HYBRID CONFIGURATION, SOLID STATE – TUBE, REVAMPS AN OBSOLETE FULL TUBE AMPLIFIER FOR THE INFN K-800 SUPERCONDUCTING CYCLOTRON

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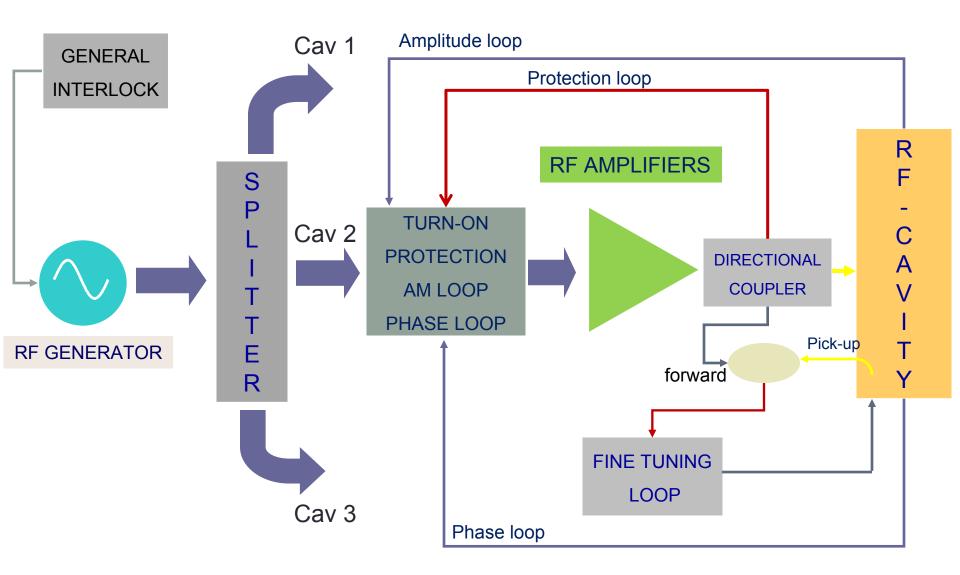




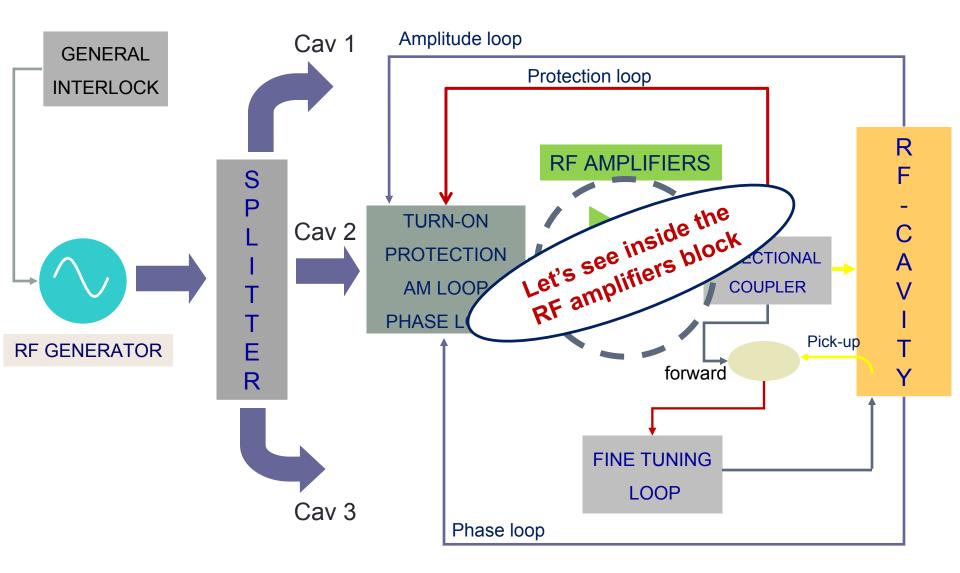
Talking points

- Overview of the block diagram and RF amplification stages
- Main reasons to modify the existing amplifiers;
- Solid state vs tube amplifier as 1st stage;
- Matching between the new 1st stage and the existing 2nd
 "tube" stage;
- Test, measurements and operation with our cyclotron;
- Conclusion;
- References and discussion.

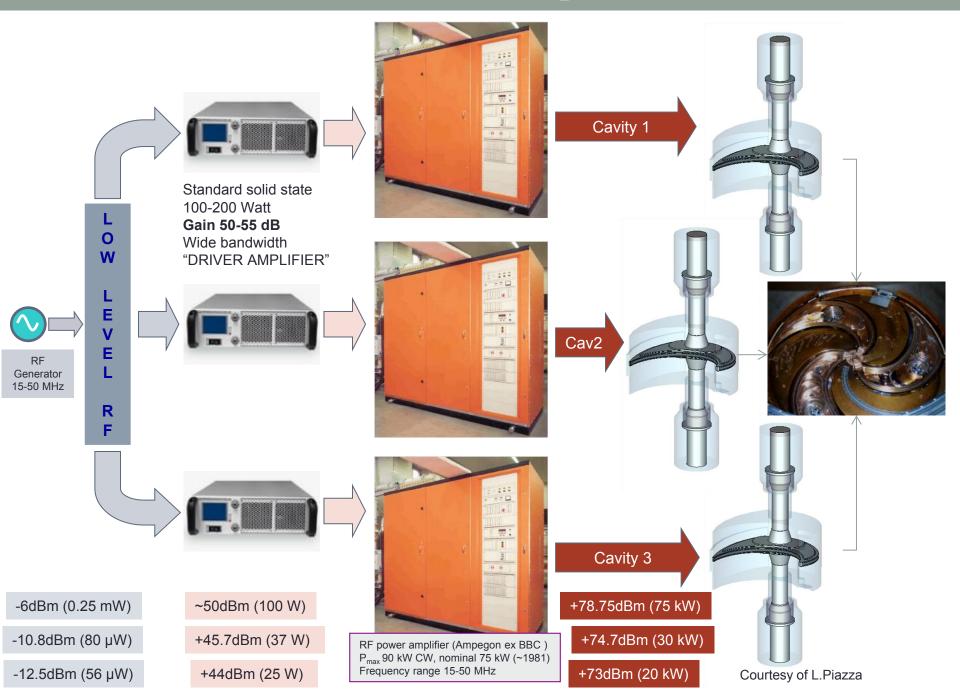
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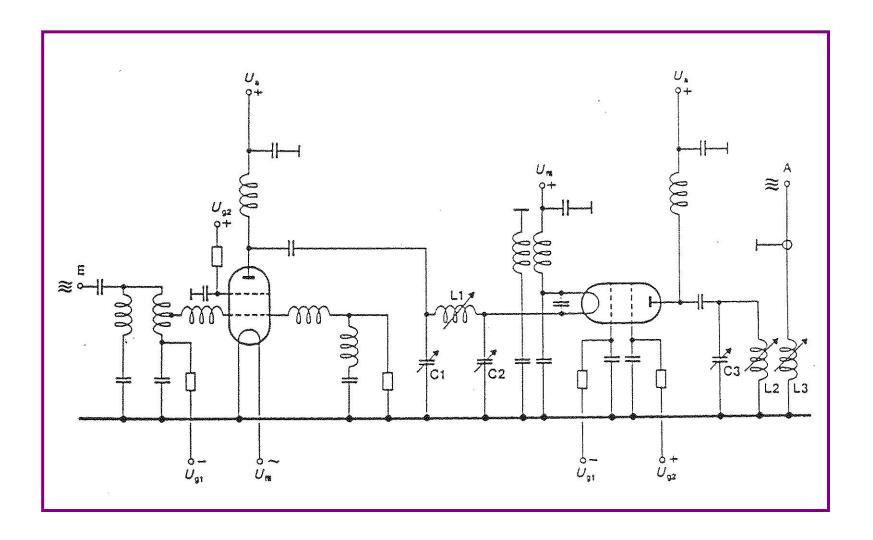
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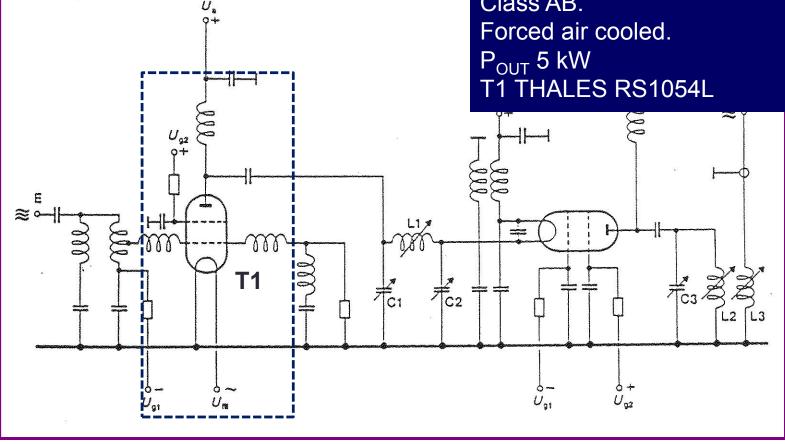
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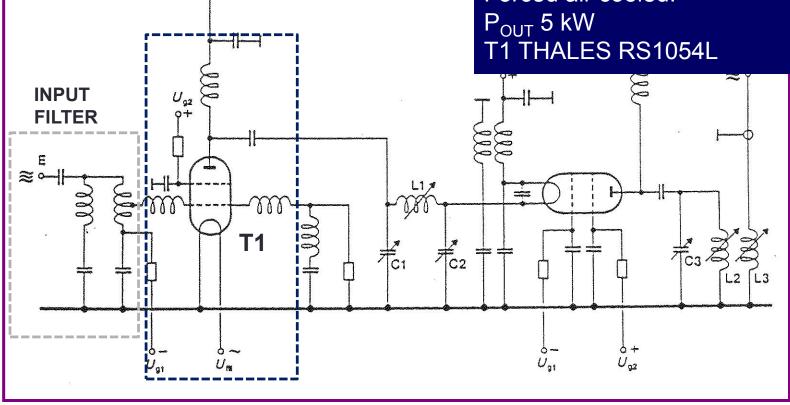
Input filter stage:

• wide band

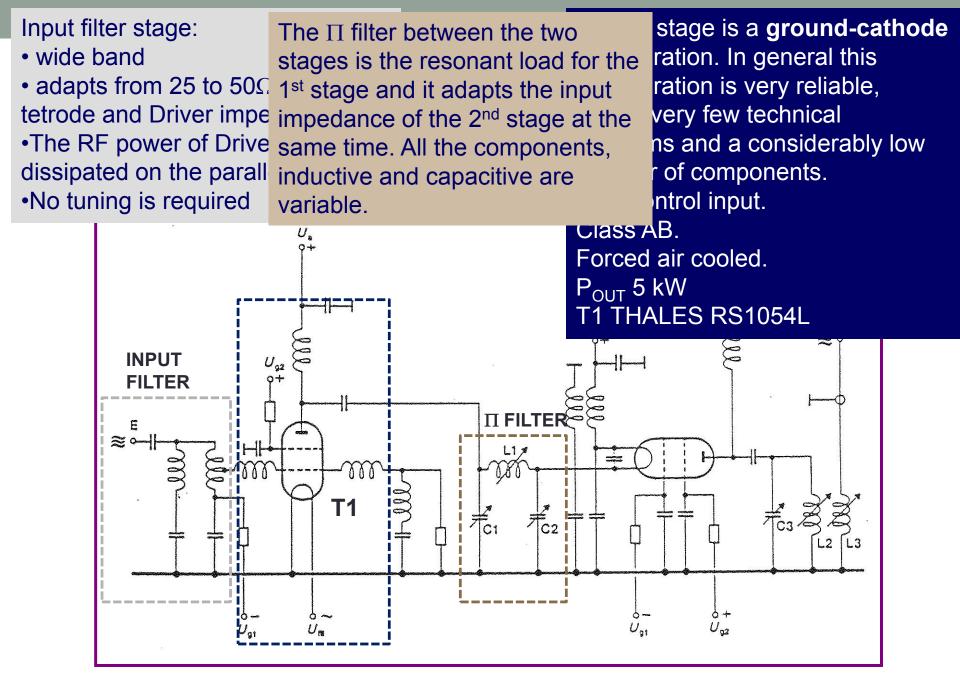
adapts from 25 to 50Ω between tetrode and Driver impedance
The RF power of Driver is dissipated on the parallel 50Ω.
No tuning is required

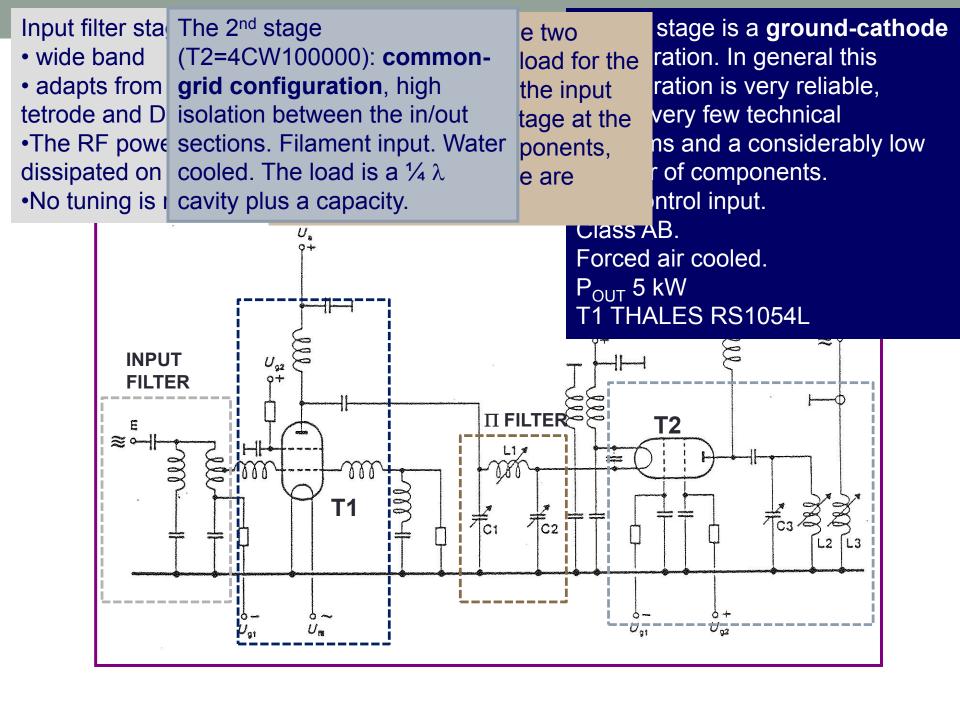
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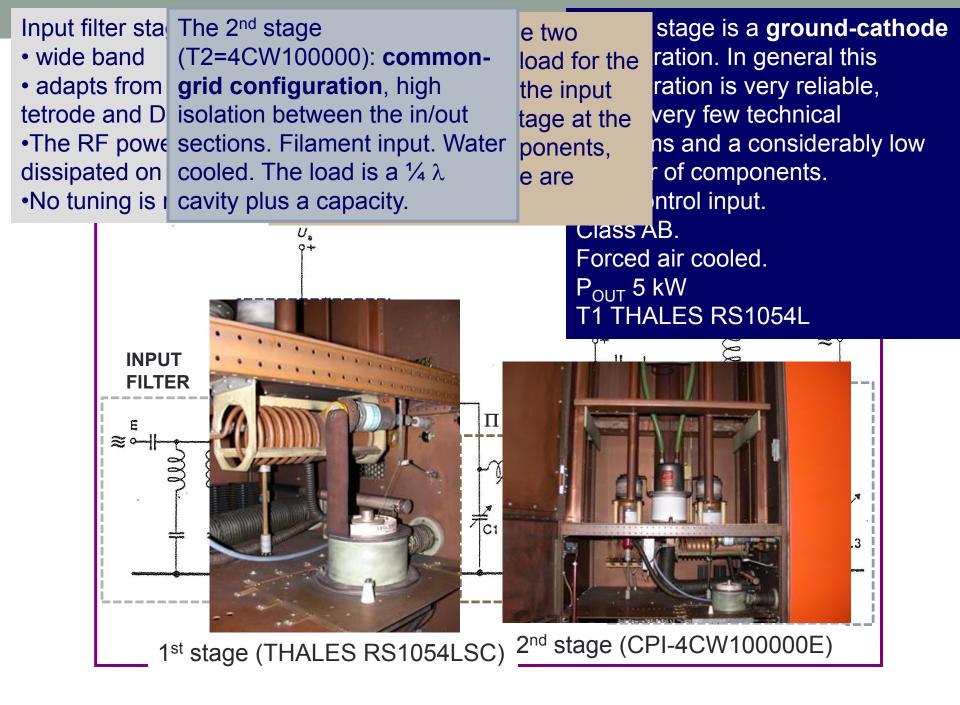
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RS 1054 LSC	TH 382 SC
RS 1054 SKSC	TH 571 A
RS 2026 CLSC	TH 610 SC
RS 2068 CLSC	

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Best regards

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June 22st, 2010

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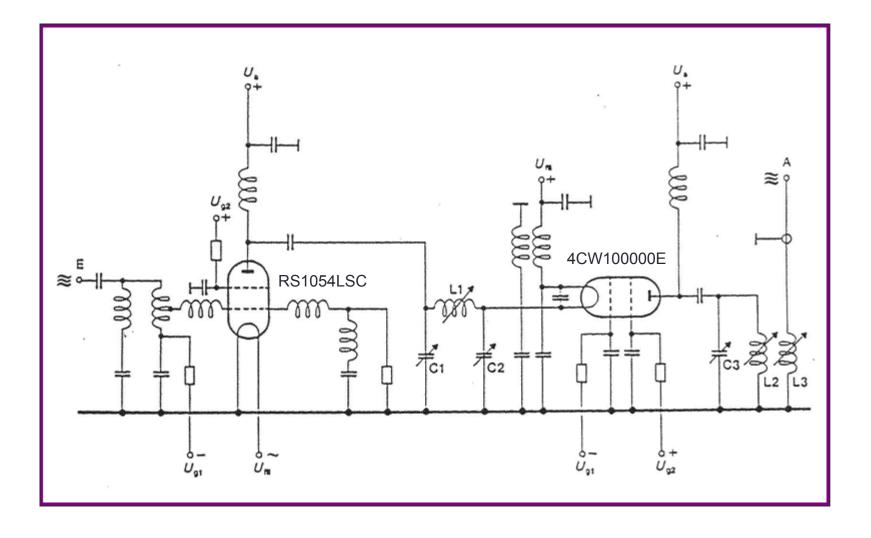
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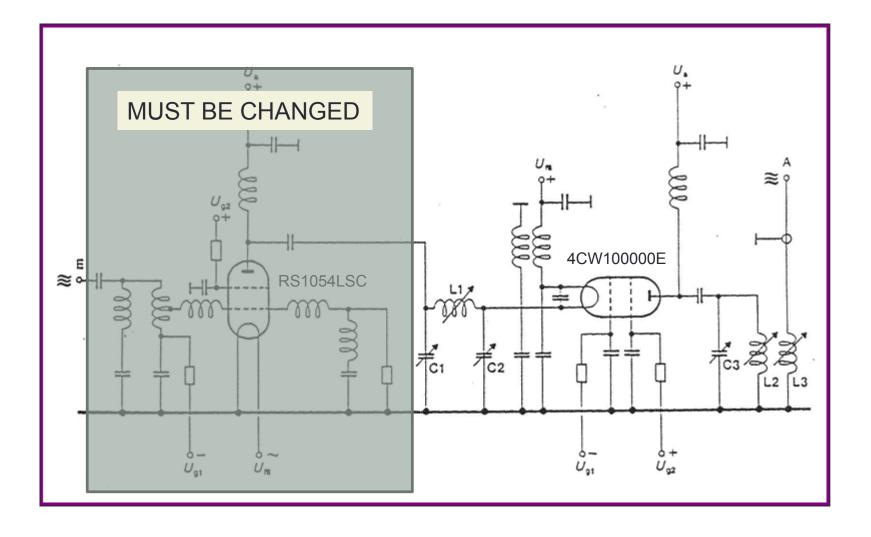
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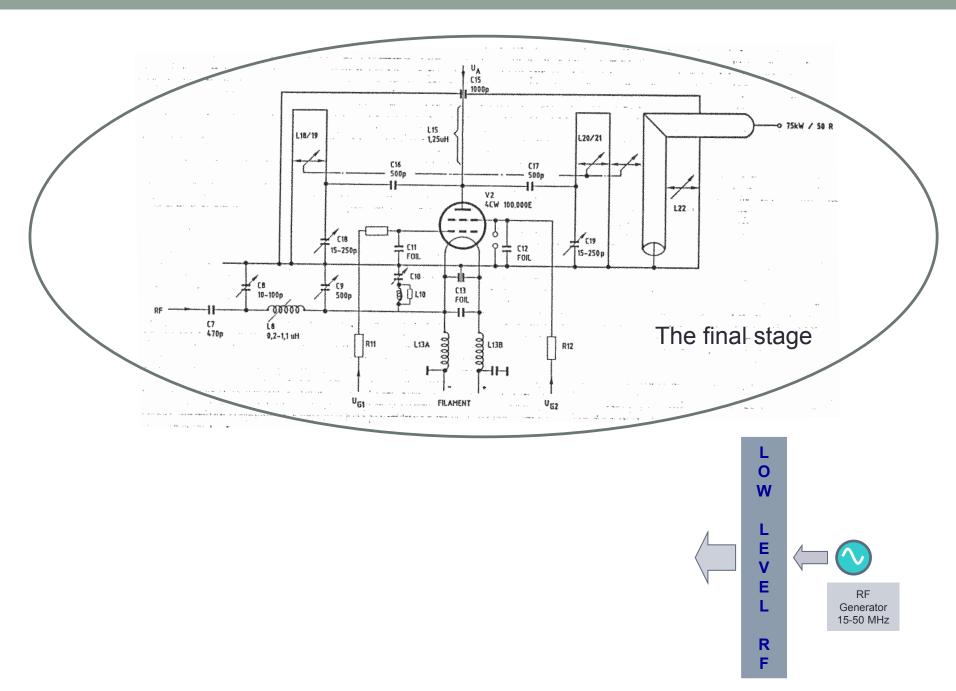
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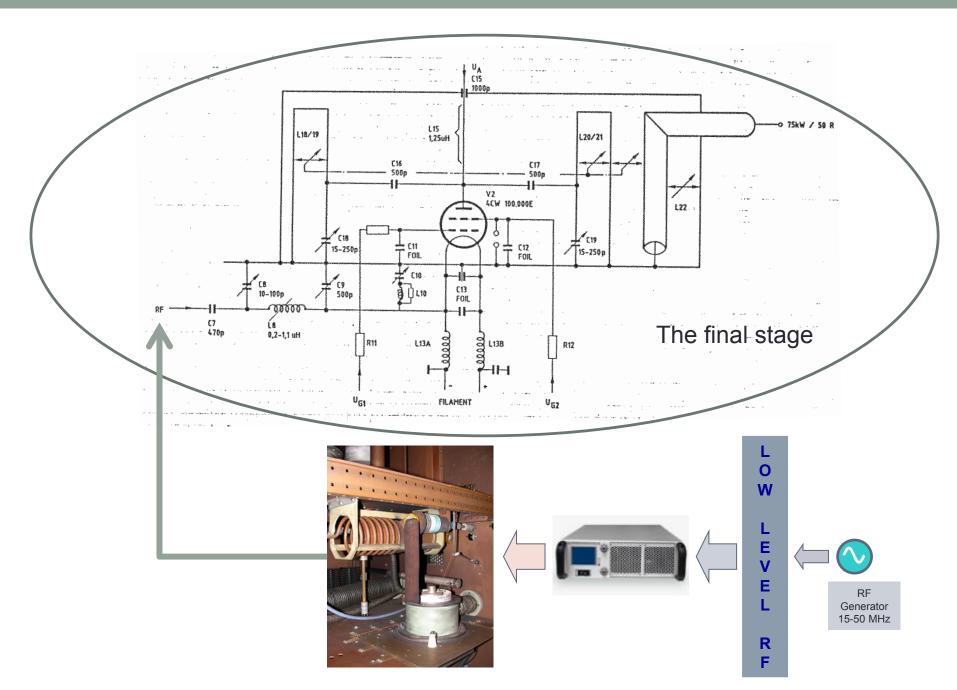


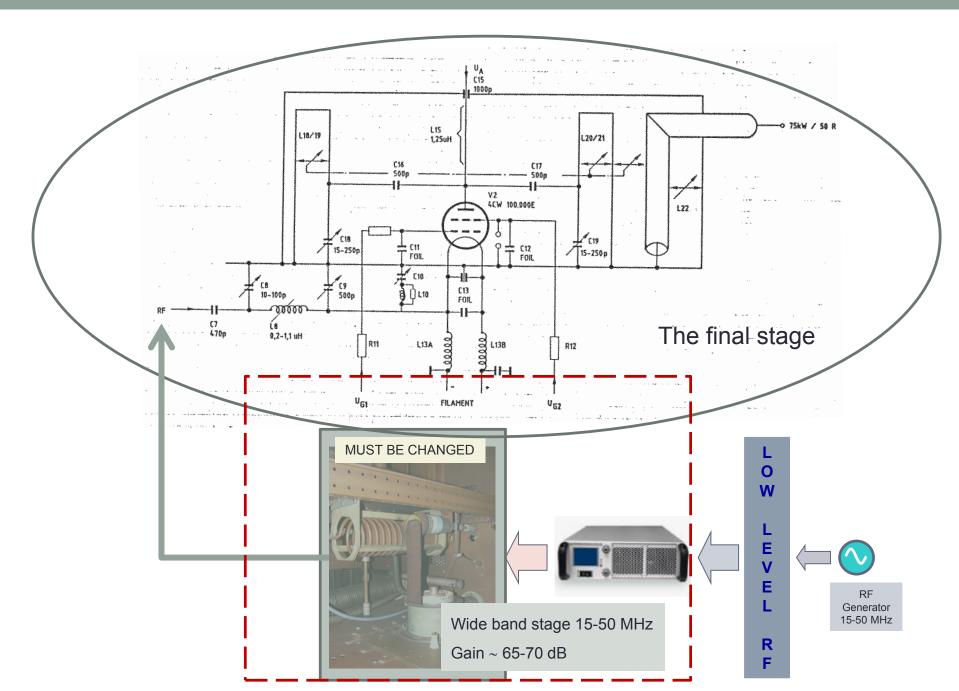
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	kW	dB	kV	v	А	V	А	kV	kW	W	mm	mm	kg		
YL 1057	1.1	17.5	3.4	600	0.75	3.8	20	3.8	2.2	30	95	110	1.1	forced air	-
TH 347	2.2	15	4.5	400	1.15	5.8	34	5	4.5	25	110	135	2.3	forced air	TH 18363
TH 393	2.5	15.5	5.5	600	1.6	6	65	6	7.5	75	135	145	3.6	forced air	TH 18665
RS 1054 L	2.6	16	4.6	800	1.5	2.8	135	5	5	80	120	117	1.9	forced air	-
RS 1054 SK	2.6	16	4.6	800	1.5	2.8	135	5	5	80	98	141	1.9	water (4)	-
TH 382	5.25	15.5	5.5	600	2.7	4.2	125	6.5	12.5	120	170	158	7	forced air	TH 18482
RS 1034 L	6.3	16	5.1	800	2.8	4.5	200	5.5	13	180	160	154	5.3	forced air	-
TH 582	10.5	15	5.5	600	3.45	4.2	146	7.5	25	120	128	166	4.1	water (4)	TH 18582
RS 1036 L	11.5	15	6	800	3.7	4.5	200	7	20	180	200	152	7.8	forced air	-
RS 1034 SK	12.6	15.5	6.3	800	3.9	4.5	200	7.5	25	180	160	152	7	water (4)	-
TH 563	31.5	14.5	8.5	800	6.45	4.2	210	9	42	200	126	190	6.5	water (3)	TH 18550

(1) Common amplification.

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PLATE

HEATER

GRID

SCREEN

CATHODE

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Proposed solution by Eimac

As a possible **alternative** to the originally used RS1054L the **CPI tube 4CX3500A** has been selected. This tube is less powerful than the original one but was selected because we thought than the **final power of 30kW** was enough as regards normal cyclotron activity.

The most critical parameter is the input capacitance of the 4CX3500A as it influences the input circuit negatively. The existing wide band circuit has to be redesigned in order to cope with the higher tube capacitance:



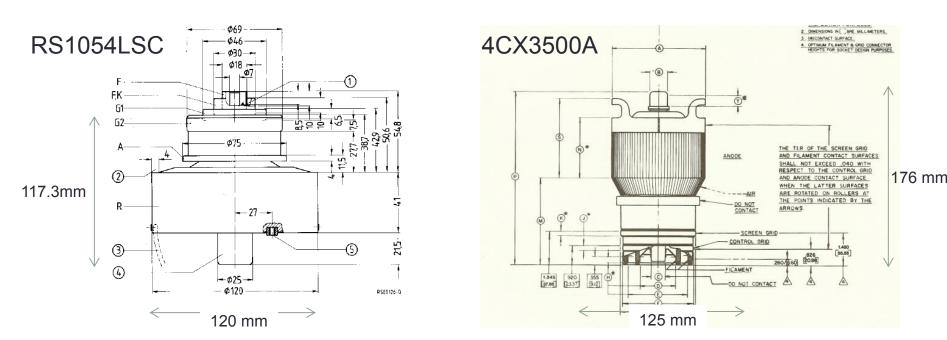
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RS1054 Cin = 57 to 60 pF
4CX3500A Cin = 111 pf
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Main modifications for the installation of the 4CX3500A

- Most critical point, input capacitance: redesign the input impedance circuit and related board;
- The tube needs a completely new socket which ends up in a completely new design for the driver stage. The outline of the present module will be kept so that no major mechanical work is necessary;
- New filament power supply;
- Slight modification of control grid power supply (no need for screen grid);
- Insertion of new crowbar circuit in the anode power supply plus retuning of anode matching circuit



Cost of the operation, to modify 3 amplifiers (including a single new tube), about 250 k€



Risks of the operation

- The tetrode manufacturer can notify the end of the production of this new tetrode in any moment. With a very short margin in terms of time, according to our experience;
- It is not possible to store a lot of spare parts, economic and vacuum tube technology;
- The new solid state technology is going to cover the slice of market under a power of 100 kW and up to few hundred MHz of bandwidth (most important);

Positive points

- 4CX3500 cost relatively low, high efficiency, high reliability, robustness;
- Apparently no end of production in the near future, according to the manufacture;
- Econco (CPI group), ensured us about the total assistance to rebuild the tube in case of failure (not necessary to buy a bright new tube all the time).

The total operation can be divided into two phases:

- 1. Design and manufacture the hardware during the cyclotron operation;
- Installation of the new parts during a cyclotron long maintenance period .
 Also the distribution of the total cost, after an agreement with the constructor,

should be divided into two, or better for us, more phases...

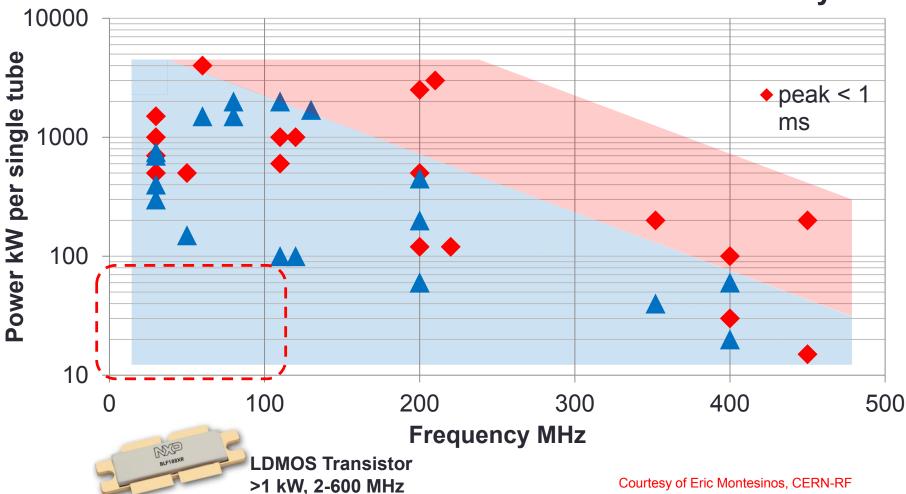
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SOME IN-HOUSE SOLID STATE AMPLIFIERS

Frequency & Power range of tetrodes

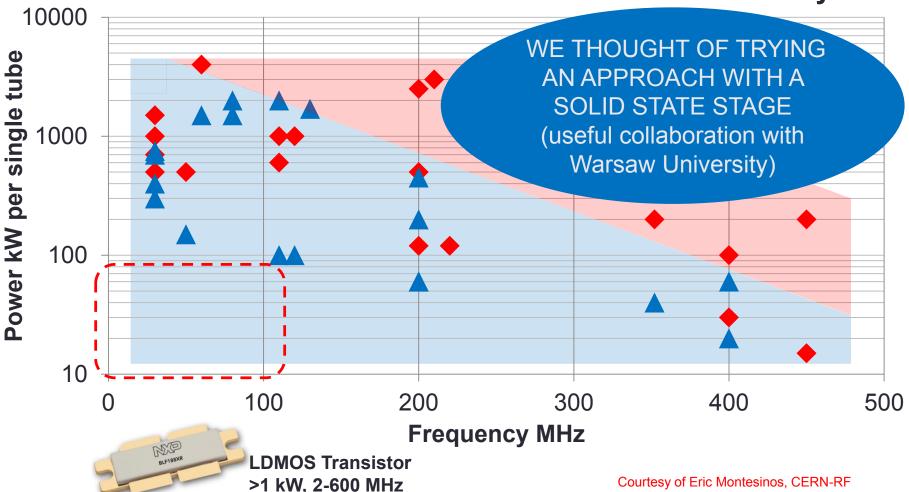
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RULES OF THUMB OF THE SOLID STATE OPERATION

CHANGE THE TUBE 1ST STAGE WITH A SOLID STATE:

- MINIMIZE THE HARDWARE MODIFICATIONS, MAINLY IN THE SECOND STAGE OF THE AMPLIFIER;
- NEVER FORGET THE POSSIBILITY TO RE-INSTALL AGAIN THE OLD TUBE, IN CASE OF PROBLEMS IN A REASONABLY SHORT TIME;
- CONTAIN THE COST.

High power water cooled tetrode EIMAC 4CW100000 (final stage)

study the technical characteristics, mainly about the input circuit

4CW100,000E without SK-2100 Water Jacket

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS¹

ELECTRICAL

Filament: Thoriated Tungsten	
Voltage	V
Current @ 15.5 V 215	А
Direct Interelectrode Capacitances (grounded cathode)	
Cin	\mathbf{pF}
Cout	\mathbf{pF}
Cgp 1.0	pF
Direct Interelectrode Capacitances (grounded grid)	
Cin	pF
Cout	pF
Cpk 0.35	pF
Frequency of Maximum Rating, CW 108	MHz

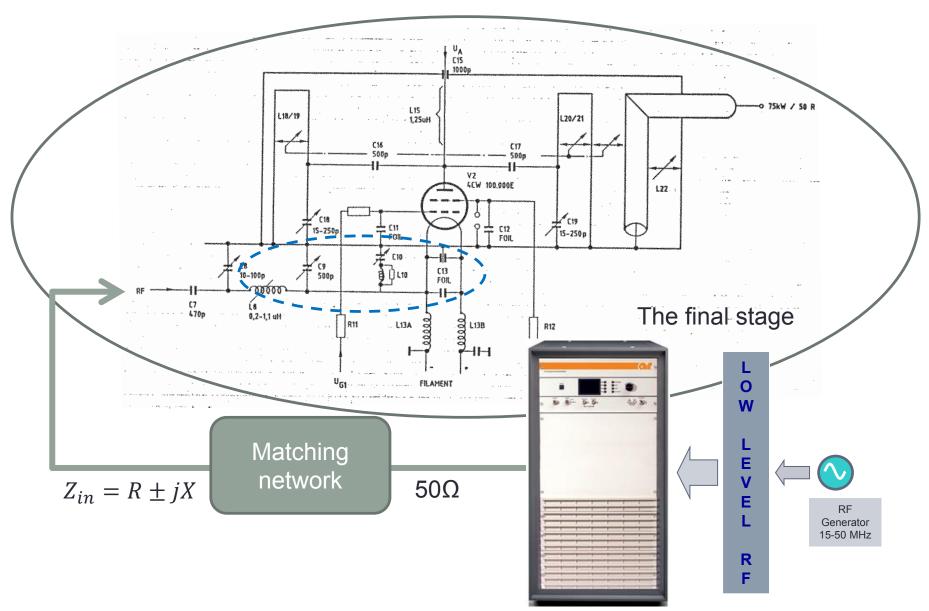
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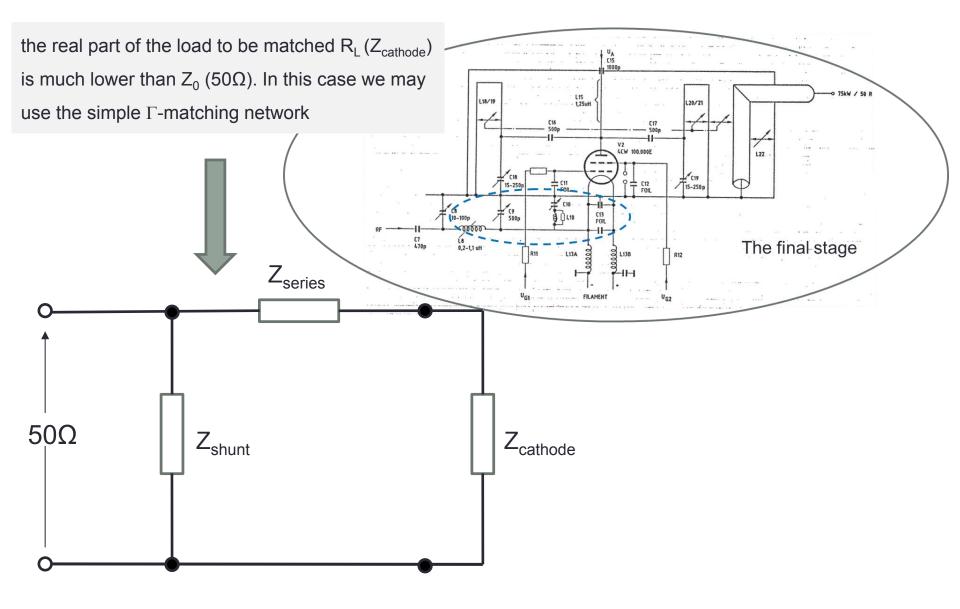
RANGE VALUES FOR EQUIPMENT DESIGN

	Min.	Max.	
Filament: Current @ 15.5 volts	200	230	A
Cutoff Bias, at Eb = 25 kVdc, Ec2 = 1500 Vdc, Ib = 10 mAdc \dots		-625	Vdc
Interelectrode Capacitances (grounded cathode)			
Cin	350	390	pF
	55	65	\mathbf{pF}
Cgp		1.2	pΓ
Interelectrode Capacitances (grounded grid)			-
Cin	160	190	pF
Cout	55	65	pF
Cpk		0.5	pF

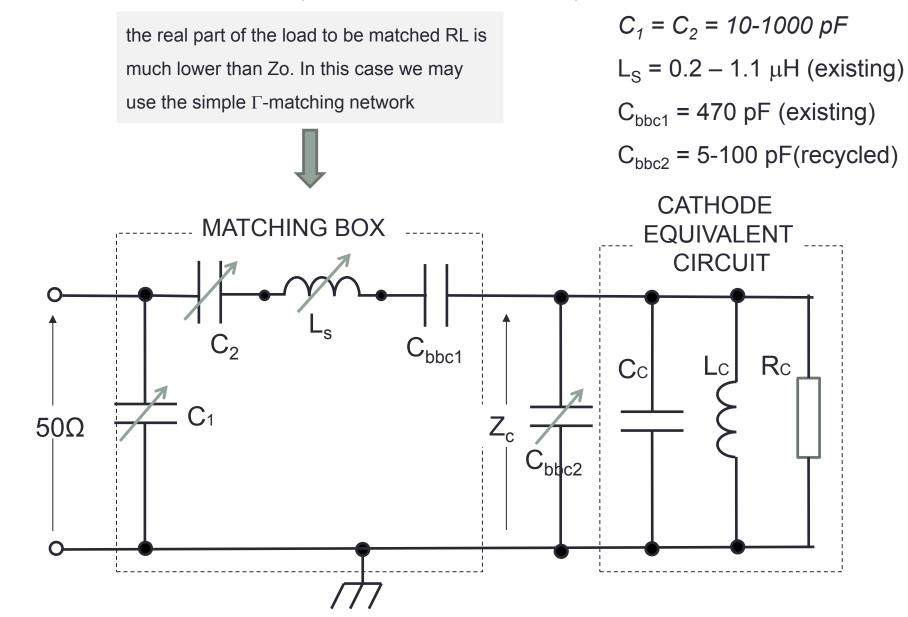
Matching the new solid state driver with the 2nd stage

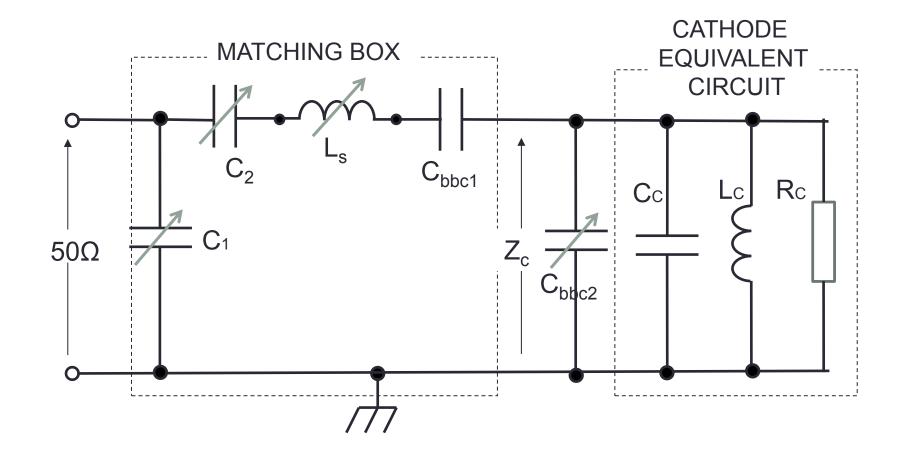


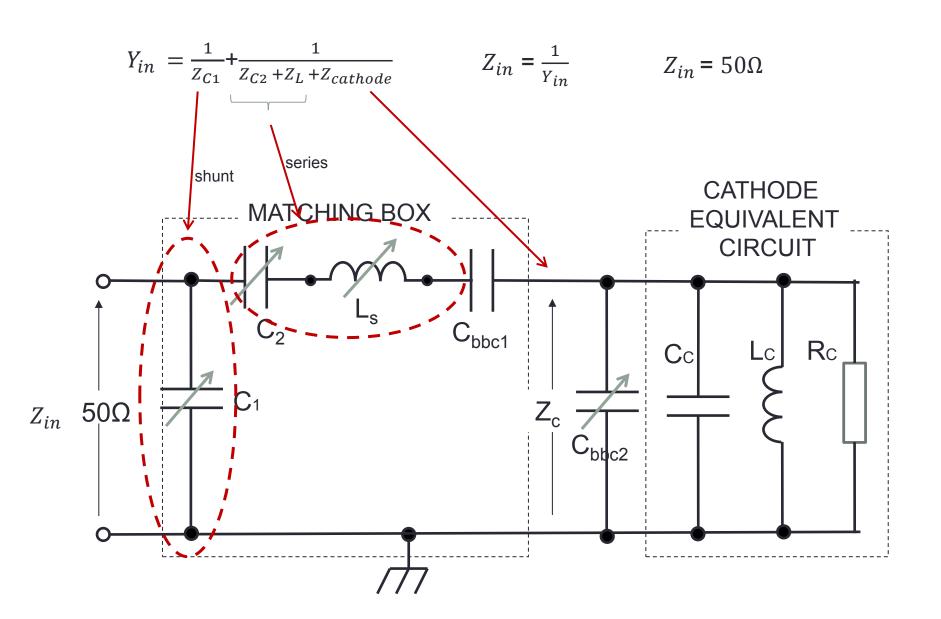
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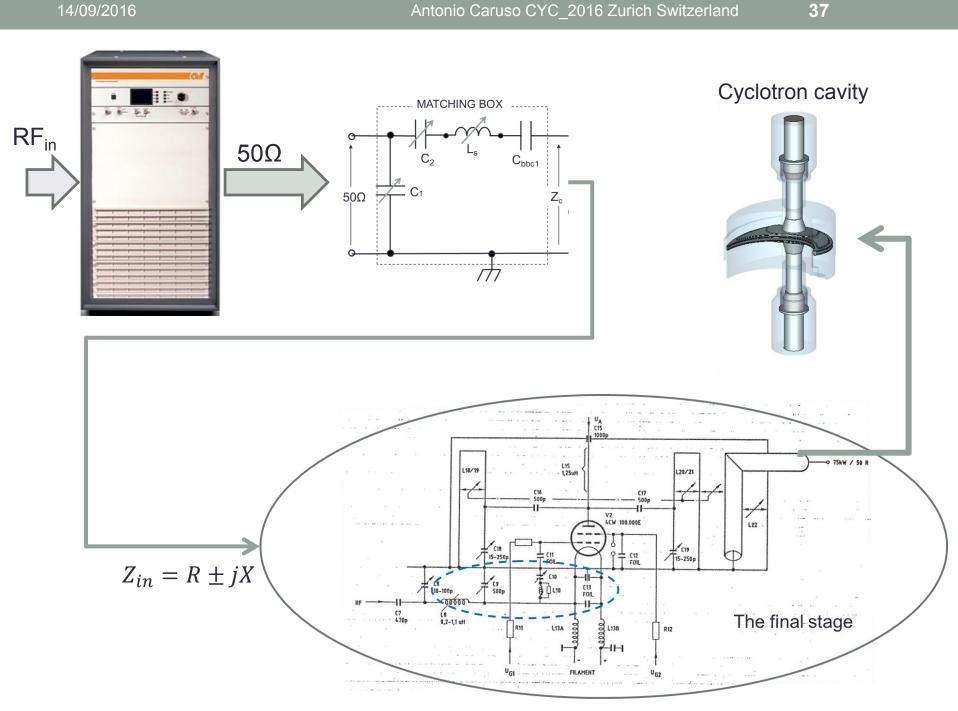


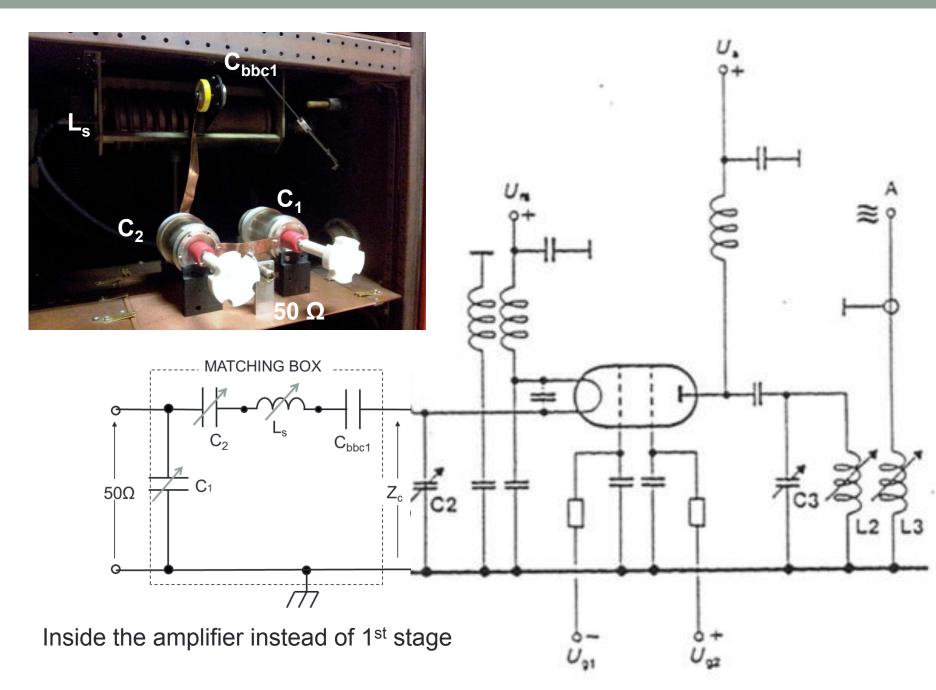
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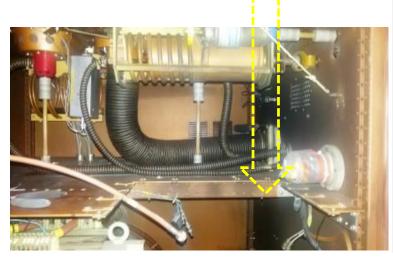










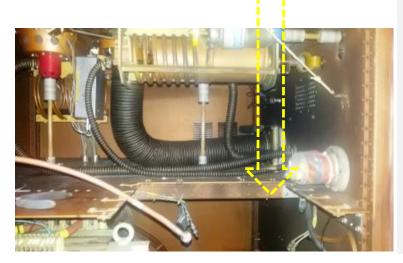


The matching box already installed instead of the 1st stage RS1054LSC in one of the 3 amplifiers







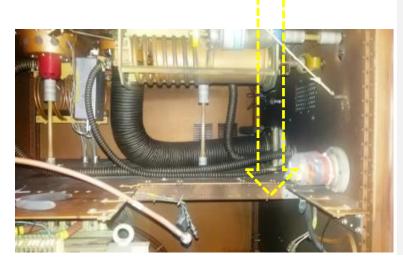


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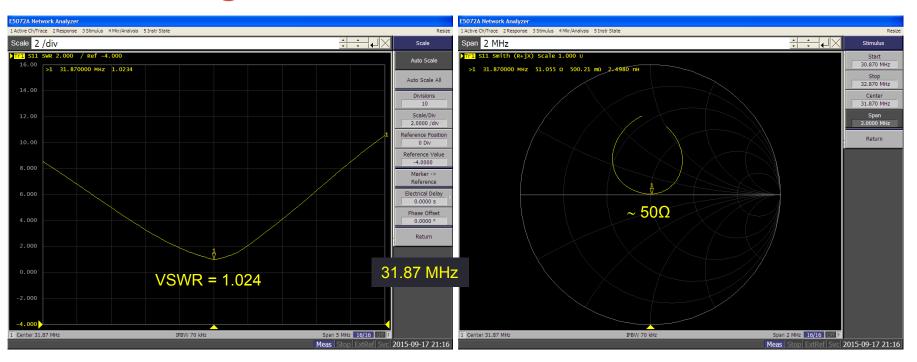




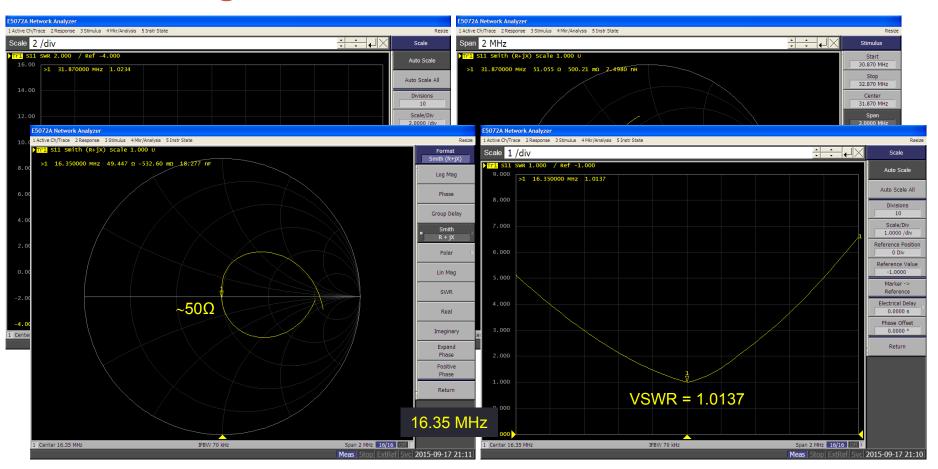
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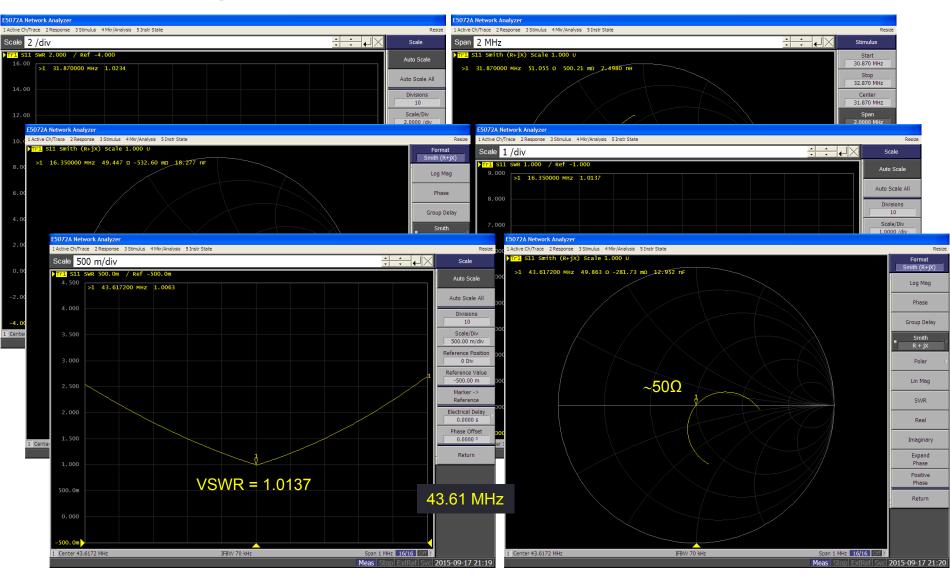
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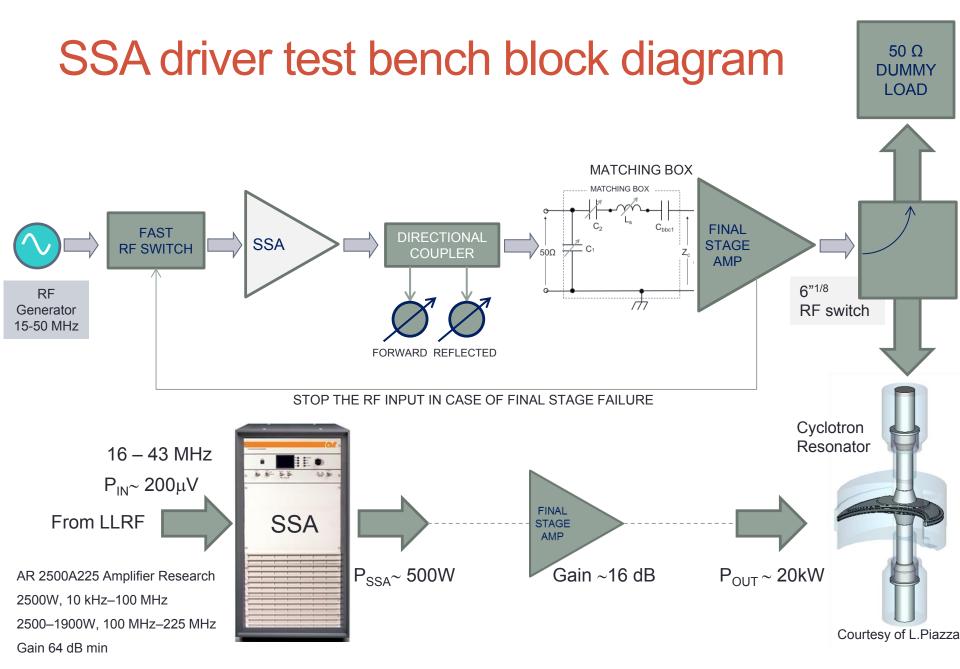


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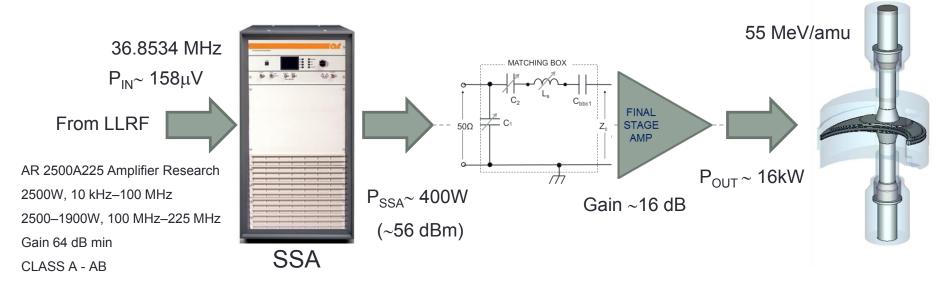
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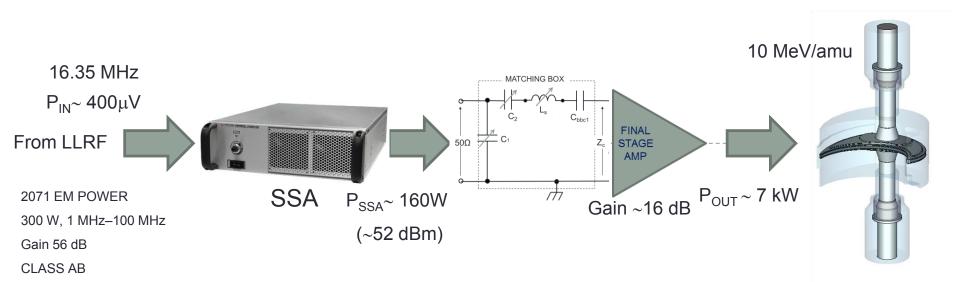




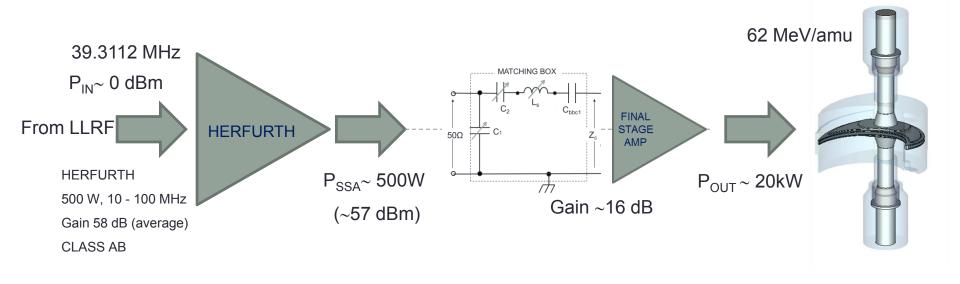
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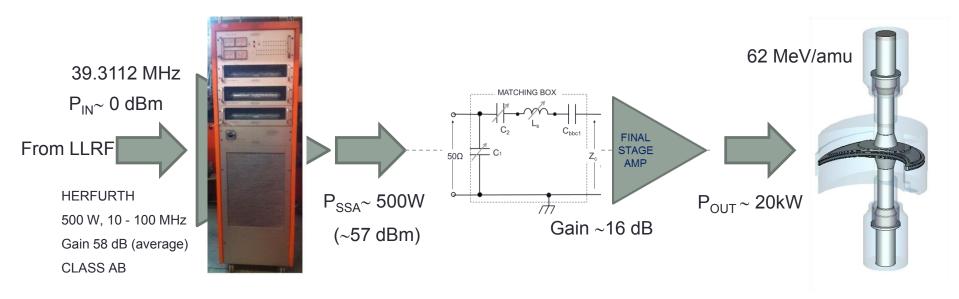




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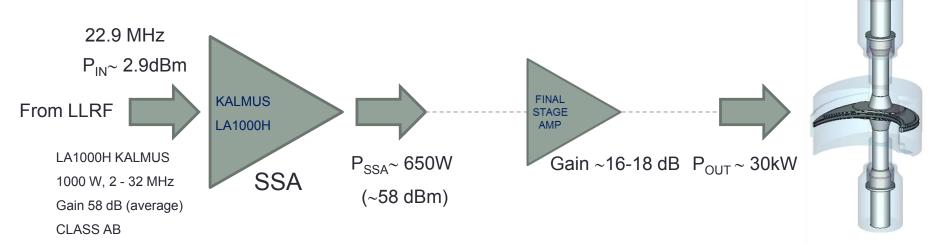


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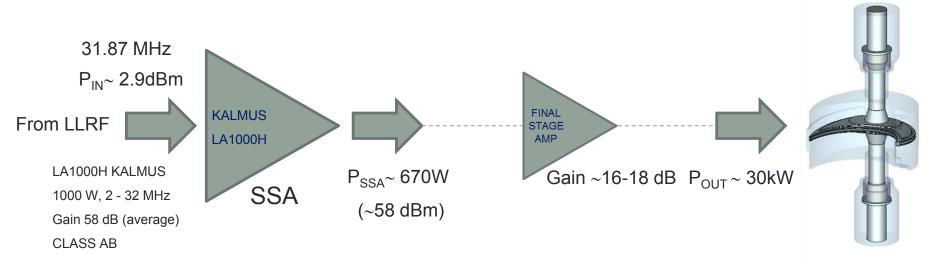


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SSA as driver amplifier (preliminary test on Cavity 2)

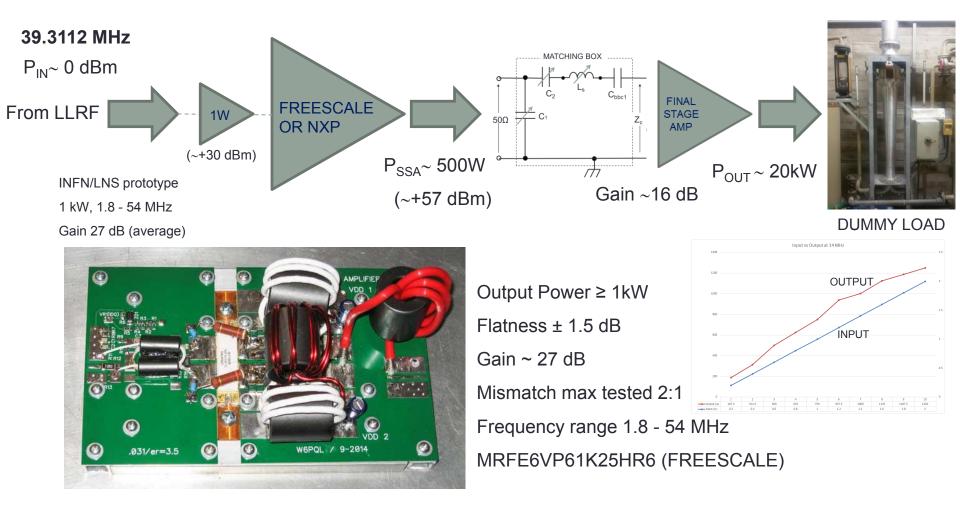


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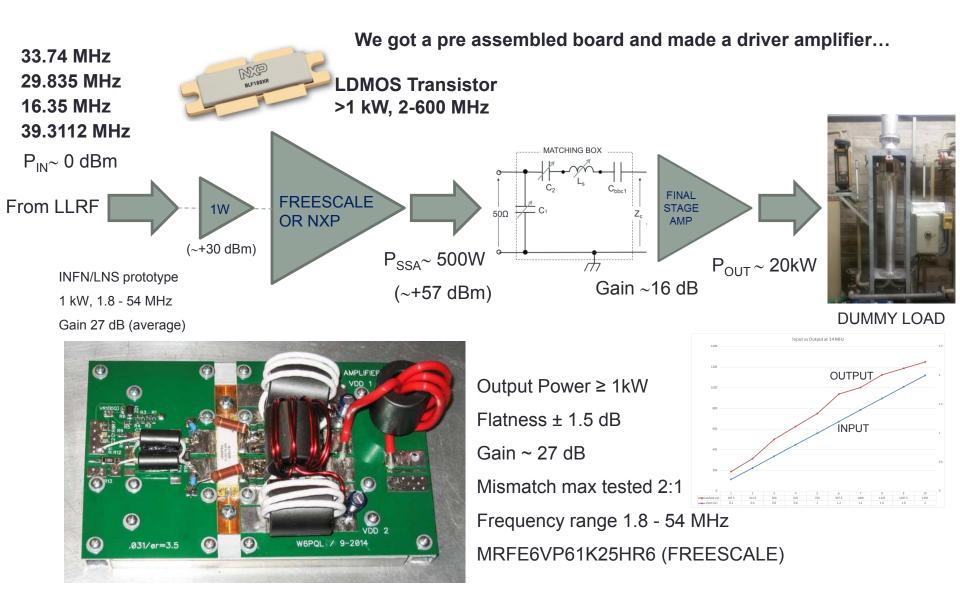


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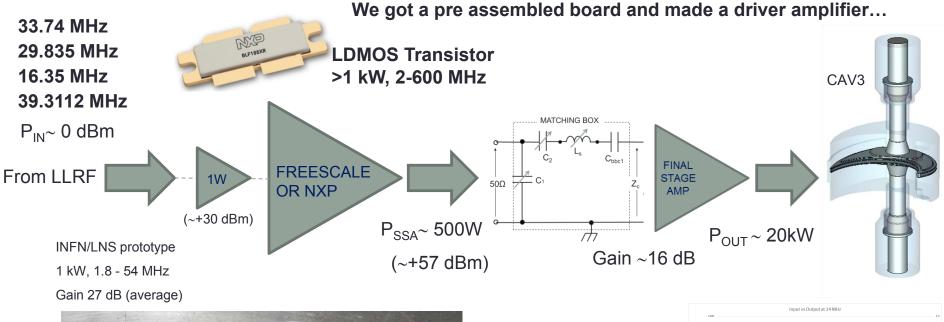
We got a pre assembled board and made a driver amplifier...



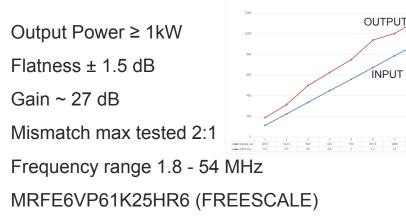
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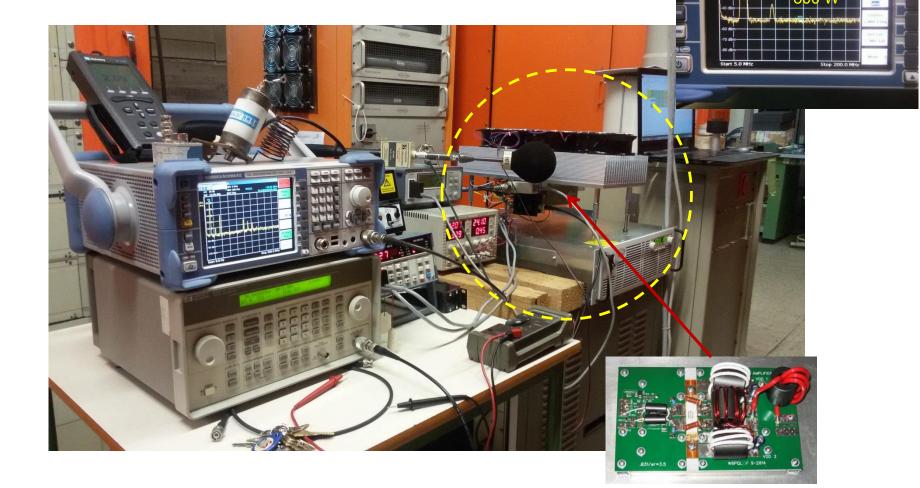






INPUT

Test bench LDMOS TEST



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COMPONENTS

Freescale Semiconductor Technical Data

RF Power LDMOS Transistors

High Ruggedness N-Channel Enhancement-Mode Lateral MOSFETs

These high ruggedness devices are designed for use in high VSWR industrial (including laser and plasma exciters), broadcast (analog and digital), aerospace and radio/land mobile applications. They are unmatched input and output designs allowing wide frequency range utilization, between 1.8 and 600 MHz.

Typical Performance: V_{DD} = 50 Volts, I_{DQ} = 100 mA

Signal Type	P _{out} (W)	f (MHz)	G _{pe} (dB)	ηD (%)
Pulse (100 µsec, 20% Duty Cycle)	1250 Peak	230	24.0	74.0
CW	1250 CW	230	22.9	74.6

Application Circuits (1) — Typical Performance

Frequency (MHz)	Signal Type	P _{out} (W)	G _{pe} (dB)	ηD (%)
27	CW	1300	27	81
40	CW	1300	26	85
81.36	CW	1250	27	84
87.5-108	CW	1100	24	80
144-148	CW	1250	26	78
170-230	DVB-T	225	25	30
352	Pulse (200 µsec, 20% Duty Cycle)	1250	21.5	66
352	CW	1150	20.5	68
500	CW	1000	18	58

 Contact your local Freescale sales office for additional information on specific circuit designs.

Load Mismatch/Ruggedness

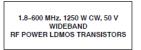
Frequency (MHz)	Signal Type	VSWR	P _{out} (W)	Test Voltage	Result
230	Pulse (100 µsec, 20% Duty Cycle)	> 65:1 at all Phase Angles	1500 Peak (3 dB Overdrive)	50	No Device Degradation

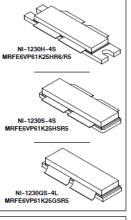
Features

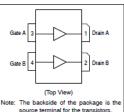
- · Unmatched Input and Output Allowing Wide Frequency Range Utilization
- Device can be used Single-Ended or in a Push-Pull Configuration
- Qualified Up to a Maximum of 50 V_{DD} Operation
- Characterized from 30 V to 50 V for Extended Power Range
- Suitable for Linear Application with Appropriate Biasing
- Integrated ESD Protection with Greater Negative Gate-Source Voltage Range for Improved Class C Operation
- Characterized with Series Equivalent Large-Signal Impedance Parameters
- In Tape and Reel. R6 Suffix = 150 Units, 56 mm Tape Width, 13-inch Reel. R5 Suffix = 50 Units, 56 mm Tape Width, 13-inch Reel.

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BLF188XR; BLF188XRS

Power LDMOS transistor Rev. 5 — 12 November 2013

Product data sheet

1. Product profile

1.1 General description

A 1400 W extremely rugged LDMOS power transistor for broadcast and industrial applications in the HF to 600 MHz band.

Table 1. Application information

Test signal	f	V _{DS}	PL	Gp	η _D
	(MHz)	(V)	(W)	(dB)	(%)
CW	2 to 30	50	1270	29.0	75
	27	50	1400	23.7	73
	41	50	1200	22.0	82
	60	48	1240	22.0	77
	72.5	50	1350	23.1	83
	81.4	50	1200	27.1	77.8
	88 to 108	50	1320	22.5	85
	108	50	1200	26.5	83
	200	50	1288	19.3	68.3
pulsed RF	81.4	50	1200	25.8	85
	81.4	50	1400	25.4	81
	108	50	1400	24.0	73
DVB-T	174 to 230	50	225	23.8	29

1.2 Features and benefits

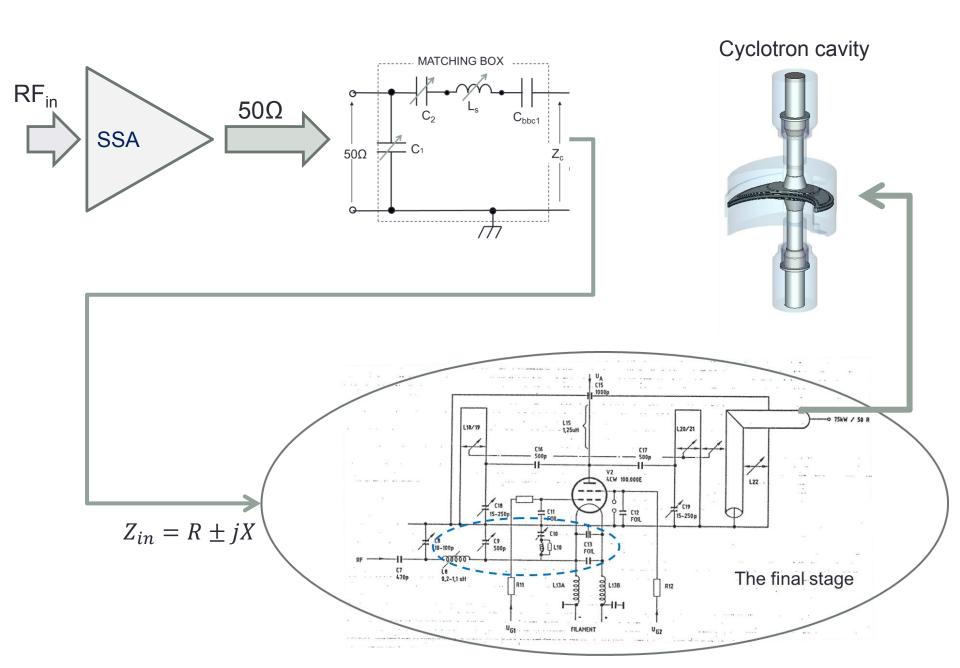
- Easy power control
- Integrated ESD protection
- Excellent ruggedness
- High efficiency
- Excellent thermal stability
- Designed for broadband operation (HF to 600 MHz)
- Compliant to Directive 2002/95/EC, regarding Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)

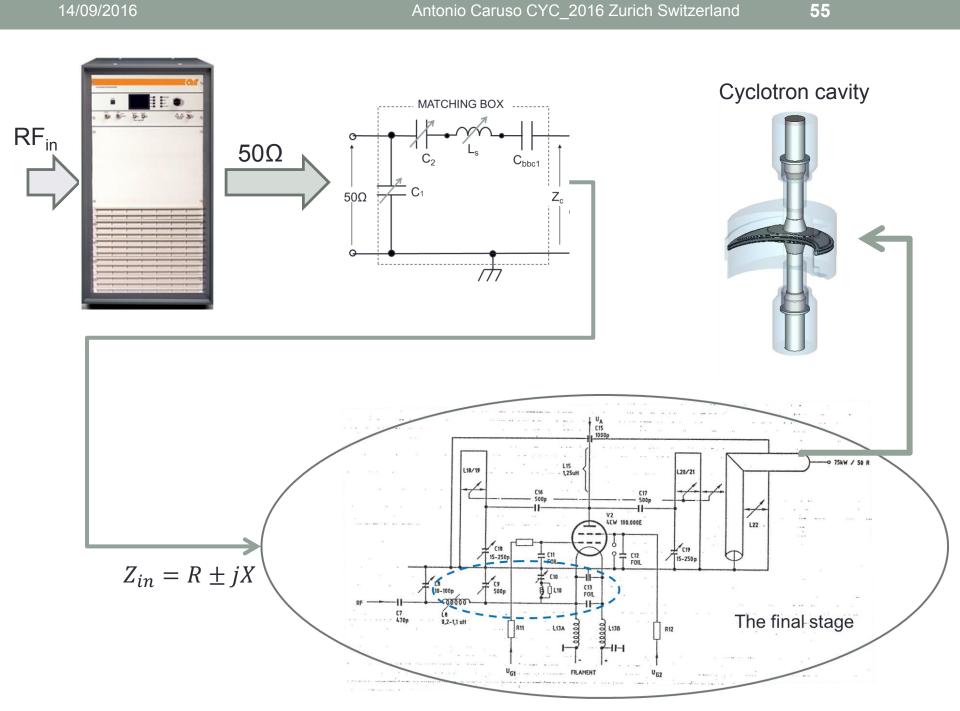
1.3 Applications

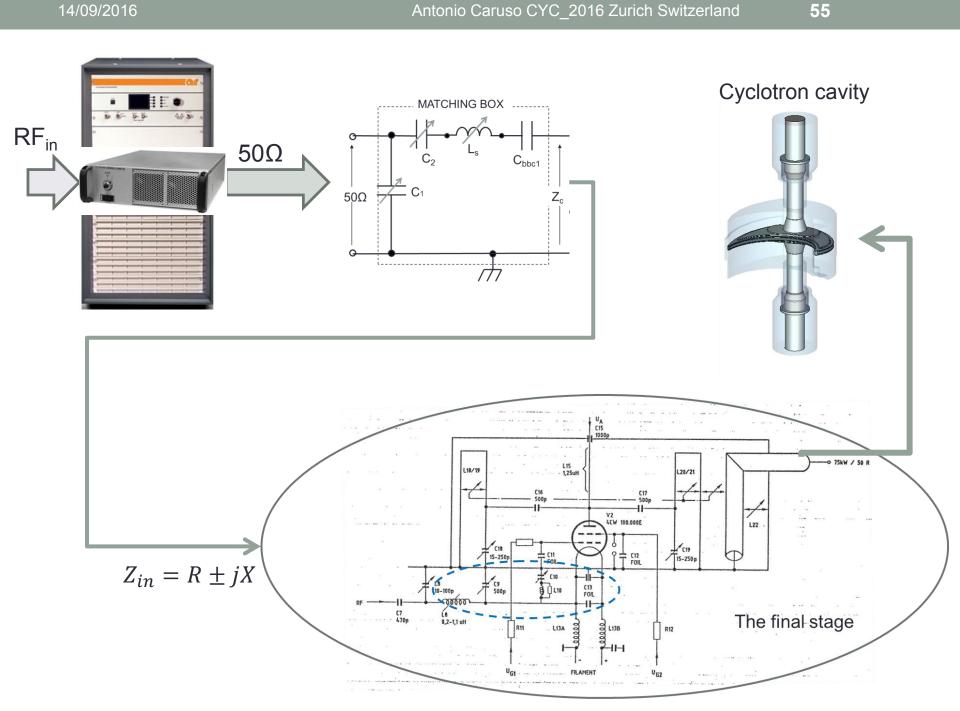
- Industrial, scientific and medical applications
- Broadcast transmitter applications

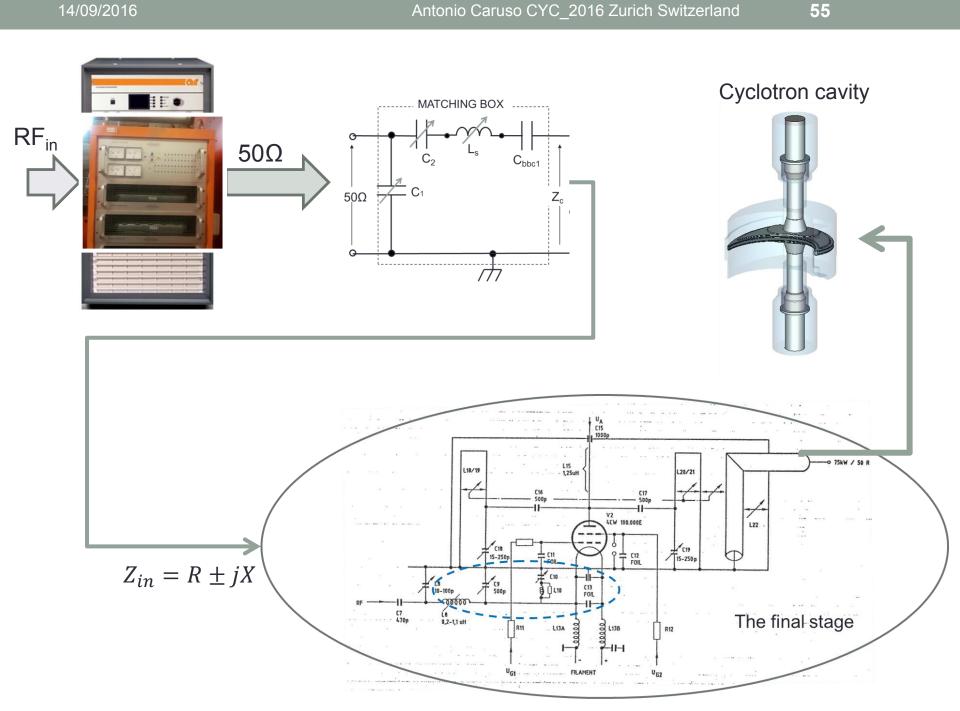


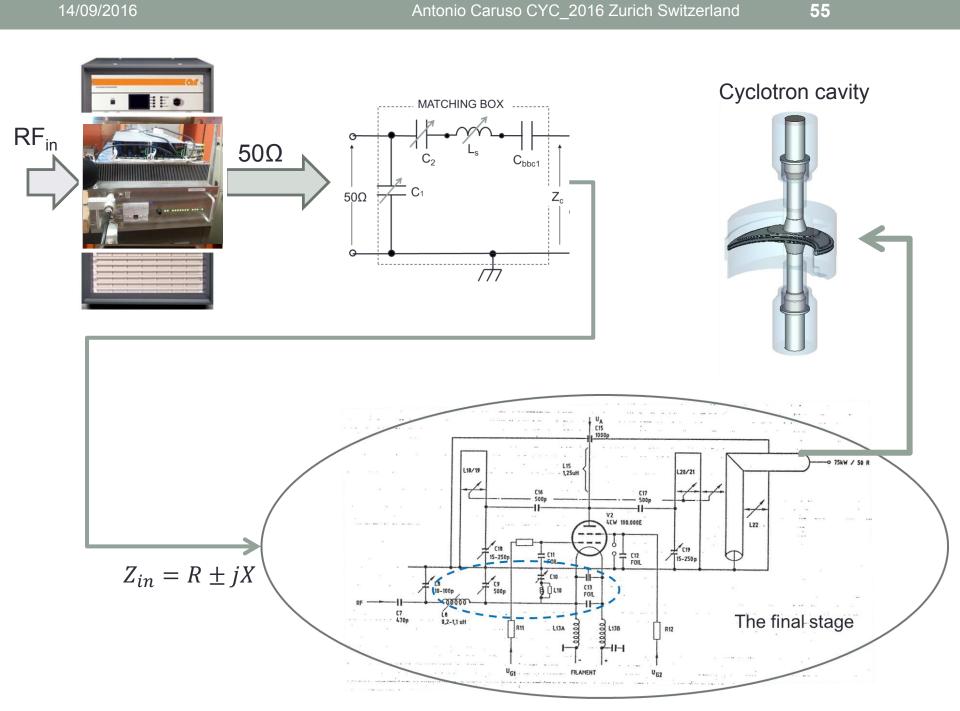


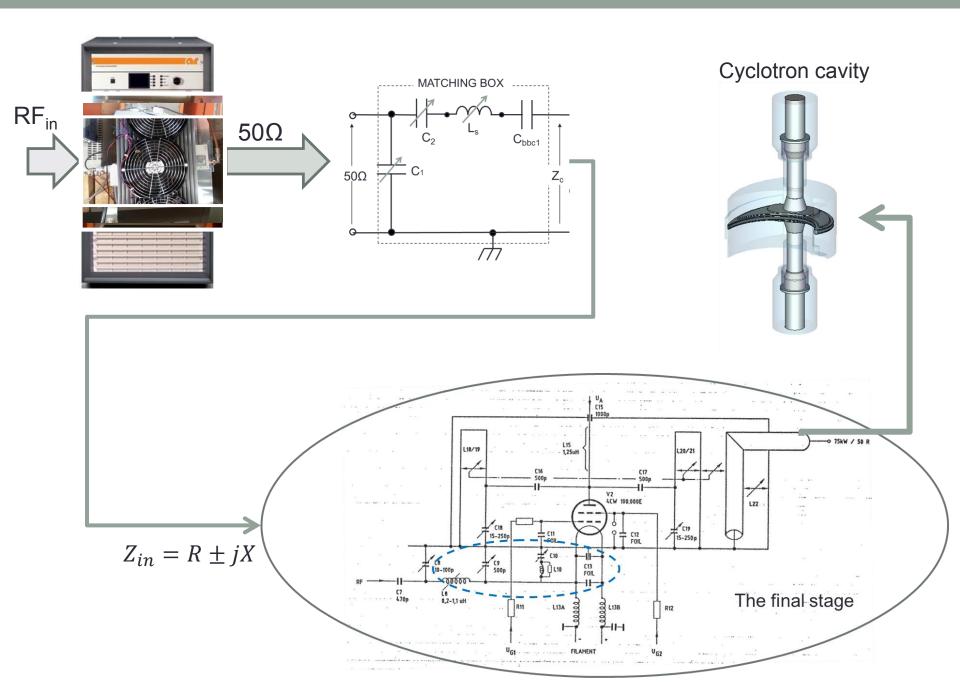


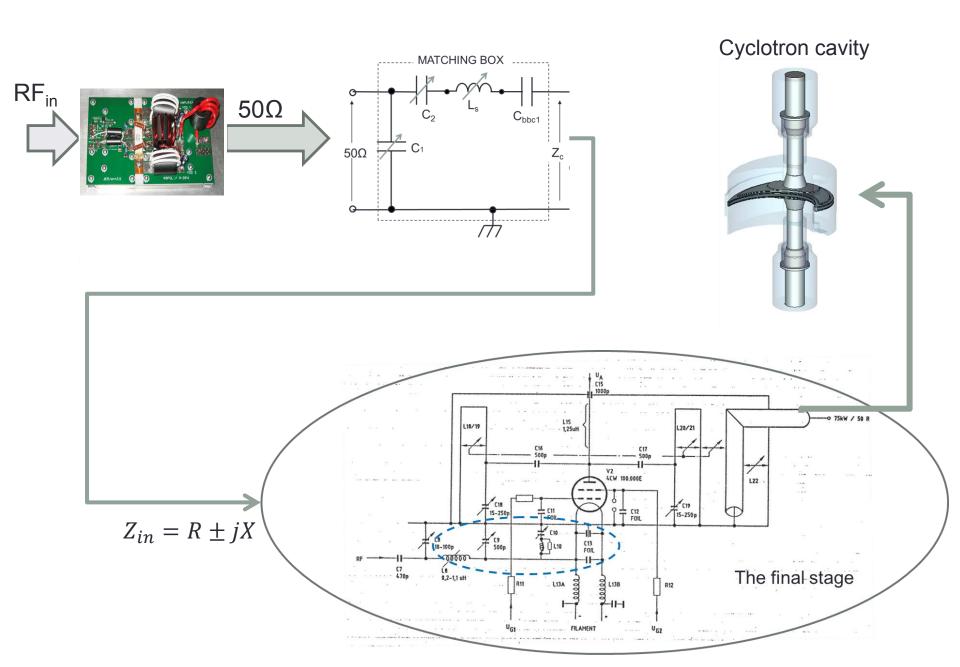


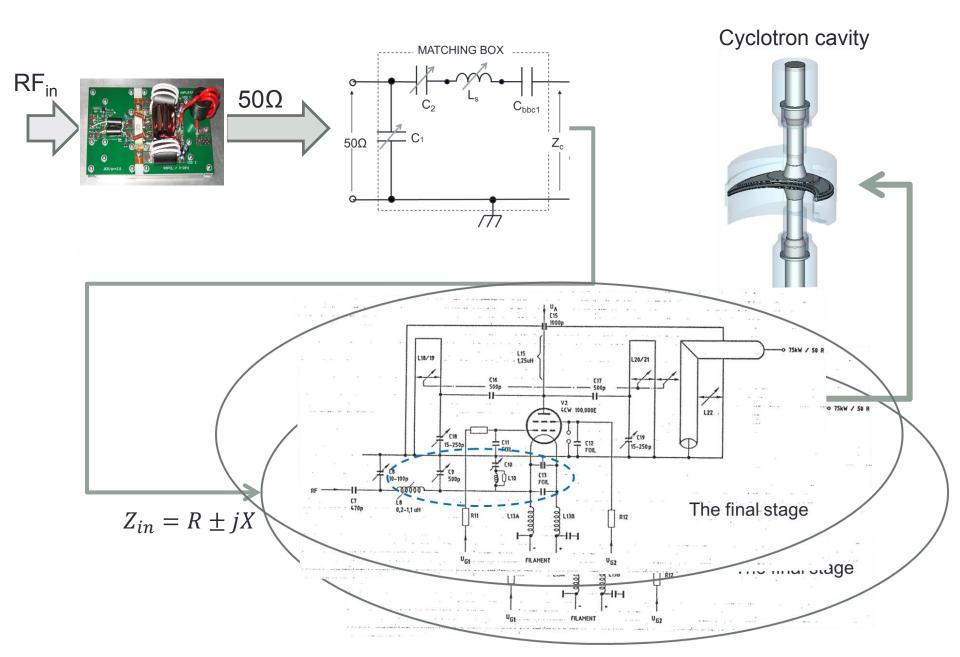


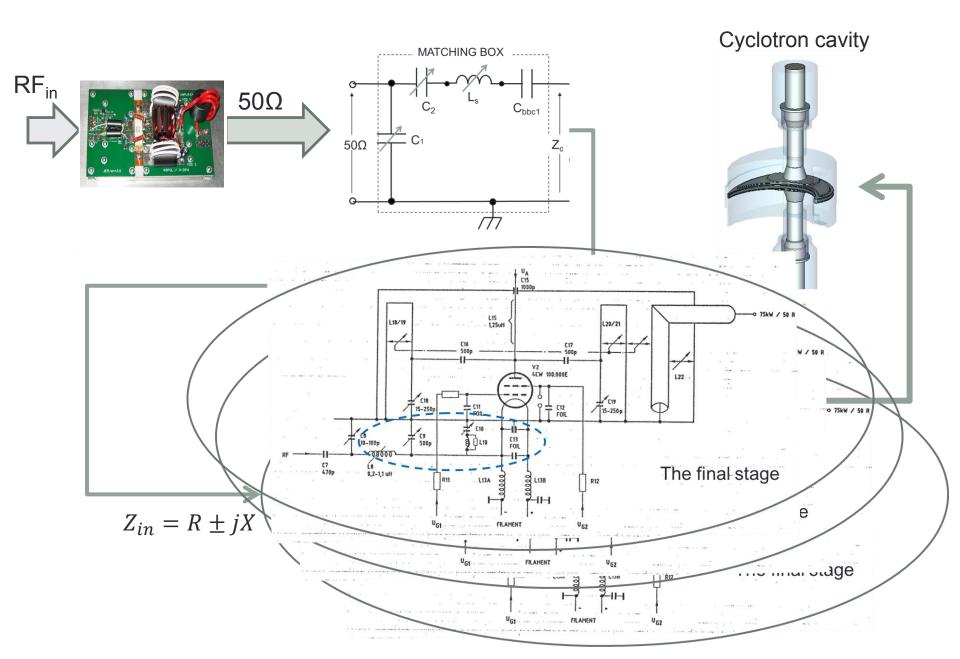












	Frequency [MHz]	Energy MeV/amu
From January 2015		
	16,350000	4,0
	16,350000	10,0
SSA SING AMP	18,671000	13,25
	20,060000	15,0
	21,390000	15,0
AX E (MeV/a.m.u.)	22,900200	20,0
¹ H ₃ ⁺ 62,80 ¹ H ₃ ⁺ 45	23,919200	22,05
Cyclotron beams developed to date ² H ⁴ 35,62,80 ⁴ He 25,80 He-H 21	25,565700	25,0
¹⁰⁰ 90 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80	28,630000	32,0
2 70 HO 62,80	29,835000	35,0
¹⁹ F 35,40,50 ³⁰ Ne 21,40,45,62	31,870700	40,0
³³ S 19.5 ³⁵ CI 19.5 ³⁶ Ar 16.38	32,525000	42,0
0 40 Ar 15,21,40 0 20 40 60 80 100 120 140 160 180 200 220 240 49 Ca 10,25,40,45 Mass (a.m.u.) 45 Ca 10,45 10,45 10,45	33,741630	45,5
³⁵ Ni 16,23,25,30,35,40,45 ⁶³ Ni 25,35	35,456800	50,0
²⁶ Kr 15,21,25 ⁹³ Nb 15,17,23,30,38 ¹¹³ Sn 15,5,35,43,5	36,853400	55,0
A 4He 80 MeV/a.m.u. ¹¹⁶ Sn 23,30,38 ¹²⁰ Sn 40 ¹²⁴ Sn 15 25 30 35	39,311200	62,0
¹¹² Sn 43.5 MeV/a.m.u. ¹³⁵ Xe 21,23 ¹⁹⁷ Au 10,15,20,21,23	42,388250	75,0
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Conclusions

- The frequency range 15-50 MHz was achieved;
- Mismatch up to 2.0:1 was tested too (30%);
- The system works very well with a lot of final 1st stage configuration (tetrode, mosfet, bjt, new LDMOS etc) of the SSA drivers, we used commercial ones, amplifier research, Kalmus, EMPower, ENI, dB_Science, in-house custom amplifier based on BLF188XR;
- Enough power, 20-30 kW, at the output of the final tetrode, was achieved in the cyclotron cavity;
- Automatic tuning of the matching network, in the near future.



One of the most important result in developing, designing, installing, testing, mostly in-house, the 1st stage solid state matching operation, was:

Gain lot of know-how, useful in the next phase, to prepare the line guide for a proper 1st stage (custom and/or commercial device).

In the end, the solid state solution greatly reduces the cost of the revamp and the maintenance operations. Only one amplifier is equipped with this new solution, the other 2 are still working with the tetrode 1st stage, until the last spare parts, related to the RS1054L, are used up. One of the most important result in developing, designing, installing, testing, mostly in-house, the 1st stage solid state matching operation, was:

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			input
Frequency range	15-50 MHz		
Output Power	1.5 kW	Linear P _{1dB}	200 W
Input impedance	50 Ω	N connector	POWER SPLITTER
Output impedance	50 Ω	7/16"	
Class	A -AB		
Gain	63 dB	CW	POWER COMBINER
Flatness	± 1.5 dB		output
Harmonic distortion	≤14dBc		
Spurious	≤70dBc		Based on MOSFET MRF151G
VSWR	100% rated power		





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