

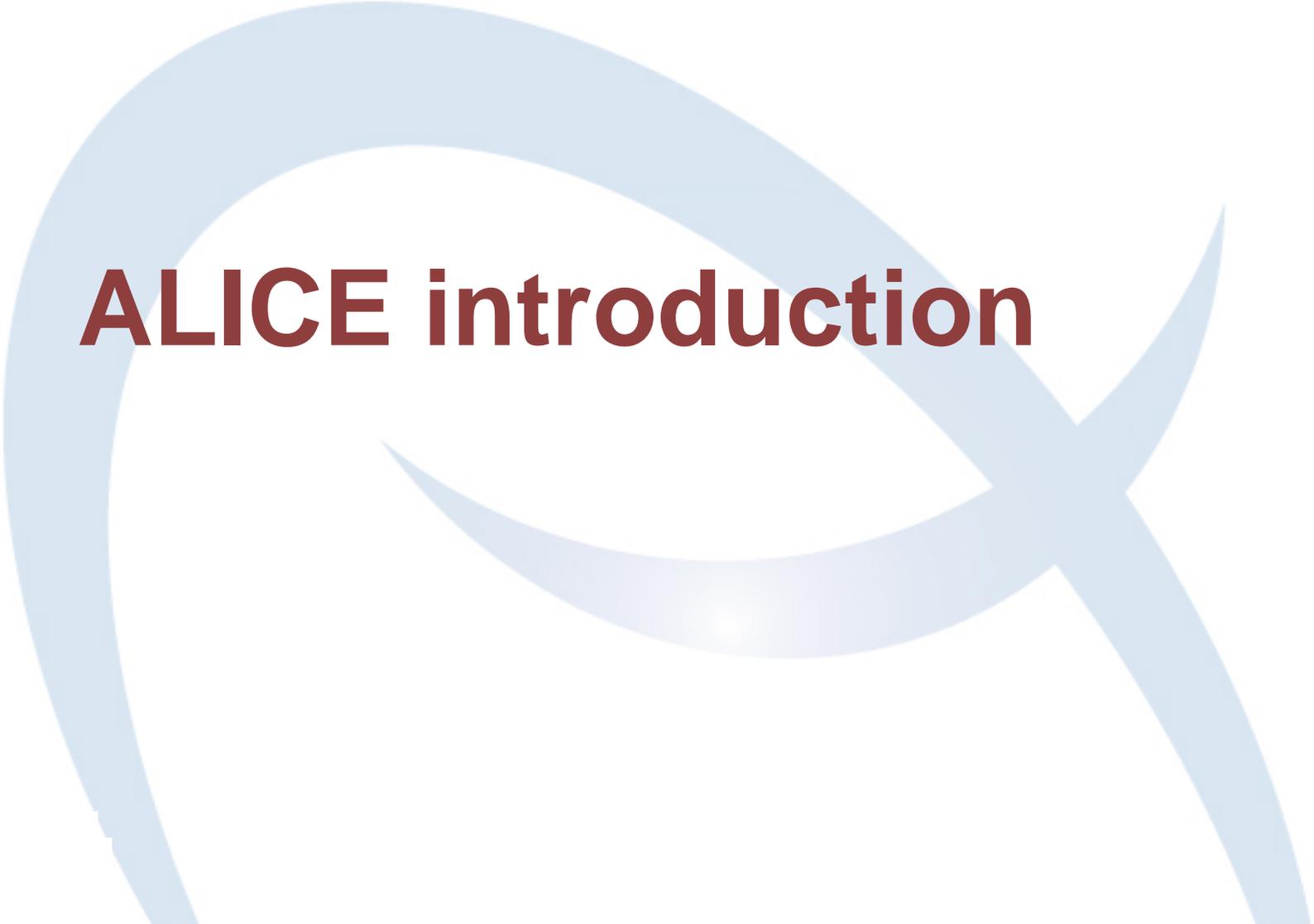
# The status of ALICE

(Energy Recovery Linac Prototype - ERLP)

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# **ALICE introduction**

# Introduction

- ERLP (**E**nergy **R**ecovery **L**inac **P**rototype) at Daresbury Lab, UK

- conceived as a prototype of an energy recovery based 4<sup>th</sup> generation light source

**Beyond 4GLS !**

- Reviewed Oct 2007
- Best matched ?
- UK requirements
  - Funding ~2011
  - Science ~2015

- ALICE (**A**ccelerators and **L**asers in **C**ombined **E**xperiments)

- An R&D facility **dedicated** to accelerator science and technology development
- Offers a unique combination of accelerator, laser and free-electron laser sources
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# New Light Source Project

## New Light Source Project (NLS)

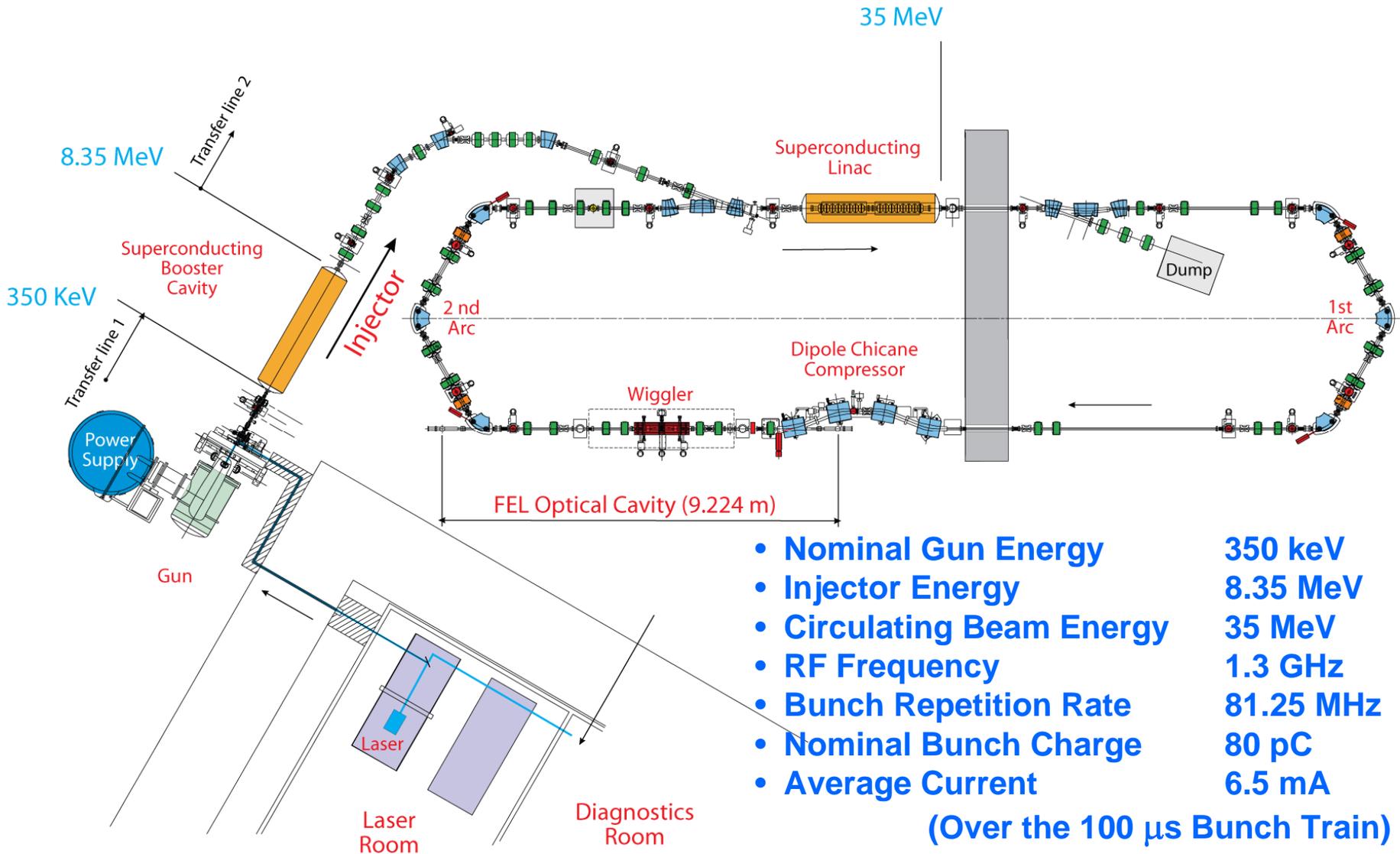
aiming for unique studies of microscopic motions in matter of all kinds

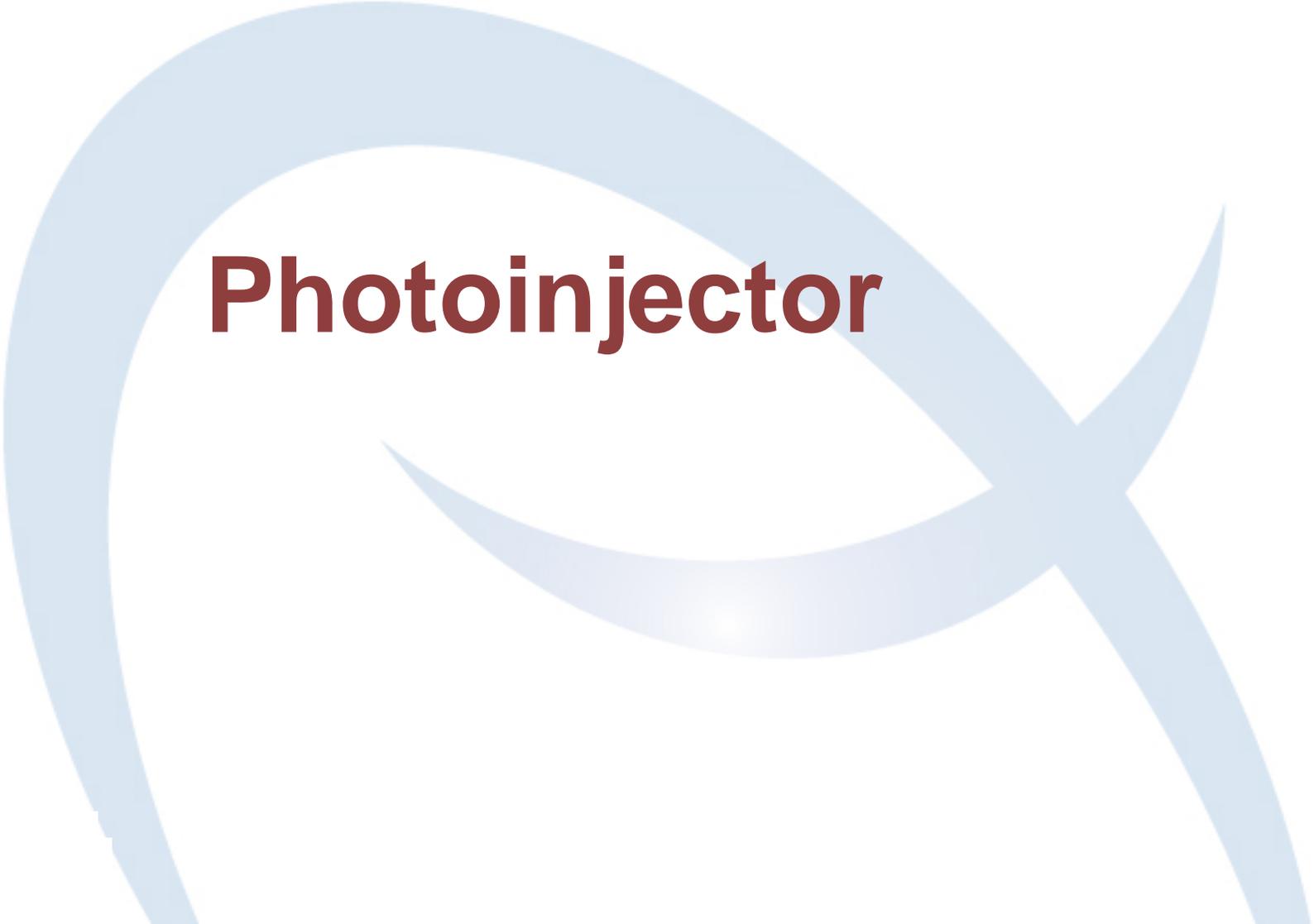
“We seek to examine the case for a New Light Source (NLS) Facility, based on advanced conventional and free electron lasers, with unique and world leading capabilities”

<http://www.newlightsource.org/>

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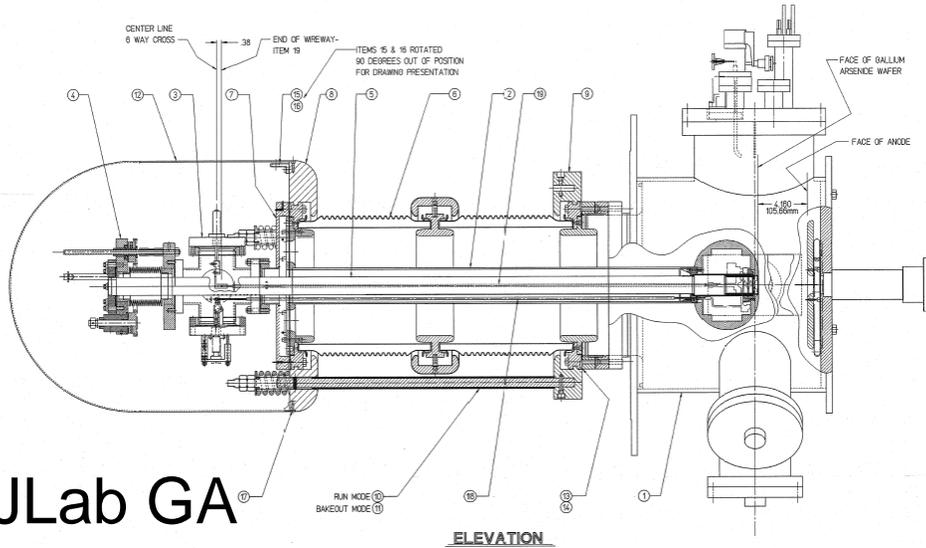
# Accelerator Layout



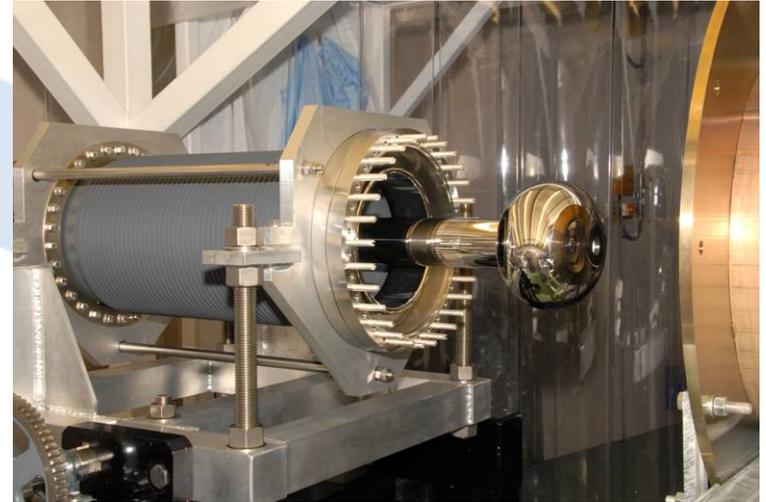
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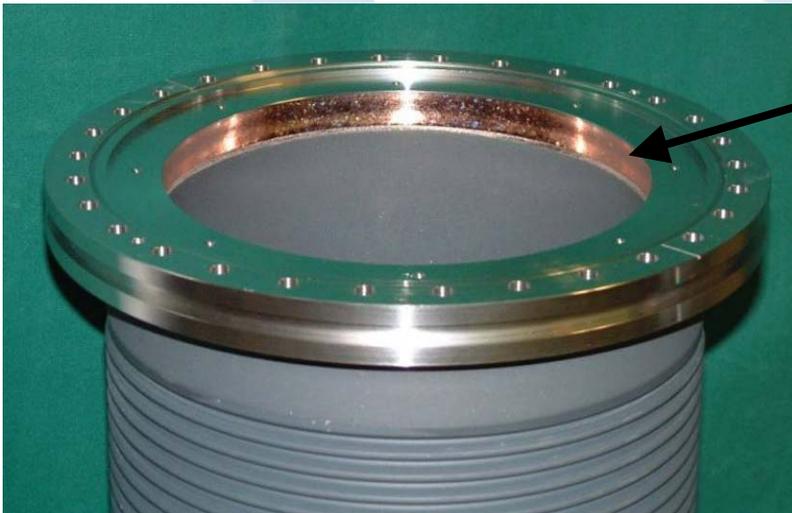
# Photoinjector Introduction



JLab GA



Gun ceramic – major source of delay – at Daresbury (~1 year late)



Copper braze joint

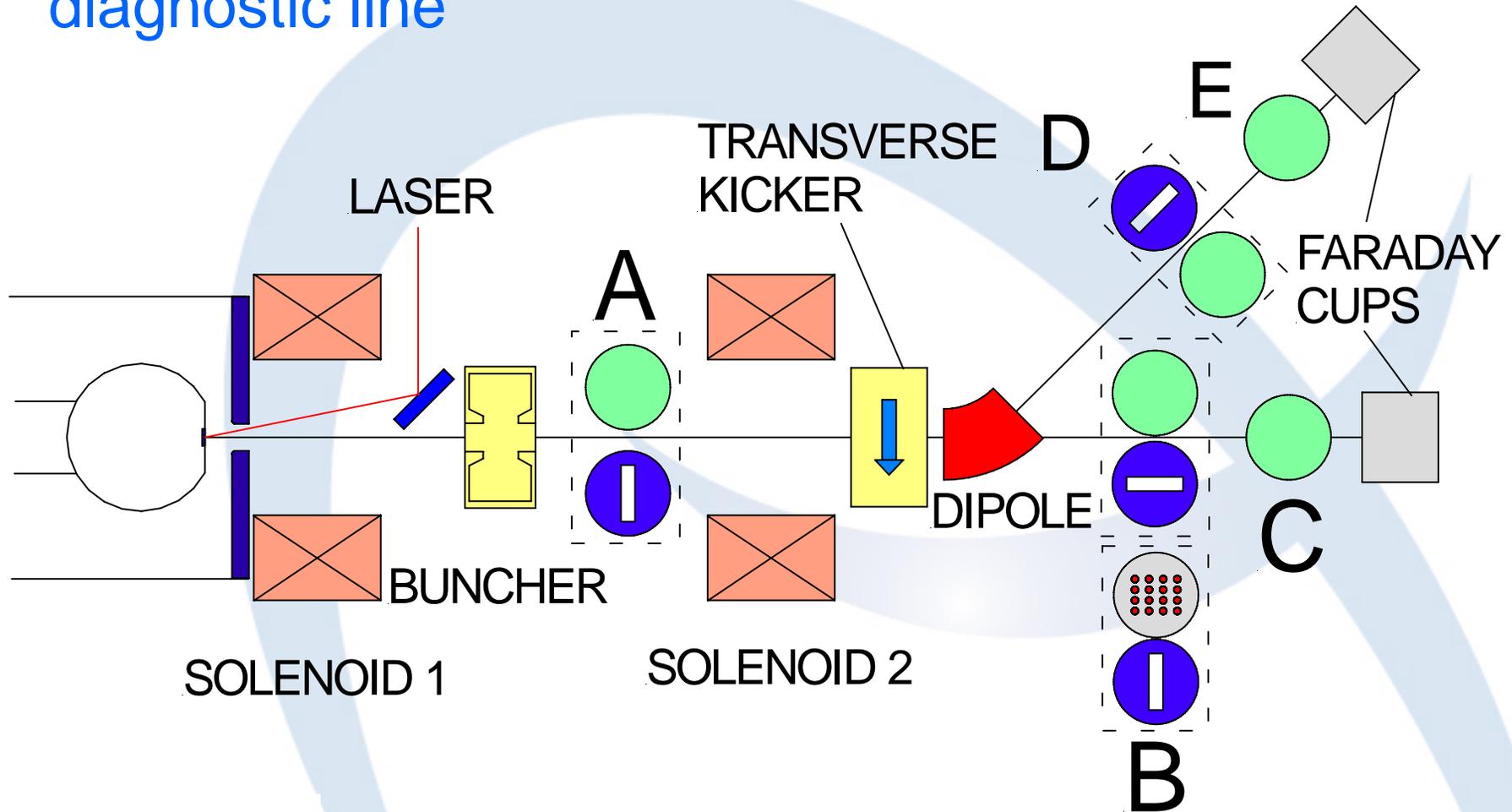
First electrons August  
2006

# PI Operational Problems

- Still to achieve routine reliable operation
- Major issues
  - High voltage breakdown problems after cathode caesiation
  - Failure during bake-out of the large diameter flange seals
  - Difficulties in achieving XHV vacuum conditions (after HV gun conditioning) and resulting poor cathode lifetime
  - Field emission from the photocathode
  - Failures of the copper brazing of the ceramic to its end flanges

# PI Commissioning Highlights

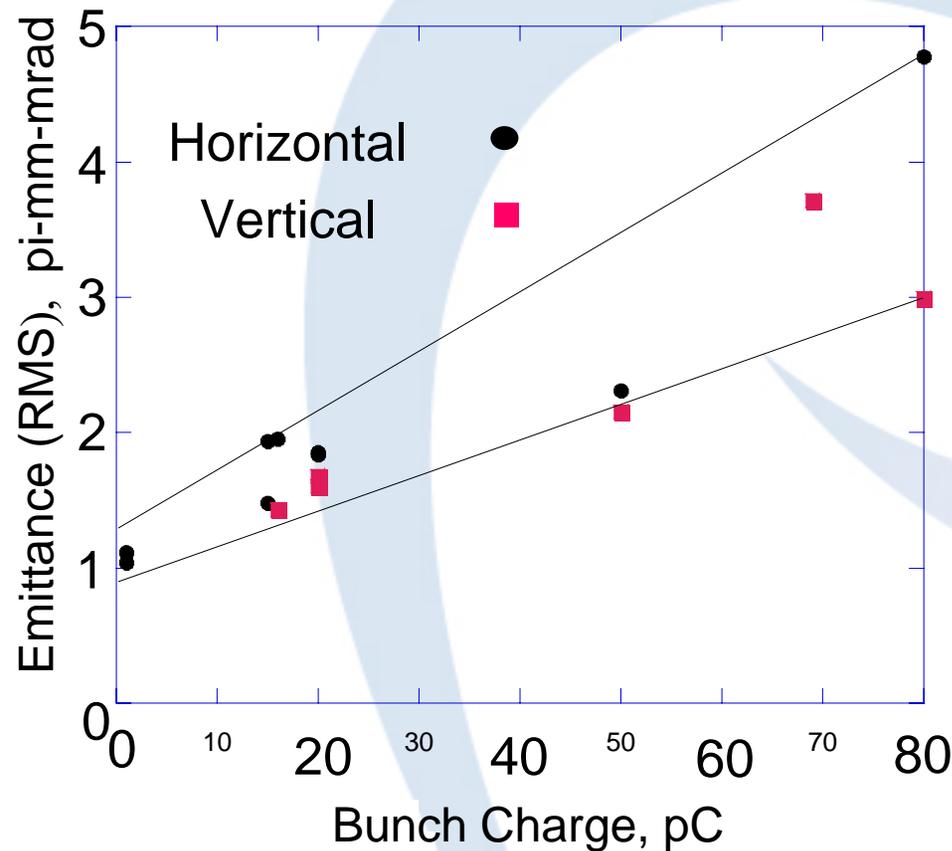
Injector commissioning with dedicated diagnostic line



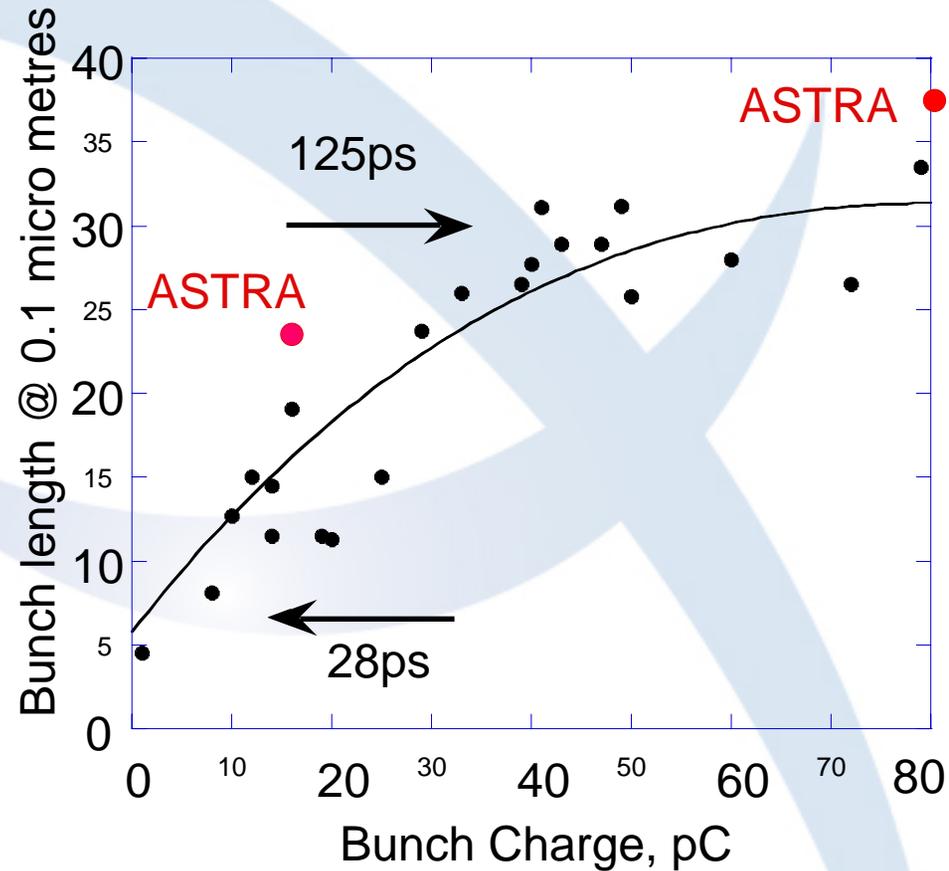
# PI Results (1)

**MOPC062** “RESULTS FROM ALICE (ERLP) DC PHOTOINJECTOR GUN COMMISSIONING” Saveliev....

RMS geometric emittance  
vs.  
bunch charge



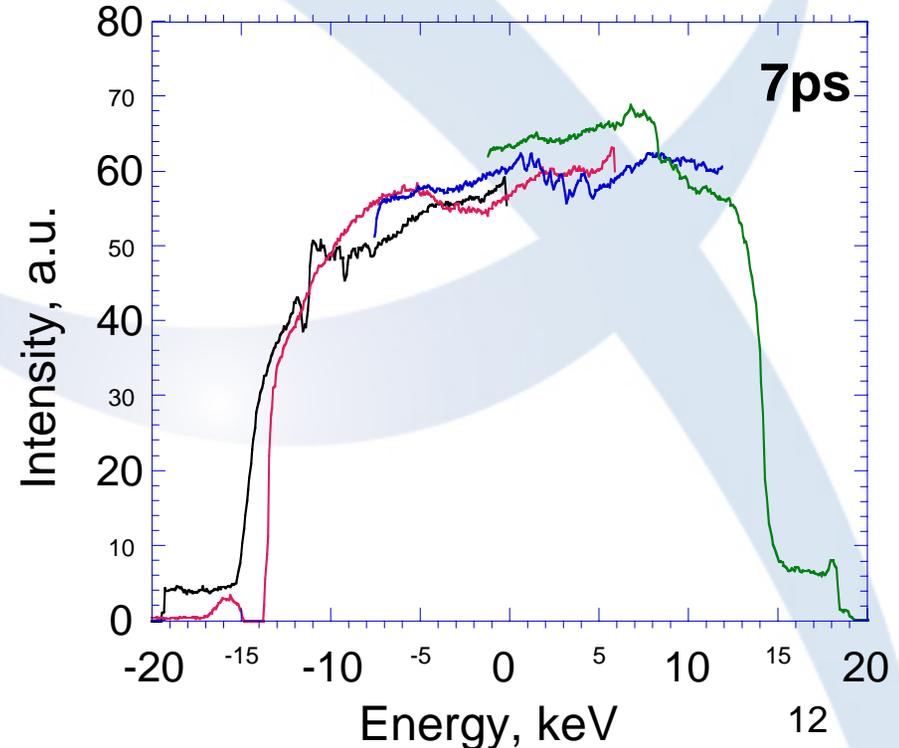
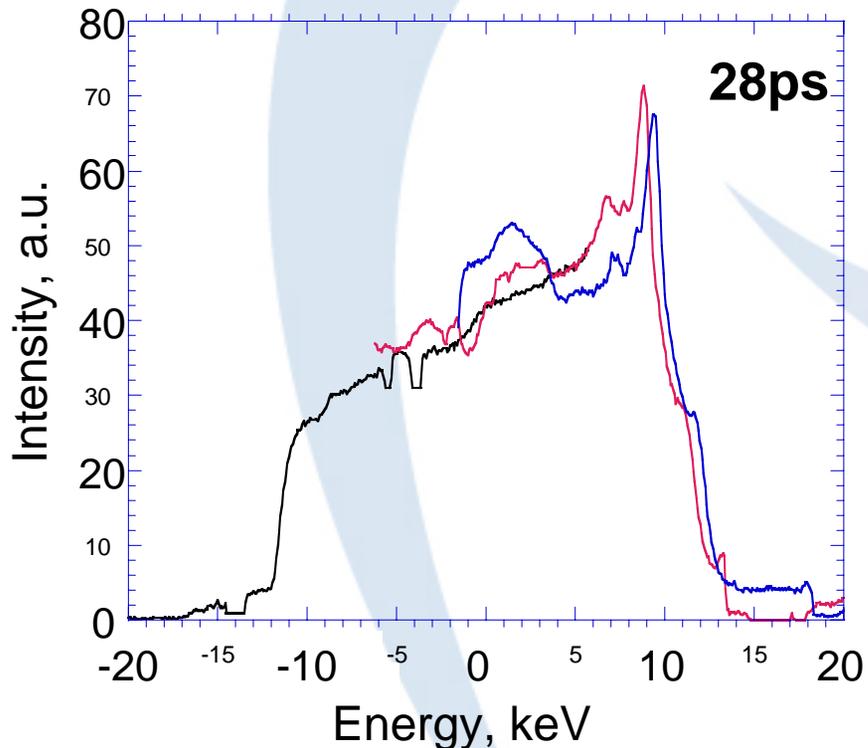
Bunch length at 10% of peak value  
vs.  
bunch charge



# PI Results (2)

**MOPC063** “ELECTRON BUNCHES FROM ALICE DC PHOTOINJECTOR GUN AT TWO DIFFERENT LASER PULSE LENGTHS”, Saveliev....

Total energy spectra for bunches generated by 28 ps and 7 ps laser pulses.



# Gun Commissioning Summary

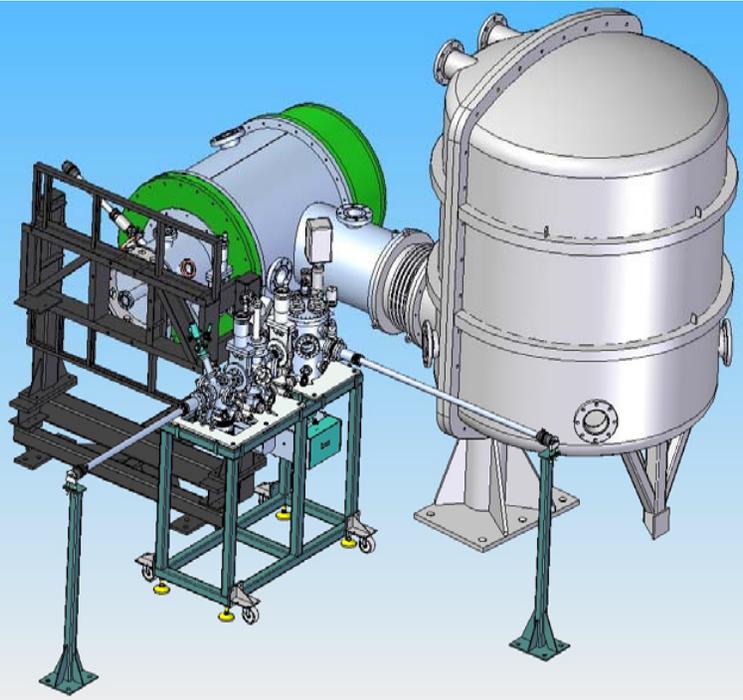
- **Results**

- The gun can now be routinely **HV conditioned to 450kV**
- **QE above ~3%** are normally achieved after cathode activations (bunch charges of well above 100pC have been achieved)
- The beam was **fully characterised** (emittance, bunch length, energy spectra) in a wide range of bunch charges from 1 to 80pC
- A **good agreement** between the ASTRA simulations and the experimental data was found in terms of the **bunch length** and the **energy spread** but **not for the emittance**.
- Bunch characteristics were investigated at **two different laser pulses** of 7ps and 28ps.
- At **low  $Q < 20\text{pC}$** , **no significant difference** was observed. An importance of a smooth (i.e. flat-top) laser pulse for minimisation of the beam emittance was demonstrated.

- **Remaining gun-related issues**

- Ensure the absence of FE spots on the cathode
- Increase the cathode lifetime at QE level of  $>1.5\%$
- Transverse emittance is higher than expected (FE ? QE non-uniformity?)

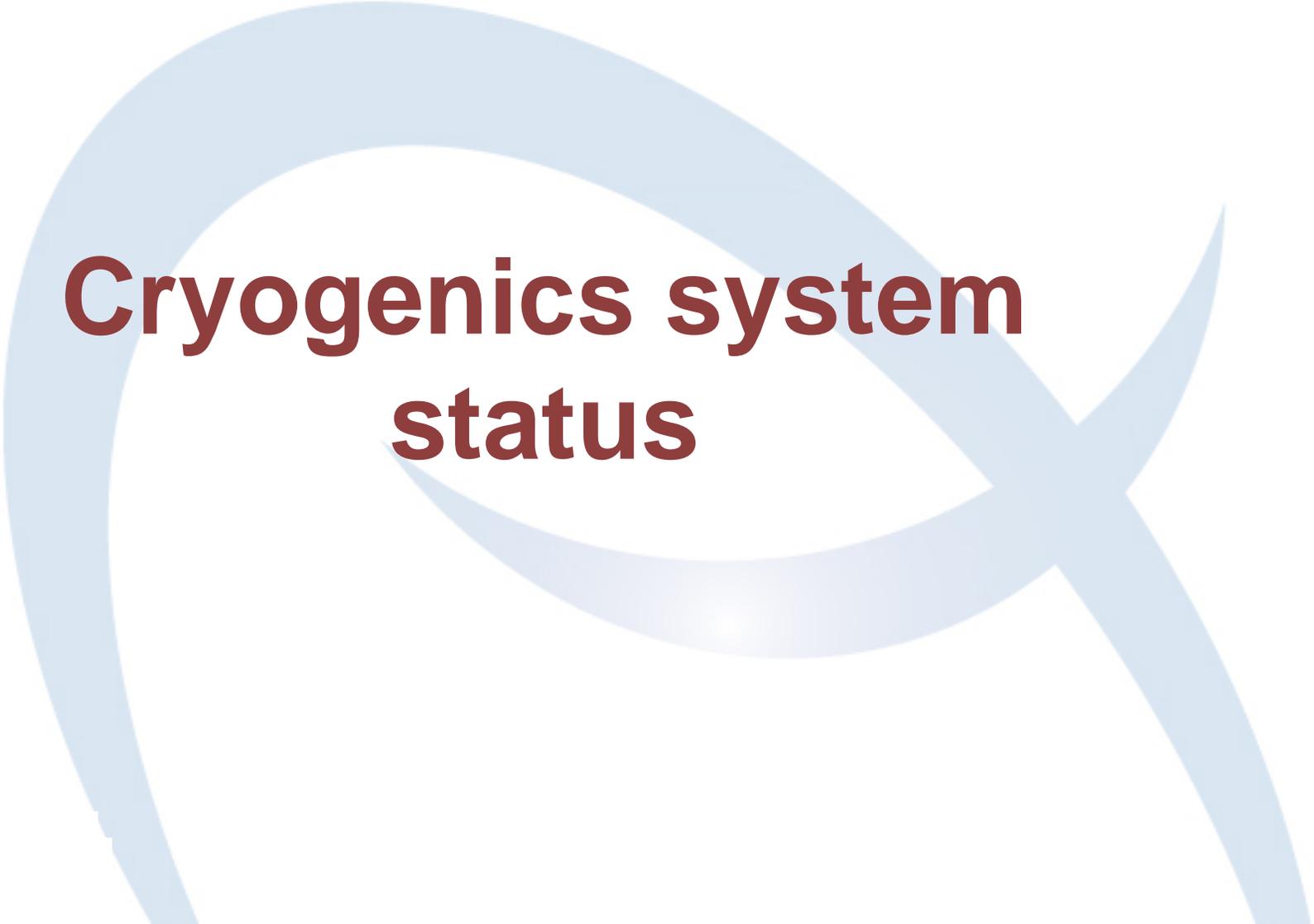
# Injector upgrade



ALICE photocathode gun equipped with a photocathode preparation & exchange facility

- Improved vacuum conditions
- Reduction of contamination from caesium ions
  - Improved gun stability under high voltage
- Reduced time for photocathode changeover, from weeks to hours
- Higher quantum efficiency
  - Allows practical experiments with photocathodes activated to different electron affinity levels

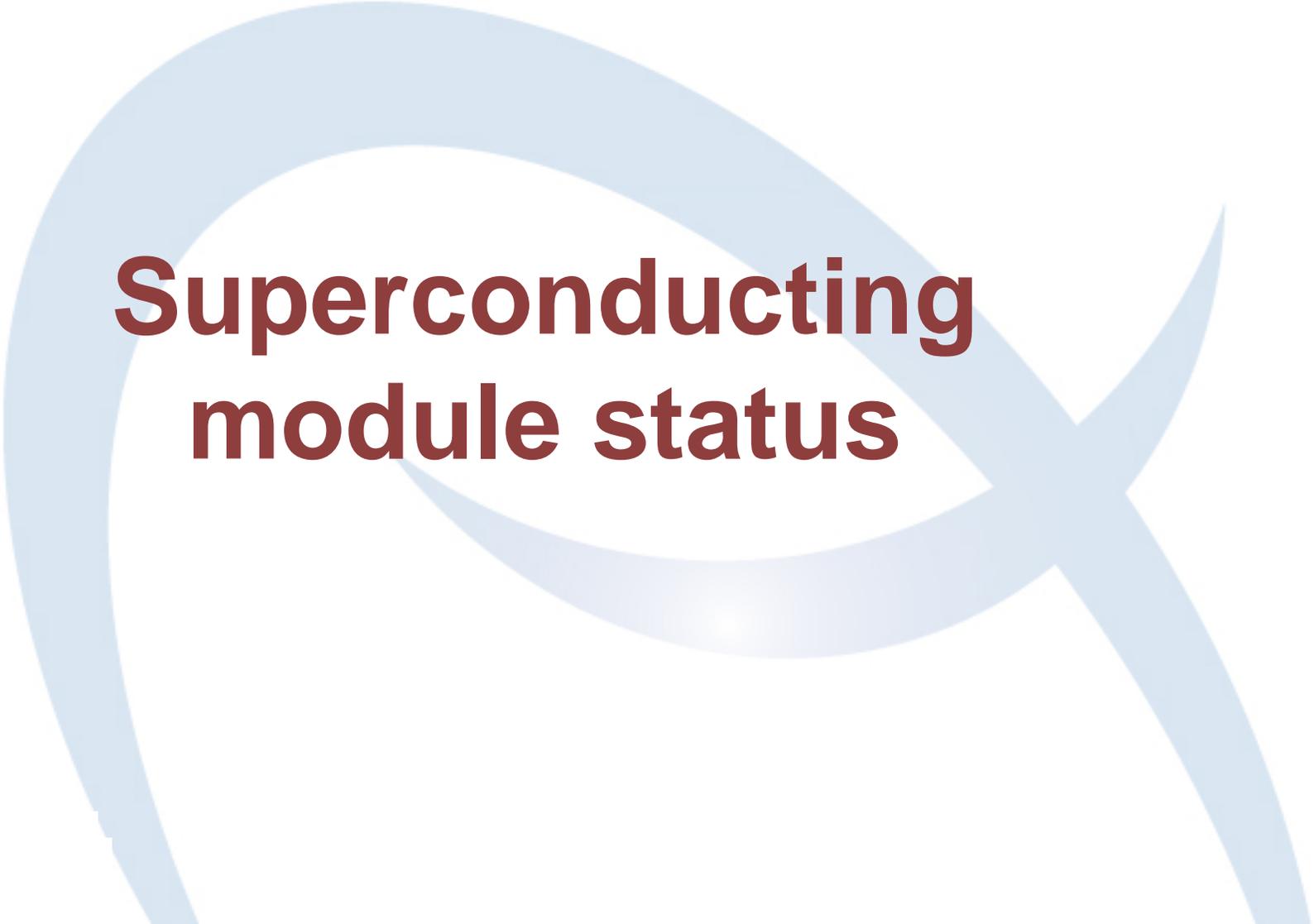
**MOPC073:** “DESIGN OF AN UPGRADE TO THE ALICE PHOTOCATHODE ELECTRON GUN”, Militsyn...



# **Cryogenics system status**

# Cryosystem Operation

- Partial system procured from Linde
- 4 K commissioning completed May 06
- SRF Module delivery April and July 06
  - Problems with excessive system heat leaks and heater failure.
- Cryo output
  - Specification 118 W at 2 K with 1 mbar stability.
  - Measured 118 W at 2 K with  $\pm 0.03$  mbar stability in May 07
- Static load
  - Specification < 15 W per module
  - Measured 5 W for both modules (i.e. ~2.5 W each)
- System has operated successfully at 1.8 K – needs optimising



# **Superconducting module status**

# SC Module Design

## ALICE System requirements

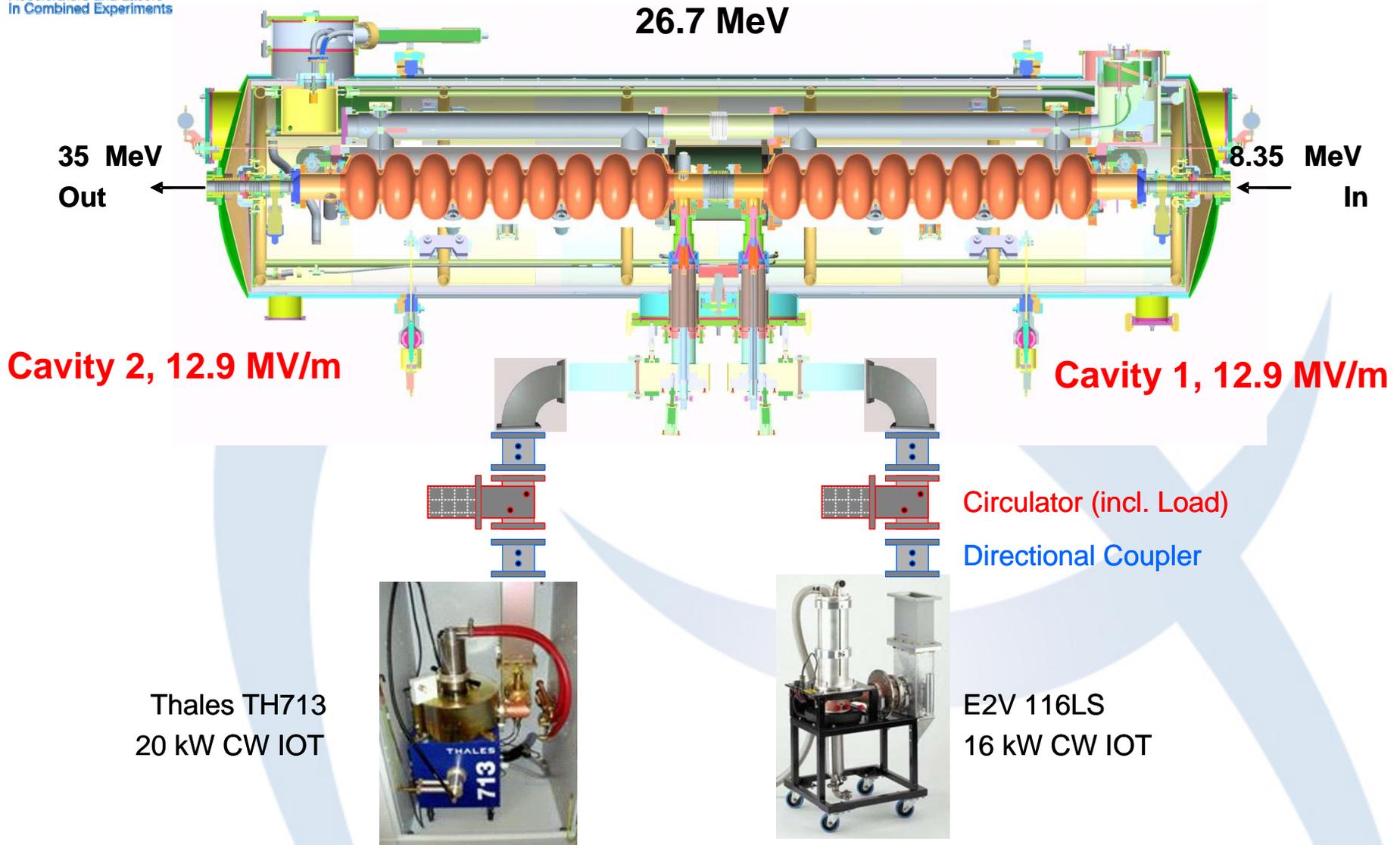
	Booster		ERL Linac	
	Cav1	Cav2	Cav1	Cav2
Eacc (MV/m)	4.8	2.9	12.9	12.9
Q <sub>o</sub>	5x10 <sup>9</sup>	5x10 <sup>9</sup>	5x10 <sup>9</sup>	5x10 <sup>9</sup>
Q <sub>e</sub>	3x10 <sup>6</sup>	3x10 <sup>6</sup>	7x10 <sup>6</sup>	7x10 <sup>6</sup>
Power (kW)	32	20	6.2	6.2
Power Source	2 x e2v	CPI	e2v	Thales

0.1ms bunch trains @ 20 Hz repetition rate

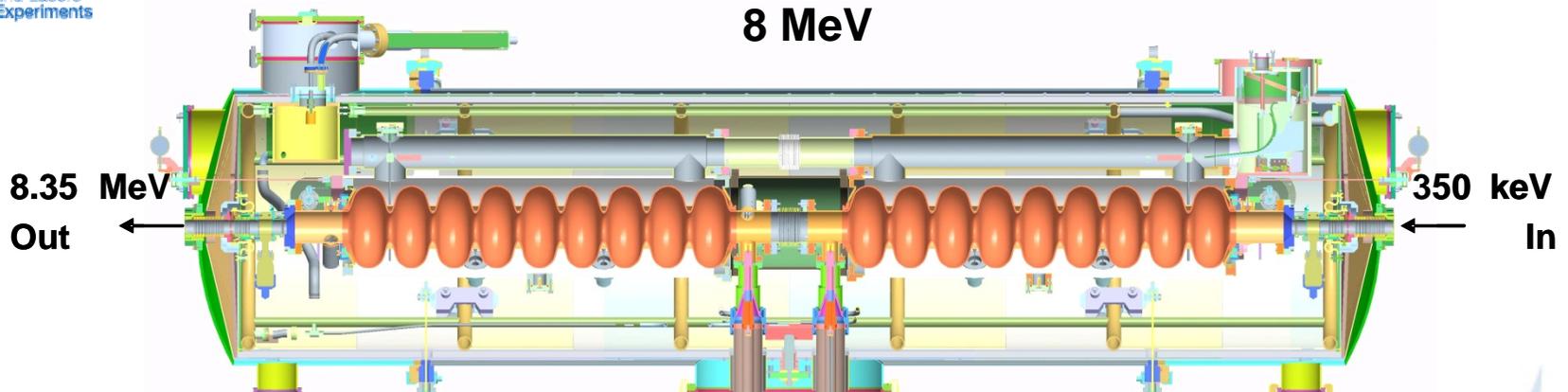


Linac and booster both consist of two TESLA 9 cell cavities in a Rossendorf/Stanford module

# Linac layout

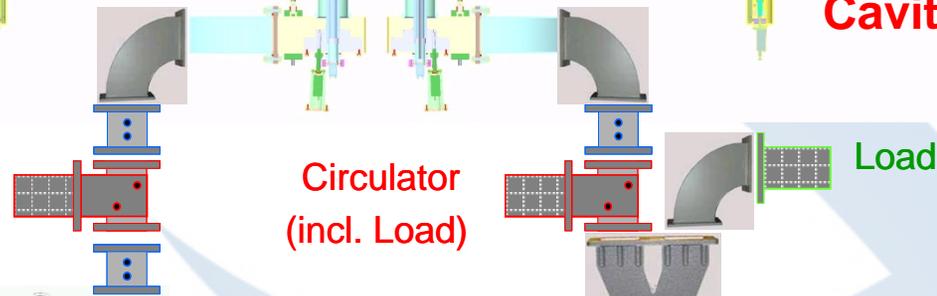


# Booster layout



**Cavity 2, 2.9 MV/m**

**Cavity 1, 4.8 MV/m**



CPI CHK51320W  
30 kW CW IOT



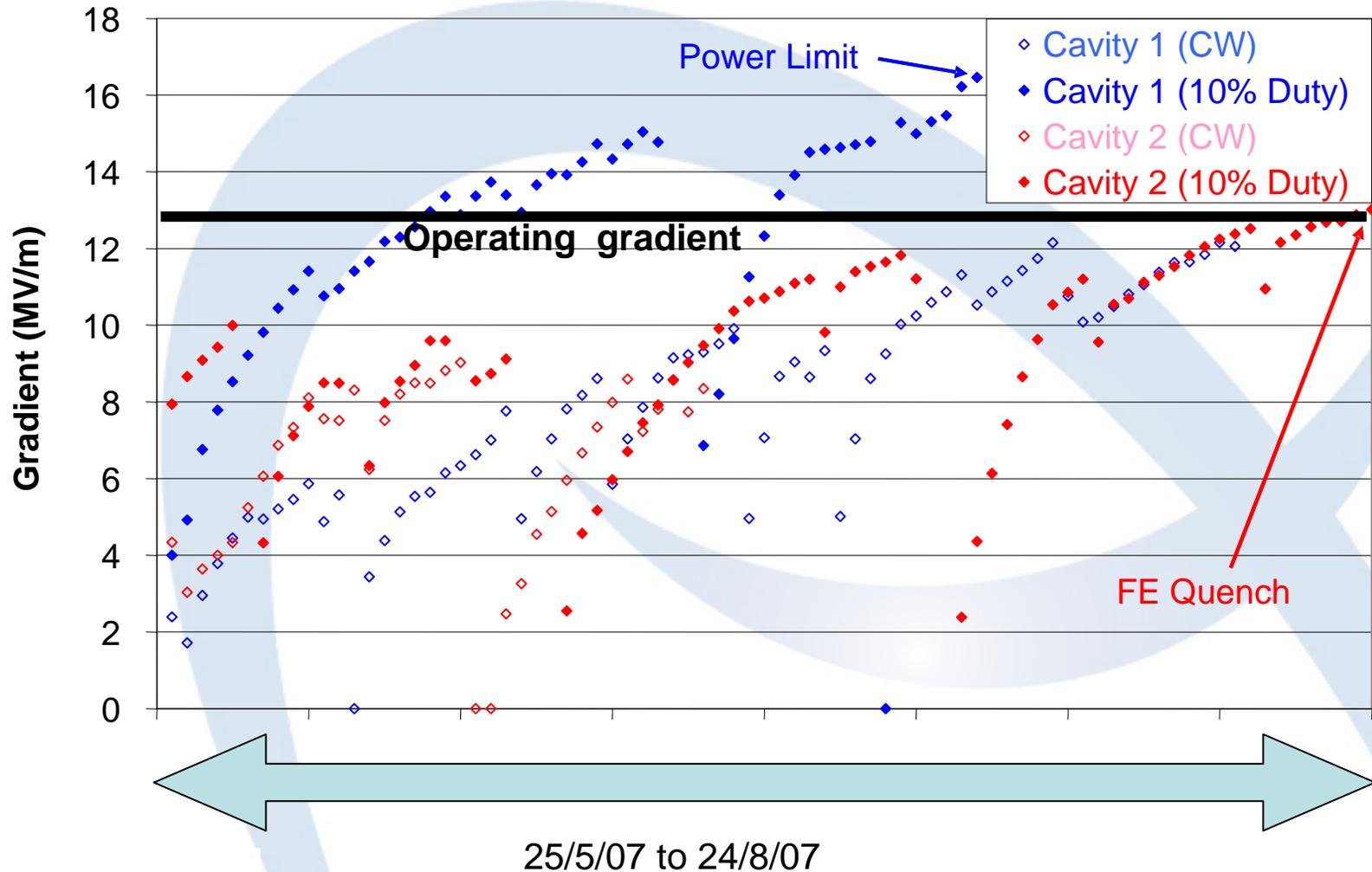
E2V 116LS  
16 kW CW IOT



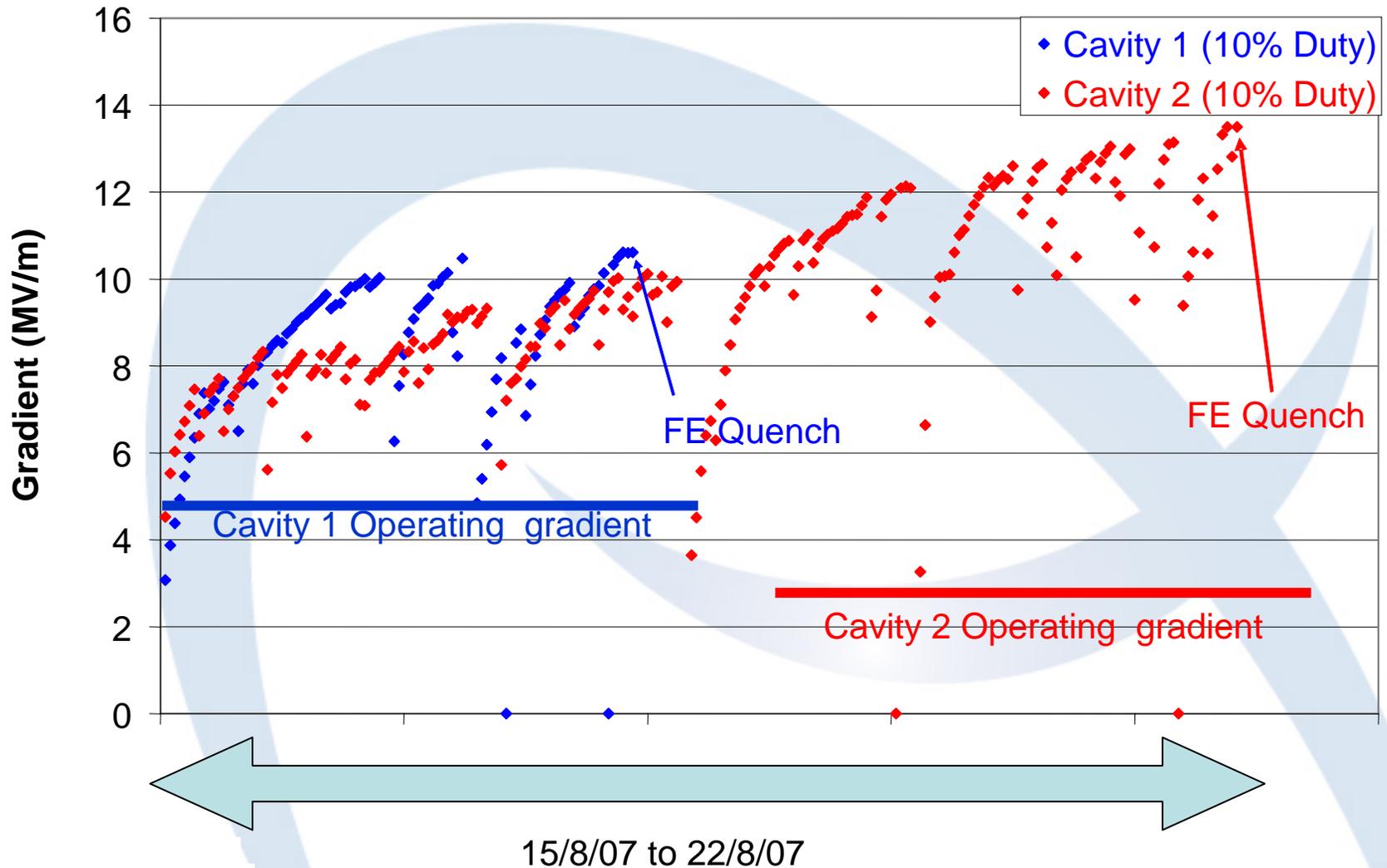
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# Linac Module Performance

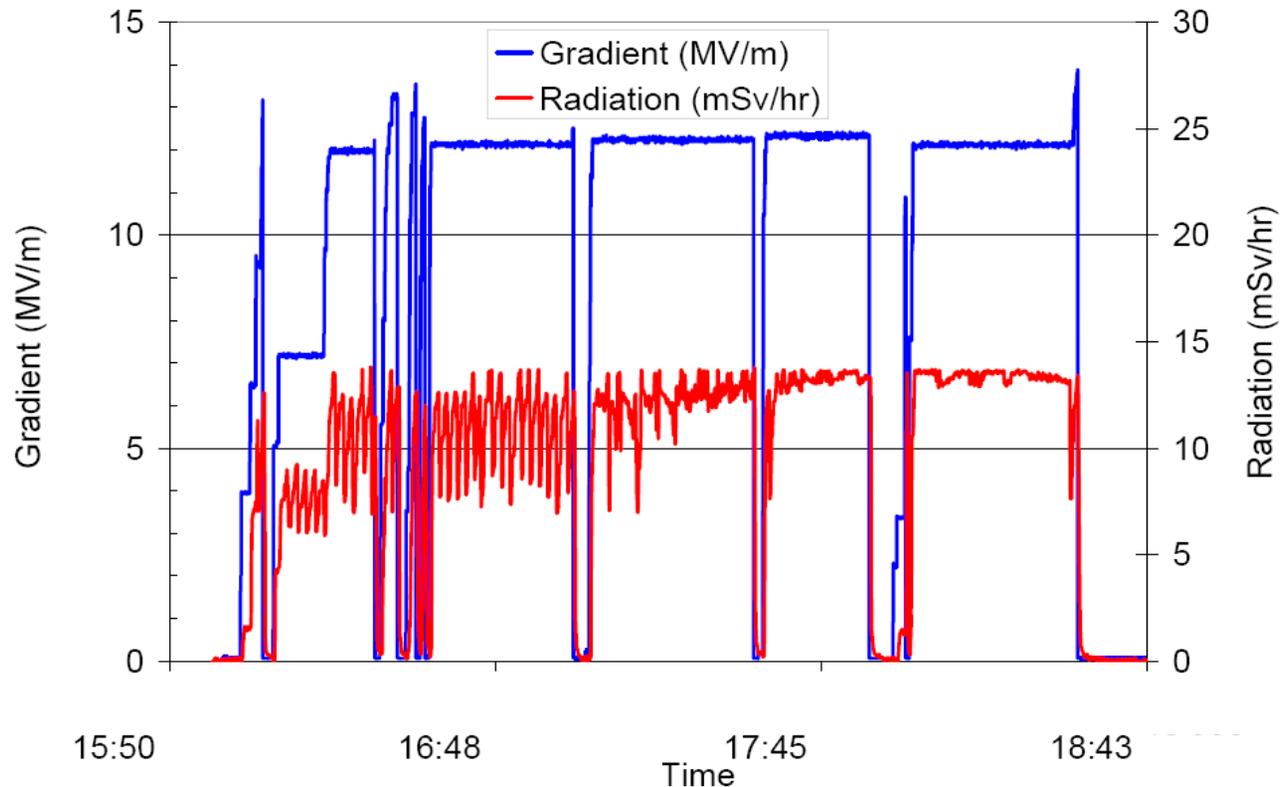
**MOPP141** “Commissioning of the ERLP SRF Systems at Daresbury Laboratory”, P M<sup>c</sup>Intosh...



# Booster Module Performance



# Field Emission Radiation Issue



Measurements from an ionisation chamber radiation monitor, which is positioned 7 m away from the Linac module, as the gradient in the cavity is increased .

Even at 9 MV/m, which is the saturation point of the rad monitor, it is predicted that the low level RF electronics, close to the linac, would have a lifetime of only around 1000 hrs. At the operational gradient the lifetime would be much shorter!

# SC Module Commissioning Summary

- All 5 IOTs are successfully commissioned
- All 4 cavities show unexpected limitations due to field emission
- ALICE operation at 35 MeV is still possible
- Measurements of cryogenic losses at intermediate gradients show significant reduction compared with vertical test results.
- Measurements of high levels of FE radiation at electronic components
  - Installation of extensive lead shielding of LINAC module
  - Installation of high average current cryomodule, Summer 09.

CW Vertical tests at DESY (July – Dec 2005)

	Booster		Linac	
	Cavity 1	Cavity 2	Cavity 1	Cavity 2
Eacc (MV/m)	18.9	20.8	17.1	20.4
Qo	$5 \times 10^9$	$5 \times 10^9$	$5 \times 10^9$	$5 \times 10^9$

Module acceptance test at 10% duty cycle (May–Sept 2007)

Max Eacc (MV/m)	10.8	13.5	16.4	12.8
Qo at	$3.5 \times 10^9$	$1.3 \times 10^9$	$1.9 \times 10^9$	$7.0 \times 10^9$
Gradient MV/m	8.2	11	14.8	9.8
Qe	$2.5 \times 10^6$	$2.6 \times 10^6$	$6.4 \times 10^6$	$4.7 \times 10^6$
Limitation	Quench	Quench	RF Power	Quench

# High Current Cryomodule R&D Collaboration

“Realisation of a prototype superconducting CW cavity and cryo module for energy recovery”, P McIntosh et al, SRF07 Beijing

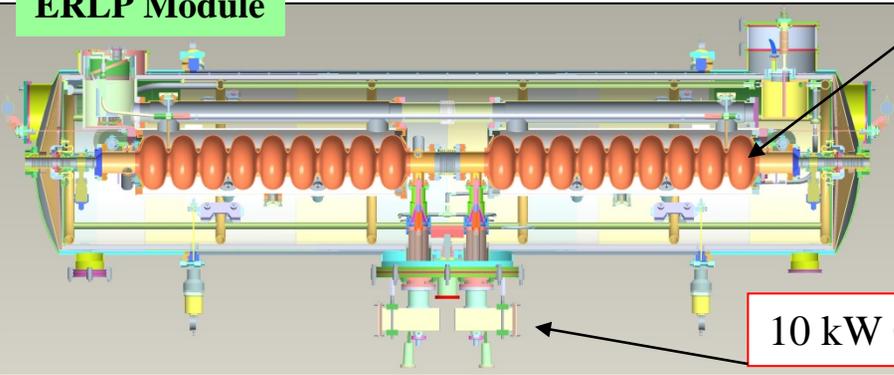


- 5 collaborating institutes
  - ASTeC (UK)
  - Cornell University (USA)
  - Stanford University (USA)
  - Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory (USA)
  - FZD Rossendorf (Germany)



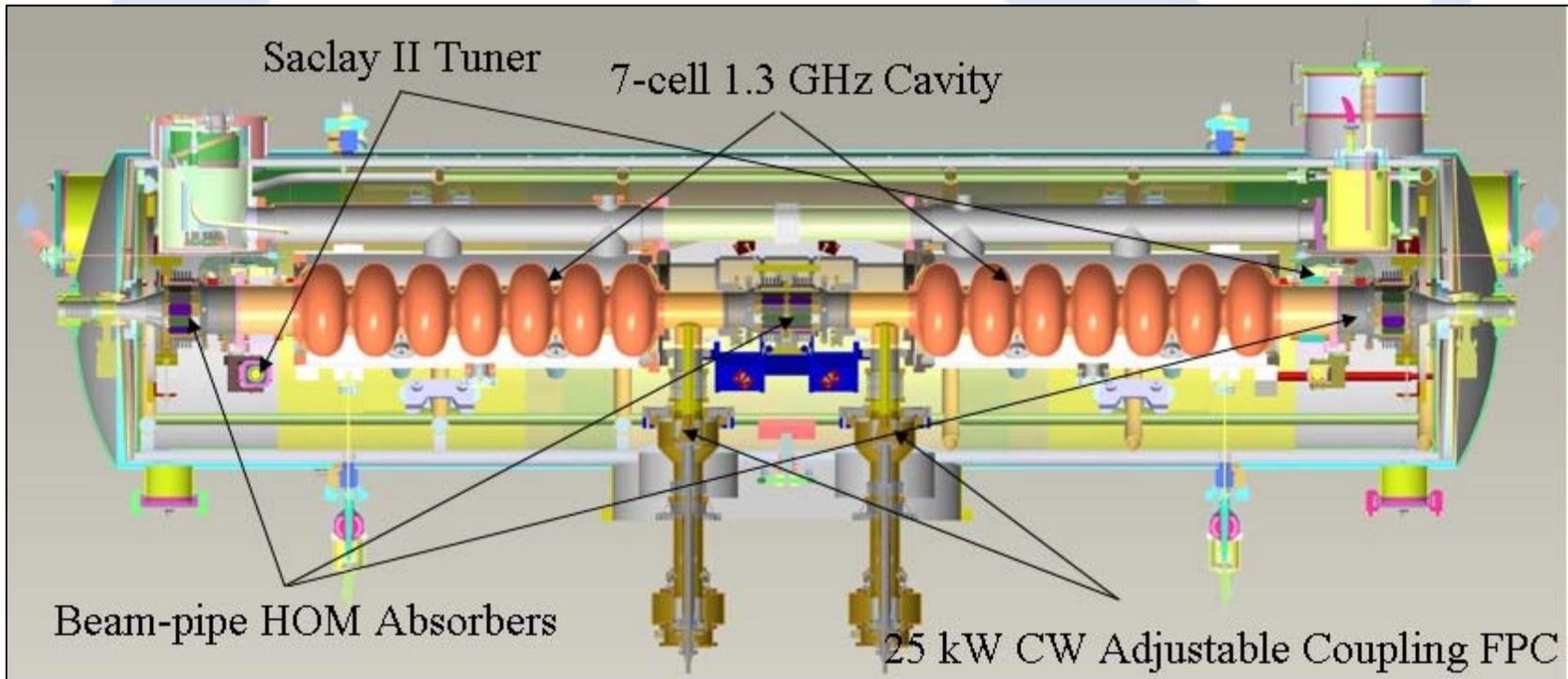
# Cryomodule

## ERLP Module



2 x 9-cell 1.3 GHz cavity

10 kW CW fixed coupling FPC



Saclay II Tuner

7-cell 1.3 GHz Cavity

Beam-pipe HOM Absorbers

25 kW CW Adjustable Coupling FPC

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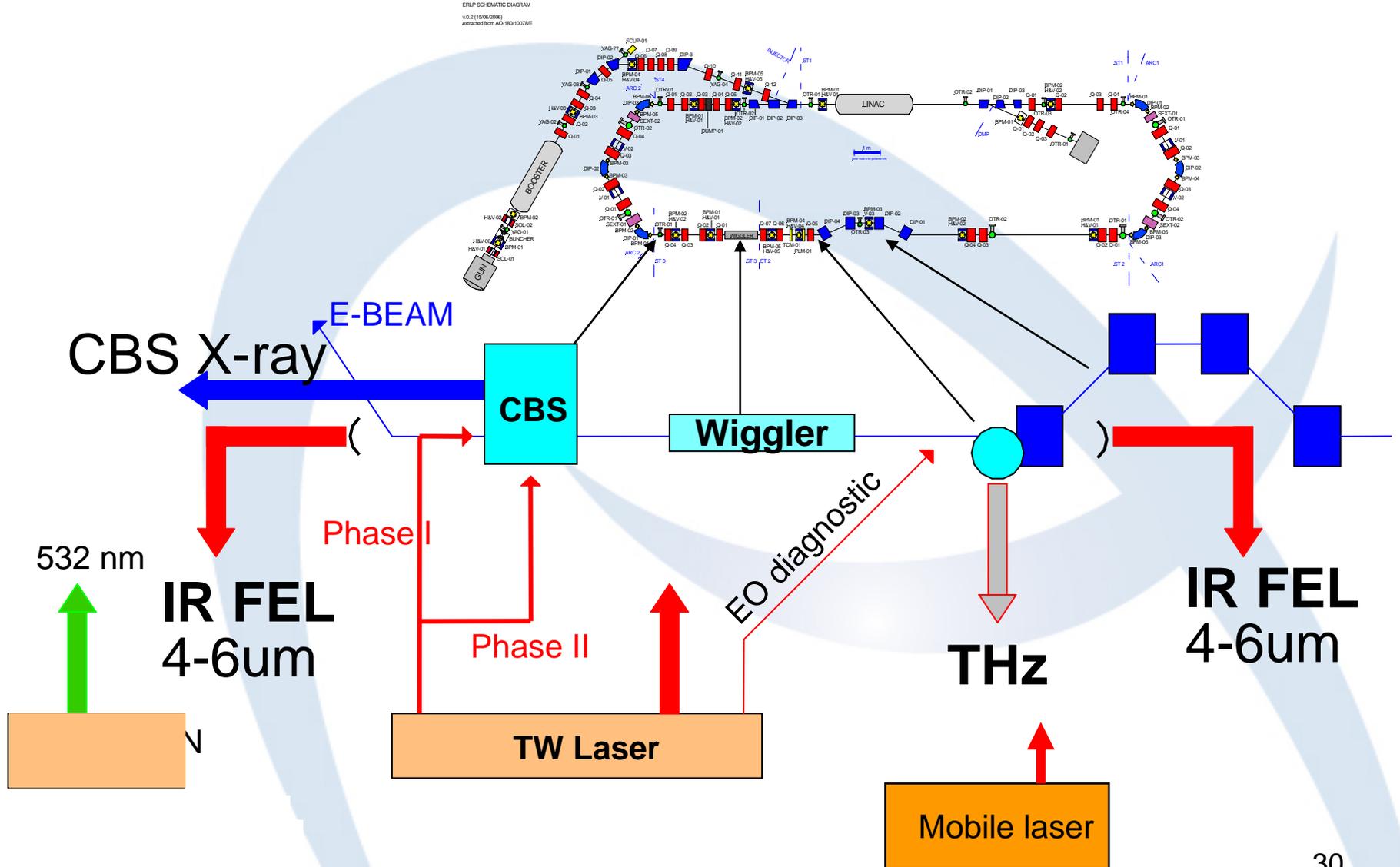
# **Future Plans**

# Energy Recovery

- **First energy recovery (Summer 2008)**
  - Without FEL, installation planned Spring 2009
- **Fine tuning**
  - injector tuning for minimal emittance
  - optimisation of energy recovery at nominal beam parameters
  - beam diagnostics
- **Short pulse commissioning stage**
  - longitudinal dynamics, electro-optical diagnostic studies
- **Energy recovery with FEL (Spring 2009)**
  - first light !
  - recovery of a disrupted beam

# Science Beyond Energy Recovery

- EMMA – the first NS FFAG
- CBS X-ray source
- IR and THz research programme
- Tissue Culture Laboratory @ ALICE
- Exciting pump – probe research programme with all ALICE light sources:
  - TW laser (10TW, 100 / 35 fs, 10Hz)
  - IR FEL (~4mm, ~15MW peak, ~1ps, ~10mJ)
  - fs tunable laser
  - THz radiation (broadband)
  - CBS X-ray source (15-30keV,  $10^7 - 10^8$  photons/pulse, <1ps)
- Accelerator physics research
  - Photocathode research and testing (using the upgraded gun)

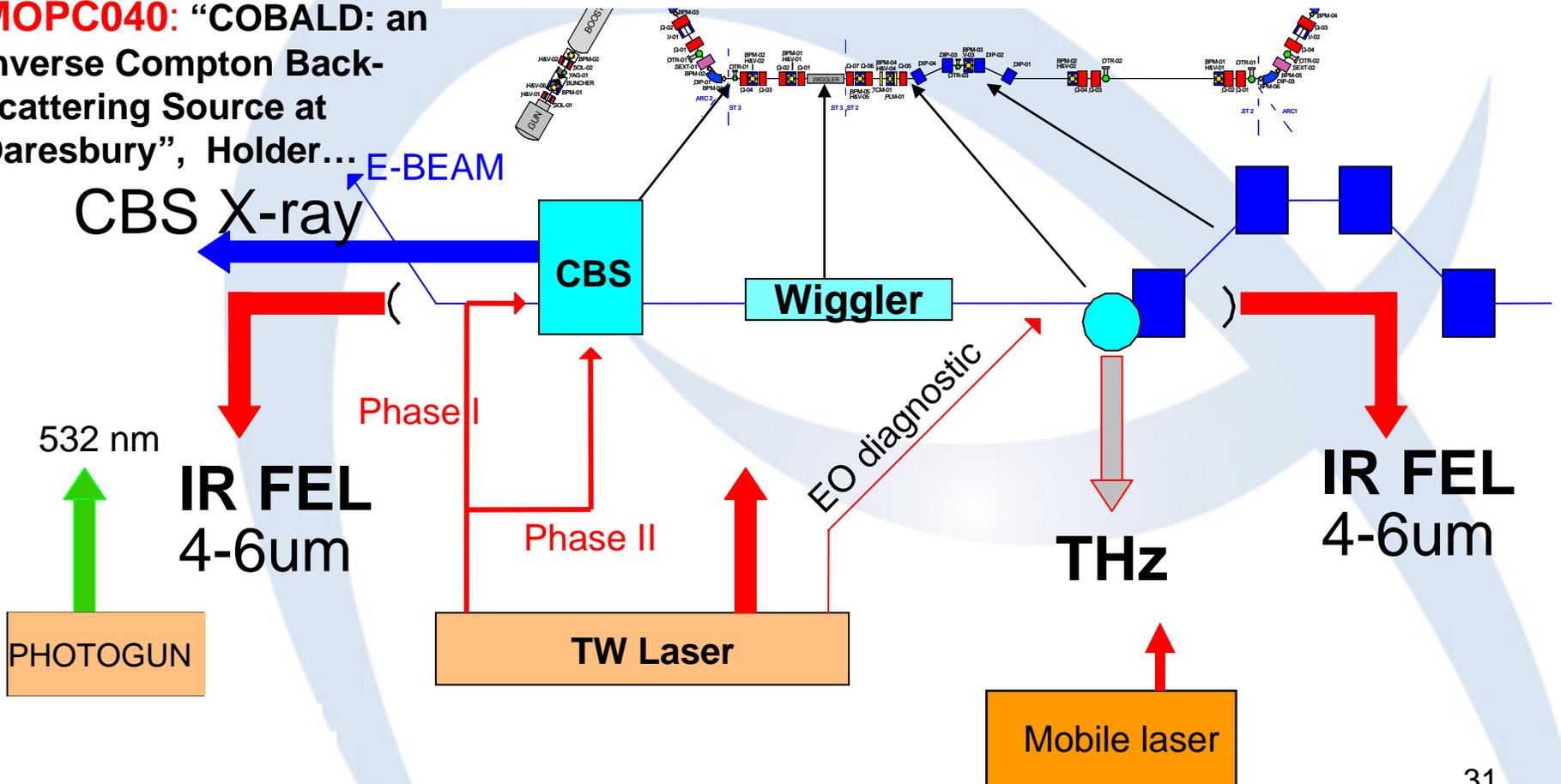


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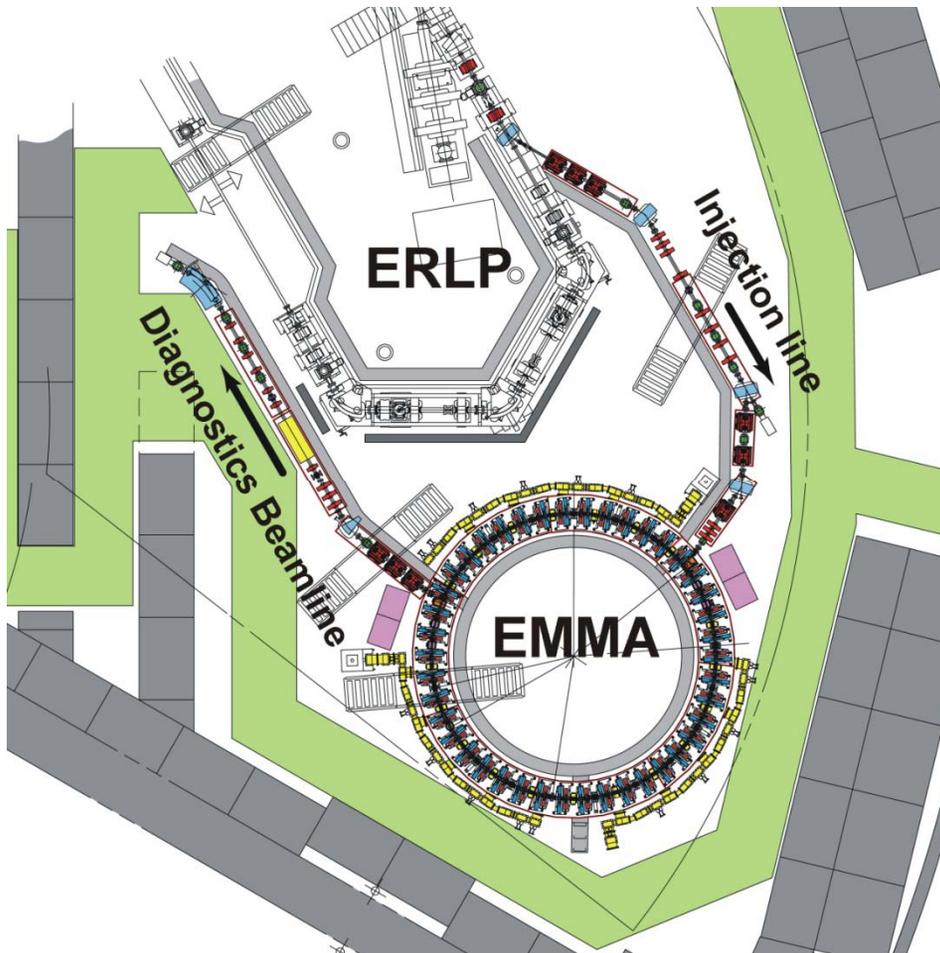
ERLP SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM  
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extracted from AD-10010079/E

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# ALICE + EMMA = First NS FFAG



## Electron Machine with Many Applications

**EMMA: Non Scaling Fixed Field Alternating Gradient Accelerator**

Construction of a Non-scaling FFAG for Oncology, Research and Medicine = **CONFORM** Project

(Basic Technology grant ; international collaboration)

### Why FFAG ?

- fast acceleration (e.g. muons)
- high power beam acceleration
- variable electron energy

### Why Non Scaling ?

- compact beamline vacuum chamber
- hence, compact magnets

### Applications :

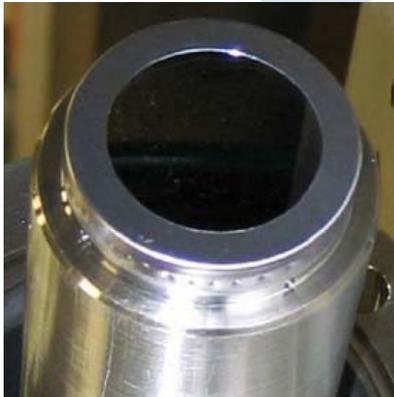
- medical (oncology)
- muon acceleration
- Accelerator Driven Sub-critical Reactor (ADSR)

**THPP004** “EMMA: the World's First Non-scaling FFAG” Edgecock....

# Photocathode Research

Emphasis on GaAs type of the photocathodes (inc GaAsP)

- Photocathode structures for
  - fast response time
  - low energy spread (hence low thermal emittance)
  - low field emission
- Preparation procedures for high QE, high lifetime and low field emission
- Experiments with Positive Electron Affinity photocathodes
  - faster response time
- Photocathode tests on the Photocathode Testing Facility at DL
- Response time measurements (@ University of Mainz)
- Cathode testing and beam characterisation in situ (@ ALICE)
- - enabled by the photogun upgrade

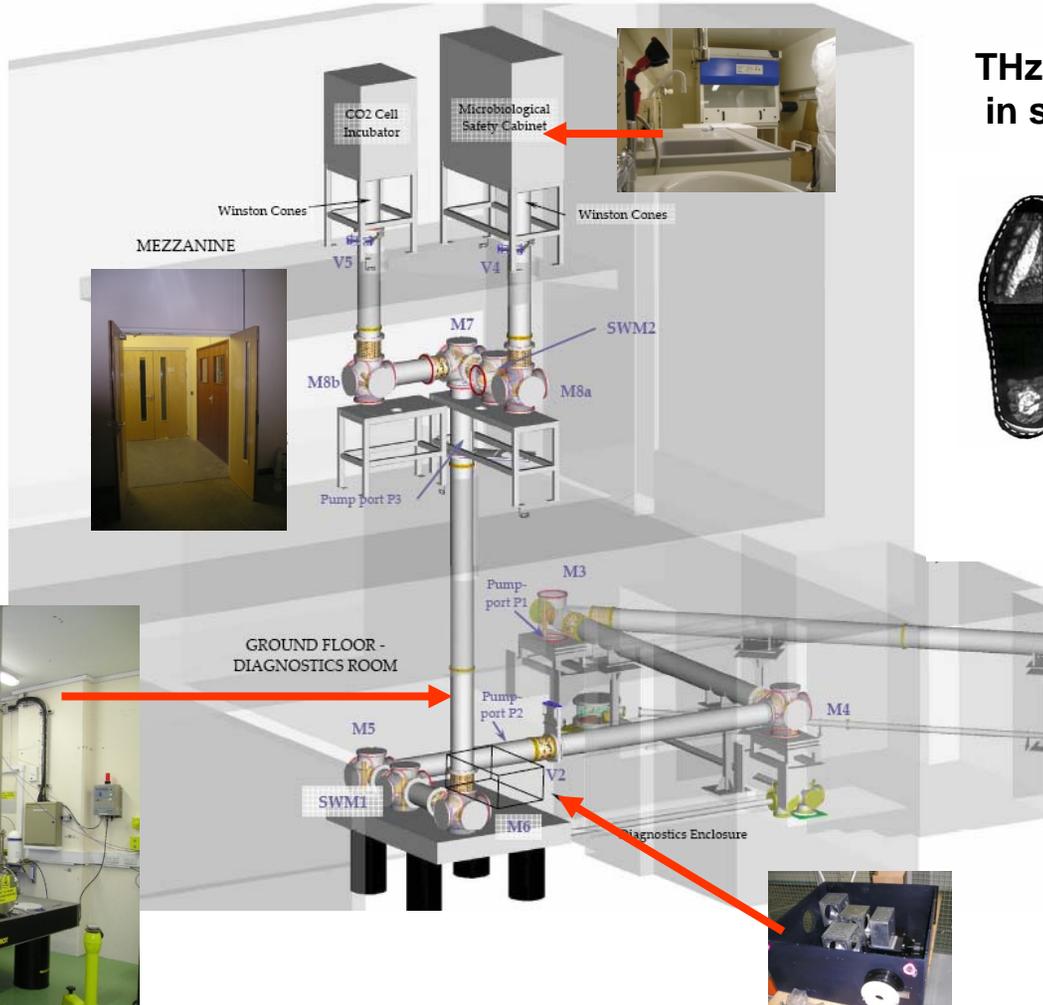


## Potential collaborations:

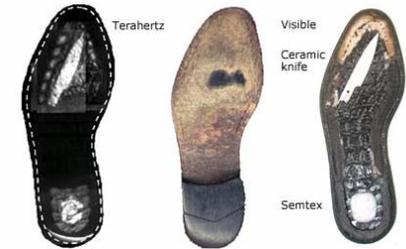
- TJNAF
- Institute of Semiconductor Physics, Novosibirsk
- University of Mainz
- Florida State University (Big Light)

A world-unique facility allowing the effect of high peak power / high rep rate THz on living cells to be investigated.

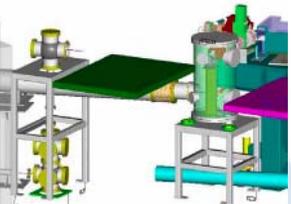
**Weightman et al**  
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University of Nottingham



THz has important role in security screening

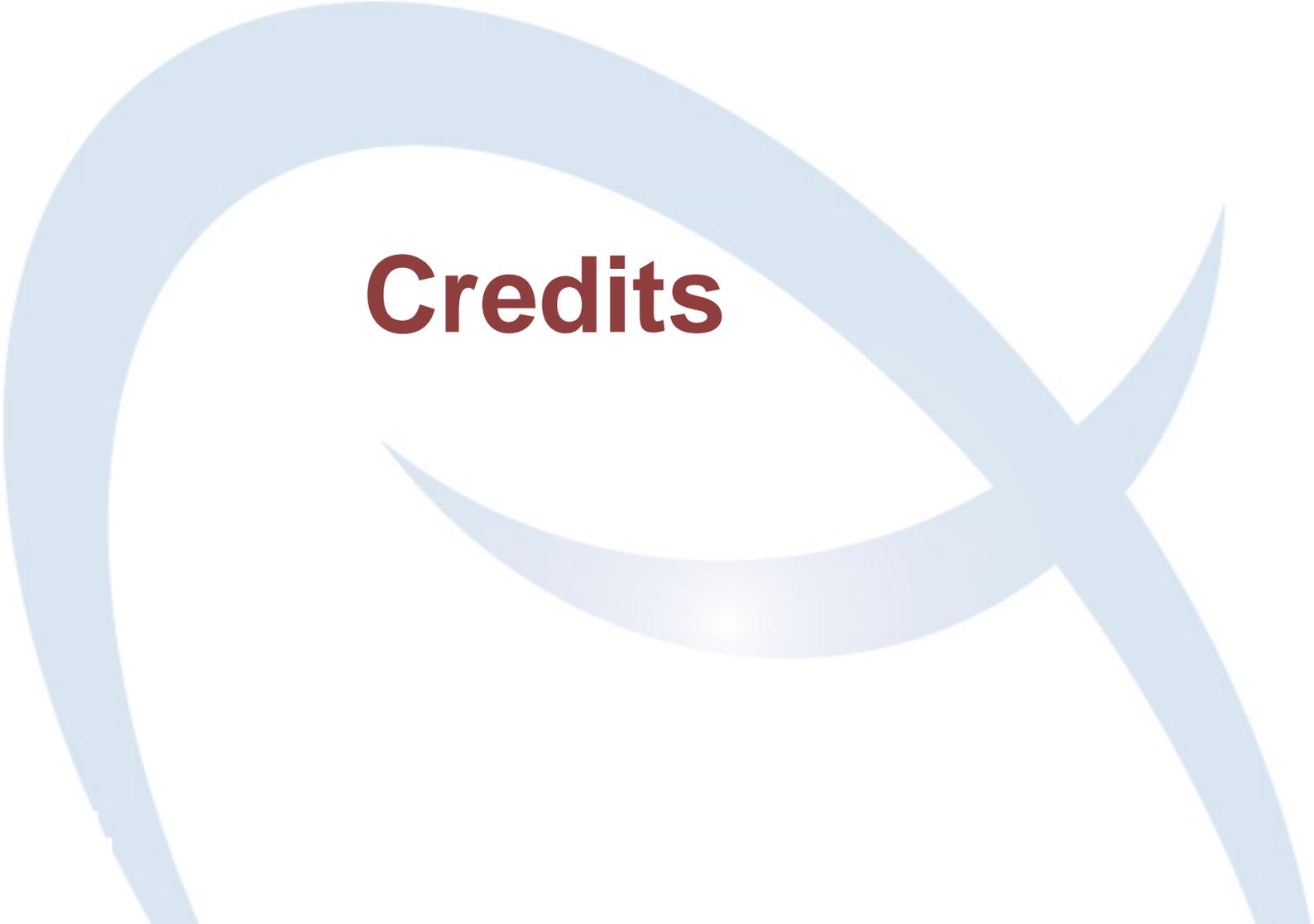


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# Summary

- Accelerator commissioning has now reached a critical stage
- ALICE has provided the UK with an opportunity to develop generic technologies and skills important to delivery of advanced accelerator driven facilities
  - Photoinjector, SC RF, cryogenics etc.
- ALICE will provide a unique R&D facility in Europe, **dedicated** to accelerator science & technology development
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# Credits

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- My Co-authors
  - Radiofrequency etc.: Peter McIntosh
  - Cryogenics: Andy Goulden
  - Injector commissioning: Yuri Saveliev, David Holder
- The Rest of the ALICE Technical Team
  - Controls: Brian Martlew et al
  - Vacuum: Tom Weston & Keith Middleman et al
  - Installation engineering: Phill Atkinson et al
  - Mechanical engineering: Neil Bliss et al
  - Electrical engineering: Steve Griffiths et al
  - Diagnostics: Rob Smith et al
  - FEL: Jim Clarke et al
  - Compton Back Scatter: Gerd Preibe et al
  - THz Science: Mark Surman et al
  - Running, Safety: Cheryl Hodgkinson et al
  - Photoinjector laser: Steve Jamison & Graeme Hirst et al
  - Elaine Seddon, Mike Poole and Paul Quinn

# Last but not least...

- Our international collaborators including
  - J Lab (George Neil, Fay Hannon, Kevin Jordon, Carlos Hernandez Garcia, Tom Powers et. al.)
  - FZD Rossendorf (Peter Michel, Frank Gabriel et. al.)
  - Cornell (Bruce Dunham)
  - Stanford University (Todd Smith)
  - Institute of Semiconductor Physics, Novosibirsk (Alex Terekhov)
  - The 4GLS advisory committee
- The ALICE Commissioning Teams
  - For the nights, evenings and weekends given. **So far!!**
  - The key commissioning team
  - The RF commissioning team
  - The Cryogenics commissioning team

# Thanks for listening!

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