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# Status of Polarized Electron & Positron Source R&D at Jefferson Lab

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# Jefferson Lab Polarized Source R&D Topics (2021 – 2022)

## Polarized e-

### High Polarization Photocathodes

- Molecular Beam Epitaxy (MBE)
- Molecular Organic Vapor Deposition (MOCVD)
- Chemical Beam Epitaxy (CBE)

### High Voltage Devices

- 200 – 300 kV Wien filters
- 500 kV inverted insulator
- 300 kV polarized 1 mA photogun

### Ion Damage Experiments

- Biased anode mitigation
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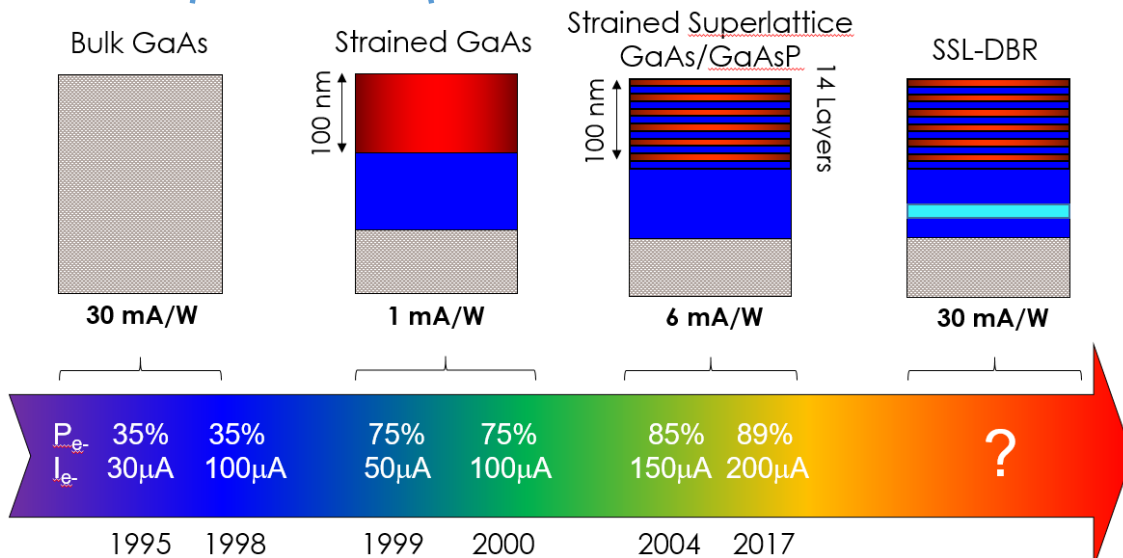
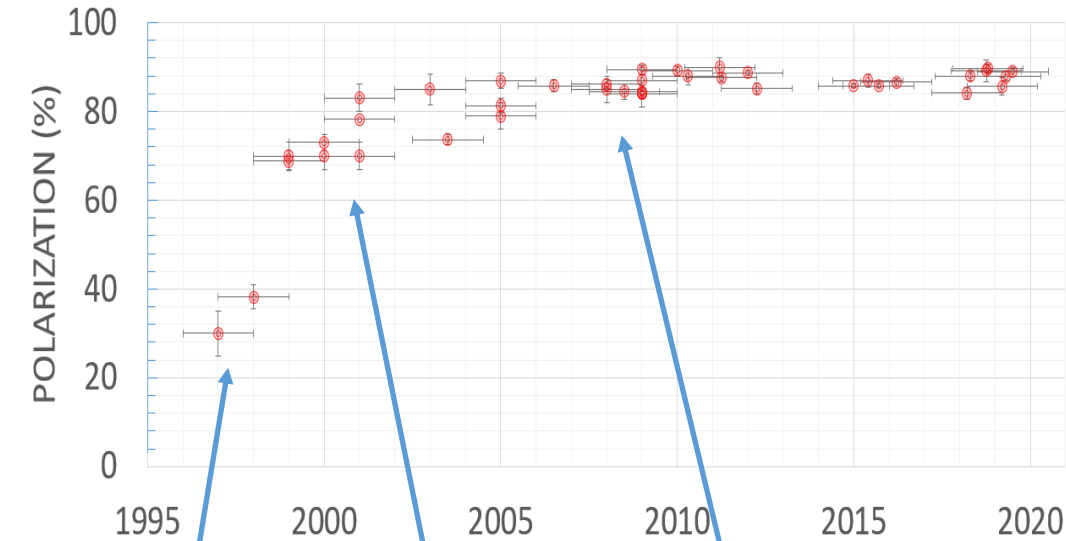
### Simulation & Modeling

- GPT ion generation & spin tracking
- Lifetime evolution model
- Spot size evolution model

## Polarized e+

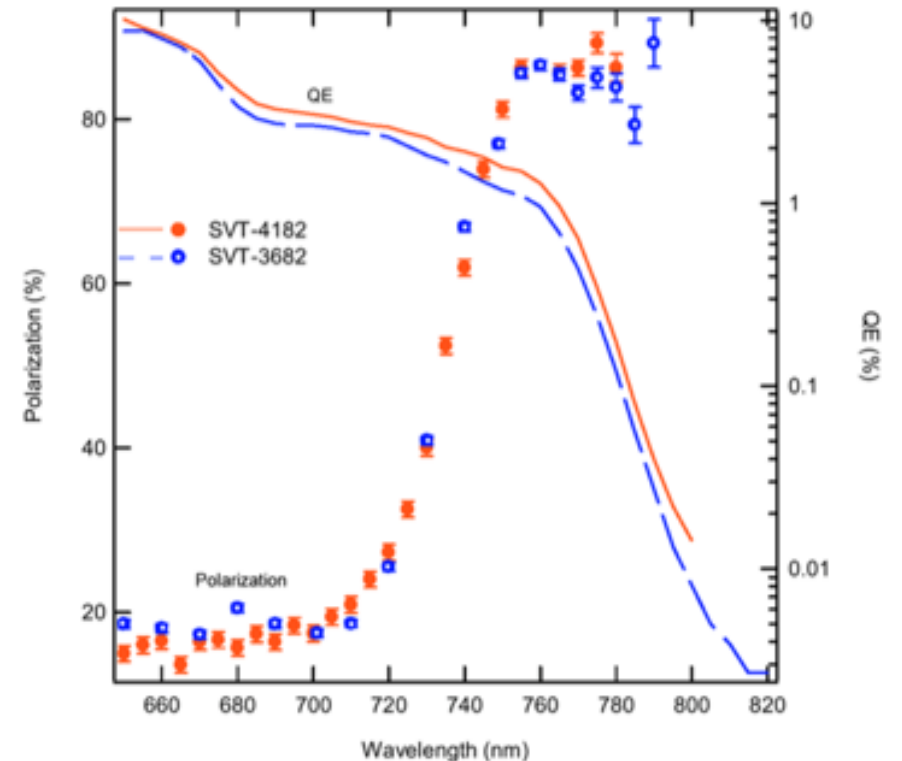
- Positron physics scope (today)
- CEBAF after 12 GeV e-
- Positron beams concept

# High Polarization Photocathodes



- High polarization GaAs/GaAsP photocathodes fabricated by SVT Assoc. using MBE have been used at JLab for many years (QE~1%, P>85%)
- SVT no longer provides these for >5 years. PI has relocated to China and new business Aachen Optoelectronics.
- JLab is purchasing material at new fabrication facility for evaluation by end of 2022

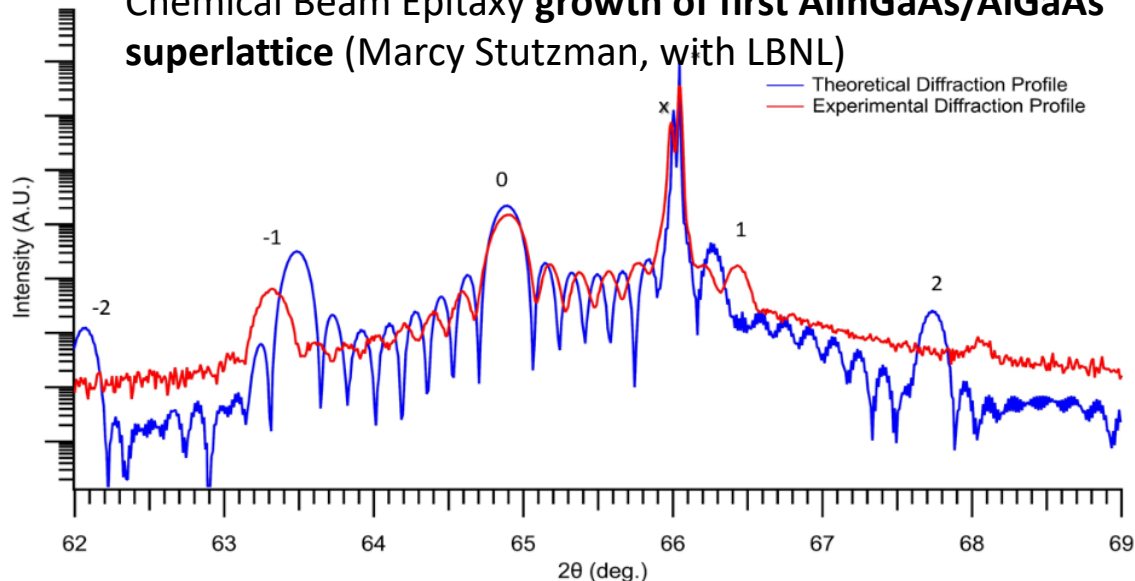
Strained Superlattice Photocathode  
 Aaron Moy, SVT Assoc and SLAC, PESP2002



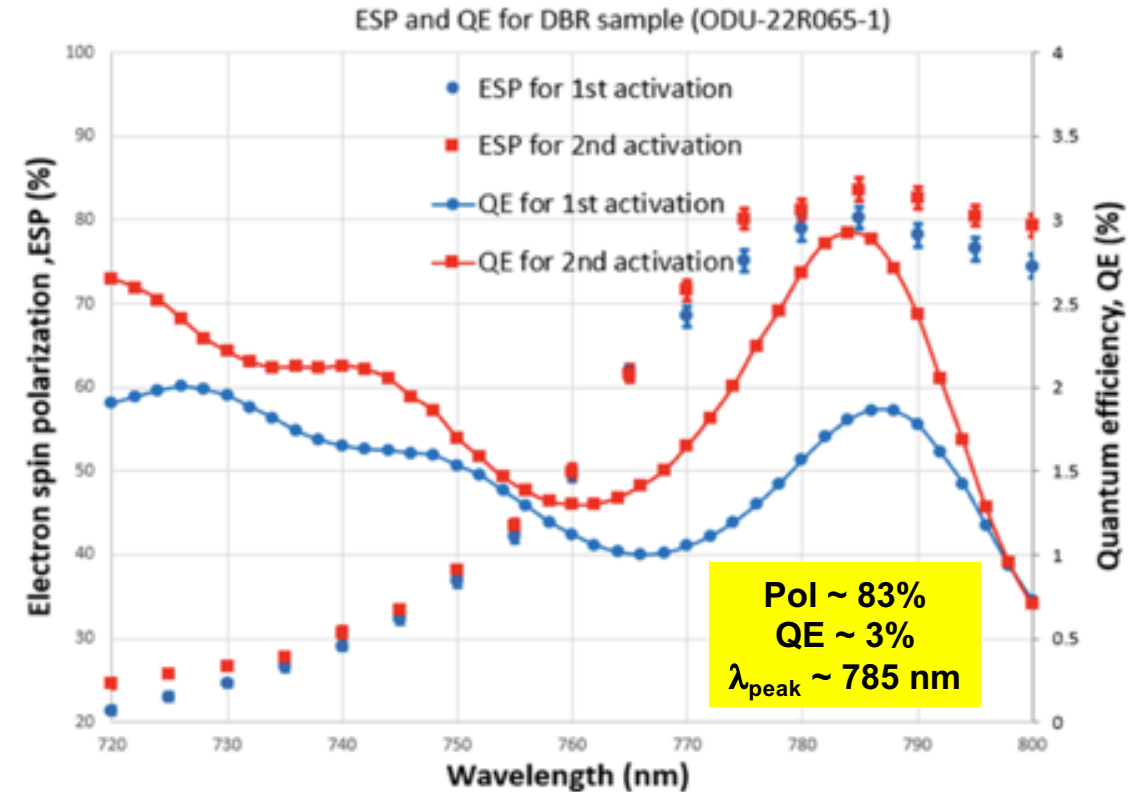
# High Polarization Photocathodes

- US DOE supporting development of photocathode fabrication methods to address US supply chain
- Jefferson Lab has two funded projects
  - **Molecular Organic Chemical Vapor Deposition** of SSL/DBR-SSL (JLab, ODU, BNL)
  - **Chemical Beam Epitaxy** growth of GaAs/GaAsP Superlattice Photocathodes (JLab & UCSB)
- Additional proposal “Photocathodes For High Average Current Applications” (Sandia, BNL, JLab)

## Chemical Beam Epitaxy growth of first AlInGaAs/AlGaAs superlattice (Marcy Stutzman, with LBNL)

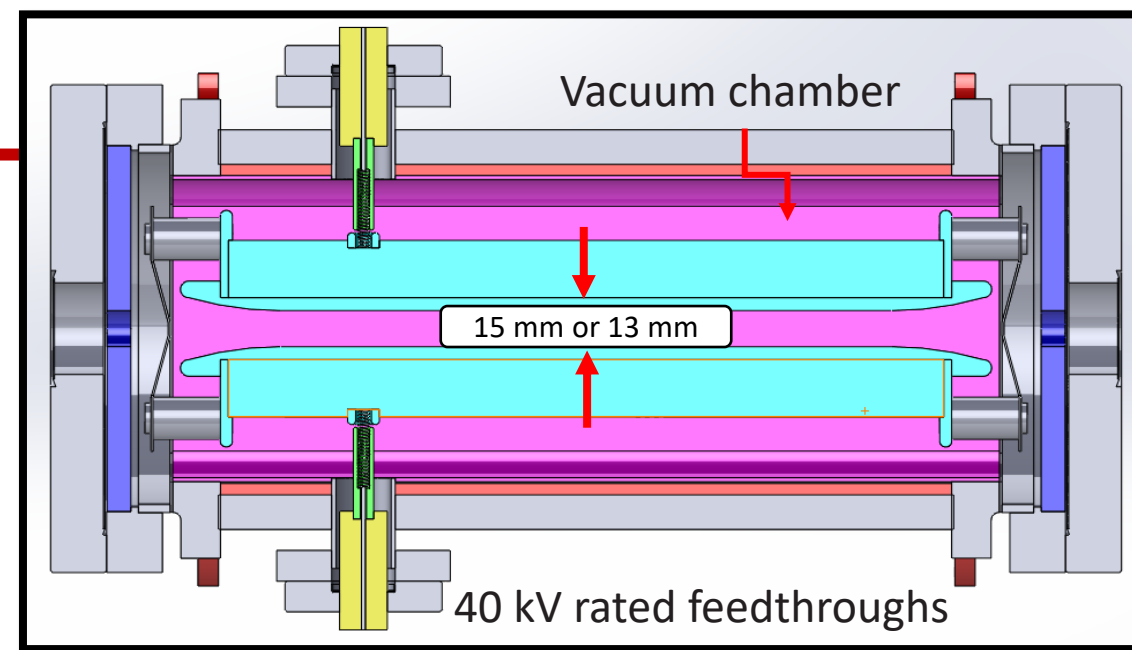
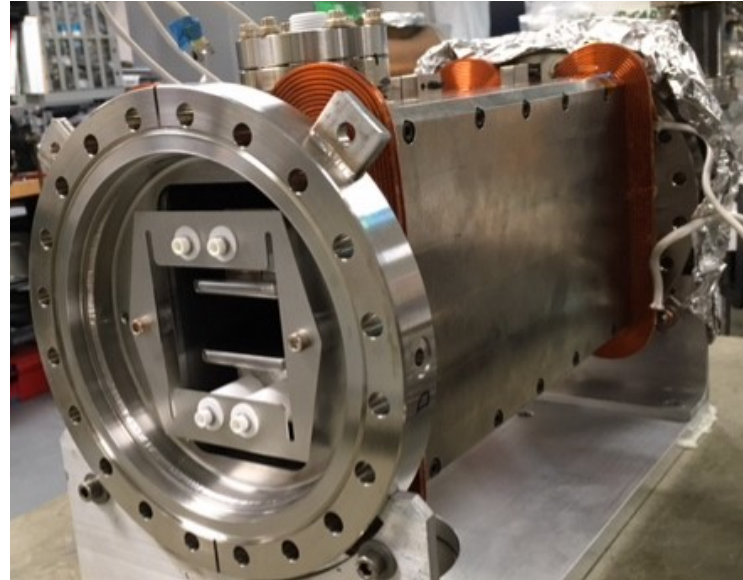


## Molecular Organic Chemical Vapor Deposition growth of DBR GaAs/GaAsP Superlattice Photocathodes (Matt Poelker, with Old Dominion University and BNL)

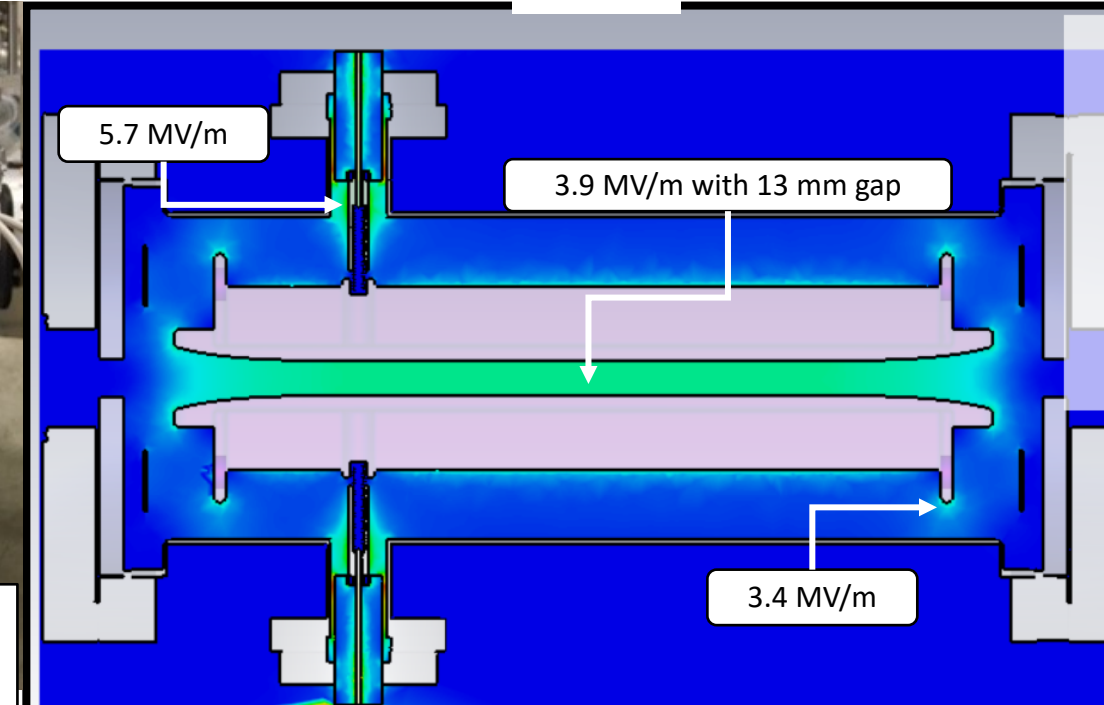


# High gradient Wien Filters

- The original vertical and horizontal CEBAF Wien filters were upgraded for higher voltage operation to be compatible with 200 keV beam
- Both Wiens have been tested to 22 kV per electrode for 100 deg spin rotation angle with 15 mm gap for 200 keV beam
- A third Wien filter was built for UITF with reduced electrode gap and has been tested to 22 kV per electrode for 90 deg spin rotation for 300 keV beam
- The CEBAF Wiens are operational with 130 keV beam awaiting operations with 200 keV beam
- The UITF Wien will be tested with 180 keV in the coming days, awaiting opportunities to test with 300 keV beam later on
- A patent has been filed for incorporating active pumping in a Wien filter using the Penning cell concept and getter plates, emulating an ion pump during Wien operations.



42 cm

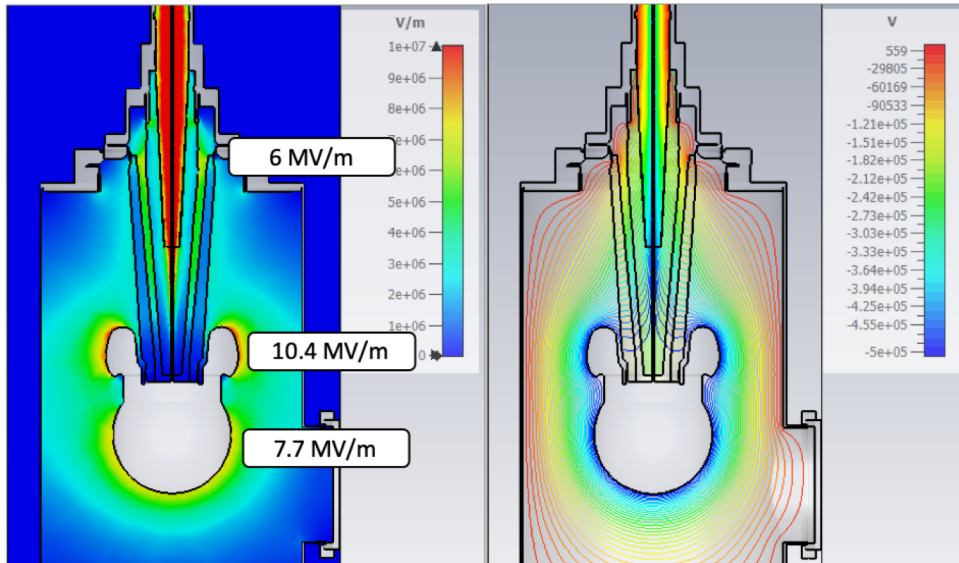


# 500 kV cable-insulator concept\* with intervening SF<sub>6</sub> layer has been designed with the intent to power a future 300 kV DC polarized photogun with the following requirements:

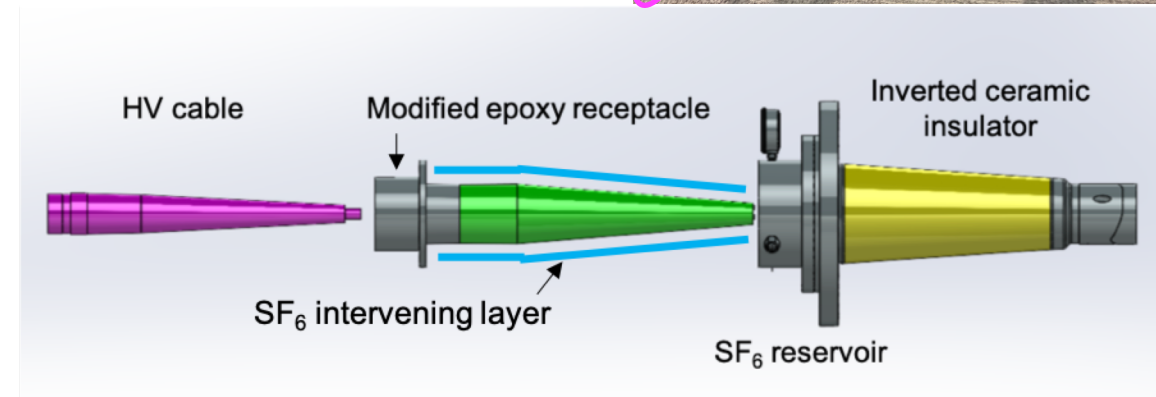
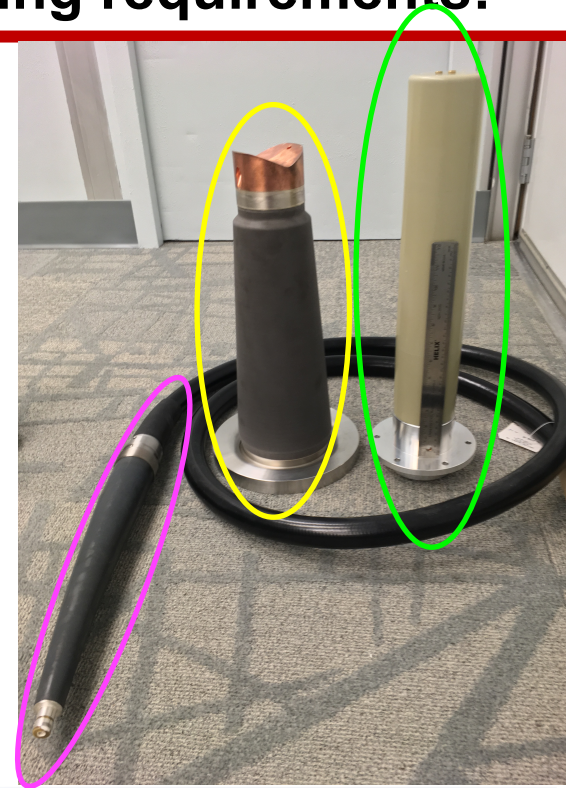
- Project Goals

- Interface capable of 500 kV
- Full beam transmission at 10 mA CW
- 1x10<sup>-12</sup> Torr dynamic vacuum at full current
- No detectable field emission at 350 kV (requires capability of 500 kV reach for high voltage conditioning)

## Gradients and potential at 500 kV



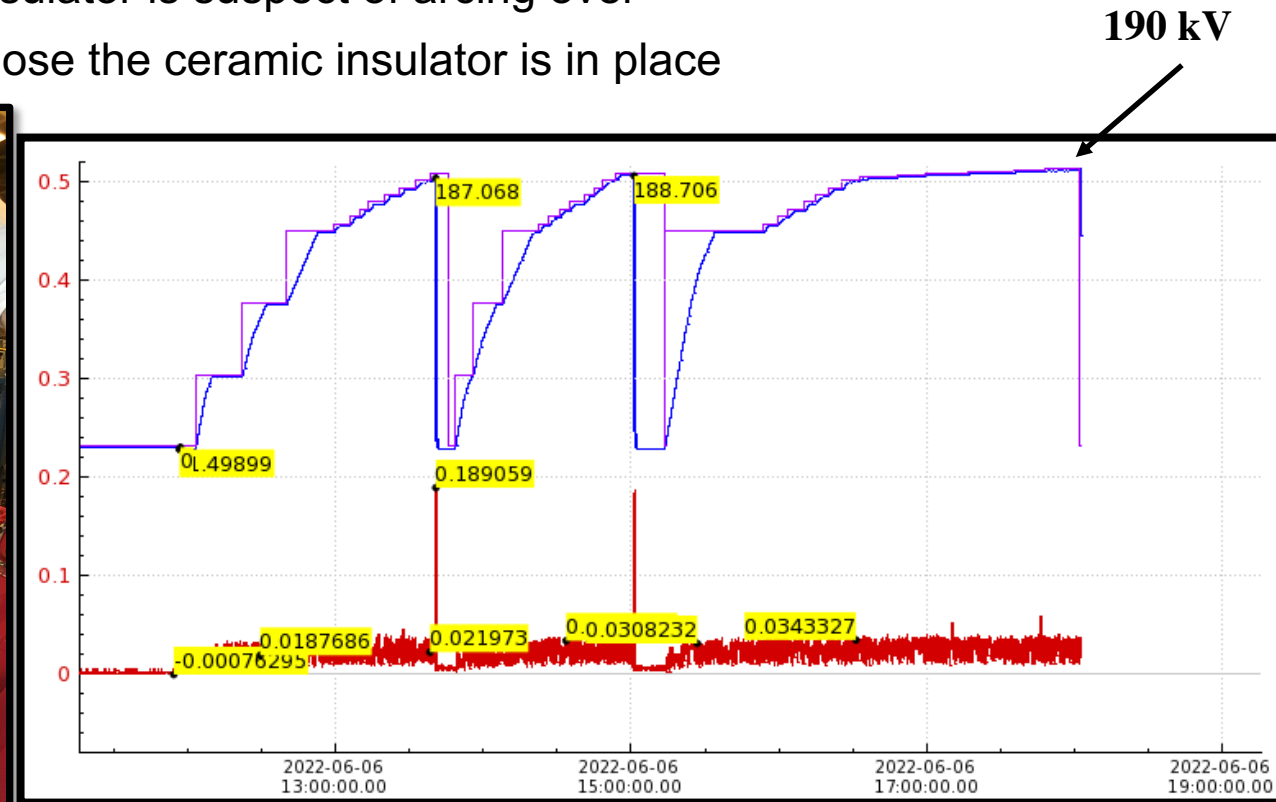
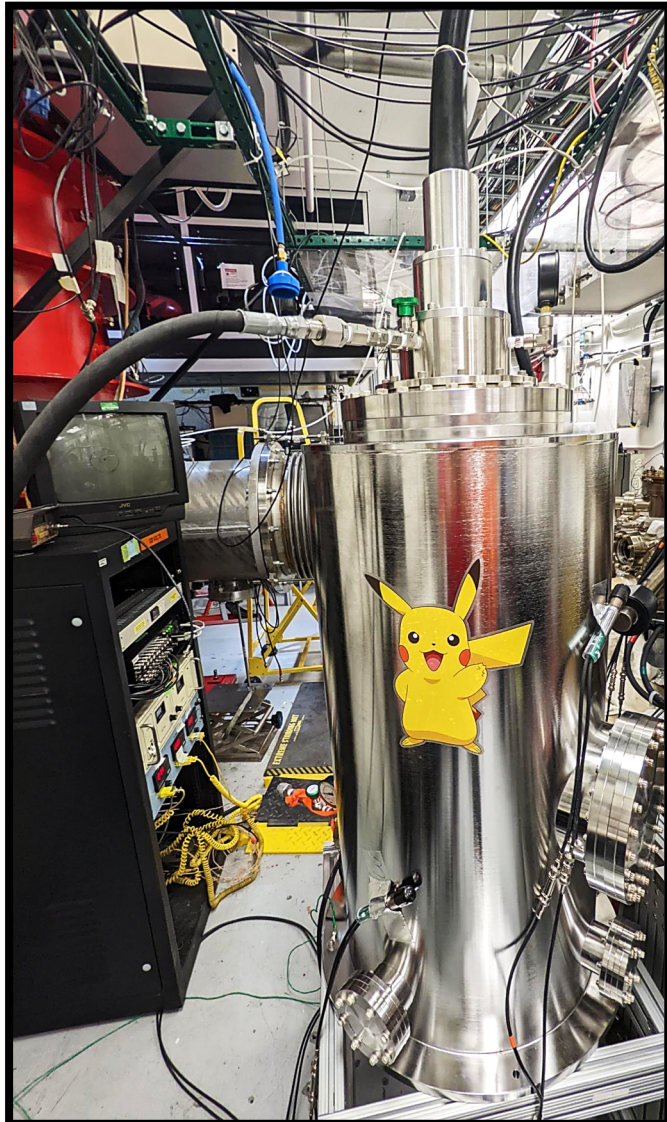
C. Hernandez-Garcia et al., "Inverted Geometry Ceramic Insulators in High Voltage DC Electron Guns for Accelerators", in proceedings of the 2021 IEEE Conference on Electrical Insulation and Dielectric Phenomena-Vancouver-Canada



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# The cable-plug concept\* is currently under testing in the Gun Test Stand (GTS)

- The assembly reached 190 kV during initial testing
- Higher voltage has been hampered by over-current events
- The cable-plug assembly has been tested on its own and appears to be fine
- The ceramic insulator is suspect of arcing over
- A plan to diagnose the ceramic insulator is in place



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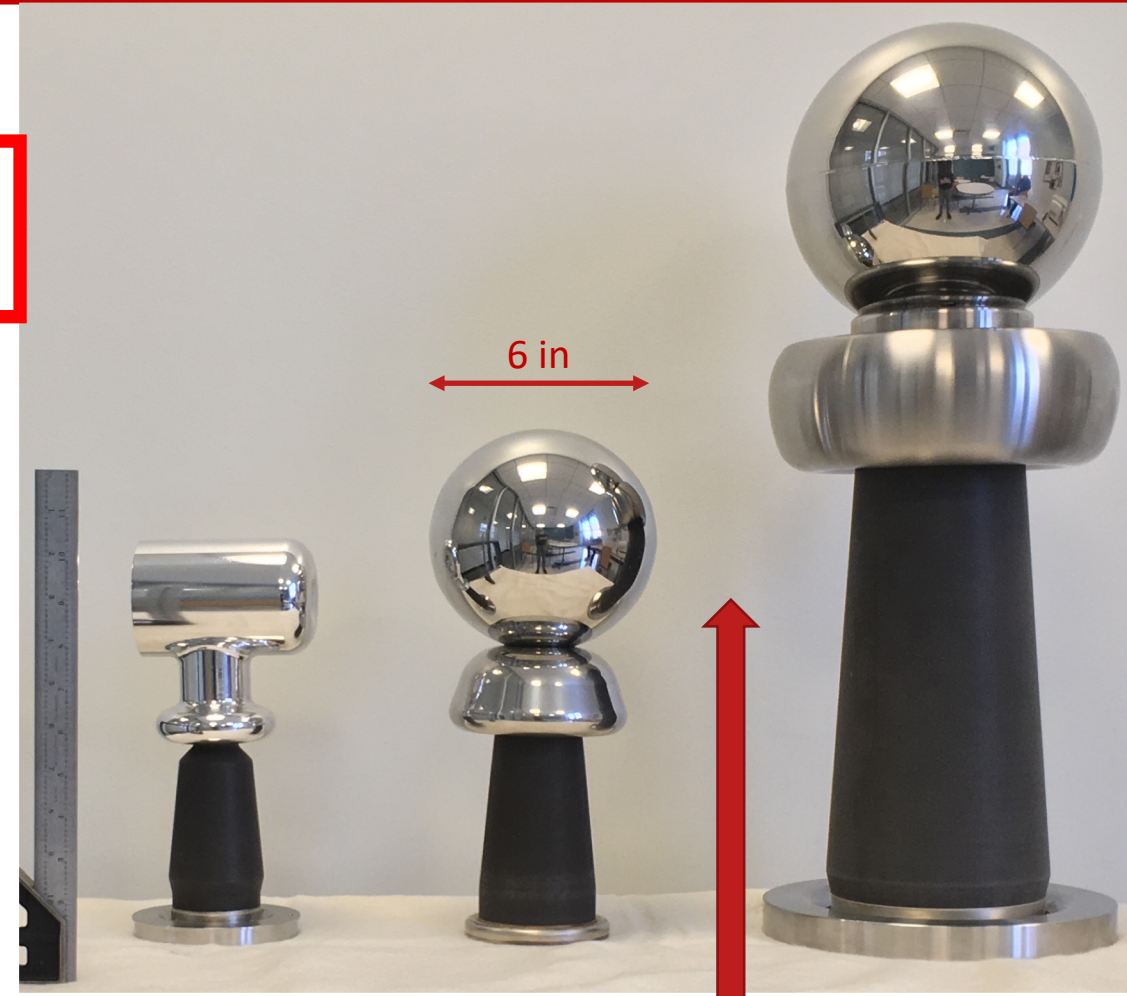
# An FOA proposal was submitted to develop a 300 kV DC gun for generating > 1 mA CW spin-polarized *electron beam as driver for positron beam* production

The photogun will be designed to meet the following performance requirements:

- Beam polarization > 85 %
- Beam current > 1 mA CW
- Charge lifetime > 1000 Coulombs

## Technical challenges:

- **Competing design factors play important roles in:**
  - Increasing present charge lifetime observed in CEBAF from ~ 200 C at 0.2 mA CW, to ~1000 C at > 1 mA CW.
- **Vacuum conditions:**
  - Demonstrate <  $1 \times 10^{-12}$  Torr. Chamber materials choices for low outgassing, modeling to minimize surface area while keeping electrode gradient < 10 MV/m at 300 kV.
- **Mitigate QE degradation from ion-back bombardment:**
  - Large laser spot size on the photocathode (spread out damage)
  - Biased anode (repel ions)
  - High (> 250kV) operating voltage (decrease ionization yield)
- **300 kV operations without field emission :**
  - Field-emitted striking the vacuum chamber desorb gas that deteriorates QE
  - Keep max gradient < 10 MV/m at 350 kV



CEBAF	GTS	Positrons	Test
130 kV	300 kV	300 kV	500 kV

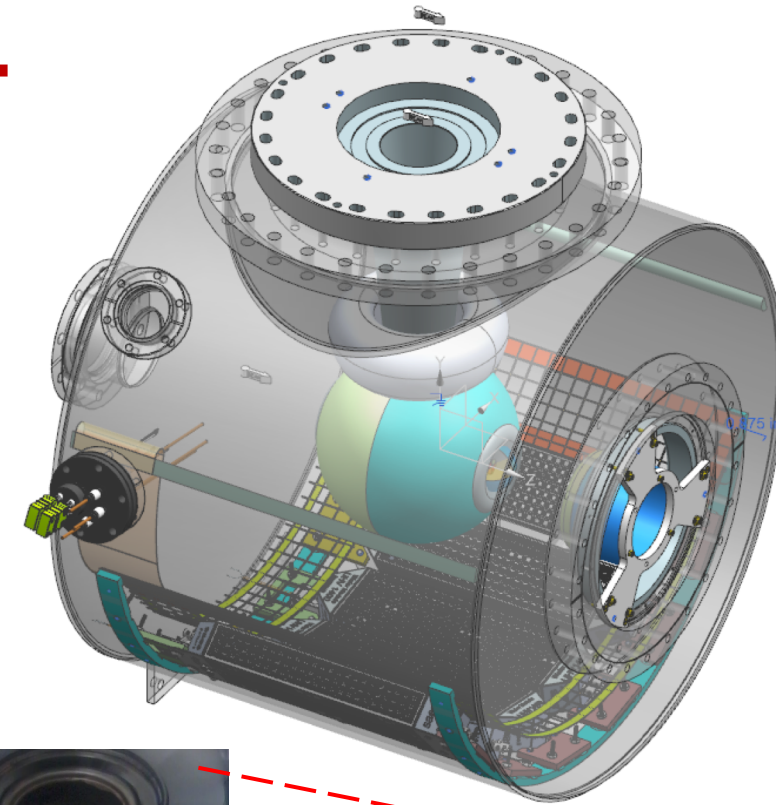
Field emission onset:	190 kV	300 kV	? > 320 kV
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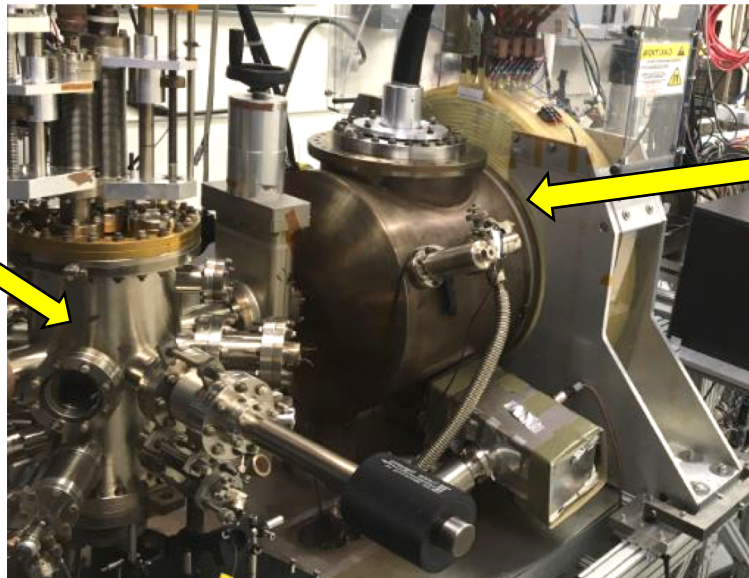
# The high current electron gun for positron beam generation is envisioned to be based on the GTS gun design + improvements

- Larger electrode to accommodate larger laser spot size and to reduce gradient
- Larger vacuum chamber to accommodate larger electrode
- Biased and tilted anode to repel ions and compensate beam vertical kick
- Improved NEG system using ZAO 1400 l/s SAES new modules

The GTS gun uses alkali-based photocathodes to generate up to 5 mA CW 300 keV un-polarized electron beams

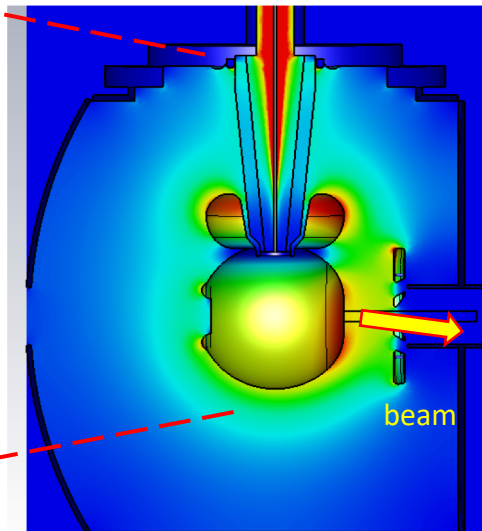


Photocathode  
Prep chamber



Gun

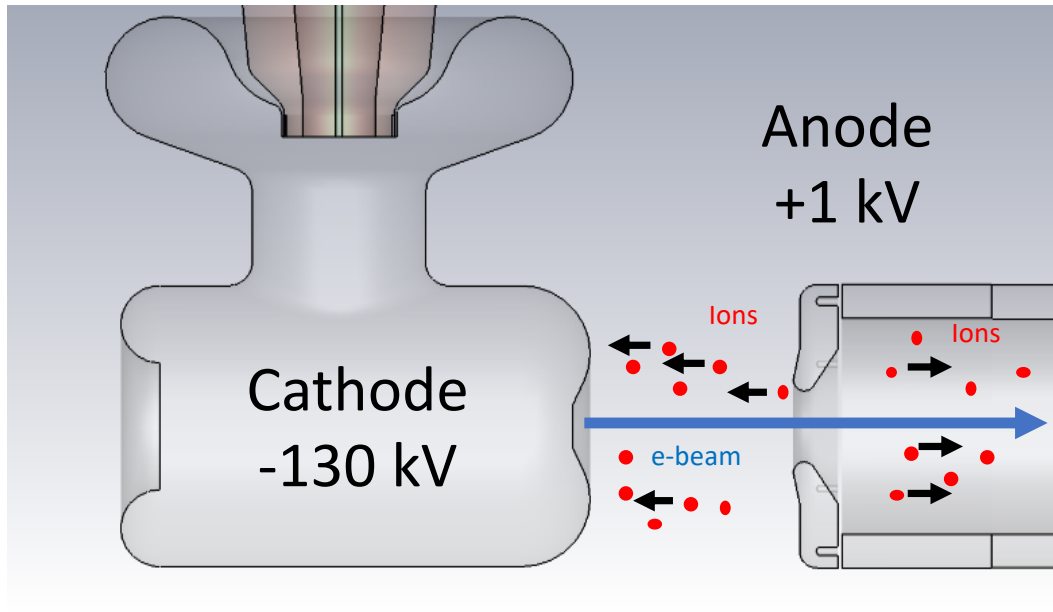
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# Ion Damage Experiment at CEBAF

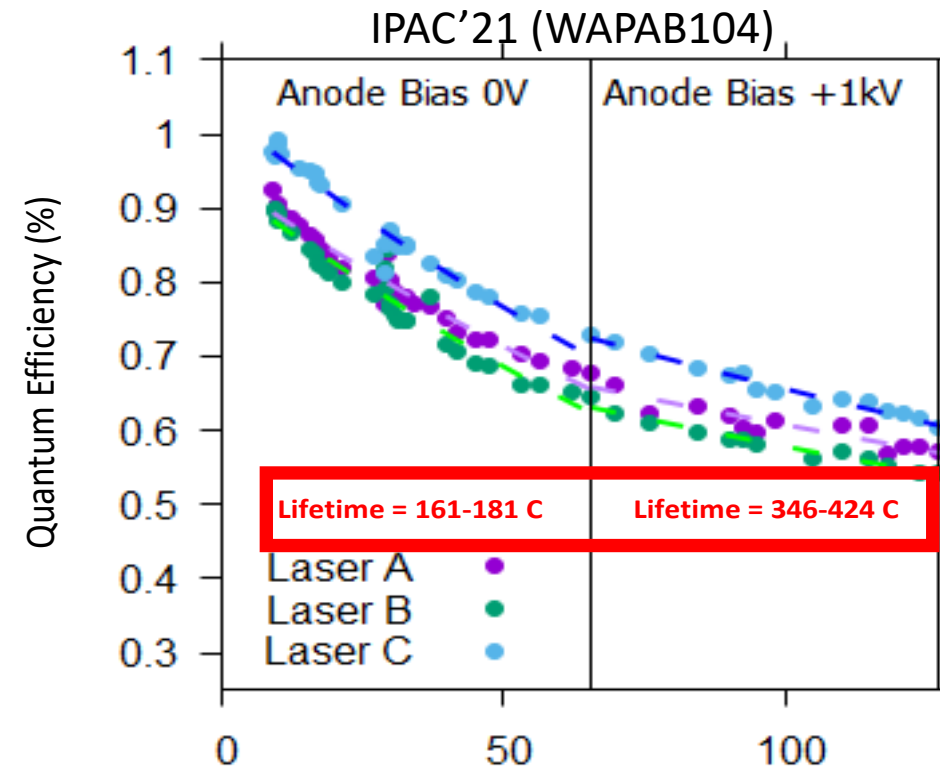
- Many factors contribute to reduction of photocathode lifetime (contamination, bad chemistry, poor vacuum, laser heating, field emission, ...)
- In “best technology” gun mitigating ion bombardment remains opportunity for improvement
- At CEBAF tested efficacy of biasing gun anode to repel downstream ions from reaching photocathode



*Photocathode lifetime increased by >50% when biasing the photogun anode to repel downstream ions  
 PhD Thesis work of Josh Yoskowitz, manuscript in preparation for Phys. Rev. Accel. and Beams*

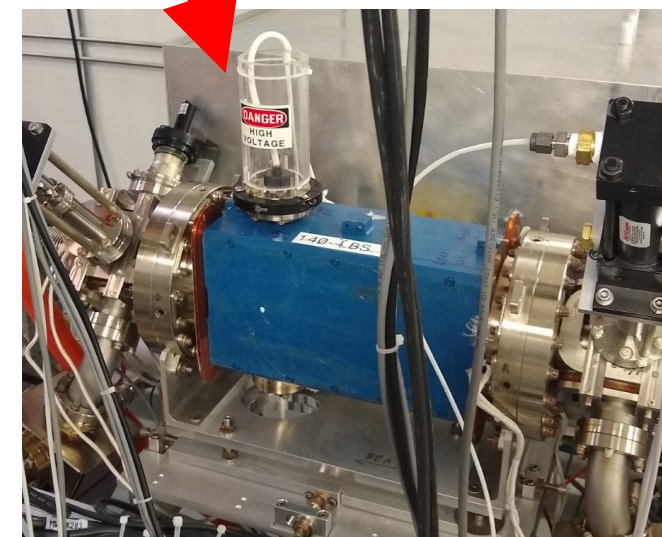
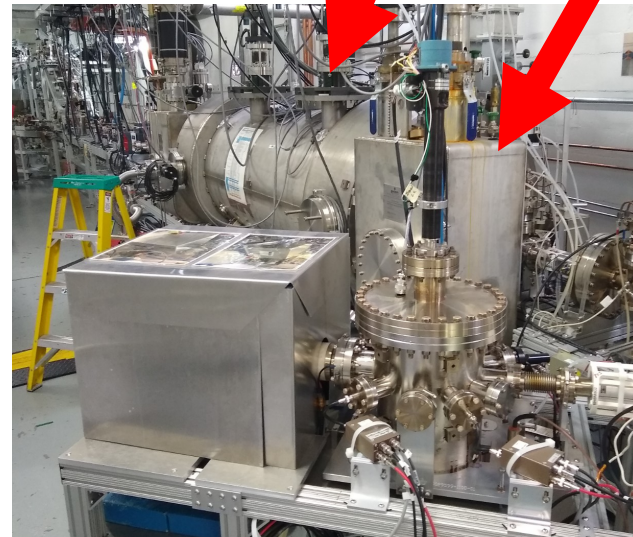
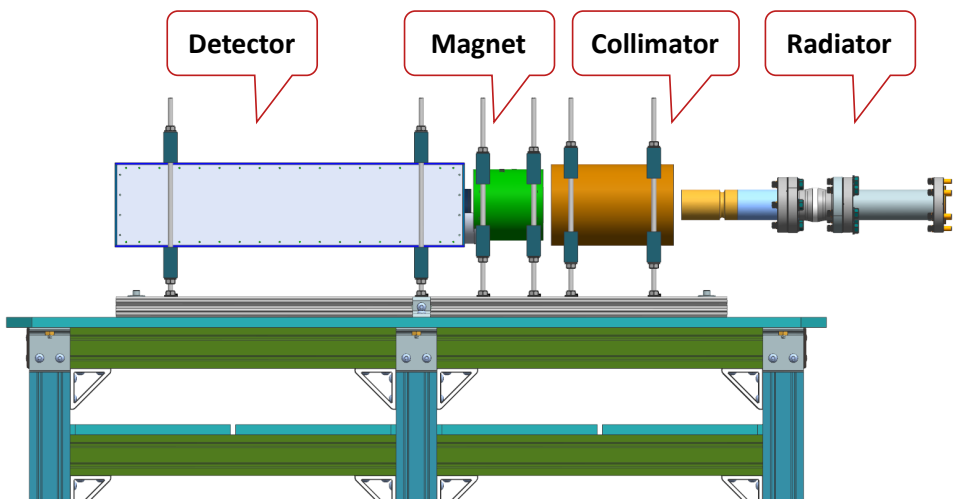
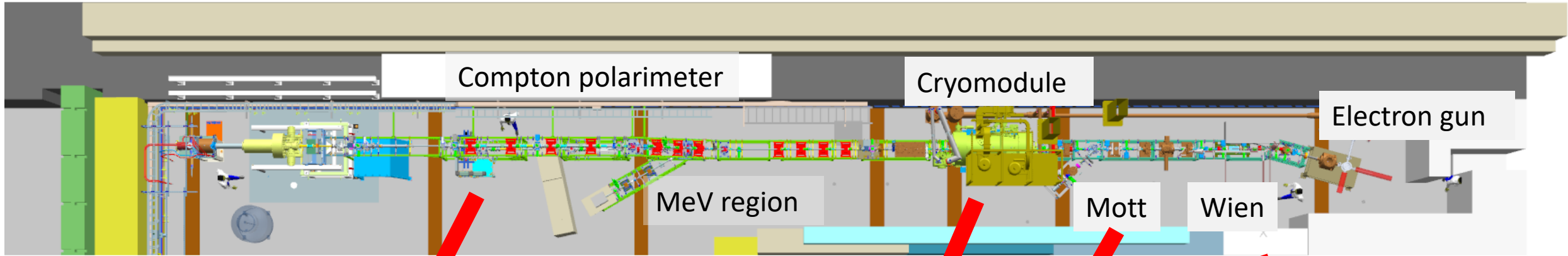
## IMPROVING THE OPERATIONAL LIFETIME OF THE CEBAF PHOTO-GUN BY ANODE BIASING\*

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# UITF 10 MeV Polarized Electron Accelerator

- UITF 10MeV beam irradiation of water with 1,4-dioxane contamination
  - Polarized photogun, Wien filter and Mott scattering polarimeter for photocathode and lifetime studies
  - Compton polarimeter for SRF polarized gun test at BNL



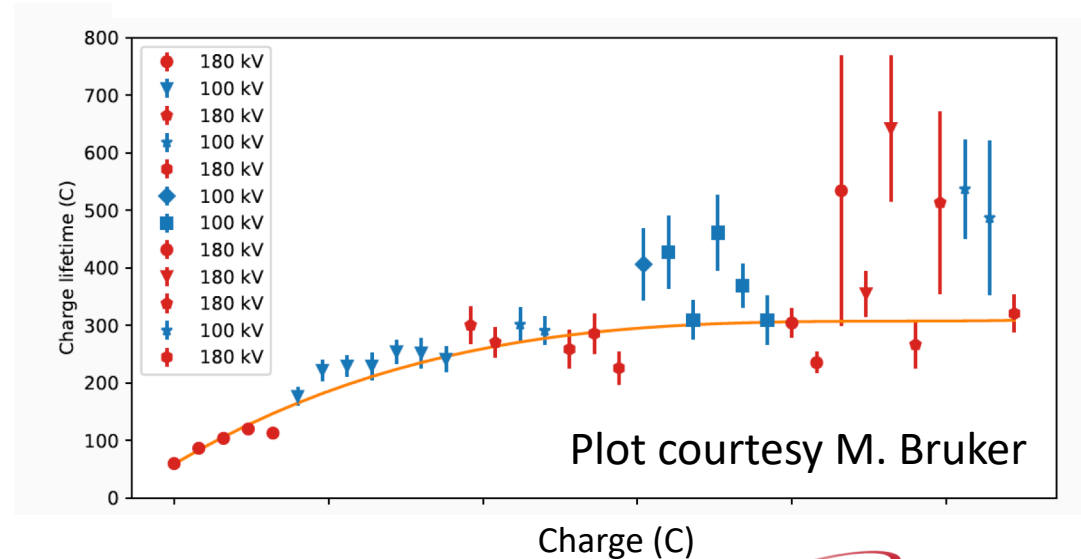
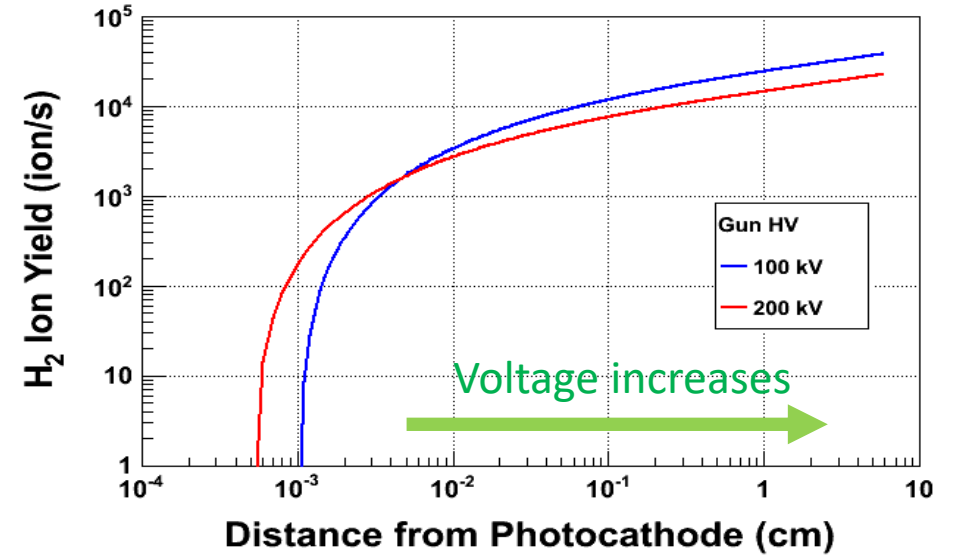
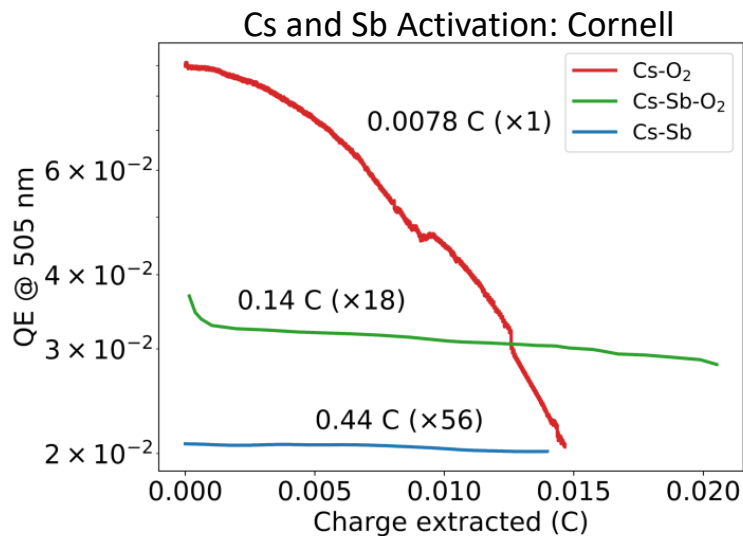
# Ion Damage Experiments at the UITF

## Using UITF to probe photocathode lifetime

- JLab scientist Max Bruker is testing hypothesis that higher gun voltage is expected to lead to higher charge lifetime
- Testing whether the Cornell NEA activation leads to a more robust chemically stable barrier to ion damage a photogun.



*J. Bae et al, J. Appl. Phys*127, 124901 (2020)



# Pulsar Physics General Particle Tracer (GPT) development at JLab

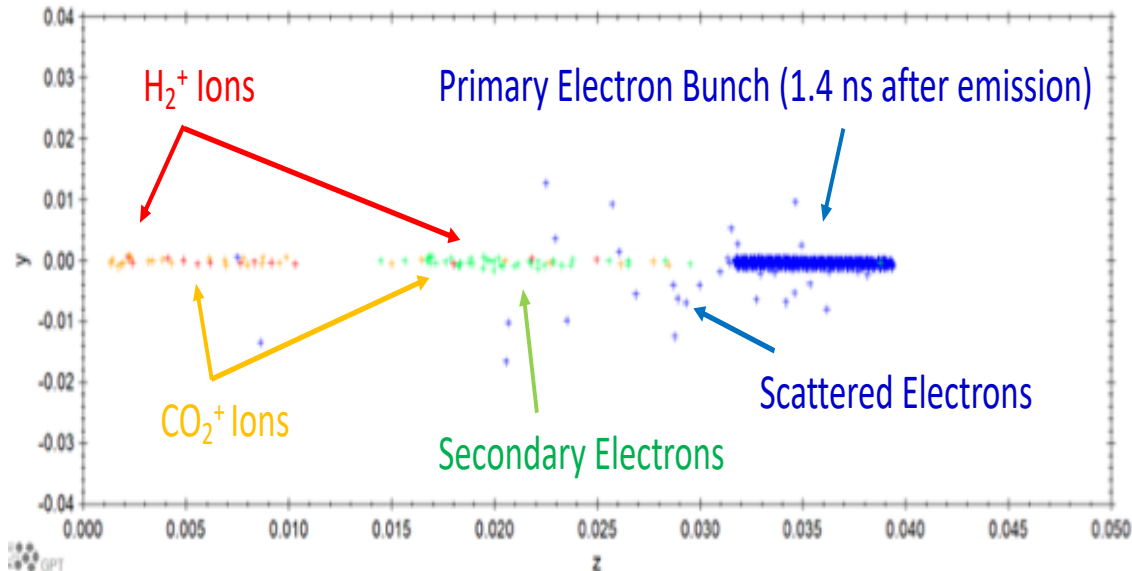
Development of GPT code for injector applications, working closely with Bas van der Geer

- GPT –Ions includes realistic electron impact ionization cross-sections and tracking
- GPT –Spin new version of code which incorporates spin tracking (e-, e+, p, etc.)

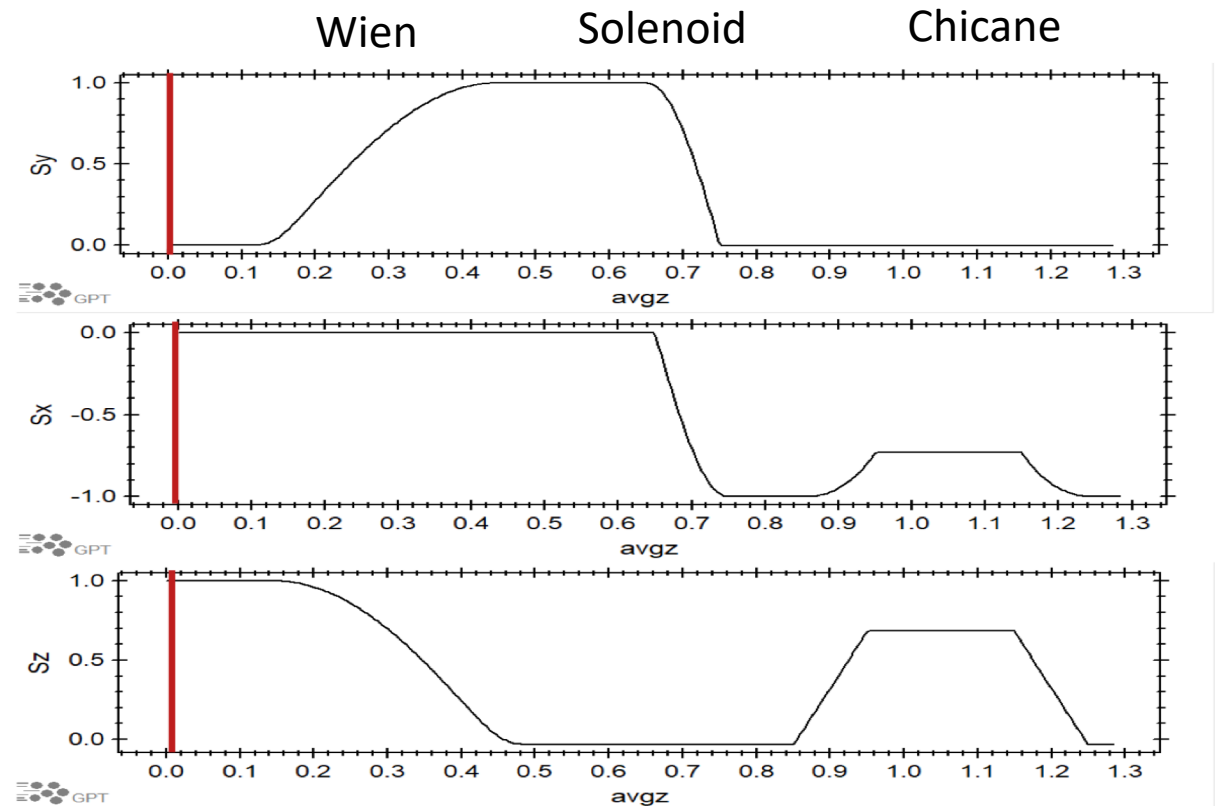
## SIMULATING ELECTRON IMPACT IONIZATION USING A GENERAL PARTICLE TRACER (GPT) CUSTOM ELEMENT\*

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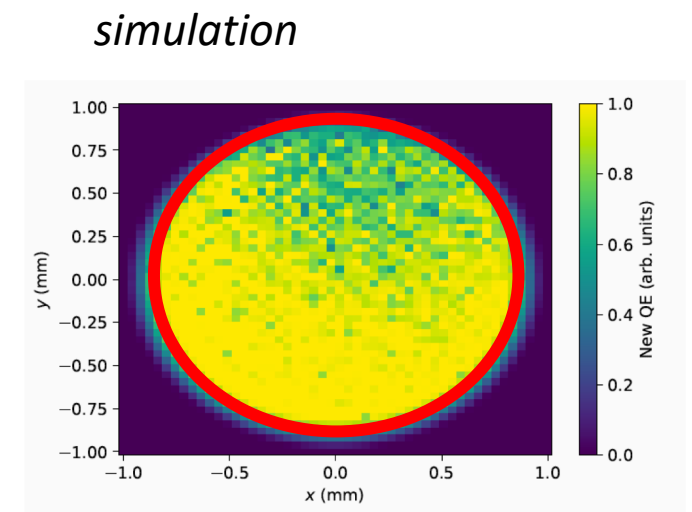
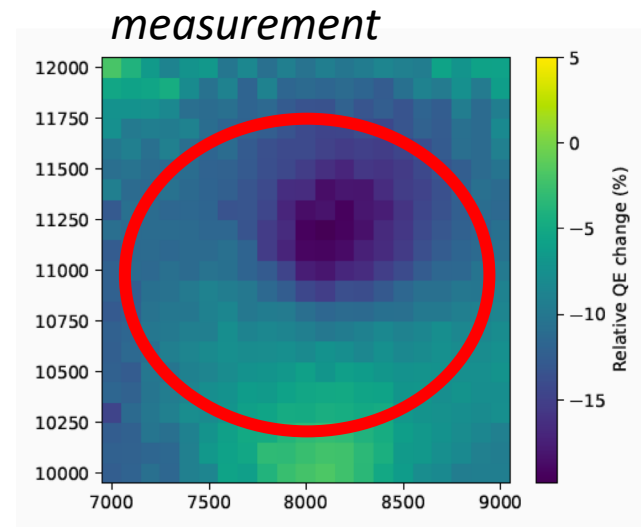
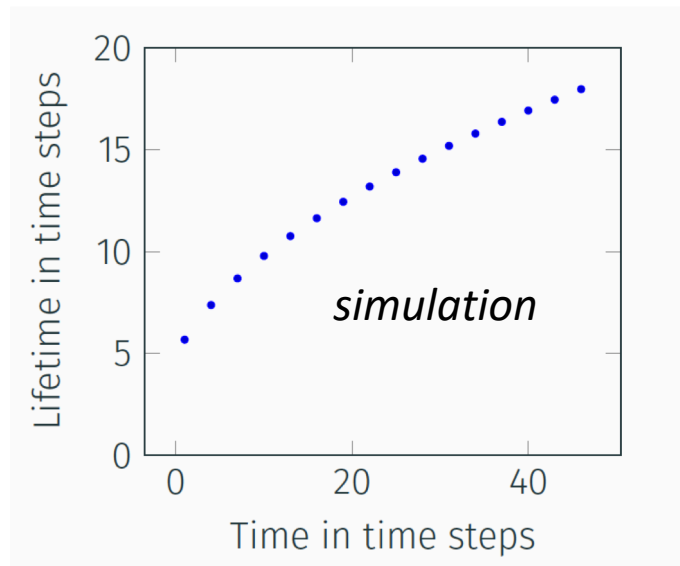
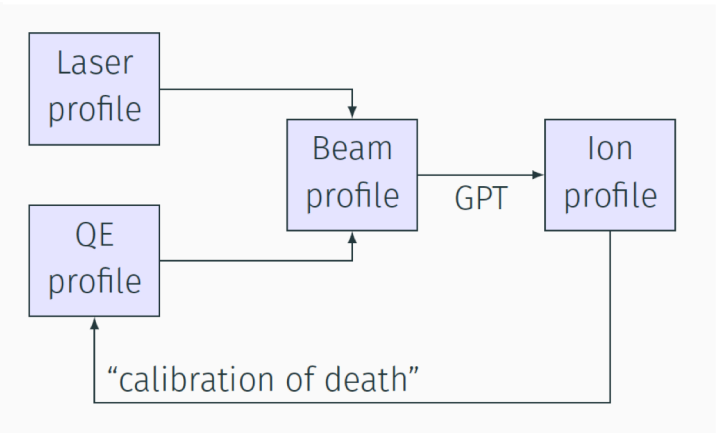
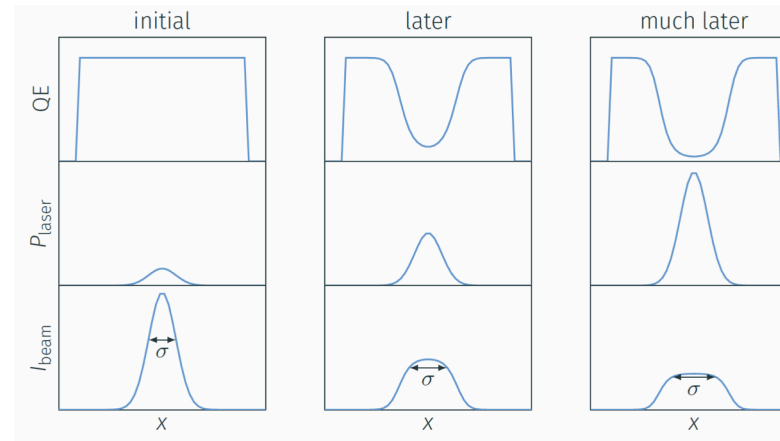
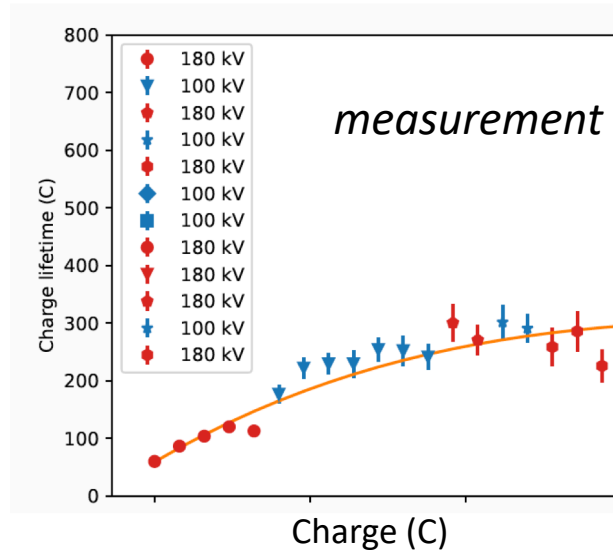
M. Stefani and B. van der Geer, **New Spin Tracking Software Developed For General Particle Tracer**, Proc. of SPIN 2021



# New Simulations using GPT –Ions

Work of Max Bruker, JLab

To dynamically explain and predict QE degradation, developing a dynamic mode which can be calibrated to reality.

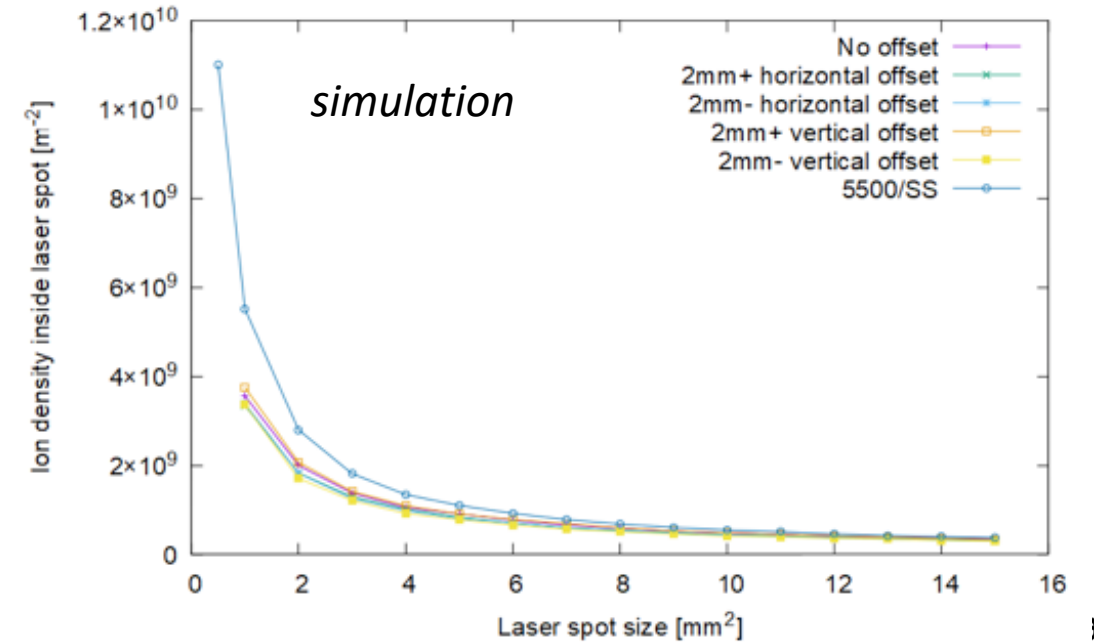
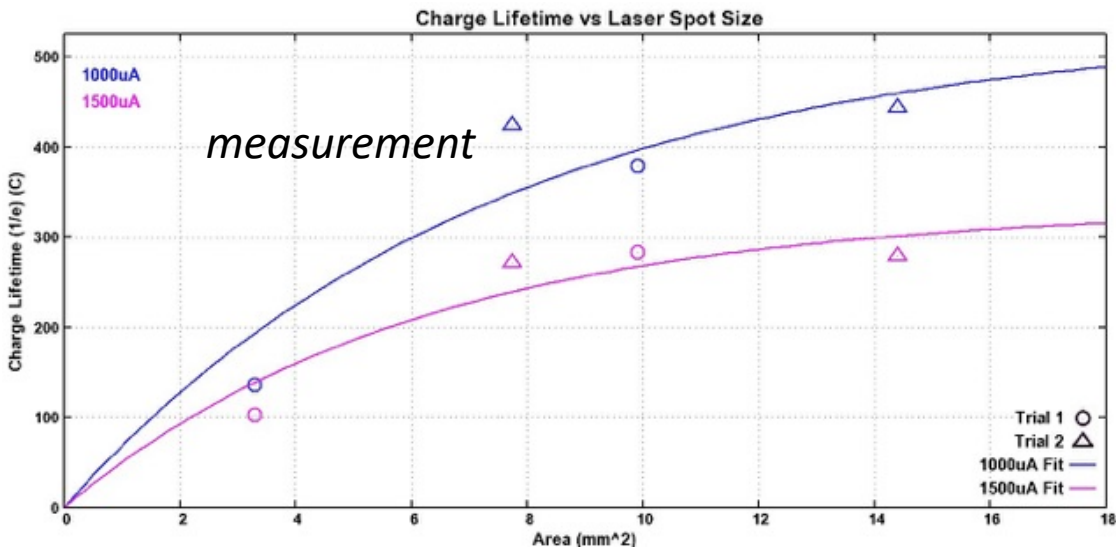
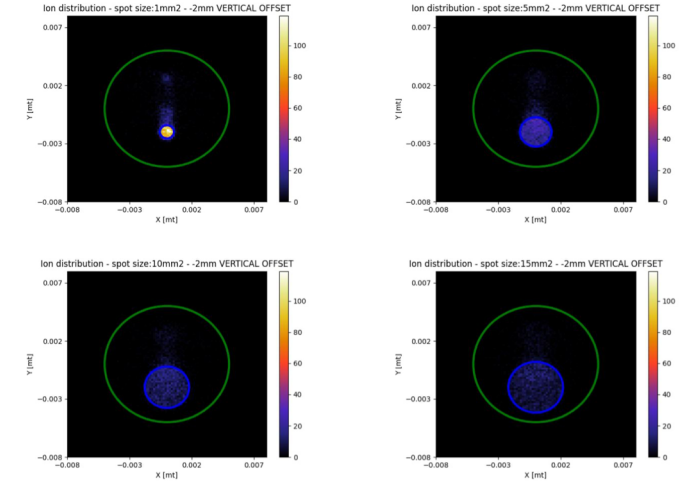
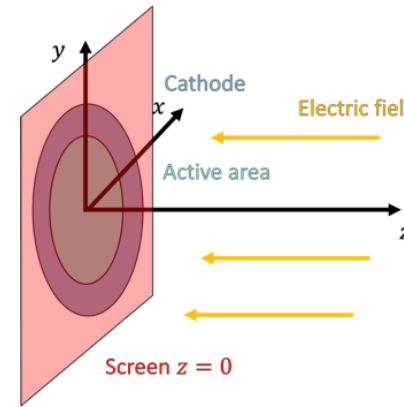


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Work of Victor Manuel Lizarraga Rubio, Univ. Sinola Mexico

To predict the fraction of ions which return to the laser location as a function of laser position and laser size

Joe Grames et al., "Milliampere beam studies using high polarization photocathodes at the CEBAF Photoinjector", Proc. of PSTP 2017



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### Polarized positrons beams for CEBAF

- Physics scope
- CEBAF after 12 GeV e-
- Positron injector
- Technical workshop




# Positron physics motivation

The EPJ A Topical Issue about an experimental positron program at CEBAF has been released

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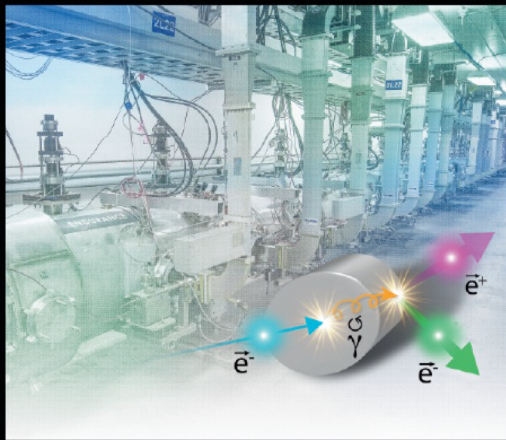
## Hadrons and Nuclei


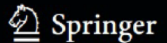
Topical Issue on  
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## Positron Partial Program Summary

Experiment Label (EPJ A)	Short Name	Measurement Configuration			Beam Parameters				Time (d)	PAC Grade	
		Hall	Detector	Target	Polarity	$p$ (GeV/c)	$P$ (%)	$I$ ( $\mu$ A)			
<i>Two Photon Exchange Physics</i>											
57:144	H( $e, e'p$ )	B	CLAS12 <sup>+</sup>	H <sub>2</sub>	+/- <sub>s</sub>	2.2/3.3/4.4/6.6	0	0.060	53		
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57:319	SupRos	A	HRS	H <sub>2</sub>	+/- <sub>p</sub>	0.6–11.0	0	2.000	35		
58:36	A( $e, e'$ )A	A	HRS	He	+/- <sub>p</sub>	2.2	0	1.000	38		
<i>Nuclear Structure Physics</i>											
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57:226	n-DVCS	B	CLAS12	D <sub>2</sub>	+/- <sub>s</sub>	11.0	60	0.060	80		
57:240	p-DDVCS	A	SoLID <sup>u</sup>	H <sub>2</sub>	+/- <sub>s</sub>	11.0	(30)	3.000	100		
57:273	He-DVCS	B	CLAS12/ALERT	<sup>4</sup> He	+/- <sub>s</sub>	11.0	60				
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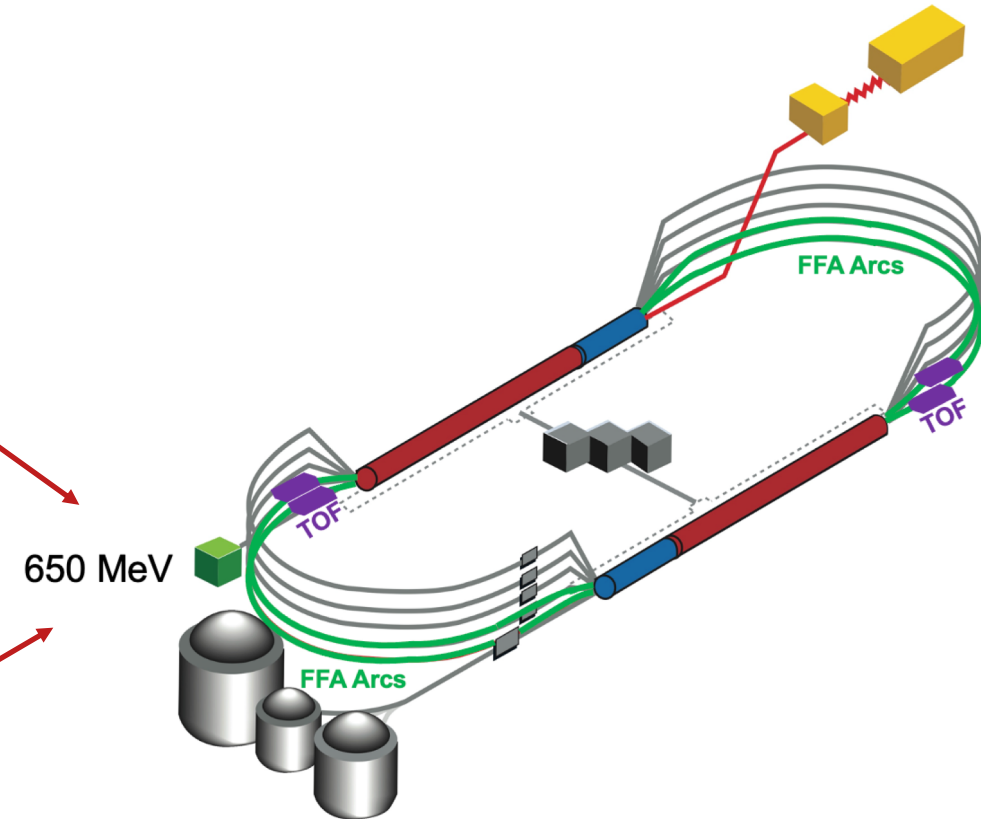
CLAS12<sup>+</sup> ≡ CLAS12  
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 + Secondary positron  
 -<sub>s</sub> Secondary electron  
 -<sub>p</sub> Primary electron b  
 (30) Do not require pc

Assuming  
**36 weeks/year of beam and  
 50% accelerator efficiency, this is  
 4.8 years of running.**

il Detector  
 beam intensity

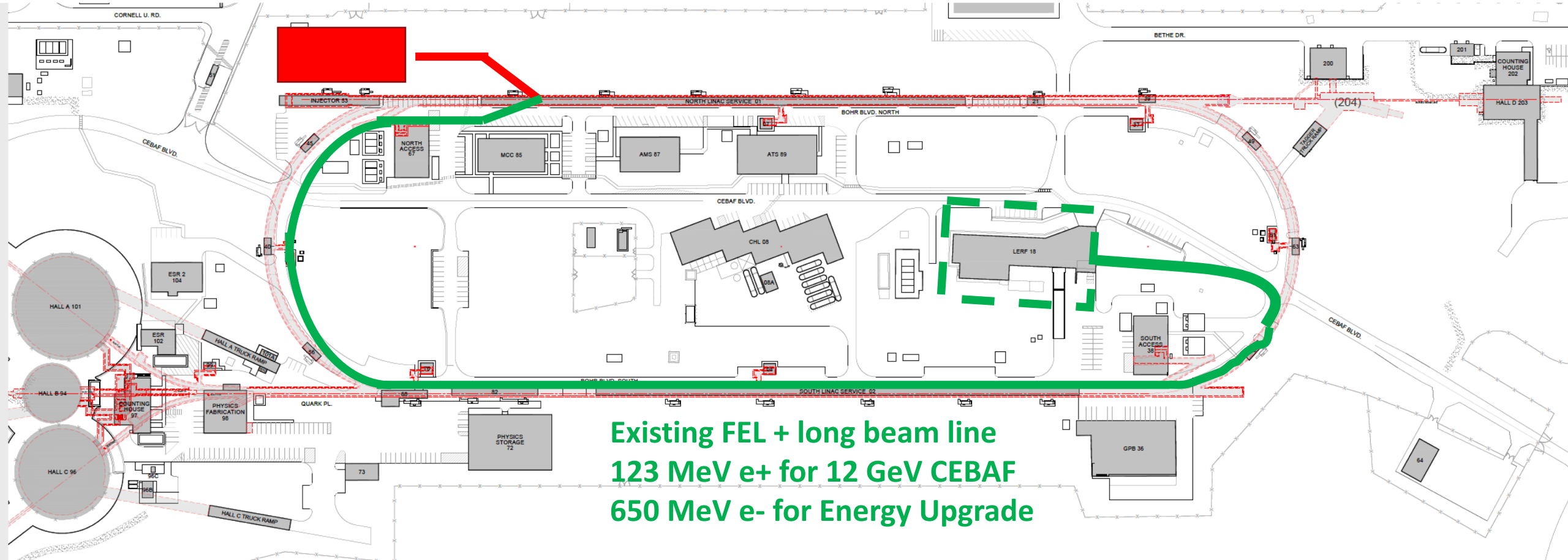
# CEBAF Upgrade(s) beyond 12 GeV e-

- **Polarized positrons capability**
  - Near term, ~5 years, 12 GeV, multi-hall
  - Imagine 100 – 300 MeV e- injector
- **Energy upgrade experimental program**
  - 22 GeV, a decade from now, multi-hall
    - Can have an intermediate stage of 17 GeV
  - Replace two arcs per side with new FFA permanent magnet arcs
    - (Single pair of arcs is considered too)
  - Requires ~600 MeV e- injector
    - This mean a shielded vault of ~70x10m



# An electron/positron injector vault is required for both upgrades

New underground vault + short beam line

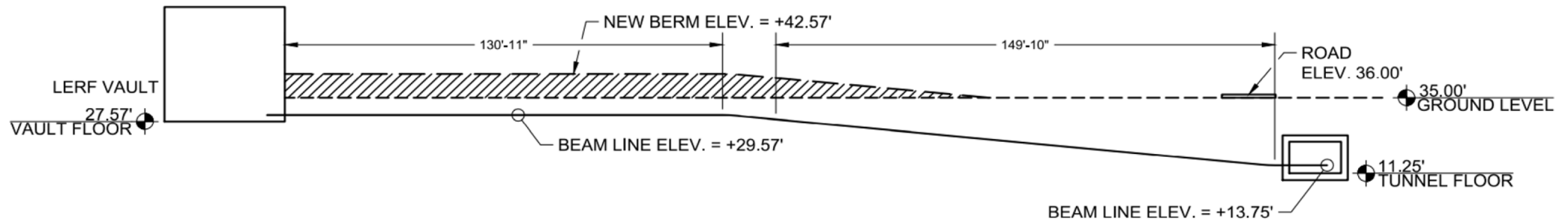
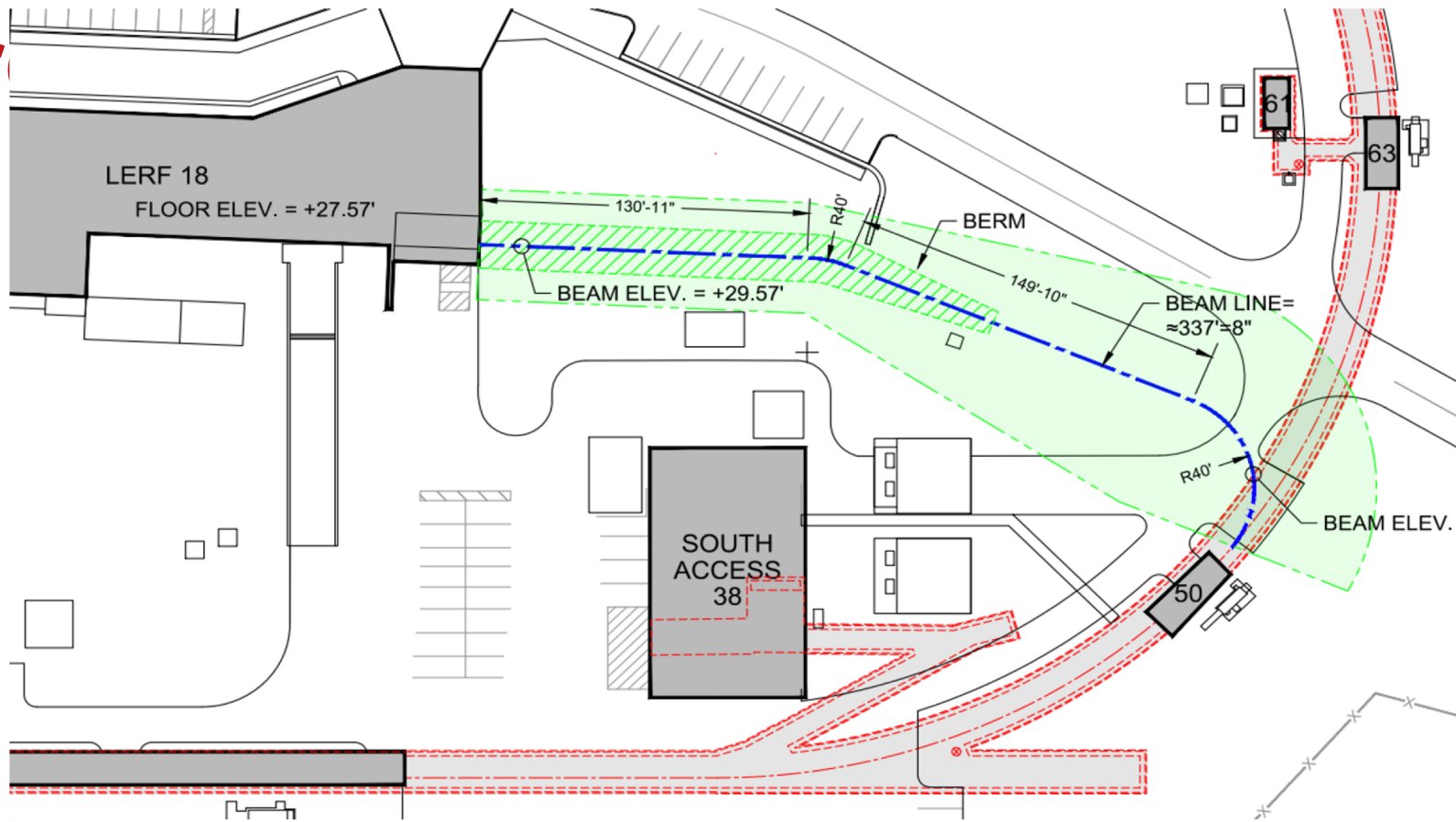


Existing FEL + long beam line  
123 MeV e<sup>+</sup> for 12 GeV CEBAF  
650 MeV e<sup>-</sup> for Energy Upgrade

*Green option is presently more cost effective and provides options for staging positron and energy upgrade*

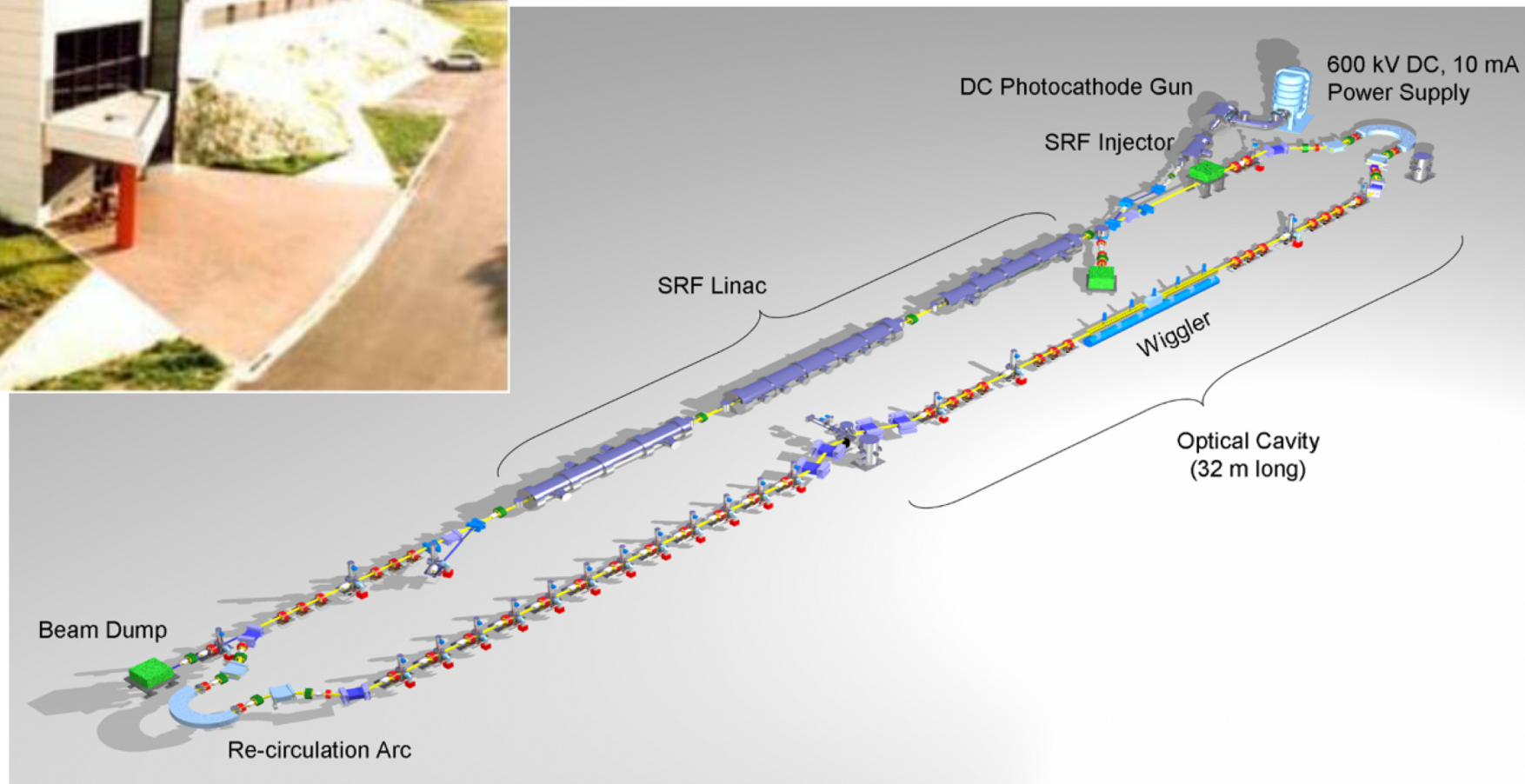
# Tunnel to East Ar

- Conventional Facilities construction experts assessment and design optimization
  - Options 2a and 2b assessed
  - Option 2c suggested and evaluated
  - Feasibility confirmed
- Rough cost estimates for hardware are in the process



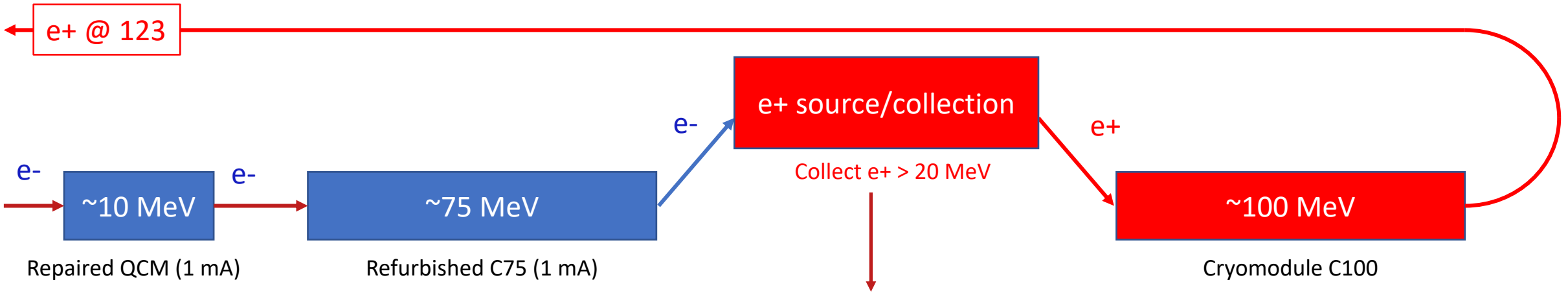
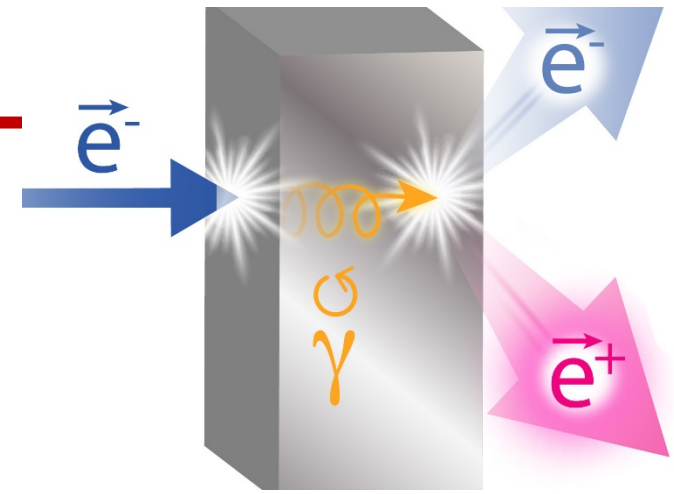
Drawings courtesy Joel Dolbeck

# Staging electron/positron injector at the FEL

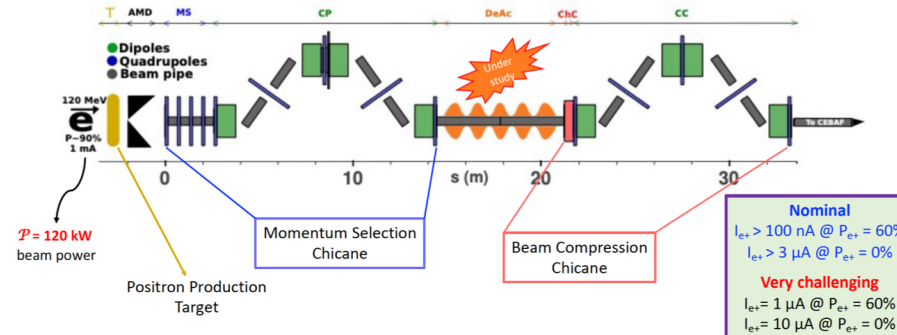


# Polarized e+, big picture

- Hardware needed:
  - High current polarized e- source
  - A cryomodule to accelerate e-
  - An e+ target-source and collection system
  - A cryomodule to accelerate e+



## Polarized positrons generation



Would like to organize a workshop at Jlab in the Late 2022 or Early 2023 to discuss technical collaboration.