



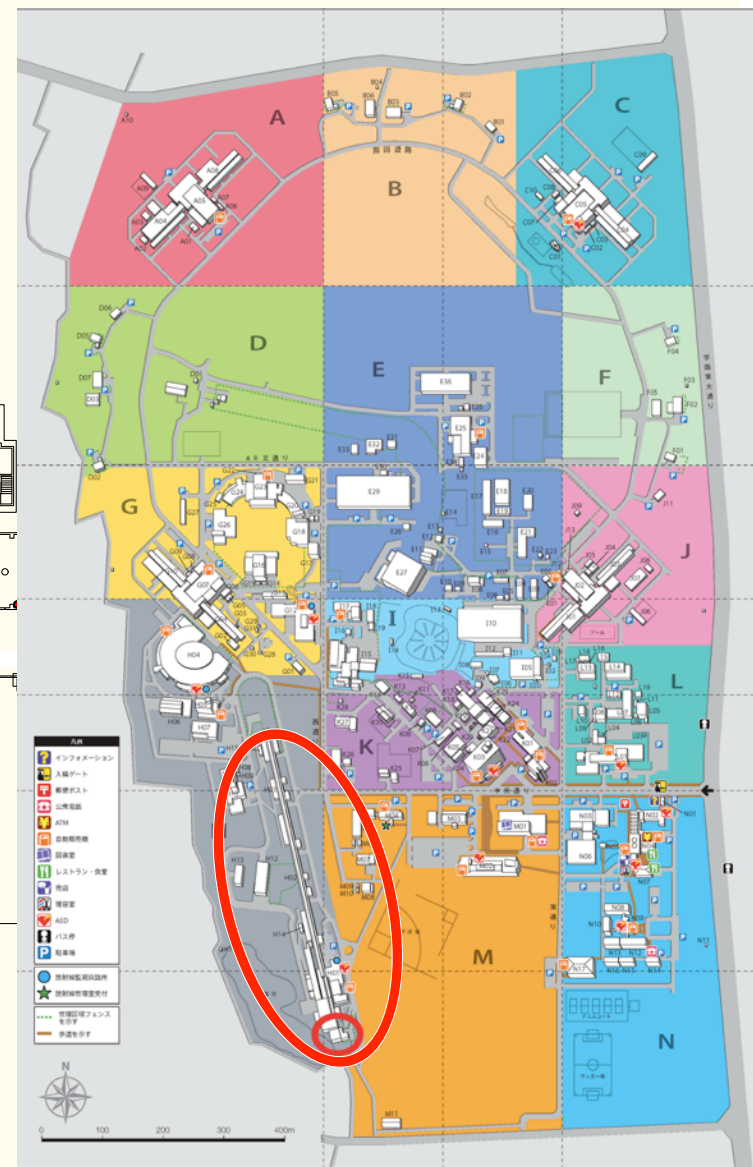
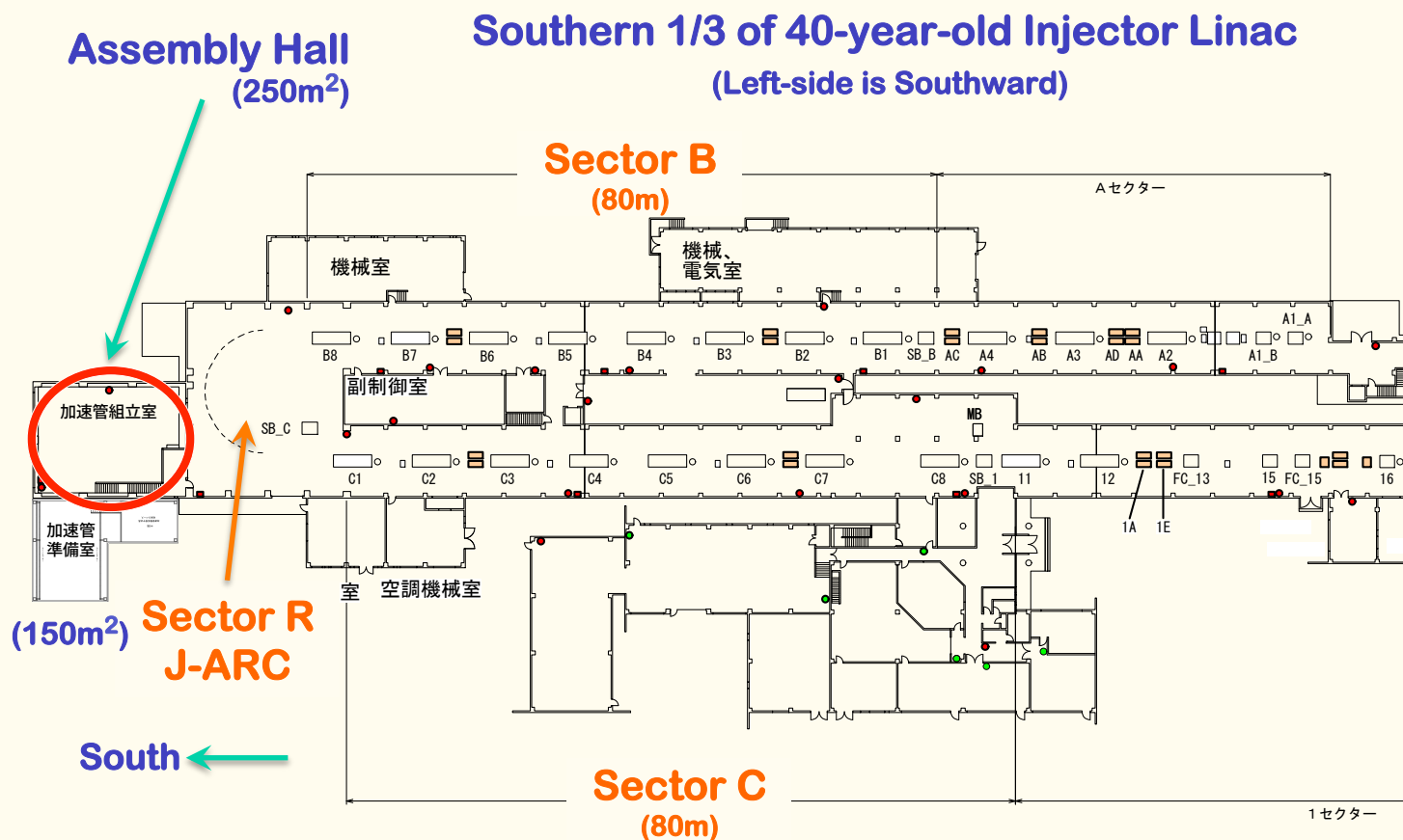
A Fire at KEK LINAC and Its Recovery

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for KEK e^-/e^+ Injector LINAC

Injector Linac Building and Assembly Hall



❖ **The fire at the assembly hall affected B,R,C sectors of the injector linac building**

✧ **About 25% of the 700-m injector linac building**

Fire at Injector Linac Building

- ◆ **A fire broke out at the assembly hall adjacent to the injector building**
 - ❖ The hall was used for R&D of S-band, C-band, X-band structures
 - ❖ On the day, a collaboration research program with CERN/SLAC for X-band
- ◆ **A fire started in a microwave high-power modulator**
 - ✧ X-band microwave: 11.424 GHz, 10 - 100 MW, 1 μ s, 50 Hz
 - ❖ An aged capacitor in the pulse-forming network (PFN) burst, discharged, ignited
- ◆ **High-power interlocked, fire-alarm triggered, much smoke**
 - ❖ Fortunately, no injury
 - ❖ Most of equipment was damaged
 - ✧ S-band development at the test-stand was important, and recovered at early 2020
 - ✧ X-band devices were much more damaged, and approved to restart in this month, Sep.2021
- ◆ **Fire stopped when firemen entered (1.5 hour later)**
 - ❖ No media/press investigation (on site)
 - ✧ “No environmental hazards found” on TV and papers
 - ✧ While “no environmental hazards” was surely true, the reality was so disruptive



Finding Overview

- ◆ **No injury (could not enter the hall because of smoke)**
- ◆ **Self-extinguished when firemen entered with oxygen**
- ◆ **No direct fire damage to the main injector linac...**
- ◆ **Large amount of carbon soot sneaked into the injector**
 - ❖ **Discharge might prevent high-voltage operation of high-power pulsed modulators**
 - ❖ **Short-circuit might prevent high-precision operation of the instrumentation**
- ◆ **Chemical material (Dioctyl Phthalate: cancer causing) accompanied with carbon soot**
 - ❖ **Required full Tyvek protective clothing**
 - ✧ **Later, it turned out that the density was rather low, and the clothing was relaxed**
- ◆ **Quick recovery required for SuperKEKB commissioning**
 - ❖ **Large discrepancy in understanding between the institute and the division**
 - ❖ **Investigated technical aspects, resources, and mental health, etc**
 - ✧ **Finally, succeeded in tentative recovery**



Early Difficulties

- ◆ **We entered into buildings just after the extinguishing, however, firemen evacuated us as the level of carbon mono-oxide was high**
- ◆ **The damage in the assembly hall was obvious, however, the impact of carbon soot was significant to the main injector LINAC, that was not recognized by the institute**
 - ❖ **We were told to restart within 3 days**
 - ❖ **However, we estimated that it may take 1-3 months**
- ◆ **Limited material availability**
 - ❖ **Only about 8 sets of protective clothing and masks were available in nearby cities. During the weekend, group leaders started to investigate the damage and to plan the recovery works**
 - ❖ **Later, purchased hundreds of material sets of Tyvek clothing, gas masks with active charcoal, gloves, shoe covers, etc.**



Chemical Hazard

◆ Carbon soot was collected immediately for chemical analysis

- ❖ It takes a month for quantitative analysis normally

◆ Partial analysis on site

- ❖ Only for soluble in organic solvent

- ❖ Diocetyl Phthalate (softener for vinyl chloride)
- ❖ Cancer causing, reproductive toxicity, etc
- ❖ (A month later, found to be safe as the density was too low)



◆ Full protective clothing (Tyvek) (needed also for soot)

- ❖ Detailed explanation was made to contractors as well
- ❖ Youth and women were excluded from the workers
- ❖ Gas masks, Tyvek, goggles, gloves, entrance management
 - ❖ Gas masks were ordered directly to the factory in hundreds
- ❖ Conversation, face-recognition, ...
 - ❖ Names on front/back of Tyvek
- ❖ Air temperature rise
 - ❖ Water and food at the entrance
 - ❖ Daily health suggestions from doctor



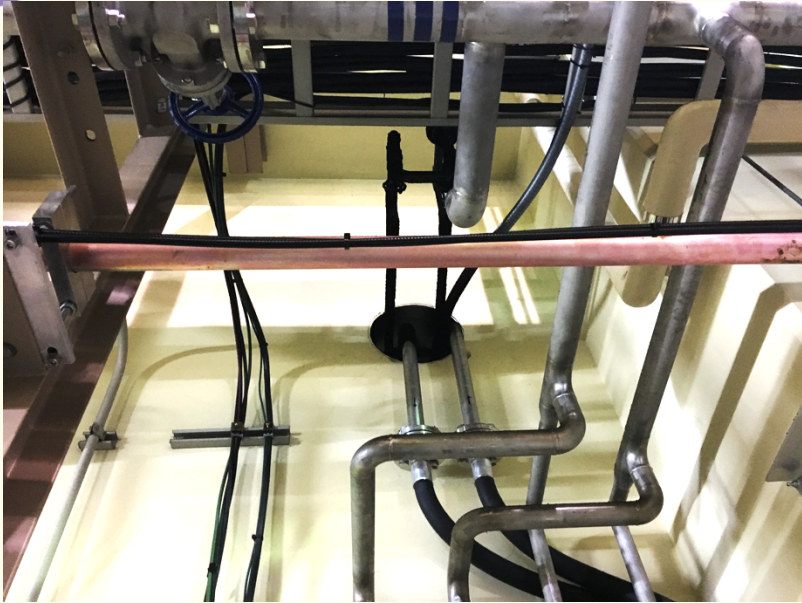


Fireman in the smoke and carbon soot



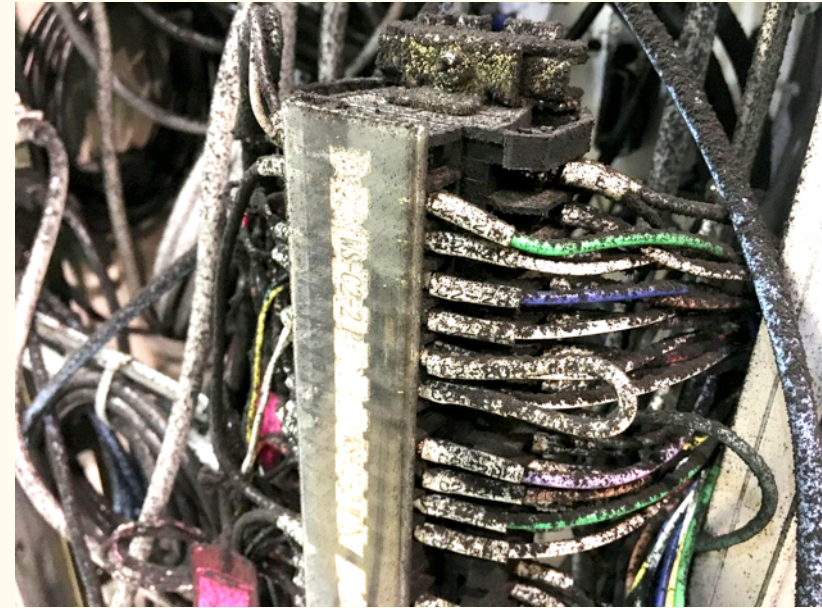
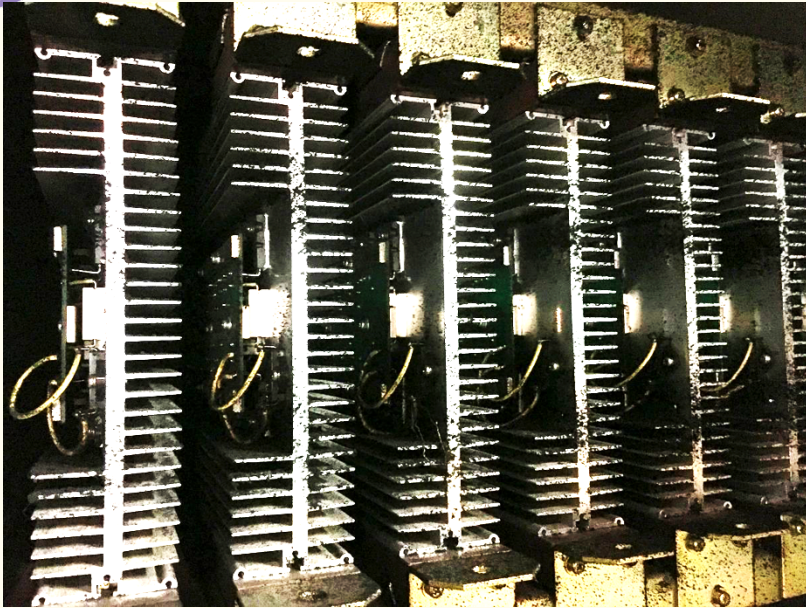
Modulator burnt



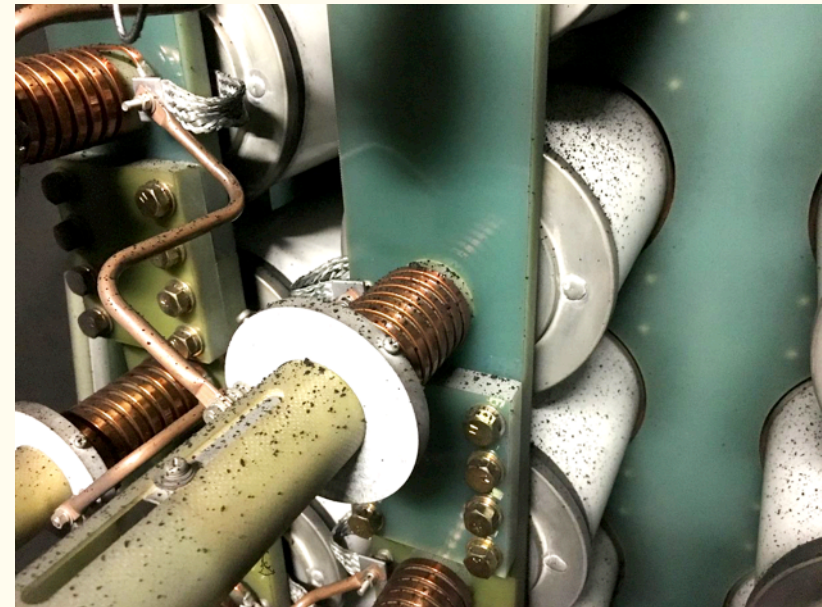


❖ Carbon soot sneaked through holes between rooms





❖ Carbon soot in the equipment





❖ Cleanup one by one



❖ Low-power & high-power tests





◆ Information Sharing via Meeting, Mail and Web

❖ Meeting in every morning

❏ Some from other divisions

❖ Group leader meeting in every evening

❖ Daily update

❖ Mental health

❖ Physical health

❖ Environmental analysis

❖ Recovering strategy

❖ Utility recovery

❖ Equipment recovery

❖ Testing progress

❖ Beam schedule

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Exploration of the Landing Position

- ◆ **Negotiation between early recovery and limitations**
- ◆ **Might take several months to recover all devices**
- ◆ **Abandoned redundancies in certain devices**
- ◆ **Important devices that might need long recovery period**
 - ❖ **Several of 60 high-power microwave modulators**
 - ✧ **Some of them act as redundancies**
 - ❖ **Two magnet power-supplies for 180-degree bending section (J-ARC)**
 - ✧ **One backup existed, fortunately stored in a distant room**
- ◆ **Investigated the beam energy profile around J-ARC**
- ◆ **If it took more than 3 weeks, limited mon-power inside/outside because of consecutive national holidays in May (Golden week)**



Impact on Injector Recovery

- ◆ **Recovered with much help from everyone**
 - ❖ All divisions in KEK and outside companies joined
- ◆ **Certain equipment recovery was postponed**
 - ❖ Energy lowered from 1.5 GeV to 1.35 GeV
 - ✧ at J-ARC, 180 degree bending section
 - ❖ Until summer shutdown
 - ✧ 2 of 60 RF sources were off
 - ✧ 1 of 2 bending magnet power supplies was off
 - ❖ Found not to impact much on the injection
 - ✧ with the required beam specifications at the time (just after the commissioning)
 - ❖ Mostly recovered before autumn operation
- ◆ **Most of backup devices were consumed**
 - ❖ Many damaged devices were abandoned
 - ❖ Might mean acceleration of renewal for aging devices, actually
 - ❖ Budget depended on insurance refund



Investigations and Countermeasures

- ❖ A review meeting was organized in the accelerator department, and later was endorsed by the institute as well

◆ Fact

- ❖ A capacitor with plastic container in the pulse forming network of high-power modulator punctured, discharged, and fired
- ❖ The modulator was restarted after the initial interlock without detailed investigations

◆ Recommendations

- ❖ Usage of metal (or ceramic) container capacitors
- ❖ Conservative (long-life) capacitor design with lower gradient
- ❖ Routine inspection of characteristics of capacitors
- ❖ Rigid interlock handling
- ❖ Improve the sensors and video cameras
- ❖ Documentations especially with power board connections
- ❖ Tight communication between main injector operation and test-stand experiments

Auto-extinguisher and Cameras

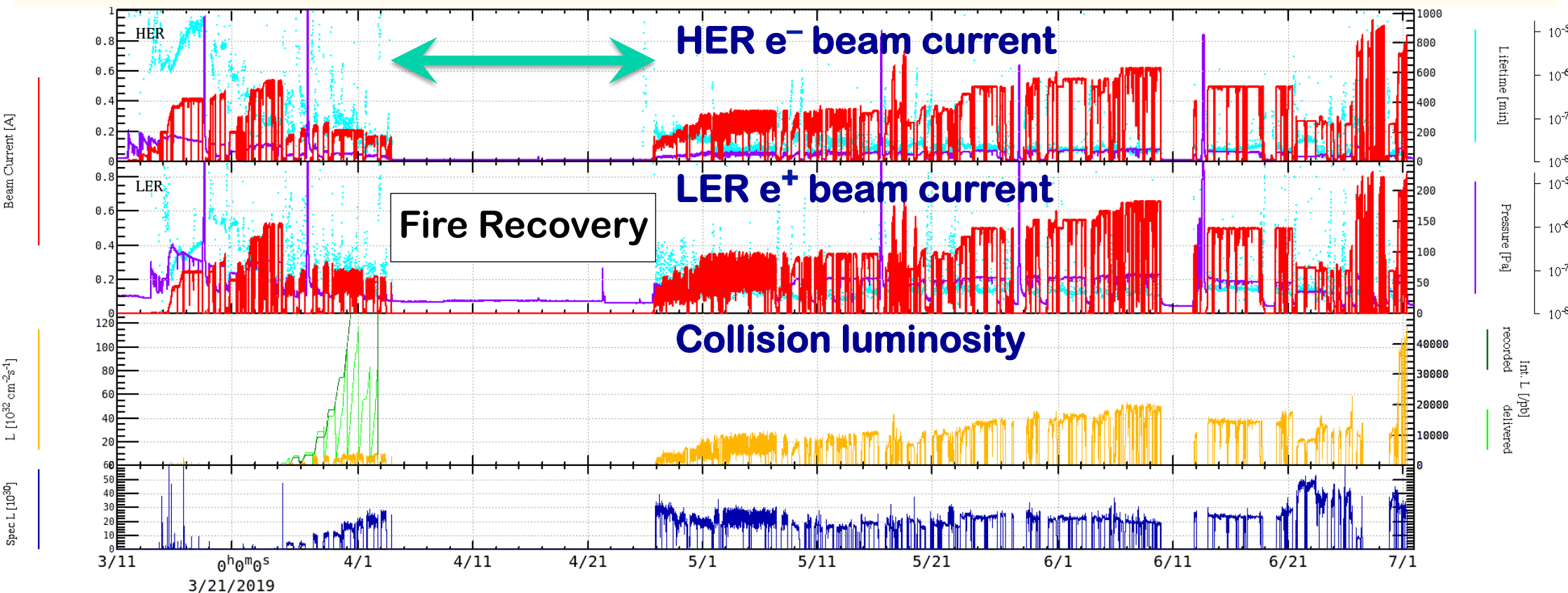
- ◆ We experienced punctures before
- ◆ We learnt that several other institute experience such fire incidents
 - ❖ At least we got information from SLAC and CERN
- ◆ An automatic extinguisher was installed in the new Nextef modulator
 - ❖ A smoke sensor triggers non-combustible gas into PFN box
- ◆ Hundred of video cameras were installed to observe interlocked devices in main LINAC



Impact on SuperKEKB Operation

◆ Beam suspension for 3 weeks

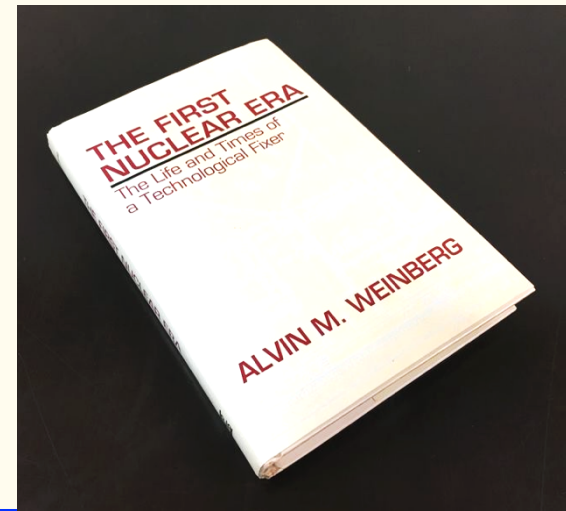
- ✧ at the first stage of phase 3 operation
- ✧ at the middle of luminosity development





Trans-science

- ◆ I was much astonished to see such a big disaster in our facility
- ◆ That reminded a word “Trans-science” by Alvin Weinberg
 - ❖ He invented the light-water reactor in Navy for submarine, but insisted that it is too dangerous for civilian applications. Later, he as the director general of ORNL invented Thorium molten-salt reactor. But the world didn't appreciate him until recently.
 - ❖ If the probability of an incident is very low, we make mistakes in the evaluation, and tend to or try to forget that.
- ◆ We need to keep balance between many conditions with pursuing scientific evaluations.

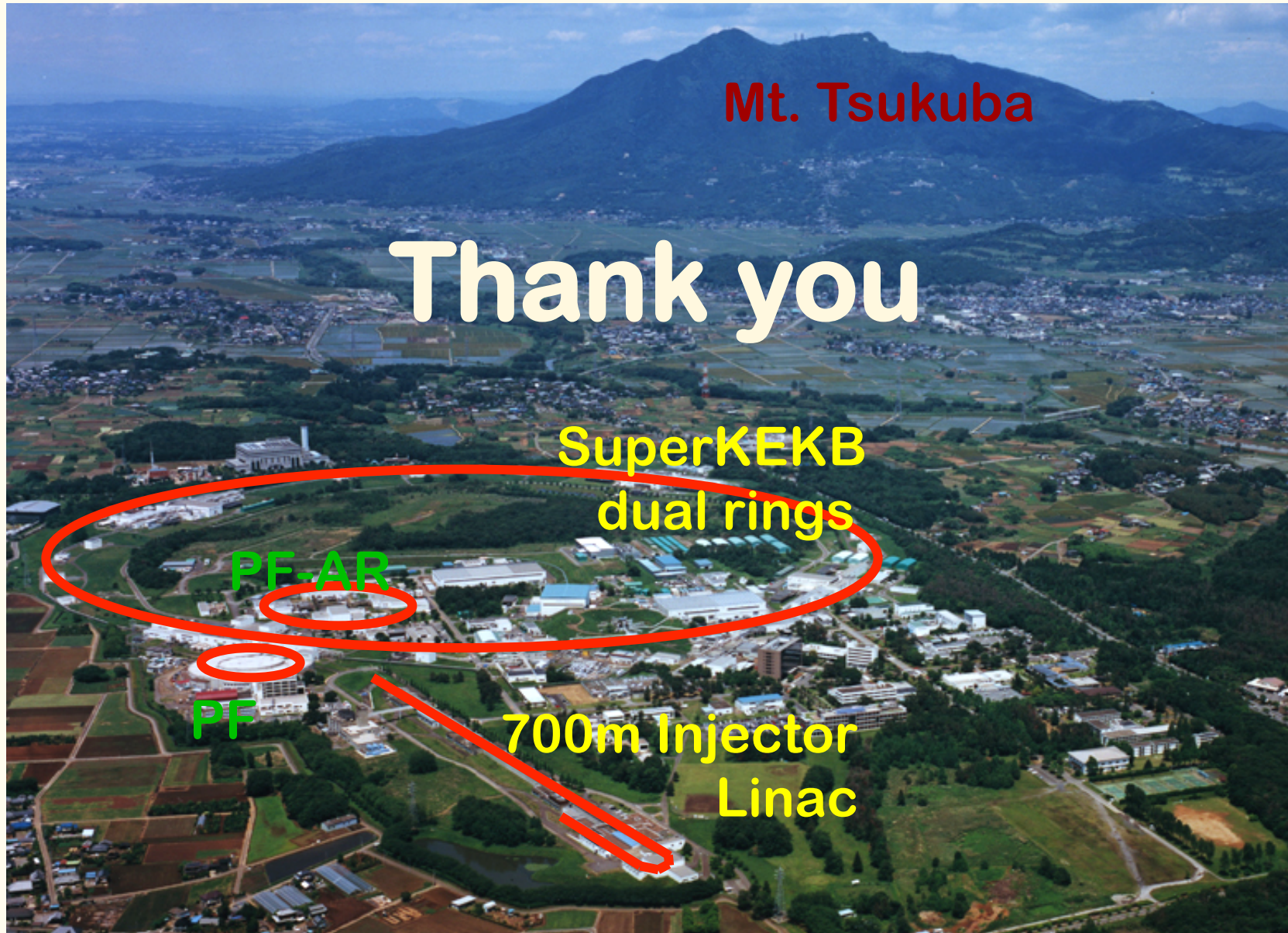




Summary

- ◆ **We should not have the same disaster, with better preparation**
- ◆ **We could have learnt from other institutes**
- ◆ **We could be very nervous in unusual situation, be prepared**
- ◆ **We've mostly recovered from the disaster**
- ◆ **Active safety measures are necessary instead of reacting only**
- ◆ **We are improving with the experiences**

- ◆ **With some Phronesis we can enjoy accelerators**
 - ❖ **Phronesis [Greek]: Practical wisdom, Ability to understand the Universal Truth**



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