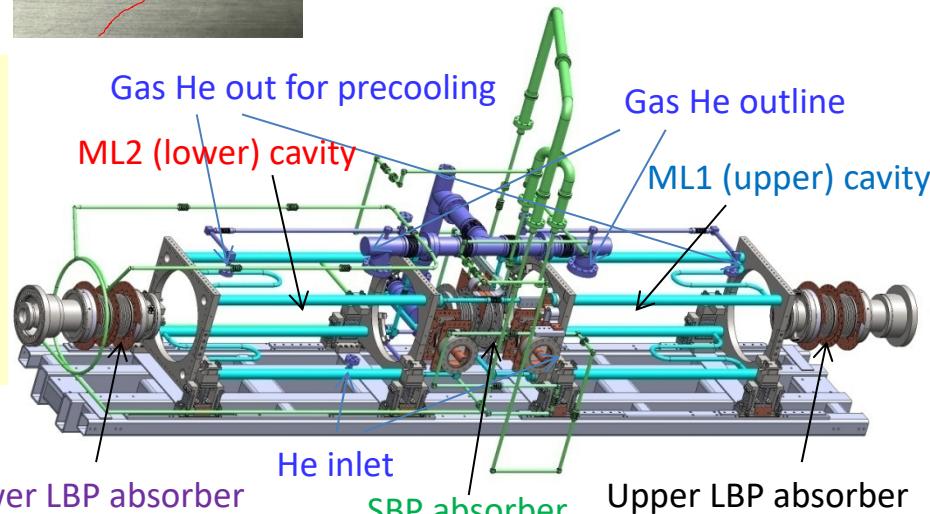
Cooling procedure to 2K

We saw some crack at HOM damper when cooling speed is fast



Cooling pipe configuration

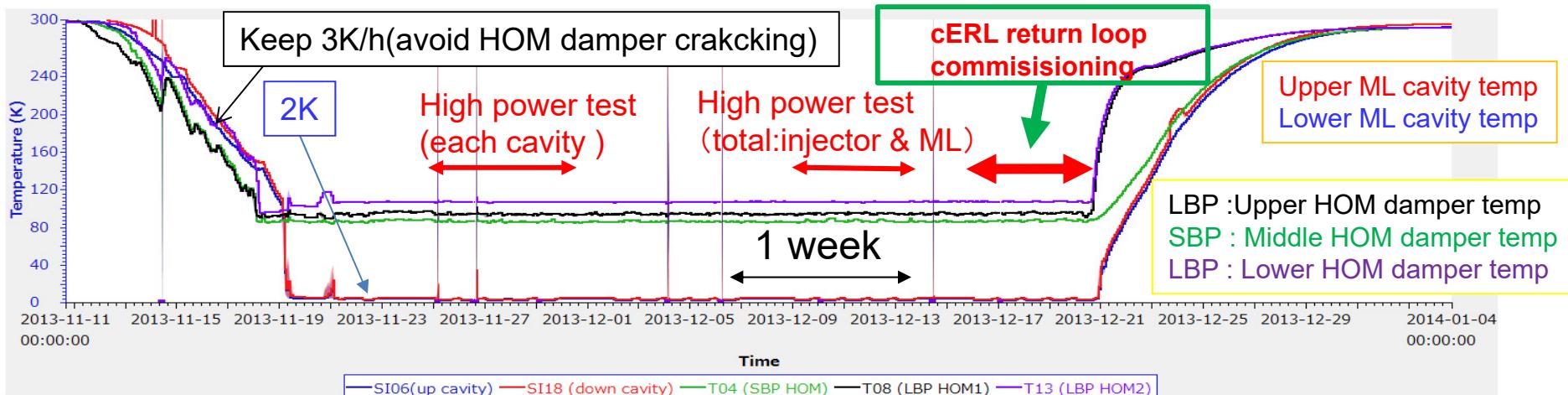
Green: 80K line
Blue: 2K line
Light blue: 5K line



Injector was cooled at same time.

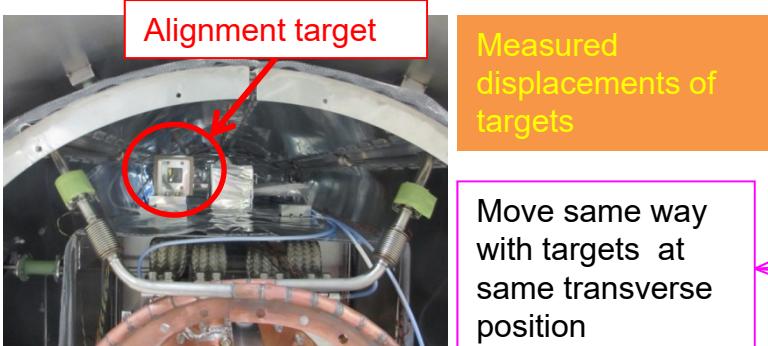
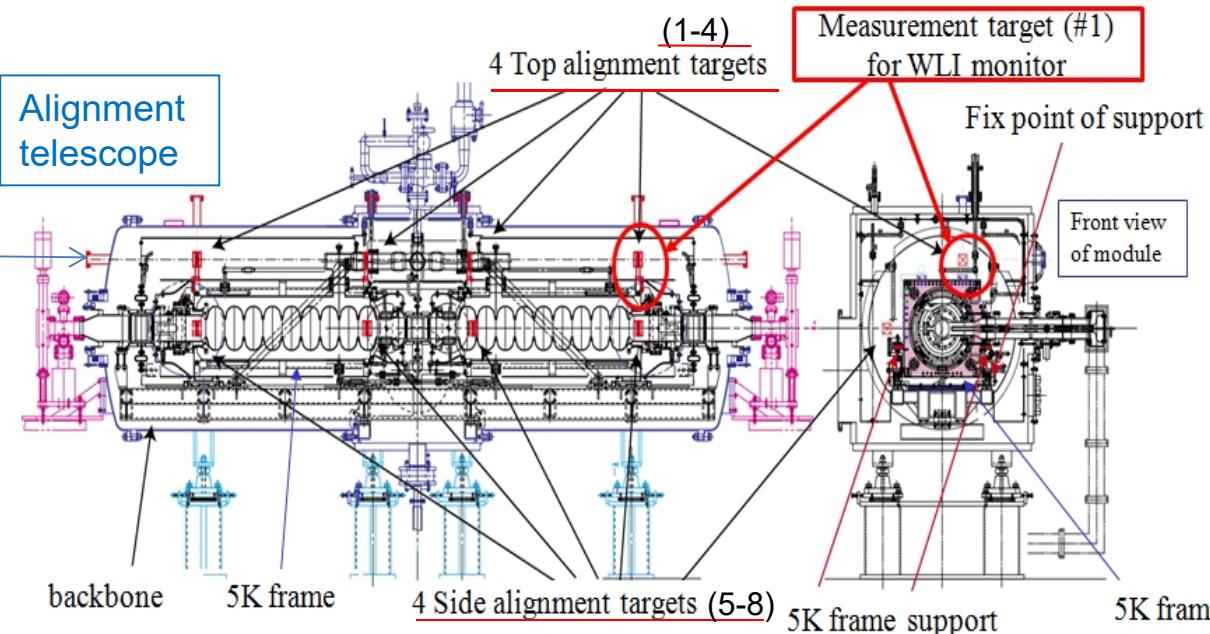
History of 2K cooling

History of cooling (2013.Nov.-Dec.)



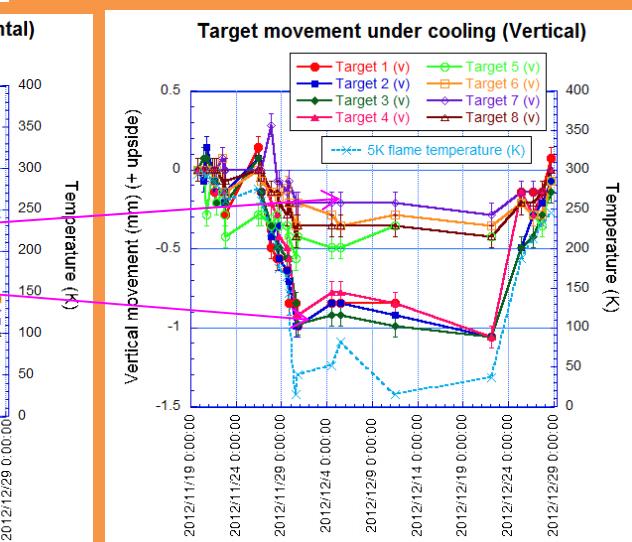
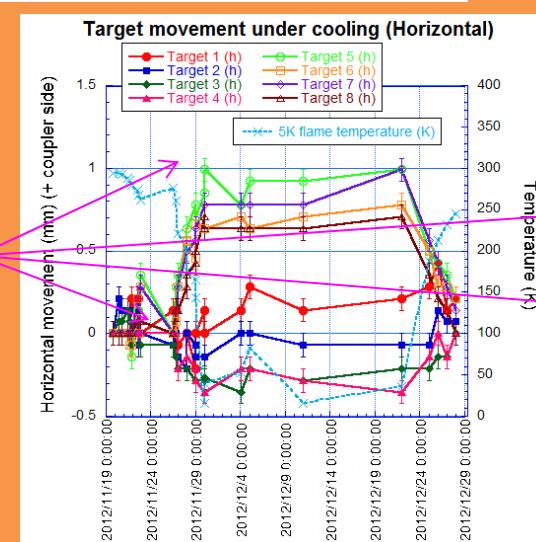
3 weeks keep 2K cooling (1 weeks for Low level measurement and 2 weeks for High power test)

Measurement of displacement under 2K cooling

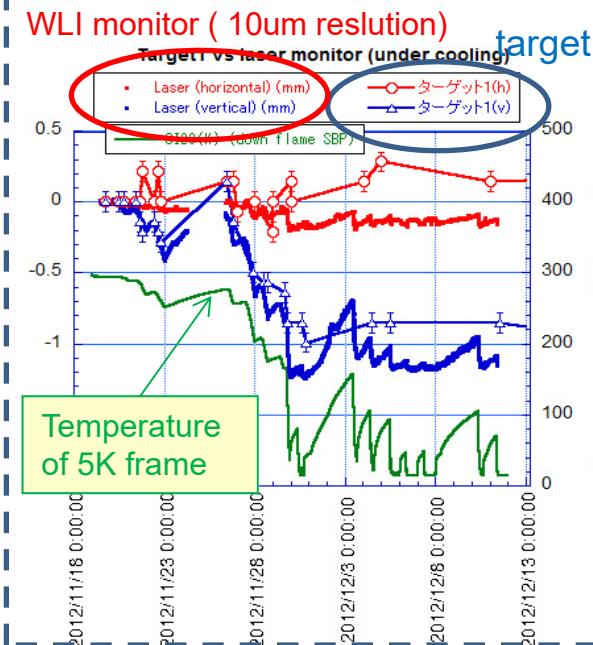


Summary of displacements of targets and cavities between RT to 2K

	Horizontal (mm)	Vertical (mm)
Target 1-4 (Average)	-0.2	-0.9
Target 5-8 (Average)	1.0	-0.3
Average movement of cavity center (from target 5-8)	0.4	-0.3



H.Sakai et al., MOP069 in SRF2013



- About 0.4mm of cavity center movement was evaluated horizontally and vertically, which agreed with expected values of thermal shrink of 5K supports.
- These values were **within alignment error** from beam requirement of 1mm.

Operational history of cERL cryomodule

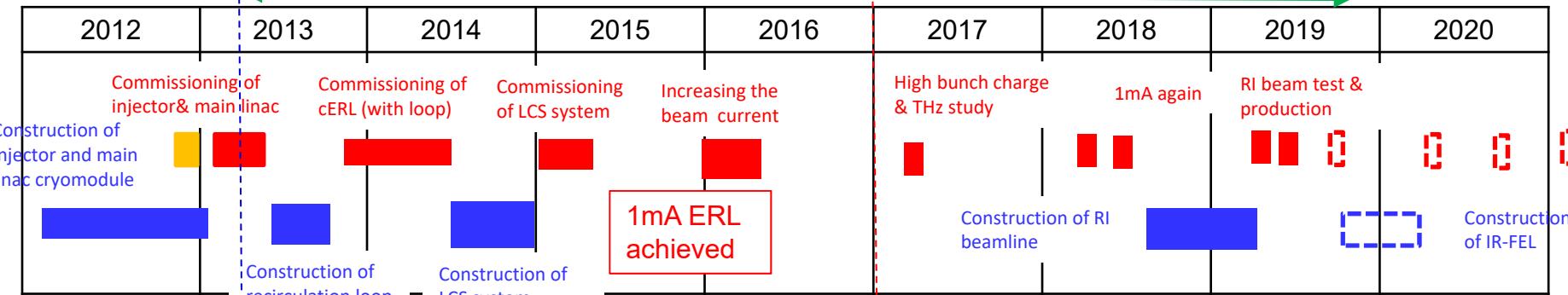
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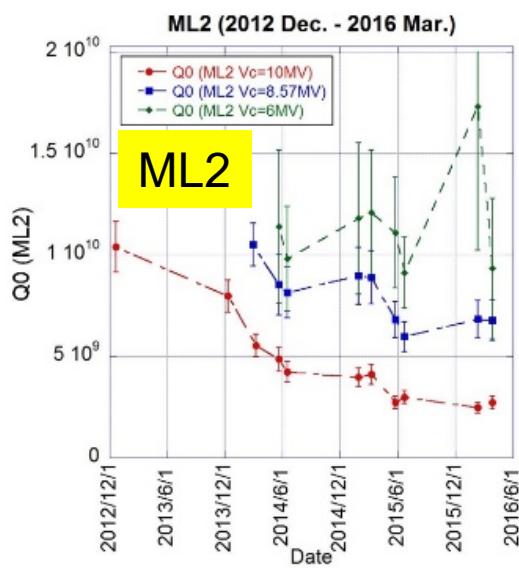
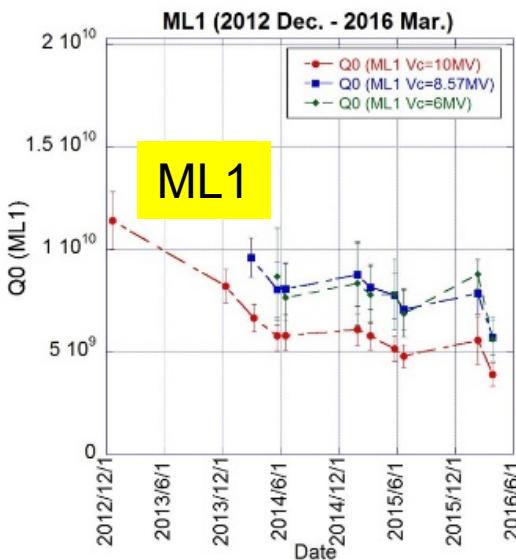
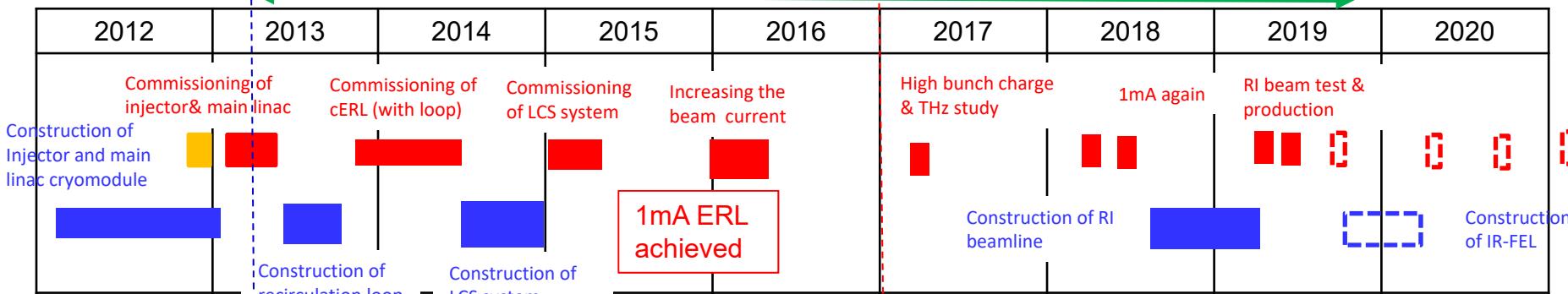
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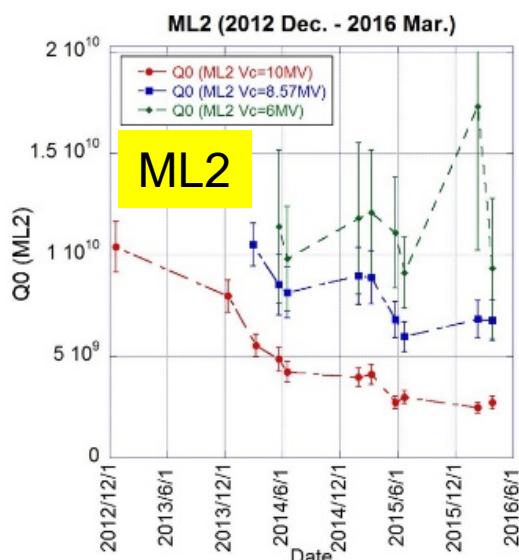
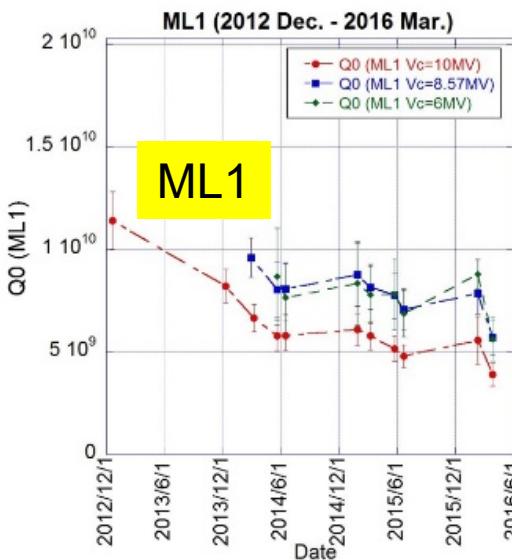
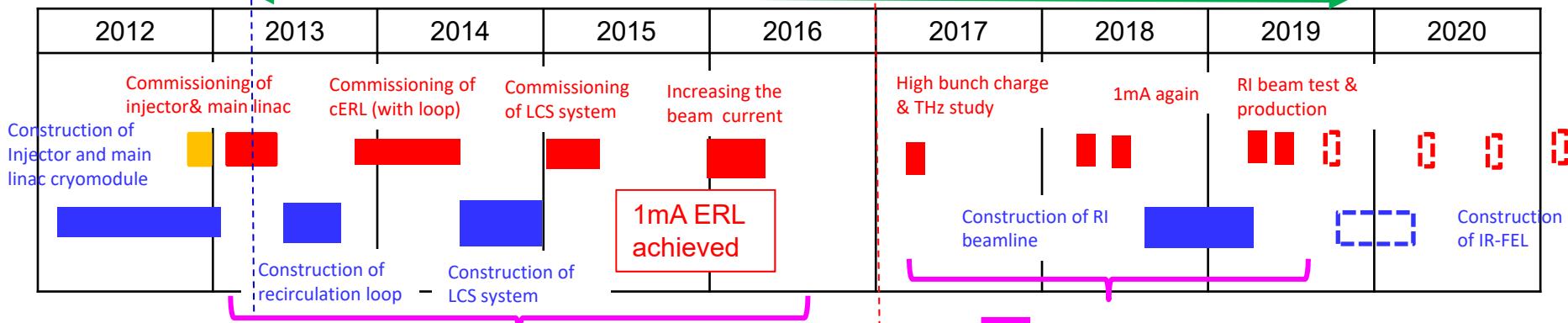
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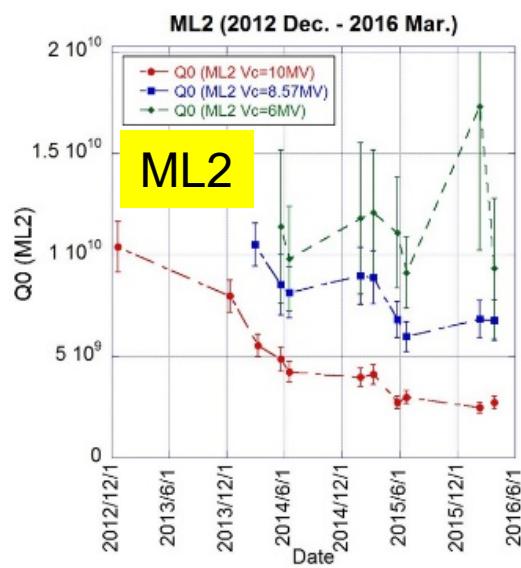
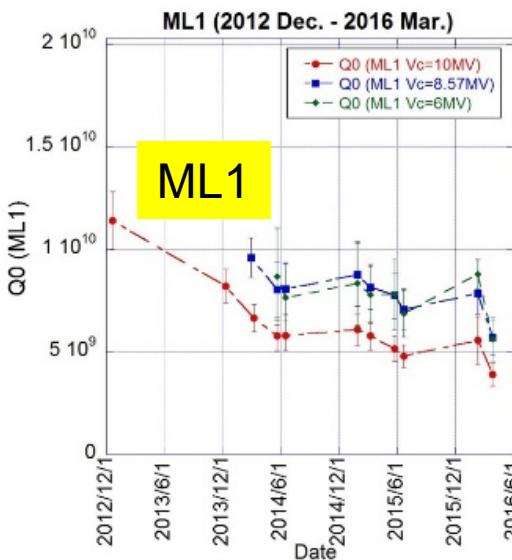
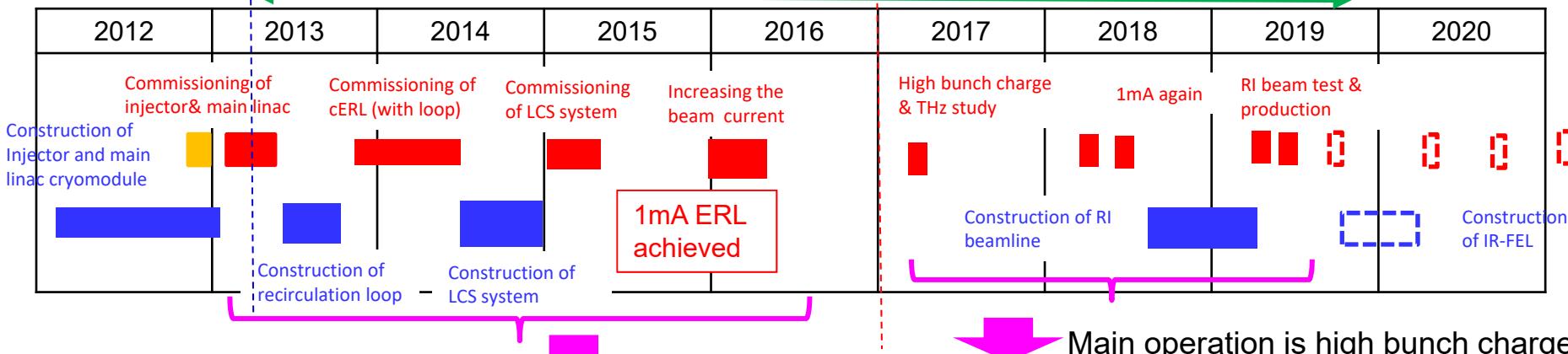
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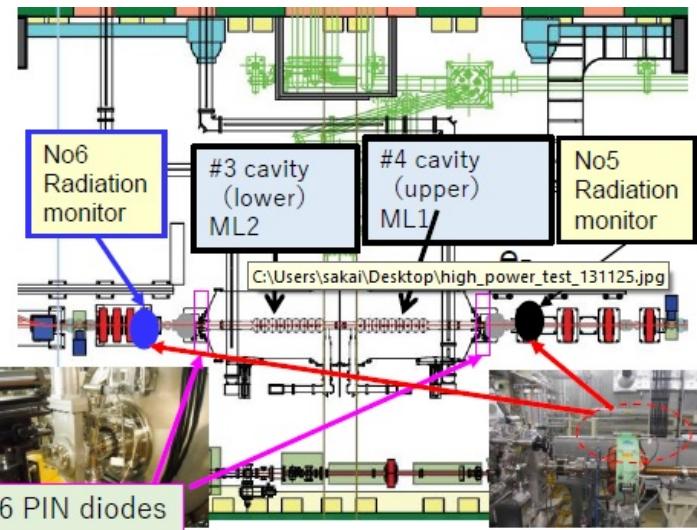
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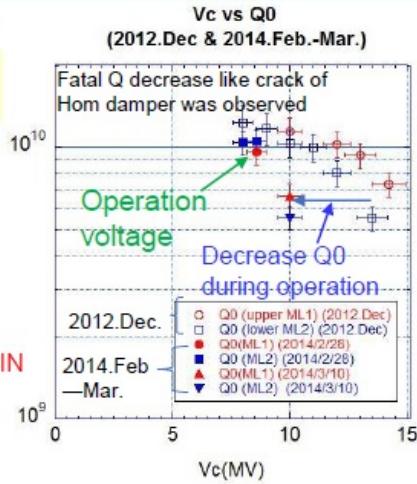
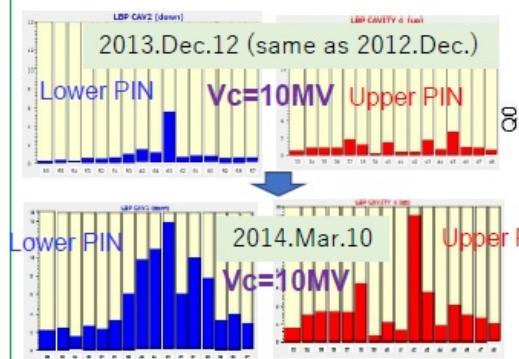
What happened in long term beam operation ? And how to keep cavity performance ?

Radiation profiles by field emission during beam operation



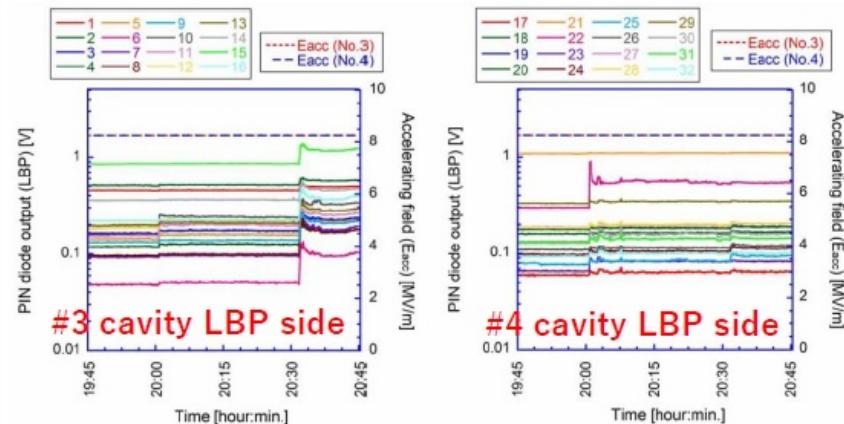
Q degradation & change of PIN diodes

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PIN profile were also increased totally.



Field emission increased during long-term beam operation
Some particulates come into the cavity from outside during beam operation ??
We applied pulse processing to keep cavity performance.

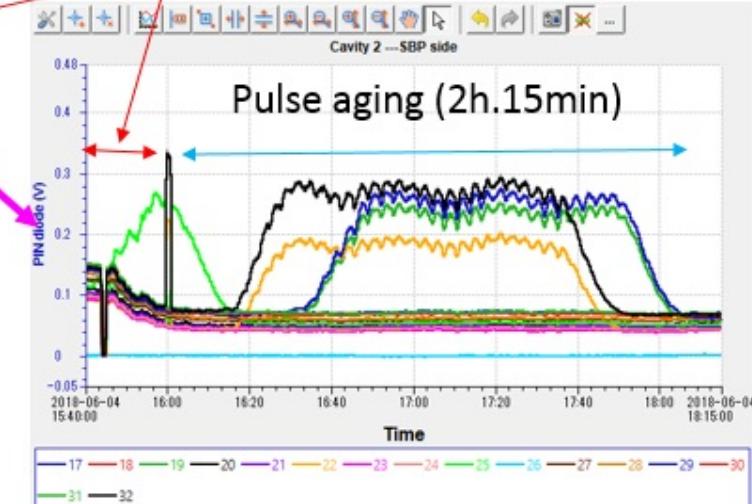
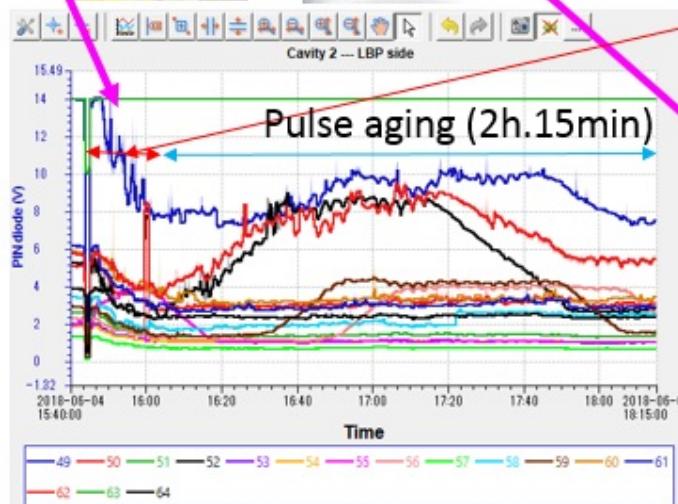
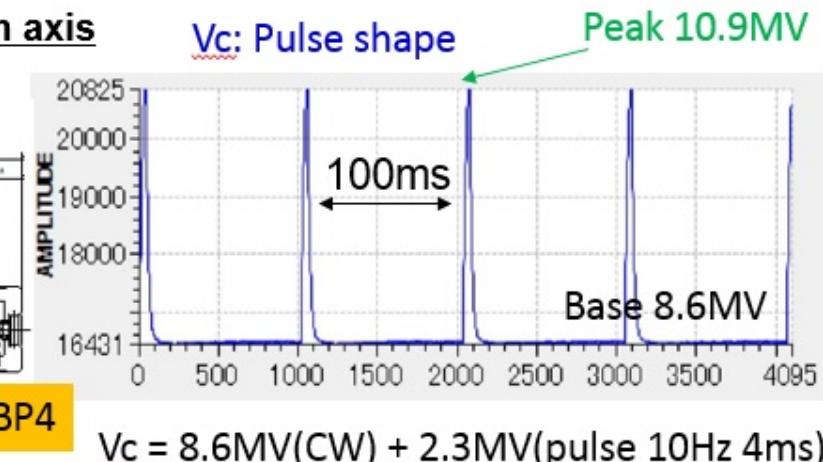
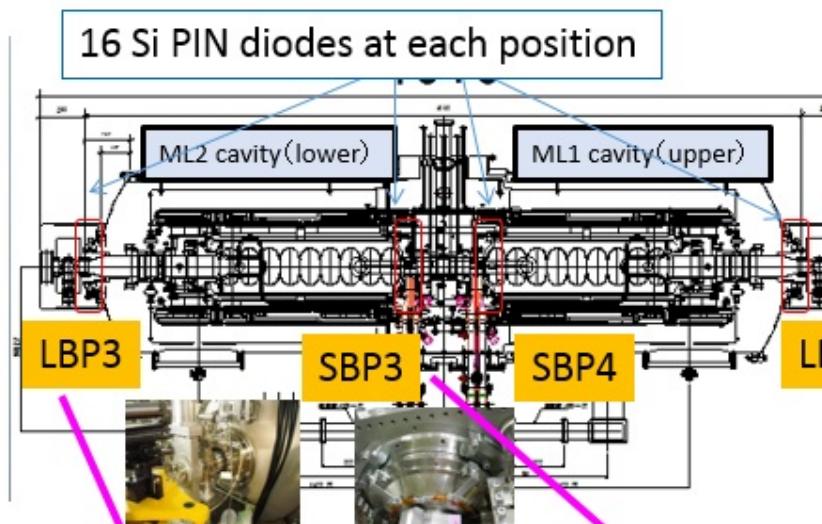
Example of sudden jump of radiation signals detected by PIN diodes, during beam operation (No correlation with beam)



Fixed PIN diodes can observe change of radiation distribution.
We could find some hint from the distribution,
-- New emitter coming?
-- Existing emitter become worth?
-- How's status of processing?
-- Can do correlation study with beam etc.

Pulse processing of ML2 cavity in 2018.Jun. (Normal processing)

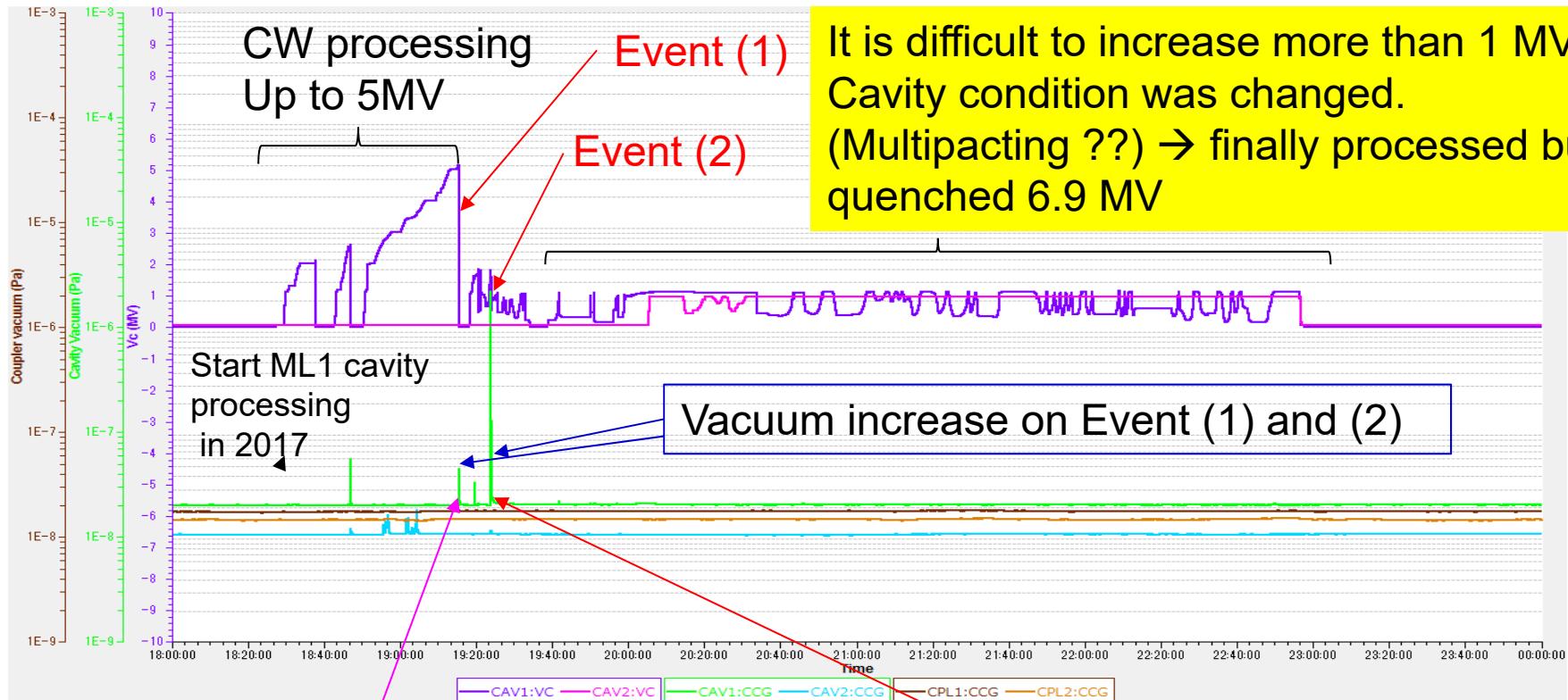
PIN radiation profile monitor set around beam axis



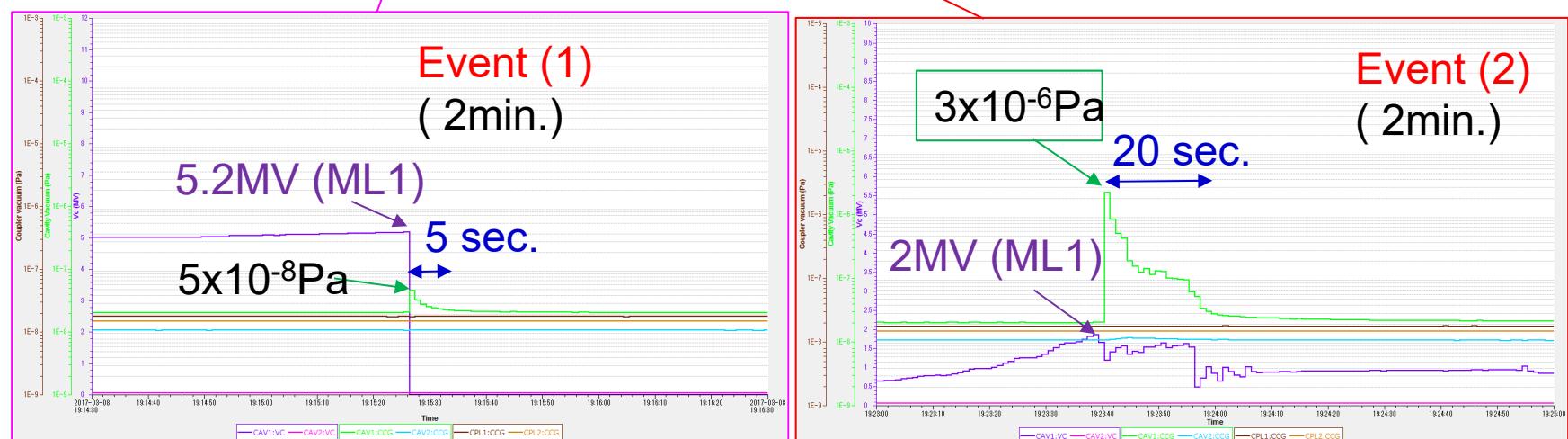
Pulse processing for ML2 cavity at 9th phase to recover Q decreasing during beam operation. Lower figures shows the trend of the PIN diode signals set on the both ends of ML2 cavity under the pulse processing . Radiation was decreased and Q-value recovered.

Pulse processing was effective for ML2.

Details of unknown event of ML1 under cavity processing on March 2017



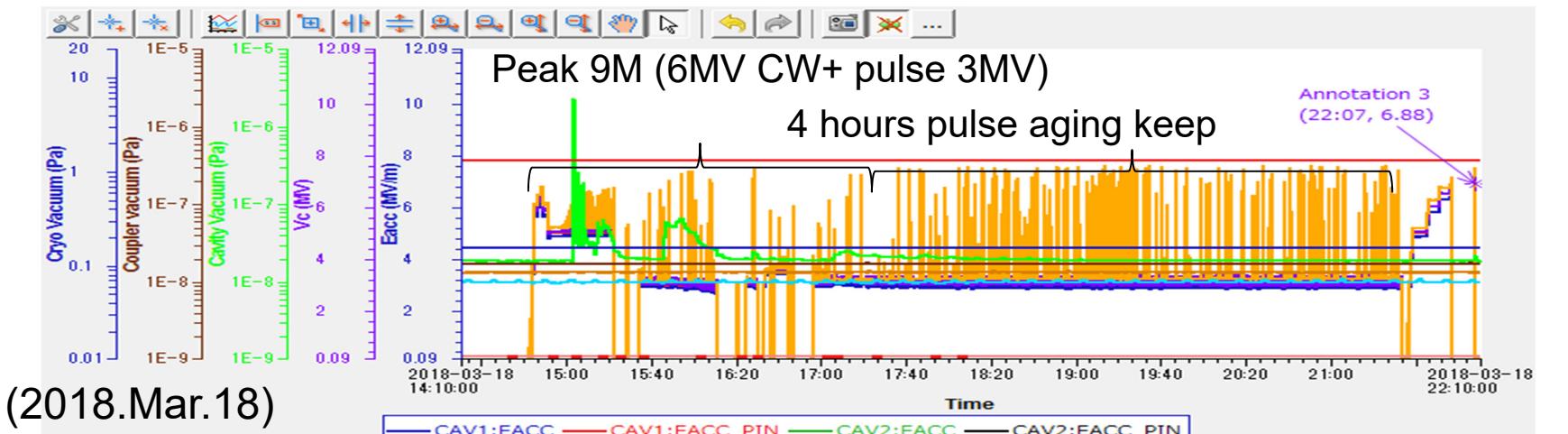
It is difficult to increase more than 1 MV.
Cavity condition was changed.
(Multipacting ??) → finally processed but quenched 6.9 MV



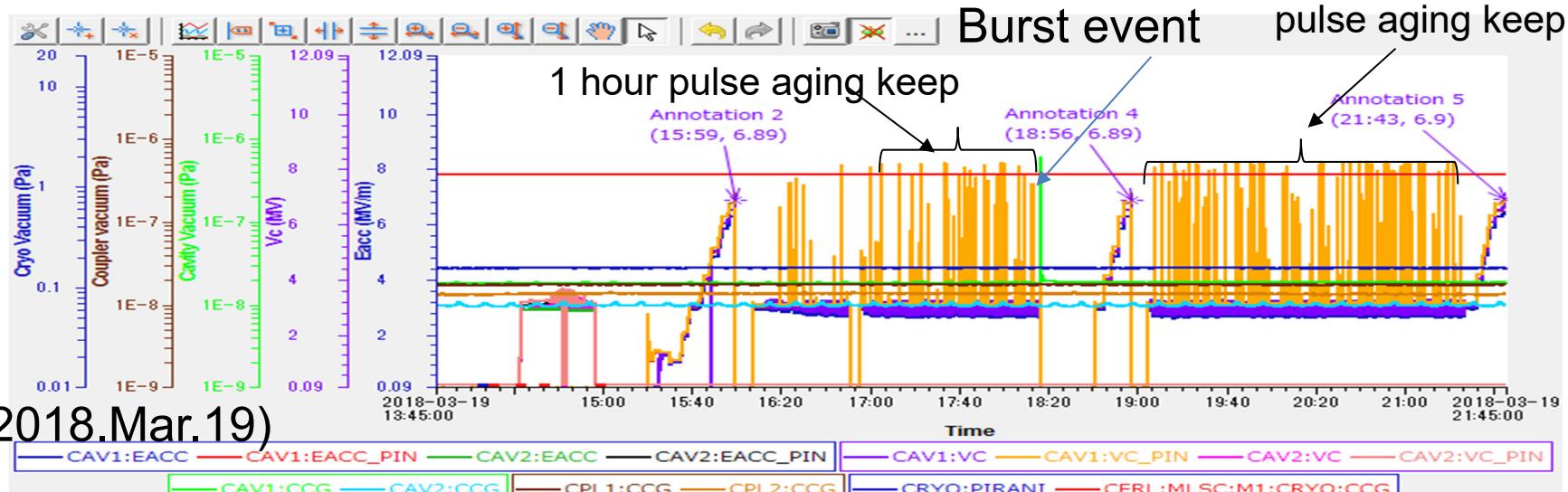
Some explosion occurred ??

Pulse processing of ML1 cavity after unexpected events

we tried pulse processing for totally 10 hours.



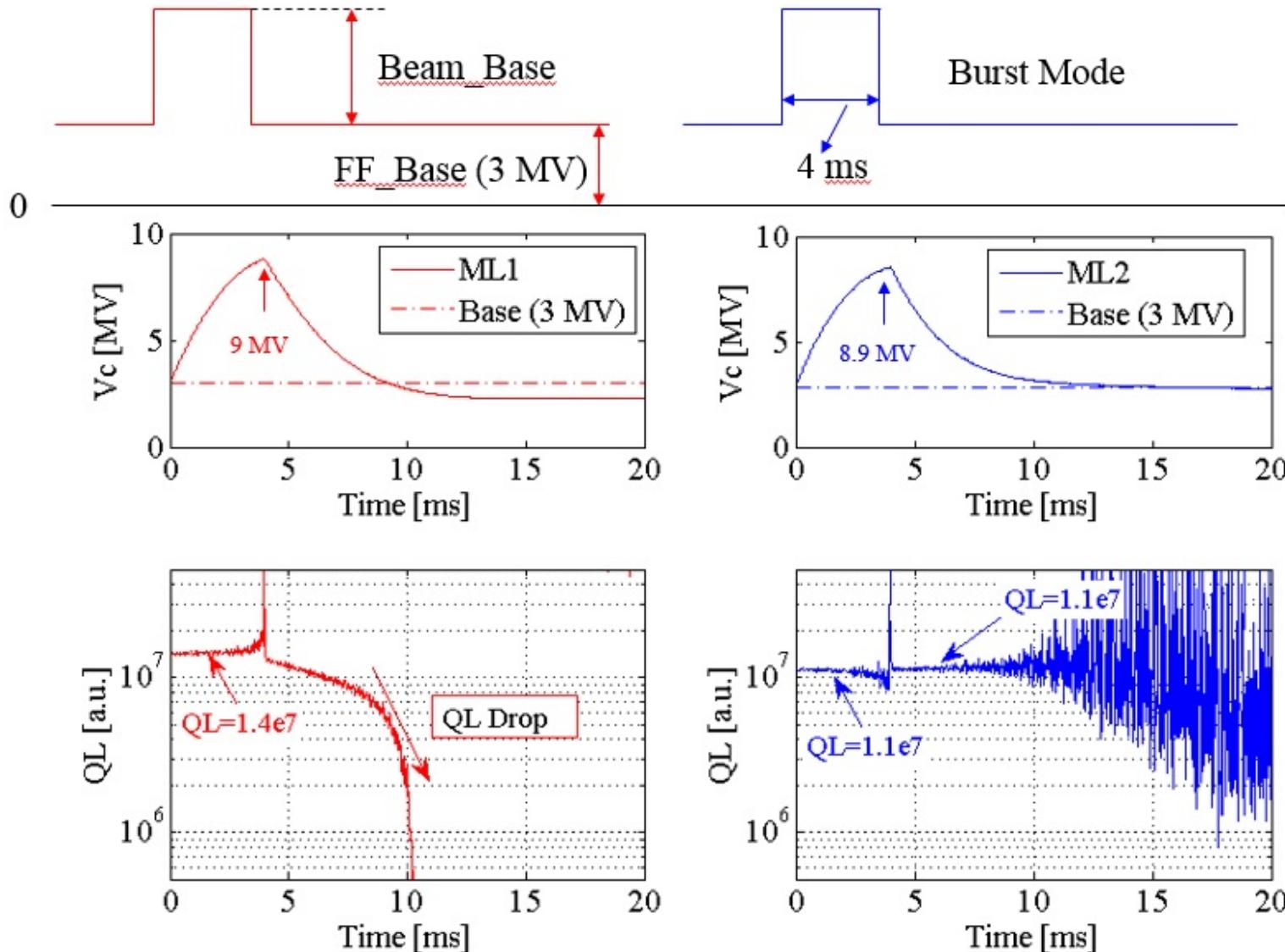
(2018.Mar.18)



(2018.Mar.19)

Pulse processing was not effective for the ML1 cavity after these unexpected events. → what happened.

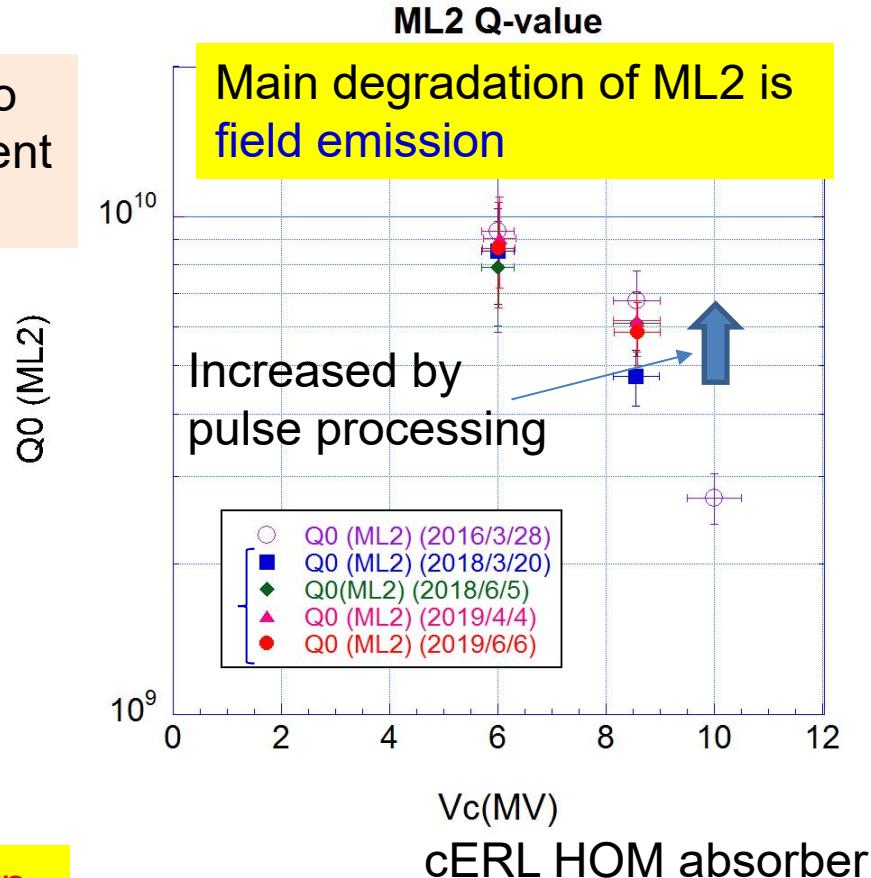
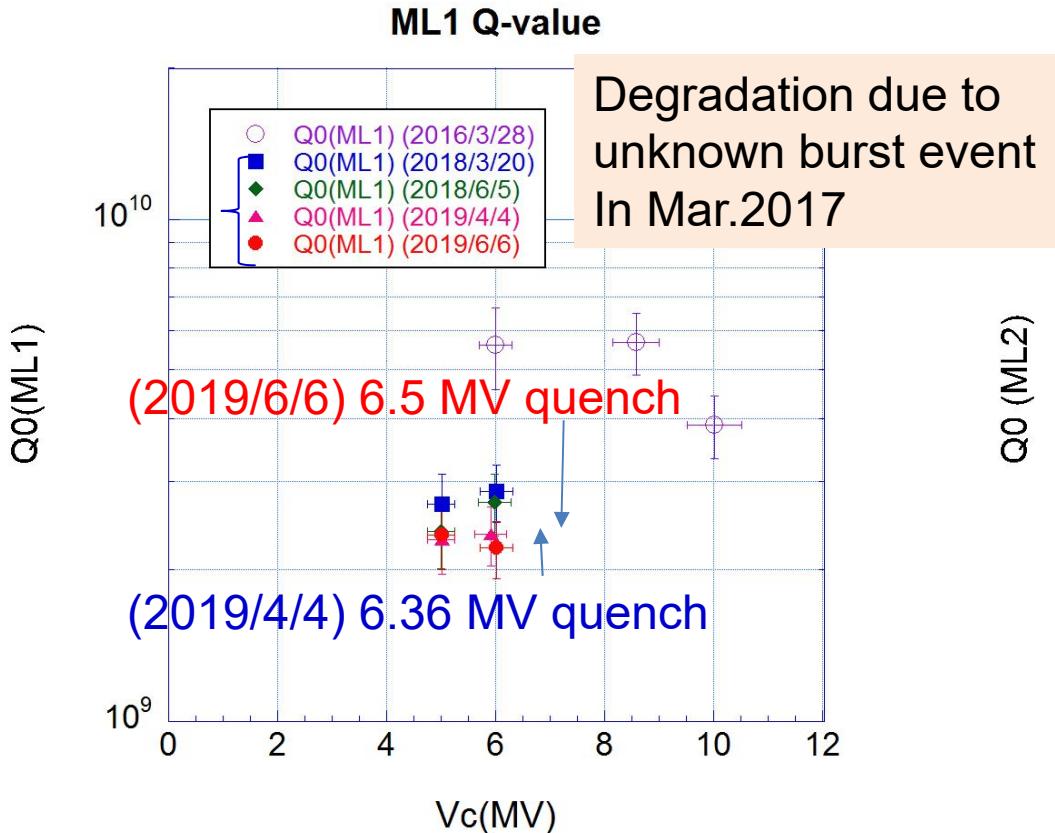
QL measurements during pulse processing after unexpected event



For ML1, we found **thermal breakdown** at the higher than 7 MV field. Limitation of ML1 is not field emission but thermal breakdown after event.

The latest cavity performance (summary of cavity performance)

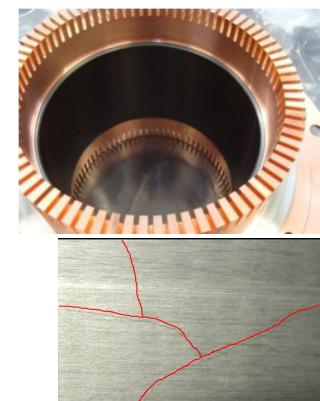
Measurement of Q-values of both cavities (ML1,2) in 2018 & 2019 with 2016



Main degradation of ML is thermal breakdown

- We could not obtain the higher Q-values in 2019 than that in 2016.
- We could recover the ML2 cavity performance.

During the burst event, we observed the long vacuum increasing event. At this event, discharge would occur and some components like HOM absorber, ceramic of the input coupler and/or the other vacuum components near ML1 cavity would break and make some particulate in the ML1 cavity.

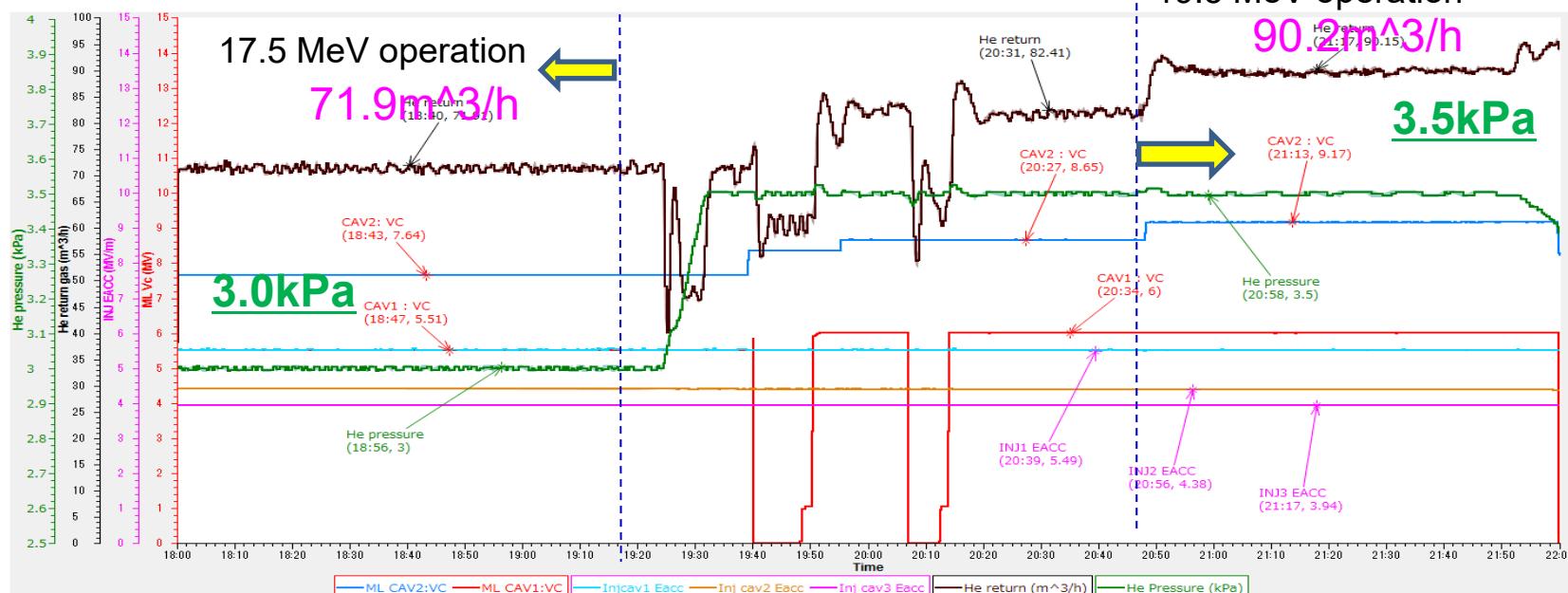


3.5kPa operation & results (2019.Jun)

change

In our case, Q-value is determined by residual resistance not BCS resistance. → did not mainly depend on He pressure (3.0kPa). On the other hand, cryogenic heat capacity is linear to the He pressure. → We tried the higher He pressure operation to gain real He heat load capacity.

He pressure	Heat capacity	He temperature
3.0 kPa	85 m ³ /h	1.986 K
3.5 kPa	99 m ³ /h	2.039 K
4.0 kPa	113 m ³ /h	2.087 K



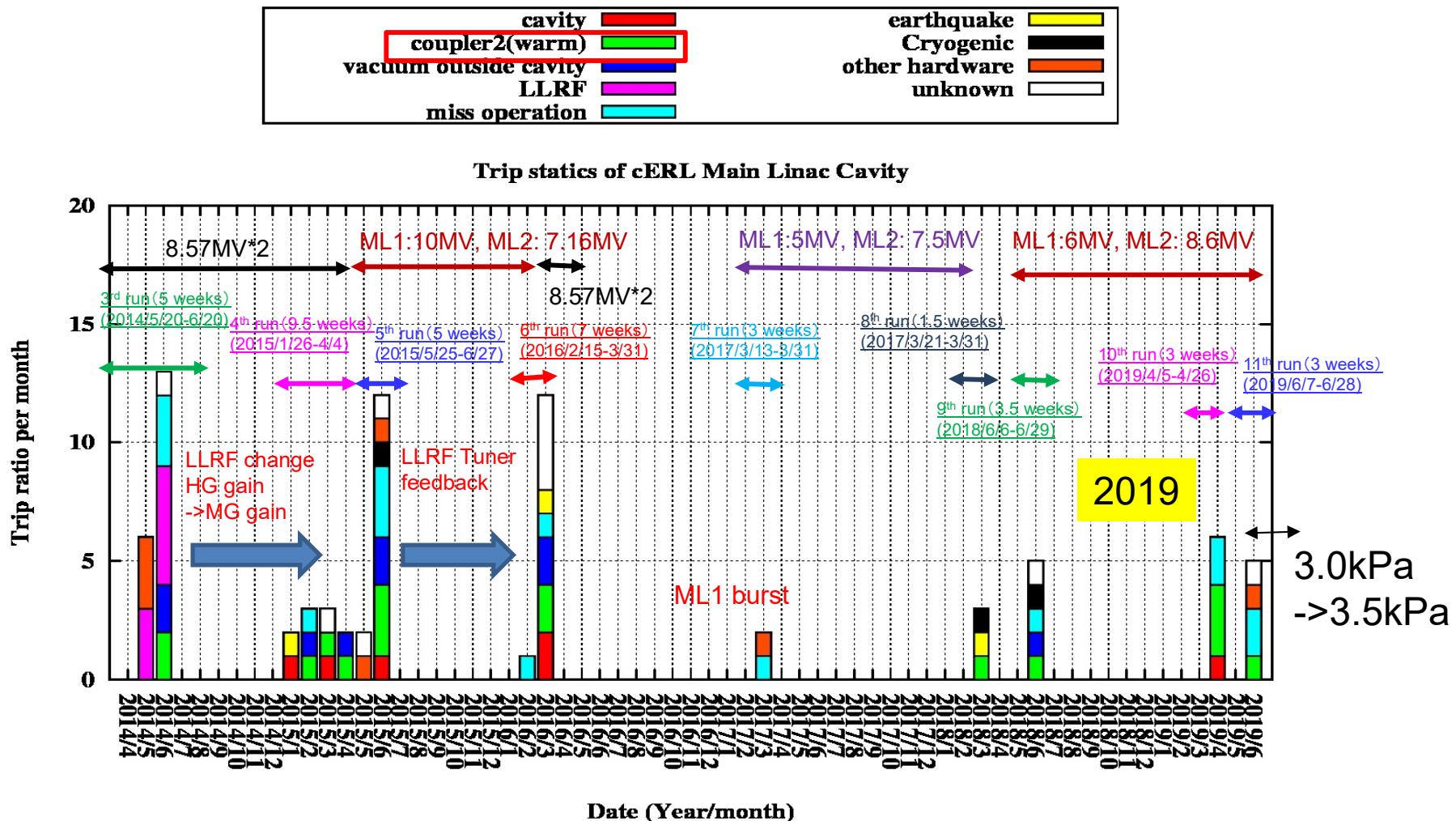
Total energy	INj1(MV/m)	INj2(MV/m)	INJ3(MV/m)	ML1(MV)	ML2(MV)	He pressure	He flow
17.5MeV	5.49	4.38	3.49	5.5	7.65	3.0kPa	71.9m ³ /h
19.5MeV	5.49	4.38	3.49	6	9.15	3.5kPa	90.2m ³ /h

Keep injector 4 MeV

19.5MeV : 1hour keep

Finally (6/25 – 6/28) 3.5kPa operation could keep 19.5 MeV energy for RI irradiation.

ML Trip ratio (longterm) (2014.Apr. ~ 2019.Jun.)

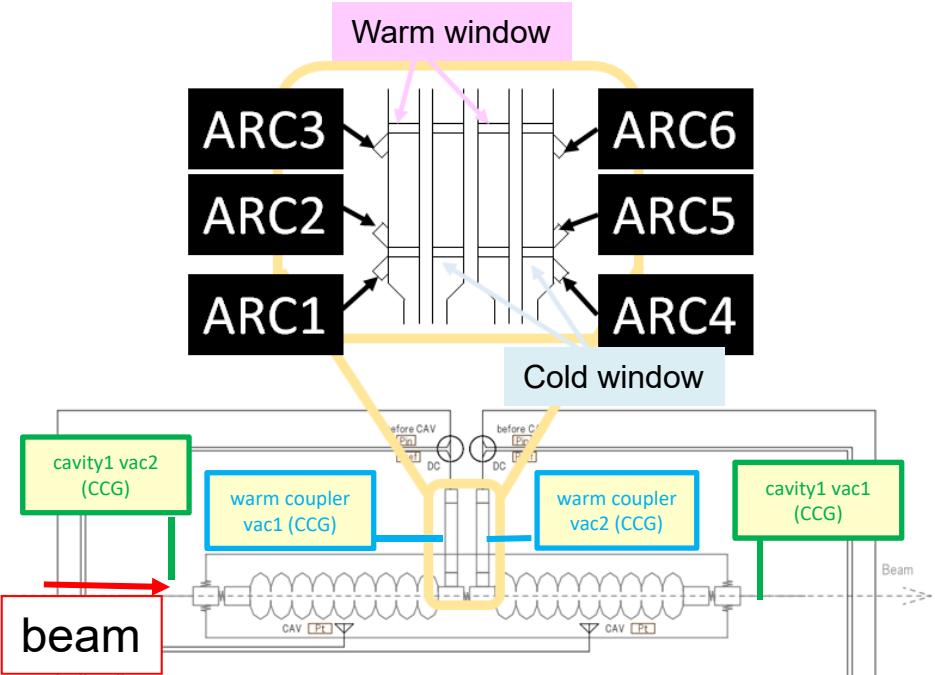


After optimization of LLRF gain in 2014, we kept small trip ratio in 2015. If cavity field increased higher in 2015, trip ration increased. Main reasons of trip come from the warm coupler (ML2) discharge event (light green). We did not know why these discharged events would occur. However, we could safely turn off RF within 10us by using ITL of arc sensor of input coupler.

Essential interlocks for cavity

ITL about cavity

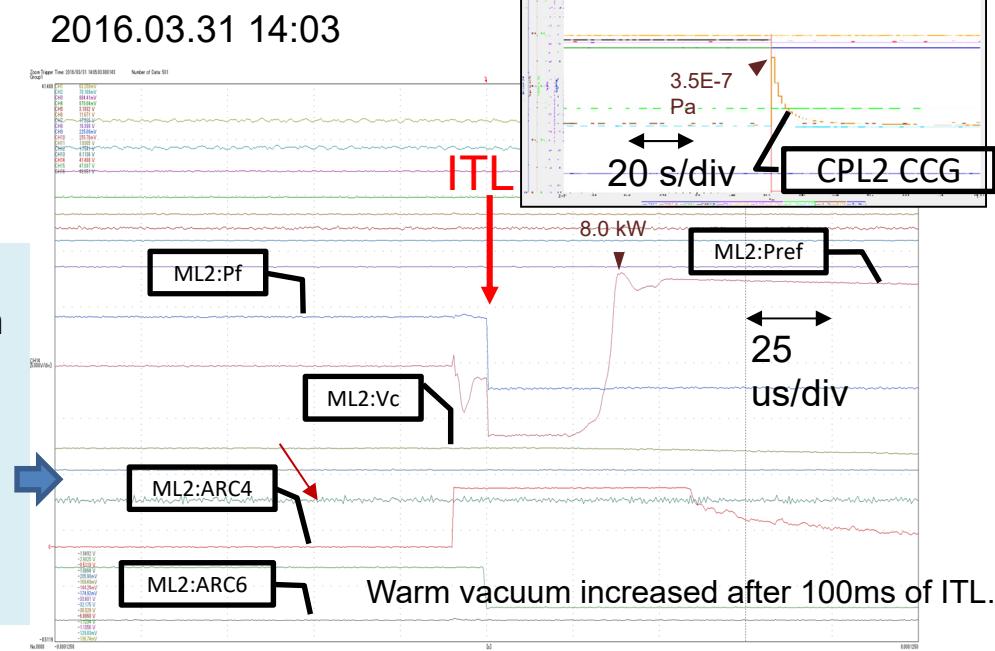
Sensor	ITL level	ITL response	ITL use
RF input(Pin)/refraction(Pref)	5 kW	1-10 μ s	RF OFF ITL
加速電圧(P)	9.2 MV(8.6 MV運転時)	1-10 μ s	RF OFF ITL
ARC sensor	Sensitive	1-10 μ s	RF OFF ITL
Vacuum	1.0E-5Pa(Cavity & Coupler)	100 -500 ms	RF OFF ITL/GV CLOSE
He	3.05 kPa	100 -500 ms	RF OFF ITL
Potentio meter	-		Only for measuring
Load cell	-		Only for measuring
Temperature	-		Only for measuring



Monitoring arc event when ITL works

(Normal RF fall down)
RF power decrease 1ms,

2016.3.31 14:03 (warm coupler ITL)
CPL2(Warm-side) discharged between cold and warm window (arc4,6 works in left figure). **ITL works within 10us after arc sensor works.** Discharged electron/ions (plasma) in CPL2 (warm-side) suddenly cut the RF transmission (short). Power did not reflect from cavity by these plasma. **CPL2 vacuum increased later**。 Beam and ITL were not related.



Fast ITL of arc sensor helps cavity not to lead fatal problem like window break. (vacuum ITL is too late)

Successful ~ 1mA CW beam operation with energy recovery

Change CW mode and increase the beam current : Reach **0.9 mA** after the 1mA approval from the government at 8th/Mar/2016.

No HOM-BBU was observed.

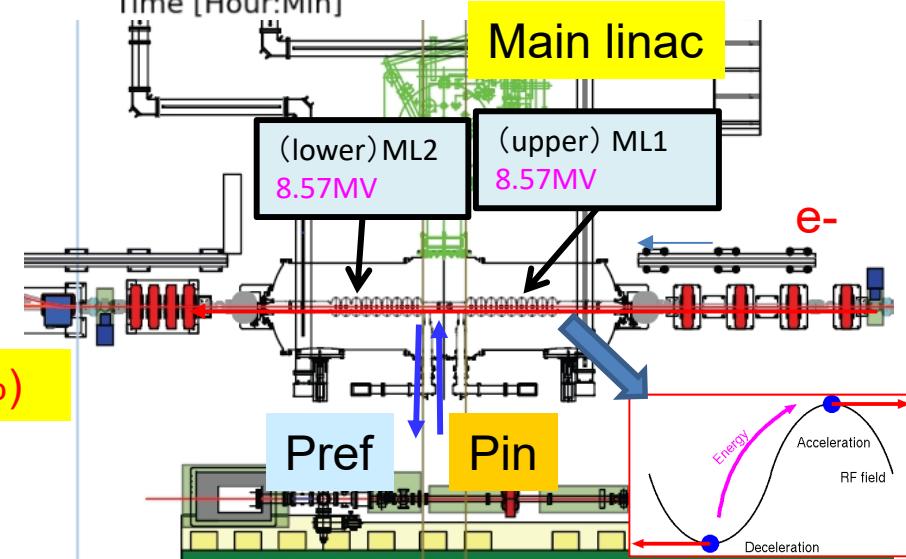
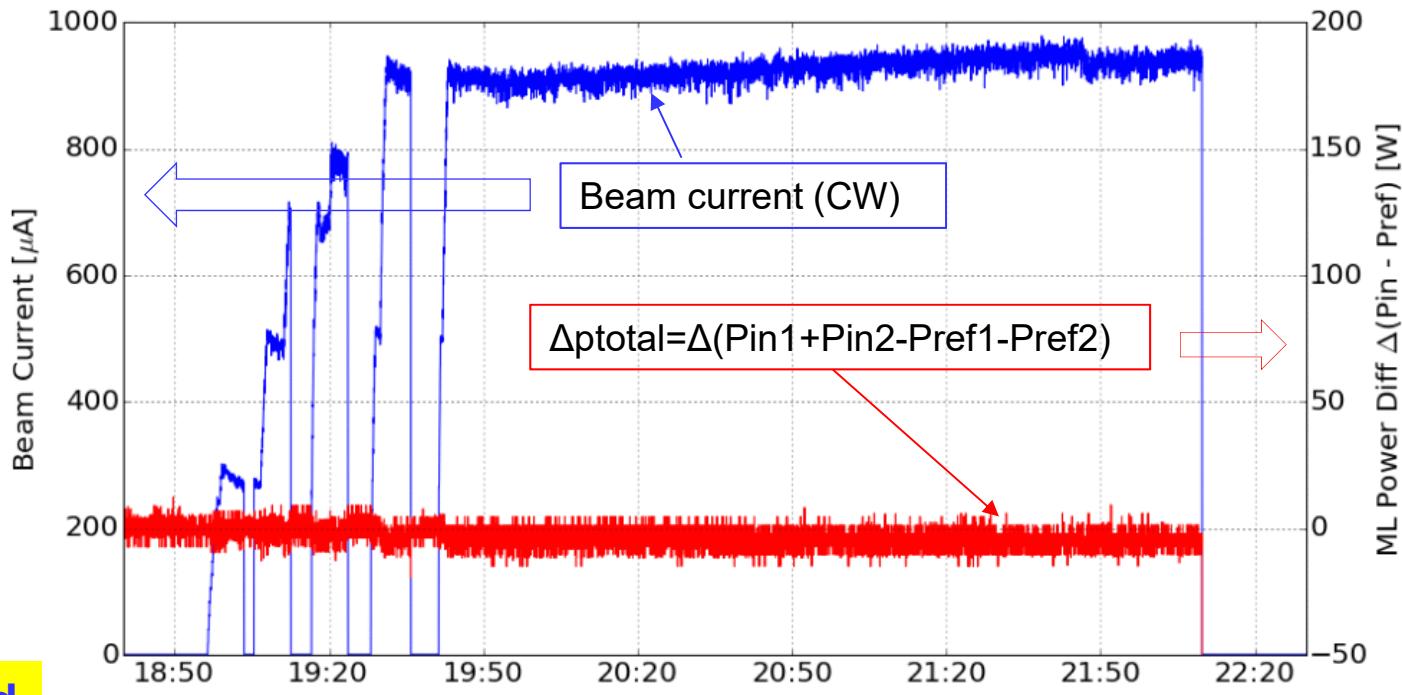
No HOM heat load

red : Difference between an input (Pin) and a reflected (Pref) power of the ML. **Energy loss measured from the graph = 4 W.** (error +4W)
Required power without recovery is :

$$17.14 \text{ MV} \times 900 \mu\text{A} = 15.4 \text{ kW}$$

Energy Recovery is almost 100.0% (error +0.03%)

This measurement agree well with beam loss measurement of less than 0.01%



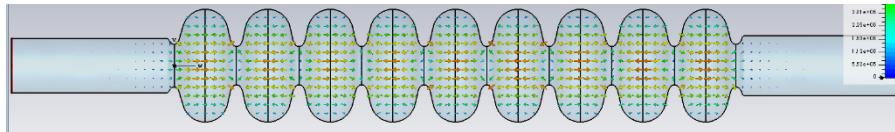
Toward 10 mA CW operation with these cavities

Toward reliable operation for SRF cryomodule for high current beam on cERL

Field emission is main issue for reliable operation. → How to overcome field emission

EUV cavity design

Done by T.Konomi



EUV cavity – TESLA-type 9-cell cavity + Large beam pipes(100φ & 110φ)

Satisfy the HOM-BBU threshold of more than 100mA by EUV cavity.

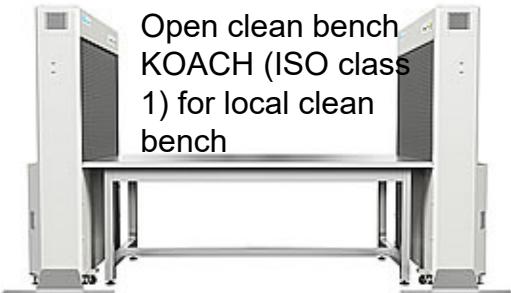
Stable operation at 12.5 MV/m seems achievable due to reduced E_p/E_{acc} .

H. Sakai, et., al. "SUPERCONDUCTING ACCELERATOR FOR ERL BASED FEL EUV LIGHT SOURCE AT KEK" Porc. of SRF2017, Lanzhou, China, MOXA04, p13 (2017)

	ERL Model 2	EUV
R_{sh}/Q	897 Ω	~1000 Ω
E_p/E_{acc}	3.0	~ 2.0
Iris diameter	80 mm	70 mm
H_p/E_{acc}	42.5 Oe/(MV/m)	~42.0 Oe/(MV/m)

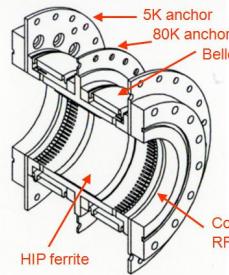
How to reduce the unwanted particulate into the cavity ? → clean components

R&D for Clean assembly work



Slow pumping/venting system with vacuum particle sensor.
Both were already applied for STF cryomodule assembly work.

cERL HOM damper



Ferrite with HIP bonding

Fragile under thermal cycle

M. Sawamura, "Development of HOM coupler with C-shaped waveguide for ERL operation" (Thu)



AIN cylinder

C-shaped waveguide

Nitrogen doping for High-Q approach in KEK

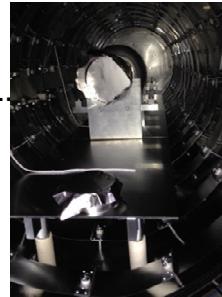
Courtesy of K.Umemori

This work is under US-Japan collaboration

$$Q_0 = \frac{\Gamma}{R_S} \quad \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \\ \text{Determined} \\ \text{by cavity shape} \end{matrix}$$

$$\underline{R_S = R_{BCS}(T) + R_{residual}}$$

Recently (2013) by applying the nitrogen doping during annealing (N-doping), it is found that R_S is reduced at FNAL. KEK also carried out the N-doping/N-infusion technique in the J-parc furnace in 2017 and successfully carried out this improvements by improving the VT condition.



Both used cryopump

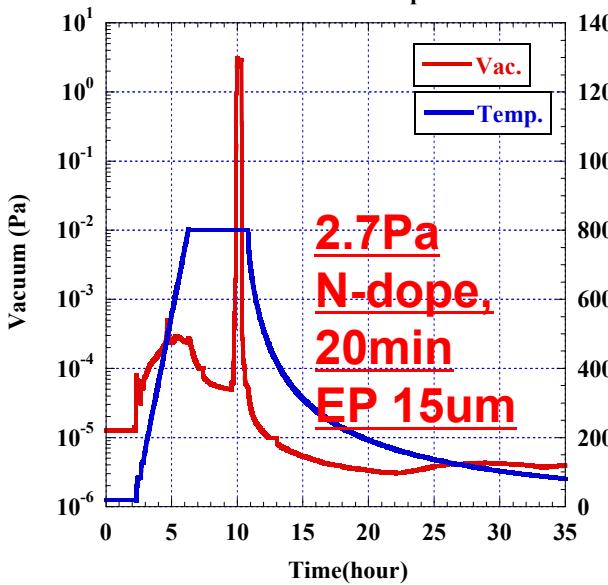


Minimizing R_S is the Key for High-Q applications.

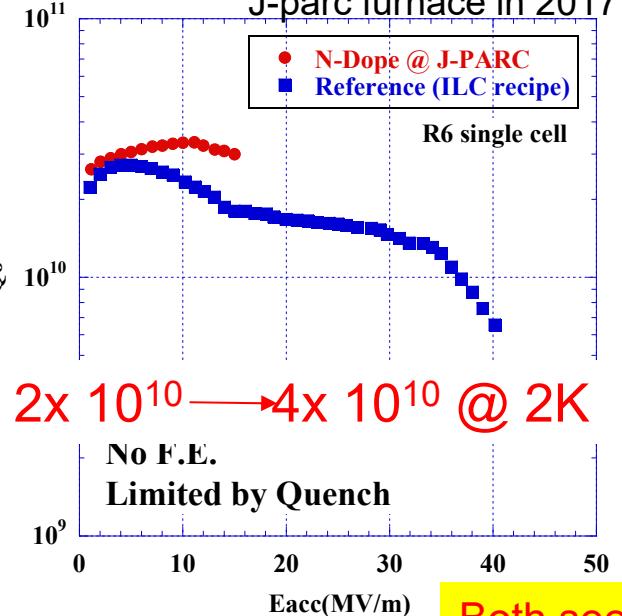
A. Grassellino et al, 2013 Supercond. Sci. Technol. **26** 102001
(Rapid Communication) – selected for highlights of 2013

N-doping by J-parc furnace

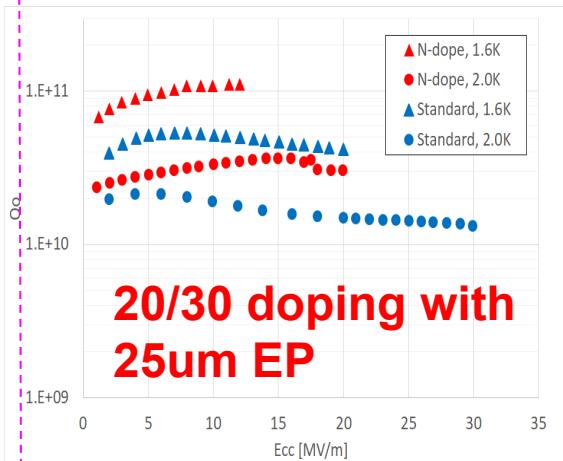
J-PARC N-Dope



J-parc furnace in 2017



KEK new furnace in 2018



T. Okada, et. al. "Improvement of cavity performance by nitrogen doping at KEK" .Proc. of LINAC18, TUPO065, Beijing, China (2018)

Both see the anti-Q slope with high-Q.
N-dope successfully has done in KEK.

Summary

- KEK cERL cryomodule are operating from 2012 until now. We apply the optimum cryomodule design and cooling down procedure. We did not meet fatal cavity accident and keep the stable beam operation under LLRF optimization.
- Unfortunately, we met the cavity degradation under beam operation. Main issues is field emission.
- Monitoring is essential to keep cavity performance. For example, pulse processing is effective to reduce the field emission by monitoring PIN profile monitors. And critical ITLs like arc sensors of input coupler. are important to avoid fatal cavity accident.
- In 2017 & 2018, we met severe cavity degradation, for ML1 we did not recover the cavity performance by pulse processing. On the other hand, we could recover the cavity performance of ML2. Injector cavity kept cavity performance by pulse processing. We would like to open the ML cryomodule to investigate the source. And we want to increase beam current more than 10 mA.
- Higher-Q R&D also tried to reduce CW heat load.
- SRF Gun is under developing for CW high current beam generation in KEK.

T.Konomi, "vertical test results and preparation for horizontal test of the KEK SRF gun #2" (Wed)