

High Brightness injectors

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Introduction

Three light sources @Shanghai Zhangjiang High-Tech Park

Three different injectors

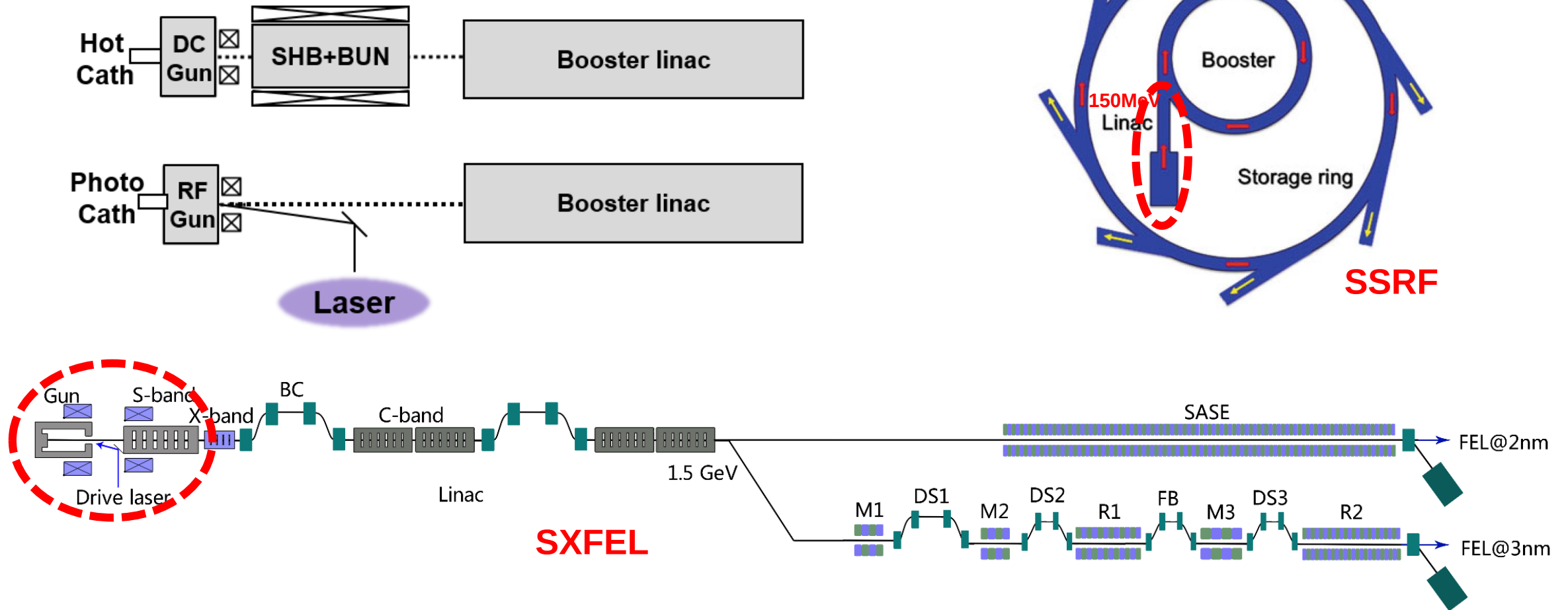
- **Shanghai Synchrotron Radiation Facility**
 - 3.5 GeV, 3rd generation synchrotron
 - Open to user since 2009
- **Shanghai Soft X-ray Free Electron Laser**
 - 1.5 GeV, low rep rate FEL @ pulsed RF linac
 - Open to user since 2023
- **Shanghai High repetition rate XFEL and Extreme light facility**
 - 8 GeV, MHz rep rate FEL @ CW SRF linac
 - In construction



Electron injector for light sources

Two classical injectors

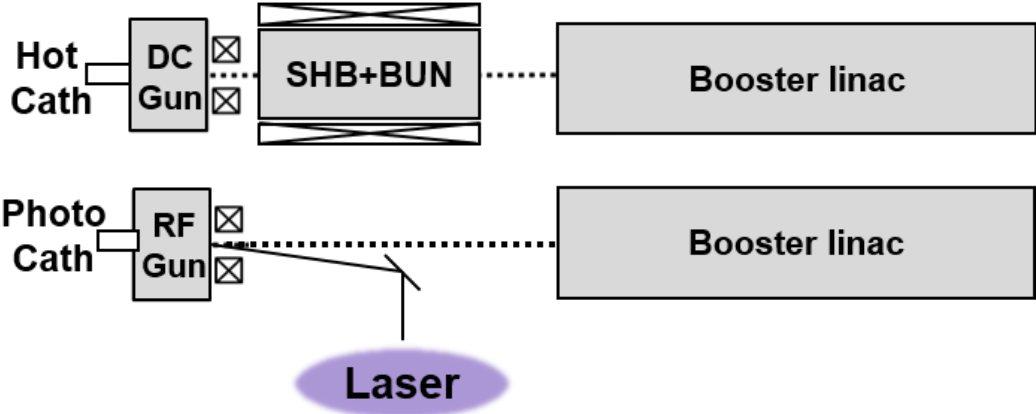
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	SSRF injector	SXFEL injector	Units
Bunch charge Q	~0.6	~0.5	nC
Energy E_k	~150	~110	MeV
Energy spread σ_p/p	<0.5%	~0.1%	
Normalized rms $\varepsilon_{x,y}$	<50	~1	mm.mrad
Gun	DC gun	RF gun	
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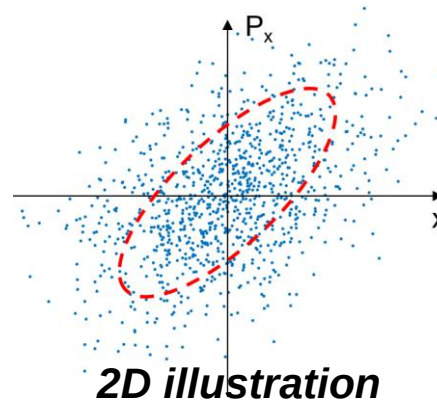
High brightness photoinjector

Emittance and brightness

- **2D RMS Emittance**

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- **2D phase space density distribution**

$$f(x, x') = \frac{Q}{2\pi\varepsilon_x} e^{-\frac{\gamma x^2 + 2\alpha x x' + \beta x'^2}{2\varepsilon_x}}$$

- Twiss parameters

$$\beta = \frac{\langle x^2 \rangle}{\varepsilon_x} \quad \gamma = \frac{\langle x'^2 \rangle}{\varepsilon_x} \quad \alpha = -\frac{\langle x x' \rangle}{\varepsilon_x}$$

- RMS emittance ellipse

- $\gamma x^2 + 2\alpha x x' + \beta x'^2 = \varepsilon_x$
- $1 * \varepsilon_x \rightarrow 39\%$ electrons
- $4 * \varepsilon_x \rightarrow 87\%$ electrons
- $9 * \varepsilon_x \rightarrow 99\%$ electrons

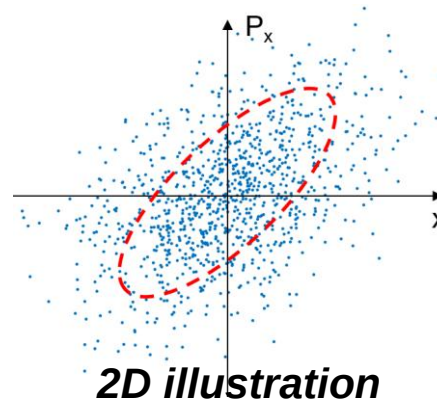
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- Brightness in normalized phase space

- Peak $B_{n,2D} \sim \frac{Q}{\varepsilon_{nx}}$

- Peak $B_{n,4D} \sim \frac{Q}{\varepsilon_{nx}\varepsilon_{ny}}$

- Peak $B_{n,6D} \sim \frac{Q}{\varepsilon_{nx}\varepsilon_{ny}\varepsilon_{nz}} \sim \frac{I_{peak}/\sigma_p}{\varepsilon_{nx}\varepsilon_{ny}}$

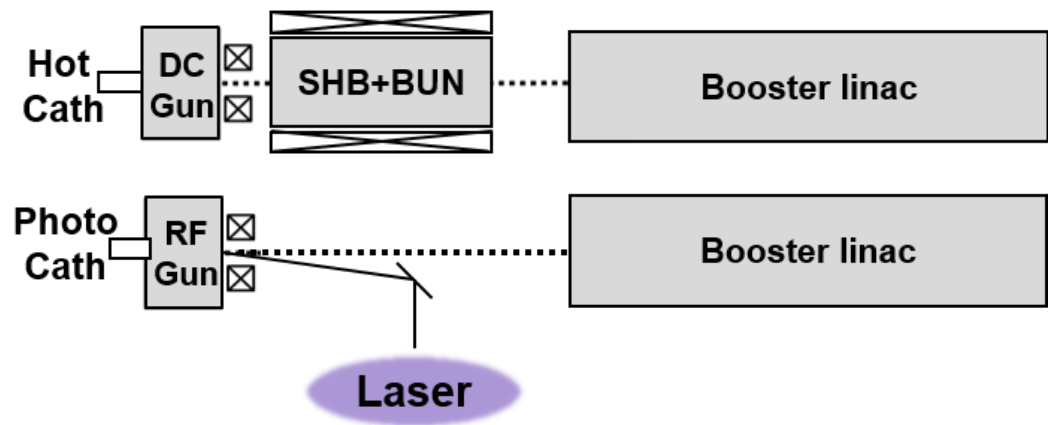
- Peak $B_{n,5D} = \frac{I_{peak}}{\varepsilon_{nx}\varepsilon_{ny}}$

- Photoinjector slice σ_p too low for XFEL applications, drives μ BI, needs heating.

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$$\frac{B_{n,4D}(SXFEL\ INJ)}{B_{n,4D}(SSRF\ INJ)} \sim 2000$$

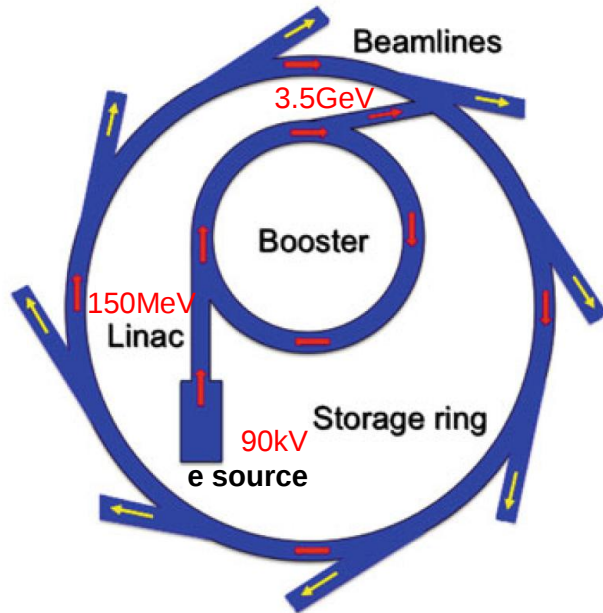
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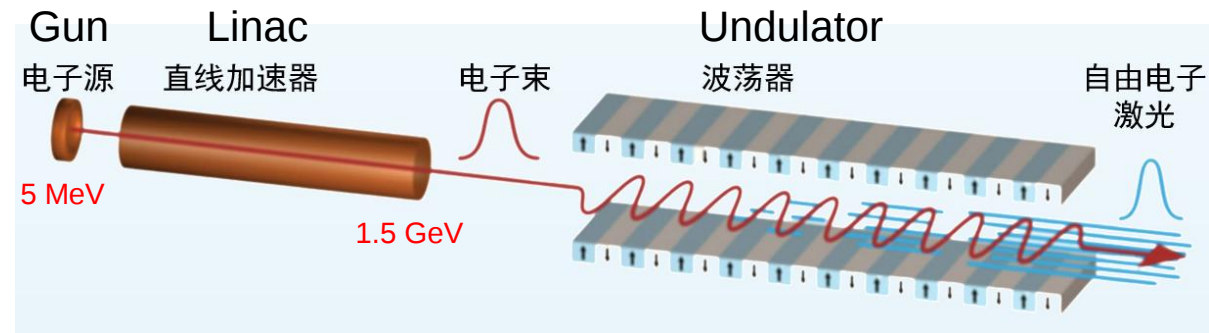
Ideal injector emittance for FEL

- **Synchrotron vs linac emittance**

- **SSRF** is based on storage ring, equilibrium beam emittance is decided by ring lattice, not by injector emittance.
- **SXFEL** is based on single pass linac, beam emittance upper limit is injector emittance.



SSRF



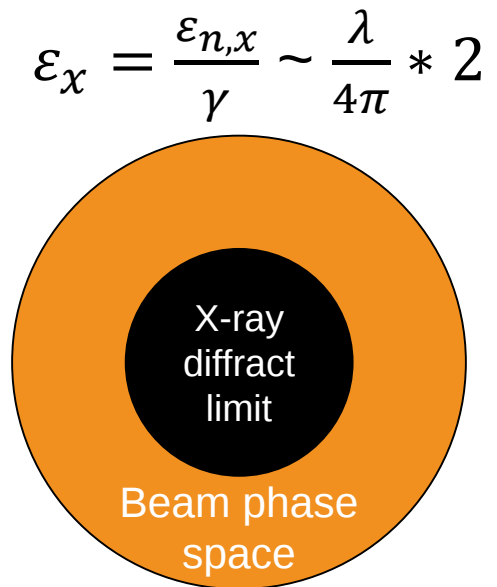
SXFEL

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Transverse beam brightness and emittance

- **X-ray FEL injector requirements**

- **Low emittance:** <1 mm.mrad



	Charge pC	Ek GeV	Wavelength nm	Emittance mm.mrad
SXFEL	250~500	1.5	2	0.93
SHINE	50~100	8	0.1	0.25

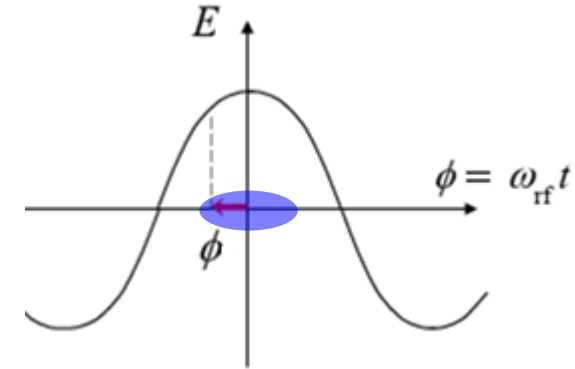
SSRF injector, or typical thermionic injector emittance is far from X-ray FEL injector requirements.

FEL needs high brightness injectors

Longitudinal beam brightness

- **X-ray FEL injector requirements**

- **High peak current:** 10~50 A
 - FEL bunch charge typically 100-500 pC
 - Bunch length typically <10 ps FWHM, corresponding to 5~10 degrees main linac RF phase, reduces 2nd order energy spread
 - Higher injector current reduces linac bunch length compression factor
- **Low slice energy spread:** 5~10 keV (~0.01%@100 MeV)
 - Reduces final energy spread, $\frac{I_{linac}}{I_{inj}} \sigma_{p,inj}$
 - Take SXFEL as an example, $\frac{700A}{50A} \sigma_{p,inj} < 0.01\%$
 - Good for seeded FEL, reduces seed laser power, leads to high harmonic FEL conversion efficiency
- **High longitudinal brightness** $I_{inj}/\sigma_{p,inj}$ **2~10 A/keV**



$$\begin{aligned} E &= E_{inj} + E_{linac} \cos(\phi) \\ &= E_{inj} + E_{linac} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \phi^2\right) \\ \frac{\sigma_E}{E} &\approx \frac{\sigma_\phi^2}{\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$

For 1.3 GHz, 10 ps $\rightarrow$ 5° $\rightarrow$ 0.08%

For 2.856 GHz, 10 ps $\rightarrow$ 10° $\rightarrow$ 0.36%

Photoinjector also benefits other applications

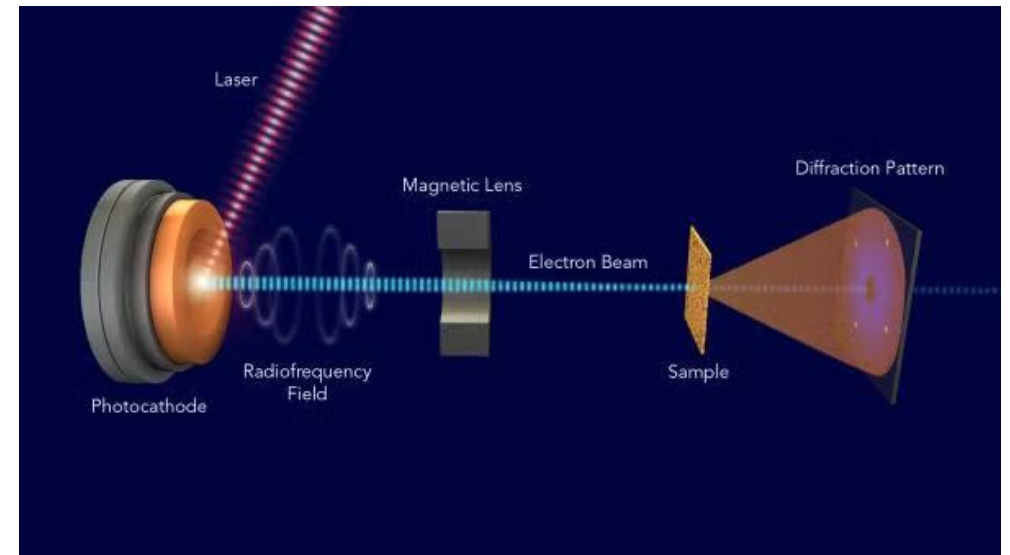
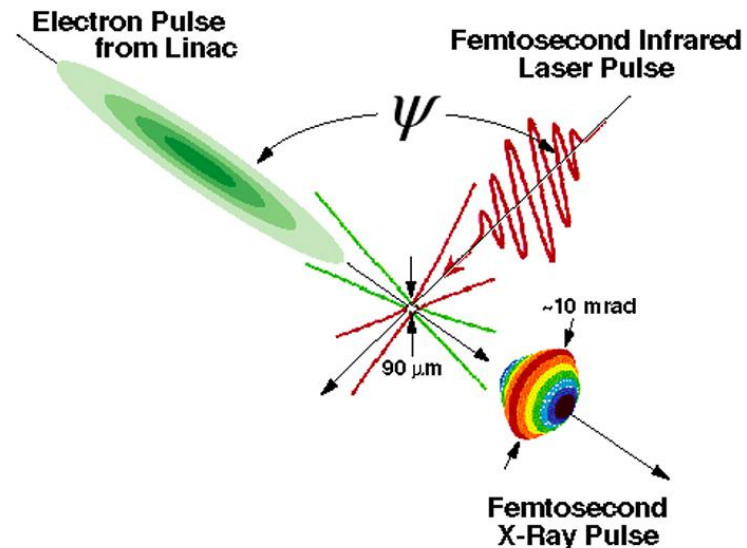
Thomson scattering, femtosecond electron diffraction

- **Thomson scattering**

- Picosecond electron bunch @ $<1\text{ nC}$
- Emittance $\sim 1\text{ mm.mrad}$
- Beam energy $\sim 100\text{ MeV}$
- Low energy spread

- **Femtosecond electron diffraction**

- Short electron duration $<100\text{ fs rms}$ @ $10\text{-}100\text{ fC}$
- Low emittance $<100\text{ nm.rad}$
- Beam energy $\sim 3\text{ MeV}$
- Low energy spread



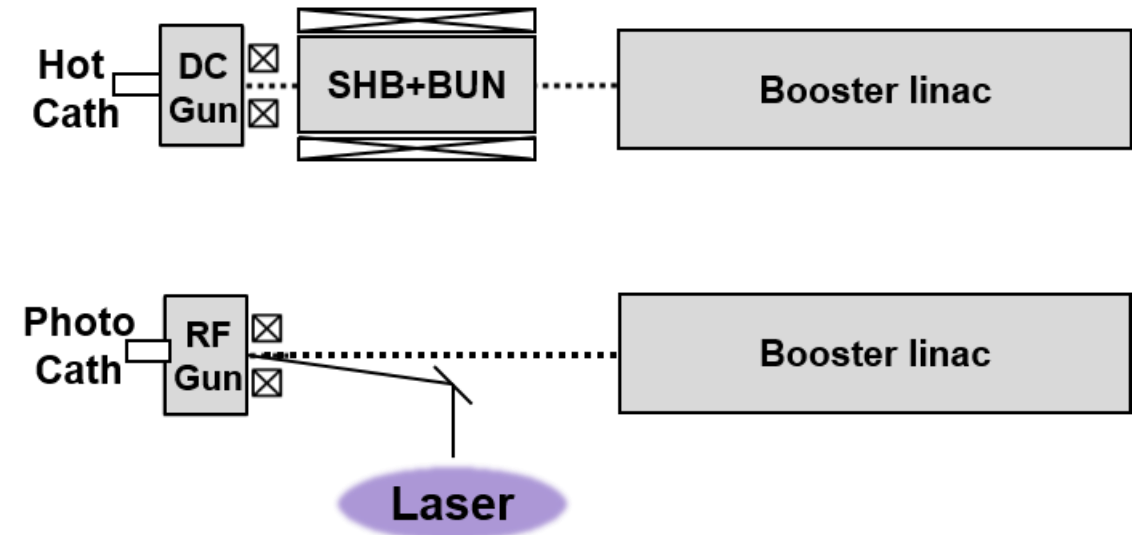
Photoinjector basic theory

Advantage of photoemission

Much Larger emission current density

- Thermionic emission vs photoemission

	Hot cathode (SSRF)	Photocathode (SXFEL)	Unit
Excitation	Heat ($\sim 10^3$ K)	UV laser	
I_{emission}	~ 1	~ 50	A
t_{FWHM}	1~10	~ 0.010	ns
Emission D	8	2	mm
$J=I_{em}/A$	~ 1	~ 1600	A/cm ²
$\varepsilon_{n,th}/\sigma_{em}$	~ 0.5	0.5~1	mrاد



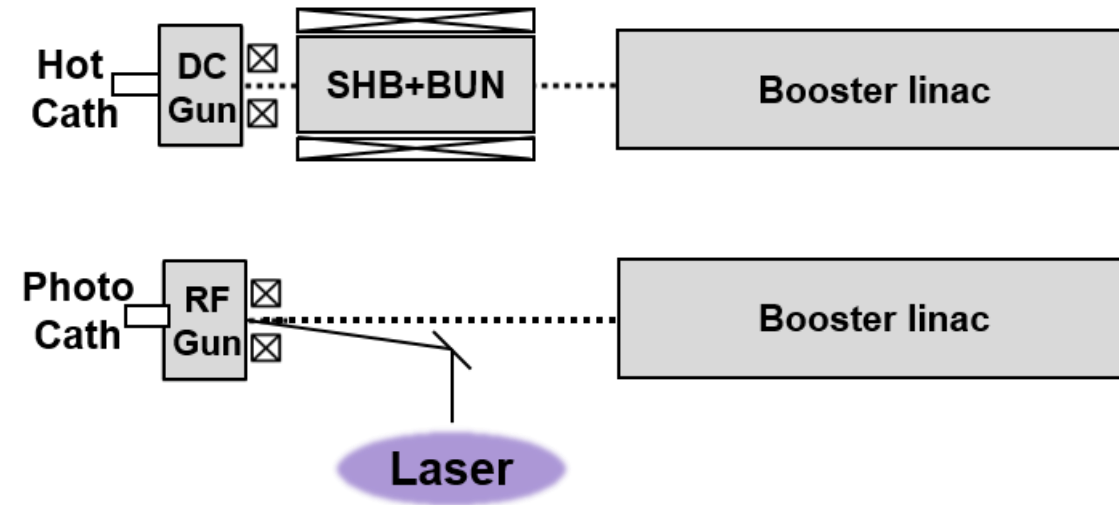
- $Q_{\text{bunch}} = J * A * t$

- Large emission density J ($\sim 10^3$)
- Shorter emission time t ($\sim 10^{-2}$) $\rightarrow$ direct bunching @cathode
- Smaller emission area A ($\sim 10^{-1}$) $\rightarrow$ lower emission emittance ($\sim \sqrt{A}$)
- Laser excitation: flexible e beam 6D manipulation, spatial, temporal, momentum, bunch pattern, charge

Advantage of photoemission

Direct cathode bunching leads to emittance reduction

- $Q_{bunch} = J * A * t$
 - Shorter emission time t ($\sim 10^{-2}$)
 - Direct bunching @cathode, **NO buncher section**
 - Immediate high gradient RF acceleration from gun, reduce emittance growth by acceleration
 - Space charge force ($F_{spch} \sim \frac{1}{\gamma^2}$)
 - Energy spread ($\frac{\sigma_p}{p_z} \sim \frac{1}{\gamma}$)
 - RF focusing ($\sim k_{rf} \sigma_z$)
 - Beam divergence ($\frac{p_x}{p_z} \sim \frac{1}{\gamma}$) and beam size ($\sqrt{\beta \frac{\epsilon_n}{\gamma}}$)



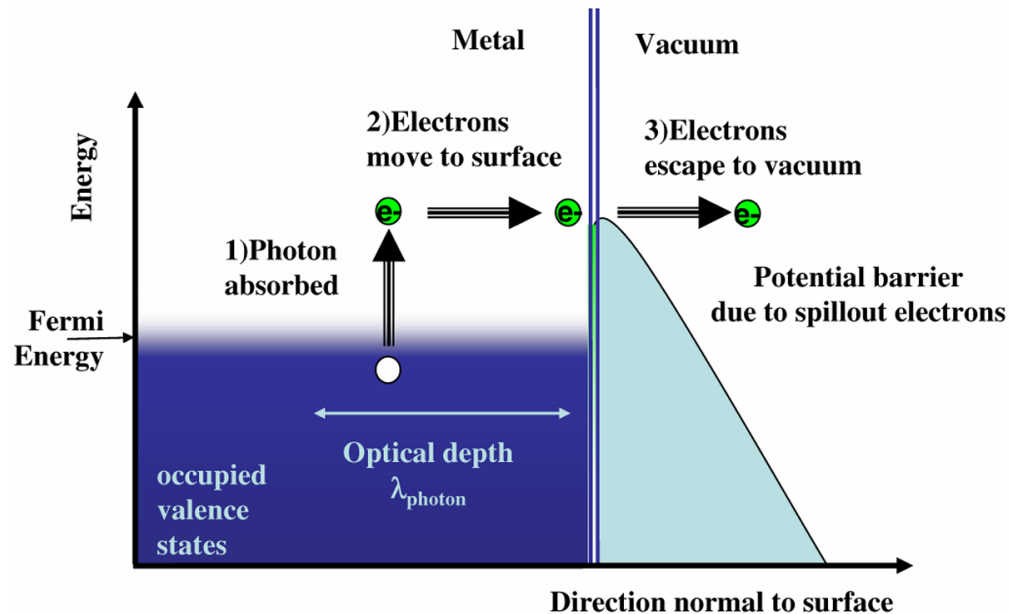
$$\Delta\epsilon_{n,x} = \Delta\sigma_x * \sigma_{p_x} + \sigma_x * \Delta\sigma_{p_x}$$

Photoemission physics

Three step model

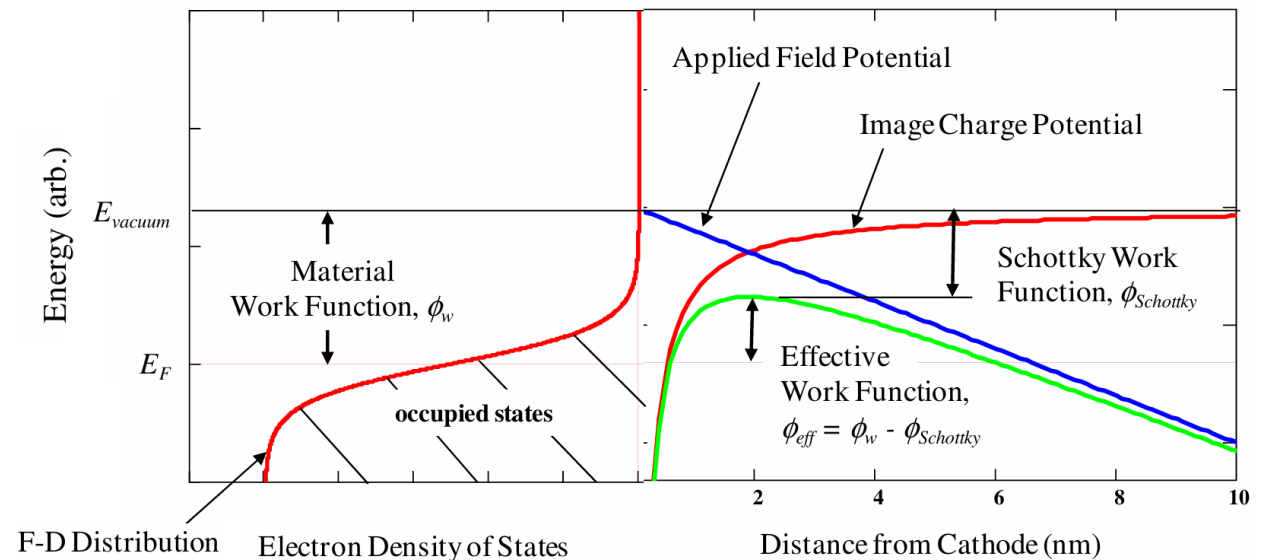
- **Three step model of photoemission**

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- Electron transport to the surface
- Electron escape through vacuum barrier



- **QE and thermal emittance derivations**

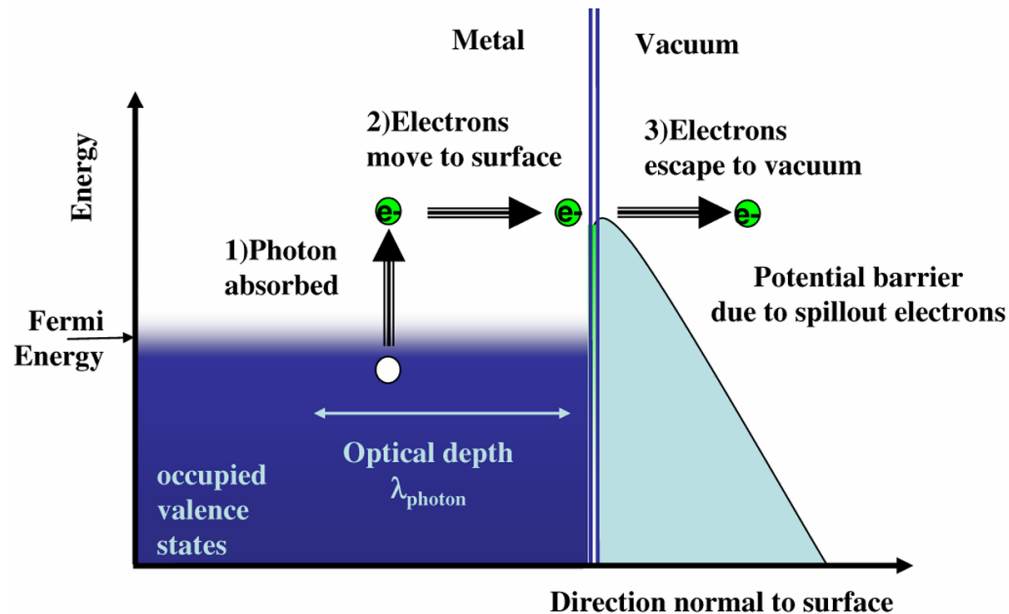
- F-D distribution
$$f_{\text{FD}}(E) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{(E - E_F)/k_B T}}$$
- Room temperature $k_B T \sim 26 \text{ meV @ } 300\text{K}$
- Hot cathode $k_B T \sim 130 \text{ meV @ } 1500\text{K}$
- Far from fermi surface level E_F , electron density states drop exponentially



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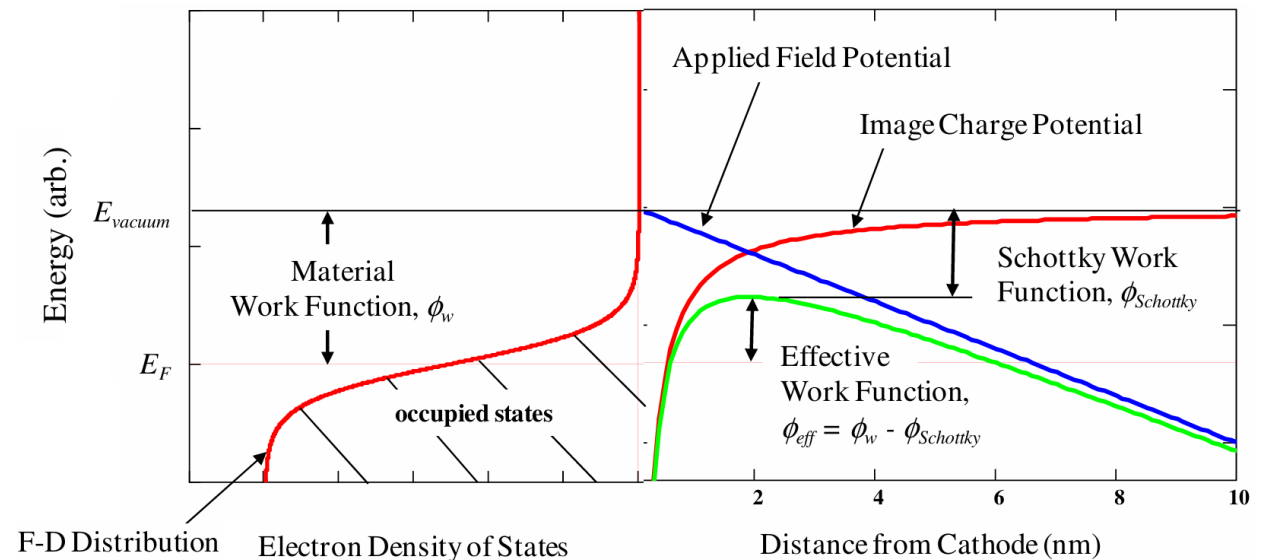
- QE and thermal emittance derivations

- Effective work function

- e.g. 50 MV/m, $\phi_{\text{schottky}} \sim 268$ meV, significant effect for threshold photoemission

$$\phi_{\text{eff}} \equiv \phi_w - \phi_{\text{Schottky}} = \phi_w - e \sqrt{\frac{e F_a}{4 \pi \epsilon_0}}$$

$$= \phi_w - 0.037947 \sqrt{F_a \text{ (MV/m)}} \text{ eV}$$

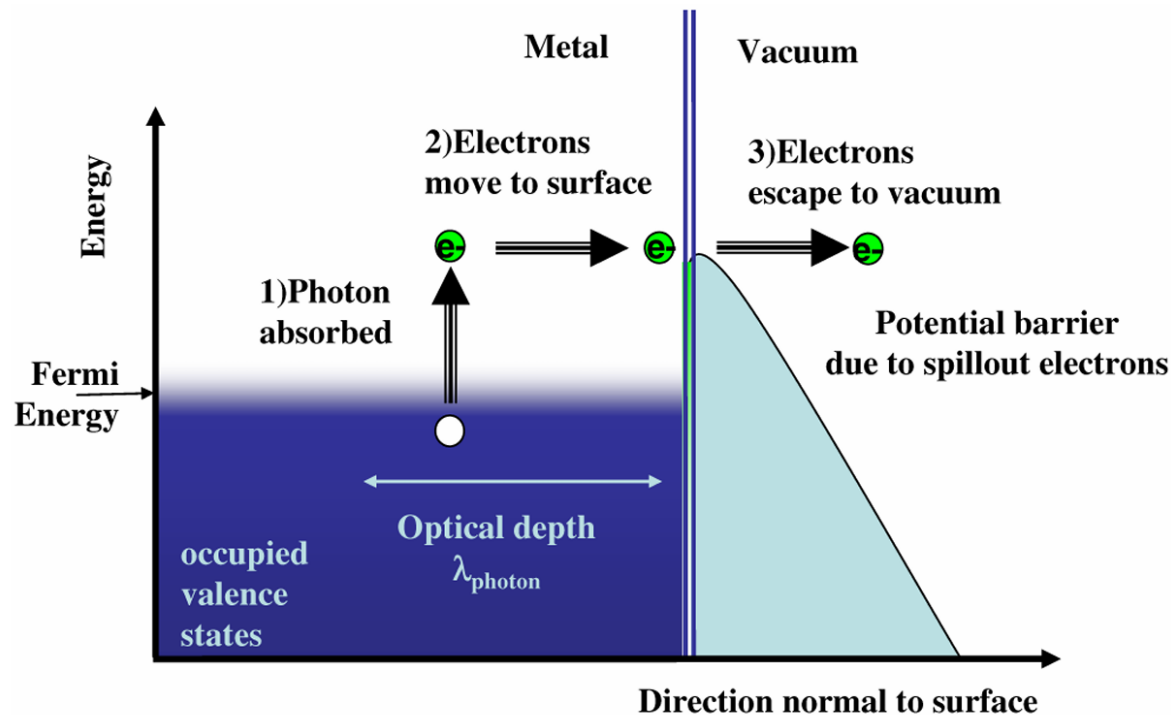


Photoemission physics

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- **Main conclusions**

- $\hbar\omega - \phi_{eff} > k_B T$

$$QE = \frac{1 - R(\omega)}{1 + \frac{\lambda_{opt}(\omega)}{\lambda_{e-e}(\omega)}} \frac{(\hbar\omega - \phi_{eff})^2}{8\phi_{eff}(E_F + \phi_{eff})}$$

Square dependent

$$\varepsilon_{th} = \sigma_{laser} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega - \phi_{eff}}{3mc^2}}$$

Square root dependent

- $\hbar\omega - \phi_{eff} \sim 0$ $\epsilon_{thermionic} = \sigma_x \sqrt{\frac{k_B T}{mc^2}}$

- **Mean Transverse Energy (MTE)**

$$\varepsilon_{th} = \sigma_{laser} \sqrt{\frac{MTE}{mc^2}}$$

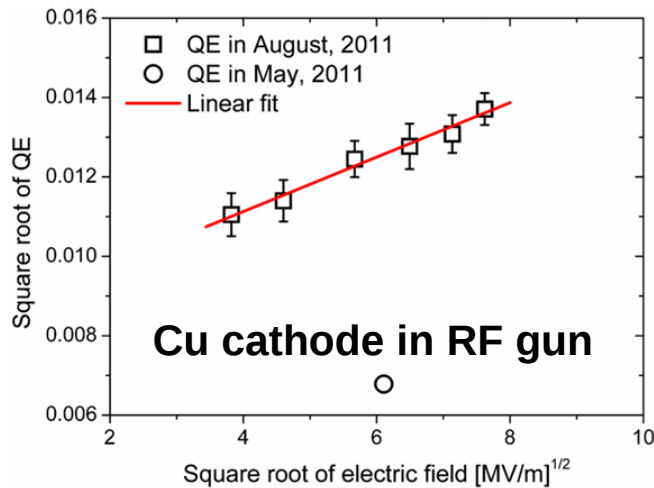
Photoemission physics

Online cathode measurements

- Work function

$$QE = A \left(\frac{\hbar\omega - \phi_w}{e\sqrt{e\beta/(4\pi\epsilon_0)}} + \sqrt{E} \right)^2 = A(p + \sqrt{E})^2$$

$$\hbar\omega - \phi_w = e\sqrt{\frac{e}{4\pi\epsilon_0}}p$$



$$\hbar\omega = 4.66 \text{ eV}$$

$$p = 12.2 (\text{MV/m})^{0.5}$$

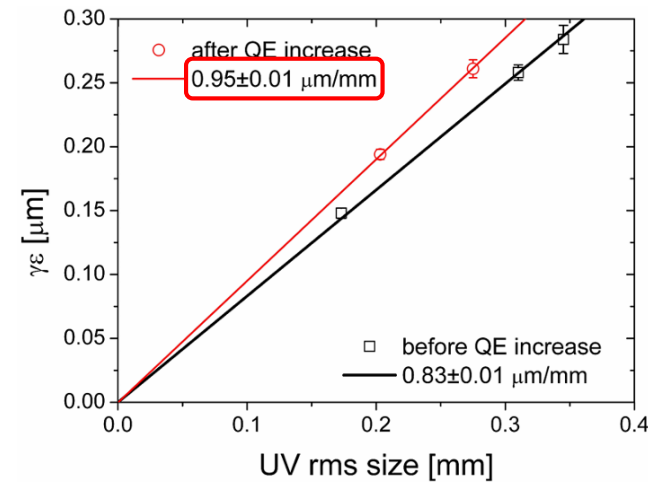
$$\phi_w = 4.16 \text{ eV}$$

$$\text{Literature } \phi_w = 4.65 \text{ eV}$$

- Thermal emittance

$$\epsilon_{th} = \sigma_{laser} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega - \phi_{eff}}{3mc^2}}$$

$$\text{Theory } \frac{\epsilon_{th}}{\sigma_{laser}} = 0.67 \text{ } \mu\text{m}\cdot\text{rad/mm}$$



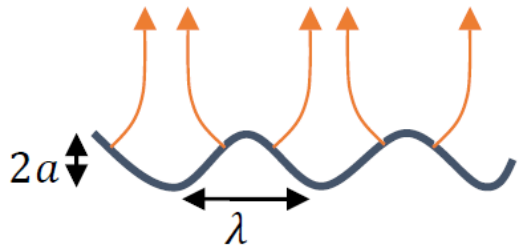
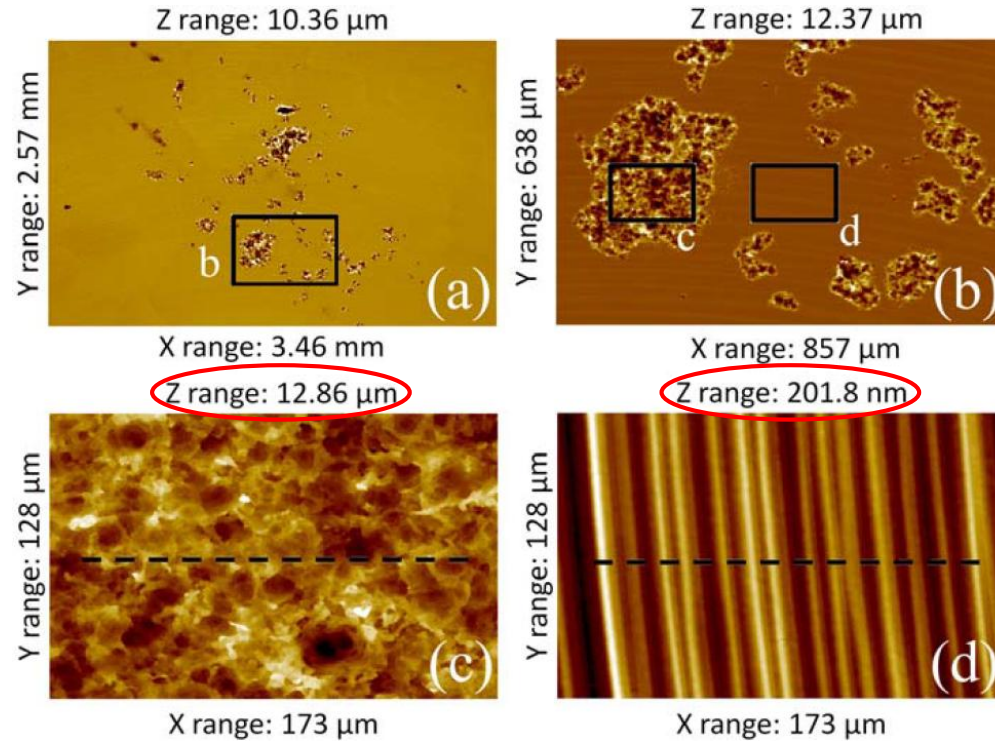
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Photoemission physics

Cathode surface roughness effects

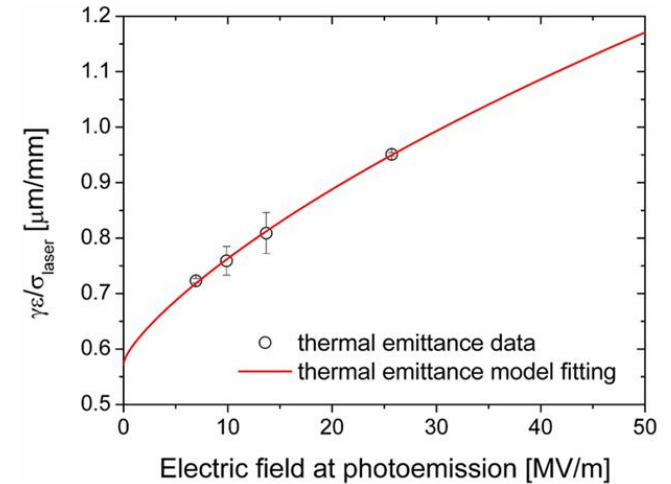
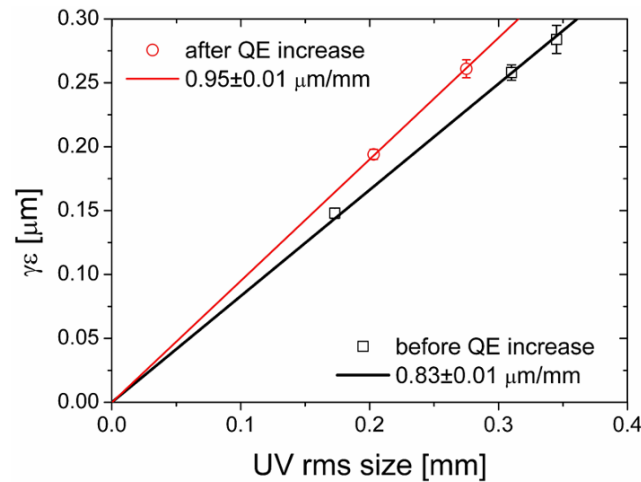


$$\varepsilon_{\text{rough}} = \sigma_{\text{laser}} \sqrt{\frac{e\pi^2}{2mc^2} \frac{a^2}{\lambda} E}$$

- Surface roughness leads to thermal emittance growth

$$\frac{\varepsilon_{\text{thermal}}^{\text{total}}}{\sigma_{\text{laser}}} = \sqrt{\varepsilon_{\text{smooth}}^2 + (\Delta\varepsilon_{\text{roughness}}^{E\text{-field}})^2 / \sigma_{\text{laser}}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{3mc^2} \left(\hbar\omega - \phi_w + e\sqrt{\frac{e\beta}{4\pi\varepsilon_0}} \sqrt{E} + X_g E \right)}.$$



Photoemission physics

I. V. Bazarov et al., *PRL* **102**, 104801 (2009)
D. Filippetto et al., *PRAB* **17**, 024201 (2014)

Two types guns, two types of emission regimes and injector layouts

- Two types of guns

- High freq. high field gun (pulsed RF gun)
 - 100~60 MV/m
 - RF bunching
- DC or low frequency gun (CW gun)
 - 25~5 MV/m
 - No RF bunching

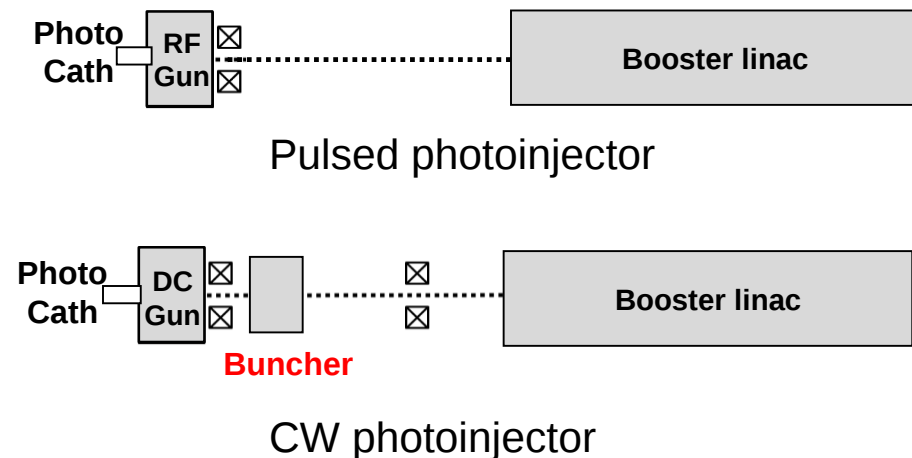
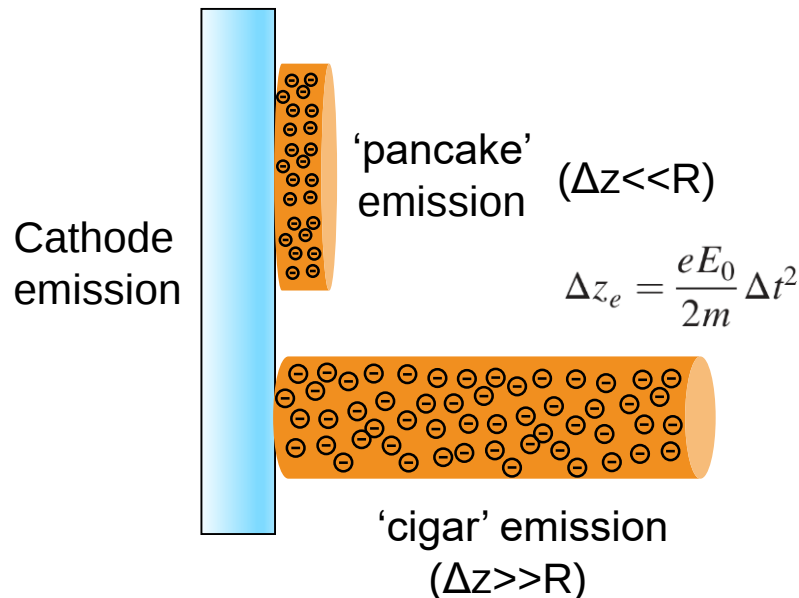
- Two types of photoemission regimes

- 'Pancake' emission

$$\frac{Q}{\varepsilon_n^2} \propto \frac{E_{\text{emission}}}{MTE} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{High emission field} \\ \text{Low MTE cathode} \end{array}$$

- 'Cigar' emission

$$\frac{Q}{\varepsilon_n^2} \propto \frac{E_{\text{emission}}^{1.5}}{MTE} \frac{t_{\text{laser}}}{\sqrt{R_{\text{laser}}}} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{High emission field} \\ \text{Low MTE cathode} \\ \text{Lower emission current} \end{array}$$



Photoinjector emittance theory

Kim's RF gun theory

- Phase slippage and max acceleration
 - Electron has a phase slippage near the cathode due to low velocity $\phi = \omega t - kz + \phi_0 = \omega \left(t - \frac{z}{c} \right) + \phi_0$
 - Max acceleration in full cells $\phi(z) \sim 90^\circ$
 - Emission phase ϕ_0 is ahead of 90°

$$\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \phi_0 \right) \sin \phi_0 = \frac{1}{2\alpha} \quad \alpha = \frac{eE_0}{2mc^2k}$$

- For S-band gun, 100 MV/m, max Ek emission phase ϕ_0 is about 30° , phase slippage $\Delta\phi$ is about 60°
- By adjusting the cathode cell length, max Ek emission phase ϕ_0 can be adjusted.

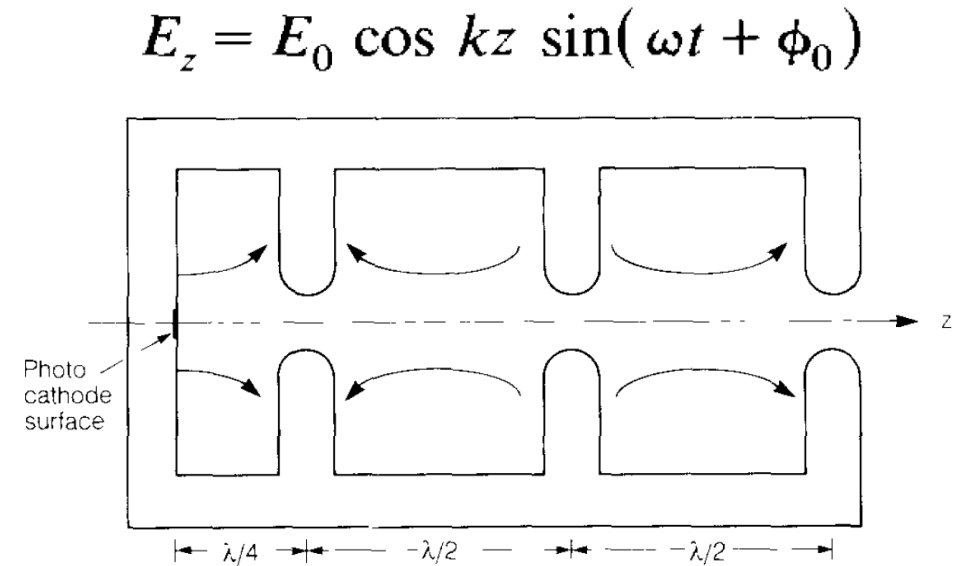


Fig. 1. Schematics of the rf laser gun.

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Kim's RF gun theory

- Phase slippage and cathode cell bunching
 - Beam is at off-crest phase, e.g. 30° , i.e. the beam is heavily chirped near the cathode
 - The R56 near cathode is quite high, $R56 = \frac{L}{(\gamma^2 - 1)}$
 - Therefore a bunch compression is formed.

$$\frac{\Delta\phi_\infty}{\Delta\phi_0} = 1 - \frac{\cos \phi_0}{2\alpha \sin^2 \phi_0}$$

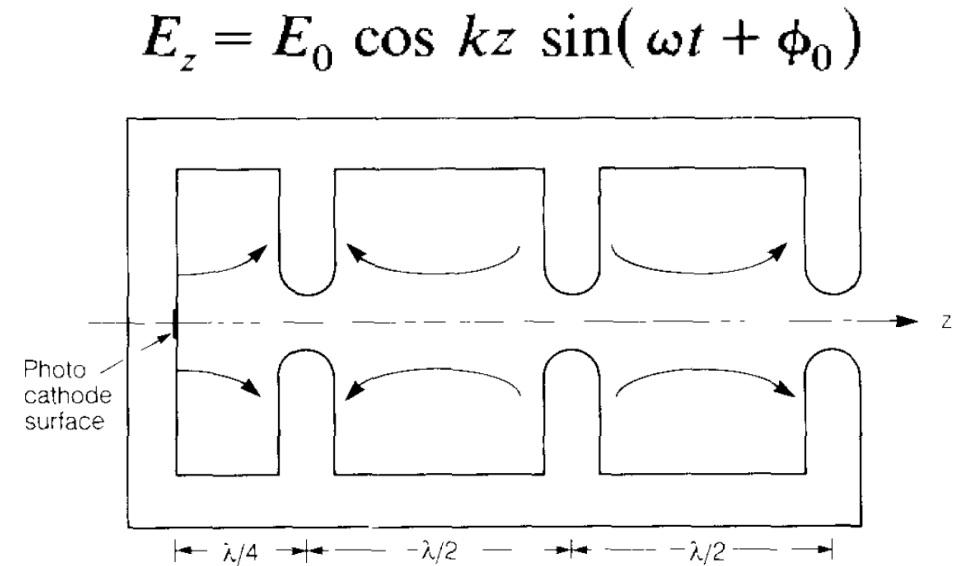


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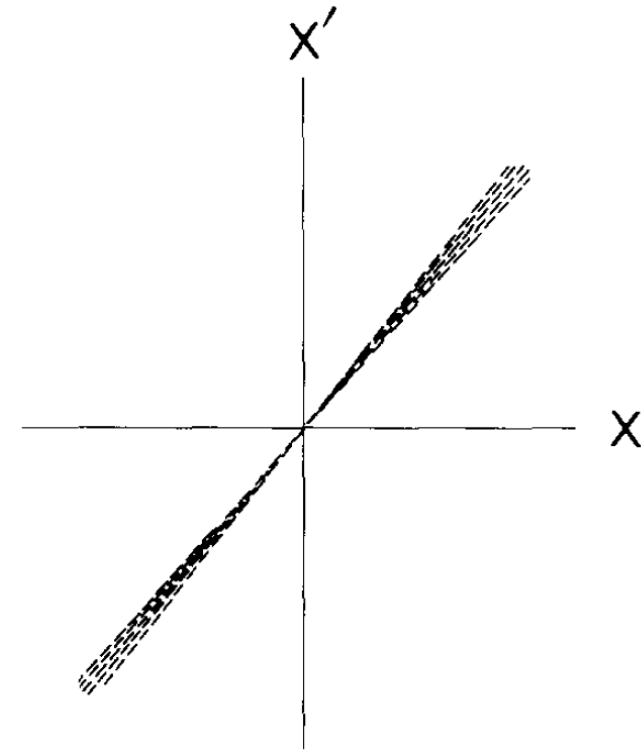
Kim's RF gun theory

- RF focusing emittance
 - Integrated RF focusing is

$$p_x \equiv \beta \gamma x' = (\alpha k \sin \phi) x$$

- Assuming Gaussian distribution, minimum emittance growth is

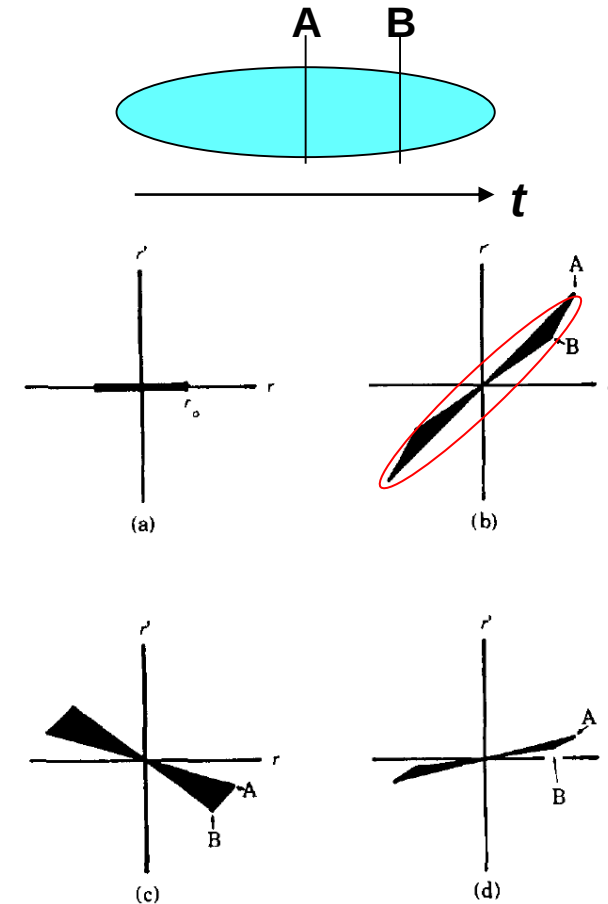
$$\epsilon_x^{\text{rf}} = \frac{\alpha k \langle x^2 \rangle \sigma_\phi^2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \langle \phi \rangle = 90^\circ$$



Photoinjector emittance theory

Emittance compensation with a solenoid by B. E. Carlsten

- Projected emittance growth
 - Slice A and slice B has different charge density
 - Slice A diverges faster under higher charge defocusing
 - An correlated emittance growth occurs at (b)
- Solenoid focusing
 - Slice A and B become focusing slices
- After solenoid
 - Slice B with lower charge density experiences a beam waist in advance, and starts defocusing again
 - Slice B catches up, realigns with slice A (d), reaches an emittance minimum



Photoinjector emittance theory

Emittance compensation with envelope equation analysis

- Envelope equation

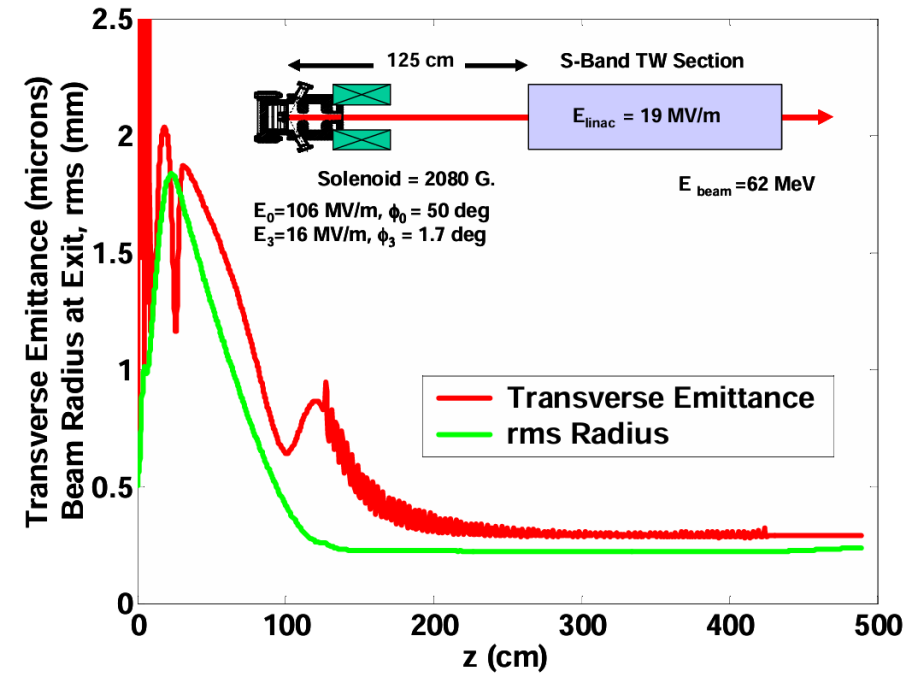
$$\sigma'' + K_r \sigma = \frac{I}{2I_0(\beta\gamma)^3\sigma} + \frac{\cancel{\epsilon_{n,th}^2}}{(\beta\gamma)^2\sigma^3}$$

- Space charge dominated beam $\frac{I\sigma^2}{2I_0\gamma\epsilon_n^2} \gg 1$

- Invariant condition $\sigma'' = 0$ inside the booster linac

$$\sigma'' = -\sigma_{match} \frac{\gamma'^2}{\gamma^2} + \frac{I}{2I_A\gamma^3\sigma_{match}} = 0 \quad \sigma_{matched} = \frac{1}{\gamma'} \sqrt{\frac{I}{2I_A\gamma}}$$

- The RF focusing and space charge defocusing is matched
- The beam waist is at injection to the booster linac
- The matched beam emittance decreases during linac acceleration

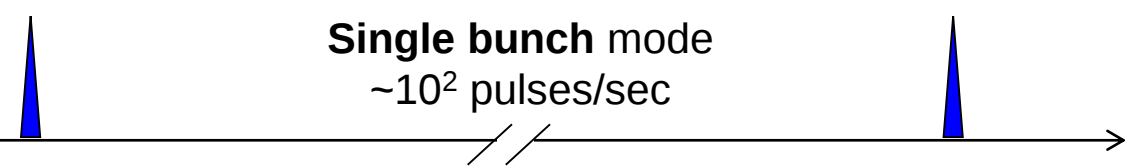


A brief overview on pulsed high brightness photoinjectors for FELs

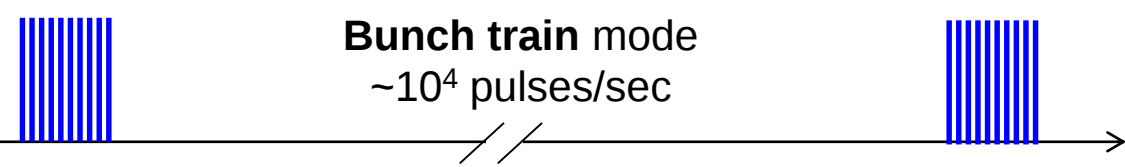
Pulsed photoinjector

Mature technology for X-ray FEL user facilities

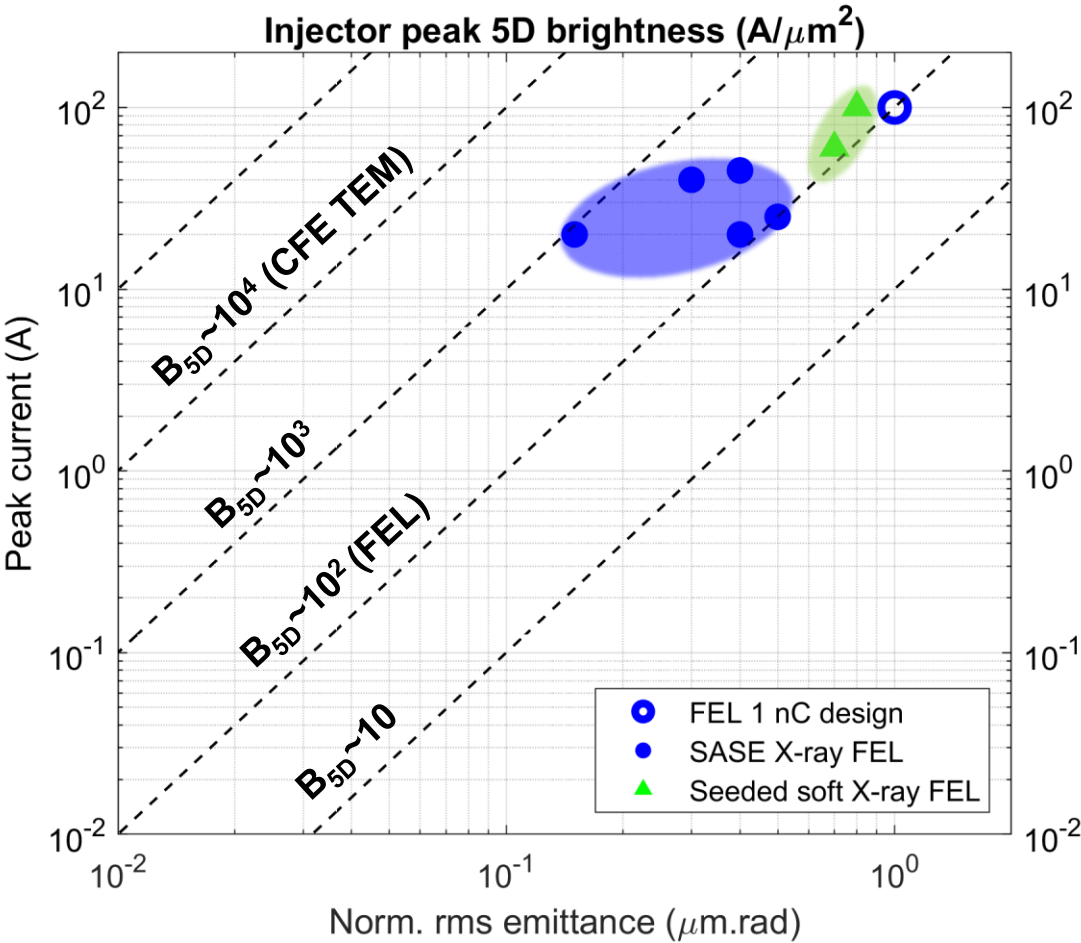
- Two injector modes
 - S-band gun injector facilities (LCLS/PAL/PSI/FERMI/SXFEL)



- L-band gun injector facilities (FLASH/European XFEL)



	Charge (pC)	Peak (A)	Emit (μm.rad)	B _{5D} (A/μm ²)
X-ray SASE FEL	200~400	20-45	0.15-0.5	100-900
Soft X-ray seeded FEL	500-600	60-100	0.7-0.8	122-156

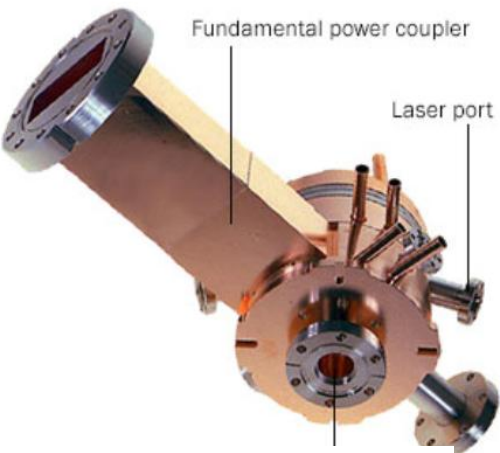


Pulsed photoinjector

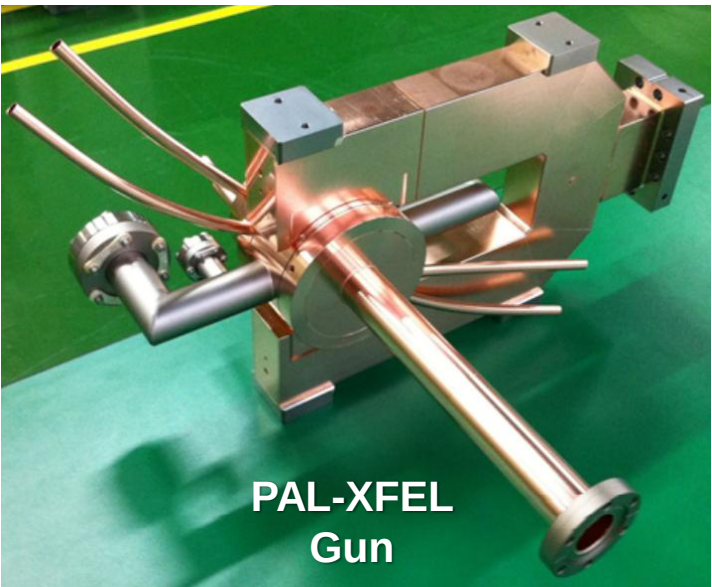
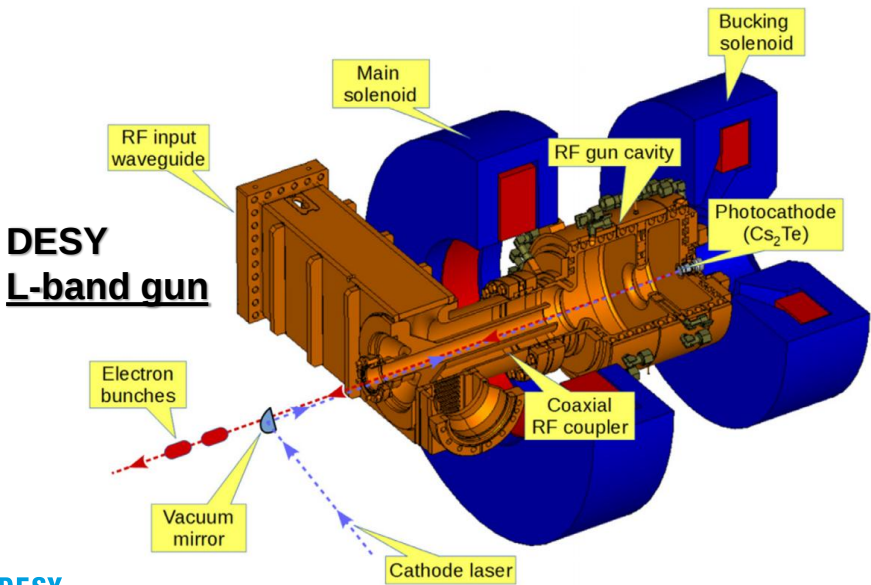
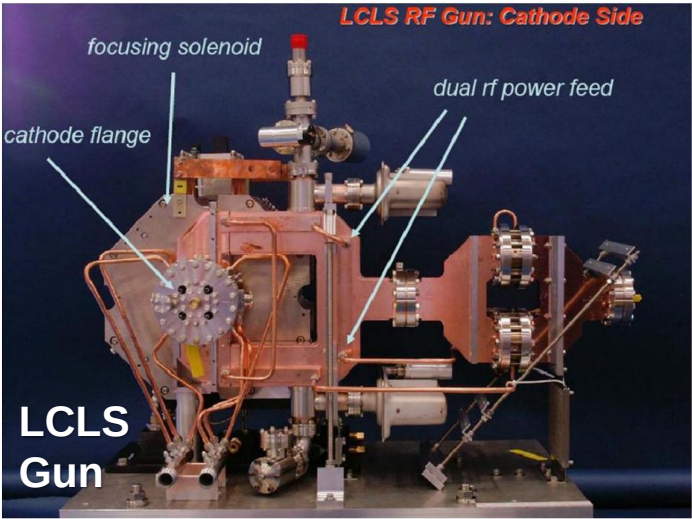
State of the art RF guns for X-ray FEL

	FEL facility	E_{cath} (MV/m)	f_{rep} (Hz)	E_k (MeV)	Cell #	Cath.
S-band 1-2 μs <1 kW	LCLS	115	120	5.5	1.6	Cu
	FERMI	110	100	5.2	1.6	Cu
	PAL	120	60	5.7	1.6	Cu
	SwissFEL	100	100	7	2.5	Cs ₂ Te
	SXFEL	105	10	5	1.6	Cu
L-band 650 μs 30-40 kW	FLASH	50	10	5.1	1.6	Cs ₂ Te
	XFEL	57	10	5.9	1.6	Cs ₂ Te

S-band RF gun, most widely used photoinjector



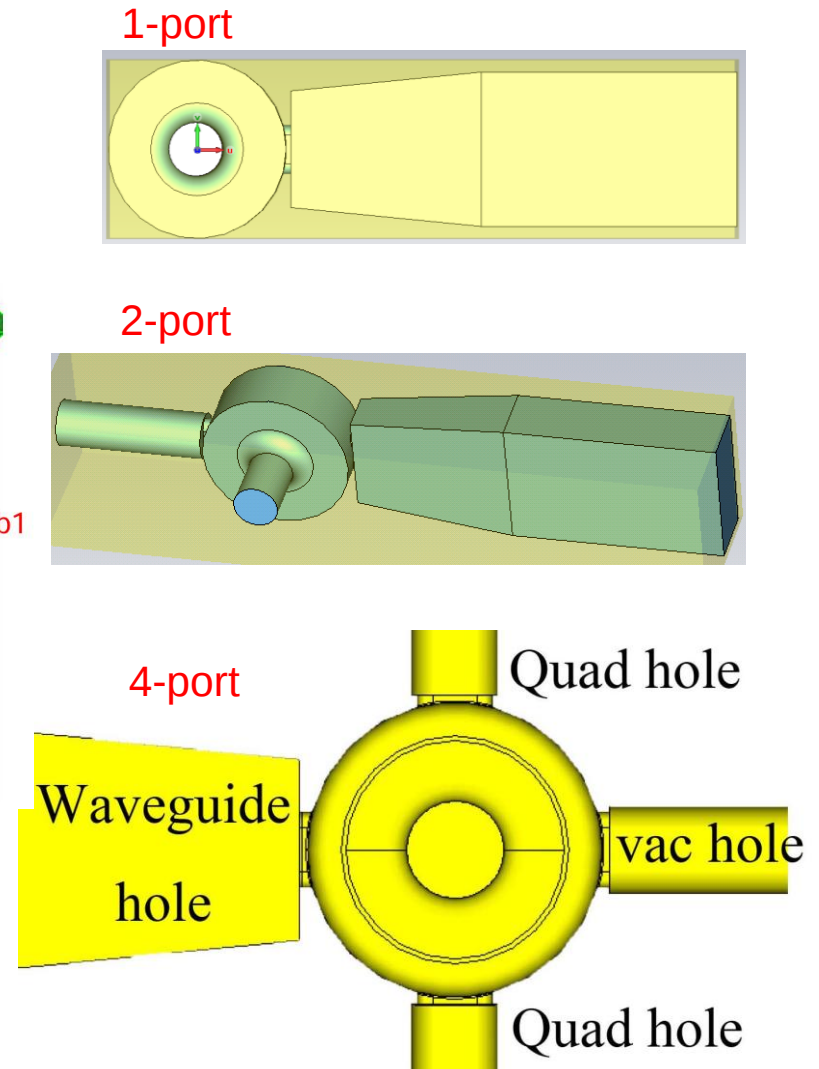
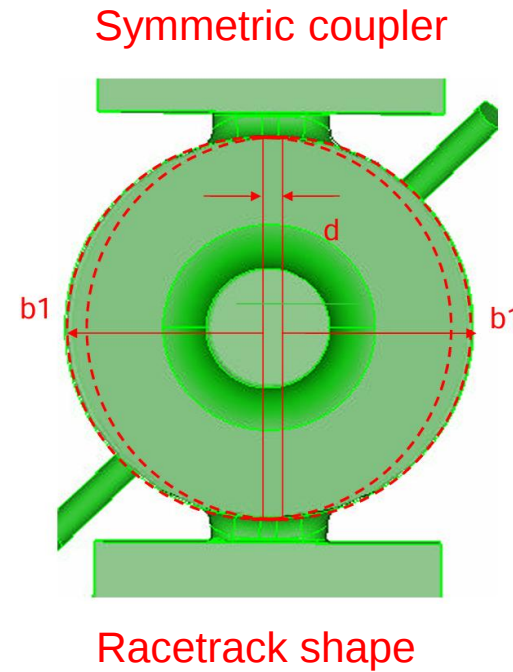
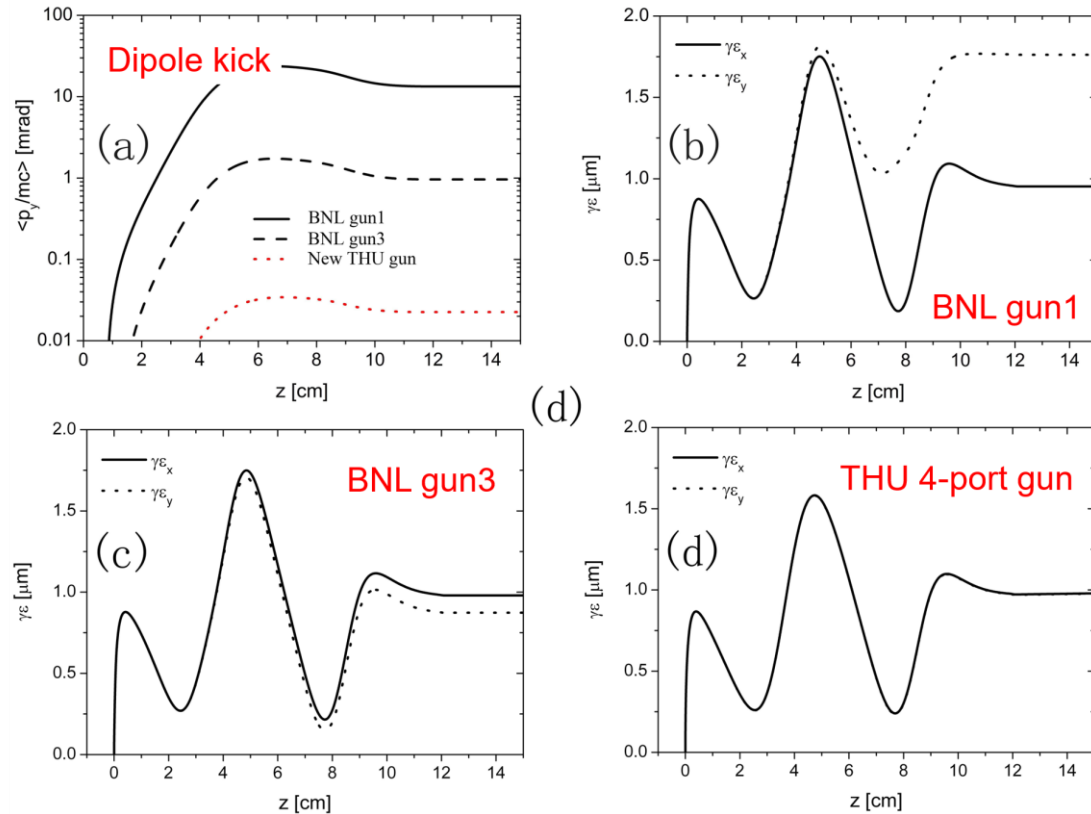
BNL/SLAC/UCLA gun



Pulsed photoinjector

Coupler kick optimization

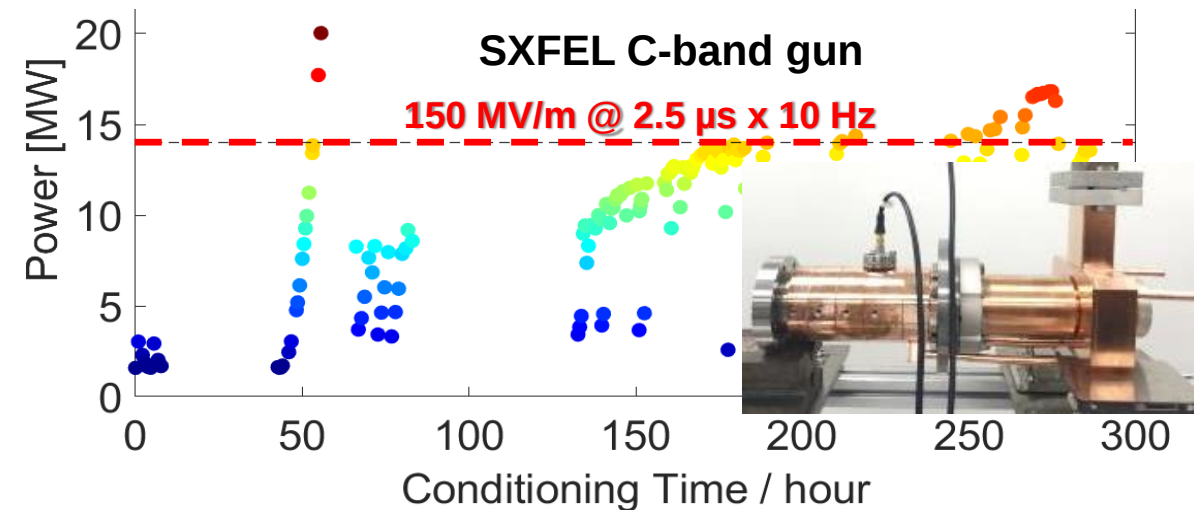
- Coupler kick in RF guns



Pulsed photoinjector

Higher frequency → higher gun gradient

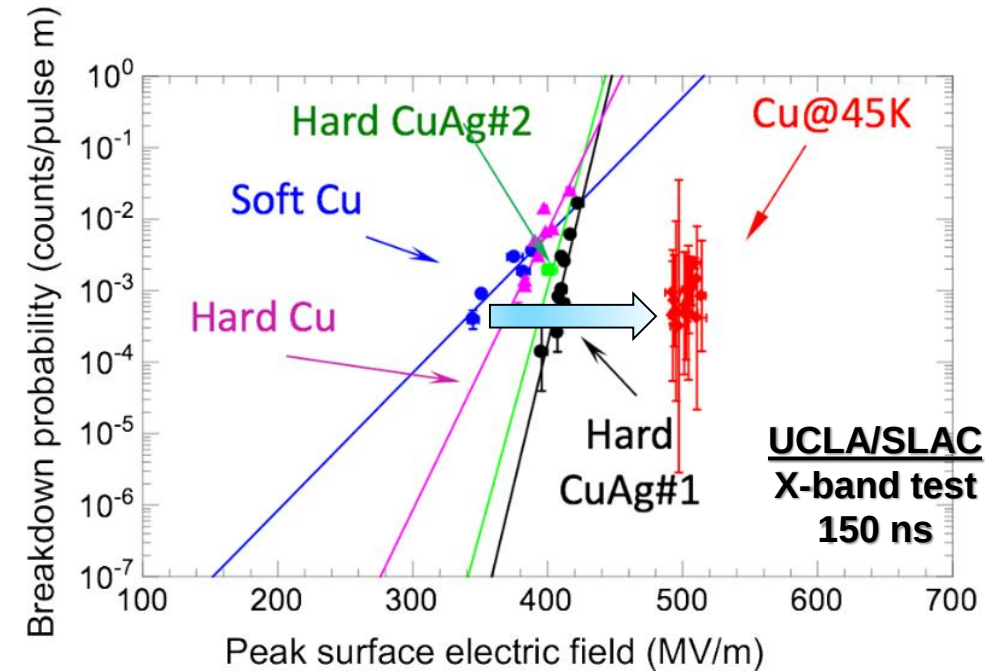
- X-band RF gun @SLAC/LLNL, ASU, Tsinghua
 - **SLAC/LLNL** (2001-now), Gun mark 0/1
 - 5.6 cell, **180-200 MV/m** x 110 ns x (10-60) Hz
 - B_{5D} : **~x10 @100 pC**, vs S-band (simulations)
 - **0.3 μm x 40 A @80 pC**, ~x1.6 than LCLS (measured)
- C-band RF gun @SwissFEL, INFN, SXFEL
 - Both SW and TW guns were studied.
 - SXFEL high power RF results
 - 3.6 cell SW gun, **150 MV/m** x 2.5 μs x 10 Hz
 - B_{5D} : **~x4 @500 pC**, vs S-band (simulations)



Pulsed photoinjector

Room T → Cryo T NC gun

- Material @ cryo temperature → Lower BDR
- DESY proposal (V. Vogel et al)
 - 1.3 GHz DESY @20K → longer RF pulse
 - 1.3 GHz DESY @20K → 200 MV/m @3-5 μ s
- UCLA proposal (J. Rosenzweig et al)
 - 1.6 cell **C band gun @27K**, UCLA/SLAC/LANL/INFN
 - **240 MV/m** x 0.3 μ s x 100 Hz, **11 W** RF heating
 - B_{5D} **$\sim$ x10 @100 pC**, than SwissFEL injector (simulations)
 - 100 pC, $\sim$ 50 nm.rad @20 A (Simulation)
- R&Ds on cryo C-band guns are also ongoing at KEK/Nihon and SXFEL.



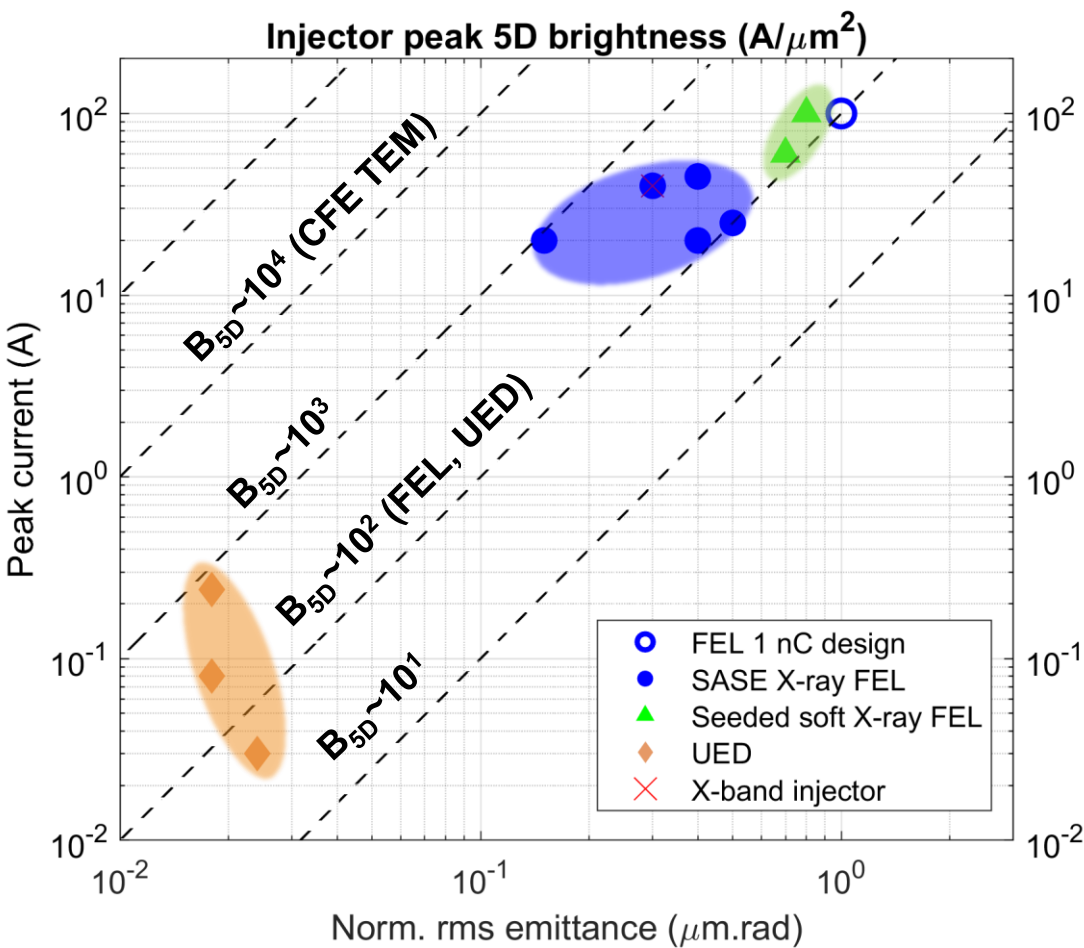
Pulsed photoinjector

Injectors developed for FELs benefits other applications

- Inverse Compton scattering based x-ray and gamma ray sources
 - Similar parameter space as X-ray FEL injector
- Ultrafast MeV electron diffraction and imaging

	Charge	Duration	ϵ_n (nm)	dp/p	B_{5D} (A/ μm^2)
Diffraction	0.01-1 pC	0.1-1 ps	<100	<10 ⁻²	10 ² -10 ³
Single shot	>1 pC	10~100 ps	<10	<u><10⁻⁴</u>	10 ² -10 ³
Imaging					

- Single shot imaging targeting 10 nm-10/100 ps resolution
 - not realized yet
 - Requires B_{6D} 10²-10³ A/(keV* μm^2 *rad²)
 - B_{6D} ~10¹ times higher than FEL injector

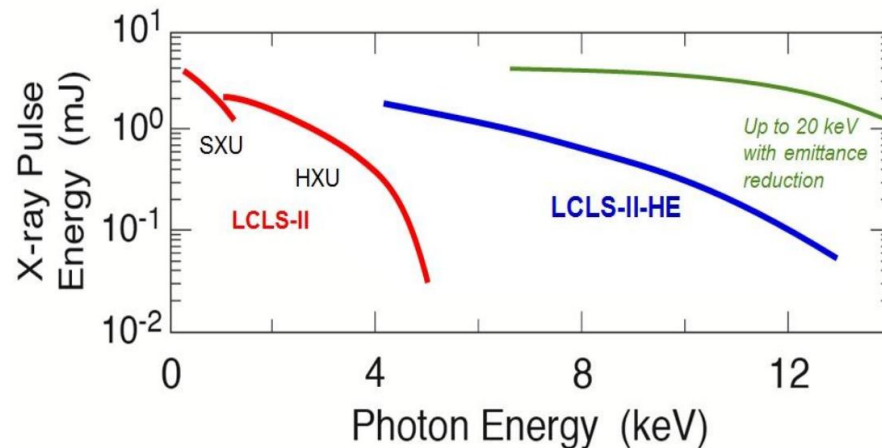


A brief overview on **CW photoinjector** developments for ERL and FEL

CW photoinjector

Two frontiers

- CW X-ray FEL injector requests
 - LCLS-II/SHINE baseline: 100 pC, $\varepsilon_n < \underline{0.4 \mu\text{m}}$, $I_A \sim 10 \text{ A}$
 - B_{5D} : $> \underline{62 \text{ A}/\mu\text{m}^2}$
 - ε_n reduction to $\underline{0.1 \mu\text{m}}$ will help $> 20 \text{ keV}$ lasing
 - B_{5D} : $\underline{10^3 \text{ A}/\mu\text{m}^2}$



T.O. Raubenheimer, FLS2018, p6 (2018)

- ERL injector brightness requests
 - Injector for ERL based X-ray source
 - **77 pC**, $\sim \underline{100 \text{ mA}}$, 5-15 MeV, $\varepsilon_n < 0.3 \mu\text{m}$, $\sigma_t < 3 \text{ ps}$
 - Peak B_{5D} : $\underline{114 \text{ A}/\mu\text{m}^2}$, comparable to FEL injector
 - Injector for ERL based EIC strong ion cooling
 - **1-1.5 nC**, $\underline{100\sim150 \text{ mA}}$, $\varepsilon_n < 5 \mu\text{m}$
 - $\frac{I_{peak}}{\sigma_E} > \frac{20\sim150 \text{ A}}{15 \text{ keV}}$, i.e. $\underline{1.3\sim10 \text{ A/keV}}$
 - High longitudinal brightness
 - Comparable or better than typical FEL injector

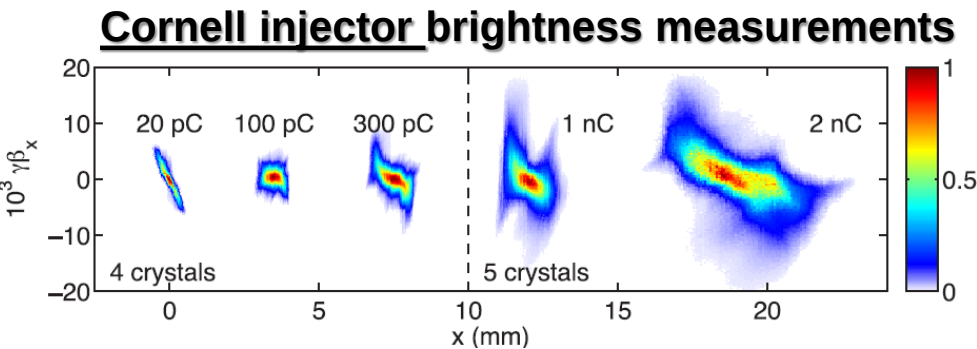
E. Wang et, al *these proceedings*: TUPAB036
V. Livininenko *EIC workshop*, 7.Oct 2020

CW DC gun photoinjector for ERL applications

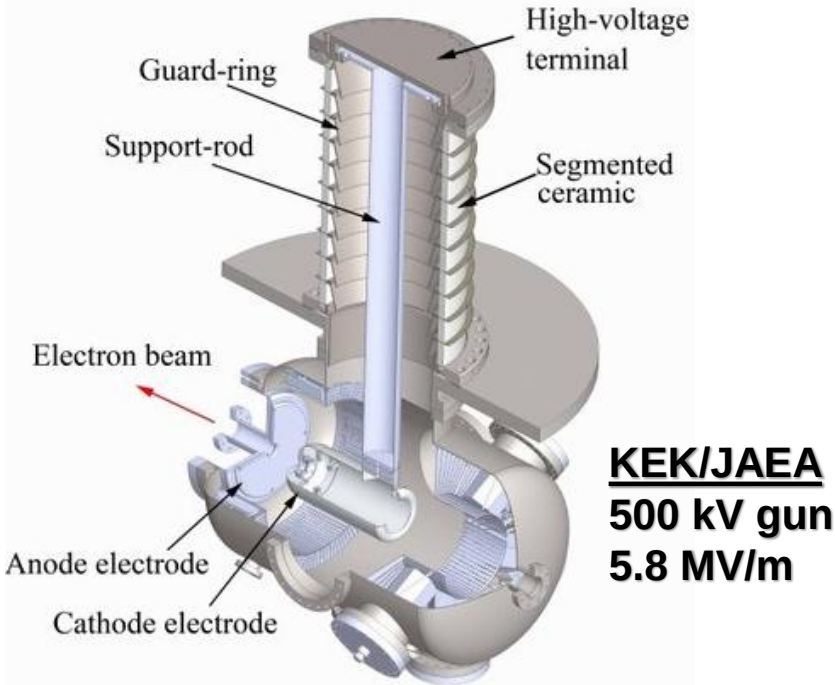
High average current and high peak brightness

- CW photocathode DC gun injector demonstrations
 - $<1 \times 10^{-11}$ torr, compatible to high QE low MTE cathodes
 - V_{gun} up to 500 kV, $E_{\text{cath}} \sim 5.8$ MV/m
 - I_{average} up to 65-75 mA, ~ 300 kW beam power
 - $B_{5D} \sim 10^2$ A/ μm^2 , meets both FEL & ERL injector baseline requests

	V_{gun} (kV)	E_{cath} (MV/m)	Cathode	$\text{max } I_{\text{ave}}$ (mA)	$\text{max } E_k$ (MeV)
BNL-LEReC	375	~ 4	CsK ₂ Sb	14-20	1.6/2.0
Cornell	395	~ 4	NaKSb	65-75	~ 8
JLAB FEL	350	~ 4	GaAs	~ 10	~ 9
KEK ERL	500	5.8	GaAs	~ 1	~ 3



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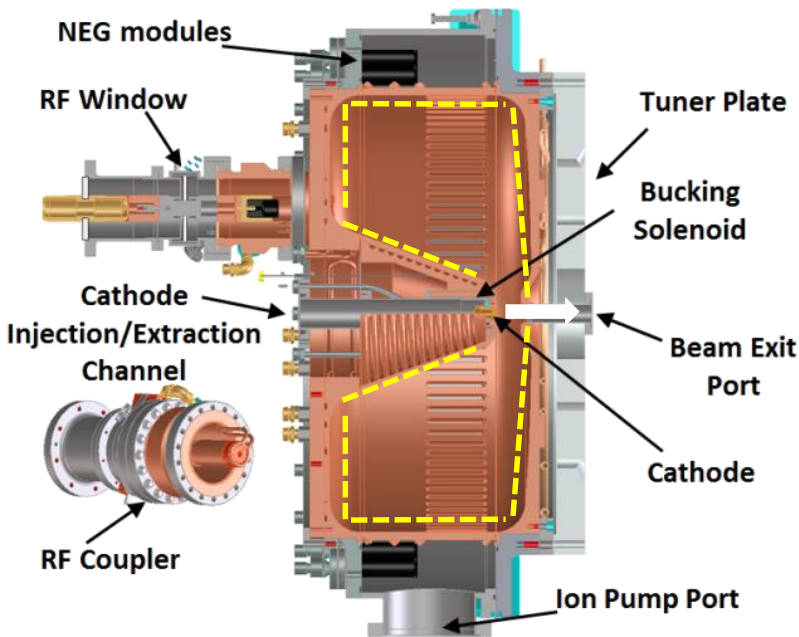


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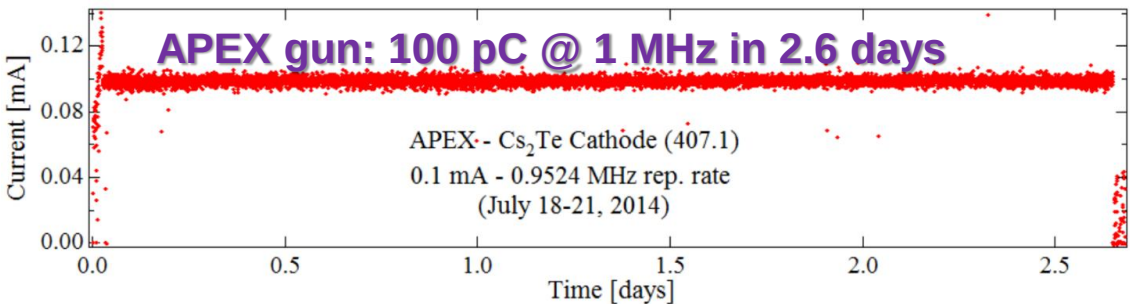
CW RF gun for FEL applications

NC VHF gun

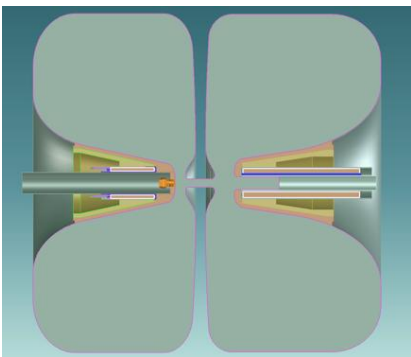
- LBNL, APEX gun, 187 MHz
 - CW RF (2012): **19.5 MV/m, 750 kV, 90 kW CW RF, with $\sim 10^{-10}$ torr**
 - CW beam from Cs₂Te (2014): **20-300 pC @ 1 MHz**
 - Brightness (2016): 20 pC, **<0.2 μ m @6.5 A**



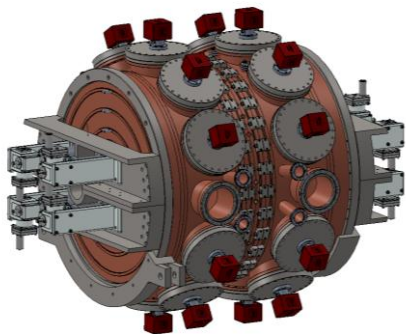
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- LBNL, APEX2 gun design (since 2016)



3D CAD model with all design features



Parameters	1 st cell	2 nd cell	APEX
Frequency (MHz)	162.5	162.5	185.7
E_{cathode} (MV/m)	30	N/A	19.5
Energy gain V (kV)	724	820	750
Power (kW)	70.6	85.4	88.5

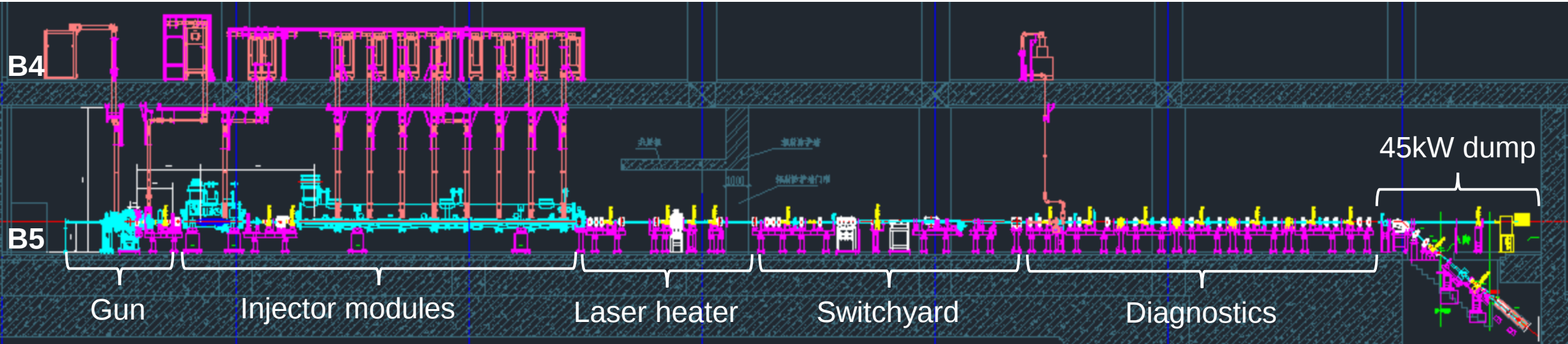
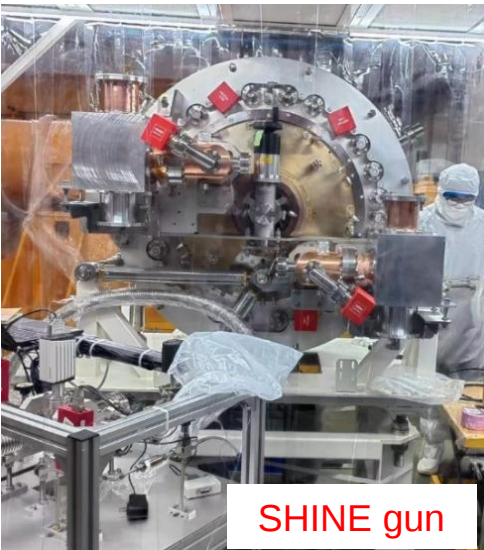
CW RF gun for FEL applications

NC VHF gun

- Other CW VHF gun based on APEX design

	LCLS-II	SHINE	ZJLAB	Unit
Freq	1300/7	1300/6	1300/6	MHz
E _{cath}	~19	26	20	MV/m
E _k	700-750	750	750	kV
RF power	~90	~70	~70	kW
Beam current	0.1	0.1	3	mA

- Injector layout based on NC VHF gun

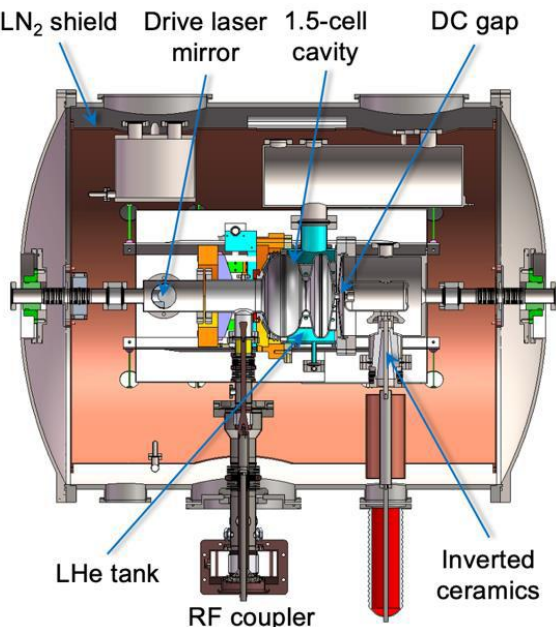
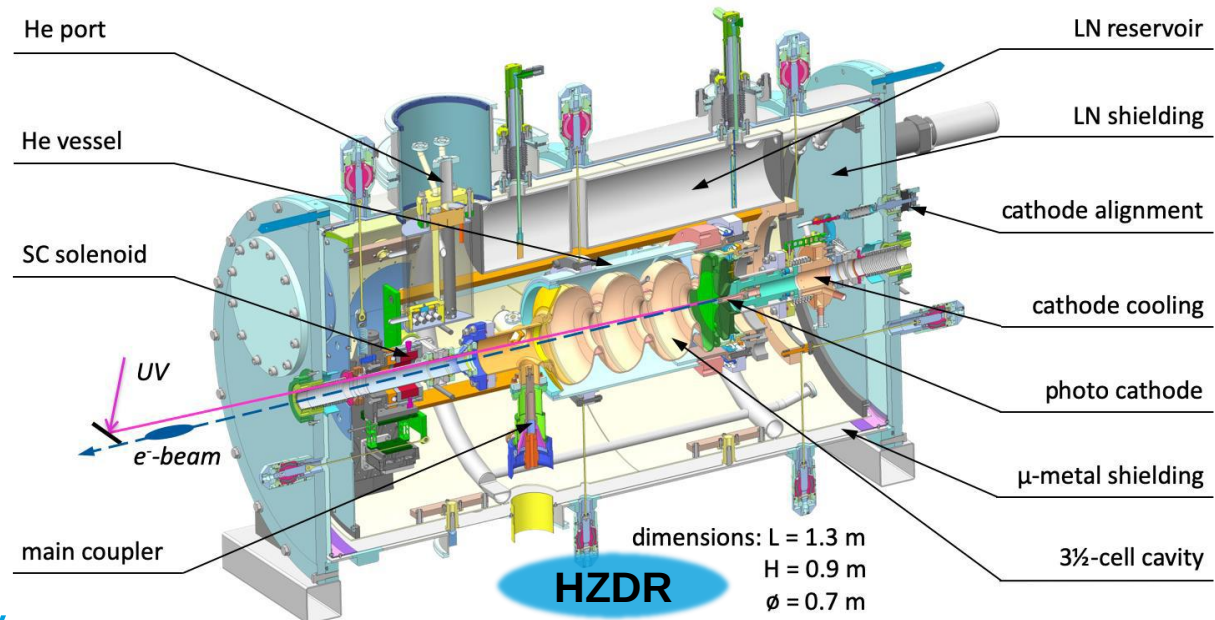
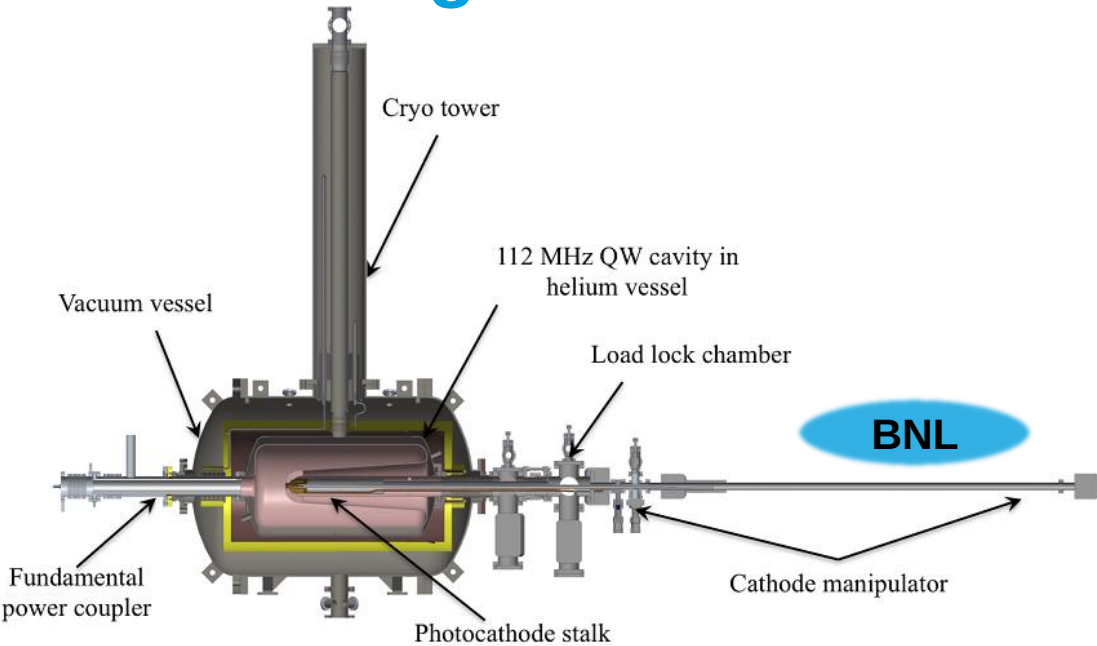


CW SC RF gun for FEL, ERL and hadron cooling

Current performance and challenges

- 3 guns in routine operation, 2 for user facilities

	Freq (MHz)	SC cavity	$E_{z,max}$ (MV/m)	E_{cath} (MV/m)	E_k (MeV)	Cathode	Gradient limit
HZDR	1300	3.5 cell TESLA	20.5	12.2-14.5	4	Mg, Cs2Te	Field emission
PKU	DC+1300	1.5 cell TESLA	21	6	2.2	Cs2Te	DC gap, Field emission
BNL	113	QWR	18	13-18	1.25	CsK ₂ Sb	Field emission

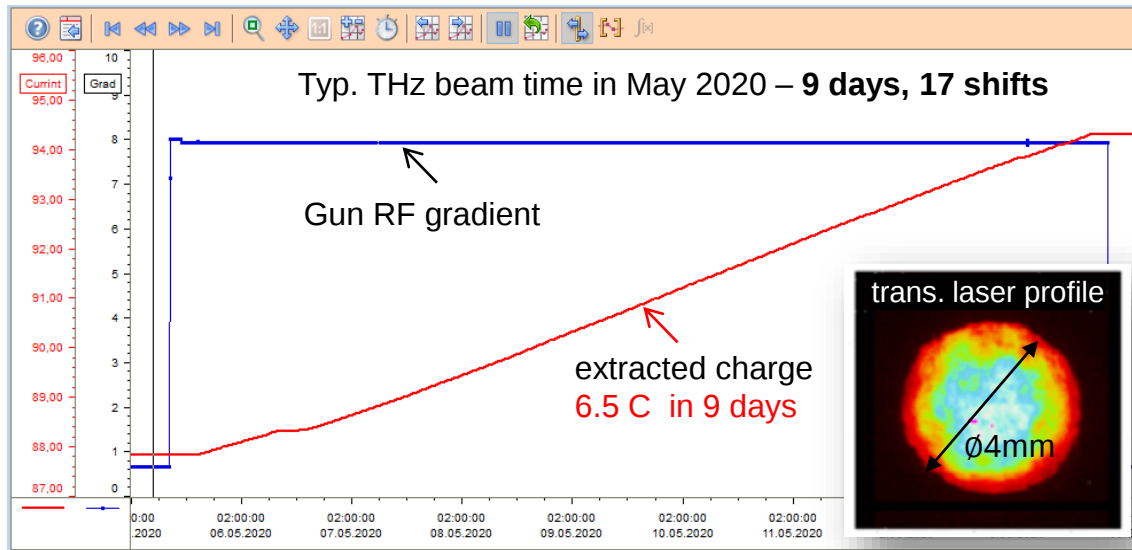


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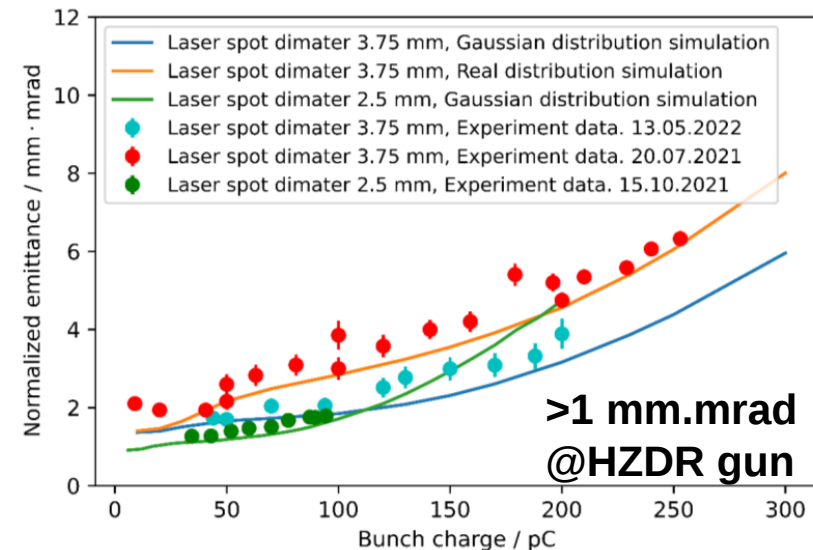
Current performance and challenges

- Stable routine operation for user facilities
 - HZDR gun, e.g. ~1650 h in 2020 for ELBE
 - BNL gun, e.g. ½ year during RHIC run
 - Low emittance measured at BNL QWR gun

Example from **HZDR gun** 9-day user shift



- SC gun high gradient challenges
 - High QE cathode integration
 - Solved with RF choke or DC gap
 - High QE cathode field emission
 - Now 1-50 nA under E_{cath} 2.6 ~ 18 MV/m
 - Higher gradient
 - Surface cleaning improvement in progress



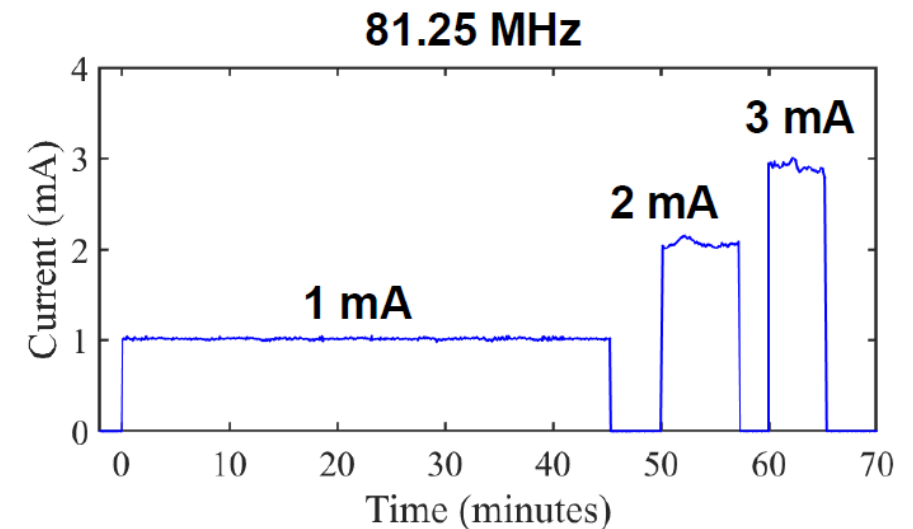
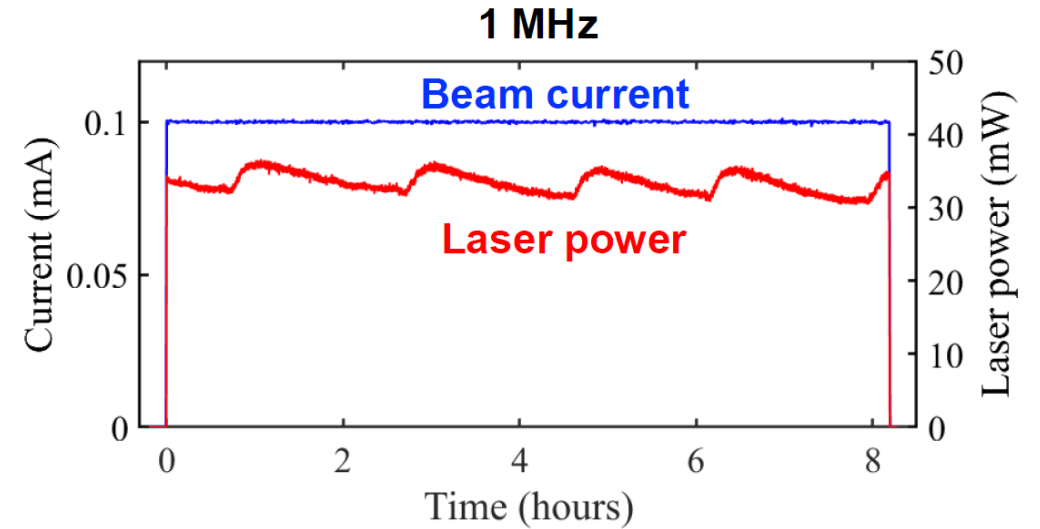
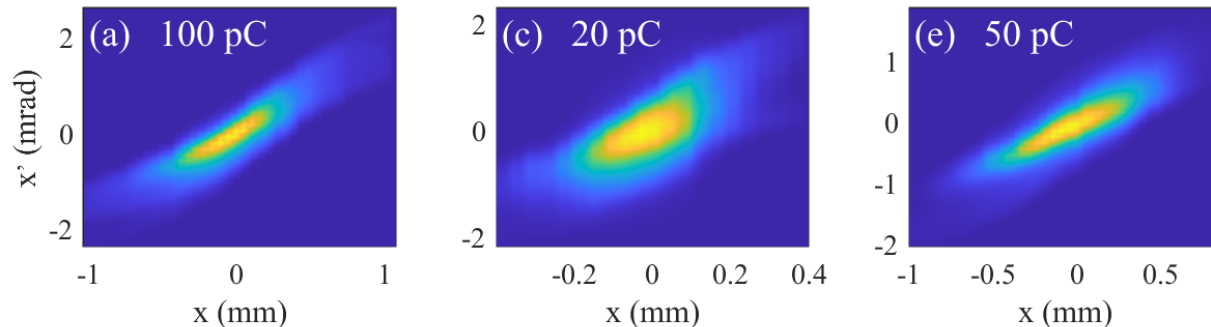
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Current performance and challenges

- **PKU DC-SRF gun**

- Demonstrates stable 1 mA operation with green cathode
- Low emittance beam from 20 pC to 100 pC

Parameters	100 pC	50 pC	20 pC	Units
Cavity field ($E_{\max}$)	22.3	21.7	21.7	MV/m
Drive laser size (rms)	0.48	0.48	0.38	mm
Electron beam energy	2.42	2.35	2.35	MeV
Normalized emittance	0.54	0.40	0.28	mm-mrad
Core emittance	0.28	0.25	0.19	mm-mrad
Core fraction	70%	75%	77%	



CW injectors: 100 pC brightness improvements

Integration of low MTE cathode in higher gradient gun is the key

- **Cornell DC gun** injector demonstrates B_{5D} within LCLS-II baseline requirements.
- Current **NC VHF gun (~20 MV/m)** simulates ~x4 higher B_{5D} than DC gun injector with similar cathodes.
- Guns with **~30 MV/m** and low MTE cathodes ($\leq 0.6 \mu\text{m}\cdot\text{rad}/\text{mm}$) predicts **~0.1 μm** & **~10³ A/ μm^2** .

100 pC	DC	Normal conducting			Superconducting		Unit
	Cornell	LCLS-II	SHINE	DESY	SLAC	DESY	
Freq.	DC	1300/7	1300/6	1300/6	1300/7	1300	MHz
E_{cath}	~4	~20	30	28	30	40	MV/m
E_k	0.4	0.75	0.87	0.83	1.8	4	MeV
ϵ_{th}/σ_l	0.52	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	$\mu\text{m}/\text{mm}$
Buncher	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	/
100% ϵ_n	0.38	0.19	0.11	0.12	0.11	0.15	μm
95% ϵ_n	0.31	0.16	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.12	μm
I_{peak}	11	12	12	7.4	12	4.6	A
H. δP_z	/	3.3	3.7	1.5	1.4	4.4	keV/c
B_{5D}	114	457	1829	1024	1387	319	A/ μm^2

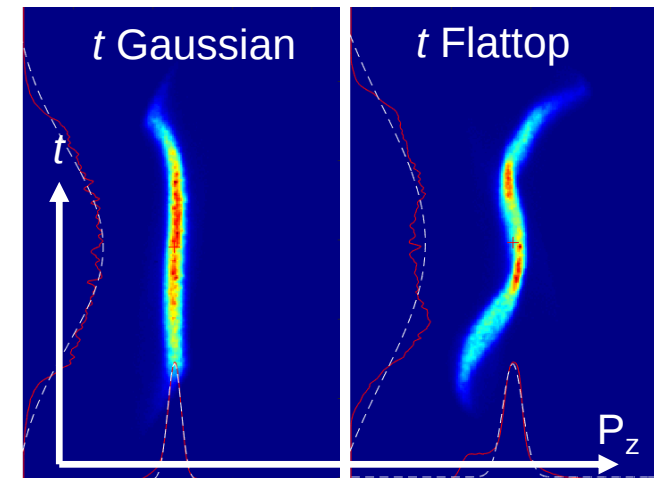
*Green are measurements, black and blue are simulations contributed from different groups.

Photocathodes and laser shaping

As important as a high gradient gun to reach high brightness

- Good photocathodes are critical
 - **Low MTE** is critical for low emittance
 - Dominating final emittance
 - **High QE** is important to reduce laser energy budget
 - **Life time**: improves operation reliability
 - Depends on QE, QE uniformity, dark current and MTE
 - Affected by vacuum, temperature, average current (density), gradient etc.
- Laser shaping affects both tran. & long. dynamics
 - **‘Beer can’ shape @ 1 nC** at FEL design stage → for emittance improvement.
 - **Real life, temporal Gaussian laser @ 0.25 nC**
 - FEL performance is comparable @0.25 nC vs flattop shaping in high gradient guns (pancake emission).
 - Flattop shaping effect in CW gun (cigar emission) is still to be studied.

Typical	Cu	Mg	Cs2Te	Alkali antimonides	GaAs
Laser	UV	UV	UV	Green	IR/Green
QE	$10^{-5} \sim 10^{-4}$	$10^{-4} \sim 10^{-3}$	$10^{-2} \sim 10^{-1}$	$10^{-2} \sim 10^{-1}$	$10^{-2} \sim 10^{-1}$
ϵ_{th}/σ_l	0.5-1	0.5-1	0.7-1	0.5-0.6	0.2~0.5
Vacuum	$<10^{-9}$	$\sim 10^{-10}$	$\sim 10^{-10}$	$<10^{-10}$	$\sim 10^{-11}$
Life time	month ~ year			week ~ month	~week



250 pC
20 A beam
@PITZ

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 - **DC guns** are **baseline for ERL**, high current **65-75 mA** and high brightness have been demonstrated.
 - **NC VHF guns ($20\text{-}30 \text{ MV/m}$)** are **baseline for CW FELs**.
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