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The Stacked Multi-Level Klystron Modulators for the ESS Linac

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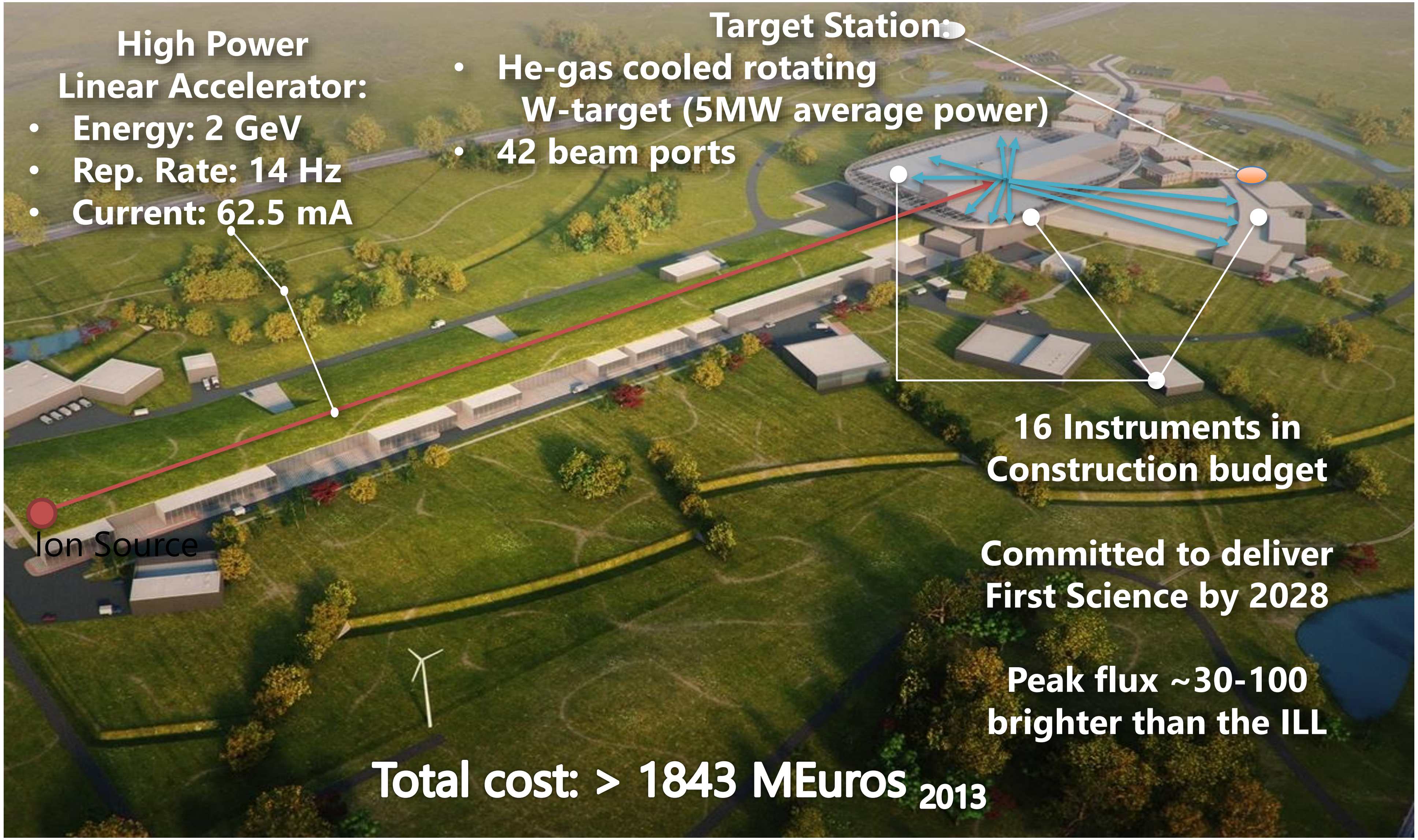
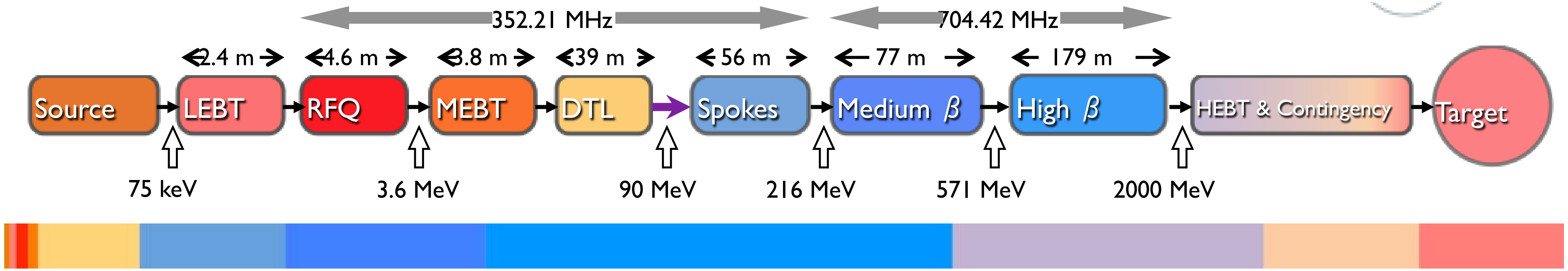
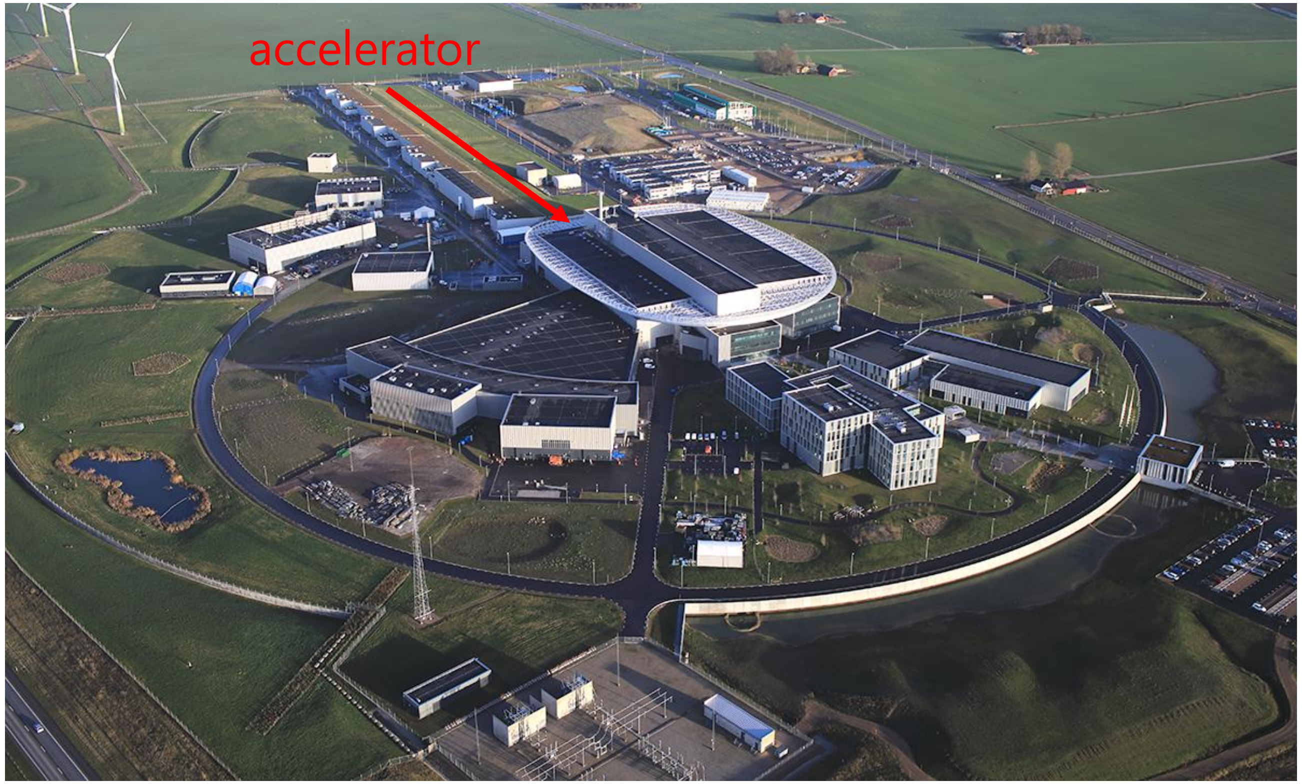
Synopsis – ESS facility



Synopsis – ESS accelerator

Beam power on target: 125MW$_{pk}$, 5MW$_{av}$; Beam pulse length = 2.86ms; PRR = 14Hz





<u>Baseline (end 2027):</u>

- **1 RFQ;**
- **5 DTL tanks;**
- **36 Medium Beta SCRF cavities (1MW$_{RF}$ each);**
- **20 High Beta SCRF cavities**
- **(1MW$_{RF}$ each)**

<u>Upgrade:</u>

- **+ 64 High Beta SCRF cavities (1MW$_{RF}$ each) (upgrade to 5MW average beam power)**

ESS modulator development strategy #1

July 2011

ESS has launched an Invitation To Tender for the design and construction of one 180kVA modulator (turn-key, functional specification):

- Contract awarded in Dec. 2011; Delivery May 2014 (30 months delivery time);

➢ **1st ESS modulator (monolithic topology, pulse transformer based):**

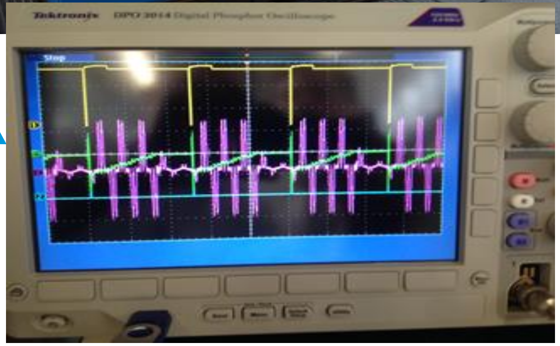
Rated @ 115kV/25A; 2.8ms/20Hz; 160kVA -> **enough to power one 1.4MWpk klystron**;

Limited performance:

- **Rise time$_{(10\text{-}99\%)}$ = 350μs;**
- **Flat-top droop = 3%;**
- **Efficiency = 88%;**
- **Power density = 22kVA/m^2 (no space in RF Gallery)**
- **AC power quality issues (flicker, current harmonic distortion)**

High capital cost:

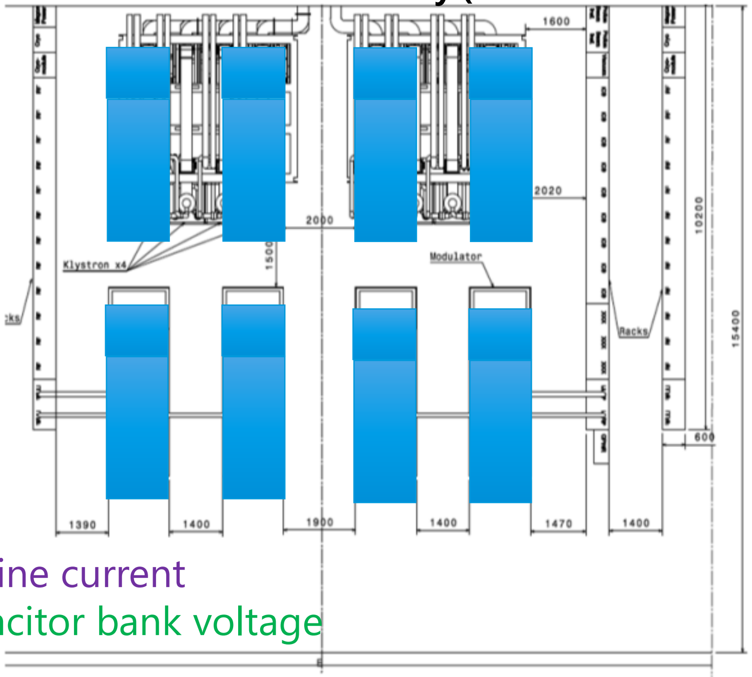
- ~130 modulators needed



Purple: AC line current
Green: Capacitor bank voltage

8 modulators per RF cell needed (Med-Beta, High-Beta)

One section of the RF Gallery (8x 704 MHz RF sources)



ESS modulator development strategy #2

Jan. 2014 **ESS has launched an Invitation To Tender for the design and construction of one 330kVA modulator (turn-key, functional specification):**

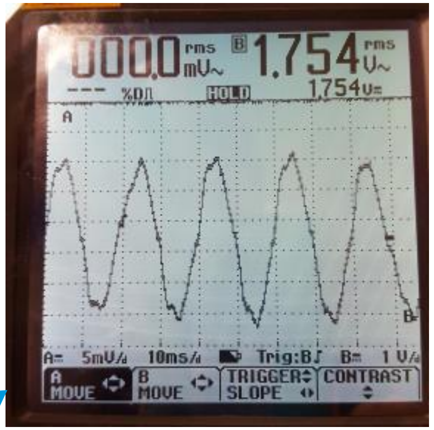
- Contract awarded in June 2014; Delivery June 2017 (<u>36 months delivery time</u>);

➢ 2^{st} ESS modulator (modular topology, HF transformers based):

Rated 115kV/50A; 3.5ms/14Hz; 330kVA -> **<u>enough to power two 1.4MWpk klystrons</u>**;

<u>Better but still limited performance:</u>

- **Rise time$_{(10-99\%)}$ = ~120µs;**
- **Flat-top droop < 1%;**
- **Efficiency = 87%;**
- **Power density = 66kVA/m^2**
- **Better AC power quality: still high current distortion;**
- **Reliability concerns due to huge number of components and limited design margins**



<u>Still high capital cost:</u>

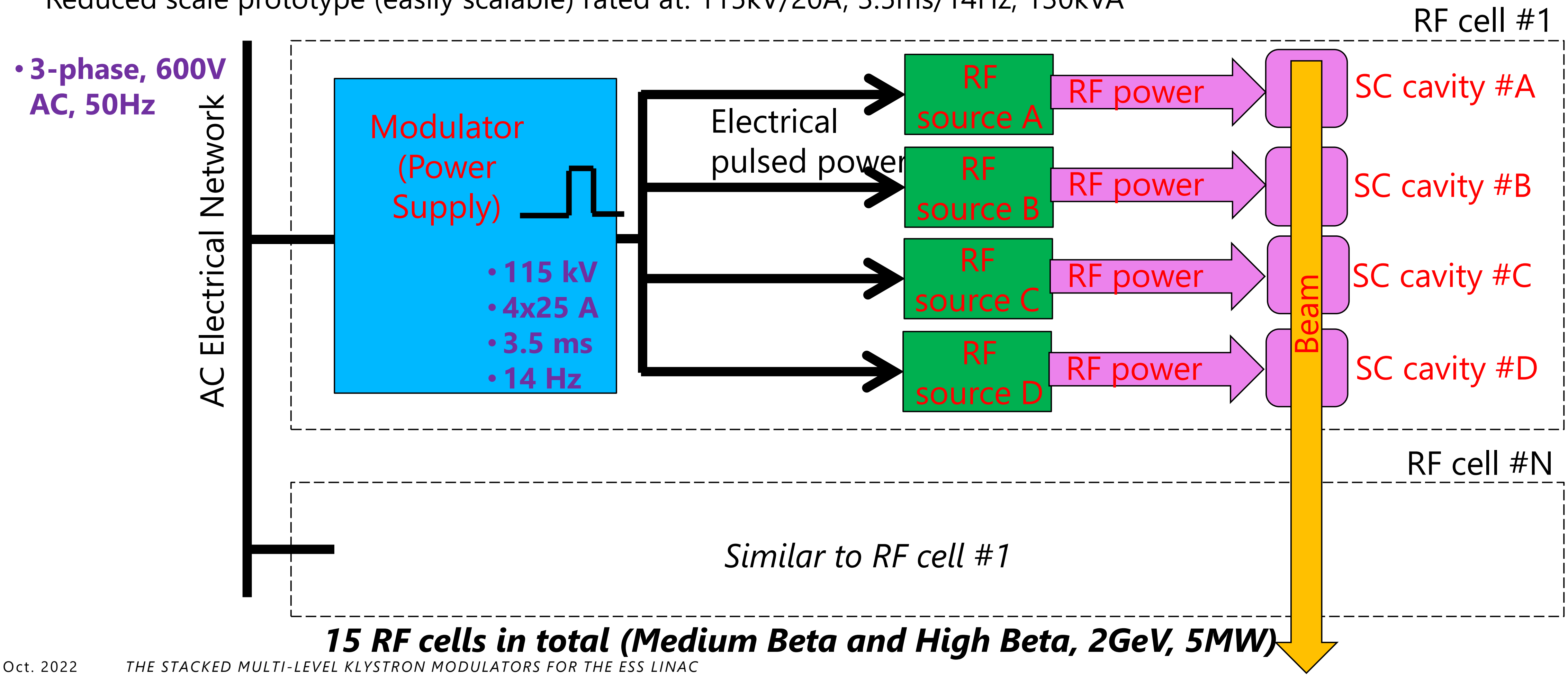
- ~65 modulators needed

ESS modulator development strategy #3 – SML modulator

June 2013 **ESS has decided to launch a collaboration with LTH / IEA Department, in view of designing and building a modulator prototype for ESS, following a novel topology:**

➢ **3rd ESS modulator (Stacked Multi-Level topology)**

Aimed at final ratings: 115kV/100A; 3.5ms/14Hz; 660kVA -> **enough to power four 1.4MWpk klystrons**;
Reduced scale prototype (easily scalable) rated at: 115kV/20A; 3.5ms/14Hz; 130kVA



15 RF cells in total (Medium Beta and High Beta, 2GeV, 5MW)

SML Modulator main parameters

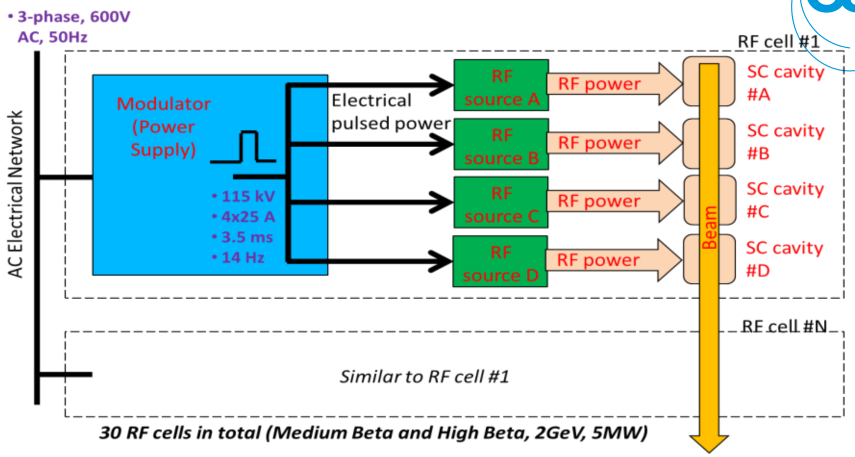
- Main parameters of SML klystron modulators (as from SoW)

Nominal pulse voltage amplitude	U_K	-115 kV
Nominal pulse current amplitude (sum of four outputs)	I_K	4x25 A =100 A
Nominal pulse power amplitude (sum of four outputs)	P_K	11.5 MW
Nominal pulse repetition rate	PRR	14 Hz
Nominal pulse width (at 50% of magnitude)	T_P	3.5 ms
Maximum pulse rise/fall times (10..99% / 100..10%)	T_R, T_F	120 µs
Minimum flat-top duration	T_T	3.35 ms
Maximum droop or slow oscillation at flat-top (frequency range: < 0.3kHz)	ΔU_K	1% of U_K
Maximum voltage ripple in the flat-top, rms - 0.3kHz > freq. range > 1kHz: - 1kHz > freq. range > 100kHz: - 100kHz > freq. range > 300kHz: - 300kHz > freq. range:	$\tilde{u}_K$	 0.3% of U_K 0.2% of U_K 0.15% of U_K 0.3% of U_K
Maximum pulse overshoot	$U_{K\,OVS}$	2% of U_K
Pulse to pulse reproducibility (Average voltage over flat-top)	PP_{REP}	0.15% of U_K
Pulse stability (average voltage over flat-top): - Over 1 hour, without warm-up: - Over 24 hours, after 1 hour warm-up: - Over 1 year, after 1 hour warm-up:	$\bar{u}_K$	 0.3% of U_K 0.3% of U_K 1% of U_K
Maximum energy in case of arc (arc voltage: 50V; with 4 HV output cables <4m length per cable; with R=5Ω in series with output, before arc)	E_{ARC}	10 J
Minimum efficiency at nominal conditions		90%
Maximum total power losses in air		4% of total power losses
Mains supply, AC power port (R, S, T)		3 x 600V, 50 Hz
Mains supply, AC control port (ext. UPS)		3 x 400V, 50 Hz
Cooling		Water cooled
High voltage insulation type, at the oil tank level		Mineral oil
Maximum audible noise, at 1m from any point of cabinet	An	75 dBA
AC line power quality - Total Harmonic Distortion (THDi) - Flicker of current amplitude	 % %	 3 5

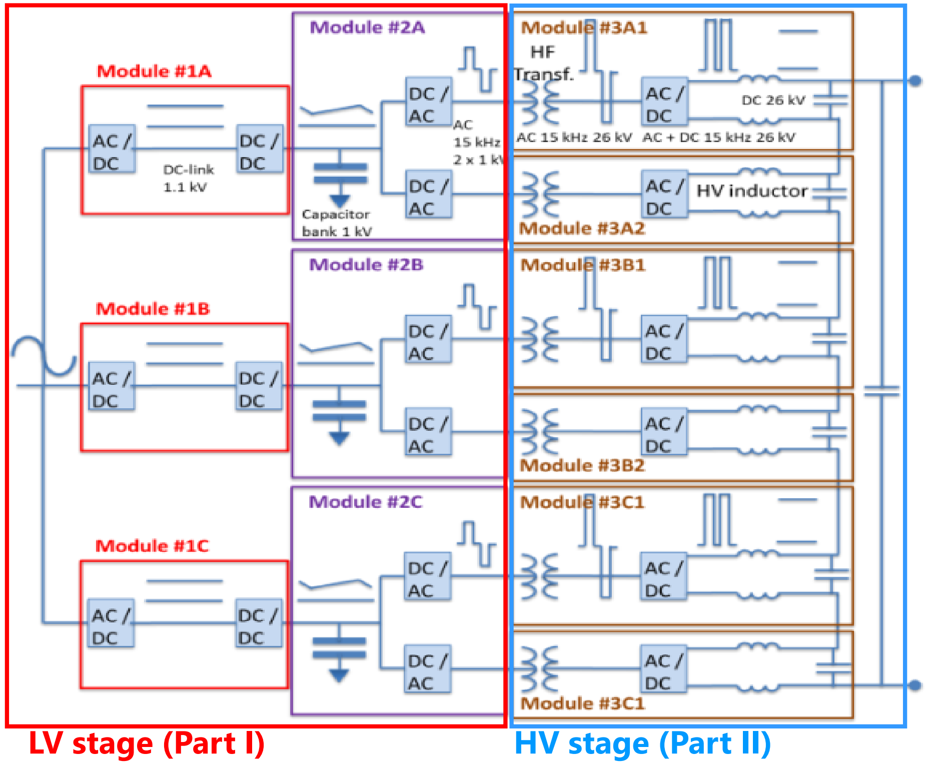
exceeded

met

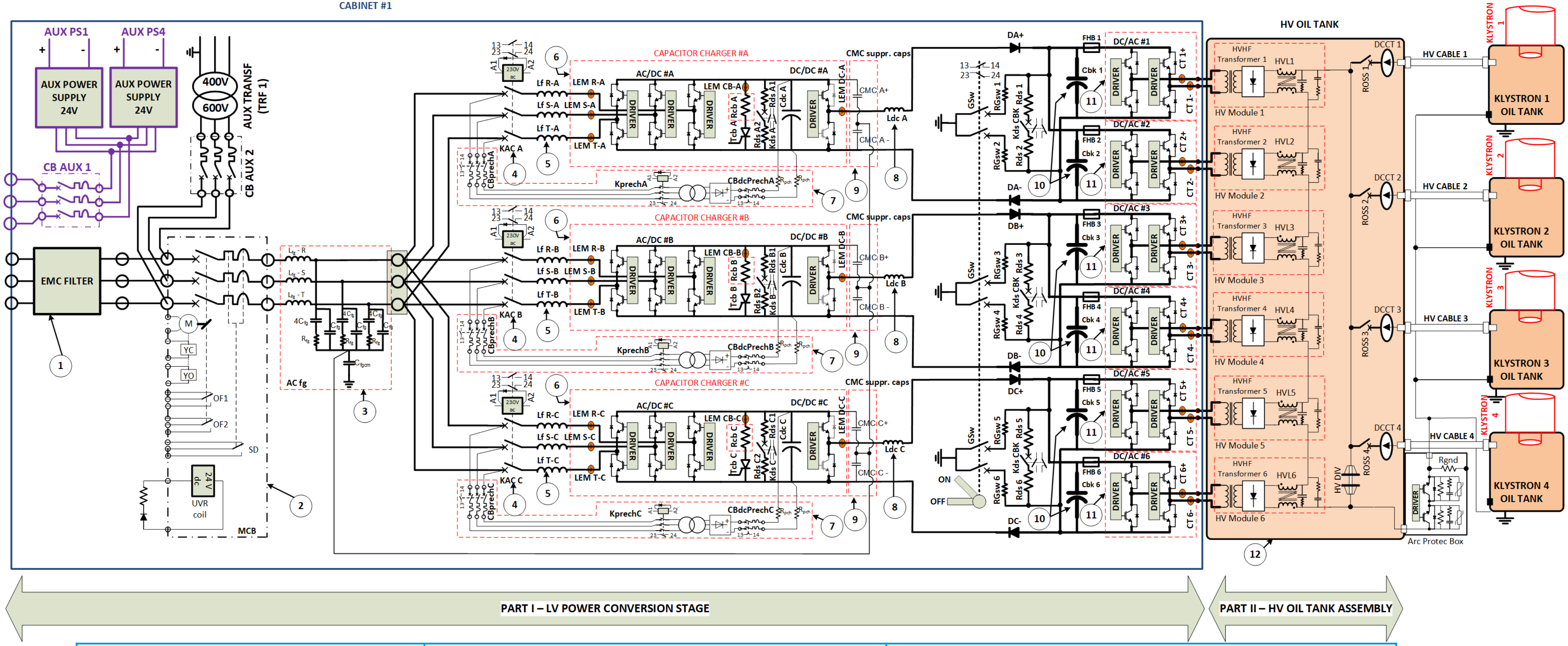
not met, but non-critical



- Topology simplified schematic



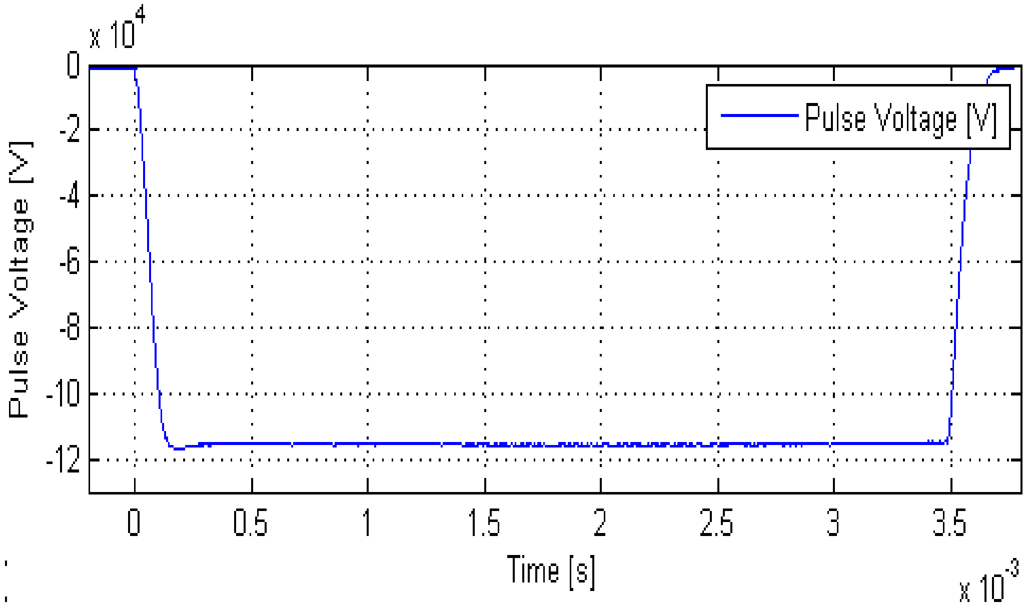
SML modulator schematics



(1)- EMC filter	(5) - AC line filter (L_2 branch)	(9) - Common mode suppression capacitors
(2) - Main Circuit Breaker	(6) - AFE (AC/DC) + DC/DC power stacks	(10) - Main capacitor banks
(3) - AC line filter (L_1C branch)	(7) - DC-link busses pre-charge circuits	(11) – H-bridge (DC/AC) power stacks
(4) - AC contactors	(8) - DC filter inductors	(12) – Oil tank assembly

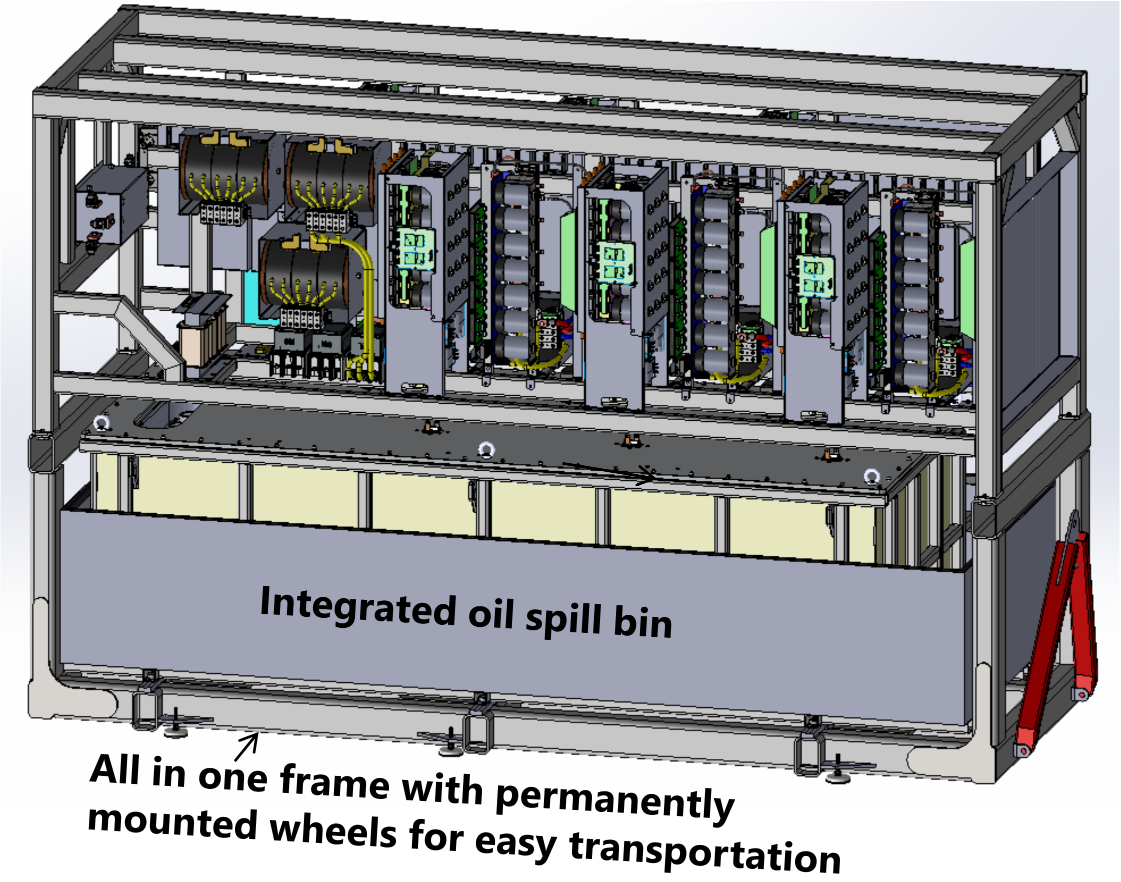
Reduced Scale Prototype, rated at 115kV/20A ; 3.5ms/14Hz

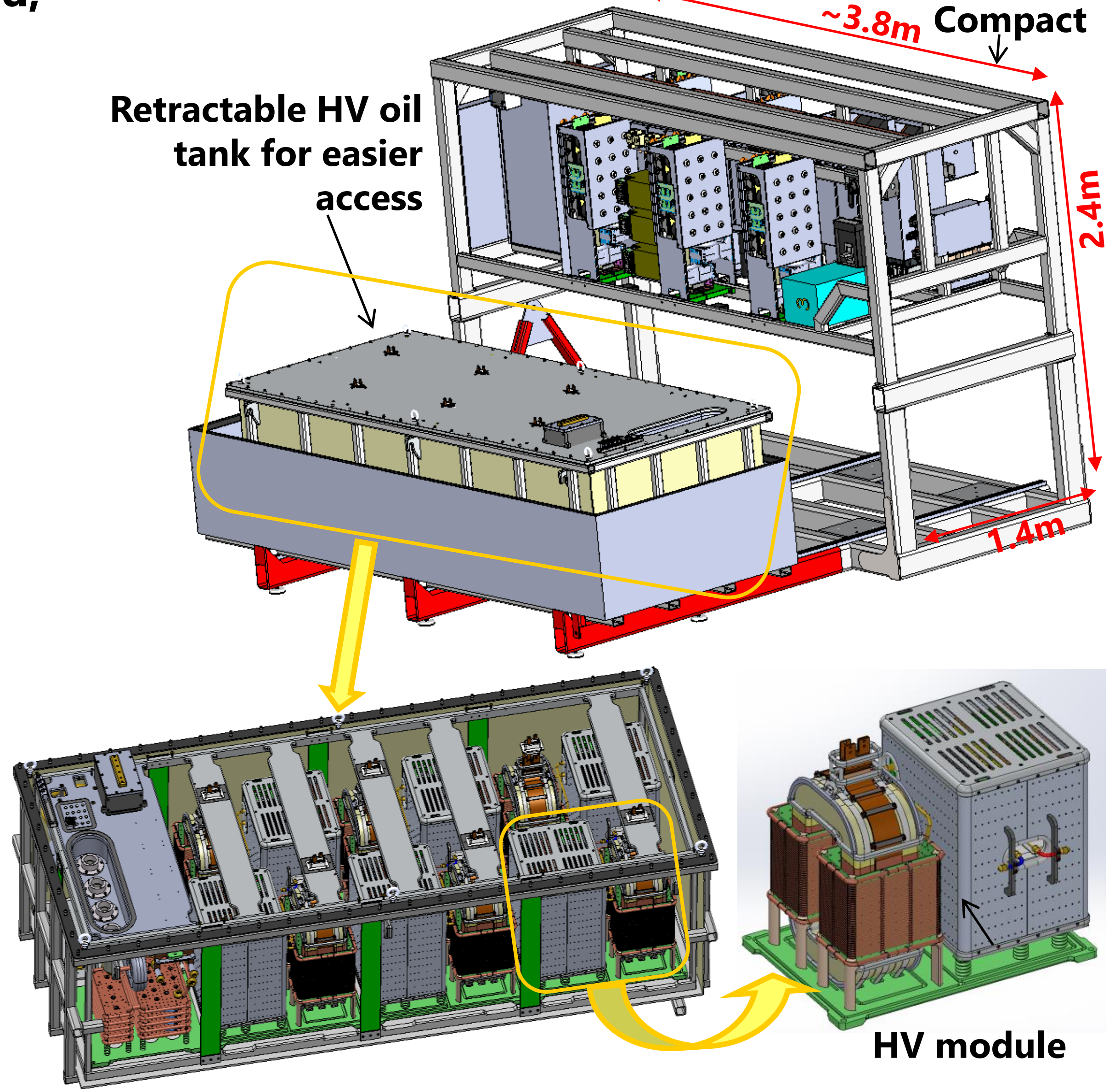
Dec. 2017 **200 hours of successful operation with real load (704Mhz Toshiba klystron)**



Full Scale Units, rated at 115kV/100A ; 3.5ms/14Hz

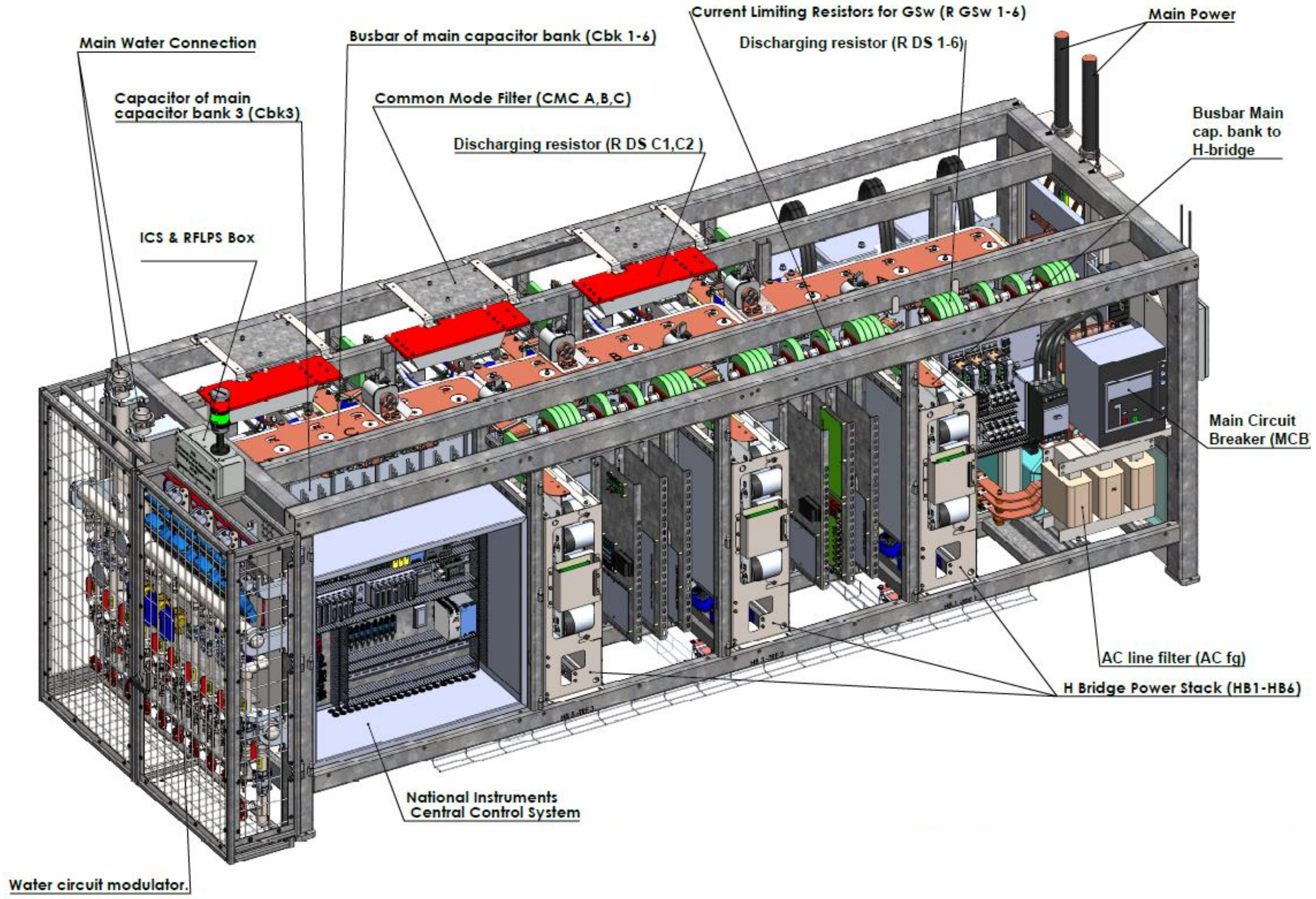
Calendar **Sept. 2016** **Design of full scale modulator completed, ready for call for tender**





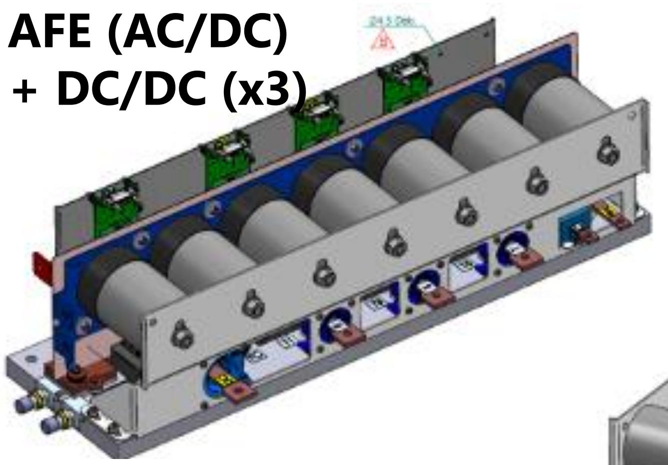
- **Total footprint:** 4.2m x 1.4m
- **Total weight:** < 12 tons (with oil);
- **Total volume of oil:** ~ 2000 litters;

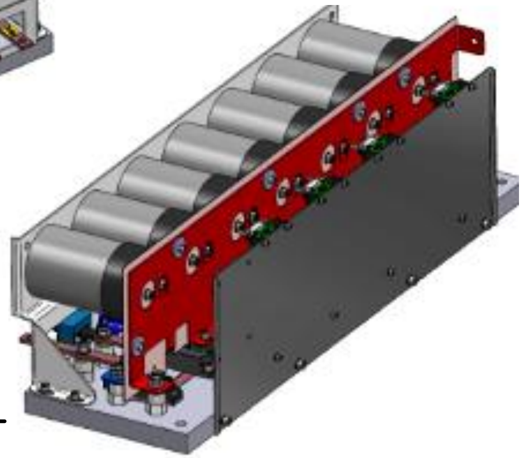
Part I – Low Voltage power conversion cabinet



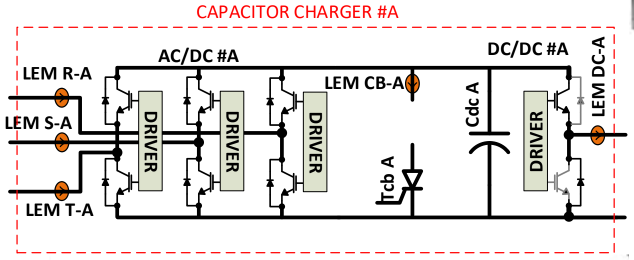
Power Stacks

AFE (AC/DC) + DC/DC (x3)

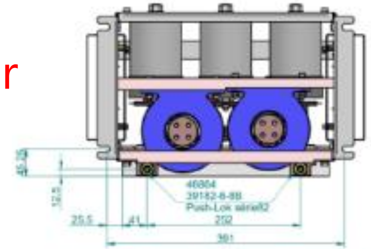


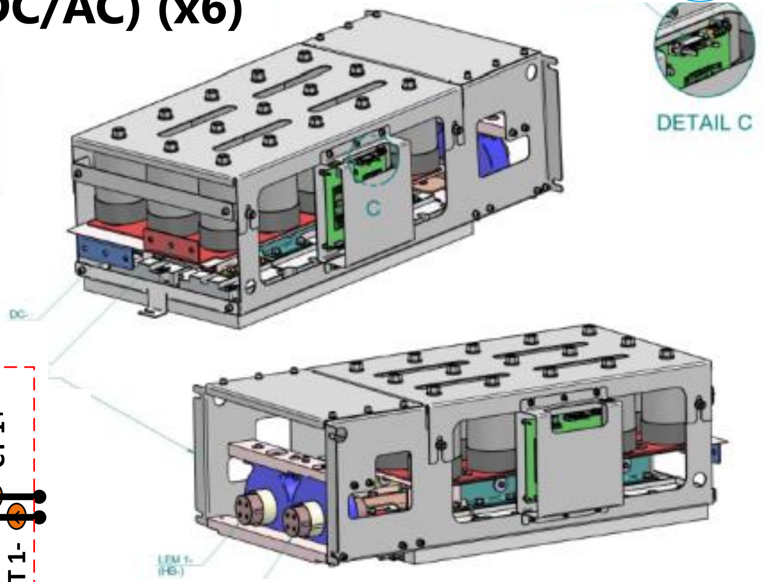


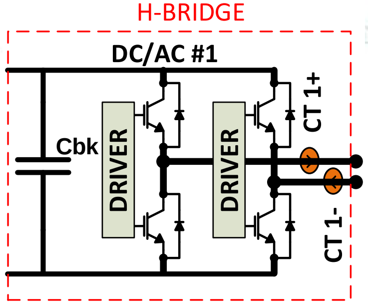
Designed, manufactured and tested in factory by a specialized sub-contractor



H-BRIDGES (DC/AC) (x6)

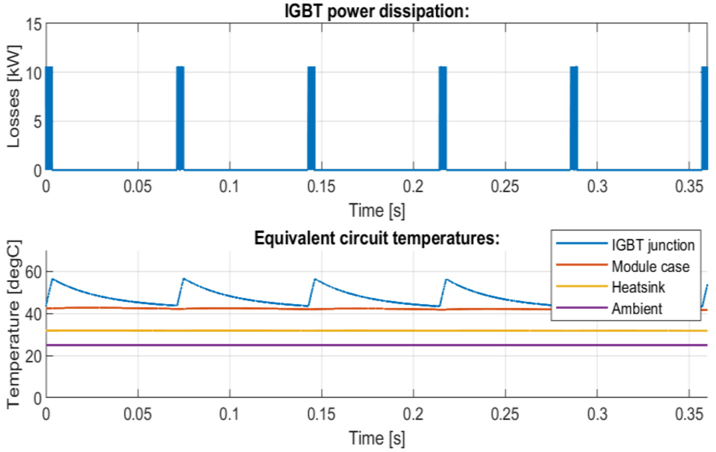


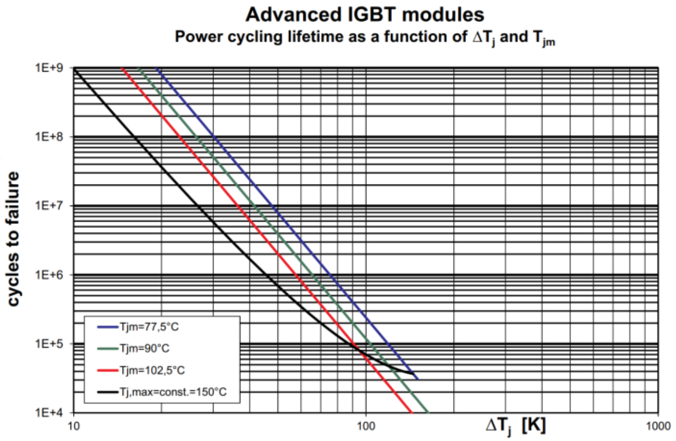


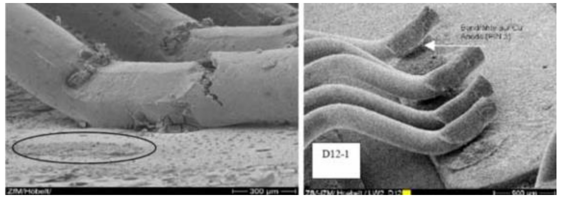


- Water cooled heatsinks;
- IGBT modules with Al-Sic baseplates in H-bridges (higher power cycling capabilities);
- Standard / well proven IGBT drivers with embedded protections:
  - Short circuit, by Vcesat;
  - Dead time generation;
  - +15V aux. supply undervoltage protection;
  - Active Vce clamping at turn-off;

Power cycling and IGBT lifetime



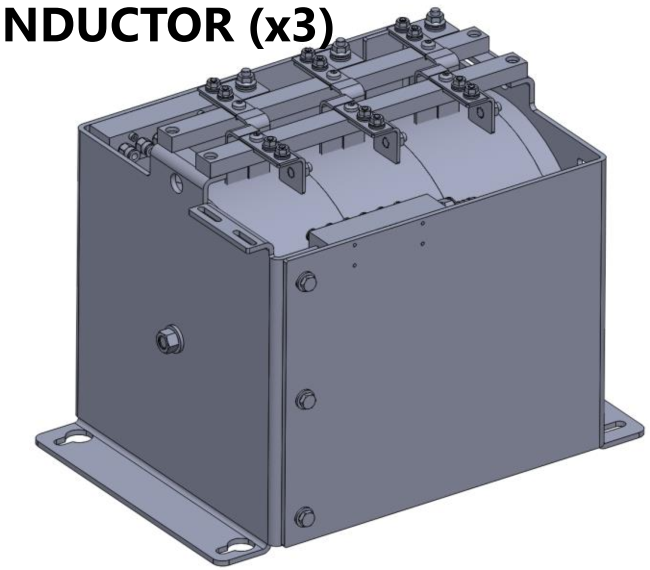




AC line and DC filter inductors

New technology (Casted Iron Powder Inductors)

AC LINE INDUCTOR (x3)



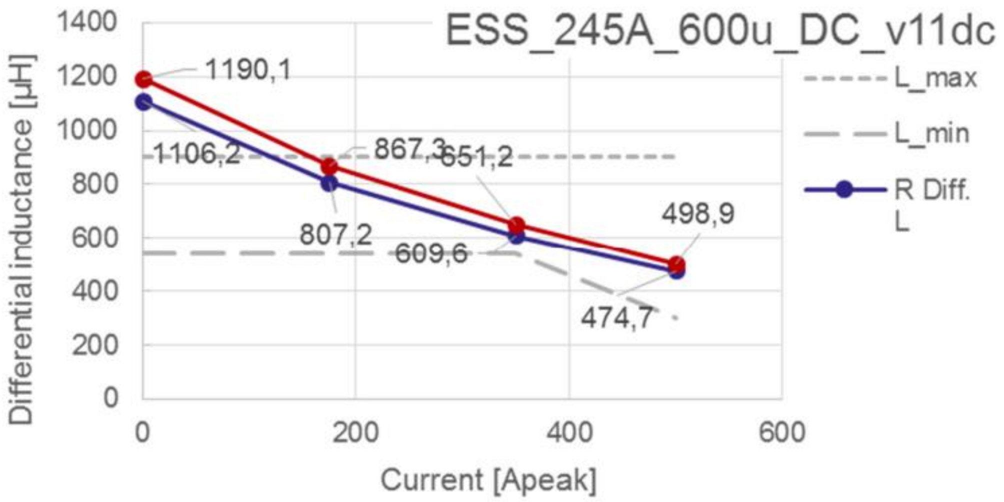


Figure 2: Inductance vs. current. Three inductors, incremental inductance.

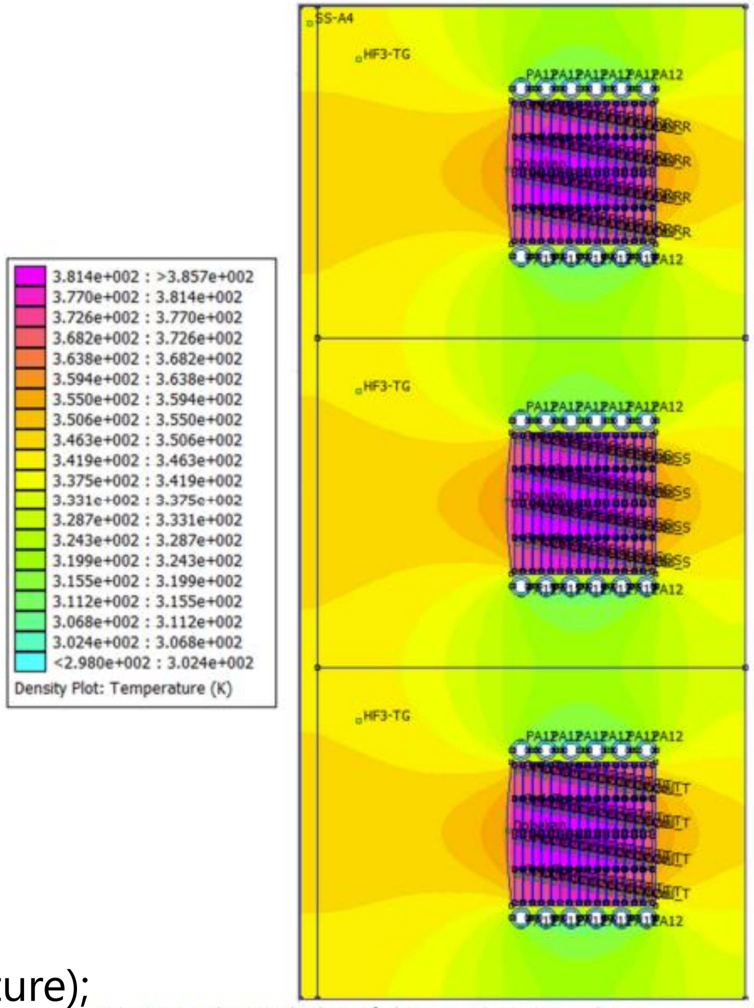
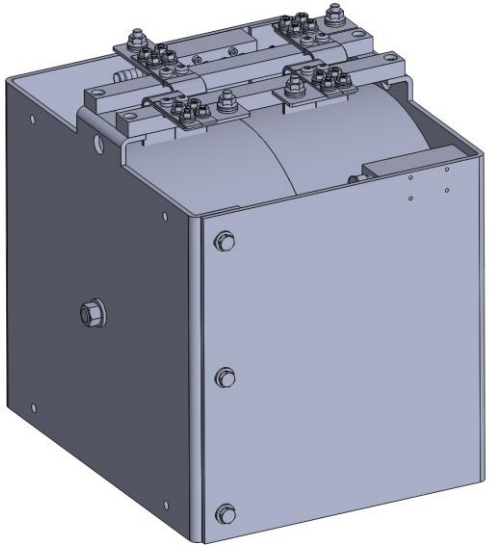


Figure 3: Thermal plot of three inductor package

DC FILTER INDUCTOR (x3)



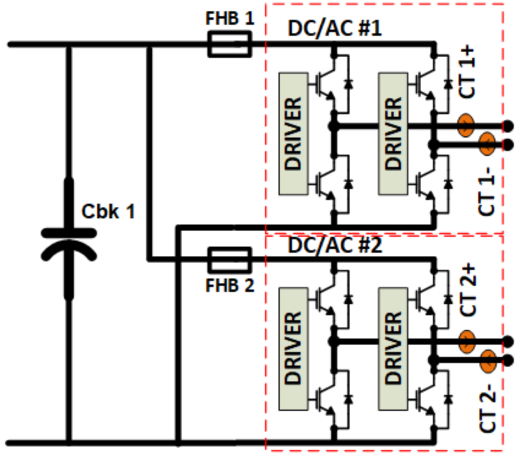
- Water cooled;
- Casted core (iron powder / epoxy resin mixture);
- Compact;
- Higher efficiency;
- No saturation “knee”;
- Higher inductances (for free) at lower currents, where current ripples are higher);
- Very low acoustic noise

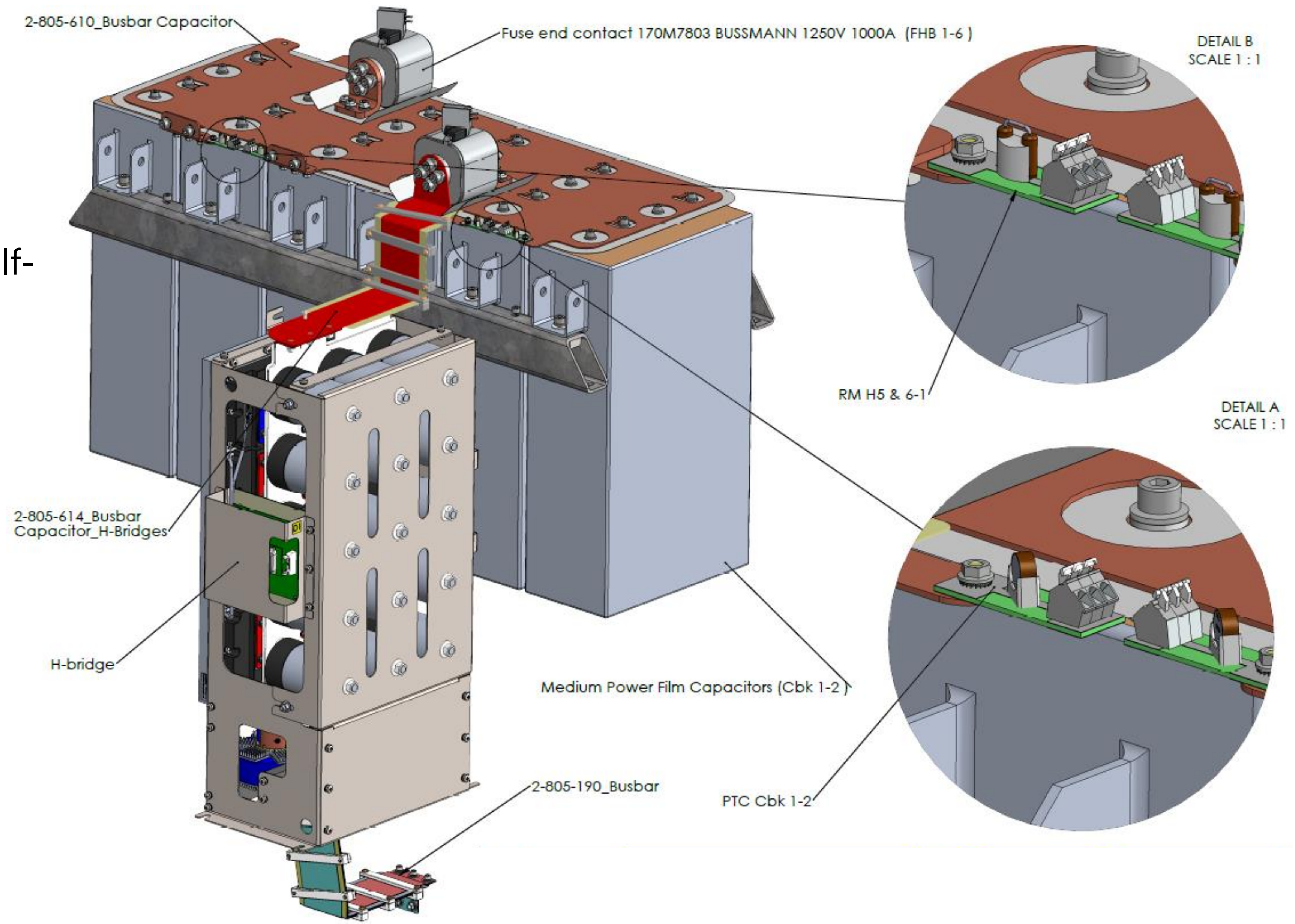
Main Capacitor Banks

Capacitors:

- Polypropylene, dry, self-healing type;

- 1.1kV / 3x(6x18mF)





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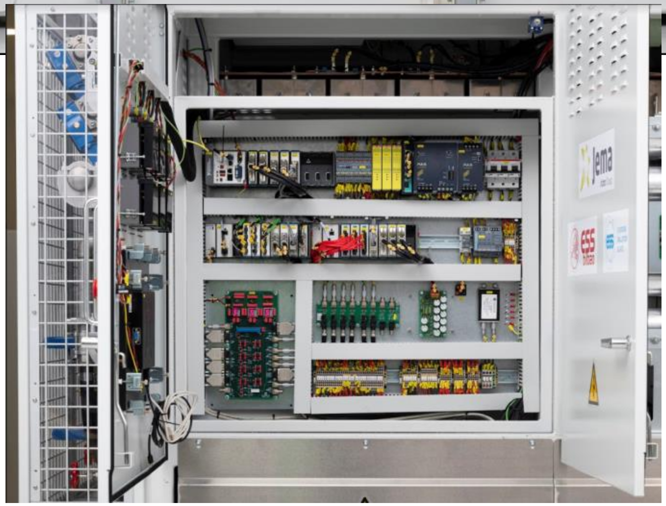

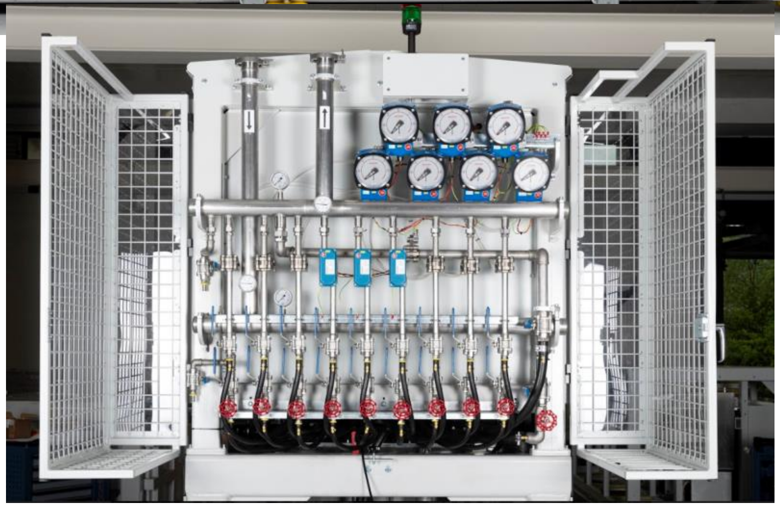

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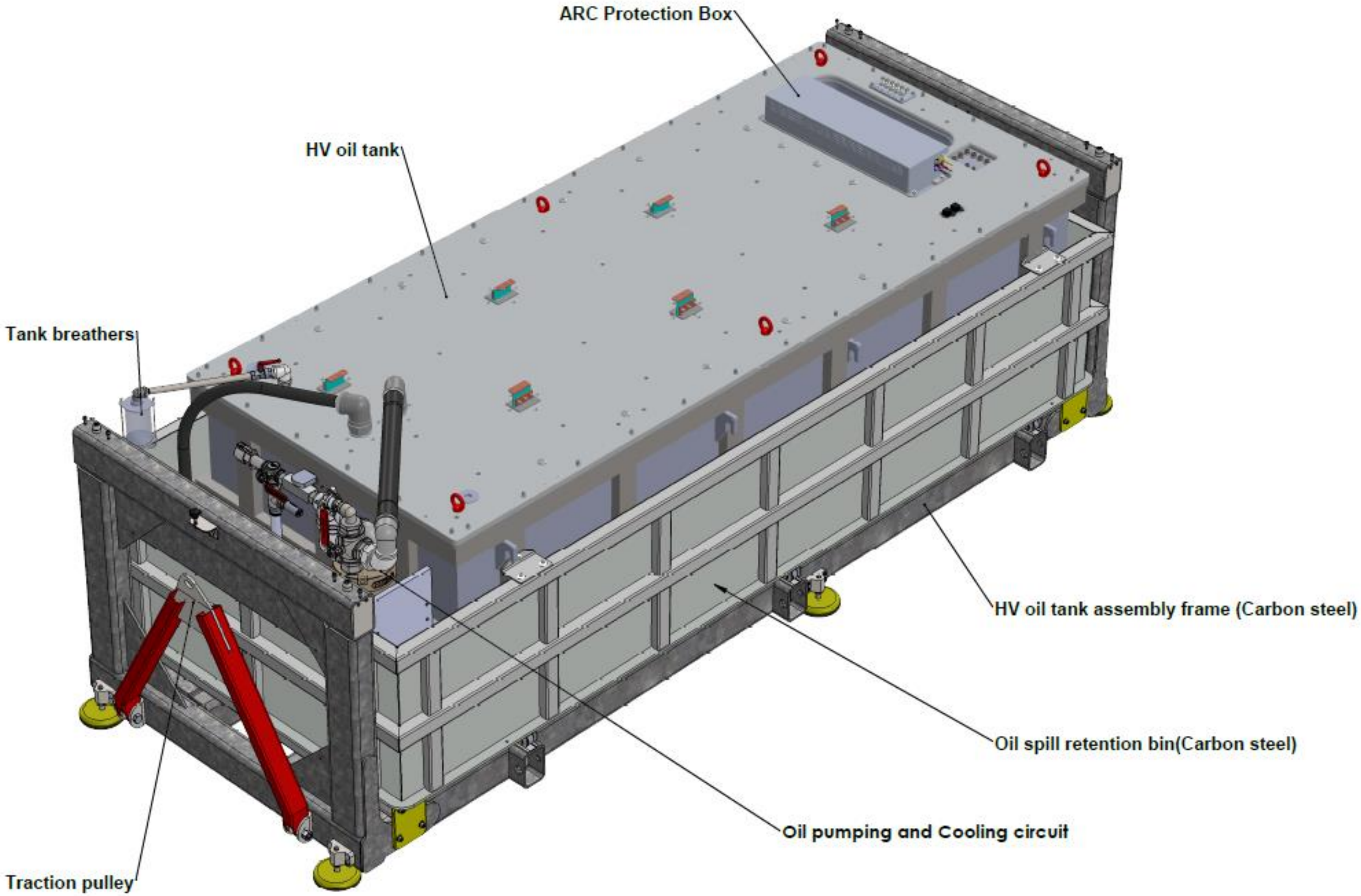
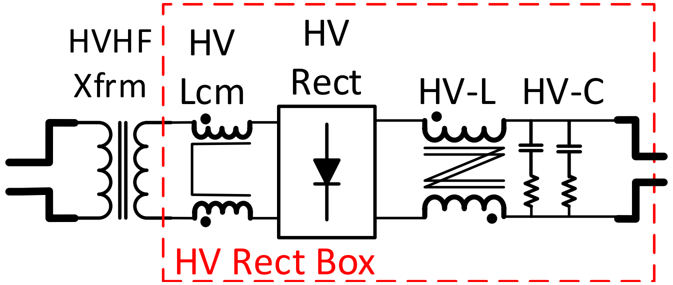
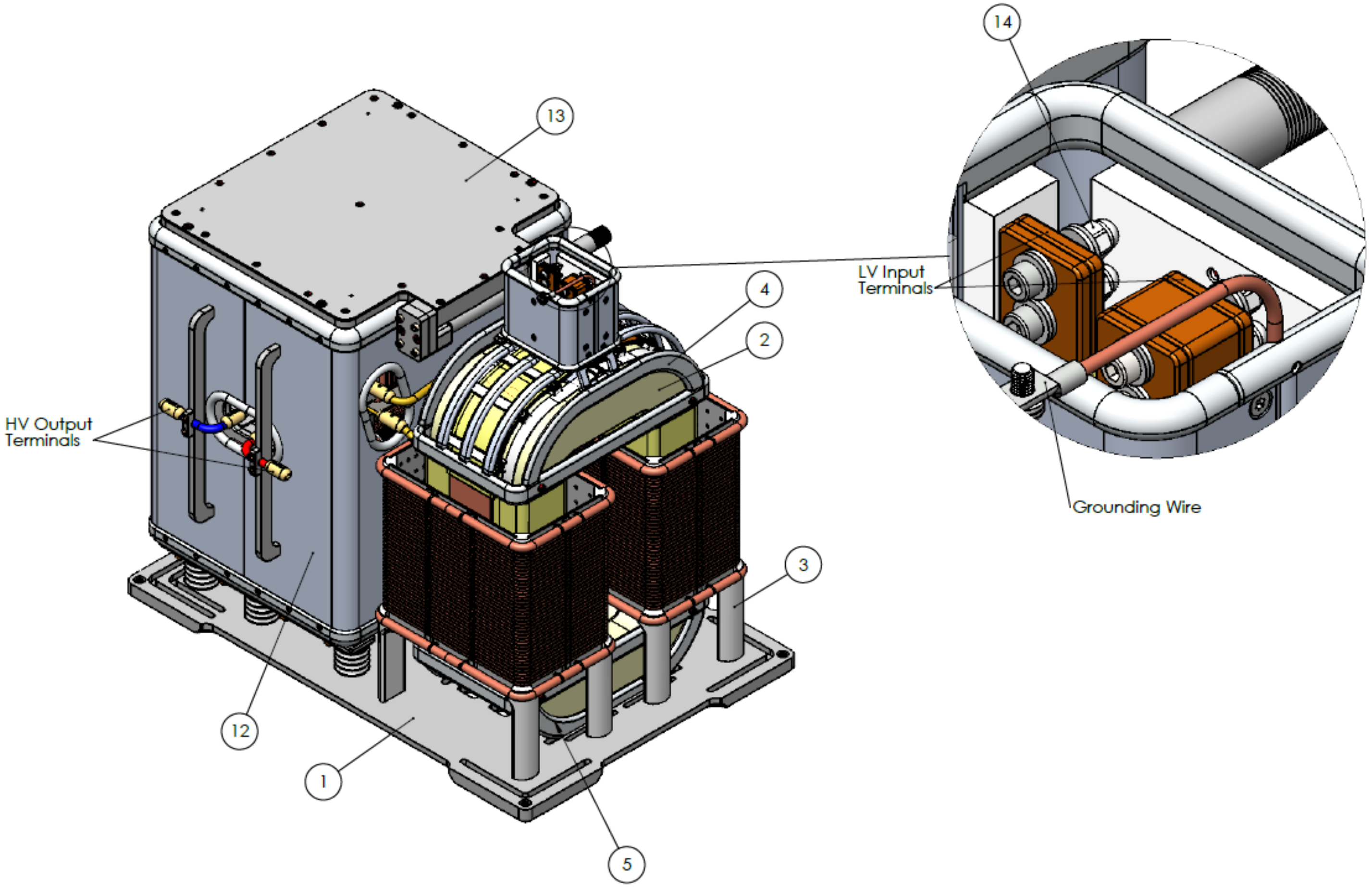
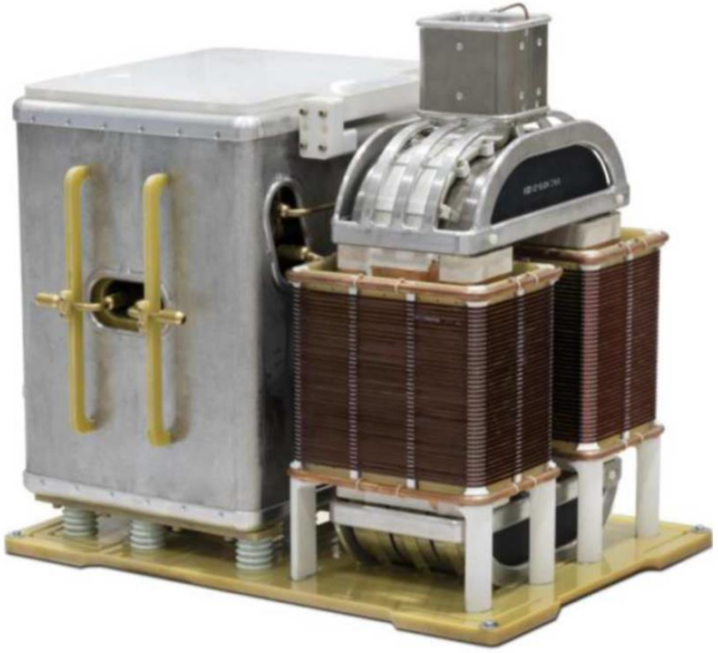


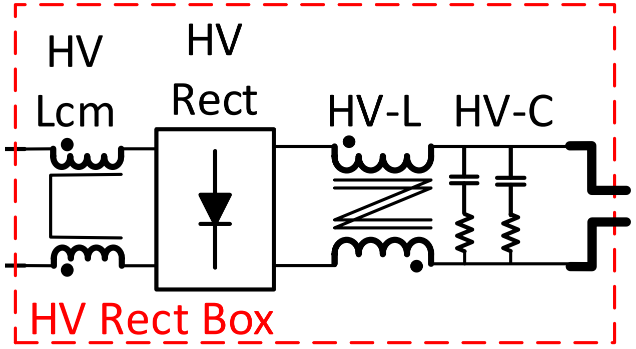
HV oil tank frame and HV modules

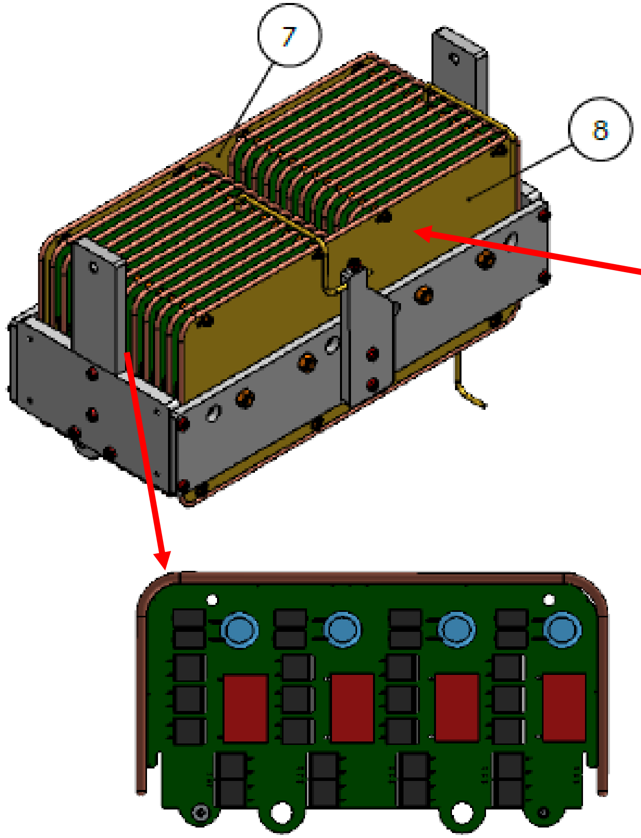


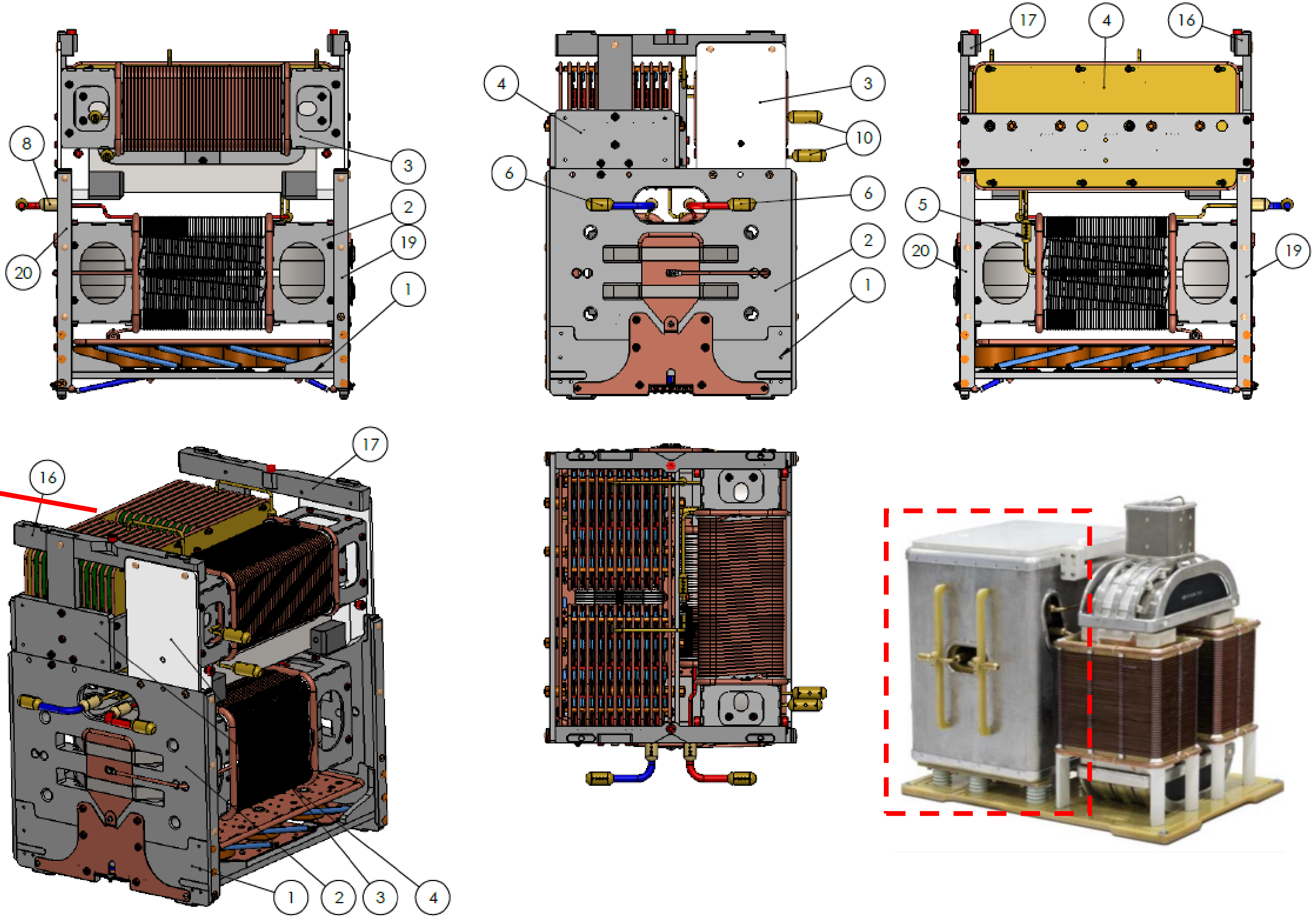




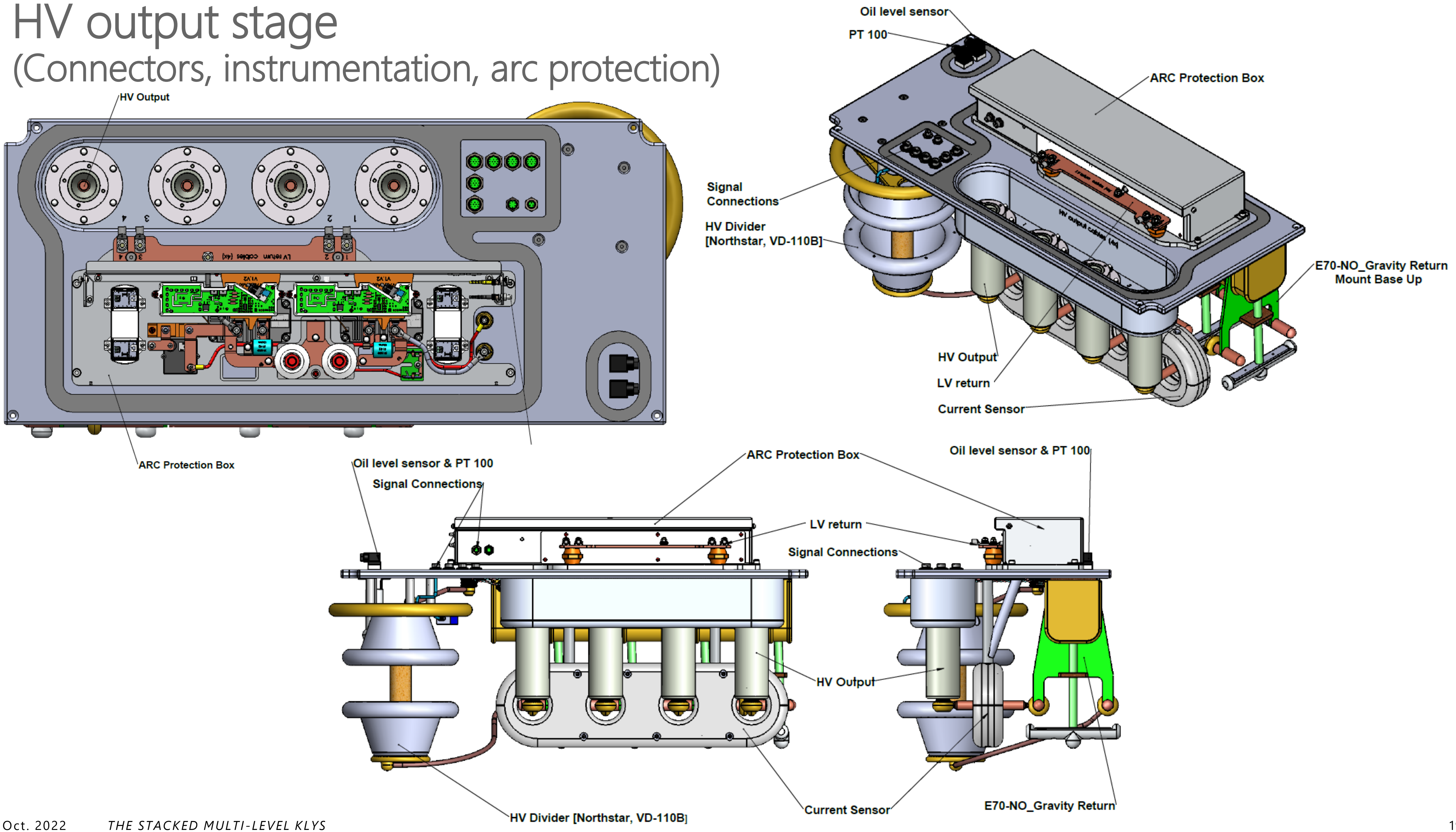
HV rectifier box



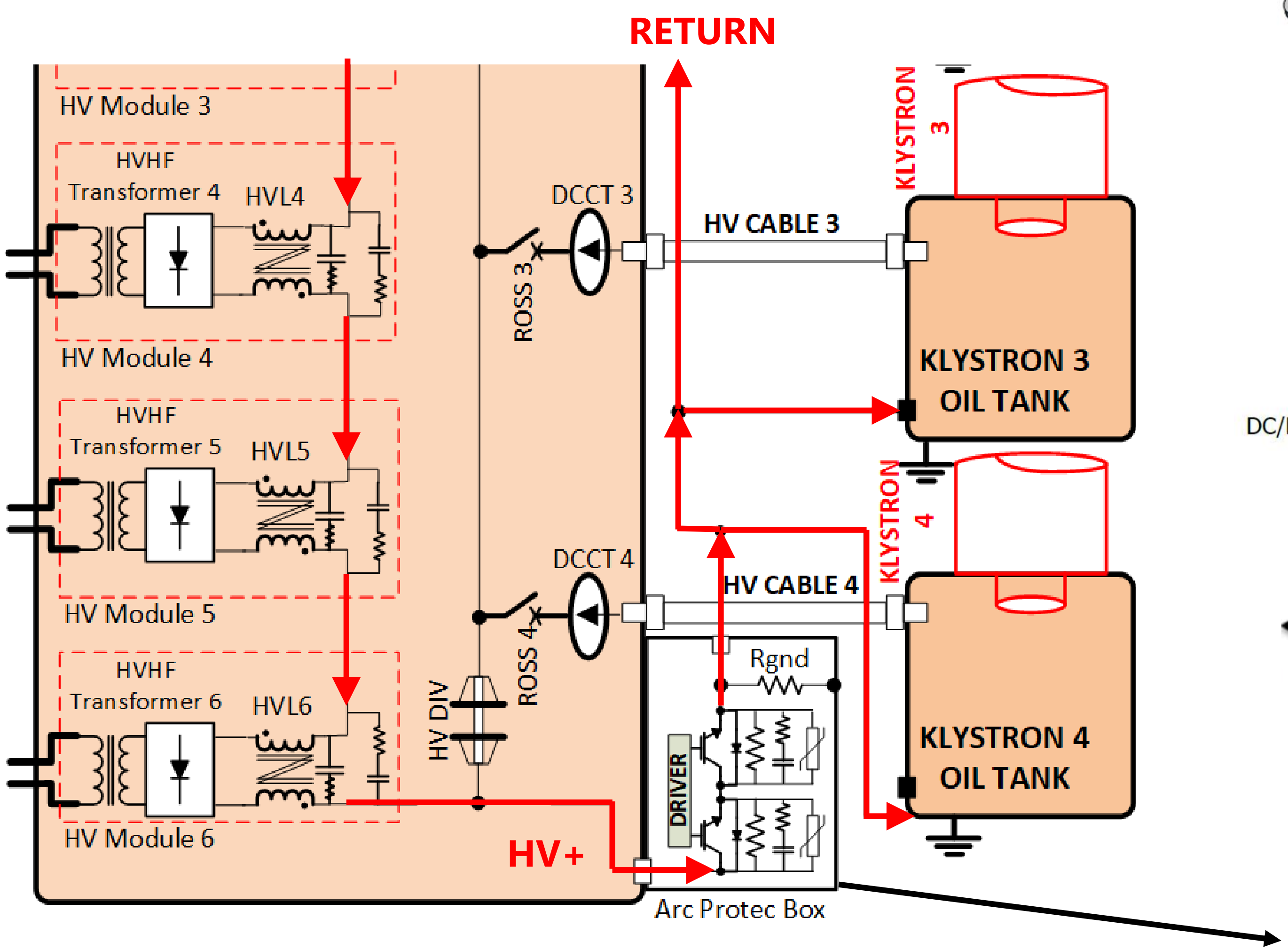


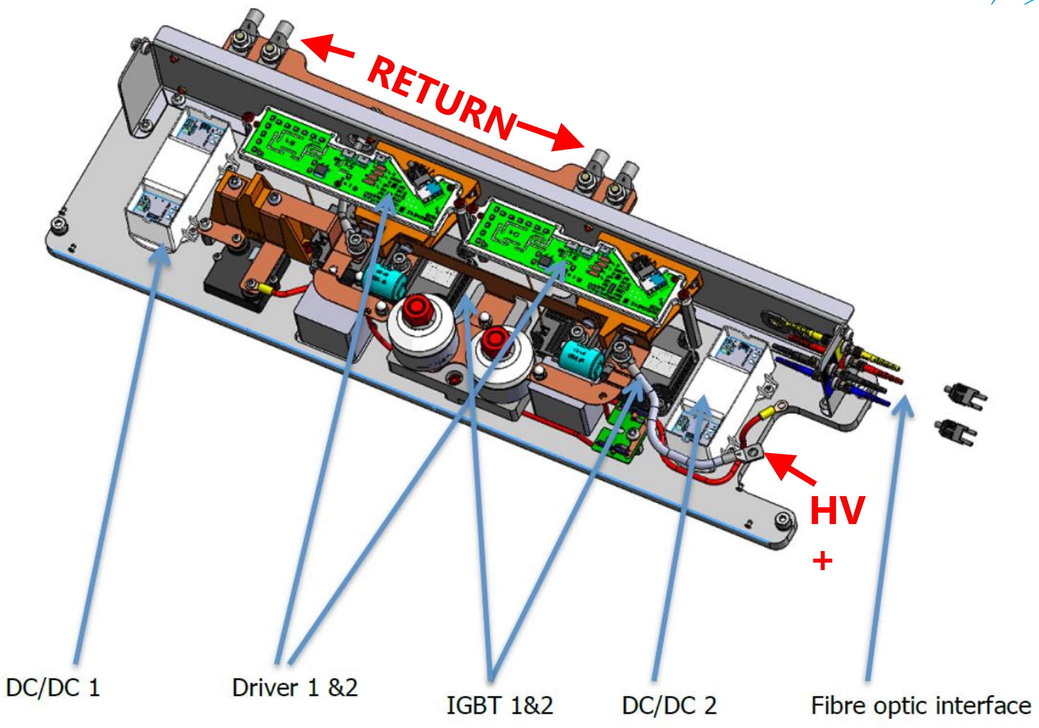


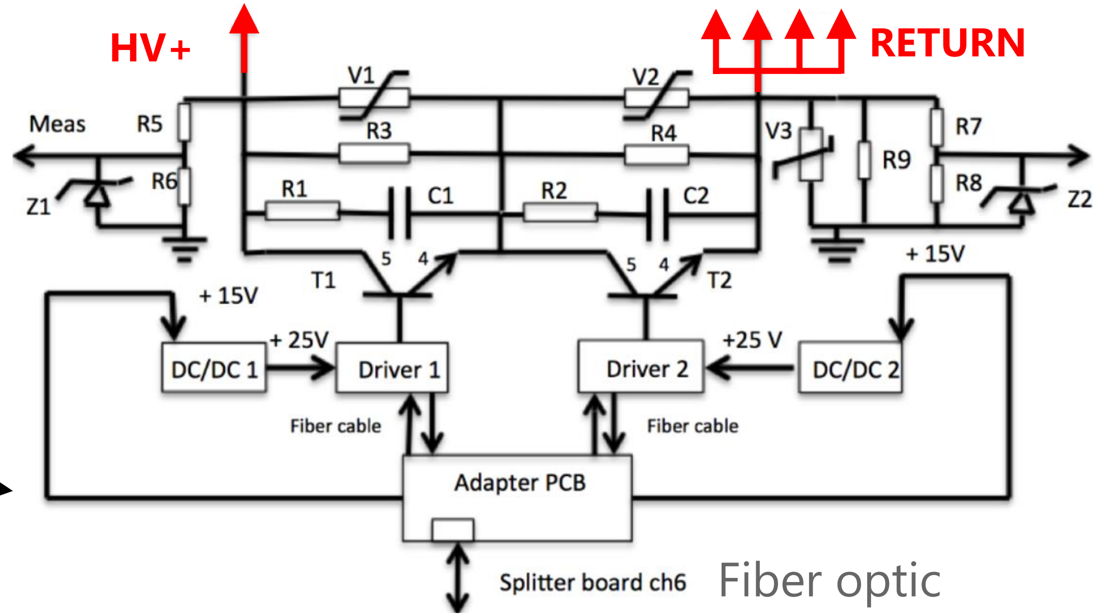
HV output stage
(Connectors, instrumentation, arc protection)



Arc Protection Box





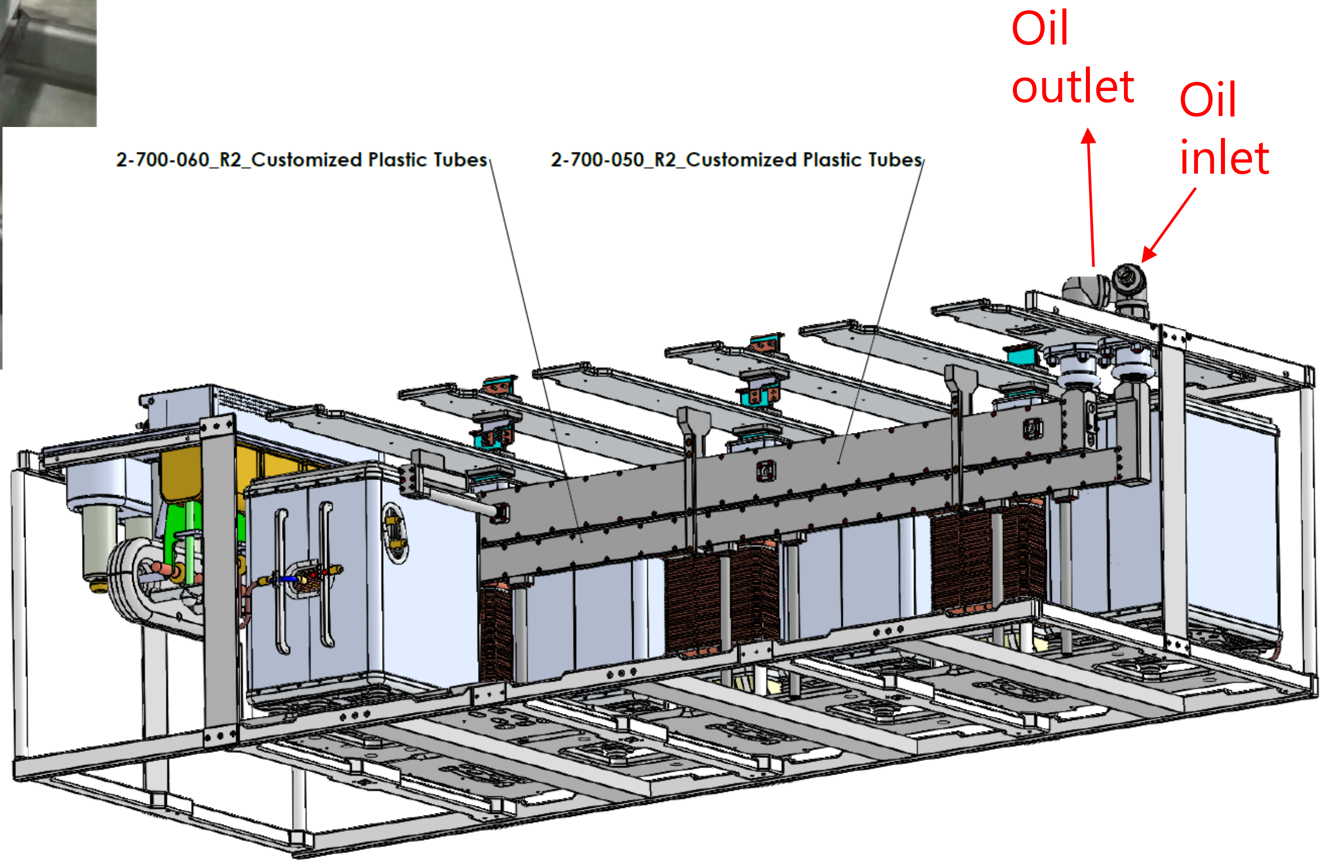


Fiber optic

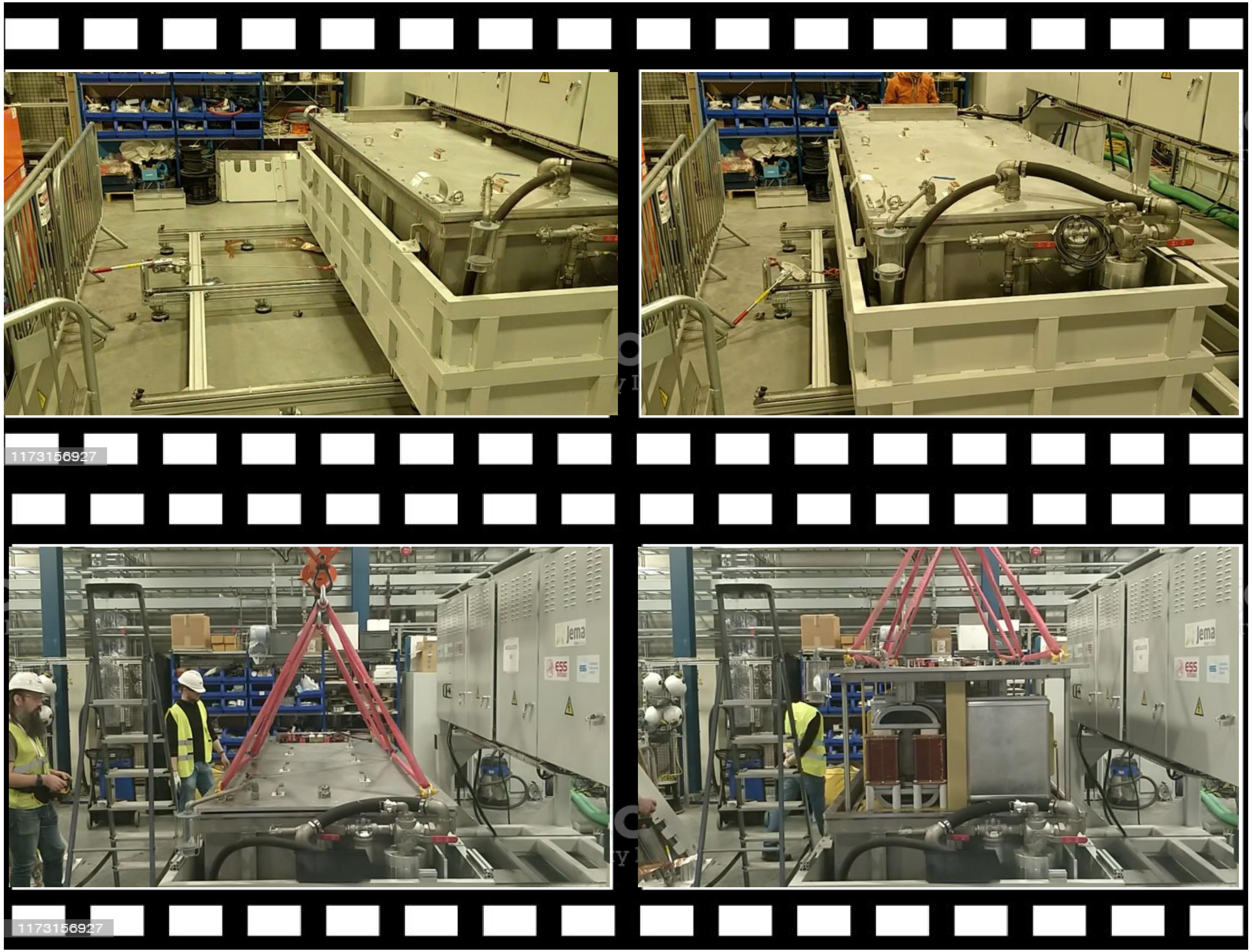
Part II – High Voltage Oil Tank Assembly

Oil cooling unit

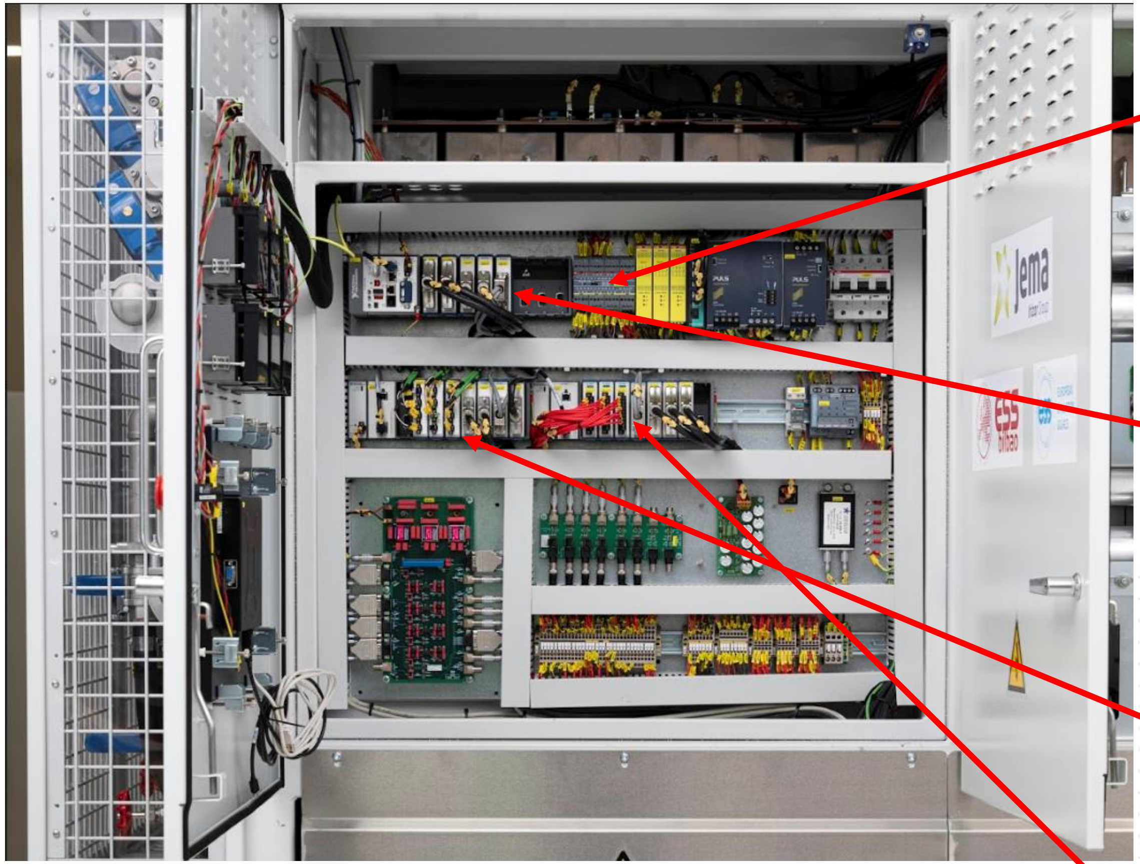
(oil pump, filter, flow sensor, oil/water heat exchanger



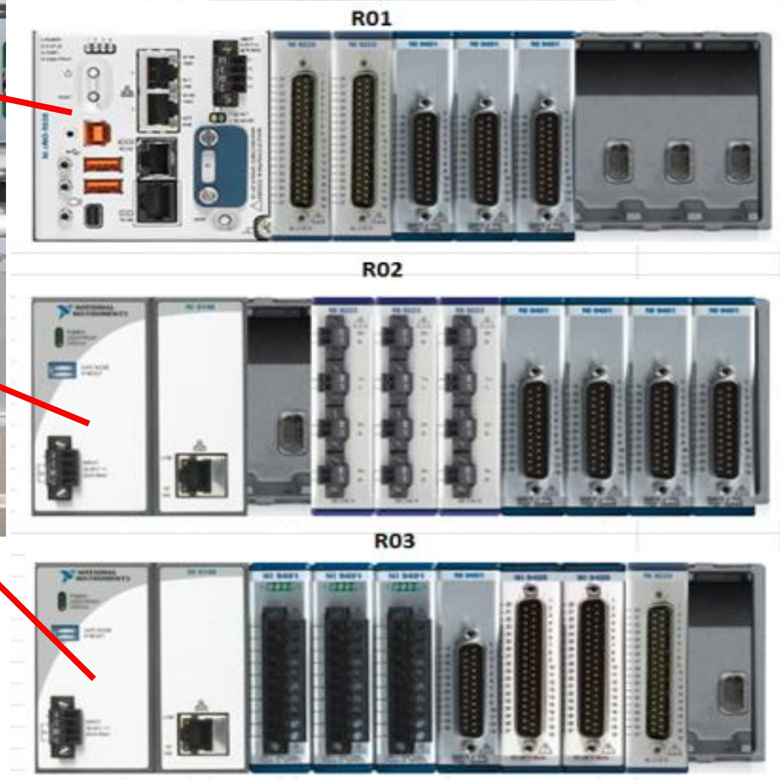
Extraction and opening of oil tank assembly



Control system



Safety PLC, PLUTO - ABB®
- Personnel safety:
(Emergency stops, door switches)



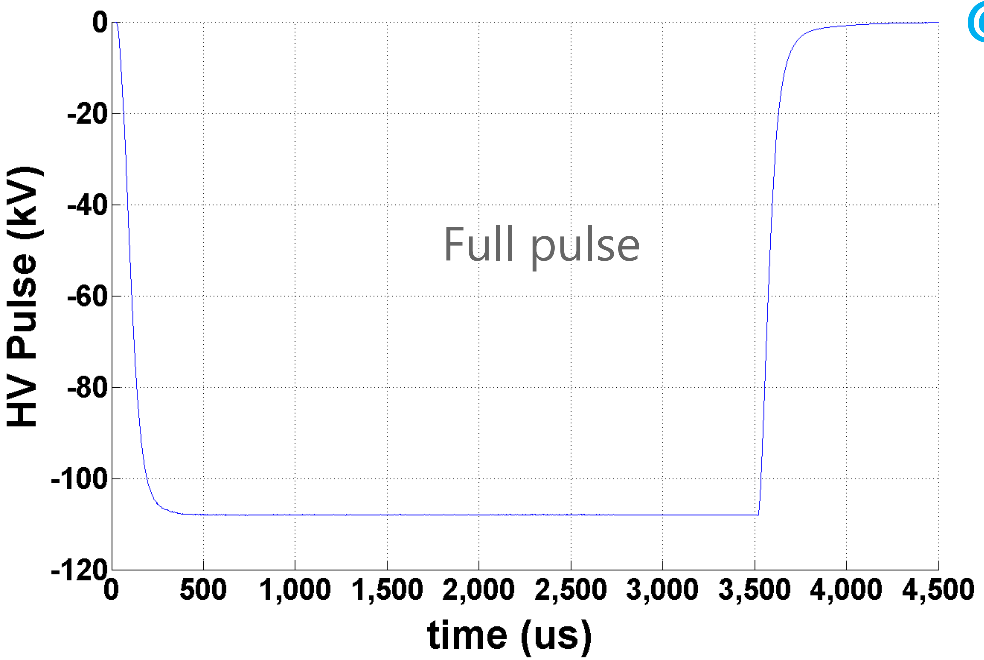
CompactRIO, NI®
- General state machine controls (CPU);

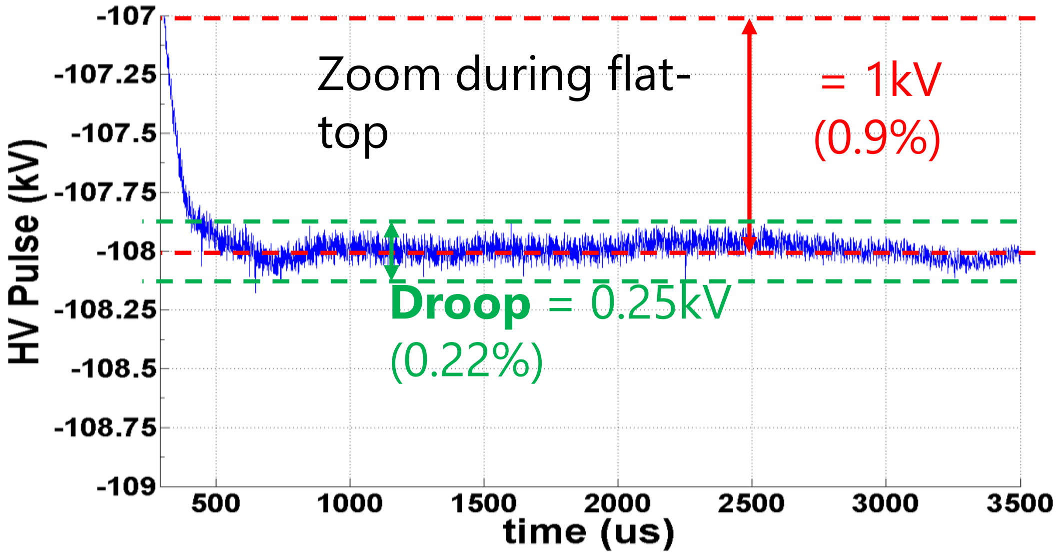
- Fast regulation loops & fast interlocks (FPGA);
(voltage/current/power regulations;

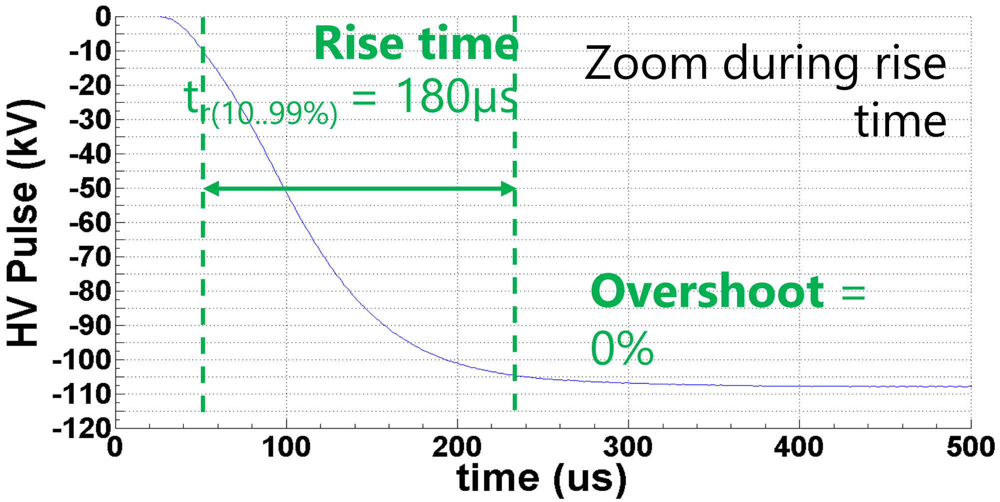
overcurrent, overvoltages, dry contact switches, oil / water flows, contactors, etc.)

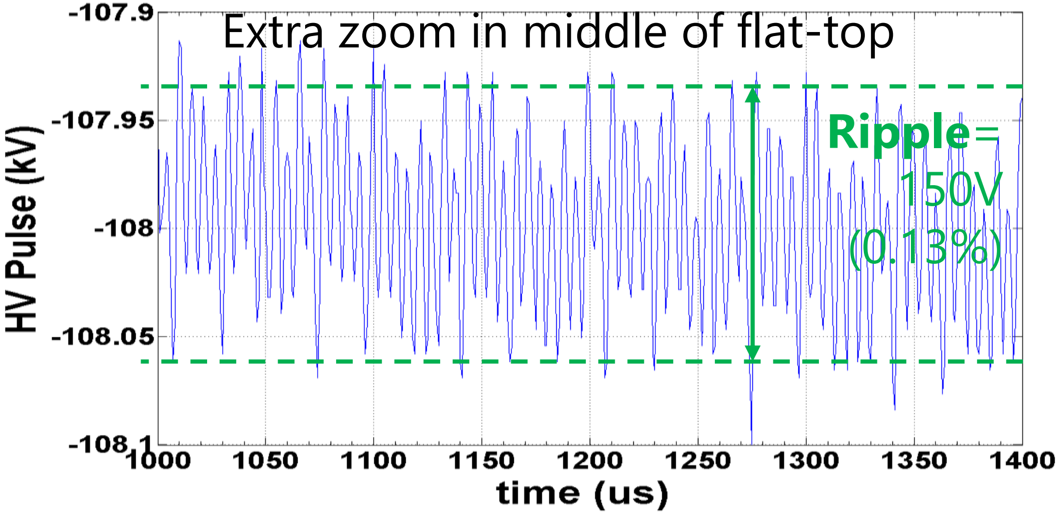
Experimental results on resistive dummy load
– HV Pulse Quality: Rise time, Overshoot, Flat-top Droop, Flat-top Ripple

@ 108kV/96A ; 3.5ms/14Hz



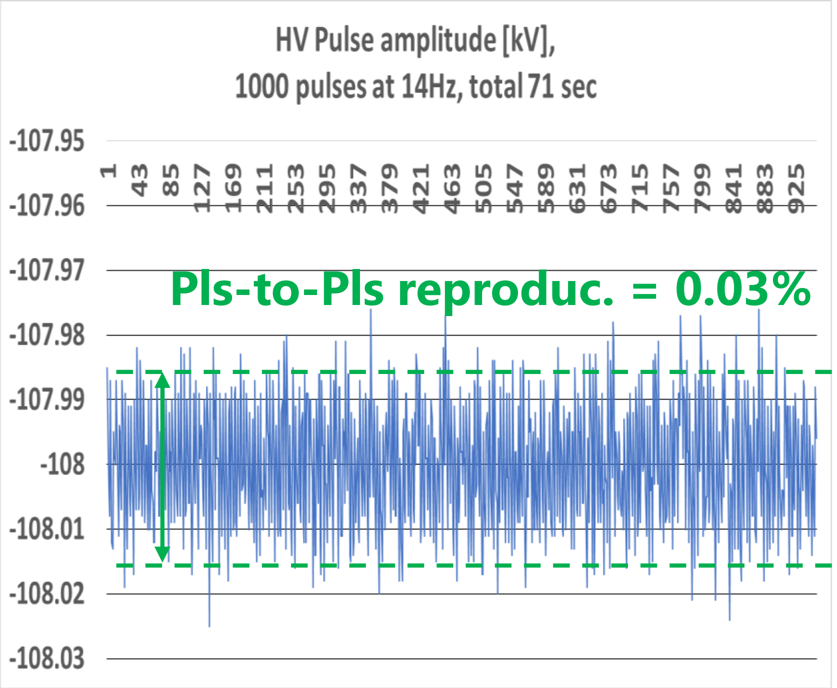




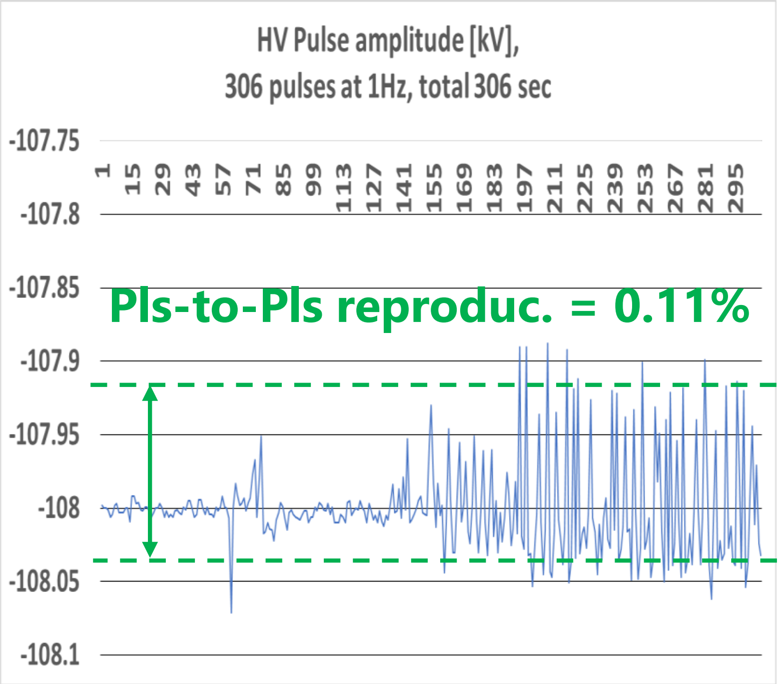


Experimental results on resistive dummy load
– HV Pulse Quality: Pulse-to-pulse reproducibility

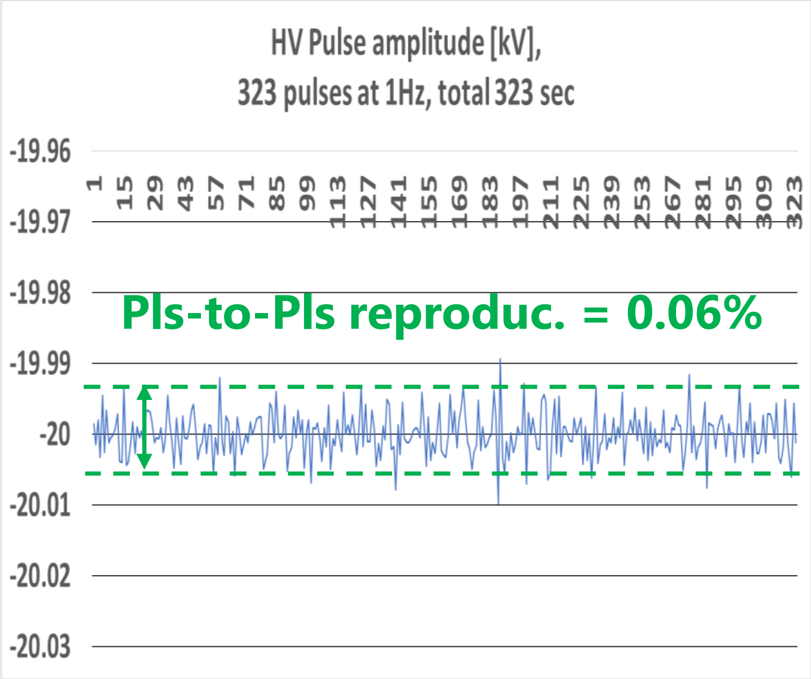
@ 108kV/96A ; 3.5ms/14Hz (Pav = 508kW ; 90%)



@ 108kV/96A ; 0.5ms/1Hz (Pav = 5.2kW ; 0.9%)

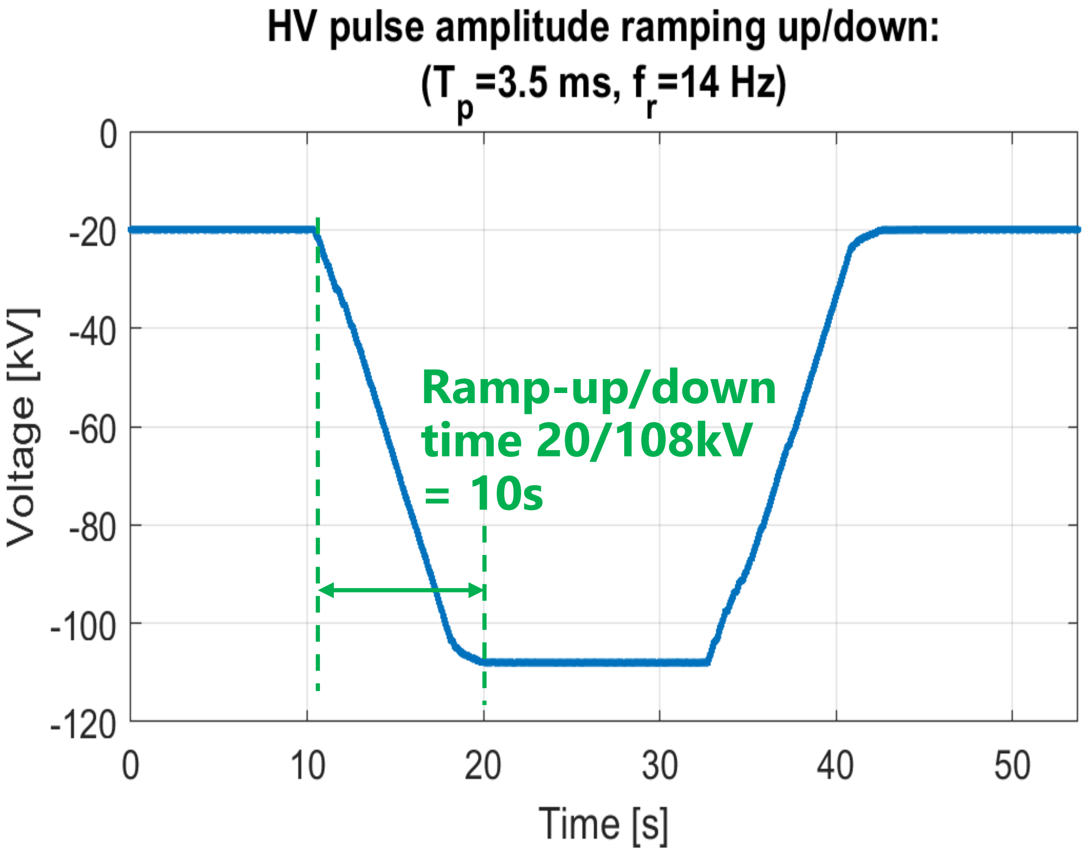


@ 20kV/17A ; 0.5ms/1Hz (Pav = 170W ; 0.03%)



Experimental results on resistive dummy load
– HV Pulse Quality: Power ramping up/down

Ramp-up/down 20-108kV; 3.5ms/14Hz



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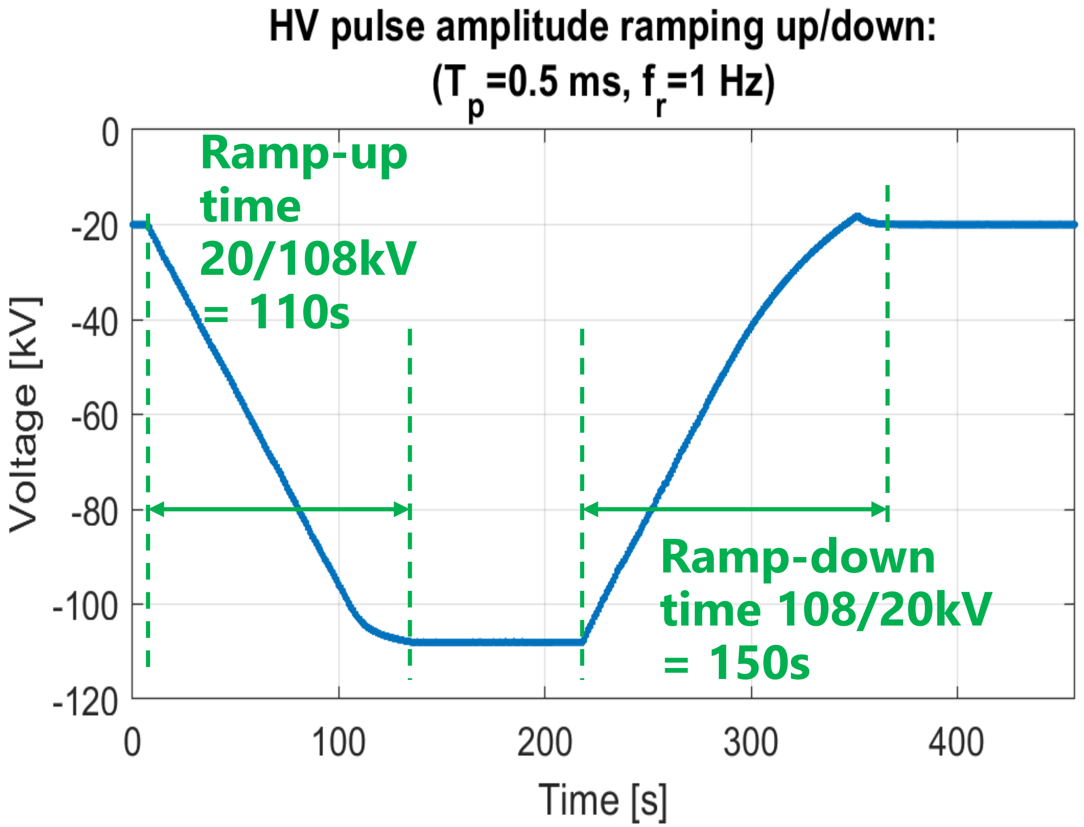
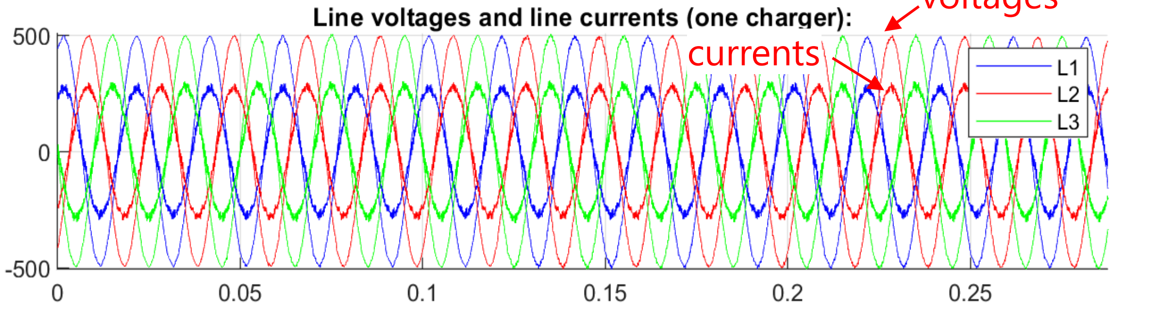
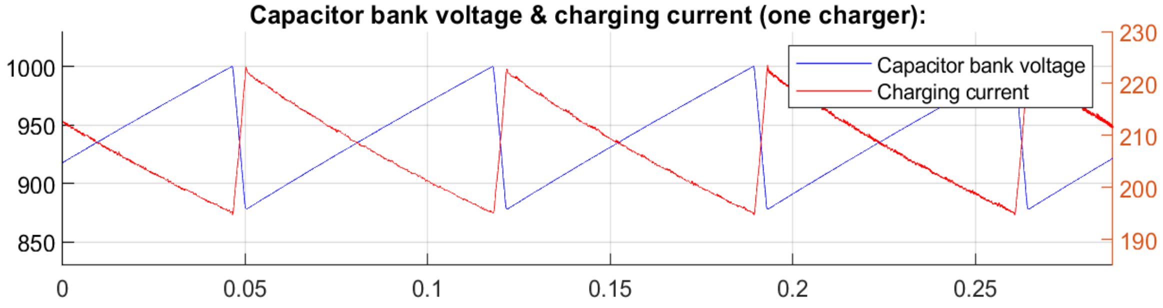
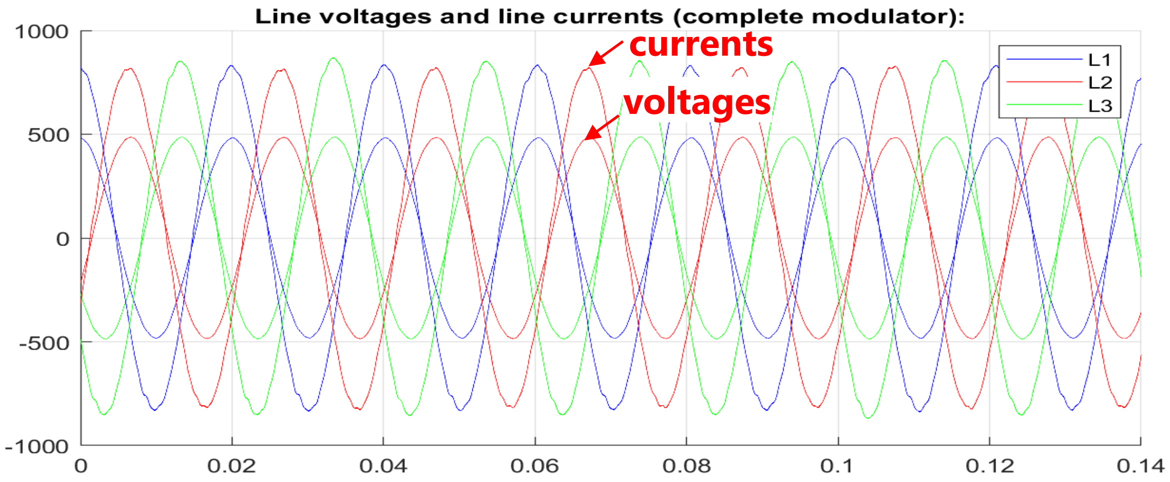
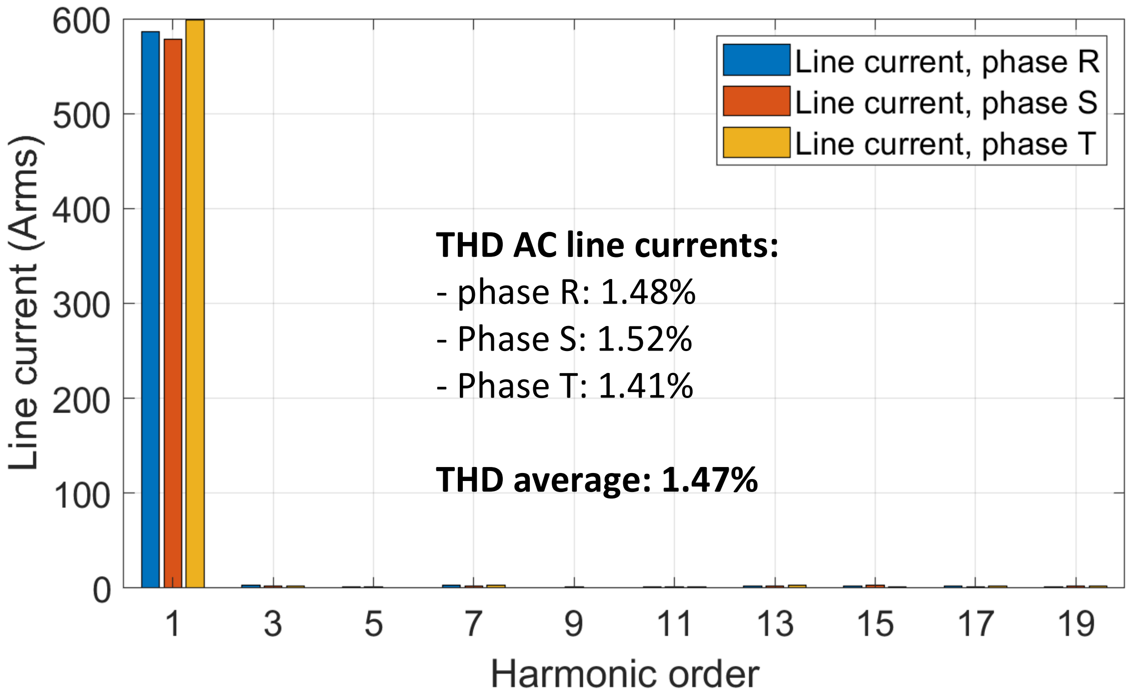


Experimental results on resistive dummy load – AC power quality



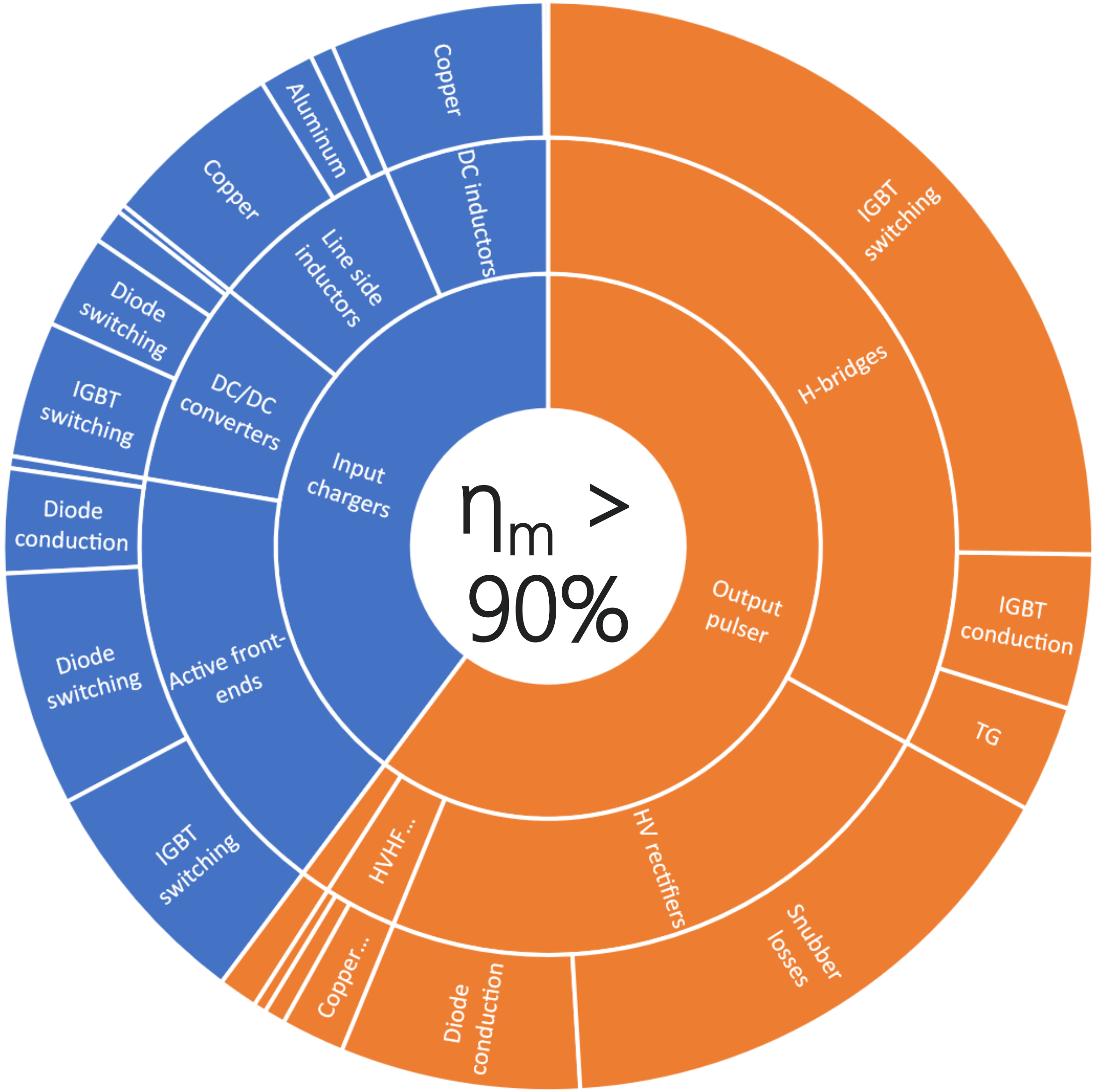


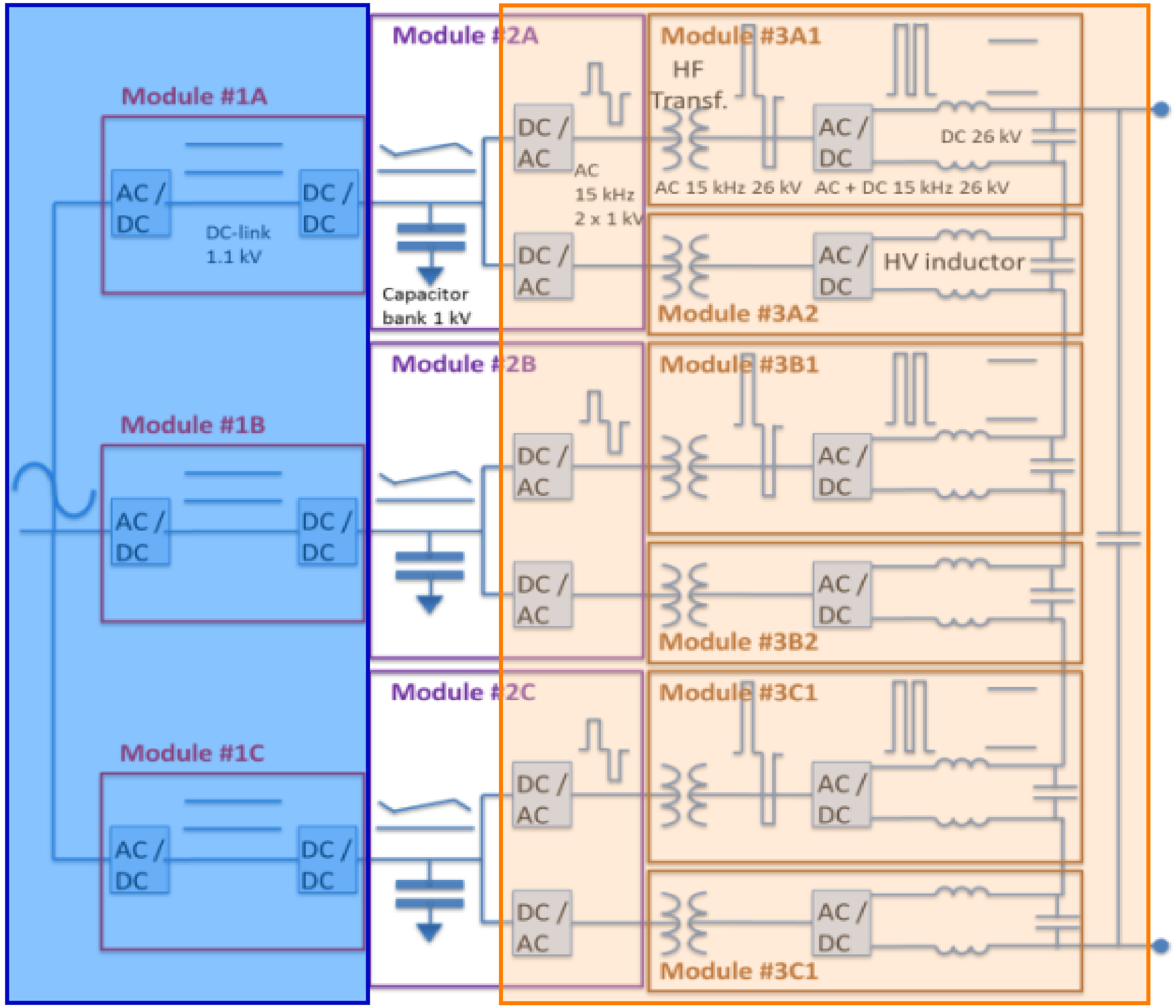




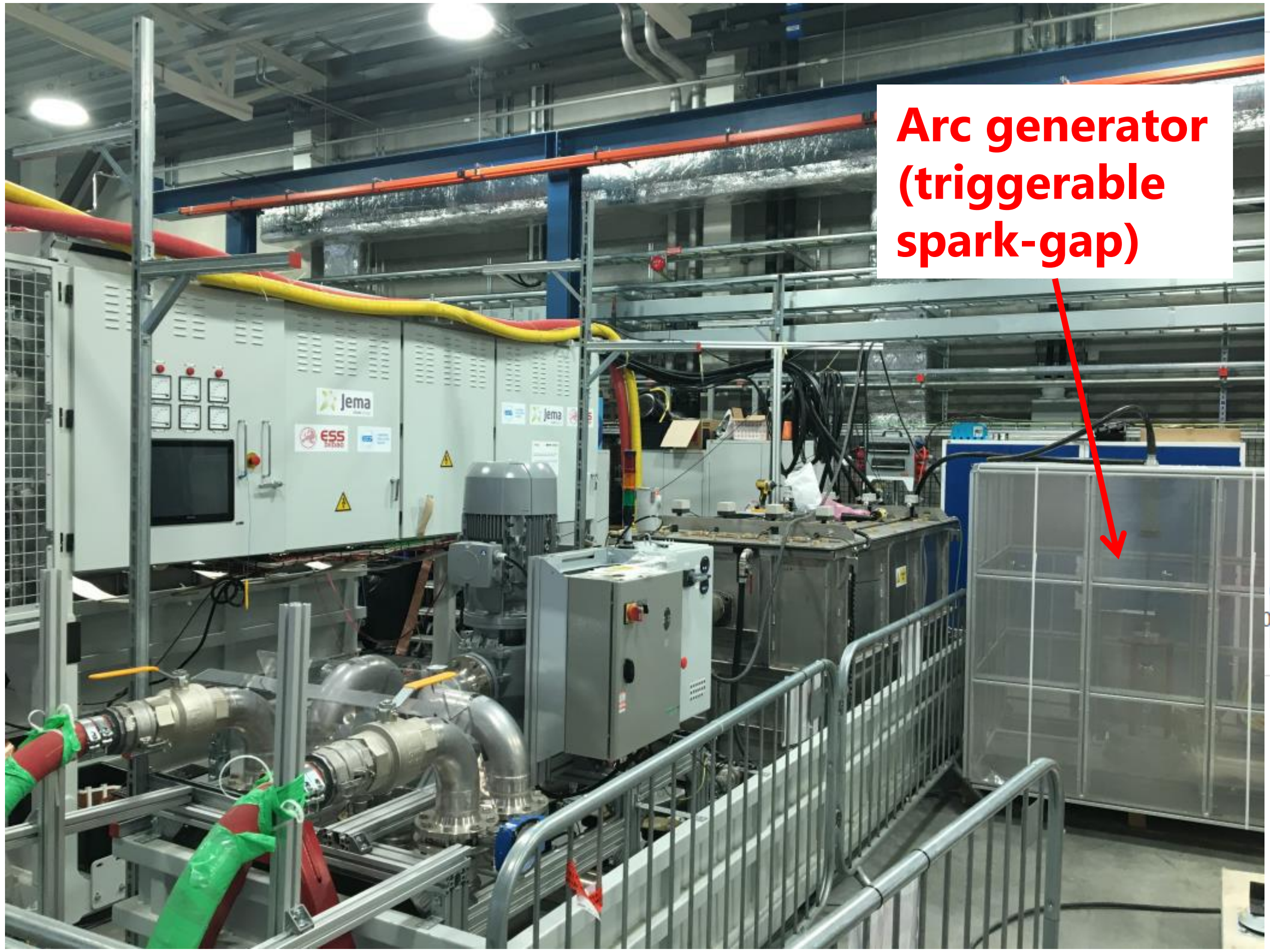
- Unitary power factor;
- Flicker free operation (constant line currents)
- Pure sinusoidal current absorption

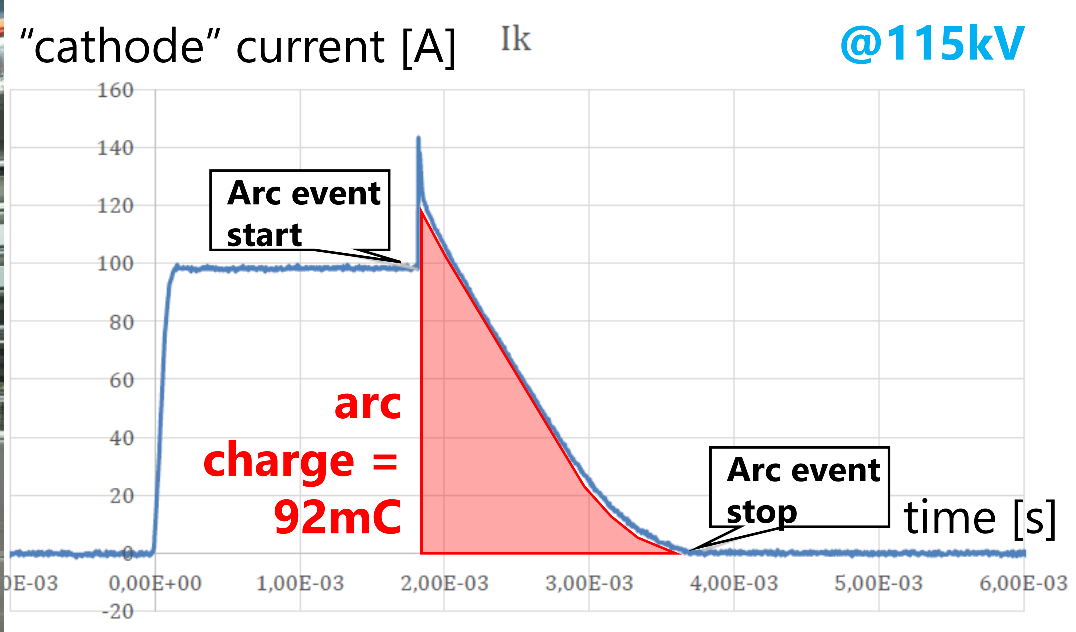
Experimental results on resistive dummy load – Power Losses and Efficiency





Experimental results on resistive dummy load – Arc simulation tests





Arc voltage: 50V → **"arc energy" = 4.6J**

Note: Energy stored in the HV cables not included

Status of Installation & Commissioning

M8 to M12, delivered

M14 to M18, delivered

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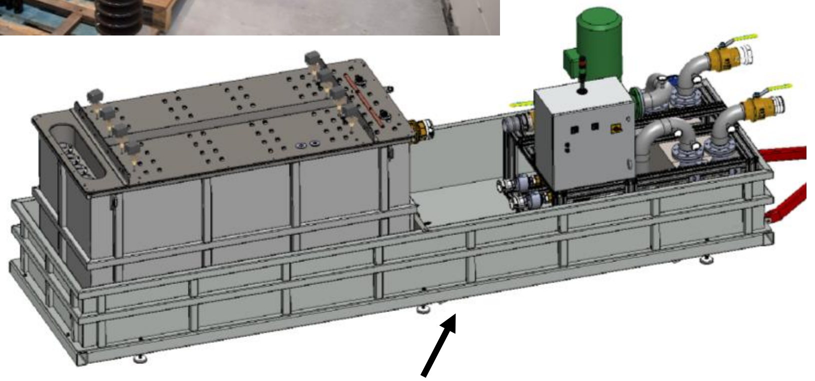


- All units tested in **HV dummy load** for >40 hours at ESS TS3, after FAT, before installation;
- M1: in operation >2’100 hours;
- M2, M3, M4, M5: in operation >100 hours
- M13: in operation (@50% power) >800 hours

Lessons learned

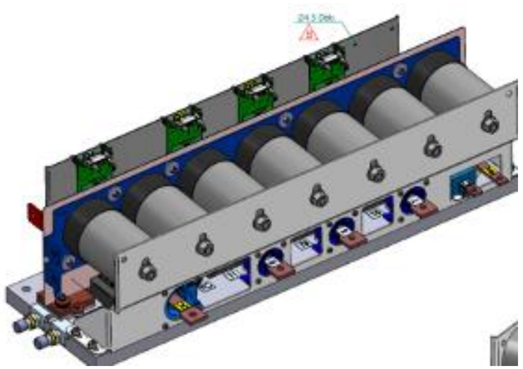
1)- Type of oil (MIDEL 7131 versus SHELL DIALA S3 ZX-IG):

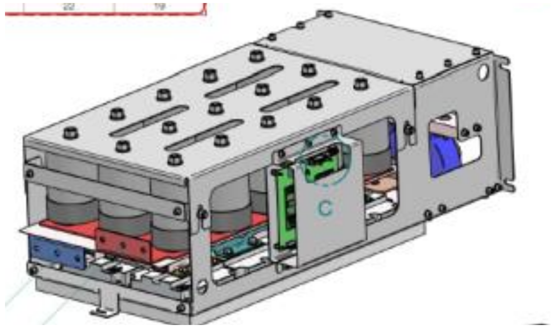
- MIDEL 7131:
  - Biodegradable;
  - High fire flashing point (>300 °C);
- SHELL DIALA S4 ZX-IG:
  - Non-biodegradable;
  - Fire flashing point (~170 ° C);

2)- Type of hoses in oil filling pumps:

- Metallic Helix wire;
- Semi-conductive rubber;

3)- Power Stacks, from a specialized sub-contractor:





- with embedded protections (well tuned & pre-tested in factory);

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