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# SuperKEKB RF Gun Injector Design and Operation

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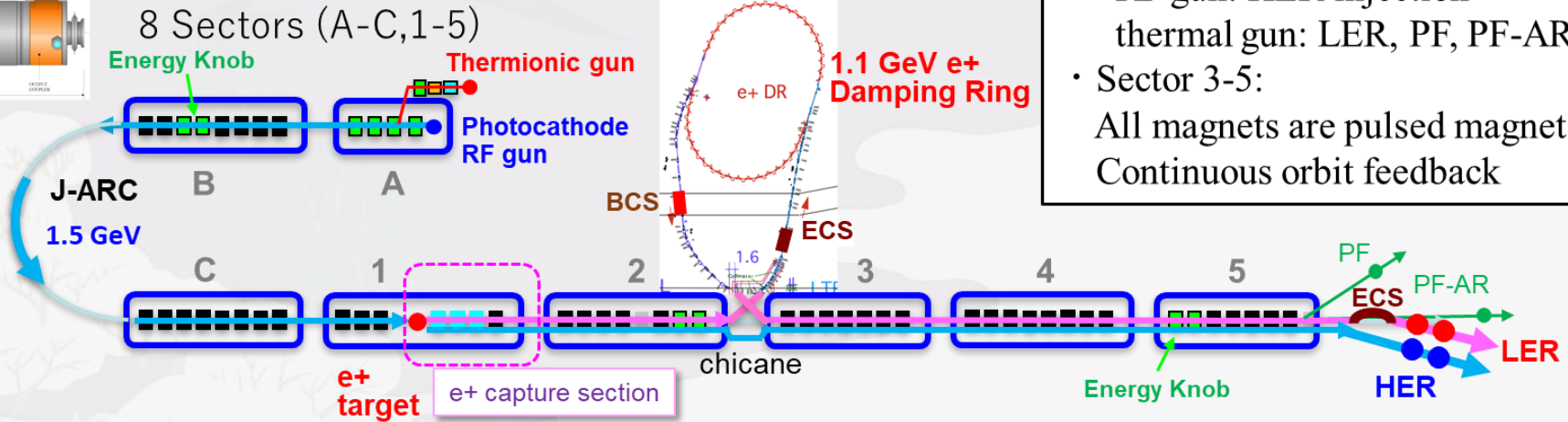
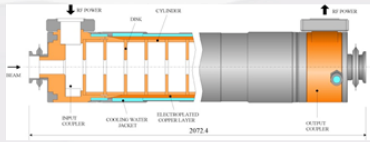


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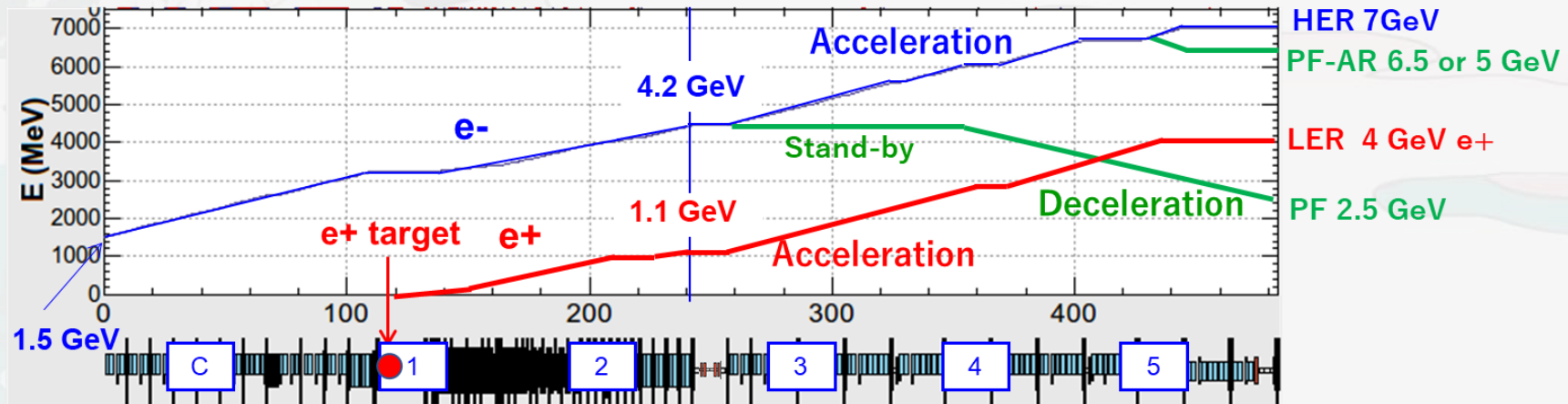


# General Layout of SuperKEKB Linac

60 klystron units  
240 accelerating structures (S-band 2-m-long)



- Two electron sources:  
RF gun: HER injection  
thermal gun: LER, PF, PF-AR
- Sector 3-5:  
All magnets are pulsed magnets.  
Continuous orbit feedback



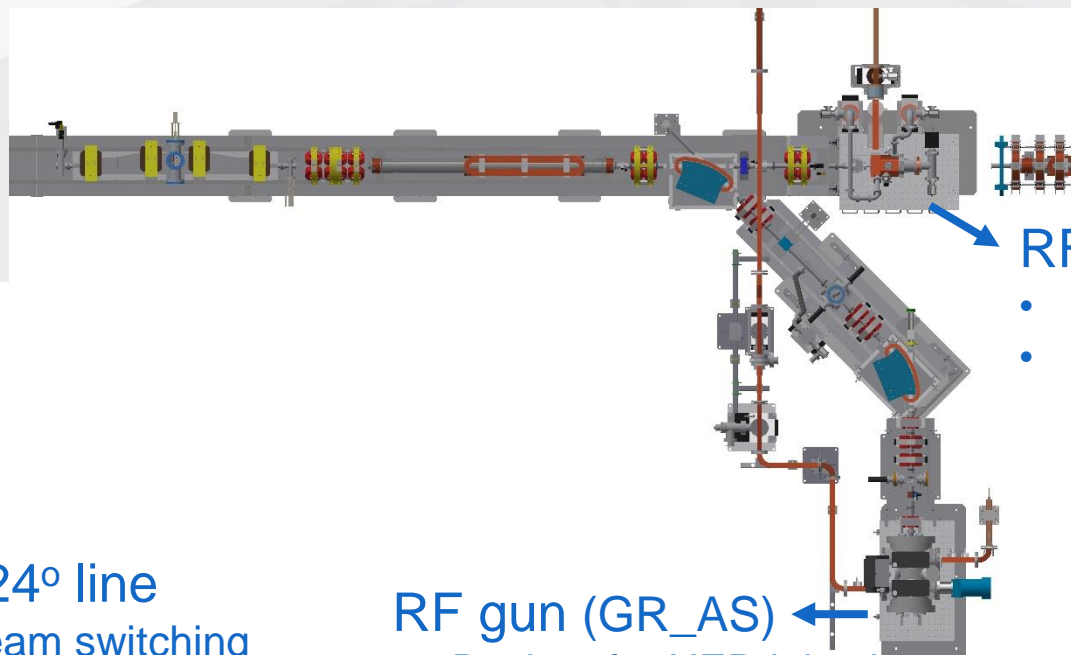
Beam energy variation for each beam mode along the beam line after the J-ARC

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# Electron Source Part of Linac

Top view



RF gun (GR\_A1)

- $e^-$ : 0.1 - 3 nC (KBE for HER injection)
- Primary RF gun

Thermionic DC  $e^-$  gun (GU\_AT)

- $e^-$  beam for  $e^+$  production: 13 nC (KBP for positron generation)
- $e^-$  beam study: 1 nC (JBE)
- PF injection: 0.1 - 0.3 nC (QFE)
- PF-AR injection: 0.1 - 0.3 nC (ARE)

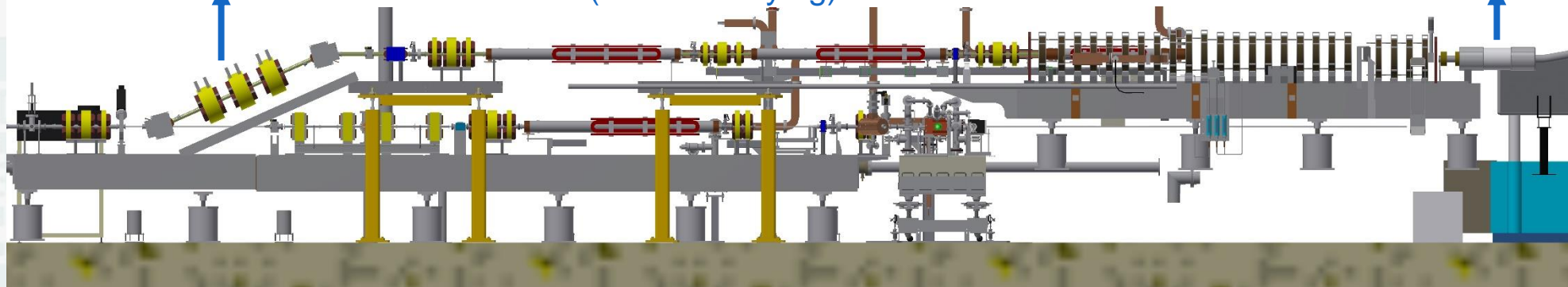
RF gun (GR\_AS)

- Backup for HER injection (Under studying)

Pulse bends in 24° line

- Pulse to pulse beam switching for RF  $e^-$  gun/thermionic  $e^-$  gun

Side view



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# SuperKEKB Requirements

	Electron HER 7 GeV	Positron LER 4 GeV
Normalized Emittance	40 / 20 [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]	100 / 15 [ $\mu\text{m}$ ]
Energy Spread	0.07%	0.16%
Bunch Charge	4.0 nC	4.0 nC

Stable electron beam with high charge and low emittance is required for SuperKEKB



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# SuperKEKB RF Gun

## Requirements

- 4 nC electron charge generation capability
- 10  $\mu\text{m}$  emittance preservation
- Long term continuous operation

## 4 nC Beam Operation

- Less space charge effect
  - Longer pulse: 20 - 30 ps
- Essential strong focusing field
  - Preserves the low emittance from the RF gun
- Stable long time operation
  - Lower electric field:  $< 100 \text{ MV/m}$

**Side coupler or cut disk gun cavity structure is preferred**

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# S-band RF Gun System for SuperKEKB

RF gun cavity: strong focusing electric field & high acceleration efficiency

- Quasi travelling wave side coupler (QWSC): A1 primary RF gun
- Cut disk travelling wave structure (CDTWS): A1 secondary RF gun

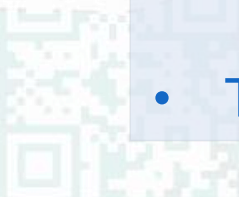
Photocathode: long life time & comparable high QE

- Medium QE with long life time:  $10^{-4}$  -  $10^{-3}$  @266nm > 1 year
- Metal composite:  $\text{Ir}_2\text{Ce}$  or  $\text{Ir}_7\text{Ce}_2$

Laser: simple, stable, spatial & temporal reshaping

- Laser active material pumped by laser diode directly
  - Yb-fiber & Neodymium (Nd) doped crystal (Nd:YAG): A1 ground laser hut
  - Yb-fiber & Ytterbium (Yb) doped crystal (Yb:YAG): A1 underground laser hut
- Temporal and spatial reshaping for minimum energy spread and emittance

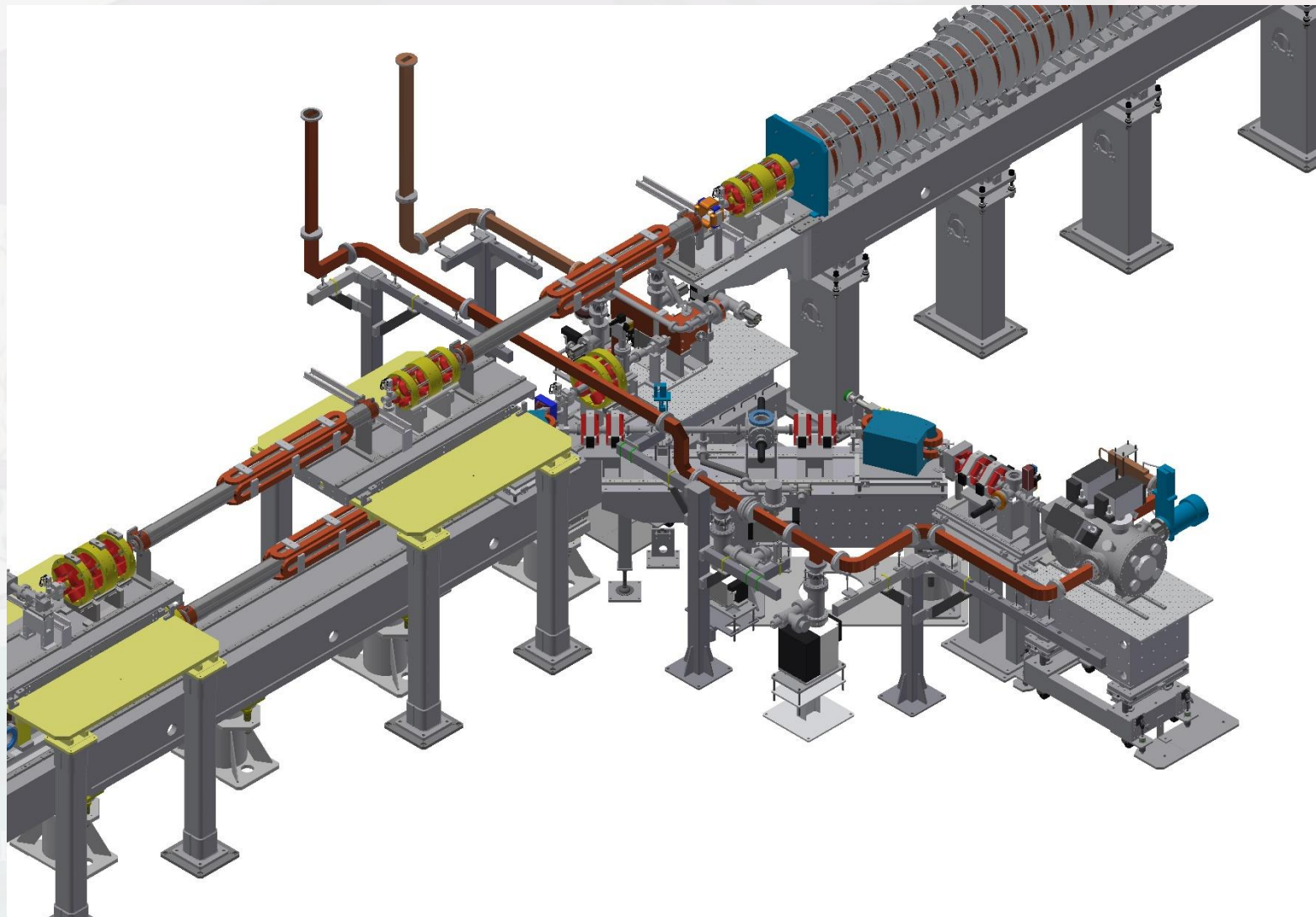
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# RF Gun in Linac A1 Section



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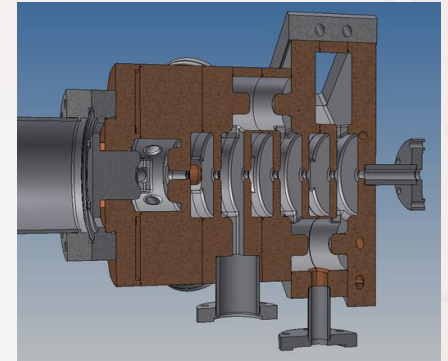
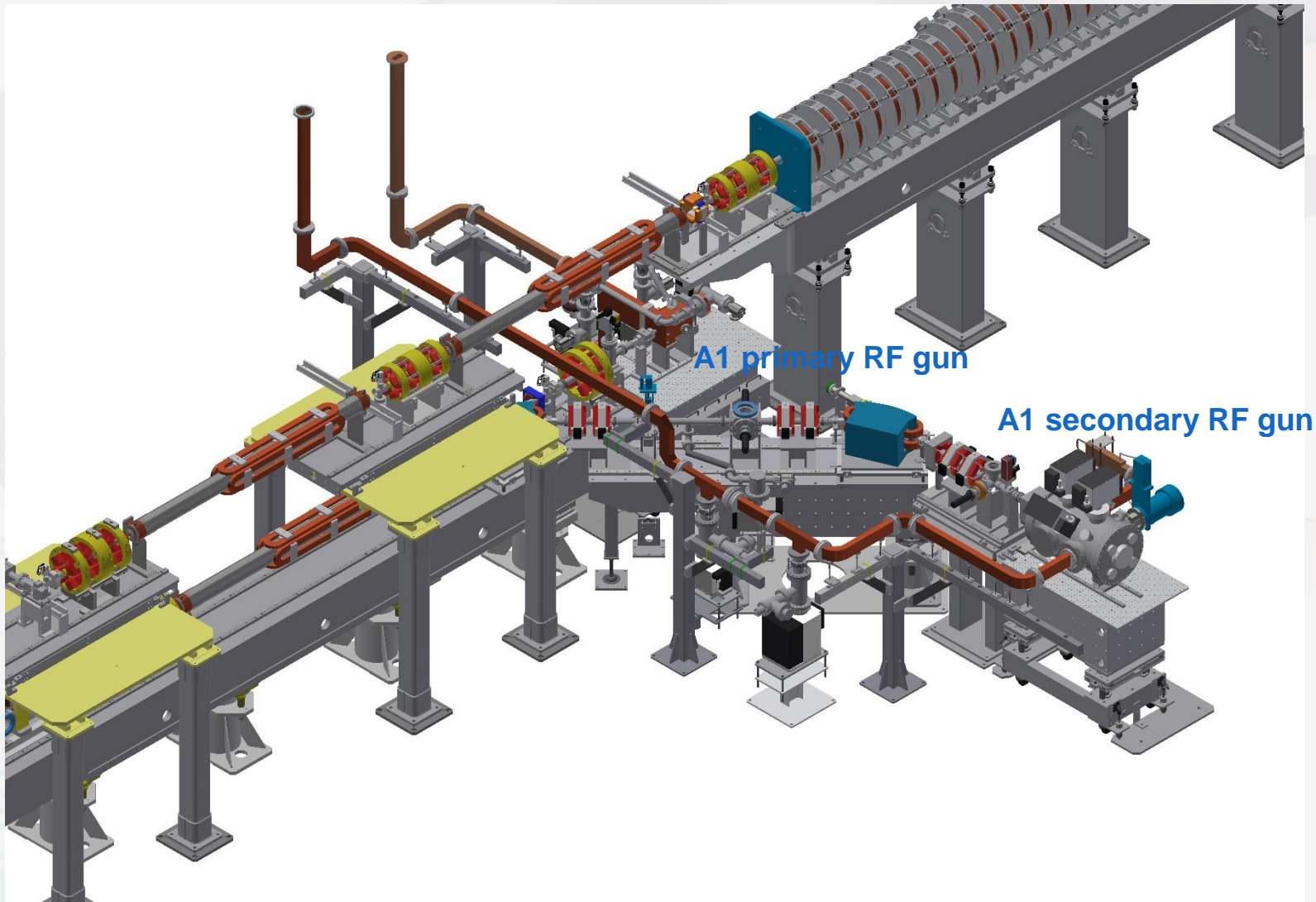


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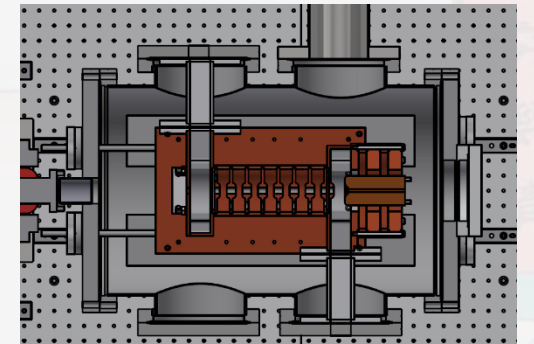




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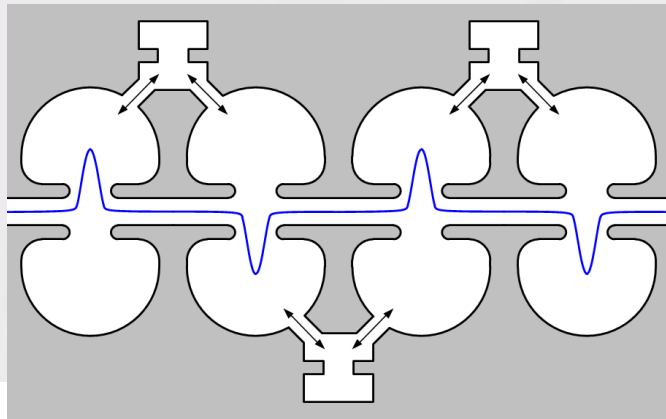
- A1 primary RF gun
- QTWSC
  - In beam line



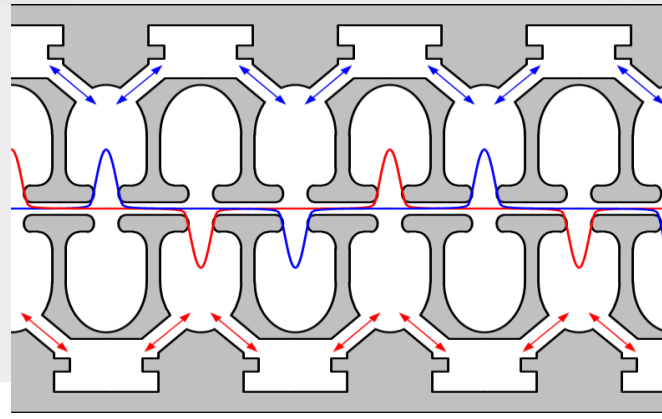
- A1 secondary RF gun
- CDSTW
  - Perpendicular to the beam line
  - Under studying

# QWSC RF Gun Design

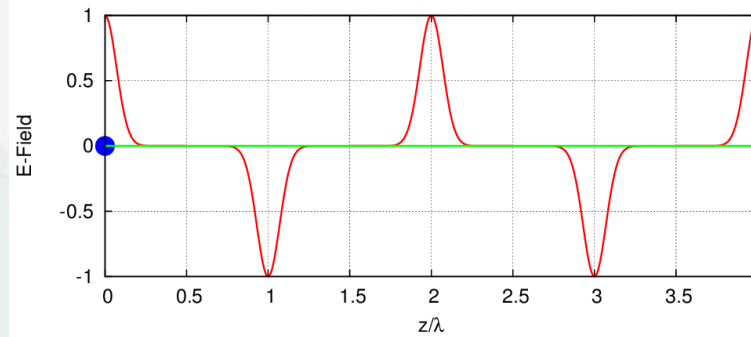
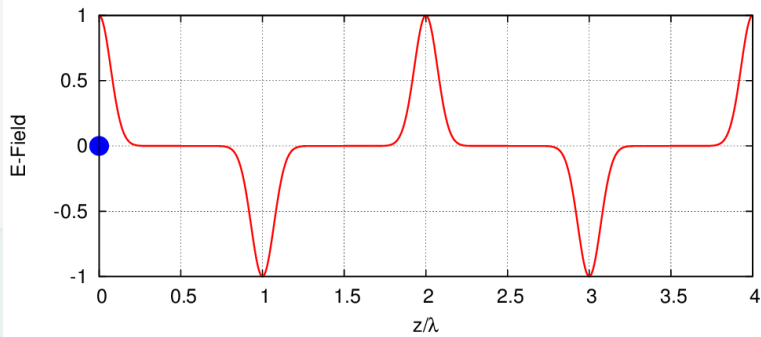
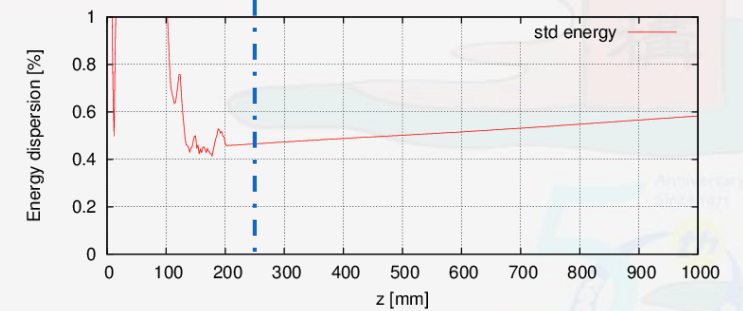
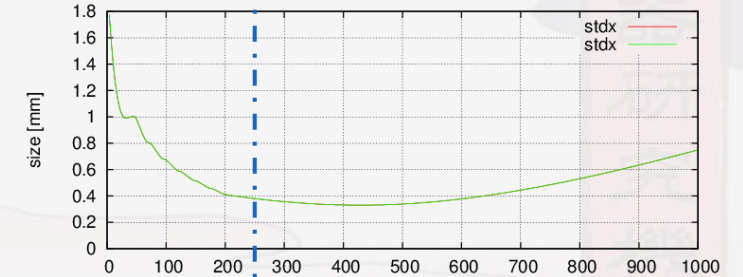
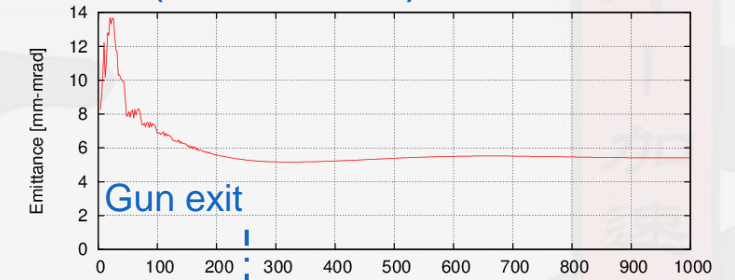
Common SC RF Gun



QWSC RF Gun

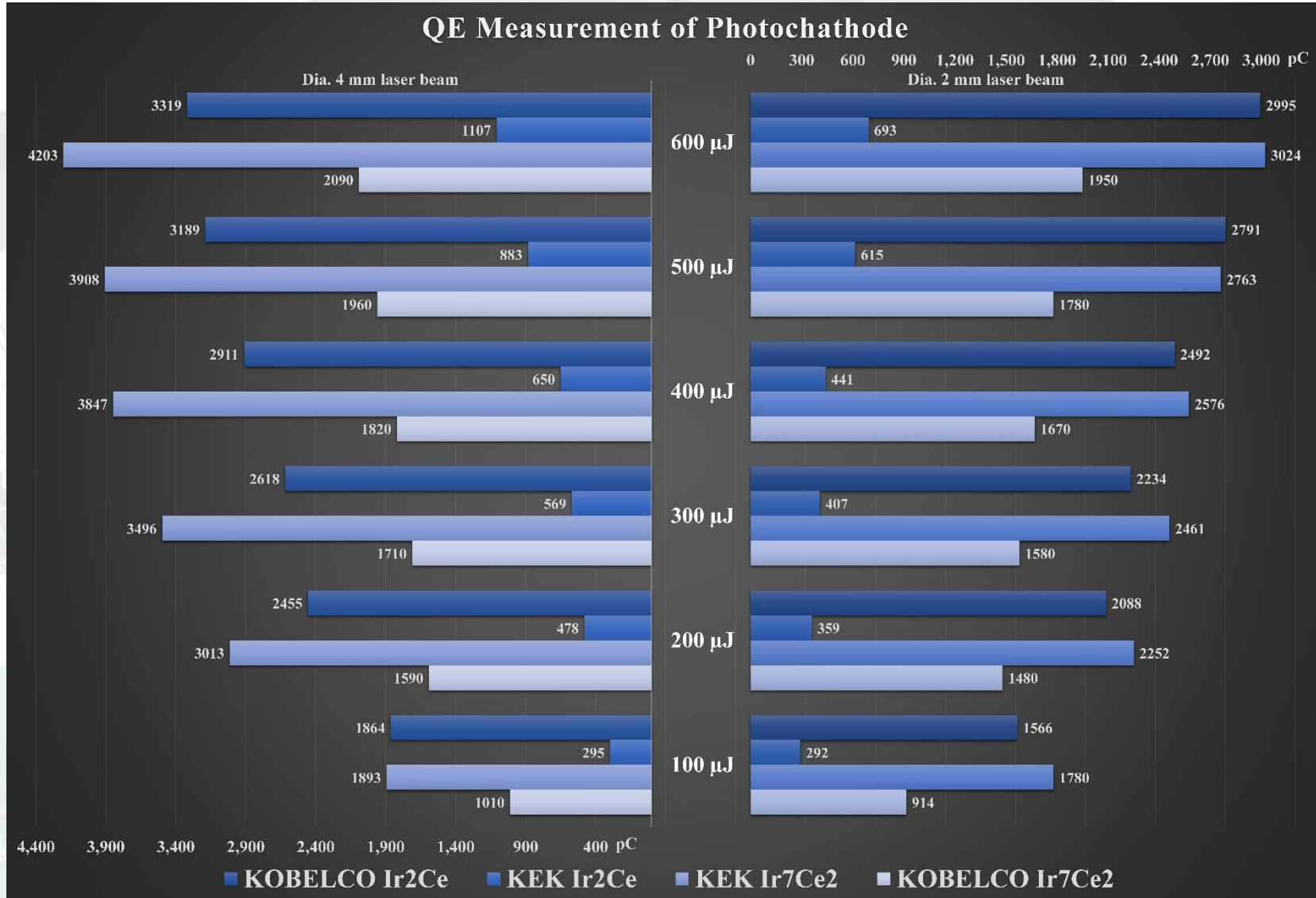


Properties of QWSC  
(5 nC case)



# Photocathode for RF Gun

Iridium Cerium Alloy Photocathode



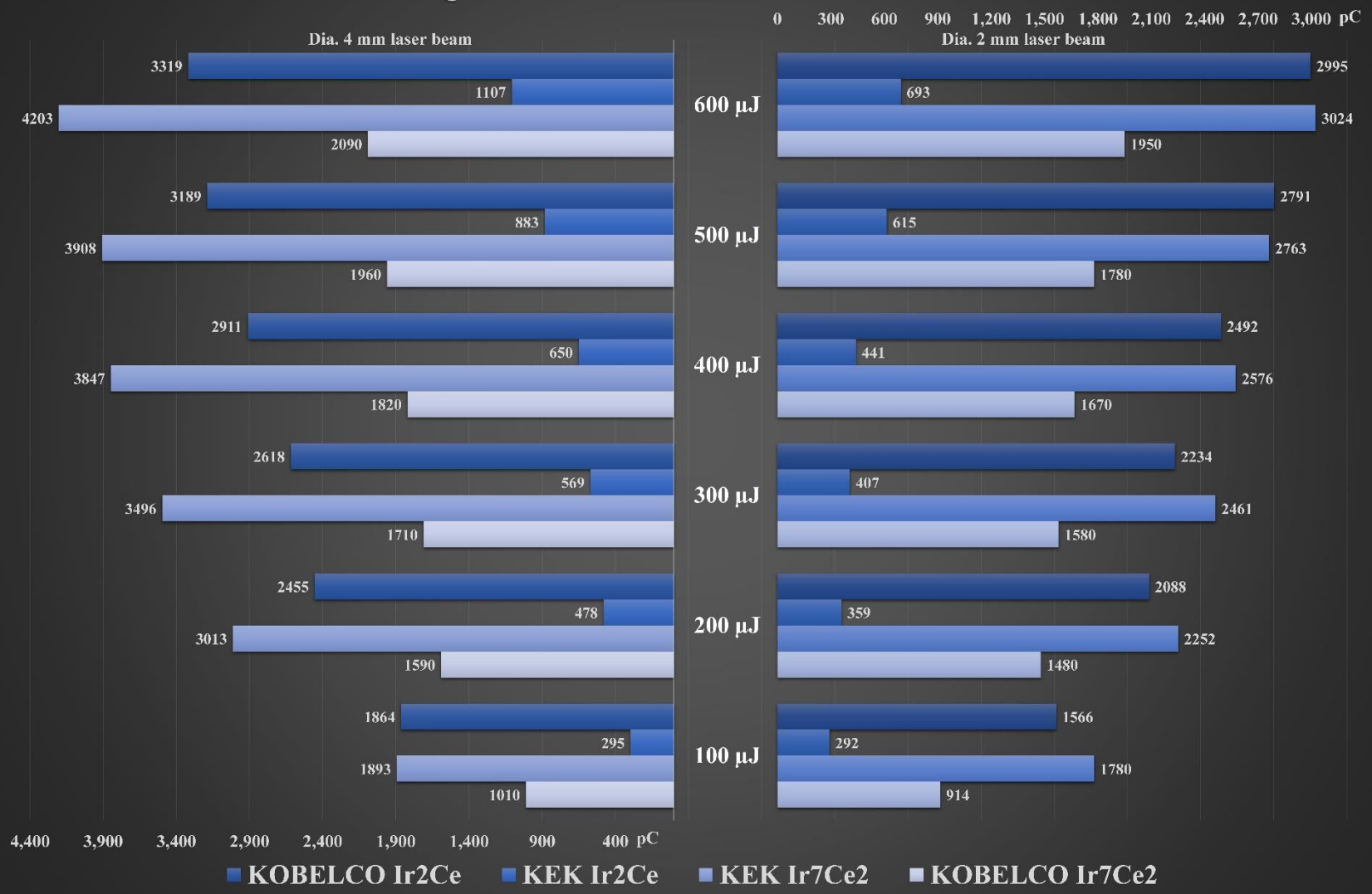
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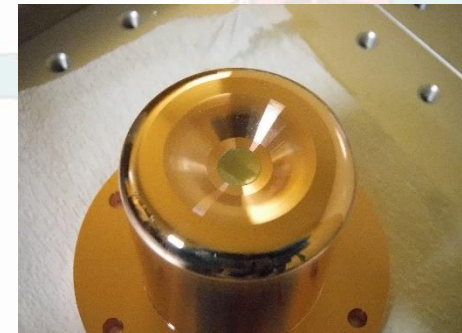
Iridium Cerium Alloy Photocathode

QE Measurement of Photochathode



## Characteristics of photocathodes

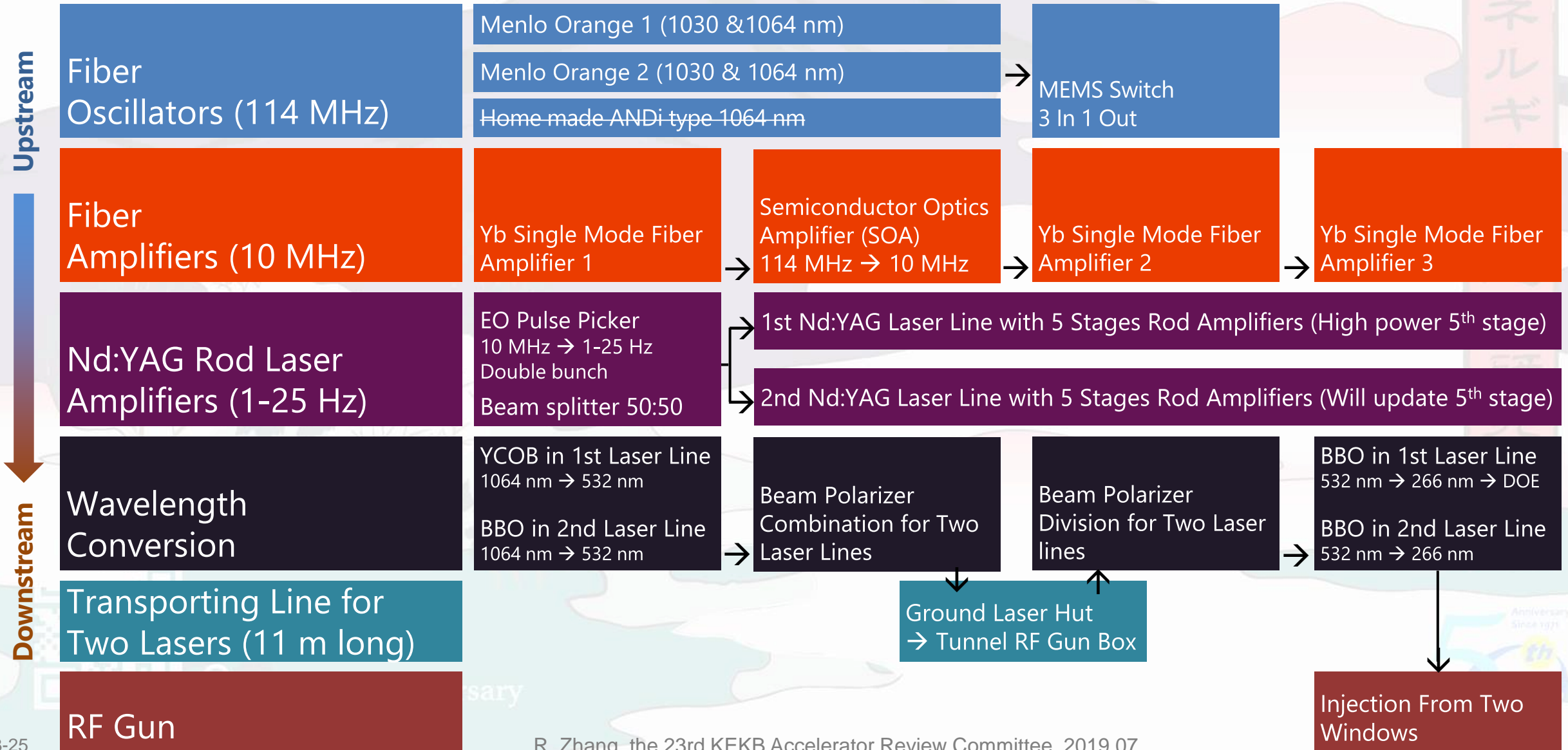
- Quantum efficiency ranking:  
**KEK Ir<sub>7</sub>Ce<sub>2</sub> > KOBELCO Ir<sub>2</sub>Ce > KOBELCO Ir<sub>7</sub>Ce<sub>2</sub> > KEK Ir<sub>2</sub>Ce**
- Discharge probability  
**KEK Ir<sub>7</sub>Ce<sub>2</sub> < KOBELCO Ir<sub>2</sub>Ce**
- Adoption of KEK Ir<sub>7</sub>Ce<sub>2</sub> from 2021ab commissioning
- Achievable bigger size (>14 mm)



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# Laser System for RF Gun

Yb-Fiber and Nd:YAG Hybrid Laser System



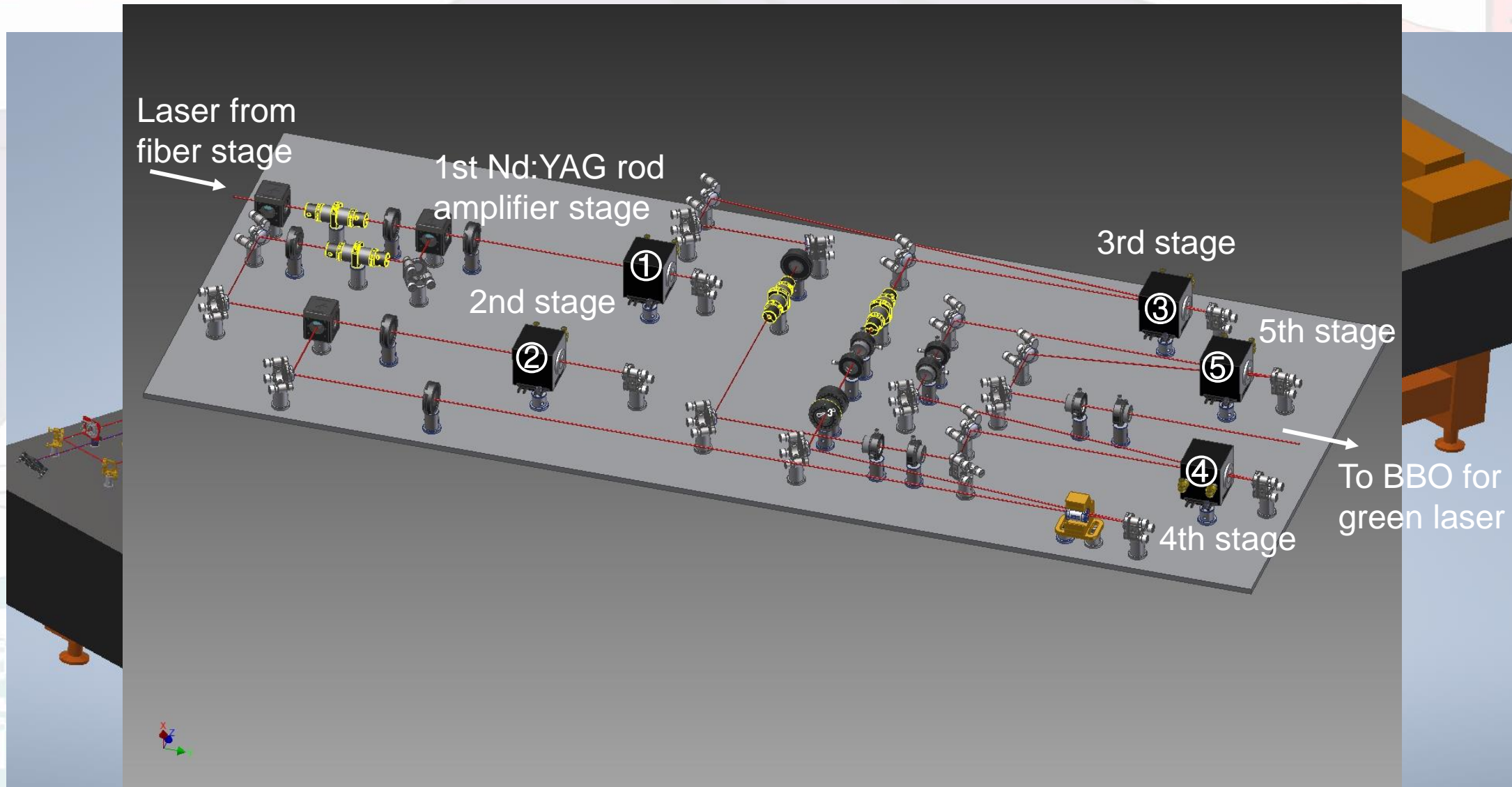
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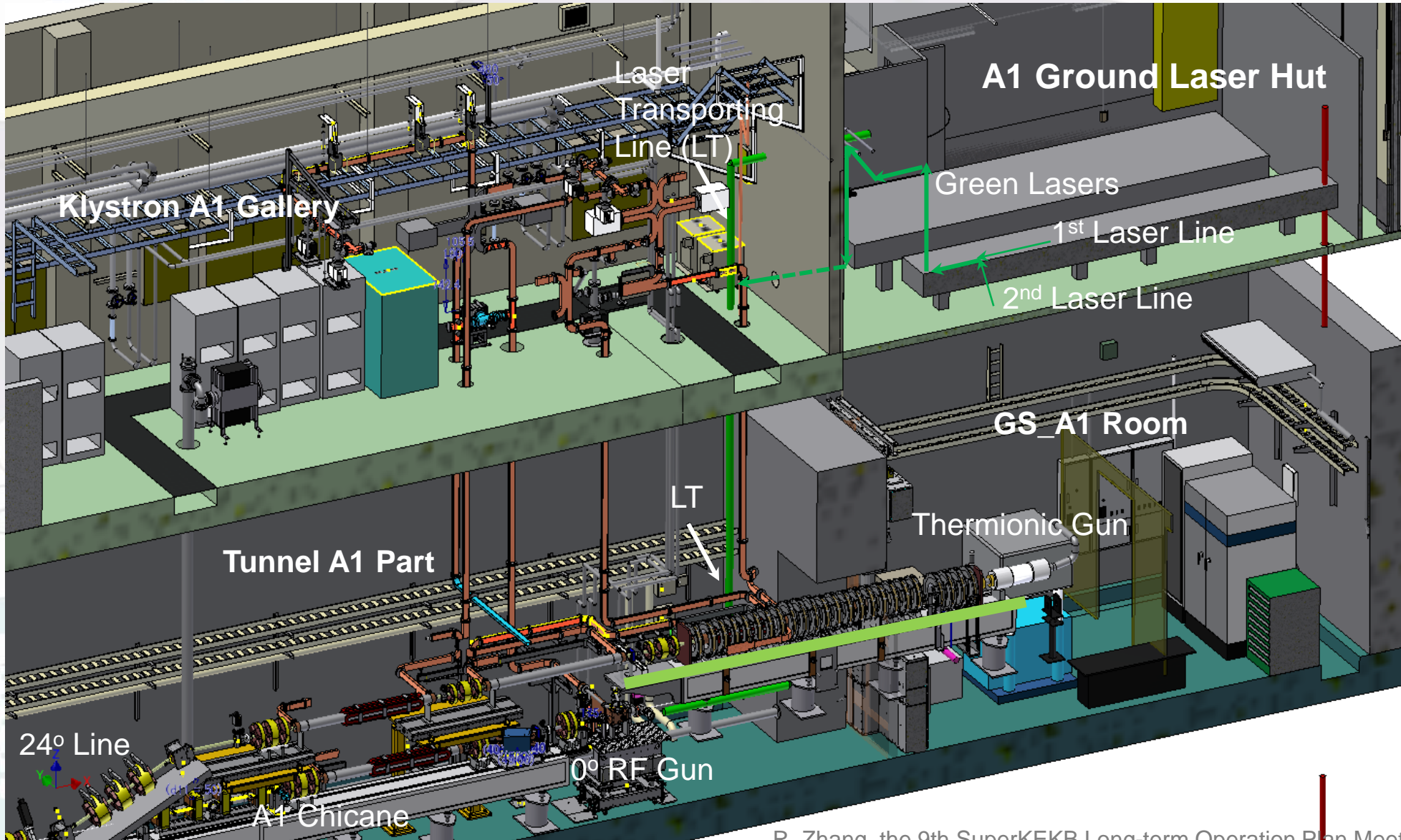


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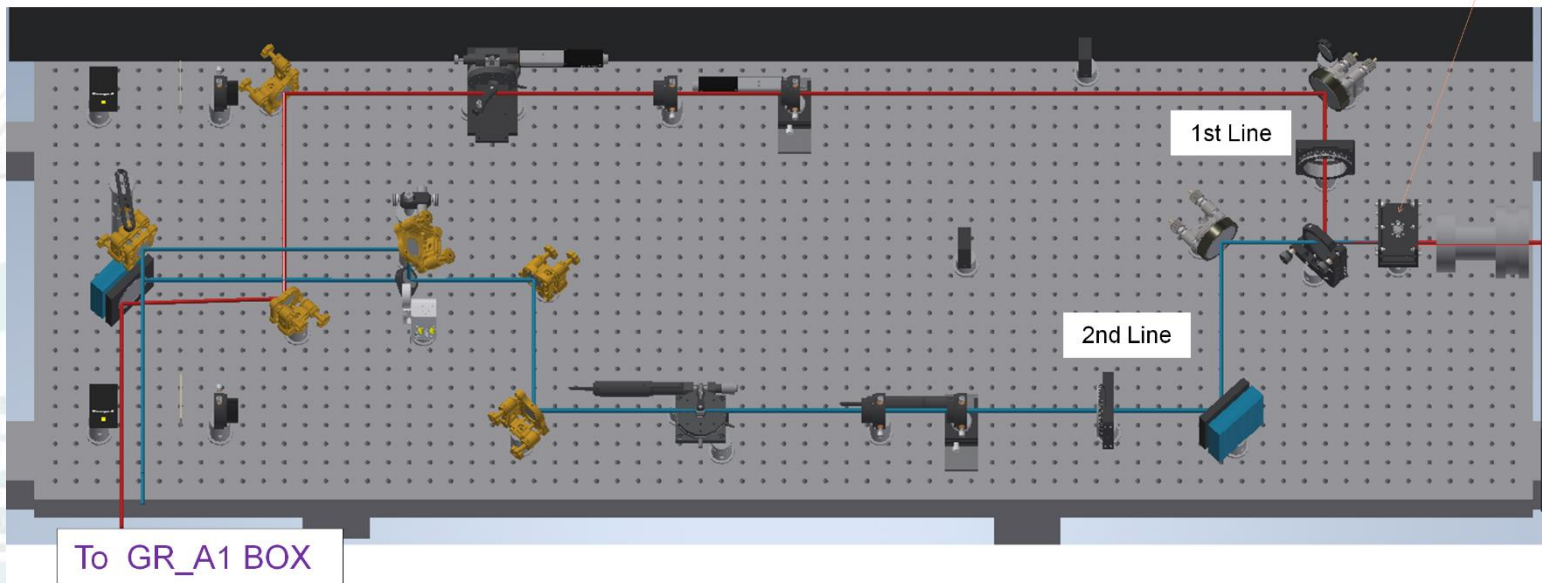
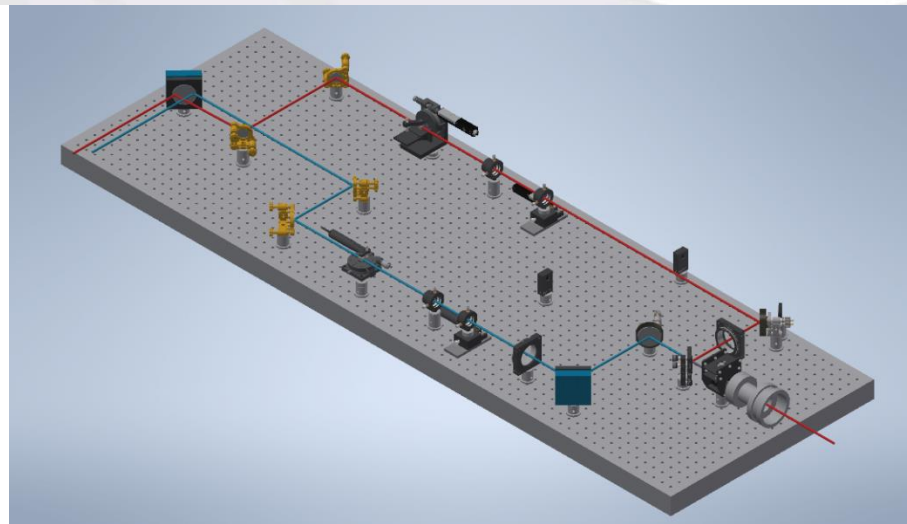
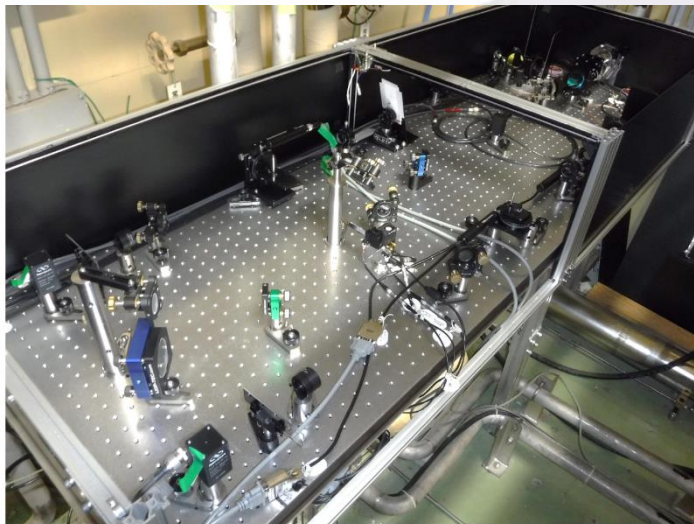


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From  
A1G Laser hut

To GR\_A1 BOX

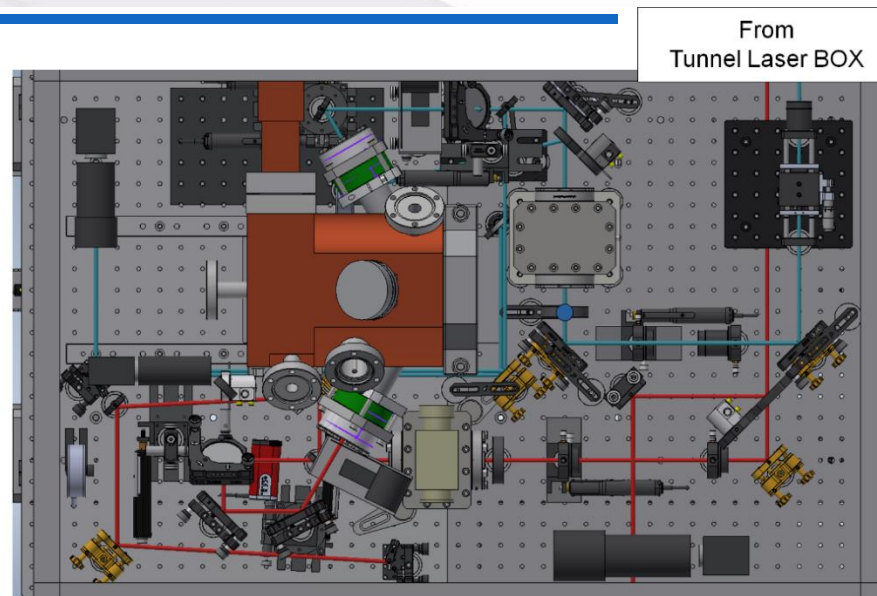
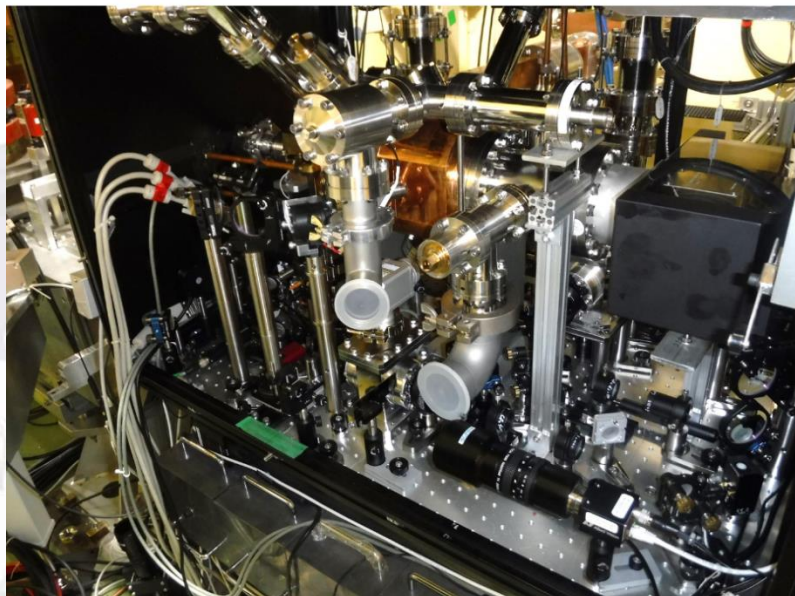
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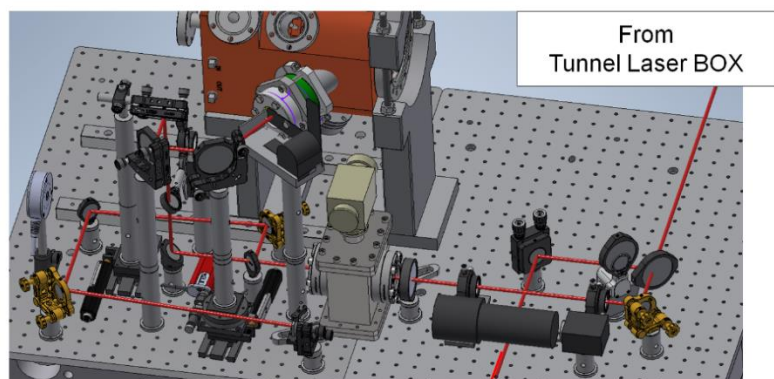


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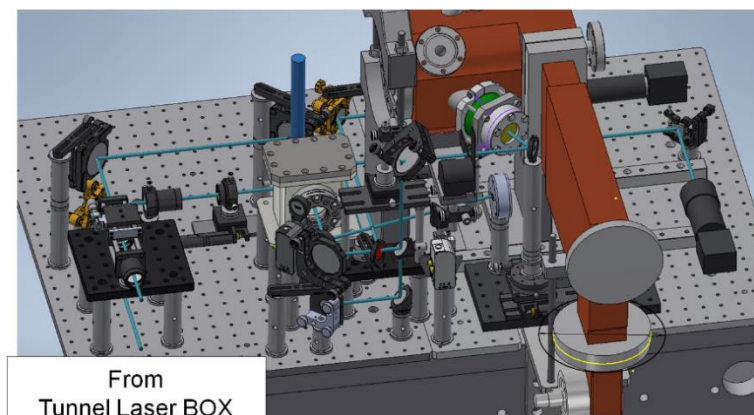
Yb-Fiber and Nd:YAG Hybrid Laser System



全体の様子



Laser 1st Line



Laser 2nd Line

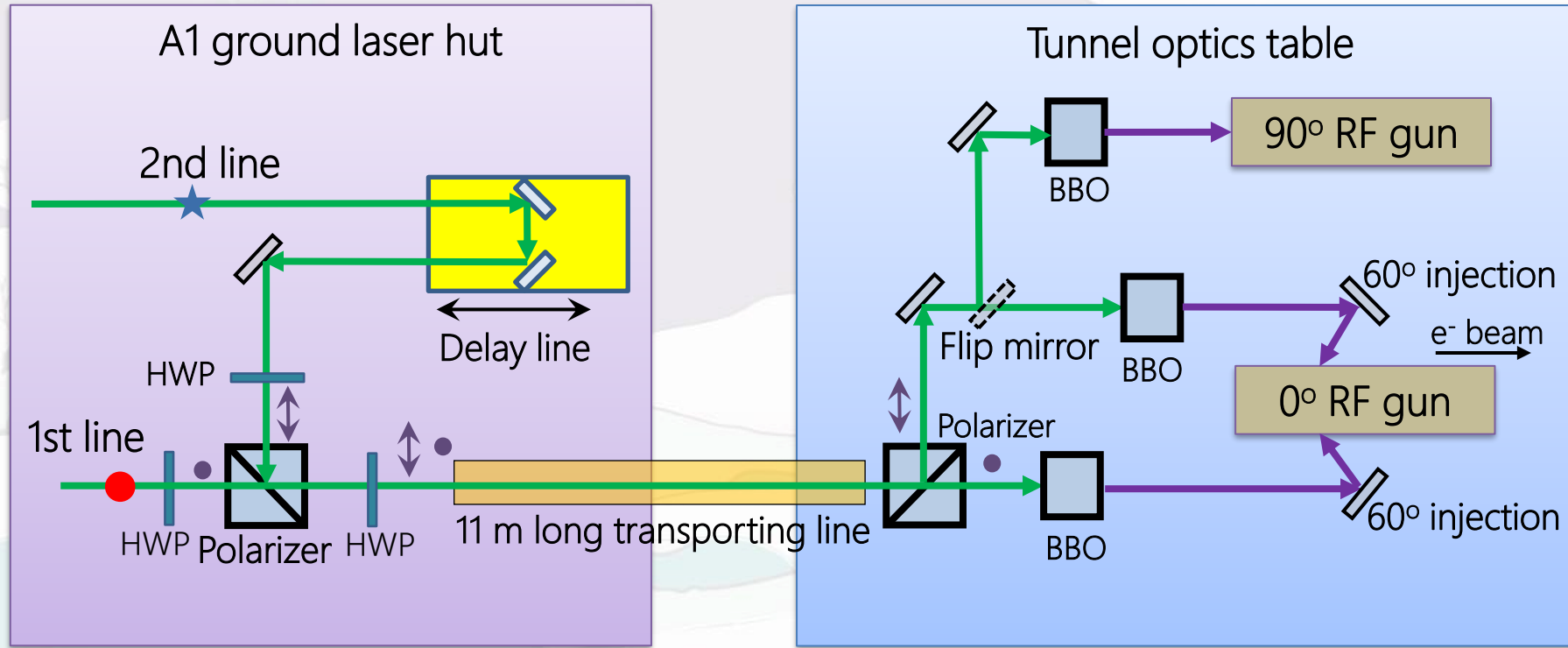
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# Laser System for RF Gun

Two Laser Beams Incidence Mode for Better Beam Quality

Simple illustration for 2 lasers incidence (out of ratio)



● Laser with vertical polarization, ⇄ laser with horizontal polarization, HWP: half wave plate

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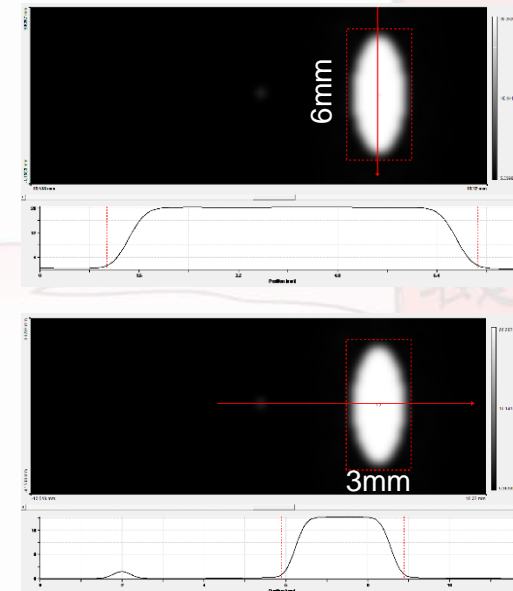
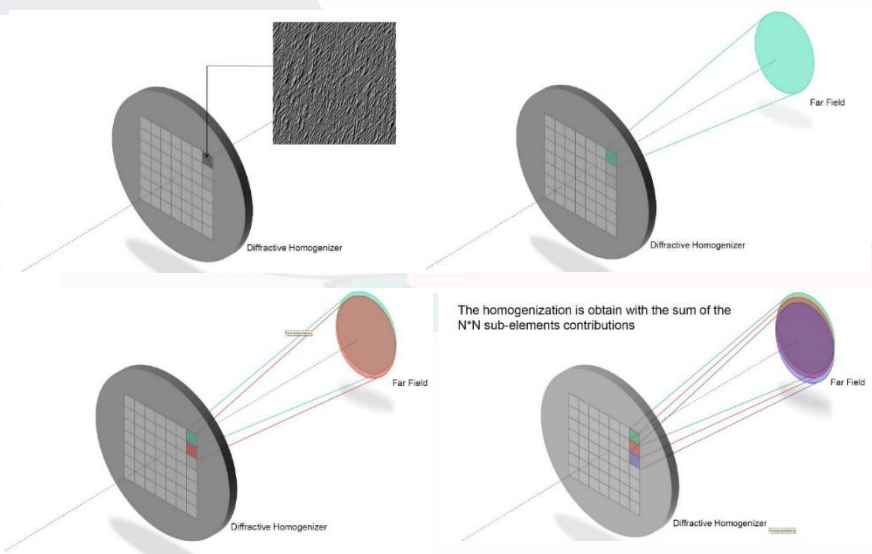
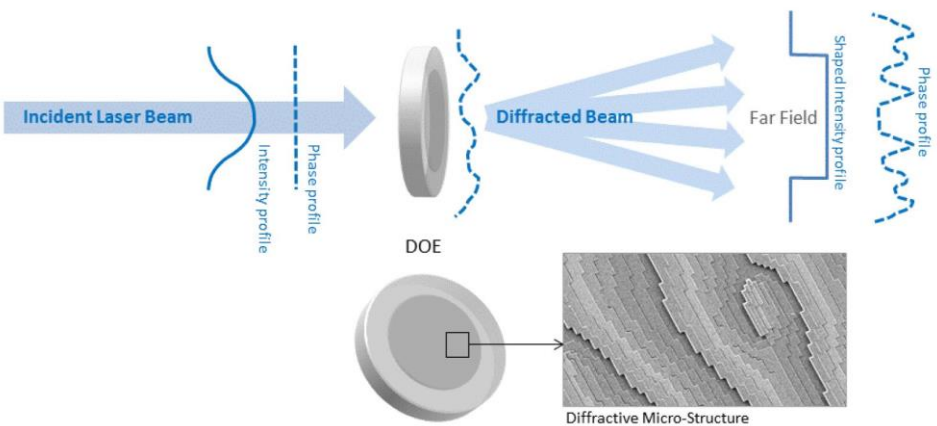
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Spatial Reshaping for Lower Emittance

- DOE: Diffractive Optical Element for high quality e<sup>-</sup> beam
- Principle: Diffraction optics by lens and micro-configuration
- Desired intensity distribution can be realized (phase coding)
- World's first application of DOE in UV laser part

## DOE Basics : principle

Example : Conversion Gaussian to Top-Hat profile

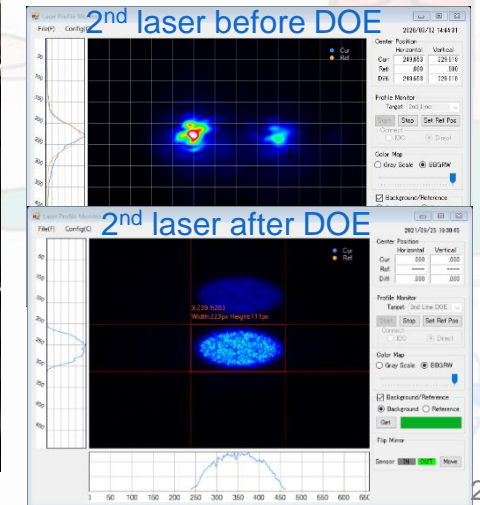
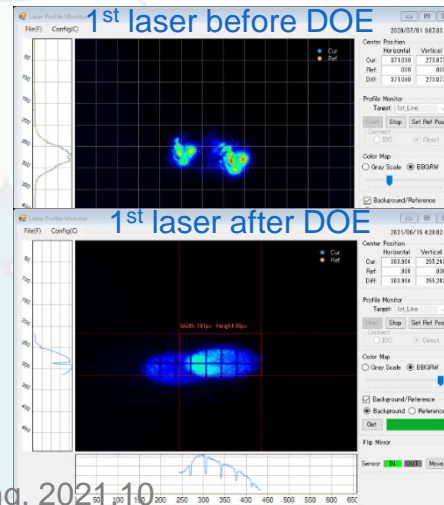
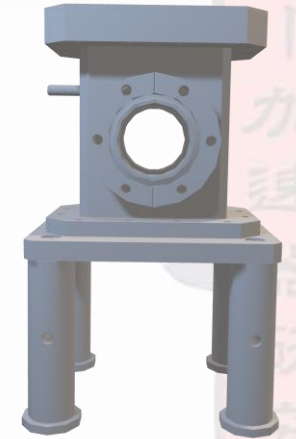
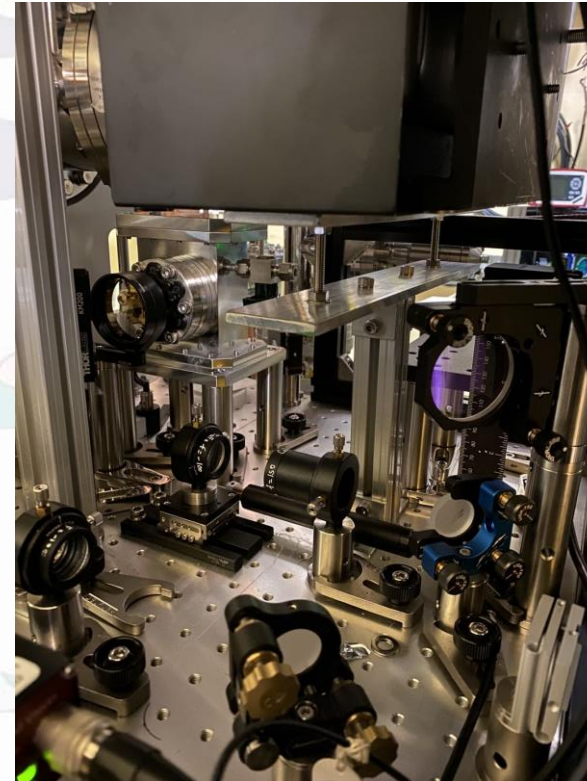
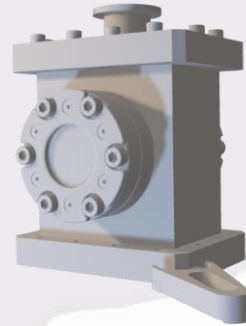
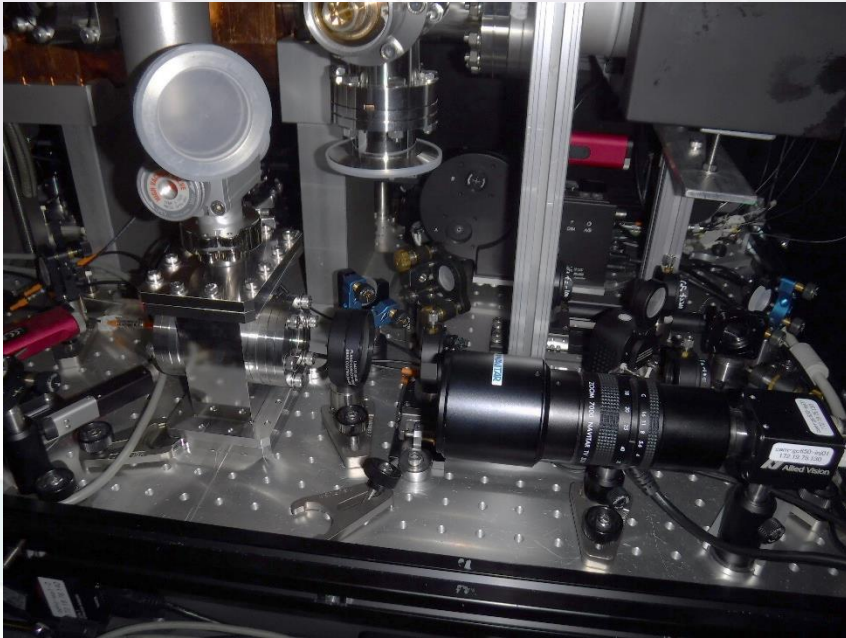


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# Laser System for RF Gun

Spatial Reshaping for Lower Emittance

- Application DOE in 1<sup>st</sup> laser line from 2020c and in 2<sup>nd</sup> laser line from 2021c
- Elliptical flat-top spatial distribution on the surface of photocathode (LA6mm SA3mm) for low emittance  $e^-$  generation and avoiding RF gun discharge

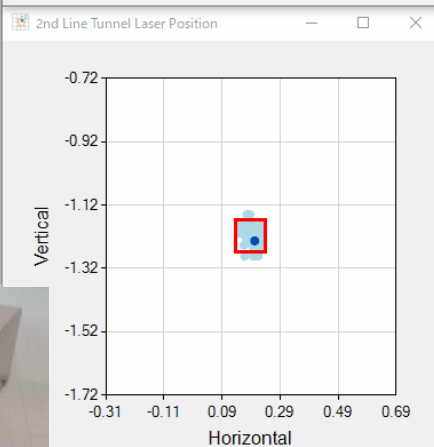
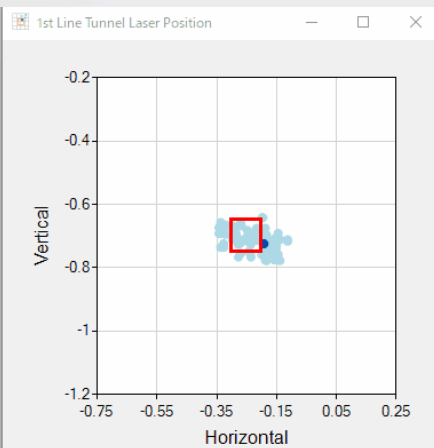
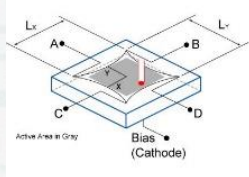


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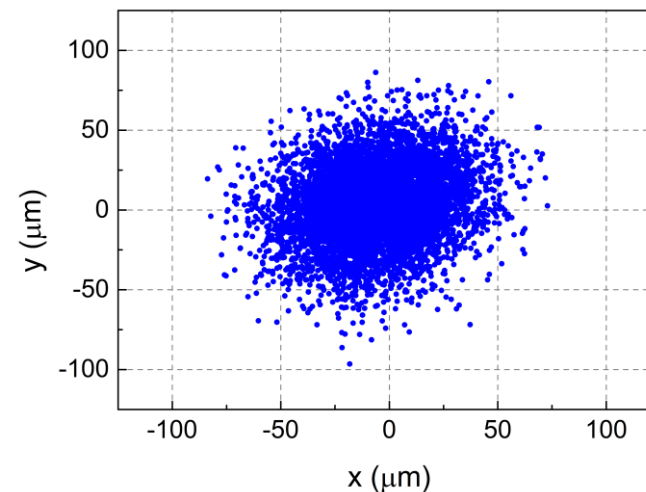
# 2021c Operation Status & Achievements

Better Laser Pointing Stability

## Laser position feedback system

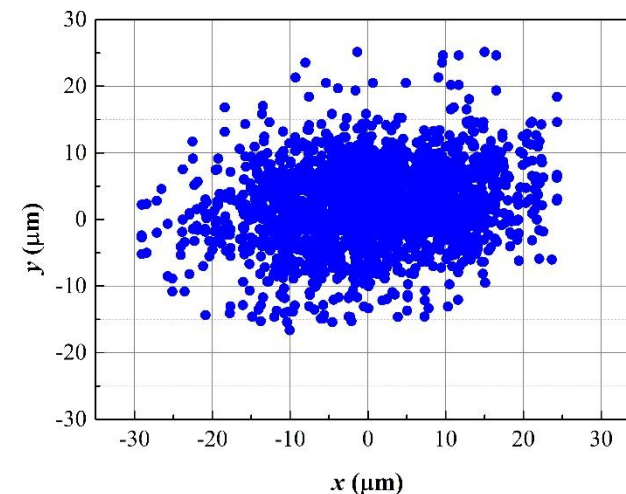


## Laser pointing stability at virtual photocathode



Measured in 2019.06  
**without** DOE & laser  
position feedback

H  $2\sigma$ :  $48.04 \pm 0.51 \mu\text{m}$   
V  $2\sigma$ :  $46.08 \pm 0.69 \mu\text{m}$

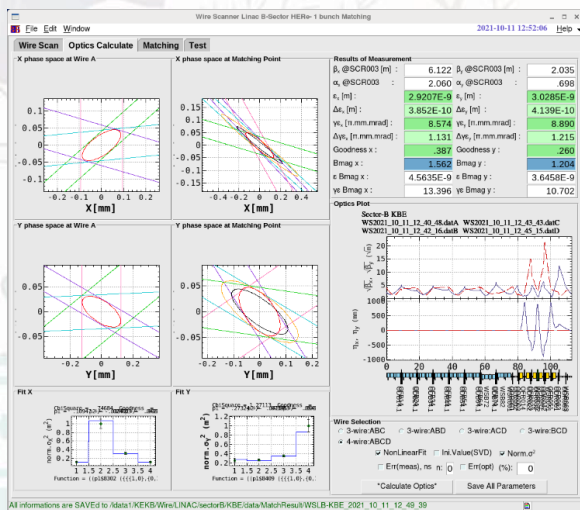
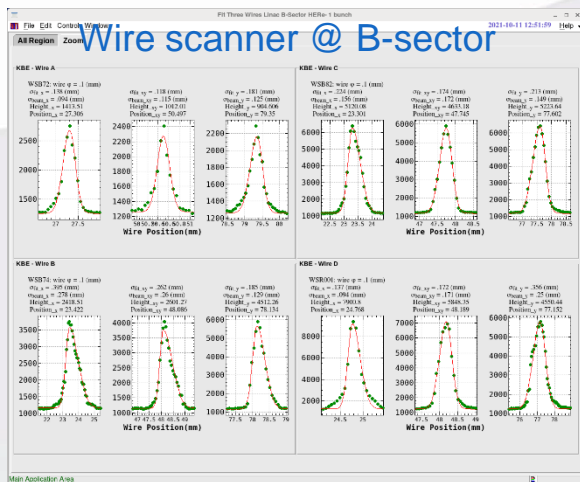


Measured in 2021.06  
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H  $2\sigma$ :  $24.30 \pm 3.06 \mu\text{m}$   
V  $2\sigma$ :  $10.08 \pm 0.46 \mu\text{m}$

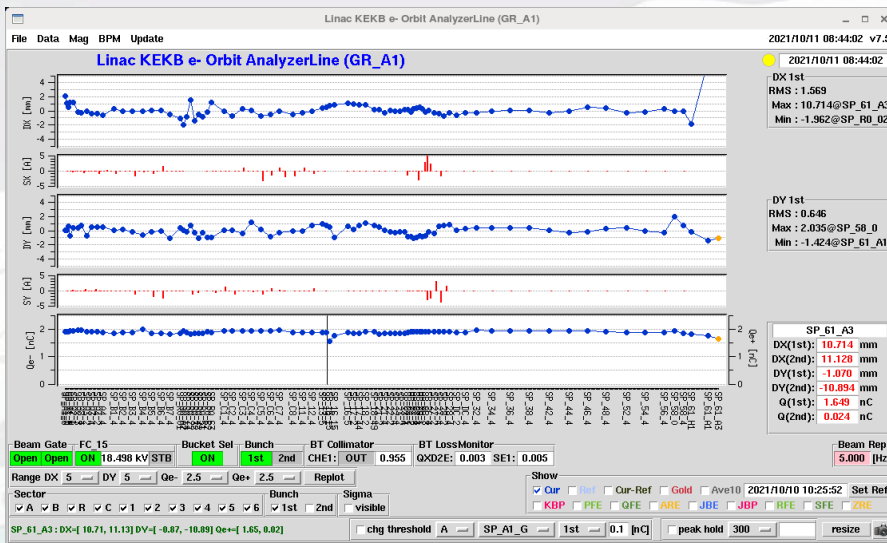
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Best Emittance Record under High Charge



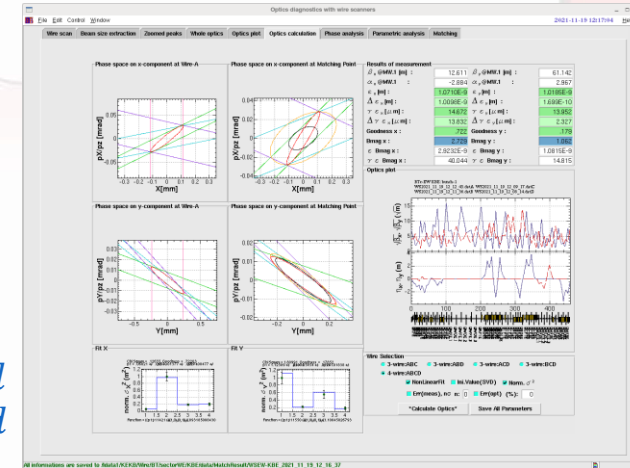
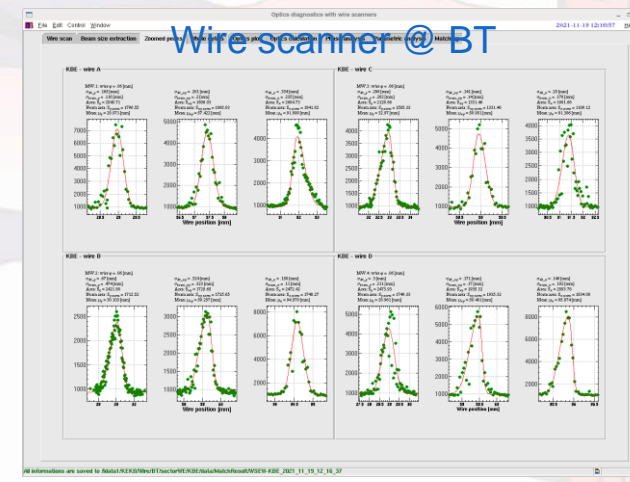
## Wire scanner @ B-sector

- Two lasers incidence mode
- 2 nC from the RF gun
- $\gamma_{\epsilon_x} = 8.574 \pm 1.131 \text{ mm} \cdot \text{mrad}$
- $\gamma_{\epsilon_y} = 8.890 \pm 1.215 \text{ mm} \cdot \text{mrad}$
- The best record so far



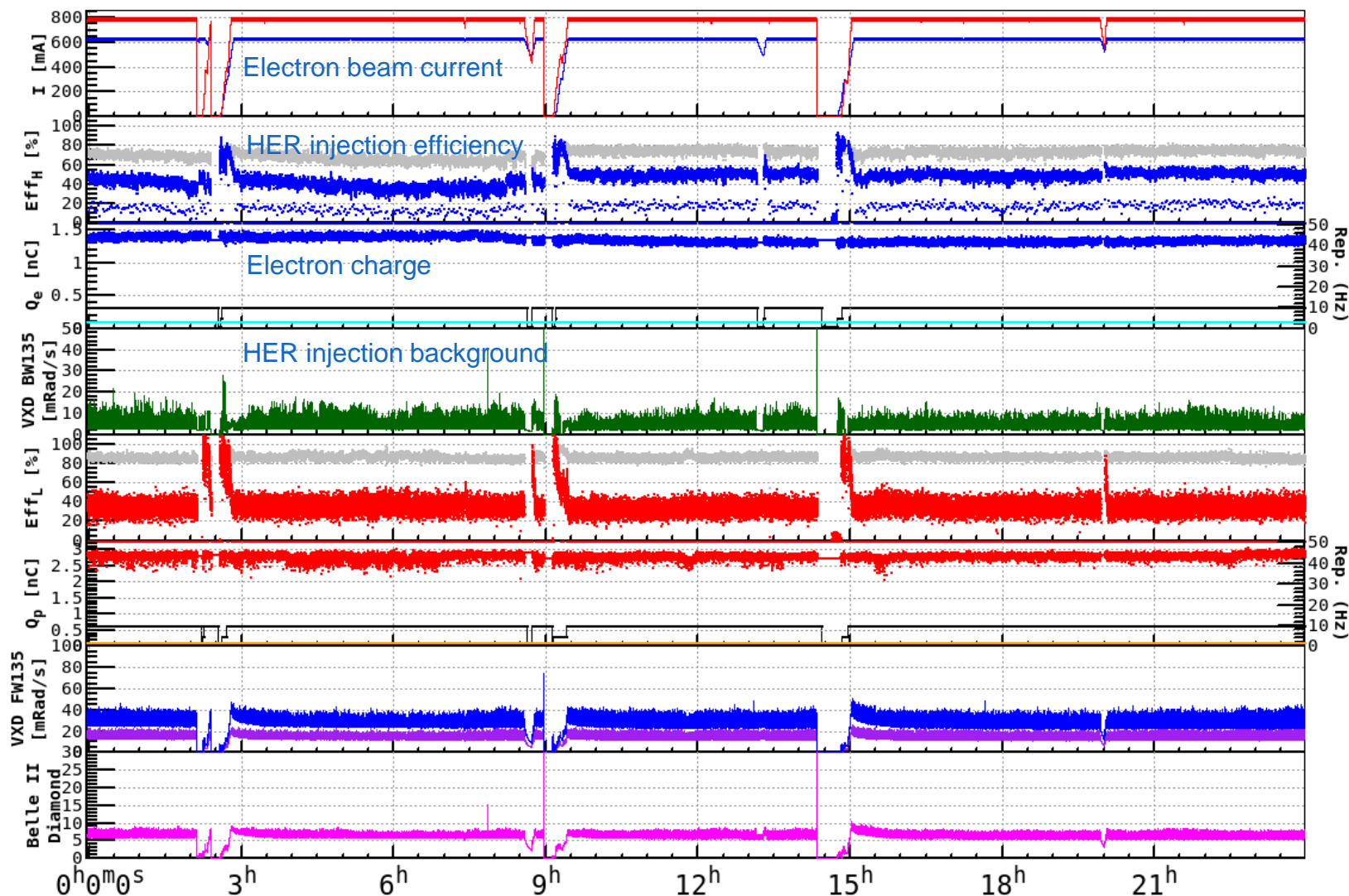
## Wire scanner @ BT

- $\gamma_{\epsilon_x} = 14.672 \pm 7.795 \text{ mm} \cdot \text{mrad}$
- $\gamma_{\epsilon_y} = 12.027 \pm 1.934 \text{ mm} \cdot \text{mrad}$
- Best record



# 2021c Operation Status & Achievements

Stable and Continuous RF-gun Injection for HER



## HER e<sup>-</sup> beam injection

- Stable and continuous e<sup>-</sup> beam operation for injection
- Comparable higher injection efficiency than 2021ab operation case
- No trend of photocathode QE degradation
- Reliable laser system and feedback system
  - Position feedback
  - Laser pulse energy feedback
  - RF phase feedback
- Stable 4-ring simultaneous injection

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## Summary & Outlook

- SuperKEKB RF-gun system worked well during 2021c operation
- Laser system update is in progress (2022.01.04-01.14)
- Study of the secondary RF gun will be done in 2022 operation
- New laser system (Yb:YAG) for 50 Hz double bunch operation and temporal reshaping is under construction

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