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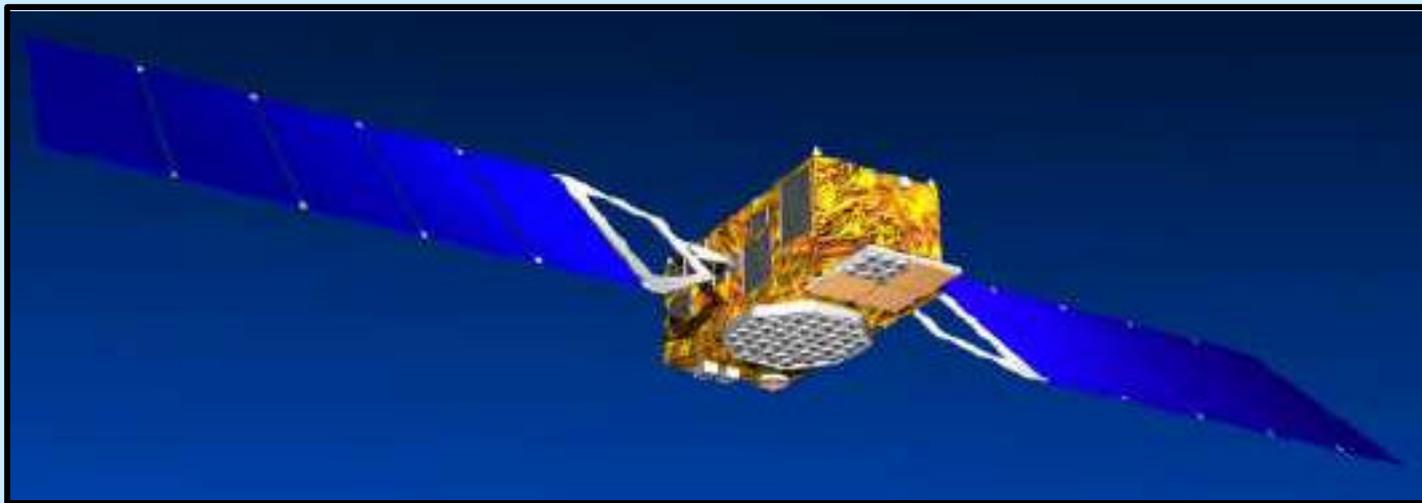
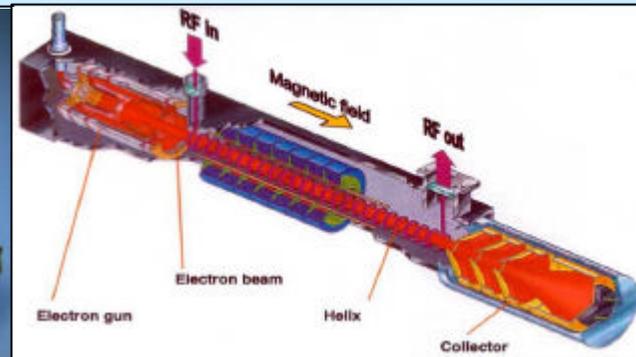
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**L-Band Wanderfeldröhre für  
Satellitennavigation**

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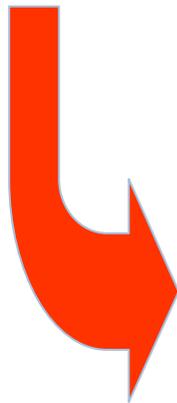
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# L-Band TWT für Satellitennavigation



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damit auch für Galileo**
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# Motivation L-Band Verstärker für Navigation



Gute Heritage von TEDG bei L-und S-Band Verstärkern

Deutlich gesteigerte Leistungsdaten bei der S-Band Röhre,  
Übertragung auf L-Band TWT ist in Bearbeitung

sehr hohe Zuverlässigkeit ( fit rate )

Wachsender Markt für die Navigationsanwendung

## Kritische Parameter für ein Navigationssystem



**Wirkungsgrad:** maximal, damit **Gesamtleistung** bei Kleinsatelliten ausreicht



**Ausgangsleistung:** von 60 W bis weit über 100 Watt



**Bandbreite:** große Bandbreite über das ganze Navigationsband ermöglicht flexiblen Einsatz



**Signalstabilität:** geringe Variation bei äußeren Einflüssen ( Temperatur ,  
Spannungvariationen )

Wie verhält sich ein Wanderfeldröhrenverstärker gegenüber diesen Anforderungen?

<b>+</b>	<b>Ausgangsleistung:</b>	keine Limitierung, bis 150 W, qualifiziert, bis 250 W entwickelt
<b>+</b>	<b>Bandbreite:</b>	bis 400 MHz erlaubt flexiblen Einsatz, auch Mehrträgerbetrieb möglich
<b>+</b>	<b>Wirkungsgrad:</b>	abhängig von der Bandbreite bis 64 % (Röhre) als Verstärker bis 58 %
<b>+</b>	<b>Signalstabilität:</b>	sehr geringer Einfluß, übertrifft die Anforderung bei weitem
<b>—</b>	<b>Gewicht/Größe</b>	bedingt durch die Frequenz -schwerer als SSPA

## WORLDSTAR Project TL 2140 L- Band TWT

- 2 satellites operational in orbit, 1 satellite ready for launch  
( $\Sigma > 72$  tubes),m                      TWTA: TWT Thales                      EPC: Tesat
- Output power:150 W;                      Frequency band: 1.452 GHz to 1.492 GHz  
Efficiency: 55%,                              mass 2200 g

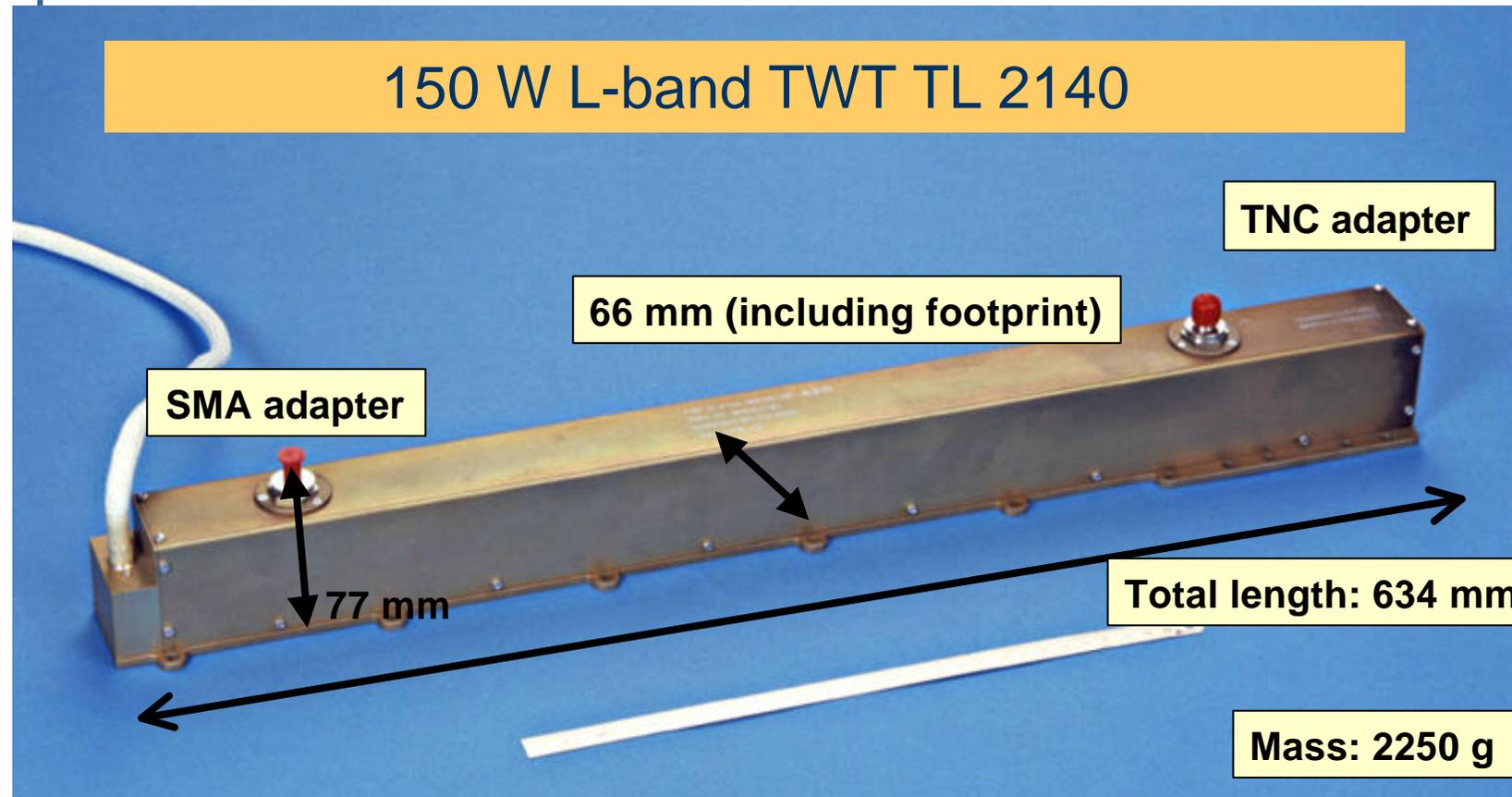
## XM-Radio Project TL 2210 S- Band TWT

- 2 satellites operational in orbit, 1 satellite ready for launch  
( $\Sigma > 130$  tubes delivered)                      EPC: Tesat
- Output power:220 W,                      Frequency band: 2.332 to 2.345 GHz  
Efficiency: 58.5%,                              mass 1450 g

## Insat-Radio Project TL 2090 S- Band TWT

- 1 satellites operational in orbit, 1 satellite ready for launch  
( $\Sigma > 16$  tubes delivered),                      EPC: Tesat
- Output power:70W,                      Frequency band: 2.48 to 2.655 GHz  
Efficiency: 58.5%,                              mass 1450 g

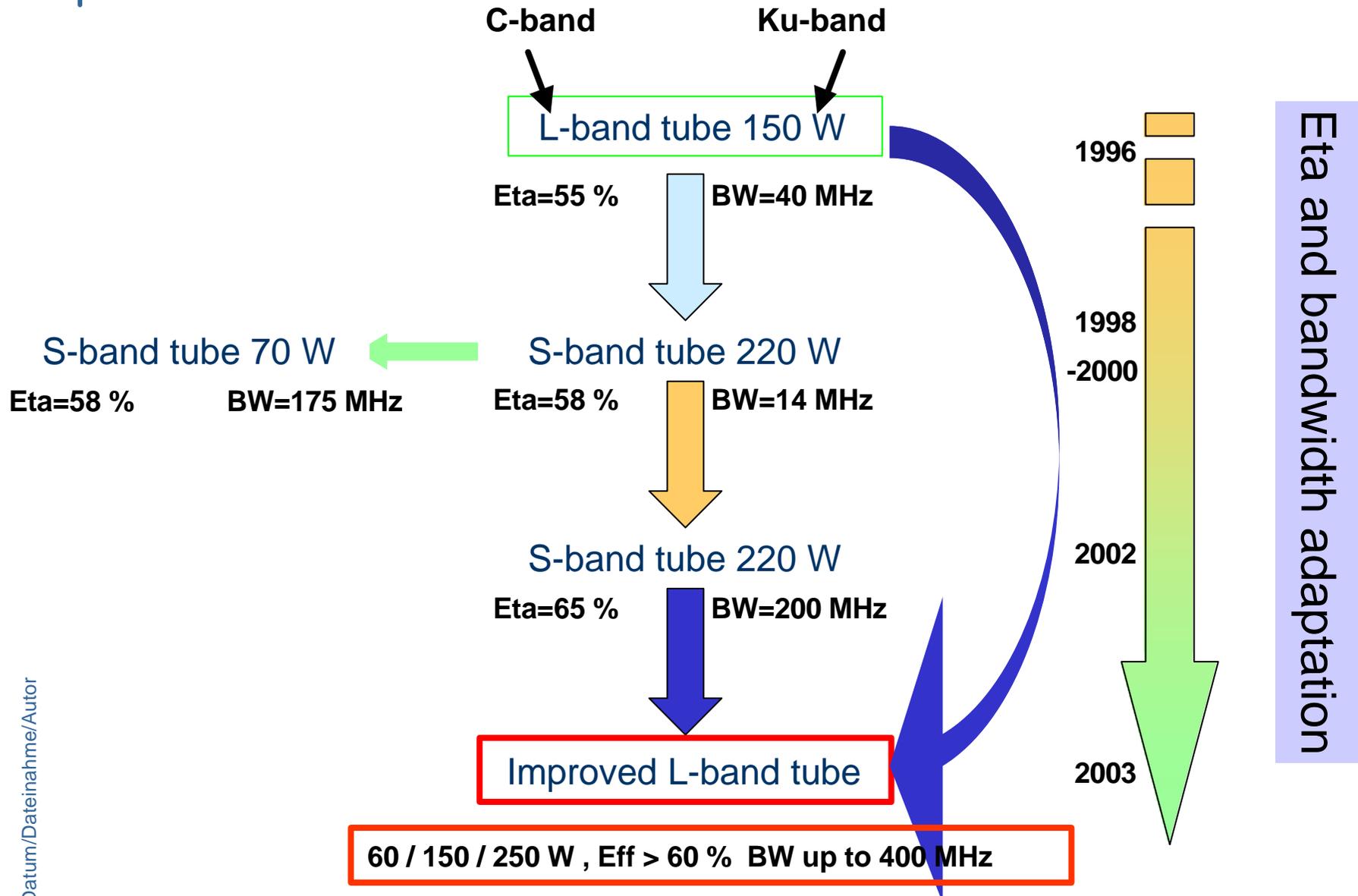
## 150 W L-band TWT TL 2140



### Qualification status

Temperature range:	-30°C to + 85°C	(non operating)
	-10°C to + 85°C	(operating)
Vibration:	18 grms (random, perpendicular)	
Shock:	480 g (limitation by test equipment)	
Tube in life test:	no critical event for 45000 hours	

# The way to improve L-Band TWTs



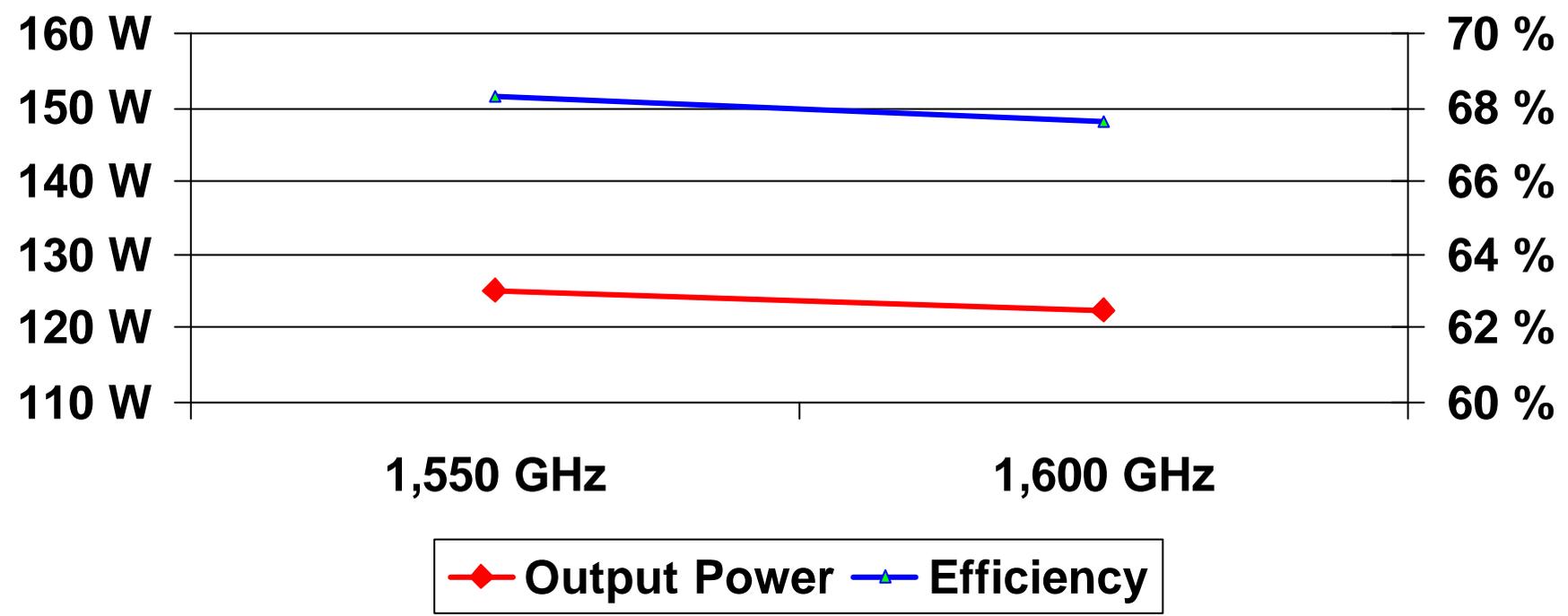
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## Results of the improved L-Band Tubes

Different Power classes from

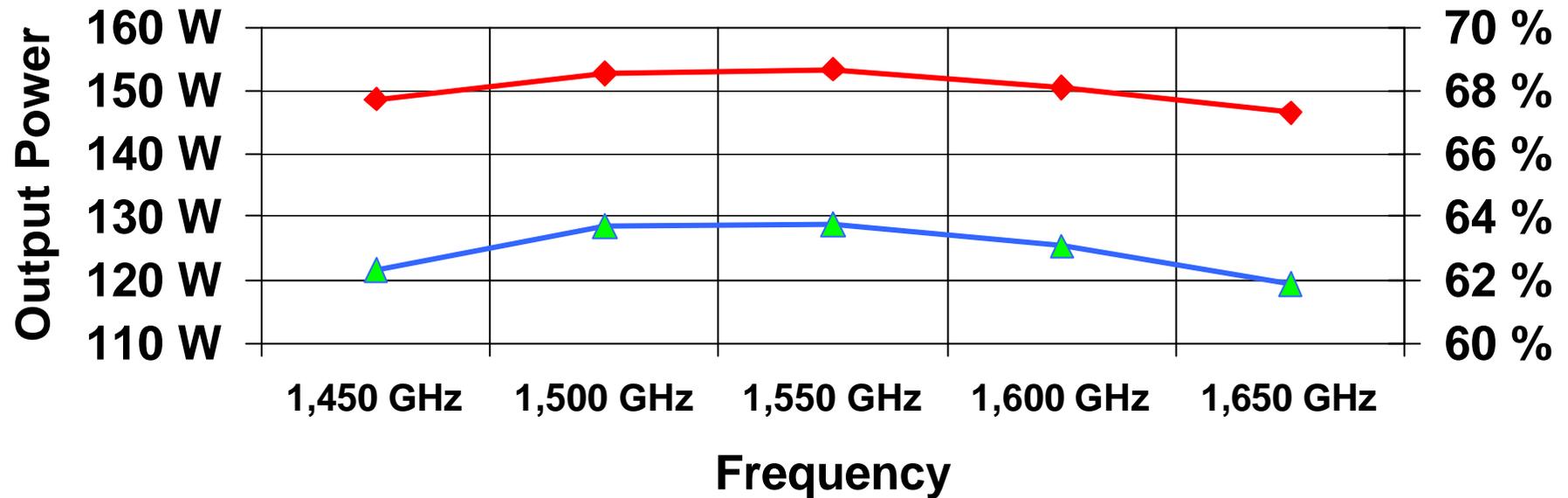
- 60-80 Watt**      optimised for Broad Band  
( total navigation band 1.1 to 1.6 GHz)
- 120-150 Watt**      optimised for 1.4 to 1.6 GHz  
( high power band for Galileo)
- 250 Watt**      as a high power tube

# 120 to 150 Watt Tube



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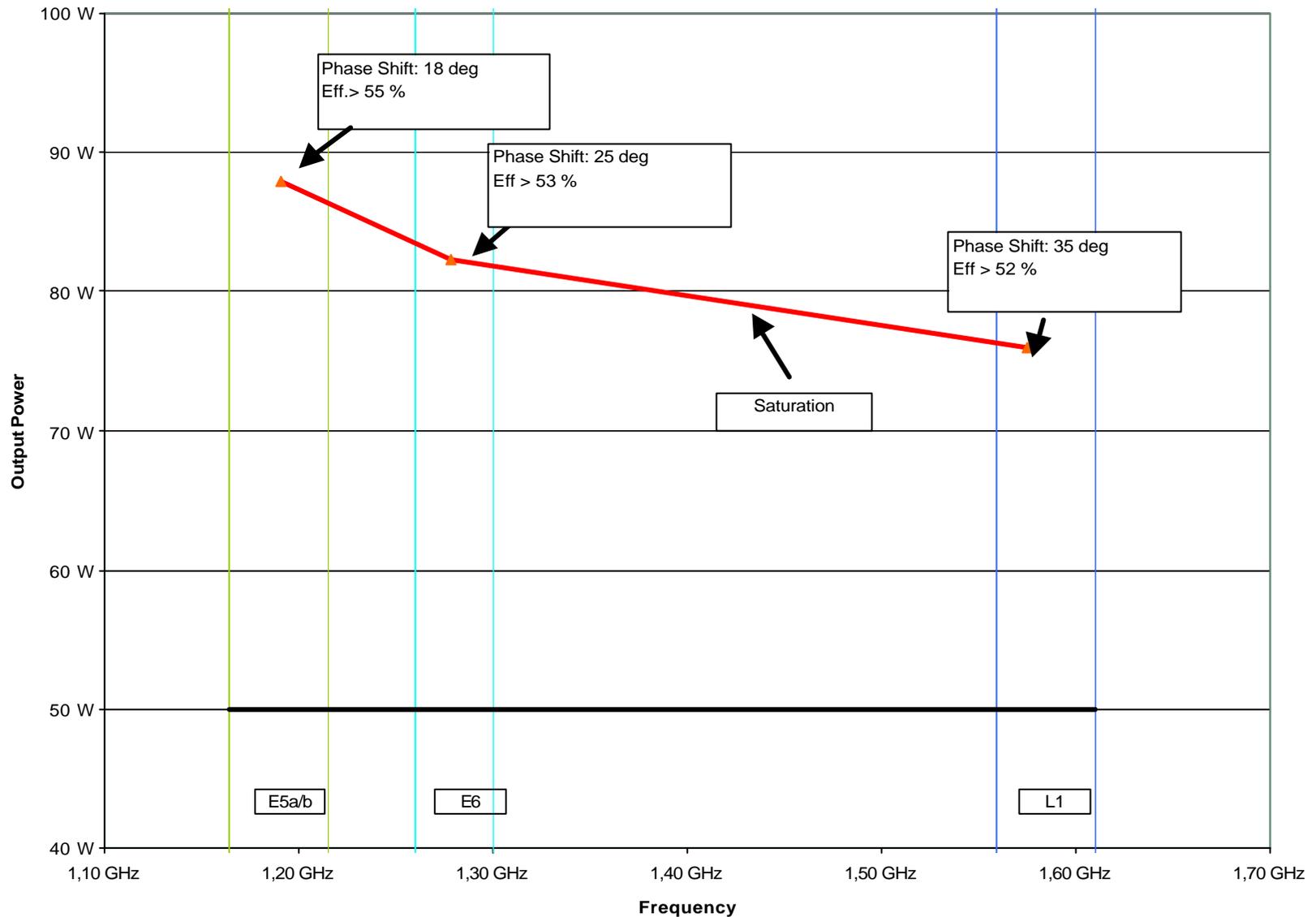
# 120 to 150 Watt Tube



◆ Output Power ▲ Efficiency

Phase shift:	< 45 deg
AM/PM conversion coefficient:	< 3 deg/dB
Gain in Saturation up to	50 dB

## Output Power in Broad Band adjustment



**Additional Measurement performed on L-Band tube to prove the navigation requirements**

- modulation tests**
- group delay measurements versus temperature and voltage** (typical EPC stability values used)
- noise measurements**
- Multi carrier measurements**
- Flexible Power setting only with anode voltage**

## Conclusion after all Tests:

### All performed tests

- all needed power levels covered by a highly efficient tube
- different modulation schemes
- non - linear behaviour sensitivity
- noise and multi carrier operation
- flexible power adjustment by anode voltage

**confirm,**

**that the TWT test results are**

**excellent**

**(better than the known requirements )**



**Advantage  
to use a  
Travelling Wave Tube  
for  
Navigation System  
as  
Galileo**



### ■ Output Power Flexibility

- No limitation in power: 150 W - or up to 250 W, if needed

### ■ Bandwidth

- The bandwidth of the L-Band TWT is 200 to 400 MHz.
- Fewer redundant amplifiers

### ■ Multi carrier operation

- 2 carrier operation is feasible and tested (for E5+ E6)
- less redundant tubes (5 TWTA compared to 8 SSPA )



### ■ **Group delay stability over temperature**

- Very low sensitivity - ideal for navigation systems
- has been tested under the critical conditions of temperature variation (up to 60 °C) and supply voltage stability.
- Group delay slope will be marginal (possible compensation )

### ■ **High power tubes**

- TED is manufacturing S- and Ku- Band tubes up to 220 Watt. The tubes are designed to operate without any degradation for more than 15 years.

### ■ **Qualified L-band TWT produced by TED**

- qualified up to 150 W output power.
- -10 to +85°C in operational conditions and the EPC from -10 to + 65 °C.
- Mechanical: random vibration up to 18 grms and pyro shock



### ■ Outstanding Heritage and Experience

- more than 30 years of experience for space TWTs (>5000 TWTs)
- TED has the experience to manage such an important and big project either as TWT or TWTA supplier (responsibility for the integration of TWT and EPC).

### ■ Proven Reliability

- accumulated operational time in orbit exceeds 3 Million hours.

### ■ Tube design

- all requirements and design goals according valued ESA PSS Space norms no change necessary

### ■ Advantage to use Dual EPC or with Lineariser + Champ

- additional mass reduction ( redundancy plan)
- additional improvement for the linearity and therefore power consumption

THALES - TEDG  
L-Band Travelling Wave  
Tube Amplifiers  
provide

an attractive solution for  
Navigation System

**Galileo**



Thank you for your attention  
Question / Answer