

# Status and Perspectives of Photo Injector Developments for High Brightness Beams

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**Realization depends on key parameters:**

- Introduction**

- DC electron sources
- NC RF guns
- SC RF guns
- generic injector layout

- operation mode: pulsed or CW
  - single bunch charge
  - time structure of the beam
  - norm. transverse emittance
  - long. phase space allows further compression
- } average current

- Different Photo Injectors for Different Projects:**

- **high average current electron sources ( $\langle A \rangle \geq 1 \text{ mA}$ )**

- DC guns from Cornell data sim.
- NC RF gun from Boeing data
- SC RF gun developments at Rossendorf data sim.
- DC, NC + SC RF gun developments from BNL, JLab, and LANL with AES data sim.

- **medium average current electron sources ( $1 \text{ mA} > \langle A \rangle > 1 \mu\text{A}$ )**

- NC RF gun at ELSA data
- NC RF gun for VUV-FEL and European XFEL data sim.
- NC and SC RF gun for BESSY sim.

- **low average current electron sources ( $\langle A \rangle \leq 1 \mu\text{A}$ )**

- NC RF gun from SHI+FESTA data
- NC RF gun injector for SPARC sim.
- NC RF gun developments for LCLS sim.
- some other developments [ e.g. LEG at PSI (field emission cathode) ] sim.

- Summary**

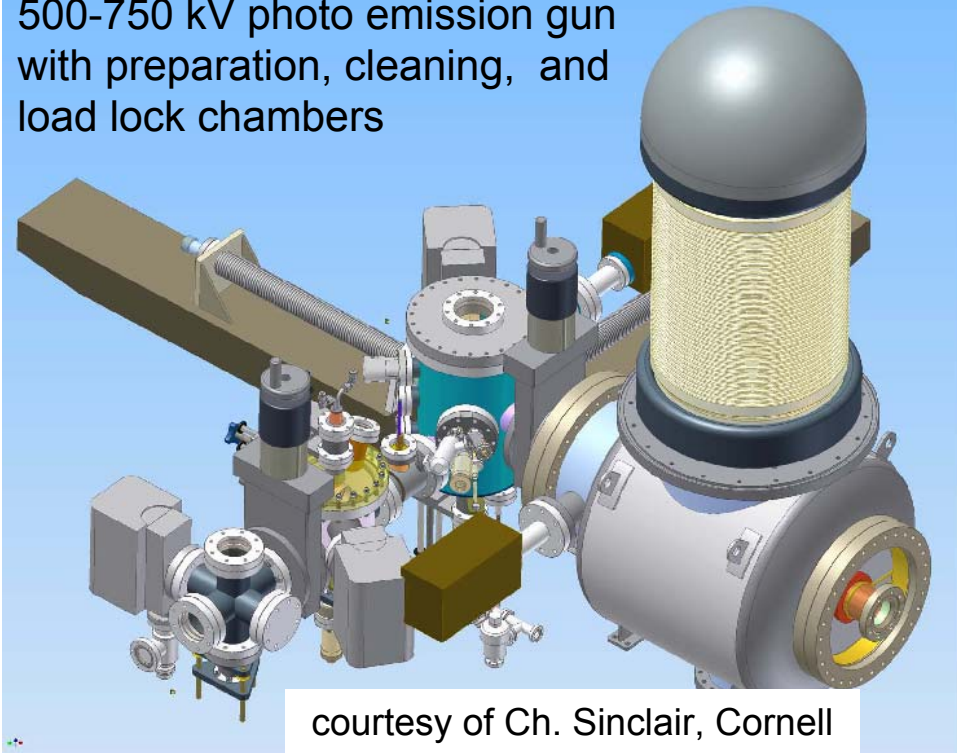
- Advantages

- good vacuum
  - NEA cathodes (GaAs),
  - low thermal emittance
- lots of operating experience

- Disadvantages

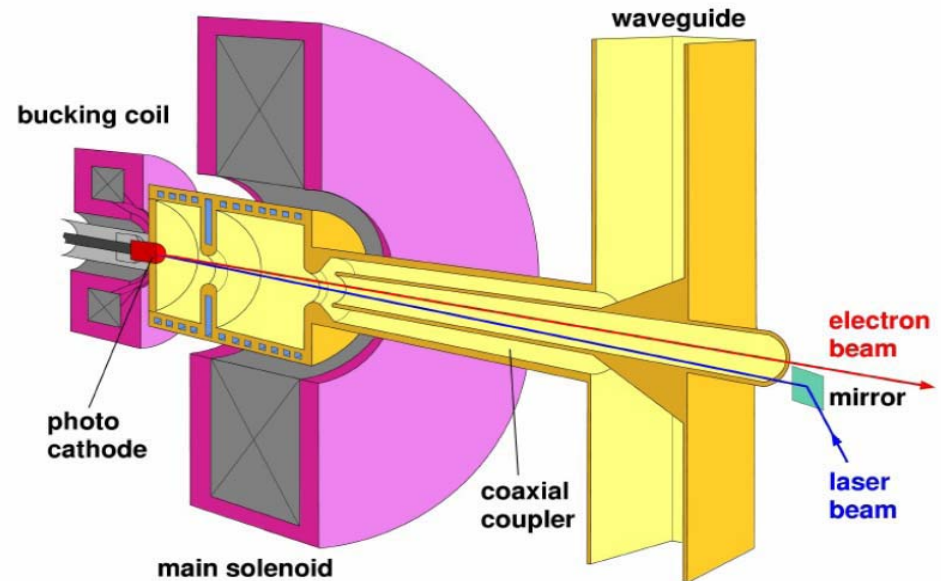
- low accelerating gradient at cathode
  - long bunches → buncher cavity
- low beam energy after the source → booster

500-750 kV photo emission gun with preparation, cleaning, and load lock chambers



- Advantages

- high accel. gradient at cathode + good space charge compensation → high bunch charge
- medium beam energy
- lots of operating experience, emittance record

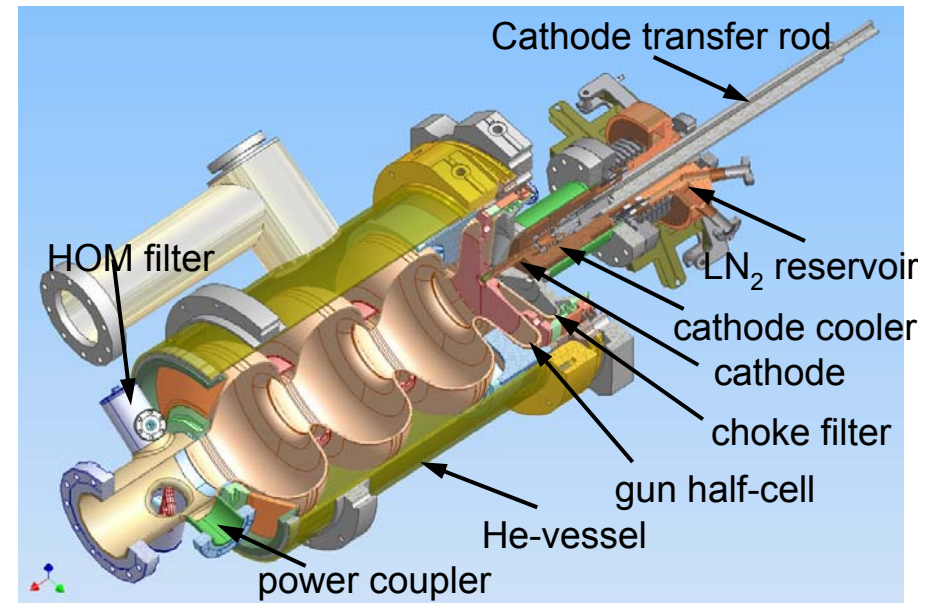


- Disadvantages

- medium vacuum conditions
- water cooling limits average RF power → broad range of average currents (RF frequency)

- Advantages

- high RF duty cycle, CW  
→ high av. beam power
- good vacuum condition
- medium beam energy

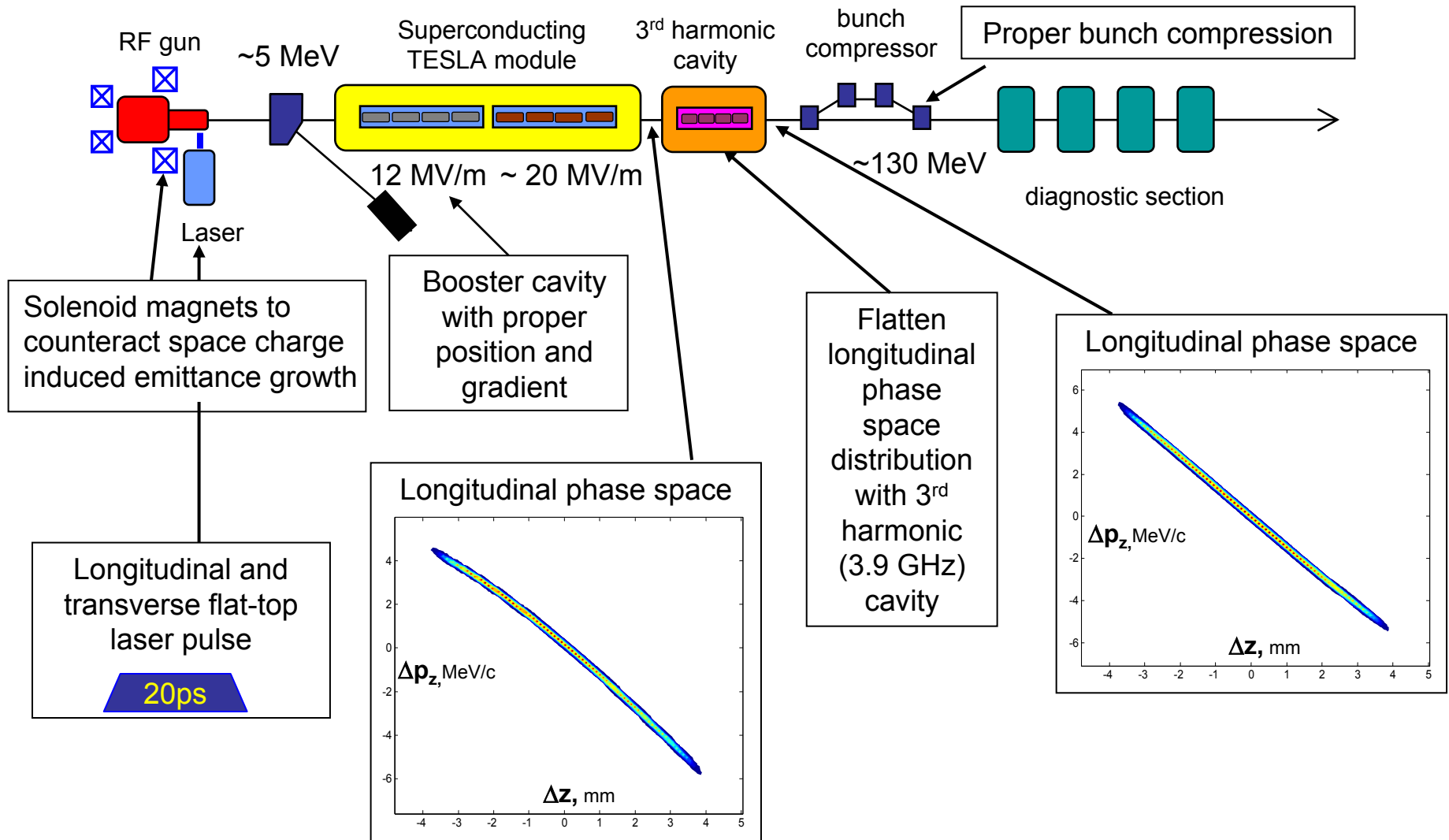


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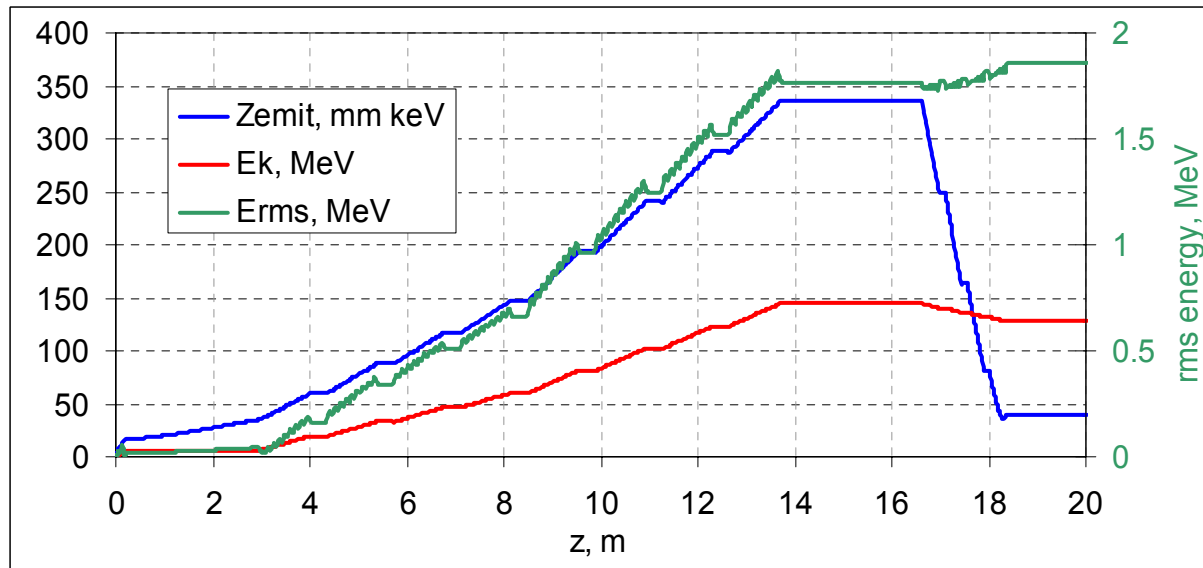
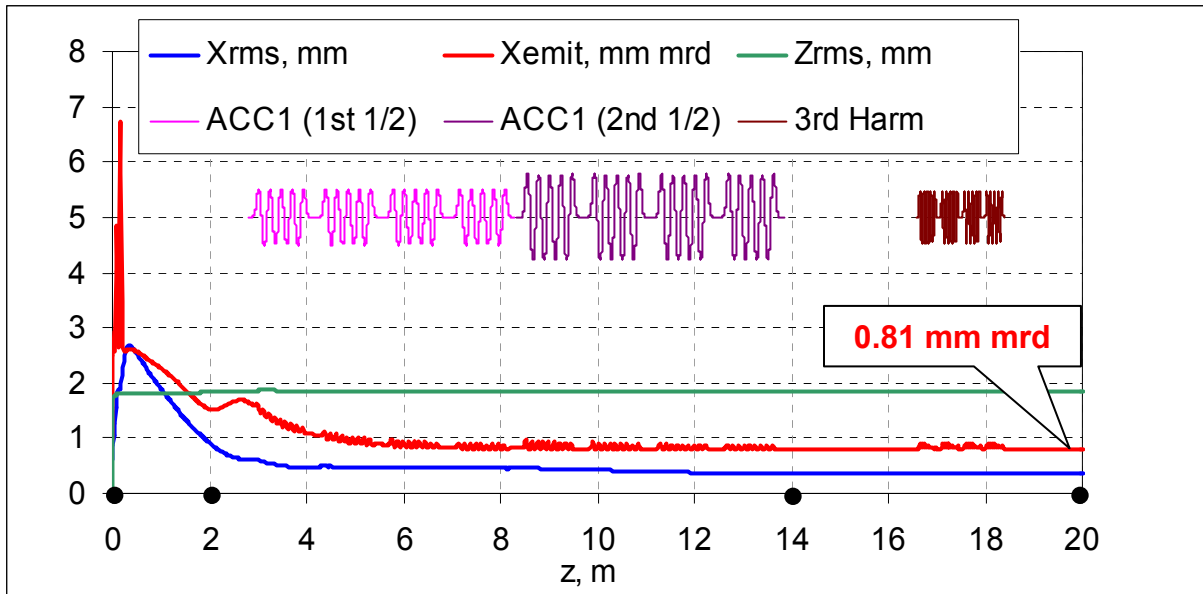
- Disadvantages

- high accel. gradient at cathode, but limited space charge compensation → limited bunch charge  
**BUT: new developments are on the way**
- limited operation experience

## e.g. VUV-FEL injector:



# Simulation of 'upgraded VUV-FEL'



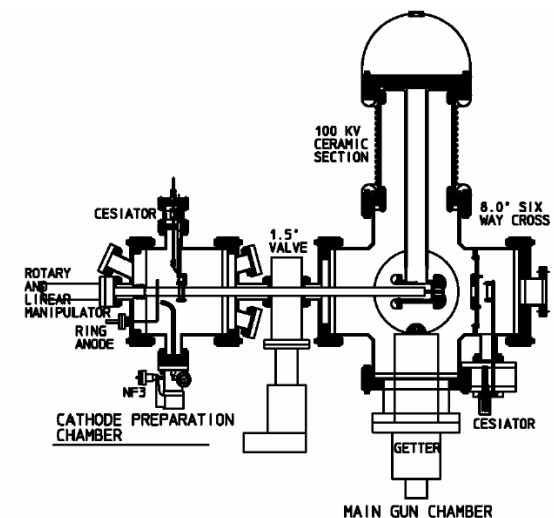
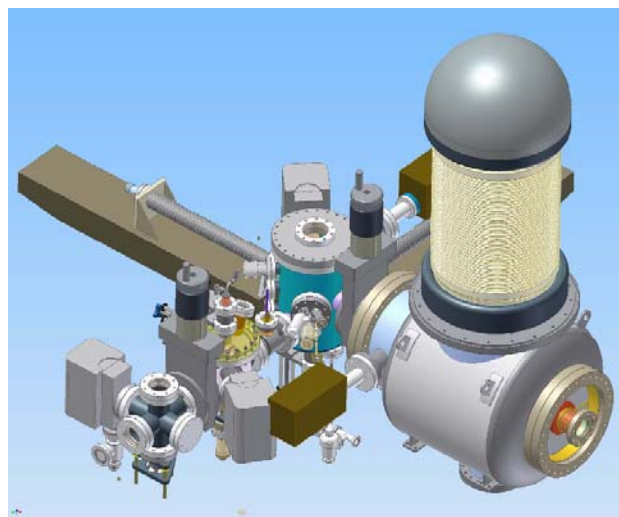
## ASTRA Simulation parameters:

**Q = 1 nC**

Laser	XYRMS	0.53	mm
	<b>FWHM, Lt</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>ps</b>
	<b>rise time, rt</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>ps</b>
	(thermal) LE	0.55	eV
MaxE	<b>Gun</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>MV/m</b>
	ACC1 (1st 1/2)	25.8	MV/m
	ACC1(2nd 1/2)	40	MV/m
Phi	Gun	-2.0	deg
	ACC1 (1st 1/2)	-15.3	deg
	ACC1(2nd 1/2)	-15.3	deg
Booster	(begin) z0	2.8	m
Solenoid	MaxB_main	-0.2253	T
	MaxB_buck	0.0112	T
	S_pos_main	0.276	m
ASTRA	particles	200k	
E-beam (z=20m)	Ek	128	MeV
	dp/p	1.45	%
	Xemit	0.81	mm mrd
	Zrms	1.85	mm

# DC Guns @ JLab + Cornell

	JLab, <b>exp. results</b>
operation mode	
pulsed / CW	CW
single bunch charge	<b>122 pC</b>
single bunch rep rate	75 MHz
DC voltage / gap	350 kV / 10.57 cm
<b>average current</b>	<b>9.1 mA</b>
norm. trans. emittance (rms)	~ 8-10 mm mrad @ 10 MeV

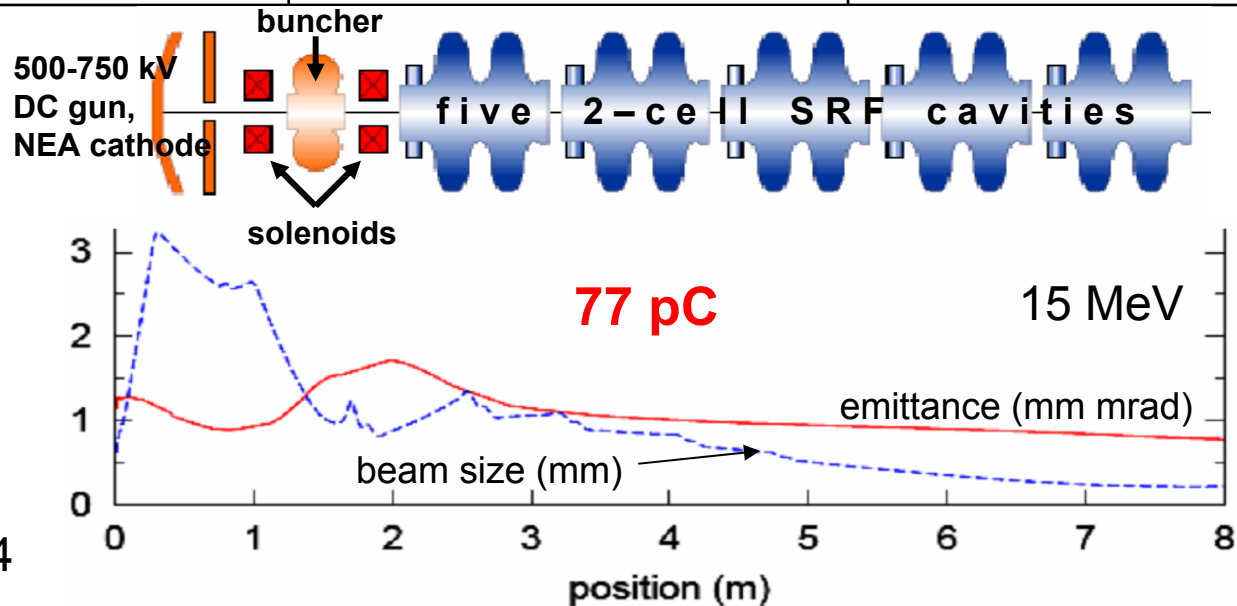




# DC Guns @ JLab + Cornell

	JLab, <b>exp. results</b>	Cornell, <b>goal parameters</b>	
operation mode		low charge	high charge
pulsed / CW	CW	CW	CW
single bunch charge	<b>122 pC</b>	<b>77 pC</b>	<b>1 nC</b>
single bunch rep rate	75 MHz	1300 MHz	1 – 10 MHz
DC voltage / gap	350 kV / 10.57 cm	~ 600 kV / 5 cm	~ 800 kV / 5 cm
<b>average current</b>	<b>9.1 mA</b>	<b>100 mA</b>	<b>1 mA</b>
norm. trans. emittance (rms)	~ 8-10 mm mrad @ 10 MeV	old: < 1 mm mrad, new: 0.1 mm mrad @ 13 MeV	new: ~ 1 mm mrad @ 13 MeV

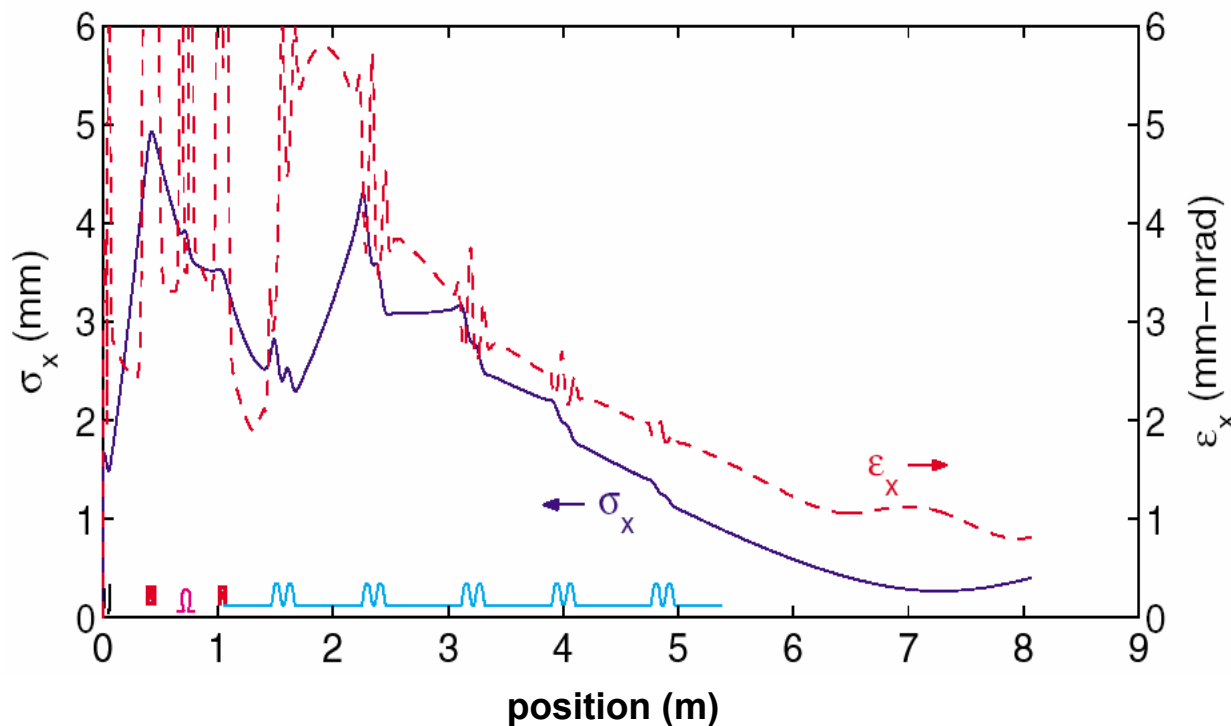
**old design for ERL-based X-ray source at Cornell:**



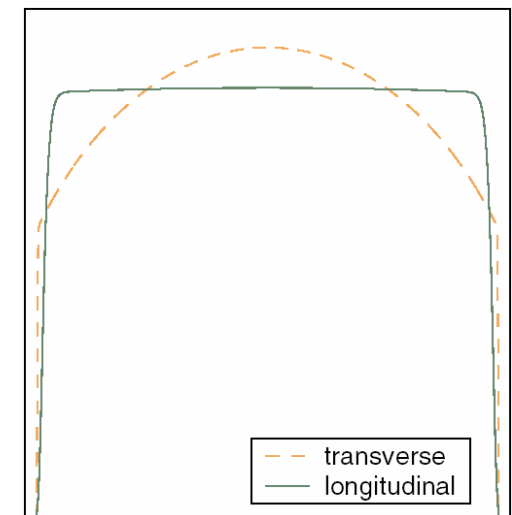
see  
I. Bazarov and C. Sinclair,  
PAC2003, pp. 2062 - 2064

- 22 decision variables, incorporating all physical constraints (e.g. element field strengths and locations, SRF phases, transverse and longitudinal laser profiles, bunch charge, cathode thermal energy)
- ASTRA used for tracking
- optimization for 80 pC (max. av. brilliance) and 800 pC (high photon flux per pulse)

## Results for 800 pC:



opt. laser parameters:



1.6 mm rms spot size  
17 ps rms pulse duration

Parameter	old design, PAC2003	This work	Units
Charge	80	80	pC
Laser spot size (rms)	0.6	0.3	mm
Laser pulse duration (rms)	20	11	ps
dc gun voltage	500	750	kV
Buncher voltage	116	126	kV
SRF cavity 1 gradient	9.8	5.5	MV/m
SRF cavities 2-5 gradient	7.2	10.6	MV/m
SRF cavity 1 phase	10	43	°
Solenoid 1 peak field	0.058	0.077	T
Solenoid 2 peak field	0.040	0.043	T
Solenoid 1 position	0.29	0.26	m
Solenoid 2 position	1.00	1.12	m
Buncher position	0.80	0.57	m
SRF cavity 1 position	1.80	1.90	m
Transverse emittance (rms)	0.82	0.14	mm mrad
Bunch length (rms)	0.80	0.78	mm
Longitudinal emittance (rms)	8.7	6.2	mm keV
Kinetic energy	10.6	12.6	MeV

## Results for 80 pC

→ impressive results for 80 and 800 pC

→ shows importance and benefit of multiv. optimization

## Experimental Schedule:

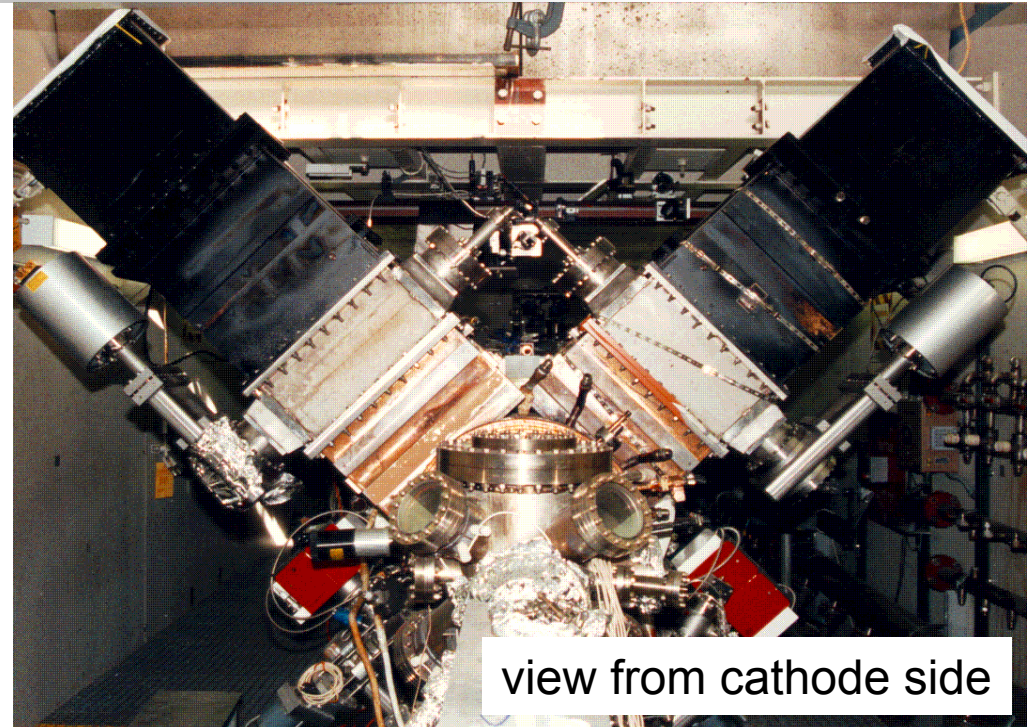
- first electrons from gun in Dec. 2005
- mid 2006: laser for 1.3 GHz operation
- early 2008: injector cryomodule ready

- **possible problems, e.g.:**
  - temporal response of GaAs cathode might degrade temporal electron bunch profile at emission
  - desired gun voltage of 500-750 kV is above presently achieved values (→ geometry changes, coatings)
  - beam energy still low, needs proper matching of following accelerator
- possible source for polarized electrons (→ cathode + laser)

# NC RF Gun @ Boeing

parameters measured in 1992:

pulsed / CW	pulsed
single bunch charge	<b>1 – 7 nC</b>
single bunch rep rate	27 MHz
length of bunch train	8.3 ms
bunch train rep rate	30 Hz
<b>average current</b>	<b>6.7 – 47 mA</b>
norm. trans. emittance (rms)	5 – 10 mm mrad @ 5 MeV
rf frequency	433 MHz

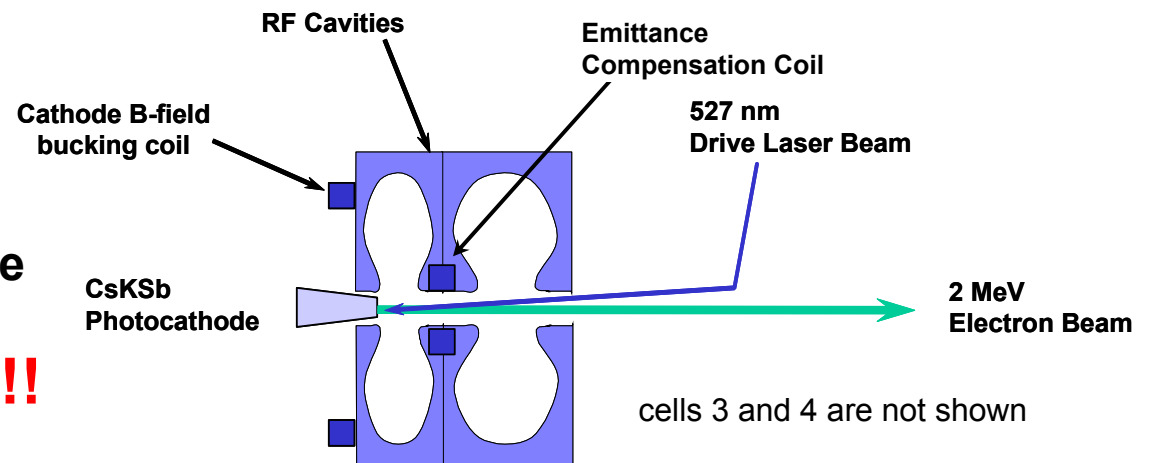


view from cathode side

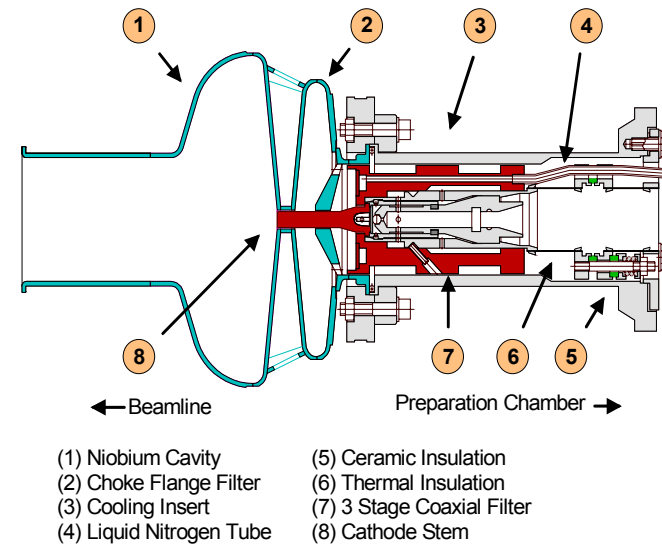
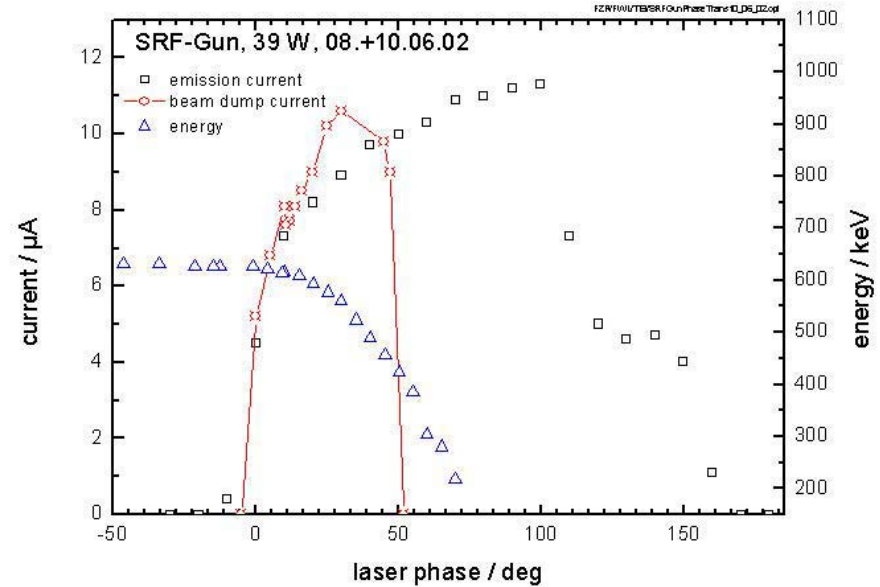
duty cycle: 25 %  
RF power: **600 kW**

re-entrant design  
→ 25 MV/m peak field @ cathode

**record average current !!!**

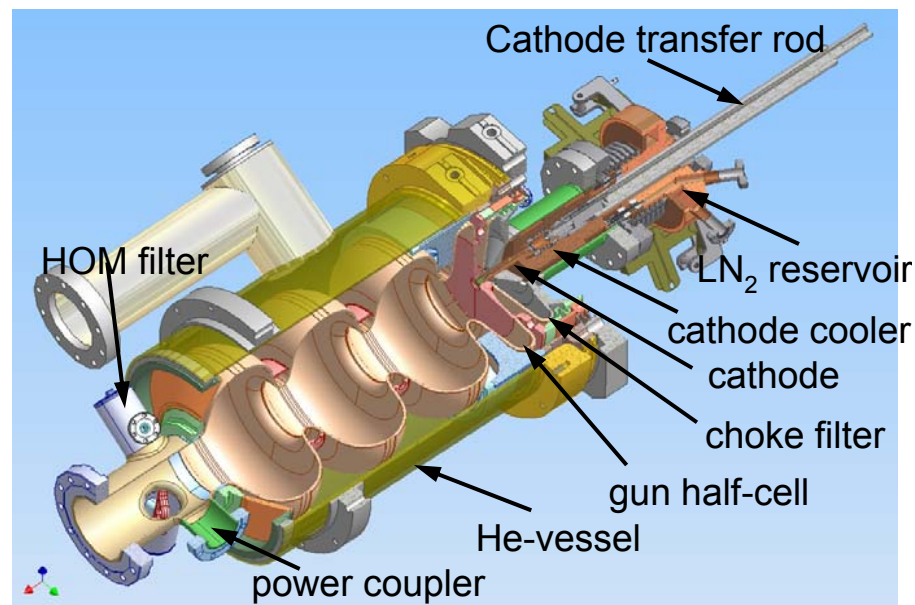


gun type	<b>1/2 cell gun</b> <b>results obtained</b>
operation mode	
pulsed / CW	<b>CW</b>
single bunch charge	<b>1-20 pC</b>
single bunch rep rate	<b>26 MHz</b>
length of bunch train	-
bunch train rep rate	-
<b>average current</b>	<b>≤ 130 μA</b>
norm. trans. emittance (rms)	<b>2.5 mm mrad @ 4 pC, 900 keV</b>
rf frequency	<b>1.3 GHz</b>

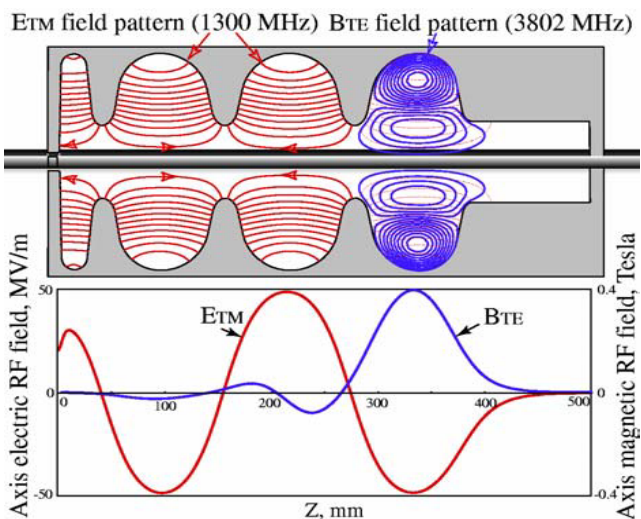


- **NC Cs<sub>2</sub>Te cathode in SC gun**  
→ high QE → relax requirements on laser system
- no Q degradation observed over 7 weeks (5h/d)

gun type	<b>3.4 cell gun, Goals</b>	
operation mode	ELBE	high charge
pulsed / CW	CW	CW
single bunch charge	<b>77 pC</b>	<b>1 nC</b>
single bunch rep rate	13 MHz	1 MHz
<b>average current</b>	<b>1 mA</b>	<b>1 mA</b>
norm. trans. emittance (rms)	1.5 mm mrad @ 9.5 MeV	2.5 mm mrad @ 9.5 MeV
rf frequency	1.3 GHz	1.3 GHz



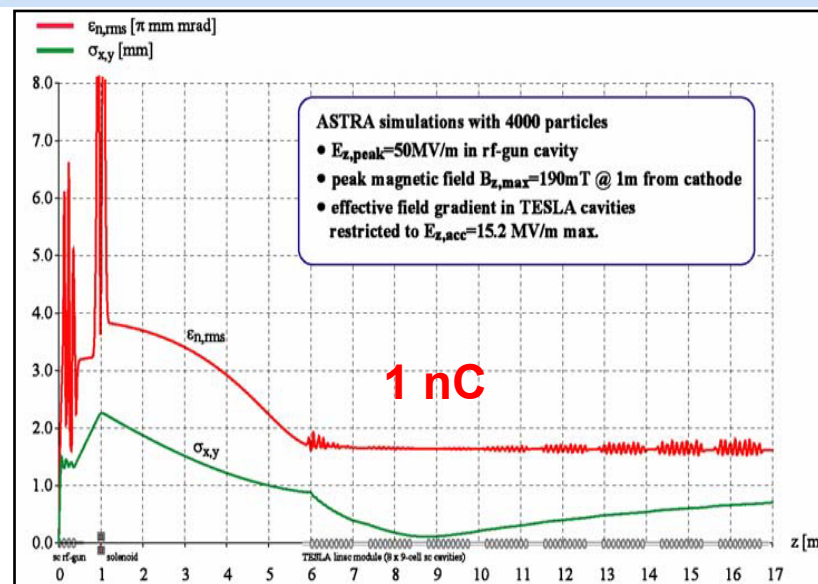
## With magnetic mode:



⇒  $\epsilon_n$  (1nC, 8.8MeV)  
= **0.8-1.0 mm mrad**  
dep. on B<sub>TE</sub> phase  
(no therm. emittance)

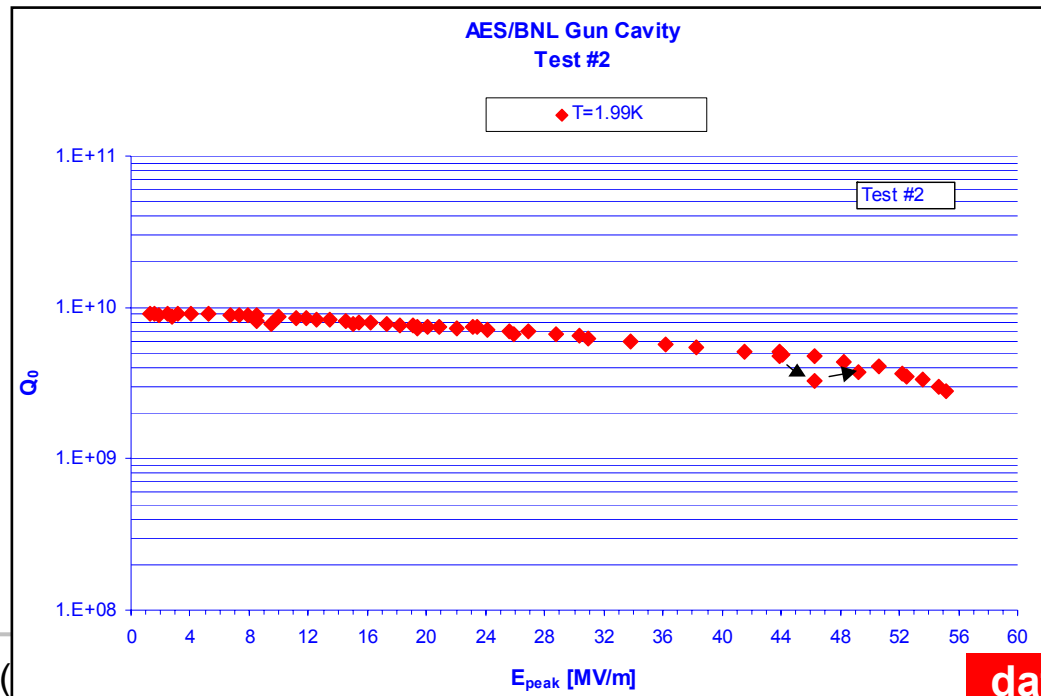
## Status:

- two 3.4 cell guns tuned
- first beam autumn 2006



# Source Developments with AES

gun type	1/2, SC, all Ni	1/2, SC, NC cath.	DC + SRF boost.	2 1/2, NC RF, CW
collabor. partners	BNL, <b>data</b>	BNL, <b>design</b>	JLab, <b>design</b>	LANL, <b>design</b>
pulsed / CW	the QE was measured to be	CW	CW	CW
single bunch charge / nC		1.42 / 10	0.133	1.0
single bunch rep rate / MHz		351.87 / 10	748.5	100
average current / mA		500 / 100	100	100
norm. trans. emittance (rms, geom. av.) / mm mrad	2 · 10 <sup>-6</sup> @266nm 1 · 10 <sup>-5</sup> @248nm	2.4 @ 2 MeV / 11.1 @ 3.2 MeV	1.2 @ 7.7 MeV	4 @ 2 MeV
rf frequency / MHz	1300	703.75	booster: 748.5	700



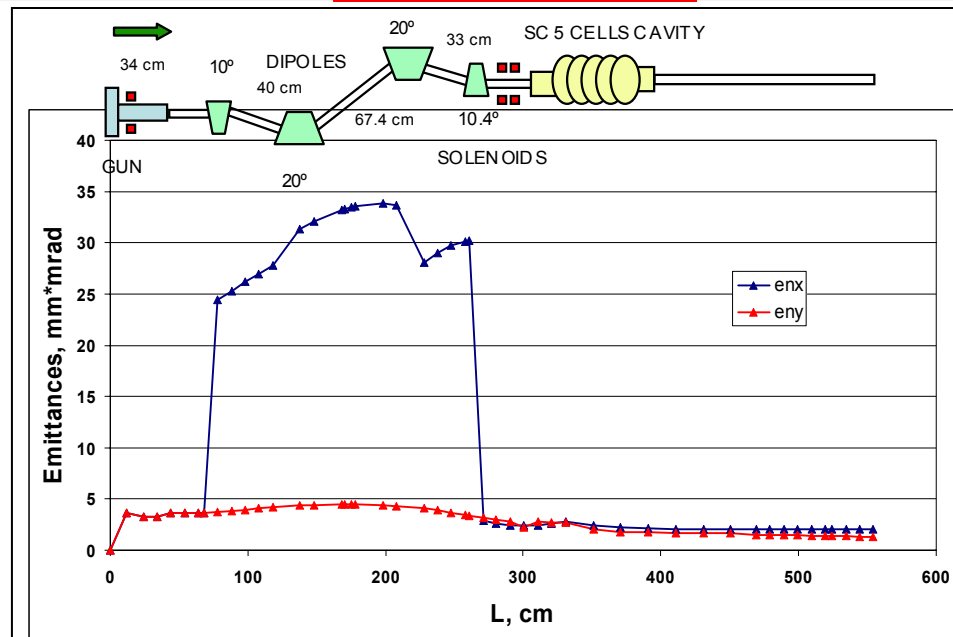
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diamond amplifier cathode:

→ I. Ben-Zvi

more on SC RF guns:

→ J. Sekutovicz

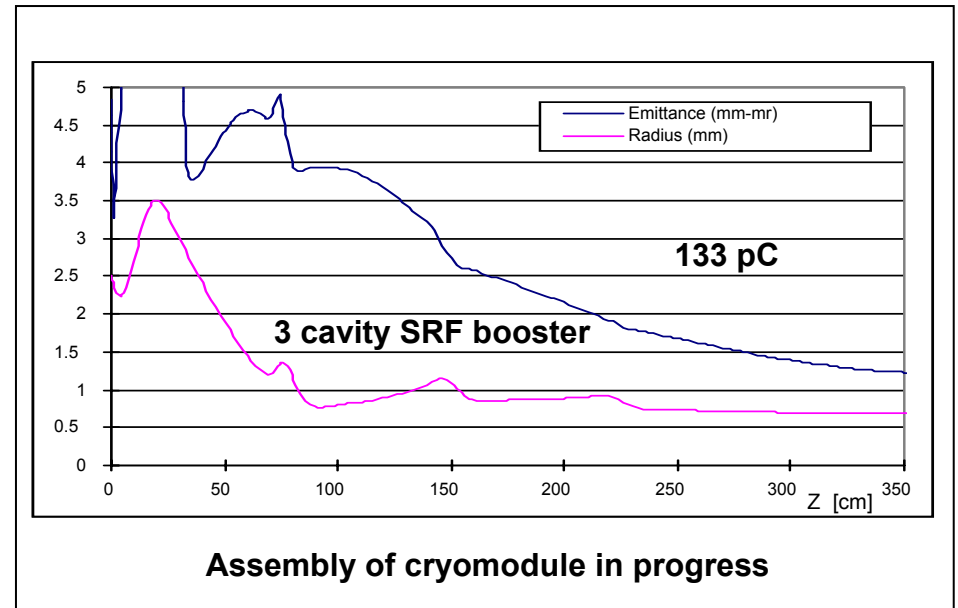
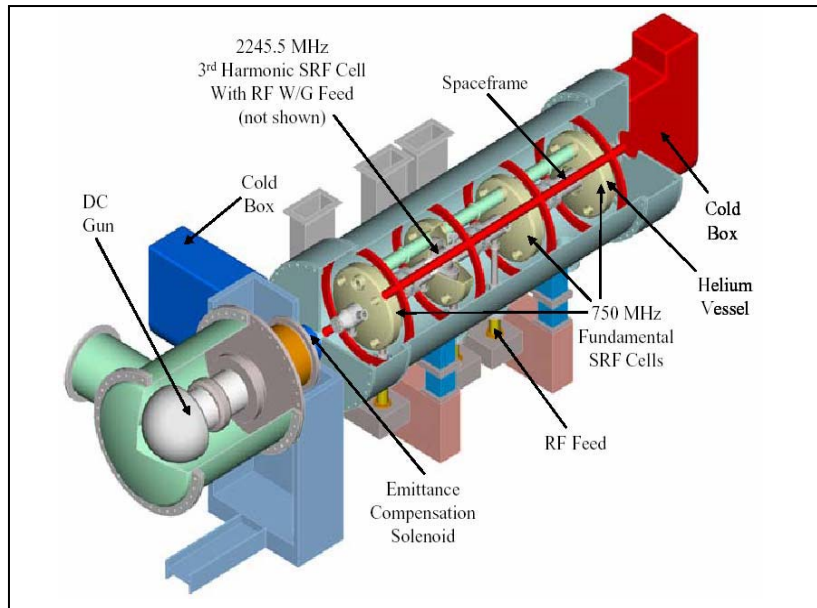


Emittances evolution for 1.4 nC bunch

- for ERL
- in final design
- first beam 2007

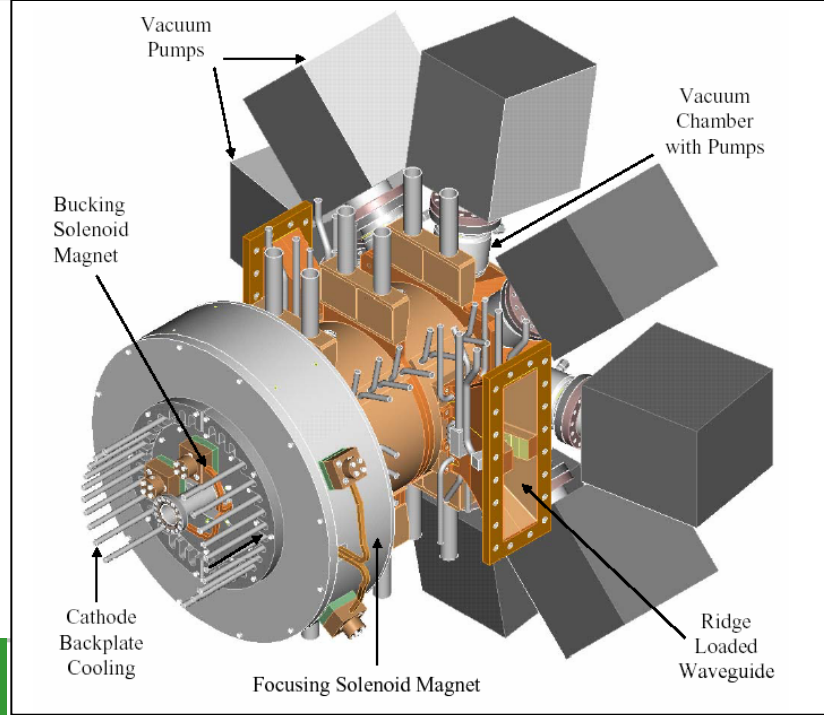


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pulsed / CW	the QE was measured to be $2 \cdot 10^{-6}$ @266nm $1 \cdot 10^{-5}$ @248nm	CW	CW	CW
<b>single bunch charge / nC</b>		<b>1.42 / 10</b>	<b>0.133</b>	<b>1.0</b>
single bunch rep rate / MHz		351.87 / 10	748.5	100
<b>average current / mA</b>		<b>500 / 100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
norm. trans. emittance (rms, geom. av.) / mm mrad		2.4 @ 2 MeV / 11.1 @ 3.2 MeV	1.2 @ 7.7 MeV	4 @ 2 MeV
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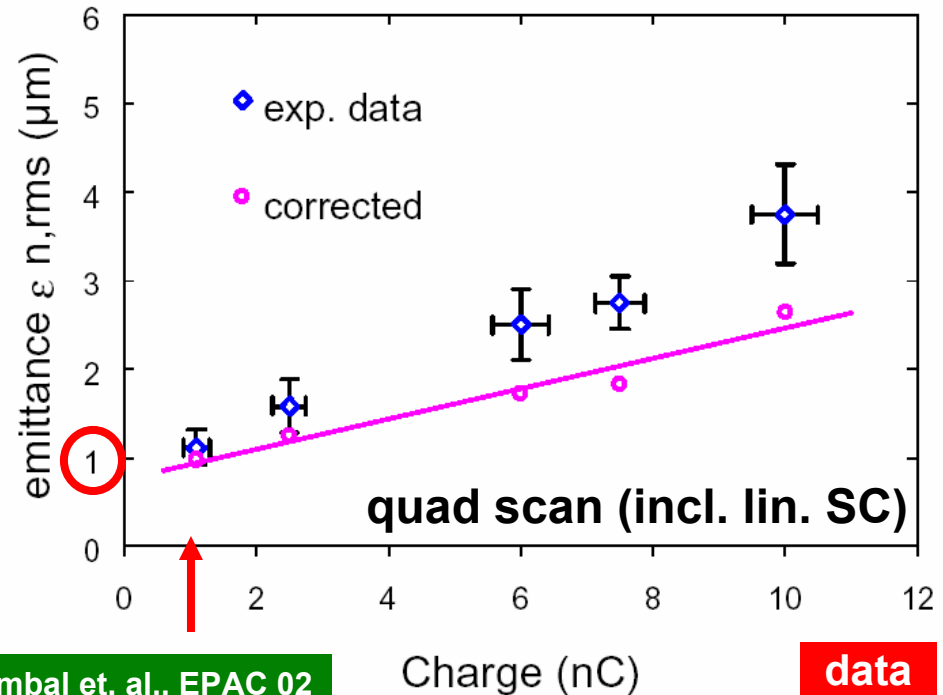
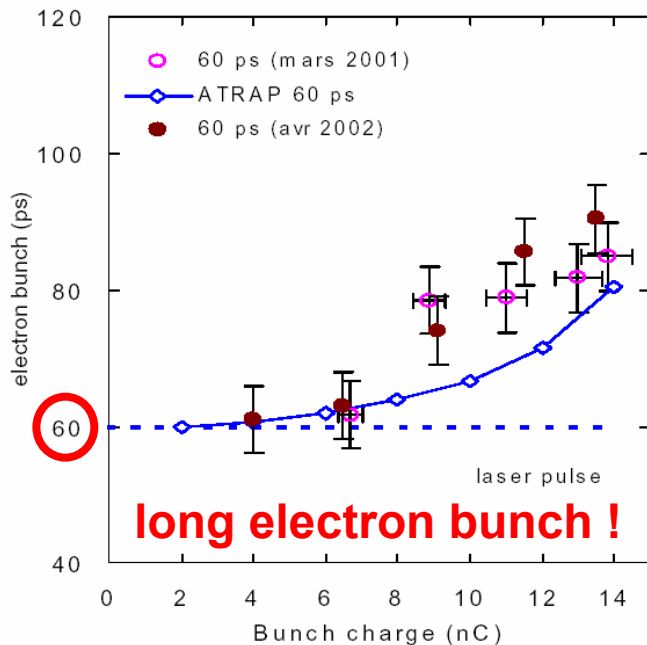
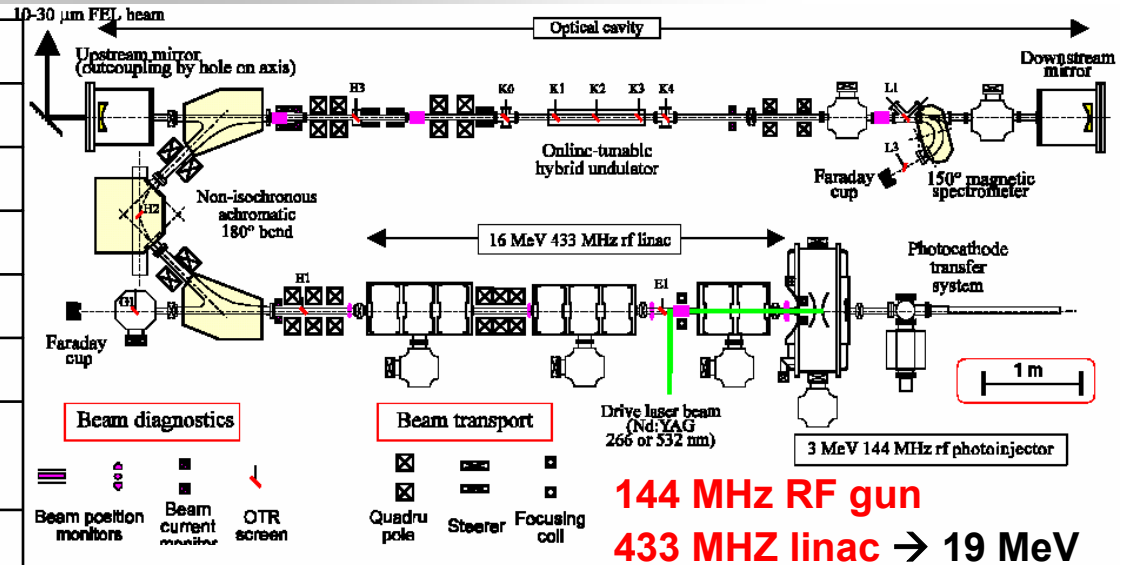


average power:  $\leq$  **720 kW**

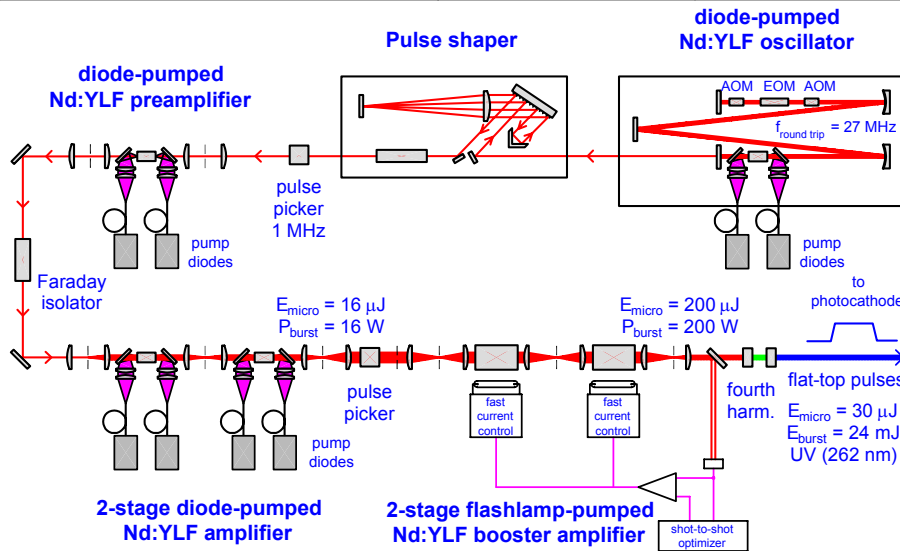
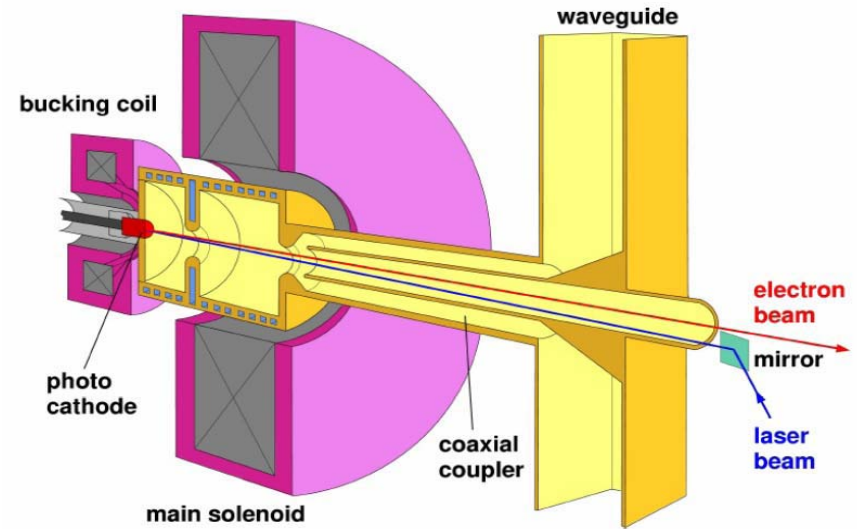
gun in fabrication,  
high power test in 2006

# Emittance from ELSA@CEA

pulsed / CW	pulsed
single bunch charge	<b>1 – 3 nC</b>
single bunch rep rate	72 MHz
length of bunch train	≤ 140 μs
bunch train rep rate	1 – 10 Hz
<b>average current</b>	<b>≤ 300 μA</b>
norm. trans. emittance (rms)	~ 1 – 1.5 mm mrad @ 19 MeV
rf frequency	144 / 433 MHz

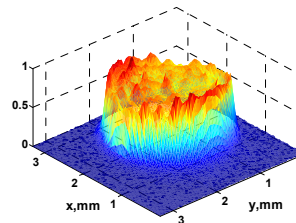
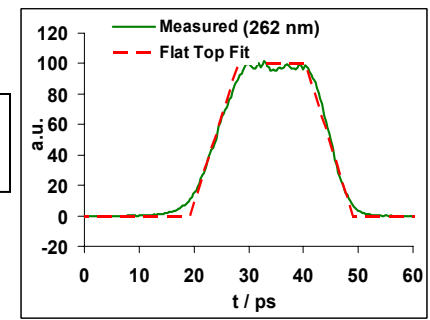


Goal parameters:	VUV-FEL	Europ. XFEL
pulsed / CW	pulsed	pulsed
single bunch charge	<b>1 nC</b>	<b>1 nC</b>
single bunch rep rate	1 – 9 MHz	5 MHz
length of bunch train	≤ 800 μs	≤ 650 μs
bunch train rep rate	1 – 10 Hz	10 Hz
<b>average current</b>	<b>≤ 72 μA</b>	<b>≤ 32.5 μA</b>
norm. trans. emittance (rms)	2 mm mrad @ 1 GeV	1.4 mm mrad @ 20 GeV
rf frequency	1.3 GHz	1.3 GHz



laser profiles:

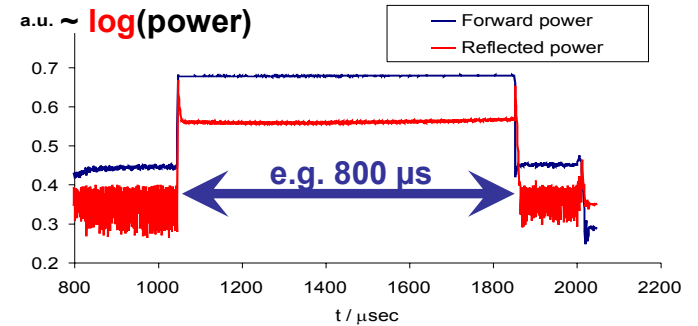
**FWHM ≈ 19-24 ps**  
**rise/fall ≈ 7-9 ps**



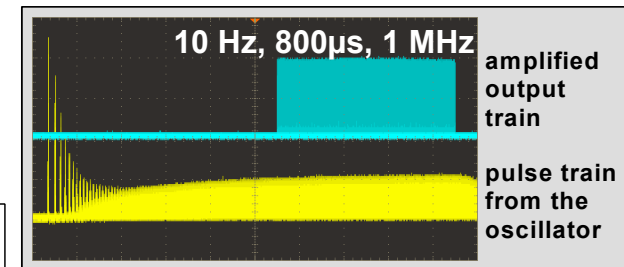
$\sigma_x = 0.57 \pm 0.02 \text{ mm}$   
 $\sigma_y = 0.58 \pm 0.02 \text{ mm}$

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long RF pulse:



long laser pulse train:



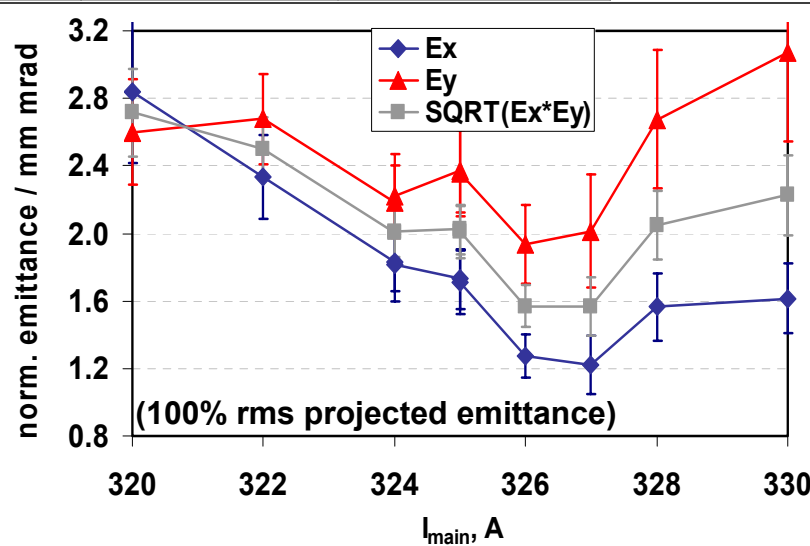
measured @ PITZ:

$p = 5.2 \text{ MeV/c}$

**$Q = 1 \text{ nC}$**

$\Phi = \Phi_m$

$I_{\text{buck}} = I_{\text{main}} * 0.075$



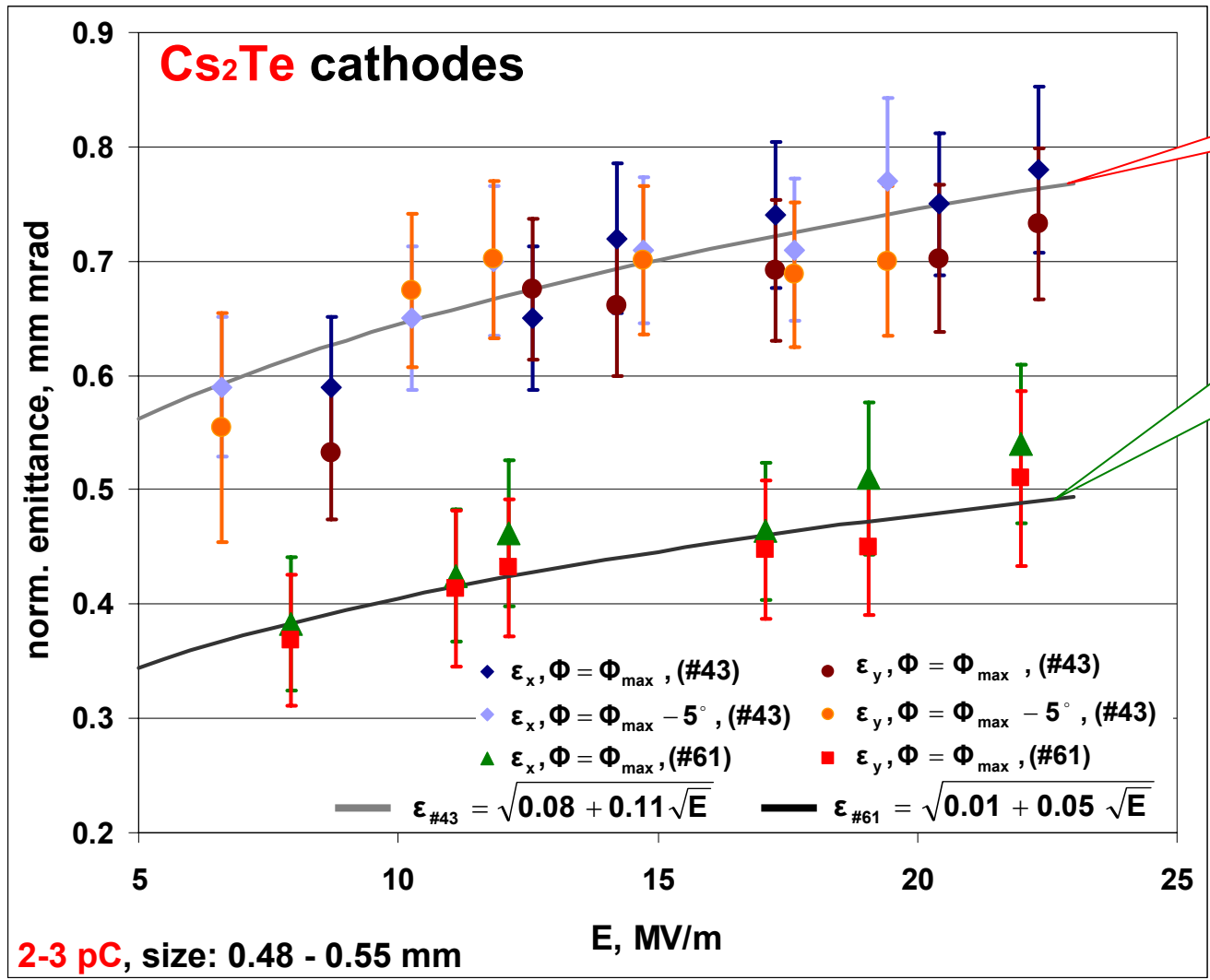
measured @ VUV-FEL:

$p = 127 \text{ MeV/c}$

**$Q = 1 \text{ nC}$**

- regularly obtain **2.1 mm mrad** (100% rms projected emittance)
- minimum **1.1 mm mrad** (90% rms projected emittance)

## Thermal Emittance Measurements at PITZ:



cathode no. 43,  
Nov.2004, QE ~ 3%

cathode no. 61,  
Apr.2004, QE ~ 1%

$\epsilon_{th}$  depends on individual cathode and its surface chemistry

$\rightarrow \epsilon_{th} = \epsilon_{th}(t)$

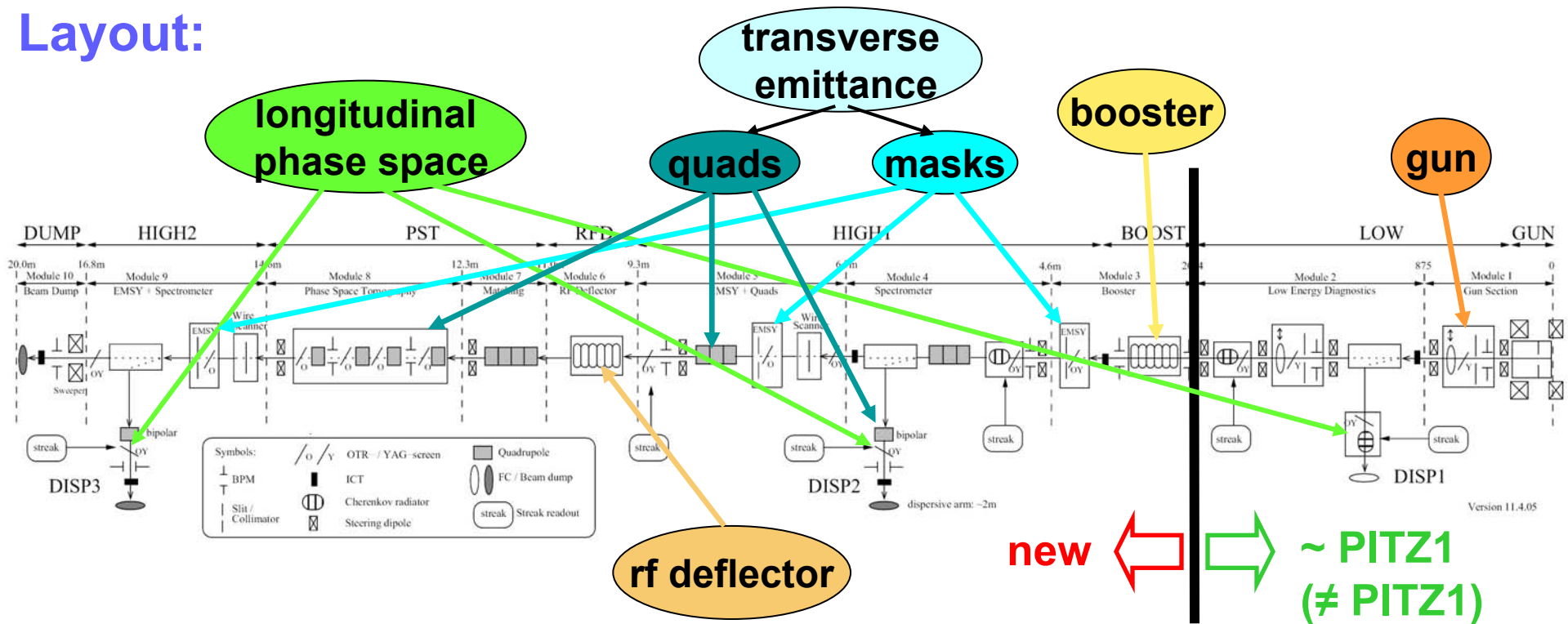
**$\rightarrow$  more cathode studies needed !**

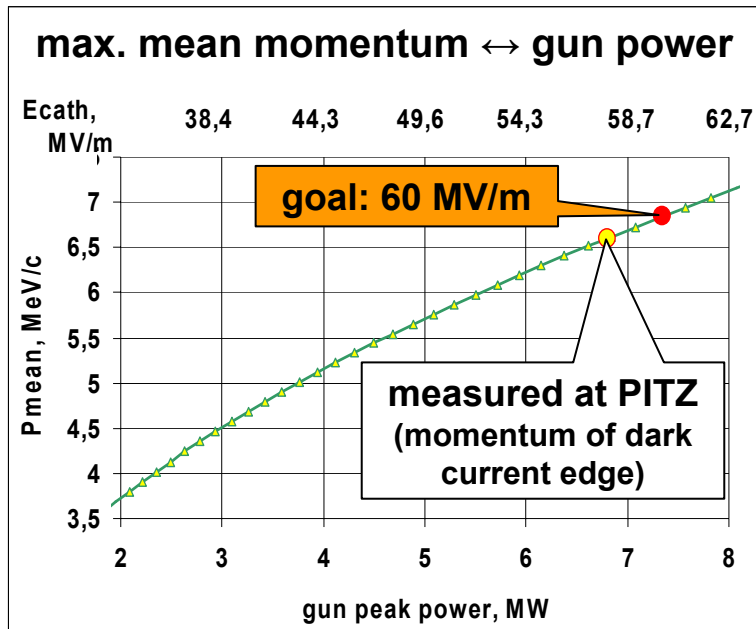
see also talk of  $\rightarrow$  J.H. Han

# Upgrade of PITZ → PITZ2

- Goals:**
- reach XFEL requirements: **0.9 mm mrad @ 1 nC from injector:**
    - increase RF field on photo-cathode
    - improve laser system (mainly rise/fall time  $\leq 2$  ps)
  - study **emittance conservation principle:**
    - booster cavity (preliminary: TESLA booster, final: CDS booster)
    - new diagnostics beam line

## Layout:

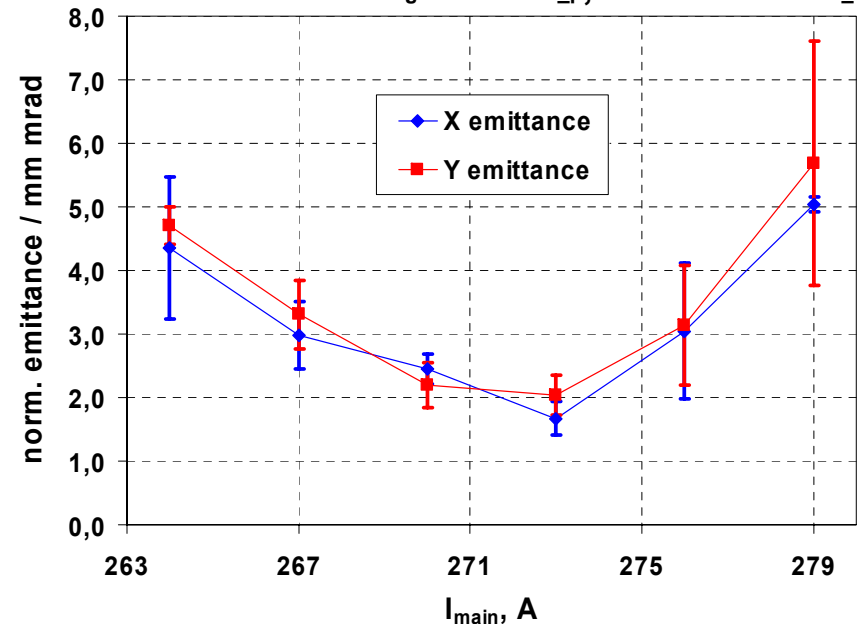




preliminary booster: TESLA prototype  
in operation !

## first preliminary emittance results (not optimized yet !)

$p = 12.8 \text{ MeV/c}$ ,  $Q = 1 \text{ nC}$ ,  
 $\Phi_{\text{gun}} = \Phi_{\text{max}_p}$ ,  $\Phi_{\text{booster}} = \Phi_{\text{min}_{dp}}$



## Outlook:

- new gun cavity (#3) in Dec. 2005
- final booster in autumn 2006
- new laser system in spring 2007



# BESSY FEL Injector Design

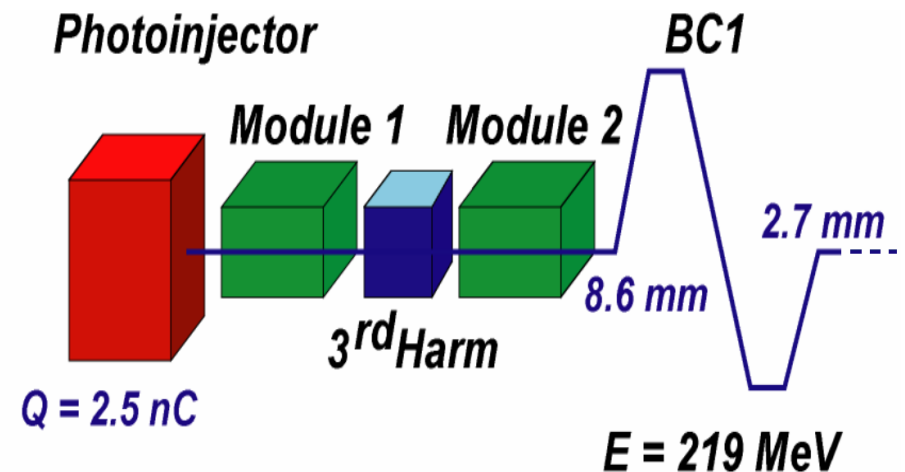
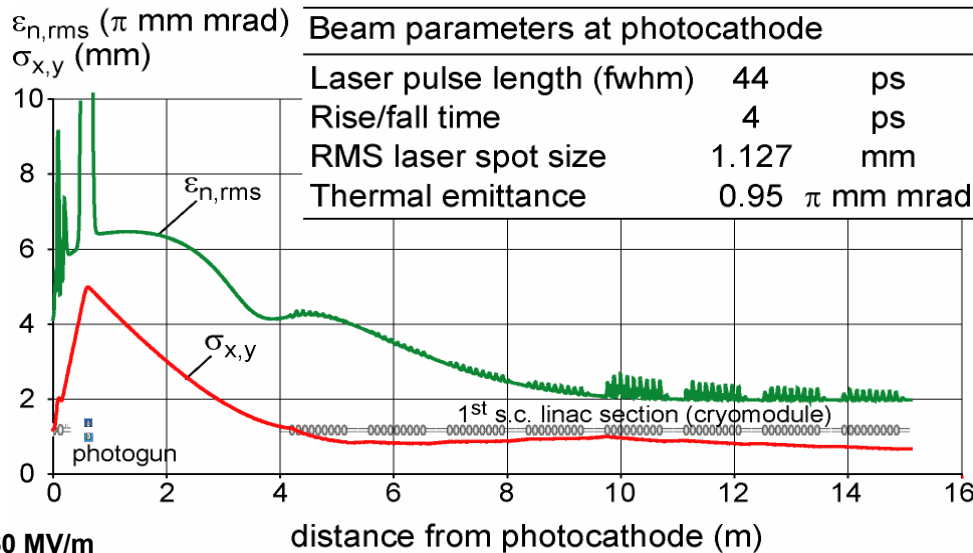
operation mode	phase 1, <b>NC gun</b>	phase 2, <b>SC gun</b>
pulsed / CW	pulsed	CW
single bunch charge	<b>2.5 nC</b>	<b>2.5 nC</b>
single bunch rep rate	333 kHz	> 25 kHz
length of bunch train	3 bunches	-
bunch train rep rate	1 kHz	-
<b>average current</b>	<b>7.5 <math>\mu</math>A</b>	<b>&gt; 62.5 <math>\mu</math>A</b>
norm. trans. emittance (rms), center slice at 2.3 GeV	1.5 mm mrad	1.5 mm mrad
rf frequency	1.3 GHz	1.3 GHz

### NC gun:

- fabricated
- power test @ PITZ in 2006

### SC gun:

- 1.625 cell design available
- participate in FZR 3.4 cell tests



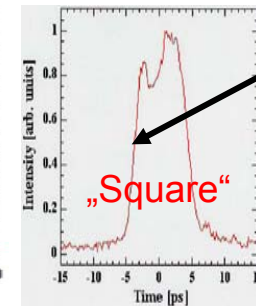
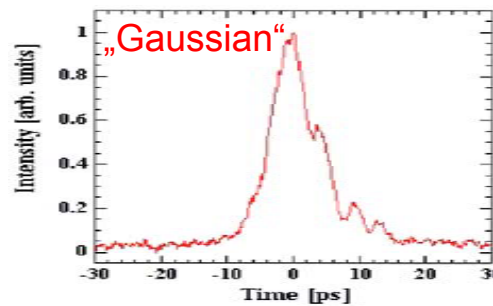
60 MV/m

distance from photocathode (m)

# Emittance Record from SHI+FESTA

pulsed / CW	pulsed
single bunch charge	<b>0.25 – 1.2 nC</b>
single bunch rep rate	10 Hz
<b>average current</b>	<b>2.5 – 12 nA</b>
norm. horiz. emittance (rms)	~ 0.8 – 1.4 mm mrad @ 14 MeV

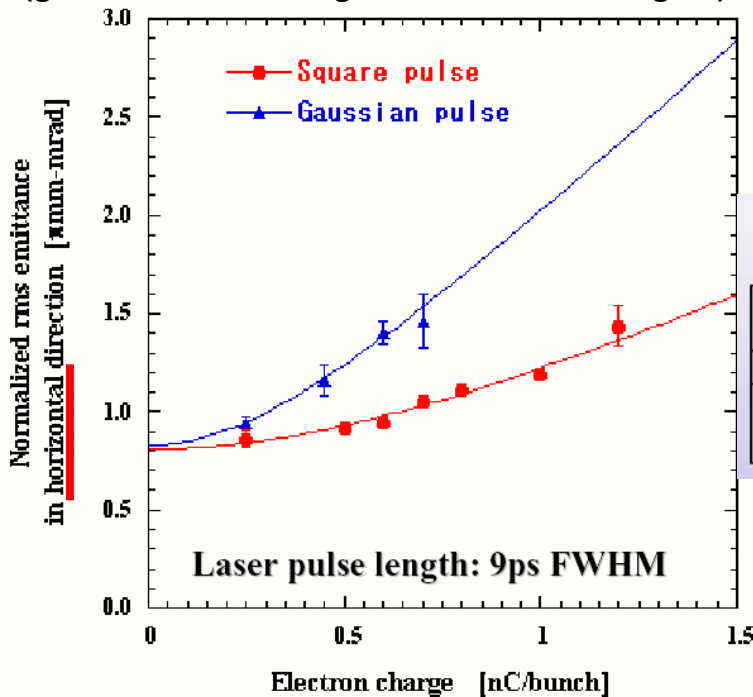
- 1.6 cell S-band gun (→ 4 MeV) + 70 cm SW linac (→ **14 MeV**)
- **Ti:Sapphire** laser system (→ **50 fs long pulses** at 800 nm) + **pulse shaping** (e.g. gratings + **liquid crystal** spatial light mod.)
- temporal shape of laser pulses: (x-ray streak camera, resolution: ~2 ps)



rise / decay time: 1.5 ps,  
limited by streak cam.

## Method: quad scan @ 14 MeV

(gaussian fit to background subtracted signal)



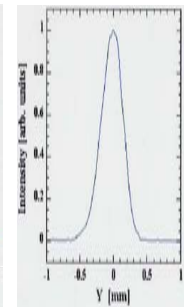
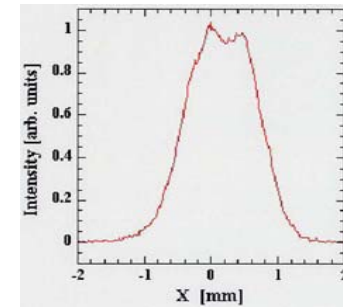
$$\epsilon_n = \sqrt{(a' Q)^2 + b'^2}$$

	$a'$	$b' = \sqrt{\epsilon_{rf}^2 + \epsilon_{th}^2}$
	$\pi\text{mm-mrad/nC}$	$\pi\text{mm-mrad}$
Gaussian(9ps)	$1.85 \pm 0.13$	$0.83 \pm 0.05$
Square (9ps)	$0.92 \pm 0.05$	$0.81 \pm 0.03$

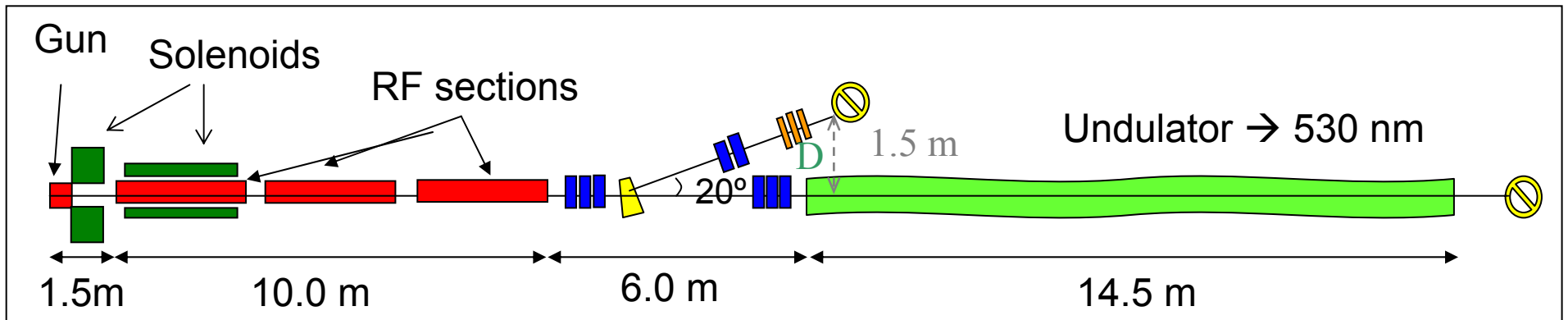
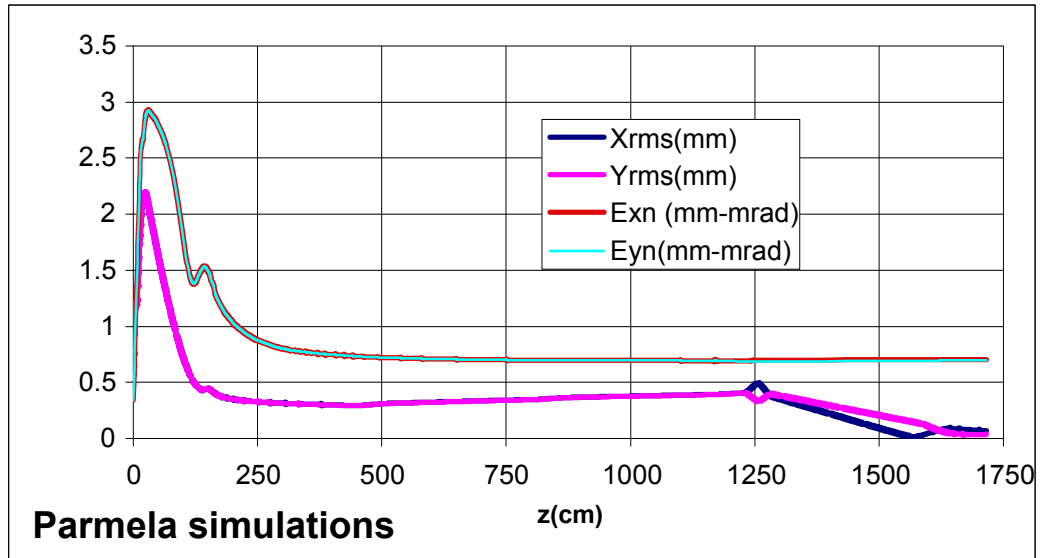


**For 1 nC:**  
 **$\epsilon_n \approx 1.2 \text{ mm mrad}$**

- transverse laser distributions: (@cathode)



gun type	1.6 cell gun from UCLA
<b>design</b> parameters:	
pulsed / CW	pulsed
single bunch charge	<b>1.1 nC</b>
single bunch rep rate	1-10 Hz
<b>average current</b>	<b>1.1 – 11 nA</b>
norm. trans. emittance (rms)	< 2 mm mrad @ 155 MeV
rf frequency	2.856 GHz



**Status:** • full SPARC facility under installation  
 • first beam beginning of 2006

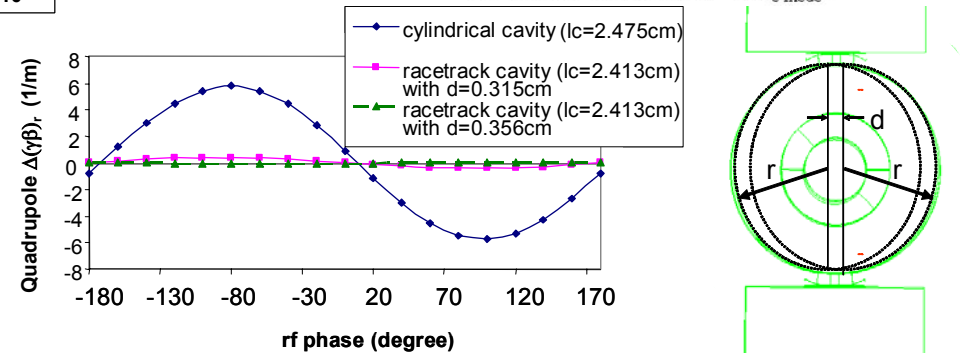
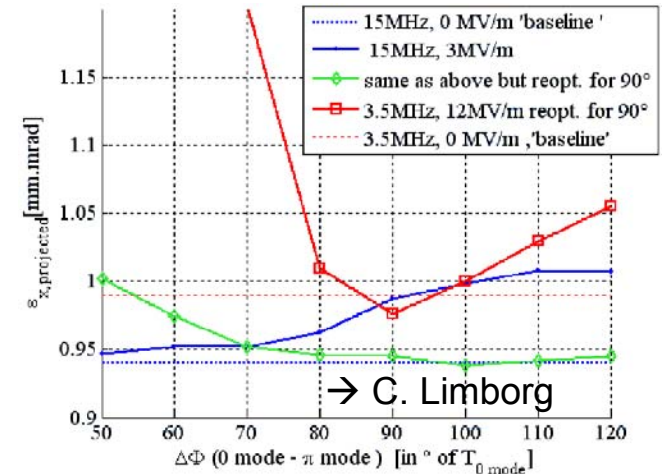
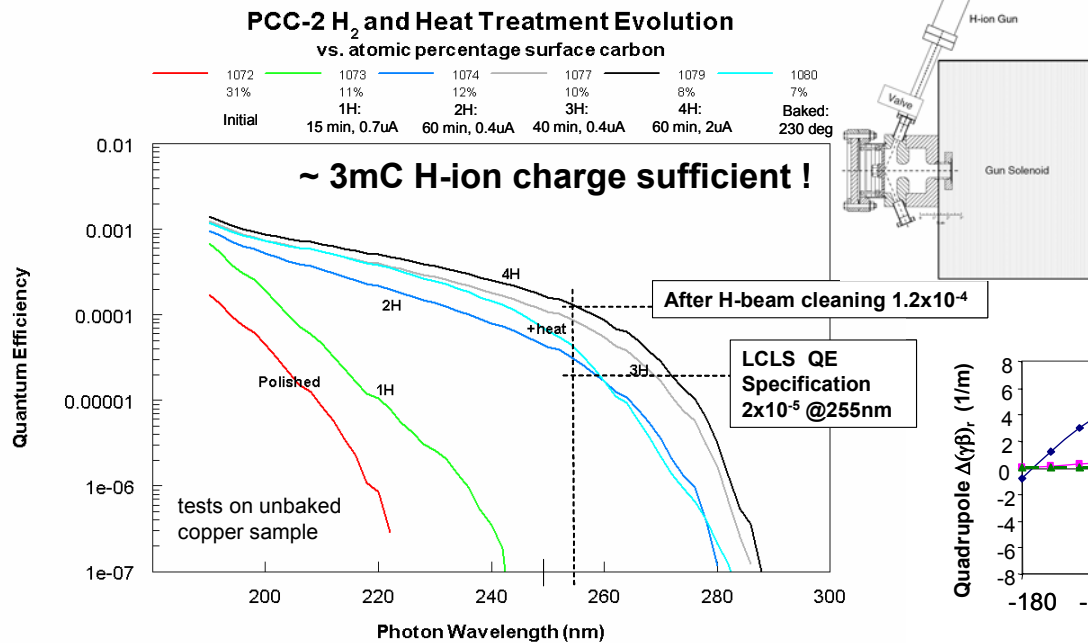
more on SPARC: → D. Alesini  
 → S. Dabagov

pulsed / CW	pulsed
single bunch charge	<b>1.0 / 0.2 nC</b>
single bunch rep rate	<b>120 Hz</b>
<b>average current</b>	<b>120 / 24 nA</b>
norm. trans. emittance (rms, slice)	<b>1.0 / 0.8 mm mrad @ 135 MeV</b>
rf frequency	<b>2856 MHz</b>

modified UCLA/BNL/SLAC 1.6 cell S-band gun:

- larger mode separation (3.5 → 15 MHz)
  - larger iris radius, reduced iris surface field
  - dual rf feed, z coupling, racetrack shape
  - field probes in both cells
  - increased cooling channels
  - klystron pulse shaping → reduced dissipated power
- improved emittance and stability

## In-Situ Hydrogen Beam Cleaning of Cathode Surface



- e.g.
- Eindhoven (DC + RF, waterbags, ...) → J. Luiten, B. v.d.Geer
  - Argonne (e.g. planar focussing cathode)
  - AES (11.4 GHz, symmetric, NC RF gun, design: ~1 mm mrad @ 1 nC, 10 nA)
  - [ SPring8 (special thermal emission injector for SCSS) ]
  - [ PSI (e.g. field emission cathode + diode acceleration + RF cavity) ]

LEG @ PSI <b>design</b> parameters:	
single bunch charge	<b>0.2 nC</b>
single bunch rep rate	10 Hz
<b>average current</b>	<b>2 nA</b>
norm. trans. emittance (rms)	< 0.1 mm mrad

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- Lots of different developments with photoinjectors fill up a **large parameter space on beam quality, time structure** of the beam and **average current**.
- Simulations **predict very good performance of all three basic photo injector types** (plus hybrids).
- **Experimental progress** is visible: on subsystems (guns, laser, diagnostics) and on measured beam quality.
- P. O'Shea, ICFA workshop @ UCLA in 1999:  
~ **“Get 1  $\mu\text{m}$  @ 1 nC !!!”**  
→ **still to be done experimentally !!!**  
→ **ways to reach this are defined.**
- More research on **emission process** ( $\rightarrow \epsilon_{\text{th}}$ ) gets important.