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Gated Field-Emission Cathode Radio-Frequency (RF) Gun

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CRADA Title: Gated Field-Emission Cathode Radio-Frequency (RF) Gun

Parties to the Agreement: RadiaBeam, LLC and Fermi Research Alliance, LLC

Abstract of CRADA work:

The goal of this CRADA was to procure the carbon nanotube cathode from Radiabeam, install it in HBESL and make current measurements as a function of the gun gradient. The gun was operated at 1.3 GHz. After testing, send the cathode back to RadiaBeam for surface analysis.

Prof. Piot (NIU/Fermilab), Dr. Daniel Mihalcea (NIU), Harsha Panuganti (NIU Ph.D student) and Jayakar Thangaraj (Fermilab) led the experimental efforts at HBESL.

Summary of Research Results:

All the above mentioned objectives have been reached.

For science results see the following peer-reviewed articles.

[Ampère-Class Pulsed Field Emission from Carbon-Nanotube Cathodes in a Radiofrequency Resonator](#)

D. Mihalcea, L. Faillace, J. Hartzell, H. Panuganti, S. M. Boucher, A. Murokh, P. Piot, J. C. T. Thangaraj, Appl. Phys. Lett. 107, 033502 (2015).

"Simulations of Field-Emission Electron Beams from CNT Cathodes in RF Photoinjectors"
Daniel Mihalcea (NIU, DeKalb) , Luigi Faillace (RadiaBeam Tech.) , Harsha Panuganti (NIU, DeKalb) , Jayakar C.T. Thangaraj (Fermilab) , Philippe Piot (Fermilab & NIU, DeKalb), published in the Proceedings of the 6th International Particle Accelerator Conference (IPAC 2015) : Richmond, Virginia, USA, May 3-8, 2015, and available at

<https://jacowfs.jlab.org/conf/proceedings/IPAC2015/papers/wepje019.pdf>

Subject Inventions listing:

None

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