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GTS status:

- facility restarted; first electron-beam tests with existing laser successful
- beam authorization ceased, but about to resume
- preparation chamber modifications for NEA GaAs mostly done



Ion-tracking simulations:

- GTS gun field map integrated in GPT lifetime model
- CST gun model has minor inaccuracies, improvements in progress



Q1 milestone mostly achieved; next: finish simulations of lifetime scaling with updated CST model 780 nm laser system:

- parameters specified; preliminary system design done
- ≥ 1 W c.w. power, RF-pulsed laser amplifier, high-contrast macropulse generator, virtual-cathode camera, transverse profile shaping, x/y steering, new laser table at gun
- communication with vendors in progress, PR expected within a month

Q2 objective: install laser, commission with beam — on track



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Underspending due to slightly delayed procurement and lack of machine time:

- laser procurement and installation (≈ \$50k total): to happen in Q2
- loss of beam authorization: minimal commissioning so far, more to happen in Q2

Budget for prep chamber modifications has not been needed:

- Vacuum work has already been performed for a different project in the meantime
- saves us ≈ \$5k of M & S and \$15k of labor



