
Cryogenic Radio-Frequency Photoinjectors for High Brightness Electron Beams

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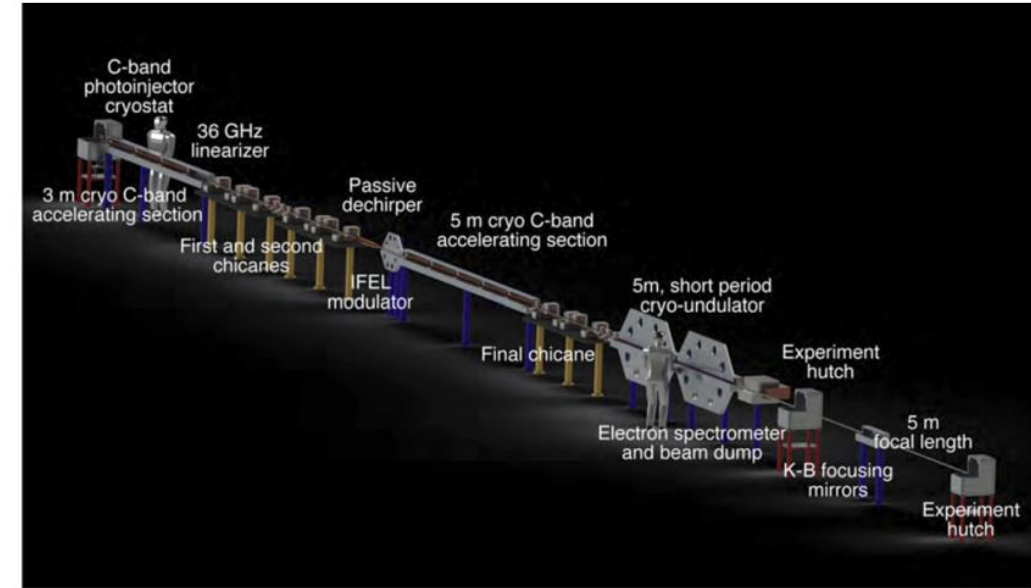


Cryo-RF Gun for UCXFEL



- Proposal for a university-scale hard X-ray FEL
- Ultra-bright electron beam source: cryogenic RF gun
 - C-band (5.712 GHz)
 - Cryogenic (77 K)
 - High field (240 MV/m at cathode)
 - Expected to deliver **sub-100 nm rms emittance @ 100 pC**

$$B_e = \frac{2\pi J_{\max} m_e c^2}{k_B T_c} \cong \frac{ec\pi\epsilon_0 (E_0 \sin \varphi_0)^2}{k_B T_c} \propto J_{\max}$$



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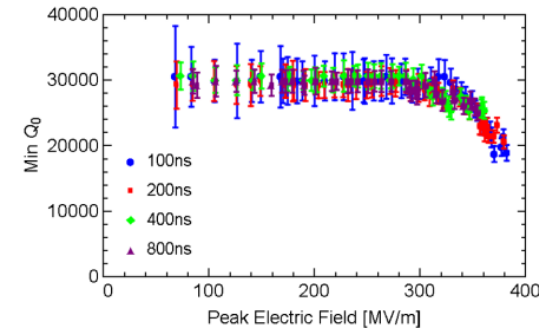
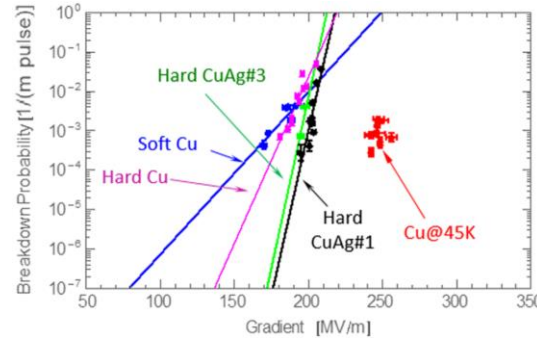
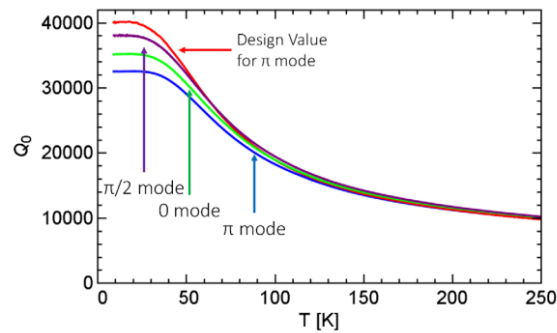
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Cryo-RF Gun for UCXFEL (2)



- Copper at cryogenic temperature
 - Increased conductivity (Q-factor) and hardness
 - Reduced breakdown rate and CTE
 - Tolerable dark current below 300 MV/m



High gradient experiments with X-band cryogenic copper accelerating cavities

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rf losses in a high gradient cryogenic copper cavity

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- Beam dynamics studies based on C-band cryo-RF guns at 240 MV/m
 - Results show $\lesssim 100$ nm rms emittance from RF gun @ 100 pC
 - Emittance compensation shows ~ 50 nm after the booster linac

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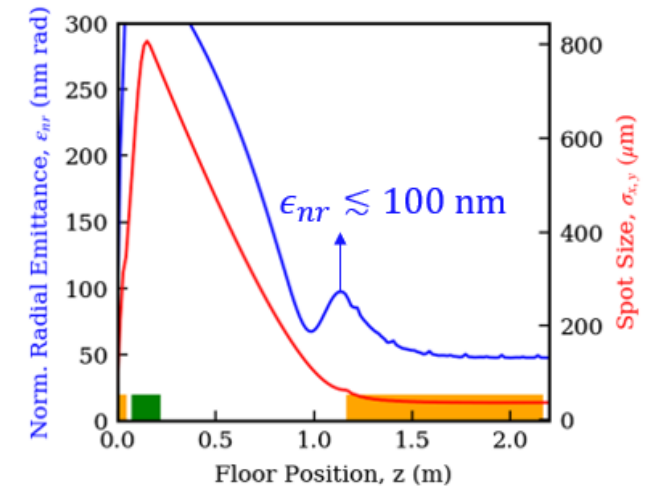
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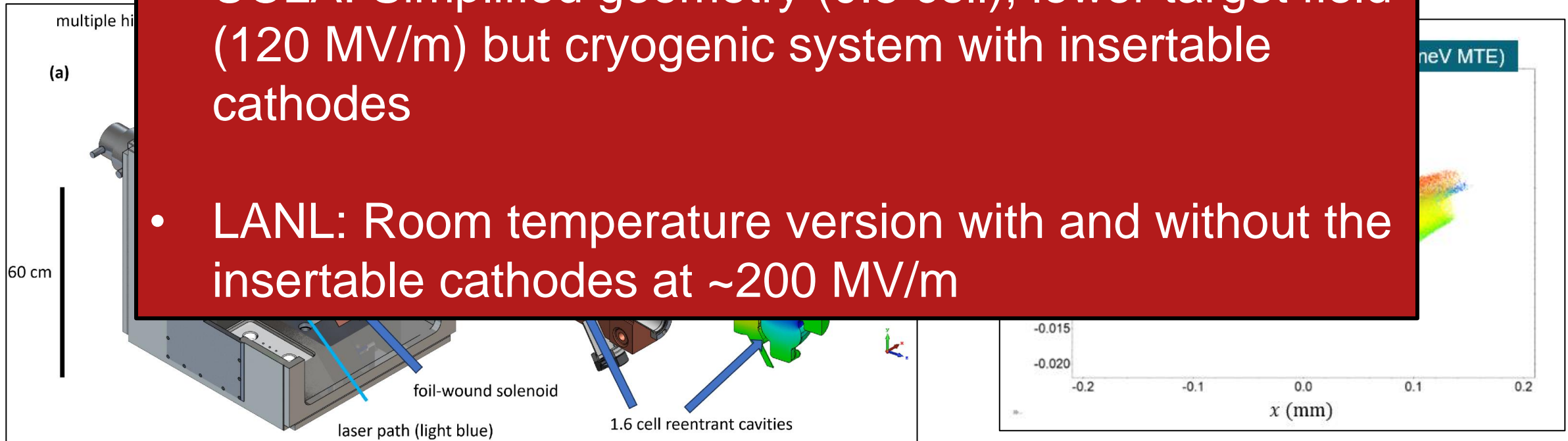
Cryo-RF Gun for UCXFEL (3)



- 1.6 cell cryogenic, distributed coupling RF gun at C-band (5.712 GHz) with 240 MV/m peak field
- Expected challenges
 - Manufacturing (distributed coupling, tuning..)
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Intermediate steps:

- UCLA: Simplified geometry (0.5 cell), lower target field (120 MV/m) but cryogenic system with insertable cathodes
- LANL: Room temperature version with and without the insertable cathodes at ~200 MV/m



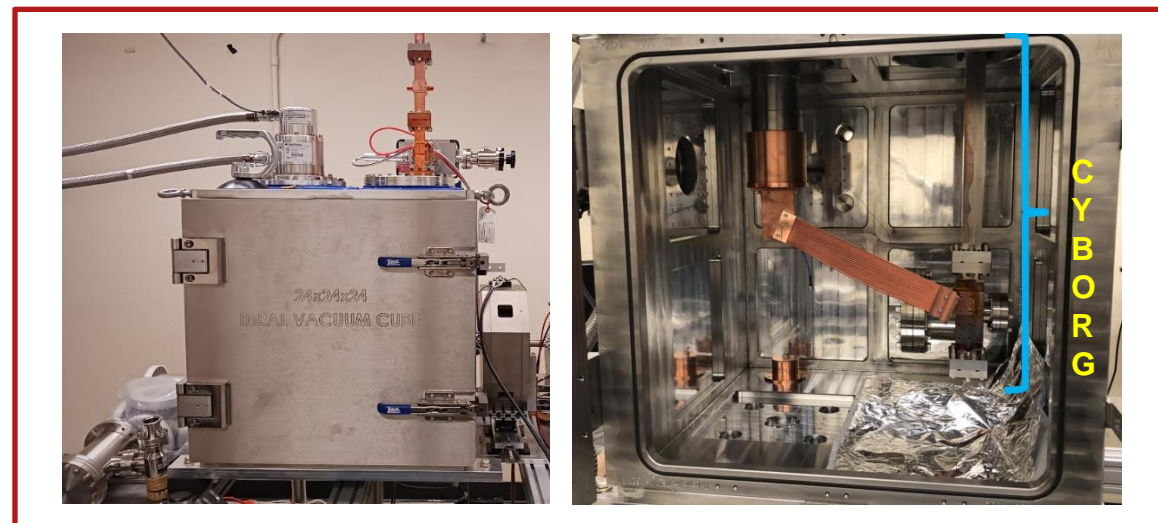
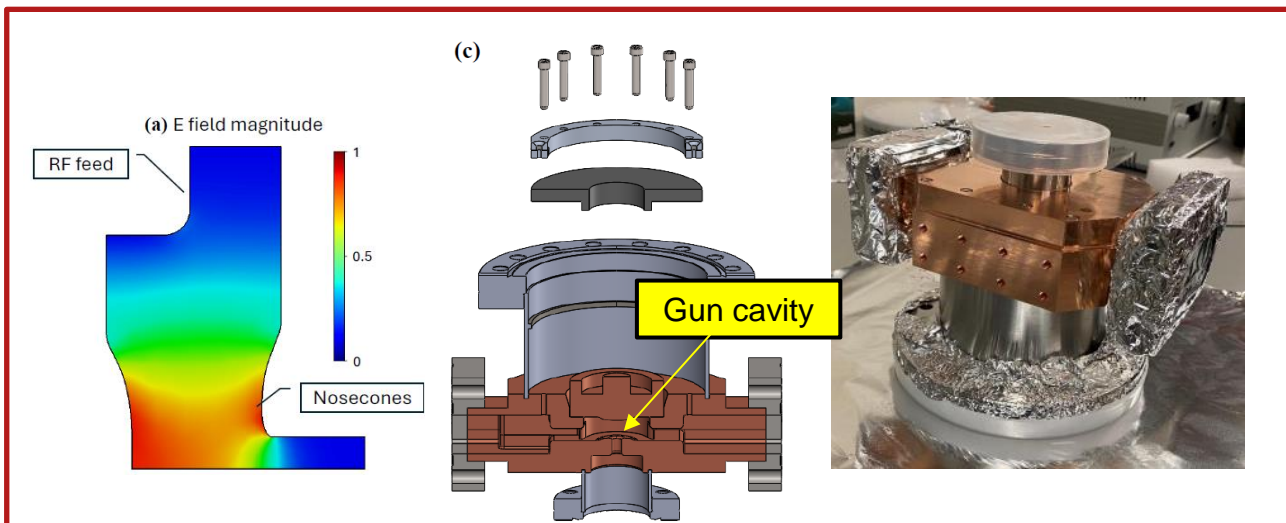
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UCLA – 0.5 Cell Cryo-RF Gun



- **CYBORG** (**Cr**Yogenic **B**rightness-**O**ptimized **Rf** **G**un) beamline at MOTHRA Lab
 - C-band (5.712 GHz) re-entrant half cavity with demountable back plane
 - 120 MV/m at ~80 K achievable with ~0.8 MW power
 - Helium compressor cryo-coolers



CRYOGENIC BRIGHTNESS-OPTIMIZED RADIOFREQUENCY GUN (CYBORG)

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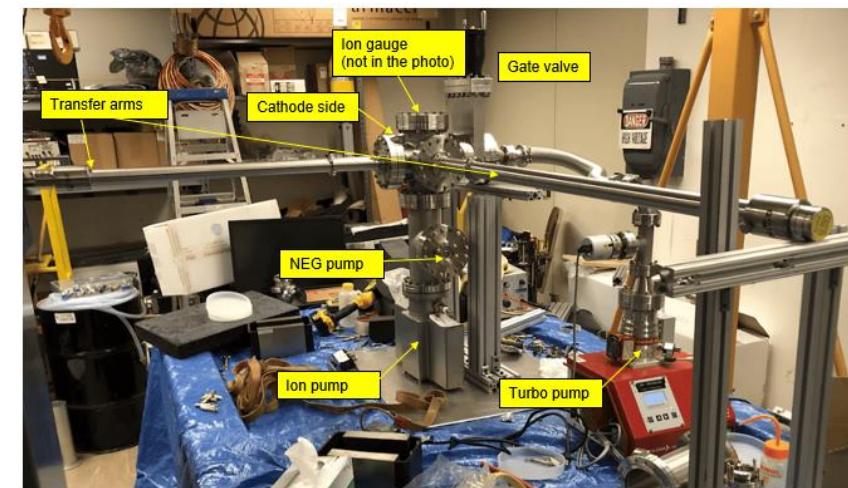
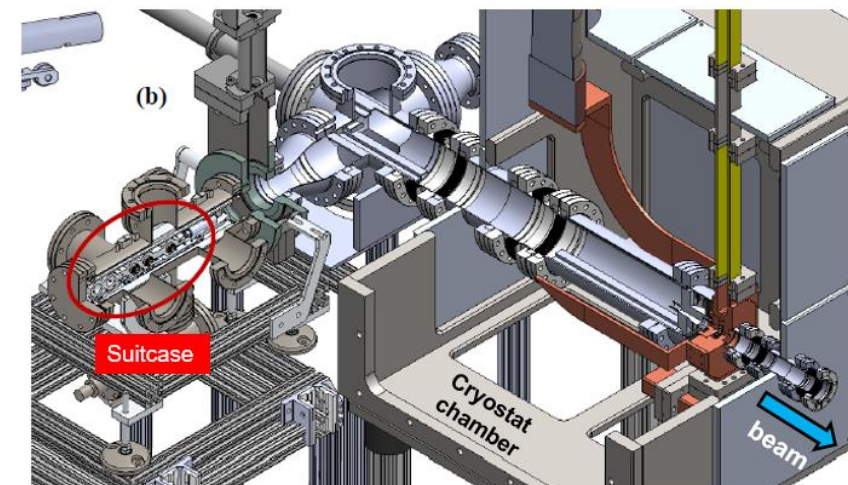
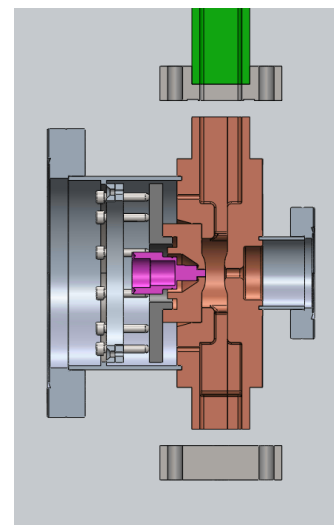
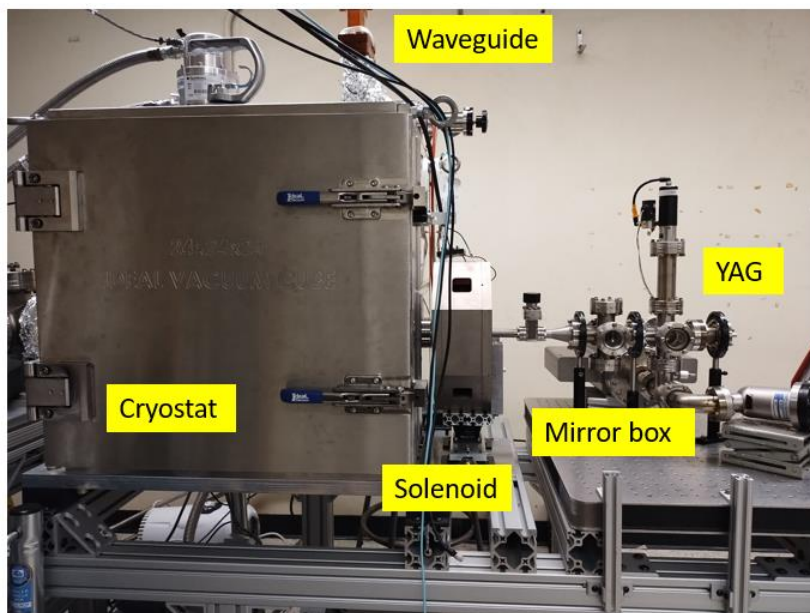
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UCLA – 0.5 Cell Cryo-RF Gun (2)



- Phase 1: Dark current studies
 - Spring 2024
- Phase 2: Photoelectrons from copper cathodes
 - First beams ~March 2025
 - Full characterization (TEM grid and spectrometer under design) ~Summer 2025
- Phase 3: Photoelectrons from insertable cathodes
 - ~Winter 2026





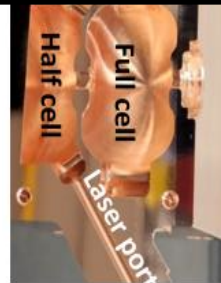
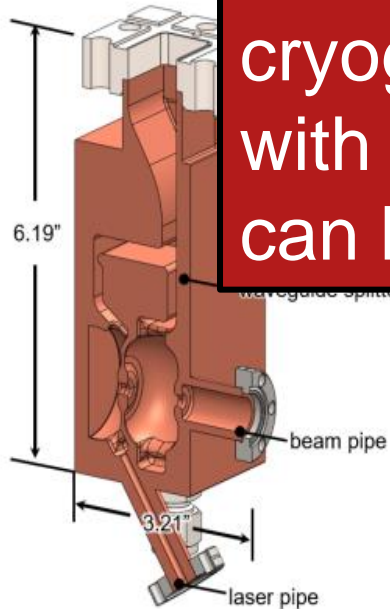
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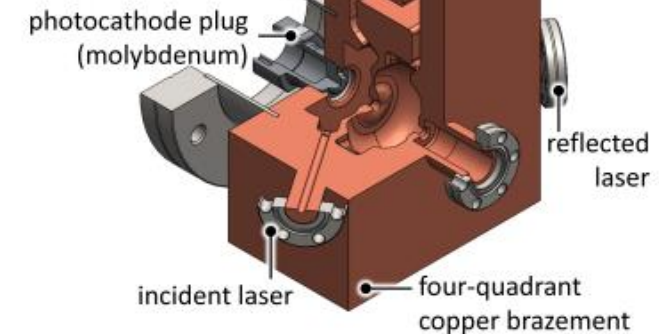
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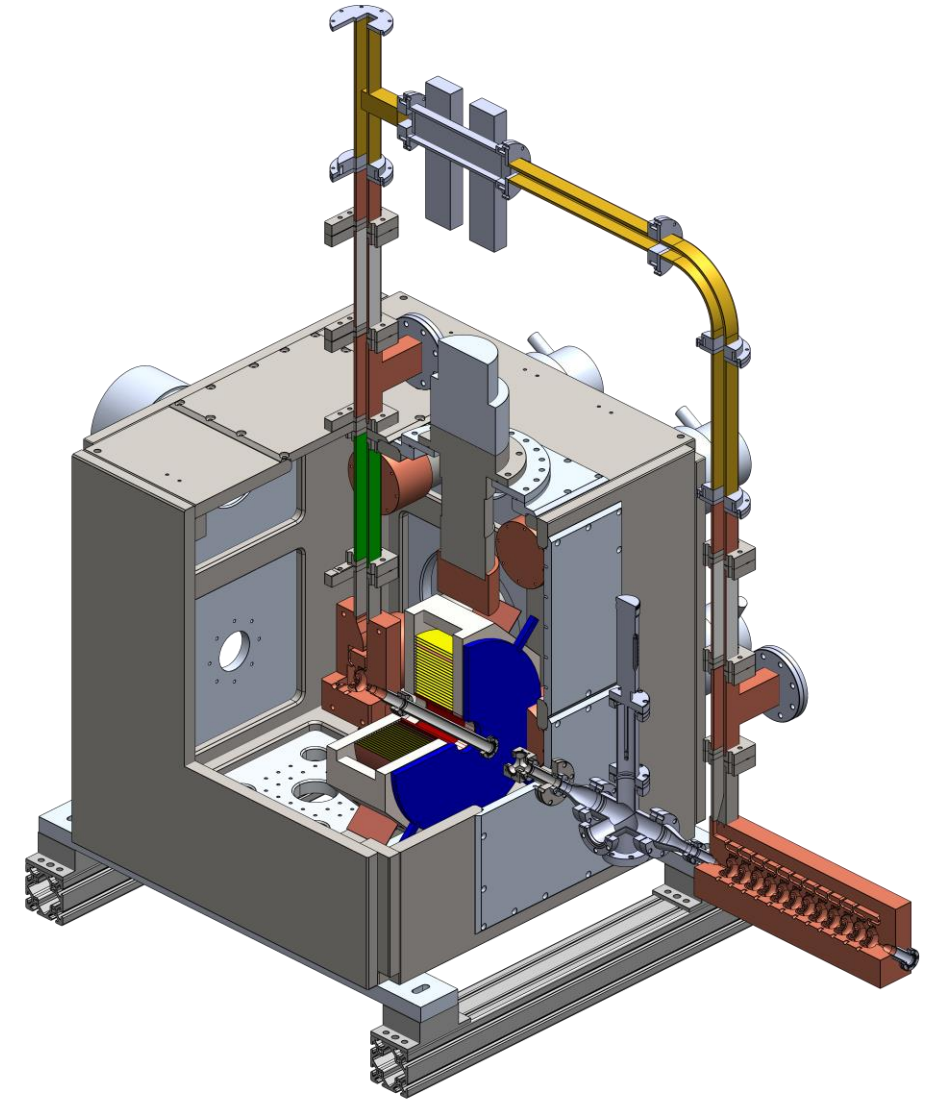
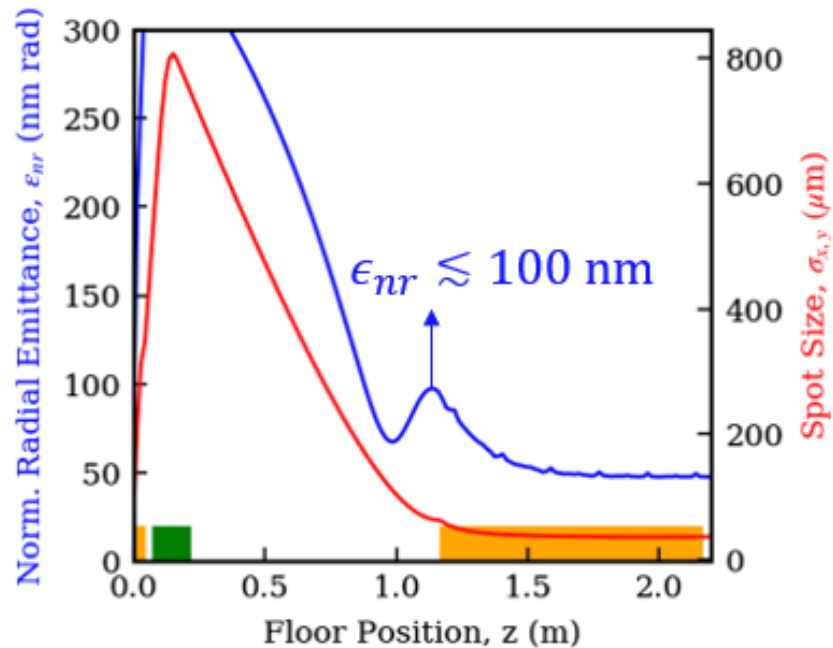
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Cryo-RF Gun & Mini-Linac



- Plan to get emittances ~ 50 nm for 100 pC beams
- Mini-linac for emittance compensation
 - Single C-band klystron with T-power splitter
 - SLED option to increase the drive power
- Assemble at LANL \sim November 1st





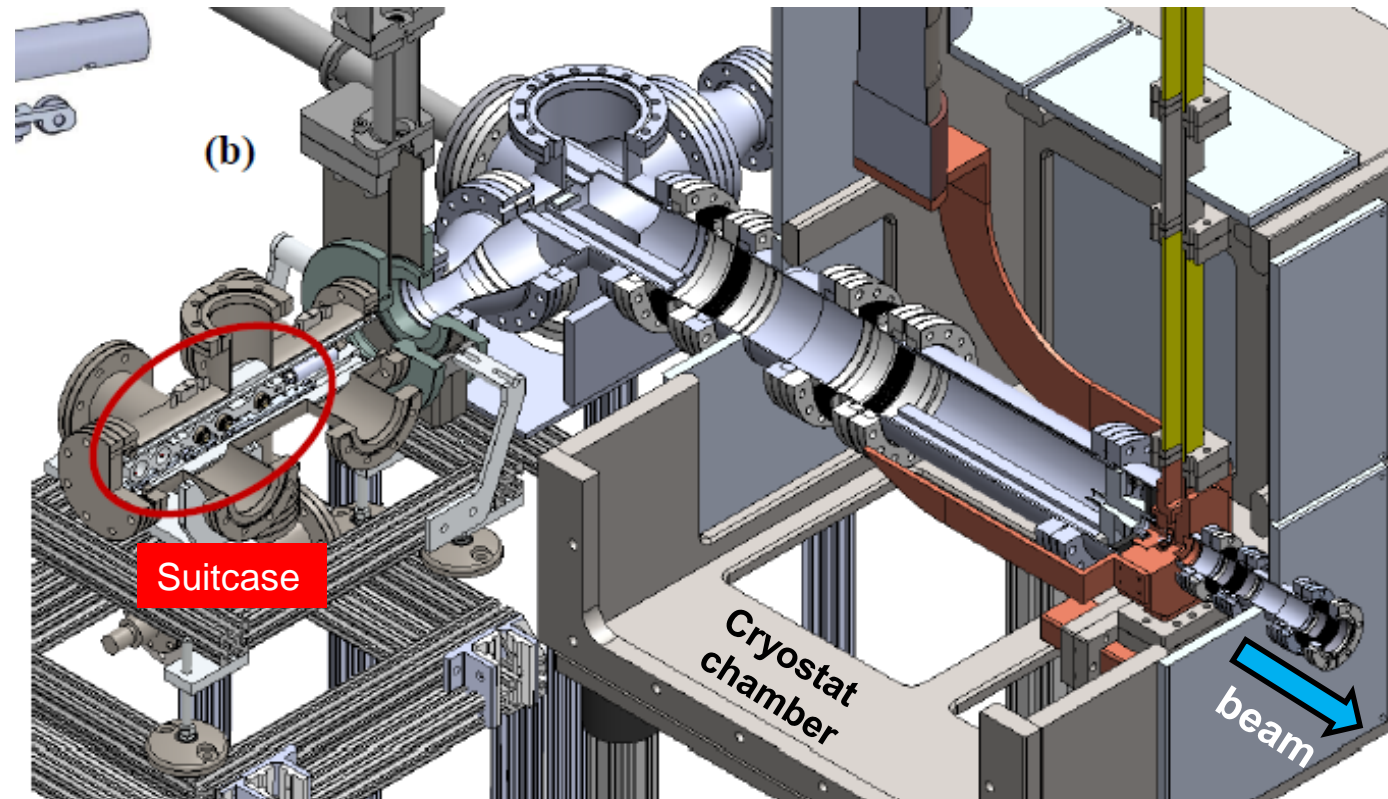
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Loadlock - Design



- Advanced **cathode** studies (first candidate CsTe)
- Design based on **PEGASUS** (Room temp, S-band)
- Cathode **suitcase** and **transfer arm**
- INFN-style **mini puck**
- **UHV** is crucial



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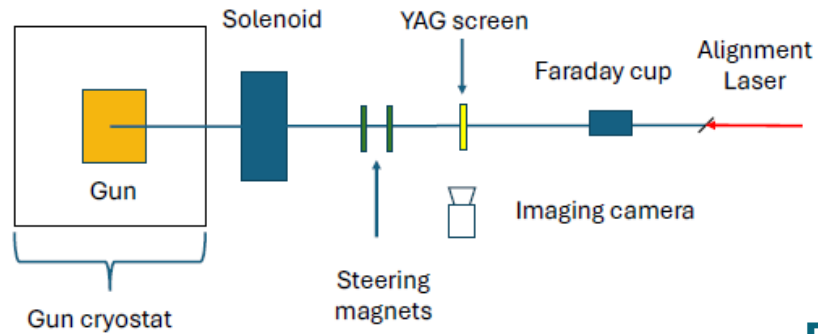


Beamline upgrade plan

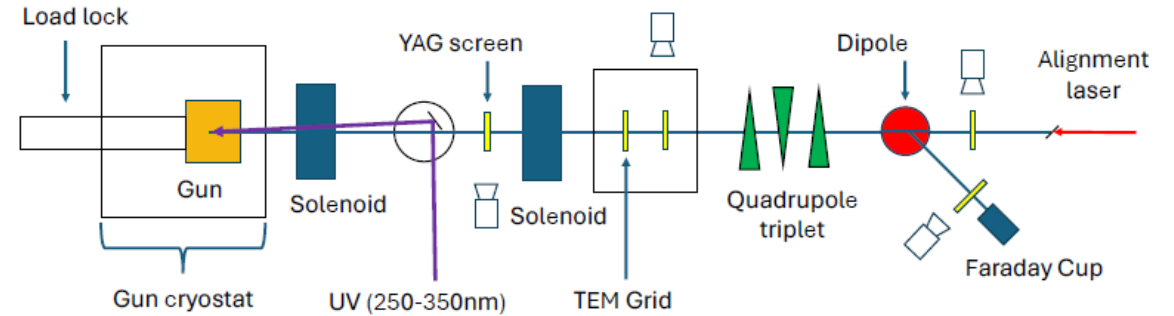


- **Phase 1:** Cryo-rf Gun and YAG screen (no laser) → Dark current studies
- **Phase 1.5:** **Phase 1** + Mirror box → First photoelectrons from Cu cathode
- **Phase 2:** **Phase 1.5** + Diagnostics → Full characterization of Cu photoelectrons
- **Phase 3:** Loadlock + **Phase 2** → Alternative cathodes (e.g. CsTe)

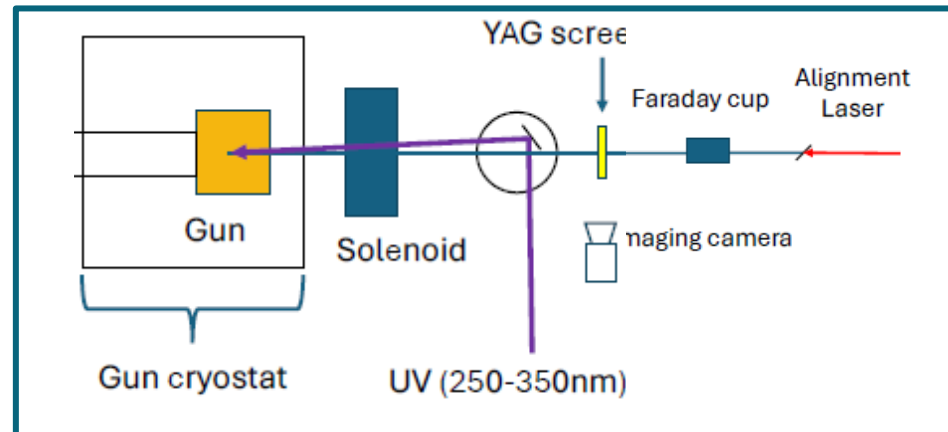
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Phase 3



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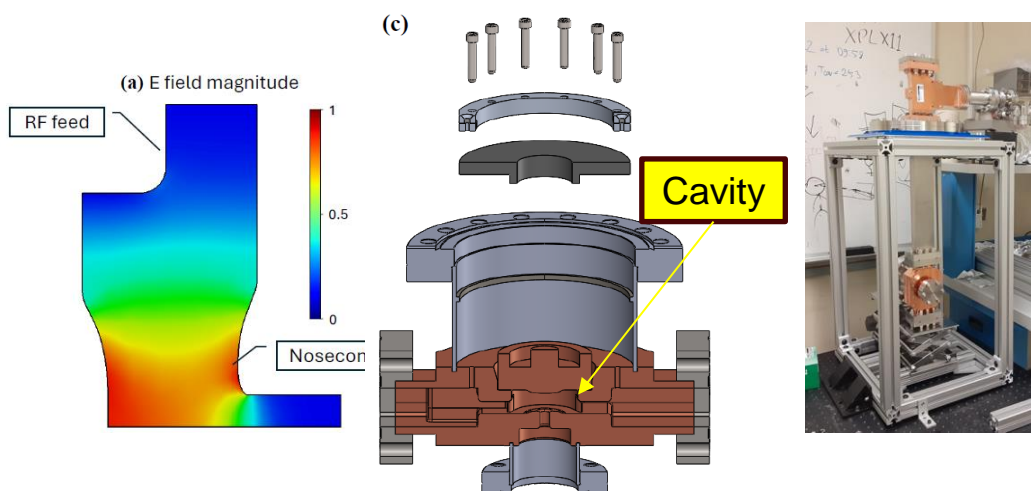
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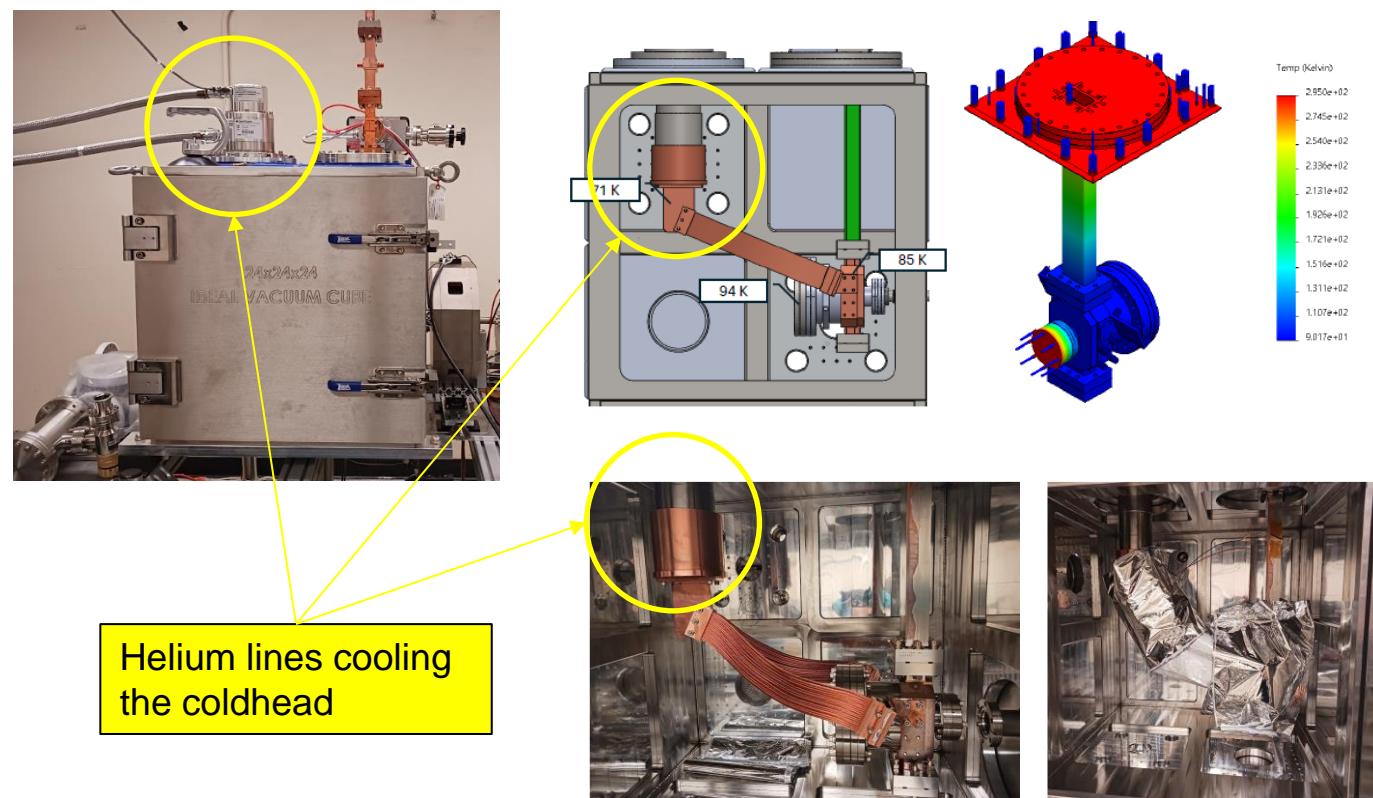
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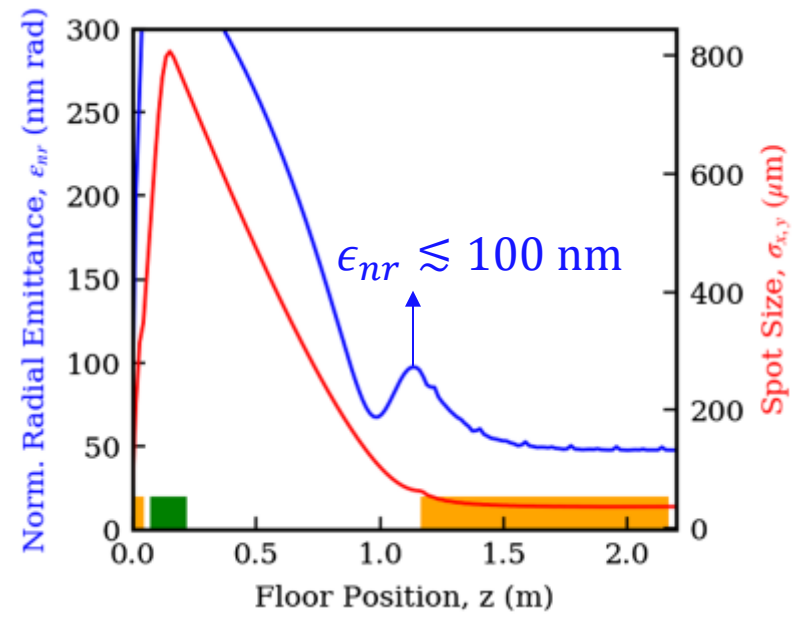


- Half cell C-band gun with re-entrant nosecones
- Demountable cathode backplane for future cathode studies (insertable cathodes, FERMI-style)
- Helium compressor cryocooler
- Copper braids put the coldhead and the gun in thermal contact



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

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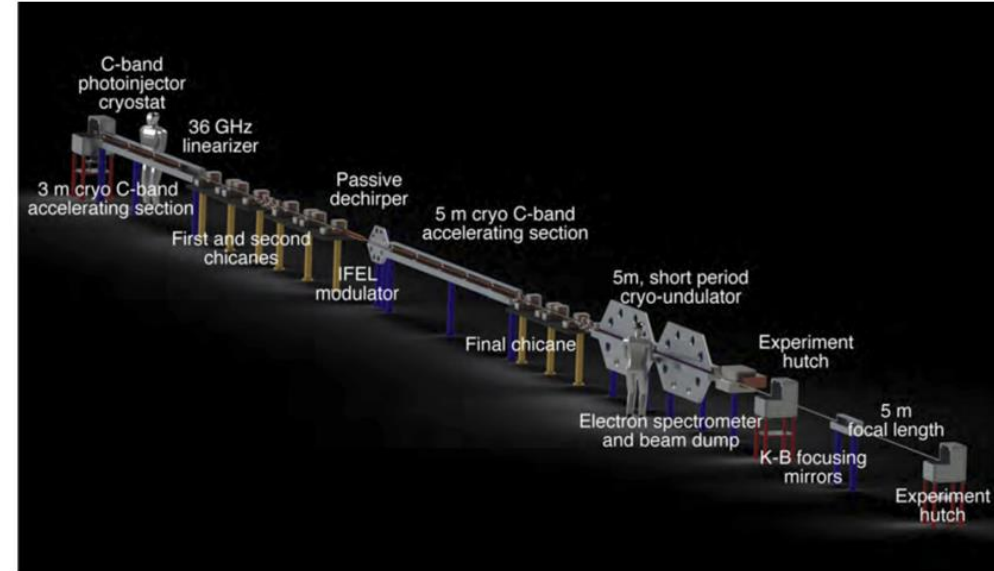
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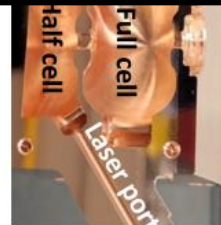
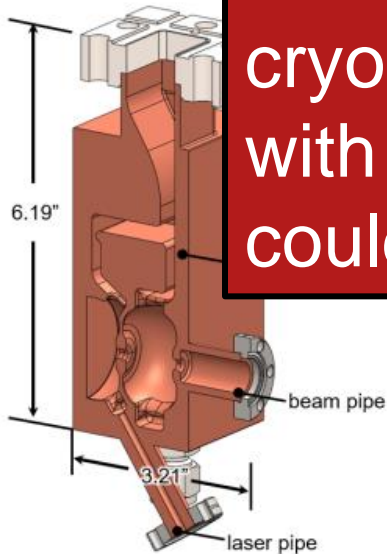


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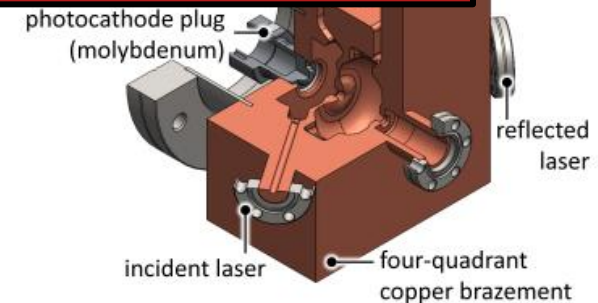
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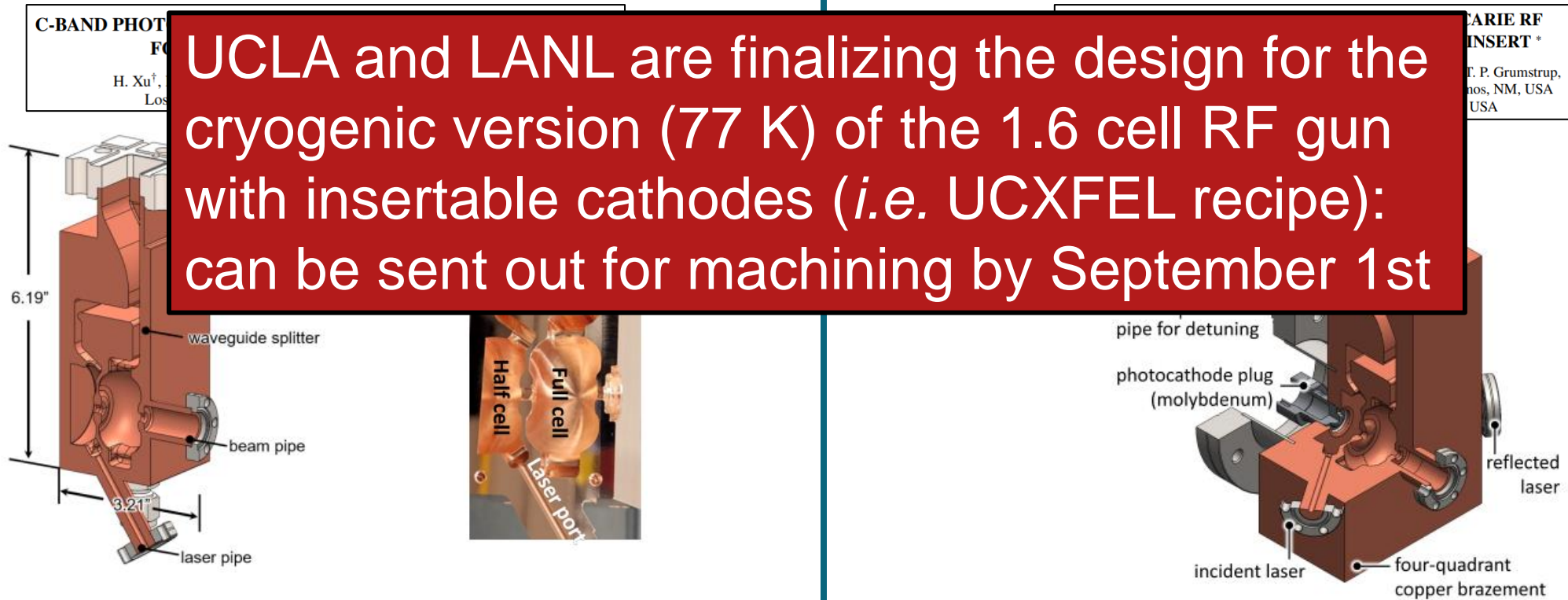


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92 nm rms emittance @ 100 pC (140 meV MTE)

