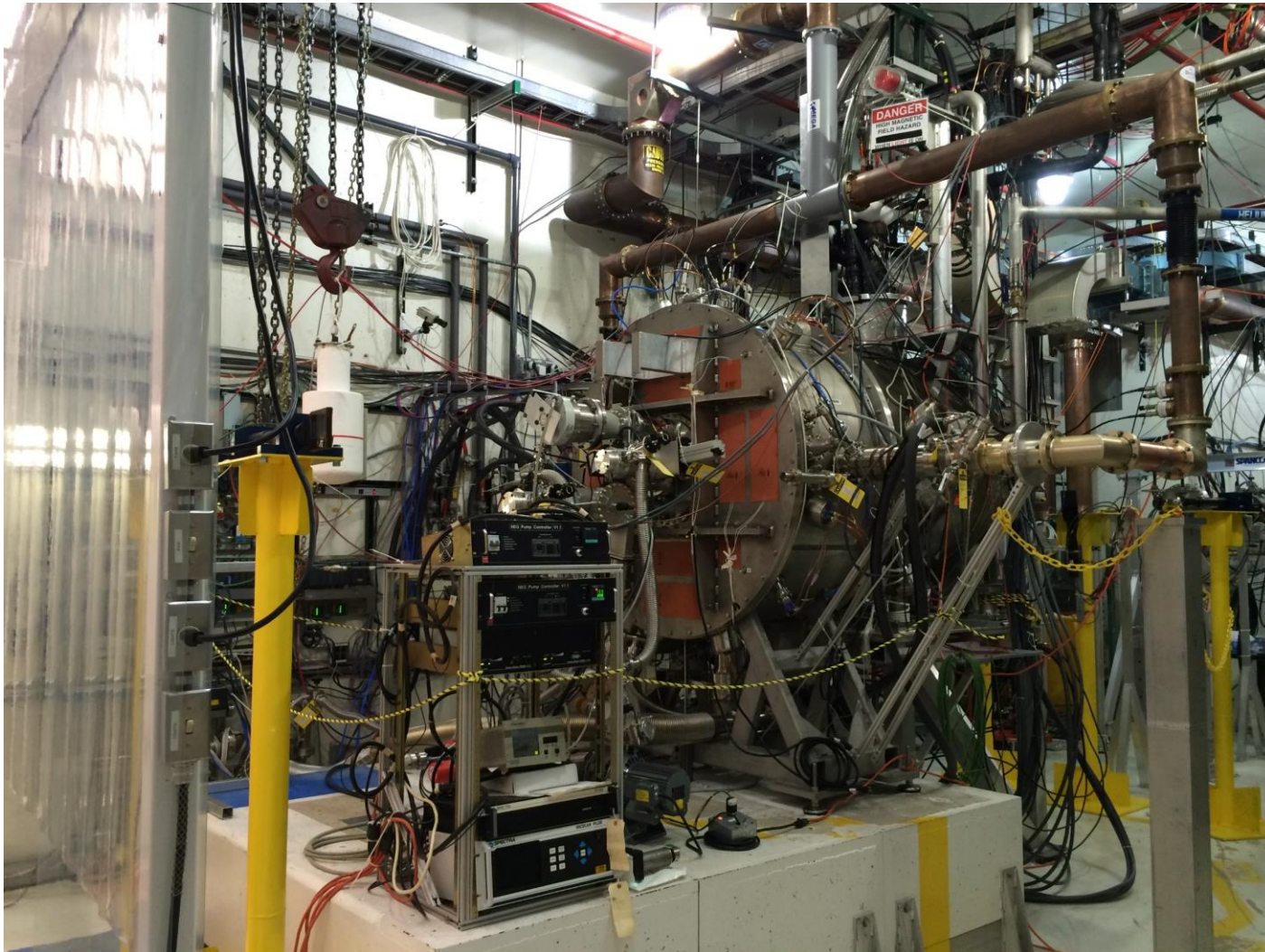




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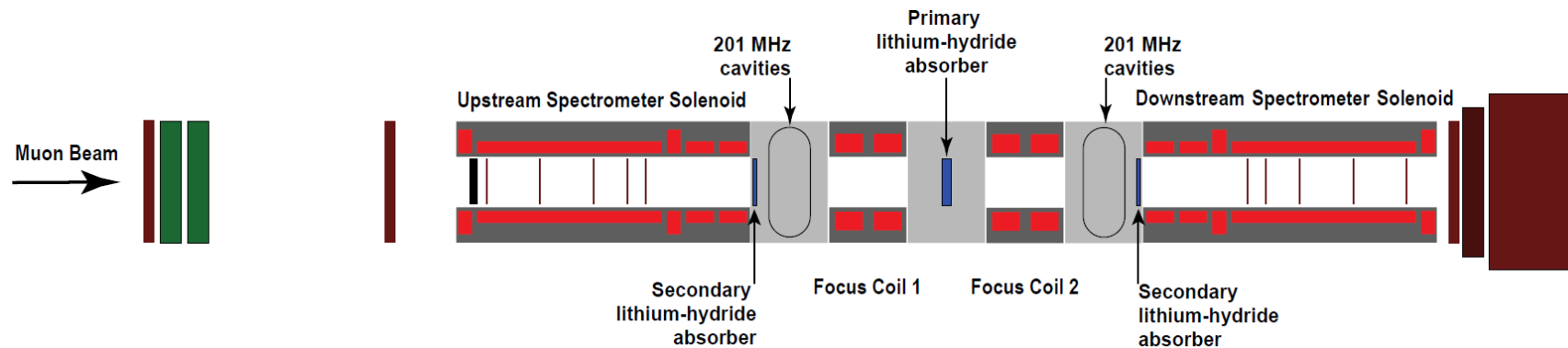
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Schematic of MICE cooling channel in final configuration



Final MICE channel configuration contains two RF Assembly (RFA) modules very similar to the module being tested at the MuCool Test Area (MTA).

Cavities need to operate at 10.3 MV/m gradient in fringe fields of multi-tesla solenoidal magnets.

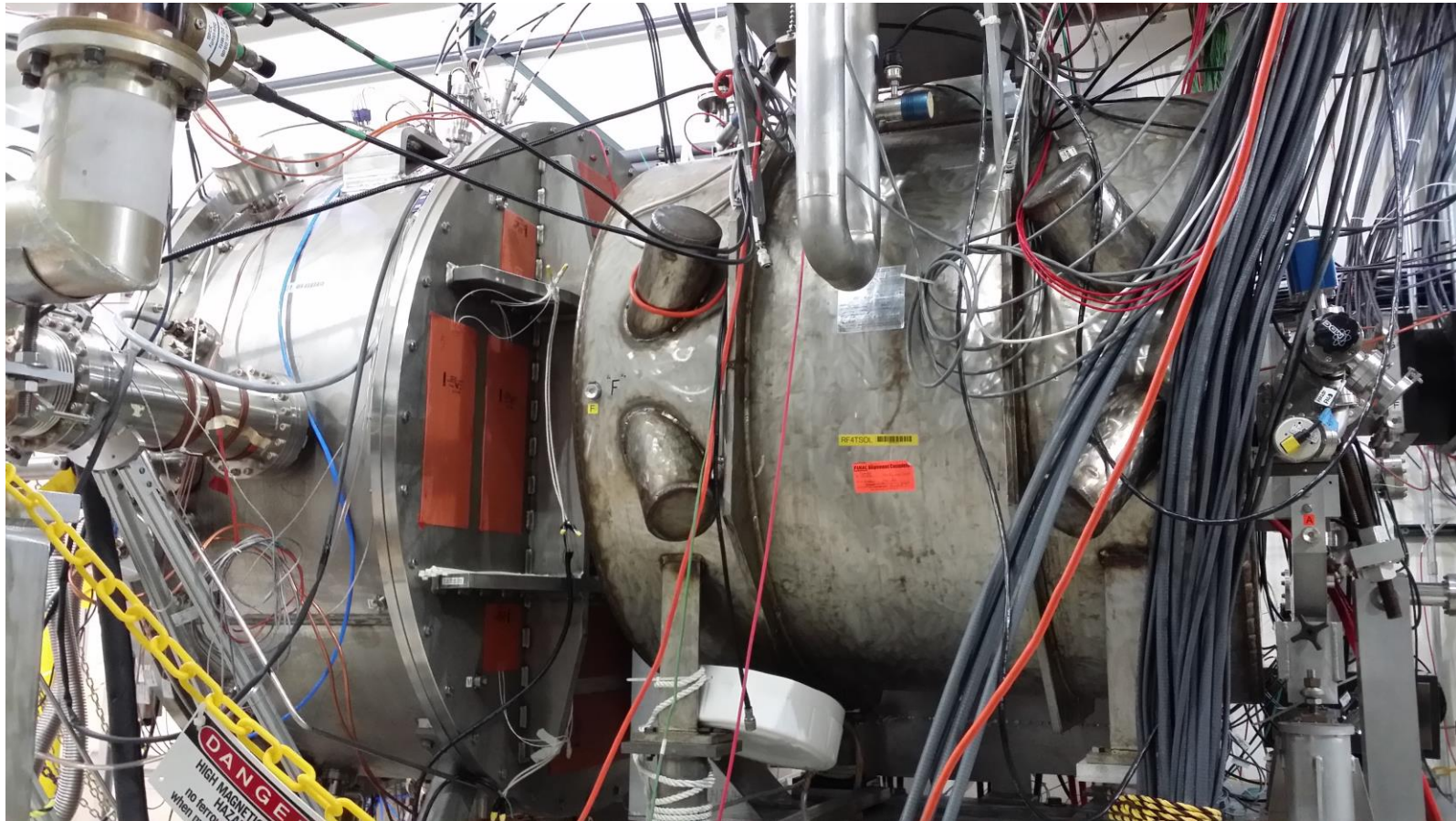
MTA has a 5-T superconducting solenoid that provides operational conditions similar to MICE channel.



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Single-Cavity Module next to 5-T solenoid



Magnetic fields in Cavity:

0.1 T @ downstream wall, 0.17 T @ center; 0.33 T @ upstream wall

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Single Cavity Module in MTA clean room



RF Cavity – Electro polished cavity body

RF Couplers – Two couplers: one on either side

RF Tuner Forks

6 tuner forks can provide “pull” and “squeeze”

Actuators and Controls

Pneumatic system can handle pressure up to 100 PSI;
provides ~ 4 KHz/PSI tuning sensitivity

Beryllium windows – TiN coated

Also used Cu windows for MTA tests

Cavity Support struts

RF Vacuum Vessel

Support Stand



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Control room at the Linac Gallery



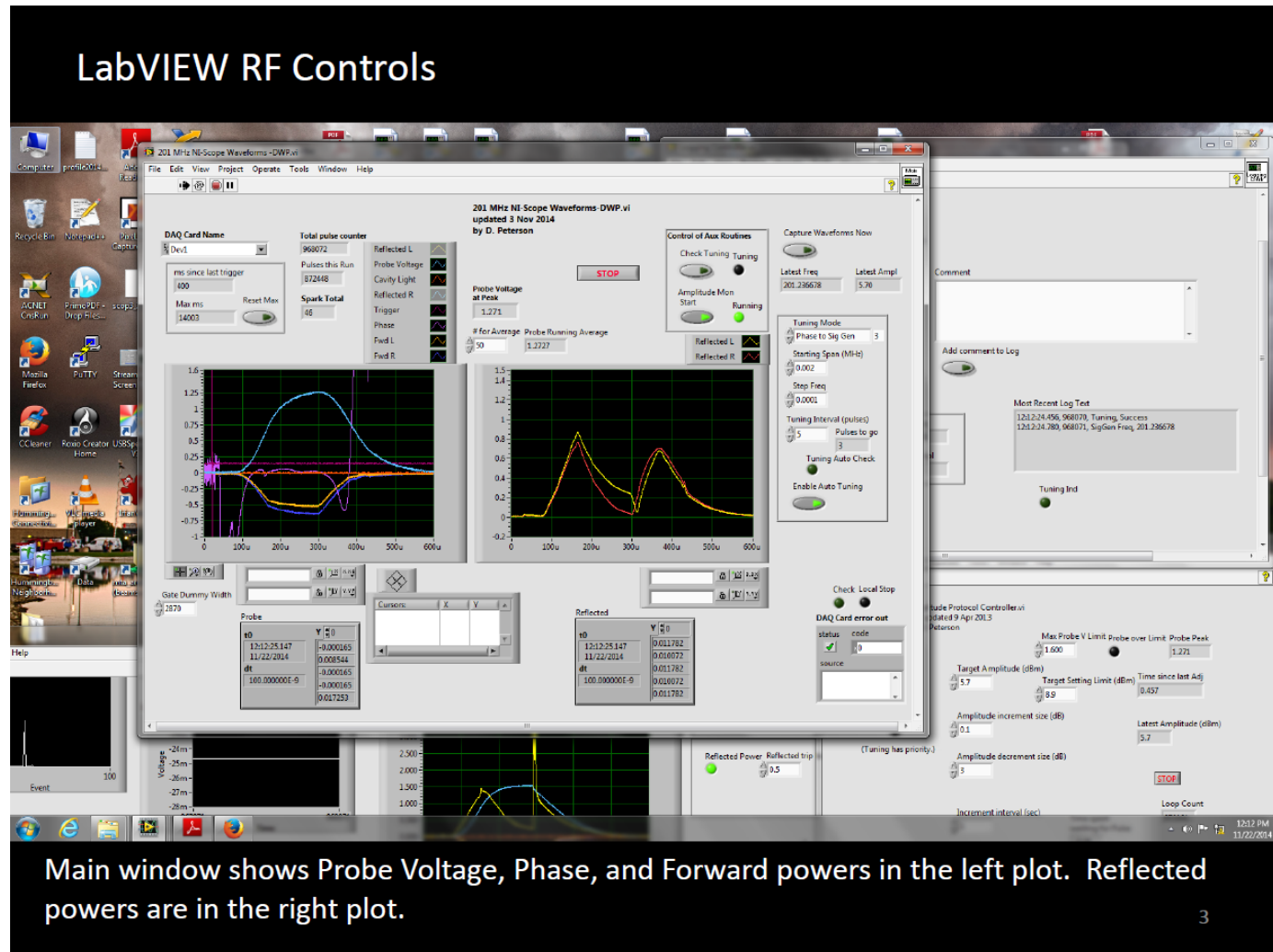
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From talk by D. Peterson at December 2014 MAP meeting



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Cavity, couplers, vacuum vessel and MTA Hall Instrumentation:

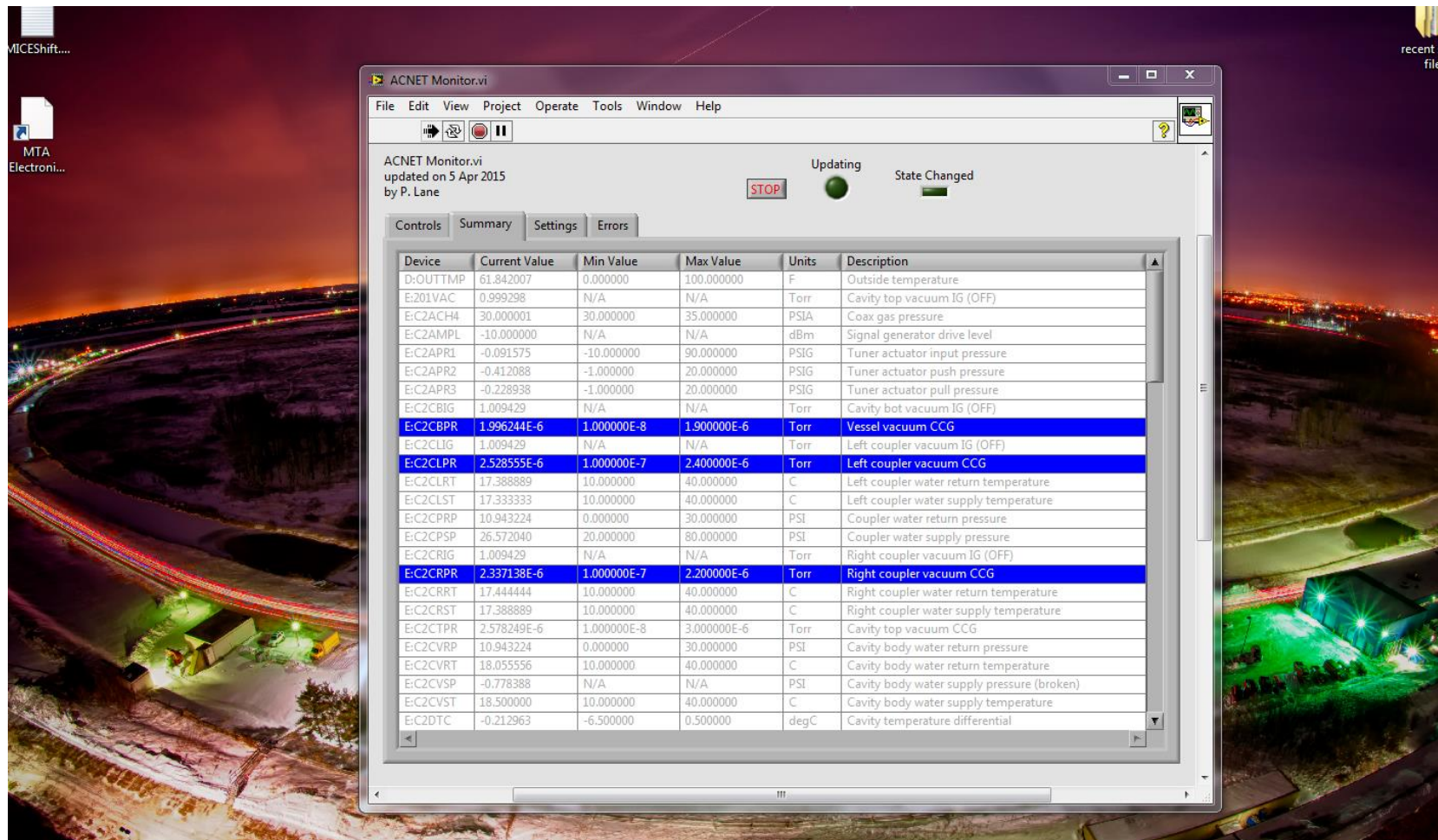
- two **Pick Up** loops (PU1 and PU2) to monitor RF fields
- four **Cavity Light** (CL) signals consisting of optical fibers + PMT to detect breakdown in the cavity
- Piezoelectric **acoustic sensors** on cavity body to detect and localize breakdown through acoustic signals
- **Forward and Reflected power** waveforms from directional couplers near cavity on Left and Right Coupler arms, and near Klystron station
- viewports on Left and Right **couplers** to detect **light** signals
- **Field Emission Probes** in Left and Right couplers to monitor coupler conditioning
- **Faraday Cup**
- **Radiation defectors:**
 - ionization chambers for overall dose rate
 - 4 scintillator + PMT counters in the Hall for X-ray rates
 - two small plastic scintillators (SPS): up- and downstream of the cavity, directly on vacuum vessel
 - NaI crystal
- water flow and pressure
- thermocouples on cavity body and infrared sensors to look at Be windows
- gas pressure for tuner actuators
- vacuum pressure at various gages
- Solenoid: current, voltage, temperature, LHe level
- many more



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ACNET monitor



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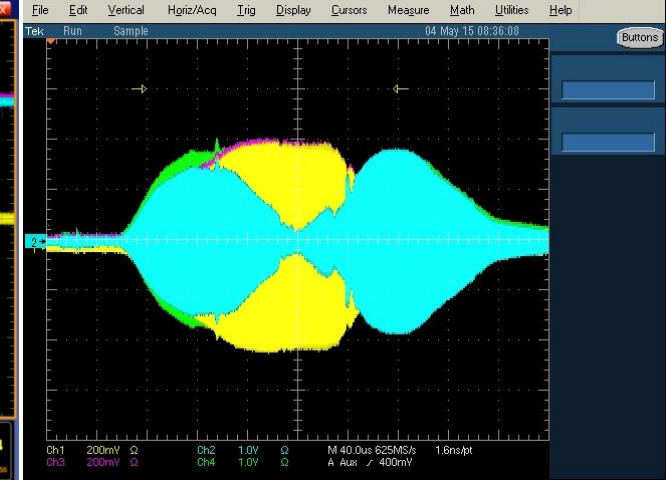
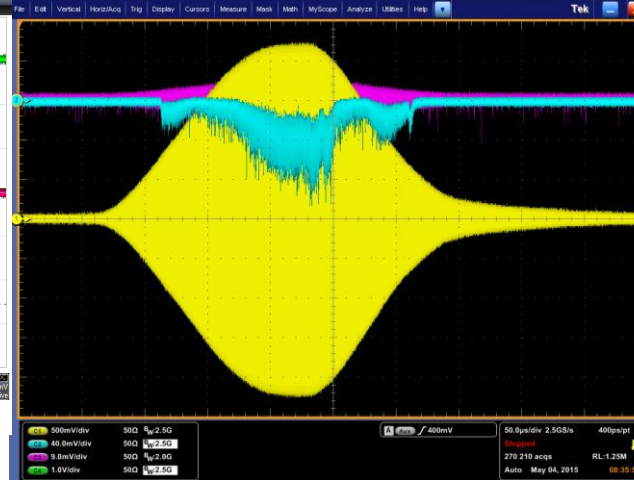
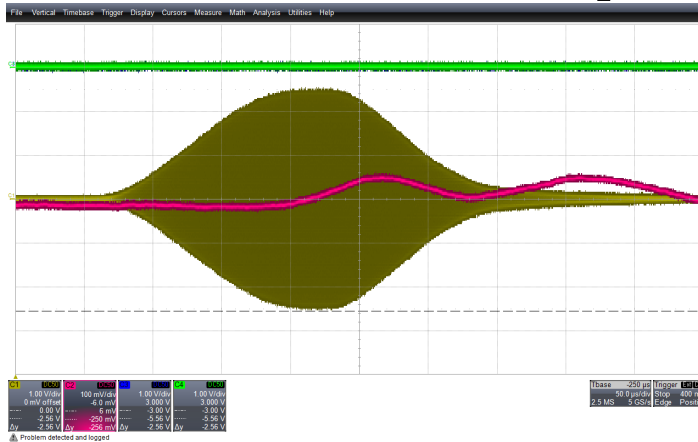
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Scope signals during B=5 T run at 11 MV/m.



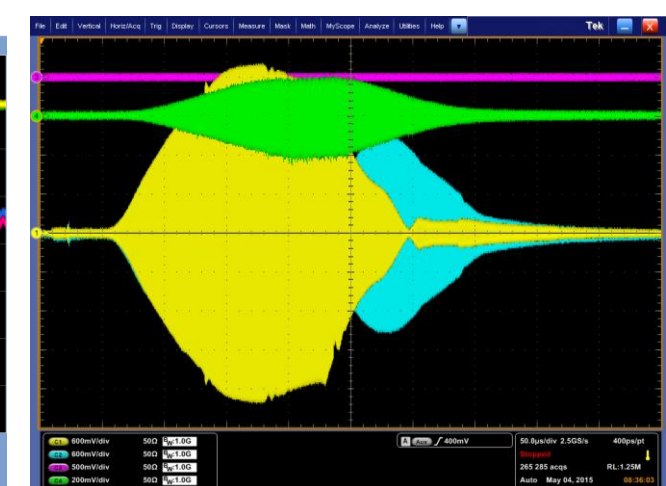
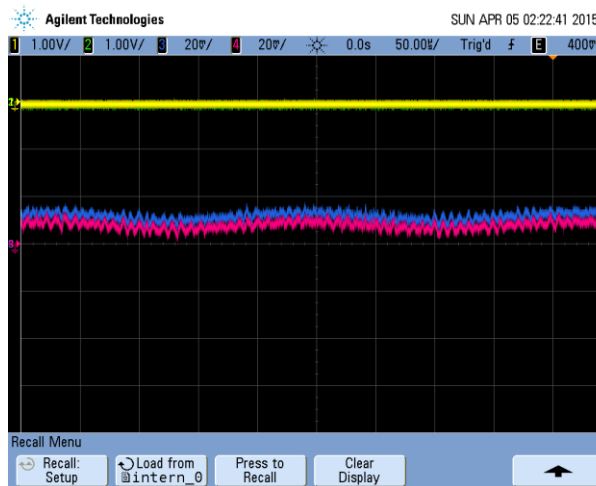
Top Left: PU1, Faraday Cup, Light #1 and #2;

Top Center: PU2, SPS upstream, SPS downstream, Light#3;

Top Right: Forward and Reflected powers from Right and Left Coupler arms;

Bot. Left: Left and Right Coupler Light and FEP signals;

Bot. Right: Forward and Reflected powers at Klystron, Light #4, NaI crystal.





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➤ **B = 0 “shakedown” run with Cu windows (Sept. 15 – Nov. 26 2014)**

We had achieved gradients of **13.5 MV/m** with breakdown probability $\sim 10^{-6}$.

Recorded **32 breakdown** events

Had issues with modulator stability (~ 400 trips)

➤ **B = 0 run with Be windows (March 18 – April 6)**

0.5M+ pulses at **>11 MV/m** (~ 1.6 MW input power)

Dose rate comfortably below tracker damage threshold

No breakdown events

Up to 14 MV/m for short periods

No issues with the cavity or services (vacuum, water)

All instrumentation and DAQ worked well

➤ **B = 5 T run with Be windows (April 24 – ongoing)**

Detectors and other components moved, rebuilt as needed.

1M+ pulses at **>8 MV/m** (~ 1 MW input power)

3M+ pulses at **>11 MV/m** (~ 1.6 MW input power)

Dose rate comfortably below tracker damage threshold

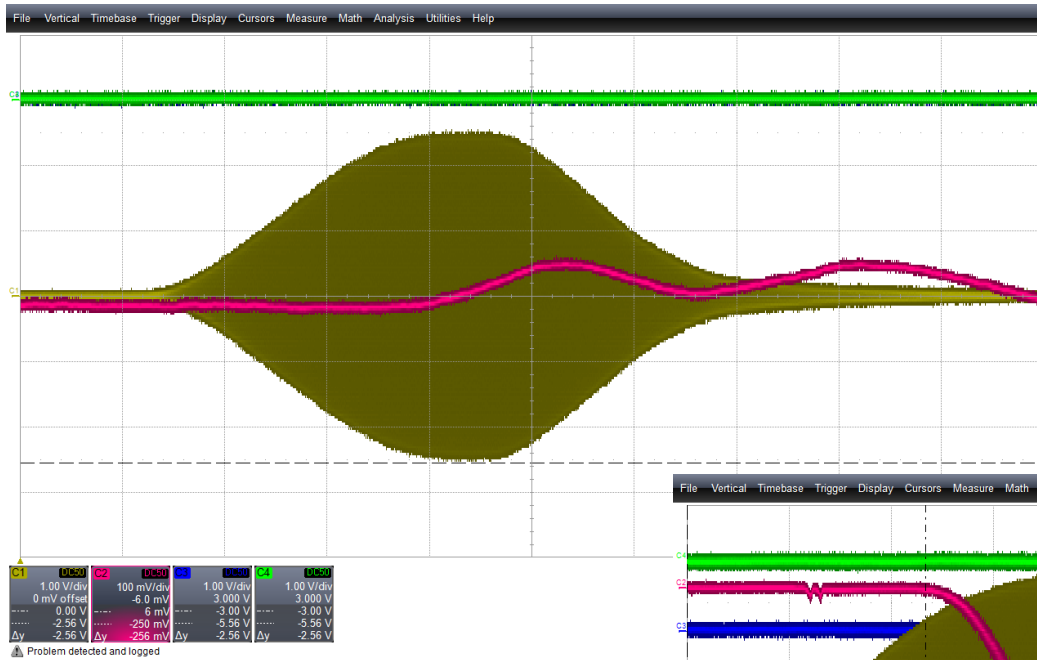
No issues with the cavity or magnet operation

No breakdown events

Up to 14 MV/m; held at **13.5 MV/m** for 3M+ pulses



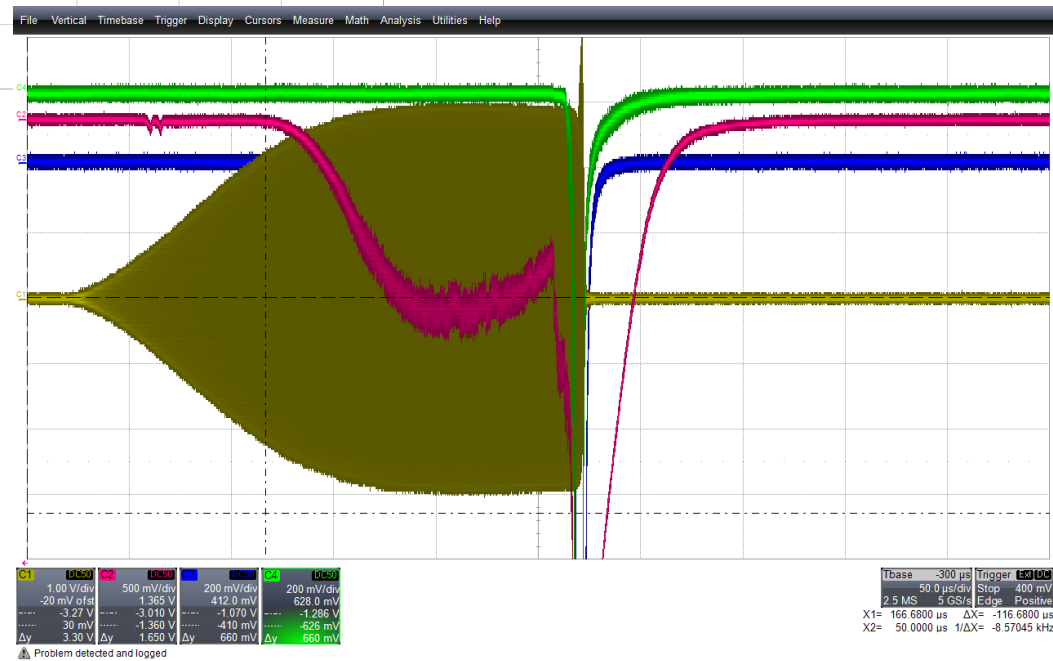
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11 MV/m

Example of Breakdown event

13.5 MV/m



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➤ Conclusions:

We have successfully demonstrated that the RF Cavity Module can be operated in MICE channel at gradient of **10.3 MV/m** in presence of magnetic field.

➤ Plans:

- Tuner System Test at MICE operation frequencies, collecting 0.25M+ pulses at ~ 1MW power, and 0.5M+ pulses at ~2MW power.
- We also plan to have “physics runs” to observe dependencies of various signals on magnetic field.