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Stacked Arrays: New performances and Reliability



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Expertise on QCW Stacks for Space



- **Endurance tests: QCW, ‘burst,...**
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- **Tests under Vacuum**
- **Test under radiations**



• **Developement of stacked QCW arrays for Space applications**

Reliability: endurance and robustness

- lifetime
- robustness: environmental conditions
(temperature, chocs, vibrations, vacuum, radiations)
- « burst mode »

Performance: minimize electrical power consumption

- electro-optical efficiency
- homogeneity of performances



Development of stacks for Space applications

Taking into account packaging and diode bars

Packaging:

- Mechanical strain

- heat sink
- solder
- process

- Thermal conditions

- heat sink
- design

- Solder

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Bar design:

- Materials

- Cavity length/fill factor

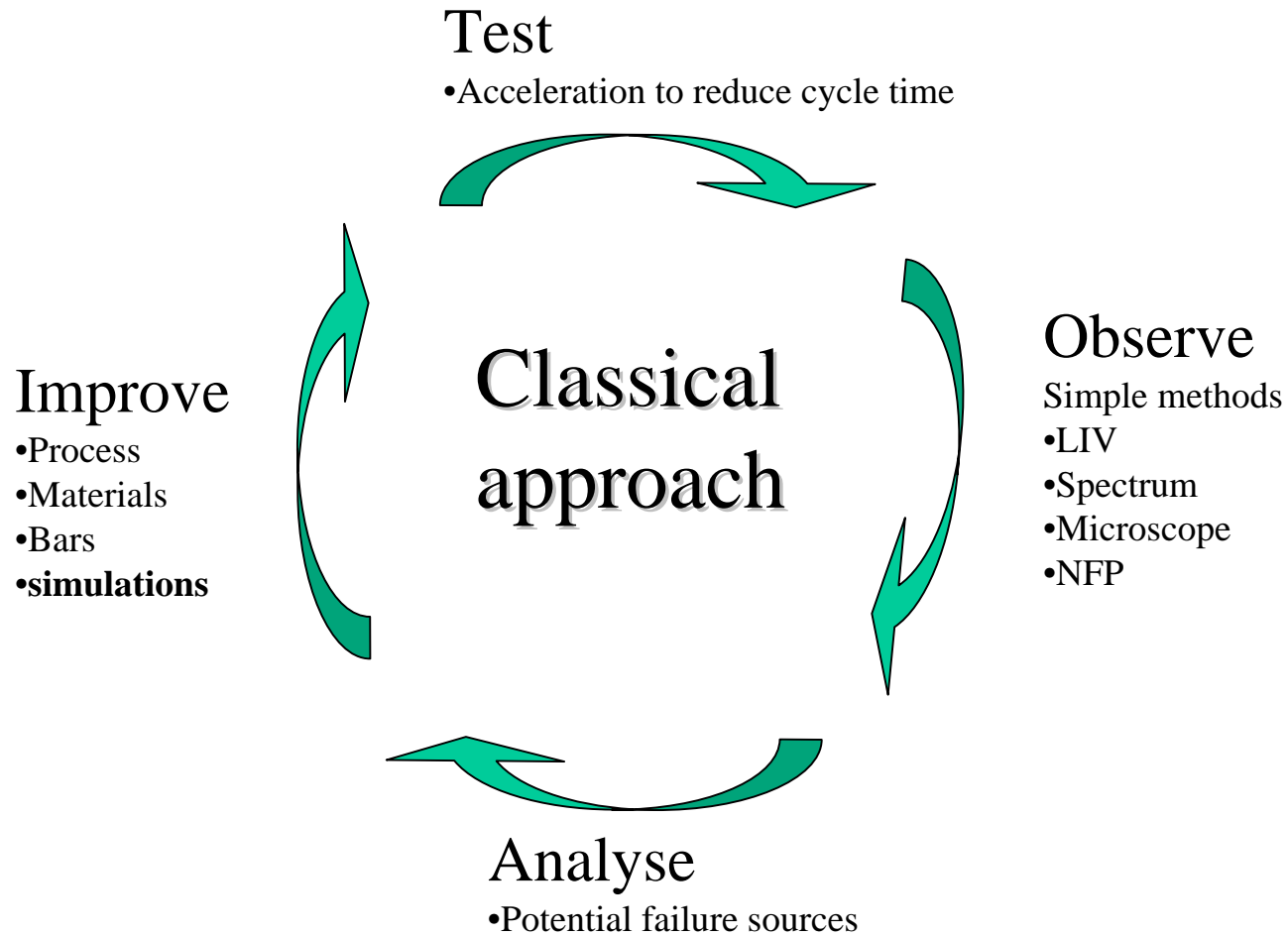
- Metallisation

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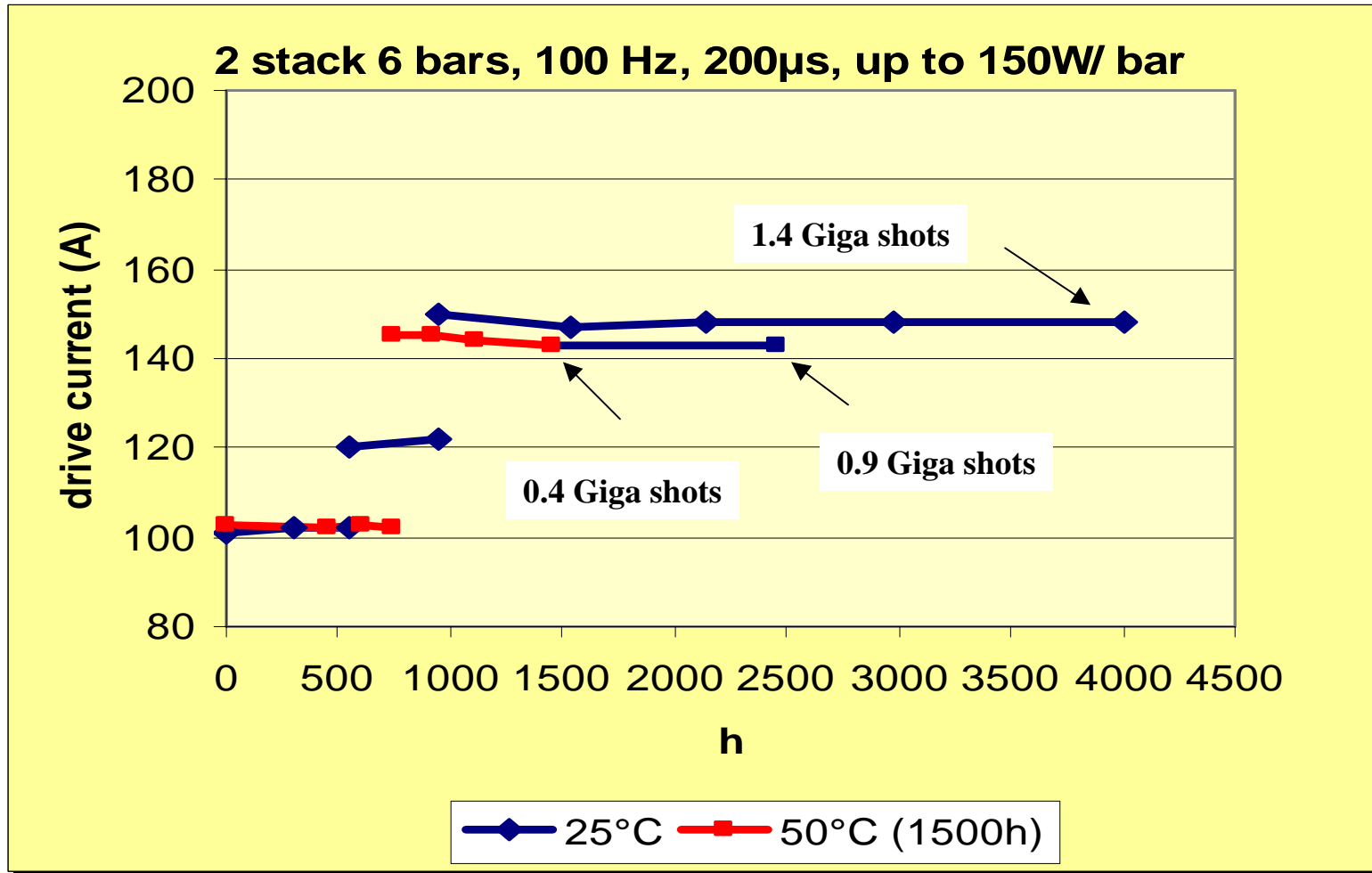


Improvement of endurance

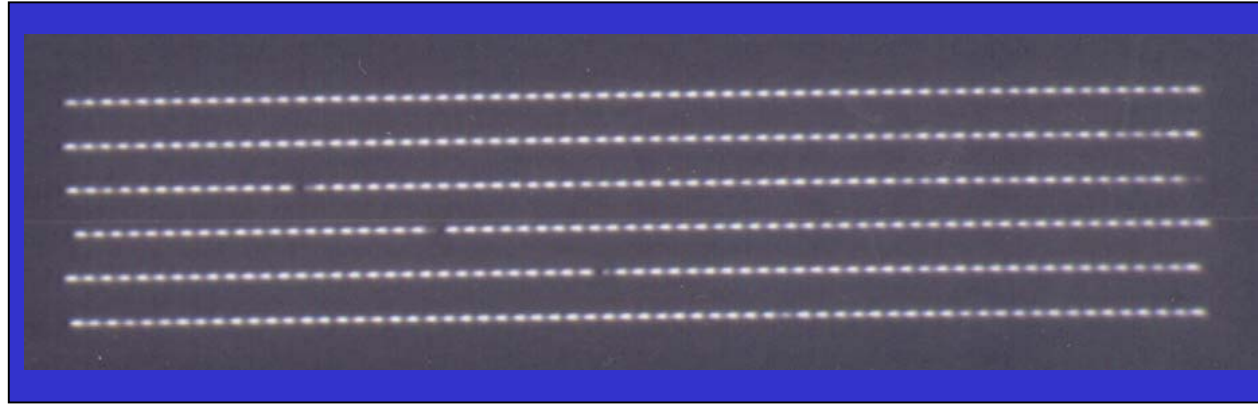
Permanent improvements rather than disruptive changes



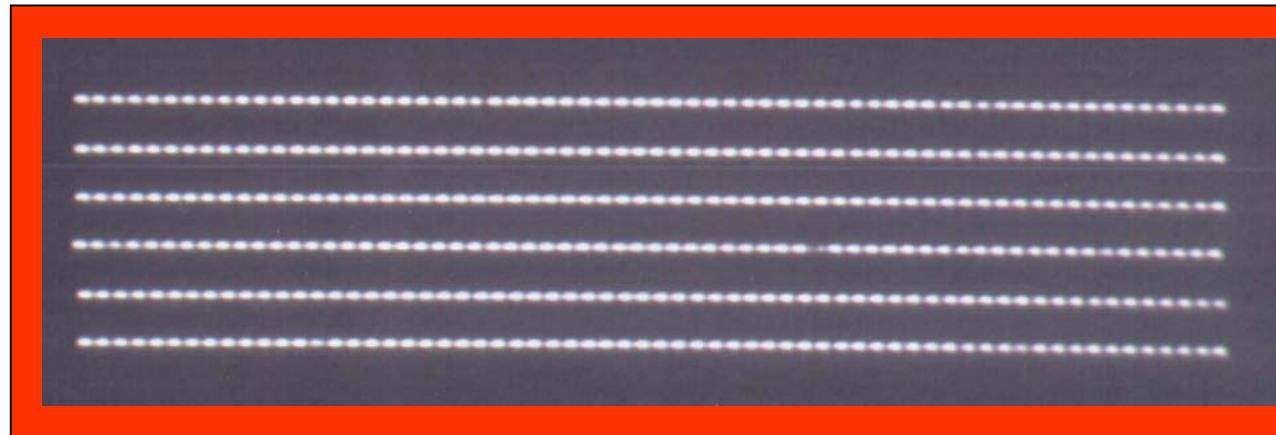
Endurance Tests at 25°C and 50°C



Near Field pattern **AFTER** aging



After 1.4 Giga shots
With up to 150 W/bar
at 25°C

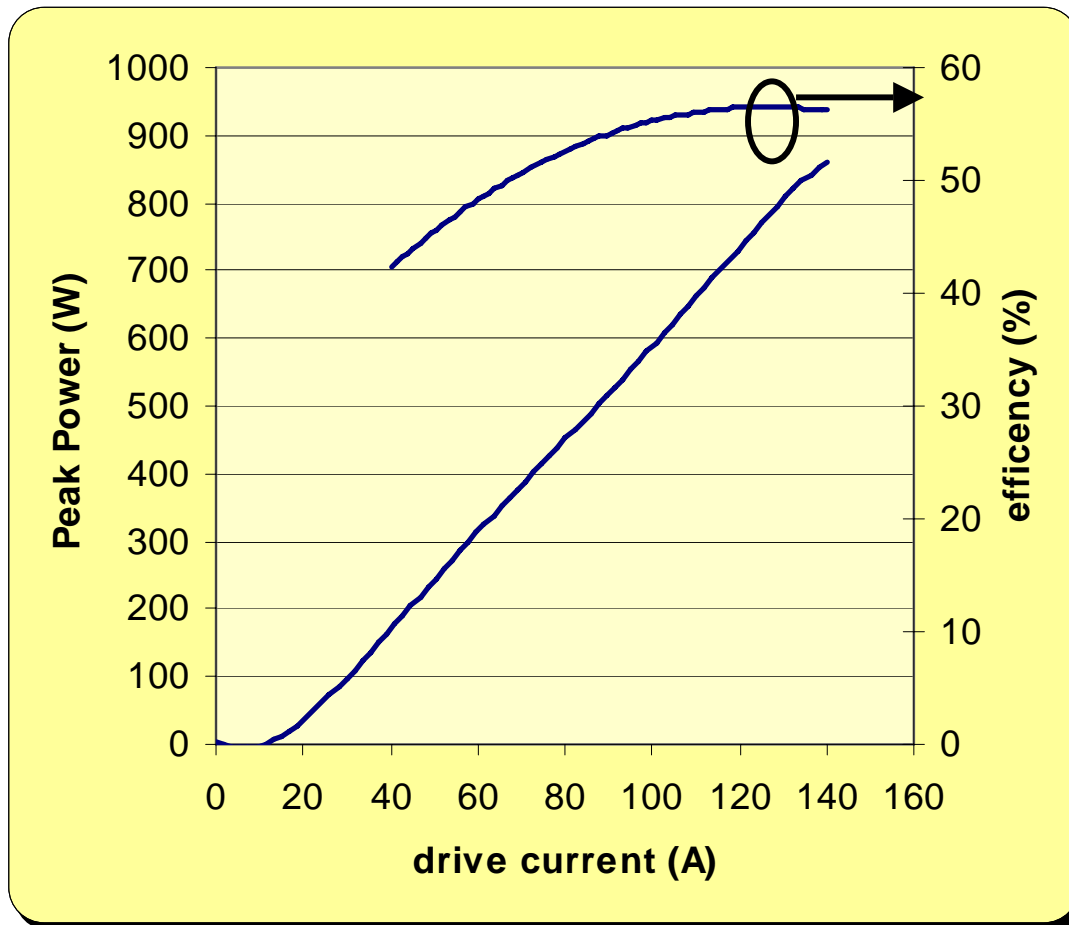


After 0.9 Giga shots
With up to 150 W/bar
and up to 50°C



LIV AFTER Endurance Test

25°C, 100Hz, 200 μs



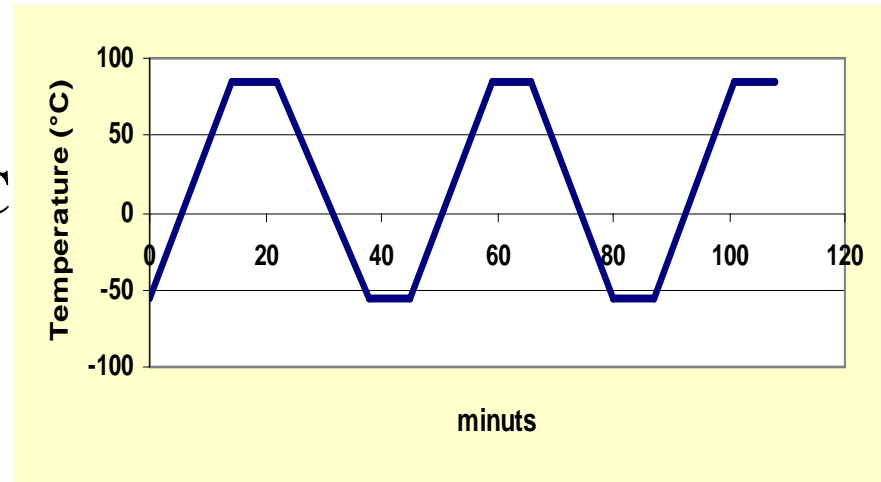
56 % Efficiency



Cumulative Tests: Thermal cycling & Endurance

1- Thermal Cycling:

600 cycles: -55°C/+85°C
 10°C/min



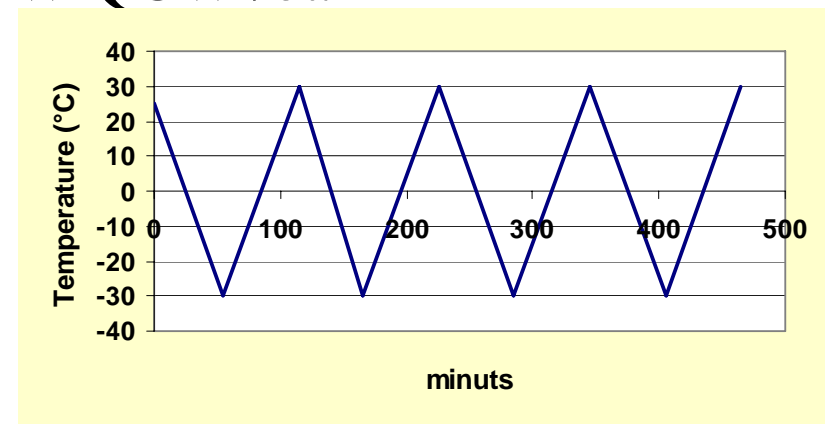
2- Endurance Test:

QCW = 200µs/10Hz

Optical Power: 100W & 125W QCW /bar

under Thermal cycling :

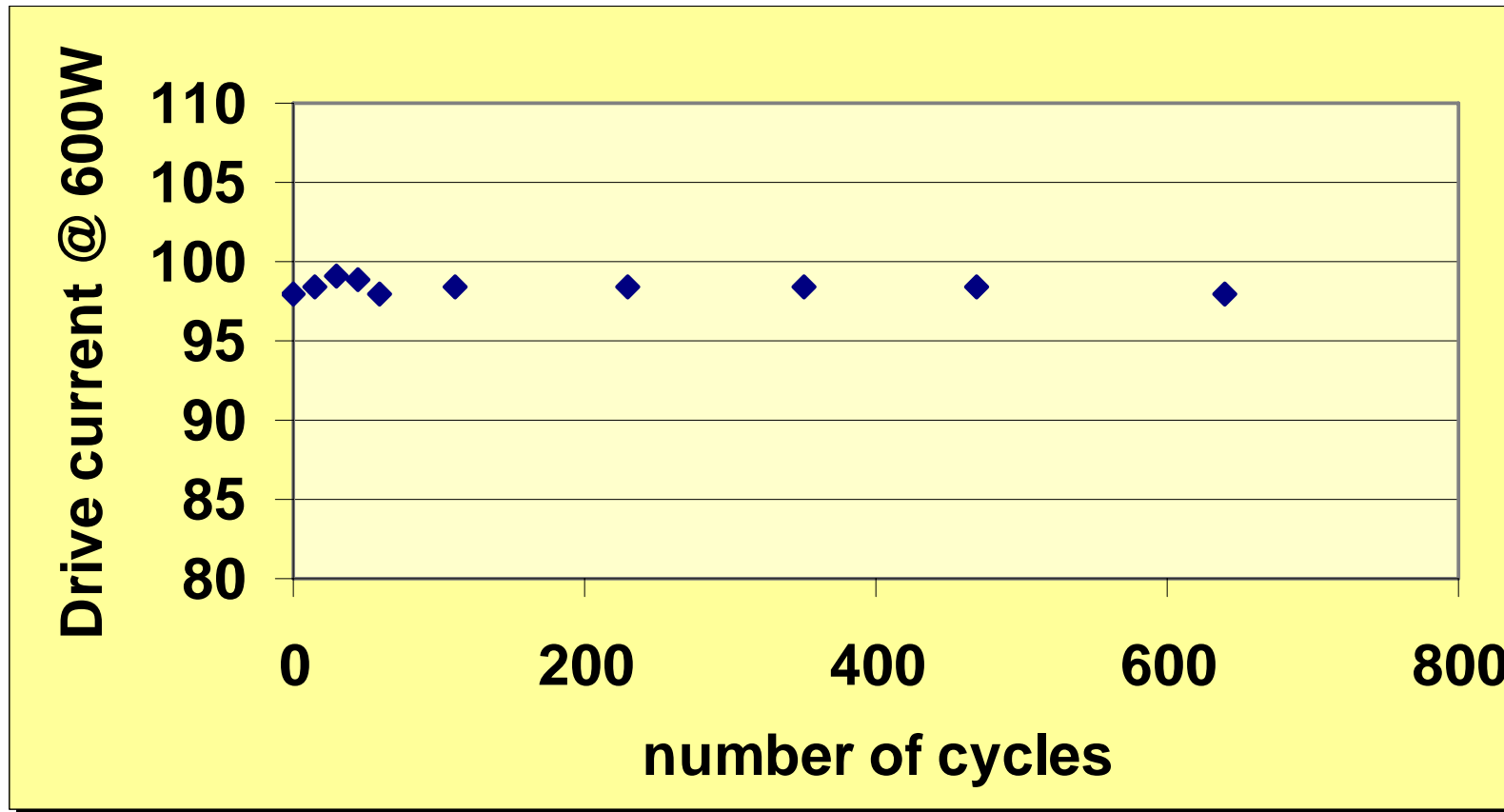
-30°C / +30°C
1°C /min.



1- Thermal cycling

Stack 6 bars

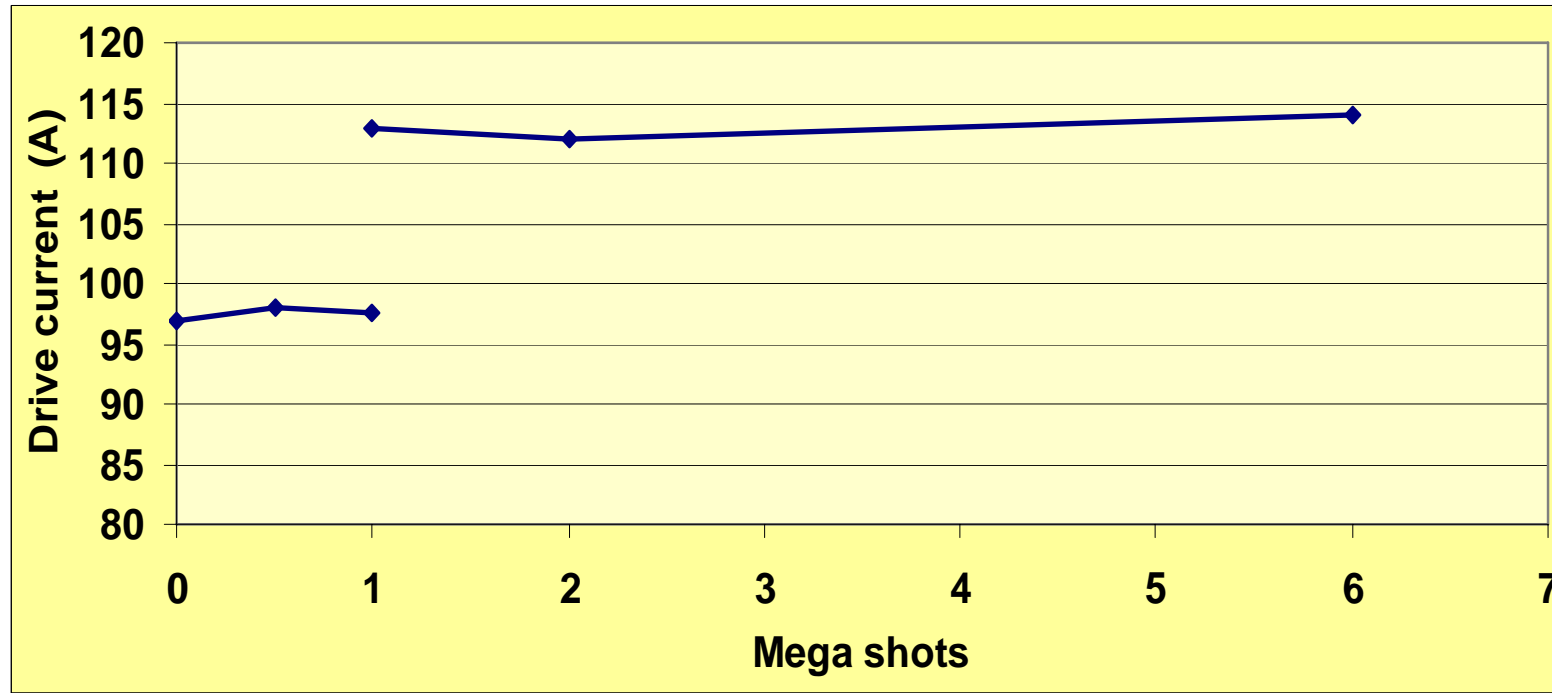
600 cycles: -55°C/+85°C, 10°C/min



2- Endurance under Thermal cycling

Endurance: 600W QCW & 720W QCW, 6 Bar stack
QCW= 200 μ s/10Hz

Thermal Cycles: -30°C / +30°C _ 1°C/min.

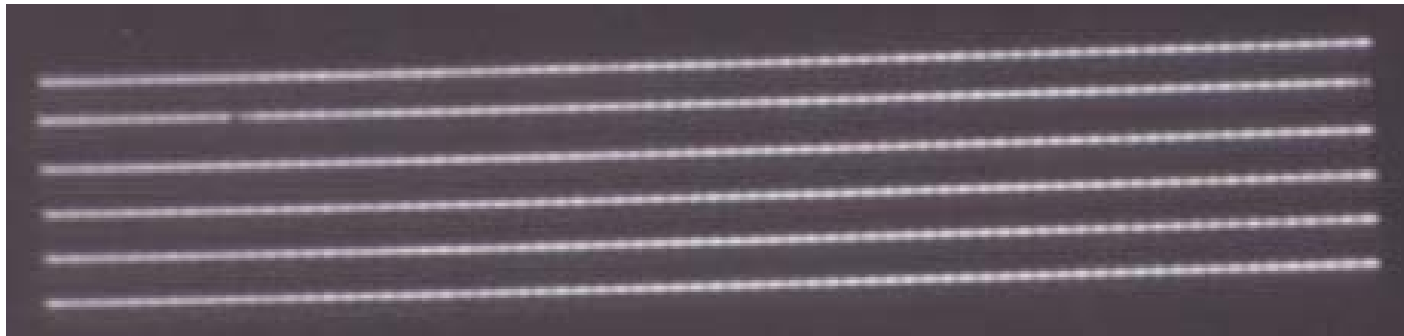


Far Field after

600 cycles $-55^{\circ}\text{C}/85^{\circ}\text{C}$

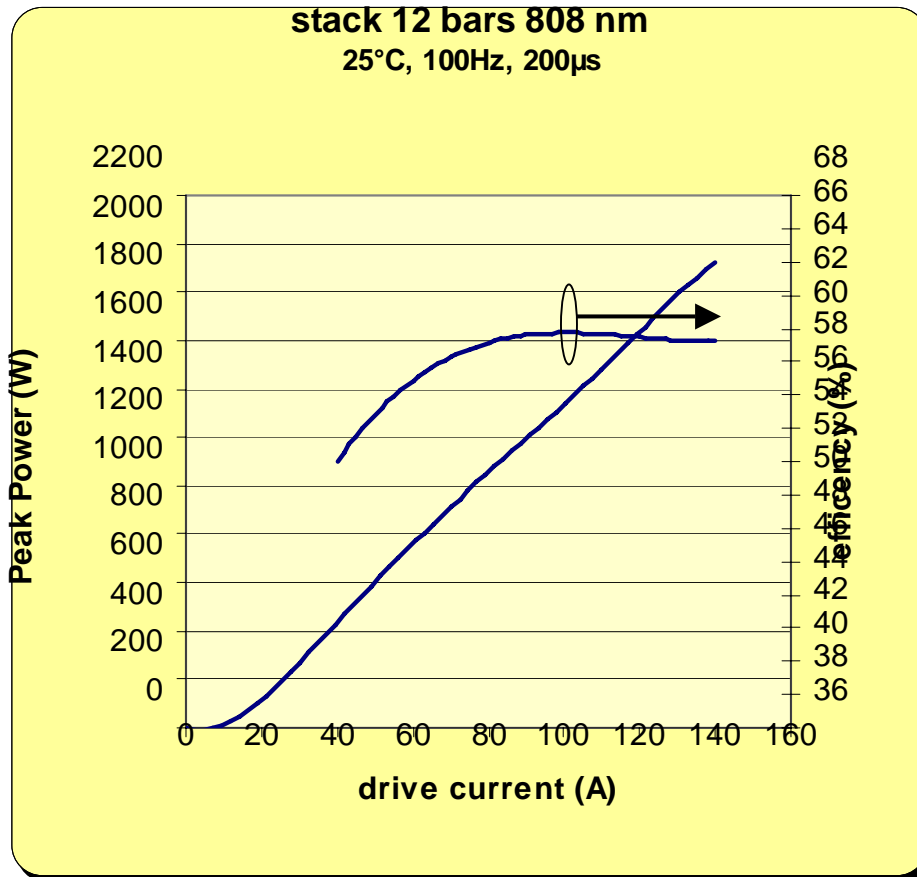
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3 Mega shots under temperature variation
(with up to 120W/bar)



Power consumption

Optimisation: bar design ↔ packaging
(compliant with space requirements)



60 % efficiency



Improvements in Packaging led to

- Highly reliable stacks
- Compatible with severe environmental conditions and operation in « burst mode »
- High electro optical efficiency

