

Field Dependence of Conditioning Part 2- Experimental Measurements

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Field emission current evolution during conditioning at cryogenic temperature

In order to achieve high vacuum, many systems are conditioned at cryogenic temperatures.

Field Dependence of Conditioning Part 1: Electrode Simulation and Design

A model has been developed at CERN to simulate the procession of conditioning in high-field systems [1]. Any arbitrary geometry may be meshed and simulated in spatially resolved fashion, and the effects associated with a variation in the electric field are...

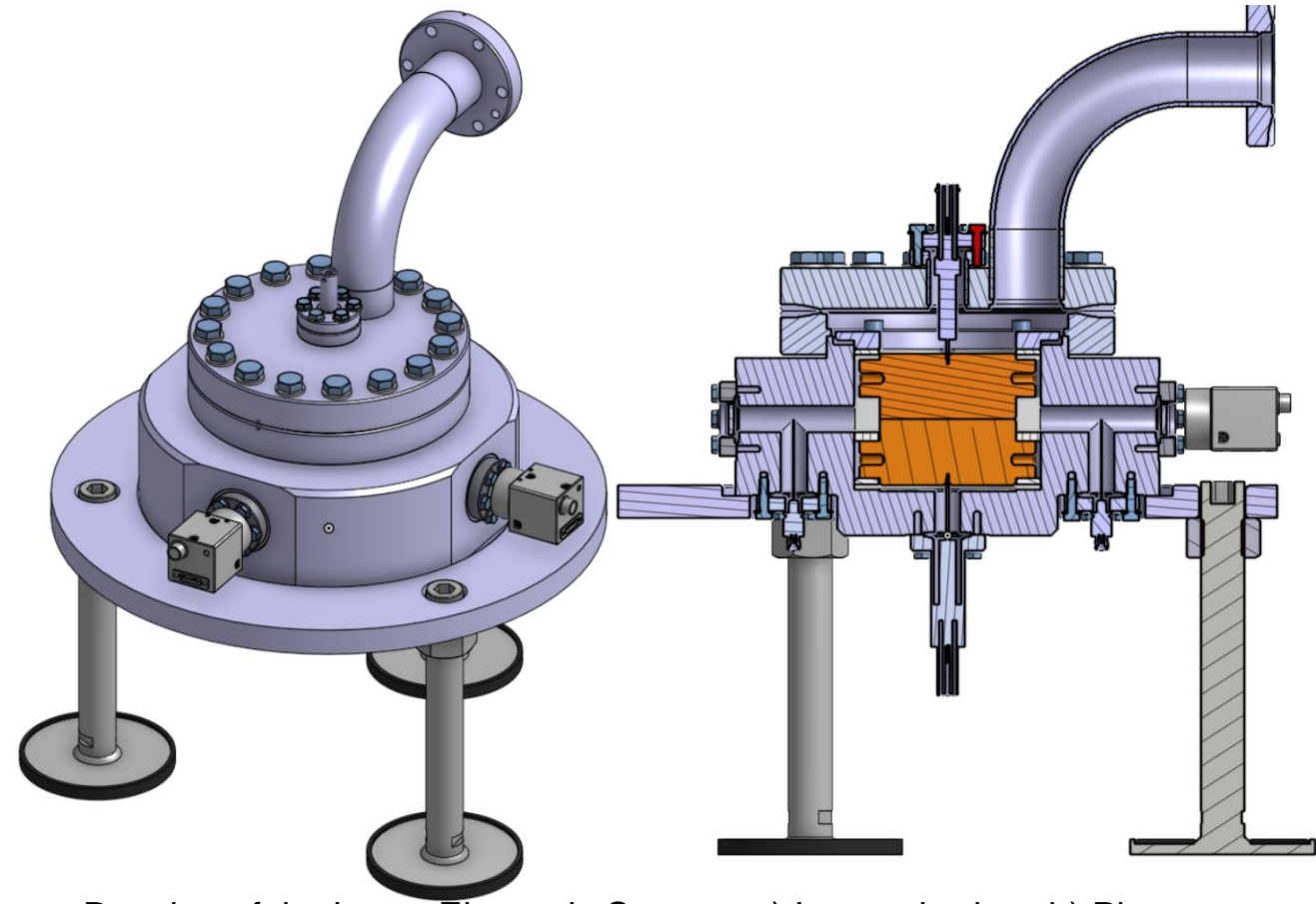
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Introduction: Application of the LES system.

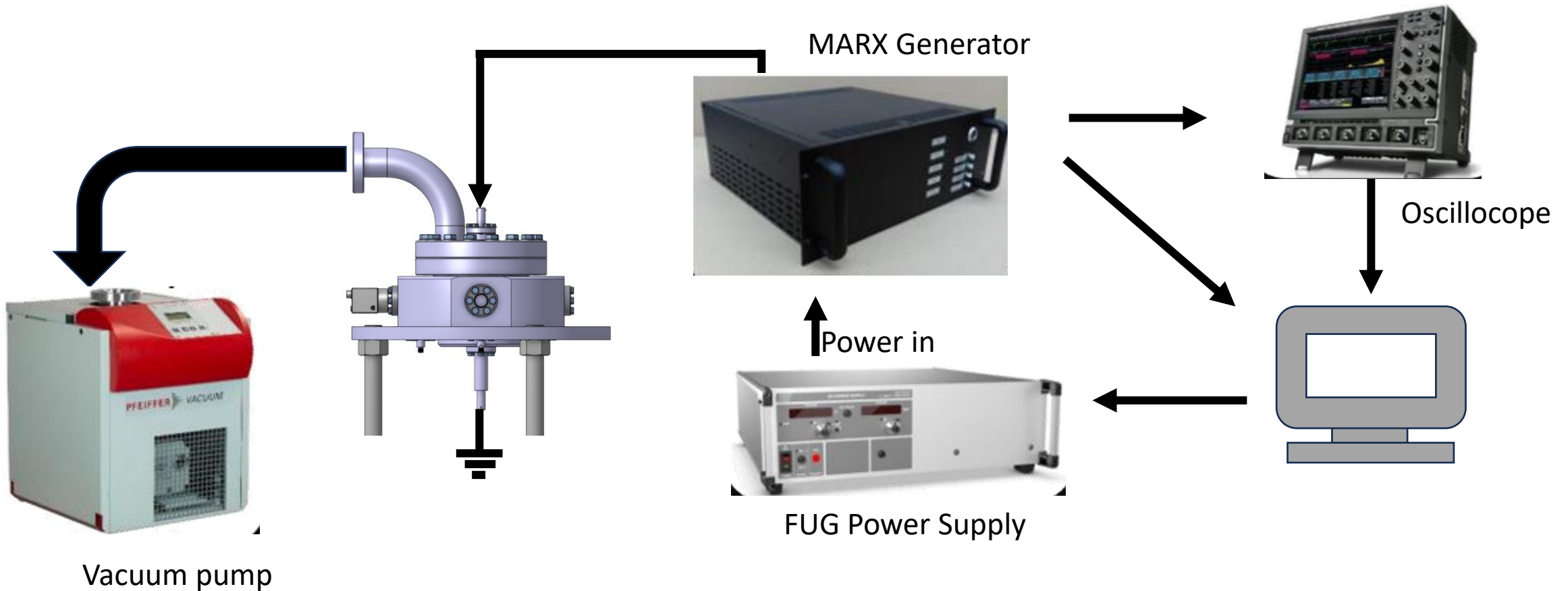
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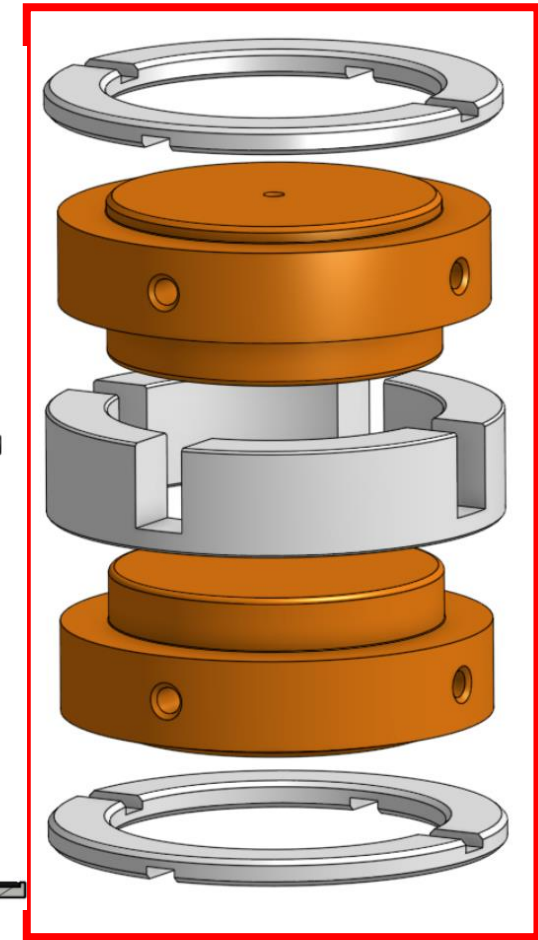
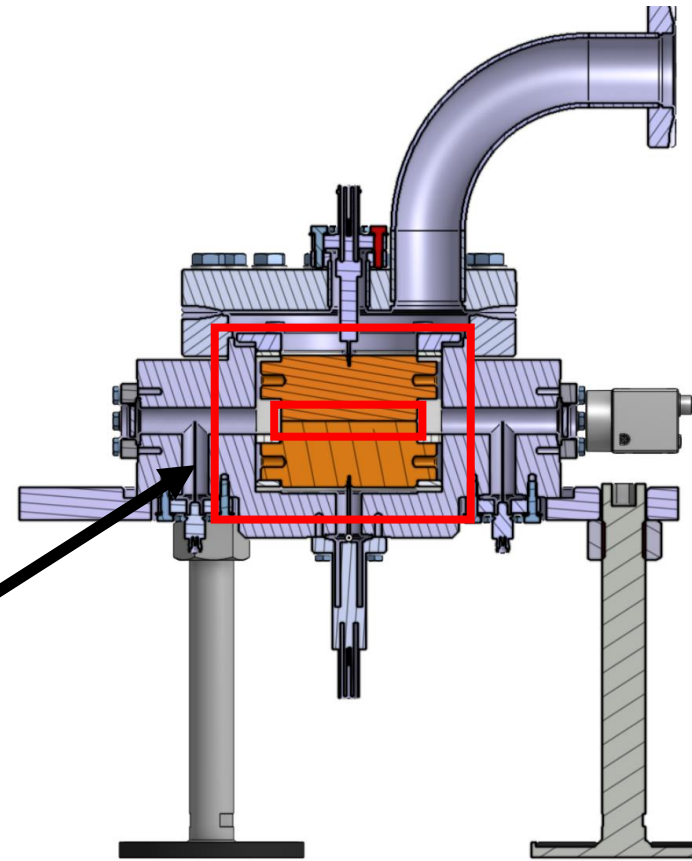
Drawing of the Large Electrode System. a) Isometric view. b) Plane cut view.

Large Electrode System: Chamber and Setup



Large Electrode System: Electrodes and Spacers

- Anode and cathode electrodes
- Separated by well-machined spacers
- Internally insulated from chamber
- Only high E-field at center of the electrodes



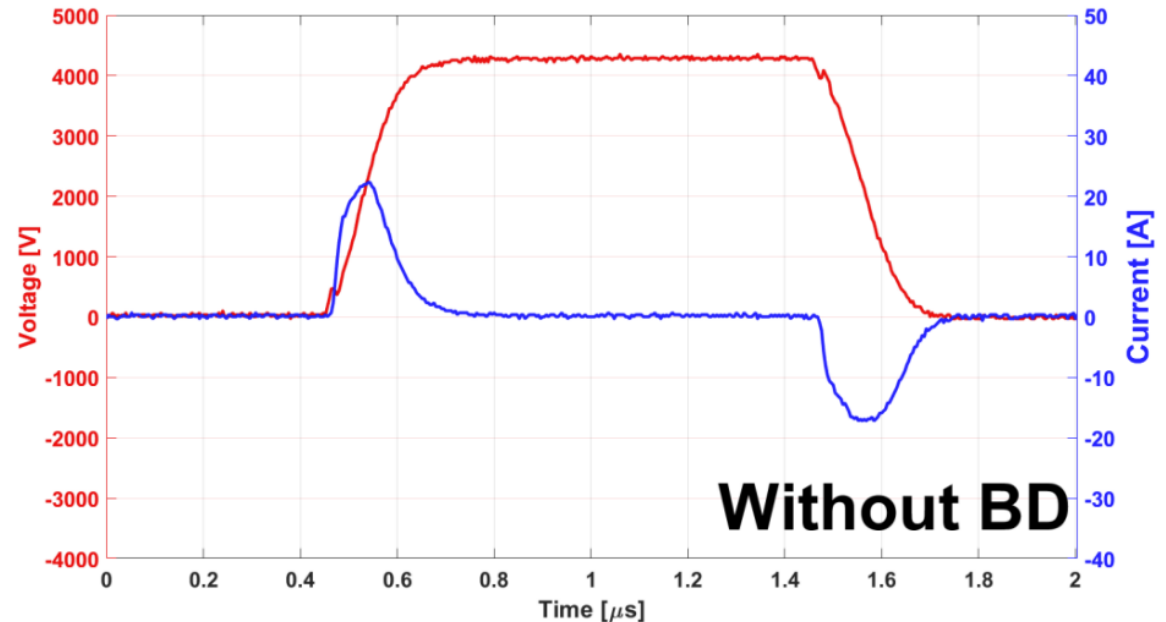
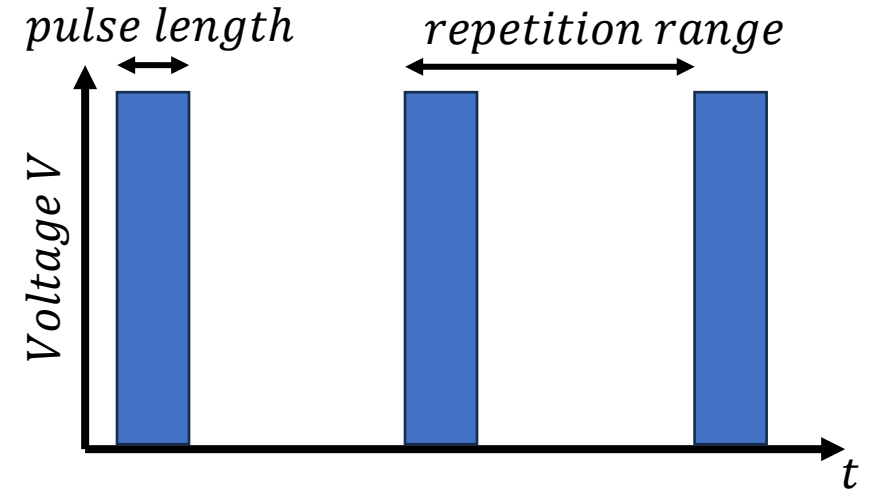
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- Light.



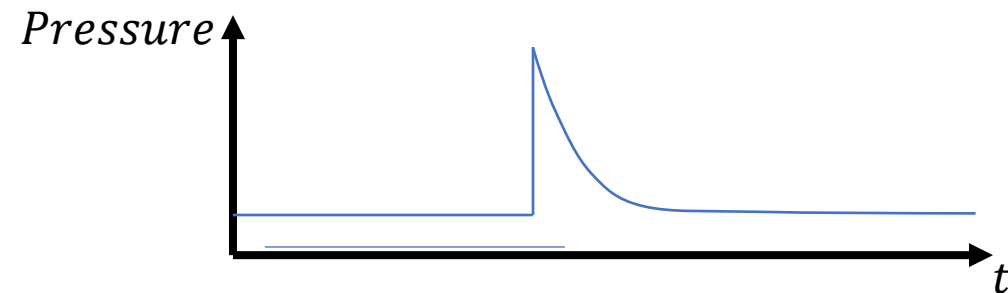
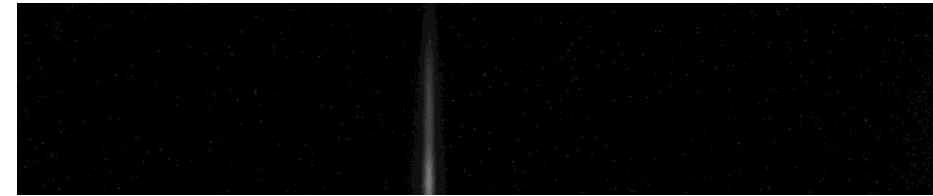
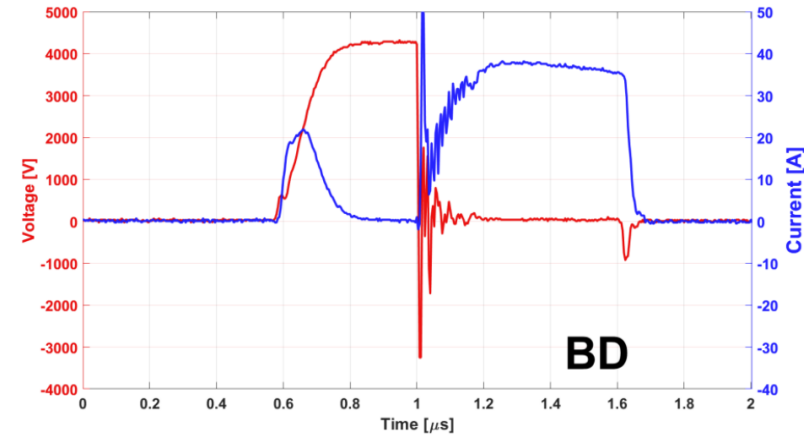
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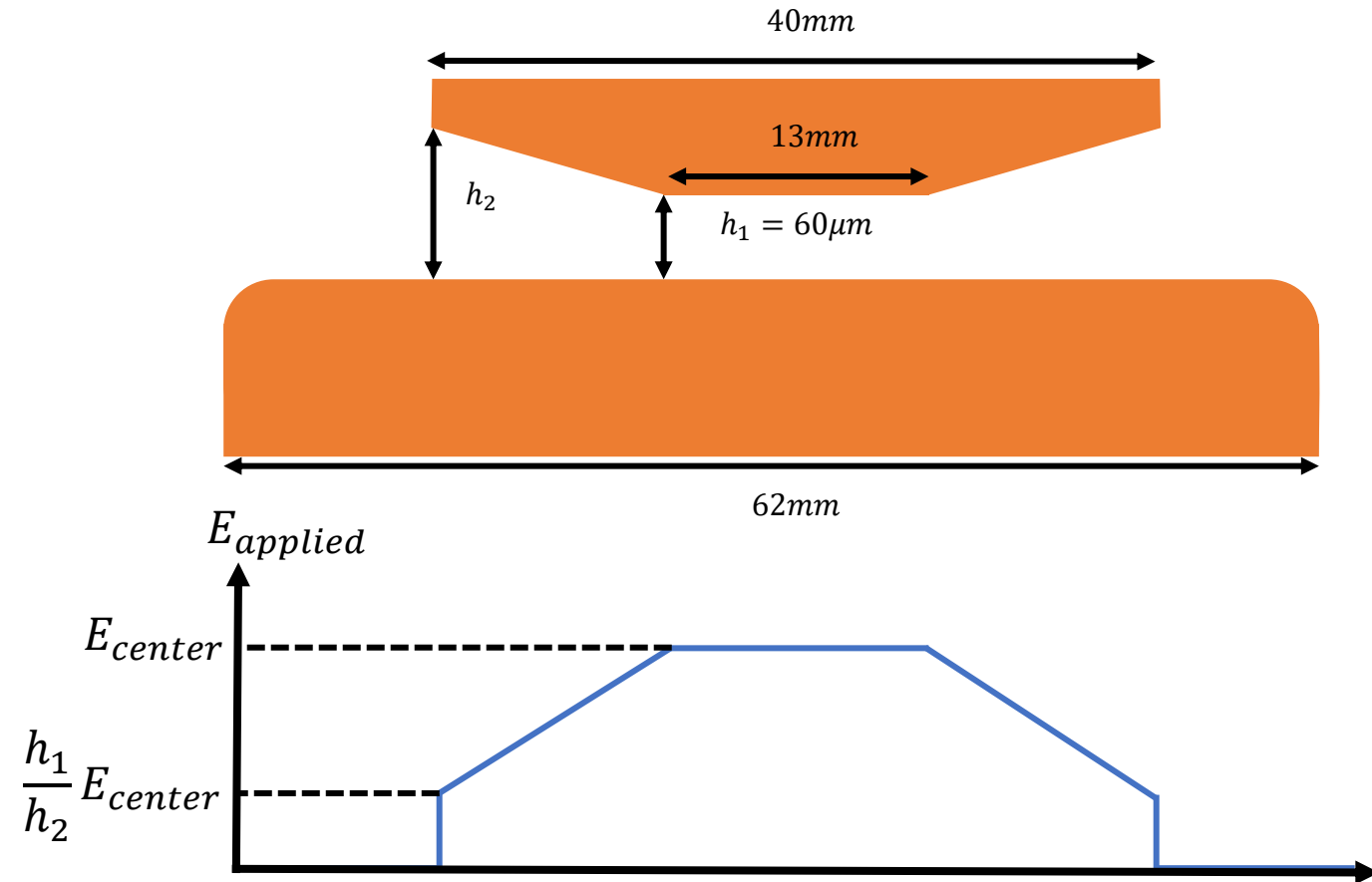


Frustum Electrodes: Decaying Electric Field over the Surface

- Sloped anode surface
- Center height $h_1 = 60\mu m$
- Outer edge height

Electrode 1: $h_2 = 70\mu m$

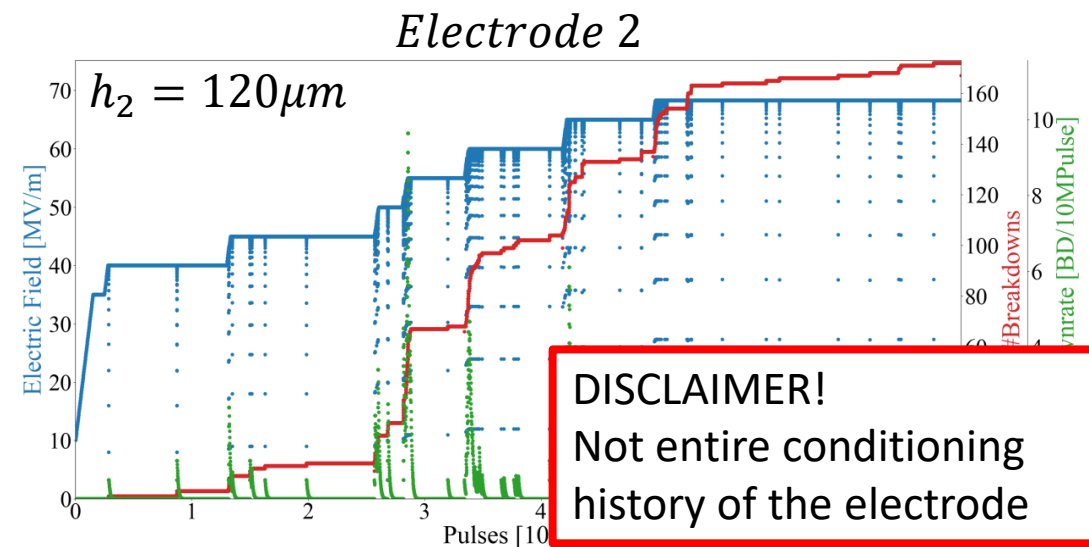
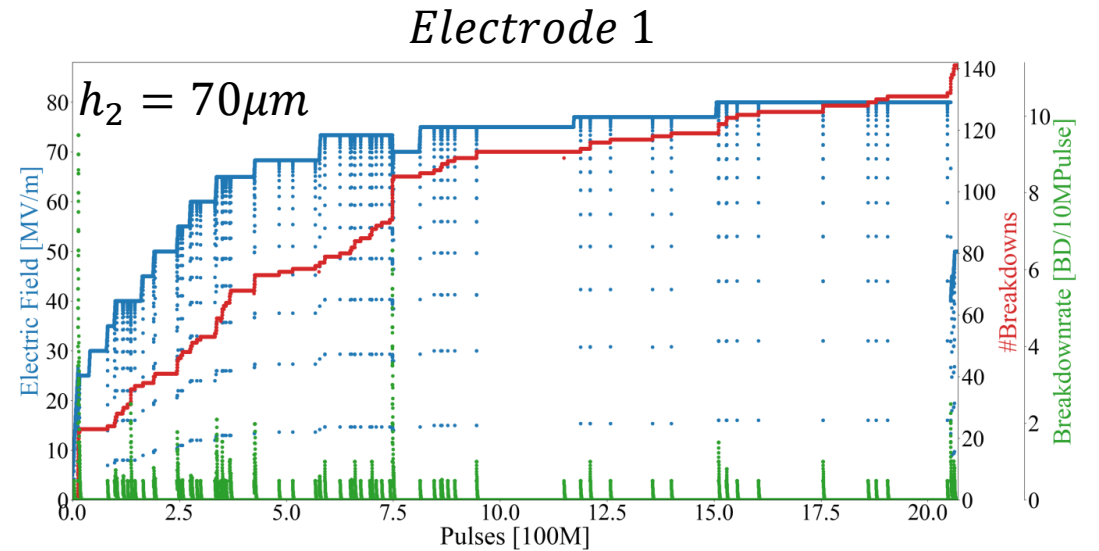
Electrode 2: $h_2 = 120\mu m$



RESULTS

Conditioning

- Conditioning of the two electrodes
- 1 μ s pulse length
- 1kHz repetition rate
- Applied field at center of electrode
- Breakdown rate
- Accumulated number of breakdowns

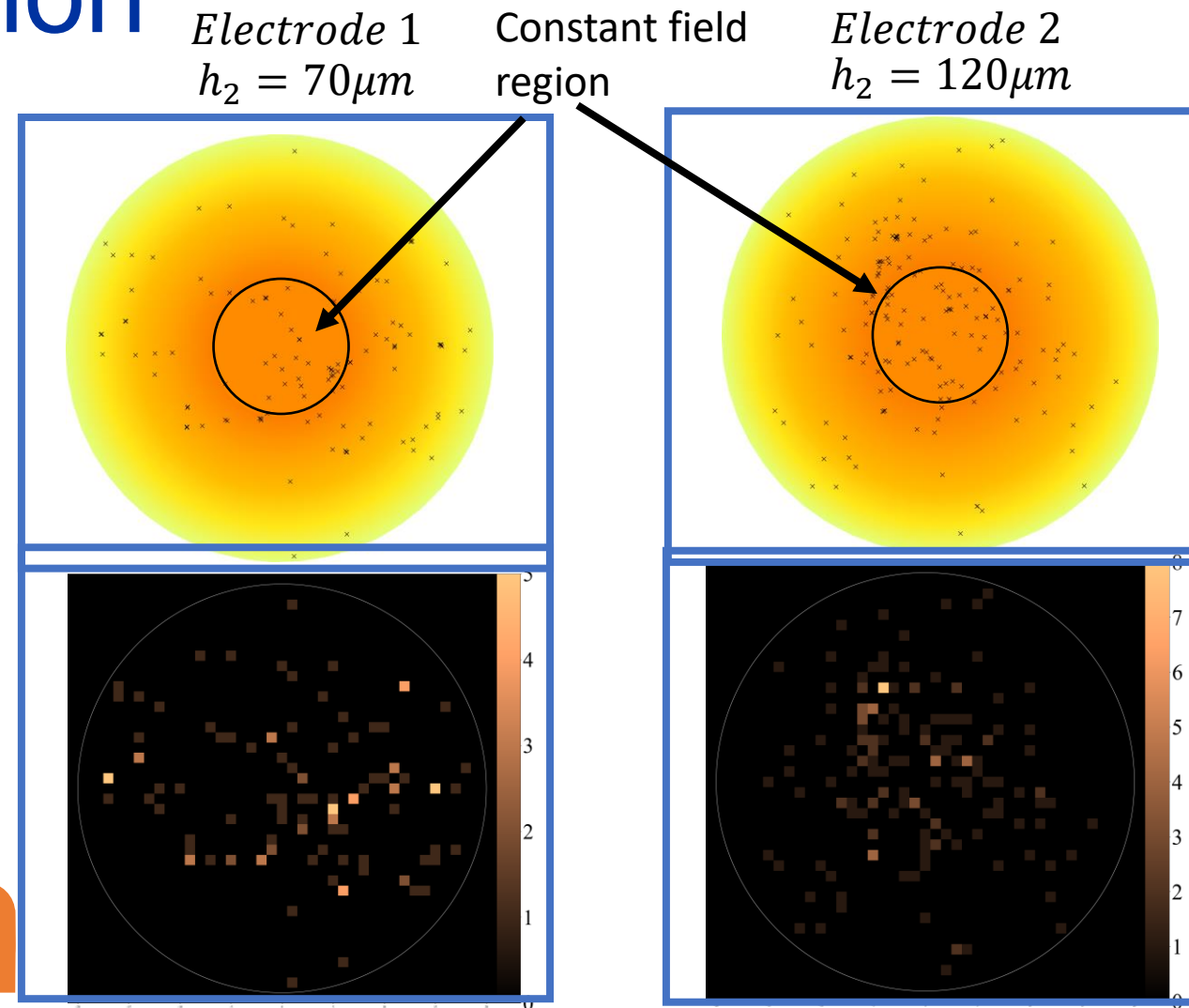
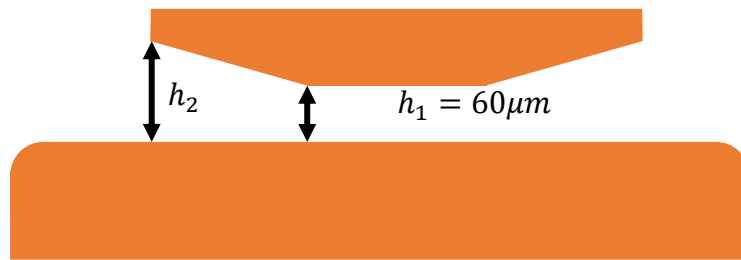


DISCLAIMER!
Not entire conditioning
history of the electrode

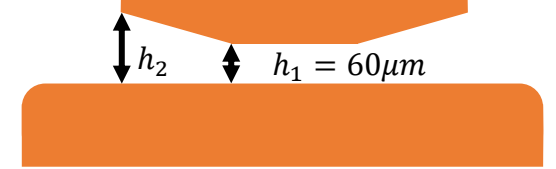
Breakdown Localization

- Surface distribution of breakdowns

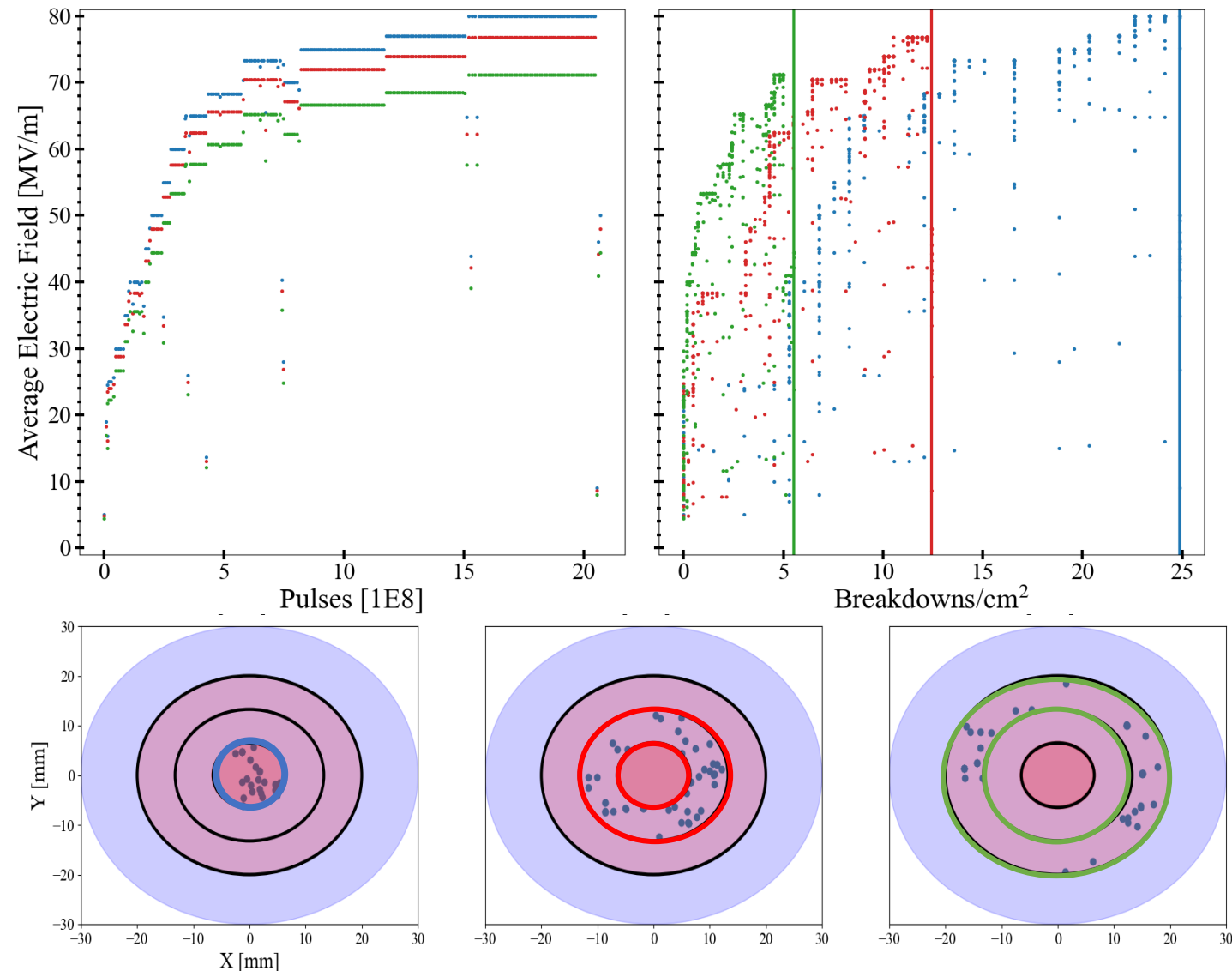
- Surface heat map of breakdowns



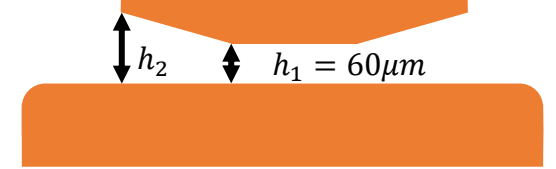
Breakdown Density Over Electrode Surface: Electrode 1



- Section electrode into 3 parts:
 - Inner circle: Blue
 - Intermediate step: Red
 - Outer edge: Green
- Right plot represents the cumulated breakdowns for each region weighted for the surface area.
- Same electric field \neq same breakdown rate!



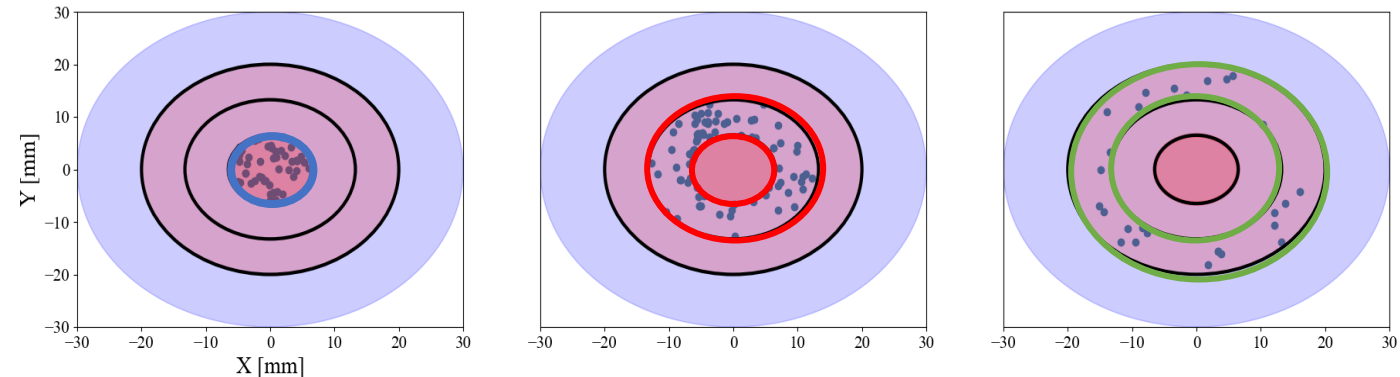
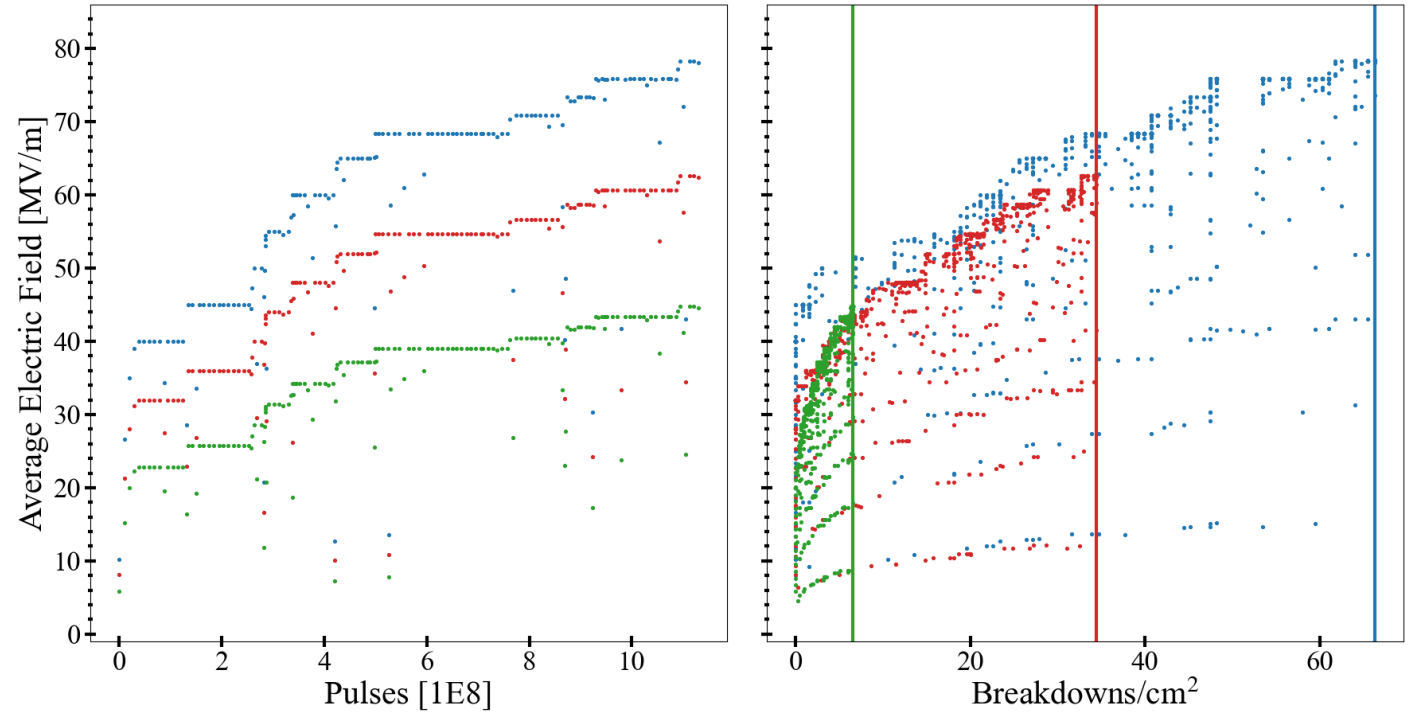
Breakdown Density Over Electrode Surface: Electrode 2



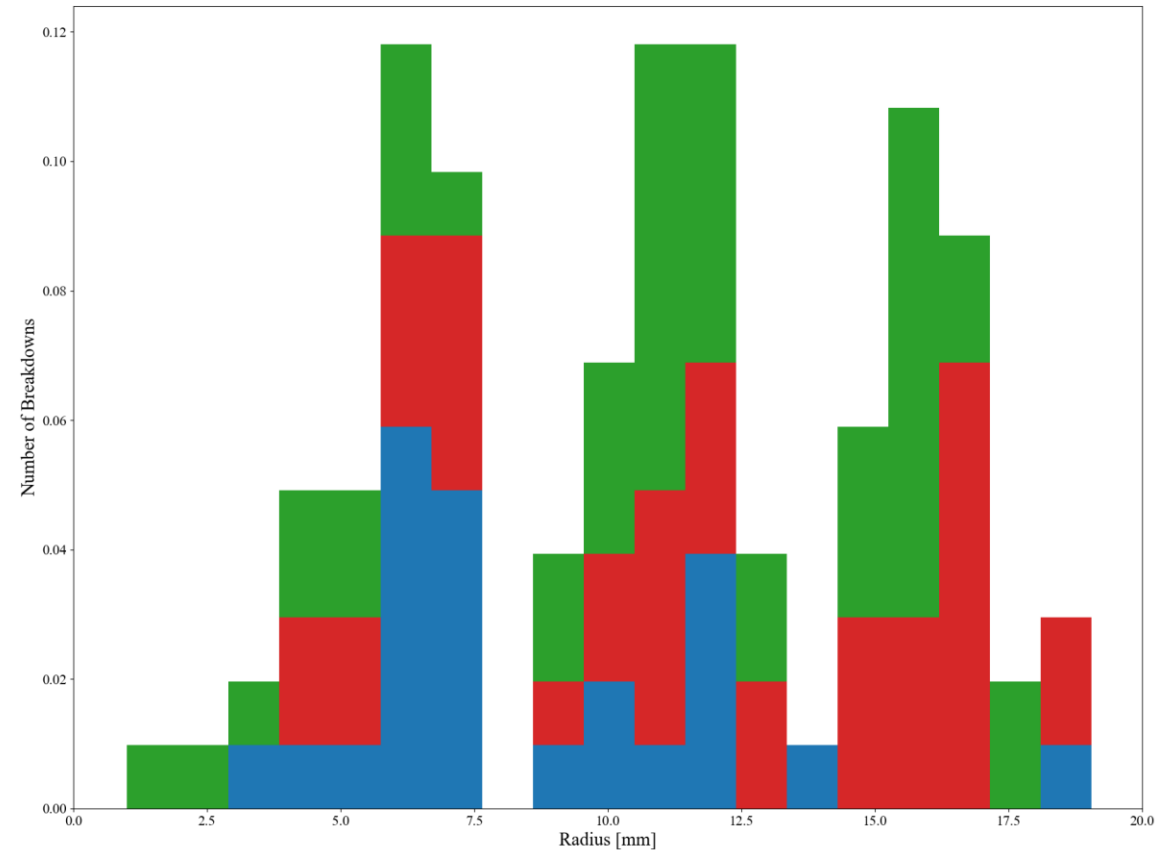
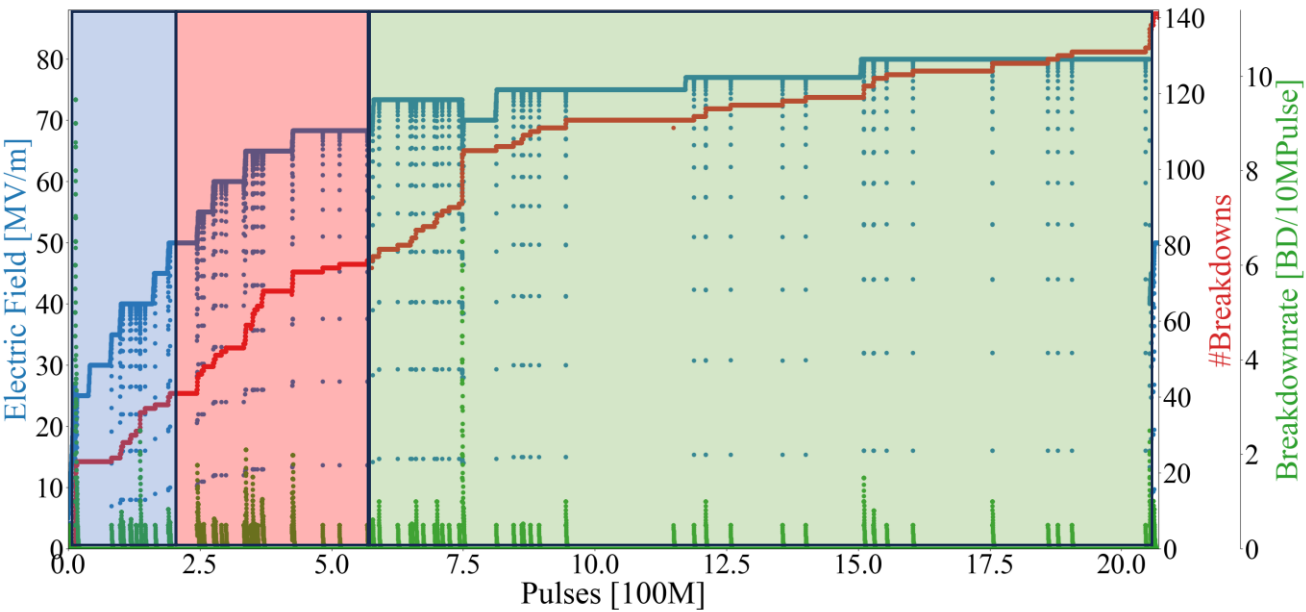
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• **DISCLAIMER!:**
First breakdowns not recorded.
Blue and red data should be shifted further to the right.

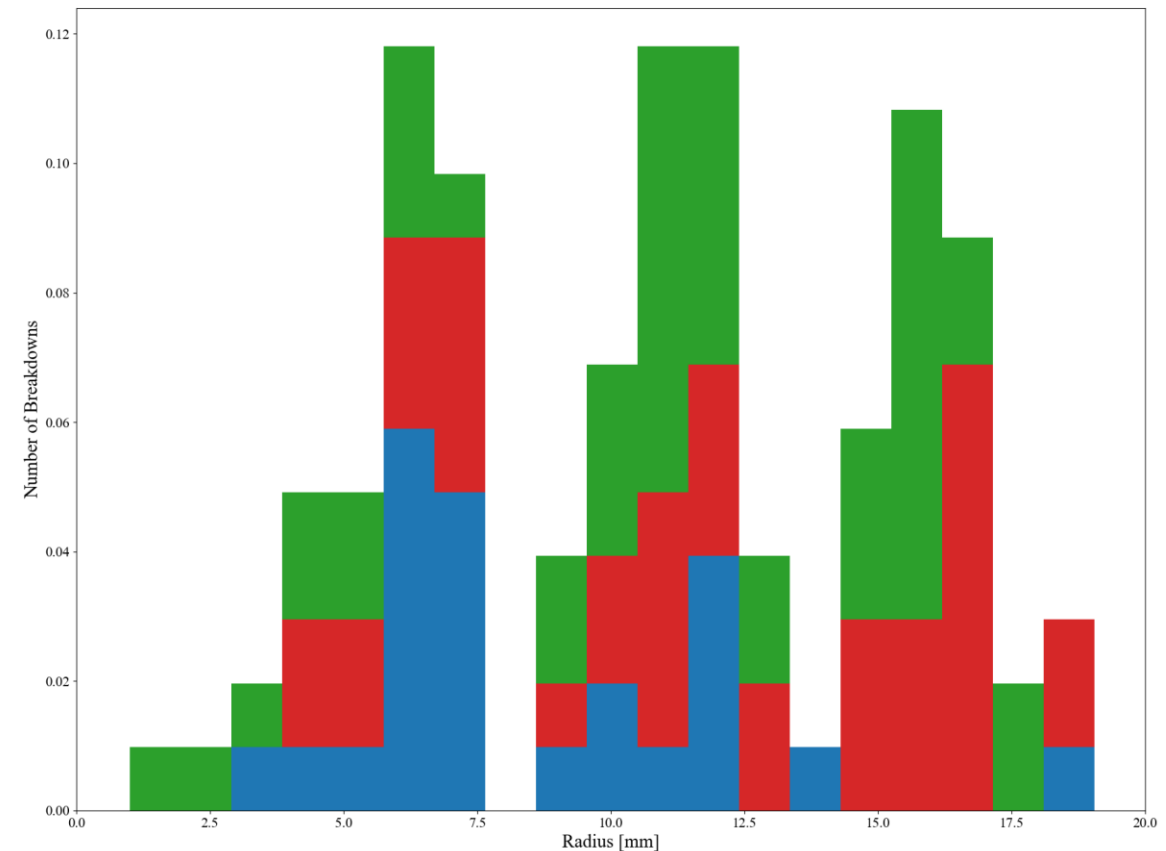


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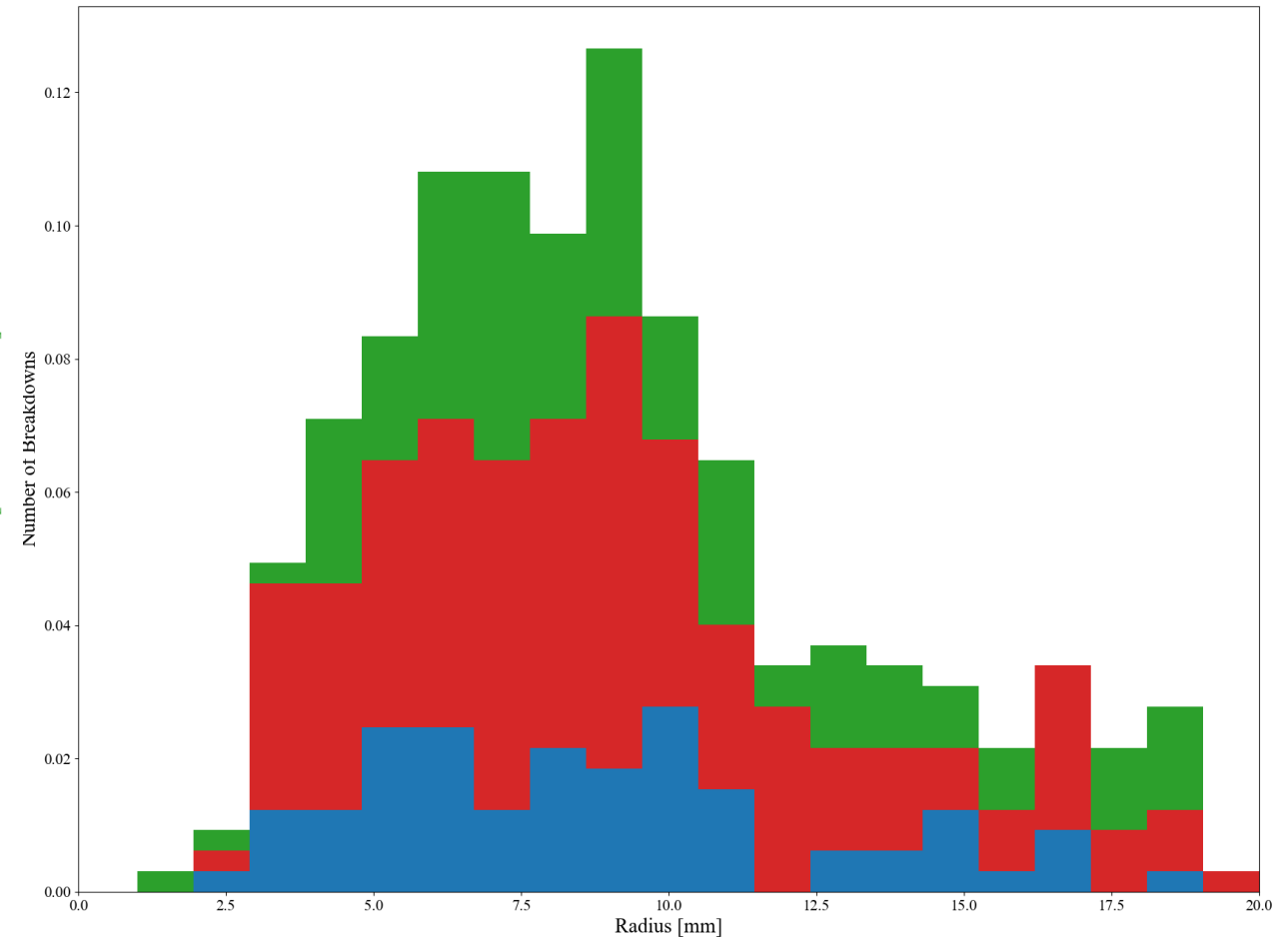
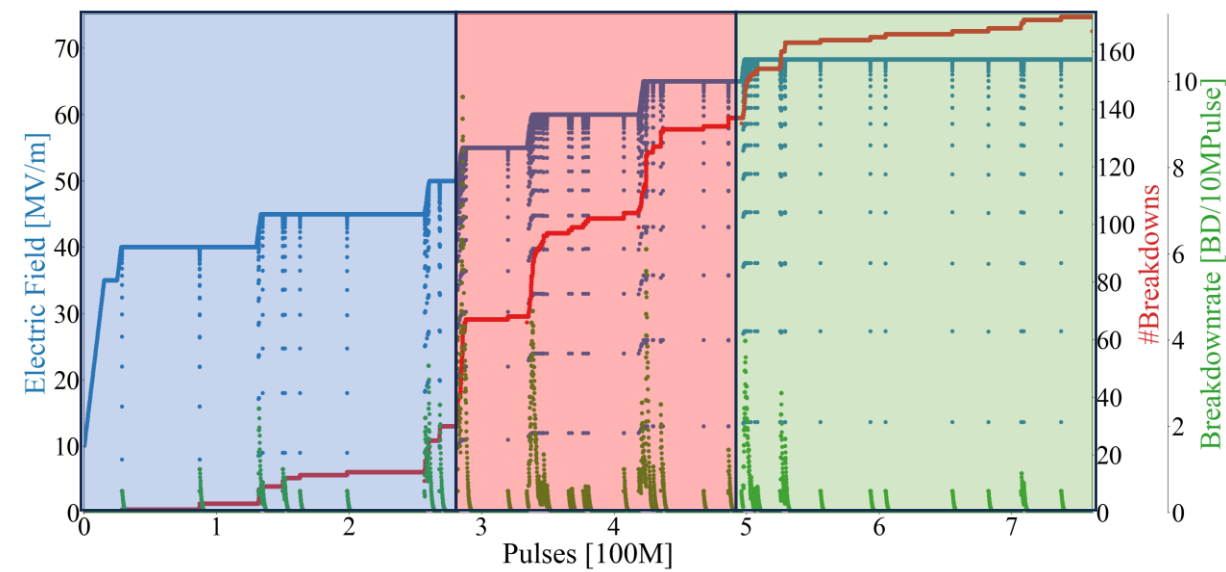


Breakdown Distribution over Radius and Conditioning time: Electrode 1

- Number of breakdowns over radius
- The blue region dominates in BD at $r < 7.5\text{mm}$.
- Red region more evenly spread over surface
- Green dominates further into the edge of the electrode

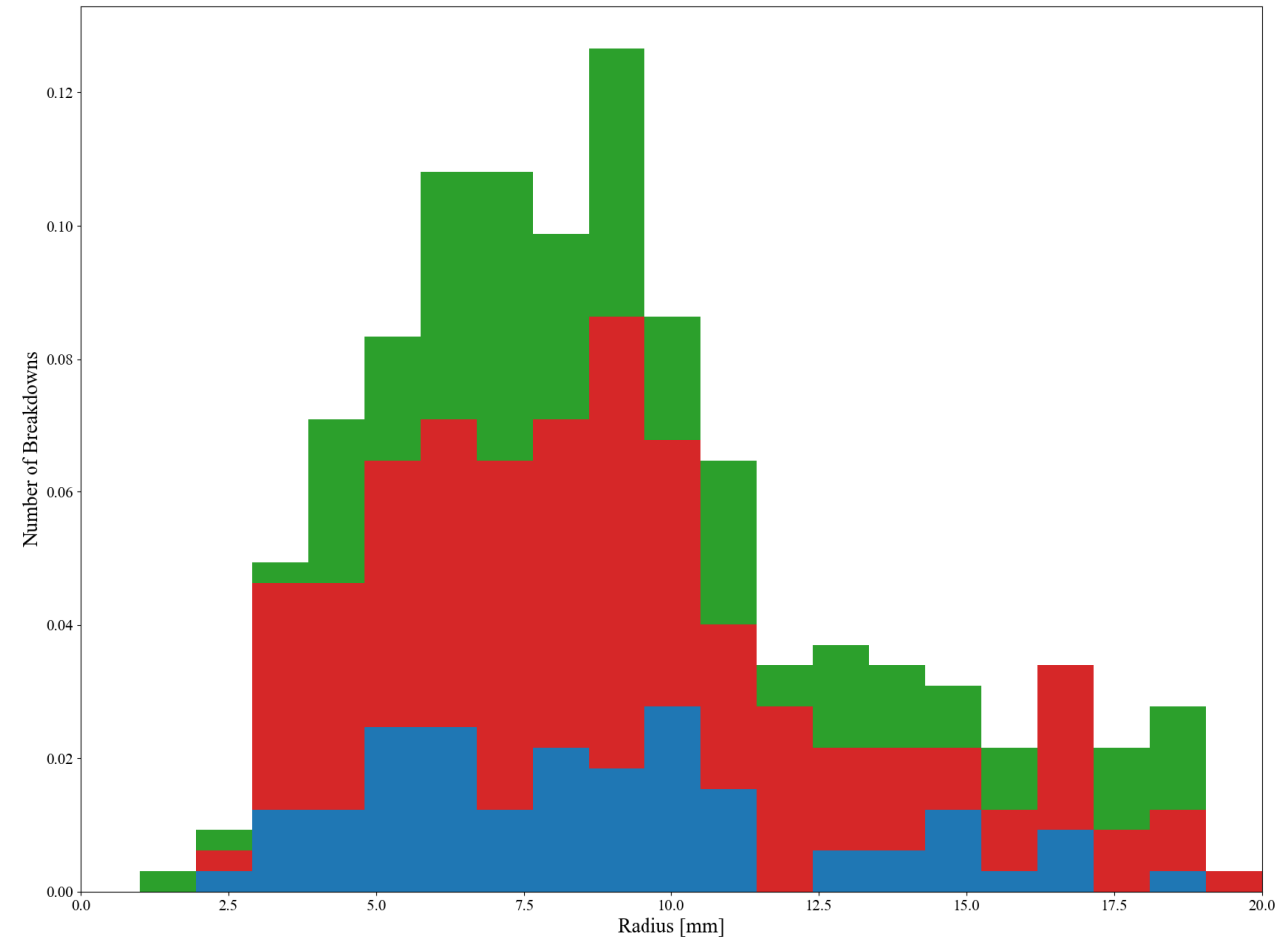


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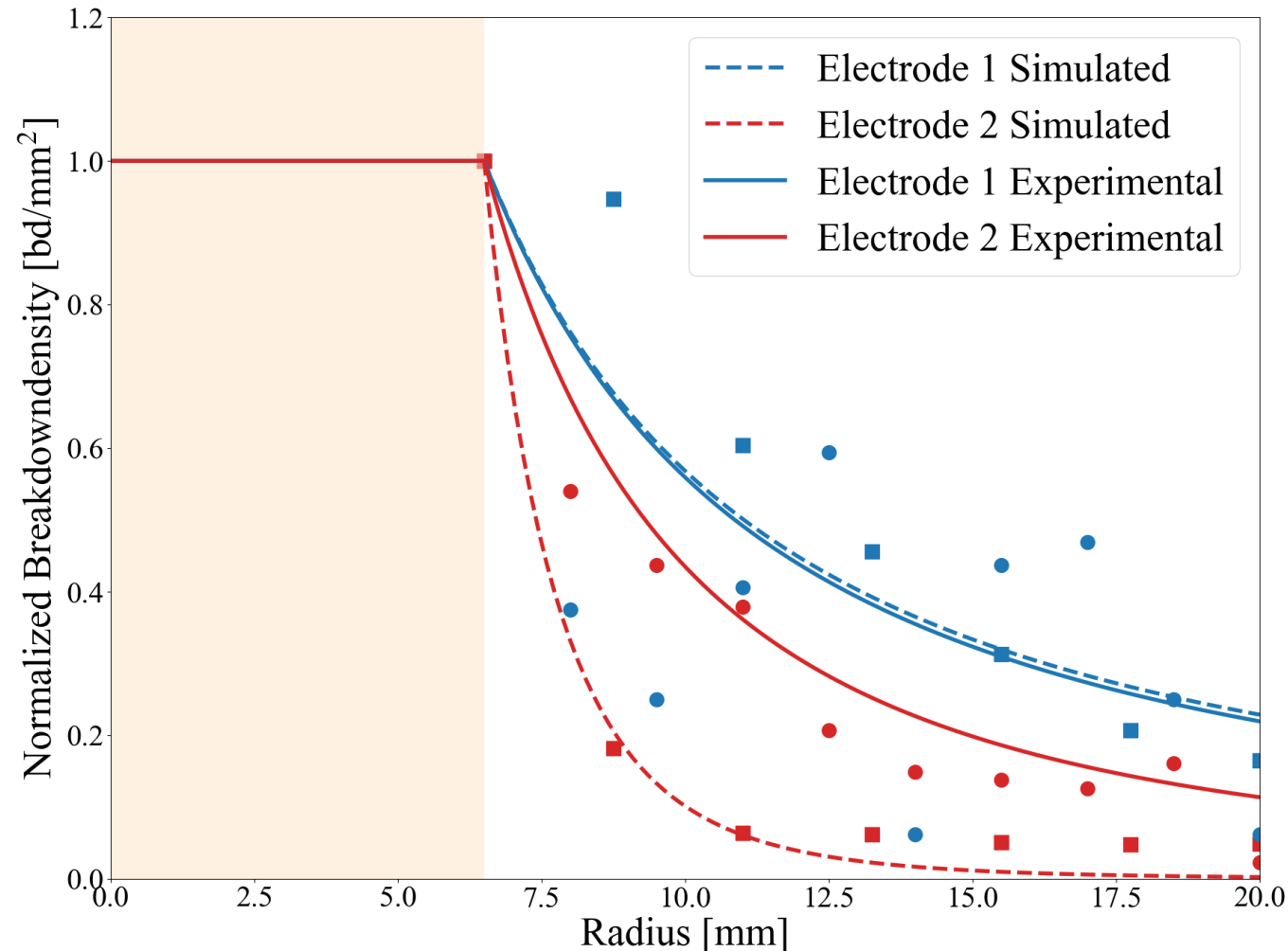
- Number of breakdowns over radius
- Most of breakdowns are dominated in the inner region of the electrode for all conditioning stages.
- If $BDR \propto E^{30}$, we would only see breakdowns at $r < 6.5\text{mm}$



COMPARISON TO SIMULATIONS

Simulation Comparison

- Experimental data fitted with
 - $BDR = \alpha * r^{-\beta}$
 - Experimental Electrode 1: $\beta = 1.35$
 - Experimental Electrode 2: $\beta = 1.93$
 - Simulated Electrode 1: $\beta = 1.31$
 - Simulated Electrode 2: $\beta = 5.32$
 - Far away from the $BDR \propto E^{30}$
- Both experience a reduction over radius
- Electrode 1 (10 μm) slope has a slower decay
- Better statistics on simulated data
- Electrode 2 experiences many more breakdowns than Electrode 1



Conclusion

- Demonstrated never tested before varying electric field electrodes
- Shows experimental link with Monte Carlo simulations
- Gives better insight into the effect of the exposer to high fields-opposing effect of breakdown and conditioning.
- Repeating tests are planned for the future



Questions?



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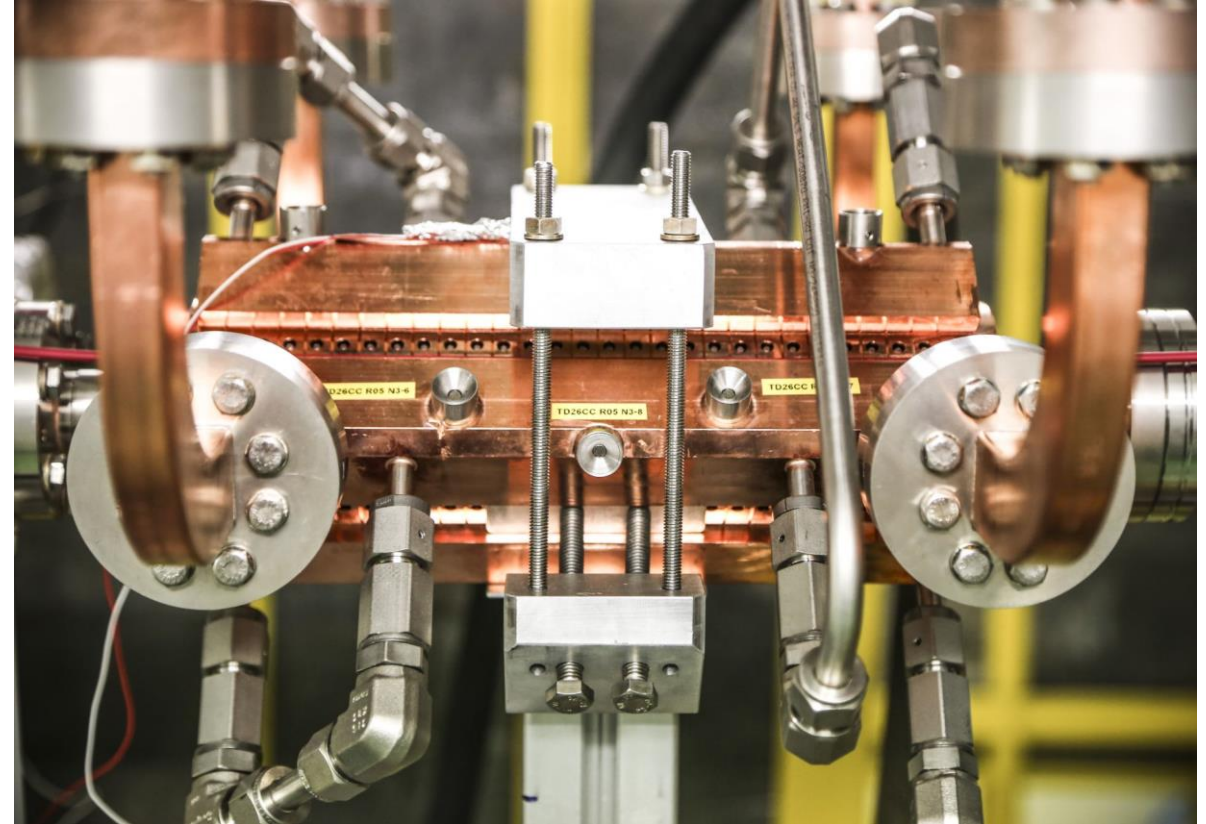
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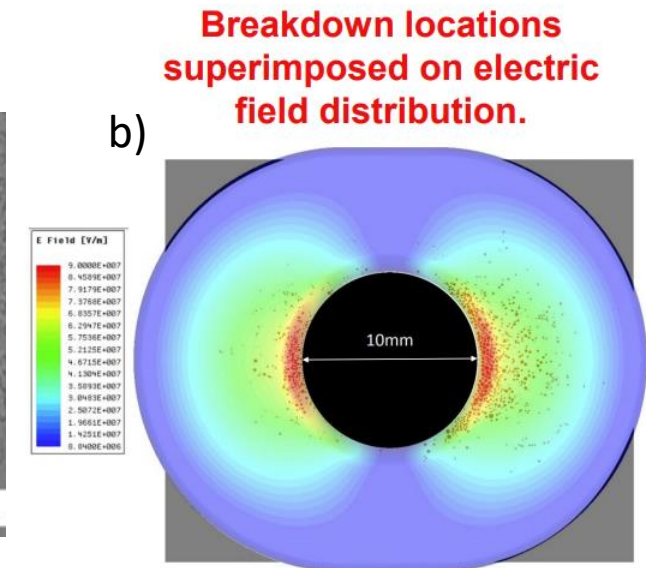
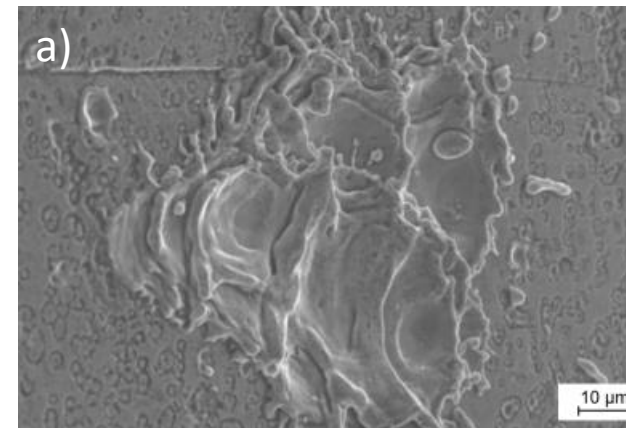
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Xbox 2 test stand. Image provided by Lee Milar.

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a) Damage caused by a breakdown inside an RF structure [2]. b) Uneven electric field distribution inside RF Cavity. Several breakdowns are marked on the side of the structure [3]

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Image of Uppsala Cryogenic LES [6].

Introduction: Previous work

The LES has been involved in several large scale project trough the years, such as:

- High field exposure for CLIC material investigation
- Hydrogen blistering effect on conditioning related to RFQ structures.

It has also been involved in smaller scale projects to better understand the origin of breakdowns:

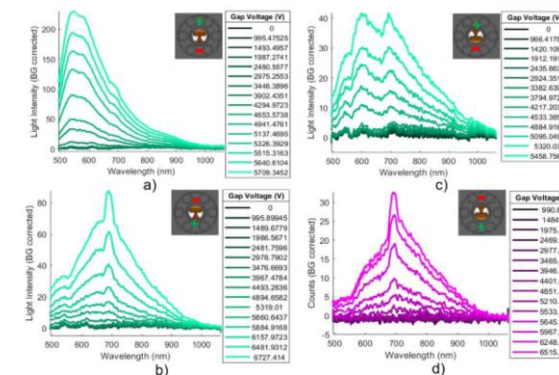
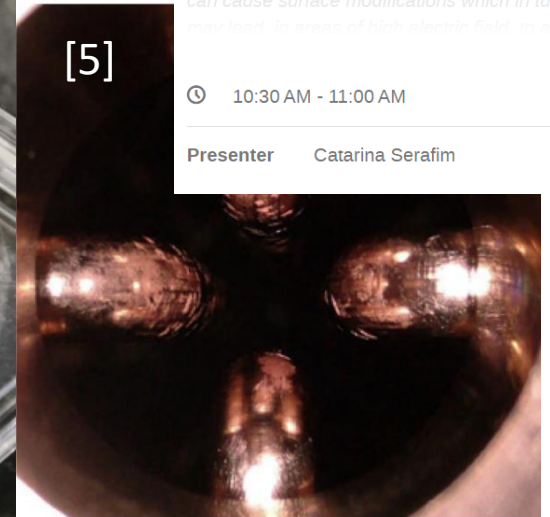
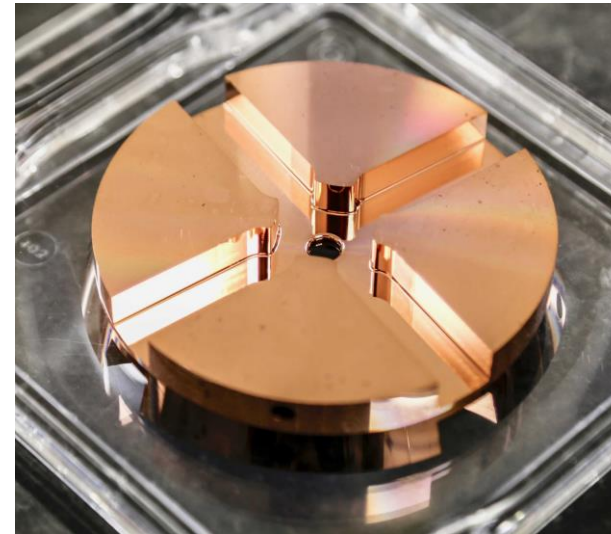
- Breakdown light emission spectras
- Light emission during field emission
- Experimental data for investigating fluctuation theories.

Study of different materials exposed to low energy H-irradiation and its effects on high voltage breakdown resistance

During the operation of LINAC4, up to 25% of the source beam current is routinely lost in the Radio Frequency Quadrupole (RFQ) at an energy between 0.045 and 3 MeV. These losses can cause surface modifications which in turn may lead to areas of high electric field in an

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a) Image of CLIC accerlator cavity structure [5]. b) Inside an RFQ structure [6]. c) Light emission spectra from ridged electrodes [7].

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Extra Slides

Heat Treatment

Conditioning Algorithm

True Conditioning Curve of Electrode 2

Division of Breakdown over Radius

Electrode 1

