

# THz Gyrotrons: novelty, achievements and applications

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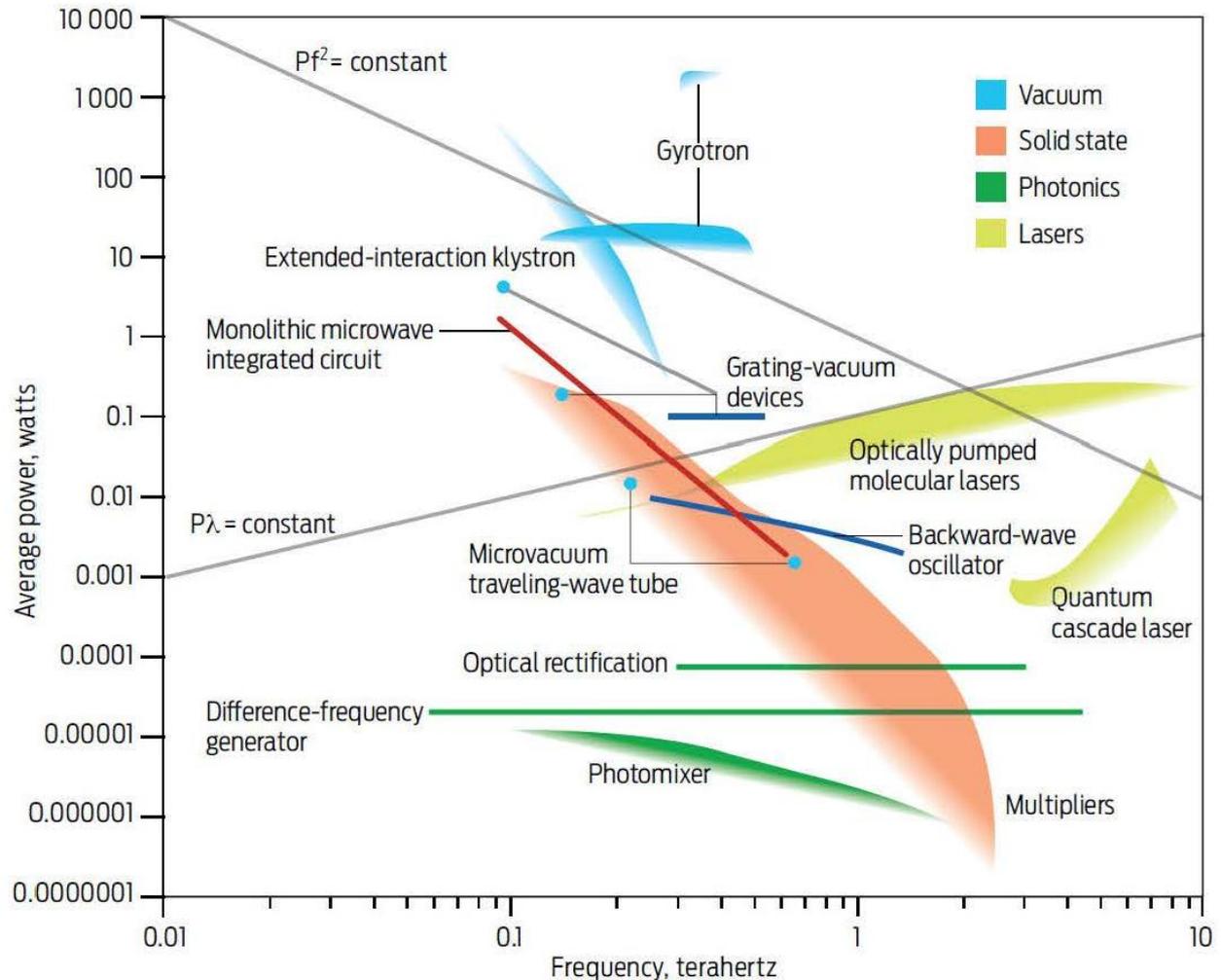
# The status of THz sources

H. Booske, R. J. Dobbs, C. D. Joye,  
C. L. Kory, G. R. Neil, G.-S. Park,  
J. Park, and R. J. Temkin,  
Vacuum electronic high power  
terahertz sources, IEEE Trans. on  
TST, 1 (1), 54–75 (2011)

Convergence of Terahertz Sciences  
in Biomedical Systems  
Editors: G.-S. Park, Y.H. Kim,  
H. Han, J.K. Han, J. Ahn, J.-H. Son, W.-  
Y. Park, Y.U. Jeong Springer 2012

Handbook of Terahertz Technologies:  
Devices and Applications  
Editors: H.-J. Song, T. Nagatsuma  
Taylor & Francis Group, 2015

M. Glyavin, T. Idehara, S. Sabchevski  
Development of THz gyrotrons at IAP  
RAS and FIR UF and their  
applications in physical research and  
high-power THz technologies  
IEEE Trans. on TST, 5 (5), 788-797  
(2015)



C.M. Armstrong. The truth about terahertz.  
IEEE Spectrum, 49(9):36–41, Sept. 2012



# Free Electron Laser

**N.Vinokurov, G.Kulipanov**  
(Budker Institute of Nuclear Physics)

in operation since 2003

Wavelength, microns	90-240
Average power, kW	0.5
Peak power, MW	10
Repetition rate, MHz	5-10

## FEL (part only)



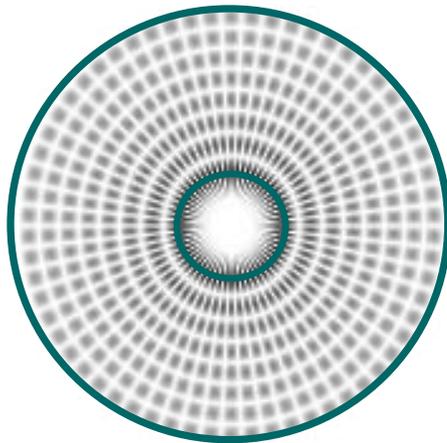
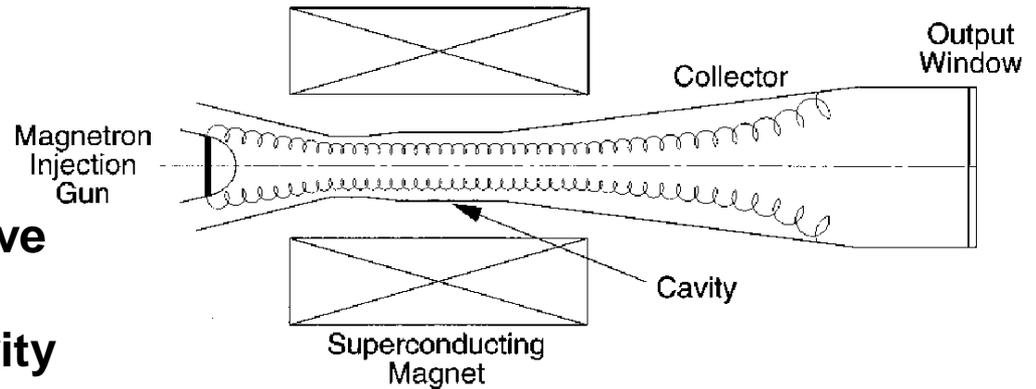
## Gyrotrons

**Gyrotrons are much more compact than FELs !**



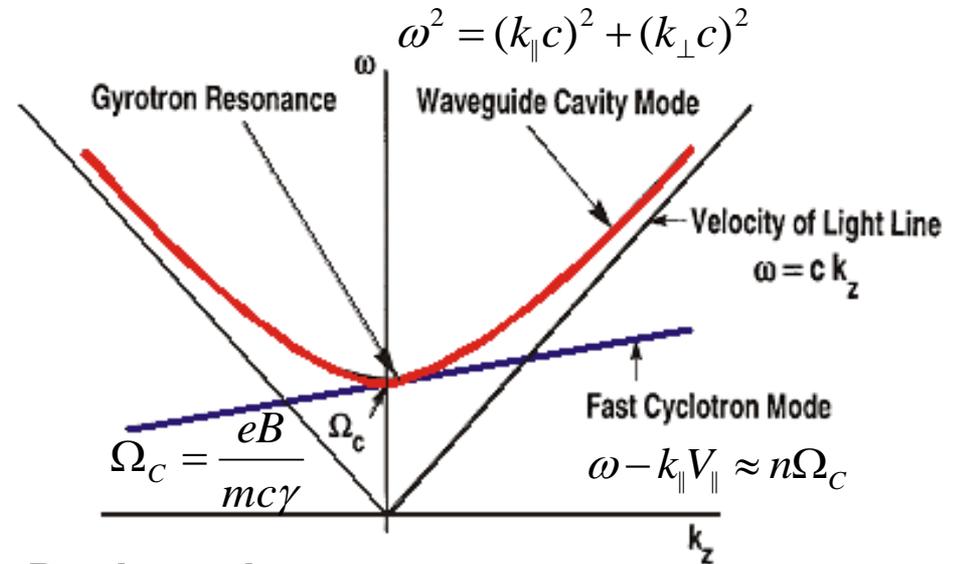
# Gyrotron: general view

The gyrotron operates at the waves excited near cutoff - operation is less sensitive to the velocity spread. Operation at fast waves in a cavity without small-scale elements – very high power level in long pulses or CW regimes.



TE<sub>0,2</sub>  $\varnothing \approx 2 \lambda$

TE<sub>25,10</sub>  $\varnothing \approx 20 \lambda$



Backward wave  
interaction  $k_z < 0$

Forward wave  
Interaction  $k_z > 0$



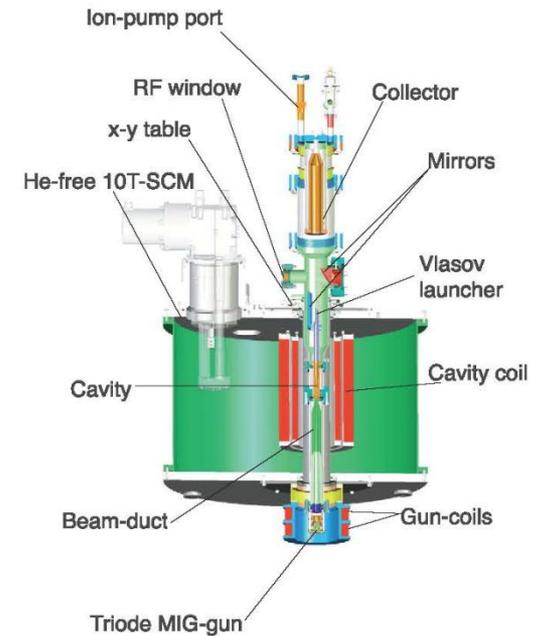
# Gyrotrons



**Multi-megawatt, quasi-continuous millimeter-wave gyrotrons for ECRC and CD in controlled fusion reactors**  
1 MW / 170 GHz / CW



**CW medium power (tens kW) gyrotrons for technological applications**



**Low power (tens Watts) THz band gyrotrons for spectroscopy and diagnostic of various media**

# Gyrotron for ITER: Recent Development



JAEA/TOSHIBA

**170 GHz**

IAP/GYCOM

**1 MW**

FZK/THALES

**CW (1000 s)**

CPI/GA

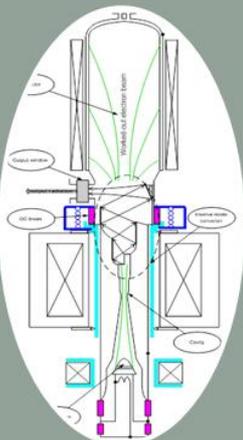
**>50%**



# Gyrottron for ITER: Recent Development Steps



Conceptual design



Long pulse operation of gyrottron pre-prototype in presents of IO representatives, April 2011

Run tests



Run tests of gyrottron pre-prototype, 2014  
1MW output power  
500s – 160 pulses  
1000s – 55 pulses  
Reliability > 95%

Final design



Factory tests of Power Source Prototype successfully passed (IO representatives), May 2015  
FDR Procedure (Cadarache, October 2015)

Manufacture



Manufacture and Inspection Plan.  
Quality Plan  
Manufacture readiness review  
Start of Manufacture 2016

Delivery



Planned Delivering of the 1<sup>st</sup> Gyrottron System 2017  
RF Building Readiness 2018



# Gyrotron for ITER: Recent Development Steps



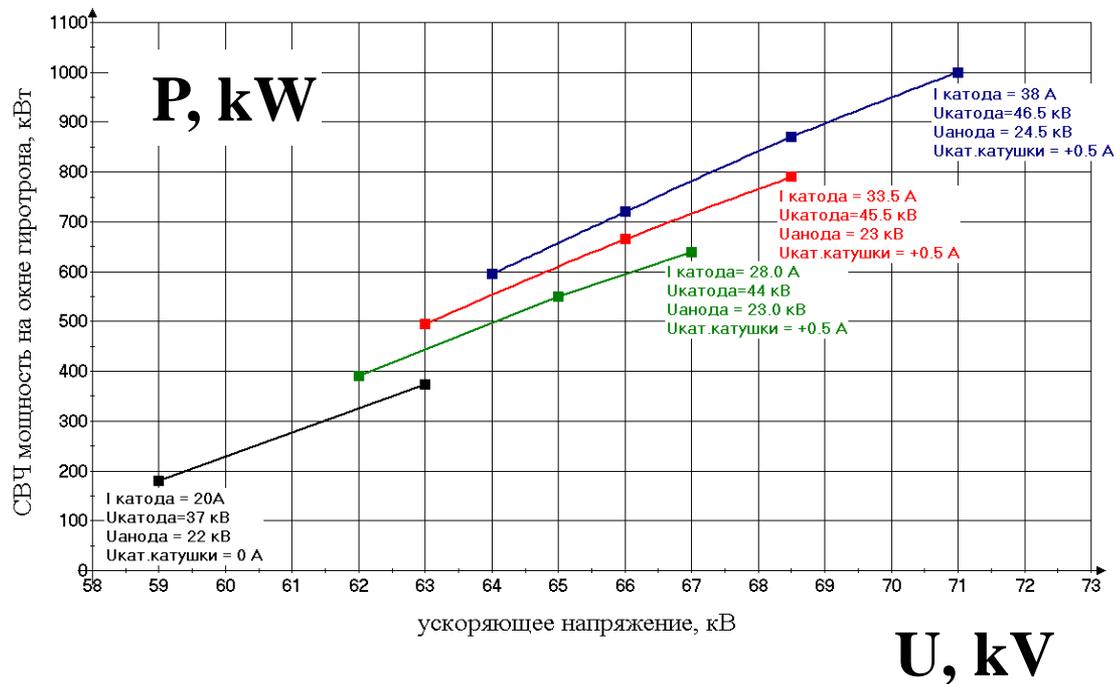
**November 2016** – fabrication of first gyrotron complex for ITER

**2017** Ø63.5 mm waveguide was changed to Ø50 mm  
Second complex was fabricated. Required parameters were demonstrated. ITER do not ask for delivery.

**From 2018** each year - one more complex.



## ECRH system for T15-MD



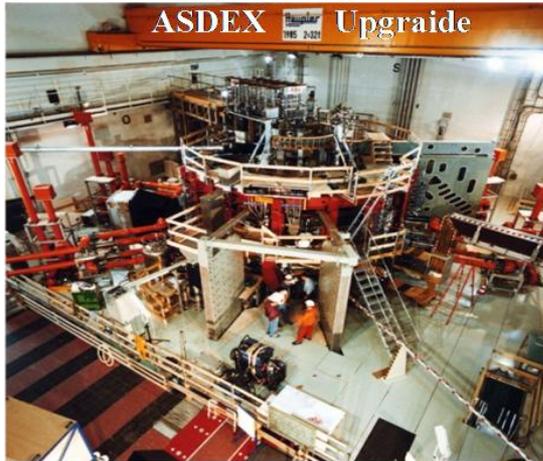
**The power 1 MW and efficiency  
57% has been obtained for designed  
frequency 82.6%**



# Recent requests & deliveries



**140/105 GHz**  
4 gyrotrons – delivered



ASDEX Upgrade

**140 GHz**  
2 gyrotrons – delivered  
More in discussion

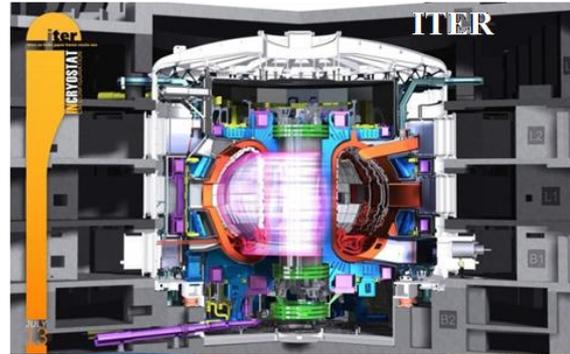
11/18/2001//

31.83 GHz Unitasmeatko@mail

+ TCV, T15-MD

2/26/2001//

**170 GHz**  
8 gyrotrons –  
to be delivered  
as components  
of self-sufficient  
RF sources



ITER

**140/105 GHz**  
2 gyrotrons – delivered



KSTAR

**GYCOM**  
1MW / 3 -1000 s  
gyrotrons for ECRH and  
current drive



EAST



HL-2A

**140 GHz**  
2 gyrotrons – delivered  
**105 GHz**  
2 gyrotrons – delivered  
2 gyrotrons – is under  
production  
1 gyrotron – is ordered





# Gyrotrons



**Megawatt millimeter-wave  
gyrotrons for  
ECRC and CD in controlled  
fusion reactors  
1 MW / 170 GHz / CW**



**CW medium power  
(tens kW)  
gyrotrons for  
technological applications**

**THz band**



**Low power (tens Watts)  
gyrotrons for  
spectroscopy and diagnostic  
of various media**



PAH

# Magnetic fields for gyrotrons

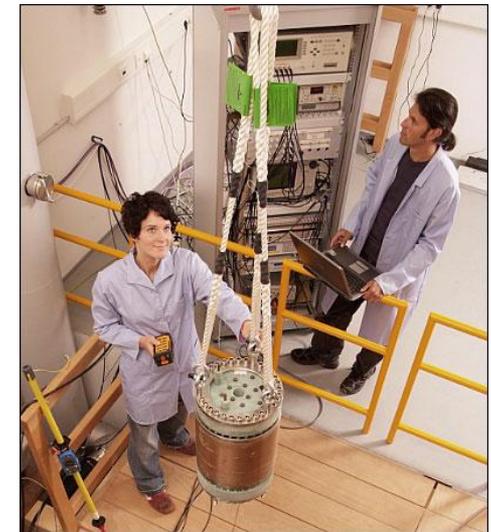
When the Doppler term in the cyclotron resonance condition is negligibly small,  $B(T) \approx 35.7\gamma_0 f(\text{THz})/s$  for 1 THz at  $s=1$  – 36 Tesla!



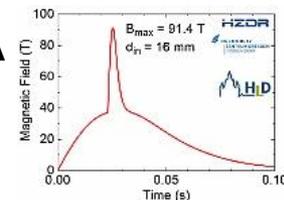
R. Hirose et al., IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond., 2006, p. 953.  
Cryogen-free 15 T solenoid  
JASTEC, Japan



Hybrid magnets  
>30 T in 50 mm  
Power consumption  
~20 MW CW  
NHMFL, France, USA



Pulsed solenoids  
> 97 T  
LANL, USA

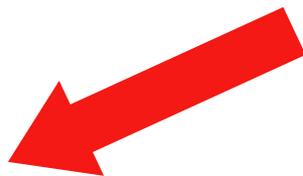




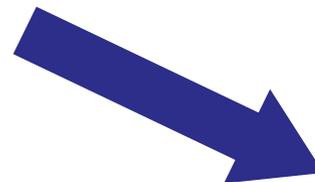
## The problem of the right way...



$$\omega = s \omega_H \sim sB$$



Conventional gyrotron,  $s=1,2$   
**-Strong magnetic field**

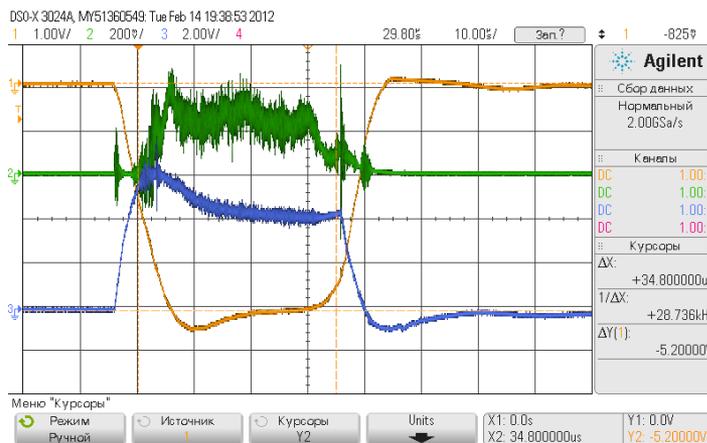
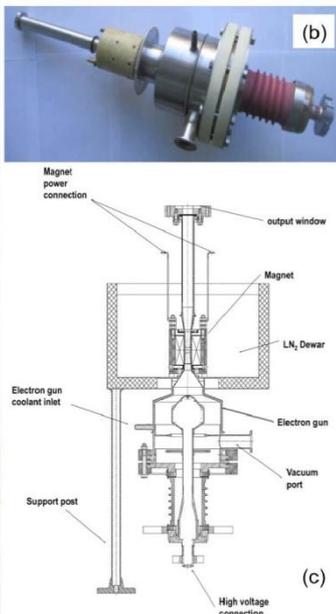


High harmonic operation  
 with improved mode selection



# Powerful gyrotron with pulsed coil

IAP RAS (Russia) & UMD (USA)  
Glyavin, Luchinin, Nusinovich  
Fundamental harmonic operation



$B \sim 28 \text{ T}$   
 $f = f_c = 0.7 \text{ THz}$   
 $P \sim 200 \text{ kW}$   
 Efficiency  $\sim 20\%$   
 $t \sim 0.05 \text{ ms}$   
 1 pulse per 1 min  
 $TE_{31,8} \text{ mode}$

M.Yu.Glyavin, A.G.Luchinin, G.S.Nusinovich, J.Rodgers, D.G.Kashyn, C.A.Romero-Talamas, R.Pu "A 670 GHz gyrotron with record power and efficiency", *Applied Physics Letters*, 101, 153503 (1-4), 2012

M. Yu. Glyavin, A. G. Luchinin, and G. Yu. Golubiatnikov "Generation of 1.5-kW, 1-THz Coherent Radiation from a Gyrotron with a Pulsed Magnetic Field", *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, **100**, 015101, (2008)

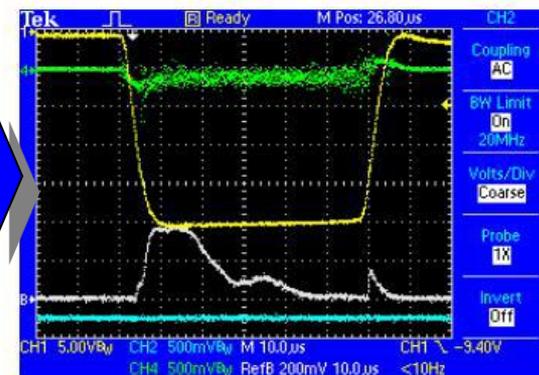


## pulsed coil

$B \sim 38 \text{ T}$   
 $f = f_c = 1.3 \text{ THz}$   
 $P \sim 0.5 \text{ kW}$   
 $t \sim 0.05 \text{ ms}$   
 $f = f_c = 1.02 \text{ THz}$   
 $P \sim 5 \text{ kW}$   
 $t \sim 0.05 \text{ ms}$   
 1 pulse per 1 min  
 $W_s \sim 6 \text{ kJ}$



TDS 2014 - 18:09:38 28.11.06



TDS 2014 - 18:11:58 28.11.06

**Gyrotrons successfully pass the magic 1 THz mark**

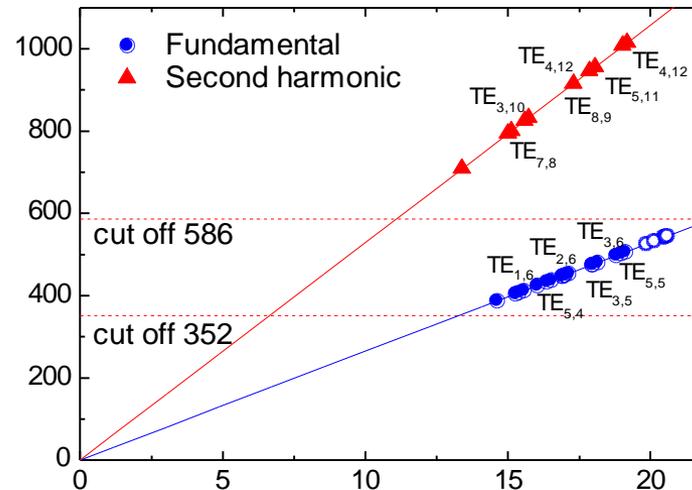


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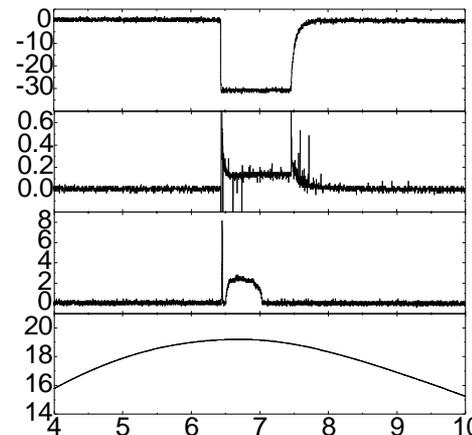
Research Center for Development of Far-Infrared Region  
University of Fukui, Fukui, Japan



**pulsed coil**



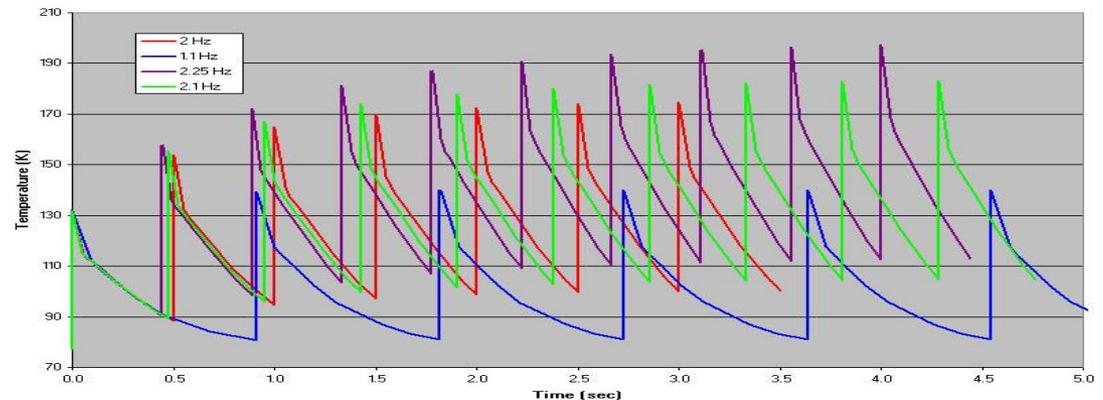
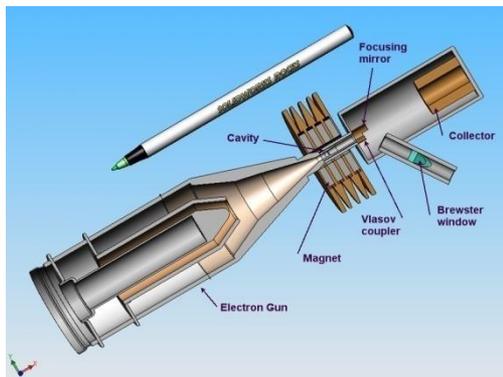
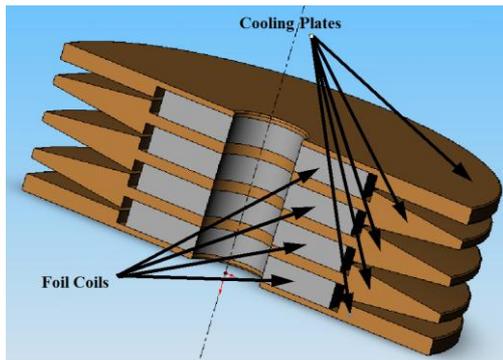
**B = 19.1 T**  
 **$f = 2 f_c = 1.005$  THz**  
**P ~ 10 W**  
**t ~ 1 ms**  
**1 pulse per 20 min**  
 **$W_s \sim 300$  kJ**



T. Idehara, H. Tsuchiya, O. Watanabe, LaAgusu, S. Mitsudo, "The first experiment of a THz gyrotron with a pulse magnet", *Int. J. Infrared and Millimeter Waves*, **27**, 3, 319-331, (2006)

T. Idehara, T. Saito, H. Mori, H. Tsuchiya, La Agusu, S. Mitsudo "Long Pulse Operation of the THz Gyrotron with a Pulse Magnet", *Int. J. Infrared and Millimeter Waves*, **29**, 2, 131-141, (2008)

## High average power, high repetition rate



**In calculations  $f$  up to 2 THz at second harmonic, repetition frequency up to 2 Hz, pulse duration 0.01 ms, average power 10 W**

*M. Read, L. Ives, J. Neilson, G. Nusinovich, "Development of a High Power Pulse THz Gyrotron", IEEE Int. Vacuum Electronics Conf. IVEC '07, 347-348, (2007)*

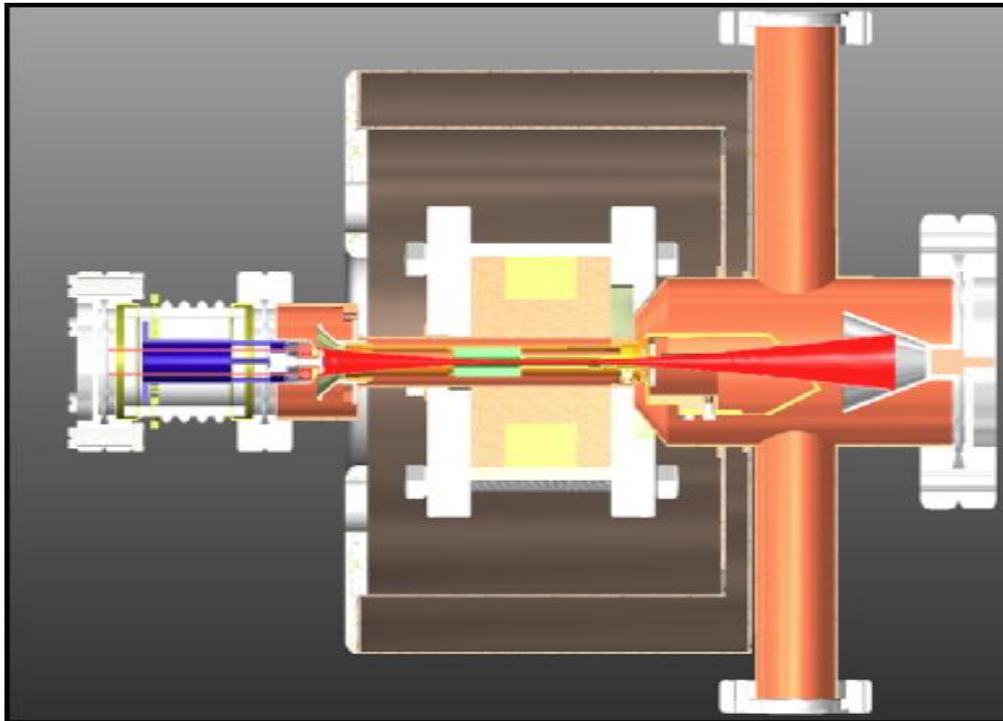
**CCR, USA, Ives et al**



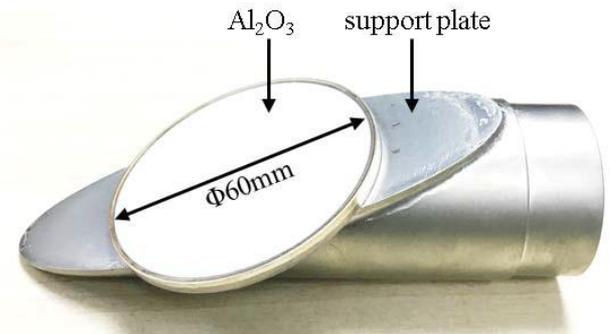
## Development of a 0.33-THz broadband pulse-magnet Gyrotron oscillator

C.-H. Du et al (2017)

Institute of Applied Electronics School of Electronics Engineering and Computer Science Peking University, Beijing 100871, China



frequency : 330 GHz ( $B < 14$  T)  
tuning bandwidth :  $\sim 10$  GHz  
peak power : 1.0 ~ 2.0 kW  
pulse width : 10 ms  
Brewster window (2018)



“...over 0.33–0.50 THz, propagation is better than 90%...”



**The problem of the right way becomes more and more complicated...**

**It depends on the goal:  
power,  
frequency,  
stability.**





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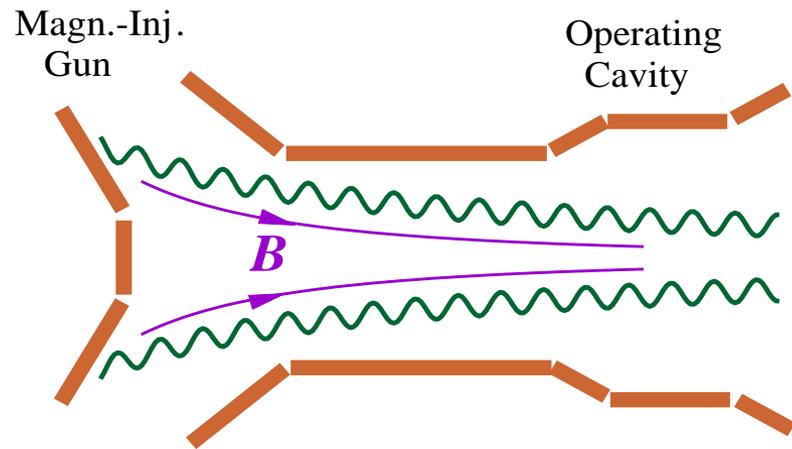
**... and sometimes looks insoluble**



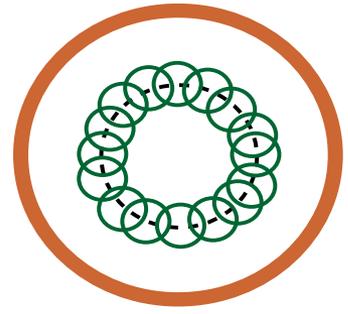


# Improved selection based on axis-encircling electron beam. Only mode with $m=s$ are excited (modes which are characterized by zero Bessel function)

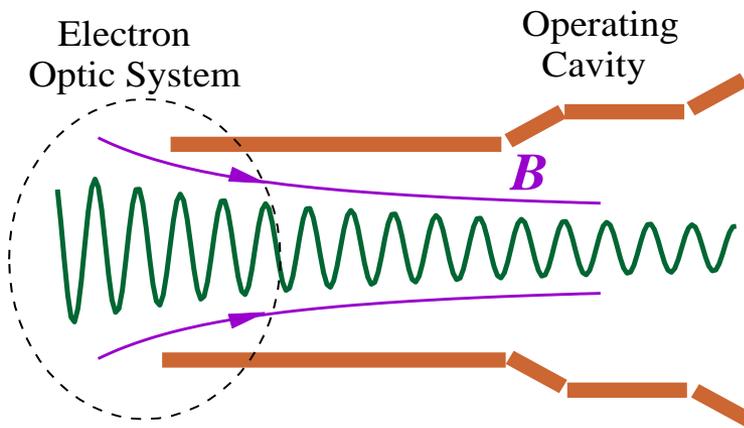
**Traditional Gyrotron**



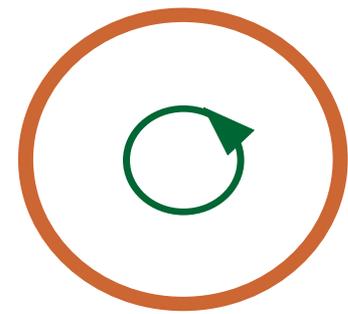
**E-Beam** inside the **Operating Cavity**



**Large-Orbit Gyrotron**



**E-Beam** inside the **Operating Cavity**

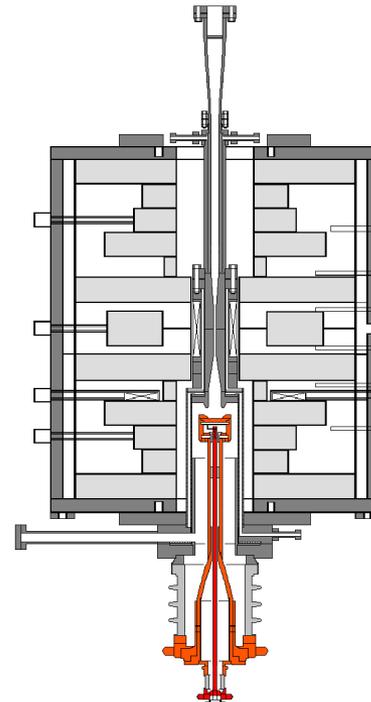
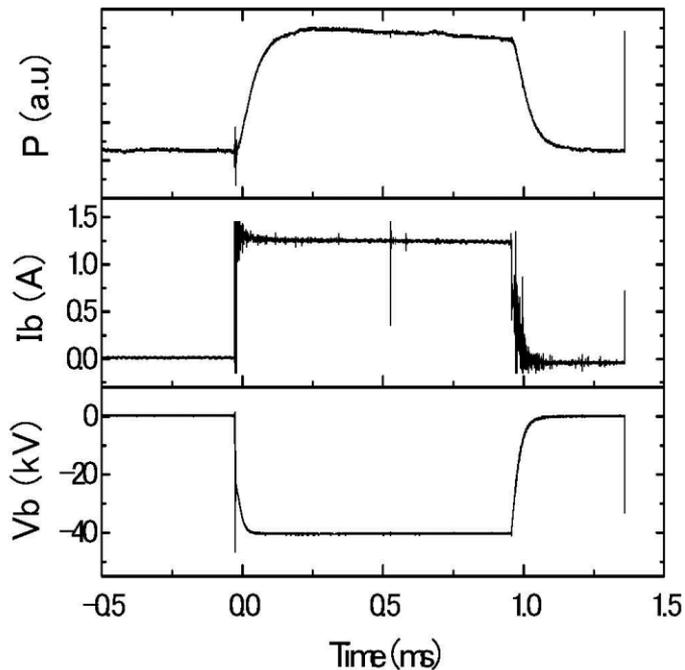




# Pulsed gyrotrons (LOG)



FIR FU



Idehara, T.; Zapevalov, V.; Glyavin, M. et al.  
 "A High Harmonic Gyrotron With an Axis-Encircling Electron  
 Beam and a Permanent Magnet", *IEEE Transactions on  
 Plasma Science*, 32, 3, 903- 909, 2004

**$B \sim 1.1 \text{ T}$**   
 **$f = 5f_c = 0.15 \text{ THz}$**   
 **$P \sim 0.1 \text{ kW}$ ,  $t \sim 0.05 \text{ ms}$**



# LOG

Yu.Kalynov, **A.Savilov**, V.Bratman, et al  
IAP RAS, Russia. From pulsed to CW operation

**Report 4.1 this conference**

$B \sim 5 \text{ T}$   
 $f = 2f_c = 0.26 \text{ THz (CW)}$

$P \sim 1 \text{ kW}$

$f = 3f_c = 0.39 \text{ THz (CW)}$

$P \sim 0.3 \text{ kW}$

Obtained in 2018 – in press

$B \sim 15 \text{ T}$   
 $f = 2f_c = 0.6 \text{ THz}$   
 $P \sim 2 \text{ kW}$

$f = 3f_c = 1 \text{ THz}$   
 $P \sim 0.3 \text{ kW}$   
 $t \sim 0.01 \text{ ms}$

$f = 3f_c = 0.4 \text{ THz}$   
 $P \sim 20 \text{ kW}$   
 $t \sim 0.01 \text{ ms}$

$U \sim 250 \text{ kV}$

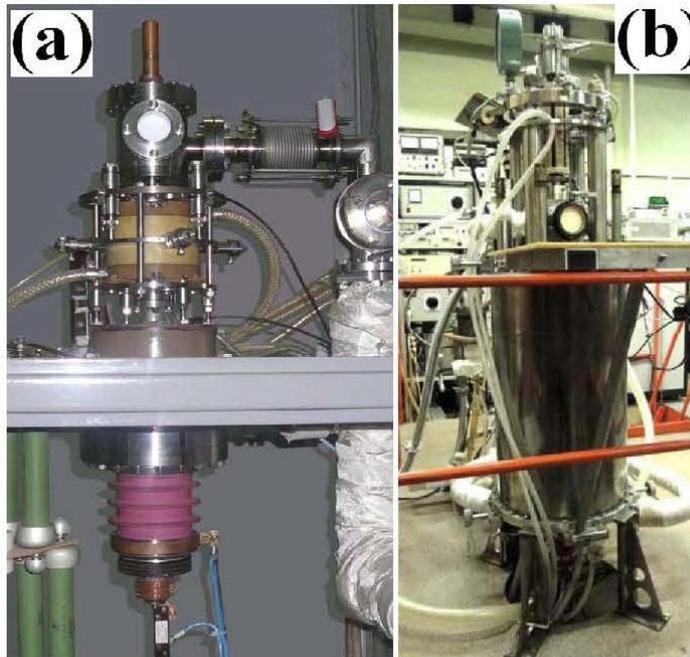
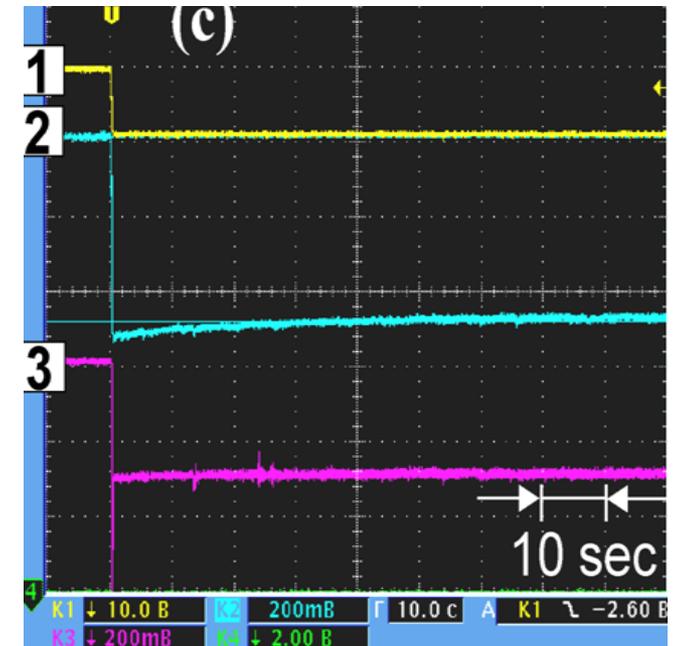


Fig. 1. Two high-harmonic gyrotron setups operating at the IAP.  
(a) 80-keV “pulsed LOG.” (b) 30-keV “CW LOG.”



Oscilloscope traces of the electron  
beam voltage ( $U$ ), current ( $I$ ) and rf  
signal passed through two (250 and  
350 GHz) filters

V. L. Bratman, Yu. K. Kalynov, and V. N. Manuilov “Large-Orbit Gyrotron Operation in the Terahertz Frequency Range” *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 102, 245101 (2009)

I.V.Bandurkin et al. “Terahertz Large-Orbit High-Harmonic Gyrotrons at IAP RAS: Recent Experiments and New Designs” *Phys. IEEE TED*, 65, 6, 2287 (2018)

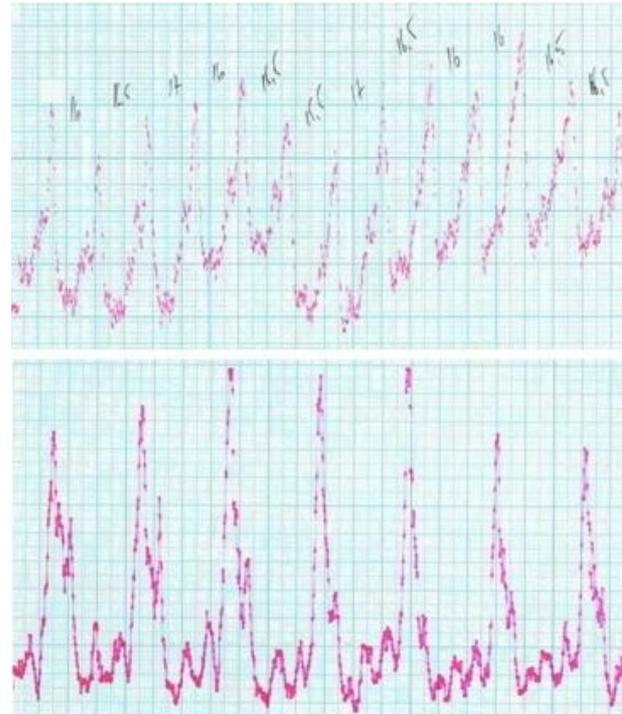
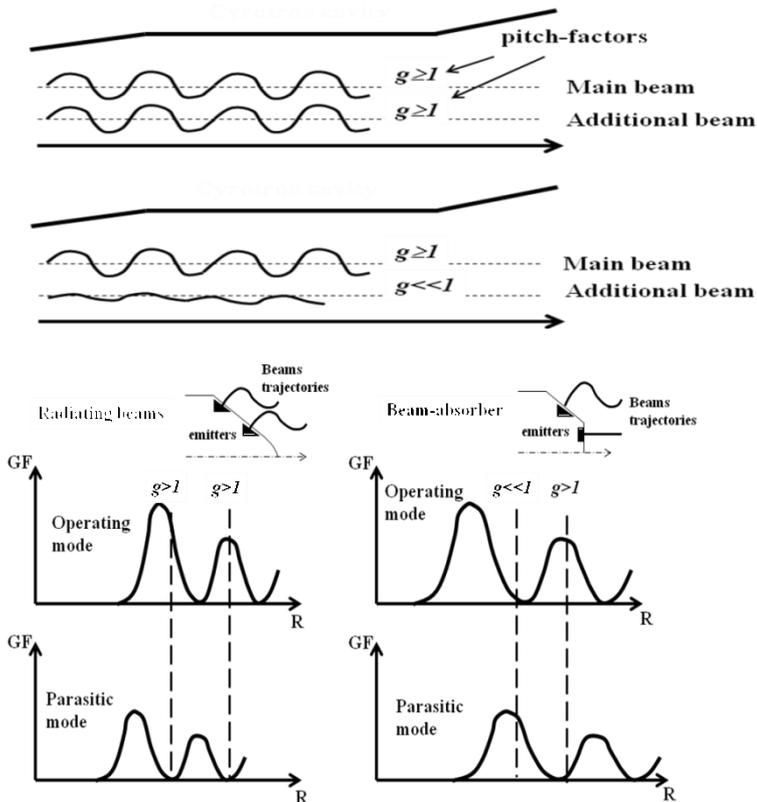


# Double-beam gyrotron tests



FIR UF

Concept of multi-beam gyrotron was proposed by V.Zapevalov et al., "Inventor's Certificate No. 786677 USSR with priority from July 25, 1979. "Cyclotron-Resonance Maser"



$$s = 2, P \sim 10 \text{ W}$$

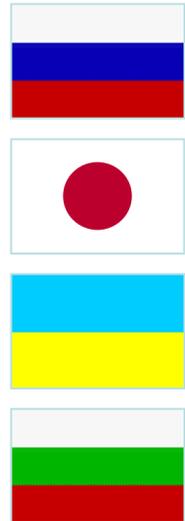
$$f = 770 \pm 20 \text{ GHz}$$

$$s = 1, P \sim 100 \text{ W}$$

many modes

$$200 \text{ GHz} < f < 400 \text{ GHz}$$

T.Idehara, M.Glyavin et al. "A Novel THz-Band Double-Beam Gyrotron for High-Field DNP-NMR Spectroscopy", *Review of Scientific Instruments*, 88, 094708 (2017)



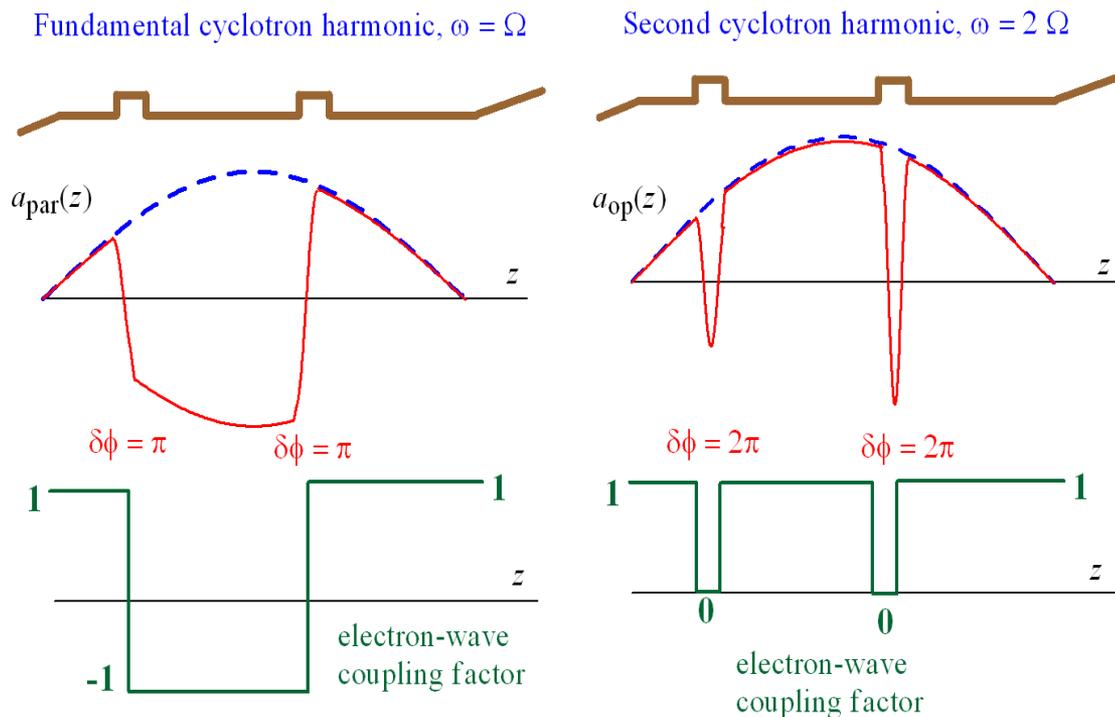


# Pulsed coil gyrotron – excitation of second harmonic

**A.V.Savilov, I.V.Osharin,  
I.V.Bandurkin et al.**

**A method for  
suppression of spurious  
fundamental-harmonic  
waves in gyrotrons  
operating at the second  
cyclotron harmonic**

**600 GHz\*2 ~ 1200 GHz**



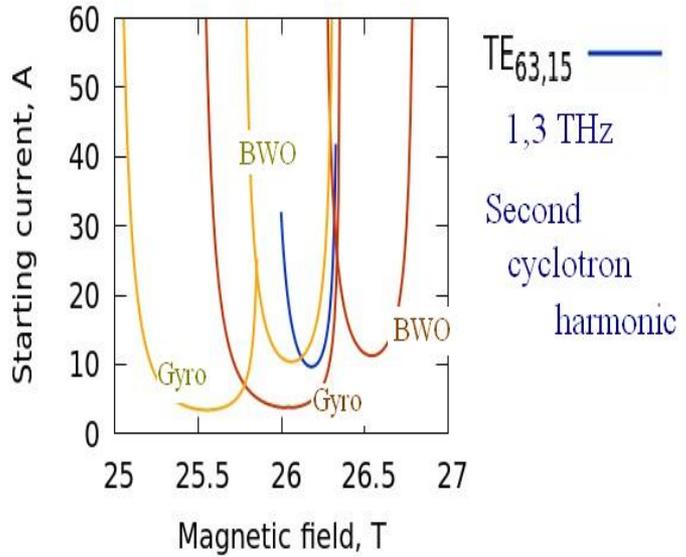
**The starting currents of fundamental harmonic modes can be  
increased by an order of magnitude**



# Pulsed coil gyrotron – excitation of second harmonic

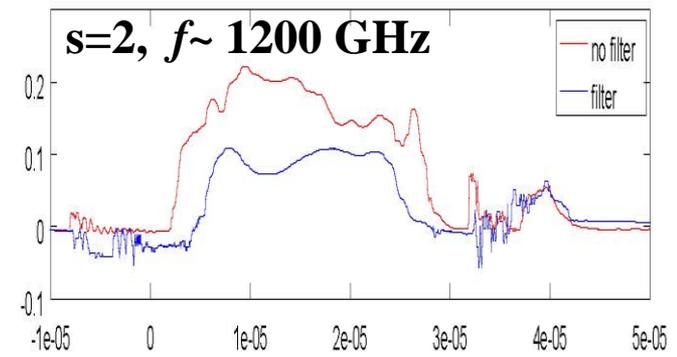
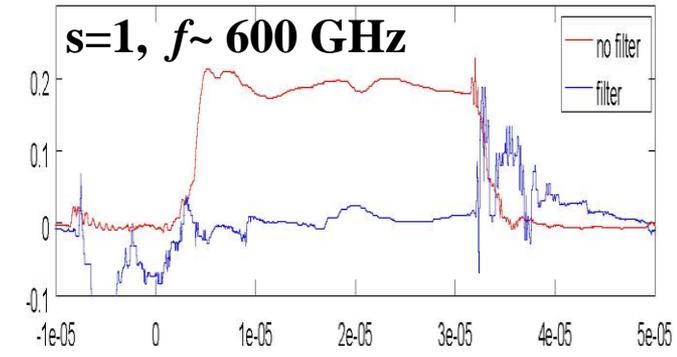
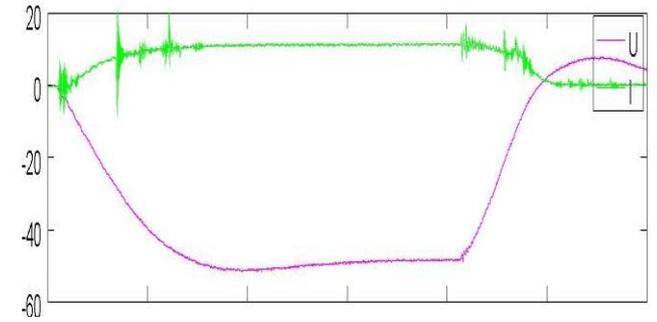
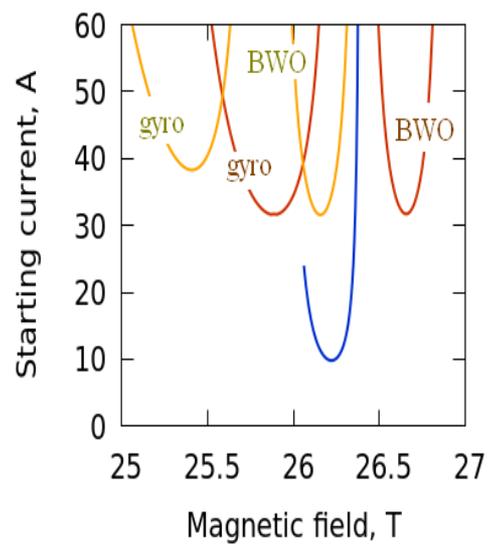


## Regular cavity



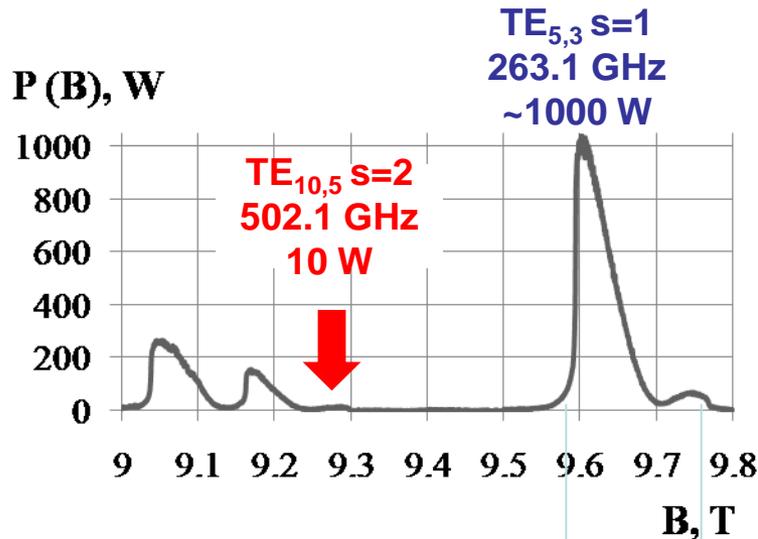
$TE_{31,8}$  — 670 GHz, fund. harm  
 $TE_{30,8}$  — Gyrotron (1st axial mode)  
 BWO (2nd axial mode)

## Irregular cavity





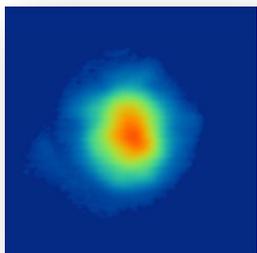
# IAP RAS CW gyrotron



**263.1 GHz**  
**U ~ 15 kV**  
**I ~ 0.4 A**  
**P ~ 1 kW CW ( $\eta = 17\%$ )**

**Generation regime**  
**with low beam current**

**U ~ 14 kV**  
**I ~ 0.02 A**  
**P = 10 W ( $\eta = 3\%$ )**



**TEM<sub>00</sub> ~ 93%**

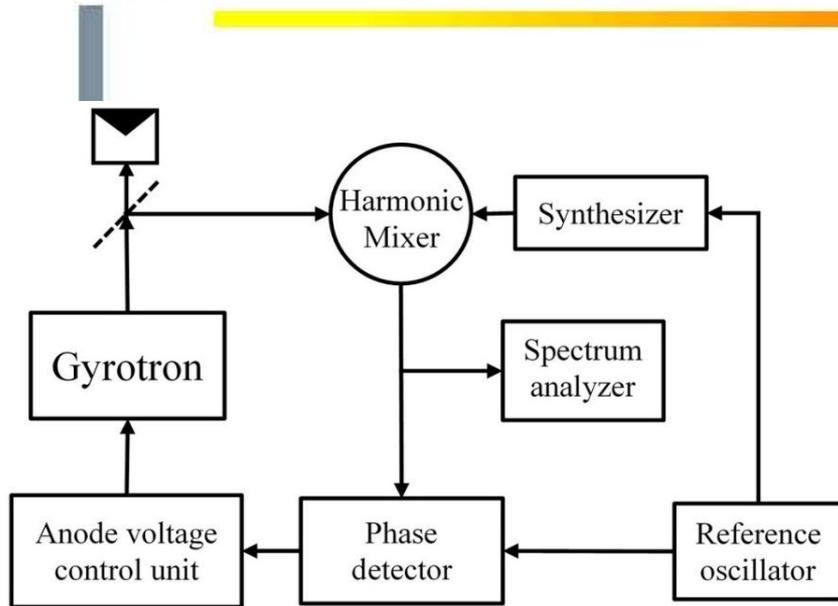
**F = 263.06 GHz – 263.65 GHz**

**$\Delta F \sim 0.6$  GHz**

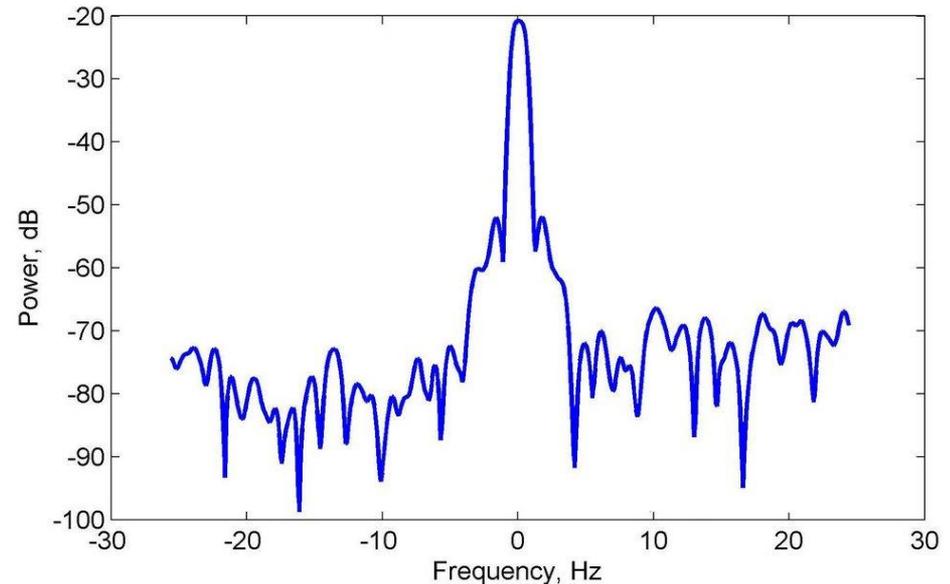
**Continuous frequency tuning**  
by variation of the magnetic field  
(**T, U, I = const**)



# Frequency stabilization - feedback



General view of PLL system

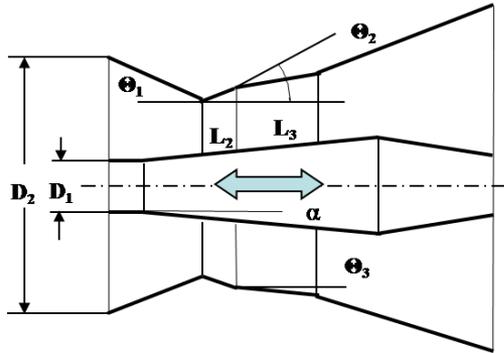


$$\Delta f = 1 \text{ Hz}, \quad f = 263 \text{ GHz}, \quad \Delta f/f = 3 \cdot 10^{-12}$$

Output radiation power **about 100 W**,  
 which is 3 orders of greater than the power of traditional BWOs,  
 and the spectrum width is 3 orders smaller  
 than the previously known experiments with gyrotrons

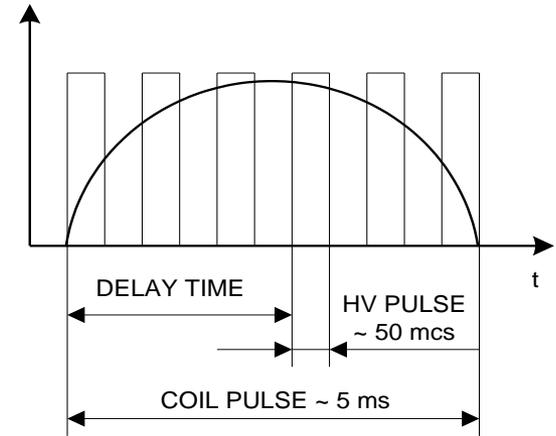


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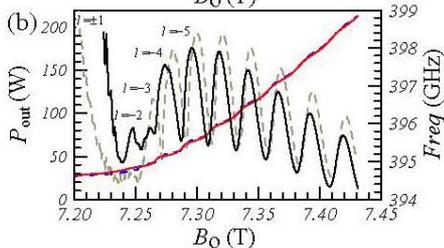
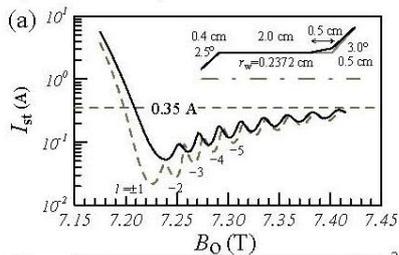


**Coaxial cavity gyrotron with movable insert rod**

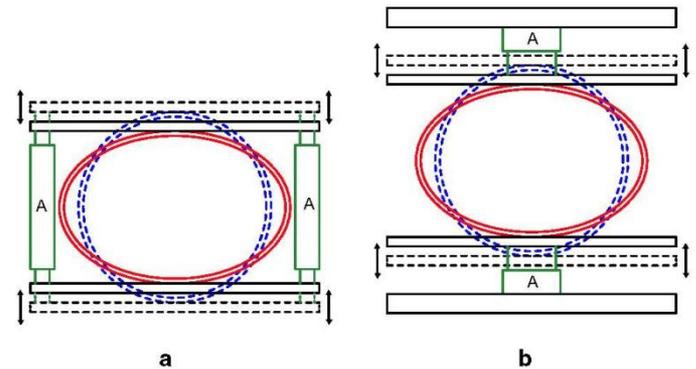
The fine frequency tuning about  $df/f \sim 3,5\%$  is possible for single mode operation and up to  $df/f \sim 5\%$  for step by step excitation of two modes with equal radial indexes for central frequency  $f \sim 300$  GHz.



**Variation of delay time in pulsed coil gyrotrons**



**Excitation of several longitudinal modes**



**Cavity with piezoelectric control of diameter**



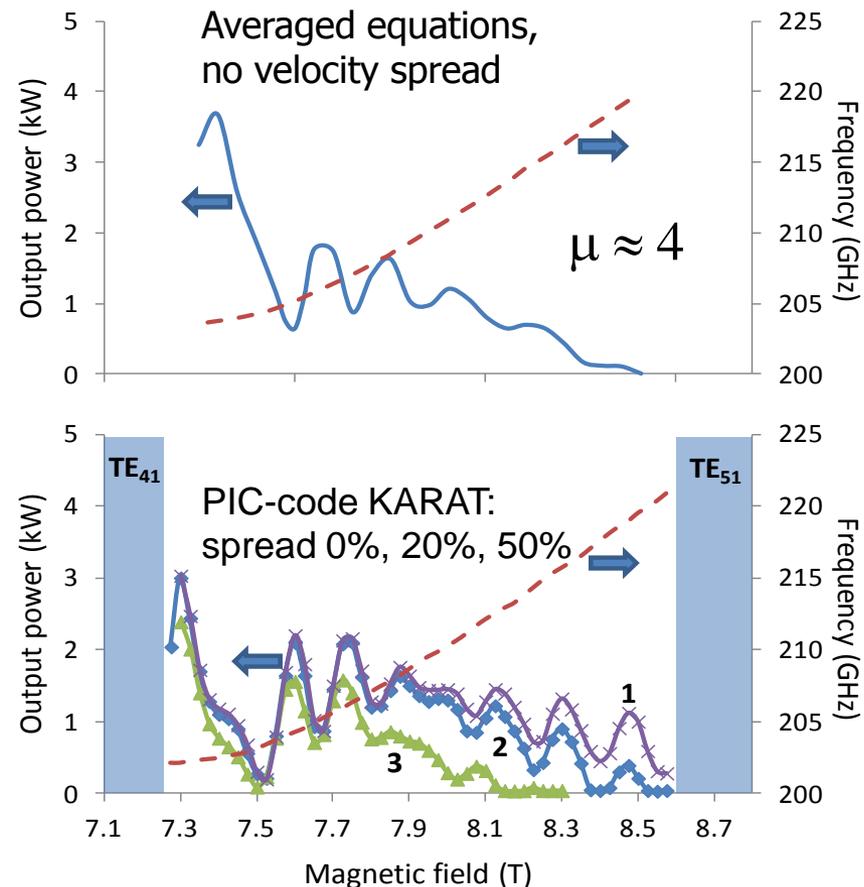
# Frequency tuning

$f \sim 203$  GHz,  $P \sim 1$  kW  $df \sim 7$  GHz for positronium hyperfine structure measurement

- Short-cavity gyrotrons possess a weaker sensitivity to the velocity spread in the electron beam
- Required current can be reduced by operation at low transverse modes due to the growth of the electron-wave coupling coefficient

$$\delta\omega = \frac{\omega - \omega_c}{\omega_c} \approx \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\lambda}{g^2 L \delta v_{\perp}} \right)^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{2} \left( \frac{\beta_{\perp} \rho}{\mu \delta v_{\perp}} \right)^2$$

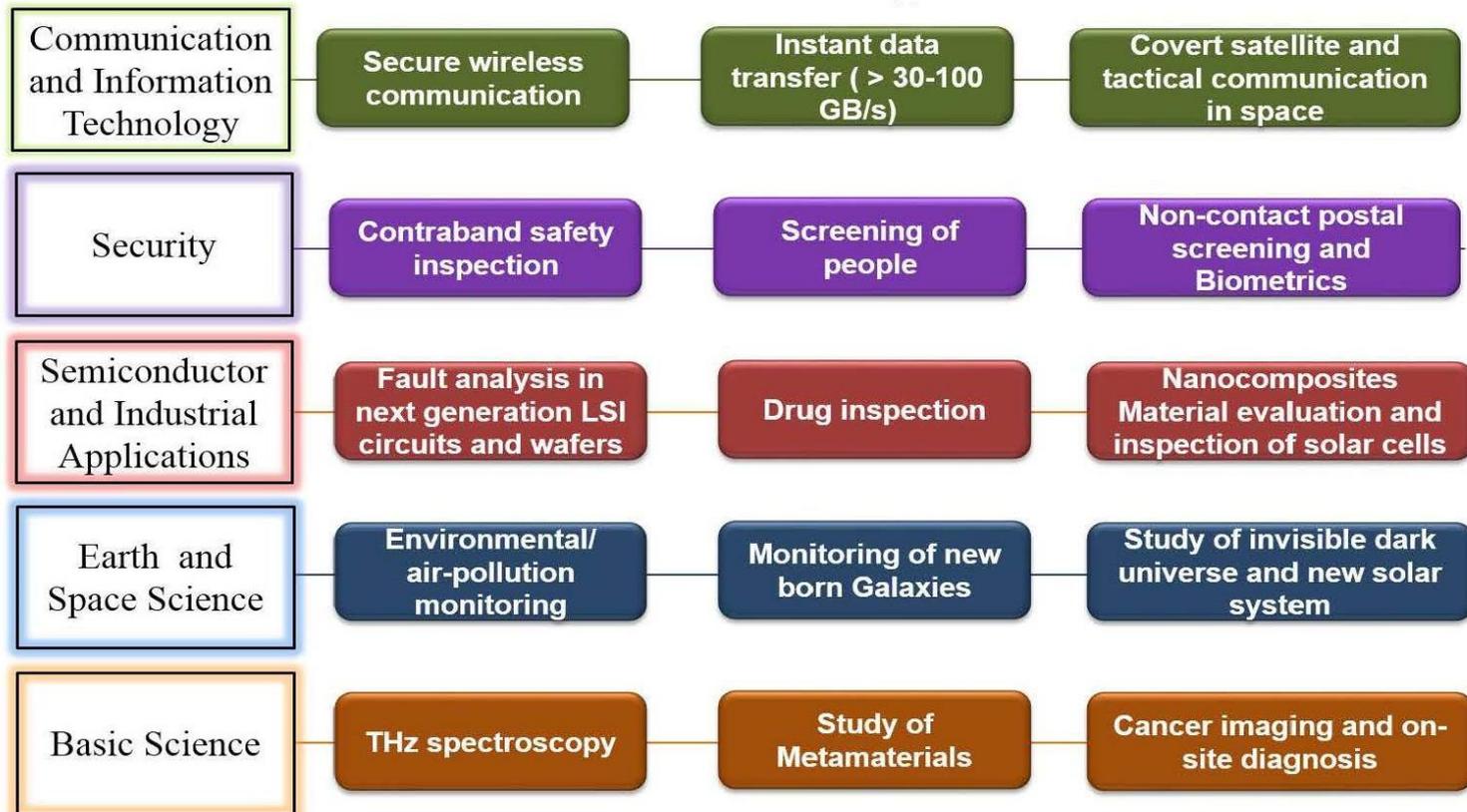
$$\mu \downarrow \quad \delta\omega \uparrow$$



Frequency tuning  $\sim 5\%$  ( $\sim 10$  GHz)



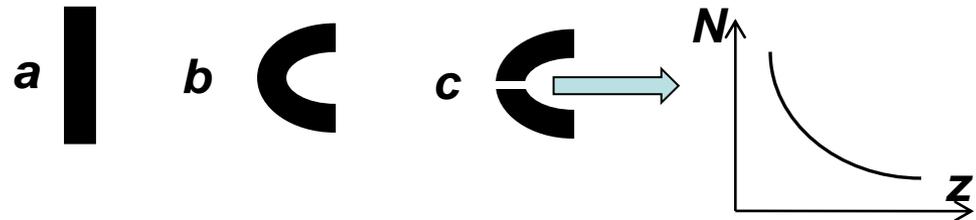
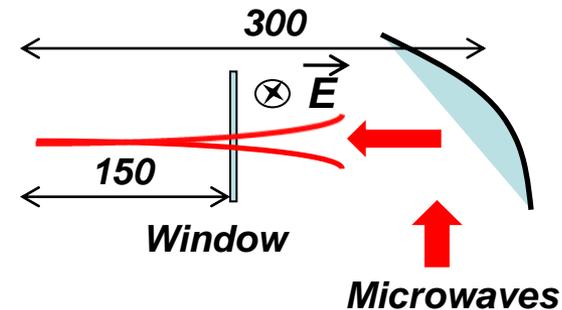
# Applications



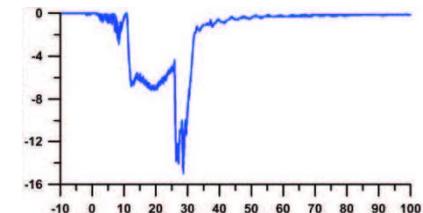
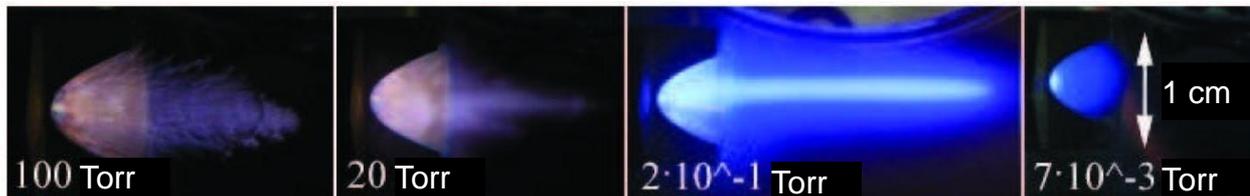
A.Srivastava "Microfabricated Terahertz Vacuum Electron Devices: Technology, Capabilities and Performance Overview"  
*European Journal of Advances in Engineering and Technology*, 2015, 2(8): 54-64



# Localized gas discharge



S.V.Golubev, V.G.Zorin, A.G.Litvak et al. The Discharge Maintained by High-Power Terahertz Radiation in a Nonuniform Gas Flow Radiophysics and Quantum Electronics, 2014, 56, 8-9, 561-565



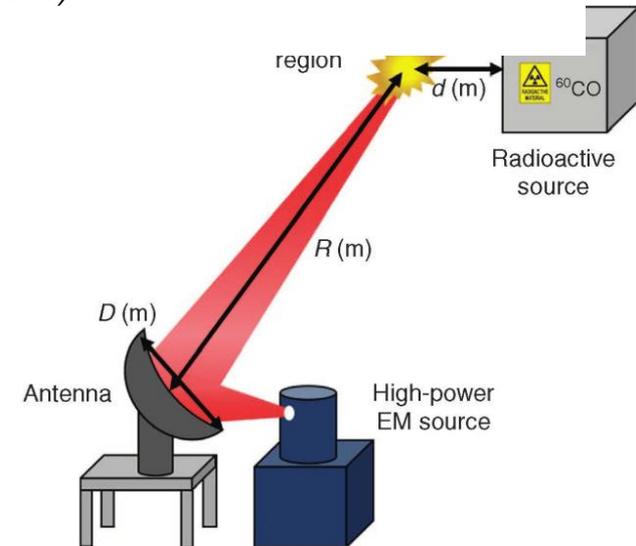
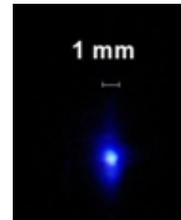
extreme ultraviolet  
signal from p-i-n diode  
 $\lambda \sim 112-180 \text{ nm}$   $P \sim 10 \text{ kW}$

**Localized ( $\sim 1 \text{ mm}$ ) plasma discharge has been realized in a wide range of pressures (0.01 - 1500 Torr) Such a discharge can be used as the pointed source of UV radiation, including the projection lithography – IAP RAS Golubev et al.**

# Remote detection

V.L. Granatstein, G.S. Nusinovich *Detecting excess ionizing radiation by electromagnetic breakdown of air* J. Appl. Phys. 108, 063304 (2010)

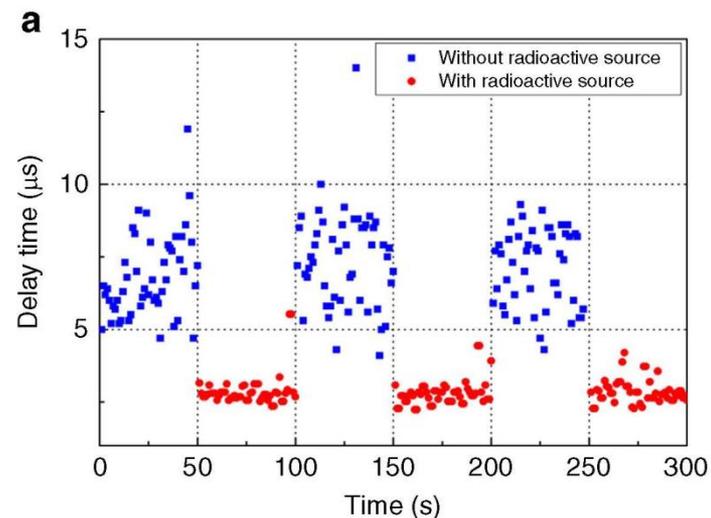
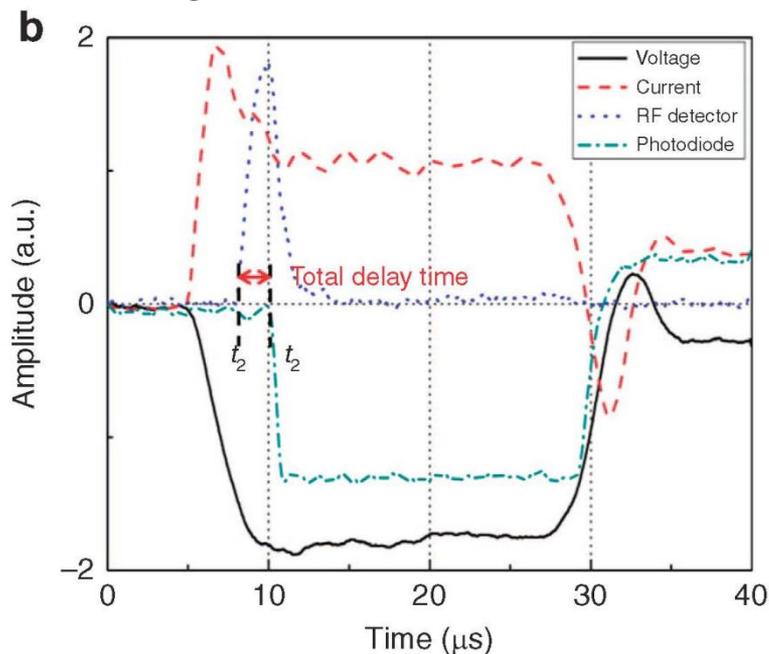
- Focusing high-power EM wave in a small spot: the wave field intensity exceeds the breakdown threshold
- If there are some seed electrons, this focused wave initiates the RF breakdown.
- In the case of THz waves, the breakdown-prone volume can be small - the breakdown rate in the case of an ambient electron density will be low
- Thus, a **high breakdown rate will indicate that in the vicinity of a focused wave beam there are some additional sources of air ionization**



**Figure 8 | Schematic of a possible setup for the detection of radioactive material inside a container.** The distance from the high-power EM source to the breakdown point is  $R(m) = 2D^2/\lambda$ , where  $D$  is the size of the antenna's aperture, and  $\lambda$  is the wavelength of the incident beam.

*E. Choi et al. Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology, Ulsan 44919, South Korea*

“...distance  $R$  varies from 50m to 1 km depending on air condition. Therefore, the detection range of the proposed method is limited according to the air refractive-index irregularities...”



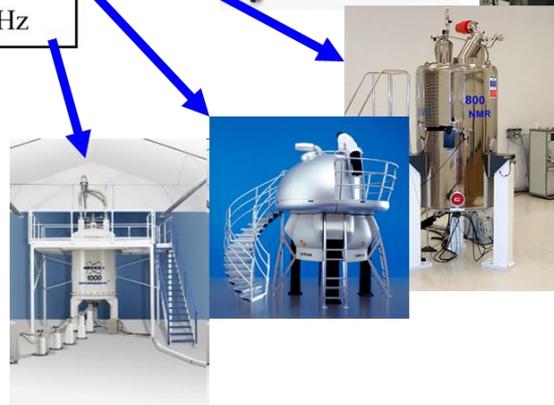
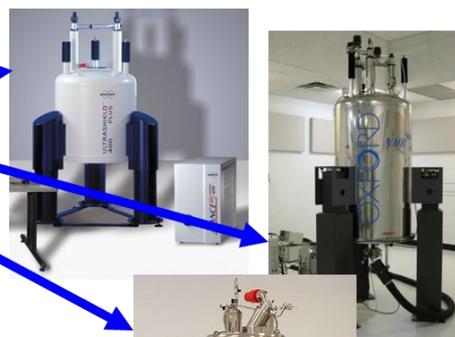
“...We successfully observed plasma breakdown in air at 60 Torr and 760 Torr in the presence of 0.64 mCi of  $^{60}\text{Co}$  with incident EM powers of 30 kW at the frequency 95 GHz, that is, around ten times smaller than the power required for plasma breakdown without radioactive material.”



# Spectroscopy

Low magnetic fields: DNP since 1960s. First DNP experiment with gyrotron: R. Griffin et al., MIT, 1993

NMR frequency	Magnetic field	DNP frequency
400 MHz	9.4 T	260 GHz
600 MHz	14 T	390 GHz
800 MHz	19 T	520 GHz
900 MHz	21 T	585 GHz
1000 MHz	23.5 T	650 GHz



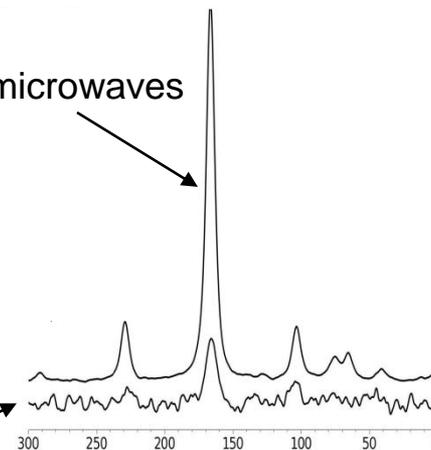
## Components for high-field DNP

- Sub-terahertz microwave sources
- Transmission lines
- Cavity compatible with NMR coil

High magnetic fields: lack of powerful high-frequency sources for years – DNP is a new prospective application for gyrotrons. Hundreds of high-field NMR spectrometers all over the world and **resolution can be increased up to two orders** – USA, Japan, Russia, EU

with microwaves

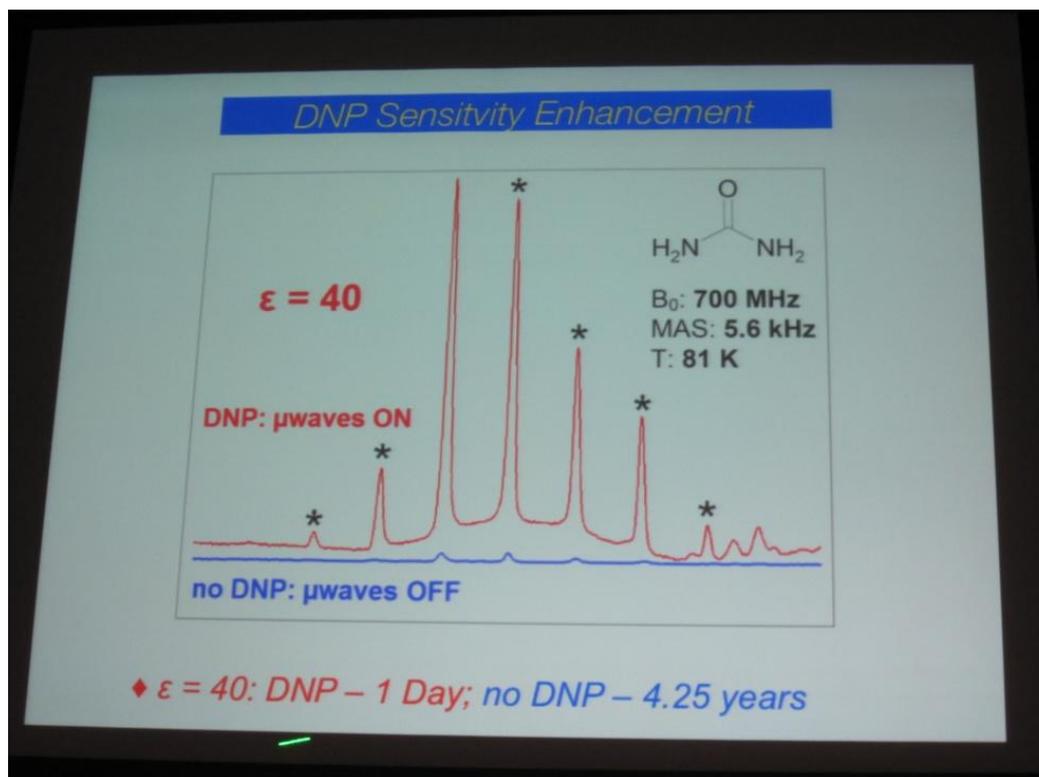
with microwaves x10





# DNP/NMR spectroscopy

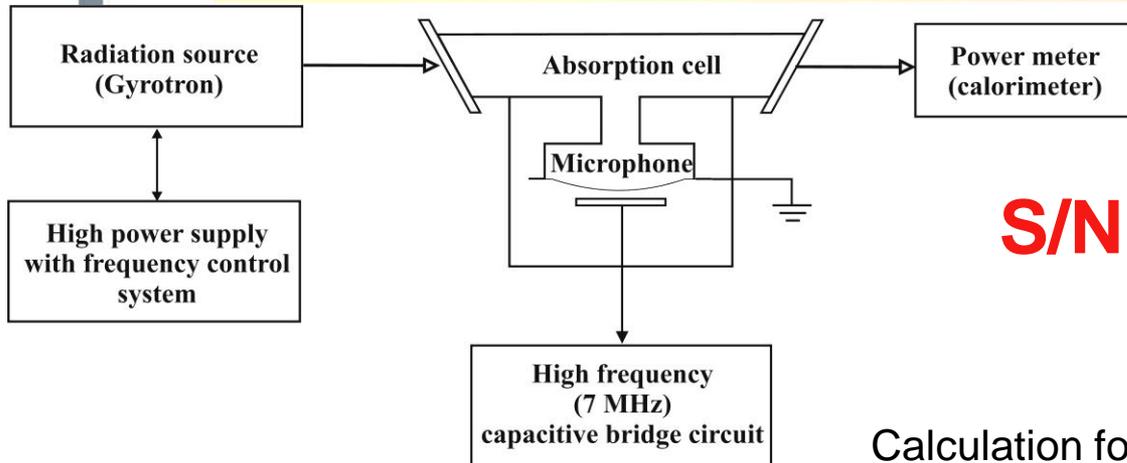
R.G. Griffin  
 High Frequency Dynamic  
 Nuclear Polarization  
 The 5th International Workshop  
 on Far-Infrared Technologies  
 (IW-FIRT), Fukui, 2014



<http://www.bruker.com/products/mr/nmr/dnp-nmr/overview.html>

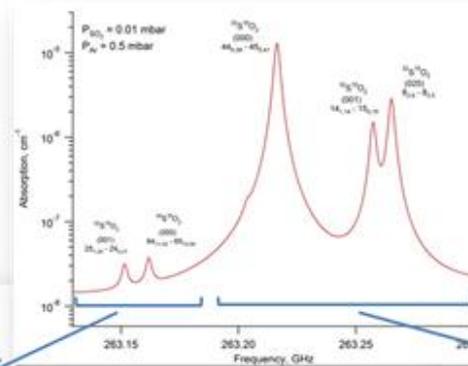


# Radio acoustic spectroscopy

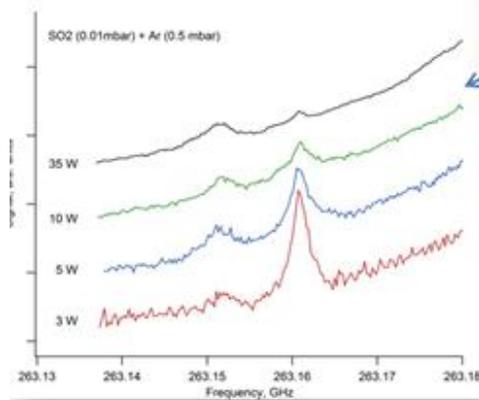


**S/N ratio is increased to 1000 times!**

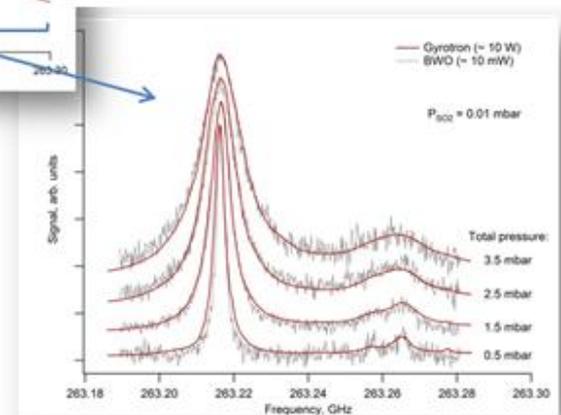
Calculation for SO<sub>2</sub> gas



Experiment



Experiment





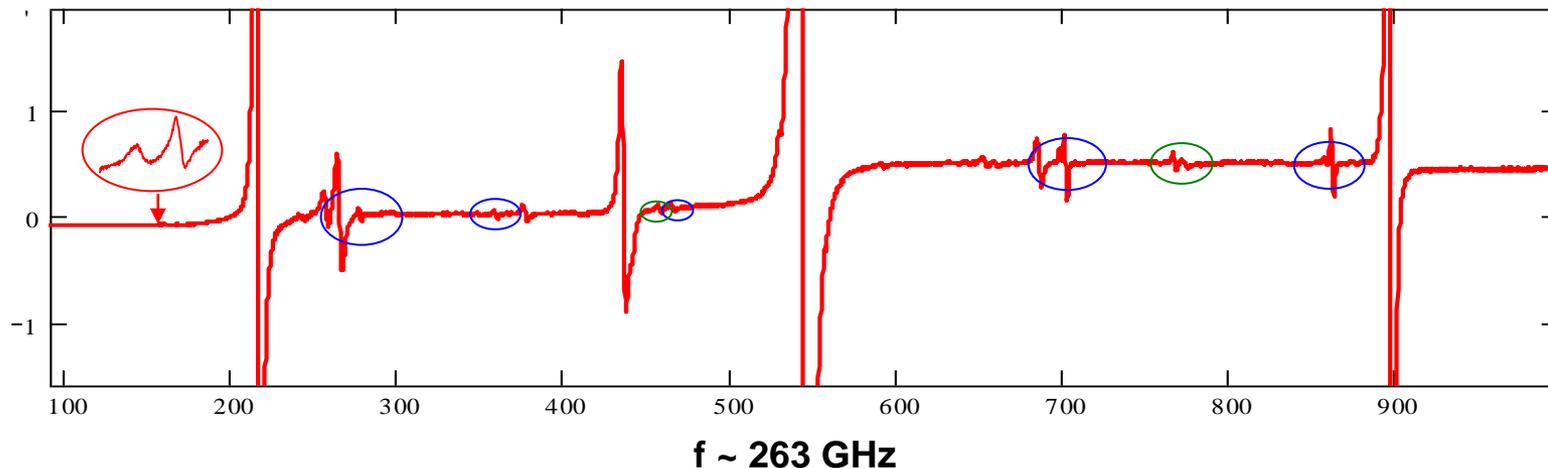
# Spectroscopy (RA detectors)

RAD is spectrometer in which the result of the interaction of the radiation with matter is detected by the change of the parameters of the matter and not of the radiation

**High power radiation at the fundamental  
was accompanied by radiation at  
harmonics  $s = 2, 3, 4$**

*G. Nusinovich, A. Pavelev, N. Zavolsky. "Toward a theory of parasitic radiation in gyrotrons", RQE, 1988*

$$\frac{\partial^2 f_p}{\partial \tau^2} - i \frac{\partial f_p}{\partial \tau} = I_p \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} p^2 d\vartheta_0$$

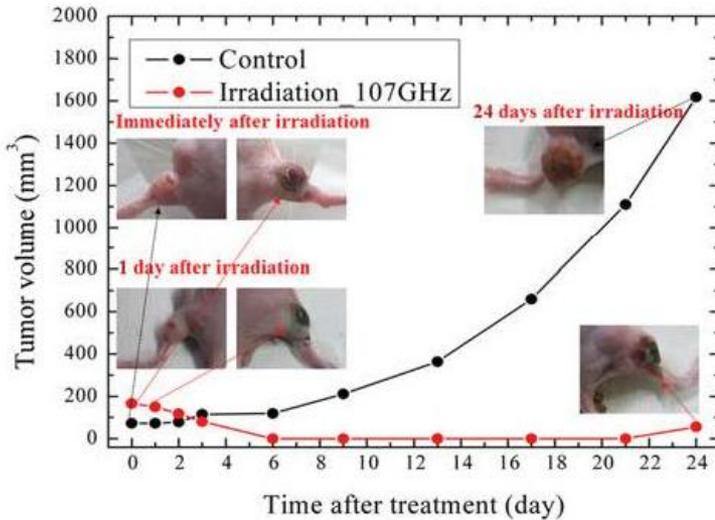




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# Medicine: treatment of tumors

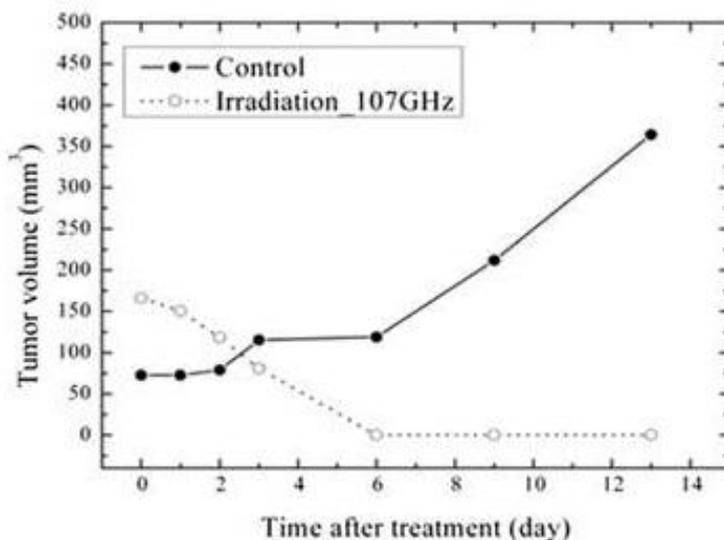
## Gyrotron frequency about 0.2 THz



“..we studied combined treatment, namely a preheating of the tumor by a sub-THz wave and a photodynamic therapy. In this case, the temperature to which the cancerous tissue is heated is significantly lower than the hyperthermia temperature (43 °C).

The results show that such combination significantly increases the efficiency of the treatment.

In these experiments, the mouse number 2 was treated only by hyperthermia while the mice with numbers 1 and 3, respectively, were subjected to a combination of hyperthermia and PDT.”

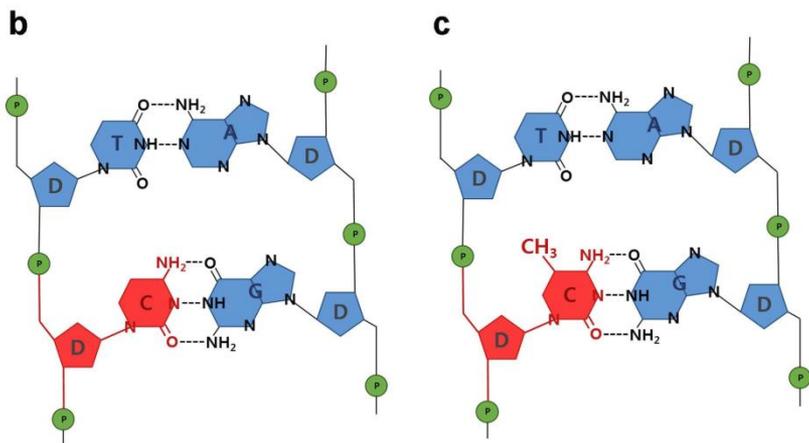
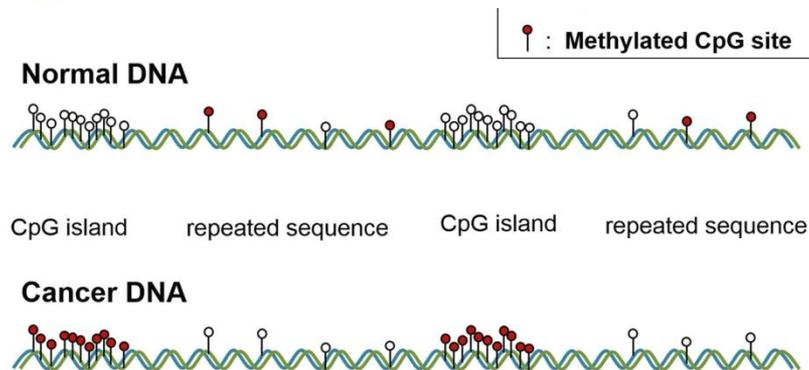


N Miyoshi, T Idehara, E Khutoryan et al. Combined Hyperthermia and Photodynamic Therapy Using a Sub-THz Gyrotron as a Radiation Source. Journal of Infrared, Millimeter, and Terahertz Waves, 2016

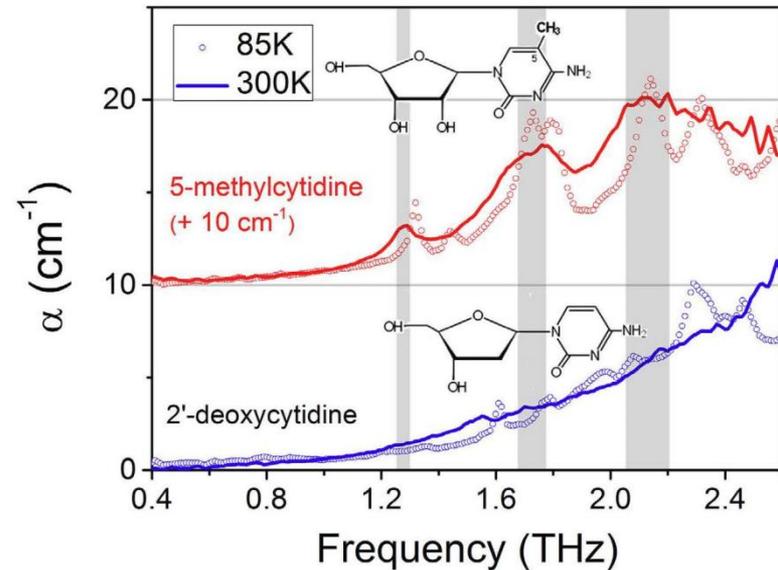


# Terahertz molecular resonance of cancer DNA (2016)

H.Cheon University of Seoul, Republic of Korea



**Figure 1.** (a) Change in the distribution of 5-methylcytidine at CpG sites in cancer. This epigenetic change can be defined as a chemical change of the whole DNA<sup>[37]</sup> and can be observed in most types of cancer. Schematic of (b) cytidine and (c) 5-methylcytidine in DNA. The conversion of (b) to (c) is called DNA methylation.



“...We detected THz molecular resonance fingerprints caused by the methylation of cancer DNA extracted from living cell lines and quantified them to distinguish cancer types. Two major absorption peaks (1.29 THz and 1.74 THz) for methylation were identified.”



## Synhronization of gyrotron by external signal

- **Provide single mode gyrotron operation at very high-order modes**
- **Stabilize frequency while e-beam parameters are not stable**
- **Enhance efficiency**
- **Lock frequency and phase / Make several (many?) gyrotrons coherent**

Discussions since 1978

(Ergakov, Fliflet, Nusinovich)

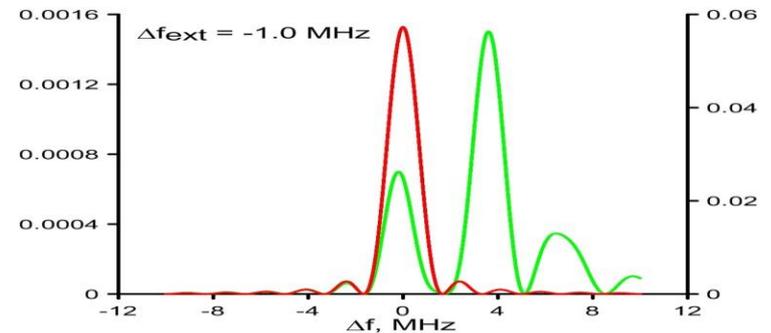
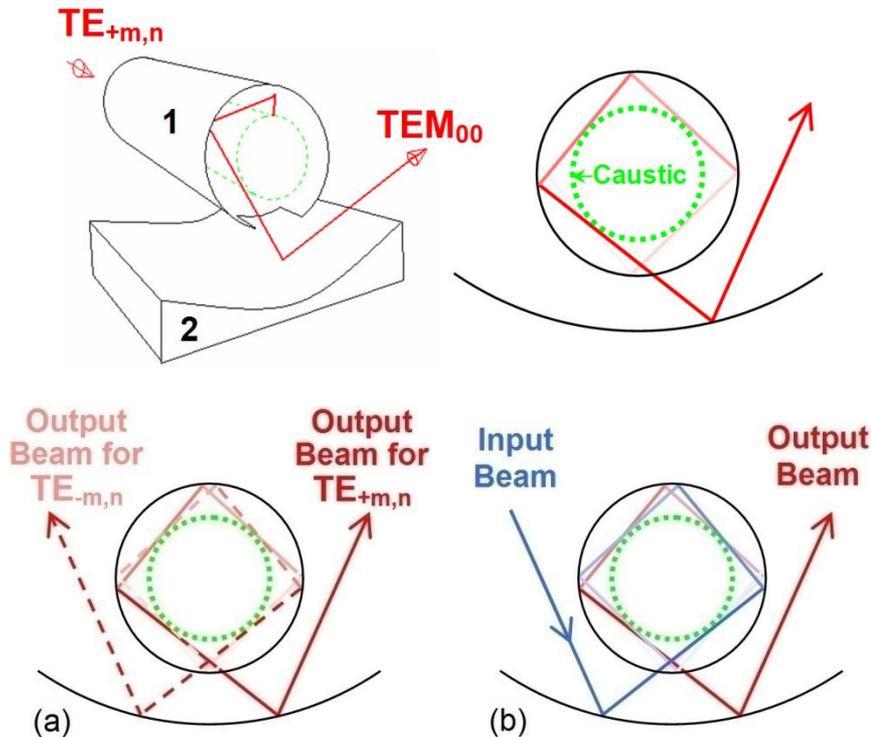
New round since 2012 (IAP)

- Many (e.g. 20 ) competing modes
- Realistic switching-on scenario in calc.
- **Novel QO input unit**

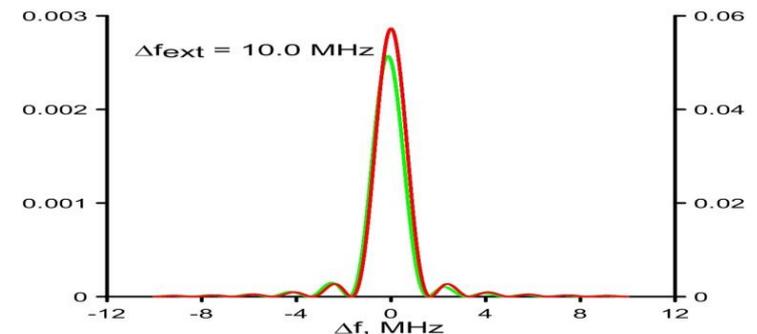


# Beam switching & oscillation locking

Conventional and improved converters of high order  $TE_{m,n}$  mode into Gaussian beam



No locking



Locking

$df \sim 30$  MHz (without external signal)  
 $df \sim 4$  MHz (with external signal)



# Particle acceleration

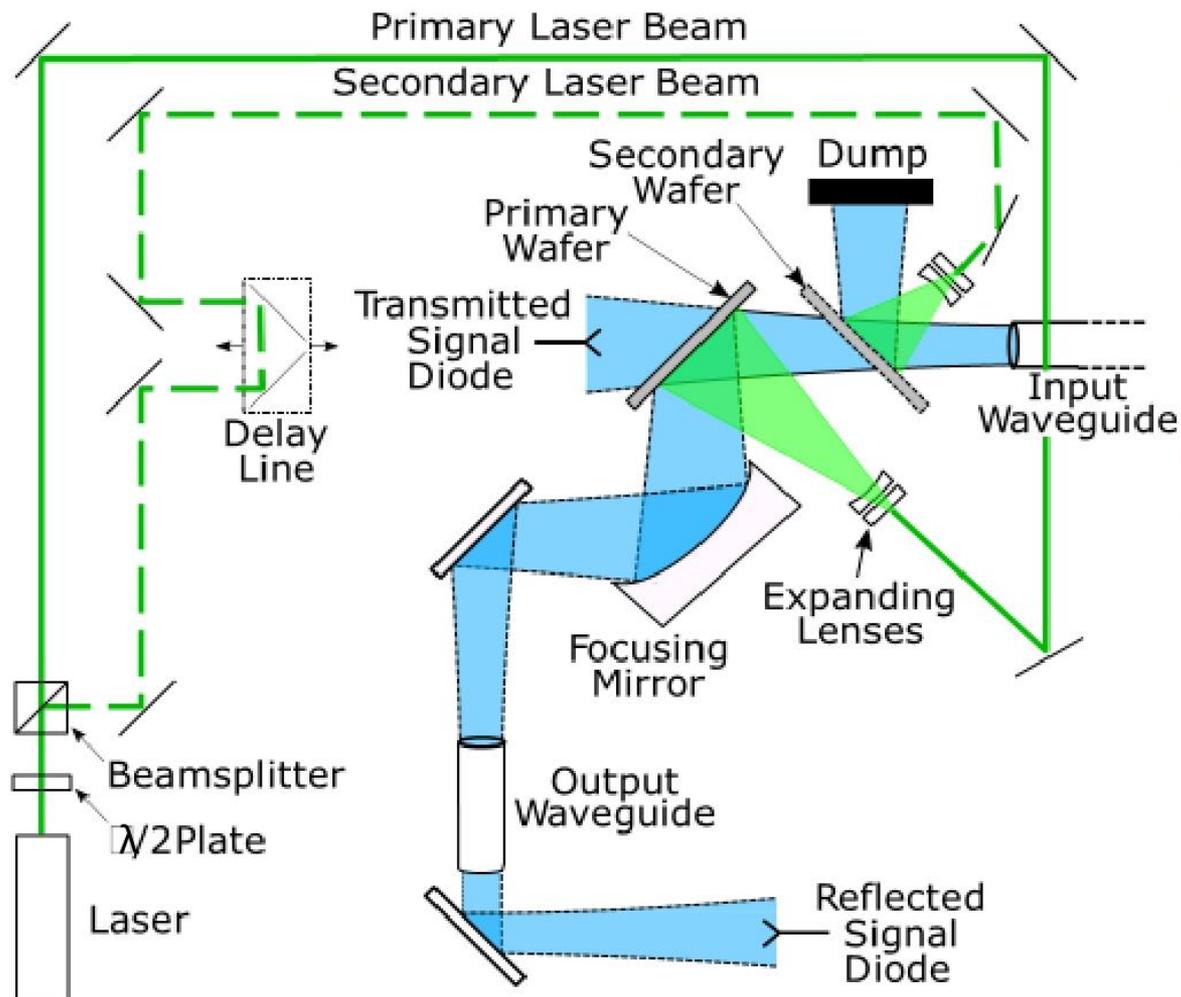
**Franz X. Kärtner**

DESY - Center for Free-Electron Laser Science, Ultrafast Optics and X-Rays Group, Hamburg, Germany  
and Department of Physics, The Hamburg Center for Ultrafast Imaging, Universität Hamburg, Germany

## THz Acceleration Roadmap for the next 5 years

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Driver	Laser Driver	Laser Driver	Gyrotron GHz	Gyrotron GHz	Gyrotron GHz	Gyrotron GHz
Frequency in GHz	300	300	170	170	170	170
Repetition Rate in Hz	10	10	1000	1000	1000	1000
Prim. Pulse Length in ns	0.25	0.5	1000	1000	1000	10000
Pulse Power in MW	8	20	0.03	2	2	5
Pulse Energy in mJ	4 x 2	2 x 10	30	2000	4000	50000
Sec. Pulse Length in ns	0.25	0.5	10	10	10	10
Sec. Peak Power in MW	8	20	3	200	400	5.000
Accel. Field in MV/m	100	200	40	140	200	900
E-Beam Energy in MeV	10	20	60	210	300	1350
Initial Energy in MeV	0.1	0.5	1	2	2	5

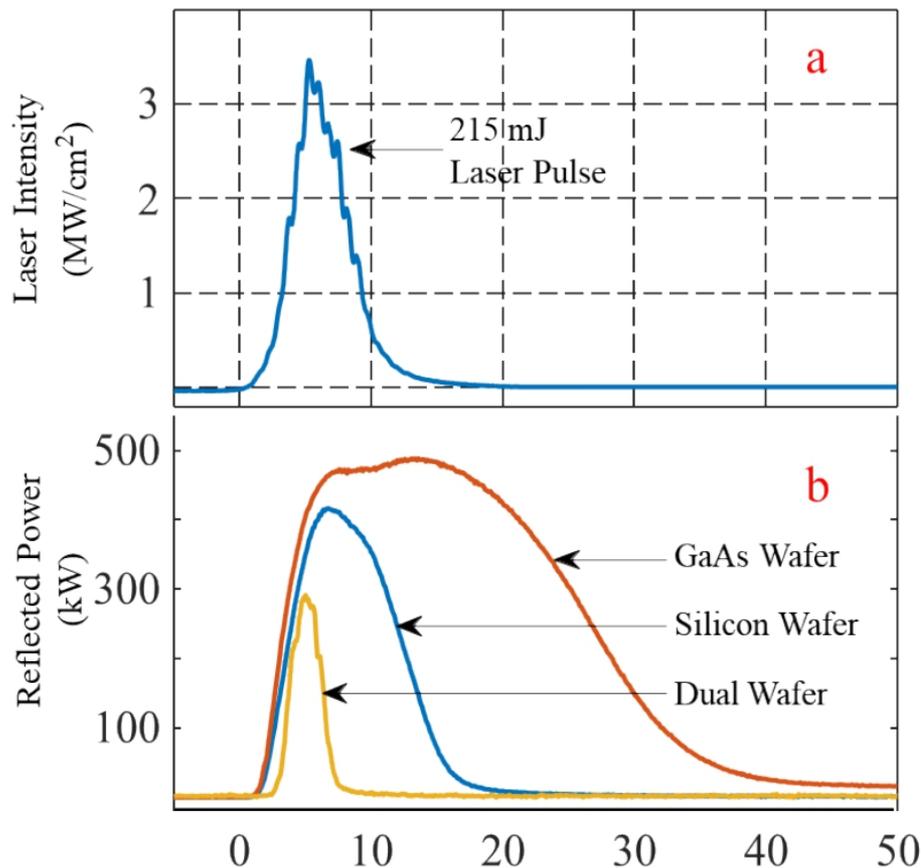
# MIT initial gyrotron experiment



- 110 GHz microwaves generated by gyrotron
- 3  $\mu$ s rf pulse
- up to 1.5 MW (run at 600 kW max.)

- Laser 532 nm, 230 mJ
- 6 ns pulse

- Exp. 1 – Single Wafer (Si or GaAs)
- Exp. 2 – Dual Switch  
1<sup>st</sup> wafer Si  
2<sup>nd</sup> wafer GaAs



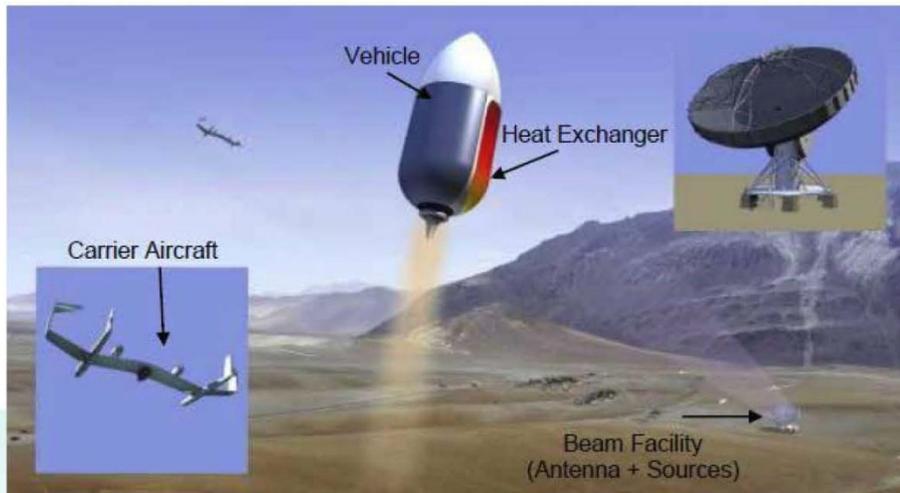
- Gyrotron 110 GHz, 525 kW, 3  $\mu$ s
- Laser 532 nm, energy 215 mJ, peak intensity at wafer 3.5 MW/cm<sup>2</sup>, energy density 15.3 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>
- 6 ns pulse
- Dual Wafer:  
Laser: 120 mJ primary Si wafer + 100 mJ secondary GaAs wafer

- Si: reflected power drops after laser pulse.
- GaAs: reflectance persists for 10 ns after peak laser intensity
- Dual wafer pulse width 3 ns

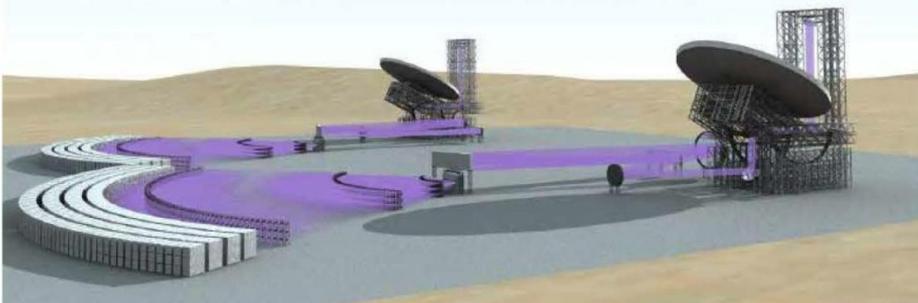


## Rocket Launcher ( 1 GW ~ 1 MW / 1000 tubes)

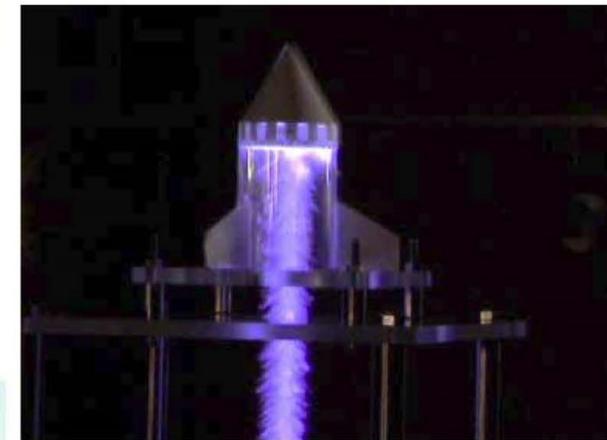
Gyrotrons synchronization by “master” tube (control signal a few percent)



**Beamed Energy Propulsion Concept**



**Rocket Launch – Artist’s Concept, NASA** A. Murakami, AIAA, 2012



**Lab test of rocket at  
JAEA by Univ.  
Tokyo team**

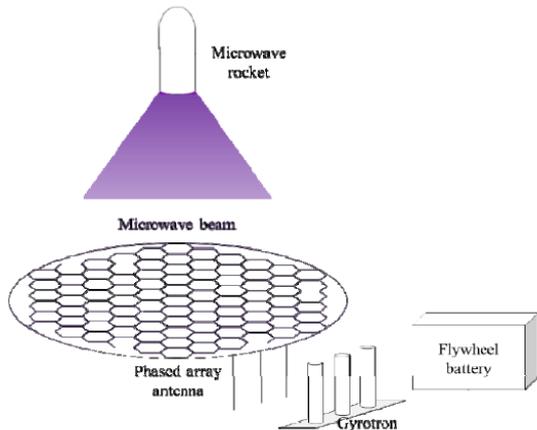
J. Oda, JAEA, 2012

## Far future (1 MW / 100 000 tubes synchronization)

### Rocket Propulsion Powered by a Gyrotron

Kimiya Komurasaki,  
 Professor,  
 Department of Aeronautics & Astronautics,  
 The University of Tokyo

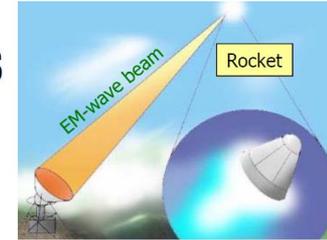
### Requirements for Gyrotrons



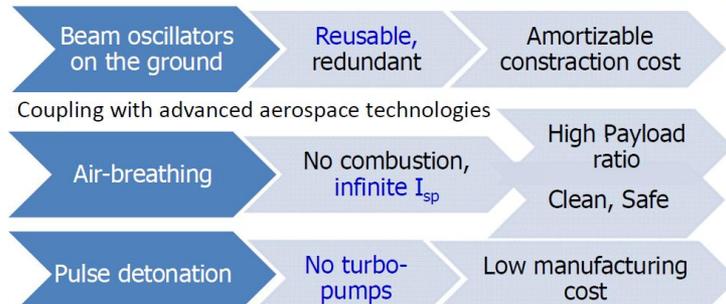
### Electric Power for Launchers

#### Beamed Energy Propulsion

Power is wirelessly provided from the ground to a vehicle by a laser/microwave beam.



Pulse Detonation Engine type



#### Requirements

Item	value
Receiver diameter	8.5 m
Cutoff altitude	20.6 km
Max. acceleration	15 g
Average Beam Power	194 GW
Duty cycle	0.24
Thrusting time	26.8 sec

**97 000 tubes**

## Summary

High average and pulsed power

Low current - 20 mA operation

Low voltage ~ 1.5-2 kV operation

Wide fine frequency tuning ( up to 10% ) and step tuning ( up to 100% )

High frequency – up to 1.5 THz at fundamental and 1.2 at second harmonic

Experimental excitation of high harmonic – up to 5th

Methods of improved mode selection

High stability –  $10^{-10}$ - $10^{-12}$

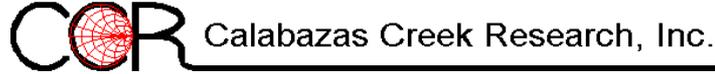
Rapid increasing of applications

**On the East and on the West ,  
powerful THz - gyrotrons are the best !**



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**Thank you for your attention!**