



*First TDR Review Committee Meeting  
Zoom, February 22nd, 2021*

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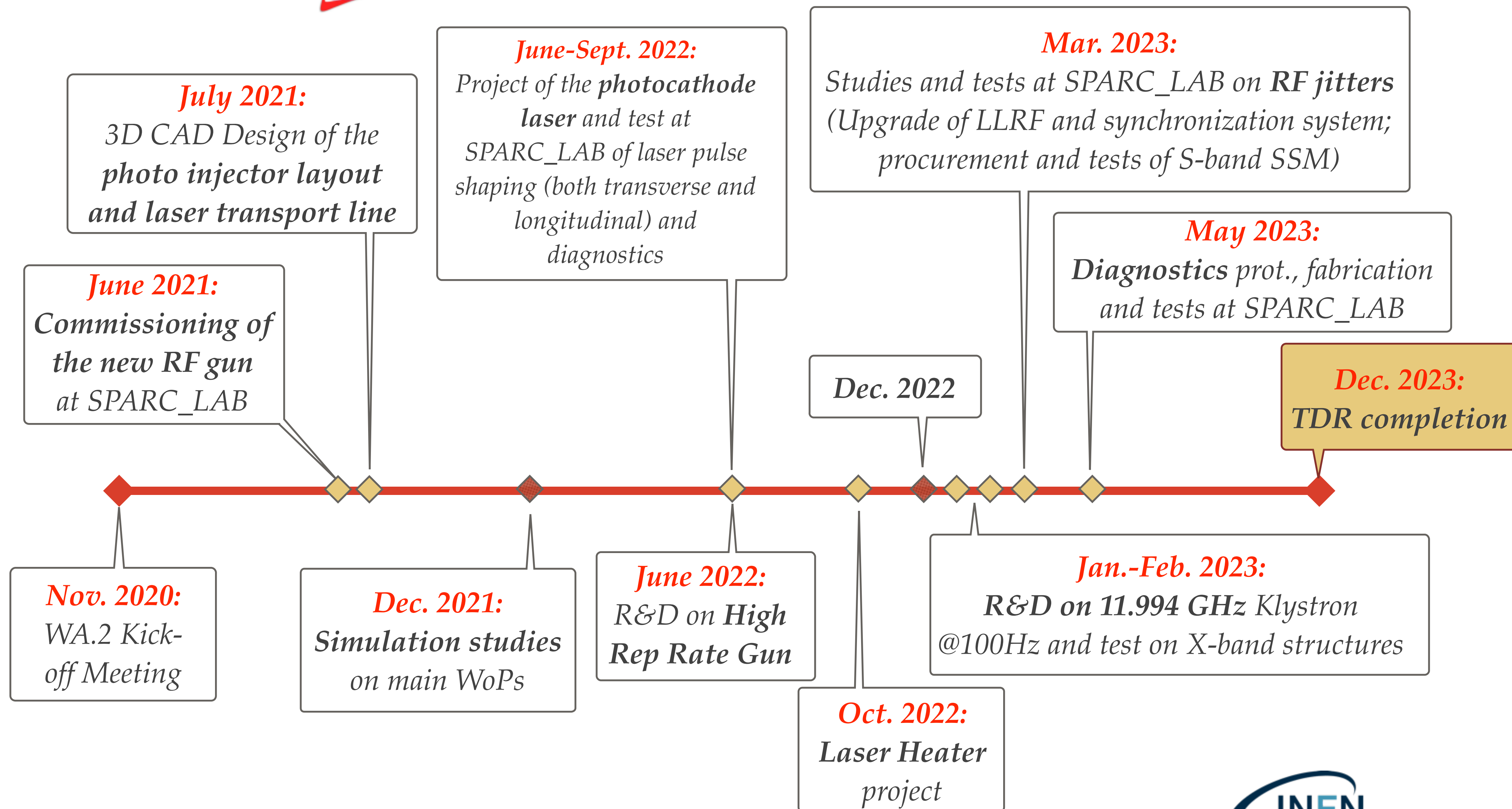
# *WA2 - Injector Status Report*

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on behalf of WA2 contributors

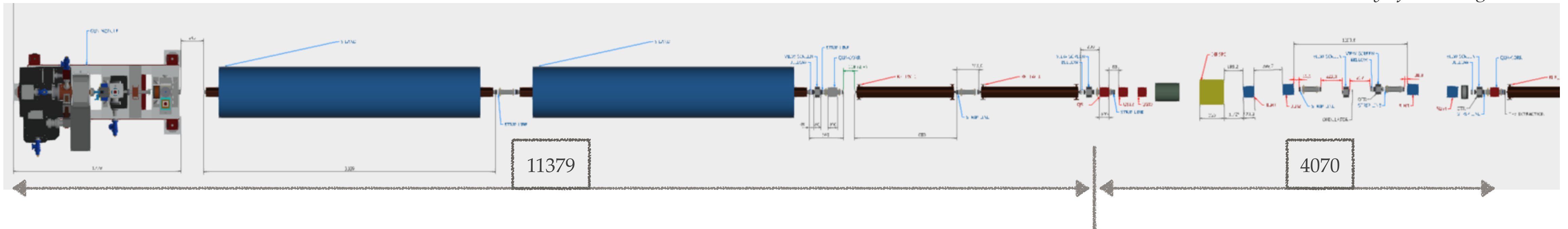
- ❖ **Coordination and promotion of activities and components** related to the injector as developed by WPs involved, i.e.
  - ❖ **WP01: Accelerator Physics** (Giribono, Mostacci)
  - ❖ **WP08: RF gun and accelerating structures** (Piersanti)
  - ❖ **WP10: Vacuum** (Liedl)
  - ❖ **WP11: Lasers & Cathodes** (Anania)
  - ❖ **WP12: High Power RF & Distribution** (Cardelli)
  - ❖ **WP13: Beam Diagnostics** (Cianchi)
  - ❖ **WP14: Beam Instrumentation & electronics** (Stella)
  - ❖ **WP15: LLRF & Synchronization** (Bellaveglia)
  - ❖ **WP16: Control System & Interlocks** (Stecchi)
  - ❖ **WP17: Magnets & Power Supplies** (Sabbatini)
  - ❖ **WP18: Undulators** (Petralia)
  - ❖ **WP19: Mechanical Engineering** (Pellegrino)
  - ❖ **WP21: Cooling & Ventilation** (Cantarella)

# WA.2 Roadmap to the TDR



- ❖ Layout is going to be defined, being optimized for both working points, i.e. high charge (200 pC) no plasma and comb with plasma

*Courtesy of L. Pellegrino*



## Photo injector layout update

- ▶ SABINA photoinjector up to the end of the 2 S-band TW accelerating structures
- ▶ X-band linac layout up to the laser heater inserted in the TStep model

## Benchmark with different codes

The machine model has been implemented in ASTRA

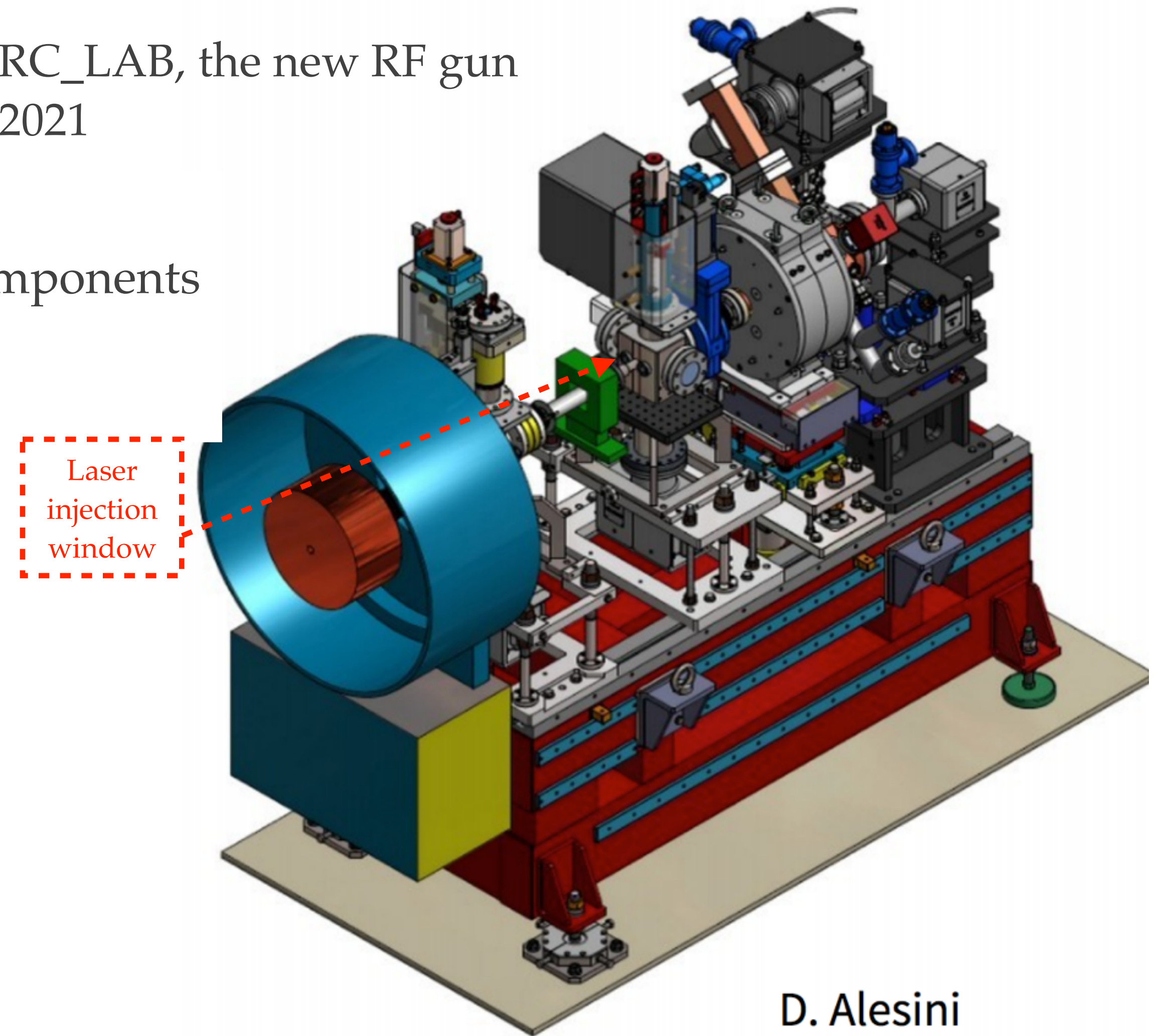
- ▶ High charge WP cross-checked

# SPARC\_LAB RF Gun upgrade

- ❖ In the frame work of SABINA project at SPARC\_LAB, the new RF gun will be installed and commissioned in April 2021

The upgrade takes into account

- compensation of the quadrupoles components
- better pumping
- external injection of the laser

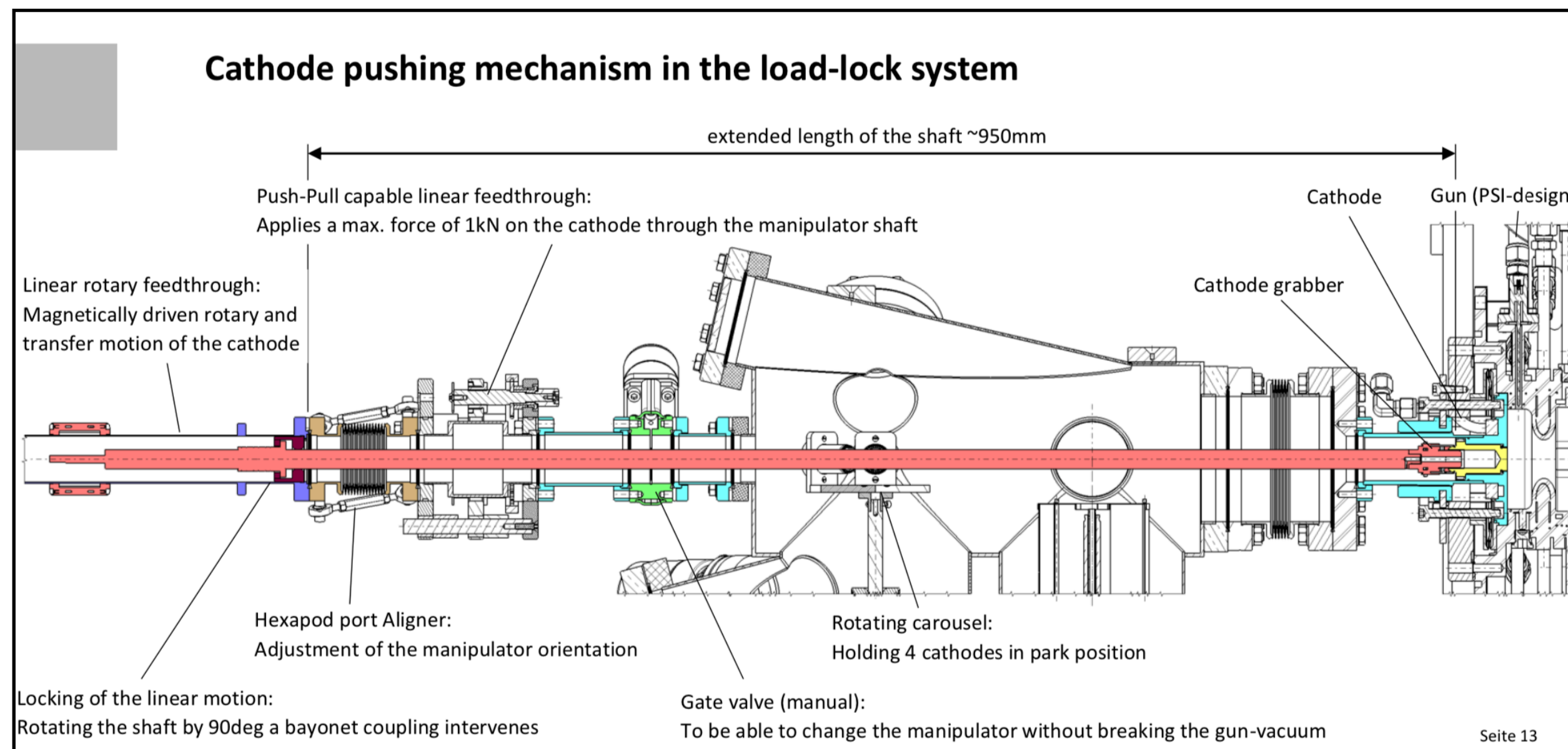


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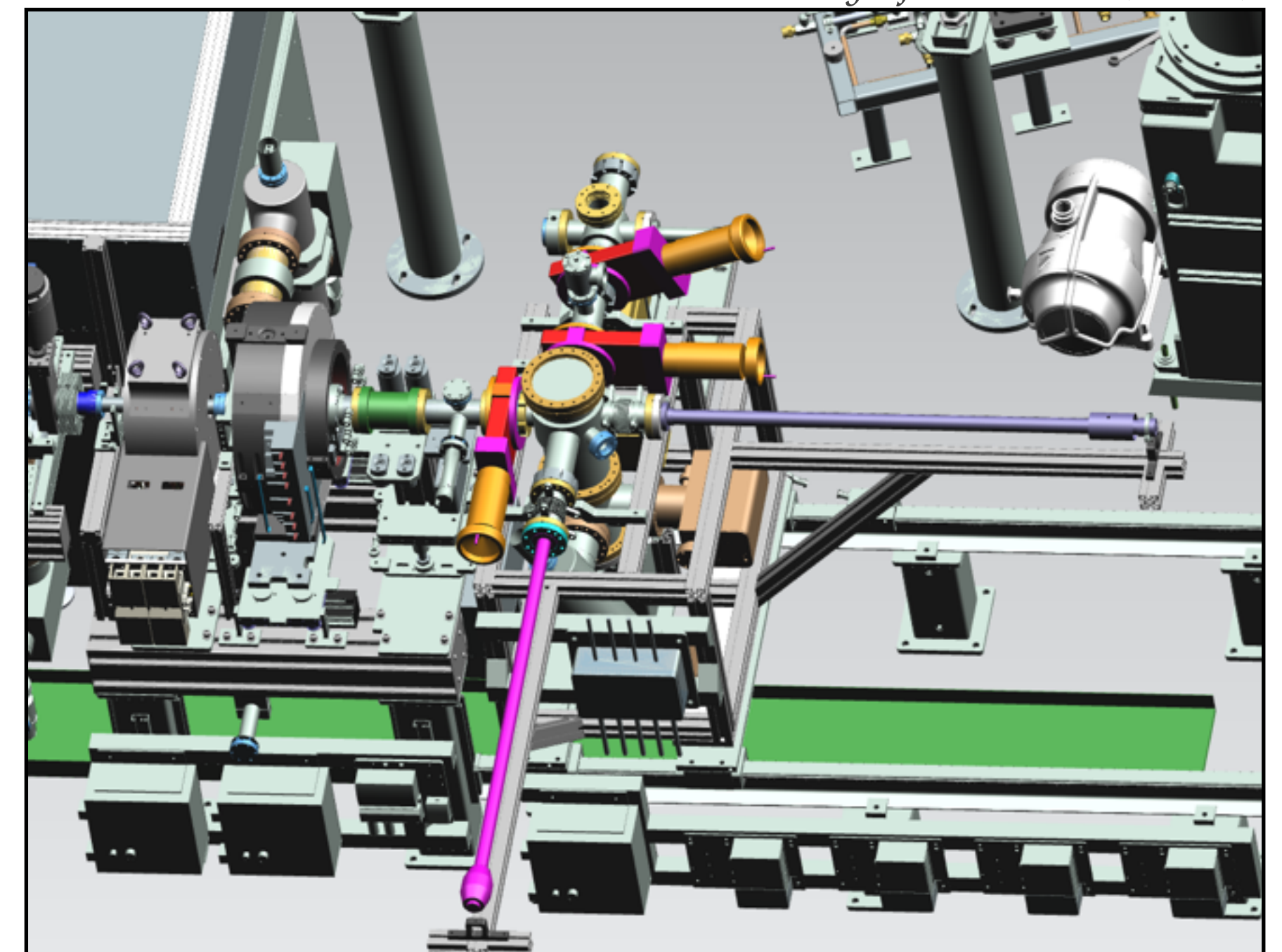
- ❖ 2 RF power stations to feed the S-band gun and the two S-band linac sections
- ❖ Quotations for S-band waveguide components (from CML and MEGA RF), i.e. isolator, phase shifter and power divider, working at high power in high vacuum, to avoid SF6
- ❖ New calculations for the power attenuation for the current layout (S band waveguides and modules of 4 sections at "low energy" and "high energy" in X band)
- ❖ **Need to have a "quasi-final" version of the layout to project the power supply system for the 2 X-band after the S-band sections (power and phase requests)**

- ❖ **Phase 0** foresees a **Cu cathode** since, following Referees' recommendations, *"The electron source of an FEL user facility together with the photo-cathode laser system plays a decisive role with respect to the achievable performances and reliability of the machine. A robust design of the overall system is therefore mandatory to minimize the operational risks."*
- ❖ However, **R&D activity on novel cathodes** is undergoing at SPARC\_LAB, therefore we are studying the possibility to implement a load-lock system: the main issue is now due to the lack of space behind the gun (~ 1.5 m needed)
- ❖ Contacts with several labs (PSI, DESY, Fermi@Elettra)

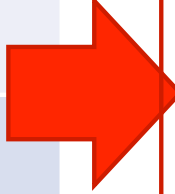
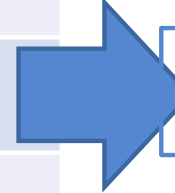
Courtesy of F. Burkart (DESY)



Courtesy of R. Ganter and A. Zandonella (PSI)



- ❖ Evaluation of advantages and impact of semiconducting cathodes on beam dynamics (J.Scifo - A. Giribono)
- ❖ Cathode and laser parameter choice
  - ❖ The cathode choice implies some constraints for the beam dynamics. Among others, the laser pulse shaping and electromagnetic fields in the gun and cavities have to be properly set
    - ❖ For example for Cs<sub>2</sub>Te cathodes

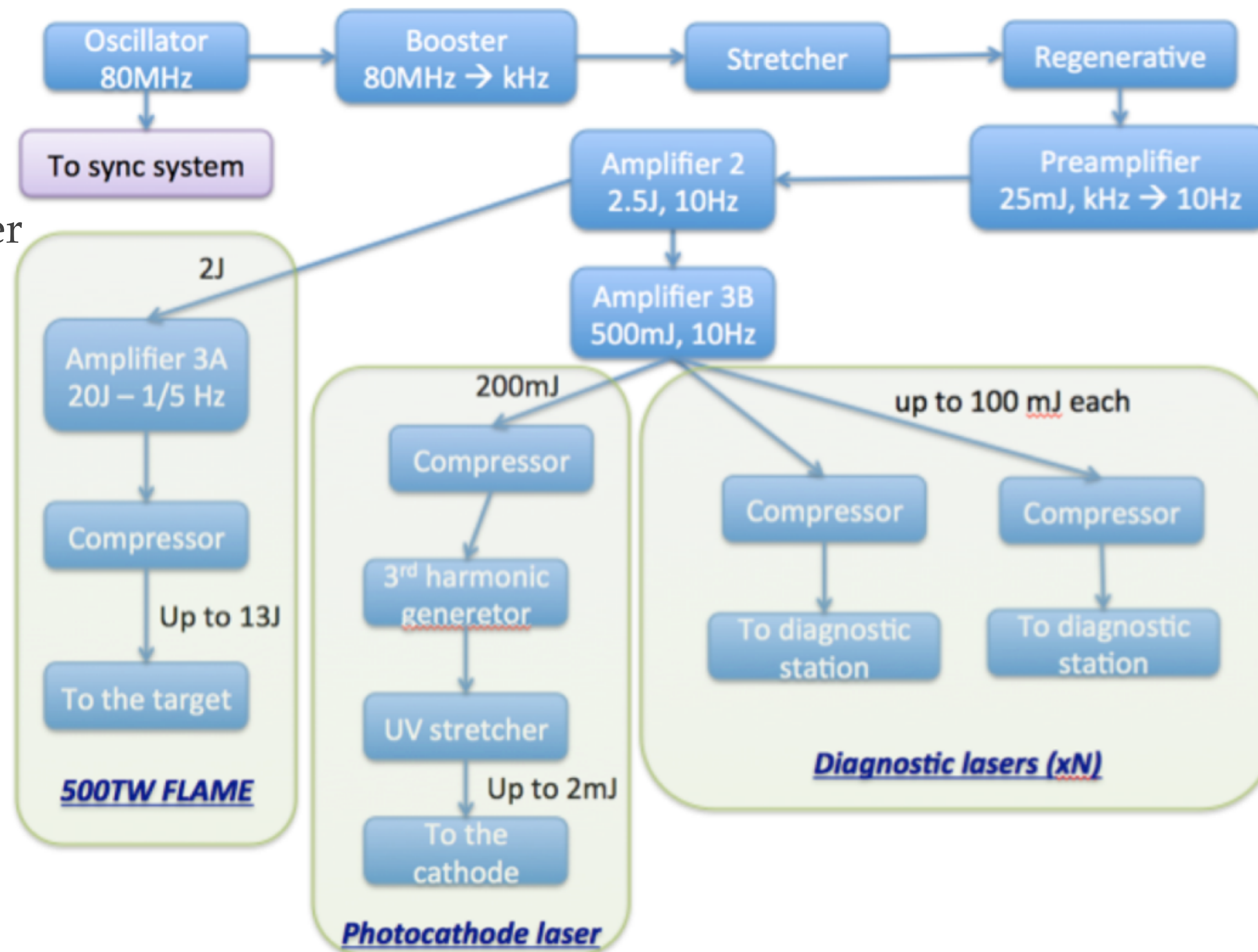
	<b>Cs<sub>2</sub>Te</b>	
Robustness	x	
High RF gradient	No test to date! (max E <sub>RF</sub> ≈ 100MV/m peak) <sup>2</sup>	 <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Maximum RF peak fields in gun and cavities</div>
High Rep. Rate	No test to date!(max Rep. rate=100 Hz) <sup>2</sup>	
Laser wavelength (nm)	UV range (262-266nm)	
Response time	400 fs <sup>1</sup>	 <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Laser pulse rising and length</div>
Microbunching instability <sup>2</sup>	✓	
Load lock system	✓	
Vacuum level (mbar)	∞10 <sup>-10</sup> – 10 <sup>-11</sup>	
Lifetime	Few month- few years	

1. Aryshev, A., et al. "Femtosecond response time measurements of a Cs 2 Te photocathode." *Applied Physics Letters* 111.3 (2017): 033508  
 2. P. Craievich: Overview of SwissFel injector design and performances, XLS meeting, November 2019, Frascati



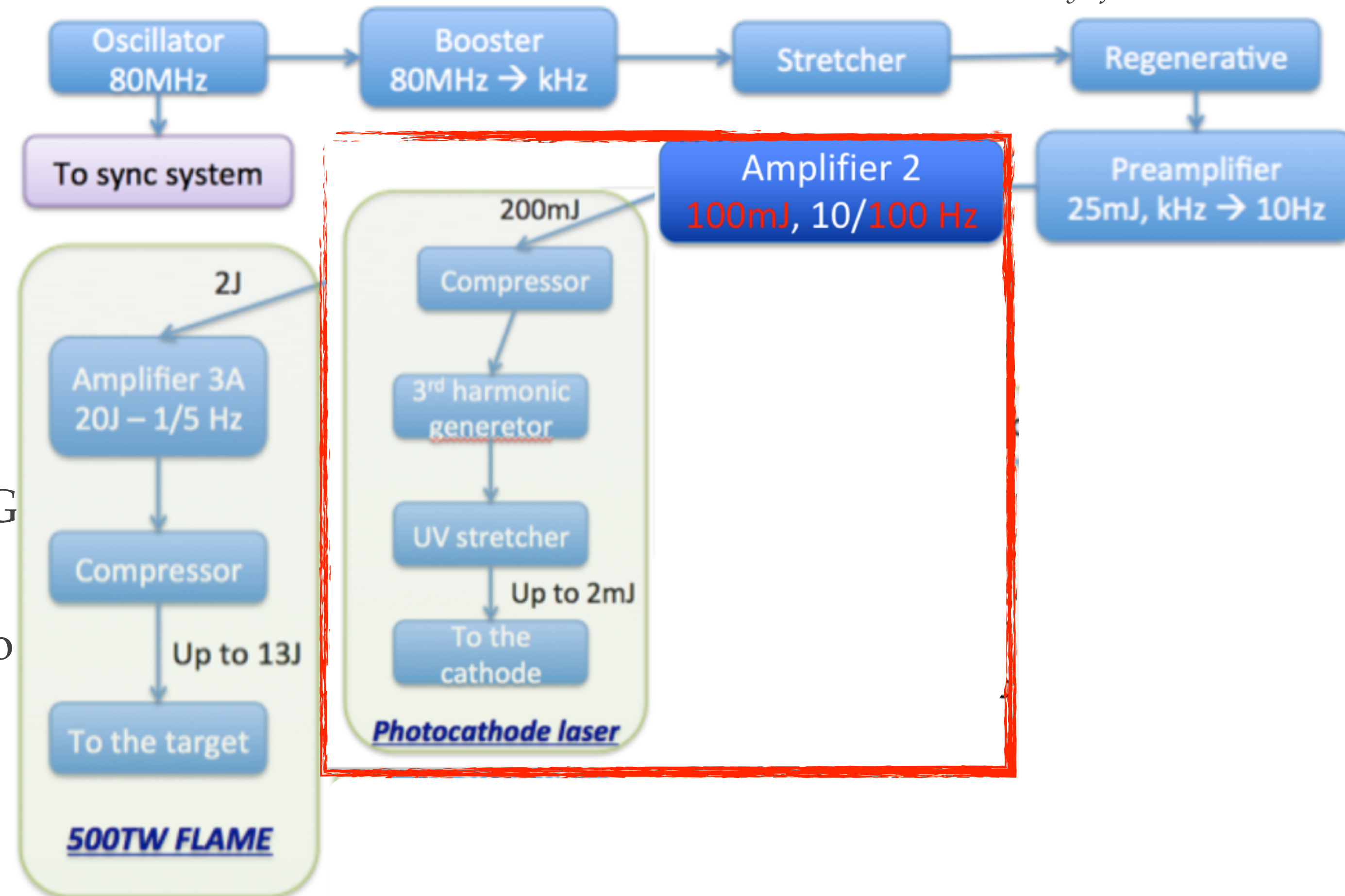
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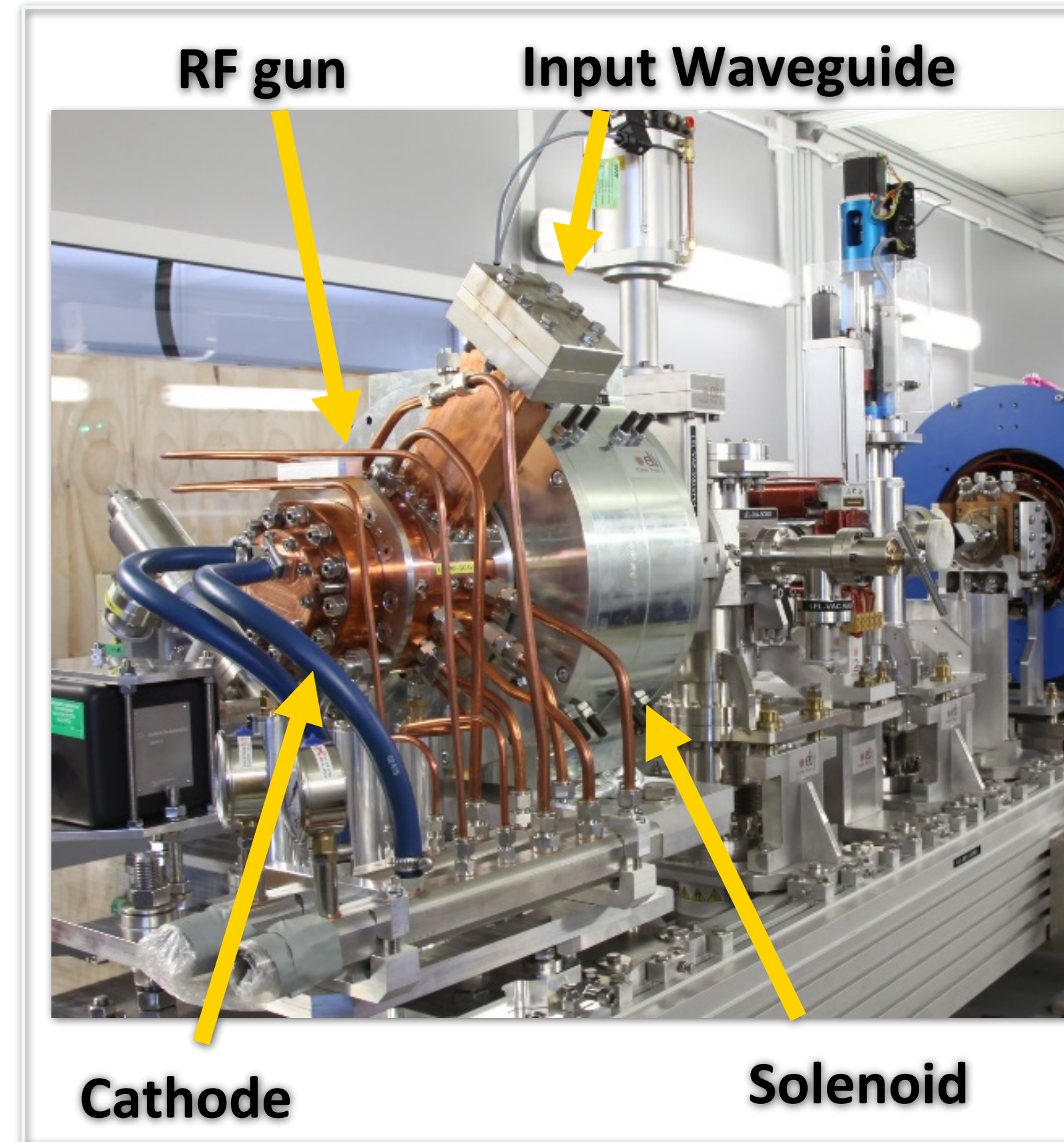
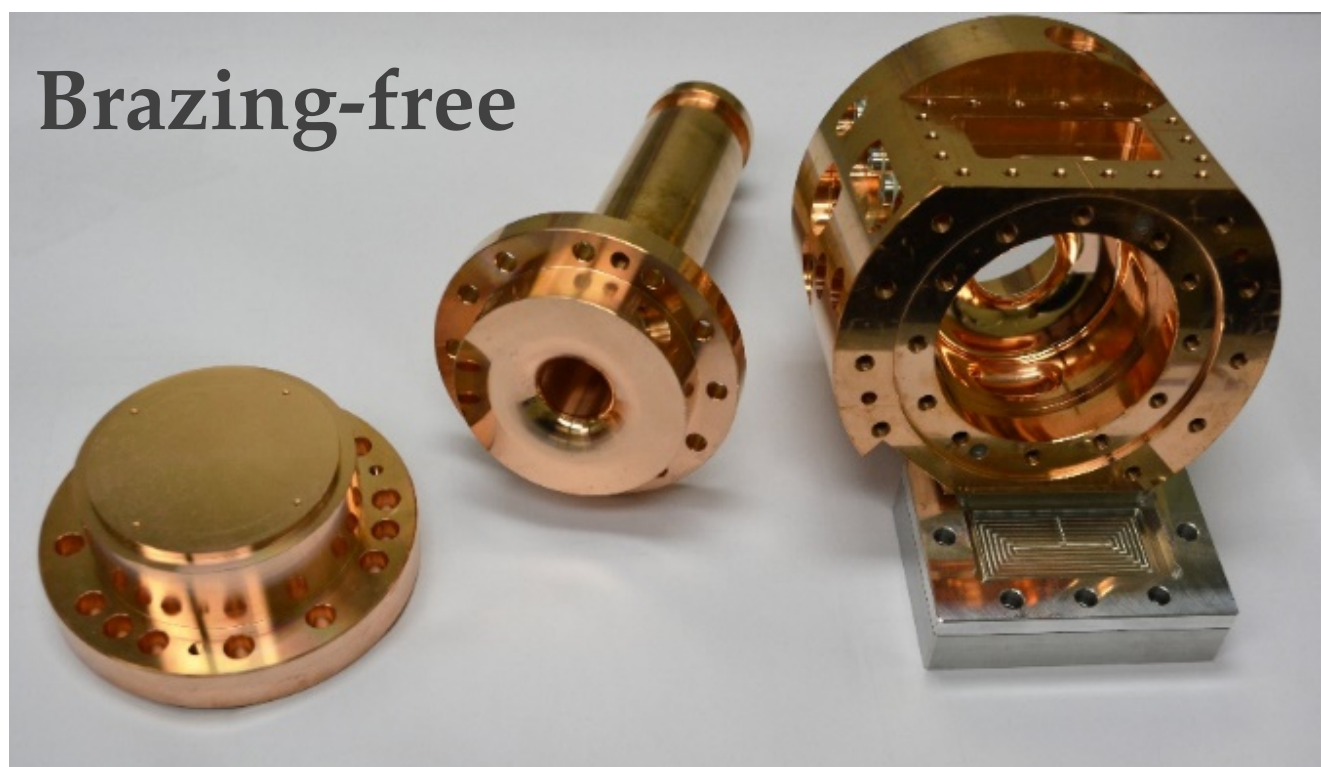
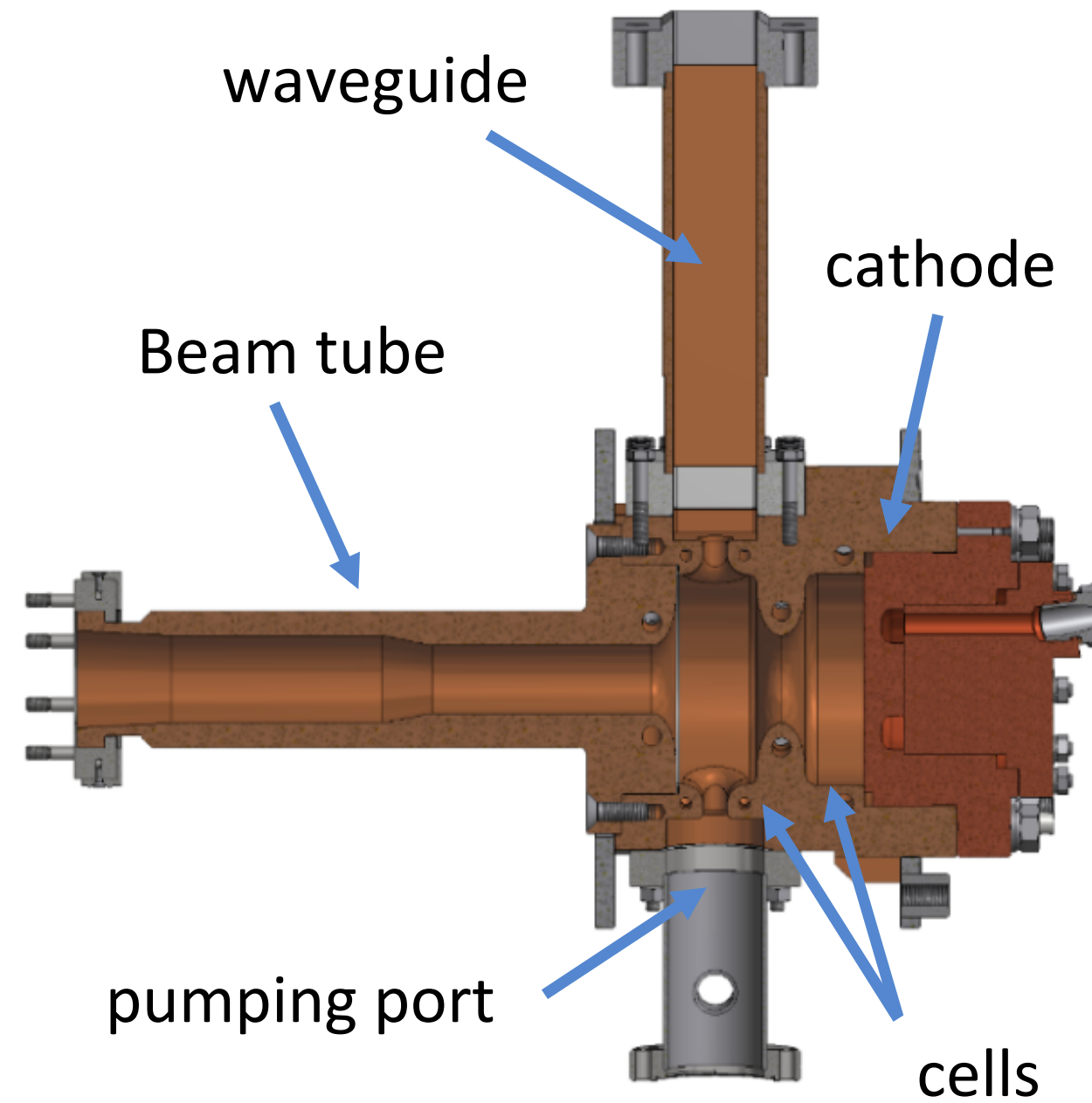
- ❖ CDR scheme of the laser systems
- ❖ The photo-cathode laser shares the same front-end of the upgraded high power laser Ti:Sa Laser technology



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- ❖ Study for a possible upgrade to 100 Hz
- ❖ The maximum energy available after the second amplifier must be fixed
- ❖ 100Hz flash lamps YAG exists.
- ❖ The preamplifier is also running at 100 Hz





Courtesy of L. Piersanti

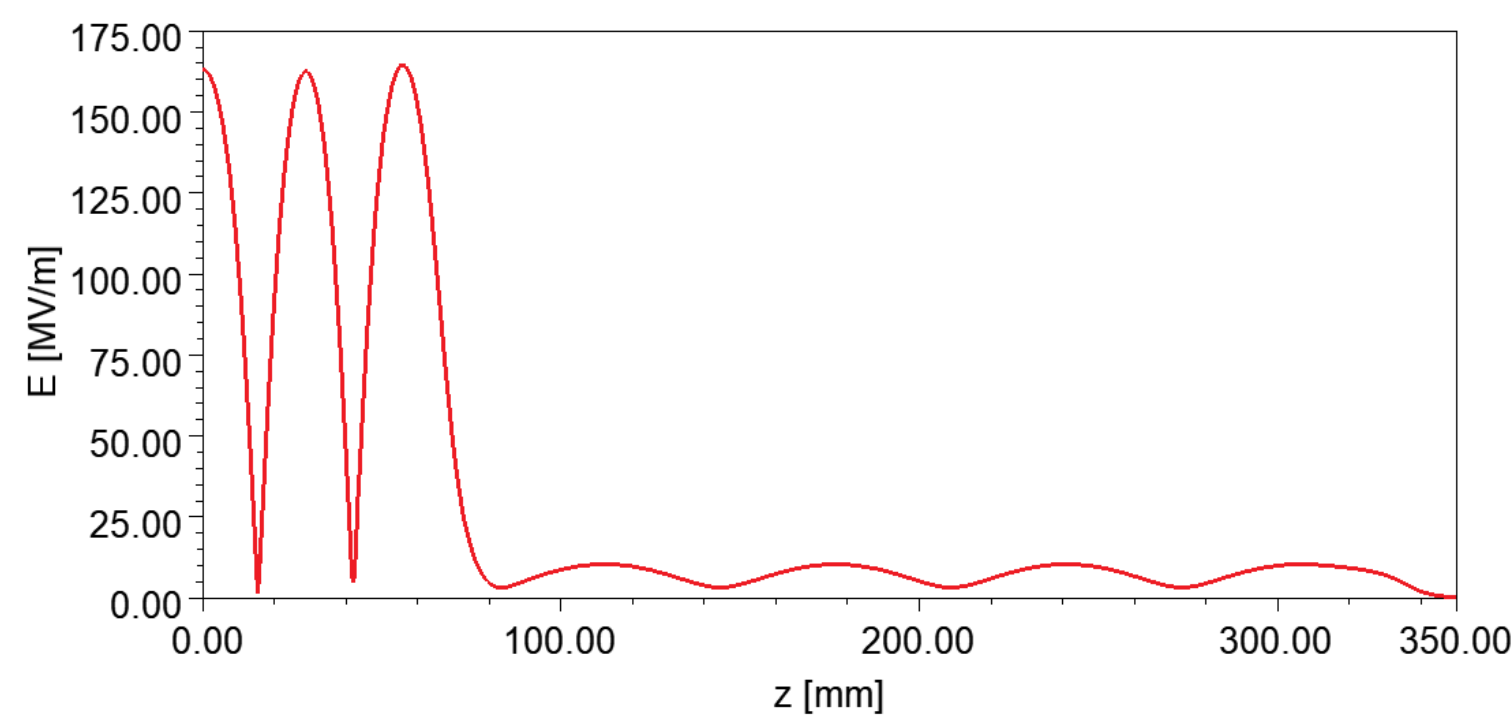
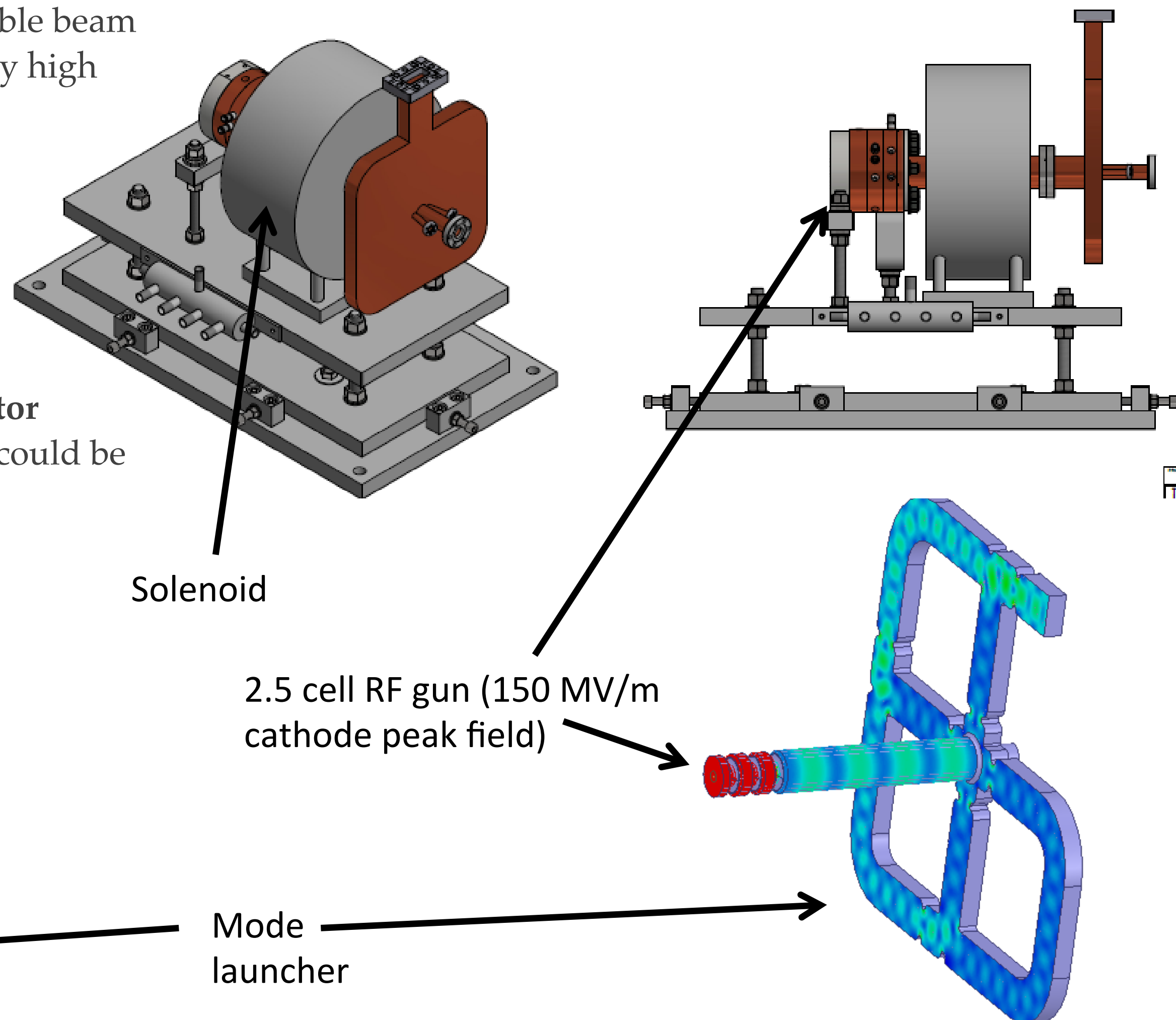
This gun has been already tested at high RF power, reaching the nominal parameters: 120 MV/m cathode peak field at 100 Hz and 1.5  $\mu$ s rf pulse length

*D. Alesini et al. Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams* **21**, 112001 (2018)

# C-band RF Gun and Injector

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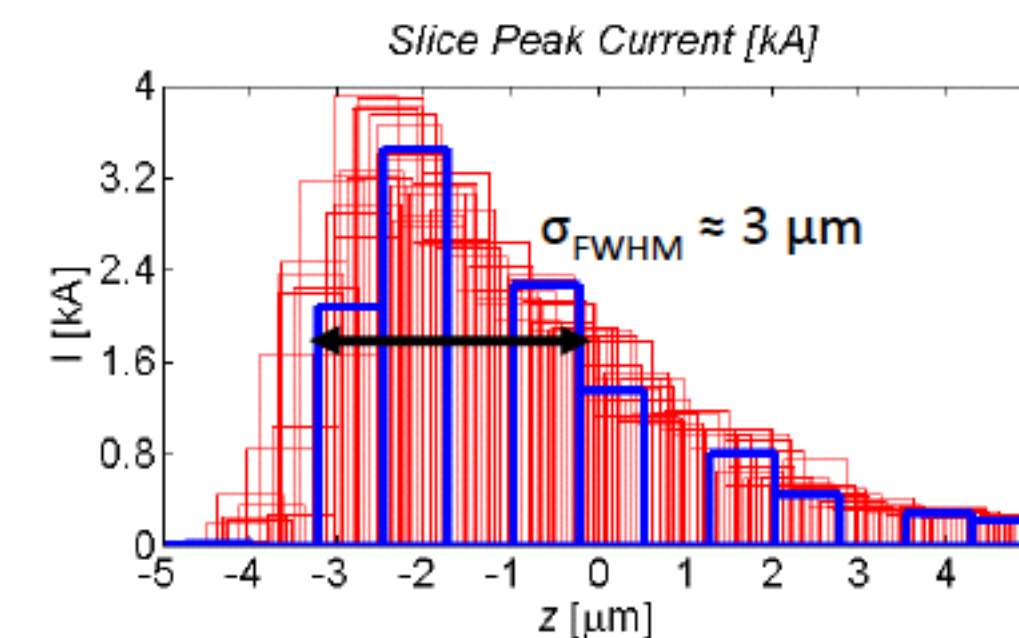
- ❖ An R&D activity has been started few years ago on a C band gun and full C band injector (gun + TW C band structures);
- ❖ Such a system is **very promising** in terms of achievable beam parameters, compactness and possibility to go at very high repetition rates (up to 1 kHz)
- ❖ This R&D program has been funded by the **IFAST (Horizon 2020) and TUAREG (INFN commission V)** projects and is oriented to fabricate and test a first prototype of a C band gun within four years.
- ❖ This system has also been selected as the **basic injector in the context of the Compact light EU project** and could be studied as a future upgrade of EuPRAXIA injector.



Courtesy of A. Giribono

- ❖ **Two main working points** have been identified, in particular
  1. **PWFA beam: Comb-like beam with plasma**
    - ❖ The two S-band linac sections are both operating in Velocity Bunching (RF compression)
    - ❖ *Phase jitter studies have been addressed to evaluate driver/witness time separation stability*
  2. **High charge (200 pC) without plasma (Full RF acceleration)**
    - ❖ Full studies for on-crest and RF compression scheme: *the hybrid compression is the best compromise*
    - ❖ *Sensitivity studies have been performed at low charge (30 pC) => CDR*
    - ❖ *RF phase jitter is affecting the beam length*
      - ❖ *RF phase jitter lower than 0.05 degree can ensure the needed beam peak current.*

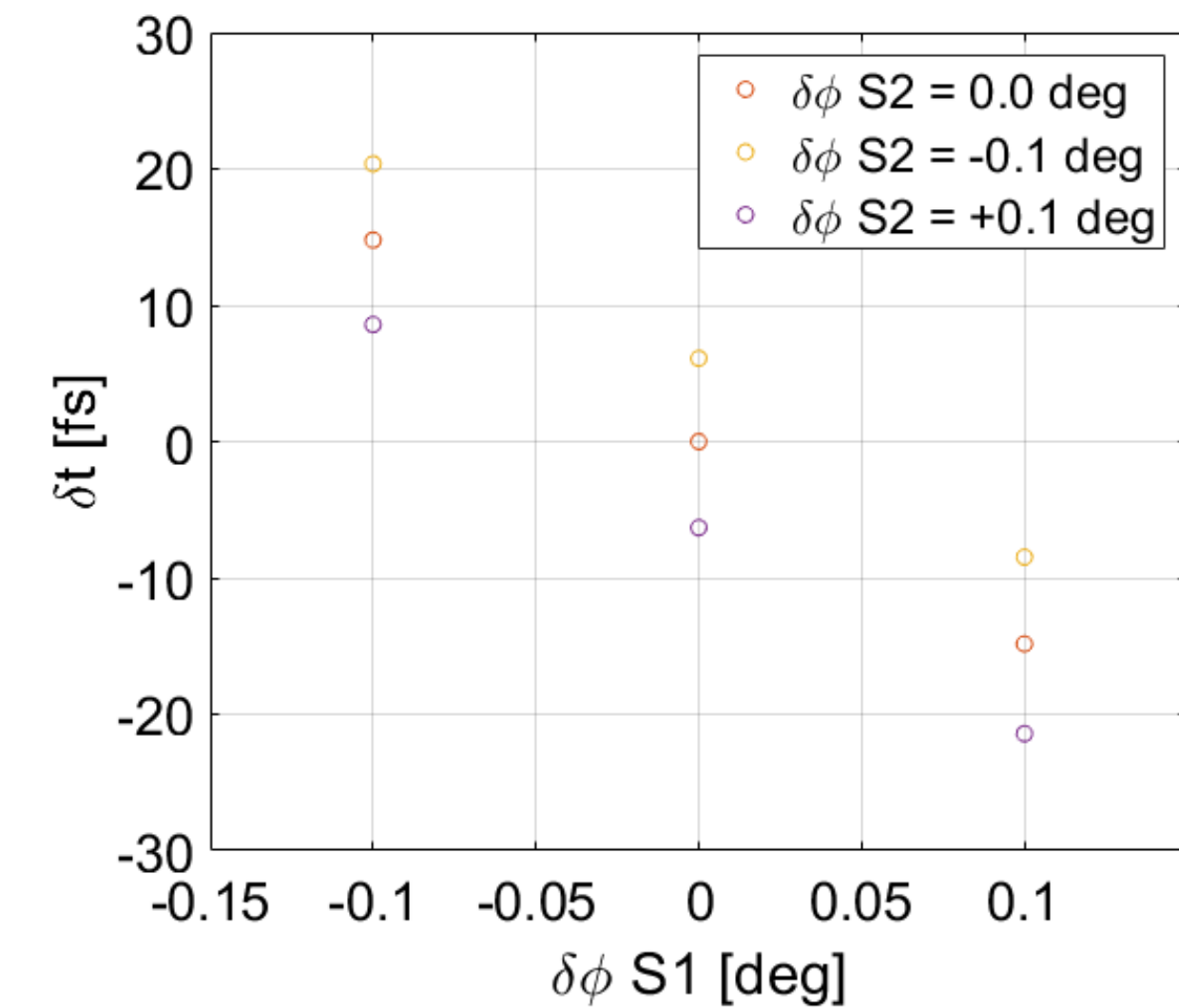
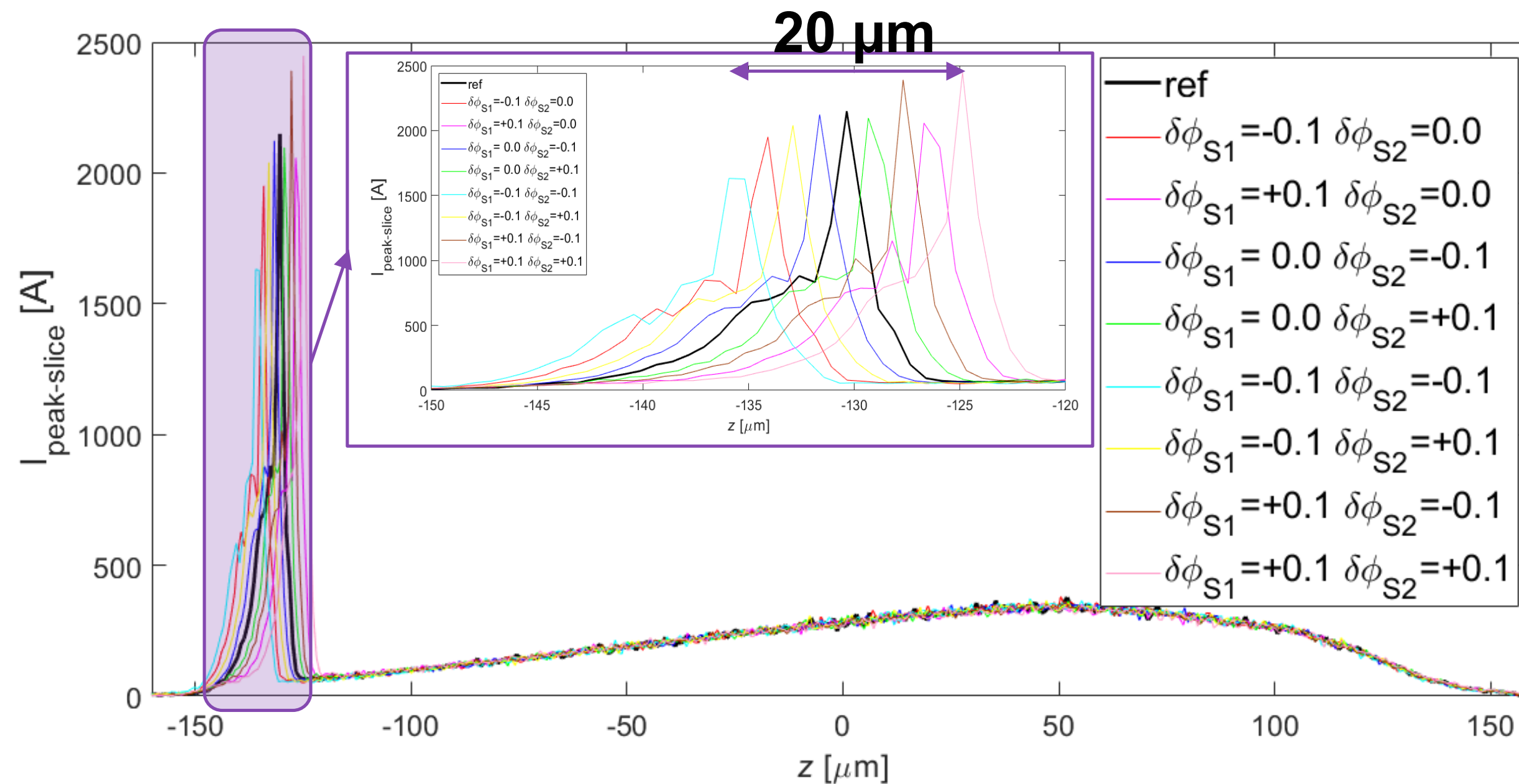
- ❖ *Sensitivity studies at high charge must be done*



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- ❖ Jitter studies on the PWFA WoP considering a S1 and S2  $\Delta\phi$  in the range  $\pm 0.1$ deg
- ❖ Evaluate the effect on the witness/driver time separation
- ❖ Due to limited computing resources only the extreme values of the jitter have been simulated on both first and second S-band cavities operating in the velocity bunching regime



Delay between driver and witness with respect to the  $\Delta\phi = 0$  deg case

Longitudinal slice analyses at 2<sup>nd</sup> S-band TW structure exit for various  $\Delta\phi$ . The beam separation continues in the downstream linac up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> X-band TW structure

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- ❖ **Stability requirements are dictated by the final application**, e.g. SASE FEL energy stability
  - ❖ In case of PWFA, **RF jitters affect** not only the peak current, but also the **time separation** between driver and witness
- ❖ Focus on two cases
  1. SPARC\_LAB (**high priority**)
    - At present, **what is the bottle neck?** What can we do to improve the stability?
    - **define a list of technological choices** we should afford to overcome the present limits
    - **define a list of additional components** to be replaced or purchased to improve the stability in VB operation
  2. EuPRAXIA@SPARC\_LAB
    - **Outcomes from 1. are mandatory for the TDR** (time scale ~ 3 years) to validate to the choice of the comb-based PWFA and to gain experience
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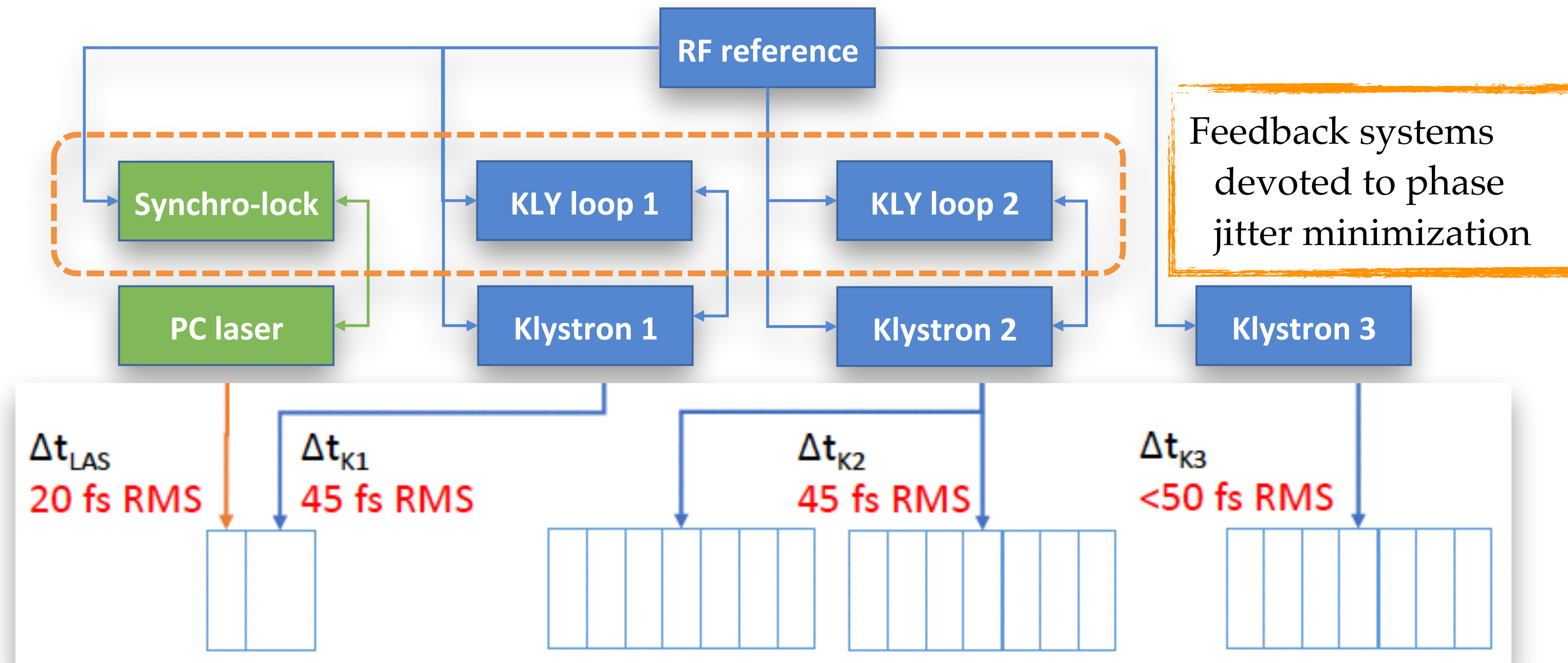
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- ❖ RF power plants/PC laser vs RF reference
  - ❖ Quality of the fast phase-lock of the sub-systems to the RF reference



- ❖ Electron beam Arrival Time Jitter (ATJ)
  - ❖ Quantifies the beam stability in time at a certain point of interest
  - ❖ It is relative to the system performing the measurement
  - ❖ Its value is **strongly affected by the machine working point** (Velocity Bunching or Crest)

- ▶ The ATJ is produced by several sources, e.g.
  - ▶ changing of the laser arrival time on the PC,  $\Delta t_{\text{laser}}$
  - ▶ instabilities in the timing of the RF system,  $\Delta t_{\text{RF}}$
  - ▶ instabilities fluctuations in the amplitude of RF and magnetic fields of dispersive elements

### Three main sources:

PC laser and two S-band klystrons:

Kly1 feeding gun and RFD, while Kly2 powers S1 and S2

$$\Delta t_{\text{linac}} \approx \sum_{i=1}^3 c_i \Delta t_i$$

If the laser and RF fields are delayed all together by a given value, the beam arrival time is delayed by the same amount

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 c_i = 1$$

All  $\Delta t_i$  values are measured with respect to the reference. Since they are mostly uncorrelated

$$\sigma_{t_{\text{linac}}}^2 \approx \sum_{i=1}^3 c_i^2 \sigma_{t_i}^2$$

representing the expected **absolute ATJ** (with respect to the reference) **at the linac exit**.

- At SPARC\_LAB we measure the beam ATJ with 2 diagnostics systems: RFD (beam vs K1) and EOS (beam vs PC-laser)

$$\sigma_{t\ RFD} = \sqrt{C_1^2 \sigma_{las}^2 + (C_2 - 1)^2 \sigma_{K1}^2 + C_3^2 \sigma_{K2}^2}$$

On crest working point

$$\sigma_{t\ EOS} = \sqrt{(C_1 - 1)^2 \sigma_{las}^2 + C_2^2 \sigma_{K1}^2 + C_3^2 \sigma_{K2}^2}$$

Velocity bunching working point

	C1	C2	C3
CREST	0.7	0.3	≈0
VB	≈0	≈0	≈1
VB over compression	<0	<0	>1

R. Pompili et al 2016 New J. Phys.18 083033

Using a reasonable «guess» on the jitter actual values

Working point	C1	C2	C3	$\sigma_{las}$ (fs)	$\sigma_{K1}$ (fs)	$\sigma_{K2}$ (fs)	RFD est. (fs)	RFD meas (fs)	EOS est. (fs)	EOS meas. (fs)
ON CREST	0,7	0,3	0	20	45	45	34,5	35,1	14,8	N/A
VB (over-compr.)	-0,05	-0,05	1,1	20	45	45	68,4	75	53,8	51

- ▶ KLY loop upgrade (new phase shifters, new err. amp) -> K1-K2 vs RF expected small contribution to jitter performance
- ▶ Optical synchronization system -> **PC-laser vs RF jitter performance**
  - ▶ Complete redesign of RF reference distribution PC-laser lock and power plant feedback systems
  - ▶ Paramount importance in view of EuPRAXIA at SPARC\_LAB
- ▶ **Brand new digital LLRF system -> sensitivity**
  - ▶ RF front-end higher resolution
  - ▶ Higher pulse stability
  - ▶ Possibility to arbitrarily shape the RF pulse (amplitude and phase)

- ▶ At SPARC\_LAB we are using PFN to generate HV needed by klystrons
- ▶ The added jitter of hundreds of fs RMS is reduced to tens of fs RMS using fast phase loops
- ▶ To further reduce **K1-K2 vs RF jitter**, one way could be to change modulator technology (from PFN to solid state) => **S-band solid state modulator (EuPRAXIA@SPARC\_LAB)**
- ▶ The klystron added jitter will be reduced at best **<20 fs RMS** (measured in facilities already running)
  - ▶ **This level is still not suitable for the plasma-based accelerator requirements**
    - ▶ Study the **upgrade and use of the klystron loops also around solid state supplied klystron**
    - ▶ tests using solid state C-band modulator at SPARC\_LAB are feasible

- ❖ Technical System for generation and distribution of **bunch rep frequency** signals (RF synchronized) with appropriate delays to coordinate the sequence of events for beam generation & transport and trigger instrumentation
- ❖ **General requirement and major technical specifications** have been **identified**, in collaboration with WP15 - WP16 , to implement a system based on commercial HW, adaptable to Eupraxia scale and capable **to provide also custom bunch rep rate decimation and event tagging**
- ❖ A **survey** of existing systems in other laboratories has been carried on
- ❖ Hardware and technologies provided by different commercial vendor are being evaluated (MicroResearch, White Rabbit products , GreenField Technologies)

*Courtesy of A. Stecchi*

- ❖ **Undergoing activity**
  - ❖ Course on Jira to encourage people to work with a modern project tracking tool and follow agile development methodologies
  - ❖ Collaboration with the Project Manager for the creation (outsourced) of a document management system
  - ❖ A complete and in-depth analysis of the various control frameworks is underway => course on the Tango Control System
  - ❖ Upgrade of the FLAME control using the !CHAOS framework
- ❖ **Foreseen activity**
  - ❖ **Collect specifications** for
    - ❖ timing, synchronization, # of channels, readout frequency, bandwidth, correlation with other systems
    - ❖ user applications: control panels, general features, high level applications
    - ❖ data storage and retrieval, interface with user data analysis tools (eg. ROOT, Mathematica, MathLab, etc ...).
  - ❖ Continue the **analysis** of the candidate frameworks for the control of EuPRAXIA, i.e. EPICS and !CHAOS
  - ❖ Final decision on which control framework to adopt (as a result of the above **analysis**)
    - ❖ IF an external framework will be adopted → Drafting of technical specs for the outsourcing of the chosen system
    - ❖ IF !CHAOS will be adopted → Start of control in-house implementation
  - ❖ Evaluation of hardware needs (as a result of the above **analysis** & **collections** of specifications)

Dedicated talk by  
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- ❖ Joining WA and layout meetings
- ❖ Identification of *magnets families*
- ❖ Photoinjector: SABINA-like frozen design
- ❖ Dipoles: preliminary magnetic design of BLH family (laser heater chicane)
  - ❖ Undulator Laser Heater is a WP18 duty
- ❖ Dipoles: preliminary magnetic design of DIPSPC (spectrometer)
- ❖ Quadrupoles: magnetic preliminary design of QS triplet (300MeV)

## **By April 2021**

- ❖ detailed design of all dipoles and quadrupoles
- ❖ evaluation of power supplies (also on the basis of plant constraints, i.e. distance between magnets & ps)



- ❖ The EuPRAXIA@SPARC\_LAB photo injector up to the end of the S-band linac is equivalent to the SPARC photo injector
- ❖ R&D can be done at SPARC\_LAB to produce the nominal beam parameters at low energy and satisfy the stability and reproducibility requirements needed for EuPRAXIA@SPARC\_LAB, for instance
  - ❖ jitter studies
  - ❖ experimental tests of the photo injector working points
  - ❖ laser pulse shaping
  - ❖ control system testing
  - ❖ plants upgrade
  - ❖ AOB