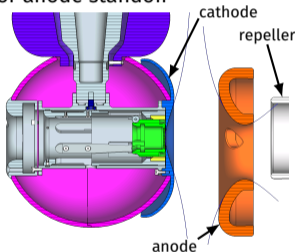


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New gun electrodes “R30-5”:

- ME design complete except for anode standoff



- Achieved good mechanical compatibility with existing parts and vacuum chamber
- Machine shop about to start fabrication, all tasks on track

Simulation studies of final performance:

- Improved ion-rejection design with extra repeller electrode
- Tracking simulations with truncated laser profile, no loss in performance
- Verified low-voltage operation to mitigate risk

No remaining problems found

Details in: M. Bruker, C. Hernández-García: “Electrostatic design and engineering considerations for the R30-5 gun”, JLAB-TN-26-007 (parts close to publishable)

Lifetime measurements at GTS:

- 780 nm laser installed
- Beam time delayed by laser safety certification but starting next week (no impact on overall schedule)

Q2 objectives:

- Complete lifetime measurements with R30-2 gun (conventional reference)
- Prep chamber modifications (photocathodes, activation mask, gate valve)
- Electrode fabrication and assembly

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Labor:

- Mostly PI and ME design, on track
- Machine shop jobs about to start

Upcoming procurements (Jan):

- Vacuum hardware for prep chamber (\$20k)
- Raw materials for machine shop (\$5k)

