

High Gradient Testing of C-band Structures and Components

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Outline

- Motivation
- Related Experiments
- Safety Challenges at SLAC
- High Gradient Testing of C-band Structures and Components
 - Meter Scale C-band
 - Additive Load
 - Room Temp Single Cell Structures
 - Cryogenic Single Cell Structures

What's the Optimal Frequency for High Charge Beams?

Linear collider: high beam power

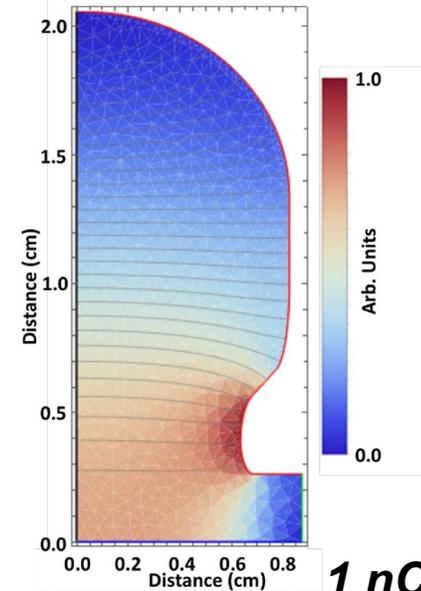
- 1 nC per bunch, 0.3 A during rf pulse
- Most challenging design parameters

Pursue broad array of applications

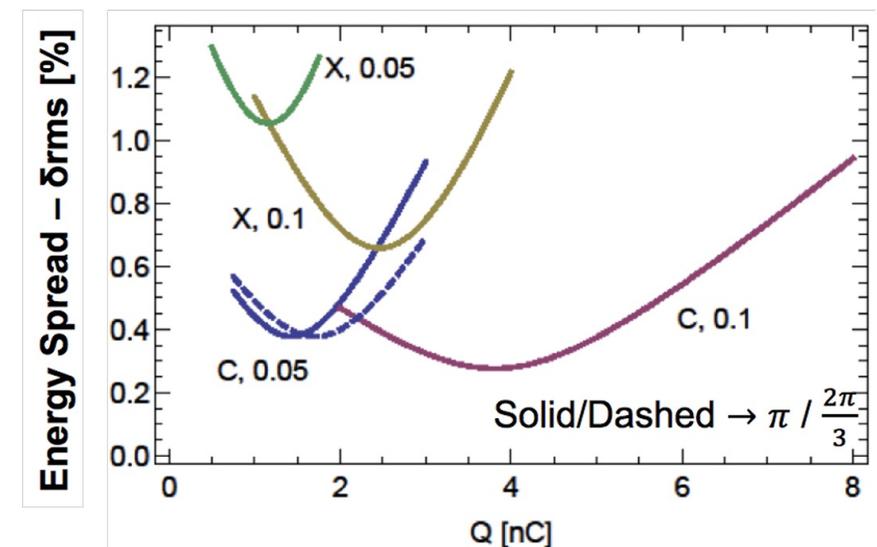
- Medical, x-ray sources, gamma-ray sources,....

Frequency	a/λ	Phase Advance	R_s (M Ω /m)
C-band (5.712 GHz)	0.05	π	121
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C-band (5.712 GHz)	0.1	π	92
X-band (11.424 GHz)	0.05	π	176
X-band (11.424 GHz)	0.1	π	133

arXiv:1807.10195 (2018)



1 nC, 150 micron, 25 deg.



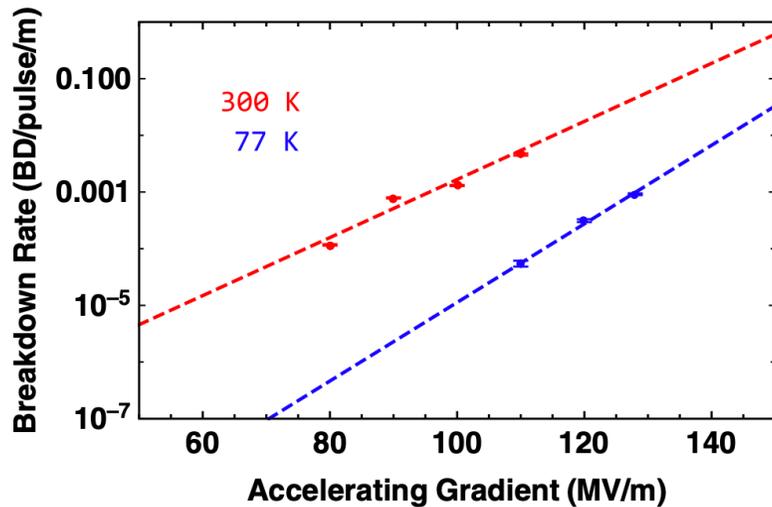
Cryo-Copper: Enabling Efficient High-Gradient Operation

Cryogenic temperature elevates gradient

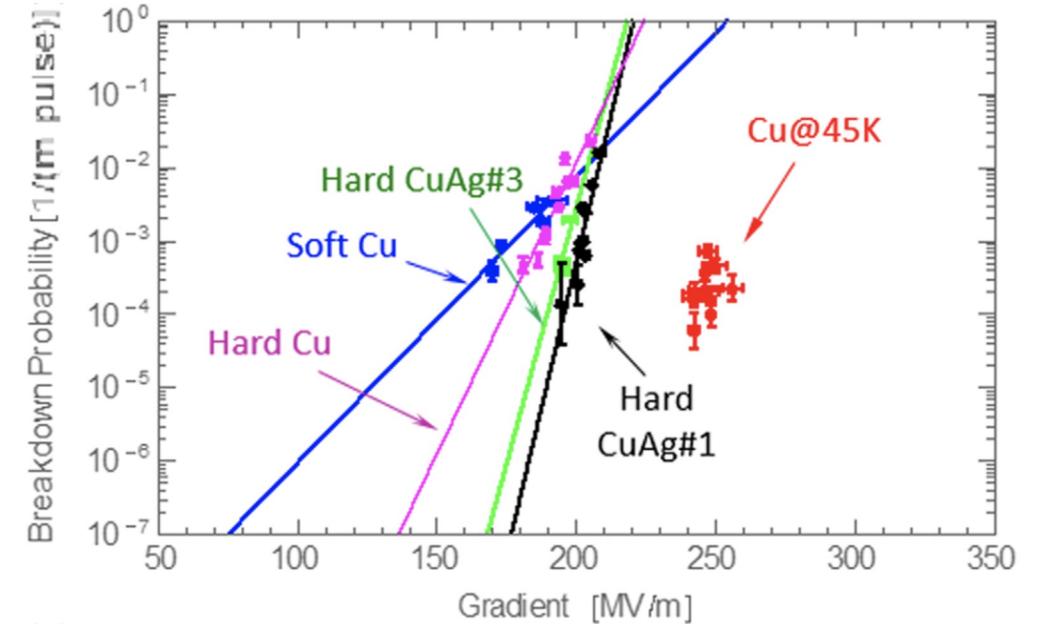
- Increased material strength is key factor
- Increase electrical conductivity reduces pulsed heating in the material

Operation at 77 K with liquid nitrogen

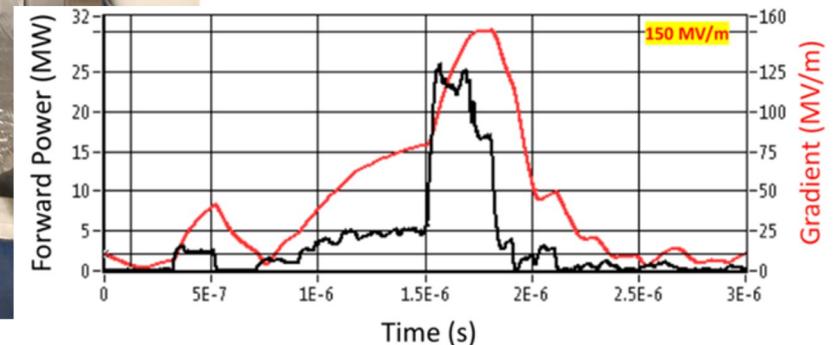
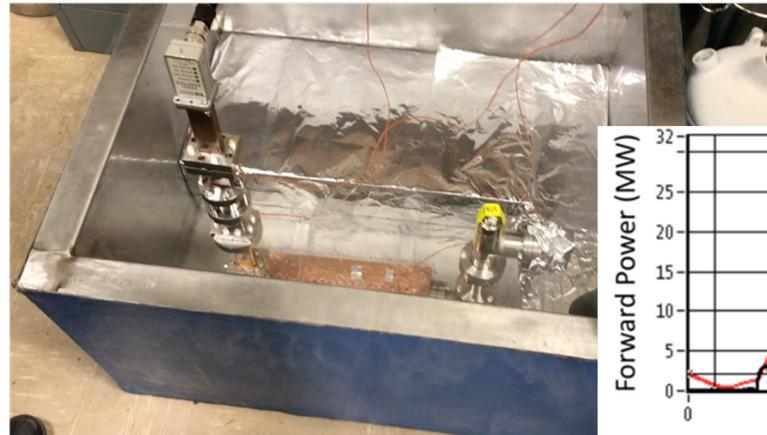
- Large heat capacity, simple handling
- Small impact on electrical efficiency



Nasr, et al. *PRAB* 24.9 (2021): 093201



Cahill, A. D., et al. *PRAB* 21.10 (2018): 102002.
High Gradient Operation at 150 MV/m



Optimized RF Feed for Distributed Coupling Structure

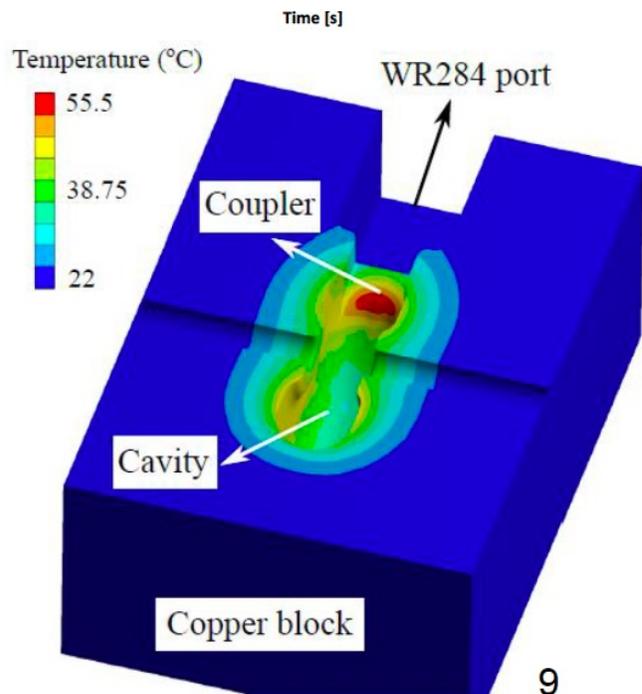
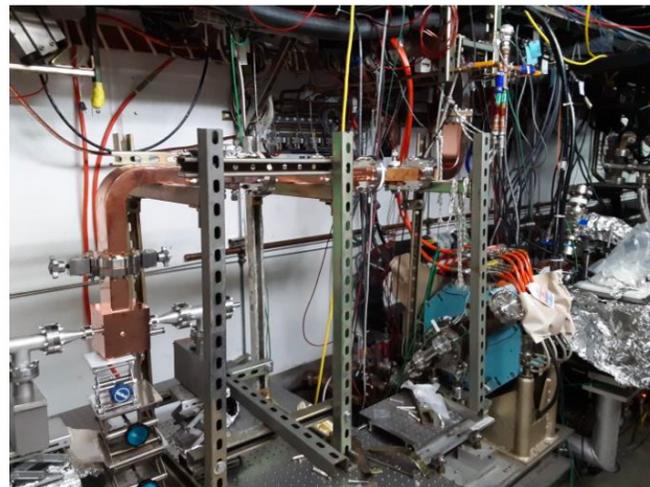
- Energy modulator (and deflector) for rastering proton beams
- RF power coupled to each cell can lead to a local hot spot in H-field
- Tailoring coupler profile limits enhancement to 15-20% (vs. 230%)
- Built and tested on an S-band structure

Lu, et al., *Review of Scientific Instruments* 92.2 (2021).

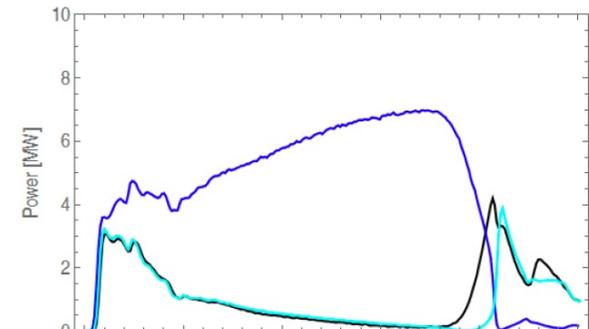
Single cell energy modulator prototype

-nominal input 400 kW, 30 MV/m

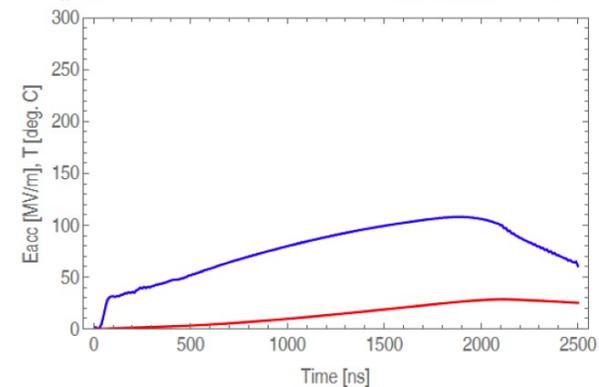
- Achieved 1 MW, 50 MV/m before observing breakdowns, now testing up to 6 MW



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Measured forward and reflected power. Estimate of reflected power.



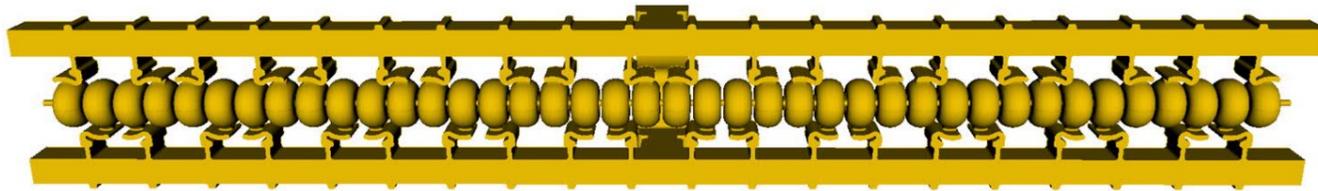
Calculated acceleration gradient and temperature rise

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40 Cell Pi-Mode Distributed Coupling Structure

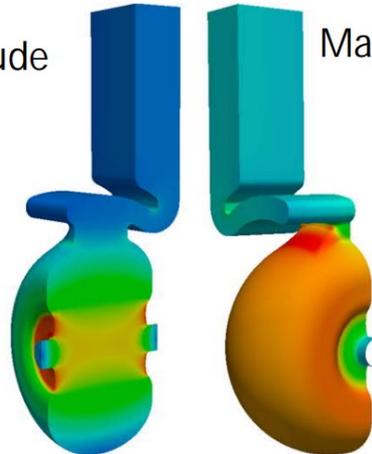
Incorporate the two key technical advances: Distributed Coupling and Cryo-Copper RF
Main linac utilizes meter-scale accelerating structures, technology demonstration underway
Implement optimized rf cavity designs to control peak surface fields

Vacuum Space for Distributed Coupling Linac



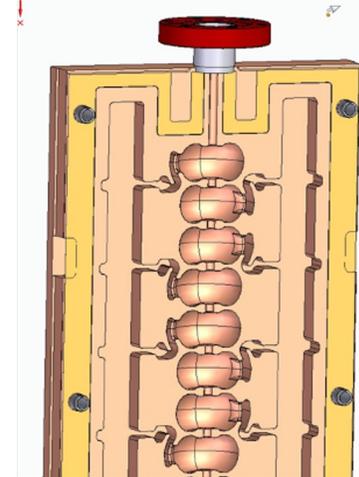
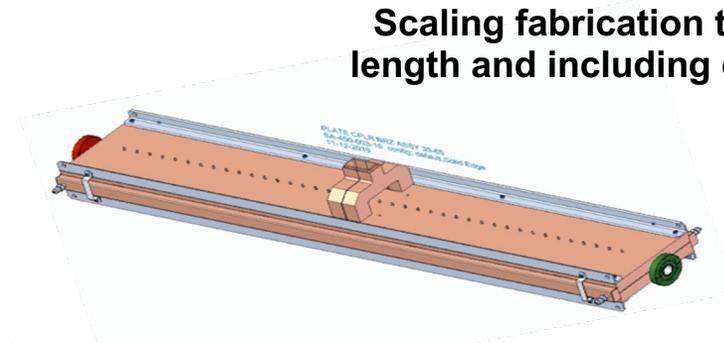
Electric Field Magnitude

$$\frac{H_{\text{peak}}}{H_{\text{unperturbed}}} = 1.2$$
$$\frac{E_{\text{peak}}}{E_{\text{acc}}} = 2.22$$



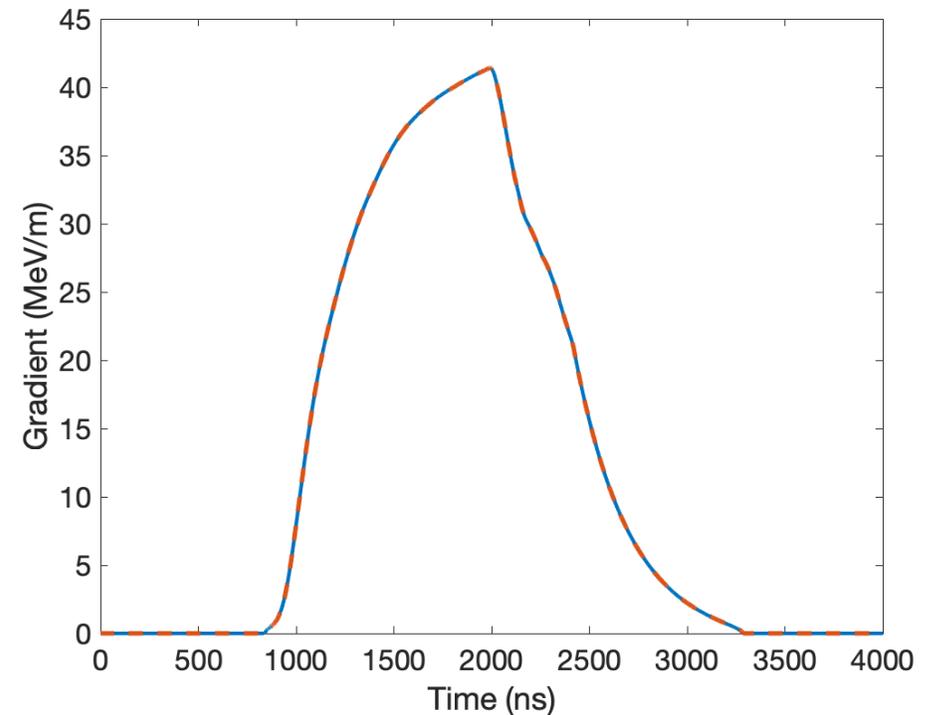
Magnetic Field Magnitude

Scaling fabrication techniques in length and including controlled gap



High Power Test of Meter-Scale Distributed Coupling Structure

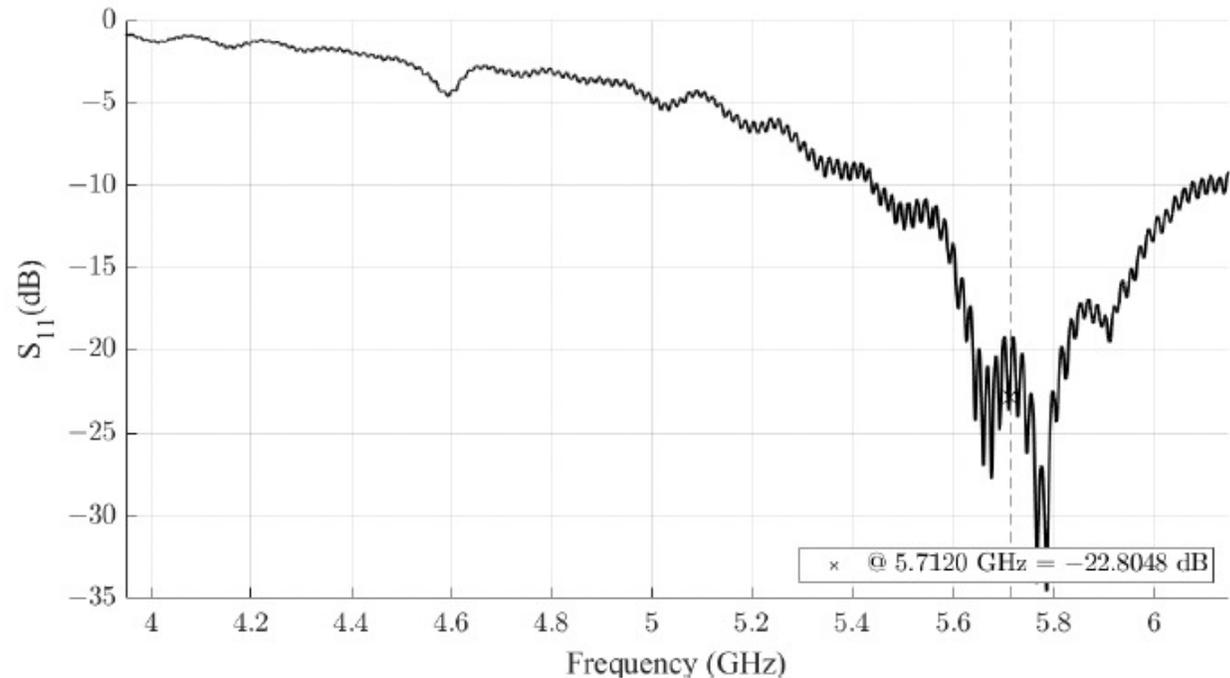
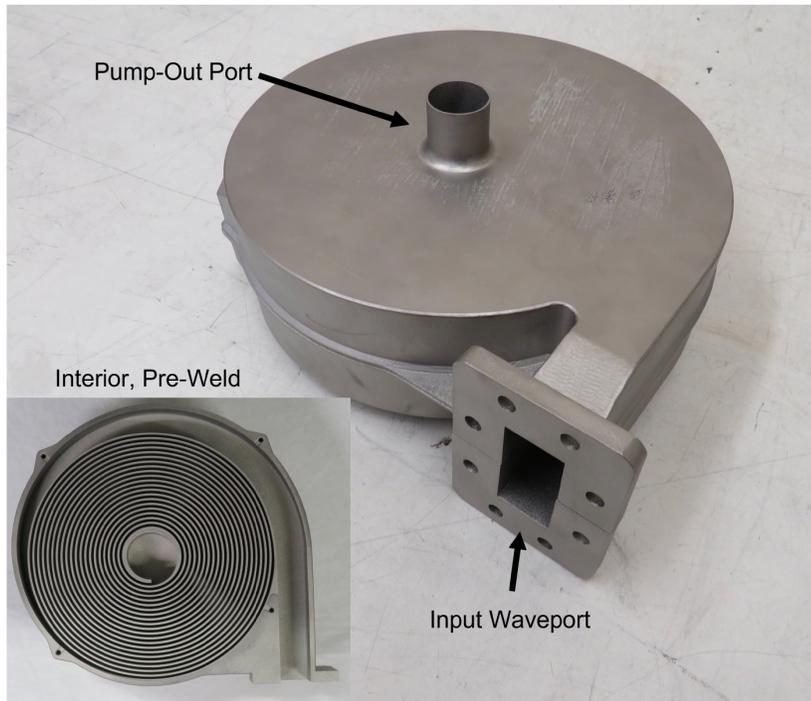
- Tested at Radiabeam
- Up to 15 MW, 1 microsecond delivered to structure, no measurable breakdowns after reaching max power



**Structure Destroyed in Tuning Attempt for Cryogenic Operation
Structure for Cryogenic Operation in Production**

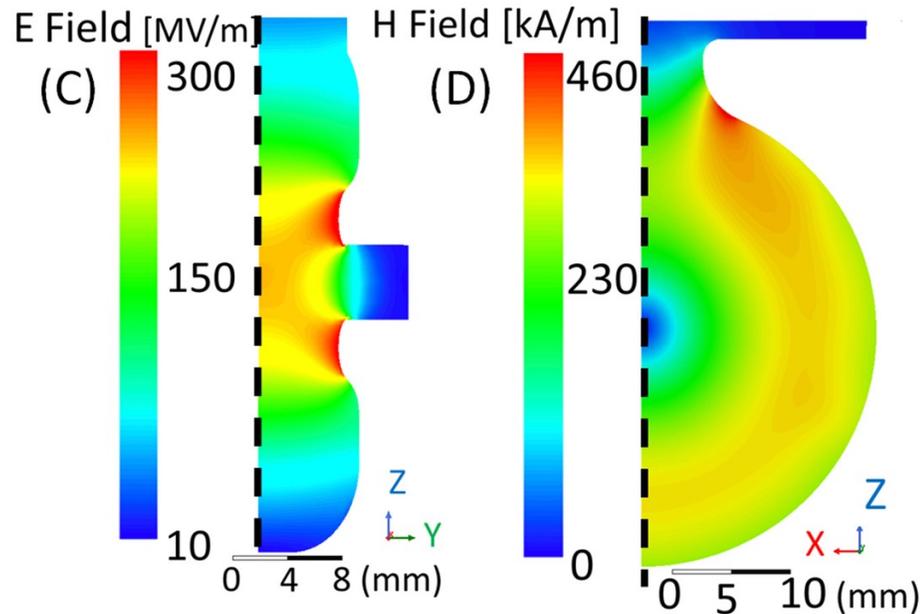
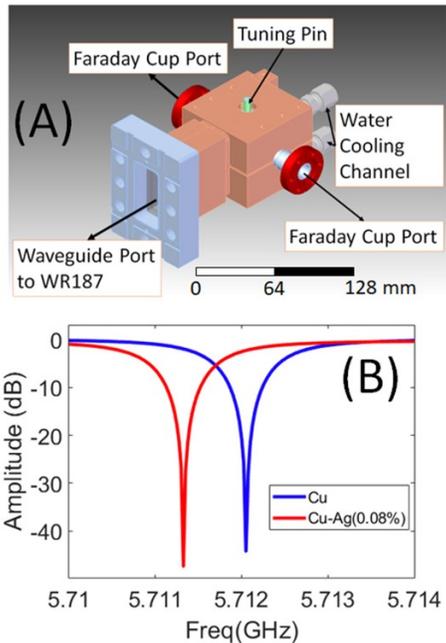
Additively Manufactured Spiral Load

- Tested at Radiabeam
- 3D printed in stainless steel (inspired by CERN)
- First version is only air cooled



Scaled Design of Low-Beta or Reduced Phase Adv. Struc.

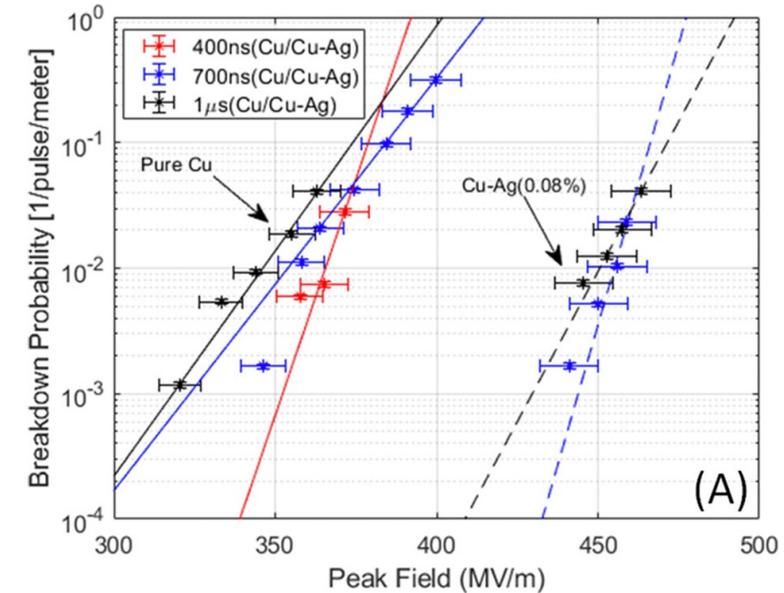
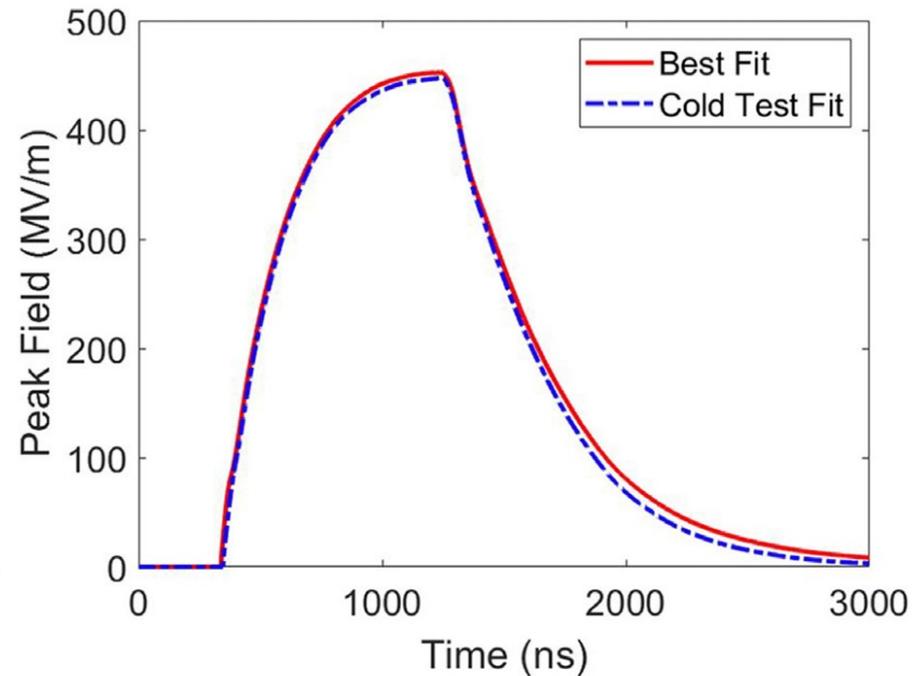
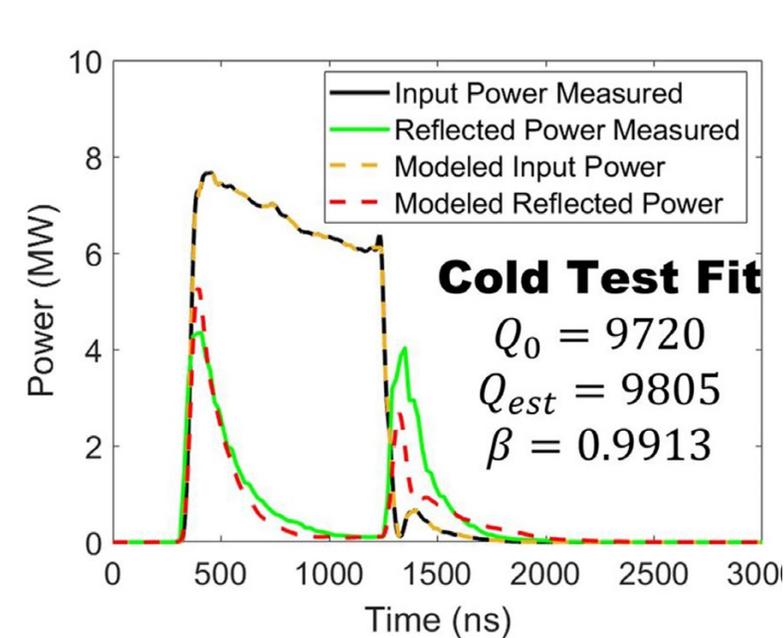
- Original design was for low-beta protons – efficient with relativistic electrons and appropriate cell to cell phase advance



Parameter	Cu	Cu
	$v = 0.5c$ Proton	$v = c$ Electron
Length	1.58 cm	
a/λ	0.0525	
Frequency	5.712 GHz	
σ	58 MS/m	
Q_0	9762	
Q_{ext}	10 165	
R_s	61.51 M Ω /m	115.8 M Ω /m
E_a	$62 \text{ MeV/m} \times \sqrt{P [\text{MW}]}$	$81 \text{ MeV/m} \times \sqrt{P [\text{MW}]}$
E_p/E_a	2.42	1.84
$H_p * Z_0/E_a$	1.40	1.07

High Gradient Performance of Cu and CuAg Cavities

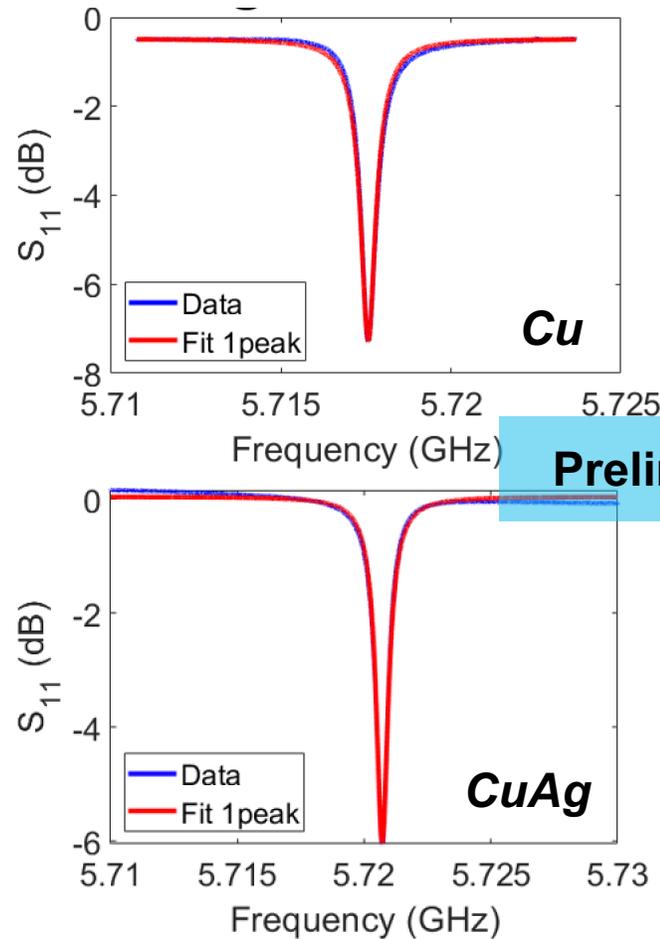
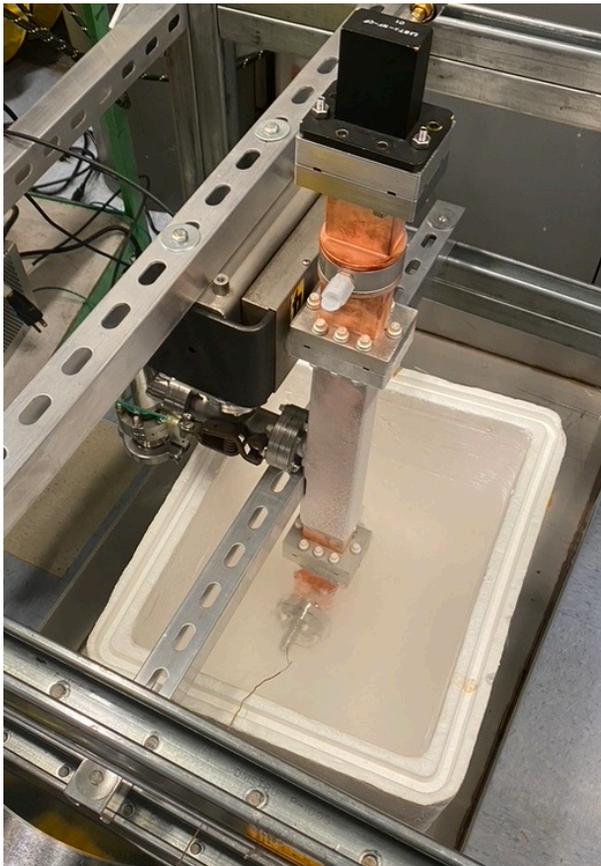
- Utilized C-band test stand at LANL
- Each structure processed for O(100M) pulses



How does this behavior extend to cryogenic temperatures?

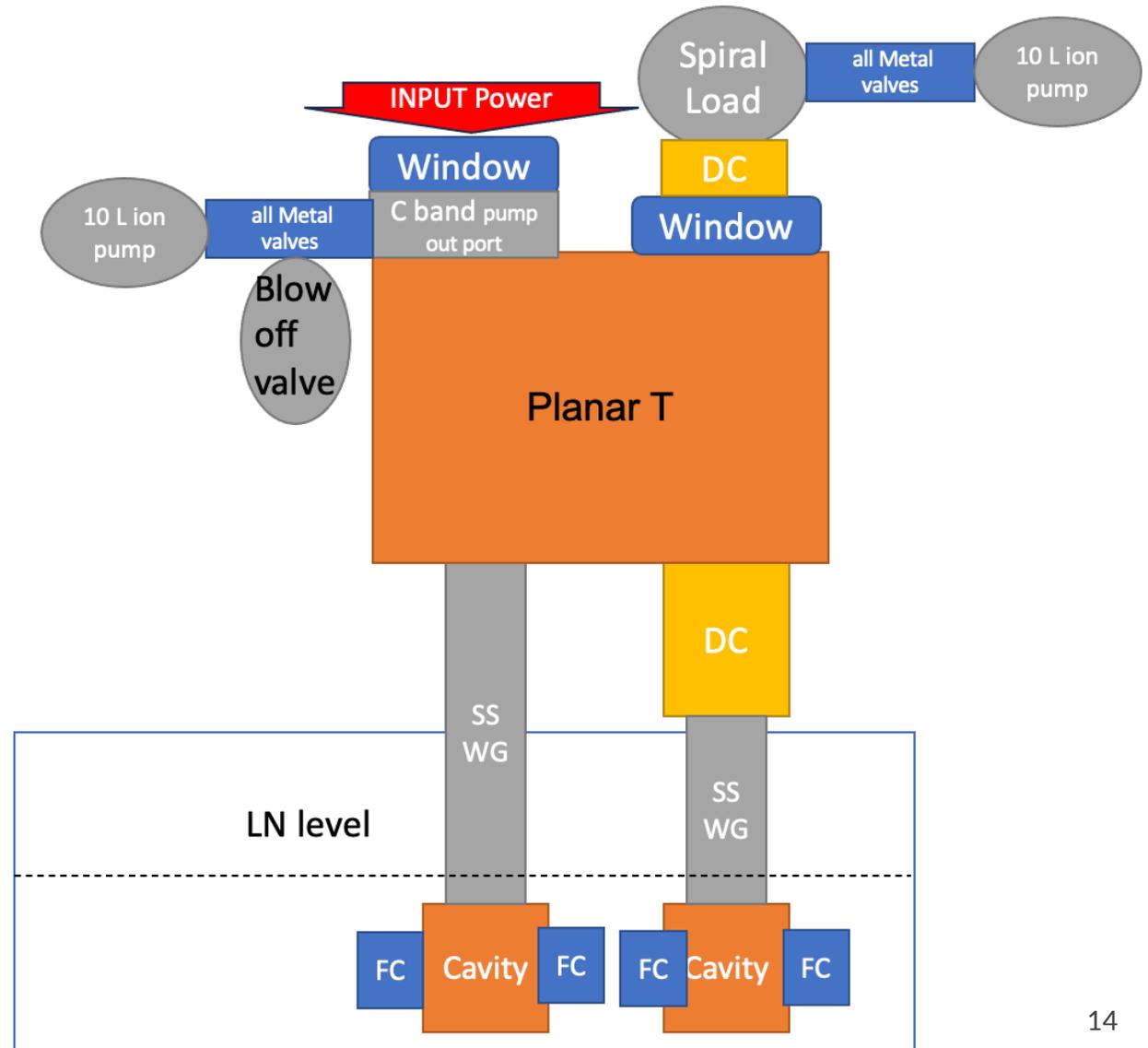
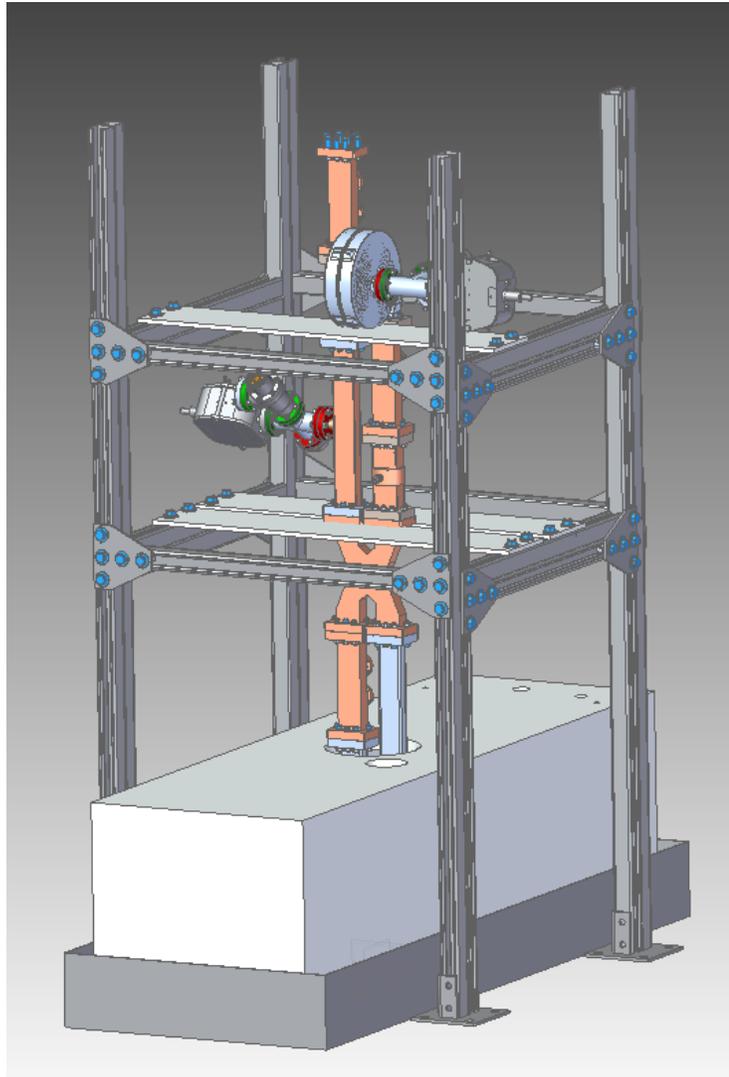
Characterization at 77K

- Improvement of 2.5 X for Cu and 2.9X for CuAg(!)
- 2.9 is consistent of Cu sample measurements at UCLA (may be material batch specific)

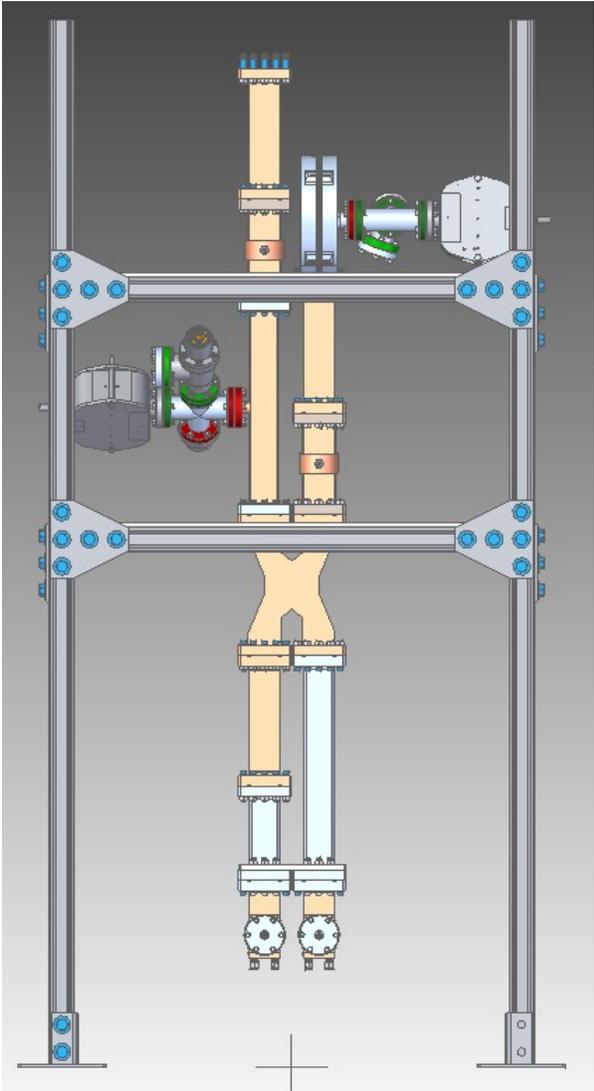
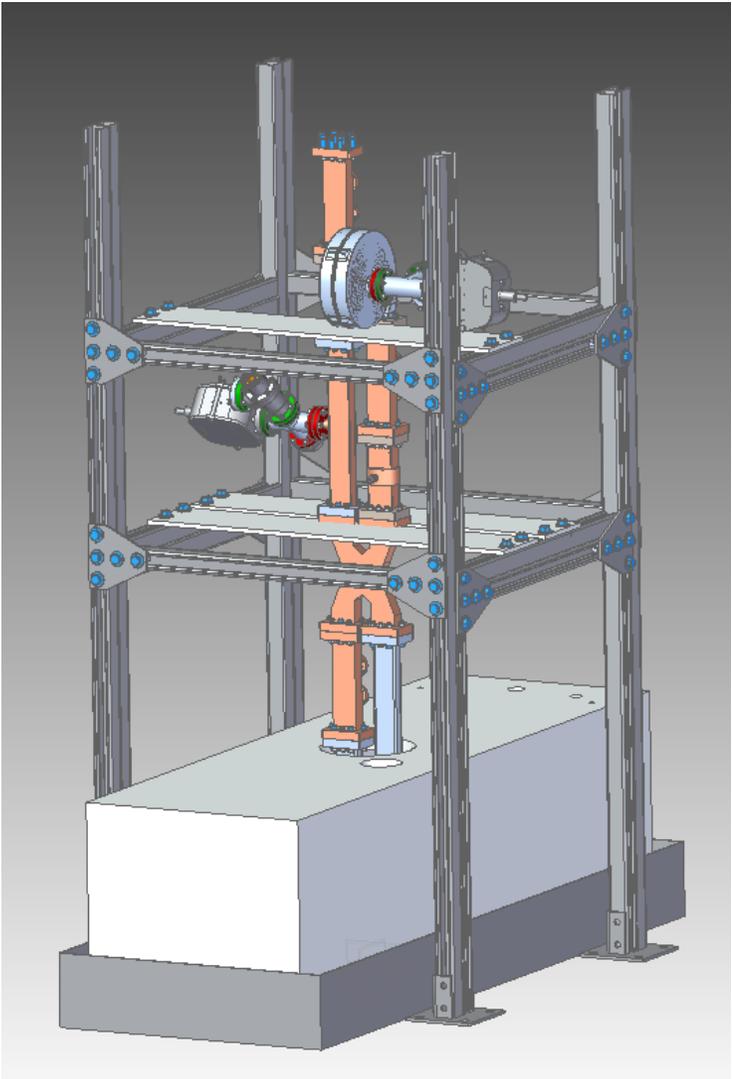


Parameter	CuAg	Cu
Temp	77K	
Frequency	5.71455 GHz	
Length	1.58 cm	
β	2.97	2.683
Q_0	29,695	25,697
R_s ($M\Omega/m$)	352	305
Ea MeV/m/ \sqrt{MW}	141	131

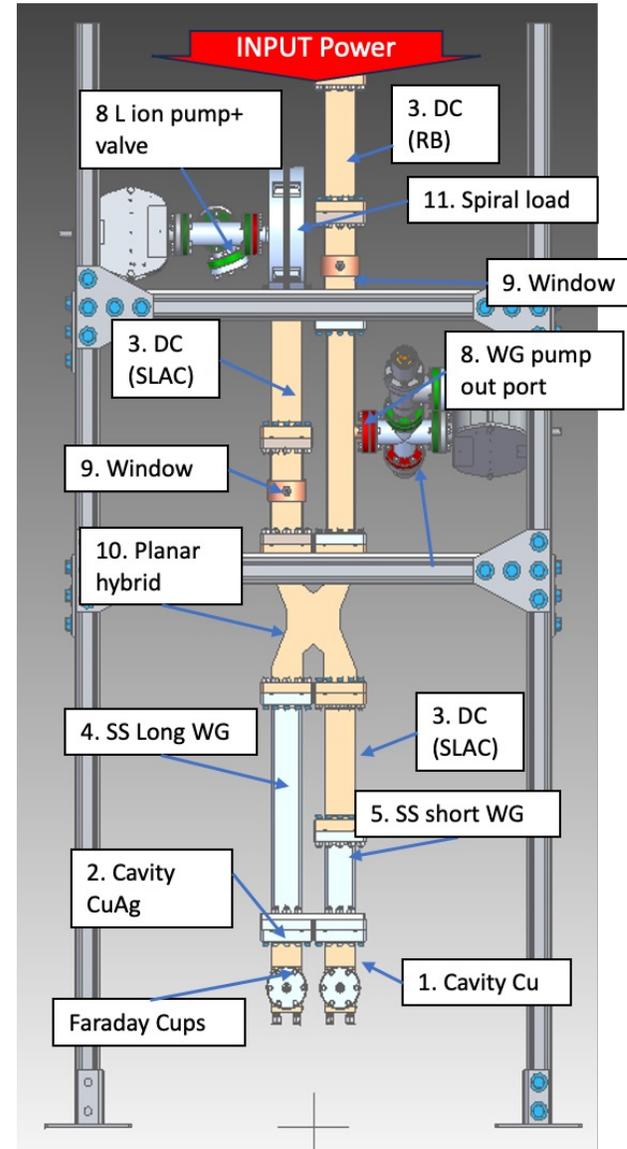
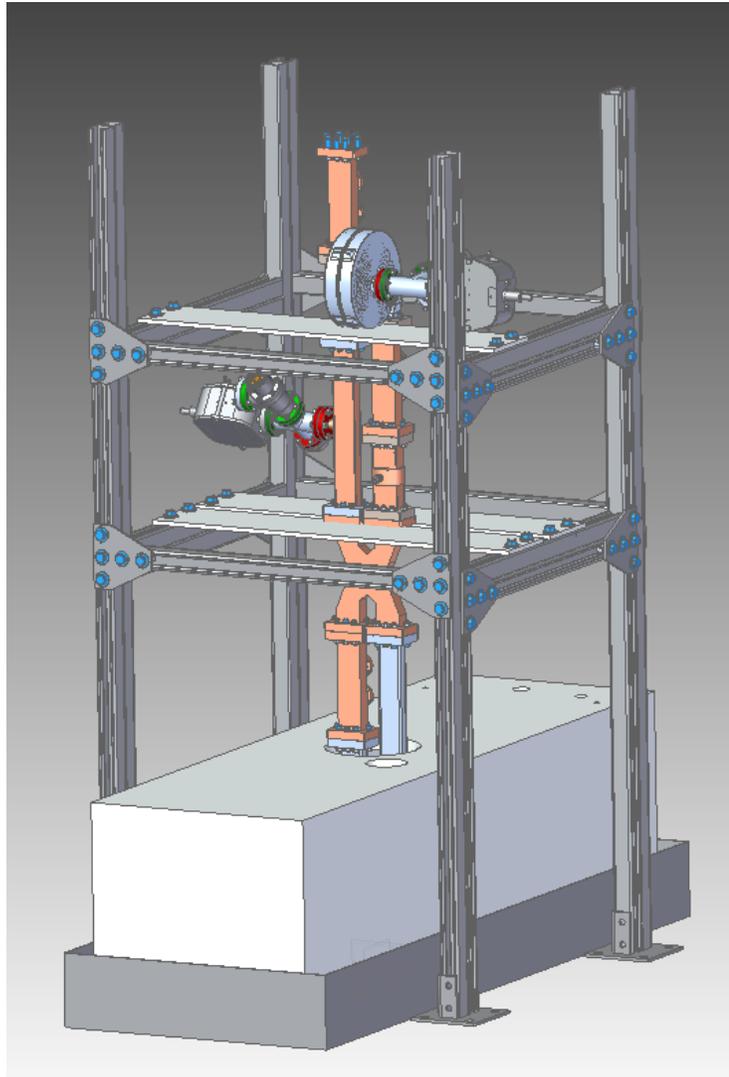
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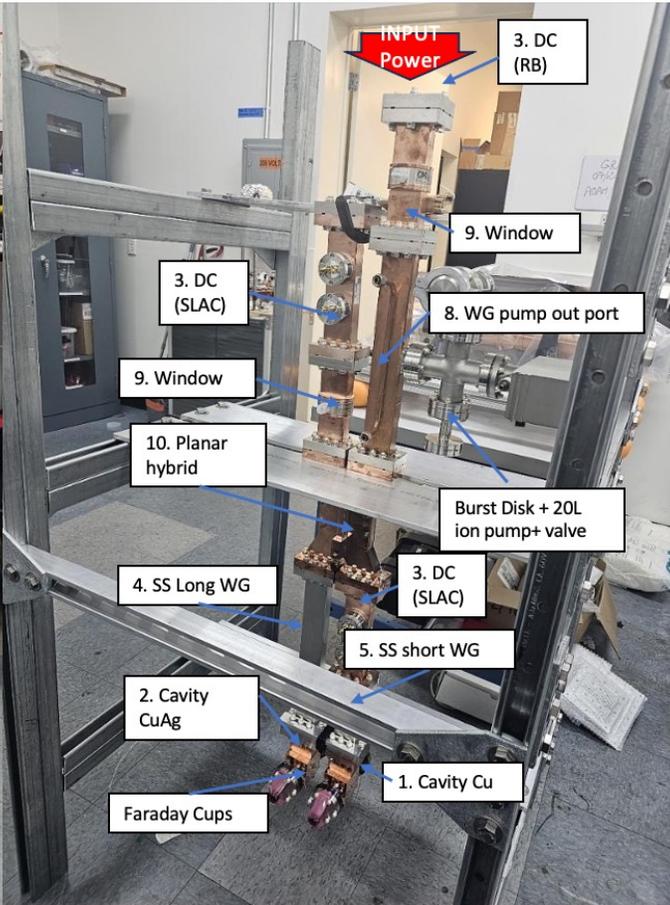


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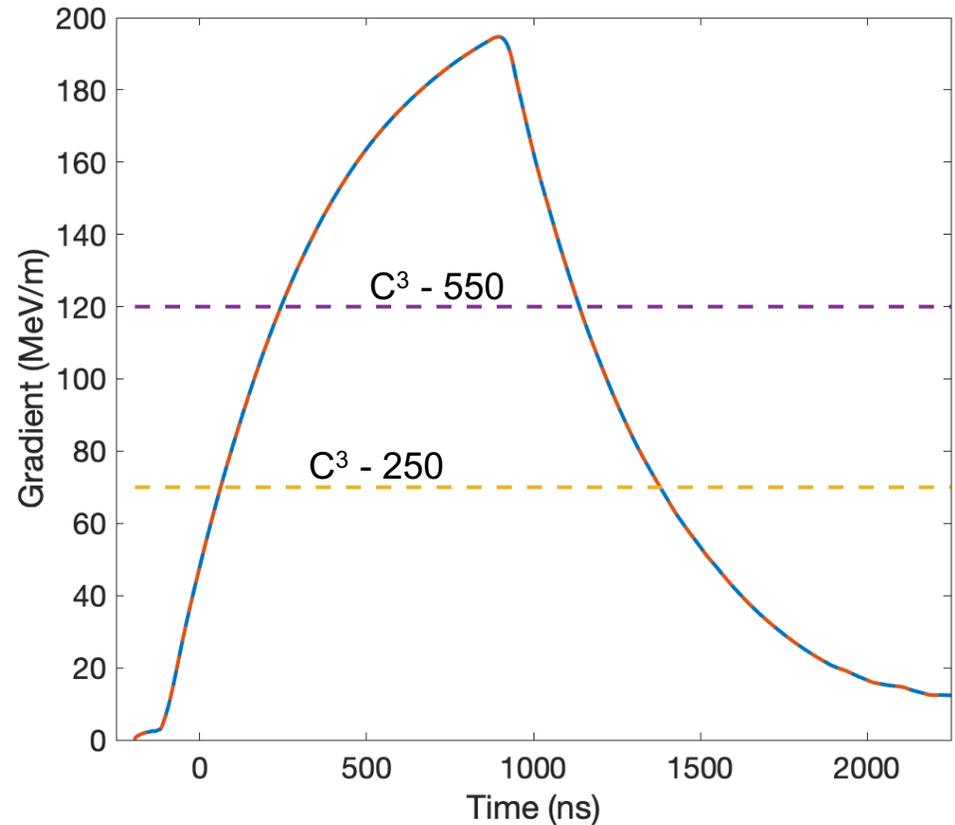
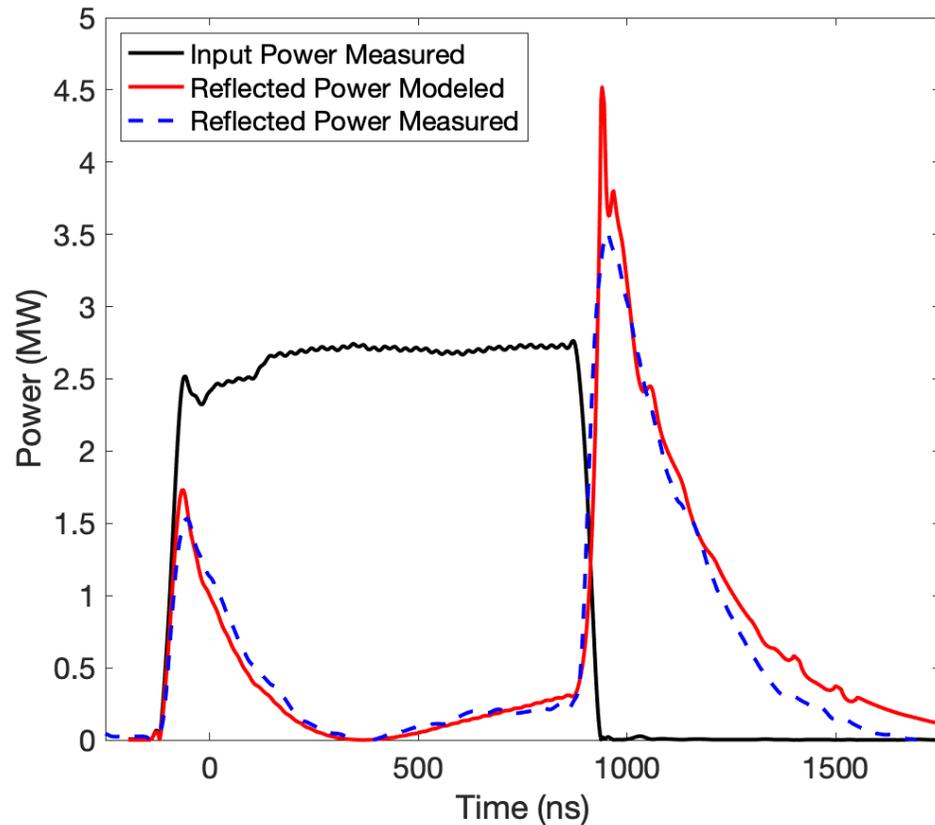


Radiabeam



Typical (Highest Gradient) Performance

- Measured and modeled response for CuAg Cavity



Structure Processing

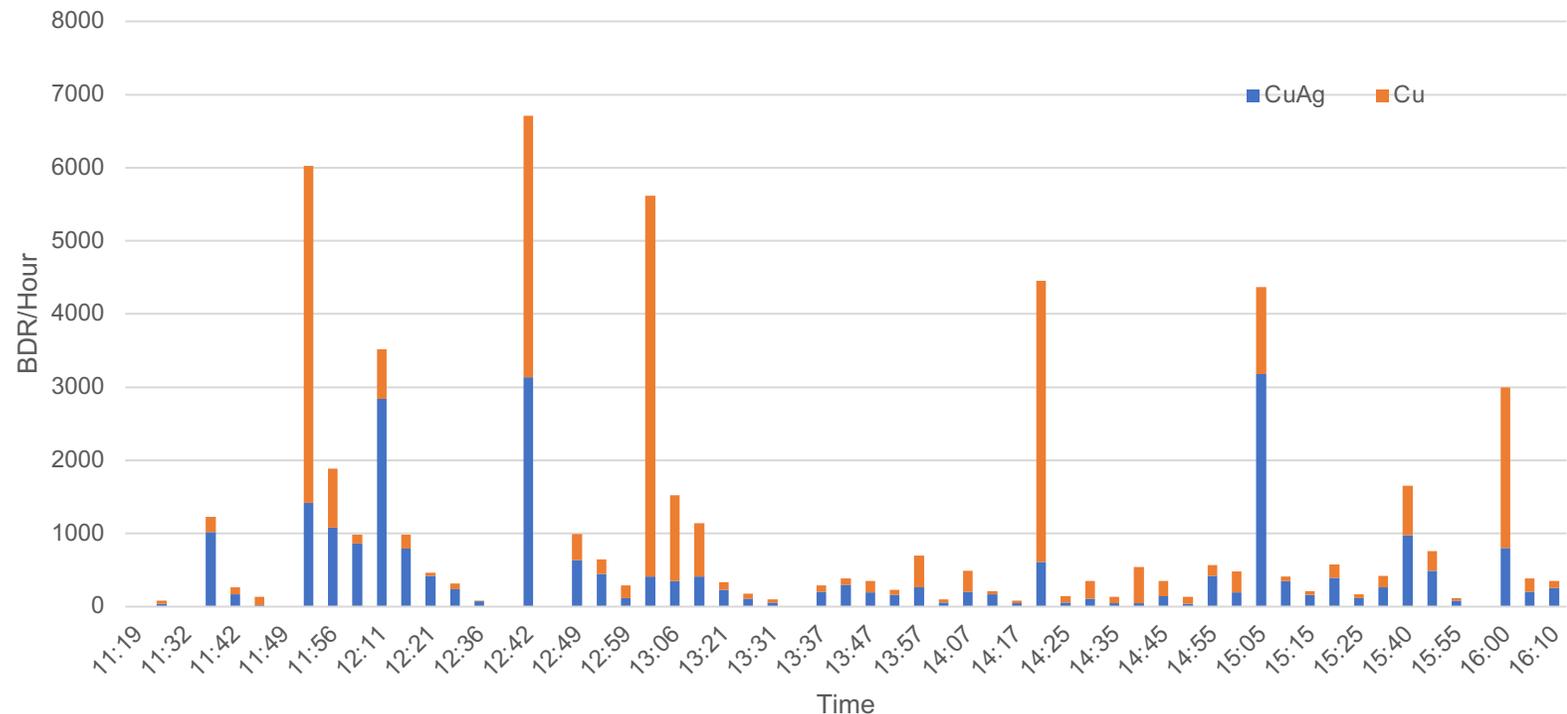
- ~10M Pulses to Date
- Operating with human supervision



C-Freeze Run 10/17/2023

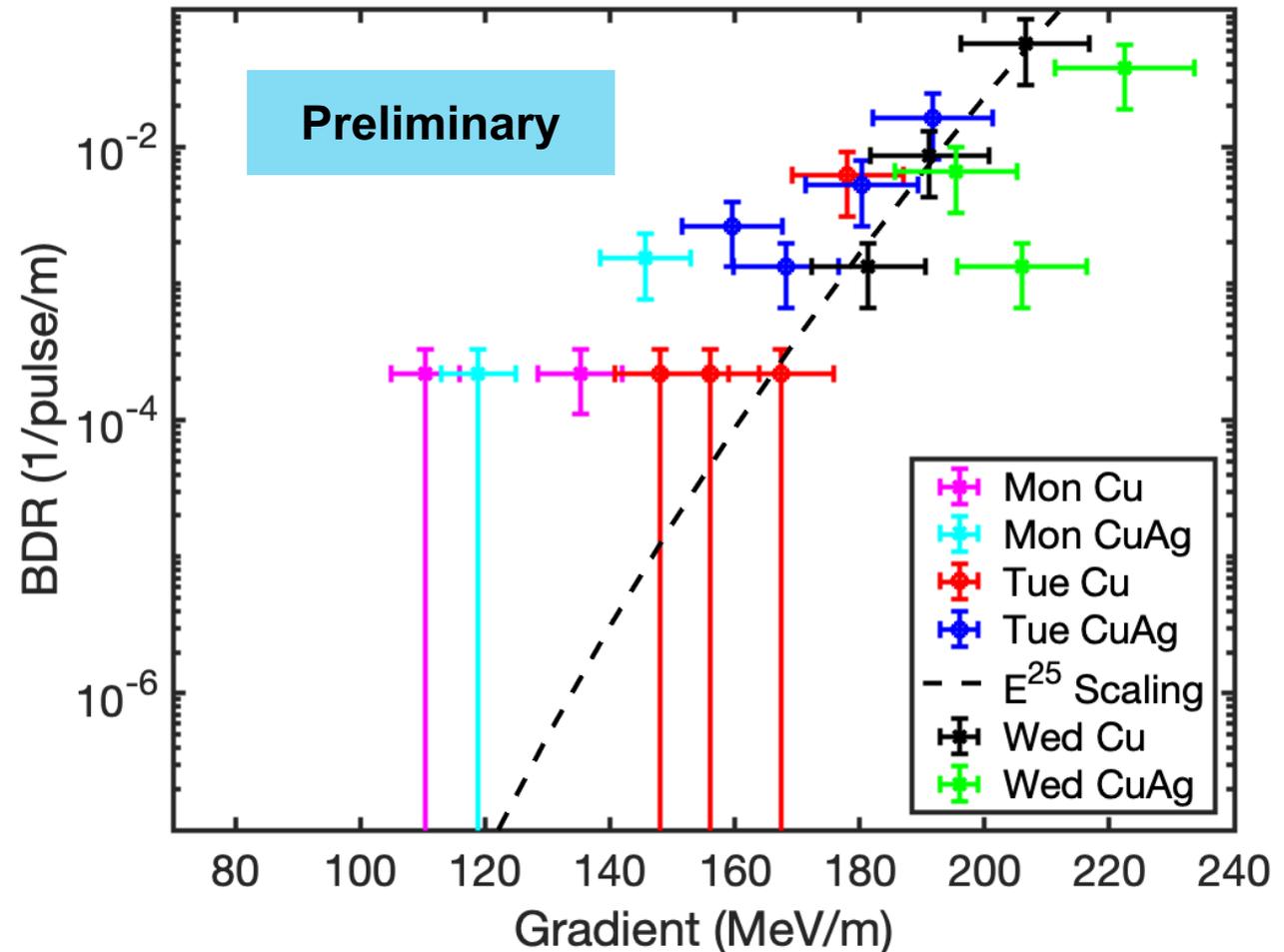
Max Power End of Day
 Cavities: Max 3.37 MW into Cu
 Cavity
 Pulse Width: 700 ns
 Rep Rate: 80 Hz
 Freq: 5714.3 MHz

Preliminary



Breakdown Statistics

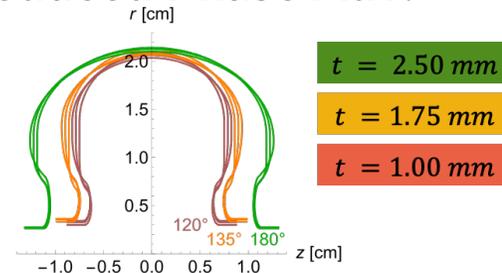
- Challenging due to short structure length – most data points $O(1 \text{ hr})$
- BDR of Cu and CuAg remarkably similar (very different than room temp)
- Showing day to day improvement
- We will focus on statistics at end of the run



Conclusions

- Achievable gradient, breakdown rate and pulse length at C-band are promising
- How do we incorporate damping?
- How improve manufacturing of structures?
- How do meter scale structures perform?
- What is the optimal aperture and phase advance?

**Wide-Aperture
Reduced Phase Adv.**

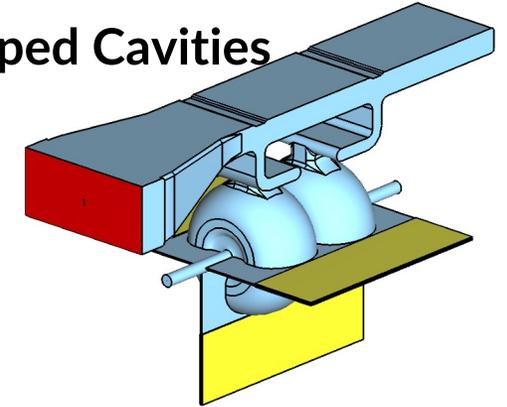


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Cryogenic Pi-Mode



Damped Cavities



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**S-Band
Huge Aperture**



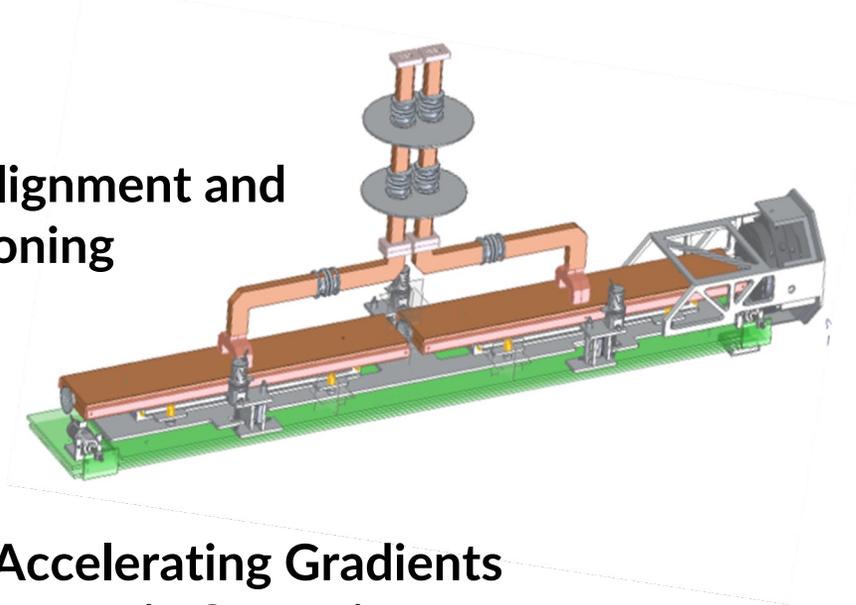
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Questions?

Additional Material

Ongoing Technological Development

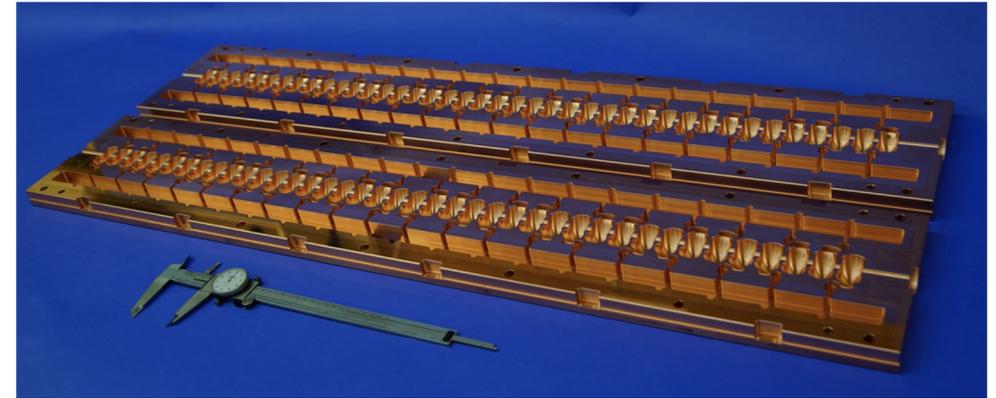
Preliminary Alignment and Positioning



High Accelerating Gradients
Cryogenic Operation

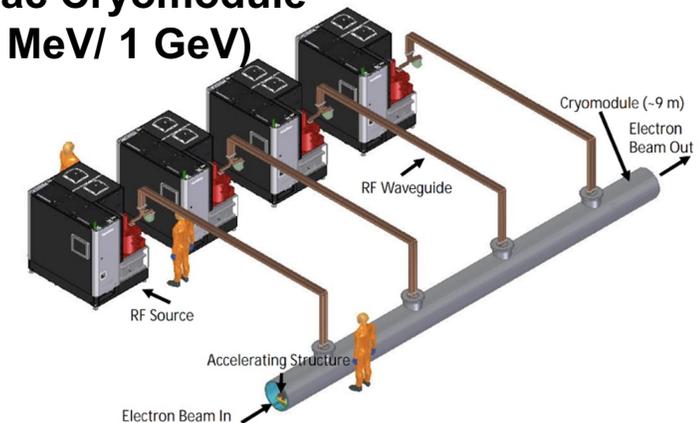


Modern Manufacturing
Prototype One Meter Structure



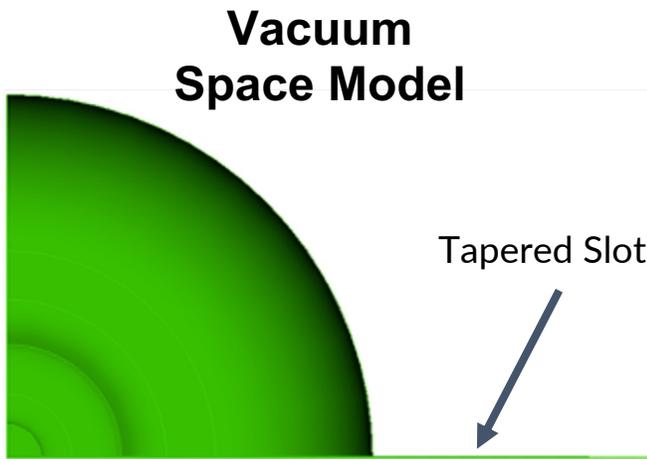
Integrated Damping with NiChrome Coating

C³ Main Linac Cryomodule
9 m (600 MeV/ 1 GeV)

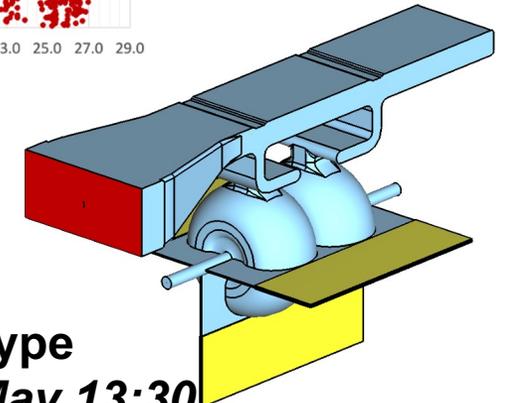
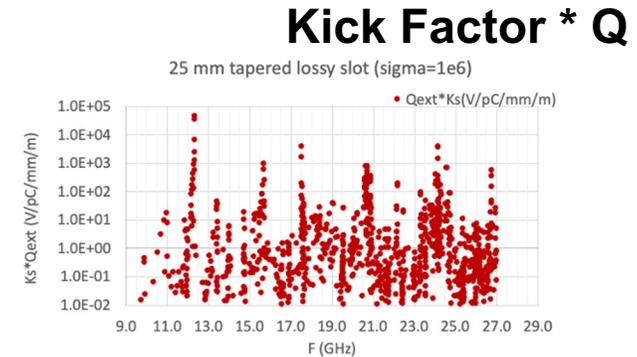
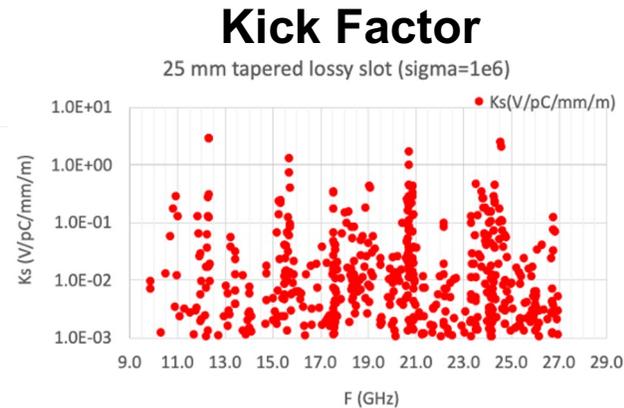


Implementation of Slot Damping

Need to extend to 40 GHz / Optimize coupling / Modes below 10^4 V/pC/mm/m
 NiCr coated damping slots in development



NiCr Tested at 80K



Two Cell Prototype
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