



# Compact, high power SRF Accelerators for Industrial Applications

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# Superconducting Radio Frequency (SRF)

~ All new high beam power accelerators for discovery science employ SRF

- Why?
  - Because ~all RF power  $\rightarrow$  beam power vs heating RF resonators
  - SRF  $\rightarrow$  Higher gradient, more energy per unit length
- But current SRF “science” accelerators are large and complex

**LCLS-II  
Cryomodule**



**FNAL FAST ILC  
cryomodule with RF**



**SRF Proton Linac  
Spallation Neutron Source at ORNL**



**CBEAF CW  
electron linac  
2 K cryoplant**





# Current vs New Accelerator Technology

- Bulk materials processing applications require multi-MeV energy for penetration and 100's of kW (or even MW) of beam power
- > few MeV accelerators are typically copper and RF driven
  - Inherent losses limit efficiency (heat vs beam power) = ops cost
  - Heat removal limits duty factor, gradient and average power → physically large “fixed” installations = CAPEX



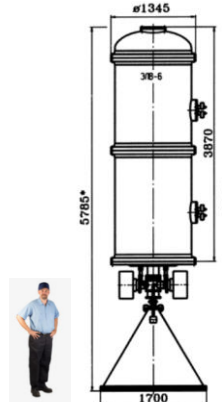
IBA Dynamitron



IBA Rhodotron

## New Technology: Superconducting Radio Frequency (SRF)

- High wall plug power efficiency (e.g. ~ 75%)
  - Large fraction of the input power goes into beam
  - High power & efficiency enables new \$ 1 Billion class SRF-based science machines → driving large R&D efforts at labs
- **Currently** SRF-based science accelerators are huge with complex cryogenic refrigerators, cryomodules, etc. **But this is changing!**
- Recent SRF breakthroughs now enable a new class of compact, SRF-based industrial accelerators (lower CAPEX and OPS cost)

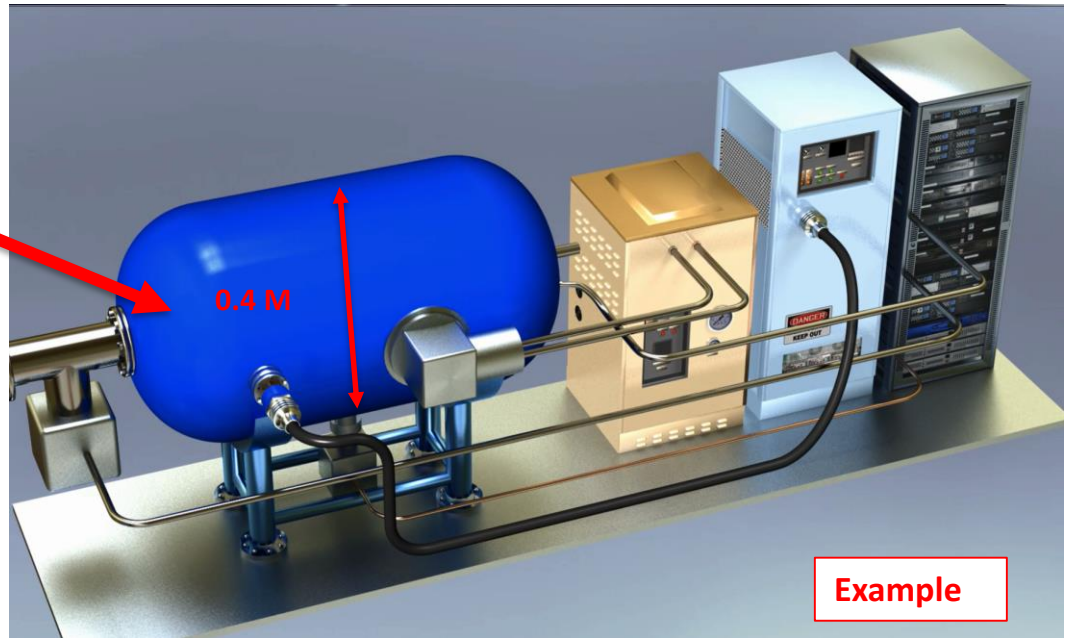
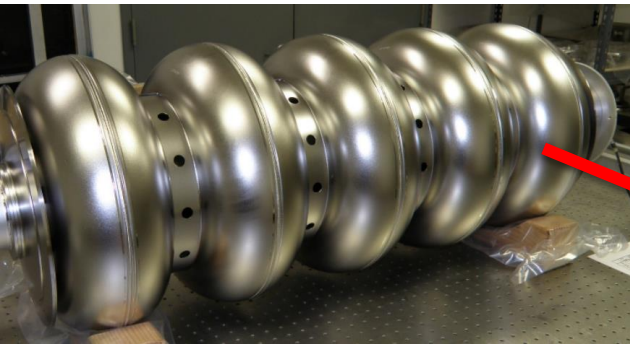


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# Recent SRF Technology Breakthroughs:

- Higher temperature superconductors: Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn coated cavities dramatically lower cryogenic losses and allow higher operating temperatures ( e.g. 4 K vs 1.8 K)
- Commercial Cryocoolers: new devices with higher capacity at 4 K enables turn-key cryogenic systems
- Conduction Cooling: possible with low cavity losses → dramatically simplifies cryostats (no Liquid Helium !)
- New RF Power technology: injection locked magnetrons allow phase/amplitude control at high efficiency and much lower cost per watt
- Integrated electron guns: reduce accelerator complexity
- **Enable compact industrial SRF accelerators at low cost**

# Can now contemplate a simple SRF accelerator\*



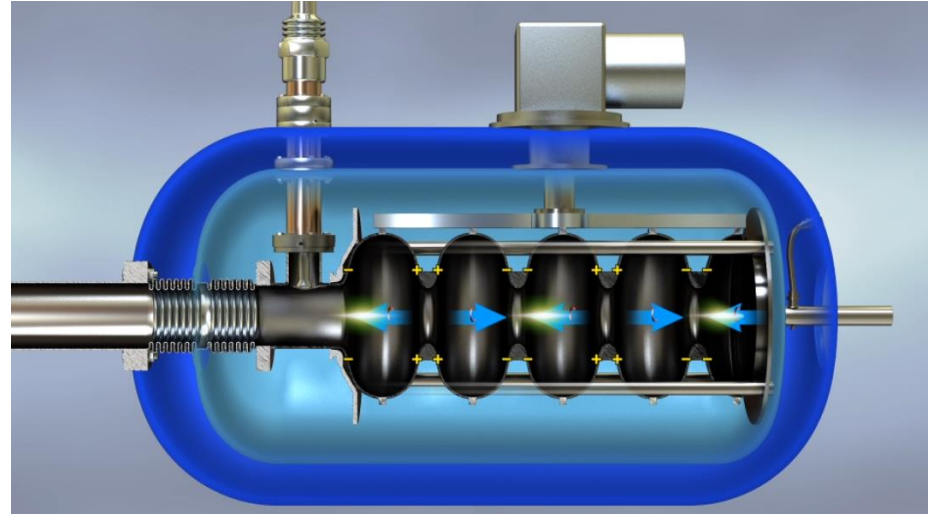
- 650 MHz elliptical cavity (well understood, industrial vendors)
- Commercial 4K cryo-coolers (2.5 W available now, 3-5 W soon)
- Modular design scales to MW class industrial applications
- Compact → lower shielding cost, lower CAPEX
- Accelerator system <3000 lbs enables **mobile** applications

\* FNAL patents pending

# Vision: Build a high power SRF industrial accelerator\*

We will combine state-of-the-art technological advances to create a simple, compact, high power, superconducting RF based industrial accelerator.

- Efficient
  - $> 75\%$ , mains to e-beam
- Turn key operation
- High reliability
- $\sim 10$  MeV electron beam
- $> 250$  kW
- $\sim 0.7\text{m } \varnothing \times 1.5$  m long



# Future Accelerator Applications

## Energy and Environment

- **Treat Municipal Waste & Sludge**
  - Eliminate pathogens in sludge
  - Destroy organics, pharmaceuticals in waste water
- In-situ environmental remediation
  - Contaminated soils
  - Spoils from dredging, etc
- Upgrade of heavy oil, flare gas

## Industrial and Security

- Catalyze Chemical reactions to save time and energy
- In-situ cross-link of materials
  - Improve pavement lifetime
  - Instant cure coatings
- Medical sterilization without Co60
- Improved non-invasive inspection of cargo containers

**These new applications need cost effective, energy efficient, high average power electron beams.**

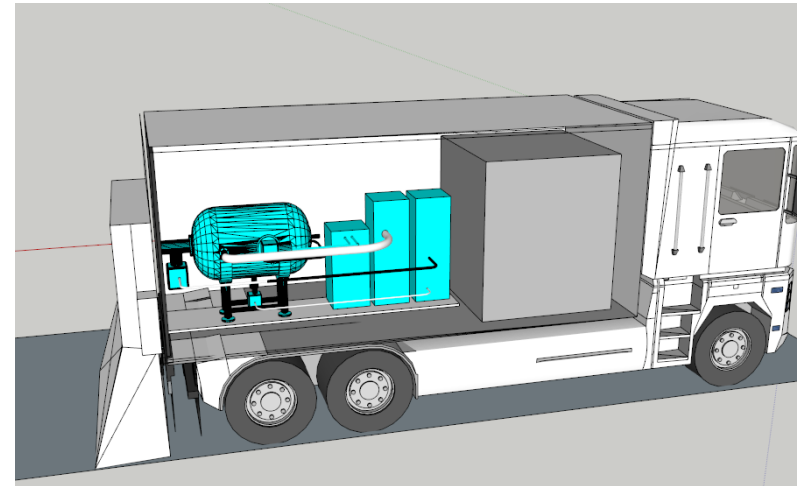
New technology can enable new applications (including mobile apps)

# In-situ Environmental Remediation

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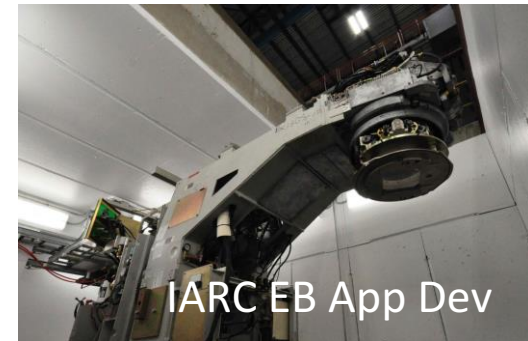
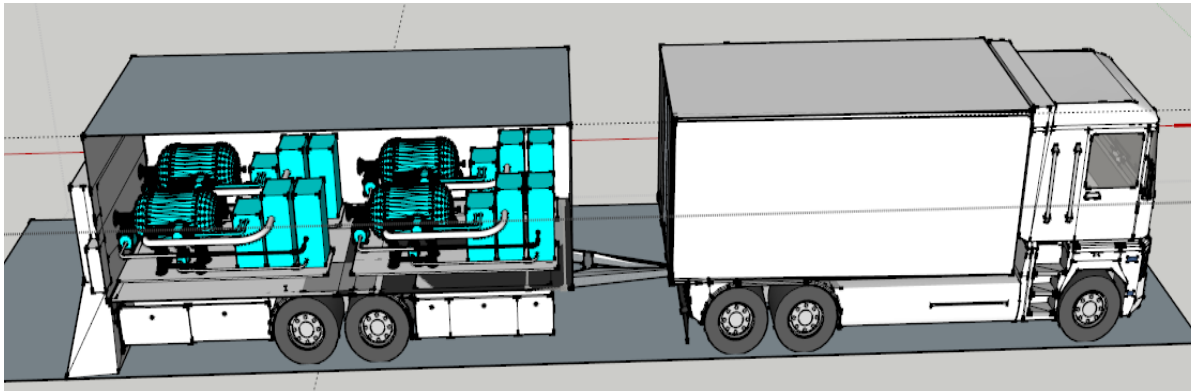
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# In-Situ Cross-Link of Materials

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  - e.g. Improve the strength, toughness, and/or temperature range
- One applications: Improved Pavement
  - US Army Corps of Engineers partnership (FY17 ERDC funding)

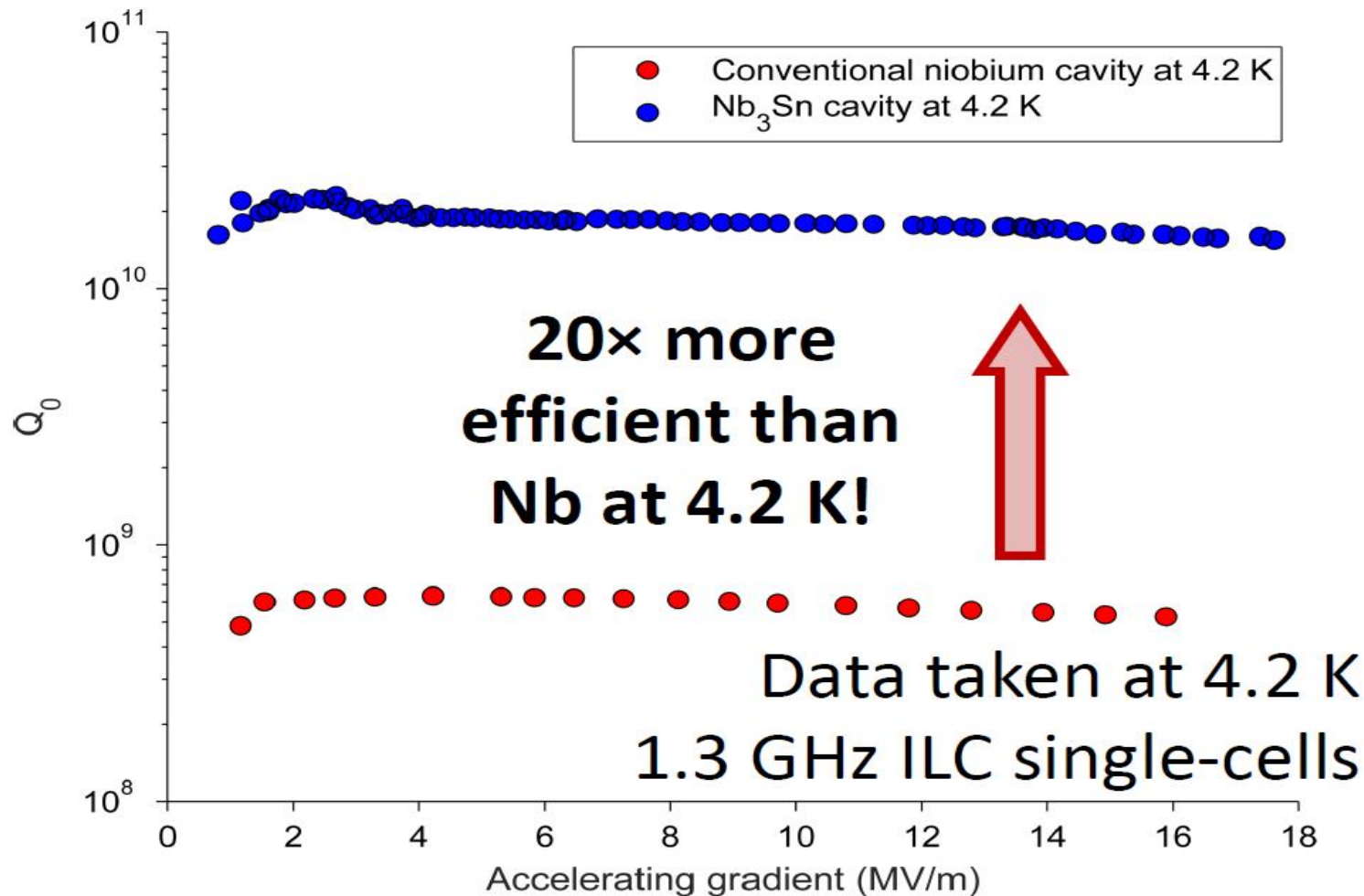


- Collaborating to create a tough, strong binder with improved temperature performance vs bitumen to extend pavement lifetime
- U.S. spends > \$ 50 B/yr to grind off and replace asphalt!

# Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn vs Nb



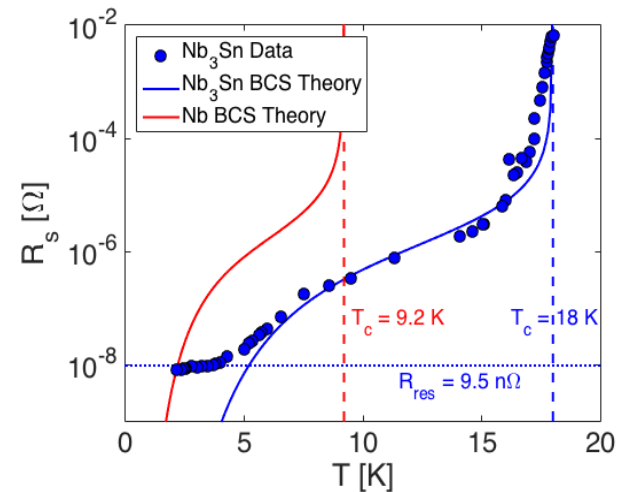
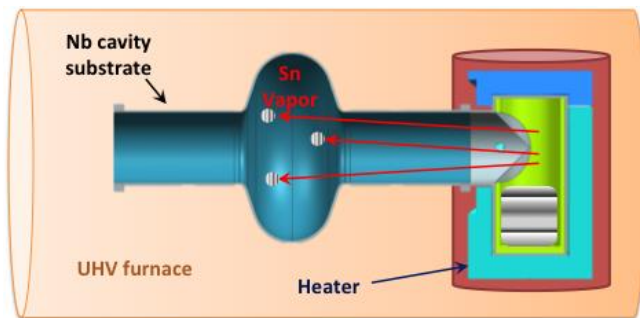
## Comparison to niobium



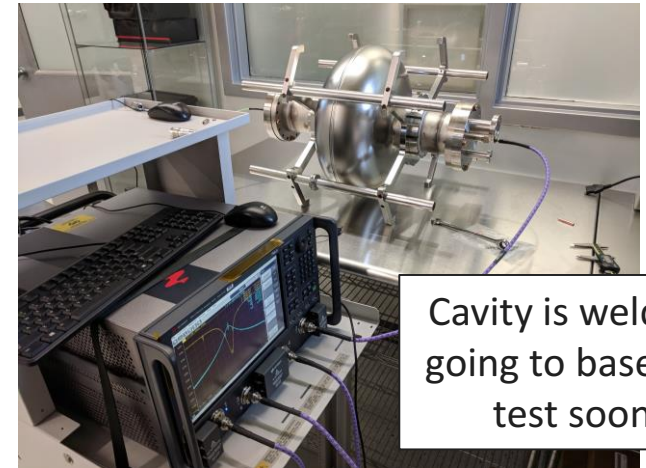
# Higher temperature SRF cavities

## Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn Coated SRF Cavities

- 1.3 GHz, 14 MV/m,  $Q=2 \times 10^{10}$  @ 4K
- At 650 MHz, we predict < 2.5 W @ 4K
- Sam Posen
  - \$2.5M DOE Early Career Award
- First article @ FNAL within factor of 3 of Cornell performance

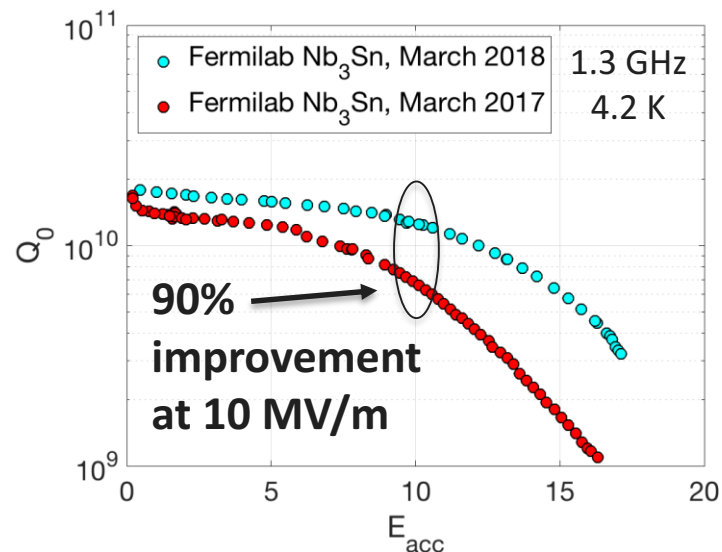


# Progress of Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn Films



Substantial progress in performance over last year

650 MHz 1-cell: First 650 MHz coating

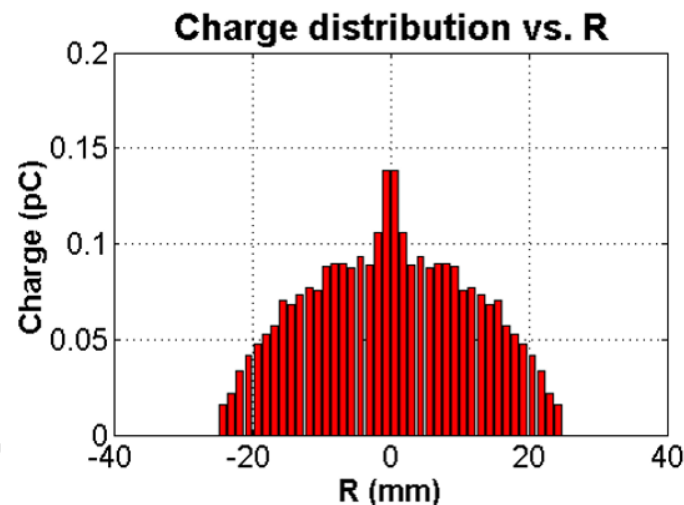
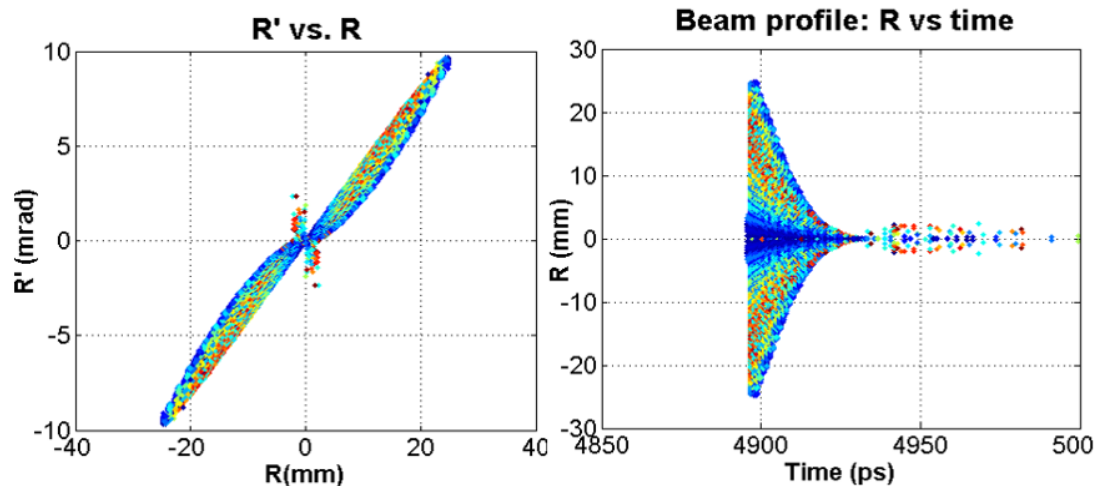


Machining completed on multicell sample cavity

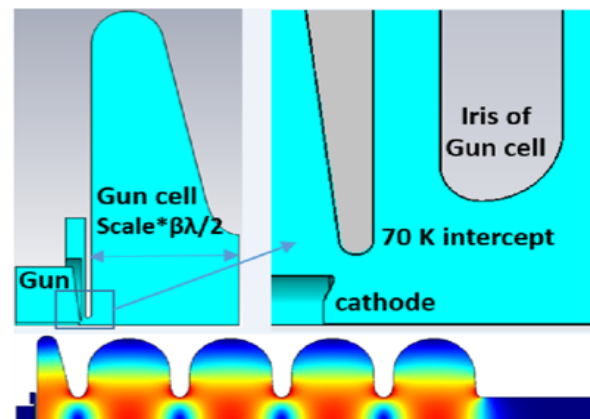


# Beam Physics: Simulated Integrated Electron Gun

Reduces size and complexity

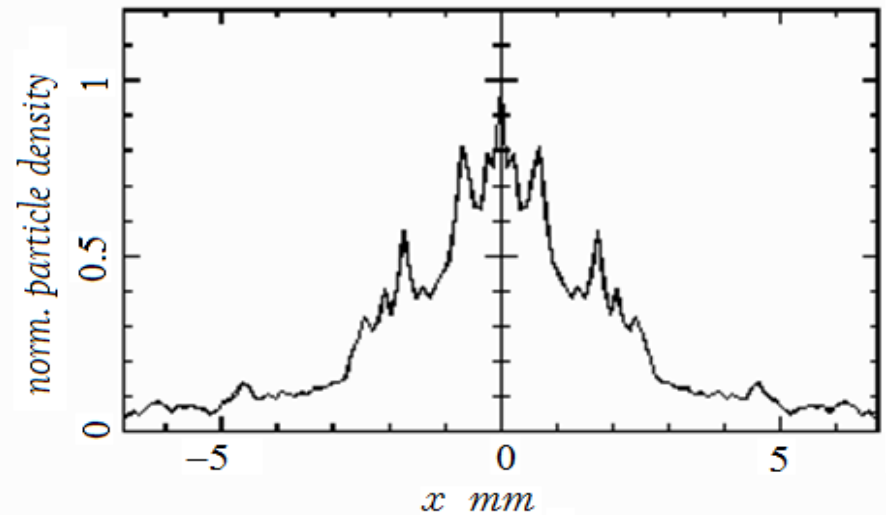
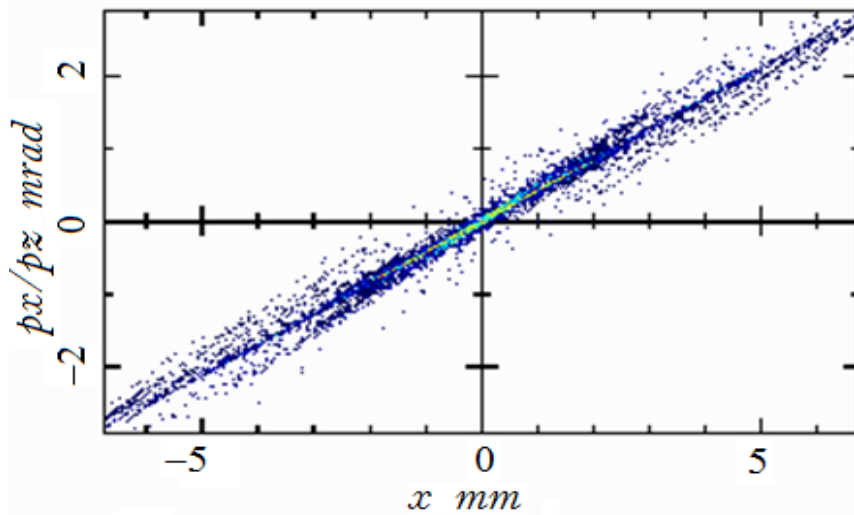
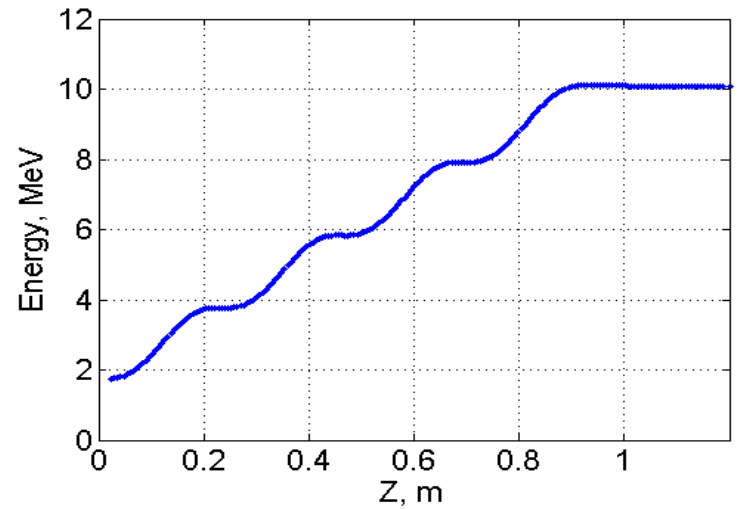


	Value
Electron energy	9 MeV $\pm$ 5%
Current modulation range	0.1 $\mu$ A - 1 mA
Beam loss at 4K	<0.5 W
Cathode backward bombardment	<1 W
Cathode blackbody radiation	< 200 mW



# Simulations of the Cavity

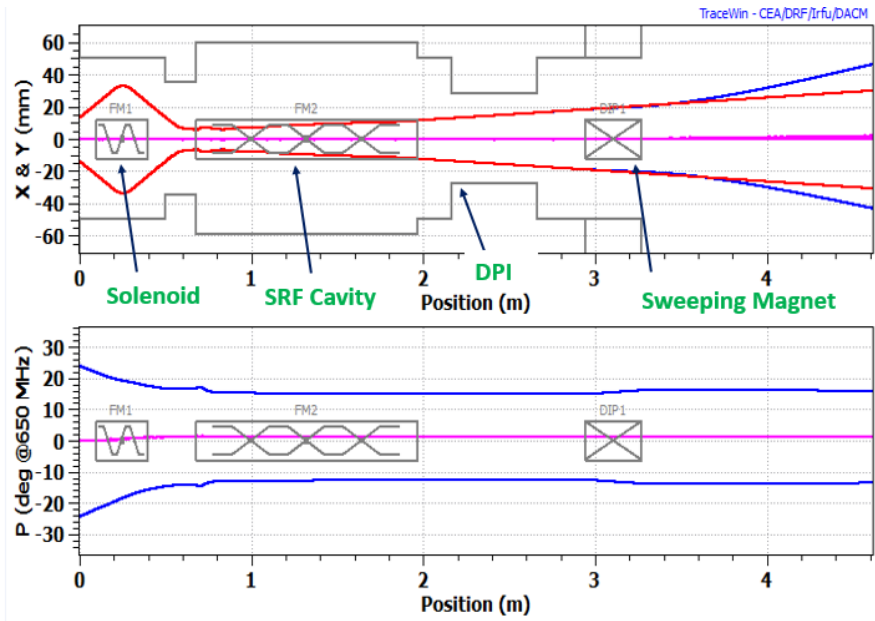
- (Top) Bunch acceleration along the cavity (RMS energy).
- (Bottom Left) Transverse ( $x$ - $x'$ ) phase-space distribution.
- (Bottom Right) Transverse beam charge density distribution.



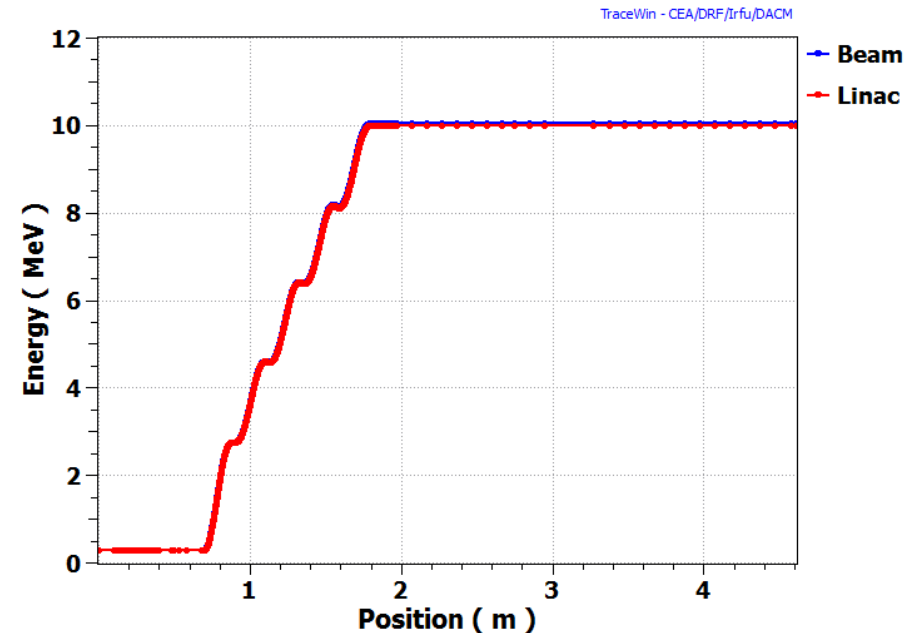
Particle losses in simulations <  $10^{-5}$ . (This is important for the heat budget)

# Beam dynamics Simulation from external injection (1)

## $3\sigma$ beam envelopes



## Beam Energy

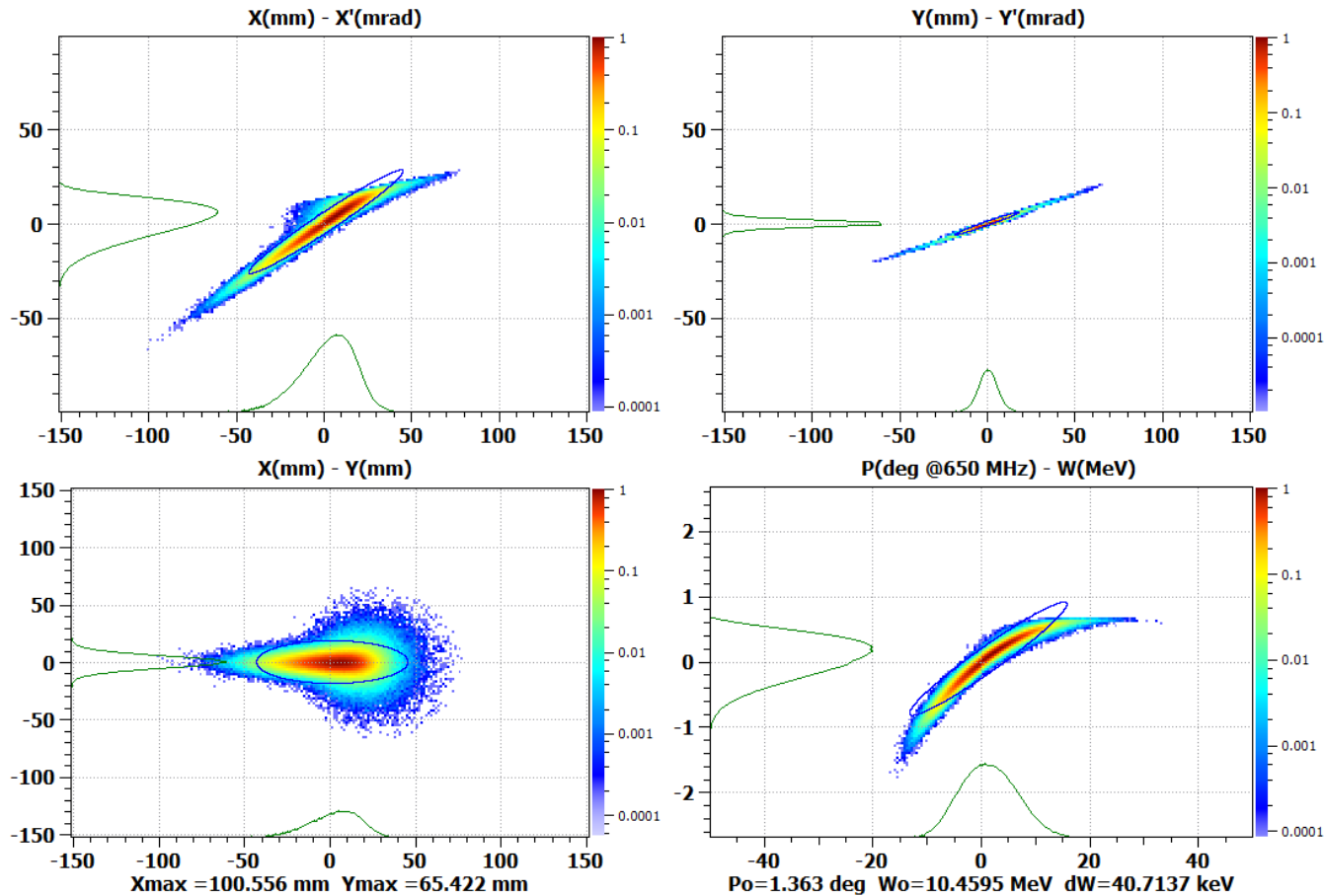


- Beam dynamics simulation was performed using TRACEWIN.
- 1M macro particles corresponds to 100mA beam current was tracked through the beamline.
- Initial distribution was generated using Twiss parameters and beam emittance obtained from RF gun simulation .

# Beam dynamics Simulation from external injection (2)

TraceWin - CEA/DRF/Irfu/DACM

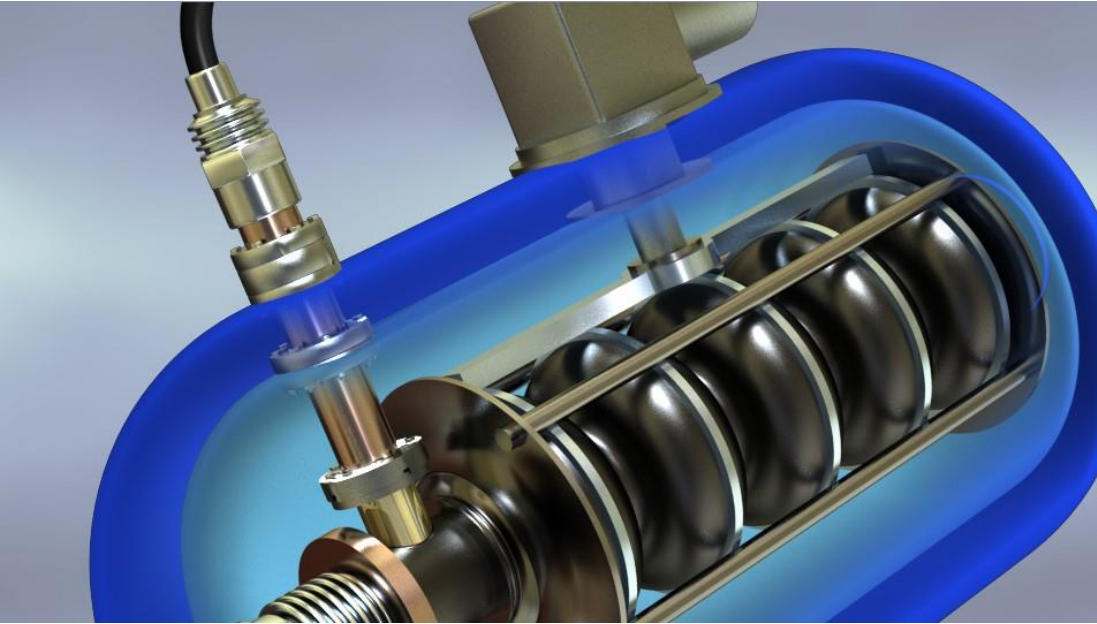
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- Output beam distribution at the end of the beamline



# Conduction Cooling R&D



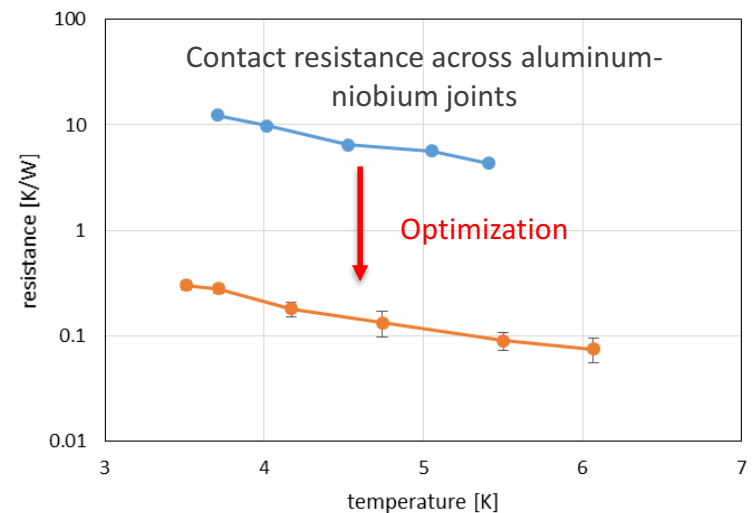
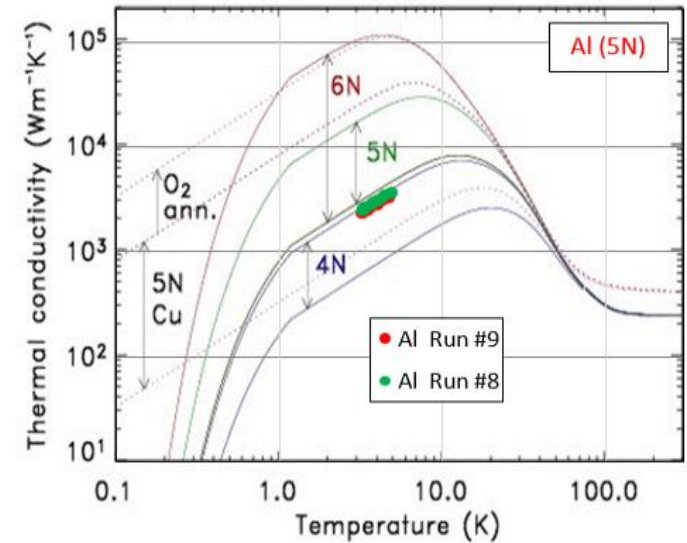
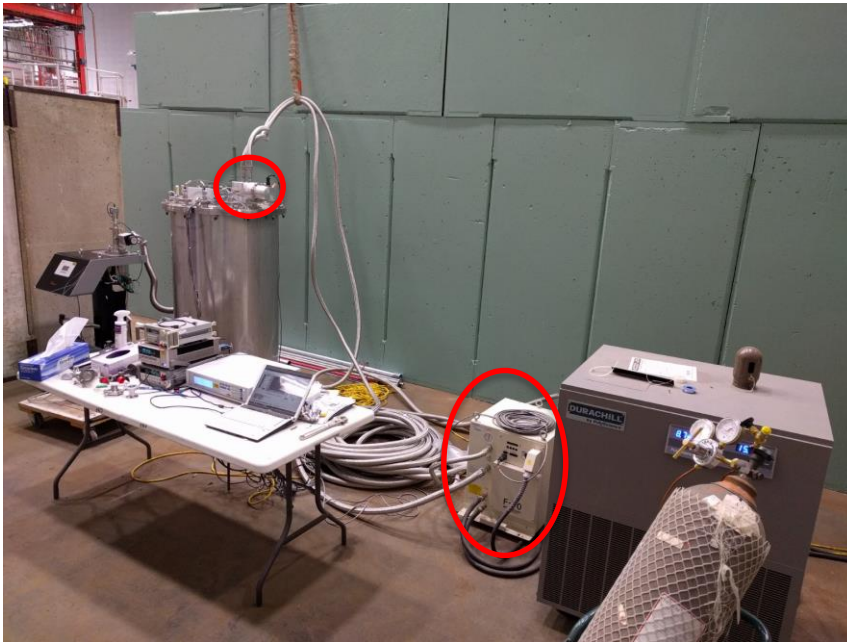
Cold head(s) of the cryocooler(s) connected to cavities by high purity aluminum



Estimated heat budget for entire accelerator = 4 – 6 W @ 4K  
Remove heat by conduction only!  
US patent applications  
#15/280,107  
#14/689,695

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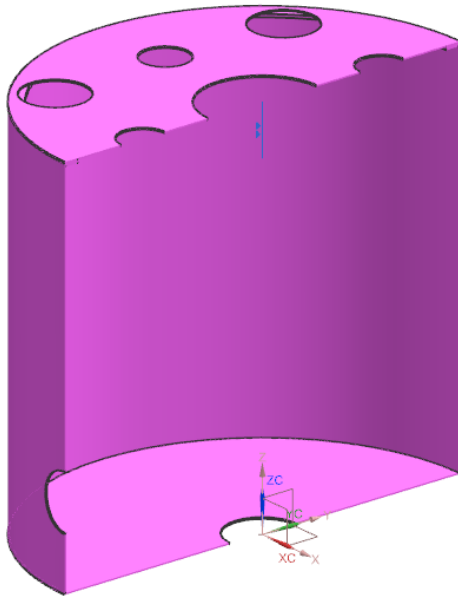
- Testing with commercial cryocooler
  - Goal = eliminate liquid cryogenics
  - Materials and technology Development in progress



- Funded by \$ 1.4 M LDRD Project

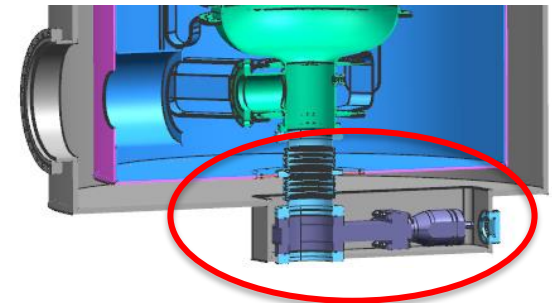
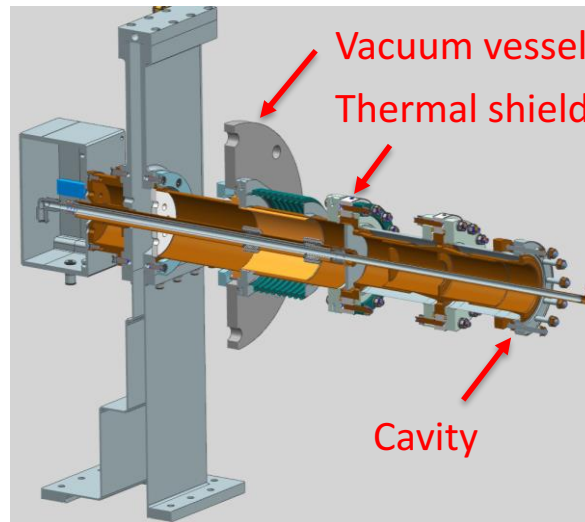
# Challenges

- Magnetic shield
  - SRF cavities are very sensitive to trapped magnetic fields
  - need  $< \text{few mG}$  to keep RF heat dissipation under cryocooler budget
  - penetrations and access ports are to be carefully designed



Magnetic shield with penetrations

- Interfaces with e-gun, power coupler, beam outlet port

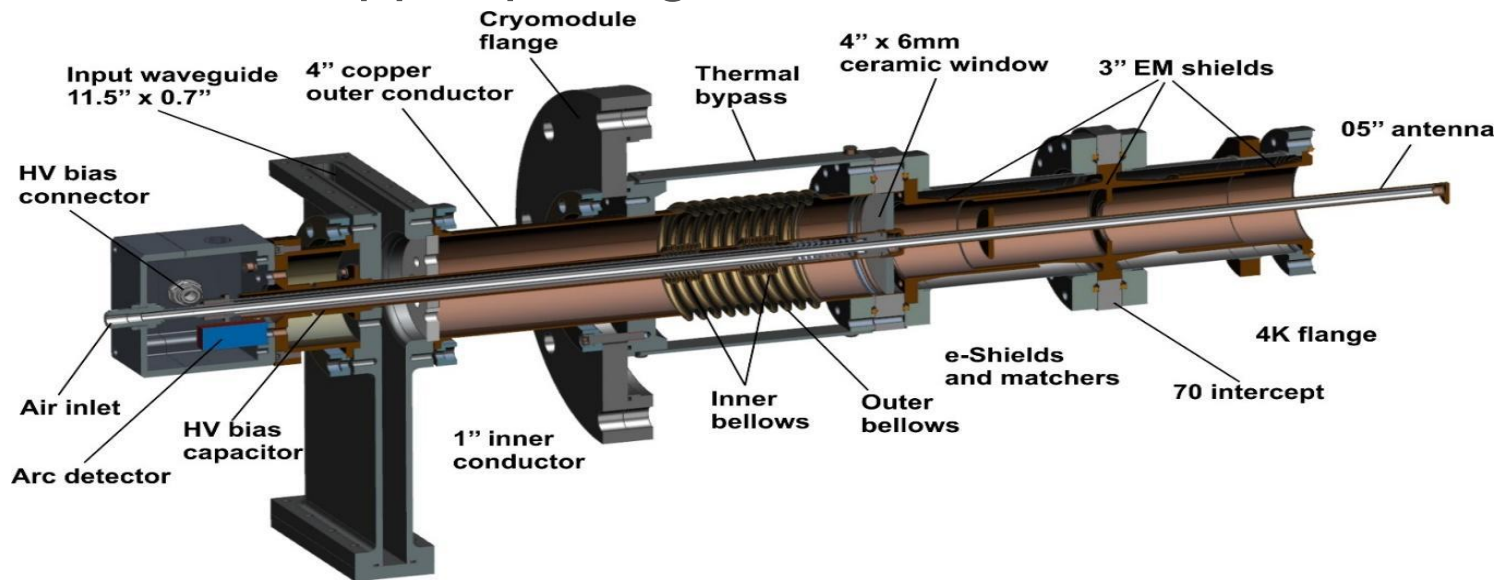


Shut-off valve at beam outlet

# Low loss RF power couplers

FNAL and Euclid TechLabs

- Patent application # 15/278,299
- DOE OHEP grant to fund fabrication of two 1.3 GHz prototypes
- Testing this year
- Eliminates copper plating

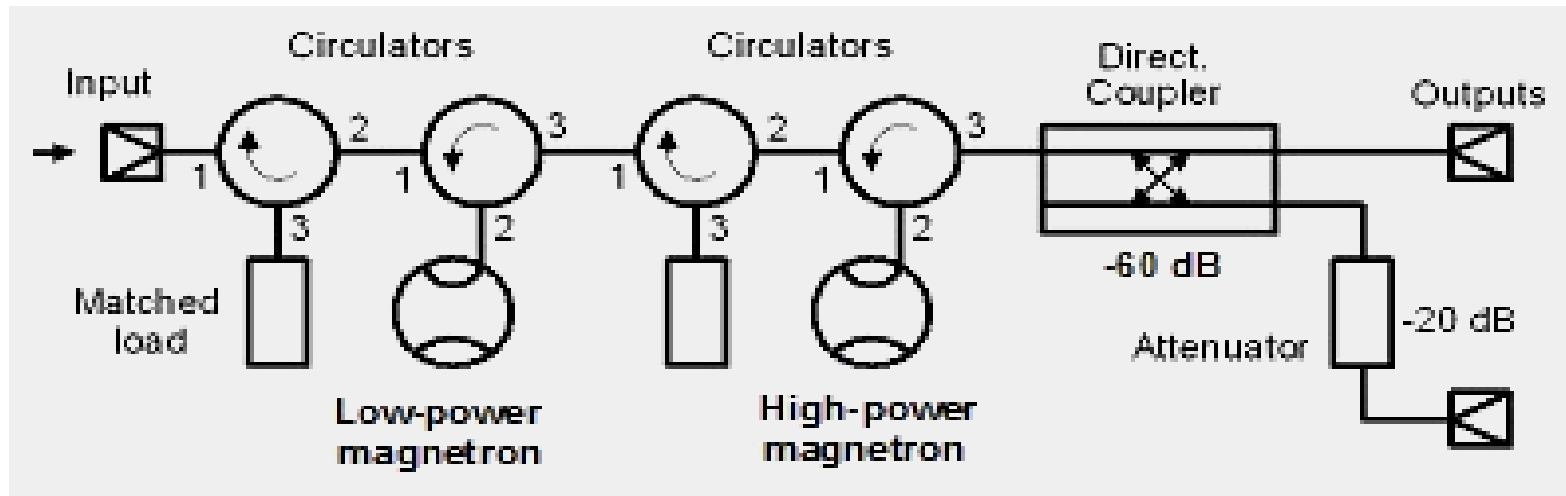




# Reduce cost

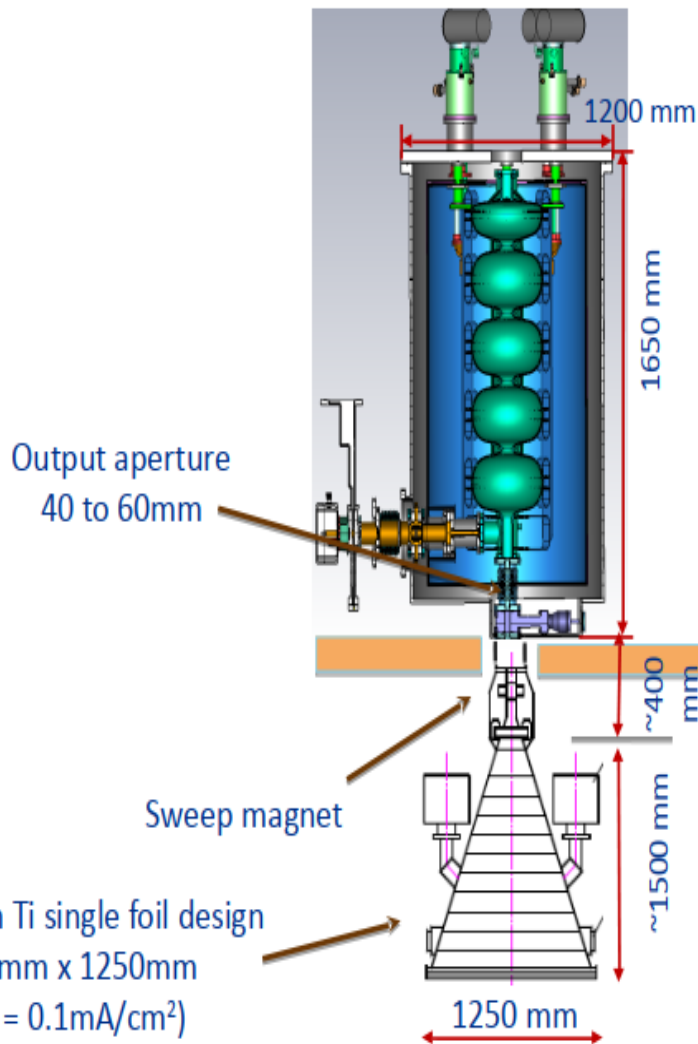
## Injection locked magnetron (PCT/US2014/058750)

- Reduce cost/watt by factor of 5 over IOT and solid state
- Efficiency > 80%
- Excellent phase and amplitude control



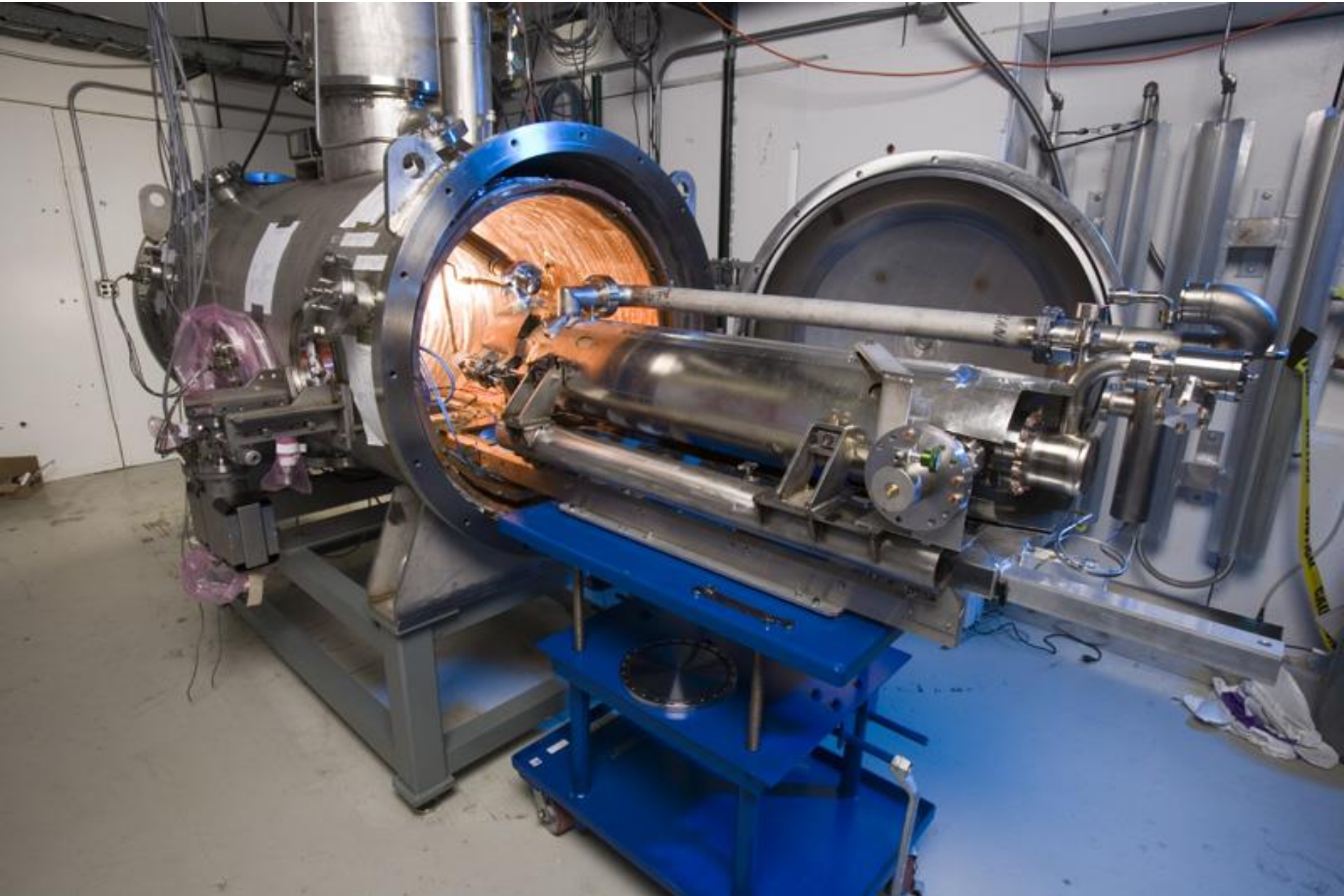
Conceptual scheme of a single 2-cascade magnetron transmitter  
allowing dynamic phase and power control

# Radiation Shielding: Development of a computer model

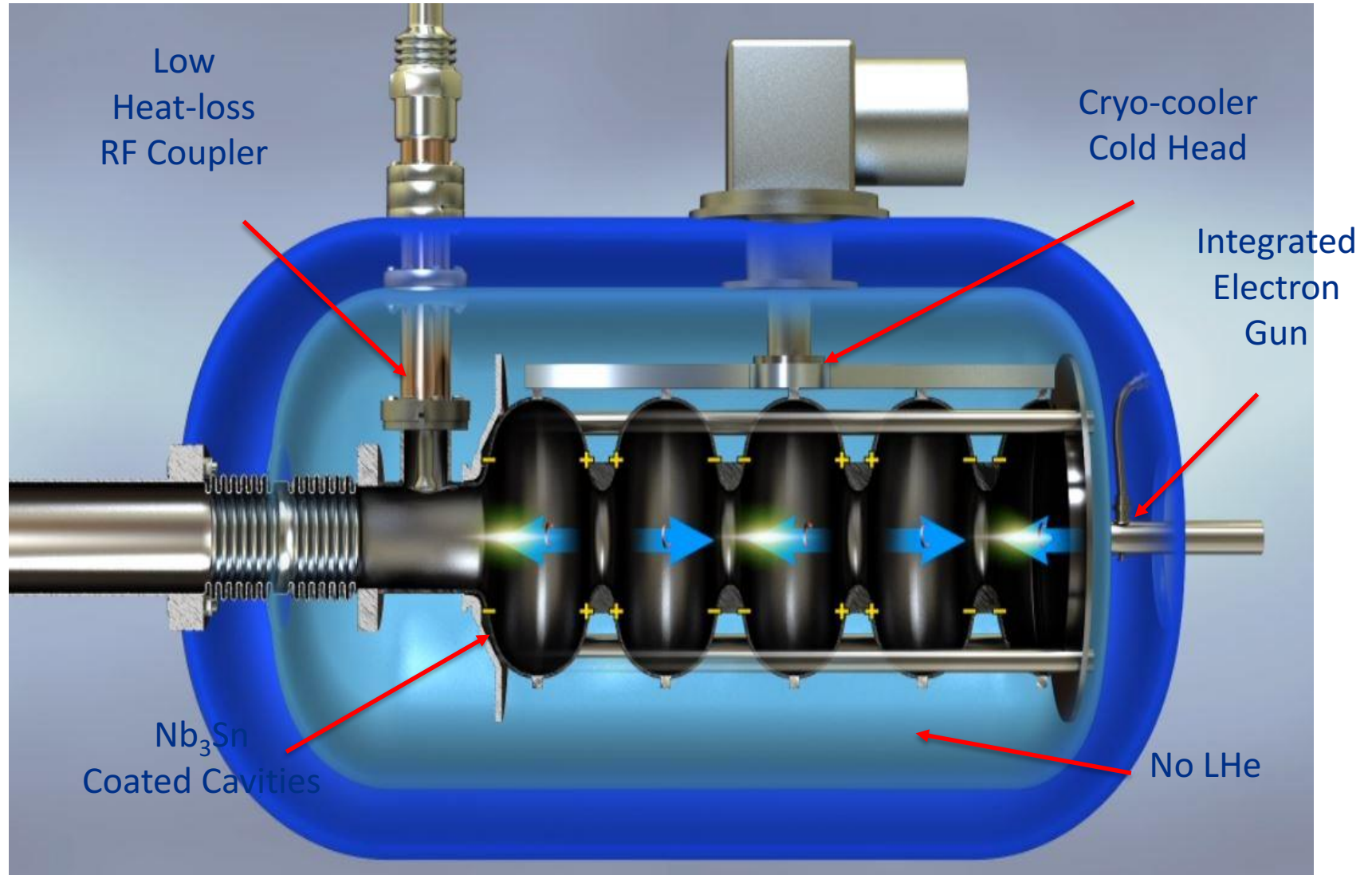


- A 3-D computer model was developed to address absorbed dose rate in the water and evaluation of back scattered particles energy distribution at 4K and 70 K in the cryostat.
- A realistic Model was prepared by accounting EM fields in SRF cavities, 3-D geometry of elements, materials and their thickness.

## The Compact SRF Accelerator (for scale)



# The Compact SRF Accelerator





# Solicitation for advancing industrial accelerators

- Dept. of Energy provided funding to develop novel accelerator designs to address need for industrial application in the energy and environment sectors

Table 2. Target performance for high power electron accelerators for E&E applications:

	Type 1 Demo/Small Scale	Type 2 Medium Scale Low Energy	Type 3 Medium Scale High Energy	Type 4 Large Scale High Energy
<i>Example Applications</i>	<i>R&amp;D, Sterilization, industrial effluent streams</i>	<i>Flue Gas, Waste water</i>	<i>Wastewater, sludge, medical waste</i>	<i>Sludge, Medical waste, Env. remediation</i>
Electron Beam Energy	0.5-1.5 MeV	1-2 MeV	10 MeV	10 MeV
Electron Beam Power (CW)	>0.5 MW	>1 MW	>1 MW	>10 MW
Wallplug Efficiency	>50%	>50%	>50%	>75%
Target Capital Cost*	<\$10/W	<\$10/W	<\$10/W	<\$5/W
Target Operating Cost†	<1.0M\$/yr	<1.5M\$/yr	<1.5M\$/yr	<12M\$/yr



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\*S. Henderson and T.D. Waite, Workshop on Energy and Environmental Applications of Accelerators, U.S. Dept of Energy, June 24-26, 2015.  
([https://science.energy.gov/~media/hep/pdf/accelerator-rd-stewardship/Energy\\_Environment\\_Report\\_Final.pdf](https://science.energy.gov/~media/hep/pdf/accelerator-rd-stewardship/Energy_Environment_Report_Final.pdf))

# Workshop on Application of Electron Beam (EB) Technology to Wastewater and Biosolids Treatment

May 10-11, 2018 (Thursday & Half Day Friday)

10-11 May 2018

Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory

US/Central timezone

 Search

Overview

Timetable

Meeting Directions

Tours

Registration

[Registration Form](#)

Participant List

Accommodations

Support

 [conferences@fnal.gov](mailto:conferences@fnal.gov)

This two-day workshop will include expert speakers on the current state of wastewater treatment, a summary of the science of using e-beam technology for treatment of waste, the current state of e-beam accelerator technology, a tour of Fermilab National Accelerator Lab, panel discussions with water treatment experts, breakout discussions and a summary close-out session.

## **Title:**

Workshop on Application of Electron Beam (EB) Technology on Wastewater and Biosolids Treatment

## **Purpose:**

- Promote use of e-beam technology for wastewater and biosolids treatment
- Inform water treatment professionals about e-beam technology and opportunities
- Provide feedback to NSF to open future funding opportunities

## **Format:**

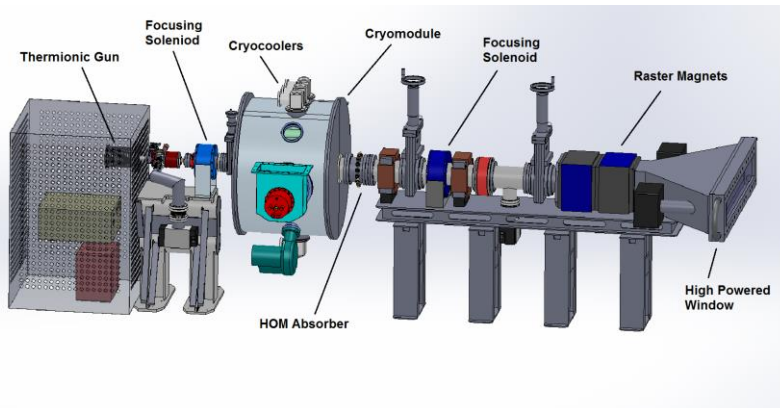
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Post conference a report will be issued with findings and recommendations.

## **Where:**

**Illinois Accelerator Research Center**, Fermi National Accelerator Lab

## 1 MeV, 1 MW SRF accelerator



**Jefferson Lab**

**Systems, Inc.**  
*Energy Advanced*

**GENERAL ATOMICS**

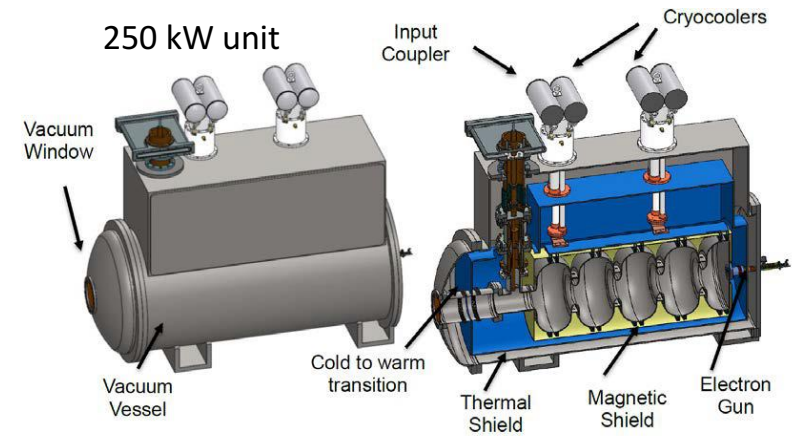
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[2] G. Ciovati et al., <https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.08289>

## 10 MeV, 1 MW SRF accelerator



**Fermilab**



Northern Illinois University



Colorado State University

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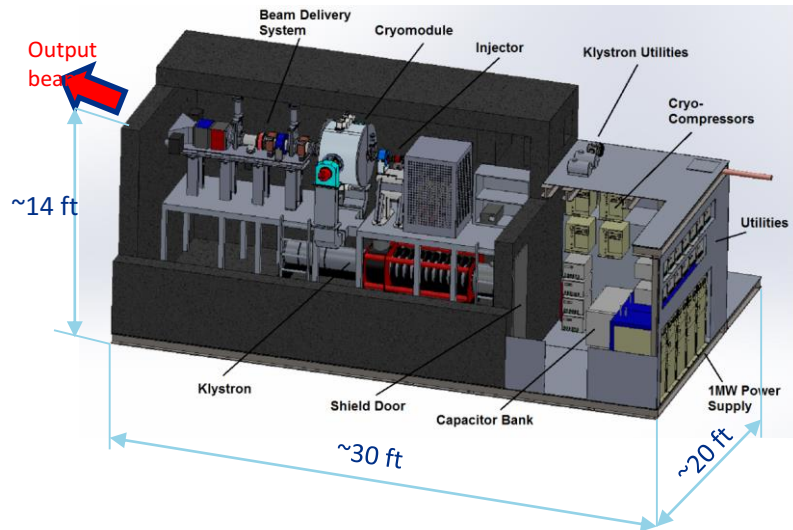
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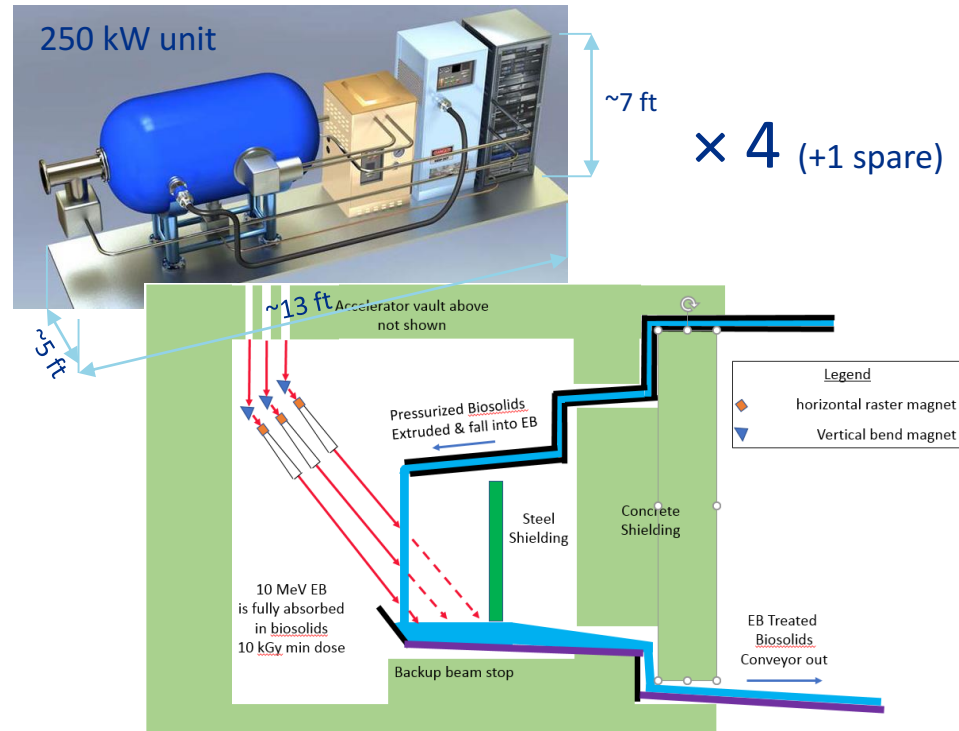
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# Facilities Layout

## 1 MeV, 1 MW EB facility



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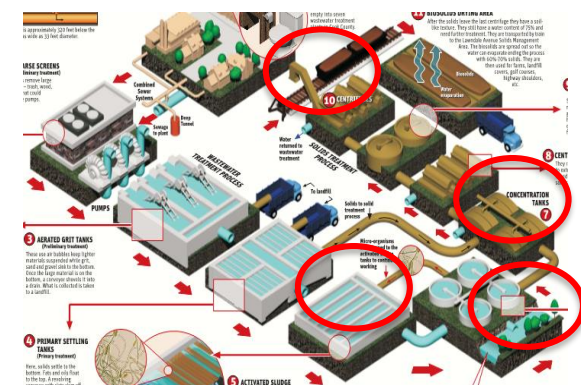


# Application: Waste Water/Sludge Treatment

- Electron beams create highly reactive species
- Demonstrated effective for:
  - Disinfection of municipal bio-solids
  - Destruction of organics, pharmaceuticals
- Yet, despite demonstrations ~no market penetration
- **Why?** Municipalities are conservative; don't finance R&D
  - High power, cost effective, industrial accelerators have not been available to deploy\* e.g. \* [http://science.energy.gov/~media/hep/pdf/accelerator-rd-stewardship/Energy\\_Environment\\_Report\\_Final.pdf](http://science.energy.gov/~media/hep/pdf/accelerator-rd-stewardship/Energy_Environment_Report_Final.pdf)
  - Compact SRF accelerators can change this situation
- IARC is partnered with the Chicago Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD)
  - Operate largest treatment plant in the world
  - Identified multiple areas to evaluate EB
  - Bio-solids, cell lysis, destroy pharmaceuticals



Accelerator above is 3 stories tall!





# Application: Co <sup>60</sup> Replacement

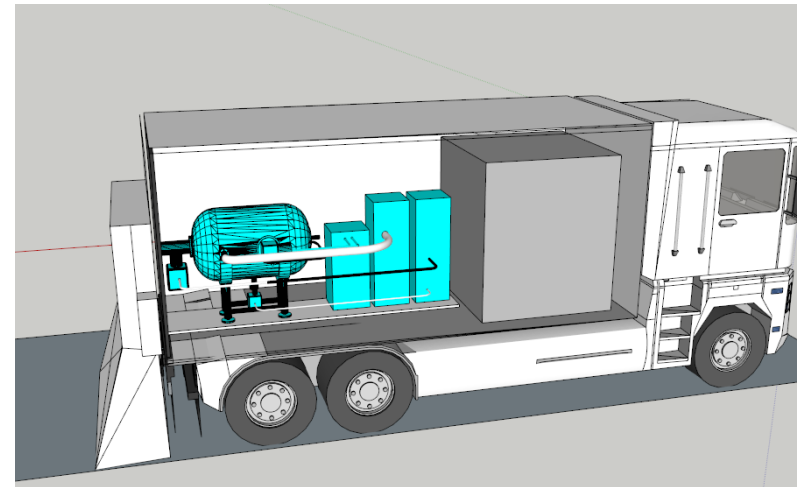
- Electron beams can be used directly or to create x-rays to accomplish many tasks currently accomplished with Co60 radioisotopes
  - National security concerns with radioisotopes in large panoramic irradiators since they could potentially be used by terrorists to create dirty bombs
  - Pressure from congress on NNSA to find alternatives
  - FNAL recently completed a study for NNSA on impediments to change.
    - One impediment is the need for high power, reliable, cost effective electron accelerators
    - Need materials data on effects of gamma, electrons, x-ray to enable recertification of legacy products
- New Possibilities:
  - Cheap, compact, simple, industrial electron accelerators can enable “in line” sterilization at the point of manufacture

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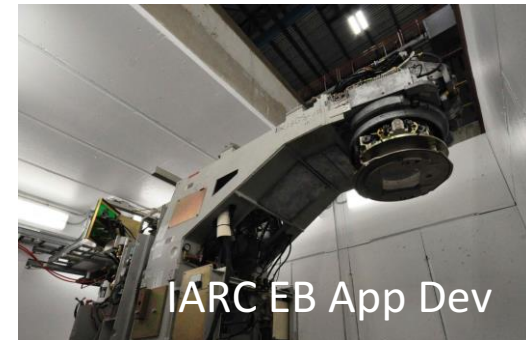
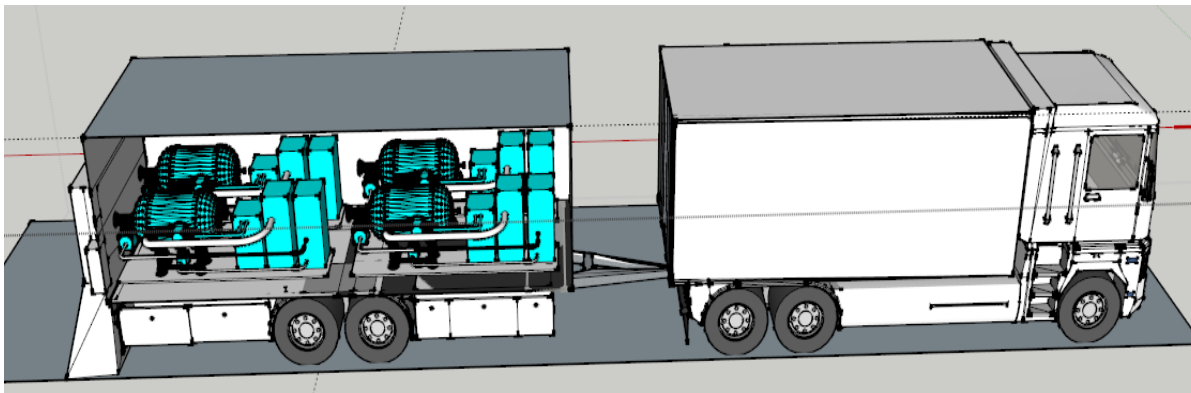


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# Conclusions

- Exploiting recent lab breakthroughs one can create high average power, CW, SRF-based electron linacs that are simple and cost effective for industrial applications
- The Illinois Accelerator Research Center at Fermilab is partnered with U.S. government agencies to create the first article of an entirely new class of industrial SRF-based electron accelerators that use no liquid cryogenes
- Mobile, high energy, high power electron accelerators can enable a variety of entirely new industrial applications
- Several applications may have enormous market potential