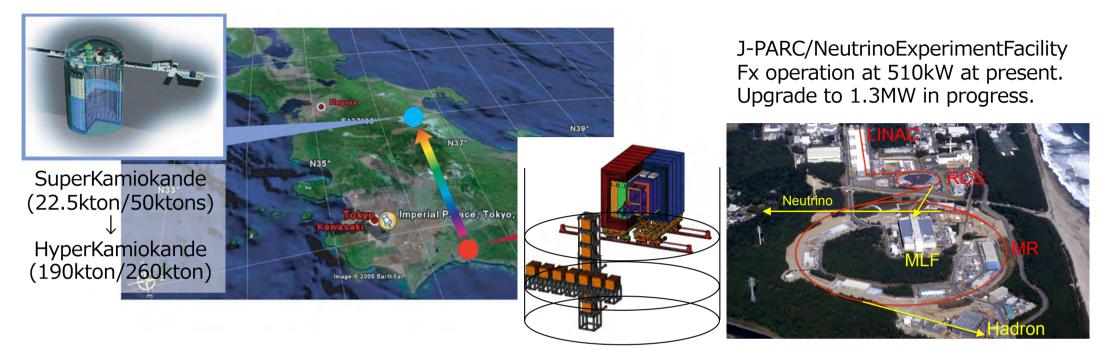
Maintenance Scenario at most-downstream FF in Hyper-K era (J-PARC, Neutrino Experiment Facility)

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Neutrino Experiment Facility and T2K



ND280 (off-axis) and INGRID (on-axis) Measures neutrino just after generation.

T2K Experiment

- High-intensity muon neutrino beam is generated at J-PARC, Tokai, and directed to the SuperKamiokande, 295km away to the west.
- Detect twice with ND280 and with SuperK, and measure changes.
- Precision measurement of neutrino mixing parameters, and search for CP violation in neutrino oscillation.
- Neutrino-antineutrino difference at 95% confidence level obtained.

Primary Beamline

The purpose of the primary beam line is to deliver protons on the target with proper position, size, and angle accurately, stably and reliably. Target Protection Neutrino Beam Quality

Need accurate beam monitor & control

to minimize beam loss and possibility of unintentional beam orbit displacement/beam hit.



Things to Discuss

Today's talk is NOT a status report but aiming at a discussion. We'd like to hear opinions of experienced experts to further examine our designs of full-remote system at the FF of the primary beam line,

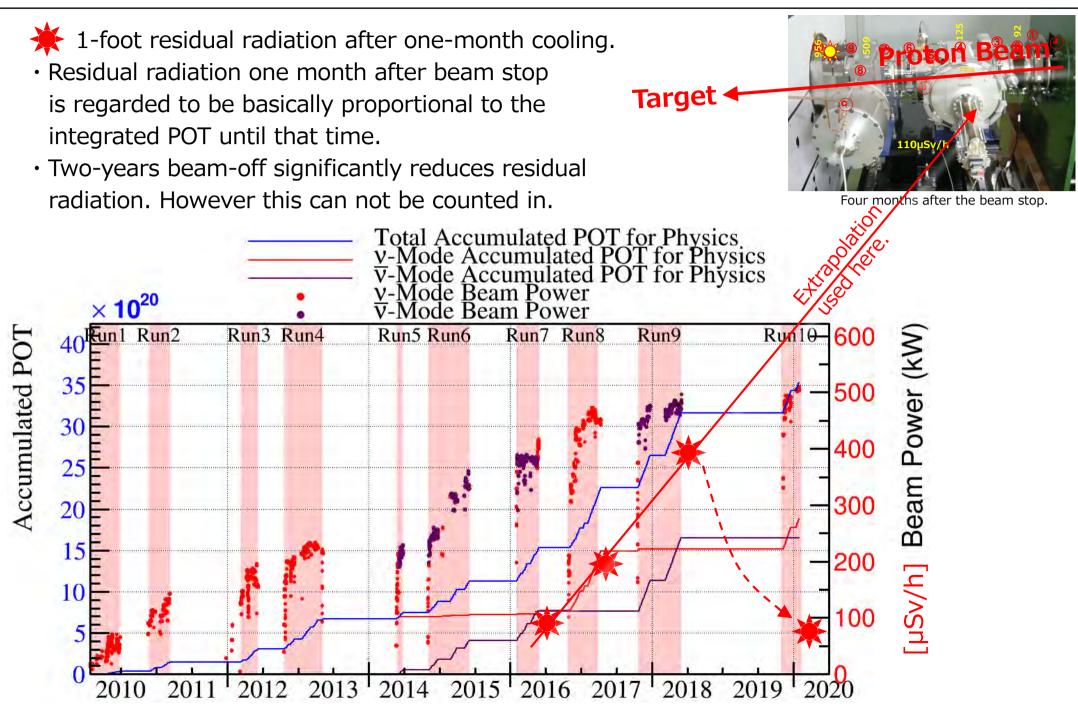
- within the constraint of existing infrastructures
- maximally re-using existing beamline devices.

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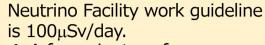
- Necessity of remote mechanism
- Preset quick and hands-on maintenance
- Several candidates of remote mechanism

Discussions and comments during the talk is welcome.

Necessity of remote mechanism



Residual radiation extrapolated to HyperK-era based on the POT-proportional assumption 2020. No meaningful data point added since then. **Need to implement remote handling before HK starts, namely by 2027.**



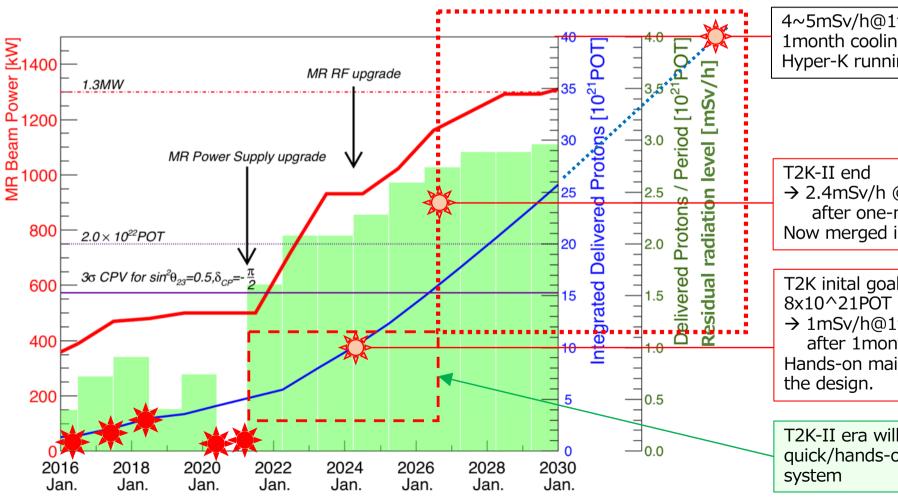
- \rightarrow A few minutes of
 - hands-on work a day.
- → Full-remote be designed for Hypere-K era.

4~5mSv/h@1foot after 1month cooling with 10years Hyper-K running.



T2K inital goal accumulates 8x10^21POT in total.
→ 1mSv/h@1foot after 1month cooling.
Hands-on maintenance was the design.

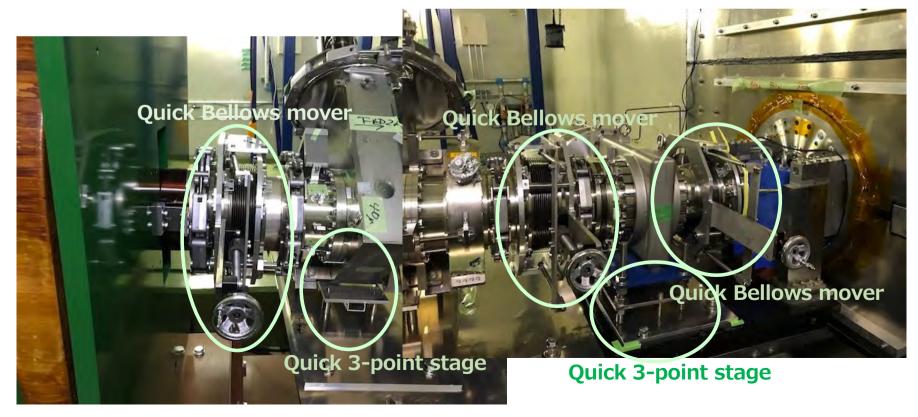
T2K-II era will be managed by quick/hands-on/semi-remote system



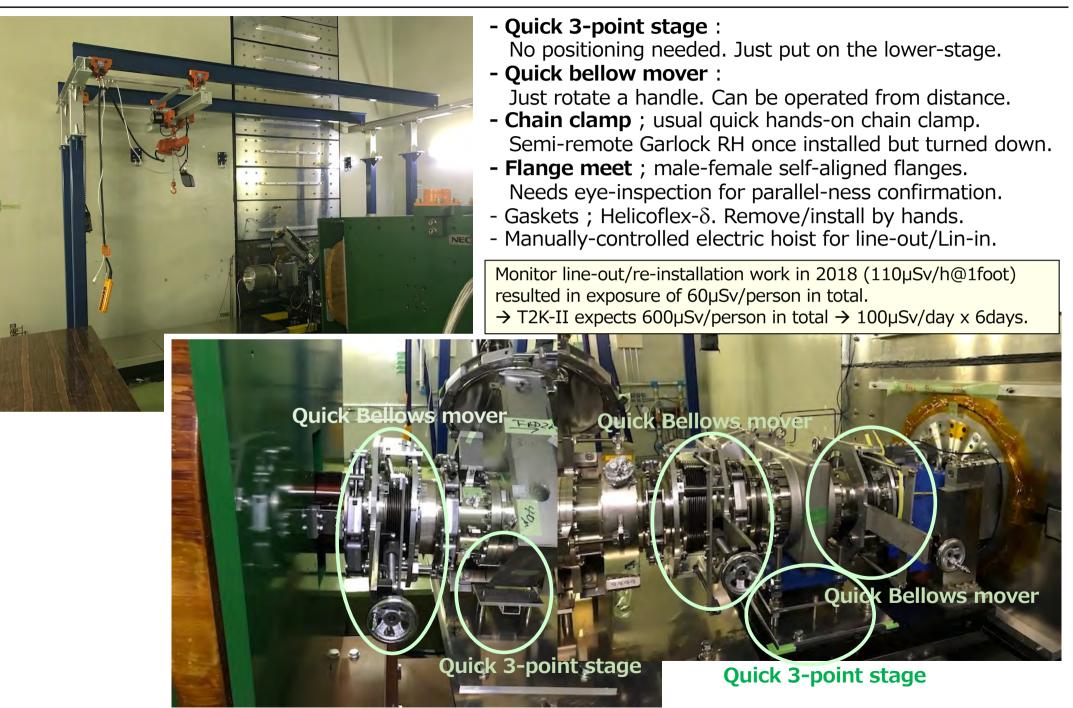
Present maintenance scheme : hands-on and quick

The target station of Neutrino Experimental Facility is equipped with a numerically controlled crane, manipulators, remote-handling shield blocks etc. for fully-remote maintenances.

On the other hand, the primary beamline is designed with hands-on quickhandling maintenance since residual radiation level was expected to be not very high within T2K experiment period. Not only present devices but also infrastructures are **not** built to accommodate remote mechanisms used in the target station.



Present maintenance scheme : hands-on and quick



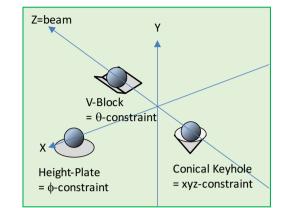
Present hands-on/quick mechanism

- Quick 3-point stage :

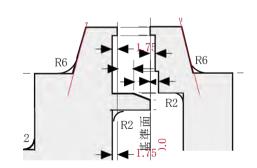
No positioning needed. Just put on the lower-stage. (The lower stage is precisely aligned at the initial installation.)

- Quick bellows mover : Just rotate a handle. Can be operated from distance. (Not now.)
- Chain clamp ; usual quick hands-on chain clamp adopted.
 Semi-remote Garlock RH once installed but turned down.
 Can operate the screw from distance, in principle.
 Less screws results in less reliability and ultra-high torque.
 Stay-On → Bad visibility for flange meet confirmation.
 - \rightarrow More contraction of bellows needed.
- Flange meet ; male-female self-aligned flanges.
 Clearance = 0.2mm
 Needs eye-inspection for parallel-ness confirmation.
- Gaskets ; Helicoflex- δ . Remove/install by hands.
- Manually-controlled electric hoist for line-out/installation.

Hand-on so-far working well.Can work for a few hours under present radiation level.







Local Shield and Operation from Distance

We have made local shields with lead-glass window and with simple iron panel, aiming at beamline device maintenance from a bit of distance, hiding behind.

However, local shields are not in use so far.

- time-consuming operation
- bad viewing
- accurate/delicate operation difficult
- thick and heavy by necessity, and thus not easy to find shield placing point

No plan to use it in Hyper-K era either instead of a remote system

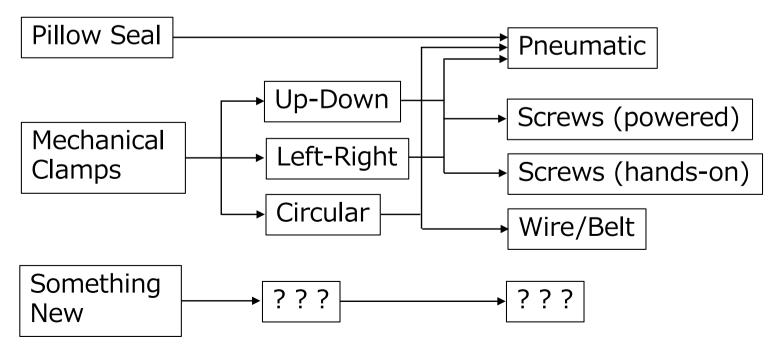
- Suffer defects above. Not a willing choice.
- Could be driven to use it if remote system design unsuccessful.



In Hyper-K era, we will need remote maintenance scheme. However, we want to avoid full reconstruction of the infrastructure or beamline devices. Therefore we are examining some **compact full-remote system achievable with reasonable modification effort.**

Things to consider for several candidates of remote mechanism

- Line-in/line-out and positioning
- bellows expander/contractor
- male/female flange meet
- clamp tightening/break-away ; most concern
- how to replace gaskets
- serviceability
- matured-ness
- cost

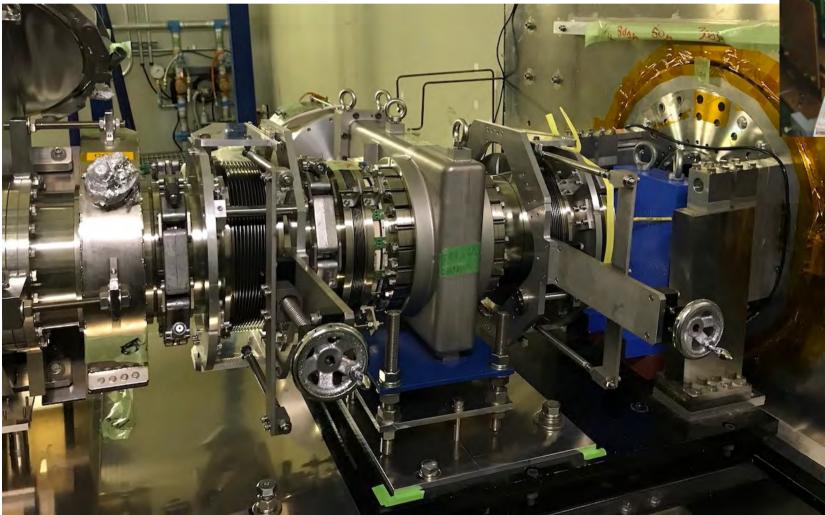


 Vertical precision rails (accuracy better than 100µ for beam monitors) and landing on a 1-point precision stage by gravity, driven by manually-controlled over-head hoist, is one possible solution.

Vertical guides (~1mm accuracy, less expensive) and landing on 3-point precision stage by gravity, driven by manually-controlled hoist may be another possible solution.

- Numerically-controlled crane as the one in the target station is difficult to implement because ;
 - Cost is very high.
 - Intelligent semiconductor circuits can not stand for radiation at the final focus section during beam operation for years.
 - The TS crane sits in low-radiation area, where we can have access even during the beam operation.
 - Watching cameras at FF is periodically being replaced.
 - Present tunnel cranes have just motors and switches.

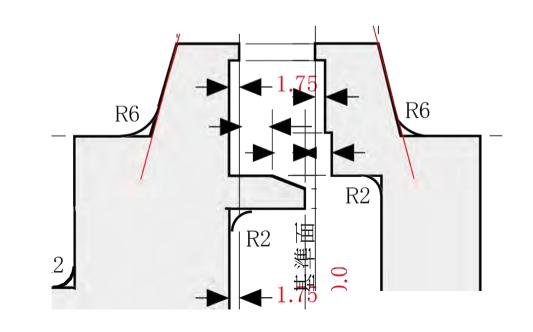
- Fairly happy with present movers, operation at 1m from the beamline.
- Screw shaft can be extended to work more distantly, if necessary.
- Want to install also at low-radiation area for quick and easy work, but a bit expensive.





- So-so happy with present flanges.
- Concentricity is realized.
- Parallel-ness is not achieved sometimes by themselves.
 In those cases, hands-on adjustment needed.
 - → Strongly-pushing bellows expander may achieve flange face meeting flatly. Or such brute force should not be done.

Needs a bit more examination.



Remote mechanism candidates

Pillow seal (being used at TS)

- bellows mover ; naturally realized.
 Stroke is short. Needs line-in/line-out precision rails. (Over-head chain blocks only is not adequate.)
- flange meet ; naturally realized.
 - Precision on concentricity and parallelness not too severe.
- clamp ; No need.
- how to replace gaskets ; No need.
 - Replace all if surface damaged.
- serviceability
 - Air-pressure be always applied and monitored. (Dry nitrogen cylinder array in use.)
- matured-ness; in operation here and there.

Additional issue

- Needs rigid structure to stand for air-pressure of tons.
- Not suitable for very-high vacuum.
- Very Expensive.

This is one solution, and should work well.

Not a preferred option since present beamline components (beam monitors, gate valves, ceramic breaks)

can not stand for the air pressure, and **total rebuild needed.**



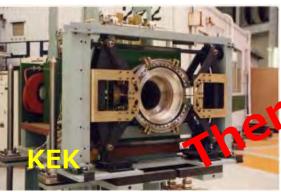


Mechanical Clamp (Vertical screws)

- flange meet ; Bad visibility due to stay-on clamps.
- clamp ; remote operation possible.
 By motors, or by hands from distance above.
 Probably need very high torque.
- how to replace gaskets Probably attach it to newly-installed device. Bad visibility due to stay-on clamps.
- serviceability ; simple and robust
- matured-ness ; in operation at several places.

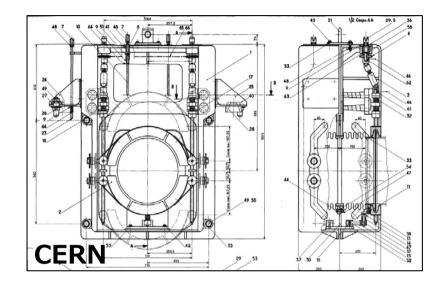
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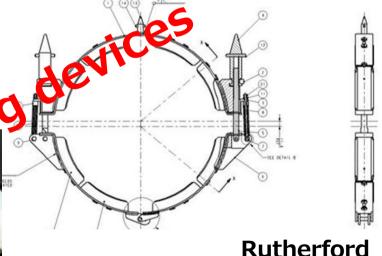
- Heavy. Its own support needed.
 - \rightarrow Concentric alignment w.r.t. flange important.
- Thick. Large bellows contraction needed. Need to examine available space.
- Expensive.











I can hardly convince myself that such big, heavy system is needed just to tighten blocks of the clamp.

Mechanical Clamp (Horizontal screws; double or single)

- flange meet ; Bad visibility due to stay-on clamps.
- clamp ; semi-remote

By hands from distance side-way with a long screwdriver. Need very high torque, especially for single-screw ones.

- how to replace gaskets

Hands-on or attach to newly-installed device. Bad visibility due to stay-on clamps.

- serviceability ; simple and robust
- matured-ness ; Small one in operation at J-PARC.

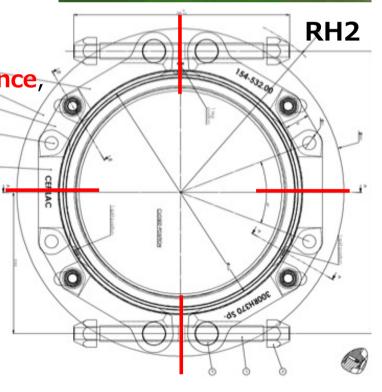
Additional issue

- Thick. Large bellows contraction needed. However thinner than full-remote mechanical clamps.
- Singifivant failure rate in flange connection, in MY experience, due to bad visibility on flange meet and gasket fitting and lack of coherency and symmetry in block motion.
- Screwing can be done from distance, but hands-on care is necessary on flange meet.

What is needed on **RH2** for improvement might be ;

- Hold the side blocks on the center line exactly vertically.
- Hold the screws on the center line exactly horizontally.
- Tighten the two screws synchronously.
 → Should be done by tools, not by the clamp itself.





Remote Manipulator

- No delicate action as human fingers.
- Slow.
- To remove 1 chain clamp at 5mSv/h [3]
 - Robot: 15-30 min (0µS);
 - Torque wrench: 3 minutes (250µS);

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 \cdot Extremely expensive.

Could be one solution if radiation level of FF becomes **extremely** higher than present assumption of

- HyperK era results in 4~5mSv/h@1foot after 1month cooling with 10years-running.

Half of on-contact radiation at FF device comes from downstream target station, and half from the activated beamline devices themselves.

- → Line-out itself can not be a total solution. Hands-on work can not be done on line-outed equipment.
- \rightarrow No-repair, just throw away OR handle with manipulators.



There should exist more devices in the world. Simply I do not know. I'd love to have your advices. In Hyper-K era, we can not continue present hands-on/quick maintenance scheme. \rightarrow What is the best for the next step ?

Things to keep considering for several candidates of remote mechanism to implement by the start of HyperK experiment;

- □ Line-in/line-out and positioning
- bellows expander/contractor
- □ male/female flange meet

clamp tightening/break-away ; Most concern at present.

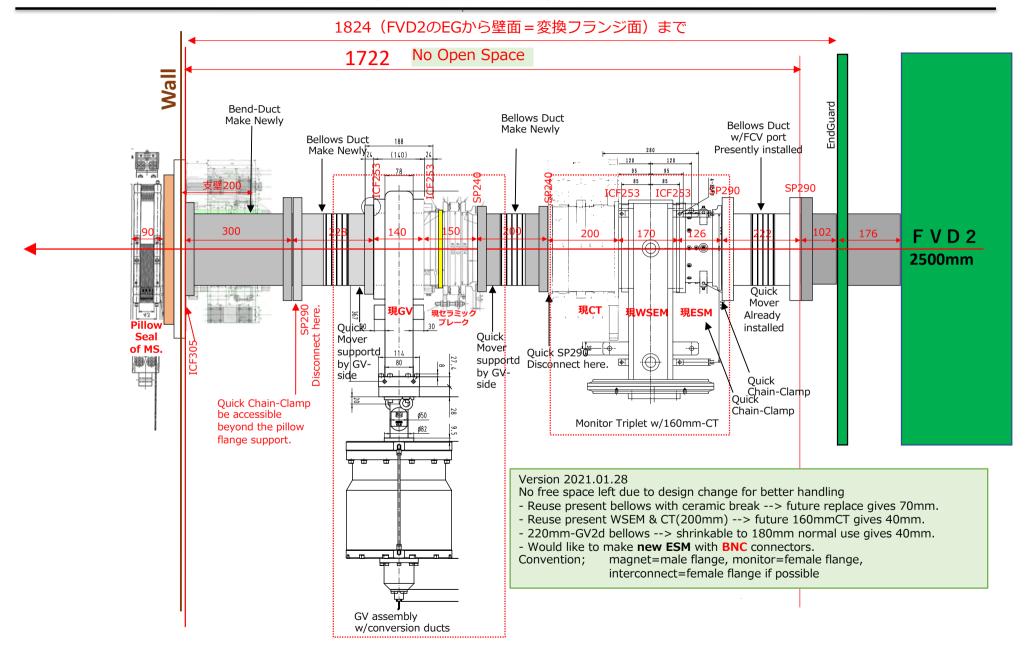
Prefers mechanical clamps

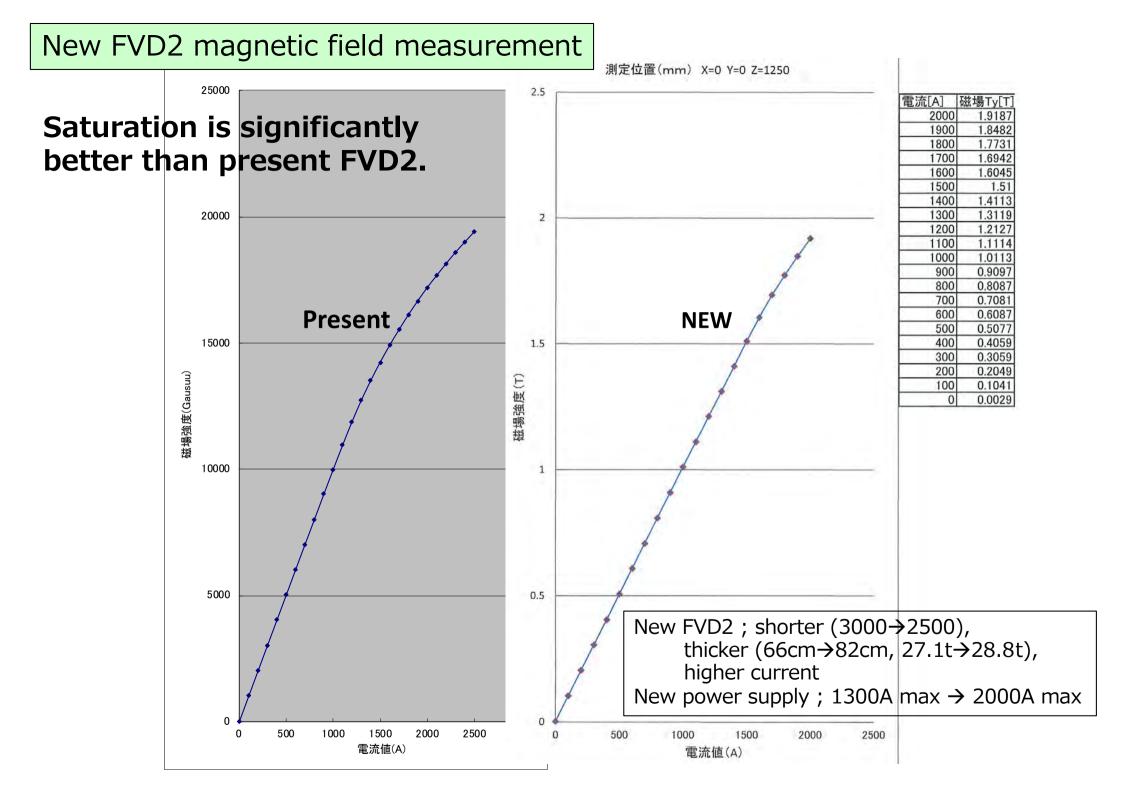
→ Personal opinion for now ; improving RH2 would be examined, though I know this is not very smart.

- how to replace gaskets
- serviceability
- □ matured-ness
- cost

Backup

Hand-on Quick Baseline layout (updated) with short FVD2 $(3m \rightarrow 2.5m)$





3. 現FVD2(3m)でピローシールなら実装できるか?

