

# Superconducting Applications

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## The „first“ two SRF Gun Questions:

**Survive the SRF gun cavity the photocathode?**

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## Outline

1. Superconducting Guns and Their Applications
2. Applied Photocathodes
3. Multipacting
4. Cathode Cooling
5. Photocathode Quality Management

**ELBE.**

**HZDR**

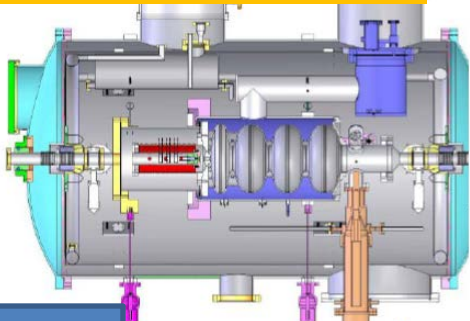
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# 1. Superconducting guns and their applications

Production of high-brightness electron beams  
in CW mode for high average currents or/and up to MHz pulse repetition rates

Guns in operation

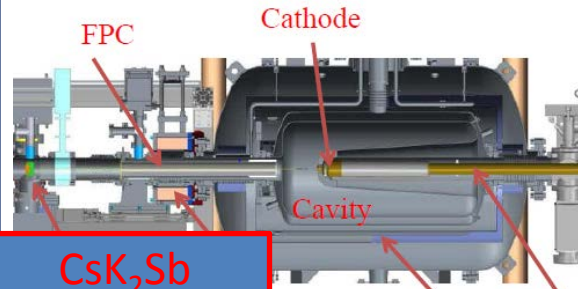
Peking Uni DC SRF gun



Cs<sub>2</sub>Te

1 mA  
THz, UED demo

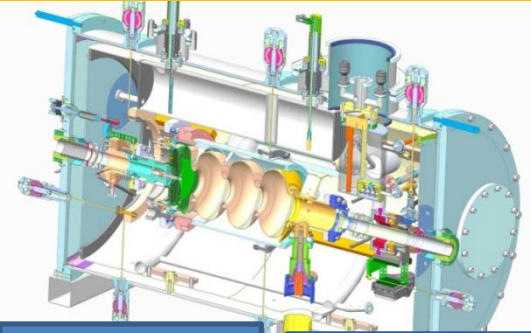
BNL 113 MHz CeC gun



CsK<sub>2</sub>Sb

Laser cross section  
CeC experiments  
since 2016

HZDR 3.5 cell ELBE gun II

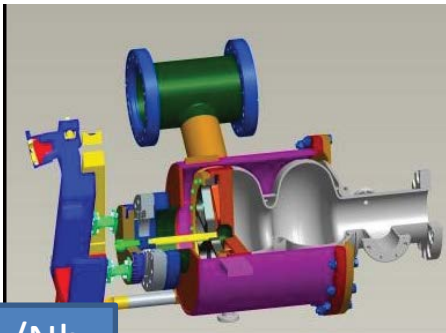


Mg, (Cs<sub>2</sub>Te)

THz for users  
since 2018

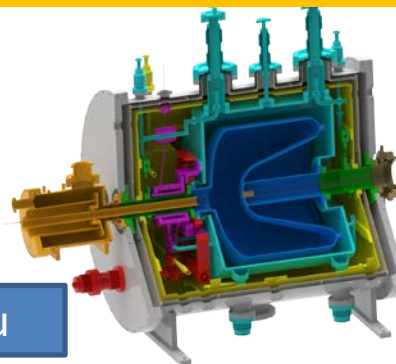
Test operation

HZB/DESY 1.5 cell gun



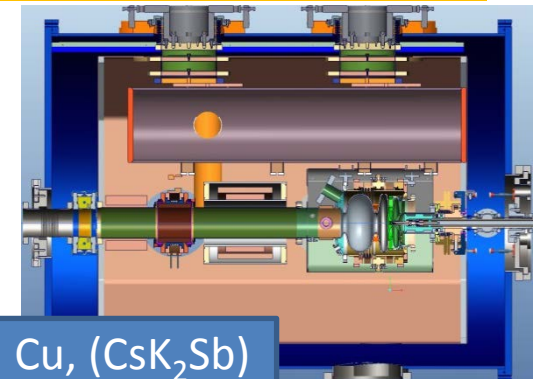
Pb/Nb

UW/SLAC 200 MHz WIFEL gun



Cu

HZB 1.5 cell ERL gun



Cu, (CsK<sub>2</sub>Sb)

# 1. Superconducting guns and their applications

Projects with SRF Gun applications - CW with high pulse repetition rate

- **XFELs**

European XFEL CW upgrade (DESY)	25 $\mu\text{A}$ , 20-250 pC, 0.4-0.8 $\mu\text{m}$
LCLS-II High-energy upgrade (ANL,SLAC)	50 $\mu\text{A}$ , 100 pC, 0.1 $\mu\text{m}$

- **IR – VUV FELs and THz radiation sources**

ELBE superradiant THz source upgrade with SRF gun III	50 $\mu\text{A}$ , 500 pC
PolFEL project THz – IR, UV (	
ELBE II (DALI) project high pulse energy THz, VUV	1 mA, 1 nC

- **Ultrafast Electron Diffraction (UED) with MeV electrons & MHz**

SLAC project with WiFEL gun	<1 $\mu\text{A}$ , fC
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- **Energy Recovery Linacs (ERLs)**

KEK ERL Project	100 mA, 80 pC, 0.6 $\mu\text{m}$
bERLinPro ERL prototype (HZB)	100 mA, 77 pC, <1 $\mu\text{m}$

- **Electron Cooling of Ion Maschines (CeC)**

BNL coherent electron cooling	150 $\mu\text{A}$ , 0.1-10.7 nC, 0.15-5 $\mu\text{m}$
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## 2. Applied photocathodes – Overview

### METALS

superconducting

**Nb**

$10^{-5}$  @ 260 nm

**Pb/Nb**

$3 \times 10^{-4}$  @ 260 nm

low current

- UV laser
- vacuum robust
- laser cleaning
- no RF heat
- no loadlock

normal conducting

**Cu**

$10^{-5}$  @ 260 nm

**Mg**

$1-3 \times 10^{-3}$  @ 260 nm

low current

- UV laser
- vacuum robust
- laser cleaning
- cooling needed
- loadlock

### SEMICONDUCTORS

**UV**

**Cs<sub>2</sub>Te**

1 – 10 %

1 – 10 mA

UV laser limit

- $10^{-9}$  –  $10^{-10}$  mbar
- cooling needed
- loadlock

**GREEN**

**CsK<sub>2</sub>Sb**

>10 %

~100 mA

- powerful lasers
- laser shaping
- $<10^{-11}$  mbar
- cooling needed
- loadlock

## 2. Applied photocathodes – Superconducting PC

### All Superconducting Gun – DESY, NCBJ Swierk, BNL



BNL all Nb gun

- higher QE of Pb (J. Smedley)
- deposited spot in cavity
- test in HoBiCat at HZB
- gun for PoFEL & CW EXFEL

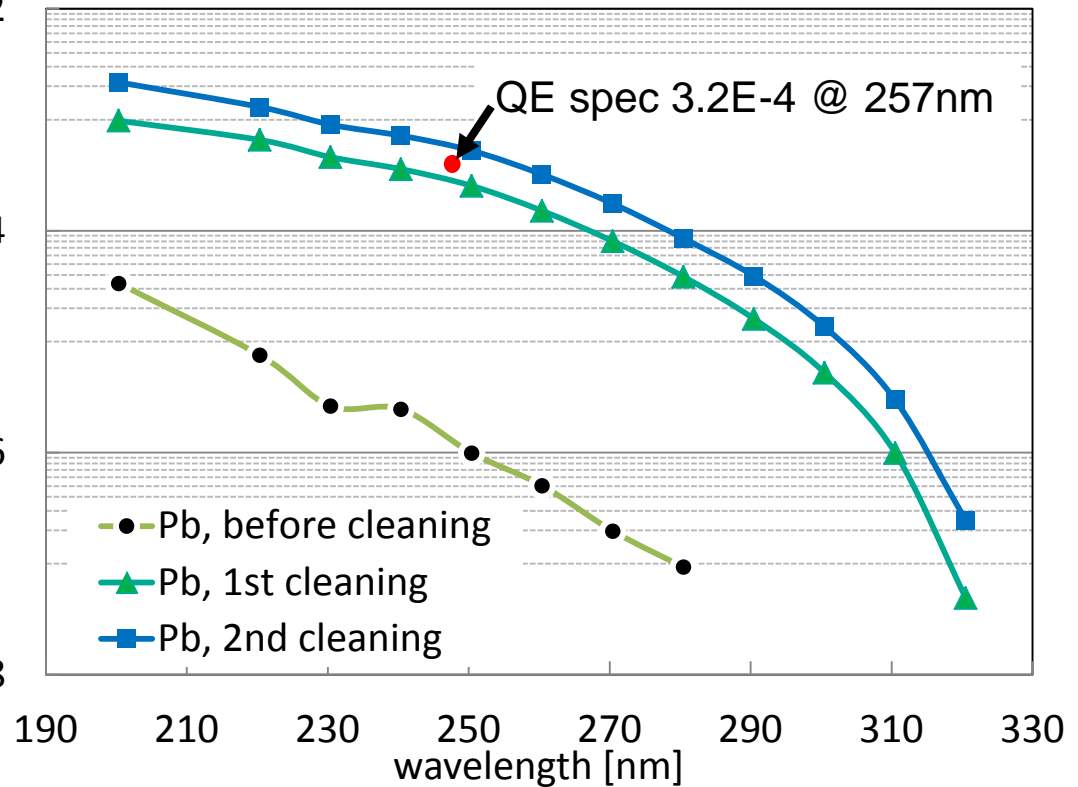
1,E-02

1,E-04

QE

1,E-06

1,E-08



Screw in Nb plug with Pb layer

UHV arc deposition of Pb

Assembly in cavity after treatment and cleaning

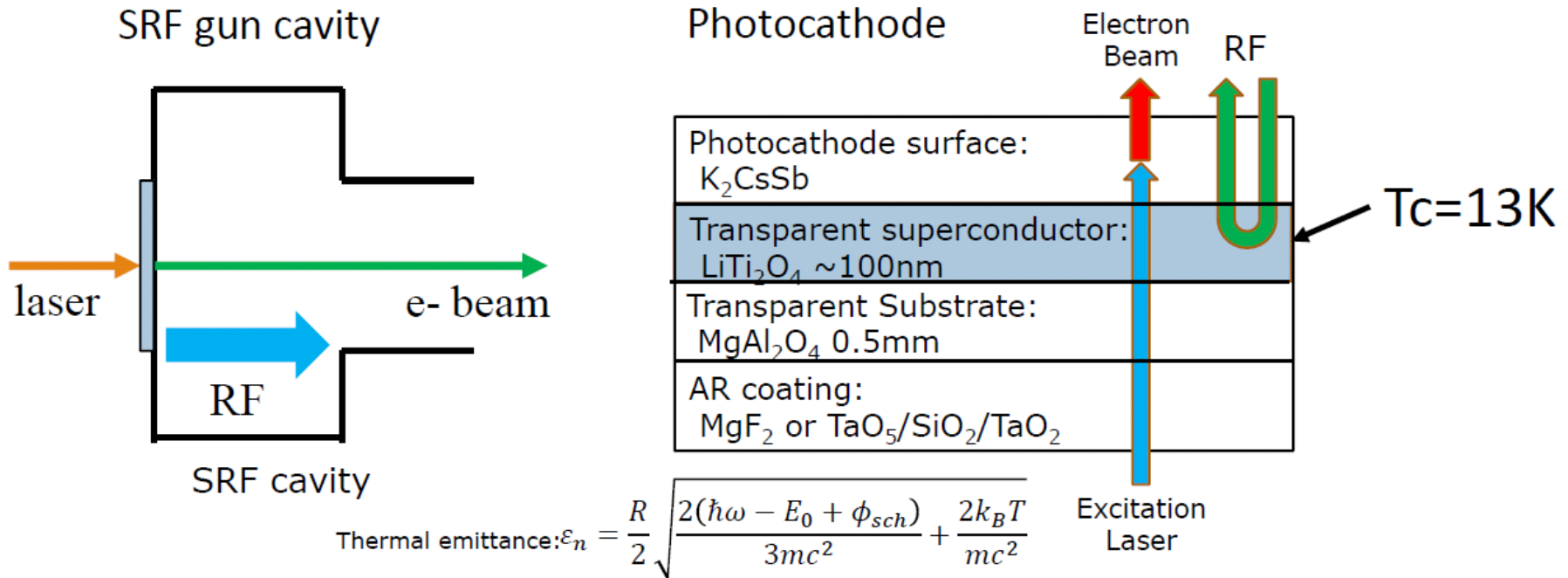
simple cryomodule design

no cathode loadlock, support and cooling system

## 2. Applied photocathodes – Superconducting PC

### Transparent superconducting PC with CsK<sub>2</sub>Sb layer

exchangeable  
high photo current (100 mA)



- reduced RF losses
- laser from backside

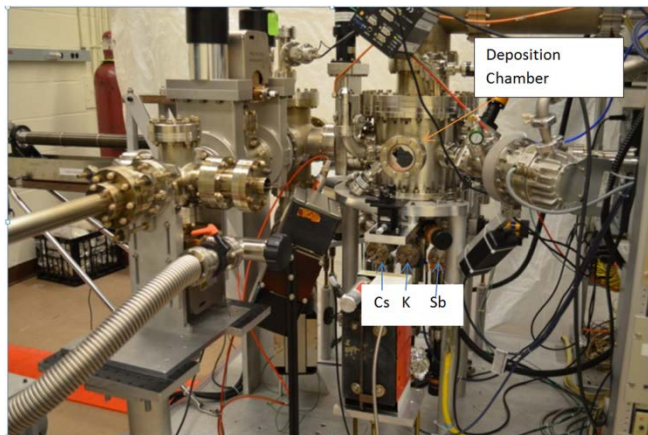
KEK, T. Konomi, SRF 2019

## 2. Applied photocathodes – Semiconductor PC

High current applications (ERL) need green PC

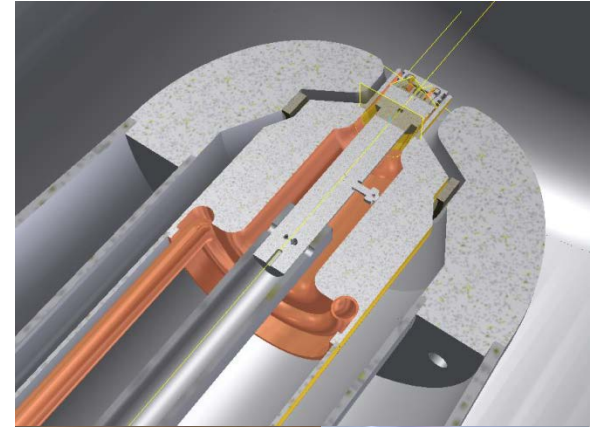
- higher QE
- higher laser power
- easy laser shaping

Development of CsK<sub>2</sub>Sb PC at HZB and BNL for ERL application



BNL cathode assembly, prep chamber, and suite case

E. Wang



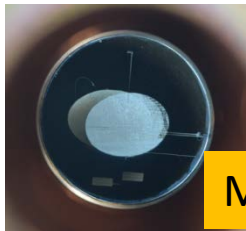
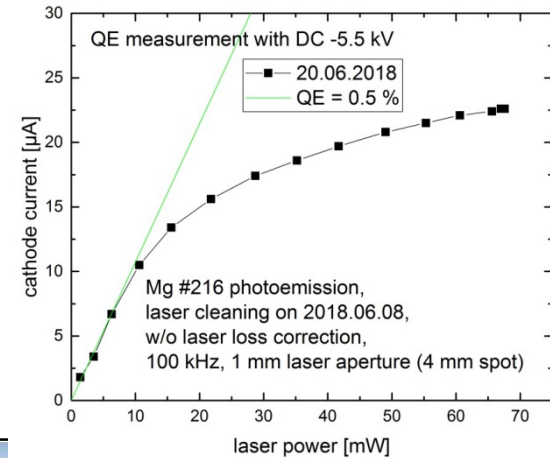
First successful long-term operation of vacuum sensitive CsK<sub>2</sub>Sb photocathodes in superconducting RF photo gun at BNL in CeC accelerator



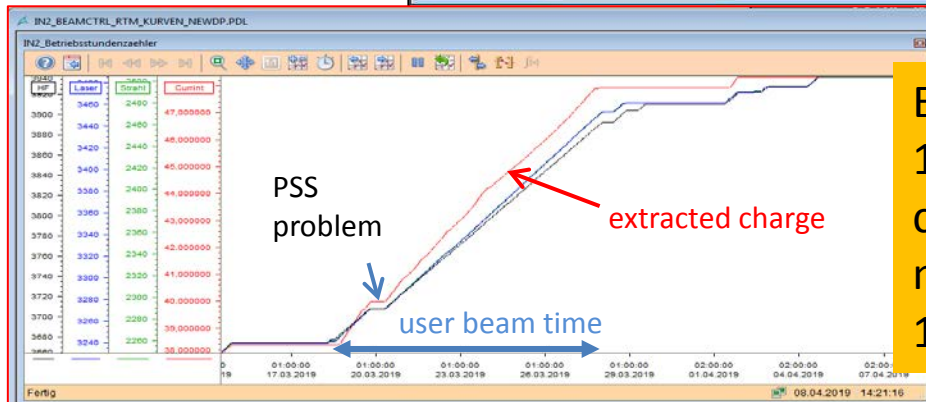
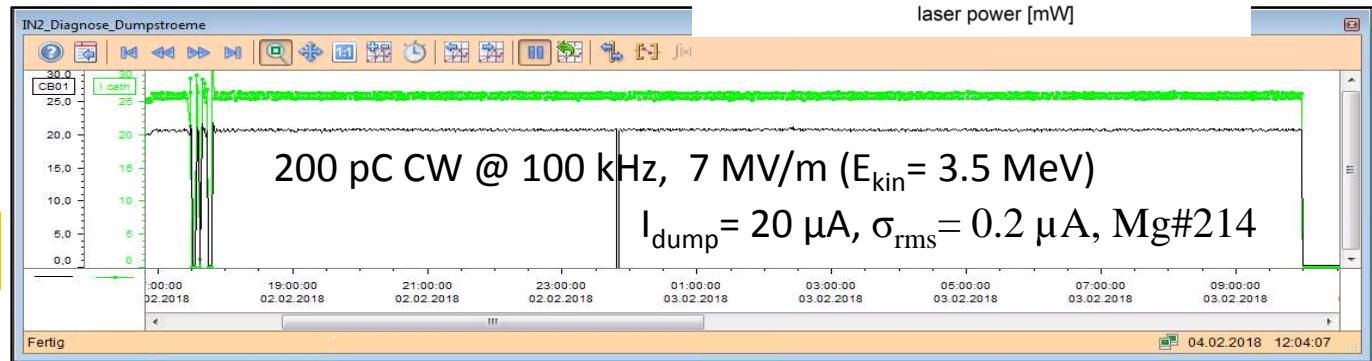
# 2. Applied photocathodes – Mg Photocathode

## Mg cathodes work routinely in ELBE SRF gun at HZDR

- bulk Mg plugs, polished and chem. cleaned
- UV laser cleaning (drive laser)
- best QE 0.3 % ... 0.5 %
- low risk of cavity contamination
- extremely long life time in  $10^{-9}$  mbar vacuum
- cleaning can be several times repeated



Mg #214



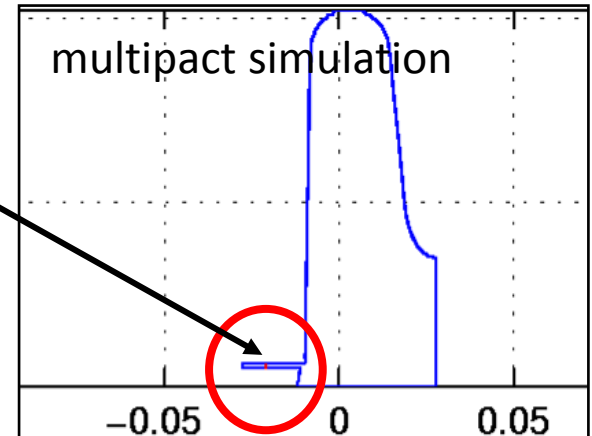
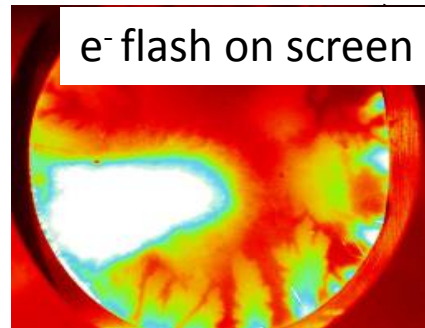
ELBE run spring 2019  
 17 x 12 h shifts for external users  
 ca. 200 h beam time in CW  
 no break due to gun problems  
 10 C charge extracted

# 3. Multipacting

Multipacting: unstable RF operation and RF discharges can destroy photocathodes

Photocathode and corresponding choke design causes multipacting

**HZDR:** MP was expected in the gap between cathode and cavity at surface fields of 0.1-0.2 kV/m since the early design stage!



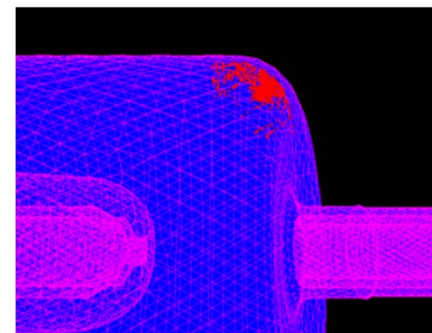
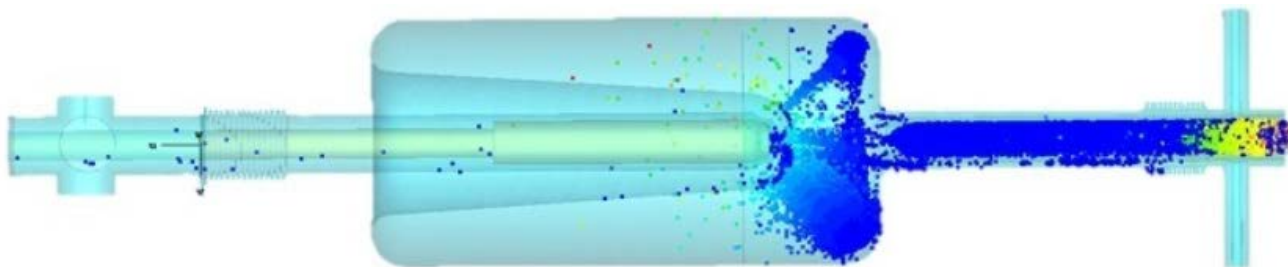
solution: cathode bias up to -7 kV and „clean“ PCs (low SEY)



# 3. Multipacting

## Multipacting barriers in superconducting cavity

BNL 112 MHz SRF gun cavity



40 keV multipacting in simulation

MP at 2 kV, 22 kV, 30 kV, 40 kV predicted by simulation an encountered in real.  
Can kill cathode if not suppressed.

Solution for mitigation:

- strong coupling with adjustable fundamental power coupler
- LLRF implemented automated turning on script to prevent excessive trap time.

# 4. Cathode Cooling

$$W_{PC} = W_{magnetic} + W_{dielectric} + W_{laser}$$

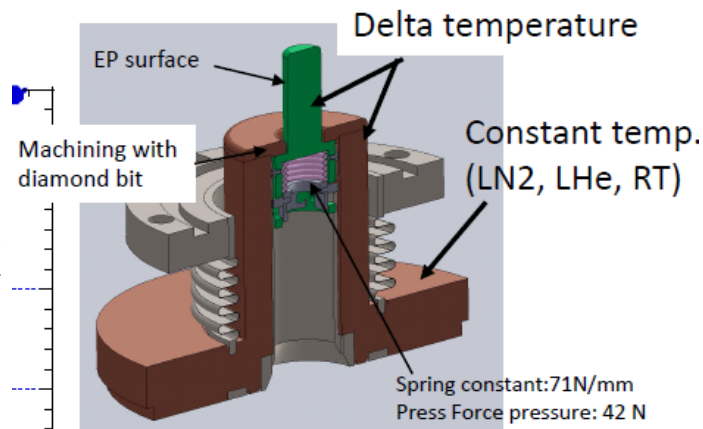
↑  
small on axis  
allows NC material

↑  
small  
thin layer

## Superconducting PC

no RF heating, but liquid He cooling needed

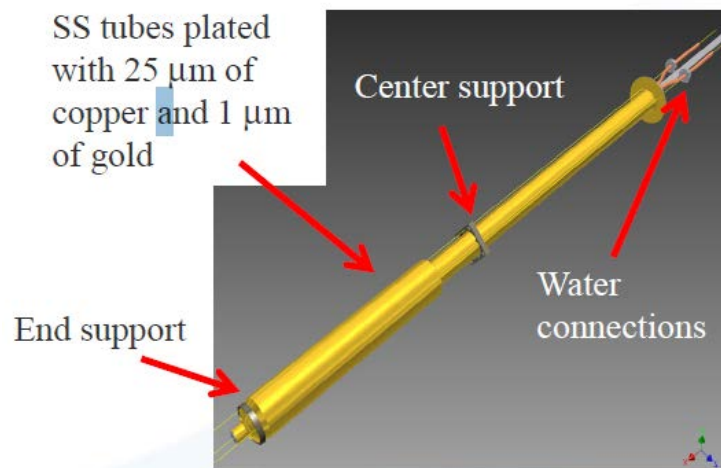
Thermal contact test at KEK



## Normal-conducting PC

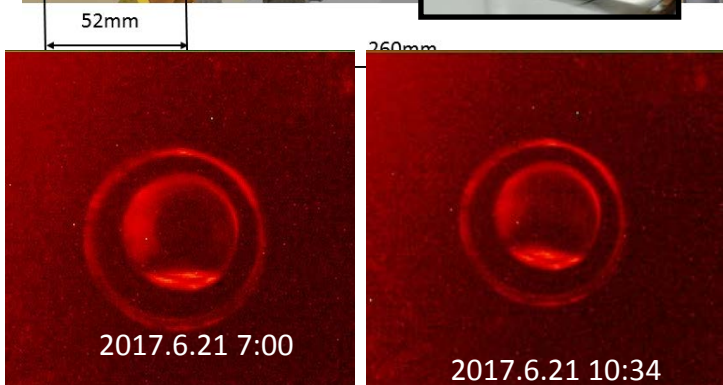
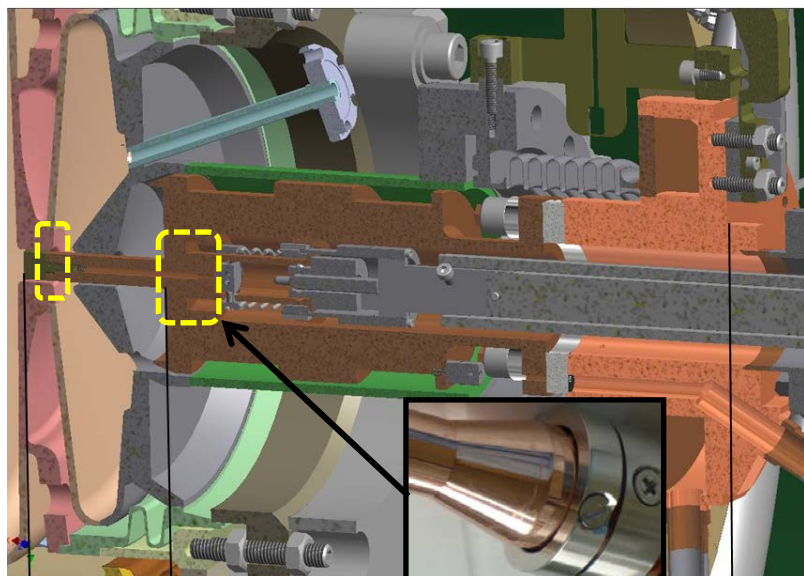
PC operates at room temperature: BNL 112 MHz gun  
water cooled cathode stark

PC at 77 K: HZDR ELBE SRF Gun, HZB bERLinPro gun  
liquid N2 cooled

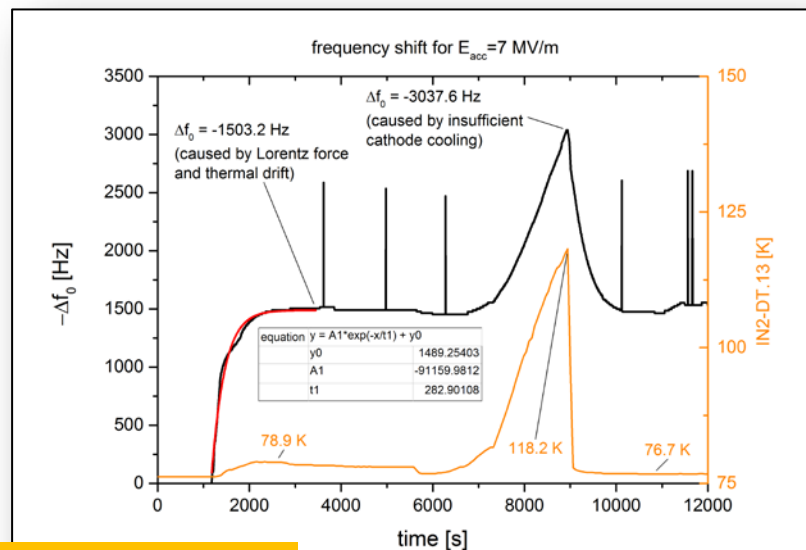
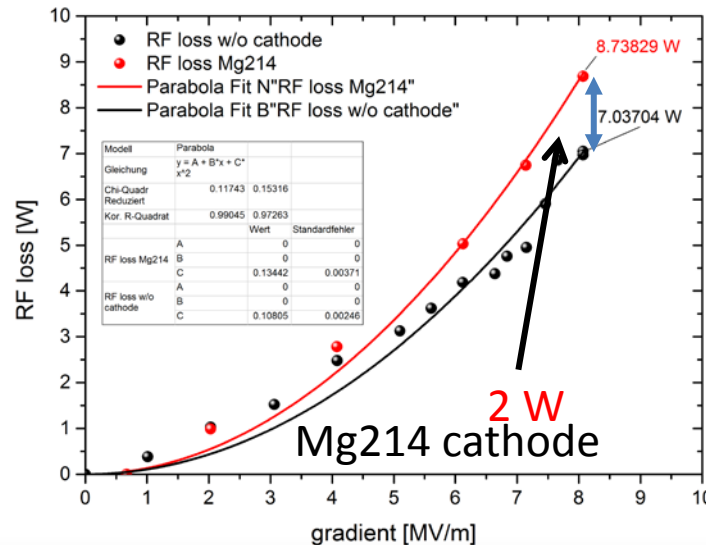


# 4. Cathode Cooling

Thermal contact problem with Cs<sub>2</sub>Te photo cathodes in ELBE SRF Gun



evaporation of Cs<sub>2</sub>Te layer due to bad thermal contact plug – cathode body



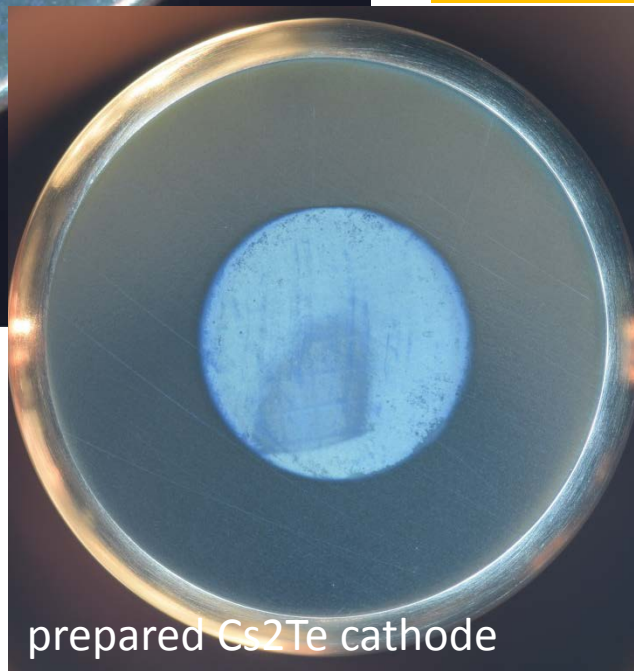
improved by better material combination

# 5. Photocathode Quality Management

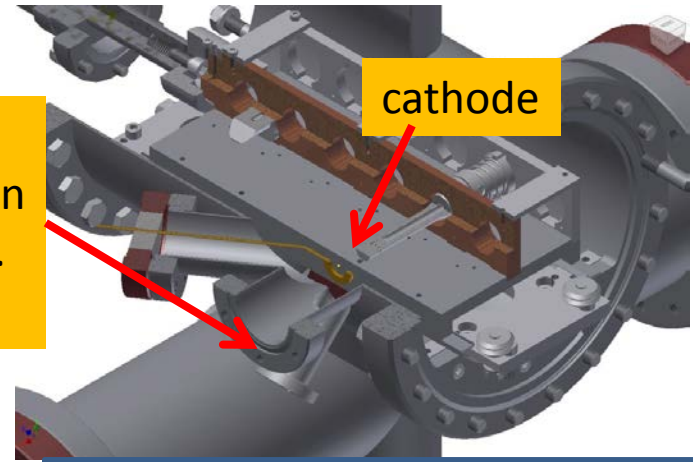
For SRF photo injector the quality of photo cathodes has two important impacts:

- electron beam quality (QE, therm. emittance, roughness, ...)
- sustaining the SC cavity performance (particle pollution, field emitters, layer quality, ...)

Inspection of plugs, before & after preparation before use in SRF gun



window for visual inspection with high-resol. camera



modified transport chamber



QE measurement with UV LED

counting scratches and particles, layer quality, QE, QE scan, ...

# Thank you for your attention!

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