



WG-4, Session 1

Machine availability and reliability –electron machine–

SRF operation in SuperKEKB

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Overview of SuperKEKB

- Searching for “new physics” beyond the Standard Model
- e-/e+ asymmetric energy ring collider for B-meson physics
- Circumference of 3 km
- Target Peak Luminosity

$$8 \times 10^{35} / \text{cm}^2/\text{s} = 800 / \text{nb}/\text{s}$$

40 times of KEKB achieved

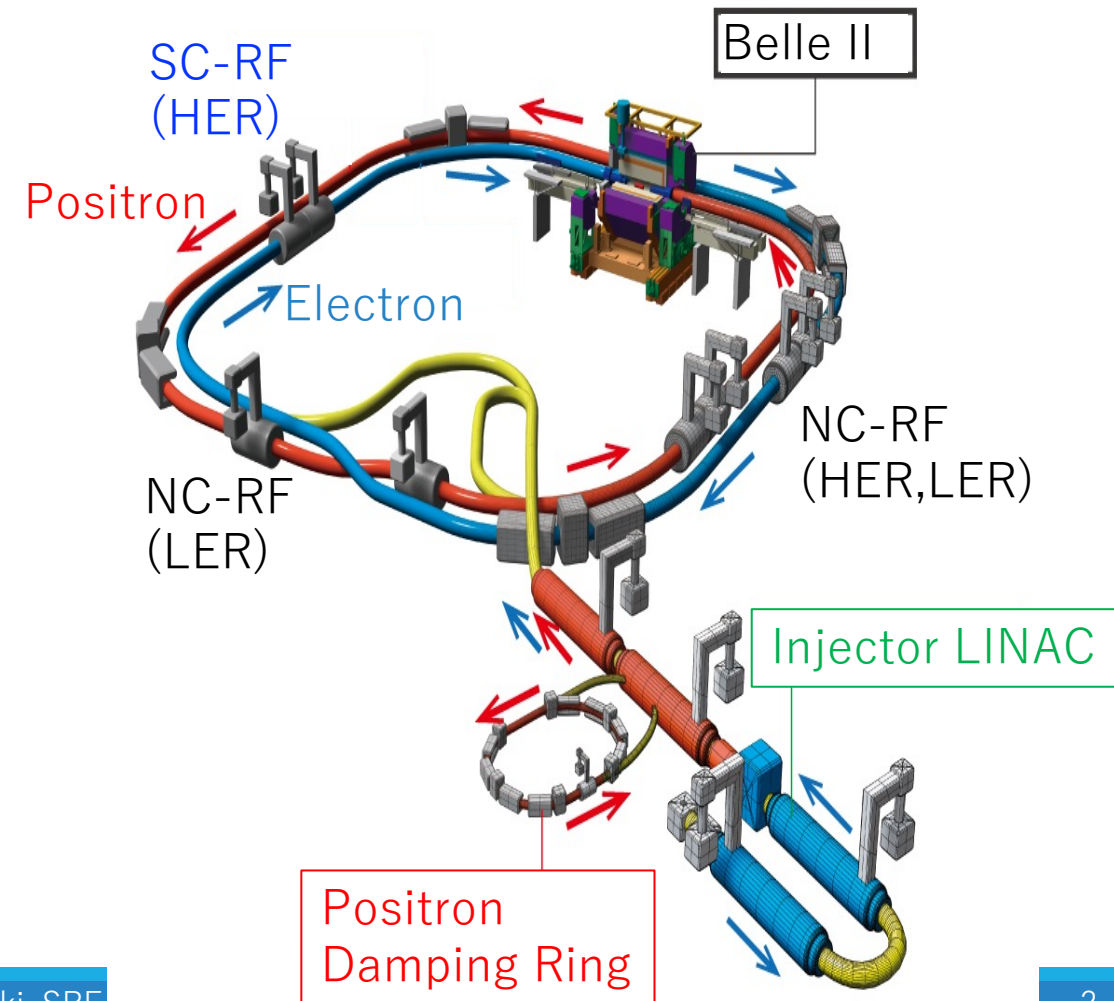
➤ **Nano-beam scheme** with colliding beams of $10\mu\text{m} \times 40\text{nm}$

➤ **Increase of Beam Intensity**

- (achieved) 1.14 A for HER, 1.46 A for LER

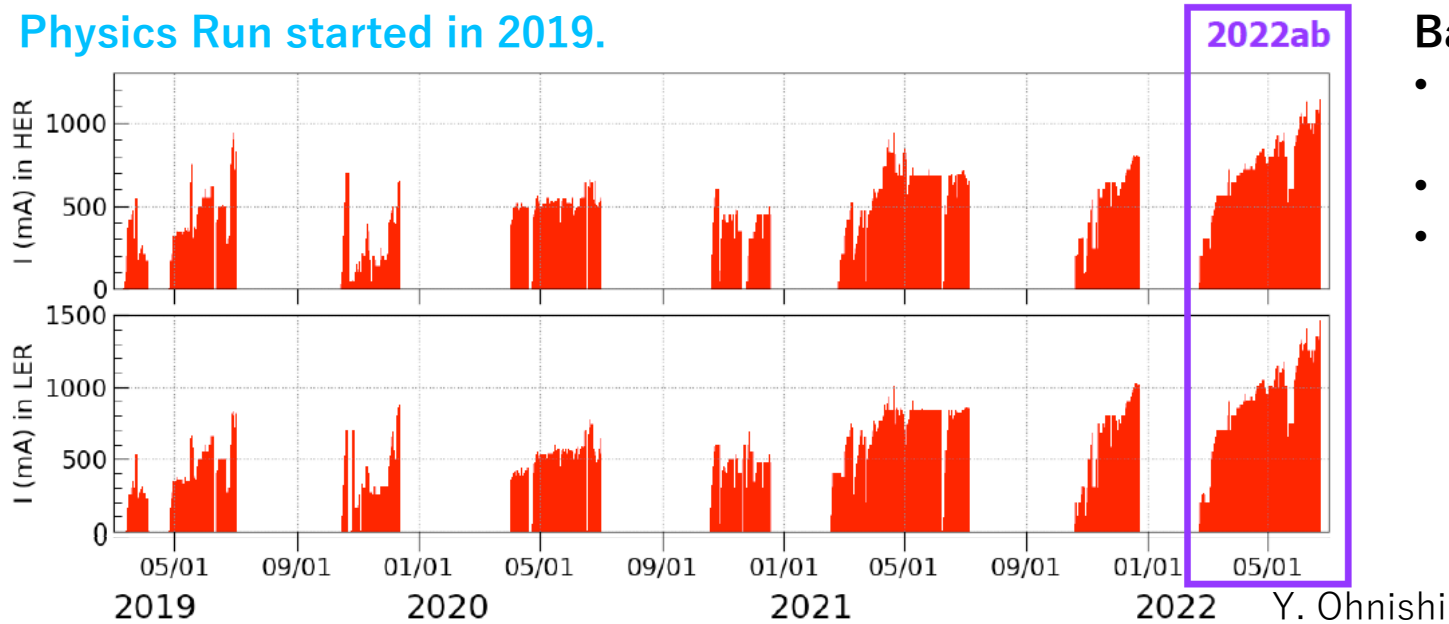
Peak luminosity of $4.65 \times 10^{34} / \text{cm}^2/\text{s}$ was recorded in June 2022.

	LER	HER
Particle	positron	electron
Energy	4 GeV	7 GeV
Beam Current (design)	3.6 A	2.6 A



Overview of Beam Operation and RF System

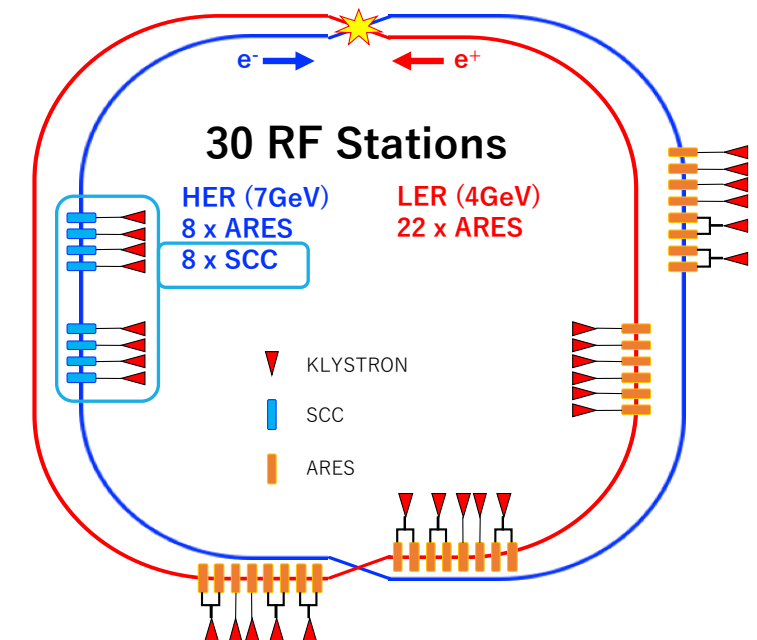
Physics Run started in 2019.



Basic Beam Operation Schedule

- Beam operation (Physics Run) : 6~7 months/year (with summer and winter shutdown)
- SCC cooling and warm-up : 2 cycles / year
- Regular maintenance day in operation term : 8 hours every 2 or 3 weeks

Layout of RF system



RF-Related Parameters

Parameter	KEKB (achieved)				SuperKEKB (design)				SuperKEKB (achieved)				
Ring	HER		LER		HER		LER		HER		LER		
Energy [GeV]	8.0		3.5		7.0		4.0		7.0		4.0		
Beam Current [A]	1.4		2		2.6		3.6		1.14		1.46		
Number of Bunches	1585		1585		2500		2500		2346		2346		
Bunch Length [mm]	6-7		6-7		5		6		~6		~6		
Total Beam Power [MW]	~5.0		~3.5		8.0		8.3		~3.1		~3.2		
Total RF Voltage [MV]	15.0		8.0		15.8		9.4		14.2		9.12		
	ARES		SCC	ARES	ARES	SCC	ARES		ARES		SCC	ARES	
Number of Cavities	10	2	8	20	8	8	8	14	4	4	8	12	10
Klystron : Cavity	1:2	1:1	1:1	1:2	1:1	1:1	1:2	1:1	1:2	1:1	1:1	1:2	1:1
RF Voltage [MV/Cav.]	0.5		1.5	0.5	0.5	1.5	0.5		0.45		1.35	0.45	
Beam Power [kW/Cav.]	200	550	400	200	600	400	200	600	130	170	260	190	230

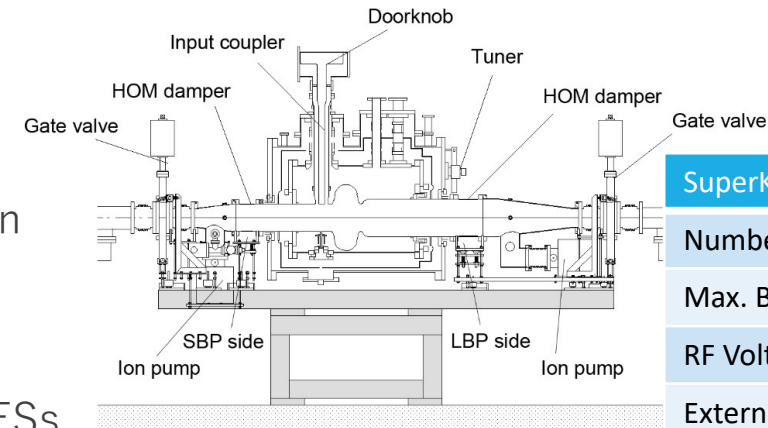
Re-using RF system with reinforcements to handle twice high beam current and large beam power

SCC in SuperKEKB

- 509 MHz Nb Single-cell HOM-damped Cavity, 4.4 K Operation
- 8 SCC Modules in HER (electron ring) & One Spare Module
- Reused from KEKB (including Cryogenic system)
- Sharing the beam power and accelerating voltage with ARESs by giving phase-offset.
- Main Issues in SuperKEKB for SCC
 - Large HOM power is expected due to twice high beam current and shorter bunch length.
 - ◆ Additional SiC HOM damper
 - Degradation of RF performance of Q_0
 - ◆ **Horizontal High-Pressure Rinse** ← Okada-san's talk

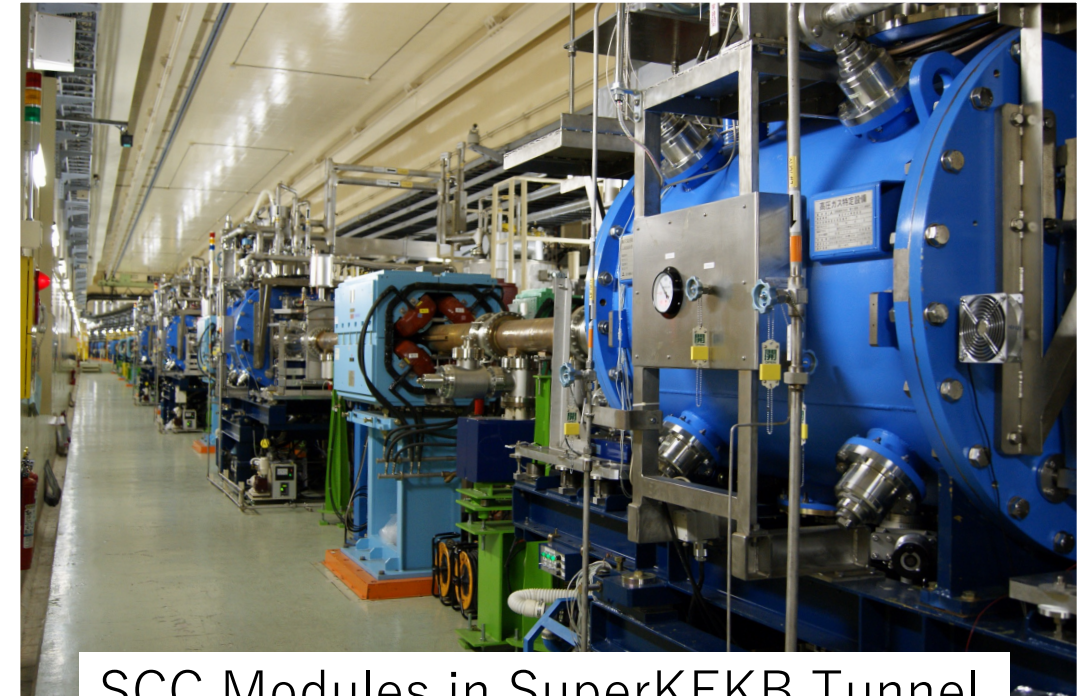
Usual Operation of Cavity

- **Warming up to room temperature twice a year**
 - Safety inspection of cryogenics; pressure gauge, safety valve, etc
 - Cavity free from frequency tuner during warming up and cooling down
 - **Coupler conditioning with bias voltage before cooling**
- **Regular maintenance day of every 2 or 3 weeks**
 - Visual inspections
 - **Cavity conditioning**



SuperKEKB-SCC Design Parameters

Number of Cavities	8
Max. Beam Current [A]	2.6
RF Voltage [MV/cav.]	1.5
External Q	5E+4
Unloaded Q at 2MV	1E+9
Beam Loading [kW/cav.]	400
HOM Loading [kW/cav.]	37



SCC Modules in SuperKEKB Tunnel

Availability of SRF system in SuperKEKB

1. How is the availability defined? Is there requirement for the availability?

We have no concrete requirements for the availability. We are always prepared to operate the cavity stably and to minimize downtime. The regular cavity conditioning every 2 or 3 weeks is effective to obtain stable cavity operation.

2. What are the top 3 SRF failure modes?

➤ Beam Aborts caused by SRF system

- Collect signals of RF, beam, LM, etc to find the last message from a beam to know the real reason of each trip

● Multipacting breakdown of Cavity

● Electric breakdown of Piezo actuator for freq. tuner

- Insulation failure due to humidity
- Cavity can be operated without piezo by changing tuner control settings. Recovered in 30 min.
- Fixed by dehumidification using desiccant (silica gel)

● Failure of Chiller for HOM dampers

- Due to aging degradation. Replacement is on going.
- By bypass piping to the spare and the next chillers. Recovered in 30 min.

◆ Recent failures affected beam operation

- Cavity Leak : In Oct. 2020, during cooling. The start of HER beam operation was delayed one day.
 - The cavity was detuned in the 2-months beam operation and replaced with the spare cavity in the winter shutdown.
- Failure of Tuner : Beam operation was suspended for 3 hours to replace the tuner.

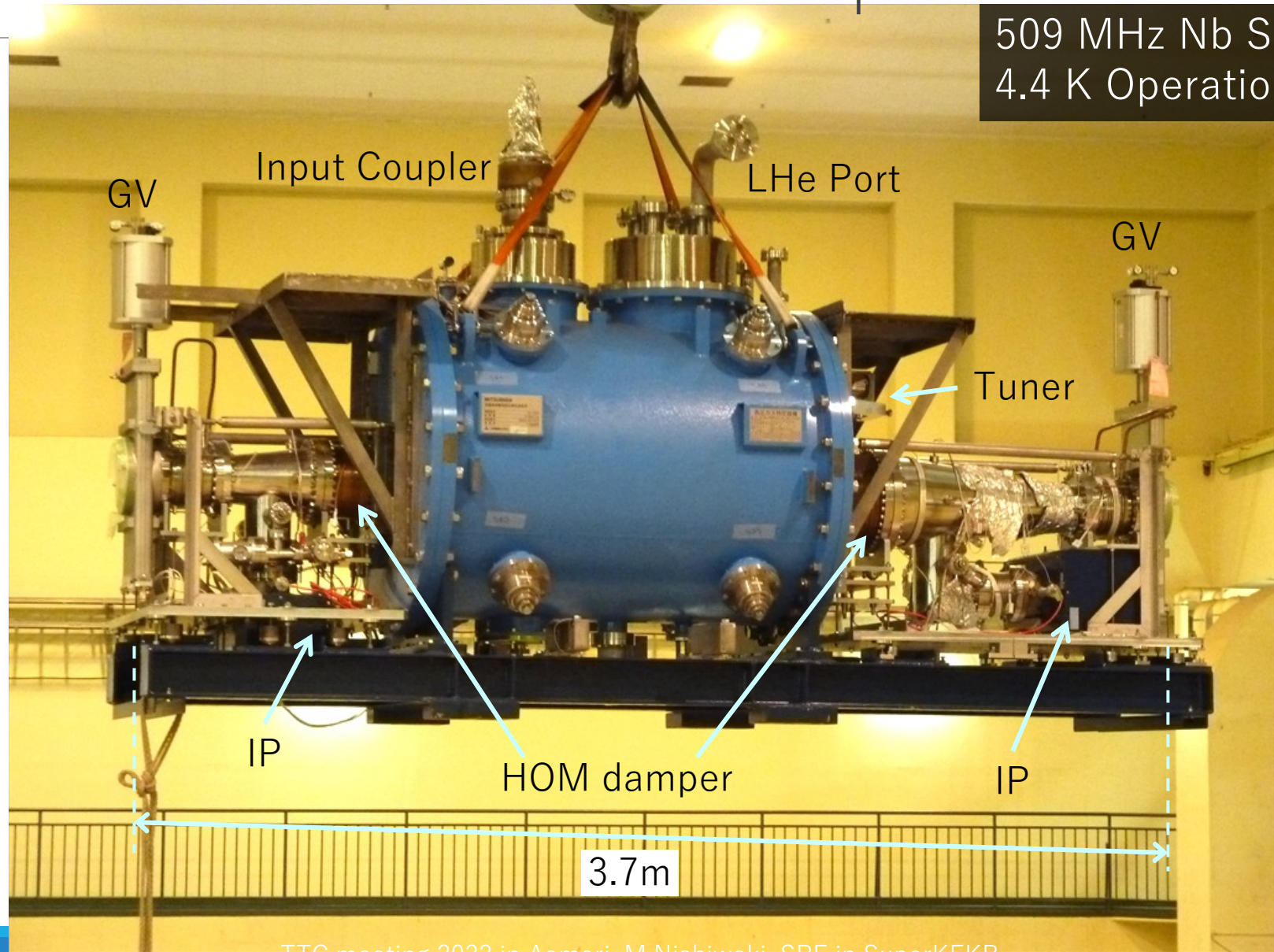
Beam Aborts caused by	Recovery time	2019	2020	2021	2022
MP in Cavity	2-3 min.	2	2	12	7
Piezo breakdown	< 1 hour	6	5	1	0
Chiller failure	< 1 hour	1	1	3	0
Others		0	0	2	2
Total		9	8	18	9
Trip Rate [/day/8 cavities]		0.06	0.04	0.09	0.07
Operation days		149	180	196	121
All aborts (>50mA, including LER single) *except injection tuning		-	~650*	~1100	~730

SRF system is stable even at 1-A beam operation.

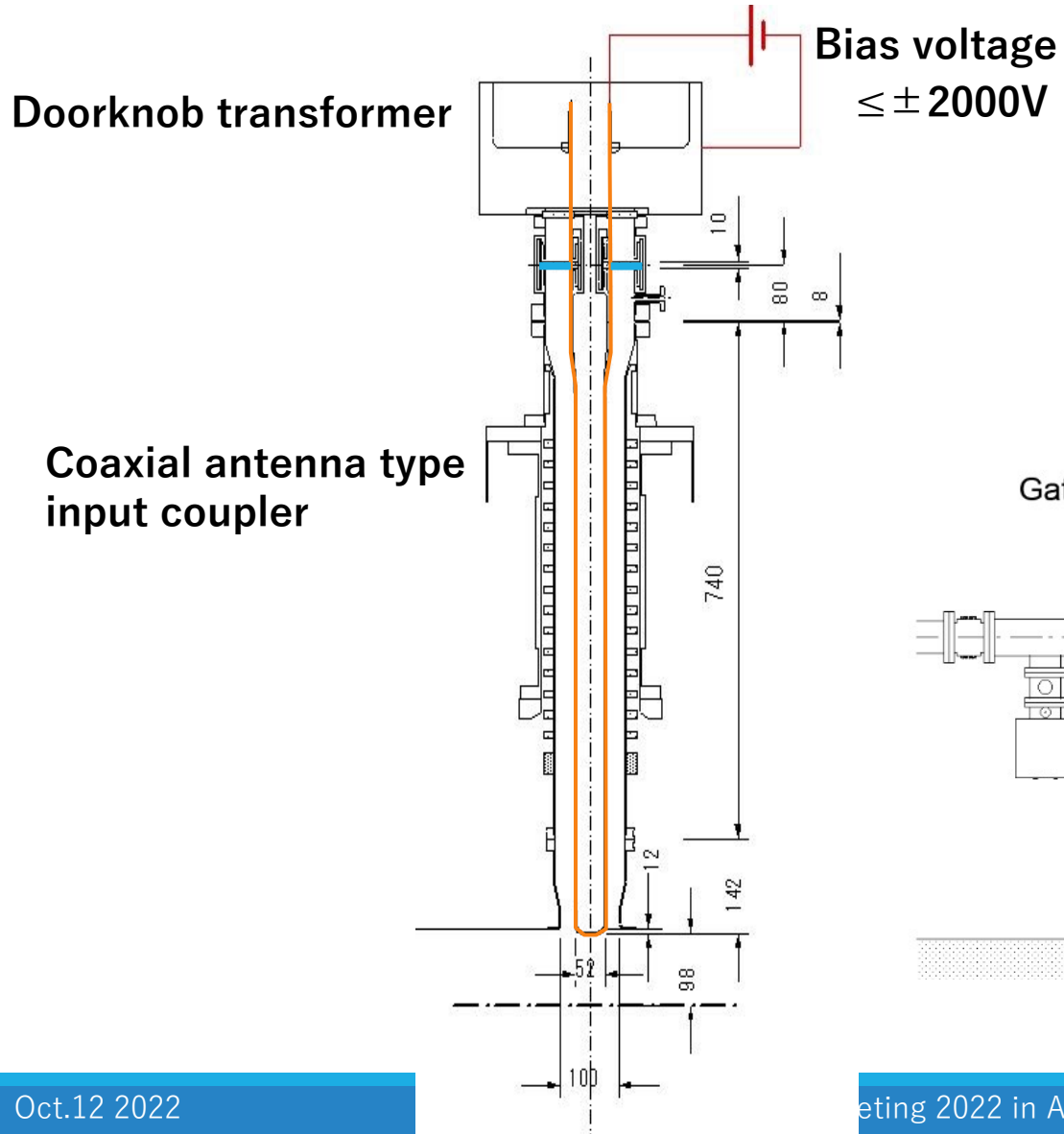
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SCC Module of SuperKEKB

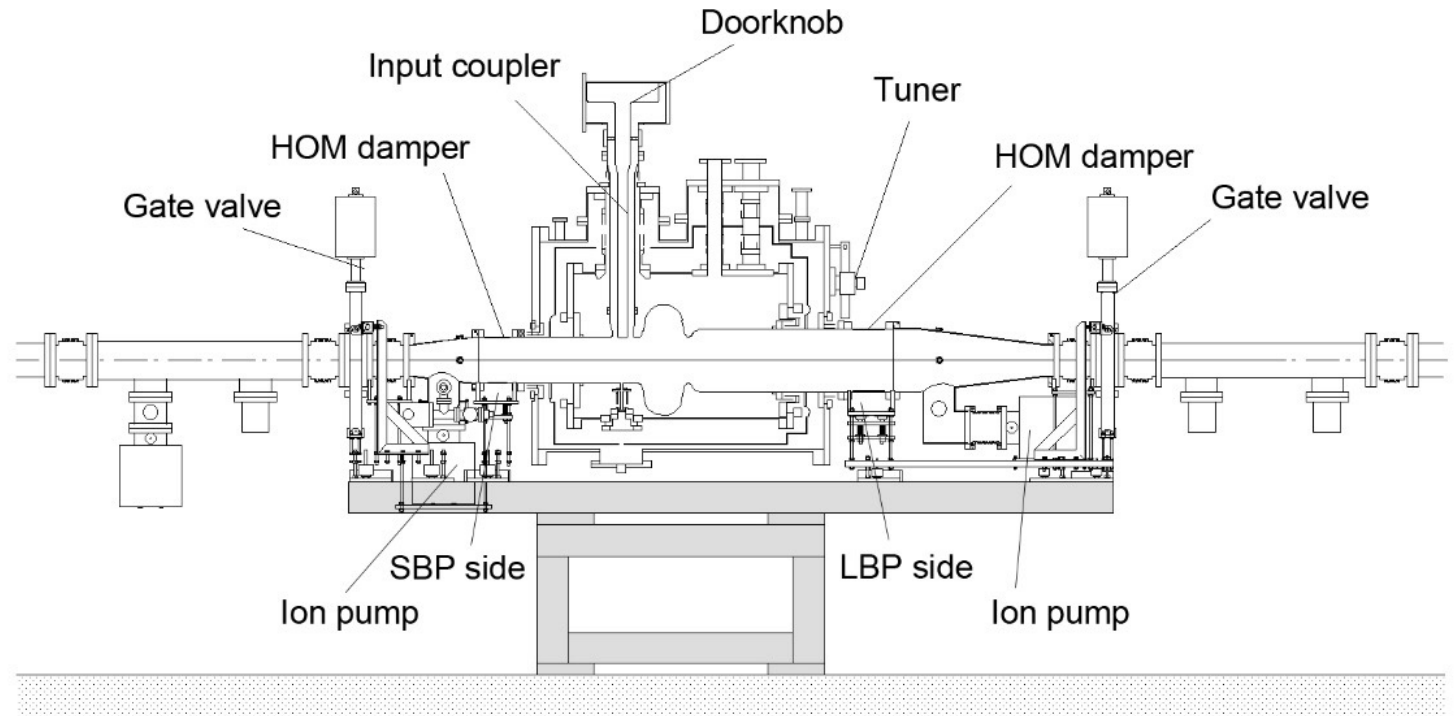
509 MHz Nb Single-cell Cavity
4.4 K Operation



Input Coupler Conditioning

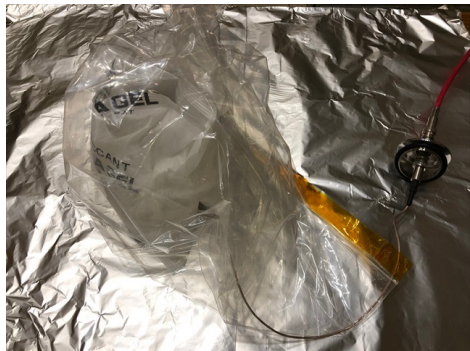


The input couplers are conditioning with bias voltage every before cooling.

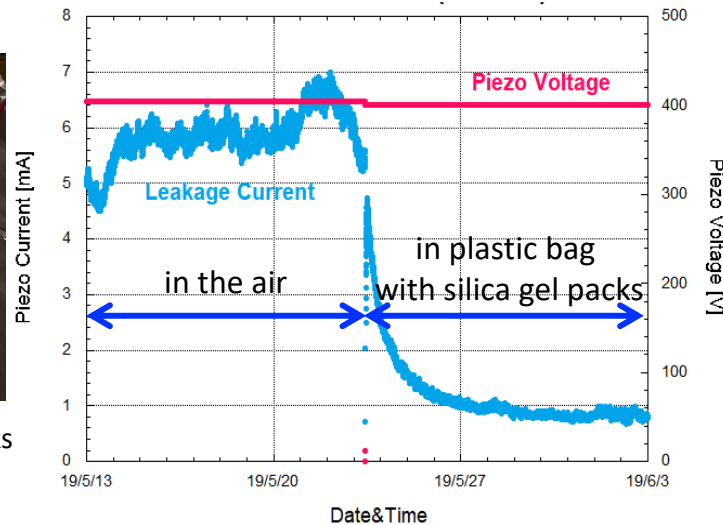


Piezo leak current due to humidity

Exposure Experiment - Drying by silica gel -

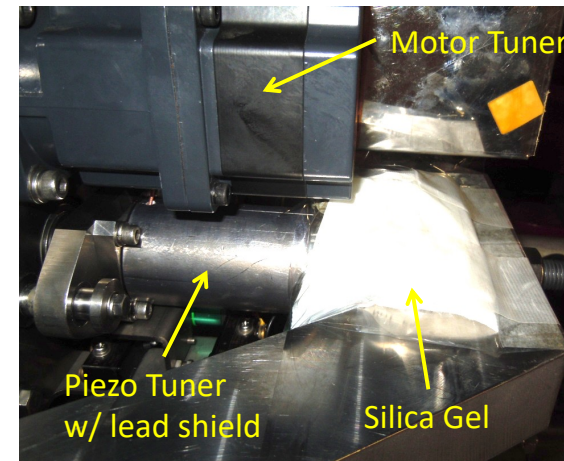


Piezo in plastic bag with silica gel packs

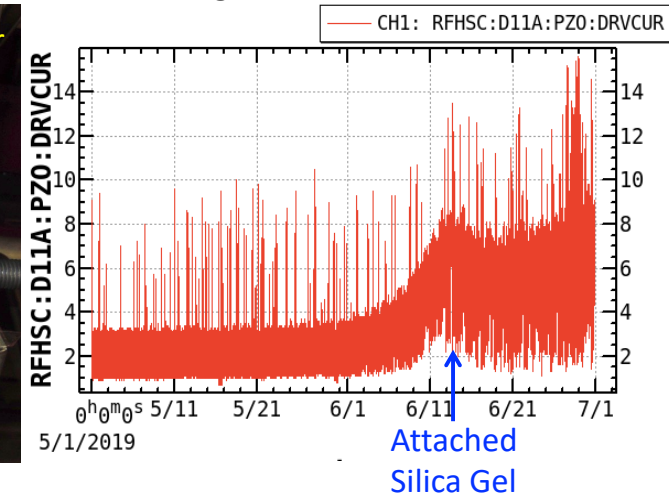


From the results of exposure experiments, we found that drying by silica gel is effective to reduce leakage current of piezo tuner. As a trial, silica gel packs were attached to piezo tuner in the tunnel.

Piezo Tuner with silica gel



Leakage Current of Piezo Tuner



The leakage current of piezo tuner increased caused by degradation of electric insulation.

After attaching silica gel to piezo, the increase of leakage current was stopped. The good effect of drying by silica gel is consistent with the results of exposure experiments of piezo tuner.

We will continue to study moisture control around the piezo in the tunnel.