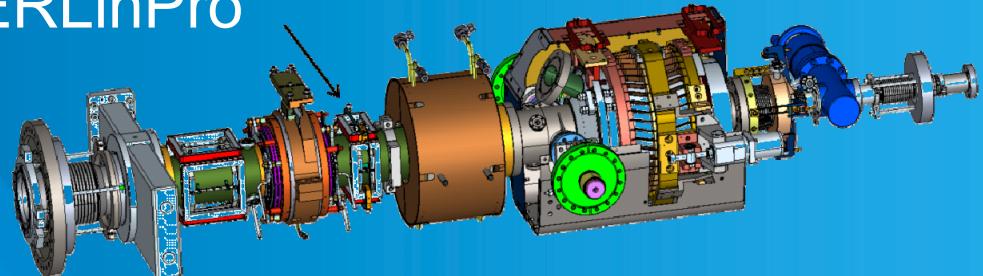


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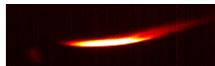


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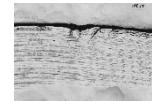
- Reminder: Layout and parameter of bERLinPro's SRF Gun



- Results: First RF and beam operation of the SRF Gun module



- Setbacks: Failures, obstacles and lessons learned



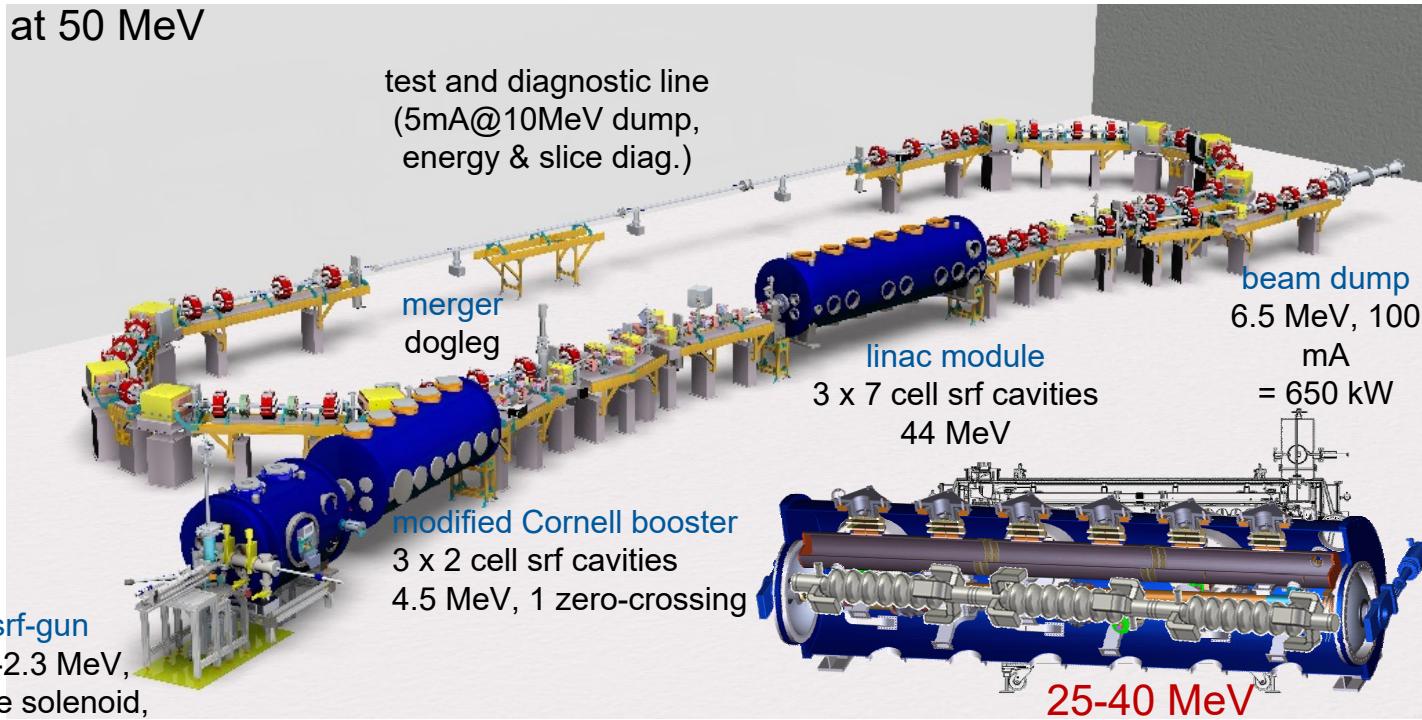
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Reminder: bERLinPro

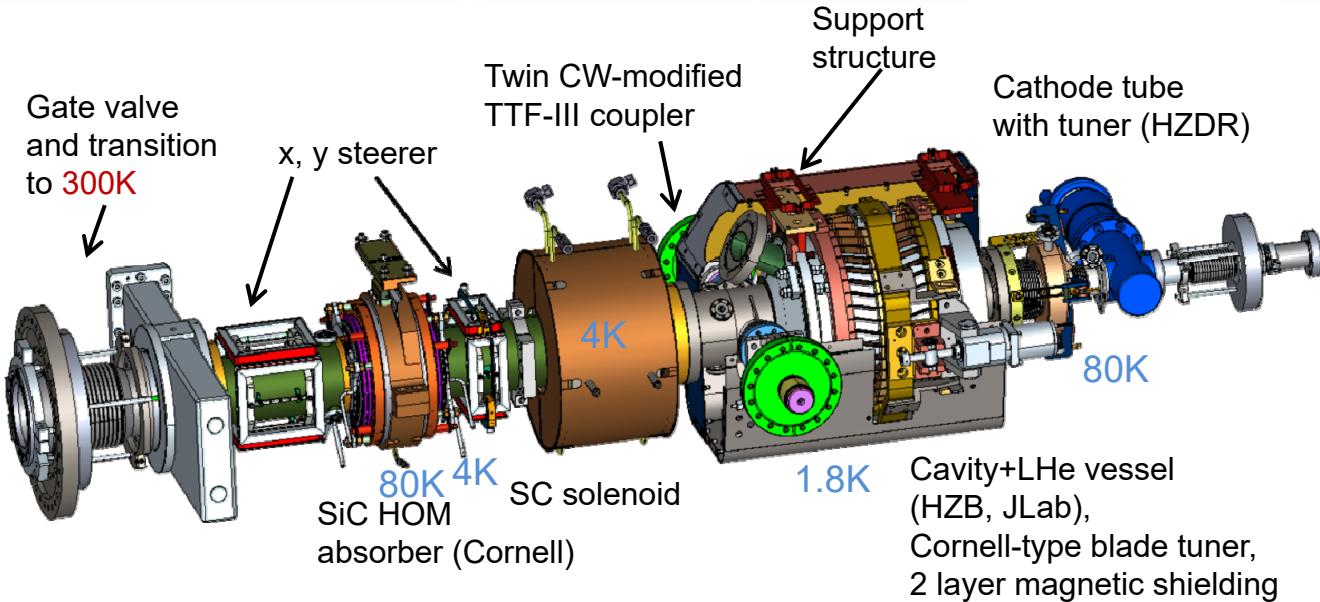
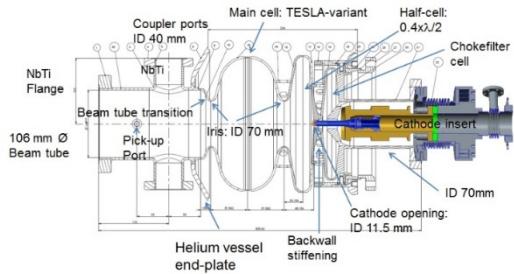
Main goal: 100 mA ERL with 1 μ rad normalized emittance and 2 ps bunch length beam at 50 MeV



MESA@bERLinPro: 5 mA (?) with 1 μ rad normalized.....etc

Reminder: Cold String layout of bERLinPro SRF Gun

Parameter	Design	As built
TM_{010} freq. (MHz)	1300	1300
$R/Q(\Omega) \beta = 1$	150	132.5
$G(\Omega)$	174	154
P_{forward} max. (kW)	20	20
E_{peak}/E_0	1.45	1.66
$B_{\text{peak}}/E_{\text{peak}}$ (mTMV^{-1}m)	2.27	2.18
E_{kin} (MeV)	3.5	2.5-3



1.4x $\lambda/2$ cells + Choke cell



Parameter	VTA JLab*	HTA HZB*	Cold string HZB*
$E_0 (\text{MV m}^{-1})$	34.9	34.5	28.5 [‡]
$E_{\text{peak}} (\text{MV m}^{-1})$	58	57.3	47.3
B_{peak} (mT)	111.8	110.4	91.2
low field Q_0	$1.2 \cdot 10^{10}$	$1.1 \cdot 10^{10}$	$9.6 \cdot 10^9$
$\Delta f / \Delta E_0^2 (\text{Hz MV}^{-1}\text{m})^2$	-4.7	-3.7	-3.4
$\Delta f / \Delta P_{\text{LHe}}$ (Hz mbar ⁻¹)	-561	150	33

*15-20% higher found by beam energy measurements



Reminder: Evolution of the first Gun module/cavity

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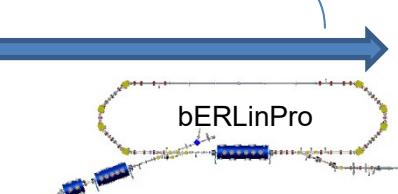
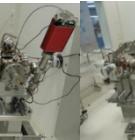
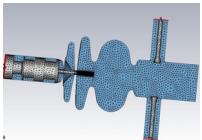
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bERLinPro

- Decommissioning
- Refurbish
- Rebuild

Design

Manufacture

Test/Assembly

String test

String/Cold mass

Module assembly

Cathode transfer

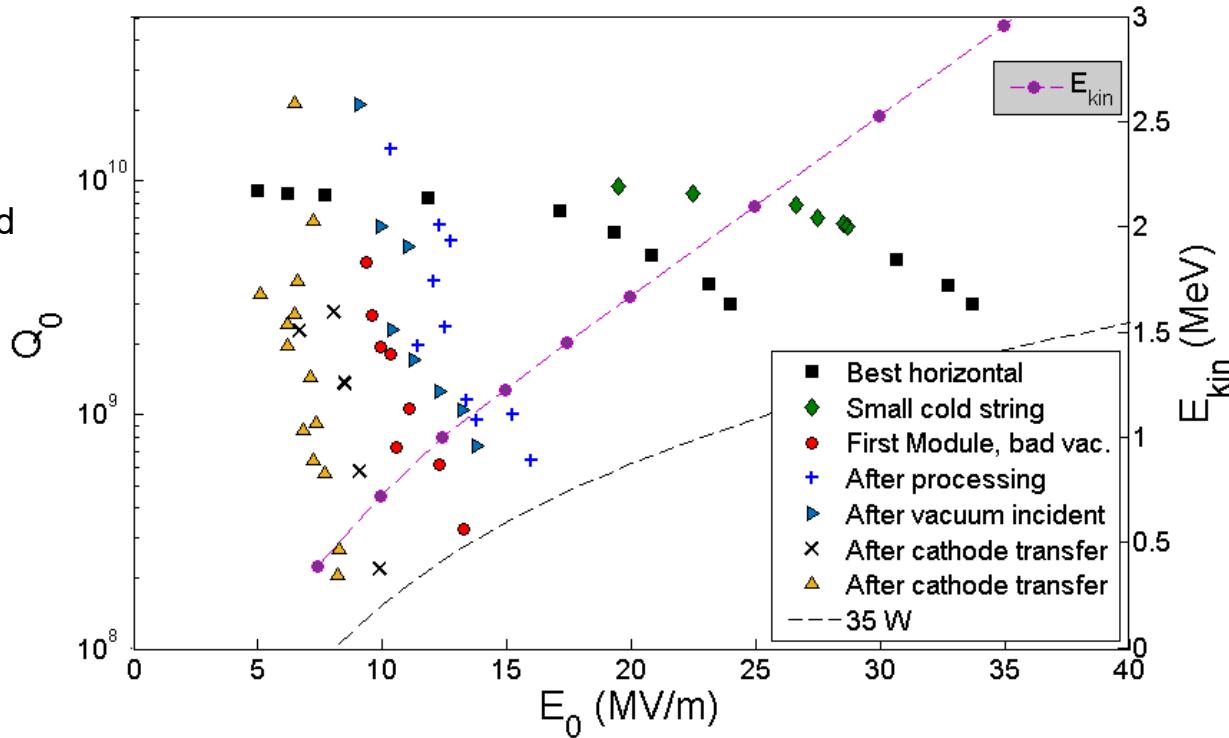
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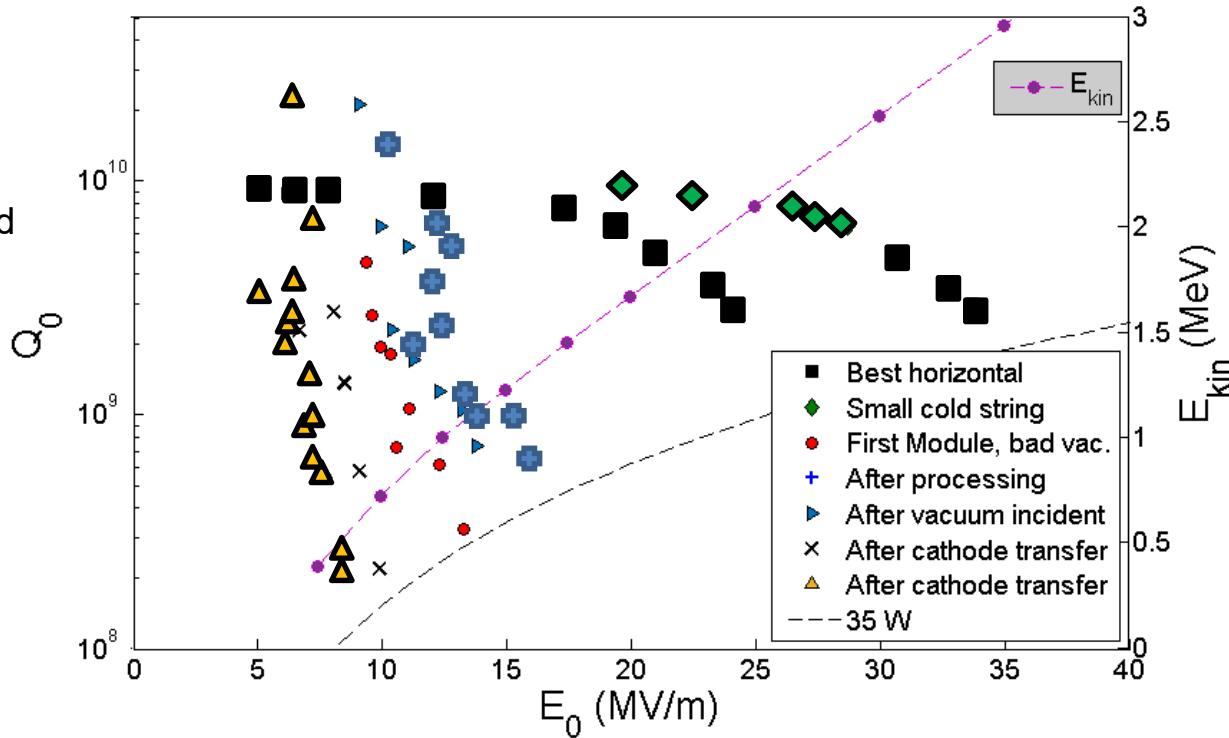
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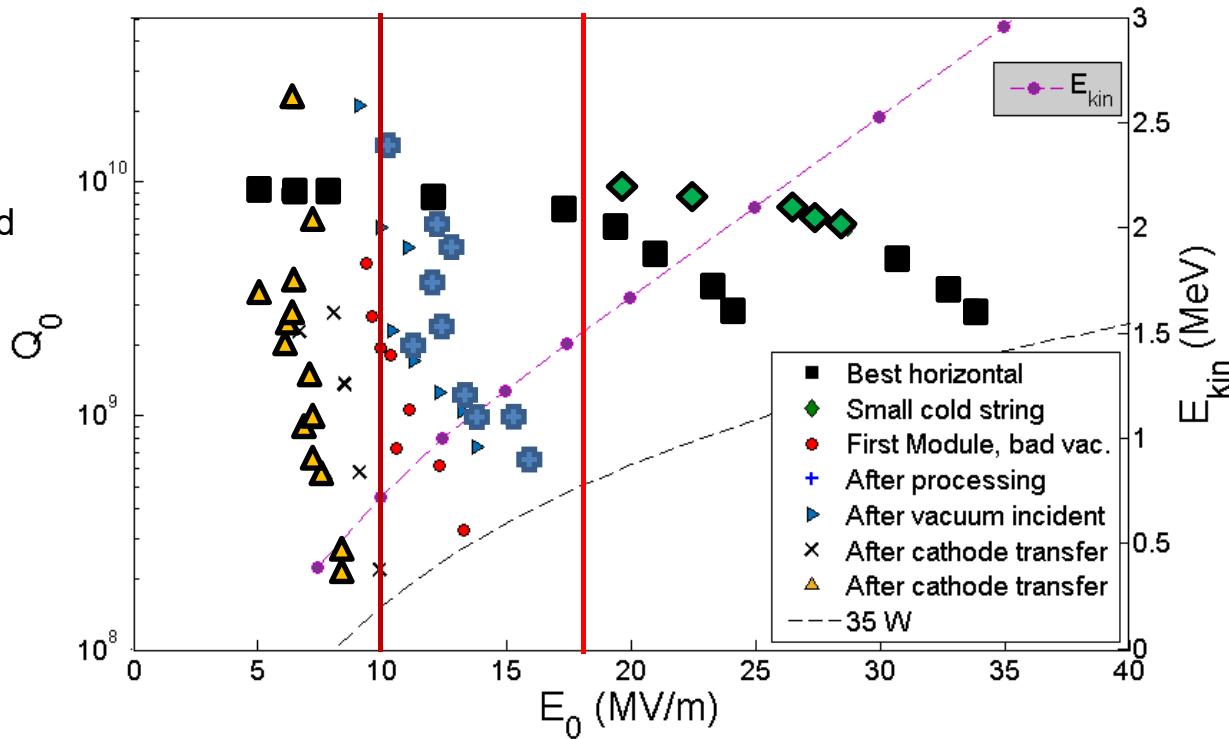
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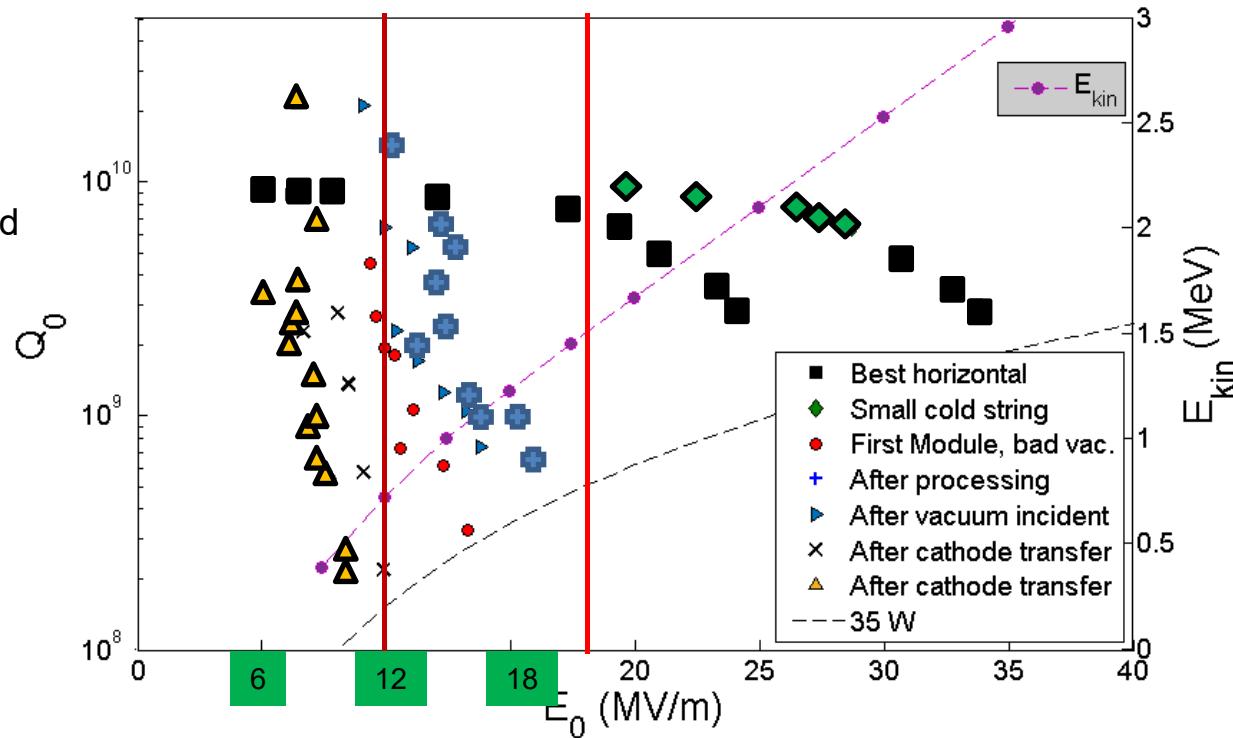
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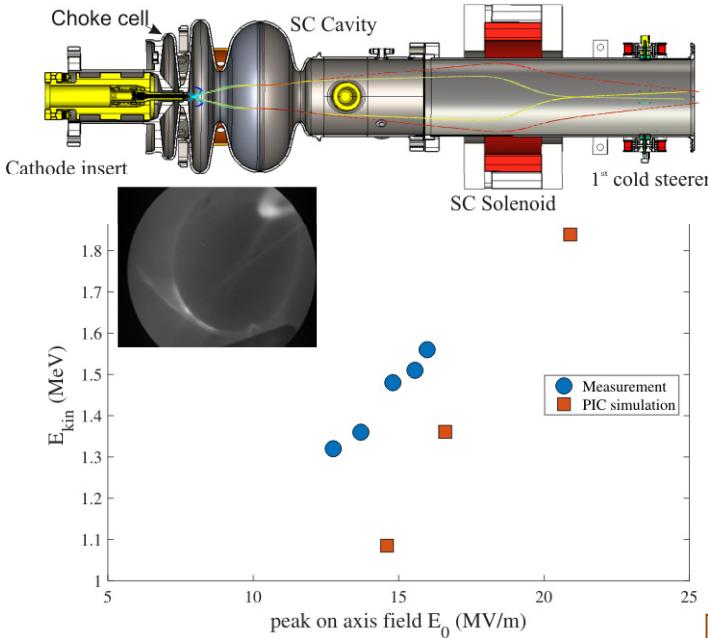
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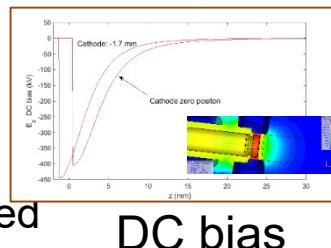


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Results: Evolution of Dark current (with and without cathode)

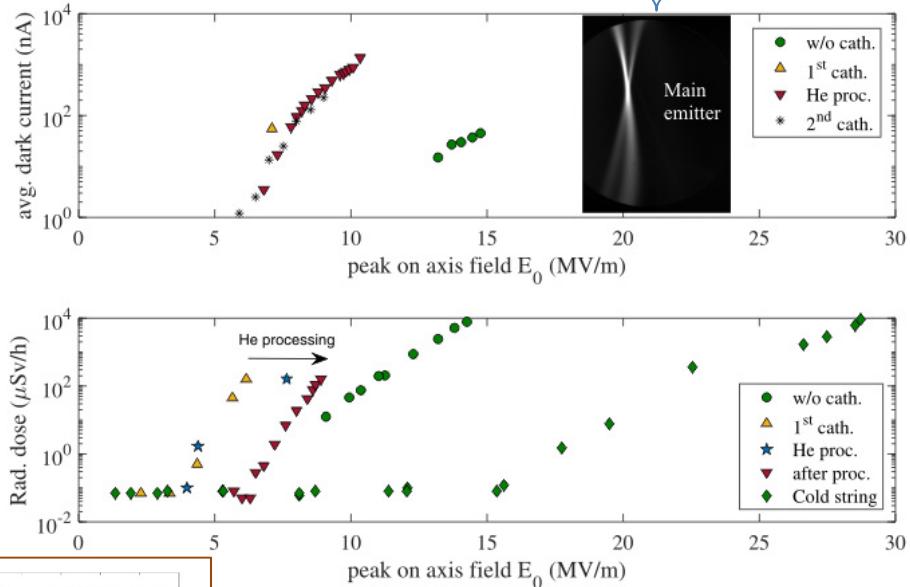


Imaging of cathode opening on 1st screen by solenoid, used for field correction of RF calibration
→ Field 15-20% higher than expected



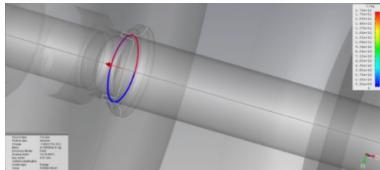
DC bias

$E_0 = 7.0 \text{ MV/m}$ $p_z = 0.86 \text{ MeV/c}$ and 0.82 MeV/c ,
75% of total current

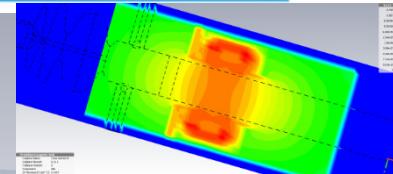
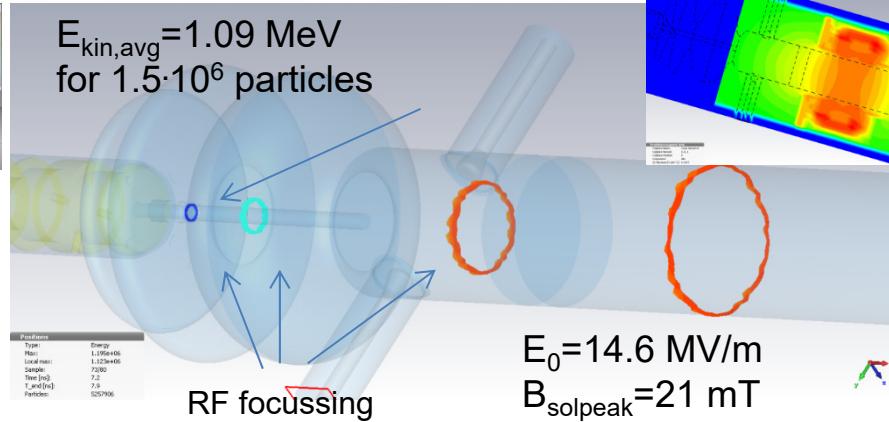


As seen with Q_0 measurements, field emission got worse with each step. Helium processing helped gaining about 2 MV/m

Results: Dark current to calibrate field level

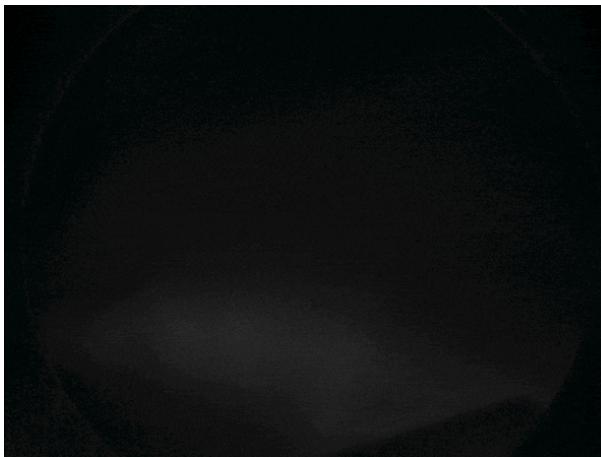


Ring emitter on cathode opening



Solenoid field

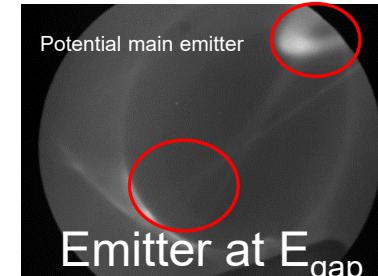
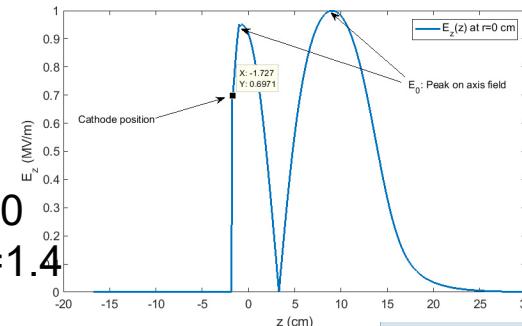
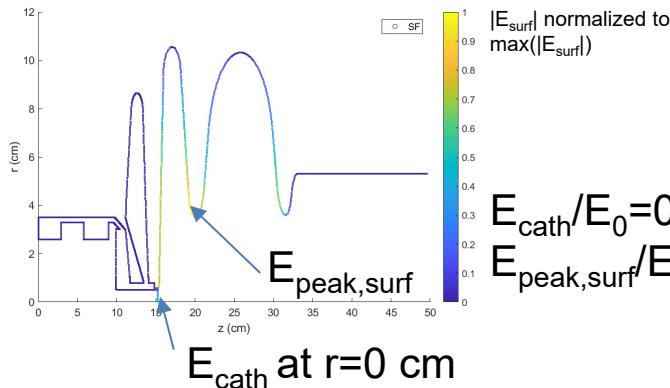
Simulation setup



1st measured
Dark current
in Gunlab/
bERLinPro
SRF gun

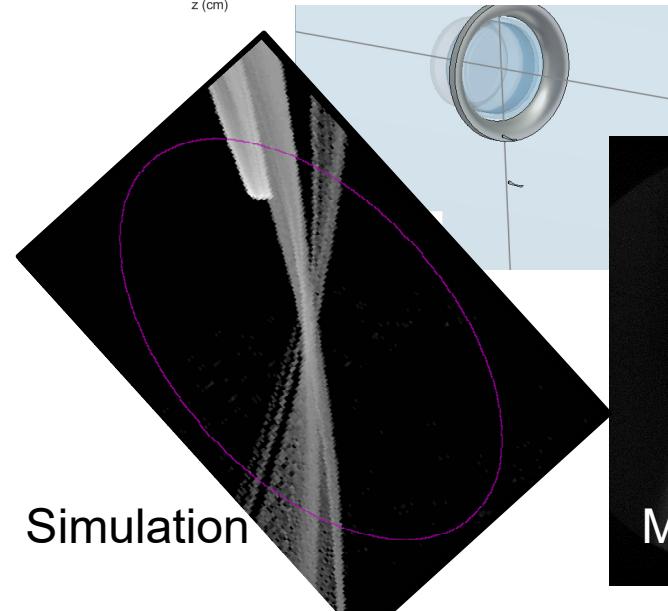
Dark current image on first
viewscreen with scanning
the solenoid field

Results: Dark current, where does it come from?

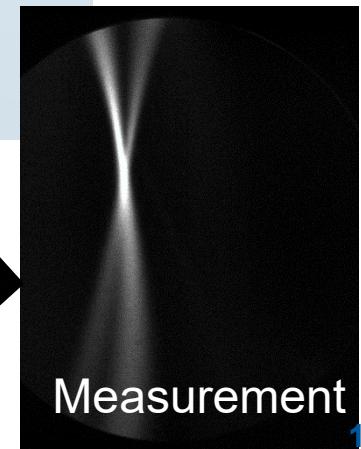


CST PIC
model

→ Correct E_0 from RF with proper energy scaling
→ Determine ratio of E at emitter location to E_0
E.g.: $E_{cath} = 0.7 * E_0$,
 $E_{gap} = 0.9 * E_{peak,surf} = 0.9 * 1.4 * E_0 = 1.3 * E_0$



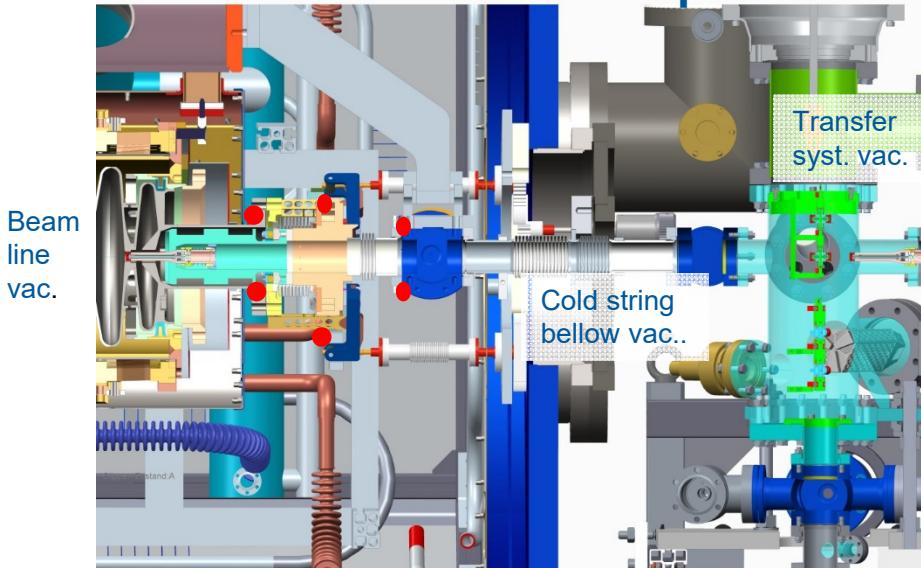
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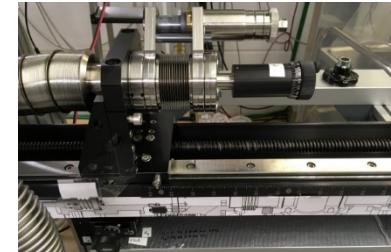
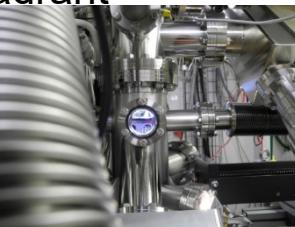
Measurement

Results: Cathode transfer procedure

Cathode transfer is the most critical procedure after clean room assembly!

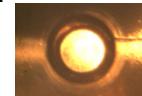


1st attempt: Guide lugs in wrong quadrant



Diagnostics for transfer:

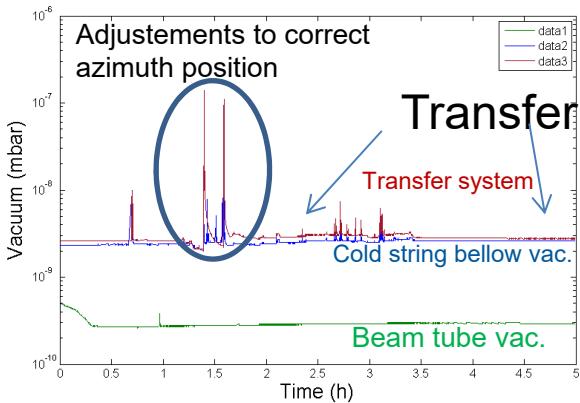
- Vacuum gauges
- Temperature sensors
- 2K Helium flow
- Capacitive positioning sensors (3)
- TM₀₁₀ passband and Choke cell eigenmode frequencies
- Electrical contact
- Cathode camera
- Scale



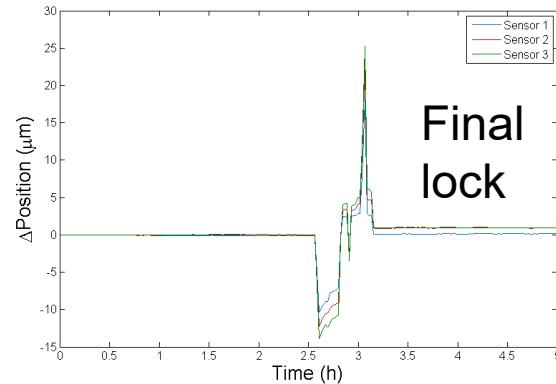
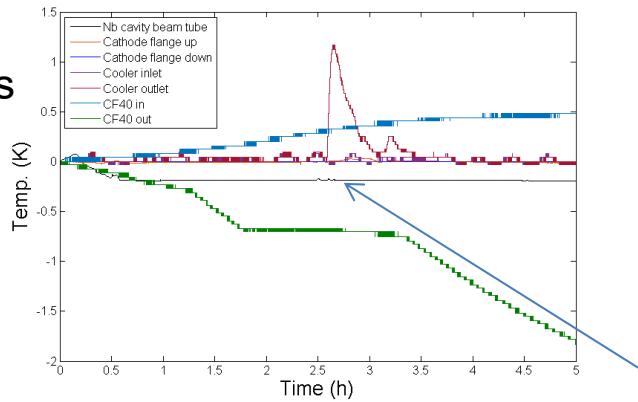
2nd time corrected

Cathode transfer: Observations 2nd try

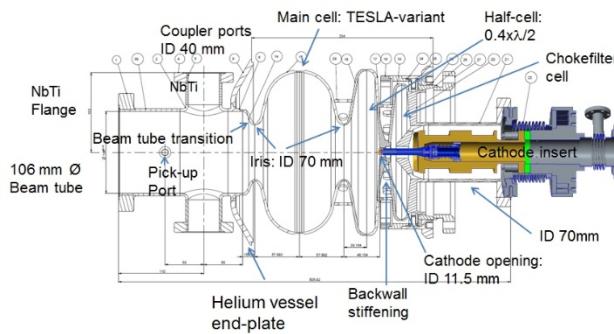
Vacuum



Temperatures



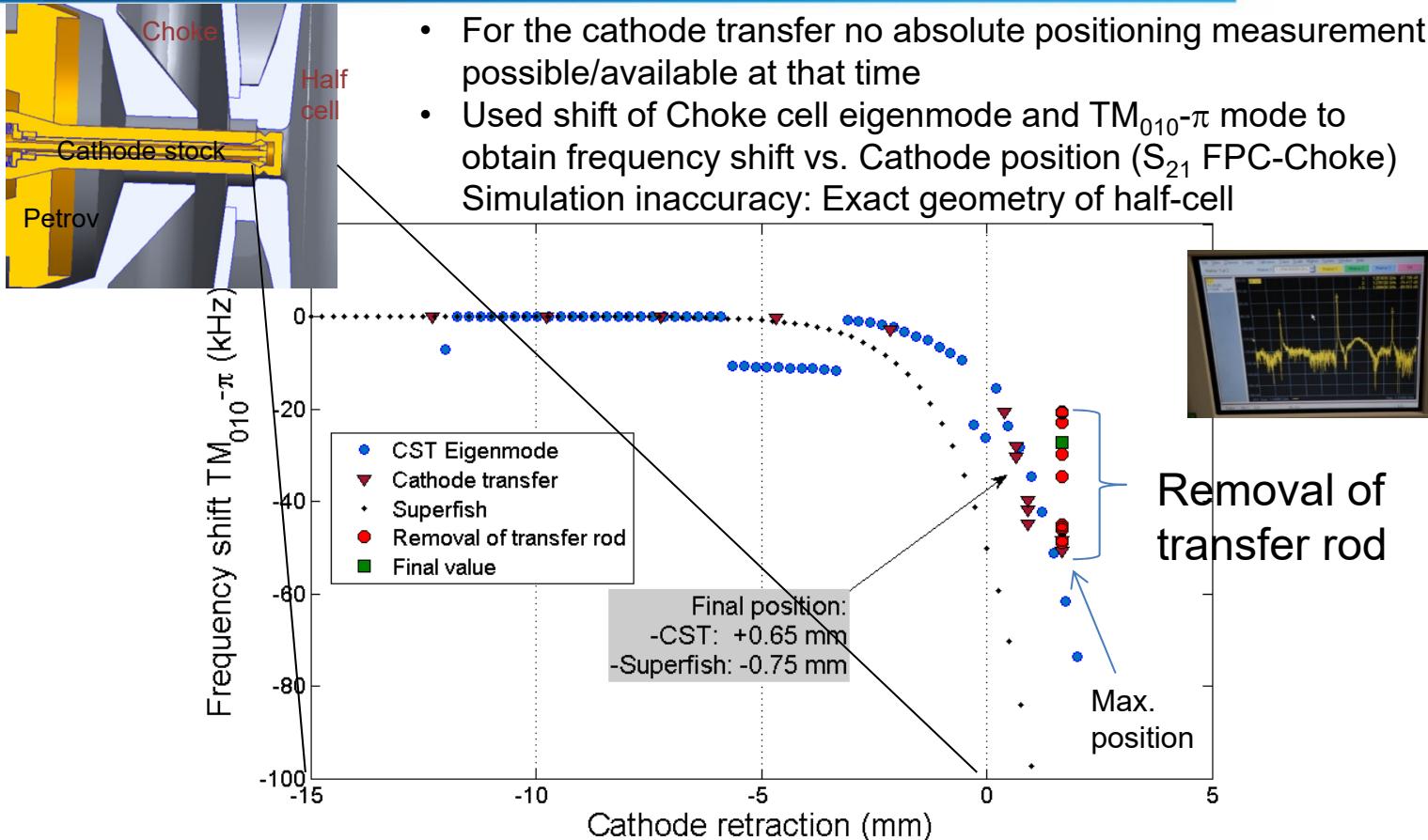
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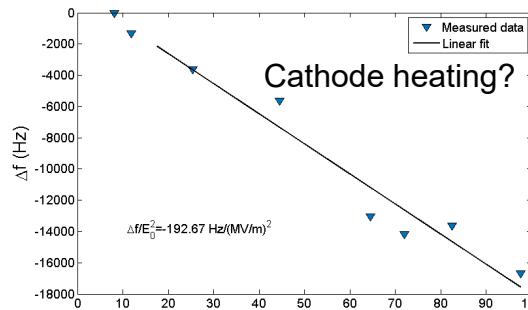
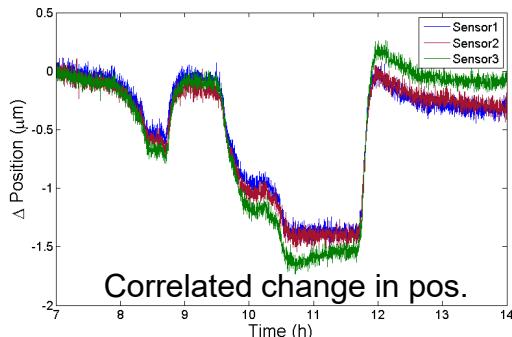
Geometry

Cathode stock moves into cone of Petrov filter/cooler

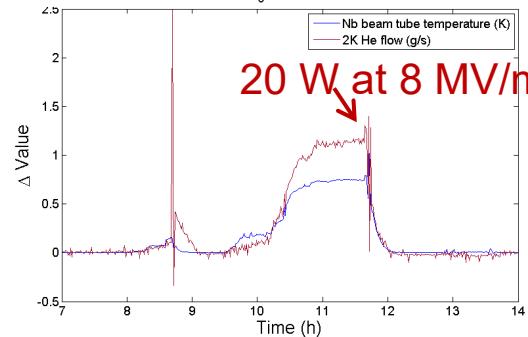
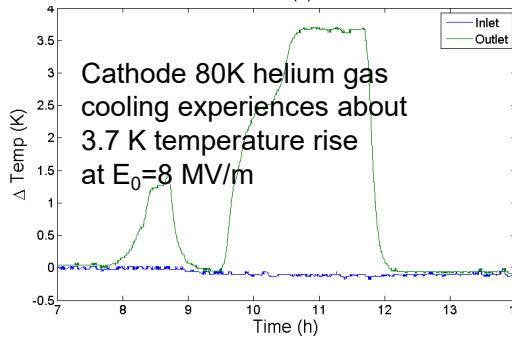
Cathode transfer: Resonator's response



Results: RF response with cathode



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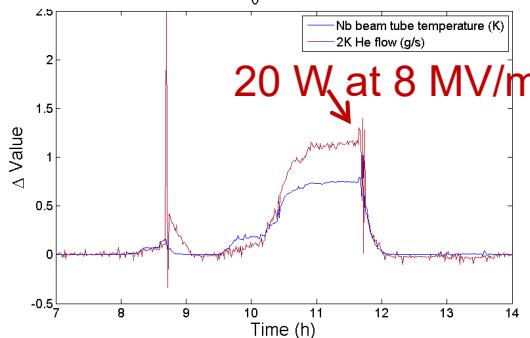
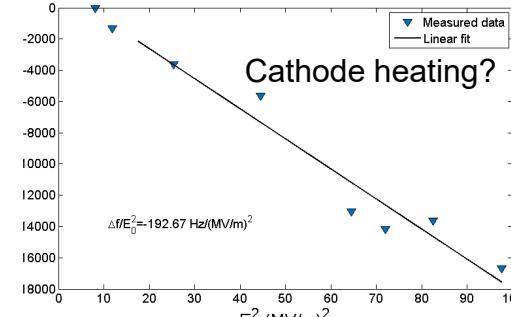
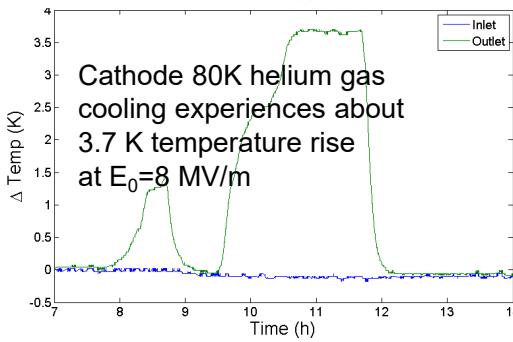
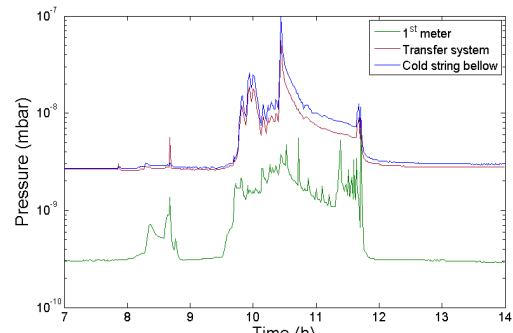
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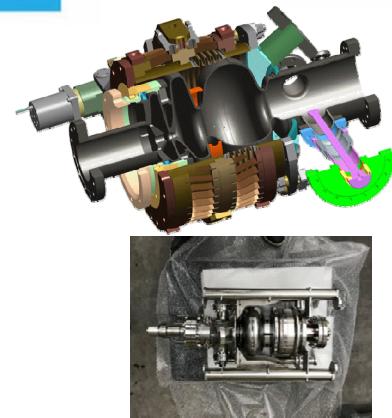
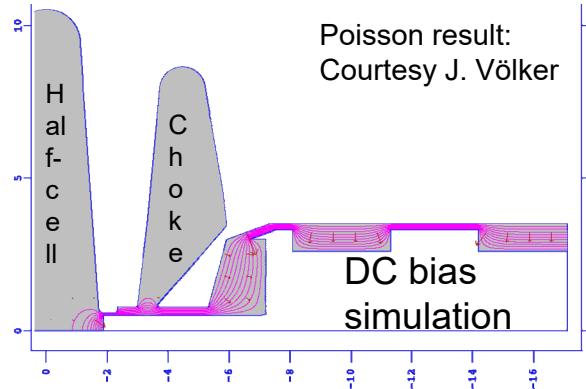
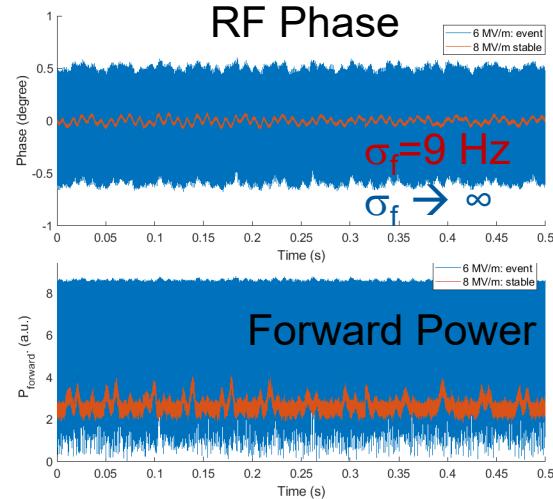
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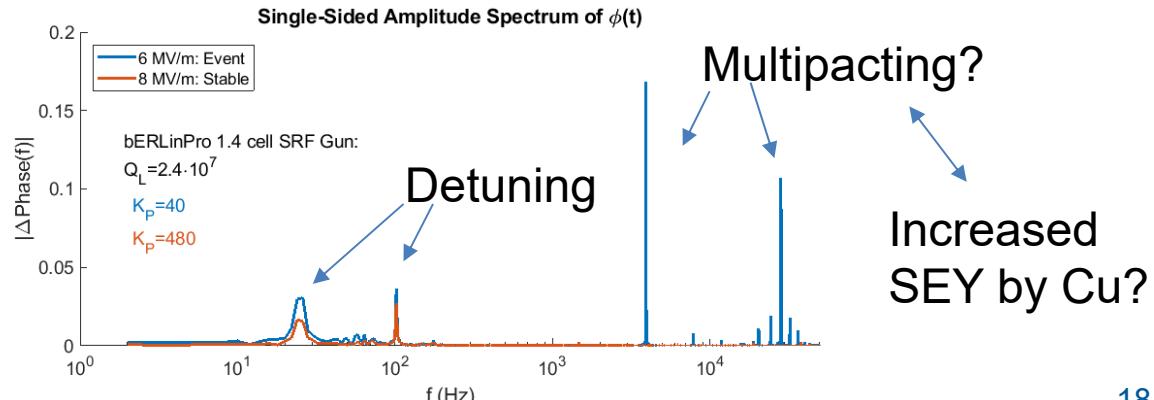
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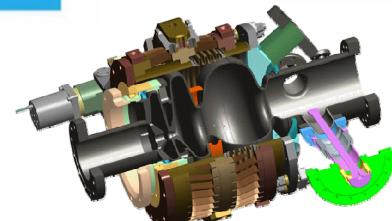
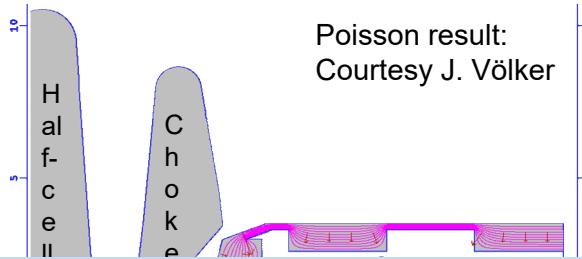
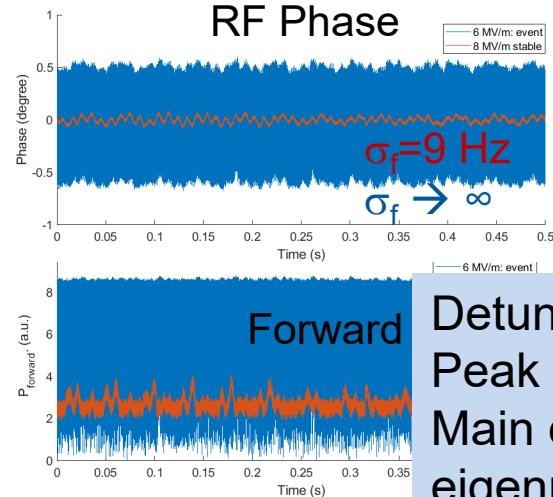


No direct correlation to loop gain!



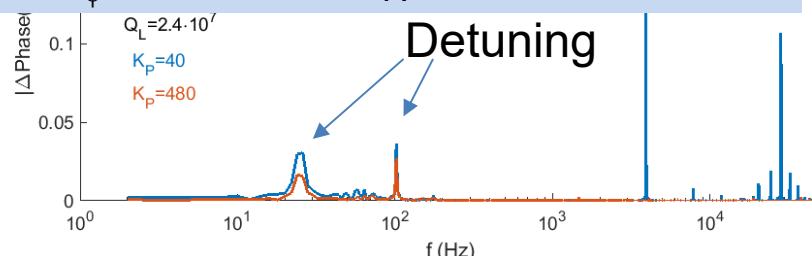
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Detuning rms: 9.8 Hz
Peak detuning ± 20 Hz
Main contribution first mechanical eigenmode,
Candidate for active resonance control
Stability: $\sigma_\phi = 0.03$ deg., $\sigma_A/A = 1.5 \cdot 10^{-4}$

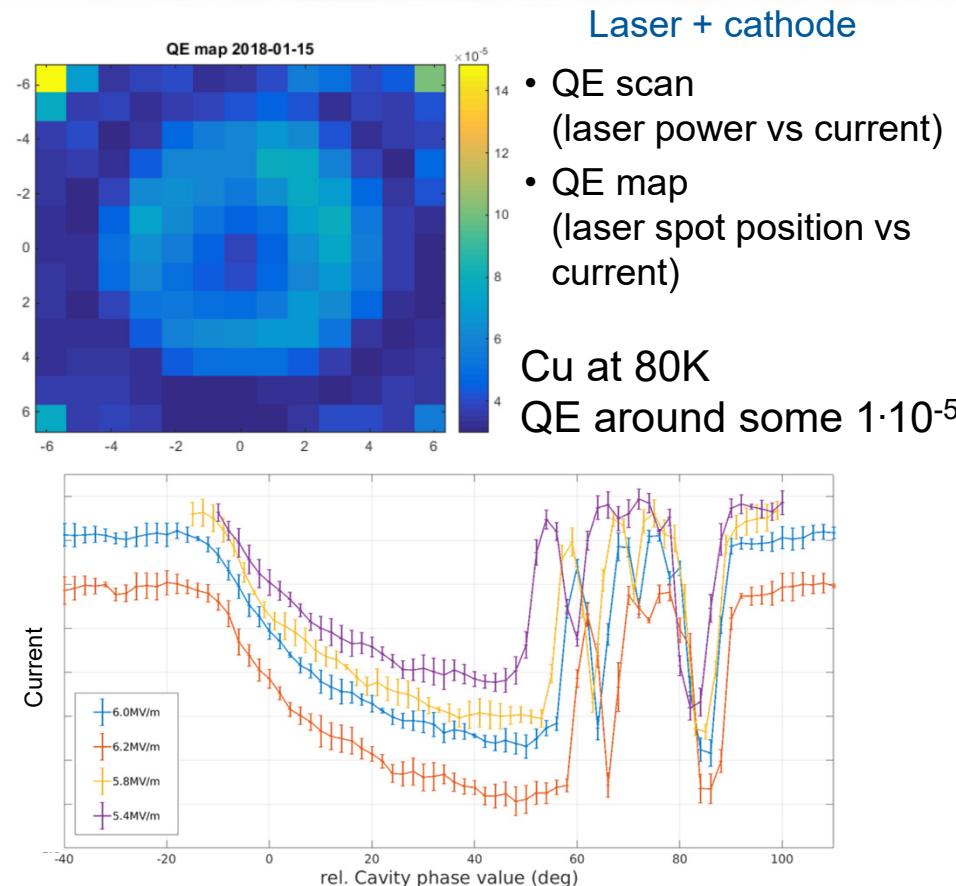
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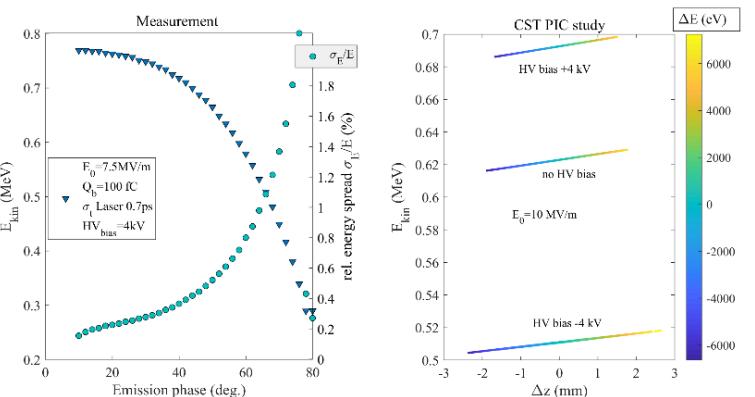
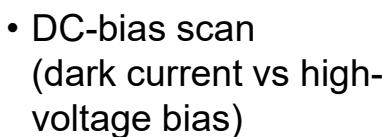
Increased
SEY by Cu?

Results: First beam properties with Cu cathode



- Current**
- Shottky scan (current vs gun phase)
 - Fowler-Nordheim scan (dark current vs gun gradient)
 - DC-bias scan (dark current vs high-voltage bias)

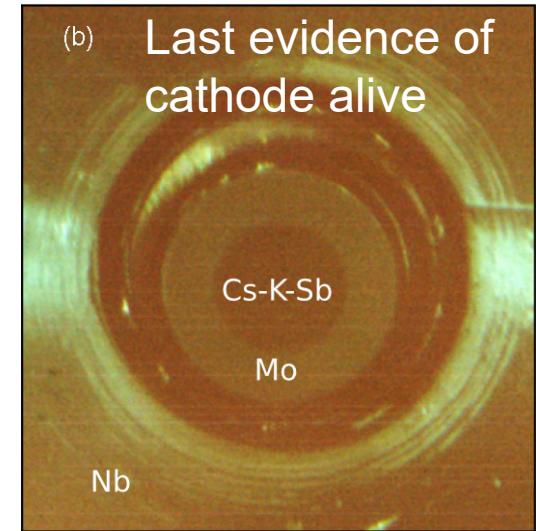
- Momentum (spread)**
- momentum scan (momentum vs gun phase)



Setbacks: Loss of cathode

During operation with Cu cathode obviously we had some activity on-going (Vacuum events, multipacting, heating after first transfer)

- We observed some issues with the cathode holder, but were not aware about the severity of damage.
- Given project boundaries and a high QE cathode of CsK₂Sb on Mo (12.7% at 2.33eV or 532nm) we decided for a transfer into the gun.
- It was lost when releasing the transfer rod from the insert.
- Later we saw damage to the holding mechanism and Cu cathode eventually caused $h\nu$ high temperatures and sputtering

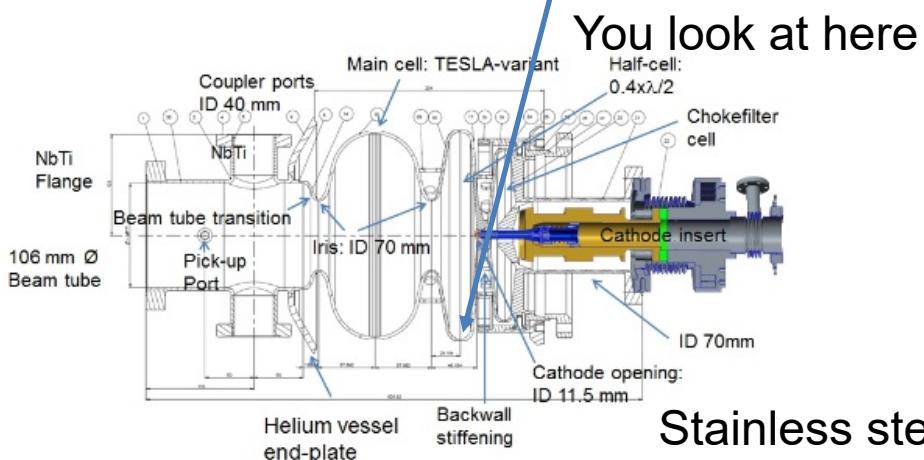
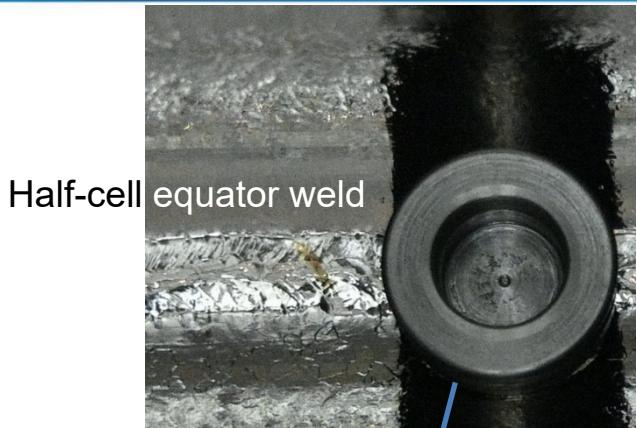


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What now?

- We obtained a large collection of experience, somehow the amount of problems observed at other labs squeezed into 1-2 years
- We had a SRF gun with a cathode inside the half-cell
 - Can we salvage the cathode w/o further damaging the cavity?
 - Do we observe any issues by cathode sputtering
 - Do we even find remnants of the shattered screen?
- What is the status of our second Gun Cavity?
 - We already know, that it was mistreated during production (“overtuning”, blown up in ultra-sonic bath), not field-flat
 - It showed some not understood Q_0 slope at higher fields (no field emission)

Setbacks: How to salvage a cathode?



- The cathode Mo Plug was found by optical inspection and removed with replica method
- Inspection of cathode surface by laser scanning confocal microscopy as well as the surface of cathode opening
- We found defects, which explain dark current as shown before



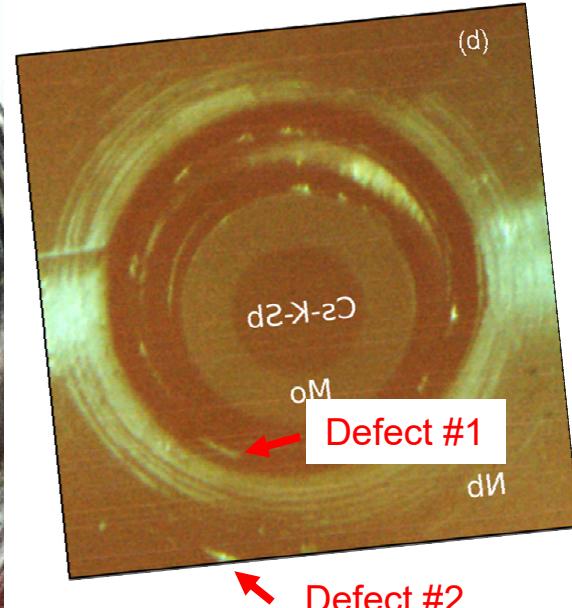
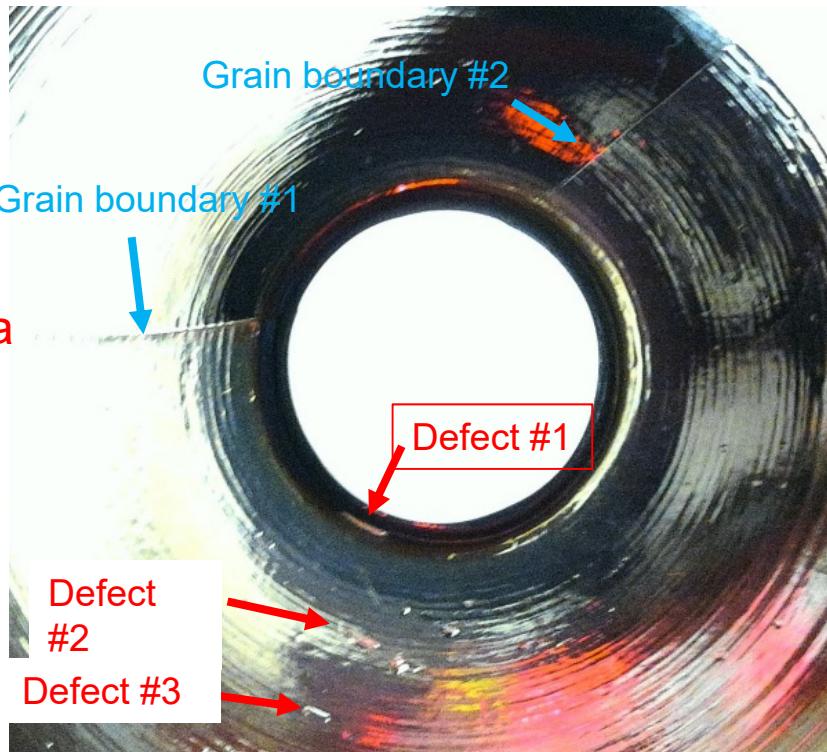
Damaged cathode holder



Stainless steel parts were sputtered by Copper cathode

Setbacks: Check cathode area for defects

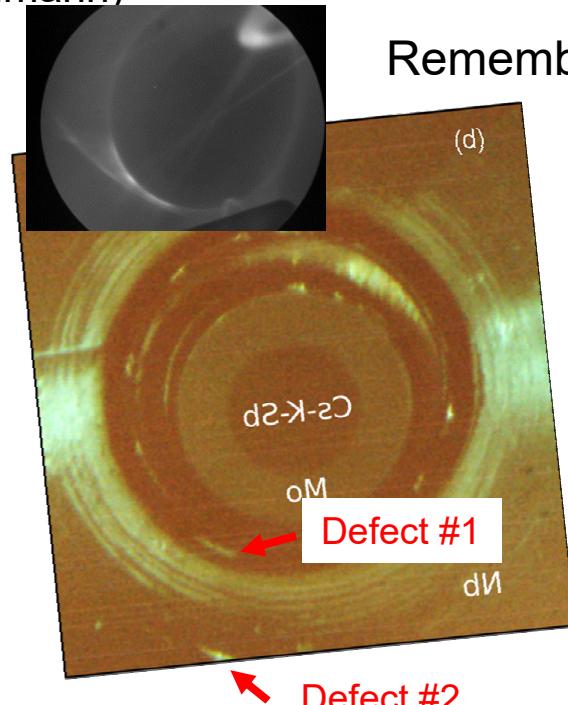
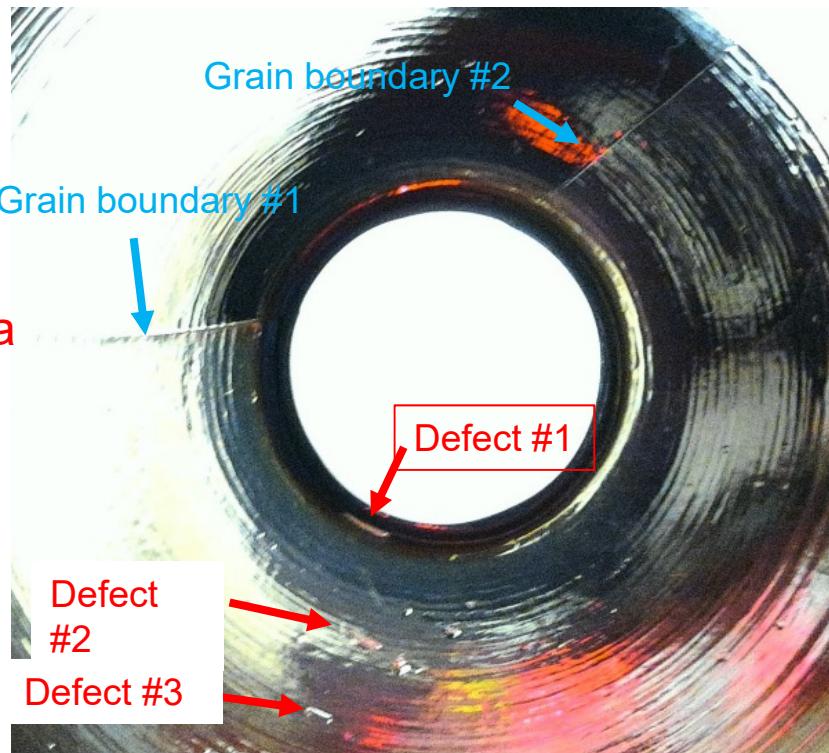
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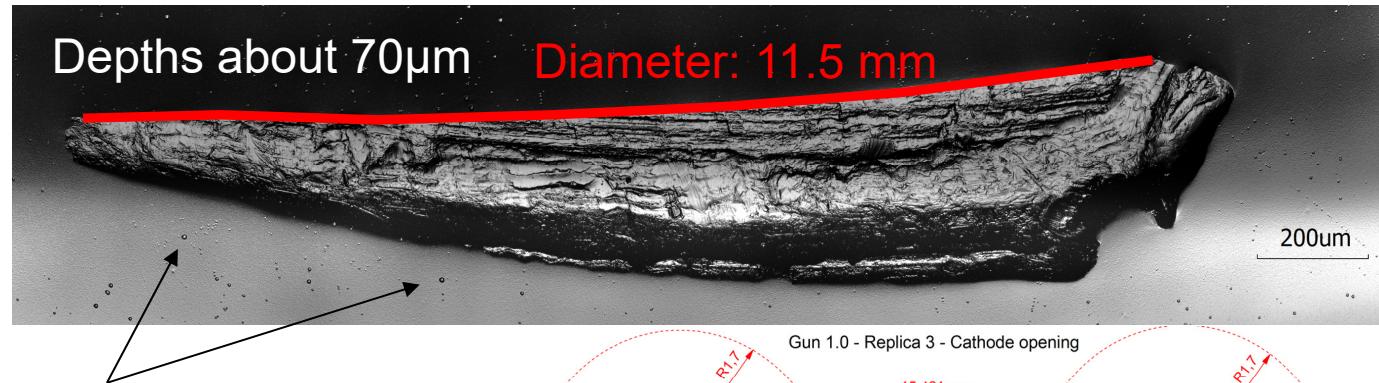


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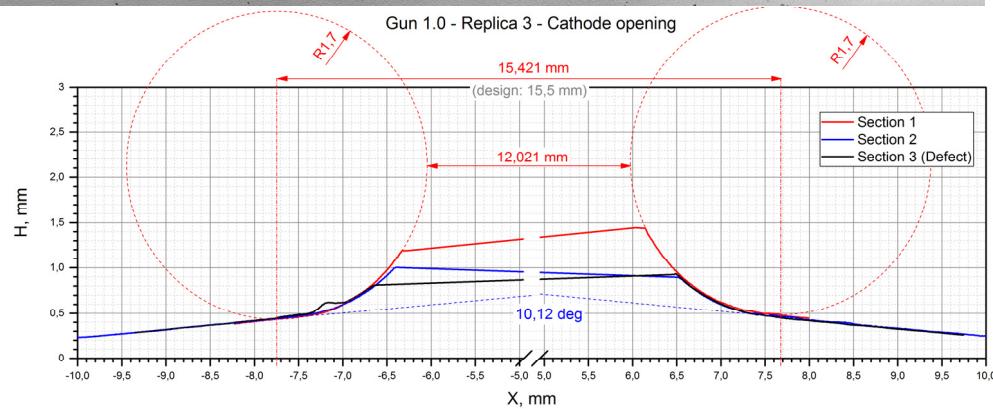
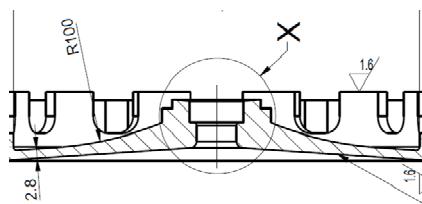
Setbacks: Type of defects

Laser scanned height map of replica taken from the defect close to the cathode opening

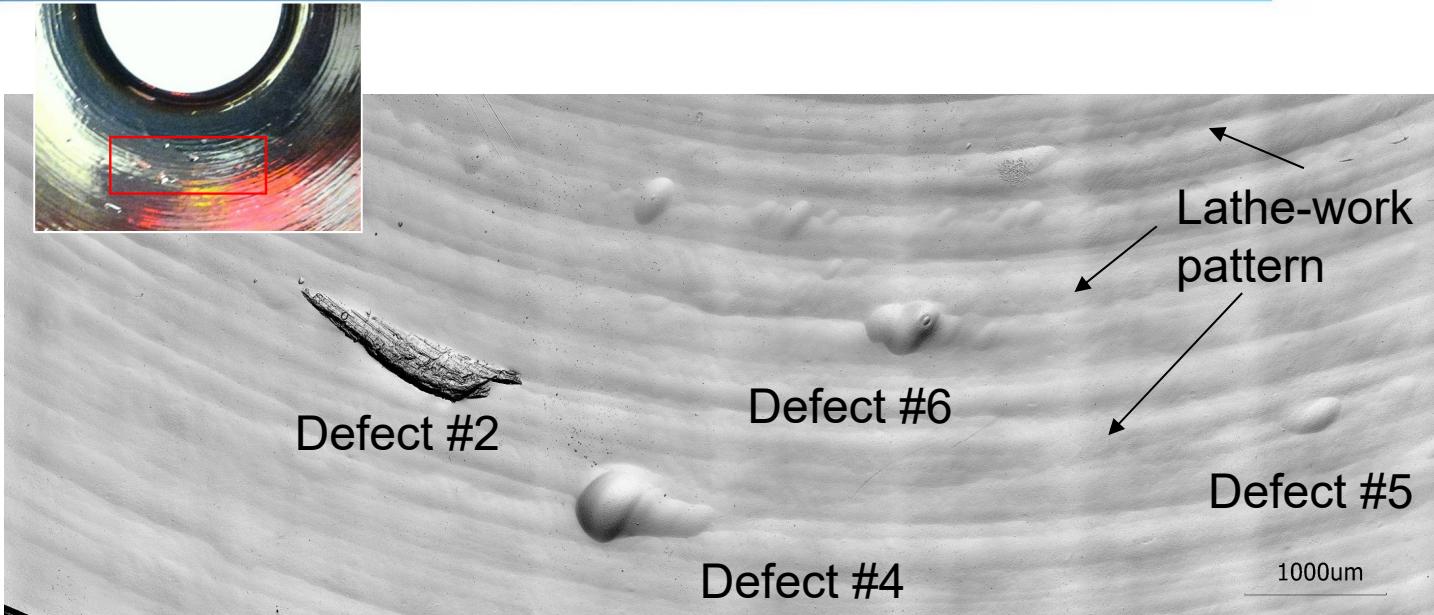


Alien™?

Etching
pits (BCP)



Radius of cathode opening blends show a BCP removal of about 300 μ m, about double the cavity surface
No etching visible on the defect surface



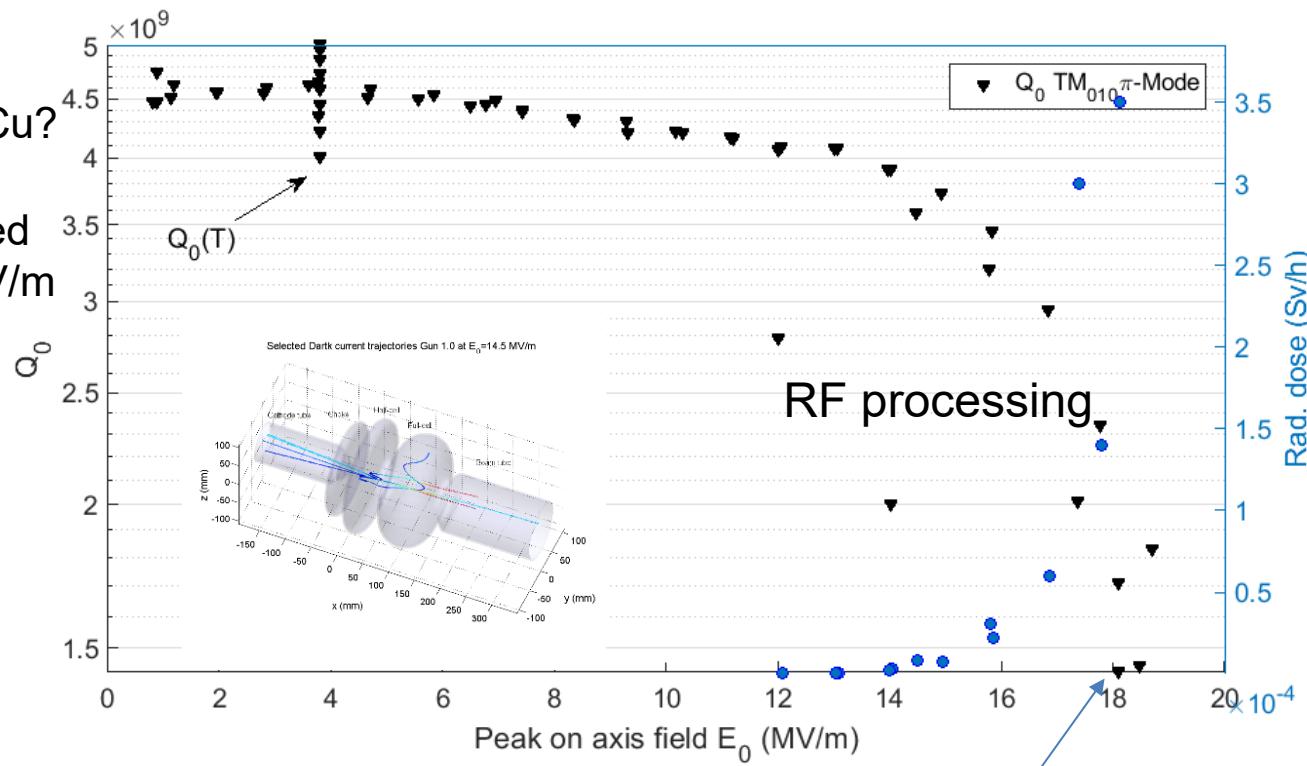
Defects 4-6 are very smooth, they saw etching by BCP. Those happened during production, opening of voids while machining the ingot material?

Defect 1 and 2 appeared after final BCP, currently check cavity history, but field emission was present from Test 1 and BCP happened also afterwards.

Recover: π -Mode result after High Pressure Water Rinsing

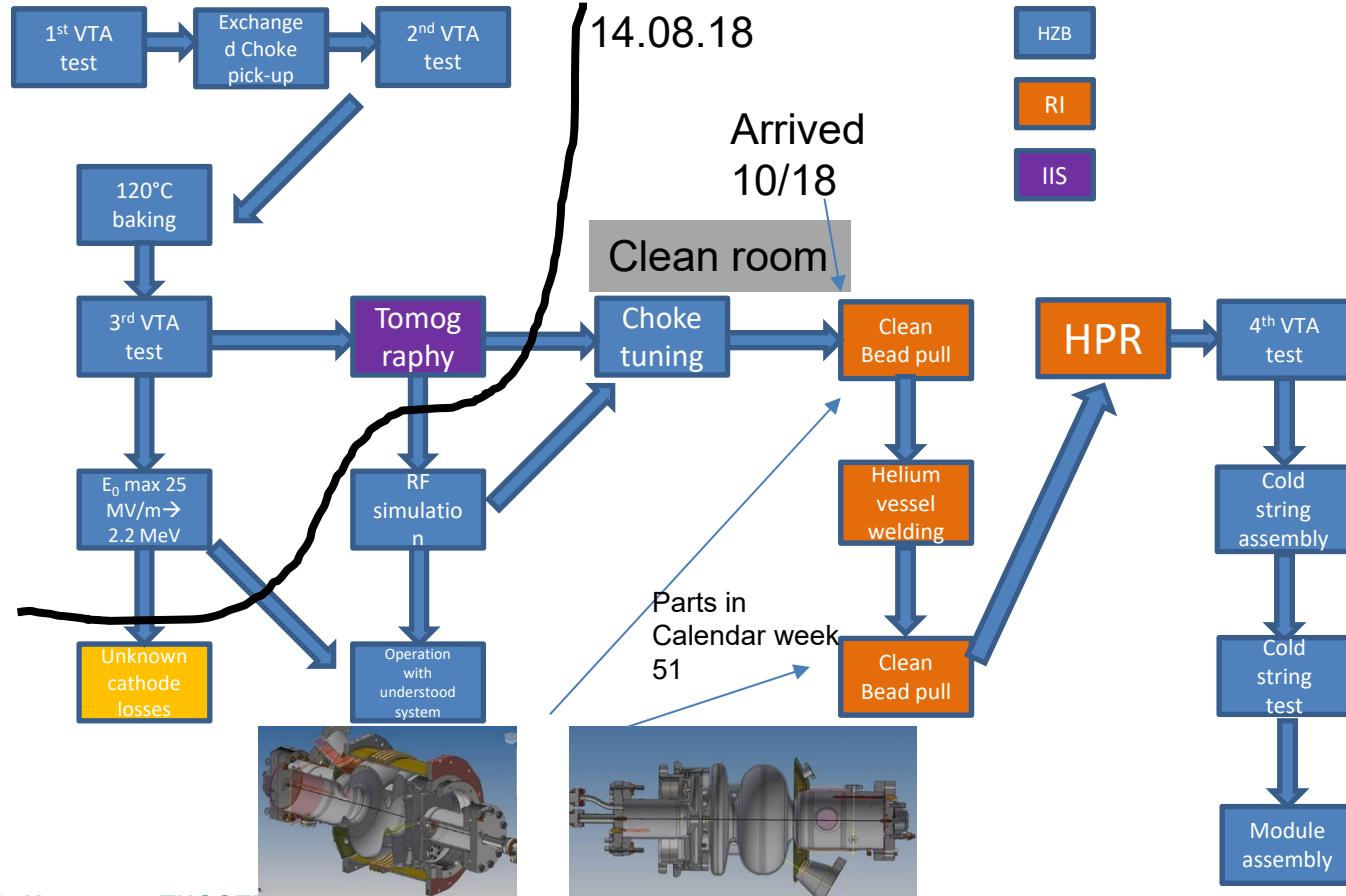
Lowered Q_0
by sputtered Cu?

FE onset shifted
from 7 \rightarrow 14 MV/m

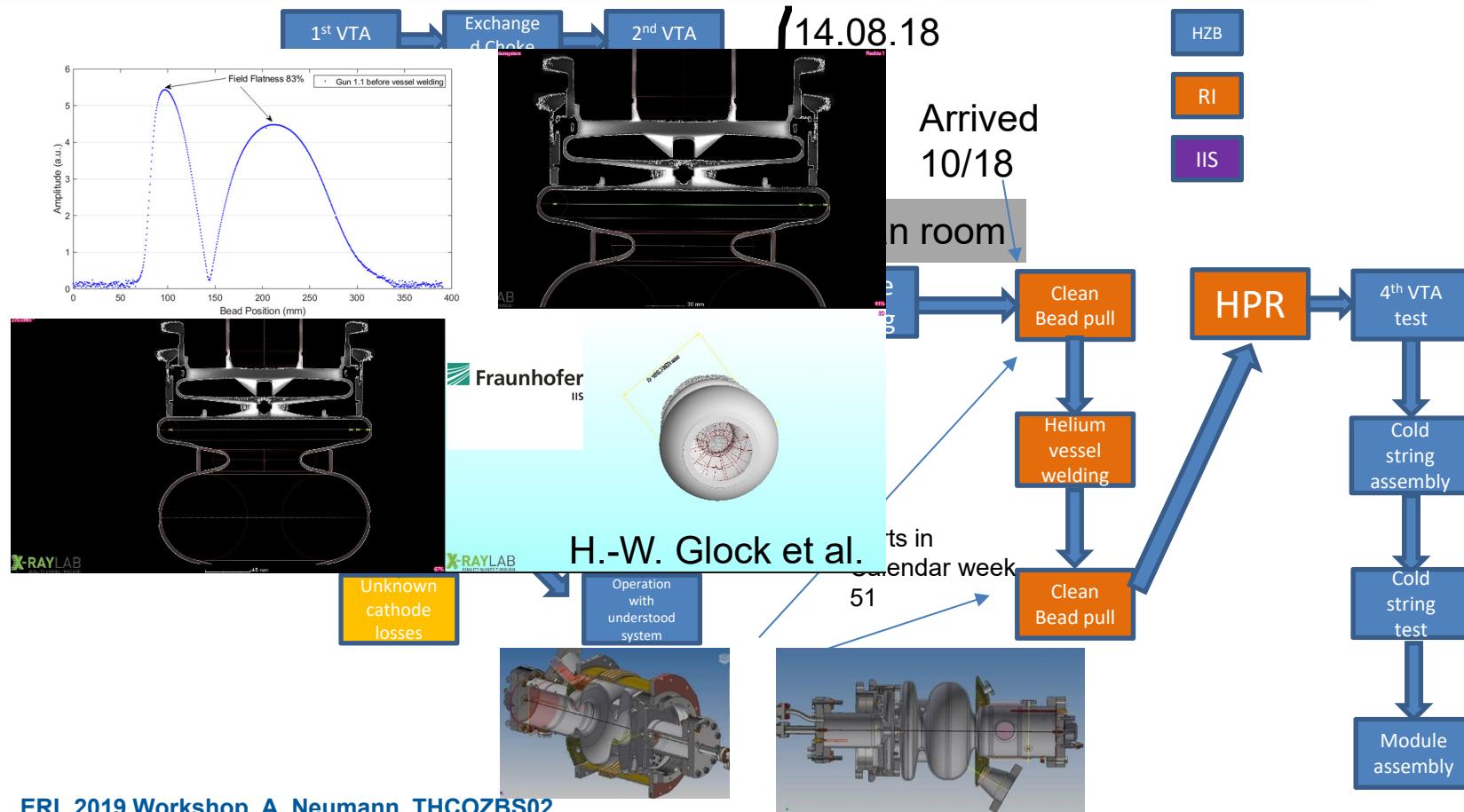


Cavity undercoupled $0.2 \leq \beta_c \leq 0.7 \rightarrow$ error bar! $P_{diss} = 11.5$ W

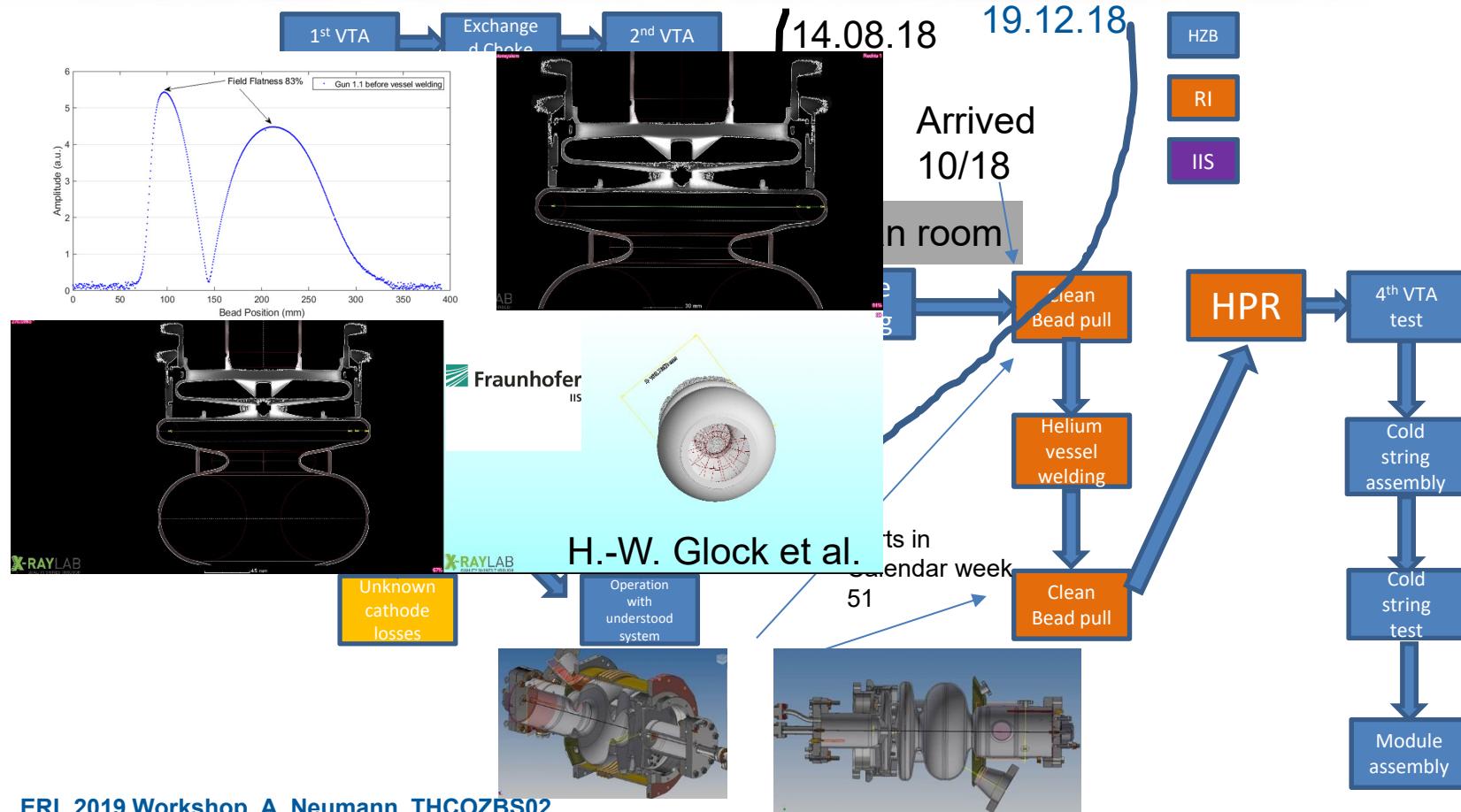
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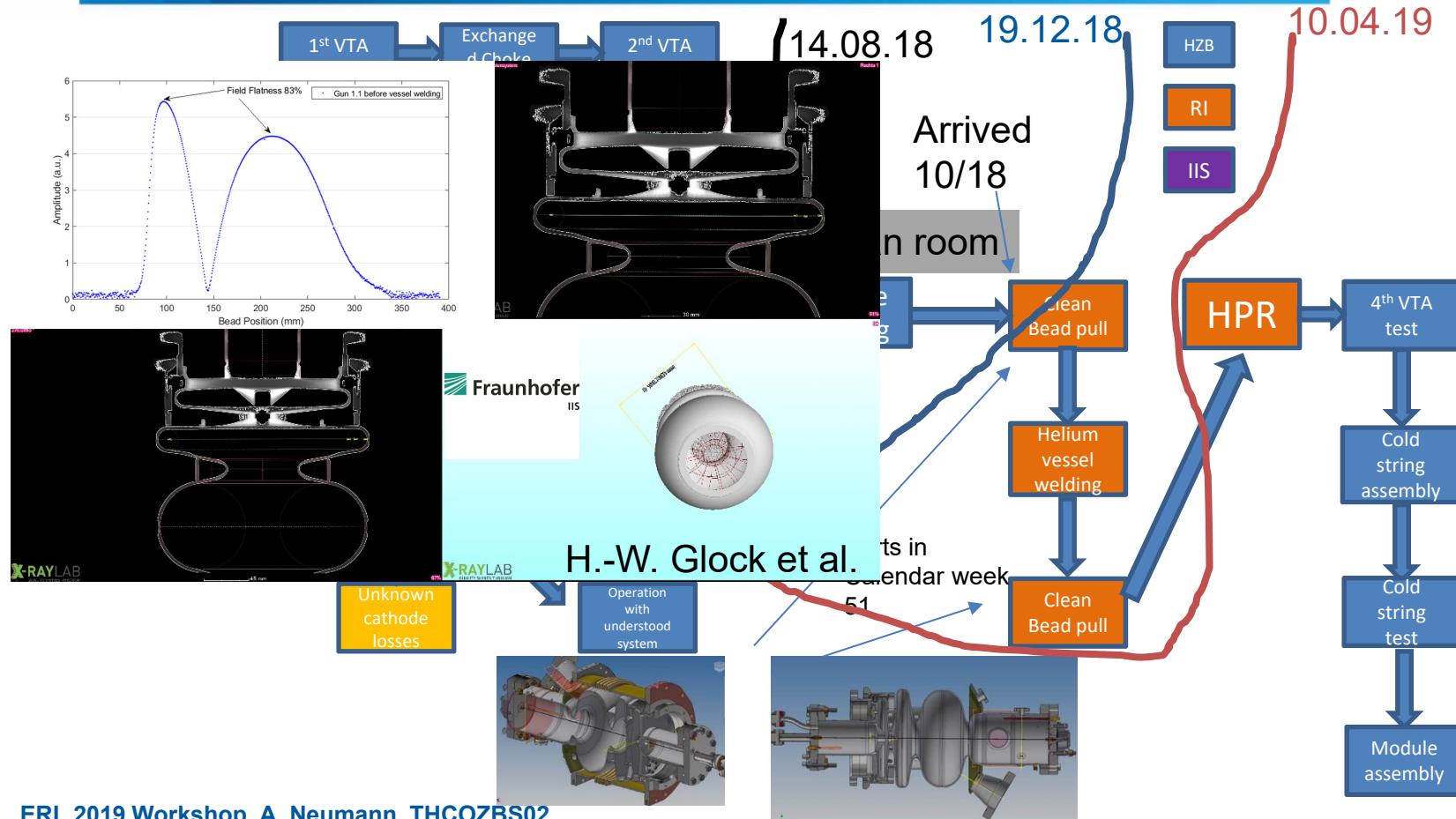
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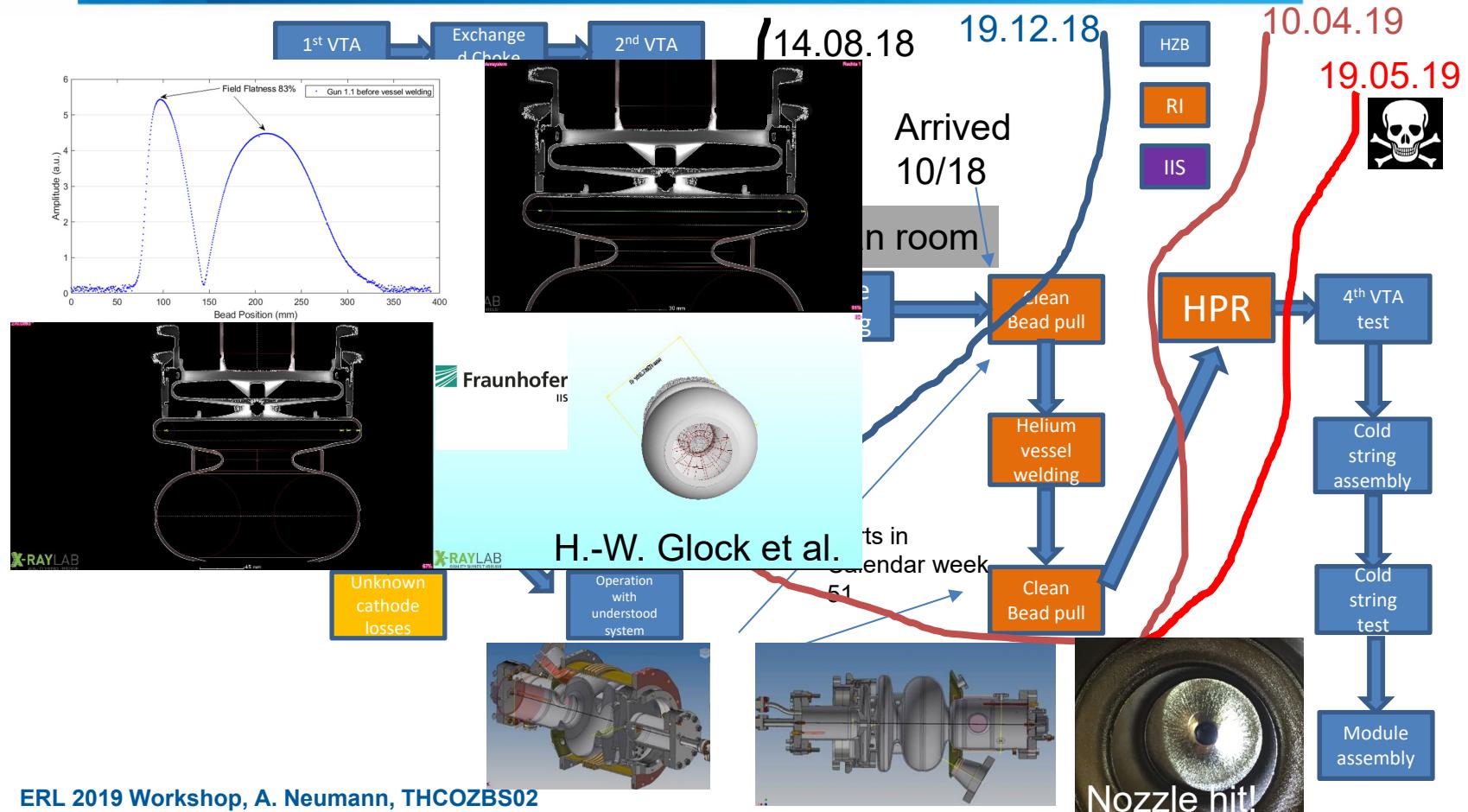
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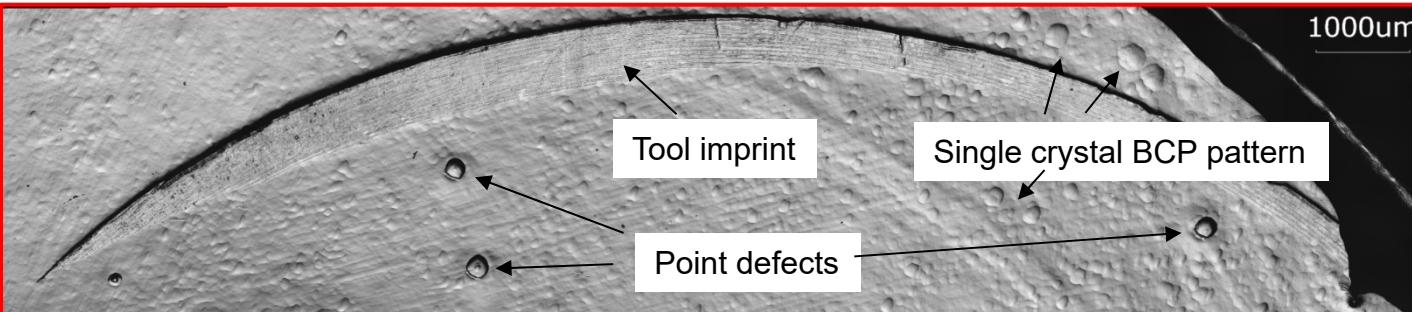
What now about Gun 1.1????



Optical inspection

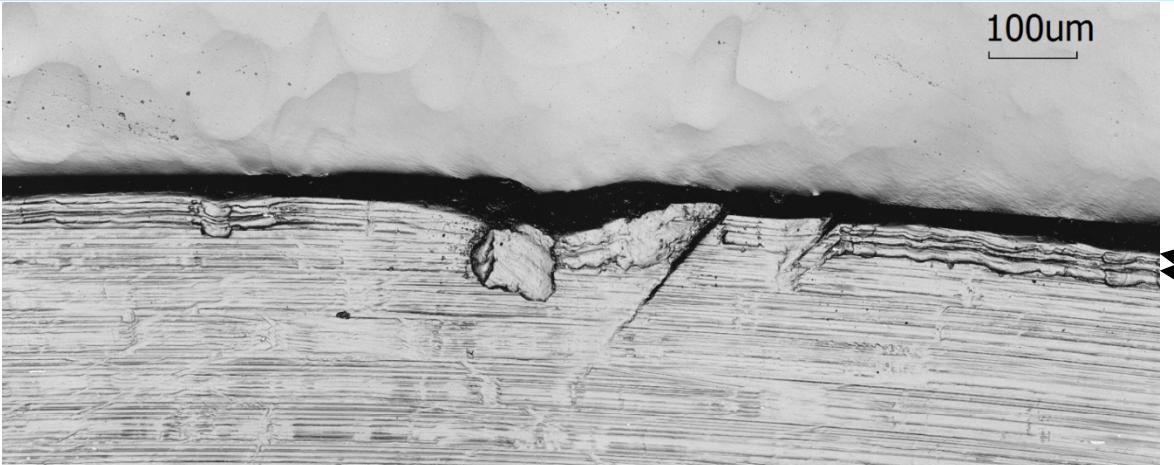
Replica of the defect area (Y. Tamashevich et al)

- Confocal laser scanning microscopy of defect area
- Develop repair plan:
- Grinding of defect area
- BCP of surface to locally remove 10-20 μ m
- Clean room bead pull to evaluate field profile
- Cleaning and high pressure water rinsing
- Vertical test to confirm RF results



“Luckily” the first Gun 1.0 we operated with beam in Gunlab showed smaller, but similar defects → Goes through this procedure as a pilot (...to explore unknown territory no SRF cavity has seen before)

Gun 1.1: A closer look



3x chipping
– vibration
after contact
– not slow move

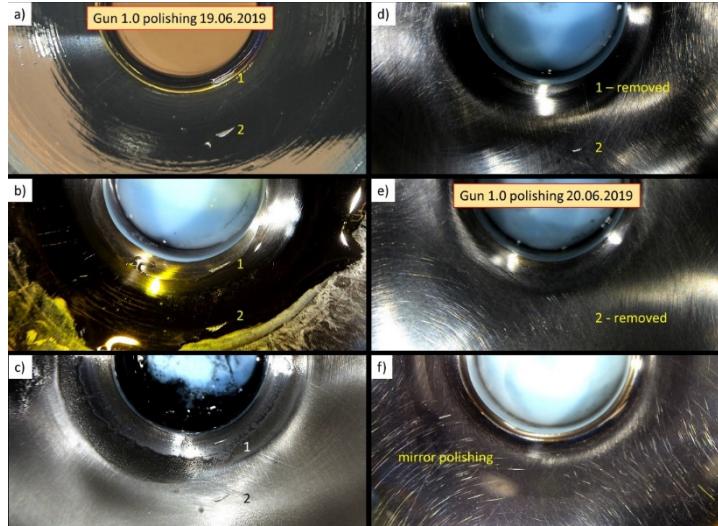
That causes a delay for the SRF gun module of about 6-8 months, summing up the delay already caused before that



View onto half-cell backwall

Y. Tamashevich et al

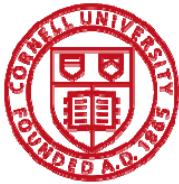
- The defects were removed by grinding using special polish liquid
- This took about two working days for the grinding alone
- Gun 1.1 will require much longer work
- Defects were not visible with replica
→ Gun 1.0 w/o FE now?



Damage layer
still present

1st BCP too low removal,
2nd step required. Follow-up
HPR and 120°C baking
→ VTA test will show level
of success

- After assembly of the module, we operated our 1st SRF gun cavity within a dedicated beam teststand.
- Beam experiments with Cu cathode were performed and showed a limit of usable field level by RF losses, multipacting mainly caused by damaging the cathode holder during the very first run
- Field emission was always an issue, but the cavity experienced several issues: 1st view-screen broke, accidentally venting via transfer system improper material combination of insert for Cu cathode
- Our back-up cavity got damaged at the vendor during final HPR
- Currently, the first gun, showing defects as main cause of field emission, acts as a pilot for repair attempt.
- We plan to start cryo-module commissioning summer 2020.



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